

When I am dead, my dearest/sing no sad songs for me.

C Rossetti

You'll never know how close I came to re-doing the last issue when I heard John Lennon was murdered last month, but I thought better of it. Though he is dead, he's not really gone.

Well, on with the show. First of all, you'll be sorry to see a few inside pages that didn't turn out very well on the mimeo. My protective cover on the machine is rotting away, which in turn dries out the ink pad, which is responsible for the 'light spots' on those pages. But I changed the pad after that. Gee, wasn't that tedious. (sorry)

This should prove to be an interesting issue because there is some very interesting material. Keith Sherwood has a comment column; something that I hope will be a semi-regular feature. It's tabbed "Sherwood's Column" and should get some of you out of your easy chairs. Though they're Keith's opinions, I must agree with him and will support his efforts, especially in reagrds to Pearly Dave, who by the way will leave us hanging. Dave isn't going to finish off "Tales From O'Grady's Tavern". He's exiting the Hobby slowly and you will be the first to suffer the effects. If anyone would like to finish it for Dave, send it in to me. I'd really hate to find Gypo and have him start in again.

Bad News from Trenton. Bill LaFosse sees bleak days ahead for TT and possibly death. You'll find more on it in The Pouch. Though many new and excellent zines have appeared in recent months, it's never good to lose a good zine, but it's not in our hands.

By now, you should have heard that The Dixie Dancer, Gary Coughlan is "Donovan". Yes, dat lil ole cotton picker done faked them thar zeens. I'm sure he'll be re-paid--soon.

And--ta da! The stats on Russia and Turkey are in this issue. It feels good to have finally gotten this damn series out of the way. Everyone owes Torbjorn Strom a "Thanks, bud" for sending the R/T stats airmail for EM.

And moving on...in regards to fakes if anyone out there knows of anyother fakes done in 1980 other than those listed within would you drop me a little note about it? (pleze)

THE SNAKE PIT #2...hell, read it yourself! Keith (we've got to get one of these Keiths a new name) Mercer does a '80 review and still promises goodies to come. I'm really glad that Keith M has this subzine here. That extra added imput helps balance this damn thing out very well. Otherwise, you'd only get my peculiar bits and pieces, and now I've got something to read that entertains me. TSP has Dip and Deadman Dip openings so now's the time to spend the \$4 Aunt Clara gave you at Xmas.

SPEAKING OF GAMES: Gerry Austin will be gGMing the next regular Diplomacy game in EM. Info is in EM Notes. Gerry was and still is a Boy Scout so you know he's good. Actually, he's a Girl Scout Den Mom, but he's still a good GM.

BERSAGLIERI hasn't arrived yet so what can I say. It's Monday, (and there was only this college game on ABC) and I just felt like typing this up.

And the US will be treated to a live performance of GE Theatre, when Ron takes office at the end of the month. And EM was lucky enough to get portions of the Innaugural Speech. We broke the embargo for you!

Oh, those of you born in '62 & '63 hope you signed up for the draft. If there's a war you'll be the lucky heros! (rah,rah)

EM Notes

- *Emhain Macha is a monthly journal of postal Diplomacy and variants available from Michael Mills, 1585 Quaker Road, Macedon, NY, 14502. The phone number is 315-986-4692. Subscriptions are 12/\$5.60 or 6/\$2.80. Also appearing in EM are The Snake Pit and Bersaglieri whose editors are Keith Mercer and Tom Mainardi, respectively.
- *There ARE openings in Diplomacy in EM. Gerry Austin will guest GM 1 game of regular Diplomacy in EM. The game fee is \$4 with a \$2 refundable NMR deposit. Send all monies and preference lists to Gerry at PO Box 10214, St Petersburg, FL, 33743.
- *There are also openings for regular Diplomacy in The Snake Pit and Bersaglieri. See the subzine for info.
- *VAIN RATS Waiting List: Michael Conner, Dave Carter and Glenn Overby. No one has signed up since last issue, and we still need four more to get going. Copies of the rules can be yours for a 15¢ stamp. Game fee=\$2, NMRf=\$1. Any new takers?
- *JIMMU Waiting List: Keith Mercer, Dan Falter, Jack Masters and Glenn Overby. ONLY 2 more spots to fill!! Fees are the same as VR's. You can have a copy of the map and rules by sending a 20¢ stamp for EM#13--it appeared there first. This is a simple 6 player game set in Japan with such niceties as sea spaces where access cannot be denied and rather close borders. *Plus Chuck Scott. Now 5!*
- *DIPLOMACY STANDBY LIST: Acheson, Arnett, Austin, Carroll, Carter, Goodrich, Greiner, Hart, Kelly, Russon, Arnawoodian.
- *VARIANT STANDBY LIST: SHIT! no one.
- *THE MICHAEL CONNER VARIANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Under the terms of the MCVSF the first 4 players to sign up for Vain Rats or Jimmu will receive 2 free EM issues each.
- *EMHANIA BOURSE: Positions available for \$1. Copy of the rules is all yours for 15¢ postage.
- *ZINE DIRECTORY: The Fall 1980 Edition is yours for 50¢.
- *BACK ISSUES: #s 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15 available. Cost: 20¢ each 3rd class mail, or 28¢ 1st class, except #8 which is 15¢.
- *WRITERS: There's never any need to ask to write. I'm always trying to get someone to write something, so just send it in. Published material adds 1 issue to your subscription.
- *ARIES: 87.6% of all EM players are either Capricorns or Virgos, and Aries get first choice of either Russia or France. This is your zine!
- *Odds 'n Sods: Why are variant games so hard to fill? I've asked myself and many others that question, and I've never had a satisfactory answer. So, why are they so hard to get people interested in? If you know, would you tell me. Write and let me hear your opinion on this. Are variant players somehow different than Diplomacy players? Are variants just not as 'respectable' enough? Is there too little information available on variants? With all the variants mentioned here and there is it just too difficult to determine which one to play? What could be done to better publicize them?

1980: The Year of The Fakes

Imitations. Fakes. Hoaxes. Whatever you may call these zines, you've got to admit that 1980 had more than its share. There are 18 fakes listed below along with a capsule description, and I'm sure that there were others. After each title is the date of postmark, the city of postmark and the confessed or suspected perpetrator's name. Suspects have a "-?" after their name, but where mystery still surrounds the identity only a '?'. Fakes are quickly becoming a fixture in the Hobby, and it's a laudable one. Whoever you really are, keep 'em coming!

And, I've decided to rate the fakes using a * to **** system, so that if you missed a **** fake, you know you should try to borrow a copy and pass on the * ones.

THE CHRISTMAS VOLKER: 12-28-79: Van Nuys, CA: Jack Masters-? This is the fake that started the ball rolling. Though it carried a 'legitimacy disclaimer', many people thought this was the real VW. It touched off a wave of fakes, and nearly everyone in California, New York and Virginia was ready to confess to it. (****)

THE REAL VOLKER: 1-23-80: Bakersfield, CA: J Jones-?/A Rodriguez-? In this 'confession fake' Al Rodriguez takes credit for the Christmas Volker, explaining how and why he did it and how he could prove it. Also, some material on 'fakes'. (**)

SPECIAL ARIZONA VOLKER: 4-5-80: Prescott, AZ: ?

A simple six page fake offering \$100 for the names of the first two Volker fakers, supposedly written by Bob Arnett while vacationing in Arizona. (*)

THE GENUINE & ORIGINAL FAKE VOLKER: 4-10-80: Pasadena, CA: J Jones-? Simply a confession by 'Jerry Jones' to the Christmas Volker on one side of a piece of paper, the other having a Volkerish cover. (*)

VOLKER OF A DIFFERENT COVER: 4-18-80: Los Angeles, CA: ?

Another 'confession fake' with the confessor saying that Bob Arnett will know who he is just by reading the issue, though the writer doesn't give his name. (*)

SPECIAL APRIL VOLKER: 4-17-80: Northern Virginia, VA: D Martin-? This is a Volker-letterette. A one page xeroxed fake asking subscribers to VW to respond to Arnett's idea of mid-month issues, which weren't being considered. (½*)

BARKER: 4-13-80: Santa Ana, CA: Jack Masters-?

Dave Barker did and still does not publish a zine, so the faker decided to help him along by publishing the first issue for him. The first fake of a non-existent zine. (***)

DEAD CAT WHITESTONIA: 5-17-80: Flushing, NY: Bruce Linsey Very true to form, this one. John Caruso's orderly/mayhem was imitated very well. The fake wasn't supposed to be seen as a fake with a successful attempt at hiding the truth. (**½)

'BLUE' PASSCHENDAELE: 6-30-80: Ottawa, Ont: ?

Bearing little resemblance to the real P this fake had such digressions as jerking off and the like. (½*)

POLISH EGG NOG: 7-18-80: Milwaukee, WI: Andy Lischett

The real Egg Nog pubber is of German extraction, which has sometimes become a letter column issue, so that Lischett's lampooning of Konrad Baumeister as a Pole is priceless. Said Konrad's real name was Wladyslaw. (**½)

'Fake' BLACK FROG: 8-14-80: Van Nuys, CA: Jack Masters.

This is a fake-fake issue with the pubber sending out what he'd think a BF fake would be like. Also had the first colour nude of K Byrne, as well as other strange material. (**)

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1980: The Year of The Fakes (continued)

THE BRUXUS BULLETIN: 8-80: Bruce Linsey

A fake by committee. To duplicate the BB's style the instigator asked several people to write some letter to BB'. Very convincing, but source leaks forced Bruce to confess. (***)

THE MELLOW YELLOW VOICE OF DOOM: 9-27-80; Utica, NY: G Coughlan

Such a successful effort that many thought that VOD's pubber, Bruce Linsey, did it himself. It also featured an article 'by' Jack Masters, along with game reports, press, etc. (****)

OVERSIZED CHEESECAKE: 10-18-80: No. Suburban, IL, Andy Iischett

Another pubber faking his own zine, but with a twist. After having it ready to go in March, Andy thought he wouldn't send it at all, but changed his mind in October. Contains 8 short lines saying that each game has been delayed, but the fake has 4 pages. (*)

PEARL: November 80: Jack Masters-?

A 'Barkeresque' zine. Attributed to David Perlmutter, containing such gems as 'Father of Pearl'--Hitler's barber and sex material on a well-known female. Obviously too funny to be taken seriously. (**1)

BANZAI FOR BONZO RETALIATION: 12-1-80: Raleigh, NC: G Coughlan

Another by GC, whose pseudonym is 'Donovan'--"Mellow Yellow". Excellent in detail and true to the original for 24 pages. (***)

SECOND ANNIVERSARY INFIDEL: 12-10-80: L4W 1TO: ?

An 8 page fake from the re-born Mississauga Upstarts, or so it says. Some very funny comix of Spiderman and Charlie Brown, as well as some Infidelish material. (**1)

JOY OR JANE MURD'RING MINISTERS: 12-16-80: Bakersfield, CA: ?

Jane Proskin is a fake, a notion conjured up by Bruce Linsey as a joke an innocent scam, but someone decided to launch her on a career as subzine editor. Jane reveals quite a bit of her flesh, as well as showing off Arnetto, her bear, who is Eye-talian. A clever idea and very funny. (****)

+ + + + + The Most Common Opening Moves.

The following are the most common opening moves in Diplomacy according to the 'New Statsman' figures, which have been running in EM under the title of "_____: Spring 1901"

- Austria (EM 3)
- F Tri-Alb 82.5%/A Bud-Ser 87.4%/A Vie-Tri 35.5%
- England (EM 5)
- F Edi-Nwg 70.1%/F Lon-Nth 67.7%/A Lpl-Yor 57.7%
- France (EM 9)
- F Bre-MAO 72.4%/A Mar-Spa 47.1%/A Par-Bur 52.2%
- Germany (EM 6)
- F Kie-Den 60.7%/A Ber-Kie 94.7%/A Mun-Buh 65.0%
- Italy (EM 11)
- A Rom-Ven 56.6%/A Ven-Tyr 30.5%/F Nap-Ion 87.2%
- Russia (EM 17)
- A Mos-Ukr 48.7%/A War-Gal 53.8%/F Sev-Rum 51.9%/F Stp(sc)-Bot 95.6%
- Turkey (EM 17)
- A Con-Bul 99.8%/F Ank-Bla 63.0%/A Smy-Con 34.3%

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THE SNAKE PIT

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The Snake Pit, subzine of Emhain Macha, is put out by Keith Mercer, RD#6, Mercer, PA, 16137. The Snake Pit can only be obtained through a subscription to Emhain Macha. Gamefees are handled through Keith Mercer.

Game Openings-"THE CONQUISTADOR"-regular Diplomacy. Gamefee is \$4 with an NMR fee of \$2 refundable upon completion of the position.
 "THE NORSEMEN"-Blind Deadman Diplomacy using the rules published in TSP#1 based on Bob Arnett's VW. Gamefee is \$3 and you can't be ejected from a game by NMRing.

As of this writing I have yet to officially sign anyone up for either of these games. I hope that after the holidays when everyone has a bit more time the games will start to form here in TSP.

"THE ARENA"-Yes, another game in TSP but this one is taking shape. This is an invitational game which I hope will start in March, providing the 7 invitees accept or their 7 alternates accept. Watch this one.

It seems Donovan has shown up again with a fake Retaliation. I must admit it was another good fake that he put out and I'm most interested in his own new zine, when he starts pubbing--that is if he puts nearly as much effort into it as he did into the fakes. By the way, Donovan, when do you want me to issue who you really are? It seems everyone else is coming to their own conclusions as to what your real identity is.

This last year-1980-has been proven to be an interesting with a ton of enjoyable and sometimes frustrating bits oh Hobby news. New zines came (JAE, PT, JIHAD, LSD, AG, Born to Dip and Invasion) while some old ones disappeared or faded out (Eggnog, The Beholder, Claw & Fang, The Dragon & the Lamb, The Flying Dutchman). Some of the older and established zines were faked, and some extremely well (VOD, BF, Retaliation and VW, BB) with most of the time the perpetrator never being revealed until he or she wished it be known.

Besides the fakes and upstarts and downtrends of new and old zines, new ideas showed themselves to the Hobby. One of these was the Lexicon issue of DD, which is a gem. Andy Lischett's Cheesecake had a remarkable 'Warehouse' issue--it's hard to describe if you didn't really see it. Jack Masters decided to print Black Frog and in each issue he seems to try something new from nudes of Kathy Berne to 'How To Speak Southern', plus numerous subjects that try to motivate the funny bone.

Bernie Oaklyn held up to tradition by being ejected from numerous zines in '80. Mike Mills (The Main Man) published the zine directory, which impressed me, and also updated it in the same year. Bruce Linsey came out with the novice packet NOVA which had articles from numerous diplomacy players. On the Canadian side of the dip hobby Francois Cuerrier published a 100page plus issue of Passchendaele. And Baumeister (Eggnog) claims that nothing new is showing up in the hobby, look around.

Other little tid-bit items which showed themselves in the hobby were, the warning of doom that Envoy was going to fold only to be proven wrong within a few days. The question if Infidel was ever going to be released to the public due to the bull with the Canadian postal service or was that disservice. Bob Sergeant getting his diplomacy tournament underway plus St. George & The Dragon. Numerous conventions took place during the last year, with the big one in Phila. and the turnout seemed to be well. Various accounts have been written in regards to what took place there but it seems for the most part, with the exception of the Kendters and Brux, had an enjoyable time.

I only hope that 1981 turns out to be like this last year with the dip hobby and interest continues as it seems to. I realize that many other items of interest occurred during 1980 which I didn't hit on, partially due to no knowledge and/or forgetting, and I apologize if I missed you, it was not intentional. By the way 1980 also saw the beginning of The Snake Pit and Bersaglieri be it for the better or worse, I think better but I'm partial myself.

Has anyone had the opportunity of receiving an issue of Pearl in the last month? My question is who lives in or near Dodge City that may have put this out since its authenticity is in question. There is a chance that Dave Perlmutter may have put this out but Phila. and Dodge City are quite a distance apart. Please explain Dave if this is really your zine so I can plug it if it's yours.

This issue of The Snake Pit is only 2 pages due mainly to the holiday season and an overdose of Turkey and Ham. In upcoming issues look out for a reoccurring story based on Dungeons & Dragons, similar to Ron Brown's Murdring Ministers story. I hope you'll enjoy it. Also we may even, in the next couple of months, start a game or two, providing someone out there wants to play. And who knows what other junk I may decide to throw at you.

I will admit the Steelers did not play well this last year but look out for '81. They should end up with a much needed draft pick from the middle of choices and will, hopefully, be able to use some of the players which were out most of this season on injuries so look out Houston & Cleveland. As to who will take the Superbowl, Atlanta. Oh well, wouldn't be the first time I was wrong.

A few short plugs on zines that might interest you.

Dogs Of War- Published by John Daly, Rt.2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell, NC 28138. Sub. fee 10 issues for \$3.50. Game openings in Feb. and gamefee \$3.

Cheesecake- Published by Andy Lischett, 3025 N. Davlin Ct., Chicago, IL 60618. Sub fee free as well as standby and gamefees. He doesn't have a game going yet but for the price why not sub. He throws something different when you least expect it.

That's all for this month. I'm not even going to take a poke at the Irish. Hope you had a good holiday season and I'll see you next month

I lied, here's page three for what it's worth. Since I sent Mike the first two pages a few items came to my attention which I felt could best be covered this issue since it wasn't too late.

In my 1980 recap I left out a few events which have rocked the dip hobby from one coast to the other. Like a deriled Conrail train. One of these startling events was the Diplomacy Tournament to be held in Las Vegas at a hotel which was later found out not to exist and it was announced by a firm which never existed. It was to be run with computer terminals from seven private rooms and the seven participants would be determined through regional playoffs. It sounded too good to be true mainly because it was. Of course the guilty party which dreamed up this fake has never revealed his or herself to the dip hobby. Where's Sherlock when we need him?

The great 1980 Diplomacy mascot debate occurred with nominations from dogs to bears to deer to fleas to sharks. By the time this ends in '81 who knows what will have been nominated. If I had a pet pocupine I'd be glad to nominate it since it has all the features needed to be a good diplomacy player. Who can argue with him?

One correction to something I said in the first two pages. Steve McLendon has decided to start running new games and begin reviving Dragon & The Lamb, even though it didn't fault to this date. This bit of news was printed in St. George & The Dragon which is put out by Bob Sergeant. I'm glad to see that Steve has decided to keep on running the great zine that he's been putting out.

I recently received a letter from one of the invitees to the invitational game to be run by me here in TSP. Several of the questions asked were answered in the first issue of TSP but just to make sure he and everyone else concerned is aware I'll answer the questions he puts to me.

1. Do you accept preference lists? / Not for the invitational game but I do accept them for the regular dip and blind dip games here in TSP.
2. May we specify certain hobby names we would NOT want to be included with (e.g., Oaklyn, Boardman, Linsey, Gibson, Berch, Baumeister, etc.)? / Sure, but I won't guarantee that I'll totally go along with them. As to the people you bring up, some of them don't meet the requirements since not all of these people sub to EM.
3. How about Press? Grey Press? Black Press? Is it OK to submit press that questions the race, religion, national origins or sexual preferences of the other players? GM? Publisher? / I've given what items are covered as to what type of press is permitted in TSP last issue. I will have the final word as to what is allowed in TSP. If it's in bad taste I doubt you'll see it here. Other outlets are available for this type of press in the dip hobby and I hope you don't take offense by not having that opportunity here.
4. If you do not print it as "anonymous", delete the names, as some (but not many) are there for humor value only. / I can't guarantee anything until I see what the actual press release looks like to, make a judgment on it. If it isn't in bad taste and has humor value it will in all likelihood be printed here in TSP.

The Pouch

TORONTO TELEGRAM IS IN LIMBO

(TRENTON)--In the words of publisher Bill LaFosse, "TT is in limbo."

LaFosse says that personal problems have taken precedence over his Hobby commitments and that, at this time, he must wind down TT's operations.

As to TT's future, LaFosse says that he can't make a decision until some personal matters are straightened out first.

Players in TT's games should be hearing from the CDO Orphan Dir., Randolph Smyth, or a GM/publisher shortly regarding the TT games, as LaFosse is asking Smyth's help in rehousing them.

The games effected are 80CC, 79KU, 79KT, 79AB, 79CR, 79HA and 79W.

All publishers are asked to publicise the above so that all of TT's readers are informed.

LSD CALLS FOR HOBBY MASCOT NOMINATIONS BY FEBRUARY 1st-----

(AUSTIN)--LONE STAR DIPLOMAT publisher Michael Conner has opened nominations for the "Official Diplomacy Hobby Mascot for 1981".

To streamline the process only publishers may nominate mascots; others may have a pubber sponsor their nominations.

The deadline for all nominations is 1 February. Election will occur in late March with the voting procedures to be publicized in various Hobby zines beforehand.

Nominations may include a short--50 wds. or less--speech and a b&w illustration of the candidate not larger than 3"x5".

Conner's address is: 3214 Beverly Rd, Austin, TX, 78703

VOICE OF DOOM 29

IS CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM BRUX-----

(WATERVLIET)--The December edition of VOD was sent free of charge to all VOD subbers as a Christmas gift from the publisher, Bruce Linsey.

DONOVAN EXPOSED!!!

MEMPHIAN IS MY & BFB FAKER!!!

(EM)--Gary Coughlan, a post office employee in the city of Memphis, has been uncovered as the infamous 'Donovan', who in late 1980 perpetrated two fakes-- THE MELLOW YELLOW-VOICE OF DOOM and THE BANZAI FOR BONZO RETALIATION.

According to a spokesperson at EM Macedon Bureau, there was little doubt that Coughlan was 'Donovan', but that the problem lay in proving such a charge.

In the months after the fakes appeared the EM staff pursued many leads and when the accused was presented with the probable scenario, he could no longer conceal the truth and blurted out a confession.

However, it came as a surprise to the EM staff when Coughlan explained that one of the MY-VOD BBC clues was meant for EM. A careful check of the records did bear out that EM did mail samples to Robbin Pankau and Tom DeGraaf at the request of Coughlan.

(SEE: related story this issue on the fakes of 1980)

JOY OF JANE: NOT YOUR USUAL

"STUFF" OR MM GETS FAKED-----

(EM)--Playing on the theme of hoaxes, a fake MURD'RING MINISTERS has appeared bearing Bakersfield, CA postmarks.

JOY OF JANE is a reference to Jane Proskin, a fictional character. In this MM fake Jane purportedly has a new subzine in MM called "JOY OF JANE", and if she were real she'd undoubtedly be the most popular female in postal Dip as her naked svelte body can prove.

At this time various people are under suspicion for JOJ. However, notable among the suspects is one, Al Rodriguez, who for many months had quietly let it be known that he wanted to spoof Ron Brown's MM.

"Gallia est omnia divisa in partes 6."--Calhammer.

Russia: Spring 1901

(The following charts complete the "Spring 1901" series that began with Austria in EM#3 in January. These stats were compiled by Mick Bullock for his now defunct "The New Stats-man." The stats are a survey of 532 pbm Diplomacy games played in the UK. The first four charts, rather tables, tell how many times that unit was ordered to do what. The second table is a composite picture, showing what moves were done in conjunction with what others.)

A Mos	#	%	A War	#	%	F Sev		
1-Ukr	257	48.7	1-Gal	284	53.8	1-H	12	2.2
2-Liv	10	1.9	2-H	23	4.4	2-Rum	274	51.9
3-StP	130	24.6	3-Liv	13	2.5	3-Bla	239	45.3
4-Sev	114	21.6	4-Ukr	172	32.6	4-misorder	2	0.4
5-H	9	1.7	5-Sil	35	6.6	5-Arm	1	0.2
6-War	8	1.5	6-misorder	1	0.2			

F StP(sc)	#	%
1-Bot	505	95.6
2-Fin	20	3.8
3-misorder	3	0.6

NOTE: In the chart below the 1st number represents moves by A Mos, the 2nd for A War, the 3rd for F StP(sc), the 4th for F Sev.

	#	%	Ttl Win	%	#	%	Ttl Win	%
1-1-1-1	8	1.5	2	4.0	3-4-1-1	2	0.4	
1-1-1-2	89	16.9	14	28.0	3-4-1-2	33	6.3	3
1-1-1-3	116	22.0	12	24.0	3-4-1-3	36	6.8	1
1-1-1-4	1	0.2			3-4-2-2	5	0.9	
1-1-2-2	6	1.1			3-4-2-3	2	0.4	
1-1-3-1	1	0.2			3-4-3-2	1	0.2	
1-2-1-2	5	0.9			3-5-1-2	3	0.6	
1-2-1-3	6	1.1	1	2.0	4-1-1-2	14	2.7	1
1-3-1-2	4	0.8	1	2.0	4-1-1-3	4	0.8	
1-3-1-3	1	0.2			4-2-1-2	5	0.9	1
1-5-1-1	1	0.2			4-2-3-2	1	0.2	
1-5-1-2	6	1.1			4-3-1-2	3	0.6	
1-5-1-3	12	2.3	1	2.0	4-4-1-2	37	7.0	3
1-5-2-2	1	0.2			4-4-1-3	39	7.4	2
2-1-1-2	3	0.6			4-4-2-2	2	0.4	
2-2-1-2	1	0.2			4-4-2-3	2	0.4	
2-2-1-3	1	0.2			4-4-2-5	1	0.2	
2-4-1-2	1	0.2			4-5-1-2	4	0.8	
2-4-1-3	2	0.4			4-5-1-3	2	0.4	
2-5-1-2	2	0.4			4-6-1-2	1	0.2	
3-1-1-2	27	5.1	4	8.0	5-4-1-2	5	0.9	1
3-1-1-3	10	1.9	2	4.0	5-4-1-3	4	0.8	
3-1-1-4	1	0.2			6-1-1-2	3	0.6	
3-1-2-2	1	0.2			6-5-1-2	3	0.6	1
3-2-1-2	4	0.8			6-5-1-3	2	0.4	
3-3-1-2	4	0.8			NMR	13		
3-3-1-3	1	0.2						

*A headline in the San Diego Union read: Costa Rican Wins Beauty Tit. The Springfield Leader & Press (MO) reported: I've had a swollen gland for 12 years at the uppermost part of my leg. There is no pain. The NY News-World gave a headline like this: Mexico Bust Crash Leaves 32 Dead. The North County News of Castroville-Prunedale, CA has reported: No school board member would ever be castrated for performing his or her duties to the best of their abilities. (To err is human.)

Turkey: Spring 1901

A Con	#	%	F Ank	#	%	A Smy	#	%	
1-Bul	534	99.8	1-Con	170	31.8	1-Ank	96	17.9	
2-misorder	1	0.2	2-Arm	4	0.7	2-H	76	14.2	
			3-Bla	337	63.0	3-Arm	178	33.3	
			4-H	20	3.7	4-Con	184	34.3	
			5-misorder	4	0.7	5-Syr	1	0.2	
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1-3-2	3	0.6	1	3.7	NMR	6			

Correspondence

Pete Birks A little aside on Vain Rats. The true story is this. One afternoon in The Lamb, a London pub much used by hobby people, Richard Sharp and Steve Doubleday got exceedingly drunk. And as things happen, Sharp, not the greatest variant lover (except when it was a Volkswagen) said that anyone mad enough to play a variant would be mad enough to play a game with 7 variants, one to a country. Doubleday said Sharp was mad, but Sharp started thinking, and came up with the original basis in October 1976. As predicted 7 people signed up to play, but the number of 'options' increased as people like Doug Wakefield and more lunatic people became interested in the game. I, I am proud to say, have never played it and never intend to. And it's called 'Vain Rats' because it's a mixture of variants.

What's this? The Pouch? Did this have anything to do with the earlier The Pouch, produced by the near-unique (in that he was an American who wrote like an Englishman) Nicholas Ulanov? Ulanov was also a New Yorker, part of the Scott Rosenberg crew. Our mail is going up in January--14p for a 1st class stamp (34¢). Sigh.

Try to avoid a debate about N. Ireland in your zine, please! Marsden destroyed Ode with everyone explaining facts from their own point of view. Needless to say I have my own opinions on the matter, but I don't think a zine is the right place for airing them (or rather, emphasising) them.

((34¢! For 1st class mail! Gosh, I don't feel that badly anymore about the USPS going for 19¢. (wait) Of course I do! It's high-time the US stopped mimicking the British! As for The Pouch. It's grandson is Urf Durfal pubbed by Greg Costikyan. My title is in no way related. Pete, what does "except when it was a Volkswagen" mean. Sounds like a phrase to con-note dependability, tried-and-true. Or, do you think VWs are car-variants? As for NI, there's never been a debate in EM on it. The slant is towards information and terse commentaries. Marsden, I don't think went overboard with his NI letter columns, though I must admit it degenerated into quite a bit of name-calling and bigoted rancor. But that's the trouble with NI. There's pitiful little logic in it: those attitudes were formed generations ago, and they're reinforced everyday.)))

Correspondence (continued)

Keith Sherwood Is this the wrong hobby, or are you actually
4332 Sycamore a Democrat? I must have been reading things
Los Alamos, NM like The Brutus Bulletin for too long because
I thought there weren't such things as Demo-
cratic Dippy players. At least the ones that I've seen are
dyed-in-the-wool conservatives. Well, I always say, "Broaden your
outlook." So sign me up as a subber. Enclosed you'll find (along
with a check) the German counter from '1914' you wanted. Hope
I'm the first. If not, please return it.

One last thing--two Keiths will simply not do. It is unac-
ceptable. So I suggest Mr. Mercer change his first name.

((I'm in total agreement. Not only does KM have a town named
after him, but he has stolen your name! I have asked Rep. D.
Dimitri Perlmutter (R-PA) to introduce a private bill in the
97th Session that would change Mercer's name to Mordicai. It cost
15,000 smackeroos to get Pearl to do this, so Keith send another
check. Am I a Democrat? No, not really. I'm registered as an
Independent, but if the GOP=conservative and Demo=liberal, I'm
Repocrat, that is a moderate. I hope the German artillery bat-
talion made it back to you safely. Do you have any idea what
the postage is on just one 87mm gun!? Please send another
check, Keith!)))

PS: Actually, the only reason I'm subbing is because Perlmutter
has mesmerized me. I'm following him around the hobby just to
get in a game with Dave and puppet to him. Could you send me the
issue of EM that has his "bio sheet"? I still think he's an
Oaklyn front.

((Hmmm?))

Fredrik Malmberg ...Oh I changed my plans and will probably
Box 18 stay in the states till November or so, so
S-590 40 Kisa I hope to visit lots of Cons in the summer.
Sweden There is this problem with getting a visa,
but I hope this will sort itself out...XUAN

LOC is in fact a Vietnam game. I think you will like it. If you've
seen a recent issue of the Wargamer you can see for yourself
what the quality is, physically that is. It'll be out this month,
so I'll bring over a few copies to the US...Heh, heh, here's
the translator's corner:

"Germany to the Swedish editor: What is the translation of
'rabbit party', 'hyska' (no word known to me), and 'hen'? Is
this a black press game? Speak of not estonia-russian-onset (I
know that sentence did not mean anything in your language, and
neither did it in mine!)! He has his rules!"

I cannot make anything out of it at all! I think the writer
is only trying to make you curious, actually. Well, do you
know what, "Target är bästa spelbutiken i Stockholm, ja Sverige!"
means? If you print it, I'll tell you what it means. I can
promise you that you won't make a fool of yourself. It's
more of an ad, really.

I'd appreciate your note in EM about my coming to Zeeland.
I'll live in Zeeland, but will work in Holland.

((I asked Fredrik to translate Germany's press release in
The Informer in EM#14. I guess the Col. was just up to tricks.
Oh, Fredrik is talking about coming to the US above and going
to Zeeland, Michigan. He'd like to meet some US gamers, etc, so
if you're in the area you could contact him through Herb Barents

Correspondence (continued)

((...who is listed in The Zine Directory under his zine, Boast. Or, write me and I'll send it along to Fredrik when he gets in. He's the owner, or president, or somesuch thing of Swedish Game Production, and I think he's coming to learn distribution and all that business stuff.)))

Gary Coughlan When I saw that Vietnam thing I just
4614 Martha Cole Ln laughed. That is a phoney. Anyway, I show-
Memphis, TN ed it to a guy at work and he says sold-
 iers would run those off on the personnel
machines when their superiors weren't looking and that he has
several versions of it himself. It is a fake. A joke.

((Gary's talking about "Going To The Big PX" in the last issue. I'm inclined to believe Gary on this, but those guys shouldn't have sent it to the serviceman's family, etc. It must've cause some grave concerns when they read it, but I guess there's some silver lining: the folks must've been thankful that their GI didn't come back in the condition described in the letter.)))

Phyllis Lastofka ...Thank you for your beautiful card.
60-31 68th St Irv was buried on the 19th and the worst
Astoria, Queens, NY has passed. I forgot to mention that he
 died holding a letter from that Russian
player, who was talking about how France was going to get
carved up. Irv never told me much about Diplomacy, but I would
like to learn. I read that rulebook, and it makes very little
sense. There are many ambiguous situations. I think it would
be best if someone taught me. Would you publish something in
your newsletter asking some man to help me learn Diplomacy. I've
plenty of money for lessons, and if he lives nearby I could
stay at a motel near him. He dosen't have to be Jewish.

((Sounds like a good offer, though I think offering to pay for 'lessons' is unnecessary. Most Diplomacy players are generous people who'd gladly give their time to help a novice and help clear up the rulebook for you.)))

Dave Carter At one time I never played any variants.
118 Horsham Ave I just plodded along with half a dozen regular
Willowdale, Ont. games. Now, via standbys and fresh starts I'm
 in about 25 regular Diplomacy games. When I
was in about 15 games I started looking for something different
to play so I joined a Deadman game in VW. Since then I've joined
another Deadman, a proxypolmacy game and I still hope to be in
your Vain Rats game. I find the variants a welcome, light-heart-
ed change of pace, and I hope you can get more ~~sucker's~~ players
interested in VR.

The problem of getting people interested in variants is not limited to pbm. At the last meeting of my wargamers club we were at a loss as to what to do. Now, these guys never play Dip, but I figured for a fun time why not try a variant. I told them about Brux's aeroplane diplomacy, about proxypolmacy and I even suggested a Deadman game, but when they were rebuked I suggested Vain Rats. I wish I could say that they jumped at it, but although they found the rules interesting and funny, they could not believe that I was serious. In the end they started discussing who really won at Kursk.

((Oh, the woes of this world...it appears that converting the unbelievers to variants is as hard as making sense out of Reagan.
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Correspondence (continued)

((But I tend to think that players get interested in variants for exactly the reasons you did: they're looking for a change-of-pace, a game with new challenges, etc. Perhaps, for this reason it is, or appears to be hard to convert the novices to variants.)))

Is it true that the IRA hunger strikers started their strike because they were fed up? (maybe I shouldn't joke about this)

((Hmmm....that's 118 Horsham Ave, right? Well, you know that I'm kidding, but the real reason is that they want the reinstatement of 'political status'.)))

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The Black And Tans

Spring 1902

Austria (Williamson): A Tri-VIE/A Ven-TYR/A MUN-Bur/
F Adr-ALB

England (Lloyd): F Eng-PIC/F Lon-ENG/A Wal-YOR/F BEL S F Eng-Pic

France (Bestner): A Pic-Par (d&must r)/A SPA-Mar/F Mao-BRE

Germany (Simms): A BUR-Par/A HOL H/F DEN H/A BER-Mun

Italy (DeValera): NMR! A Rom, Tus, Mar and F Tun all H.

Russia (Czar Pearlmutter): F StP-NWY/A Nwy-SWE/F Swe-BAL/
A War-SIL/A Mos-UKR/F Sev-RUM/F Ank-BLA/A BUD-Ser

Turkey (DesCries): A Smy-ANK/F CON S A Smy-Ank/A GRE-Ser

Deadlines for Fall 1902: SATURDAY February 7, 1981

Would Bruce Linsey please submit standby moves for Italy?

Press:

- *London Exxpress: The PM met with the MPs today and decided that the Jewish Czar must be stopped. France is now in capable ANGLO hands. England calls all Christians to move East against Russia. Onward Christian Soldiers!
- *Paris: The NEW French Gov't asks all invaders for a rest. The new French Warlord has three children, one wife and two mistresses to care for. Please don't leave my loved ones in the cold!
- *Germany-Russia: I hope you drop dead. Soon. Like now!
- *Czarina of Russia: Dear European Leaders. Please forgive my little Davey. He's been denied the pleasures of the bridal chamber for the last three months and has been very edgy lately. In the future he'll be nicer. I promise you.
- *Turkey-Germany: You got how much? I got \$10 from Russia, but he gave England \$15. Hold out for \$20. Each SC is worth \$7.50.
- *Germany: Alright, Whiteshoes so we didn't finish too well, but there's always next year and we're ready for those Green Birds. I hope they die!
- *GM-All: What is this? Everyone wants everyone else to die? That wouldn't make for a very exciting game. We've already lost Irv, and I think that's enough. And Phil, don't worry about The Eagles. They won't be back. Concentrate on the draft, and we'll see Davey Whiteshoes sucking mud all year long!
- *T-A: You ARE a jerk.
- *T-R: Drop dead!
- *GM-T: There you go again! Will you quit that!
- *England's Ruler: When will the crown heads of Europe get their act together and get this fascist in Russia? Onward!

Whitey sipped at his drink, as if he was mulling over exactly what to say. "There is a special sensation that only people who drive cars in the Midwest can understand. You are sitting there going 70 miles per hour all alone. On either side of you stands nothing but endless fields of wheat. Or rye. Or whatever. The road itself is an illusion--it just stretches on towards the horizon. Nothing changes. Sometimes a hiway patrol car comes along and finds a crashed auto. It flipped over because the driver was hypnotized and woke up only in time to make too sharp of a turn. The Dirty Trickster began to get this feeling. They drove for hours out past the towns and farmhouses.

Finally Fenner said, "OK, this may be stupid but what exactly are we supposed to be looking for?"

Ogilby replied, "Nothing. Hobb's End road is only another ten minutes. We go there, of course we find nothing 'cause there's nothing there to find, then we go back to town and tell the local Yokels that we scared off Death."

Shearson nodded, "Yeah, these dumb hicks will believe anything. Still it seems pretty silly to believe in ghosts or living Death in this day and age."

Ogilby laughed, "Spoken like a true urbanite. You forget these potato mashers will believe anything."

Hobb's End road was neither an 'end' nor a 'road'. More like a tiny dirt path wrenching off the main hiway. No buildings or anything--just dirt. Shearson suggested turning back but the other two wanted to poke around some more. Then suddenly, Fenner, the driver, slammed on the brakes. The car jerked to a halt. Ogilby extricated himself from the floor and said, "What the hell did you do that for?" Fenner pointed, "Look."

Whitey took another sip of his drink then continued, "Sure enough there in the middle of the road was an old man. He was the hick middle-age farmer type that seemed to breed all over North and South Dakota. A somber face, silky white hair, an American Harvester cap and jean-overalls--the whole bit. He even sucked on a corncob pipe.

The Dirty Trickster got out and surrounded the man. Fenner said, "Hey, what the hell are you trying to do Mack? Kill yourself, why not make it simple and play on the railroad tracks?"

The old man looked up and said apologetically, "Oh sorry, I guess I just dozed off. I've a lot on my mind lately."

Fenner exploded, "Well listen you old..."

Shearson cut him off, "Hold on, this nice old gentleman might be able to help us. Listen buddy you wouldn't happen to know about somebody called Death wandering around here?"

The man nodded and stood up. "Yes sir, I do. That was what was on my mind. I saw Death. You can too. Just go down about a mile and you'll see an old burned out Caddy. Dig where the rear fender touches the earth. There you'll find Death. Good day sirs." With that he walked away, limping slightly on his right leg.

Fenner said, "Queer old geezer, what do you suppose he meant?"

"I don't know," commented Ogilby, "but it can't hurt to

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Tales From O'Grady's Tavern: Part III (continued)

find out."

"I don't know," said Shearson, "but in the words of immortal Burt Reynolds in 'The Longest Yard', 'let's do it'."

The other two agreed and they all jumped into the car. It was there. An abandoned, charred blackmass that once was a Cadillac Coup de Ville. The three started digging.

((Editor's Note: This was to have been continued next month, but as you may know or will read in this issue, the writer, David Perlmutter, is 'leaving' the Hobby. Thus, it seems that our tale ends here. Perhaps fittingly. However, if anyone out there would like to continue with this tale and write us an ending, I'll gladly print it. If I receive two or more versions I'll print them both, and we'll see who's is better liked.))

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More Correspondence

Walt Aucott It consistently amazes me how Reagan gets
621 Poplar St tagged with the warmonger or 'most likely
Cayce, SC, 29033 to succeed at starting the next war award.
 After 4 years of our friend Jimmy, we are
at peace--yes--but are we also closer to the war we've been
trying to prevent for 35 years? I say that as a result of
a near-sighted approach to defense expenditures and a shock-
ing naivete as to the intentions of a very powerful adversary,
WE have placed ourselves in a very dangerous situation. Don't
forget that Vietnam and Korea, as terrible as they were,
would look like child's play to a war in Europe or a nuke
exchange. Is bluster more likely to invite a war than is
weakness? I know yhat it is not fashionable these days to
consider the USSR to be more of a threat to the peace than
the USA, but that is what I believe.

((Is Ron a Warmonger? The answer has to be "No, he isn't".
However, his subtle mix of bluster and blunder can be of
little good use in foreign affairs. There are many things
about Ron that personally irk me. In US New & World Report
it was mentioned that Ron rarely interviewed any of his
cabinet nominees, and generally went along with the man his
staff had selected. It seems that Ron is going to try to
rule the greatest power on earth like California: 9am-5pm.
The folks around Ron are more important than Ron, and
Gen Alex Haig, Eddy Meese, et al. definitely do not have
my support. I see the new Administration attempting to dic-
tate policy in what they see as a bi-polar world (US-USSR).
That will not work, and that policy gave us that child's play,
which I think we can live without. On the plus side, how-
ever, Ron's staunch stand gives him the leeway to 'soften
his position', whereas if he started soft, he'd have to be
a 'hardliner' on policy to keep the 'real-hardliners' happy.
But Ron isn't anybody's savior, unless you believe in
patronage or own stock in the defense companies. Well, I'm
getting off-the-track, and running out of room.))

Sherwood's Column

by Keith
Sherwood

I say it is time to clean up the postal Diplomacy Hobby! For too long we have put up with filth and scum that have no part in this hobby. Sure, many people have expressed a desire to 'freeze out' Bernie Oaklyn, but why stop here? There are plenty of people the hobby would be better off without. Therefore, I give you...

WHY BRUCE LINSEY SHOULD BE THROWN OUT OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY

No one comes to mind more readily than the 'Novices' Menace', Bruce Linsey. As a novice player in his zine, VOD, I live in constant fear of being sucked into a BLACK HOLE. Recently, I think I have. But wait, you say, isn't Bruce the novices' friend for printing the Novice Packet? Well, I'm sure by now everyone knows of the Linsey-Caruso Feud, and Bruce's subsequent threat to mention Caruso next to Oaklyn in the packet. Well, that threat was a FAKE, made merely to draw attention away from Linsey's far more serious discrepancies in the Novice Packet. Throughout the packet, he poisons the minds of all newcomers. Before they have seen anything else in the Hobby, they are brainwashed to believe that his opinions are Gospel Truth. Now, before Bruce can try his favorite tactic on me-- I want proof, Give me proof--I will cut him off at the pass and give you some examples taken directly from the Novice Packet:

"Zine (pronounced 'zeen')" -Where does Bruce get off? This is a debatable topic. Just because Bruce, or even a majority of the Hobby, thinks this is so DOES NOT make it a FACT! But already the novice is exposed to Bruce's ~~stupid~~ prejudices.

"There are a few GMs who run games with no houserules at all; this merely serves to indicate that the GM has not carefully thought out in advance how he will handle his games, and it is wise to avoid such GMs..."--Why you can just read, "And the more HRs the better" between the lines! Sure, he adds (almost as an afterthought) "in my opinion", but it is easily missed.

"The Voice of Doom is probably the best zine in the Hobby today." -Okay, so he doesn't ACTUALLY say this, but you can tell by his attitude that he would say it if he thought he could get away with it.

Bruce should be retired to a padded cell where he can type up volumes of houserules on how the Universe should be run, further allowing him to play God.

AND While We're At It:

WHY DAVID PERLMUTTER'S DAYS IN DIP SHOULD BE NUMBERED

Besides using a pseudonym, David is rumored to be of the Jewish persuasion. Rumour or not, I ask you, "Do we really want this type of person on our all-American game?" My answer is "NO". No more than we need, say, Southerners, polluting our Hobby. Perlmutter is right up there with Bruce when it comes to corrupting novices. For instance, he once got his hooks into me and is following me all over the Hobby. It's like a wild goose chase. Why he keeps goosing me I'll never know! Although he claims to be 31, it is well known that it's a LIE. He is really a 14 year old having a hard time adjusting. (con't)

Until he grows up, changes his religion, and makes whatever concessions I can think up later, he should be exorcised from the Diplomacy community.

((Ed. Note: For those unfamiliar with Keith Sherwood, he lives in Los Alamos, NM and publishes a zine, TICKET TO RIDE, for the games he GMs for his fellow high school students and teachers at Ground Zero High. If anyone would like to see how they do it send him a stamp. Address: see the Correspondence column.))

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ADVANCE TEXT

NOT FOR RELEASE BEFORE JANUARY

THE INAUGURATION SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

...When the American people elected me Chairman of this great country. Yes, chairman. I scoured the great depths of the business-short-term-profit-community and picked the elite, though I had to throw in one negro and a cute girl to keep some radical thinkers happy. Well, these great white men are my marshals, my captains who will turn this country around and set it on the true course towards great quarterly returns, and I dare say, we'll be using a lot more black ink in this country very, very soon...

...Our Nation is faced with some heady tasks. The barbarians still have our Hostages in Iran. The Red Army is poised to strike Polish freedom down, and the sovren state of Afghanistan bears a Soviet yoke. Yes, America has seen better days, and shortly Americans will be able to hold their heads up high again wherever they are. We're a Nation on the move, and those other guys had better move over because we're sick and tired of being shoved around...

...You know, it always amazes me that those opposed to abortion have already been born...

...And in the end if this Administration fails, don't blame me because I'll be too senile to understand. That's why I've picked such aggressive white men to carry on for me...

...Well, it's five o'clock and time to watch 'Donny and Marie'. I hope you'll enjoy these next four years because they may be the last four you've got. Bye, now. Let's go home now, Mommy...

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Squad Leader Scenario: Death On Latches Lane.

Board Set Up: Board 1 only.
Germans set-up and move first.
German OOB
Cpl 8-0
LMG

American OOB
Cpt 9-2, Lt 9-1, Sgt 8-1
14 6-6-6
8 HMG 50cal.
17 Sherman Tanks (any model)
5 radios

All units set-up on any hex.
Germans fail to achieve victory if any US squads are unbroken after Turn 16.

Who's Who: below are anagrams. solve them and feel smart.

egaslriiber sifilofe voney araintitloe ceceeshake
unesteron srueimdinerrtmn rdoekwangerluvn hecahnimama

The Pouch EXTRA EDITION

DONOVAN REPAID IN KIND:
Y'ALL BEATS EE TO THE MAILBOX

(EM)--The confessed MY-VOD and BFB-Retaliation faker, Gary Coughlan (aka Dohovan) has plans to publish his own zine, The EUROPA EXPRESS.

However, an unknown faker has sent out copies of Y'ALL and has beat Coughlan to the mailbox.

The fake was postmarked Jan 5 from Phoenicia NY and is 6 pages of Xeroxed material.

Luckily, for the EE pubber the faker intended this to be an obvious fake with such items as a replay of VOD's Black Hole game, a pseudonym game and a family game, featuring Coughlan, himself, the Overbys and the Byrne's.

PERLMUTTER CALLS IT QUILTS;
TOO MANY HYPOCRITES WHO
CAN'T TAKE A JOKE-----

(Merion)--"...I'm sick and tired of the great mass of hypocrites who cannot take a joke...Mostly, I have no time left for Dip anymore."

The above was written by David Perlmutter in "EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY, his subzine in The BRUTUS BULLETIN (#79).

Perlmutter says that he'll complete all his current committments and then "exit stage right".

Perlmutter long known for his outrageous press releases and good-natured libel, as well as, some outstanding writing, has now called it quits

BERSAGLIERI

Yes, this is the first issue of BERSAGLIERI, a subzine of Emhain Macha, brought to you by Tom Mainardi, 1403 Lawrence Rd, Havertown, PA, 19083. Phone # 215-446-5611. Hours to call: M-S 10pm-11:30pm; Sn 6pm-11:30pm, though I can't guarantee to be there all the time.

I'm starting this subzine with one game of regular DIPLOMACY. As soon as that is filled I might start another, room permitting. So far, I have 2 people signed-up to play. Anyone who wishes to play should contact me directly. Do not send anything to Mike. A sub to EM is required as is a \$3 game fee (reduced from \$4) and a \$2 refundable NMR deposit. If you need the HRs, let me kniw and I'll send you a set.

If you're wondering about the name of this subzine, it literally means 'marksman', translated from Father Dante language. It's pronounced (bare-sahl-ee-air-ee). The name is more commonly known as the title of the black-plumed crack regiment of the Italian Army, which existed at the time our illustrious game starts ans till exists today!

My aim in pubbing this subzine is to gGM well run and enjoyable games for the players, as wellas for myself. So, come on all you crazies out there, let's get started. And from all of me at BERSAGLIERI I hope you had a Happy New Year!

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Famous Italians (Last in A Series)

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|---------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Bobby Bambini | Arnetto | Federico | Fellini |
| Pope John | xxiii | Frederico | DeSica |
| Mussolini | | Blacka-Jack | Masterini |
| Sophia Loren | (both) | Tom Mah-in- | ardee |
| Enrico Ferni | | Don Vito | Corleone |
| Vito Gambino | | Al | Capone |

BN: 1980 0

The Assassin

Winter 1904

Autumn 1904

F: F Tyr r-Lyo

T: A Tri r-Bud

I: F Ion r-Apu

Winter 1904

A: removes A Alb

R: builds A Mos

F: builds A Mar

T: builds A Con

I: removes F Tyr, A Vie

A separation of seasons was asked for and granted.
Spring 1905 moves are on file for; A, F, G, I, R.
Ted Greiner has resigned his Russian position: would
STEVE ARNAWOODIAN please take over this Russian position?
(address: 602 Hemlock Cr, Lansdale, PA, 19446)

Deadline for Spring 1905: SATURDAY February 7, 1981.

BN: 1980 AP

Der V-Mann

Winter 1903

Autumn 1903

A: A Vie r-Boh

R: A Nwy r-Fin

G: A Mun r-Ber/A Hol r-Kie

Winter 1903

A: removes A Boh

G: removes A Ruh

E: builds F Edi

R: builds A Mos, F StP(nc)

F: builds F Bre, A Par

T: removes A Bul

A separation of seasons was asked for and granted.
Spring 1904 orders are on file for; A, E, G, I, R, T.

Deadline for Spring 1904: SATURDAY February 7, 1981.

BN: 1980 CN

Der Meuchelmorder

Winter 1902

Autumn 1902

E: F Nth r-Lon

Winter 1902

E: remove A Yor

T: _____

A separation of seasons was asked for and granted.
Spring 1903 orders are on file for: E, I, G.

Deadline for Spring 1903: SATURDAY February 7, 1981.

COA: Eric Bram, 25860 Altamont, Los Altos Hills, CA
94022.

The Emhania Bourse

Since Der V-Mann's Spring 1904 has been delayed, the EB
has also been delayed. Deadline is the same as Der V-Mann.

BN: 1979 KF

The Informer

Summer 1905

Russia: A Mos r-Liv
Turkey: A Ser r-Bul

I am delaying Fall 1905 since I listed Turkey's A Ser as annihilated, which it wasn't, in last month's game report. I have moves on file for every player, but you may change them up till the new deadline.

Deadline for Fall 1905: SATURDAY February 7, 1981.

BN: 1980 F

The Confederate

Fall 1904

Summer 1904:

R: A Bul r-Rum

Fall 1904:

Austria (Walters): A VIE H

England (Arnett): F Nth-EDI/F NWY S German F Den-Nth/
F Yor-LON/F NAO-Mao

France (Goodrich): F Cly-LPL/F Wal-IRI/F ENG-Mao/A BEL
S A Bur-Ruh/A Bur-RUH/A Par-BUR/A PIC S A Bel

Germany (Carter): A Mun-BER/A Ruh-MUN/A HOL-Ruh/F KIE-Hol/
F Den-NTH

Italy (Scott): A BOH-Vie/A TYR S A Boh-Vie/A TRI S A
Boh-Vie/A SER S Russian A Rum-Bul (nso)/A GRE S
Russian A Rum-Bul (nso)/F Aeg-SMY/F Ion-AEG

Russia (Austin): A War-SIL/A Ukr-WAR/A GAL S Austrian A
Vie/A BUD S Austrian A Vie/A RUM S A Bud/F BLA
S Turkish F Bul(sc)/A STP H

Turkey (Aucott): F BUL(sc) H/A CON S F Bul(sc) H/A ANK
S A Con H

Deadline for Winter'04/Spring'05: SATURDAY Feb, 7, 1981.

SC Chart for Winter'04

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|
| A: Vie | 1 | even |
| E: Lon Edi Swe Nwy | 4 | even |
| F: Home Spa Por Lpl Bel | 7 | even |
| G: Home Den Hol | 5 | even |
| I: Home Tun Tri Gre Ser Smy | 8 | build 1 |
| R: Home Bud Rum | 6 | remove 1 |
| T: Con Ank Bul | 3 | even |

*London-Rome: You have forsaken me! Why?

*London-Paris: France should be friendly to her neighbors. Why are you unwilling to be friendly?

*Rome-Con: OK, OK. This is my final final absolute final offer. You take Syria, Armenia ans the Caspian Sea. Any refusal on your part will lead to an official declaration of War.

*Rome-Paris: Yes, I loved the builds, but if you don't write, we're no longer closer to an alliance than day one.

*Con-Sweet Innocent Chuckie: It must be just terrifying to have such dominant 3 centre powerhouses provoke and in general, stomp all over poor innocent non-aggressive 6 centre powers. I'm so sorry I've offended you, after all you haven't REALLY attacked me (yet). Talk is cheap: moves aren't. If ever you or Austin MOVE AWAY from me, perise the thought, I will support that person's goals till the end of this exciting contest; but I'm not holding my breath. One last word: If you took Bulgaria (continued)

The Confederate (continued)

- ...I hope you roast in it. If you grabbed SMY, be prepared to die there. Finally, if I get a build, you can be your sweet _____, it'll be a fleet in Smyrna.
 *Con-West: You realize it'll be a 5 player game soon and the Italy-Russia alliance is very strong?! Hint.
 *Con-World: Ah to be a Turkey and to have survived Thanksgiving and Christmas! And in the midst of such scoundrels!

BN: 1978·IV Gallowglas I Fall 1906

England (Bixby): F Edi d&mustr
 Germany (Hart): A Yor-EDI/F CLY S A Yor-Edi/F Eng-LON/
 A WAL S F Eng-Lon/F Nth-DEN/F Hol-NTH/A SIL H/
 A MUN S A Sil/A BRE H/A SPA H/A MAR s A Spa
 Italy (Schaller): F MAO S F Por/F POR S F Mao/A TYR H/
 A VIE-Gal/A BUD-Rum/F Aeg-BUL(sc)/F GRE S F Aeg-
 Bul(sc)/A SER S F Aeg-Bul(sc)/F Eas-AEG/F Alb-ION
 Russia (Masters): A Gal-BOH/A WAR-Gal/A LIV-War/F Nwy-NWG/
 F RUM S Turkish F Bul(ec)(otm)/F BLA S Turkish
 F Bul (ec) (otm)/A UKR S F Rum
 Turkey (Carroll): F Con-SMY/A ANK S F Con-Smy/F BUL(ec)-
 CON

Deadline for Winter'06/Spring'07: SATURDAY Feb 7, 1981.

SC Chart for Winter'06

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----|----------|
| E: | | 0 | dead/out |
| G: | Home Den Hol Bel Bre Par | | |
| | Mar Lpl Spa Lon Edi | 13 | build 2 |
| I: | Home Tri Vie Bud Gre Tun | | |
| | Ser Bul Por | 11 | build 1 |
| R: | Home Nwy Swe Rum | 7 | even |
| T: | Home | 3 | even |

The German-Italian draw was defeated.

BN: 1976·BD Gallowglas II Winter'15/Sp'16

Autumn 1915:

A: A Rum r-OTB T: A War NRR/GM r-OTB
 I: A Bur r-Par

Winter 1915:

A: builds A Vie I: removes F Bre
 E: builds A Lon, A Lpl, F Edi

Spring 1916:

Austria (Coughlan): A Ruh-KIE/A Pru-BER/A Bur-MUN/A Gre-BUL/
 A Vie-BOH/A BUD-Rum/A WAR S English A Fin-Liv(nso)/
 A Tus-VEN/A TYR S A Tus-Ven/A TRI S A Tus-Ven
 England (Acheson): F Spa(sc)-LYO/A LON-SPa/F ENG C A Lon-
 Spa/F MAO C A Lon-Spa/F POR S F MAO/F Bel-PIC/
 A Lpl-WAL/A StP-LIV/F BOT S A StP-Liv/A FIN-StP/
 F Edi-NTH
 Italy (Kelly): A PAR H/A Pie-MAR/F GAS-Spa(nc)/F APU-Ven/
 F TYR S A Rom/A ROM S F Apu-Ven
 Turkey (Walters): A SEV-Rum/F CON S F Bul(ec)/F Bul(ec) H
 (nsu)/A Liv-PRU/A War S A Liv-Pru (nsu)/A MOS-
 StP/A Ukr-GAL/F RUM unordered H

Deadline for Fall 1916: SATURDAY February 7, 1981

The A-E draw proposal was defeated. There is a proposal for a A-E-I-T draw. VOTE with next orders.

BN: 1976 EZ

Gallowglas III

Winter'11/Sp'12

Autumn 1911:

R: A War r-OTB

Winter 1911:

F: builds A Par, F Bre

R: removes A Mos

I: builds A Ven, F Rom, F Nap

Spring 1912:

E: Martin: A EDI watches the world go by!/F BAR-StP(nc)

F: Acheson: F MAO-Wes/F SPA(sc) S F Mao-Wes/F MAR-LYO/
A MUN H/A BER S A Mun/A KIE S A Mun/A Bur-MAR/
A Par-BUR/F BRE-Mao/F NWY-StP(nc)/A Swe-FIN/
F Den-BAL/F Nth-ENG

I: Ledder: A War-PRU/A SIL S A War-Pru/A BOH S A War-Pru/
A Ven-PIE/A TYR S A Ven-Pie/A Ukr-WAR/A Sev-UKR/
A Arm-SEV/A Rum-GAL/F WES-Mao/F NAF S F Wes-Mao/
F Rom-TUS/F Nap-TYR/F Aeg-ION/F Con-AEG

R: Carròll: A STP-Nwy/F SKA-Heg(impossible/ambiguous)

Deadline for Fall 1912: SATURDAY February 7, 1981.

*England-Italy: Close, but no cigar. You have to take a French centre to win, and I don't think you can do it. So, I propose the I/F draw. Dosen't that seem logical?

Please vote on the I/F DRAW proposal next season.

BN: 1979 CD

Gallowglas IV

Winter'07/Sp'08

Winter 1907:

F: removes F Pic

T: builds F Smy

R: removes F Wal

Spring 1908:

E: Hart: NMR! F Bel, Lon, Cly, Nwg all H.

F: Scott: A PAR H

I: Kelly: F Por-MAO/A BUR S Turkish A Tyr-Mun

R: Greiner: A Liv, StP, Pru, Kie, Ruh; F Nwy, Lpl, Den all H. A Mun d&must r.

T: Sergeant: A SIL S A Tyr-Mun/A BOH S A Tyr-Mun/A Tyr-MUN/
A Pie-TYR/F Bre-PIC/F ENG S F Bre-Pic/F GAS H/F MAO-NAF/
F WES H/A Ser-TRI/A Rum-GAL/A Gal-WAR/A MOS S A Gal-War/
A UKR S A Gal-War/A SEV S A Mos/F Smy-AEG/F Bla-CON

Deadline for Fall 1908: SATURDAY February 7, 1981.

No standby will be called for England. Ted Greiner has resigned the Russian position, and no standby will be called for that position.

*Paris: Dig trenches!! Pass it on.

BN: 1979 HC

Gallowglas V

Fall 1907

Autumn 1907

R: A Vie NRR/GM r-OTB

Fall 1907

A: Greiner: A Vie-BOH/A TYR S A Vie-Boh/A Tri S A Tyr(d&a)

E: Swartz: F LON-Eng/F IRI S F Lon-Eng/F Nth-NWY/F Hel-KIE/F HOL S F Hel-Kie/F DEN S F Hel-Kie/F SWE S F Den

F: Horn: A BUR S A Bel/A BEL S Russian A Kie-Hol (nso)/
F MAO-Eng/F BRE S F Mao-Eng/ SPA(sc)-Mao (continued)

Gallowglas V (continued)

I: Aucott: F NAP S F Ion/F ION C A Tun-Alb/A Tun-ALB/
A Apu-VEN
R: Mercer: A RUM H/A Gal-VIE/A Boh S A Gal-Vie (nsu)/
A MUN-Tyr/A Kie H (d&must r)/F BAL S A Kie/A STP H
T: Walters: F Alb-TRI/A BUD S F Alb-Tri/A SER S F Alb-Tri/
A Bul-GRE/F AEG S A Bul-Gre/F Bla-BUL(ec)

Deadline for Winter'07/Sp'08: SATURDAY February 7, 1981.

SC Chart for Winter'07

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|
| A: | 0 | dead/out |
| E: Home Nwy Swe Den Kie Hol | 8 | build 1 |
| F: Home Por Spa Bel | 6 | build 1 |
| I: Home Tun | 4 | even |
| R: Home Vie Ber Mun Rum | 8 | build 2 |
| T: Home Bul Tri Gre Bud Ser | 8 | build 2 |
| G: | 0 | dead/out |

ALL draw votes were defeated.

*Paris-London: It ain't the 'English' Channel as of Spring 1907.

*Italy-England: The Italian people support the right of the English to retain 'their' channel. Of course, as long as the Frenchies are visiting with y'all, they are most welcome to make themselves at home. We've got enough turkeys down here as it is.

*Italy-Russia or Turkey: If either of you are interested in talking, I am most interested in doing something other than waiting for the yellow wave.

MN: 1980 Bjf The War Wolf

Retreats:

Leinster: A Moycashel r-Kilkenny

Tirconnell: A Sligo r-Leitrim/A Roscommon r-OTB

Connacht: Mooney

Munster: Coughlan

England: Ledder

Tirconnell: Horn*

Leitrim: Conner*

Uldaih: Schaller

Fall 1171 has been delayed so that all players would know who is playing Leitrim and Tirconnell. Orders are on file for C, E, L, T, U.

Deadline for Fall 1171: SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 1981.

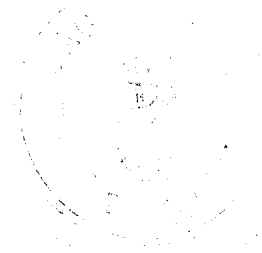
Parting Shots: And so....the fiery sun again sinks into the sea, and another issue of EM goes into the mails. No sooner than I wrote that Coughlan would have a fake done to him, then Y'ALL hit my mailbox. I must be psychic! Strange but true. Take notice that Gerry Austin will be gGMing a reg. Dip game in EM, and that EM needs people on the VARIANT STANDBY LIST. OK, I can't think of any good news, especially with Haig setting the go-ahead, so I'll sign off now and wish you all a good month. OH yes, Next month is the VALENTINE ISSUE. Send your little love poems and notes to EM and we'll print them up.

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