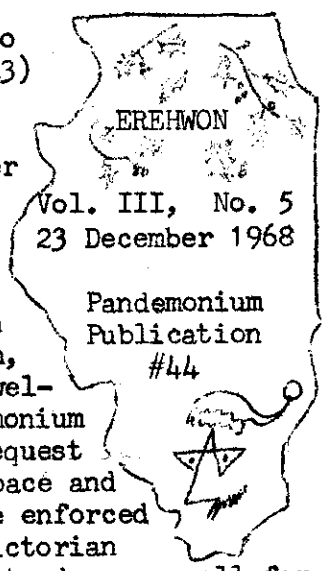
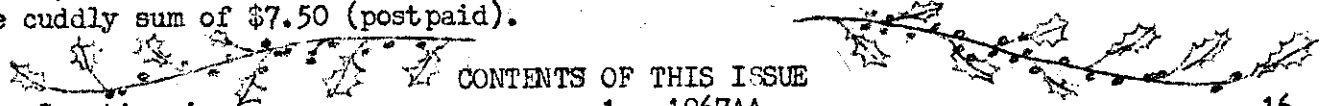


"What do you want me to do? Kiss them on all four cheeks?"
 (Winston Churchill, on whether he had shown sufficient gratitude to
 the United States for entering World War II; House of Commons, 1943)

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YULE GREETINGS!

This is EREHWON's Gala Yule Issue. Owing to the publication date and time required for postal delivery, our greeting to you will be a bit belated. Even so, Yule is not just a specific day, but a season of the year and a state of the mind. It is the time of year when men rediscover the fact that virtue is its own reward. Yule is mankind's most ancient celebration, handed down to us by both the Germans and the Romans. By celebrating this season, we reaffirm our faith that the new year will bring forth abundantly upon the earth, and our hope that someday this abundance will enrich all our kindred and not just a favored few. It is now, most especially, that we rejoice in small kindnesses and most keenly regret the absence of friends. There are those who believe that on this day they commemorate a certain individual birth. If that narrow view contents them, so be it. The legends which attend the Christian version of this season are pleasant additions to the rich legacy of Yule. But the significance of the season is far deeper than that imputed by any mere oriental mystery cult. In the spreading of the spirit of these days to all the days of the year and all the peoples of the world lies the real hope and future of mankind. The message of Yule is good will, and the purpose of Yule is peace. May you carry the spirit of Yule with you through out the coming year. And to all, EREHWON wishe's a Merry Yule and a Happy New Year!!

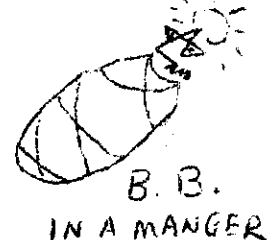
COMPLETED GAME RATING LIST

There wasn't much change in the Active Game Rating List this time, so for a change we will have completed scores only. This list contains the 47 names of postal Diplomacy players who have completed 2 or more games and who are still active in one or more postal games. The sign * indicates the winner of one or more games. The sign + indicates a player who has drawn one or more games. As usual, the top 21 players are divided into three top boards. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of games for which the player receives credit. A player is not credited for a completed game in which he was a substitute and for which he received a score of less than 3. Scoring: victory: 10; two-way draw: 7; second place or 3-way draw (or more): 5; survival at end: 3; eliminated 1906-1910: 1; eliminated after 1910: 2; eliminated 1905 or earlier: 0. Bonus points for expansion rate: above 1.5 supply centers per year, 2; 1-1.5 s.c.y., 1.

<u>Top Board</u>		5.667 *Peck (3)	4.000 *Huff (6)	2.250 Long (4)
8.500 *Barrows (2)	5.545 *Koning (11)		*Lebling (5)	2.235 Brannan (17)
8.333 *Naus (3)	5.500 *Prosnitz (4)	3.833 *McCallum (12)	2.000 Fletcher (2)	
7.751 *Zelazny (7)		3.769 *Reinsel (13)	Francis (3)	
7.500 *Pendergrass (4)	<u>Third Board</u>		Shagrin (2)	
7.000 *Turner (6)	5.400 *Smythe (10)	3.437 *vonMetzke (16)	1.600 Lake (5)	
6.750 *Wells (8)	5.222 *Dygart (9)	3.400 +Davidson (5)	1.500 Duncan (2)	
6.600 *Pournelle (5)	5.000 +Kuch (4)	3.000 Beyerlein (2)	Wittmann (2)	
	*Latimer (7)	2.667 Christian (3)	1.000 Bailey (4)	
<u>Second Board</u>		*MThompson (3)	0.778 Gemignani (9)	
6.500 *Munroe (2)	+Walker (5)	2.571 Birsan (6)	0.333 Swenson (3)	
6.167 +Mebane (3)	4.385 *Nelson (13)	2.500 Schow (4)	Warden (3)	
6.000 *Berman (4)		Ward (4)		
5.800 *Peery (5)	<u>All the Rest</u>		2.364 Tzudiker (11)	
	4.250 +Clark (4)	2.333 CJohnson (3)		

The Country List: As usual, average scores are computed on all completed games for all countries in two lists: one for all games in which the country was played, and one restricted to games in which the country was played by no more than one person (whether or not he was actually active throughout or not). You will note that, since the last such list (III, 3, p. 3), the poor have generally gotten richer (except Austria) and the rich have gotten poorer, a welcome switch. Average score for all countries in the first list is 3.382; in the second, 3.671. The change from the last list is also indicated in each case.

1. England	4.125	(-0.108)	4.591	(-0.153)
2. Turkey	3.967	(-0.346)	4.167	(-0.306)
3. Russia	3.841	(-0.257)	4.600	(-0.325)
4. France	3.531	(+0.146)	3.960	(+0.131)
5. Germany	2.841	(+0.370)	3.019	(+0.294)
6. Italy	2.794	(+0.510)	2.736	(-0.020)
7. Austria	2.469	(-0.031)	2.628	(-0.022)



This list includes results from postal games 1963A-C; 1964A, B, D; 1965A, B, D-I, L, M, O, Q-W; 1966A, B, D, E, G-I, K-R, W, AA-AC, AG, AI, AK-AN, AP, AQ, AU, AV, BB, BC, BG, BJ, BK; 1967E, H, V, AF, AG, AK, AU; 1968P. Many games, listed in III, 3, are not included in my rating lists, as they are team games, variants, or hoaxes (this last category includes 1964C, 1967K, 1967L).

Completed Games: A few games have come to completion since last issue. Not as many as I would have expected, though. Those finishing are:

1967V. This GRAUSTARK game ended in a 4-way tie (with a fifth survivor), a rarity among games. When the last three game-years (1910-1912) resulted in no change in the strength of the respective players, the utter deadlock which had occurred became apparent. Drawn were: Austria (Hugh Anderson, 7 units), England (Dave Lebling, 7), France (Eugene Prosnitz, 9), and Turkey (Sherry Heap, 9). Surviving was Germany (Mehran Thompson, 2). Having been in a 4-way split myself, I know how frustrating it is.

1966A. Gad! This one has long white whiskers. Run in LONELY MOUNTAIN, it lasted until 1918. The steady growth of France was stymied only temporarily by Turkey, but the game finally ended with a whirlwind gain of three units by France. Our congratulations

Jerry Pournelle on his third, well-won, victory! Second was John Austin, Turkey. The other survivor was Germany, played by Terry Kuch.

1967AF. This game appeared in BIG BROTHER, which has an unpleasant habit of shedding players almost as fast as Autumn leaves, and it is not unusual to see two or three countries in civil disorder simultaneously in this 'zine. When Austria, which then had 9 units, was inconsiderately placed in civil disorder by the Gamesmaster, the conclusion of the game became more or less a foregone conclusion. England, played by John Koning, won with only 15 units on the board (out of a total of only 29!). We look forward to the inevitable day when a game is won in Big Brother by a country without a player.

1966AB. Begun in ORTHANC, this game move in Winter 1903 to sTab, which now publishes Orthanc as one of its sub-zines. In 1910, no less, the game was won by a rapidly expanding Germany, played by Mehran Thompson. This is his first win, against the determined opposition of Charles Reinsel's Austria. England (Charles Brannan) and Turkey (James Latimer) also survived. This game is also unusual in that a country (France) survived which had a supply center but no units. Sigh... only in sTab...

1967AG. This is the game that took a trip. Begun in CEREBRAL NEBULA, it moved to EFGIART and then, when that latter folded, to ADAG, the Diplomacy Orphan's Home. It was won in 1905 (eeee!) by James Munroe, playing Italy. This is Jim's first win, for which congratulations! Second was Steve Hueston, playing Germany. There were only two other survivors (England---Ken Porter; Russia---Mark Lyon), who had only 6 units between them. That was a truly fast and furious game. Italy's average rate of expansion was a phenomenal 2.5 supply centers per year (yipe!).

CURRENT AND CHOICE

This column is regularly devoted to game openings and the like. This time we will have a list of all current Dippy 'zines (of which I am aware. The number in parentheses is the latest issue on hand. The symbol s/ indicates subscription rate. The symbol g/ indicates game fee. 'Zines which refuse to trade are not listed, in most cases.

ACELDAMA (8). See BROBDINGNAG. Restricted to games 1967AT and 1967AY. s/all/\$1.

A.D.A.G. (35). Hal Naus, 3221 National Ave., Sp. 91, National City, Calif. 92050. Carries regular and some variants. Ditto, reproduction much improved from earlier issues. Gamesmastering very good. g/\$3. s/10/\$1. Hal has a big heart, taking over many orphaned Dippy games and also many orphaned countries in other games. Hal truly takes the Yule spirit into all the year in postal Dippy. Recommended.

AEOLUS (7). Monte Zelazny, P.O. Box 1062, Melbourne, Fla. 32901. Regular only. Mimeo, excellent reproduction. g/\$3. s/copy/15¢. Games carried on with great regularity by carbon copy, 'zine printed irregularly. Has good general info. Unfortunately, issue #7 is dated 12 Aug 68, and there is talk of folding. Otherwise, highly recommended.

ATTACUER (none). Donald Cowan, 1605 8th Ave., S.W., Decatur, Alab. 35601. g/?. s/?. Just starting. Inquire with editor.

AUX ARMES! See DIPLOMANIA. Hypereconomic Diplomacy only. No openings, that I know of, save pseudo-players. Inquire. s/10/\$1. (NFFF Games Bureau Diplomacy Division 'zine.) (89)

BROBDINGNAG./ John McCallum, "A" Quarters, S.E.S., Ralston, Alberta, Canada. No games at the moment; carries regular only. Has much useful general information and back copies are worth it if you can get them. s/copy/10¢. Mimeo, excellent reproduction. Very highly recommended; no Dippy player should be without this one.

COSTAGUANA (III, 13). Conrad von Metzke, 5327 Hilltop Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92114. Regular games and much hilarious insanity. Craziest 'zine going, almost. g/\$3. s/10/\$1. Ditto, good reproduction. Contests galore! Highly recommended.

DIES IRAE (I, 2). See COSTAGUANA. Diplomacy 'zine of the International Federation of Wargaming. Game and subs free to IFW members. To others: g/\$5. s/year(17)/\$1.50. Fees to: Scott Duncan, 2249 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19132. Ditto, good repro.

DIPLODEUR (none). Bob Johnson, Apt. 20-U, Howard Dr., Bergenfield, N.J. 07621. Games open to AHKS members only. No information on subs. Inquire.

DIPLOMANIA (21). Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, Md. 20906. Dippy genzine, no games. Contains excellent articles, lists, and other materials. s/5/\$1 or copy/35¢.

Mimeo, excellent reproduction. (NFFF Games Bureau Diplomacy Division publication.) Very highly recommended. Basic addition to your Diplomacy library.

THE DIPLOMAT (I, 20). Eric Just, P.O. Box 131, Paoli, Okla. 73074. A delightful and somewhat zany 'zine (a 'zane?) with regular (sort of) games. Has a couple of rather strange rules. One, whereby a unit ordered to move, but prevented from doing so, may be dislodged without support, may be a trifle disconcerting. g/FREE!! s/???. Ditto, good reproduction.

DIPLOPHOBIA (39). See DIPLOMANIA. Contains all sorts of regular and variant games, run with great regularity. No openings. s/10/\$1. Mimeo, good reproduction. (NFFF Games Bureau Diplomacy Division publication.)

DUNVEGAN. See XANADU. Regular games only, two-week deadlines. g/\$2 (with discounts). s/?. Just starting. Inquire.

EREHWON. You're looking at it. So much for that.

GLOCKORIA (24). Dave Lebling, Box 2122, Burton House, 420 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, Mass. 02139. Contains regular and variant games, with (perhaps) openings in a regular game. Good general information and a rating system. g/\$3. s/10/\$1. Mimeo, good reproduction. (NFFF Games Bureau Diplomacy Division publication.) Issue #24 is dated 24 Sep 68. However, the 'zine is expected to continue. Recommended.

GRAUSTARK (170). John Boardman, 592 16th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218. The oldest postal Dippy 'zine. Regular games, well run. If you can stand being beat about the head and shoulders with rears of anti-establishment (whatever that is), anti-war, anti-Walker, anti-GOP, anti-you-name-it propoganda, this is all right. Some general material and extras. Openings, maybe. g/\$3.50. s/10/\$1. Mimeo, reproduction acceptable (and improving, as John's typewriter is being fixed by easy stages).

LA GUERRE (19). Buddy Tretick, 3702 Wendy Ln., Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Contains many regular and variant games (all variants use the regular board, though). Run on a timely basis, with a minimum of frills. Openings galore. g/\$3. s/none, apparently. Xerox, reproduction generally good. (NFFF Games Bureau Diplomacy Division pub.)

INTERNATIONAL ENQUIRER (I, 10). Clif Ollila, 1501 S. 11th Ave., Apt. 6, Minneapolis, Minn. 55404. Hilarious. Side-splitting. Wonderful! Also regular games. The only 'zine in the business with continuing comic strips (The Adventures of the Whistling Rapist, Dr. Barnacle and the Banana Fiends). g/#3. s/\$1.50/10. Ditto, reproduction very good. Highly recommended.

JUTLAND JOLLIES (16). Bob Lake, 35 Esterbrooke Ave., Apt. 904, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada. Regular games, no openings, right now. Interesting extras. s/10/\$1. Mimeo, reproduction excellent. Issue #16 was dated 20 September 1968, or thereabouts, although it is hoped this 'zine is still in business.

KALMAR (9). See WILD 'N' WOOLY. Possibly defunct, as some of its games have begun to appear in W'n'W. Ditto, acceptable reproduction.

LANKHMAR (none). Scott Berschig, 511 N. El Camino Real, Apt. 6, San Mateo, Calif. 94401. Regular and variant. Scott keeps threatening to start publication, but nothing has arrived yet. This 'zine will carry my Imperialism XIV, with tanks, bomber & fighter wings, and all sorts of goodies, when I finish designing it. A variant of my Imperialism VII is also featured, with armored cavalry, submarines, and I don't know what-all. Inquire.

LOMOKONE (3). Rod Walker, 1575-A White Dr., Rantoul, Ill. 61866. Variants (Imperialism VII/VIII only). No openings, but contains general material on Diplomacy variants. s/10/\$1.50. Mimeo. (NOTE: ATLANTIS and ZOTHIQUE, not listed elsewhere, also are published at this address.) (NFFF Games Bureau Diplomacy Division publication.)

LONELY MOUNTAIN (44). Charles Wells, 3021 Washington Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44118. Regular games, no openings. Very slow, but regular, rate of publication. The kibitzer's zine: a diagrammatic map of the moves is prepared, usually for one season for each game in the issue. s/copy/20¢. Offset & ditto, superb reproduction. Highly recommended.

MISKATONIC UNIVERSITY (Series 2, #4). Anders Swenson, 145 Ponderosa Ln., Walnut Creek, Calif. 94529. Regular and Napoleonic Dippy. No openings. Last known issue appeared in early September. Possibly dying. s/none, apparently. Mimeo.

NEMEDIAN CHRONICLES (none). Gerhard Graebner, 309 Hearne, U. of Saskatchewan Res-- idences, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Games restricted to inhabitants of Saskatoon (presently). s/?. Inquire; just starting.

RAGNAROK (1). See STAB. Rapid-action regular 'zine. Each issue is a collation of moves sent to players. g/\$3 (first) /\$1 (later ones). s/year/\$1.25. Mimeo, very good reproduction. Recommended.

SPALD, JR. (I, 6). Rob Perkins, 2755 Carlaris Rd., San Marino, Calif. 91108. Regular games plus a South American variant ("Continent"). A very new 'zine, with lots of promise. g/\$1 (reg.), \$1.50 (var.). s/12/50¢. Ditto, very good reproduction. This 'zine has a strange rule regarding convoys (see Announcements, #6), and prospective players should be (a) forewarned and (b) wary.

STAB (57). John Koning, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Oh. 44509. Regular games, run with flourish and polish. Game lists and final results for all regular games are published in this 'zine, along with numerous extras, including deep, significant debates on beer, oranges (or organes? groanes??), and blueberries. Don't miss a single bleah-filled issue! s/10/\$1. Mimeo, excellent reproduction. Very highly recommended.

STRATEGY & TACTICS (II, 4). Chris Wagner, Box 11-187, Loudonville, N.Y. 12211. Not a Dippy 'zine, but a general war-games publication of superior quality. Also has a regular Diplomacy column by ... well, modesty forbids... s/year (6)/\$6 or copy/\$1.50. Photo/offset, superior reproduction, but more typo errors than strictly necessary. Very highly recommended.

THULCANDRA (18). Terry Kuch, 4242 East-West Highway, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015. The Mensa Dippy bulletin. Capably edited and gamesmastered. No openings, no subs. Xerox. Would be highly recommended if you could get it.

UTOPIA (III). See LOMOKOME. Has openings for the Youngstown Variant (see Announcements, #4). g/\$4. s/10/\$1. Mimeo.

VALHALLA (10). See STAB. Put out in conjunction with STRATEGY & TACTICS. Contains a game and much general information, for wargamers and Dippy nuts. Game is analyzed with each move. John is an expert, and his analyses are very good and very penetrating. s/year/\$2 (send checks to Chris Wagner, Box 11-187, Loudonville, N.Y. 12211; make checks payable to Project Analysis Corporation). Mimeo, excellent reproduction. Highly recommended.

VERBAL CHAOS, LTD (none). Bill McDuffie, Clarkson College of Technology, Brooks House, Box 380, Potsdam, N.Y. 13676. Another IFW publication. g/\$4. s/???. No further information, as yet. Inquire.

THE VOICE (I, 7). Jeff Key, P.O. Box 251, Eatontown, N.J. 07724. Originally THE VOICE OF VIENNA, carrying press release for 1967BD#. Now carrying (or will carry) games of its own. g/\$4. s/???. Xerox (?). Recommended.

WILD 'N WOOLY (136). Dan Brannan, 951 N. Oxford Ave., Apt. 1, Los Angeles, Calif. 90029. Regular games, no openings. Irregular and unpredictable, owing to occupationally induced geographic peripatations of the editor, Yvonne Catherine Brannan, age 8 mo. No game openings exist at present. g/\$6. s/year/\$4. Ditto, good reproduction.

XANADU (11). Norman McLeod, 906 Kimberwicke Rd., McLean, Va. 22101. Regular games, with no (?) openings (inquire). g/\$3. s/???. Mimeo, good reproduction.

XENOLOGIC (II, 9.0). Larry Peery, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115. Regular games, but no (?) openings. Lots of crazy press releases and utter verbal, mental, and moral diarrhoea by Peery. I hesitate to use the word "maudlin", but... Anyway, you must see this; it is beyond belief. s/10/\$2. Ditto, very good reproduction. Recommended. NOTE: Numerous variant 'zines, such as PEERIPHOBIA, PEERIGOGIC, PEERIMANIA, and PLAYPEERI, appear from this same address.

ADDENDA. R. Vanderbilt Foster, 229 N.E. 9th St., Delray Beach, Fla., 33494, is beginning to publish a 'zine whose name I'm not sure of (possibly Diplomatic Press International), which already has a game, using roughly the same rules as THE DIPLOMAT. There may be openings. Also, Tommy Ogle, 2318 S.W. Cleveland Ave., Decatur, Alab. 35601, is stated to be starting a new (unnamed, as yet) 'zine. Y'all should inquire. Lastly, Dan Evans, 3405 Westchester, Bakersfield, Calif. 93309, is running a series of 19 games in a "March of Dimes Tournament". This is not a 'zine and has no openings.

Additions and/or corrections to this listing should be sent to me as soon as possible, and they will be published next issue.

Advice to people thinking of publishing a Diplomacy 'zine: don't. It's too damn expensive.

Many people have asked me how much it costs to run, say, EREHWON, so I think that, this issue, I'll explain. The easy way is to figure out the cost of a single issue. EREHWON runs about 20 pages, and an average run is 100 copies. Mimeo stencils of good quality cost me \$3.60 a ouire, or 15¢ each. Twenty would be \$3.00. Paper of the proper weight and absorbtive quality is \$2.00 a ream, so 2000 sheets is \$8.00. However, one must add 25% for pre-runs, waste, and the like, which is another ream, or a total of \$10.00. A run of this magnitude will consume a can of ink (2.00); the total cost of the printing thus being \$14.00, or 14¢ a copy. Since the finished product weighs over 2 ounces, postage (first class) is 18¢. Total cost: 32¢. I sell subscriptions at 20¢ an issue, which means I lose 12¢ per issue per person.

The typical game runs to about 1911. Counting a separate issue for Spring, Fall, and Winter, this means 33 issues, at a cost of \$10.56. Since I charge \$4 for the game, that means that, for an individual in only one game, I lose \$6.56. If this individual is in two games, which begin and end about the same time, my loss is cut to about \$3.00.

Of course, some games finish before 1911 (although some last much longer). Some issues will be less than 20 pages. Therefore, in some instances, my losses may not be quite so great as indicated above.

Consider this, however. In the past year, mimeo paper has gone up from \$1.60 a ream to \$2.00 (+25%). Postage is up from 5¢ an ounce to 6¢ (+20%). Costs of machine repairs and maintenance, plus time and effort expended, are not even computed. In short, a Dippy 'zine is an expensive proposition. No doubt the cost to the player will go up again in the near future.

THE GRAUSTARK CONTEST

Well, we got no entries in my fantabulous little contest in last issue. Did you all rush out and watch THUNDERBALL? Did you see James Bond rescue Domino's dainty little foot from the bottom? Did you see the sailing craft in the background when they surfaces? And elsewhen during the picture? And you couldn't identify it? Tsk-tsk. The ship is a brigantine, of which there are only three in the Atlantic--and one of them was launched after Thunderball was made. The name of the ship, in all probability, is the Madalan, since her home port is in Bermuda. Sorry nobody won the prize. Edi Birsan receives the 1/2 consolation prize for his entry: "Type: sail boat. Name: The Sail Boat (to distinguish it from all other sail boats)." Bleah. Edi, your consolation prize can only be collected by you, in person, in San Diego. If you come, for your benefit, Larry Peery, Conrad von Metzke, Hal Naus, and I will sing "Loch Lomin". This prize is only good until 1 January 1970. Cackle...

THE LOVELY NEW CONTEST

Well, since nobody won the prize in the GRAUSTARK contest, we will offer it again. It is, to repeat, Peter Blum, Military Miniatures, Odyssey Press, 1964. Illustrated entirely in color and quite a nice little volume. So, here is the contest. You will have until Thursday, 16 January 1969, to send in your answers. OK? Ready? Here are a dozen little questions which you should have fun with. Total, 100 points.

1. (5 pts.) If you were familiar only with the terminology used in international currency exchange, designations of value on most American coinage and currency could be translated by you into appropriate decimal equivalents. However, one monetary item issued by the U.S. Treasury cannot, under these specific conditions, be so translated. What is it?

2. (15 pts.) Ordinarily, Gilbert and Sullivan operas are identical in performance both in England and the United States. However, in one opera, one line is normally and traditionally changed for American performance. Which opera? (10 pts.) Which line (5 p.)

3. (5 pts.) Given this problem (each letter representing a number):

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{aaaab} \\ + \quad \text{c} \\ \hline \text{deeee} \end{array}$$

What is the product of a and b?

4. (10 pts.) In what war did the armed forces of the United States actually enter the territory of the enemy before Congress formally declared war?
 5. (5 pts.) In what direction from the Emerald City is the Country of the Munchkins located (be careful)?
 6. (10 pts.) How many days will February have in the year 2000 A.D. and why? (No credit for partial answers.)
 7. (5 pts.) In what work of fiction does the country Euralia (the name of a defunct Dippy 'zine) occur?
 8. (15 pts.) What court case determined that World War II began on 7 December 1941? (10) What alternative date did this decision overturn? (5)
 9. (10 pts.) Why is a raven like a writing desk? (Really)
 10. (5 pts.) Which of the Four Kingdoms of Oz is not mentioned by name in The Wizard of Oz?
 11. (5 pts.) What were Queen Victoria's first words upon learning that William IV was dead and that she was Queen of England?
 12. (10 pts.) Napoleon is reported to have said, "Tete d'Armee" just before he died. These words may be spurious. What alternative dying words are also imputed to the Emperor of the French? (Give your authority in case your alternative differs from mine.)
- DEADLINE is Thursday, 16 January 1969.

THE STAB CONTEST

Some many weeks ago, I offered John Koning a real, live contest of his own. He has not printed this contest, so I assume he has refused it (the fink). Actually, sTab is nutty enough without this addition. Anyway, with some additions and corrections, here is the sTab Contest. Since each question is practically worthless, it is only worth 0.1 point. Total, 1 point for the whole contest. The winner will receive an autographed nose-print of Conrad von Metzke. If this prize is found to be unavailable, an equally valuable prize will be awarded. John Koning, who knows most of the answers already, is ineligible to enter this wonderful contest.

1. If you sailed out to the edge of the world and fell off, how far would you fall?
2. How much is $2 + 2$?
3. Of what country is Paris, France the capital?
4. Name 8 states that border on Texas. (0.0125 point per correct state.)
5. What's so funny about Nero?
6. What is the formula for Florida orange juice?
7. Complete in 25 words or less, "I am Eric Blake because: ".
8. Of what is "Up in the Air, Junior Birdman" the anthem?
9. Who was the original Tarzan?
10. Would you rather or what, necessarily?

DEADLINE is Thursday, 16 January 1969. The correct answers are hidden under my mattress. Decision of our judges (R. C. Walker, B. E. Walker, A. M. Walker, Samson, and Deborah) is final. So there!

RATINGS IN SEATTLE

New that the publishing of Dippy 'zines in Seattle has ceased entirely, one is moved to wonder why. The answer is, they're too busy playing Diplomacy. Silly excuse! Playing when you could be publishing. Really! Anyway, read on.

I received an interesting letter from Doug Beyerlein. In lieu of a required retreat in 1967 Naa, he sent me a description of a new (sort of) rating system for Dippy play which is being used for in-person games there. This system is based on the McCallum system, which runs like this: each player gains a point from each player whose play was inferior to his own, and loses a point to each player whose play was better. The system thus runs from +6 for the winner to -6 for the first player eliminated. Let me proceed and quote, in large, Doug's letter:

Steve Hoston and I have been playing around with various ratings for our local Diplomacy games. Since April we have started a league...for playing Diplomacy (all seven-man games) and have ten games played at present. To work out a rating system we started with McCallum's.... However, we thought there were two factors to be included

that were missing. These were the country factor and player factor. We know the odds favor Turkey, England, and Russia for a win, leaving the other players with what is left: Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. /Note: This is true of postal experience. Some groups report Austria and France as the great terrors./ A win as Austria should count more than a win as Turkey....To work the player factor in, both Steve and I... know how chess ratings work.../and/.../u/sing these factors we have constructed the Seattle Ratings on the following formula:

Player A: (previous average..., if not 0)(country average...before this game)

"Assuming player A was first eliminated, he would lose one point to every other player in the game, or a total of -6 pts.

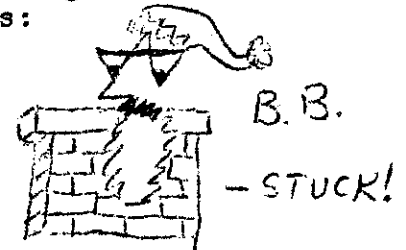
"Player B -1 plus 1/20 of the difference of their average scores if A has a lower average score than B; if B is smaller than A then the decimal is negative.

plus 1/20 of the difference of A's and B's countries' average scores, worked as with the players' average scores.

sorking this way through the other five players and then added together for a game score.

"For example: Game #10: Ken Taylor played Germany, getting -4 points for being the second player eliminated from the game. His average before this game was +3.15 and Germany's average was +0.14. He receives the following scores:

		<u>2.44-3.19</u>		<u>.14-(-1.71)</u>	
Pat Taylor:	+1 +	20	-	20	= +0.87
C. Hawkins:	-1	-.16		-.06	= -1.22
D. Beyerlein:	-1	-.10		+.04	= -1.06
S. Hueston	-1	- 0		-.01	= -1.01
L. Bodin	-1	-.43		-.04	= -1.47
W. Jacobs	-1	-.16		+.11	= -1.05
					<u>-4.94</u>



The reason Ken got a score worse than -4.00 is because of his high average before the game plus the fact he took a country that had been doing reasonably well to a poor finish. Because of this he lost on the average more than one point to the people who beat him and the one player that he did beat took Austria to a quick end which did not hurt Austria that much.

"After ten games played, we have computed the following scores:

Player	McCallum	Seattle	Seattle Ave.	Player	McCallum	Seattle	S.A.
S. Hueston	28	22.61	2.84	P. Scroggie	-2	-2.24	-2.24
D. Beyerlein	17	15.08	1.51	W.G. White	-3	-1.53	-.76
B. Eddy	11	7.05	1.76	M. Skinner	-3	-3.00	-3.00
R. Shagrin	8	7.47	1.87	J. Thornquist	-4	-3.33	-3.33
D. Baker	7	4.85	.97	P. Taylor	-4	-3.59	-1.80
B. Henson	4	3.75	3.75	R. Gutenkunst	-4	-3.79	-3.79
W. Jacobs	4	3.46	3.46	K. Porter	-4	-2.00	-2.00
M. Snively	3	.84	.84	B. Cordell	-5	-5.90	-5.90
B. Payne	2	4.31	.86	D. Bedford	-6	-6.00	-6.00
V. Gutenkunst	2	2.21	2.21	M. Noble	-6	-6.11	-6.11
N. Zinkhan	2	2.00	2.00	B. Stewart	-8	-6.00	-3.00
C. Hawkins	0	.54	.54	S. Worcester	-10	-7.05	-2.35
R. Randall	0	.11	.11	C. Lundvall	-11	-8.95	-2.98
B. Turk	-2	-1.12	-1.12	L. Bodin	-14	-11.54	-3.86
K. Taylor	-2	-1.79	-.90				

"The country ratings now stand: /Here I interpolate your results in your three listed categories, Doug: total, "strong" players (Hueston-Zinkhan), "weak" players (Hawkins-Bodin).

Country	Total	"Strong"	"Weak"	Country	Total	"Strong"	"Weak"
Turkey	20	22	- 2	Russia	- 7	1	- 8
France	13	19	- 6	England	- 7	3	-10
Italy	2	13	-11	Austria	-18	0	-18
Germany	- 3	13	-16				

"As you can see, Italy fares far better with the strong players in Seattle than weak players. With Austria coming out on the bottom on both lists you can see the problems we have with it...."

This information is most interesting, Doug. An initial look at your figures shows immediately that France and Italy fare far better in Seattle than they have been doing in Dippy postal play, while England and Russia are not doing as well. Turkey at the top and Austria at the bottom is S.O.P. I hope to be able to publish more of your interesting results in future issues. Comments from readers are invited and encouraged.

RULE CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Change-Sheet #1 to EREHWON's House-Rules should accompany this issue. The specific changes are amendments to Rules 6, 20, and 28, and a new Rule 33 has been added. What is the effect of these changes?

Rule 6. With the addition of this rule, all stand-by players who are not receiving the 'zine for which they are standing by because they have paid a game-fee or have a current trade agreement will be required to subscribe. This change in previous policy has been occasioned by a chronic problem at Pandemonium: money. There is never enough, and the operation has never been self-supporting. One positive result of this, however, will be the opening up of stand-by lists in all 'zines beyond the previous 5-person limit. See Announcements, item 5.

Rule 20 has been completely rewritten, to include all ramifications of Brannan's Rule in four corollaries. Corollary b is a distinctly new addition. The effect of this corollary is this: Army A is attacking province P, convoyed by fleet F and supported by unit (army or fleet) S. There is a fleet, FF, in P. It attacks F, supported by fleet SS. Even though FF is not attacking A, the effect of A's supported attack is to stand off the attack of FF upon the convoying F. Nifty, no?

Rule 28. Two utterly ridiculous "rules" are negated by sub-rules i and j. The former deals with the strange idea that the annihilation of a convoying fleet also annihilates the convoyed army. The latter deals with the so-called "Key Rule". For further explanation and castigation of these ideas, turn to Announcements, section 6.

Rule 33. States definitely, for the first time, the exact nature of EREHWON's trade policy. This rule will be enforced.

OUT OF THE GRAVEYARD -- I MARSOVIA (1)

Out of the Graveyard will be a permanent, but irregular, feature of EREHWON. Its purpose will be to summarize the contents and life history of various defunct Dippy 'zines. Not all such efforts will necessarily appear in this section, either because I cannot gain access to the necessary material or because there seems no purpose in it. Right now, I am depending on my own files; later, however, I hope to scrutinize the extensive holdings of John Koning and maybe solicit information from Don Miller and other nice people who have a lot of stuff I don't (like copies of CORSAIR; hint, hint). The coverage will consist of three parts (a la Caesar): a tabular summary of all known issues, supply-center/player charts for games carried, and a narrative recitation of interesting goings-on, reprints of press-releases, graffiti, and the like, and so on.

Today's offering is MARSOVIA (Part 1 of 2 parts), edited by Bob Ward and usually published by Conrad von Metzke. The 'zine was active from early 1966 to mid-1968, and carried one game (1966N). I had the pleasure (?) of losing as Austria (as a stand-by), after Art Canfil staged some sort of anti-Vietnam foolishness aboard a U.S. naval vessel to which he was assigned. It is very hard to play postal Diplomacy from the brig. Anyway, Bob is now in the service (and taking things far more sensibly, I might add), and this hopefully temporary condition has forced the discontinuance of his publication. Nonetheless, 1966N was played through to completion, being won by Dan Barrows' France in Fall 1909. I was (alas!) wiped out.

Herewith is a tabular summary of the 'zine. Certain symbols are used. The first column is the number of the issue. If the number is in parentheses, this means that the number was not actually assigned. The second column indicates the game content (season and year) of the issue. The third column indicates the date of the issue. The fourth

column is the method of reproduction: d, ditto; m, mimeo; x, xerox; c, carbon copy. The fifth column is the number of pages. If starred, this means that the 'zine was printed on both sides of the paper, so that one sheet contains two pages. Footnotes are as indicated.

MARSOVIA

No.	Content	Date	Repro	Pages	No.	Content	Date	Repro.	Pages
1	Opening ²	1 Mar 66	d	3	16	S 05	5 Jul 67	d	4*
2	W 00	10 Apr 66	d	3	17	F 05	2 Aug 67	d	2*
3	³	29 Apr 66	d	5	18	W 05	30 Aug 67	d	1
4	S 01	19 May 66	d	4	(19a)	S 06	? Sep 67	x ¹¹	1
5	F 01	3 Jun 66	d	3	19(b)	"	2 Oct 67	d	5*
6	W 01 ⁴	1 Jul 66	d	1	20	F 06	5 Nov 67	d	3*
7	S 02	15 Jul 66	d ⁵	2	21	W 06	26 Nov 67	d	1
8 ⁶	F 02	? Sep 66	d ⁷	3	(22a)	S 07	? Dec 67	x ¹²	1
9	W 02	22 Oct 66	d ⁷	3	22(b)	"	15 Dec 67	d	3*
10	S 03	15 Dec 66	c	2	23	F 07	20 Jan 68	d	2*
11 ⁸	F 03	16 Jan 67	d	3	?(24a)	W 07	?	?	? ¹³
(12) ⁹	W 03	? Feb 67	c	1	(24b)	S 08	16 Mar 68	- ¹⁴	1
13	W03/S04	1 Mar 67	d	4	(25)	F/W 08	26 Apr 68	d	2
(14) ¹⁰	F 04	29 Mar 67	d	4*	26	S 09	16 May 68	d	1
15	W 04	28 Apr 67	d	2*	(27)	F 09	? Jun 68	d	1

NOTES: 1. All issues "Volume I". 2. The traditional "announcement" issue. 3. No game material, just miscellaneous items. 4. Called "Fall 1901 Builds". 5. Published by R. C. Walker, in Nebraska. 6. Numbered "7". 7. Legal-size paper. 8. Untitled. 9. Letter, sent only to players. 10. Numbered "13". 11. Reproduction of p. 3 of issue 19. 12. Reproduction of p. 2 of issue 22. 13. This issue was never received by me, if printed; probably dated in February 1968. 14. A typed postcard, sent to players only.

The Game

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
A	3	4*	2	3	4	5	4	3	-	-	--Art Canfil (dro W01); Rod Walker. (out F08)
E	3	4	4	4	5	8	8	9	10	10	--Conrad von Metzke
F	3	4	5	7	8	10	11	13	16	19	--Dan Barrows (won F09)
G	3	4	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	--Roland Tzudiker (out W05)
I	3	4	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	--Anders Swenson (out W05)
R	4	5	7	6	8	5	6	6	5	4	--James Latimer
T	3	4	6	7	7	6#	5	3	3	1	--Dan Brannan

The game began in Winter 1900 when the entire 7-man Marsovia National Guard escaped from the National Institute for the Psychically Disturbed, to which they had been committed for their neuroses. Each of them believed he was the supreme ruler of one of the Great Powers. Disorders continued, as England installed an American pig farmer, Henry J. Krajewski, as Prime Minister. To some extent, the future aspect of the game was foreshadowed in 1901, as Germany invaded Sweden, Russia attempted to take Vienna, England kept Germany out of Holland, and Turkey conquered Greece.

At this point the Government of Austria was overthrown by the deaths (by poison) of the Emperor and seven members of the Imperial Family who stood closest to the Throne. The eighth closest, Count Ladislav of Nassau-Krumlau, a former druggist, assumed the Throne as Ladislav II and VI of Austria and Hungary. This didn't seem to help much, as Russia and Turkey promptly attacked Austria, seizing Budapest and Serbia in 1902. England and Russia continued to hammer at Germany, while France and Italy traded blows around Spain and Marseilles. It was in 1902, also, that Prime Minister Krajewski's poetry began to appear (alas), thus arousing the wrath of his chief political rival thereafter, Dame Princetonia Garrigus, President of the British Federation of Poets. The P. M.'s rather obvious preference for Shakespeare occasioned an appearance of that gentleman in the House of Commons. Dame Princetonia was soon to follow. In Austria, the Emperor proclaimed one Rurik Vladimirovich as rightful Tsar at a great rally. He also consigned the broken Treaty of Lemburg to the flames, along with the Russian Ambassador. //TO BE CONTINUED//

1. A Word of Thanks. For the past few months, Pandemonium Publications has been in fairly serious difficulty, with a sick mimeo, lack of available funds, and insufficient time. Only in November were we able to resume anything like a normal publishing schedule (still subject to change without too much notice). Despite a hiatus of many, many weeks between issues, our players and readers were most patient and understanding. Many of you wrote notes of concern ("When in hell is EREHWON coming out???") and sent offers of help ("If you can't run your own stupid games,..."). Seriously, I did appreciate the sincerely nice letters. I want to thank all of you for putting up with it all. This is not the last time something of this sort will occur, unfortunately, since my projected re-entry into civilian and academic life next August will doubtless disrupt things again. However, I want to assure all of you that I intend to continue publication of all my 'zines and games, even if there are delays and further mass confusion. Again, my thanks for your patience.

2. Deadlines. The days are over when you could count on a long "grace" period between the published deadline and the date I would actually stop accepting moves. My usual practice is to wait until the next mail delivery after the date of the deadline to catch moves that were accidentally delayed a day or so. This "grace" period may be as much as 48 hours, but may be no more than 24 hours. After that, I plan to adjudicate the games which are due. After I adjudicate the game, even if there is a further delay in printing the 'zine, I will not accept moves. Submission of Sealed Orders is the best way to avoid the consequences of late moves. Remember, if you put your moves in the mail as much as 3 days before the deadline, you stand a 50% chance of being late.

3. THE OZ FREE PRESS. Fear not, it is not dead. A short issue, containing the Winter 1501 builds will be out after New Years' Day. I will spend a few weeks replacing players who have dropped (there are lots of new Gamesmasters to invite) and resume regular publication as soon as all wrinkles are ironed out. An important wrinkle is the replacement of the current player of Poderkagg.

4. Variant Games. There are no current openings in any Pandemonium Publication 'zines except in UTOPIA, where there are still openings for the 10-man Youngstown Variant (which adds China, India, and Japan to the 7 Powers of Diplomacy). The fee is \$4. Registered: May, St. Cyr, White, Reiter, Wittmann, Gemignari. This interesting game is the last I will be offering, save the game announced in item 8, below.

5. Stand-by Positions. Unlimited stand-by positions are currently available in all Pandemonium 'zines. The only pre-requisites are that (1) you have the maps (or I have available sets) and (2) you subscribe to, or otherwise already receive through game fee or trade, the 'zine in question. This includes EREHWON! Other 'zines (and games; I have maps if indicated with *): ATLANTIS (10/\$1); Princeps, Imperialism IX, Imperialism XI, IONOKOME (10/\$1.50); Imperialism VII/*VIIR. UTOPIA (10/\$1); Imperialism VIII/*VIIR, *Youngstown Variant. ZOTHIQUE (10/\$1); *Feudalism. If you desire a stand-by position, and do not already receive the 'zine, enter a subscription and indicate where you would like to stand by. Players previously eliminated are eligible for stand-by positions, by the way.

6. Miasma on the Rules Front. I realize the Gamesmaster of a 'zine is the ultimate authority over what policies he will follow. However, when rules interpretations reach the point of actual rewriting, I feel obligated, if nothing else, to warn my readers about what is going on. Those who plan to join games in journals which have nutty rules ought, at least, to be forewarned about the conditions under which they will be playing. For this reason, EREHWON cannot at this time recommend games in SPALD, JR. or THE DIPLOMAT.

a. "The Annihilated Convoy". This rule appears in SPALD, JR. It states that if a convoying fleet is dislodged and annihilated, the convoyed army is likewise annihilated. This directly contravenes the Rules, which unequivocally state (p. 5), "If the fleet is dislodged on the move, the army may not move." This statement takes in both conditions, a fleet dislodged and able to retreat, and a fleet dislodged and annihilated. The SPALD rule is not an interpretation; it is a rewrite.

b. "The Key Rule". This rule is used only in THE DIPLOMAT, contrary to any statements to the contrary therein. Jeff Key, whose THE VOICE was slated to use the "rule" named after him, has changed his mind. The "Key" Rule states that a unit which

is ordered to move gives up its claim to the province it occupies. That means that if it is prevented from moving, it may be dislodged by a single unsupported attacking unit. This, too, contravenes the Rules, which state (p. 4), "If a unit is not ordered to move, or is prevented from moving, and another unit is ordered to its space, that unit may not move" (italics in the original). I realize, of course, that the group of players who founded the game (1967BD#) in THE DIPLOMAT had learned the rules while they were still being formulated by Dr. Calhamer, and, not having a copy, had to reconstruct them. It is now too late to do much about the technical variant status of 1967BD# (which I nonetheless rate, since it's not that much of a variant). But there is no reason why Eric Just cannot conform to the Rules, as printed, in his new games.

7. New Rules?? The President of Games Research, Inc., Mr. John R. Moot recently wrote to John McCallum, "I am arranging to have the rules revised" (BROBDINGNAG #89, p. 10). This is very important news. I assume that Dr. Calhamer will be involved in this job. Perhaps not. In any event, I think that the postal Dippy players have the largest vested interest in the game of any of Games Research's customers, and it seems appropriate that we should be consulted on any projected revisions. I strongly urge all of you to write Mr. Moot (at the address printed for G.R. on p. 1). Please indicate that you are very glad that revisions are at last to be made, and suggest that, at least, prominent postal Gamesmasters be contacted, either to prepare suggested drafts, or to read G.R.'s new draft and suggest corrections before it is printed. The Gamesmasters whose names come most readily to mind for this purpose (besides my fat self, that is) are: John McCallum, John Beardman, John Koning, Larry Peery, Conrad von Metzke, Charles Wells, and Don Miller. This ill-assorted and blood-besotted crew might do some good, n'est-ce pas? Anyway, write!!

8. The Diplomacy Widow's Game. EREHWON announces a new regular 7-man, or 7-woman, rather, game, for Diplomacy widows only. To qualify, each entrant must (a) pay \$4 (obviously), (b) be female, (c) be married to, engaged to, or going steady with, a Diplomacy addict, (d) have been stood up or ignored on account of a Diplomacy game at least once, (e) submit an affidavit stating that she thinks Diplomacy is the stupidest game ever invented, (f) never have played in any postal game previously (sorry, Jane Wells) (and Christine Brannan), and (g) conduct her own diplomacy, submit her own moves, and write her own propaganda. Paid reservations for the game are now being accepted by the Gamesmaster, my wife, Bonnie Walker, who qualifies under (b) through (f) above (especially (e)). Bonnie, when asked what she would say to encourage her sister Dippy widows to enter, says "How do I know? I haven't told a lie that big since I was a little kid." Anyway, the game is for real, the game-fee is for real, and even Bonnie is for really going to be the Gamesmaster. Don't miss EREHWON's answer to distaff wrestling, coming to these pages (hopefully) soon!!

9. AEOLUS. For those of you who are worried, I have it on very good authority that the much-respected Dippy journal, AEOLUS, is alive and well in ~~Atglen~~ Florida. Monte Zelazny has been busy of late, and unable to publish. But AEOLUS #8 is already in the typewriter, and Monte plans to bring it out in January. I had a welcome 'phone call from Monte on the night of the 18th, and this is what he told me. I know that AEOLUS has many well-wishers, and we will be glad to see it return to activity.

10. Imperialism VIIR. New maps for Imperialism VIIR are in the process of preparation. They will be run off in mimeo this month. A set of 6 interlocking maps, plus the rules and a one-page overall map, will be offered for 50¢ (25¢ for members of the NFFF Games Bureau). The one-page maps will be sold separately for 10/30¢ (10/20¢ for NFFF G.B. members), 20/50¢ (20/30¢), or 1/10¢ (1/8¢). These maps will replace the older ditto maps, which tend to fade, which are still available at the old price of set/25¢ until present stocks are exhausted.

11. Xmas Cards. Many of you have sent me some very nice greeting cards this month, and I would like to thank you very much for them. Unfortunately, Bonnie and I are not sending out cards this year (as usual) because every year we are staggered by the prospective expense and wind up forgetting about it until it's too late. I do want to say, however, that we appreciate your remembrances. This larger and more gala than usual issue of EREHWON is my Yule gift and card to all EREHWON's many loyal and valued friends. Again, to repeat page 1, a very merry Yule!

12. Rating Systems. It has been my intention to begin a short analysis of the current flock of rating systems. In the interest of other items, this feature of EREHWON has been delayed. A sort of first installment may be found on p. 7.

13. Move Format. Your attention is invited to House-Rule #10. That Rule specifies the exact format required for the submission of moves. The game number, country, player, season, and game-year are mandatory. I am getting very tired of sets of moves which do not specify the game concerned and consequently having to play a guessing game to see what's going on. Moves that do not specify country being played are equally "amusing". BE WARNED! Moves which do not meet minimum requirements of Rule #10 will be returned to the sender and will not be used. I intend to be moderately lenient in this regard, but do not trust my good will too far. If you send me improper moves at the last minute, it will be the same as no moves at all, which is another reason for getting your moves in early. With deadlines a month apart, there is no reason why moves should still be arriving on the day after the deadline and, yet, the day after that. Again, I say, be warned. You cannot say you have not had sufficient notice, and I am not asking you to do anything beyond your capability (I hope).

14. Allan Calhamer. The inventor of Diplomacy is now living at 518 N. Spring Ave., La Grange Park, Ill. 60525.

15. Not. This publication is not produced under the editorial supervision of Dr. Ivan Rasputin Boardmalchik.

1966AO

TURKO-GERMAN WAR BEGINS IN EARNEST, BUT FRANCE, REDUCED TO PROVENCE, IS APPARENTLY DOOMED
1911: This game is continuing by carbon copy, with 14-day deadlines for moves and minimum time for builds/removals. Game-year 1912 may well tell the tale.

Spring:

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Por-Spa (s.c.), F Edi-Nth /D/ /Nrg, NAT, Cly/.

FRANCE (Peery): A Spa-Gas, A Mar /H/, A Bre-Gas, A Bre (S) A Par (conflicting orders for same unit), A Par (S) A Bre. A Bre and A Par are /A/.

GERMANY (Carey): A Ber-Sil, A Ruh-Bur (S) by A Mun, A Sil-War, A Kie-Ber, F Eng-Bre (S) by F Mid, A Bur-Par (S) by A Pic, F Lon-Yor, A Mos (H), A Lpl-Edi (S) by F Nth.

TURKEY (Ollila): A Smy-Arm, A Con-Bul, A Rum-Ukr (S) by A Sev, F Nap-Tyr, A Ven-Tyr (S) by A Pie, A Tyr-Boh (S) by A Vie, F Rom-Tus, F Tun-Naf, F Tyr /H/, F Adr-Ion, A Bud-Gal, F Aeg-Con.

Fall/Winter:

ENGLAND: NO MOVES RECEIVED. F Edi (R)-/A/. F Spa (s.c.) /H/. Owns: ~~Edi~~, Por, Spa (2). Could build 1, but no place open. No change.

FRANCE (Peery): A Gas-Spa (S) by A Mar. Owns: ~~Bre~~, Mar, ~~Par~~, ~~StP~~ (1). No change (A Gas /A/, 2 /A/ in Spring).

GERMANY (Carey): A Sil (S) A Mun, A Bur-Gas (S) by F Bre & A Par, A Mun (S) A Sil, A War-Ukr, A Ber-Pru, F Mid (S) ENGLISH F Spa (s.c.), A Pic-Bur, F Yor-Nth, A Mos-Ukr /D/ /Lva, StP/, A Edi (H), F Nth-Eng. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, War, ~~Mos~~, Swe, StP, Lon, Bel, Nwy, Lpl, Edi, Bre, Par (15). Build 2. A Mos (R)-StP. (B) A Kie, A Ber.

TURKEY (Ollila): A Arm-Den (airlifted by air corps Ank), A Bul-Rum, A Ukr-Mos (S) by A Sev, F Nap-Tyr, A Pie-Mar, A Boh-Mun (S) by A Tyr, A Vie-Boh, F Tus-GLyo, F Naf-Mid, F Tyr-WMed, F Ion-Tun, A Gal-War, F Con-Bla. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Sev, Rum, Ser, Gre, Bud, Vie, Tri, Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mos (16). Build 1. (B) A Con.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Spring 1912 moves is Tuesday, 7 January 1969.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

ENGLAND: FINAL PRESS RELEASE?

LONDON (Special report for the Hopeless Times): Here in the smoky ruins of London the English government has come to negotiate the fall of the British Empire. /The Kaiser will say, "Fall!" and the Prime Minister will ask, "How far?"/ Two buildings remain on Downing's once populated sidewalks: the house of the Prime Minister and the old Bakery directly opposite. Today two men stand there, separated by ten steps of dishonor.

Flickering in the light of a tree-swept lamp, the Prime Minister stood alone; yet, together with all those who have ever faced disgrace. At the moment the world seemed to be a void on the side of the street supporting the English ruler. The void was filled with a vacuum of actions: a falling leaf, a rushing car, all seemed to be happening without meaning--vacant of purpose. The trees are all hanging their leaves and one by one they suffocate and expire. With death stroking their limbs, the trees stand quietly, yielding to every whim of the wind. The Prime Minister also stands on the corner as the wind tip-toes across his sight occasionally lifting a hair out of the way. /And the P. M. continues to flicker, presumably, and the Hoover vacuum across the street continues to fill up with leaves and cars.../

The wind on the other side of the street had contrived never to stay calm. Like a palace beset by revolt, she hurried about with directionless affairs. Sometimes storming with heavy-laden boots, leaving a trail of broken homes that once stood before her gusting ambitions. At other times she would gently glide through a school yard like a rumor spread amongst professional children. In the midst of this whirling dazzle stood a man in green uniform come a thousand miles to control and witness the horrendous happenings he hoped would unfold that night. What went through his mind was not betrayed by the Prussian smile hanging on his face. /Perhaps he was watching the P.M. flicker./

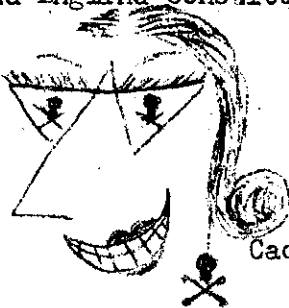
The time was passed for waiting and the Prime Minister was to cross over to the shop and sign England out of history. As he turned to walk, the raging seas of his mind pounded against his temple: "England shall live,/Like no other nation." Raising himself to his full height, the waves of thought once more broke out: "England shall live,/With all's admiration." Shaken by the tempest raging within he took one hesitant step toward dishonor: "England shall live,/In the souls of the dead." Coming to a tense halt, the hurricane of pride overwhelmed his island of false duty: "England shall live,/Though her shores run red." With honor and pride full force controlling his mind, he turned and walked away from the shadows of disgrace before him: "England shall live,/ Yes, ENGLAND SHALL LIVE!" /What a pair! The world's only flickering Prime Minister and the world's only halted hurricane. Well, the Prussian doubtless got his money's worth, if that vacuum doesn't get to him.../ //NOTE TO EDI: BLOCK THAT METAPHOR!...//

FRENCIANA: LEAGUE OF MINI-STATES TO PROTECT THEIR SMALLEST MEMBER

ANDORRA LA VIEJA (20 August 1911): Meeting in emergency executive session, the Grand Council of the League of Mini-States today voted to grant asylum to the former King of Frenciana, Louis XIX, his son, Louis XX, and their loyal Regent, the Duc de Greene. Accompanied by a small band of loyal retainers, the royal party made a valiant dash from Peeris, which is under siege by Confederate/English forces. Covering 600 miles in less than 4 days, they exhausted a huge number of horses and retainers who could not keep up. The King, His son, and the Duc are resting in the Andorran Palace following a session with the foreign ministers of the League. Radio Andorra reports:

"The Ministers of the League met yesterday at the request of the Maldive Islands to consider the charge that the invasion of Frenciana by the Confederate States of America and England constituted a direct violation of the International Covenant for the Preservation of Peace (ICPP). His Excellency, Muhammad Didi III, charged that both nations had violated the ICPP and should be punished. After a few minutes of debate and clarification of what the nature of the punishment should be, the member states voted, 16-3-2, to establish sanctions against both nations and any nation supporting them.

"In a later session the delegate from Nauru demanded the League take action to halt the growing war in Europe between Germany and Turkey. After long and hard debate the League voted by a narrow margin (a 2/3 majority being required) to establish a military force to protect its members from both states. As part of the force, the following pledges were made: LIECHTENSTEIN, 500 bowmen; ANDORRA, 250 bowmen, 10 knights; LUXEMBOURG, 1000 bowmen, 25 knights, 2 cannon; SAN



Heh...

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Cackle...

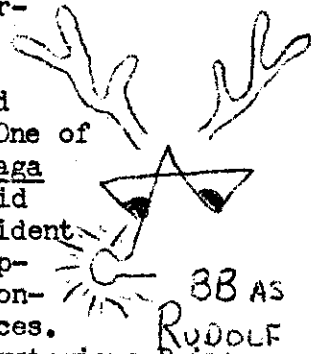
LUKRETSYA INNOSSENTOVNA BORDSHCHA wishes Larry Peery, John Koning, Charlie Turner, and Roland Tzudiker a Merry ...uh, ...uh, ...uh, don't drink any wassail, guys...

MARINO, 100 bowmen, 1 knight; MALDIVES ISLANDS, 1 fishing boat armed with a 2" cannon; NAURU, 2 fishing boats armed with 1" cannon; GUYANA, 100 archers; RIFIFI, 100 slingers; EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 200 headhunters; SOUTH YEMEN, a camel corps of 100 men; ICELAND, 2 fishing boats armed with 2" guns." The naming of the Duc de Greene of Frenciana as the commander-in-chief of this force suggests that it may take more than a passive role in the war now in progress. /Puff, puff, puffity-puff, puff. Now I know what the sanctions are, Larry. You're going to wear poor Robert E. Lee's typing fingers to the bone, right?/

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA: MINESWEEPER DAMAGED

PALMA, BALEARIC ISLANDS (15 October 1911): R. Milltown Nixon, Commander of the Confederate minesweeper Baba Yaga, was acquitted today by a court-martial of charges of criminal negligence. Captain Nixon was charged with running down and destroying a little fleet of peaceful fishing boats during naval maneuvers last month. However, testimony revealed some startling facts. Two of the boats were South Pacific canoes. One of them was a dhow. All of them were shooting dried peas at the Baba Yaga out of "teeny-tiny cannons." "You might call them mini-cannons," said Captain Nixon. "Good heavens!" cried Commodore Augustus Perry, President of the Court, "that was the entire Mini-League Navy!! Well done, Captain!" Apparently, nothing now stands in the way of the projected Confederate invasion of Marseilles, Provence, Septimania, and other places.

RICHMOND (5 November 1911): President Lee today received the mysterious Prime Minister of England. The chief mystery about the P.M. is that nobody seems to know what sex she (or he) is. Also disconcerting is the fact that he (or she) keeps blinking on and off, like a Christmas-tree light. "Flickers, y'know," explained Sir Preposterous Hokum, the English Ambassador to the C.S.A. The Prime Minister's visit was something of a surprise, and nobody knows how long she (or he) will stay. At any rate, President Lee expressed the hope that he (or she) would continue England's alliance with the CSA. "We have no prejudice against anybody," said His Excellency, "because of her (or his) race, religion, or present condition of flickertude."



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ANGLO-FRENCH SPARRING MATCH GETS HOTTER BY THE MINUTE, WHILE BOTH CONTINUE TURK ATTACK

1909: This game is continuing by carbon copy, and another game-year is finished. Behold thou the results:

Spring:

ENGLAND (Carey): A Edi-StP (C) by F Nrg & F Bar, A StP-Lwa, A Sev-Arm (S) by A Syr, A Rum (H) (S) by A Ukr, A Mos-Sev, A Kie (H) (S) by F Bal, F Hol (H), F Nth-Eng.

FRANCE (Eller): F Bre-Eng, A Mun-Bur, A Tyr-Mun (S) by A Ber, F Spa (s.c.)-Mid, A Ven-Tri (S) by A Vie & A Bud, A Tus-Pie, A Rom-Ven, F Ion-EMed, F Nap-Ion (S) by F Tun, A Bel (H).

TURKEY (Peery): A Gre-Con (C) by F Aeg, A Ser (H), F Tri-Adr, F Bul (e.c.) (H), A Smy-Arm (S) by A Ank.

Fall/Winter:

ENGLAND: A StP-Mos, F Nrg-Nat, F Bar-Nrg, A Lva-War, A Sev-Arm, A Syr-Smy, A Rum (S)
FRENCH A Bud-Ser, A Ukr (S) A Rum, A Mos-Sev, A Kie (H) (S) by F Bal & F Hol, F Nth-Eng. Owns: As listed in Vol. III, #4, p. 6 (13). No change.

FRANCE: F Bre-Eng (S) by F Mid, A Bur-Ruh, A Ber-Kie (S) by A Mun, A Tri-Ser (S) by A Bud, A Pie-Ven, A Ven-Tri (S) by A Vie, F Ion-Gre, F Tun-Ion (S) by F EMed, A Bel-Hol. Owns: As listed in Vol. III, #4, p. 6, plus Tri (15). Build 1. (B) F Bre.

TURKEY: A Con (S) A Smy, F Aeg-Gre, A Ser-Tri (S) by F Adr, F Bul (e.c.)-Rum, A Ank-Arm (S) by A Smy, Owns: As listed in Vol. III, #4, p. 6, except ~~Tyr~~ (6). Remove 1. (E) F Adr.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Spring 1910 moves is Tuesday, 7 January 1969.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

TURKEY: PEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYPEERYBLAHBLAH... PEERISTANTINOPLE (23 Ides of Hades); With Anglo-French-Poderkaggian forces battering

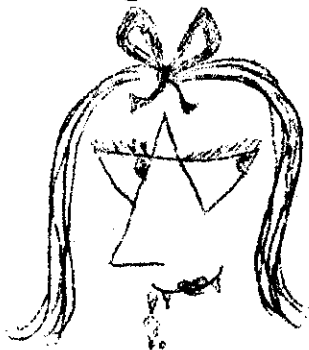
at the doors of his capital, Lawrence Pasha appeared unconcerned as he delivered his annual holiday message to the people of the Empire, "Be of good cheer for I ~~may~~ not be with you always...". The Pasha announced he would not recognize the new Emperor of the East for the simple reason that his name was not listed in the Old Who's Who and thus he must in fact be a nobody of not very much importance to anybody. "These gate crashers have got to go. We can't have every Tom, Dick, and Harry calling himself emperor just because he got a piece of it and thinks he is a big man."

ZARA: The Turkish Adriatic Fleet was reported scuttled here after a force of Albanian freedom fighters blockaded the port with several yachts. The fleet, consisting of the battleship Alsorandthirdz, which was built in 1821, was reportedly being scrapped as part of an economy move.

PODERKACG: EMPEROS MEET, SEEK TO BOLSTER MARKET

GASTRITIS (25 December 1909): His Imperial Majesty, Pandemonium, Emperor of the Greeks and Romans, in His usual festive mood, announced the annual Yule Annexations. Added to the Imperial Domain this year were: eastern Bulgaria, the Peloponnesus, and the Banat of Severin. "More territory has now been freed from Peerisitic control," said His Majesty.

NOVI SODOM (26 December 1909): This quiet little resort town was the scene of considerable excitement today. The shaky condition of the Gastritis International Stock Exchange in recent months has led the Emperor to seek outside aid. He has based His hopes primarily on convincing other nations to place their war bonds on official open sale so that the GISE could handle them. To this end, His Majesty is entertaining some of His fellow Emperors: Thomas VI of Ethiopia, Richard II of Ireland, and Harold III of Scandinavia. At a recent press conference, His Majesty announced, "Tom, Dick, and Harry have agreed to release Ethiopian, Irish, and Scandinavian bonds to the open market. Irish bonds aren't worth very much, We know, but Peter O'Comber, director of the Bank of Ireland, assures Us that they will double in value, to 2 U.S. cents per share, very shortly."



DRACULA'S DAUGHTER wants to give John Boardman a little kiss (chortle!)...

GASTRITIS (2 January 1910): The Gastritis International Stock Exchange closed generally higher today, marking a continuation of the upward trend initiated by the war bonds of various foreign powers. The latest quotations:

ENGLAND: 203 Lb (down 92)	IRELAND: 2 Lb (up 1)
ETHIOPIA: 157 Lb (up 57)	SCANDINAVIA: 199 Lb (up 82)
FRANCE: 345 Lb (up 38)	TURKEY: 91 Lb (down 44)

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POIERS VEGETATE

Fall 1905: Good grief! After a year of play, only two centers changed hands, and the net result is no gain or loss for anybody. Bill Haggart, Germany, has asked to be allowed to resign and be replaced, because he feels overworked. This is done, and Sid Cochran, Jr. is now playing Germany. His address is in item 16 of the mailing list.

ENGLAND (Perrin): F Edi-Nrg (S) by F Nth, F Lon (S) F Nth. Owns: Edi, Lon, Lpl (3). No change.

FRANCE (Evans): F Spa (s.c.)-Mid, A Pic-Bel, F Eng-Wal, A Gas-Bur, A Bur-Mun, A Bel-Ruh. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Bel (6). No change.

GERMANY (Haggart): A Mun (S) A Sil, F Hol-Nth, A Den (H), A Sil (S) A Mun. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol (5). Build 1 (1/A/).

ITALY (Welsh): A Boh-Gal (S) by A Bud, A Tyr (S) FRENCH A Bur-Mun, A Tri (S) A Bud, F Ven-Adr, F Ion (H) (S) by F Tyr. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri, Tun, Vie, Bud (7). No change.

RUSSIA (Beyerlein & Baker): A Rum-Bud (S) by A Ser, A Ukr-Gal (S) by A War, F Nrg-Cly, F Nwy-Nrg, A Swe-Nwy, A Gre-Alb, F Bla-Con (S) by A Bul. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Ser, Bul, ~~Gre~~, Con (10). No change.

TURKEY (Zelazny): A Con (H) /D/ /Ank, Smy/, F EMed-Ion, F Aeg-Gre. Owns: Ank, ~~Lon~~, Smy, Gre (3). No change.

The only Autumn or Winter moves which seem to be required are the Turkish retreat and the German build. Therefore, Spring moves will be called for as well. Players who wish to make their moves conditional upon what, and if, Germany builds, and where, and if, Turkey retreats, may do so.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Spring 1906 moves (with the required retreat and the allowable build) is Thursday, 23 January 1969.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

ENGLAND: PROTECTOR DISAPPEARS

LONDON: The nation is in mourning for its Protector, Oliver VII, who disappeared into the maw of Priest-Scientist Cross' Similarity Machine. Sources close to the family state that the Autocrat has long mourned the disappearance of his oldest son, Oliver, into the same machine, along with 5000 of the cream of British manhood. The second son of the departed leader, Fagan "the Teacher" Cromwell, has arrived in the capital to assume his father's duties in this time of turmoil.

PODERKAGG: MARKET HITS DISASTROUS NEW LOWS AS KING RECEIVES MYSTERIOUS GUEST

GASTRITIS (20 December 1905): As Poderkagg prepares to celebrate the Annual Yule Orgy, the Gastritis International Stock Exchange continues to sink lower and ominously lower. In fact, since last summer, a loss of 25 points has been recorded. The latest quotations:

ENGLAND: 8 Lb (up 1)	GERMANY: 93 Lb (down 14)	RUSSIA: 140 Lb (down 10)
FRANCE: 107 Lb (down 3)	ITALY: 115 Lb (down 5)	TURKEY: 51 Lb (down 3)

NOVI SODOM (25 December 1905): At the height of the Annual Yule Orgy, a dark figure was observed to slip into this sleepy little resort village. After sampling the pleasures of (apparently) every one of the town's 1359 brothels, the dark figure slipped out of town in the direction of Gastritis. Nobody seems to know who it was, except the girls, and they aren't talking.

GASTRITIS (29 December 1905): Pandemonium V, still recovering from the Yule Orgy, was awakened this morning by His chancellor. "What is it?" He murmured woozily. "Your Majesty has a guest," was the reply. "Tell whoever it is to go...". "That's biologically impossible, Your Majesty, besides, it isn't that easy. You see, it's...". Just then the door flew open and a man dressed completely in black entered the royal chambers. Flinging aside his cloak, he cried, "You shall see me, Pandemonium! I am the Protector Oliver of England!!" /Further details next issue./

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AUSTRIA, TURKEY SUCCUMB AS ITALY SMASHES INTO SERBIA, SMYRNA, RUMANIA, AND BULGARIA (EE!)

Fall 1905: Russ Jones, Italy, is to be congratulated for a really spectacular coup de main this turn. Good grief! Anyway, Greg Long, who failed to send stand-by moves for France, as requested, is removed from his stand-by position in this game.

ENGLAND (Welsh): F Nat (H), F Hel-Nth, F Eng-Bre. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Bre. Build 1.

FRANCE (Haramis): A Par-Bur (S) by A Mar, A Gas-Par (S) by A Bre (A Bre /D/ /Gas/). Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (4). No change(1/A/).

GERMANY (Birsan): A Kie (S) F Den, A Ruh-Bel, A Pic (S) ENGLISH F Eng -Bre, A Bur-Par /D//Mun/, F Den (S) ENGLISH F Hel-Nth, A Hol-Bel. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel (6). No change.

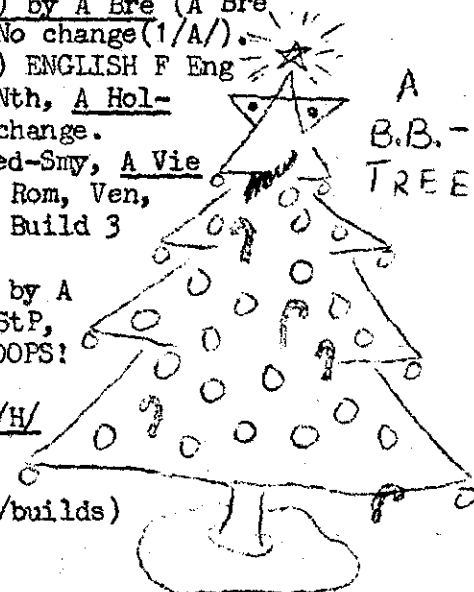
ITALY (Jones): F Adr-Ion, F Ion-Gre (S) by A Alb, F EMed-Smy, A Vie -Gal, A Bud-Rum (S) by A Bul & A Ser. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud, Gre, Rum, Smy, Ser, Bul (12). Build 3 (could build 4, but no space).

RUSSIA (Manogg): A Arm-Ank (S) by F Con, A Swe (H) (S) by A Nwy & F Ska, A Rum (H) (S) by A Gal. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, ~~Ukr~~, Swe, Nwy, Con, Ank (8). Build 1. OOPS!

ALSO: A Rum /D/ /Ukr, Sev/.

TURKEY (Carey): NO MOVES RECEIVED. F Aeg /H/. A Gre /H/ /A/, F Ank /H/. Owns: Ank, ~~Eph~~, ~~Smy~~, ~~Bul~~ (0). GM removes F Aeg. OUT.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Autumn/Winter 1905 moves (retreats/builds) is Thursday, 23 January 1969.



AUSTRIA: AUSTRIANS FOLLOW PRECEPTS OF ST. JOAN THE PROMISCUOUS

BELGRADE (4 June 1905): The joys of the victorious Italian soldiery were briefly turned to gloom today as they rushed into the city following the surrender of Imperial forces in the Citadel. They discovered that the secretaries of the Imperial Foreign Office had, under the influence of the Foreign Minister, the Graf J.G.K. Koningkrafft-Ebbing u. v. Sacher-Masoch, entered holy orders. The gloom was turned back to joy, however, as one of them spied in the window of the cloister a sign, "Rape, Don't Loot!" Apparently, after applying his doctrine of preventive rape, Dr. Koningkrafft-Ebbing induced the ladies into the Order of the Little Sisters of Magdala, of which his niece, the former Countess Lucrezia B. Koningkrafft, is Mother-General. The Order has its Mother House at Novi Sodom, where it is under the Patriarchal protection of His Holiness, the Patriarch of the Poderkaggian Reformed Orthodox National Evangelical Apostolical Funloving Church.

GERMANY: EMPRESS ANNOUNCES PLAN TO FLATTEN FRANCE

BERLIN: The Kaiserin has announced that the German mark will be devalued so as to achieve an economic victory over France. "The plan is this: we will devalue our money, thus causing a bit of inflation. When the war ends and France is forced to pay us so many marks per year we will revalue our currency upward, thus gaining a greater value out of the war reparations which will thus crush France utterly."

BONN: The Number Two man in the newly elected government, in speaking to a meeting of Polish War Heroes of the Napoleonic Wars, said he was "glad to see all you Polacks up front in the fight for German nationalism". The President of the association later remarked, "He pulled an Agnew!" Another member added, "It's remarkable that he can walk with his brain between his hops and his feet in his mouth".

STUTTGART: University of Württemberg Professor of Languages, Karl von Publik has noted that two new words have introduced into the language. The first one is used to describe a total blunder or stupid mistake on the part of someone ("You pulled an Agnew."). The second is a means of telling someone to engage himself in asexual reproduction ("Spiro yourself!").

RUSSIA: SEE THE TSAR. SEE THE TSAR PULL AN AGNEW. WILL THE TSAR LIKE

THE ITALIANS AS MUCH IN BUCHAREST AS HE LIKED THEM IN SOFIA? WHAT DO YOU THINK? WOULD THE TSAR LIKE THE ITALIANS TO SPIRO THEMSELVES?

NEW ROME (Midsummer's Day, 1905): As booming guns of the Russian Imperial Fleet saluted, the Moslem minarets were pulled down and the Church of the Holy Wisdom was reconsecrated. The first service in the church was a high mass said for the repose of the soul of our beloved brother-Emperor, Franz III. "Soon Moslem rule will be ended in all of Europe," the Tsar pledged. "Credit and praise must be given to the King of Italy, a real champion of our cause. It is obvious that the time must soon come when the Roman Empire is revived." /Well, they're in Dacia, Harry..../

PODERKAGG: BUSINESS BOOMING IN FINANCIAL, VICE CAPITALS OF KINGDOM

NOVI SODOM (24 September 1905): Patriarch Inebrius XI today announced that the Poderkaggian Reformed etc. etc. Funloving Church had consented to allow ladies who had taken orders to undertake other occupations. Accordingly all the madames in Novi Sodom are revising the now-famous Question Number 69 on the House Application Form (Poderkagg Official Form 2), "What moral or other scruples do you have?" to add the instruction, "If nun, write 'none'."

GASTRITIS (20 December 1905): Despite the disastrous decline in French war bonds this year, authorities are encouraged by the performance of other issues on the Gastritis International Stock Exchange. Issues of the surviving countries seem to be moderately healthy. Speculators are still buying English bonds, and everybody is buying the popular Italian issues (printed in Canada). Turkish and Austrian issues have definitely been withdrawn, except for bootleg issues sold by "freedom fighters". The latest:

ENGLAND: 15 Lb (up 5) GERMANY: 103 Lb (down 11) RUSSIA: 172 Lb (up 3)
FRANCE: 23 Lb (down 50) ITALY: 207 Lb (up 55)

Said the Italian Ambassador, Spirone Agni, "You wait-a 'till next-a year!"



POPE JOAN II would like to give Dave Lebling and Gene Prosnitz a 5-year paid vacation with the Spanish Inquisition...

FRANCE RECEIVES RESPITE AS ENGLAND FINKS OUT — BALKAN SITUATION STILL CONFUSED MESS

Fall 1903: Steve Hueston has missed his second consecutive move and is removed from the game. Chuck Carey failed to submit stand-by moves, but nonetheless takes over play as England, with this counting as a first missed move. A statement of intent to play is required, Chuck, in lieu of Winter 1903 moves. If this is not forthcoming, Doug Beverlein (see item 8, mailing list) will take over England for Spring 1904. Tom Eller, Germany, also failed (surprisingly) to submit moves, which were accordingly made by Sealed Orders. Tom, you must now replace your sealed orders.

AUSTRIA (Peery): A Vie-Gal (S) by A Bud, A Rum-Bul (S) by A Ser & F Gre (F Gree /D/ /Alb, Ion/), Ows: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, ~~Gre~~, Bul (5). No change.

ENGLAND (Carey): NO MOVES RECEIVED. F Eng, F Nth, F Bel, F Iri /H/. Ows: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Bel (4). No change.

FRANCE (Birsan): F Eng (R)-Bre. F Bre-Pic (S) by A Par (A Par /D/ /Bre/), F Mid (S) A Spa, A Gas (S) A Spa, A Spa (S) A Gas. Ows: Bre, ~~Mar~~, ~~Par~~, Por, Spa (3). Remove 2.

GERMANY (Eller) (by Sealed Orders): A Pic-Par (S) by A Bur, F Hol (H), A Swe-Fin, F Bal -Swe (S) by F Den. Ows: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Swe, Par (7). Build 1.

ITALY (Polan): A Mar-Gas, F WMed-Spa (s.c.) (S) by F GLyo, A Pic-Mar. Ows: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mar (5). Build 1.

RUSSIA (Koning): IIA Rum (R)-Sev. IA War-Ukr, IIIA Gal-Bud /D/ /War, Boh/, IF Nwy-Swe (S) by IVA Fin, IIF Bla-Rum (S) by IIA Sev. Ows: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Rum, Nwy (6). No change.

TURKEY (Rusiecki): F Ank-Con, A Bul-Gre (S) by F Aeg, A Con-Bul. Ows: Ank, Con, Smy, ~~Bul~~, Gre (4). No change.



RECEIPT DEADLINE for Autumn/Winter retreats/builds/removals is Thursday, 23 January 1968. Builds/removals may be made on the basis of conditionally anticipated retreats. From England, a statement of intent to play is required in lieu of Winter 1903 moves.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

PODERKAGG: MARKET SINKS TO NEW LOW; WURRA, WURRA!

GASTRITIS (20 December 1903): Over the past few months, a total decline of 31 points has been registered for all issues on the Gastritis International Stock Exchange, a disastrous decline in the financial popularity of war. Committees are already hard at work trying to uncover the suspected nefarious influence the notorious Sir Ian Boredom. Our readers may remember Sir Ian's famous bon mot, "Murder and killing are awful and nasty and brutish, except when they are right and just and good." Anyway, the current deflated values:

AUSTRIA: 119Lb (down 7)	FRANCE: 12 Lb (down 40)	RUSSIA: 103 Lb (no change)
ENGLAND: 81Lb (down 4)	GERMANY: 132 Lb (up 12)	TURKEY: 94 Lb (no change)
	ITALY: 125 Lb (up 8)	

1968W

ARMIES LEAD THE HIT PARADE

Winter 1902; Egad! We got all the moves for this one. Something must be wrong.

AUSTRIA (Baker): (B) A Tri, A Bud.

ITALY (Gemignani): No change.

ENGLAND (Wilcox): (B) A Lon, F Edi.

RUSSIA (Evans): (E) A Sil.

FRANCE (Beyerlein): No change

TURKEY (Munroe): (B) A Smy.

GERMANY (McLeod): (B) A Kie.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Spring 1903 moves is Thursday, 23 January 1969. There seem to be no press releases for this madness.

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ENGLAND, AUSTRIA, AND TURKEY DESCEND ON HELPLESS RUSSIA

Spring 1902: Bob Keathley, Italy, and Ken Porter, Russia, both missed their moves

this turn. No Sealed Orders, either, guys. Anyway, Greg Long (see item 41, mailing list) is requested to send moves for what is left of Russia, as stand-by. We'll let Italy go for the nonce, as I do not believe a stand-by will be needed.

AUSTRIA (Smythe): A Bud-Gal (S) by A Vie, A Tri-Tyr, A Rum-Ukr, A Ser-Rum, F Gre (H).

ENGLAND (Cochran): F Lon-Eng, A Edi-Den (C) by F Nth, A Den-Swe (S) by F Nwy.

FRANCE(White): A Par-Pic (S) by A Bur, A Mar (S) A Bur, A Spa-Gas, F Por -Spa (s.c.).

GERMANY (Garbis): F Kie-Hel (S) by F Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh, A Bel-Ruh.

ITALY (Keathley): NO MOVES RECEIVED. F Ven, A Apu, A Tun, F Ion /H/.

RUSSIA (Porter): NO MOVES RECEIVED. A Gal /H/ /A/, F Sev /H/ /A/, A Mos /H/, F GBois /H/.

TURKEY (von Metzke): F Con-Aeg, A Bul-Sev (C) by F Bla & (S) by A Arm.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Fall 1902 moves is Thursday, 3 January 1969.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

ENGLAND: KING TO ...UH, VISIT SWEDEN

LONDON (4 February 1902) (The Times): The Foreign Ministry announced that His Majesty would be one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of King O-laf of Sweden, to be held next week. The sincere condolences of King Edward have already been sent to his niece, the Queen-Dowager of Sweden. A Troop of the Third Marine Light Cavalry will accompany His Majesty to Sweden as part of the customary Guard of Honor (so will the 3rd Squadron, the Life Guards, and selected other formations).

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Hoe
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AUSTRIA: DUAL MONARCHY TO BE HORRIBLY NASTY TO RUSSIANS

VIENNA: The Austrian Government is most happy to accept the gracious Turkish offer to make war upon the vicious Russian barbarians. Accordingly, the Emperor has ordered elements of the Imperial Army to destroy the Russian rabble now chasing butterflies in Galicia.

BUDA: While addressing the Ladies' League for Moderation to Butterflies, the Emperor noted that he has issued a directive that the Russian Rabble now chasing butterflies in Galicia not be destroyed. Instead they are to be institutionalized. Recent reports from Galicia indicate that the rabble is composed of ((censored)). Institutionalization is the only human way to handle ((censored)).

1968AJ

ARMS RACE CONTINUES IN EAST AND WEST AS PACIFIST STRIKES DISABLE FRANCE AND GERMANY

Winter 1901: Pete Comber, France, and Terry Kuch, Germany, have no builds on file, and no Sealed Orders. Each could have built 2. No stand-by orders are requested, as I feel fairly confident Spring orders will be forthcoming. The first and second stand-bys, Mike Childers and Greg Long, may submit Spring 1902 orders for France and Germany respectively, if they desire.

AUSTRIA (May): (B) A Vie, A Bud

ITALY (Wittmann): (B) A Rom.

ENGLAND (Goldstein): (B) F Lon, F Lpl.

RUSSIA (Evans): (B) A War.

FRANCE (Comber); NO BUILDS RECEIVED (2 short).

TURKEY (Payne): (B) A Smy.

GERMANY (Kuch): NO BUILDS RECEIVED (2 short).

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Spring 1902 moves is Thursday, 23 January 1969.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

AUSTRIA: STUDENT REVOLT ACCOMPLISHES ITS OBVIOUS OBJECTIVE: POWER

VIENNA (1 November 1901): After months of threats at Vienna State University, the students have begun a hunger strike in protest against the Government's lenient policy toward Italy and its King, Maxius Raffertius. Led by their leader, Eldrich von Clever, the students have vowed to refuse food until given a voice in governmental policy.

VIENNA (15 December 1901): After seeing the massive popular support behind the student strike, Emperor Franz Joseph today renounced the throne in favor of Eldrich. What his policies will be is not known at this moment.

SWEDEN: A NEUTRAL SPEAKS!

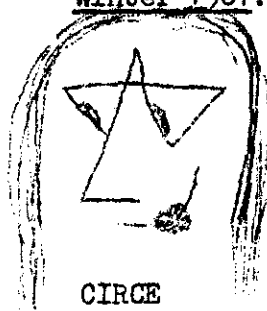
BERLIN: The Swedish Embassy to the Wilhelmstrasse: Rumor, gentlemen, is frequently

said to have many things. Seldom does it appear that what rumor had was the whole truth. Witness the rumor, last summer, that the Swedes would not defend themselves!

BERLIN (17 February 1902) (Special to the Züricher Neues Tagenblatt): Signor Martini-Rumore, late Third Secretary at the Italian Embassy here, has been recalled to Rome, where it is reported that he will accept a high post in the newly formed Ministry of Information. Signor Martini-Rumore's friends and well-wishers at the Wilhelmstrasse predicted that with his unexampled sources, he could scarcely fail to do well in this new appointment. Nevertheless, some of them mourned, "Rome's gain is our loss." Distinctly absent from Signor Rumore's final Martini-party were members of the staff of the British Embassy, which has been handling Swedish affairs here since the Prusso-Swedish crisis last fall, and the British press corps.

1968BA

Winter 1901: One small error last season: in the Italian supply center list, for Tri, substitute Vie. Greg Long, Turkey, failed to submit builds, and has no Sealed Orders on file. Doug Baker (see item 5, mailing list) is requested to submit stand-by moves for Turkey, Spring 1902.



CIRCE

would like to have Conrad von Metzke come and visit...

AUSTRIA (Goldstein): (B) A Tri. ITALY (Mebane): (B) F Nap, F Rom.
 ENGLAND (Beshara): (B) F Lpl. RUSSIA (Weyant): (B) A War.
 FRANCE (Kinney): (B) F Bre, A Par. TURKEY (Long): NO BUILD RECEIVED.
 GERMANY (McCandlish): (B) A Kie, Could have build 1.
 A Mun, A Ruh (illegal).

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Spring 1902 moves is Thursday, 23 January 1969. Hmmm. There seem to be no (O) press releases. Pity...

1968BZ

RUSSIA, TURKEY PRECIPITATE DOUBLE STAB: ENGLAND, FRANCE ATTEMPT SAME

Spring 1901:

AUSTRIA (Mebane): A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud, F Tri-Alb. RUSSIA (Key): A Mos-Sev, A War-Ukr, F StP (s.c.)-GBot, F Sev-Arm.
 ENGLAND (Bo rgs): F Edi-Nth, F Lon-Eng, A Lpl-Yor. TURKEY (Mahoney): F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con.
 FRANCE (May): F Bre-Eng, A Mar-Spa, A Par-Pic. RECEIPT DEADLINE FOR FALL 1901
 GERMANY (McCandlish & Jones): A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh, moves is Thursday, 23 January 1969.
 F Kie-Den.
 ITALY (Brooks): F Nap-Tyr, A Rom-Tus, A Ven-Pie.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

RUSSIA: ARMENIANS IN FOR IT (TURKS, TOO, PROBABLY)

BAKU (Imperial Russian Information Service): In yet another surprise attack, the Russian Imperial Garrison has been burned by the Armenian raiders that have been terrorizing this region. In spite of the fact that most of the garrison was in the field at the time of the raid, Imperial losses are reportedly heavy.

ST. PETERSBURG (IRIS): A decision has been made by one man which has plunged Russia and Turkey into a war which can only serve to intensify the conflagration which threatens to engulf Europe. Emperor Nicholas II has ordered units of the Imperial Fleet Marine Forces into Ottoman Armenia in an effort to destroy the raiders which have laid waste so much of the Caucasus. The announcement of the Emperor's action came from the Imperial Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Grand Duke Klyuch, who stated that only after repeated efforts to obtain the cooperation of the Sultan were met by outrageous insults, including the severed head of the last emissary, did the Emperor decide to take steps to end the depredations and raiding that the citizens of the Caucasus have been suffering.

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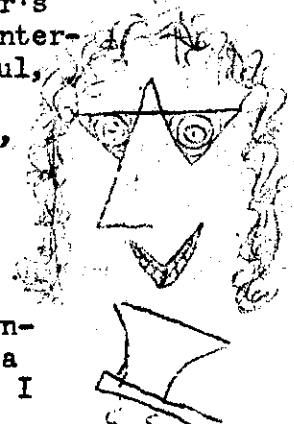
Winter 1902: Despite the missed moves of Austria and England, no stand-by moves will be requested. Austria sent Spring moves, but no Winter removal. Bob Keathley, England, is expected to send Spring moves, so I don't expect to have to replace him.

AUSTRIA (Gemignani): NO REMOVAL RECEIVED. GM removes F Apu.
 ENGLAND (Keathley): NO BUILDS RECEIVED. COULD HAVE BUILT 2.
 FRANCE (Swenson): (B) F Mar, F Bre. RUSSIA (Haggart): (B) A Mos, A War.

TURKEY (White) (B) F Con. RECEIPT DEADLINE, Spring 1803, is Thursday, 3 January 1969.
NEWS OF THE WORLD

FRANTS: NEWARD REVOLUTIONARIES DONE UNTO

CALAIS (1 January 1902) (The Purple Palace of the Mad Satirical Monk, overlooking the Bloody English Channel): It was announced by the Minister of Defense that potential revolutionary forces in Newark, USA, had been summarily bombarded with "peas the size of Peerimouths", the use of this ultimate weapon being justified by the prevalence of anarchistic movements throughout the world. It was denied that fallout from this bombardment was responsible for the appearance of red jelly beans on the decks of British superdreadnoughts operating against the Kaiser in Danish waters. Instead, it was suggested that these appeared as a result of sabotage by the Saboteur's International Committee, which was held responsible for the recent International Press stoppage at International Press Headquarters in Rantoul, Illinois. Rantoul, one must remember, is most noteworthy indeed for being the ancestral home of Spiro T. Agnew, noted dictator of Newark, USA, home of the Plot to Overthrow Our Wonderful Frantic Government Here In Frants."



THE CHRONICLES OF REQ-LAV

The Book of Lyn-Dunn the Rich

Actually, the 14-k gold-filled tablet containing the Book of Lyn-Dunn the Rich ran out last time with Chapter 16. However, there is a small detached tablet, otherwise untitled, which seems to fit in, so I thought we'd just put it in here. This is, then,

Chapter 17. (1) The land bringeth forth weeds, (3) which the people use strangely. (5) The harm thereof. (7) Other noxious things. (11) The people become as beasts. (13) They are as thieves, with (15) the inevitable result.

LIZZIE BORDEN has a nice surprise for Clif Ollila and Ken Fletcher.

1. Behold, the land of meri-Ka was rich, and gave forth abundantly of good things.
2. There were also in the land things which were not good, and among these was a noxious weed, which the elders called ta-Bakh.
3. Now, the people of meri-Ka were wont to take this weed, and burn it, and breathe the fumes thereof; and great was the burning and breathing, and great was the industry thereof, wherein the patricians made many shekels, and great also was the stench, and the coughing, and the staining of teeth, wherein many more shekels were spent to cover it up.
4. And lo! so also were many shekels spent, saying unto the people, Burn thou more of the weed, and inhale it greatly; burn thou chains of it, from everlasting to everlasting, and great shall be the pleasure and fun of it, in the spring, and in the country, and on the boats, and in the forests, and it shall not harm thee.
5. Thus did the people of meri-Ka burn great mountains of ta-Bakh, and inhale the murky fumes thereof, and great was the harm of it.
6. For behold! the fumes did palsy the mind, and corrupt the lungs, and rot the teeth; but the people of meri-Ka did breathe them anyway, even as children warned of the fire will play with it anon and anon.
7. Now this ta-Bakh was but one of the substances wherewith the people of meri-Ka did abuse themselves, and their neighbors, and their children.
8. With strong drink did they become soused, with pills did they become copeless, and with opiates did they become insane; and like beasts did they thus abase themselves.
9. Yet it is written, What dumb animal is so dumb that it partaketh of poisonous weeds or spoiled things; but that which animals are too smart to do, that will men do right willingly.
10. Yea, verily, is a man more exalted than the beasts by virtue of his mind only.
11. Therefore, what shall it profit a man if he gain euphoria by a drink, or a smoke, or a fix, and thereby lose his mind.
12. Shall he not be lower than the beasts of the field; yea, lower than the snakes that crawl and the insects that creep? Yea, he that so doeth is verily a creep!
13. Now is the truth made manifest, that the creep be a thief, and that he stealeth

from everyone, but mostly from himself.

14. What stealeth the thief from himself? These things: self-control, his health, and the respect of others.

15. All that remains is trash.

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY FEDERATION

I must say that response to my proposals for the IDF have not been overwhelming in their numbers, but those which have come have been positive. As a result of some constructive criticism, one section has to be amended.

ARTICLE III, Section 12, should read: "One individual may hold more than one elective office, but no more than three; however, the Ombudsman may not hold any other elective office during his tenure. We don't want to be like Mississippi, do we?"

MISCELLANEA

1. Stand-by List: Unlimited stand-by positions for all games are available. Current stand-by players are listed below. Games 1966AO and BI are omitted, as they seem about over. Stand-bys for those games were listed in Vol. III, #3.

<u>1967AA</u> : Birsan, Comber, Linden, Long, Naus	<u>1968AJ</u> : Childers, Long, Beyerlein, Baker, Key, Naus
<u>1967AH</u> : Beyerlein, Baker, Linden, Naus	
<u>1968K</u> : Beyerlein, Linden, Long, Payne, Naus	<u>1968BA</u> : Baker, Key, Bogs, Naus
<u>1968W</u> : Linden, Long, Payne, Rusiecki, Goldstein, Naus	<u>1968BZ</u> : Naus, White, Cowan
<u>1968AG</u> : Long, Payne, Wittmann, Linden, Goldstein, Naus	<u>Napoleonic</u> : Wittmann, Payne, Goldstein, Childers, Baker, Naus.

Lists in order of priority

2. Pandemonium Publications. Since P. P. #39, the following have been printed: #40: UTOPIA III; #41: ZOTHIQUE #3; #42, ATLANTIS III; #43, LOMOKOME #3. This is #44.

3. Mailing List. No sooner do I publish a mailing list than everybody and his brother moves, subscribes, or something. The changes:

8. Douglas Beyerlein. <u>delete</u> (EFGIART).	16. Sid Cochran, Jr. <u>delete</u> (L).
17a. <u>add</u> : Donald Cowan (ATTAQUER) (E), 1605 S.W. 8th Ave., Decatur, Alabama 35601.	
17b. <u>add</u> : Fred C. Davis, Jr. (L), 5307 Carriage Ct., Baltimore, Md. 21229.	
19a. <u>add</u> : Jack Flemming (E), 624 Green St., Urbana, Ill. 61820.	
23. Michael Goldstein. COA: 9900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20902.	
26. Linn Haramis. COA: <u>change</u> "K Compton Hall" to "247 Compton Hall".	
28. Stephen Hueston. <u>delete</u> entire entry.	
29a. <u>add</u> : David Johnston (E), 5451 Rockwood Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43229.	
31. Eric Just. <u>add</u> (U).	
33. Jeff Key. COA: <u>change</u> "70 Lewis St." to P.O. Box 251".	
35. John Koning. <u>add</u> (VALHALLA).	46. David May. <u>add</u> (L, U).
57. Rob Perkins. <u>add</u> (L).	60. Ken Porter. <u>delete</u> (L).
61. Dick Reiter. <u>add</u> (L, U).	63. Tom Rosenbaum. <u>delete</u> entire entry.
64a. <u>add</u> : Larry St. Cyr (L, U), 30 Frederick St., No. Adams, Mass. 01247.	
71. Conrad von Metzke. <u>add</u> (DIES IRAE). COA: 3716 Columbia St., San Diego, Cal. 92103.	
73. Robert J. Ward. <u>delete</u> (E); ZIP 93941.	77. W. Gerald White. <u>add</u> (U).

PLEASE MAKE THESE CORRECTIONS TO THE MAILING LIST AND KEEP YOURS CURRENT.

4. Collect Calls. I have announced before that I will make collect calls to get your moves if they do not arrive, but you must give me permission in advance. Monte Zelazny is the only person to do this. If you want me to call you, collect, if your moves have not arrived, please tell me. Specify hours, person-to-person or station, and other relevant information.

5. Sealed Orders. I have encouraged all players to submit Sealed Orders, but only a few of you have. This is an easy way to avoid the consequences of a missed move. I will be returning Sealed Orders which do not conform to the criteria set forth in House-Rule 7. In the meantime, below is a list of all persons who presently have valid Sealed Orders for the games indicated:

1966AO: Birsan, Carey. 1966BI: Carey. 1967AA: Baker, Perrin, Welsh. 1967AH: Birsan, Welsh. 1968K: Birsan. 1968W: Baker. 1968AG: None. 1968AJ: None. 1968BA: Mebane.

1968BZ: Mahoney. Napoleonic: None. You are all encouraged to submit Sealed Orders.

6. "Key's" Rule. A special p. 4 to THE VOICE, Vol. II, #1, Jeff Key specifically rejects the rule named after him, already discussed in Announcement #6, this issue. I join with Jeff in encouraging the remaining Gamesmasters who use this rule, Eric Just and Bob Foster, to avoid using it in future games. In answer to Jeff's plea on current games which do use the rule, I have already observed that I include both the "Key Rule" games in my rating system, even though they are officially (and rightfully) considered variants. I disagree that the effects of the "Key Rule" are no greater than those of the Koning Rule. Koning Rule situations do not occur frequently in a game; however, "Key Rule" situations are almost sure to occur in nearly every move. Furthermore, as has already been observed, Koning's Rule merely interprets the Rules, while "Key's Rule" rewrites them.

7. Conrad von Metake. Persistent rumors that Conrad has changed address have proved to be true. There are equally persistent rumors that the reason for this is that Conrad has finally married. Conrad! Is that true? Sigh...

8. The Right-Hand Rule. This is used in THE DIPLOMAT and THE VOICE, as a method of determining where a dislodged unit will retreat. As a method of speeding play, it is admirable. As a "legal" rule, it is nowhere. The Rules are explicit about who makes retreats, and where. I personally would not play in a game where this rule was used, as I want to make my own retreats. However, when used with conditional retreats submitted with moves, the Right-Hand Rule has some merit from the Gamesmaster's point of view, even if not from the player's. In any event, players should be aware of the use of this rule when they are considering new games to join.

THULCANDRA REPRINTS

THULCANDRA, the Mensa Diplomacy journal, has been publishing excerpts from Fodor's Guide to Hernia, which I have been given permission to reprint. Today we have:

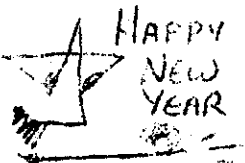
Chapter 7: Classical Hernian Erotology

In the Hernian capital, the printing and publishing of the classics of Hernian erotic literature has attained the status of big business. In fact, next to the sale of large gaily colored and glueless postage stamps to unwary collectors, sale of the ancient lore of Hernian erotic poetry and prose has been the primary factor in the Hernian economic miracle of the last 15 years.

Some adverse comments have been heard about this erotica, however, due to the fact that its origins are of dubious antiquity (Hernia, after all, was completely illiterate until the 1830s), and to the fact that the literature is published solely in English translation, and the original Hernian MSS have never been made available to scholars. Even worse, the anatomy of a female in one of the drawings illustrating the Oranga-Tanga (the epic of the five sexes of the Warlord Moo) has been shown by critics to bear a remarkable resemblance to that of Candy Barr in her ascendent years.

It is necessary to point out that the Oranga-Tanga has only been observed for sale by New York remainder bookstores, marked "originally sold at \$38.00!". Where this original sale occurred is not documented.

Regardless of their authenticity, the books are nonetheless valuable for their accurate and graphic presentation of Hernian sexual practices. Unfortunately, direct quotation from the texts is impossible in this Guide since State of New York vs. Marboro Books, in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that knowledge of Hernian sexology is a clear and present danger to the morals and survival of the entire world. This ruling was followed by what allegedly was a scandalous scene in a building at First and East Capitol Streets which was quickly hushed up. If you did not manage to obtain a copy of the Oranga-Tanga or any others of these works during the short period they were on sale in New York, you may be interested to know that Ralph Ginzberg is planning to publish parts of this literature in the last issue of Avant-Garde.



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