

I know a few of you really bright ones have already picked it up, but for you others--you know who you are--I guess I'll have to spell it out. The digest format has been retired, and this is a return to the original form of #1. The digest form places too many hassels on the mimeo pubber. There is little flexibility due to the set-up of stencils, and who needs that. If I were Xeroxing or offsetting then I would return, but the good ole days have passed us by, partner.

As most of you know Lee Kendter, Sr is the new BNC, and the \$1.00 he requests for each BN is not mandatory, but appreciated. Speaking of BNs, The Informer's BN is '79KN and The Confederate's is '80F. Lee does work fast!

Now the biz. U*L*T*R*A* Holocaust appears on p 8. It adds Nukes to any Dip game or variant. I had originally thought it most appropriate for McLendon's "Holocaust", but it could be used for any game. I am not planning on running any game with these rules tacked on, but if the readership comes out in favor, I will.

Gypo's letter/article arrived in mid-January postmarked Kabul, Afghanistan. (Makes you wonder) But he sent the next installment of The Triangle Affair. Gypo says that "M" (TBB's 'Balder Affair') is just another of those Swedish-Commies who muck up the works. Gypo met "M" in Vienna some years back, and what "M" does to torts defies the imagination!

Speaking of TBB, I lifted the English charts from Torbjorn's last issue, so we continue our Spring 1901 series with England. I hope you TBB subbers like ~~lexus~~ encore performances?!

As promised Jake Walters reports on the recently unearthed Clemenceau Letters. Judging from this first letter, it's amazing that the Kaiser didn't crush Russia in two weeks, but History is loaded with sub-plots!

Speaking of History, congrats are in order to Gary Coughlan, who was invested into the office of Eminent Historian. During the ceremony in Memphis, Gary revealed his true identity. Barbara Muchman, aka G Coughlan, then gave a lecture on "The Garter: Its Uses in History and Around the Home."

The other Eminent Historian applicants failed. A pity.

As for the other contests: nobody came close to answering the Mostly Movies Quiz! Answers are in here somewhere. And the two BB contests run by R Walker and R Henricks have not turned up any winners. No competitive spirit?! What you guys need is a shot in the arm--a pep talk! Have you been crying over supply center charts? Then read John Master's article, Why Play Diplomacy!

Oh yea, orphan games. You will find 3 orphans in this issue! Gallowglas I (78IY) arrived via Dick-hard working-Martin. Gallowglas II & III are from "Narsil" and submitted by Doug Hollingsworth. Now, all you guys on the standby list have something to do besides just standingby!

Once again, all should read the EM Notes--especially BB players! Do you know we only need ONE MORE player to start! And I've run across a few zines that I could use some info on. Those that sent in info on last month's inquiries--Thank you, fellows!

Next month is March--ain't I brilliant! And St Patrick's Day is on the 17th. Thus, to celebrate EM will bring you some articles on Ireland, etc. Writers are begged to send such material! I've already got an article on Roger Casement lined up, and MAYBE one on your favorite civic group the IRA. There are no limitations just stay away from the lepraucans and that stuff. Well I must end because if I spilled over to another page, it wouldn't be page one, would it?

EM Notes

*EM's Orphan Policy: 1) All of the original players will be given sufficient time to respond to EM's resuscitation notice, before they will be considered uninterested and, thus, replaced from the standby list. 2) If less than half of the original players decide not to play their positions, a draw will be declared among those players willing to resume play. 3) No game fee or NMR fee will be charged, but a subscription must be kept. 4) The above are provisional, and each orphan will be considered separate cases.

*Since last issue's mention of "orphans", EM has received six orphans. I'm sorry to say, but that is the cut-off point. If you still have an orphan game on your hands, you ought to send it to Dick Martin, who co-operates a Foundling Home. Address: 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD, 20854 .

*I want to thank John Michalski, Ron Brown and Bill LaFosse for their help, above and beyond the call of duty, in circulating the Zine Directory forms! You've done a hell of a job! Thank you!

*EM's 1st Diplomacy game is "The Informer", after Liam O'Flaherty's book of the same name. It's a story set in Ireland during the Irish Civil War. The Informer is one, Gypo Nolan.

*To players: The little "mm" I write after your player code is just to let you know that I've check the code. It's not part of the code.

Emhain Macha is a monthly journal of postal Diplomacy available from Michael Mills, 3457 Makyes Rd, Nedrow, NY, 13120, and published on the first Monday of the month.::Subscription rates are 6 issues for \$2.50 or 12 for \$4.80 .::Game fees are \$2.00 for regular Diplomacy and \$1.00 for Bhearna Baoghail.::A refundable NMR deposit of \$1.00 per game is required.::When entering a game please send a preference list.::Bhearna Baoghail is a 6 player variant of Diplomacy set in 12th century Ireland. A set of rules/map can be had for an SASE.::Make checks payable to Michael Mills.:(*Diplomacy is the registered trademark for the game invented by Alan Calhamer and owned by the Avalon Hill Game Co.)

*Contributions of articles and assorted material is needed. Writers receive one free issue for each feature piece used.

*A recent letter from Lew Pulsipher about Bhearna Baoghail pointed out the inadequacy of BB Rule VI F, which appeared in EM #4. A strict interpretation of the rule reads "Though King Henry removes 1 unit/yr for 2 yrs, since he does not lose OTB SCs, he can build those units back." That was not my intention, so with great care and advice from Lew this is:
Rule VI F(a) The English King loses one OTB SC per year starting in Winter 1171 and in each Winter thereafter until all 5 OTB SCs are lost. He may remove a unit either from the board or OTB, or if eligible for a build, forego that build.

*And in a major change The Kingdom of Breffni is now a neutral kingdom. The 2 SCs and non-SC spaces are neutrals. Thus, BB is a 6 player variant. And since the rules have undergone so many changes each player will receive a complete set of rules that will be followed. The map has not changed. Any non-players wishing the revised rules should send an SASE.

*This space for personal notes)

The Diplomacy world has reacted to the discovery of the Clemenceau letters with much joy and anticipation, Diplomacy players and Historians of the period are curious as to how such documents, written to Clemenceau by the European heads of state during World War I, could have escaped detection for so long. No matter, what is truly important are the contents of the several letters. Although the documents are currently being treated as state secrets, this reporter has obtained a number of copies. The letter that follows was written by Tsar Nicholas II of Russia early in the war. Other letters, including Clemenceau's responses, may be published in the months to come.

February 14, 1915
St Petersburg

Dear Georges,

Happy Valentines Day! My wife and I hope you received the solid chocolate bunny rabbit we sent. I mention the gift only because some of our mail was captured by the enemy recently, and although each parcel was marked "important: please forward", the swine refused to do so. Dear Georges, the thought of some toothless Hun sucking on your bunny turns my stomach! I now know why we must win this war.

To answer but a few of your questions raised in your most recent correspondence; 1) twice a week, except during Lent, 2) no, 3) Greg Rasputin, 4) natural fertilizer-when we can get it, 5) Bolsheviks, no big deal as far as we can tell, 6) we prefer the Greek Orthodox missionary position and, 7) they eat the eyes in Siberia, we never do here.

Do you know any of the other fellows in the war? Eddie of England is my cousin, an honest chap but a little strange. He's terribly afraid of tuxedos, you know, claims a rogue tux once mauled him after a dance. Other than that he's quite nice to be with. What about Italy? Does he have as much cheese as he claims? If his claims are true, it could make all the difference. Of course, I needn't tell you what a little grated cheese can do for a fighting man. Last year we discovered cheese in the Urals, or so we thought. Alas, it proved to be fool's cheese, the kind that is individually wrapped and marked "Kraft". Perhaps next year...

So, Georges, my generals tell me we're allies. If that is true, why don't you write more often? We need to work together--men like us joining forces will rival the gods. Also, we have captured a great tobacco from the Turks. Our troop morale has increased, even if their shooting accuracy hasn't. Perhaps, we could market this tobacco after the war--the Americans would love it.

Until next time, I await your advice on our mutual troop deployments.

Nicky

PS Tsarina Alexandra sends fond wishes

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The Confederate: Winter 1900

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*Deadline for Spring 1901: SATURDAY March 2, 1980

*Original announcement of The Confederate was Jan 17th in The Pike.
This just a reminder.

BN: 1978IY

Gallowglas I

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Positions:

A: A Vie/F Alb/A Ser* (*must r to Bud or OTB)

E: A Nwy/F NAt/F Eng/F Nth

F: A Mar/A Por/F Bre/F Iri

G: A Den/A Bel/A Bur/F Hel/F Bal

I: A Tyr/A Tri/A Ven/F Gre/F Ion

R: A Fin/A StP/A Gal/A Rum/F Sev/F Swe

T: A Ser/A Ank/F Con/F Aeg

Possessions:

A: Vie/Bud/Ser

I: Rom/Nap/Ven/Tri/Gre

E: Lon/Edi/Lpl/Nwy

R: StP/Mos/War/Sev/Swe/Rum

F: Par/Mar/Bre/Spa

T: Con/Ank/Smy/Bul

G: Ber/Mun/Kie/Hol/Bel

*This orphan game began in the pages of "Brew & Reefer".

*Only the French and Russian players are from the EM standby list.

*Deadline for Summer 1902 and Fall 1902: SATURDAY March 1, 1980.

This Month in History: Feb 3, 1896-Italy invades Costa Rica, start
of Pasta-Bananna War. Feb 27, 1701-Prince Willie the Odd declares
the world is a cube, citing references to a crap-shoot. Feb 16, 1961-
scientist John Allen is stabbed to death at the DipCon, uncultured,
he cries, "This to your own self be true..." Feb 5-8, 1953- The First
Horrible Hedgehog attacks paralyze BritRail. Feb 4, 1896-End of
Pasta-Bananna War. Feb 7-14, 456-Elmo the Bastard re-writes the
Bible in the Abbey of St John's, but leaves out The Book of Felix.
Feb 2, 1980-EM publisher struggles for space-fillers.

France Digs In
 Tsar Tests Austrians
 Kaiser & Sultan Waiting

A-Vielmann: F Tri-ALB/A VIE-Gal/A Bud-SER

E-Price: F LON-Eng/F Edi-NTH/A Lpl-WAL

F-Ledder: A Par-PIC/A MAR-Pie/F BRE-Eng

G-Coughlan: F Kie-DEN/A Ber-KIE/A Mun-RUH

I-Walters: F Nap-ION/A Rom-Apu/A VEN-Pie

R-Nightingale: F StP-BOT/A WAR-Gal/A Mos-UKR/F SEV H

T-Aucott: A Con-BUL/F Ank-CON/A Smy-ARM

*Deadline for Fall 1901: SATURDAY, March 1, 1980

*Underlined orders fail/CAPS denote unit's final resting place

Press and Other Lies:

BERLIN: The Kaiser, an avid bird watcher, gave a recent interview in the Tiergarten, an appropriate setting which benefits the state of the current European situation. He had five announcements: 1) "I have finally heard the voice of the Nightingale out of the East, but alas, the gobble of the Turkey still eludes me. Still, five out of six is not bad." 2) "Belgium cannot be had for a Ledder (Flemish for 'letter') or two and certainly not a Price that is too low." 3) "Whoever tramples the vineyards of Burgundy not only angers Germany's alcoholics, but the rest of the German people as well, burp." 4) "Wir Deutsche furchten sonst alles in der Welt aber Osterreich-Ingarn!" 5) "All of the powers of Europe, except one, currently have 'special bilateral ties' (read this as 'other games') among themselves, some more special than others. Which power has no special bilateral ties? That power, in the tongue of the Magyar race, is Oroszorszag."

About Games

*The Diplomacy standby list now has 15 volunteers. As an update, if you want off the list, please tell me. List= Martin, Vielmann, Walters, Ledder, Turner, Coughlan, LaFosse, Kelly, Sawyer, Scott, Masters, Chatfield, Arnett, Aucott and Walker (Dennis). Those of you tagged for orphan games will not be called for other orphans, but only NMRs, where you have the option to take the country if the original player NMRs out.

*The 3rd EM Diplomacy game has 3 players waiting for the start. They are Jim Chatfield of Baltimore, Don Swartz of Louisville and Dennis Walker of Bon Air, GA. Thus we need four more for what will be the last game start until some orphans die out or end.

*The first-ever Bhearna Baoghail game needs ONE MORE player! We have five waiting: Ledder, Coughlan, Perlmutter, Mooney, and Russon. Just one more...only one more! Revised set of rules, for easy reference will be sent to the players when it starts. Spread the word. For a buck it is a steal, and since March is coming (St Patty's) I'd like to...

*I have NMR insurance from the following (I call to tell you of NMR-collect that is) They are: Aucott, Coughlan, Hart, Ledder, Nightingale, Vielmann. If YOU want the same, tell me and save your country!!

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Gallowglas II

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Positions:

A: A Sil/A Mun/A Vie/A Bud/A Kie/A Ruh/A Tyr
E: A StP/F Iri/F Den/F NAt/A Hol/F Eng* (* must r to Nth, Lon, Wal, OTB)
I: F NAF/F MAO/F Eng/F Gas/F Bre/F Bel/A Pic/A Bur
T: A Rum/F Bla/F Bul-ec/A Liv/A Mos/A Ukr/A War

Possessions:

	#SCs	
A: Vie/Bud/Tri/Ser/Ven/Rom/Mun/Kie	8	has 7 build 1 unit(s)
E: Lon/Lpl/Edi/Nwy/Swe/Den/Hol/StP	8	has 6 build 2 "
I: Nap/Tun/Par/Mar/Bre/Spa/Por/Gre/Bel	9	has 8 build 1 "
T: Con/Smy/Ank/Bul/Sev/Rum/Ber/War/Mos	9	has 7 build 2 "

*This orphan game began in the pages of "Narsil".

*The Austrian and English players are from the EM standby list.

*Deadline for Winter 1912 and Spring 1913: SATURDAY March 1, 1980.

BN: 1976EZ

Gallowglas III

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Positions:

A: A Lpl/F Cly
E: A Wal/F Eng/A Ruh/F Bel/F NAt/F Iri/A Bur
G: F Hol/F Nth/A Kie/A Ber/A Mun
I: A Tyr/A Vie/A Boh/A Gre/F Aeg/A Rum/A Bud/A Ser/F Eas
R: F Lon/F Hel/A Gal/A Sil/A Bul/A Ukr/A Syr/F Bla
T: A Ank/F Smy/F Con

Possessions:

	#SCs	
E: Edi/Lpl	2	has 2 even unit(s)
F: Par/Mar/Bre/Por/Spa/Tun/Bel	7	has 7 even "
G: Ber/Mun/Kie/Hol/Nwy/Swe	6	has 5 build 1 "
I: Rom/Nap/Ven/Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser/Gre/Rum	9	has 9 even "
R: StP/Mos/War/Sev/Lon/Bul/Den	7	has 8 remove 1 "
T: Con/Ank/Smy	3	has 3 even "

*This orphan game began in the pages of "Narsil".

*The English, French and Italian players are from the EM standby list.

*Deadline for Winter 1907 and Spring 1908: SATURDAY March 1, 1980.

Groundhog Day Report

(Nedrow) EMNS--Onondaga Ollie the local groundhog came out of his burrow today, cried "Bullshit!" and called his travel agent.

I felt the walls closing in on me, as my mind stumbled for the words of a reply. It was the drumming of the paunchy Balkan Bismark's fingers that revived me.

I had just offered The Turk a deal, and it had better be a good one. I leaned back in my chair and fumbled for some papers in my vest. In a flash one guard grabbed and pulled my hand away, and another aimed his revolver at my face. Did they expect tricks? This was no time for jokes like that.

The papers were handed to The Turk. He read them quickly, summoned his aide and dropped them into his open attache case.

"If they check out, we will talk. If not, you can be sure you'll hear from me." With that he rose and left, followed by his retinue. I didn't sleep well that night, and returned to Istanbul in the morning.

The papers the Turk now had would "check out". I had drafted them and had them written up by my weak-willed vassel in the English Embassy in Paris. The Turk would be very interested in English-Austrian agreements on the Balkans and would pay a high price for access to more. The bait, concealing the hook, was out. I was waiting for the strike.

At my Embassy job things were going as planned. The Vice-Ambassador put a Section M man on my tail. I knew the Vice-Am wanted to be more, and this was his opportunity to prove his mettle. It was little more than a nuisance.

About three days after leaving Syria, The Turk's man stood waiting for me outside the Embassy. Quickly and quietly I got into his waiting car. The strike: I was to meet with The Turk. Now, all I had to do was get him in the net.

We boarded a special train for Smyrna. I can imagine what his did to my Section M tail. My traveling companion was none too talkative, and the trip soon became boring, incredibly exhausting.

At Smyrna station we were met by a limo, that took us to the docks and the yacht, the Royale Prince. Naturally, it was The Turk's. I was ushered to my quarters, and with the sun burning through the Eastern Mediterranean we put to sea.

By now Section M was probably crawling around my apartment in Istanbul, if not, then I might never set foot on land again. I realized that The Turk only kept agreements with equals. I needed insurance and the Vice-Am was going to write the policy.

Part of my St Petersburg briefing included several files on The Turk's military career with emphasis on the '77 war between Turkey and Russia. The Tsar had given me some chips, and I was going to run them up before cashing them in.

At dawn the horizon was obscured by a thick haze. We were sailing northwest and would soon be slipping through the Aegean Archipelago. Around noon the captain entered my cabin with an envelope from The Turk. Following instructions I signed the envelope, read the message and resealed it in the envelope. And as an added gesture, I scrawled Adrianople across the envelope. My Fat Fish was going to jump into my net, that is if all went well.

Throughout the day the yacht glided past dozens of small islands. I spent the day in my cabin practicing my tai-chou in case it should come to that. That night we dropped anchor. I saw a row-boat with four sailors leave the ship, but it wasn't till the moon came up that I saw the island in silhouette.

Rules for U*L*T*R*A Holocaust

Ultra Holocaust is a version of Steve McLendon's variant, Holocaust. Several other components have been added to the original variant. They are; nuclear capability, espionage/counter-espionage activities, codes and the inclusion of the Fog-of-War concept. Of the four, the last three must be used as a package, as they depend upon each other for their effect, but essentially all four can be used in any variant based on Diplomacy.

Nuclear Capability

- 1: Each nation starts play with a pre-determined number of ICBMs (offensive missiles) and ABMs (defensive missiles). The exact number of which is known only by the nations' respective players and the GM, though each player knows his rank in comparison to the other player's number of ICBMs and ABMs.
- 2: Each nation starts play with a pre-determined amount of resource points (RPs), which are used to buy ICBMs, ABMs and Factories, and to finance espionage/counter-espionage activities. Though the exact number is known only to the GM and the individual players, each player knows his rank in comparison to other player's RPs.
- 3: Each ABM and ICBM costs 10 RPs. Each Factory costs 50 RPs.
- 4: Each Factory may manufacture a max of 3 missiles (ABMs or ICBMs in any combination) per Factory per turn (Spring and Fall only). When bought, the Factories are assigned to provinces under the players control and may NOT be relocated.
- 5: Missiles when bought or manufactured are assigned to provinces under the player's control, and may be redeployed and moved at the rate of 2 spaces/turn (Spring and Fall only). They may also be convoyed.
- 6: The ICBM/ABM attrition rate is 1:1 .
- 7: ABMs may only defense the provinces to which they are assigned, except that ABMs in a coastal province may be assigned to a defensive "Umbrella" over an adjacent body of water. Several coastal provinces may pool ABMs for an "Umbrella"
- 8: Players send in their purchase, manufacturing and deployment orders with their regular unit orders. Nuclear Capability orders are adjudicated AFTER the regular unit movements are made and conflicts settled, EXCEPT in the event that a player unleashes a NUCLEAR ATTACK. In which case, Nuclear Capability is adjudicated first.
- 9: A Nuclear Attack is unleashed when a player sends in his N CODE WORD, which is known only to him and the GM.
- 10: All players may submit Nuclear Attack CONTINGENCY PLANS, that direct a player's ICBMs against a particular province or body of water. The plans may be revised as often as necessary and be as contingent/conditional as necessary. If 2 or more Nuclear Attacks are ordered in the same turn, the GM will consider the earliest postmarked order as the "attack": others will rely on their Contingency Plans.
- 11: After a province's ABMs are attritioned-off, 7 direct ICBM hits will devastate the province. A fleet or army in the province

- 11: will immediately be removed from the board. A SC losses its capability to support a unit and is no longer considered a SC. Devastated provinces become RED ZONED and no movement into it will be allowed. ICBMs and Factories in the province are lost.
- 12: After a body of water's ABM Umbrella is attritioned-off, 7 direct ICBM hits destroy any and all units in that body of water.
- 13: Each conquered SC adds 50 RPs to the conqueror's Treasury. Each lost SC, except home SCs, deducts 50 RPs from the Treasury.
- 14: Abbreviations: Factory=X, ICBM=Y, ABM=Z, RED ZONED=RD

****Espionage/Counter-Espionage Activities****

- 1: Each player may spy on any other player by spending RPs to obtain "DOCUMENTS", which cost 10 RPs apiece.
- 2: There are 5 types of Documents available for each province; Unit report, ABM report, ICBM report, Factory report and Damage report. Unit report=presence and type of unit in province. ABM report=number of ABMs in province. ICBM report=number of ICBMs in province. Factory report=number of factories in province. Damage report=number of direct ICBM hits suffered.
- 3: Documents are reports of current status and filled after all adjudications for that turn.
- 4: An information BLACKOUT may be imposed on any province under a player's control in any or all of the above 5 categories. The cost is 5 RPs/subject/province/turn. EG: USSR Blackout all categories for Moscow and all except ABM for Leningrad. USA requests ABM report for Moscow and Leningrad. USA is told Leningrad has 12 ABMs, but that Moscow is Blackedout.
- 5: Abbreviations: Blackout=BX, Document=DC

****Fog of War****

- 1: A player's moves are known only to himself and the GM. This includes all items of nuclear capability and espionage.
- 2: A player will be told when a foreign unit enters his home country. In the event of a nuclear attack, all players will be told which country sent in the N Attack Word. Individual players will be told which nations launched ICBMs against them. All players will be told of Red Zoned provinces.
- 3: A player will be told the position of any unit that stood-off one of his units, and spaces that he may retreat to, if necessary.

****Codes****

- 1: Move adjudications, nuclear capability and espionage reports will be printed in each players code. (KK) will precede any failed orders.
- 2: Players submit all orders un-coded, and the GM will provide the player with a code in which to decipher his moves, etc.

Just Making Appearances

-----submitted by
Gary Coughlan-----

This quote comes from "Europe: From the Renaissance to Waterloo" by Robert Ergang.

"In foreign affairs Ferdinand's goal was to make Spain predominant in Europe. To achieve this end he often had recourse to unscrupulous means. So notorious was his duplicity that Machiavelli used him as an example of hypocrisy, stating in "The Prince": "There is no better instance of a policy of hypocrisy." It is related that when Louis XII of France accused Ferdinand of having deceived him twice, the latter retorted, "The drunkard! He lies! I have cheated him more than ten times!"

(Ferdinand was the husband of Queen Isabella, who financed Columbus' voyages to the New World.)

Answers to Last Month's "Mostly Movie Quiz"

1-Keystone 2-Buddy Love 3-"Duck Soup 4-Battenberg 5-Mycroft
6-Commandant von Rauffenstein 7-Eric Pommer 8-dix/zehn/diez/decem
9-"The Plough & The Stars" 10-"Birth of A Nation 11-Hiram
Bingham 12-Alastin 13-Peter Lorre 14-"Wild Strawberries 15-Alan
Renaiss 16-The Abe Lincoln Brigade 17-a Mormon protection society
18-Germany in 1943 19-"Citizen Kane" 20-Germany's planned
invasion of England in WW II 21-Fellini 22-"Lacomb Lucien"
23-a) formed in New Caladonia b) formed with troops from many
states prior to WW I 24-The Washington Redskins 25-"The 400 Blows"

EM Notes

*The following is a list of zines that I have been unable to compile basic information on for the Zine Directory. Several of you answered last month's questions, but can anyone guide me on these?

-Finnisterre pubbed by Graham Box address?/-Pigmy pubbed by Stephen Agar address?/-Greatest Hits pubbed by Pete Birk address?/-Puppet Theatre News pubbed by ? address ?/-Fall of Eagles pubbed by ? address?/-Touche pubbed by Rick Shatte address?/-Lemming Express pubbed by ? address ?/-Source of the Nile pubbed by ? address' ?/-Name of Brian McCarthy's zine ?/-Is the IDA's Council Courier still published, and if so by Fred Da is?/Anyone heard of any obscure new/old zines lately?

Your help will help make the Zine Directory more valuable. Please.

*Next month: "Profile of A Diplomacy Player III: Luther "X" by John Masters--the confession of a hardened Diplomaciophile from the files of Diplomacy Anonymous. "The Clemenceau Letters" by Jake Walters--another rare glimpse of the PM's WW I correspondence. "France: Spring 1901"--that is if the mail service gets TBB here on time so I can "lift" the charts. And the usual views and news from home and abroad. Oh yes, and games! Did I forget games?

*Thank you, Canada. Merci, Canada.

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Diplomacy makes better men...and better men are better Americans ...that's the reason why!

I was very pleased when Mike asked me to write a few words for Emhain Macha. I am only too glad to discuss Diplomacy in a top notch zine, because I think it needs discussion, and plenty of it.

Diplomacy builds citizens. There isn't a man in the game who isn't red-blooded and right thinking. You must be after playing Diplomacy. After tasting the thrill of a cool, clean stab, or eliminating your arch opponent in F'03 is enough. No more wishy-washy, mamby-pamby thinking after that.

It's too bad that more women don't play Diplomacy. It's the reason there aren't more women in positions of power. They never played Diplomacy, so they never developed the stuff needed to make better men.

Sure, I even play Diplomacy by mail. Not because I want to write lots of letters and subsidize the postal service; but simply because I want to be a better person. Diplomacy by mail seemed to be the way to make me a better person than I was...and it worked.

Someday very soon, we are going to elect a Diplomacy-player President. And, when we do, he is going to be a damn good President. And, he will do so in spite of all the mess and confusion, principle and theories, etc. that the non-Diplomacy playing Presidents left behind. You can't tell me that Jimmy Carter ever played Diplomacy.

Still you can find dissenters.

One man, whom I had always liked, once said to me, "You can't tell me God intended for seven men to lie, connive, deceive and cheat each other in that manner. It is a sin." Right then and there I decided to stop speaking to that man, but if I hadn't made that decision I might have said this to him:

"Who are you to say what God meant? If God hadn't meant men to play Diplomacy, do you think he would've created St. Petersburg with two coasts? I'll bet one thing right now; if God wasn't for Diplomacy, he would have stopped it long ago.

Sure, you may get a knife in your back once in a while, but it is all part of the game. Life is like that. Life and Diplomacy are a succession of knives in the back. The quicker everybody faces up to this, the better off we are all going to be. What the world needs are men who aren't afraid to give the other fellow a knife in the back, when the other fellow has what he (the 1st fellow) wants; then everybody will get the best possible deal and we will all be prosperous.

Furthurmore, Diplomacy developes reverence and humility. When you are down to one supply center with a fall season coming up, you aren't going to be a "smart-ass". Heck no, you are going to be on your knees praying.

Another man once argued with me that football was a better man builder than Diplomacy. Football is all very well, but it isn't a real game. It's merely a sport with a pointy ball and a lot of padding. Life isn't like that. Life is like Diplomacy. Life is like looking the other man right in the face and saying to him, "OK fellow, it's either you or me--there isn't enough room in Munich for the both of us." You can't tell me that Mark Berch ever played football!!!

Diplomacy makes better men. Better men are better Americans. That is why I play Diplomacy.

Note: This essay was inspired by a football awards banquet that I was once subjected to. It is (needless to say, I hope) all tongue-in-cheek. JM

 England: Spring 1901

The Wicked Witch of The West is a survivor. A list of 584 games from "Everything" #19-39 shows that England ranks sixth in eliminations and second in draws, while tied in wins with France in fourth.

England has excellent defenses, but unlike Turkey, her defensive-geographics do not hamper her ability for offense. In Sp 1901 England is faced with negotiations from three neighbors with which to ponder her opening, which relies solely on fleet deployment, as ALpl may be considered benign in Sp '01.

The most popular opening from the charts below is the "Northern" or "Churchill" opening with a Yorkshire variation (1-1-1) or a Edinburgh variation (1-1-2). It vacates the Channel, and thus, is pro-French. It is also anti-German and potentially (F Nwg-Bar) anti-Russian. The Edinburgh var allows the option to convoy A Edi-Nwy with either F Nwg or F Nth. It is flexible in this respect, though if France enters the Channel, F Nth is charged with London's safety. The Yor var allows convoy only by F Nth, but A Yor can be used to defense London.

The "French Attack" with a Yor var (2-2-1) or a Wales var (2-2-3) is for those times when relations with the French are none too friendly. This offense is a rather heavy committment early on in the game, though there are certainly circumstances to warrant its use. Naturally, the Tsar and Kaiser would urge this opening.

The last major English offensive is The "Split"(1-2-2/1-2-3). Since the Nth is vacated, the emphasis of the Split is determined by A Lpl with two variations prominent--Edi and Wal. It is, nevertheless, pro-German, but it is a weak affront on France. And can shortly lead to defensive problems in the North, as the Nth is England's defensive bastion and life line to Continental SCs.

	<u>F</u>	<u>Edi</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Lon</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Lpl</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>%</u>
A)	1-Nwg		373	70.1	1-Nth		360	67.7	1-Yor		307	57.5
	2-Nth		157	29.5	2-Eng		170	31.9	2-Edi		178	33.5
	3-H		1	0.2	3-H		1	0.2	3-Wal		43	8.1
	4-misorder		1	0.2	4-misorder		1	0.2	4-misorder		4	0.8

	<u>Moves</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Moves</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Wins</u>		
	<u>E-L-L</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Ttl</u>	<u>E-L-L</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Ttl</u>		
B)	1-1-1	193	36.3	9	31.0	2-2-1	108	20.3	5	17.2
	1-1-2	165	31.0	11	37.9	2-2-2	5	0.9		
	1-1-4	1	0.2			2-2-3	40	7.5	4	13.8
	1-2-1	3	0.6			2-2-4	3	0.6		
	1-2-2	7	1.3			2-3-1	1	0.2		
	1-2-3	3	0.6			3-1-1	1	0.2		
	1-4-2	1	0.2			4-2-1	1	0.2		
						NMR	9			

Table A shows the number and percent ge each opening move was made, Table B shows the combinations of opening moves, how often they were used, the percentage, the number of wins resulting and each opening's percentage.

(These charts come from Strom's The Baltic Battler. He got them from John Lee's A Voice In The Wilderness, who got them from Mick Bullock's The New Statsman. Gee, what a bunch of ~~Nazy~~ researchers)

Dear Mike,

Guess who?! Right, your favorite Memphian. I have several things to tell you.

First, my entry for Eminent Historian is here on another sheet. I hate you for those questions, but nothing like I feel for Rod Walker and his question, ha ha. I gave up on that one.

By the way, he was right about the Bradford-Zenger trial. I overlooked that fine point. Glad it didn't affect the outcome. I have read and enjoyed "The Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy" and I just realized that Rod wrote it.

Second, did you know that Suzanne Sommers of 3's Company is spotlighted in the Feb "Playboy". And one interesting item on her info sheet she filled out for Playboy said she was of Irish extraction. Did you know that?

Third, I am working on two articles for EM, should that be okay with you. One is an Irish history and deals with Roger Casement. The other will be entitled, ((confidential)), based on personal experience. Don't even mention this last one...I think you'll like them both.

Well, this is all for now. Sincerely, Gary Coughlan

((Yes, Rod's question IS quite obtuse/hard. I don't blame you. And you were lucky that the Bradform-Zenger thing didn't cost you the free issues. I didn't know S Sommers was of Irish extraction, but which part was extracted from the Irish?))

Dear Mike,

...EM Historian Test: 1980 1) ((confidential)), 2) Rod Walker, 3) Jimmy the Greek, 4) Belfast, 5) Scharnhorst.

Pop Quiz: Patriot=a dead member of a successful revolutionary party. Freedom Fighter=a member of a foreign but kindred revolutionary party to whom you can only give lip service support. Guerrilla= member of an opposition revolutionary party. Terrorist=a member of a very successful opposition revolutionary party. (If I win 3rd prize, arm the bomb and send it to: 13412 Brackley Terr, Silver Spring, MD.)...

Sincerely, John Michalski

((Yes, John you win 3rd prize, but the local Provo Chief-of-Staff is sending the letter to your house because of your answer to #4 of the Eminent Historian Quiz. He keeps saying, "Since when is BELFAST part of England!!...The Oakie's gonna learn a lesson!! You may be right though about Rod W appointing von Molke to the Prussian General Staff--he's definitely old enough.))

Dear Michael,

...I have some comments on "Maybe It's Your Breath". Note that the Crusades failed not because the Crusaders blindly followed a religious principle, but more because they turned around and rapined Constantinople and Zara (Venice's commercial rivals). Also, the first Crusade (1095) had no military leadership. The 2nd Crusade failed because of internal strife in France and England. Actually, many believe the Crusades were just an excuse for pillaging and rapining.

My poor brain fails to understand what position changes occurred during Nazi Aryianization that should have provoked a change of policy on the part of the Nazis.

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Letters

On a more general level, Hans Morgenthau was a very good political scientist. However, as Aaron, he presented only one side of the coin in foreign relations--the thesis of Anarchy. And this thesis has several flaws (which I will discuss, if you ask me) As an alternative, there is the thesis of Order, although it too has its flaws--it provides for interesting readings and insights in Diplomacy. Why not read Reuter, Cavare, Scille, Parsons and Kaplan?

EM is good.

Franc ois Cuerrier

((re:The Crusades for the devote in thr Middle Ages was a holy war (?) to oust the Infidels from the land of Jesus, etc. It was the clarion, which may have been used to mask the economic benefits of Middle East occupation, but without the cry of God there would not have been a Crsudaes. re:Aryanization involved the subjugation of subhumans. As the War in the East wore on the drain on German manpower was increasingly severe. Though the once-elite SS was then recruiting non-Aryan members, the Army failed to utilize the Russian POWs and deserters, who would have fought the Soviets. Hitler also overlooked Ukranian nationalism, which he could have turned against Moscow. If Stalin capitulated early on these sources would not have been necessary, but in view of the length and scope of operations the strict adherence to Nazi principles not only hindered their campaign but hastened their defeat. re:Yes, I'd like to hear about the flaws in the thesis of Anarchy! re:I agree. I think EM is good.))

Zine Directory Report

Here's an update on the ZD. Below is a list of zines prefaced with a code. *=ZD form received/iA=incomplete info-address only/iN=incomplete info-name only/i=no name or address/no code=have name and address, but no ZD form

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There MUST be more! Can anyone add to the list? I do not know what to offer as compensation for your help, except that your copy of ZD will be more complete.

Also: Am looking for writers for general hobby/zine articles. Compensation would be 2 EMs for each article used or 1 EM/pg!

- "But the past is just the same--and War's a bloody game...Have you forgotten yet?...Look down and swear by the slain of the War that you'll never forget." --Siegfried Sassoon
- *"PS--I bet you got the name for Emhain Macha by reversing the words in "Village People's" song "Macho Man".--Tom Swider (NO, No, no)
- *Grand Tournament Diplomacy is more than just a variant: it was '76's Variant of the Year. It is played on a regular Dippy board, but in Winter 1900 each of the 22 units is commanded by 22 different players! The 7 heads-of-state are subject to coups, defections, rebellions...Write Drew McGee, 100 Belmont Pl, Apt 3-F, Staten Island NY, 10301. His Rebus Sic Stantibus has openings!
- *Is Roone Arledge behind the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan?
- *I thought I'd seen it all, but "The Flying Dogs of Retaliation"? It's a cooperative effort from Jack Brawner (The Flying Dutchman), John Daly (The Dogs of War) and Dick Martin (Retaliation) to help place Orphan games. (What a title)
- *"The greatest crimes are committed in the name of public tranquility." --Tolstoy
- *The crew of Volkerwanderung have launched a witch hunt to find the individual(s) who sent out the fake Volkers in December. Send any clues, rumors or evidence to K Arnett. It's one way to work your way up.
- Sign up now! Win big or sink fast! No lingering Stabs here! The 5th Hobby Special, 10-day-deadline Reg Dip game is now filling. Be done with the game before this summer! Don't wait 2 calendar years to reach 1909! \$4.00 flat fee--no sub--pref lists OK. Write: Jack Frost, RR4, Box 138B, Lockport, IL, 60441. (The Canal Dregs is an independent subzine of The Brutus Bulletin)
- "When a nation re-awakens, it's finest sons are prepared to give their lives for its liberation. When Empires are threatened with collapse, they are prepared to sacrifice their non-commissioned officers." --Menachem Begin in "The Revolt" (1951)
- *The Novice Packet Coordinator, Bruce Linsey, needs articles for the new packet he is readying. Articles needed on: Problems for the novice- $\frac{1}{2}$ p, player interaction-1p, Press/Black Press - $\frac{1}{2}$ p, Hobby History- $\frac{1}{2}$ p, tactical ploys- $\frac{1}{2}$ p, Negotiations- $\frac{1}{2}$ p, variants- $\frac{1}{2}$ p, and any other subject that would be helpful. Write for details or send articles to 71 Hudson Terr Apts, Newburgh, NY, 12550 .
- *Richard Kovalcik, Jr has dropped Tretick, aka Oaklyn, as a Tetracuspis Guest GM, and Bruce Linsey fesses to the Volker fake in VoD #5.
- *17 are signed up, but 5 more are needed for Grand Tourement Diplomacy. Played on a regular dippy board, this variant puts each unit under the command of a different player with one head-of-state for each country! Coups! Defections! And anarchy made this the Variant of the year in '76! Don't miss your chance to play this expansive game and a chance to stab your noble GM (you wouldn't dare?) Cost=only \$3.00, which includes your sub! Write: Drew McGee, 100 Belmont Pl, Apt 3-F, Staten Island, NY, 10301.
- *Black Press fans take note: Dick Martin has openings for a BP game in Retaliation! No game fee! Subs=10/\$4 address: see Gallowglas III

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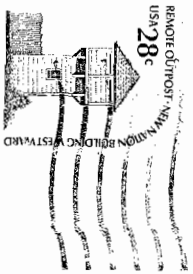
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