

"Boo-hoo, boo-hoo, snuffle, snuffle, blubber, bawl...you won't have Dick Nixon to kick around any more!"...Dick Nixon, November 1962. Promises, promises...

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IT'S "LET'S ALL HATE JOHN BOARDMAN TIME"!

GRAUSTARK #173, besides the usual spate of pacifist and anti-establishment drivel, carried one of the most unbelievably puerile "poems" I have seen in some time. Any moron can write blank verse by stringing out parts of sentences like smelt hung out to dry. And anyone with moderate intelligence can disguise cowardice and ignorance as reforming zeal and sophistication. EREHWON herewith prints its answer to Gary Gygax and John Boardman, using the style of the original farce, called:

I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT A SOLDIER

Why, bless your quaking knees, Gary, baby!
I'm glad you're not a soldier, too.
I should hate to think that national defense
Interfered with your personal convenience,
Parades, inspections, army cooking...
They're all a drag.
Of course, I hear they're a lot worse
In concentration camps and oriental tyr-
annies.
Luckily, there are also guys with guts.
They aren't afraid of
Marching
Fighting
Getting shot at...
Too bad you are; what if everybody was?
A country could get hurt that way,
Or an old man, or somebody's mother,
Or some little smiling child.
It is understood that aggressors do not
discriminate.

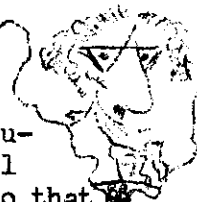
I'm glad you're not a soldier, sailor,
airman, or marine.

I guess some people would rather be
Snatching purses from old ladies
Beating up school administrators
Getting loaded or getting a fix

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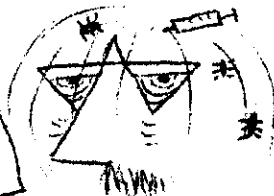
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Playing games in restrooms
Avoiding reality, generally.
You know what these people need...that's
right,
HELP.
Lots of help.
Maybe you need help, too.
I wouldn't be surprised.
But don't bother calling a recruiter.
He's glad you're not a soldier.


Aren't you glad I'm not a ...
Say, maybe I am.
Why?
I think about it a lot when I'm not busy.
I'm glad I decided to help defend my
country.
But some people do not understand things
like honor and duty.
Something is wrong with them.
Me? I'm just glad you're not a soldier.
The Army needs men.



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ACTIVE PLAYER RATING LIST

For some reason, as fast as new players come into the field, others seem to leave. Most of these are no particular loss, being the type that play indifferently, if at all, and coming as they do off the bottom of the rating list. There were 131 names on this list when it was published last November. There are now 136 names. They represent all currently active players who are in at least two games which have progressed to at least Fall 1901. Each score represents an average for all active and completed games (total indicated in parentheses) for the player. Scores for active games represent a score based on my completed game system which is adjusted for the season just completed and number of supply centers held. Replacement positions are counted only if the stand-by player has a score of 3 or higher.

<u>Top Board</u>			
8.667 Eller (3)	4.389 Nelson (18)	3.250 Beyerlein (16)	McCandlish (4)
7.333 Zelazny (12)	4.385 Naus (26)	Bytwerk (4)	Porter (2)
7.000 Barrows (5)	4.375 Greene (8)	Huff (16)	White (10)
6.727 Turner (11)	4.333 Payne (3)	Long (16)	2.428 Wilcox (7)
6.667 Handerson (3)	4.235 Peery (17)	3.222 Peck (9)	Wittmann (7)
6.555 Brettick (9)	4.111 Clark (9)	3.200 Reinhardt (5)	2.400 Linden (5)
6.000 Zinkham (2)	4.000 Comber (3)	-----50% line-----	2.333 Boggs (3)
<u>Second Board</u>			
5.929 Prosnitz (14)	 Koalenz (2)	3.143 Schow (7)	Keathley (3)
5.714 Beshara (7)	Kuch (9)	3.139 Birsan (36)	AScott (3)
5.667 Lebling (15)	Mebane (6)	3.105 McCallum (19)	2.286 Fong (7)
5.500 Leitch (4)	Monroe (7)	3.091 McLeod (11)	2.273 DBrannan (22)
Stone (2)	3.889 Goldstein (9)	3.081 vonMetzke (37)	2.000 Eddy (4)
5.400 Schelz (5)	3.833 Kinney (12)	3.000 CBrannan (2)	Francis (9)
5.385 CWells (13)	3.750 Davidson (8)	Bryant (4)	Garbis (10)
<u>Third Board</u>			
5.215 Dygert (14)	Just (4)	Connelly (5)	Hoheisel (3)
5.167 Berman (5)	3.667 Hickson (3)	JPerkins (2)	CLJohnson (5)
5.000 Brooks (2)	Manogg (3)	Wagner (4)	Komada (5)
Key (3)	3.600 Harrison (5)	2.954 Latimer (22)	1.875 RScott (8)
Metzger (2)	3.500 Austin (4)	2.882 Baker (7)	1.833 Lake (6)
4.917 Pournelle (12)	Eltinge (2)	2.778 Cochran (9)	1.750 Shagrin (4)
4.900 Pendergrass (10)	Ferris (2)	2.750 Evans (4)	Warden (12)
<u>The Rest of Us</u>			
4.750 RPerkins (4)	BFoster (2)	Libby (8)	1.692 Grayson (13)
4.667 Welsh (3)	Houston (2)	Weyant (4)	1.667 Childers (3)
4.600 Koning (20)	Levinson (2)	2.714 Krauter (7)	ChJohnson (3)
4.500 Rosenbaum (2)	Polan (4)	2.667 Speed (3)	MMiller (3)
Smythe (2)	DReiter (8)	Williamson (3)	1.600 Ward (10)
MThompson (6)	Turk (2)	2.611 Reinsel (36)	1.500 Bischoff (2)
Walker (10)	3.467 BJohnson (15)	2.600 Lunney (5)	Duncan (2)
4.400 Hille (15)	3.454 Rosamilia (11)	Ollila (5)	Gemignani (34)
	3.444 Carey (9)	2.533 Tzudiker (30)	1.444 Swenson
	3.428 Hoos (7)	2.500 Lackner (2)	1.333 Maloney (3)
	3.333 Haggart (3)	Mahoney (2)	St.Cyr (3)
		May (2)	1.250 Fletcher (4)

1.000 Berschig (2)	Jacky (2)	0. 572 Bailey (7)	0.500 McIntyre (2)
EBryant (2)	Montgomery (2)	Harami (7)	McLinn (2)
	Powlesland (2)		

Completed Games: Only three games have come to a conclusion since last issue.

They are:

1966F. Begun in DIPLOMANIA, this game was later transferred to DIPLOPHOBIA. It was Gamesmastered by Don Miller. There is little to say about this game, except that it illustrates a great failing of the replacement system vis-a-vis rating systems. John Mazor, the original player for England, was dropped from the game in Fall 1912, and at that time he had 17 units. Monte Zelazny then took over England and played to victory in 1913. While Monte is a good player in his own right, but this win was hardly of his own making. Nonetheless, he will get beaucoup points for it in most rating systems (mine included). Well, c'est la guerre.

1967AC. Another DIPLOPHOBIA game (Don Miller's sighs of relief are audible all the way out here). It was won by Buddy Tretick, Austria, in 1906 (eee!), a fantastic tour de force. Buddy was aided by the extremely high player turnover, which saw only he and Dave Lebling (England) remaining of the original players. Two countries had three players and one player played two different replacement positions. Even so, there were no resignations. Just a bunch of lazy, inconsiderate people forgetting to submit moves. Our congratulations to Buddy for his first win!

1967P. This appeared in XENOGOGIC and is the first regular game to finish in Larry Peery's 'zine. The winner was Eugene Prosnitz, England, who is no stranger to the laurels of victory. Runner-up was a strong Turkey, played by Roland Tzudiker.

1966BI is also over; see later this issue.

CURRENT AND CHOICE

This edition of this section will be devoted to updating and correcting the listing of 'zines which was printed last time. 'Zines not mentioned have not arrived here in the interim and are otherwise unchanged.

ACELDAMA (10).

A.D.A.G. (36). Has incorporated CEREBRAL NEBULA, ENGIART, and THE LOST ONES.

ATTAQUER (1). g/\$4 with various discounts. s/10/\$1.50. Offers regular and blitz-krieg Dippy and plans. Looks good. Recommended.

BROBDINGNAG (91). Ed Helle, Box 903, Gainesville, Fla. 32601. g/\$3 (cash or stamps only), s/10/\$1. John McCallum has given up his long association with this fine 'zine and passed it to its third editor. Ed plans many extra and interesting features, 2½-week deadlines, and a generally well-run 'zine. John will be a regular contributor. Highly recommended.

DIPLODEUR (1.12). Game inquiries and subscriptions are discouraged. Games are more or less limited to members of AHIKS, a very worthwhile wargaming society. Those interested in AHIKS membership (uh--Avalon Hill International Kriegspiel Society) would do well to contact Mr. Johnson (see address last issue).

THE DIPLOMAT (I, 22). Key's Rule has been dropped.

DIPLOPHOBIS (43).

GRAUSTARK (174).

HALF AND HALF (none). David R. Lindsay, 2245 Fairmont Pkwy., Erie, Pa. 16510. g/\$2. s/?. Will trade. This new 'zine will carry regular games on a two-week schedule. It will apparently follow the policy of RAGNAROK in sending out to players only their games and not an entire 'zine. Reproduction is by xerography, so subscriptions are apt to be expensive. Mr. Lindsay has just informed me that all previous statements indicating that games were free were in error. The game-fee is \$2 per player. Mr. Lindsay would very much like some good, dependable players, who want a regular, fast-paced game. You are encouraged to join, yet.

JUTLAND JOLLIES (17). Back in business!

MISKATONIC UNIVERSITY. Folded, at least for the time being. The Napoleonic games have been transferred to a new 'zine of mine, BLEFESCU. Lusitania II is still looking for a home.

SPALD, JR. (I, 7). The convoy rule is no longer used. Recommended.

- STAB (58). John Koning secretly loves Canadian beer.
- THE SWISS VARIANT. Tommy Ogle, 2318 S.W. Cleveland Ave., Decatur, Alabama 35601. g/?, s/?. Will carry regular and variant games, apparently. May or may not get off the ground. Not recommended.
- THULCANDRA (21).
- VALHALLA (12).
- THE VOICE (II, 2). s/copy/25¢. Marvellously interesting. Newspaper-style throughout. Watch this 'zine -- game 1968CM -- for the great Austrian Civil War between Conrad the Tall, Emperor of Austria, and Zoltan Karpathy, Emperor of the Assyro-Hungarian Empire! Muchly recommended.
- XANADU (12). s/10/\$1.50. Printed in Michigan, yet.
- XENOGOGIC (II, 10).
- ZOTHIQUE (4a). Rod Walker (me). g/\$4 (\$3 for NFFF Games Bureau members); s/10/\$1.50 (10/\$1 for NFFF Games Bureau members). Contains various experimental variant games. See listing under Open Games, later this 'zine.

THE LOVELY NEW CONTEST

- The winner of this was Eric Just, with 40 points. Runners-up were John McCallum (20) and Edi Birsan (10). The answers:
1. The dime contains no notation of its value in "dollars" or "cents".
 2. In Trial by Jury, Edwin enters, singing, "Is this the Court of the Exchequer?" The jury says, "It is!" Edwin then sings, "Be firm, be firm, my pecker!" In England, this refers to his upper lip. The line is normally elided in U.S. performances.
 3. The sum is indeterminate, since there is no way of telling what b and c are. I deleted this question.
 4. The Mexican War.
 5. East. Some later Oz books say "west", but they are wrong.
 6. Twenty-nine, because 2000 is divisible by 400. Other century years (e.g., 1700, 1800, 1900, 2100, etc.) have Februaries with 28 days.
 7. Once Upon A Time by A. A. Milne. The other kingdom therein is Barodia.
 8. N.Y. Life Ins. Co. v. Bennion, 158 F. 2d 260 (1946); 41 A.J.I.L. (2947), 680; writ of certiorari denied, 331 U.S. 811 (1947). The alternative date was 8 December 1941, the day war was declared.
 9. Lewis Carroll, in the preface to the 1896 edition of Alice, gave this answer: "Because it can produce a few notes, tho they are very flat; and it is never put with the wrong end in front."

Sam Loyd, in the 1914 Cyclopedia of puzzles, offers this answer: the notes for which they are noted are not noted for being musical notes.
 10. The northern kingdom, the Kingdom of the Gillikins.
 11. "I will be good."
 12. "France, France!"

NOTE: Some other entries arrived too late for consideration. Sorry.

THE STAB CONTEST

- The winner here was Conrad von Metzke, with 3.625 points. Runner-up was Edi Birsan, with 1 point. Conrad, you-all have your own nose-print. Please autograph it. The answers:
1. Not far. The world is really a giant Diplomacy board, and you would merely hit the table underneath. The distance estimated by Conrad von Metzke, 35,101.0265 rods (the exact distance between Worland, Wyo., and Rock Springs, Wyo., via roller skates) is off by 0.0263 rods, and is therefore wrong.
 2. The answer, provided by the Brooklyn College computer, is 3.9999999999999999 (plus). We'll call it 4, OK? Nobody got it right.
 3. Paris, France is not the capital of anything (snicker). It is merely a suburb of Charles de Gaulle. Tsk-tsk, guys.
 4. New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nuevo Leon, Chihuahua, Tamaulipas, and Coahuila. No, Conrad, not Byelorussia, Severnaya Zemlya, and Knott's Berry Farm.
 5. The funny thing about Nero is that his name was not Nero.

6. Conrad von Metzke gets a point for noting that the formula for Florida orange juice may be determined by an analysis of escaping gas from a plugged toilet. That is absolutely correct! Edi Birsan's entry of $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was close.

7. Conrad von Metzke wins with the entry "I am Eric Blake because."

8. The A. F. R. O. T. C., of course. Not NASA, Edi.

9. Lord Greystoke, you idiots! Not Elmo Lincoln. Not Johnny Weissmuller. Not Jane, Conrad.

10. The correct answer is Conrad's "Well, maybe, but then again." I had thought that the correct answer was "No", but after thinking it over, I have seen the light.

THE OH SAY CAN YOU SEE CONTEST

Yes, fans, a new contest. All about flags this time. Each question is worth 10 points; total, 100. The prize is a free game in ATTAQUER, yet. Have fun!

1. How many stars may be seen on the flag of Brazil?

2. What are the correct proportions of the flag of the United States?

3. What is (or was) the "Kruisvlag"?

4. What modern country uses a flag which was designed by a person who was not a citizen of that country?

5. What do the four stars on the flag of the City of Chicago symbolize?

6. What color, or colors, is (are) common to all flags flown by the states of "Trucial Oman"?

7. What four living things were pictured on the flag of the Sovereign State of Winneconne?

8. What is the astronomical designation of the smallest star on the Australian flag?

9. What, exactly, was the "Stars and Bars"? A picture will do.

10. What fruit is shown on the flag of Grenada?

RECEIPT DEADLINE for contest entries is Thursday, 27 February 1969.



OUT OF THE GRAVEYARD

This is EREHWON's series chronicling the doings of defunct Dippy 'zines. In the previous issue, we took 1966N through the end of 1902, when the House of Nassau-Krumlau succeeded to the Austrian throne. Well, onward:

In 1903, the political battle between P.M. Krajewski and Dame Princetonia began to take on fire. Defeated in her own constituency, Puddlesby-on-the-Marsh, Dame Princetonia nonetheless won a seat in Oxford, due to surprise support by a group of university students led by one "Birdie" Russell, a philosophy major. Emperor Ladislas of Austria married Lucrezia Bordsha, daughter of Pope Innocent XIV, and then converted to Islam, renaming His Empire, the Austroman Empire. The new Austro-Turkish alliance immediately drove Russia out of Budapest and Rumania. In the north, the Anglo-Russian alliance enjoyed considerable success against Germany. In the south, Fall found a French fleet in Tunis and things were looking bleak for Italy. In addition to everything else, Austria declared war on Italy, under the rule that a country should pick on somebody its own size. In a dramatic gesture of international good will, P.M. Krajewski paid a visit to the Austroman Court ad Muhammadburg (formerly Vienna) in early 1904 and wrote poems about the Empress Lukrezia.

Late 1904 saw new and unusual things. Muhammadburg was re-renamed Muhammadshahir by Emperor Ladislas, who made the proclamation at the Mosque of Selim the Sinless (an Austro-Islamic saint who died of gout, apoplexy, overindulgence, varicose veins, and a surfeit of opium at the age of 11). The sale of the works of Henry Krajewski caused a riot in the capital, since most of his poetry dealt with pigs. Lukrezia's birthday party on 31 October 1904 was the usual brilliant affair, attended by the Marquis de Sade, President Robert E. Lee II of the C.S.A., P.M. Krajewski, several hundred Mad Satirical Monks, Dr. Fu Manchu, Tsar Wormtongue of Russia, and other nice people. Her Majesty's father, Pope Innocent XIV, came with several young ladies, whom he was teaching the horrors of sin and the evils of the flesh. Henry Krajewski was able to leave Salona only near Christmas time, penning a final poem to his rival, Dame Princetonia Garrigus, which started out as an effort at reconcilliation, but ended..well:

"Oh, good of heart and sweet of voice,
 You are to me a morsel choice.
 Above the herd you float afar,
 Brightly twinkling like a star.
 England needs you, fairest one,
 While peace is made and war is won.
 Hark! I prithee heed my summons
 And come before the House of Commons.
 And when thou com'st, O fair of face,
 Why, then I'll bash thee with the Mace!"

But, incensed with Krajewski's long dalliance with Lukrezia, Dame Princetonia had herself elected Prime Minister. Then she penned the following answer:

"While you and Lucy felt your oats,
 I, at least, have found the votes.
 I think you'll find you need that mace,
 Because, you see, I have your place!"

In the midst of all this, nobody seemed to notice the collapse of Germany.

The chief event of 1905 was the inspiring sermon delivered by Archbishop Abracadabrus III to the last remaining Christians in the Austroman Empire. Speaking from the altar of the Church of St. Peghoot the Lusty at the Benedictine Monastery of St. Ambrose Bierce, his message was, "The Question of Transsubtincturation in Relation to the Principle of Immaculate Depreciation and in Contradistinction to the Doctrine of Predistribution and Precogitation." Meanwhile, His Holiness the Pope excommunicated Dave Garrigus and the entire British Empire. This seems to have had an affect, as Henry Krajewski immediately became Prime Minister again. Later in the year, His Holiness made another announcement. Having determined that He was descended from the 'Abbasid Kalifs of Baghdad, He proclaimed a union of the Christian and Moslem churches in His person, thus constituting the United Gargantuan Federal Omnipotent Oneandonly Islamo-Catholic Church of Jesus Christ and Muhammad, Kosher. War was declared on all infidels. On the war front, France mopped up Germany and Italy, while England snatched 3 supply centers from Russia in a mad drive toward power.

The year 1906 was the year of the European Poetry Contest, of which the English entry was the winner. However, since the Austroman entry was not even considered, much less given the victory it deserved, Papal Kalif Innocent XIV immediately excommunicated the entire nation of Marsovia. France, now rid of her near neighbors to the east, marched on Austria, routing Lukrezia's troops in Venice and Tyrolia (sob!). Austrian attempts to unite opposition to France fizzled in continued Russo-Turkish rivalry.

The first grand event of 1907 was the glorious speech of the Empress Lukrezia, in which she "hurled defiance at the decadent, hedonistic, wine-bibbling, immoral, illegal, fattening, disgusting, repulsive, demented, cretinized, moronic, and powerful French." In one of her calmer moments, Her Majesty was heard to scream, "Die, Christian pigs!" Meanwhile, France took Galicia and Bohemia and also commenced to attack Turkey. Two capitals fell that year. French forces entered beleaguered Vienna, while the English stormed St. Petersburg. At the Annual Xmas Orgy (or, the Yule Fool-Around), the Empress renewed and strengthened the excommunication of Marsovia, and demanded a recount on the European Poetry Contest. No such luck.

In 1908, France annihilated Austria, while England drove the Russians out of Berlin. In 1909, France won the game by attacking England (but taking no supply centers) and annihilating Turkey (save for Ankara). At this point, MARSOVIA was being published sporadically by Conrad von Metzke (whose own COSTAGUANA was then in limbo), as Bob Ward was (and still is) serving with the U.S. Army. Thus ends Marsovia, Vol. I. Will there be a Volume II when Bob finishes his two years (in early 1970)? Only time will tell. But those who appreciated the free-swinging, friendly style of the 'zine (and this includes your humble servant) can only hope so.

NEXT ISSUE: The ill-fated Seattle publishing venture.

WANTED

This is yet another new section in EREHWON. Do you want old copies of Dippy 'zines for your collection? Do you have such items for sale or other disposal? Let me know about it and I will print your "ad" in this section. I will not print overly long "want lists", and only Dippy materials will be advertised or advertised for in this column. An "ad" will look like this: (P.S.: This is a real ad.)

WANTED: MARSOVIA #24(?) (issue with Winter 1907 builds). CEREBRAL NEBULA #10 (Nov or Dec 1967). Will pay any reasonable price for same. Rod Walker.

1. Collect Calls. Many of you are allowing me to call you collect when I do not receive your moves. Thank you. Be sure to specify hours. The rest of you--remember, this is one way to insure you do not miss moves.

2. Sealed Orders. Keep them coming; this cheaper than long-distance, of course. Also, an insurance policy in case my call to you does not get through.

3. The SPALD "Annihilated Convoy" Rule is no longer used by Rob Perkins. Games in his 'zine are very much worth looking into, by the way.

4. UTOPIA still has openings for the Youngstown Variant--about 2 of them. See OPEN GAMES, below.

5. The "Key Rule", already rejected by its namesake, is now no longer to be used in future games in THE DIPLOMAT. In striking the rule, however, Eric Just wondered why it is that the Key Rule was generally regarded as contradictory to the Rules, but not so the Koning Rule. I will admit the point is obscure. The Koning Rule is by no means universally used. However, when (and if) a revised set of rules is issued, it may clear up the ambiguity in this regard.

6. Ratings. There is now a small number of active games in which a country is played by a team of two persons. Two of them, 1967AA and 1968BZ, are in EREHWON. The problem is, how does one assign points in this case in a rating system? To assign the total points assigned to the country to each of the players is manifestly unfair to single-player countries. On the other hand, to assign points only to one member of the team is unfair to the other. Therefore, I have decided to assign 1/2 of the total to each player. Thus, if the country currently has 4 points, each player will receive 2. If it has 5 points, each will receive 3. If the members of the team so direct, however, I will assign earned points to only one of them.

7. Third Class Postage was used for last issue and for this issue to subscribers and trades (unless stand-by moves were requested). I would appreciate it if you would let me know if this results in unsatisfactory service (say, more than 2 weeks). This is an experimental policy at the moment, and I would appreciate your cooperation in ascertaining its results. It is a great financial benefit, and saved me \$3 on the last mailing. I am not, however, firmly committed to the use of third class.

8. ZOTHIQUE is full of new, open games, all based on redesigns of the regular board. See OPEN GAMES, below.

9. BROBDINGNAG is under new management. See CURRENT & CHOICE, above.

10. Stand-by positions are available for all games in all P.P. 'zines, including this one and the brand-new BLETESCU (see below). Subscription to the 'zine in question is required. If interested in being a stand-by, please contact me.

11. The Earldom of Thomond is no longer lapsed. Irish patriots will be happy to learn that the Heirs of Brian Boru have been returned to their rightful status. On 14 June 1937 the High Court of Justice in England made a Grant of Probate to Raymond Moulton O'Brien, confirming that he was, in fact, Earl of Thomond and Baron of Ibracken. Since the Earl of Thomond is also Prince of Thomond (earlier King of Thomond), His Highness' (as Prince) claim to the Throne of Ireland is relatively clear. His Highness has recently erected a new order of chivalry, the Royal Dalcassian Order, in which Irishmen who wish the monarchy of their country restored may be interested.

12. Fees. Well, things are going up all over. That includes Pandemonium Publications. Paper is up again. Anyway, for 'zines other than EREHWON, subscription rates will go up an average of 50%. Game fees will not rise. In EREHWON, game fees and subscription rates both will be up 50%. This will be partially offset by the fact that reduced fees will be available to full members of the NFFF Games Bureau. Game fees to those I trade 'zines with will be in effect, also.

13. NFFF Games Bureau. You should investigate this. Write Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, Md. 20906. The Bureau could do a great deal if there were more interest and more willing hands. Its myriad divisions have dwindled down to two (General Games and Diplomacy). The Diplomacy Division is co-chaired by Dave Lebling and John Koning. The Division loosely connects a wide variety and large number of 'zines: DIPLOPHOBIA (and its sub-'zines), GLOCKORLA, LA GUERRE, EREHWON (and its sub-'zines), and ATTAQUER. Yes, Donald Cowan's 'zine has just joined the Division. In many cases, these 'zines offer fee discounts to NFFF Games Bureau members. EREHWON,

which had not originally intended to adopt a fee-reduction policy, now has instituted same throughout Pandemonium Publications, applying to map prices, subscriptions, and game-fees. As the price of membership is \$1 per year, you stand to save a lot of money for this small investment. You will also receive THE GAMESLETTER, which chronicles the Bureau's doings. As our esteemed Vice President, Mr. Agnew would say, even a dumb Pole could recognize the advantages of such a deal.

14. BLEFESCU is the latest Pandemonium madness. See Open Games, below.

15. THE OZ FREE PRESS is definitely out of the picture, for the time being, at least. I have too many players to replace and the rules need to be rewritten and published in one connected set. TOFP will reappear, and those of you who want to stay in will be welcome. Please watch these pages for bulletins. But, given my current busy schedule and anticipated problems this summer, don't hold your breath.

16. Not. This 'zine is not edited under the supervision of the Simps for a Degenerate Society (SDS). Nor the Heil Birtsch Society. We abhor communism and fascism equally. Somebody once told me that there was some difference between Jerry Rubin and Adolf Hitler. Yes, Mr. Hitler was more tidy in his personal appearance.

OPEN GAMES

For some reason, there has been a proliferation of game openings, suddenly, in various Pandemonium Publications. EREHWON, UTOPIA, ZOTHIQUE, and BLEFESCU all have openings. Let's take them one at a time:

EREHWON has two games open. The Diplomacy Widow's Game is described later on. In addition, we have a new regular game. The game fee is: \$6. It is \$5 for a full member of the NFFF Games Bureau, and \$4 for any Dippy 'zine editor/publisher with whom I have a current trade agreement. Entries must be paid in advance and countries will not be assigned until all game-fees are paid.

BLEFESCU is a 'zine of Napoleonic Diplomacy, sometimes called the Calhamer 5-man Variant. In this game, Germany and Italy are unplayed, but their units are on the board, in civil disorder. BLEFESCU has the three MISKATONIC UNIVERSITY games, plus the one which was in EREHWON. Stand-by positions are available. The subscription rate is 10/\$1. Game fee is \$4 (\$3 for NFFF Games Bureau members). There is one new game open. Fees must be paid in advance.

UTOPIA has 2 openings left in a section of the Youngstown Variant, which adds China, India, and Japan to the regular seven powers. The fee is \$4, prepaid. Stand-by positions are also available. The 'zine's sub rate is 10/\$1.50 (10/\$1 for NFFFGB people).

ZOTHIQUE no longer carries Feudalism. It now has three open games: Aberration I uses a board and rules designed by Fred C. Davis, Jr., of Baltimore. Each power now has 4 (Russia, 5) home centers. Convoy is by piggy-pack and retreats by Just's Right-Hand Rule. Movement is by month, beginning in July 1914. The game must end in November 1918. Aberration II uses the same board, but regular rules. Aberration III has 9 brand-new powers, including Ireland, Burgundy, Hungary, Israel, Sicily, the Ukraine, Poland, Byzantium, and Spain. Africa can be circumnavigated and builds may be on any owned supply center, not just at home. The game fee is \$4 per game (\$3 for NFFFGB people); subscriptions are 10/\$1.50 (or 10/\$1, NFFFGB) and stand-by positions are available. Maps/rules for the games are 25¢ per set.

Well, that's it. A grand total of 37 game positions available in various 'zines. This is a record for Pandemonium. Some of these positions are already spoken for, so if you're interested, contact me soon. Remember, I must have the game-fees of all players before I will assign countries. If you claim a discount as a member of the NFFF Games Bureau, you must be a regular member, with dues paid, on the date your registration for the game arrives here. Your status is subject to verification with Don Miller in case of doubt.

SAVAGE TURKO-GERMAN WARFARE NETS LITTLE CHANGE; STALEMATE LOOMS

1912: The year that promised to be Santa Claus for the Turkish hopes of victory has turned to ashes and whips. Still, there is some possibility that one of the two Great Powers could win it in 1913. Or 1914. Or 1915... Ehu, fugaces!

Spring 1912:

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Spa (s.c.) (H).

FRANCE (Peery): A Mar-Monaco.

GERMANY (Carey): A Kie (S) A Mun, A Ber-Sil (S) by A War, A Sil-Boh (S) by A Mun, A Gas (S) ENGLISH F Spa (s.c.), A Par (H), A Pru (S) A War, F Mid-Por, A Bur (S) FRENCH A Mar, F Nth-Eng, A StP-Mos, A Edi-Yor, F Eng-Mid (S) by F Bre.

TURKEY (Ollila): A Con-Rum (C) by F Bla, A Arm-Sev, A Rum-Ukr, A Mos-War (S) by A Gal, A Sev-Mos, A Pie (S) FRENCH A Mar, A Boh-Sil /A/, A Tyr-Boh, A Vie (S) A Gal, F Naf-Mid, F WMed-Spa(s.c.) (S) by F GLyo, F Tun-WMed (S) by F Tyr.

Fall/Winter 1912:

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Spa (s.c.) (S) GERMAN A Bur-Mar. Ows: ~~Por~~, Spa (1). No change.

FRANCE (Peery): A Mar-Monaco (S) by 1 Andorran light brigade, 2 Liechtensteinian foot soldiers, 3 Yiddish matzohballs, 4 Guyanan bowmen, 5 Maldivian gunboats, 6 Perilandran nurses, 7 Peerijavan mountain goats, 8 Rio Marian cowboys, 9 South Yemenese pigs, 10 Greenebeans a-dancing, 11 Poderkaggian golfballs, 12 Tricky Dicks a-lying /and, no doubt, a Hickel-buzzard in a dead tree/. Ows: Mar (1). No change.

GERMANY (Carey): A Kie /H/, A Sil-Gal (S) by A War & A Boh, A Mun (S) A Boh, A Par-Gas, A Pru (S) A War, A Bur-Mar (S) by A Gas, A StP-Mos, A Yor-Lon, F Mid-Spa (s.c.) (S) by F Por, F Bre-Mid (S) by F Eng. Ows: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, War, Swe, StP, Edi, Lon, Bel, Nwy, Lpl, Bre, Par, Por (16). Build 1.

TURKEY (Ollila): A Rum-Bud, A Arm-Rum (C) by F Bla, A Ukr & A Vie (S) A Gal, A Tyr & A Gal (S) A Vie, A Mos (H) (S) by A Sev, A Pie (S) FRENCH A Mar, F Naf-Mid, F WMed & F GLyo (S) ENGLISH F Spa (s.c.), F Tun-Ion, F Tyr (S) F WMed. Ows: Ank, Con, Sny, Bul, Sev, Rum, Ser, Gre, Bud, Vie, Tri, Nap, Ven, Rom, Tun, Mos (16). Build 1 (1 /A/).

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Winter 1912 builds and Spring 1913 moves is Tuesday, 11 February 1969. Spring moves may be made conditional upon Winter moves if desired.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

FRANCE: INTERNATIONAL PEERISTIES SAVAGE MONACO

MONTE CARLO (1 January 1912): Frencian forces, under the command of the Duc de Greene, today invaded Monaco, which is seven years behind in payment of member fees to the Mini-League. The Duce /sic/ de Greene, serving as commander of the Mini-League Militia (MLM) led a combined force of Frencian marines, Andorran bowmen, Guyanese archers, and South Yemenese camel corpsmen. The occupation was intended to rescue the famed Casino's treasury from Turkish and German forces. The Mini-State Expeditionary Force arrived before midnight on the imperial Frencian yacht, La Mer, and snuck /sic/ ashore. They moved quickly to sieze the palace, where the Prince of Monaco (known as P.M. among his friends), John, and his famed princess-acress, Margreta (whose last picture was The Orange Balloon, 1913), were asleep. They were siezed and taken aboard the La Mer /sic/. The Duc de Greene personally led the raid on the Casino and interrupted one of the most lavish New Year's Eve parties of all time, thrown by shipping magnate Socayippies Orassis and his charming wife, Medea. Among those in attendance were the Governor-General of Cochranbull, Sir Sidney Blake Justice; the Che of Peerijavo; the Mayor of Rantoul, Illinois, the Hon. Eric Blake; and the Chancellor of the University of St. Peerigrad, Dr. S. I. Kamikaze. These dignitaries were also rushed aboard the yacht under guard and the Frencians searched for the treasury. However, the vault was closed and the time-lock sealed. Once again pea power proved its effectiveness, and using his magic pea shooter, our hero (the Duc, rah....) sprayed the lock into nothingness. Donning their gas masks, the brave band picked their way into the vault and hurriedly began bagging the money. And such a lot of loot: \$32,000,000 in CSA dollars, \$1,500 in USA dollars, 13 French francs, \$1,321,003 Maldivian pesos, 431,011 Krudniks, \$3,102,441 marks, 321 greenebeans, 3 coconuts...

We last glimpse our heroes as they sail out to sea, and we hear the Duc de Greene

serenading the lovely Medea in his counter-tenor:

"When I see you standing there
With just your clothes on,
I get ideas, I get ideas..."

RICHMOND (5 January 1912)(GM Service): President Robert E. Lee II today announced the complete revaluation of all Confederate currency. Several hundred billions of dollars in currency, treasury notes, and coinage have been printed and distributed throughout the country, to replace the old currency which was in use as of 1 January this year. President Lee noted that the old bills are no longer legal tender and are therefore worthless. "All of the currency in circulation on 1 January has been accounted for," said His Excellency, "except for a little over \$32,000,000. Well, whoever has that money is out of luck, 'cause it's as worthless as Union money." To which a disgruntled Yankee in the crowd added, "Save your Union money, men, the North shall rise again!"

MONACO (31 August 1912): Speaking to the Young Americans for Freedom group here, Mrs. Horace Harding today said, "This has been a horrible war. The only honest man was Edi Birsan, and we're still not sure if he is a he or a she. However, we propose to solve the riddle by locking him (or her) in a room with Jack Greene, for nine months. Then we'll know for sure."

ATLANTA (3 Dixieyack): Mrs. Charles Longstreet Weltner was sworn in today as President of the New Southern Confederacy. She then proceeded to give the shortest inaugural address on record: "The South shall rise again, and you'll never guess where."

ATLANTA (3 December 1912)(GM Service): Mrs. Charles Longstreet Weltner, sometimes known as "Mad Mamie", was again returned to the confines of the Richard Nixon Memorial Home for the Morally Inept, whence she escaped several days ago. Atlanta police found Mrs. Weltner in the clutches of the crazed followers of "Mad Lurleen", who several years ago had attempted to create a "New Southern Confederacy". They had inaugurated Mrs. Weltner as a new President, and she had just begun an inaugural address--had just spoken the first sentence, when she was arrested. Confederate authorities note that Mrs. Weltner's last escapade had been when she had tried to become King of England. "That's silly," said one reporter, "how could a woman be King of England?" Said Dr. Wade Hampton Johnston, Head of the Nixon Home, "That's not necessarily impossible...".

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VICTOIRE, VICTOIRE! VIVE LA FRANCE!!

1910: Tom Eller, France, is to be congratulated on his first victory in a postal Diplomacy game. Victory occurred in Winter 1910.

Spring 1910:

ENGLAND (Carey): A StP-Lva, F Nat-Iri, F Nrg-Nat, A War-Sil, A Sev (S) A Rum, A Syr -Sny, A Ukr-Gal (S) by A Rum, A Mos-War, A Kie (H) (S) by F Bal (A Kie /D/ /Den/), F Hol-Nth, F Nth-Lon.

FRANCE (Eller): F Bre-Mid, F Eng-Lon, F Mid-Iri, A Ber-Kie (S) by A Ruh & A Mun, A Tri-Alb, A Pie-Tyr, A Ven-Tri, A Vie-Gal (S) by A Bud, F Tun-WMed, F EMed-Aeg (S) by F Ion, A Bel-Hol.

TURKEY (Peery): A Con (S) A Smy, A Ser-Gre (S) by F Aeg (F Aeg /A/), F Bul(e.c.)-Rum, A Ank-Arm (S) by A Smy.

Fall/Winter 1910:

ENGLAND (Carey): A Kie (R)-Den. A Lva-Kie (C) by F Bal & (S) by A Den, F Nat-Iri, F Nrg-Nat, A Sil-Ber, A Sev (S) A Rum, A Syr-Sny /A/, A Ukr-Gal (S) by A Rum & A War, F Hol-Nth, Nth-Lon. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, Den, ~~StP~~, StP, Kie, Swe, Mos, War, Sev, Rum (12). No change (1 /A/).

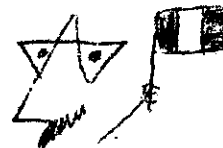
FRANCE (Eller): F Bre-Eng, F Eng-Bel, F Mid-Iri, A Kie-Ber (S) by A Mun, A Alb-Gre (S) by F Aeg & F Ion, A Tyr-Roh (S) by A Gal (A Gal /D/ /Vie/), A Tri-Ser, F WMed -Mid, A Bel-Hol (S) by A Ruh. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Mun, Por, Spa, Bel, Tun, Vie, Ven, Ber, Nap, Rom, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, Hol (18). A Gal (R)-Vie. (B) A Bre, A Par, A Mar and wins!

TURKEY (Peery): A Gre-Bul (S) by A Con, F Bul (e.c.)-Bla, A Arm-Syr (S) by A Smy. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, ~~Gre~~, ~~Ser~~ (4). (E) A Syr.

Synopsis

Game 1966BI (formerly rE8). EREHWON: I,6 - III,6.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
A	4	2	-								--Ken Fletcher (out F03)
E	4	5	7	9	9	11	12	13	13	12	--Chuck Carey
F	6	7	9**	8	10	11	13	14	15	18	--Tom Eller (won W10)
G	3	3	1	1	1	-					--Greg Long (out W06)
I	4	4	3	3	1	-					--Charles Alexander (dro S03); Edi Birsan (out W06)
R	5	8*	8	7	6	4	2	-			--Mike Santos (dro S05); Jim Latimer (dro W06); Anders Swenson (out W08)
T	5	5	6	6	7	8	7	7	6	4	--Larry Peery



If the winner wishes to make a victory statement, we will print it. Sour grapes from the losers will also be accepted. Meanwhile, we have some assorted blatherskate from Peery.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

TURKEY: PEERYBLAH, PEERYBLATT, PEERYBUNK!

ATHENS (4 Crunch 1910): Making his last public appearance in the home city of western civilization, Lawrence Pasha today dedicated the 11th wonder of the world, a life-size statue of Peerikles. The statue, which cost more than 42,000,000 krudniks /\$42, yet/, was placed high atop the Acropolis. Carved by the noted Turkish sculptor, Pablo Peerico, the statue is done in greene and blue marble. It shows the noble Peerikles in his most characteristic position: head high, mouth open, hands out-stretched, and eyes closed. One foot is placed on a mound of his enemies' bodies, the other half-stuck in a marble pool of mud.

DAMASCUS (21 October 1910): Leading an army of 23,000 camellers and scores of thousands of footmen, Lawrence Pasha today swept into Syria in a whirlwind of lightning, fire, and bloodshed. The English army, which had been in occupation of Syria, was driven out of the province and last was seen heading across the Copyright 1961, Games Research, Inc. Mountain Range toward Persia.

JERUSALEM (29 October 1910): Wearing white robes and riding an ass, Lawrence Pasha today entered the Holy City at the head of his followers. As the Pasha rode down the Street of Kings, millions of citizens lined the street to cheer and throw oranges, blueberries, avacados, strawberries, and tomatoes, and drop periwinkles beneath his feet. The Pasha made straight for the Cathedral of St. Charles the Twitchy-Nosed, the largest Protestant Church in the world. Arriving before the huge cathedral, the Pasha turned to his followers, and said: "Tear down this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Taking him at his word, the crowds swarmed into the Church and tore it to pieces.

JERUSALEM (1 November 1910): As millions watched today, Lawrence Pasha proceeded to reconstruct the largest Church in the world. The great edifice, raised as if by magic, is of white marble, decorated in greene and blue paisley silk. It is a large simple building in the shape of an "L". Inside is a simple throne, shaped like a potty chair. Lawrence Pasha entered the Cathedral of St. Peeri the Divine, sat down on the throne, turned to the crowds and said: "On two things will ye meditate: Man's folly in making eternal war and the merits of blueberries over oranges." With those inspiring words Lawrence slowly sank into the ground as the Cathedral was filled with shrill shrieks of wild laughter and a rumbly voice saying, "I'VE GOT YOU AT LAST, PEERY, I'VE GOT YOU AT LAST!...giggle, giggle...".

PODERKAGG: MEANWHILE, BACK TO THE RATIONAL WORLD...

GASTRITIS (15 November 1910): His Imperial Majesty, Pandemonium, Emperor of the Greeks and Romans, today announced the annexation of the entire Ottoman Empire, down to the Persian Gulf and the Suez Canal. "I don't know who's got Peery," said His Majesty, but they're welcome to him. Meanwhile, We have what was Peery's." His Majesty also announced the removal of a certain obscene greene-and-blue marble statue from the acropolis at Athens. It has been ground down into filler for military cooks to use in pies and shipped to Fort Ord and Camp Pendleton by the French Occupation Authority. Sic transit gloria Peeri.

WAR REACHES NEW HEIGHTS OF FURY! FRENCH IN LIVERPOOL, MUNICH: RUSSIANS STORM BUDAPEST
Spring 1906: Steve Perrin, England, failed to submit moves, and his moves were made on the basis of Sealed Orders. Edi Birsan is requested to submit stand-by orders for England for Fall 1906. See item #9, Mailing List.

ENGLAND (Perrin)(bySO): F Edi-Nrg, F Nth-Nrg, F Lon-Eng. Steve, your Sealed Orders have now expired and must be replaced.

FRANCE (Evans): F Mid-Iri, A Bel-Hol, F Wal-Lpl, A Gas-Par, A Bur-Mun, A Ruh-Kie.

GERMANY (Cochran): F Kie-Den, A Mun (S) A Sil /D//Ber/, A Den-Swe, F Hol (S) ENGLISH F Nth (ordered to move), A Sil (S) A Mun. (Built F Kie)

ITALY (Welsh): A Boh-Sil, A Bud-Vie (S) by A Tri, A Tyr (S) FRENCH A Bur-Mun, F Adr (S) A Tri, F Ion (S) TURKISH F Gre, F Tyr (S) F Ion.

RUSSIA (Beyerlein & Baker): A Rum-Bud (S) by A Ser, A Gal-Vie, A War-Gal, F Cly-Edi, F Nwz-Nth, A Swe-Nwy, A Alb-Tri, F Con (S) TURKISH F Smy-Aeg, A Bul (S) A Ser.

TURKEY (Zelazny): A Con (R)-/A/. (B) F Smy. F Smy-Aeg, F EMed-Ion (S) by F Gre.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Fall 1906 moves is Thursday, 27 February 1969. There are no press releases for this game.

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SHIPYARDS WORK OVERTIME AS ARMORIES IDLE TO NEAR-STOP

Winter 1905:

ENGLAND (Welsh): (B) F Lpl.

FRANCE (Haramis): A Bre (R)-Gas. No change.

GERMANY (Birsan): A Bur (R)-Mun. No change.

ITALY (Jones): (B) F Nap, F Rom, A Ven.

RUSSIA (Manogg): A Rum (R)-Ukr. (B) F Sev.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

SERBIA (SERBIA!!!!?): TRUTH OF AUSTRIAN DEBACLE COMES OUT

BELGRADE (DWE): From his palatial penthouse in natural downtown Louisville, J. G.K. Koningkrafft-Ebbing u. Sacher-Masoch, known to his close friends as "Mr. Koningkrafft-Ebbing", disclosed to the press that he had lost all of Austria-Hungary to Sir A.B.B.A. Swine,sonof (as he spells it), the Italian Foreign Minister, in a card game. "I really don't know the name of the game," Koningkrafft-Ebbing confided, "and the rules were very strange. They changed with every deal, apparently at the discretion of the dealer. Since the winner of each hand retained the deal, Mr. Swine,sonof interpreted the rules each hand...he being the first dealer in the game. I am going to have to speak sharply to Mr. Hoyle at the next convention."

RUSSIA: TSAR CONTINUES TO SNUGGLE WITH HOLY MOTHER RUSSIA

NEW ROME (All Saint's Day 1905): A holy relic, worn beneath his Admiral's uniform, today saved the life of the Tsar of All the Russias. The relic, a gift of the Tsarina, turned the knife that sought the heart of our noble monarch. So God protects his own! So God protects our Holy Mother Russia!

NEW ROME (2 November 1905): Specially deputized Turkish forces have joined the multi-national police force here in seeking Italian Count Brutus Bulgia, who yesterday attempted to kill the Tsar on the steps of the Cathedral of Holy Wisdom. The Count, special envoy of the King of Italy, was found to have had instructions directly from that despicable monarch for his cowardly act. News of the Italian invasion of Rumania came upon the heels of the murder attempt. Treachery!

NEW ROME (5 November 1905): Thousands were privileged to hear His Imperial Majesty's address which was given from the stern-walk of the fast cruiser Gloryosky, which lay in the Golden Horn, ready for immediate departure. "To be surprised by ITALIAN treachery," declared the Tsar, "is to be surprised by the rising of the sun or the ebbing of the tide. To be fearful of Italian might is to be fearful of the talons of the sparrow or the teeth of the worm. Earlier this year We had stated that We had hopes for the revival of the Roman Empire. We still have these hopes. It is now apparent, however, that this revival can never be brought about in that stinking Tiberine

slum which does not deserve the name of Rome. Our judgement must have been momentarily dulled by the joy of the infidel's defeat when we thought of the Savoyan Slitherer as a potential Emperor. For him to rule Italians is no more than they deserve. For him to rule humans would be a criminal absurdity."

WOPOPOLIS (formerly Rome)(21 November 1905): The Russian Embassy here today released news of the release of Count Brutus Bulgaria by the Tsarist Police. Bulgaria, detained for five days, was released when diplomatic representatives of most of the European powers insisted that the Count's diplomatic immunity be respected.

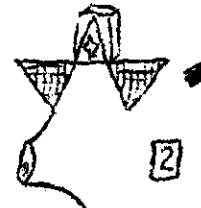
NEW ROME (21 November 1905): Count Brutus Bulgaria was released today. The release took place from the crow's nest of the Russian battleship Ivan the Well-Beloved. Unfortunately for the Count, the release was abrupt, and the current of the Bosphorus, 300 feet beneath the crow's nest, quite swift.

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AUSTRIAN FLEET GOES BLOOP IN THE BRINY

Winter 1903: Sorry about that, Larry Peery, but no Sealed Orders, no permission to call, no moves, nothing. Doug Beyerlein (item #8 Mailing List) is requested to submit Spring 1904 moves for Austria.

AUSTRIA (Peery): NMR. F Gre /A/.
 ENGLAND (Carey): No change. Will play.
 FRANCE (Birsan): A Par (R)-/A/. (E) F Pic.
 GERMANY (Eller): (B) A Kie.
 ITALY (Polan): (B) F Rom.
 RUSSIA (Koning): IIIA Gal (R)-War.
 TURKEY (Rusiecki): No change.



B. B. :
 "I AM A
 CAMERA"

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ANGLO-GERMAN ARMIES SWARM INTO FRANCE; AUSTRIA THREATENS GERMANY; ITALY SITS, WATCHES

Spring 1903: Doug Baker, Austria, failed to submit orders for this move, so they were made via his Sealed Orders. Doug, your Sealed Orders for this game are now expired and must be replaced. Bill Linden (item #40, Mailing List) is requested to submit stand-by order for Austria and will take over that country if Doug misses another set of moves

AUSTRIA (Baker)(by S.O.): A Tri-Vie (S) by A Bud, A Vie-Boh (S) by A Tyr, A Rom-Nap, F Nap-Ion, A Gre-Ser.
 ENGLAND (Wilcox): A Lon-Hol (C) by F Nth, F Edi-Nat, A Bre-Par, F Eng-Mid.
 FRANCE (Beyerlein): F Glyo-WMed, A Par-Bre (S) by F Mid (A Par /D/ /Gas/), A Ven-Pie, A Por-Spa.
 GERMANY (McLeod): A Kie-Mun, A Mun-Bur (S) by A Ruh, A Den (H), A Pic (S) ENGLISH A Bre-Par, F Bel-Eng.
 ITALY (Gemignani): F Tun (H).
 RUSSIA (Evans): A Mos (S) A Sev, A Gal-Rum (S) by A Sev & A Ukr, F Swe (H).
 TURKEY (Munroe): A Smy-Arm (S) by A Ank, F Rum (H) (S) by F Bla & A Bul.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Fall 1903 moves is Thursday, 27 February 1969. No press releases.

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AUSTRIA STABS TURKEY; FRANCE STABS ITALY; GERMANY FALLS AGAINST ENGLAND; RUSSIA WANING

Fall 1902: Greg Long is removed from the stand-by list for failing to submit moves for Russia. Ken Porter is removed as Russia for failure to submit moves. Brad Payne (item #55, Mailing List) is requested to submit Winter 1902 moves for Russia.

AUSTRIA (Smythe): A Gal-War (S) by A Ukr, A Vie /H/, A Tyr-Boh, A Rum-Bul (S) by F Gre. Ows: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul, War (8). Build 2.
 ENGLAND (Cochran): F Eng (S) FRENCH A Pic-Bel, A Den (S) A Swe, F Nth & A Swe (S) A Den, F Nwy-StP (n.c.). Ows: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Den, Nwy, Swe, StP (7). Build 2.
 FRANCE (White): A Pic-Bel (S) by A Bur, A Mar-Pie, A Gas (S) A Bur, F Spa(s.c.)-Glyo. Ows: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (5). No change.

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GERMANY (Garbis): A Kie-Den (S) by F Hel, A Mun-Bur, A Bel (H) (S) by F Hol. Ows: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Hol (5). No change.

ITALY (Keathley): F Ven-Adr, A Apu (H), A Tun (H), F Ion-Aeg. Ows: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun (4). No change.

RUSSIA (~~Porter~~): NMR. A Mos /H/, F GBot /H/. Ows: Mos, ~~SP~~, ~~ST~~, ~~WAT~~ (1). Remove 1 (2 /A/). Now played by Brad Payne.

TURKEY (von Metzke): F Aeg-EMed, A Sev (S) AUSTRIAN A Gal-Ukr (not so ordered), F Bla-Con, A Arm (S) A Sev. Ows: Ank, Con, Smy, ~~WAT~~, Sev (4). No change.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Winter 1902 adjustments is Thursday, 13 February 1969. The deadline for Spring moves will be Thursday, 27 February 1969. If, for some reason, I fail to send you the Winter adjustments, send Spring moves and make them conditional on any builds which might affect you. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DOUBLE DEADLINE.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

ENGLAND: CENSORED

LONDON (The Times): The annual meeting of the RSPCA here was shocked to learn that the Austrian and Turkish governments propose to ((CENSORED)) the alleged ((censored)) barbarian butterfly-chasing Russian Rabble. "In the first place," said Lady Huntingdon-Smythe, this year's President of the worthy organization, "everyone knows that Russians are kind and good and sweet, if you take care to hose them off each day. It's only if they are not properly taken care of that they become (CENSORED), and even at that, they never, ever, become ((censored)). Even my husband's cousin, who is in the Austrian Interior Ministry, should know that."

ITALY: PERHAPS, KING MURAT, IF YOU ATTENDED TO AFFAIRS IN THE NORTH, FIRST...

ROME: King Murat has decided to detail the lives of Italian heroes. It is expected to be a very slim volume. "Of course," said the King, "my own captains are the best of the lot, and it will be a while before they have demonstrated to the world their legacy from the Caesars." No doubt the people of the onlooking nations are not holding their breaths while waiting for such events to materialize. That could prove fatal... or perhaps that's the whole object...?

1968AJ

HAS SWEDEN HAD IT?

Spring 1902:

AUSTRIA (May): A Bud-Tri (S) by A Vie, A Ven-Rom /D/ /Tyr, Pie, Tus/, F Gre & A Ser (S) RUSSIAN A Rum-Bul.

ENGLAND (Goldstein): F Lon-Eng, F Lpl-Iri, F Nwy-Bar, A Bel (S) GERMAN A Ruh-Bur, F Nth-Nwy.

FRANCE (Comber): A Pic (S) GERMAN A Ruh-Bel (not so ordered), F Por-Mid, A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY (Kuch): A Ruh-Bur, A Hol-Kie, F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Wittmann): A Tri-Ven (S) by A Rom, A Tun-Apu (C) by F Ion.

RUSSIA (Evans): A War-Sil, A Arm (H) (S) by F Bla, A Rum-Bul, F GBot-Bal.

TURKEY (Payne): A Smy-Arm (S) by F Ank, A Bul-Rum /A/, A Con-Bul.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Fall 1902 moves is Thursday, 27 February 1969. Players may make moves conditional upon the direction of the Austrian retreat.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

AUSTRIA: THE PESTILENCE CONTINUES

VIENNA (10 April 1902): Emperor Eldrich today ordered all members of the Austrian Armed Forces to start growing "natural" hair styles immediately.

FRANCE: THE PESTILENCE SPREADS

PARIS (Le Figaro): The President of the Republic lashed out at protesting students. Their sit-ins at our recruiting places have prevented France from "raising sufficient forces to meet the current crisis". He promised to rectify the situation.

GERMANY: EVEN HERE?

BERLIN: In a successful attempt to thwart German plans to build a fleet in Munich, French secret forces ("puce berets") disrupted the mail to the city of Novi Sodom, commonly known as Ram-Tool. Unfortunately for the French, their own communication lines

sounding very learned, and putting the people to sleep in droves.

15. Yea, verily, even billi-Grann the Sententious did make a pretty speech, and half the Senate almost made a Decision for the Devil.

16. And there was in that same country a small child, who asked its mother, Why are they praying so much?

17. And she answered him, saying, It is needful. This day nyk-Sunn is King.

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY FEDERATION

Having received no further comment on my proposals, and being fairly well satisfied with things as they stand, I think we may as well get the show on the road. Those who wish to ratify on the basis of the texts printed in III, 2 and III, 4 (and amended slightly in III, 5) may notify me of their ratification. I will shortly be printing a complete text and mailing it out to every active postal player for whom I can find an address, either directly or via a Gamesmaster in whose 'zine they play. This will be a slow process, but I hope to give every active player a chance to ratify. For the nonce, I will keep track of things and use the extraconstitutional title of Chief Bottle-Washer. After ratification, I will arrange for elections and other actions necessary for implementation (if the thing is ratified, that is).

THE DIPLOMACY WIDOW'S GAME

Believe it or not, this game has two registrants:

Mrs. David Johnston, whose husband plays in GRAUSTARK; she qualifies.

Mrs. James Bradley, whose husband is a regular in THE DIPLOMAT. Her qualifying affidavit reads, "I am the wife of a nut who also started playing Diplomacy (faughh!) before I met him. Four children, and many Dippy-induced Sunday naps since, I can honestly say that Diplomacy is the dumbest game in the world, shattering composure, budget appropriations for telephone and stamps and joint checking accounts."

Both ladies enclosed the \$4 fee, even. Now, while we are in earnest about this game, finding seven ladies who hate Diplomacy and yet will play in a game of it may not be too easy. If this game does not get under way within a reasonable period, we will cancel the whole thing and refund money. Fair enough?

We also had a refusal, from Mrs. Jeff Key (he's editor of THE VOICE). She writes: "As along time DIPLOMACY widow, the thought of an all-girl 'Dippy' game did indded tickle my funny bone.... However, the very thought of a fee to play is unbelievable! Now, if Capt. Walker were to pay us to play, I might re-assess my opinion of his sanity. Why// for the exorbitant fee of \$4.00 I could have my hair done or purchase a new Robert Goulet album; either one would certainly be a sounder investment. Should another game be proposed in the future, I would be glad to contribute my \$.02 worth, a sum which I consider uniquely fitting." Bonnie replies: /Mrs. Key should know that Capt. Walker is carefully kept in a state of financial collapse. If he had twenty-eight dollars to his name, I would have had my hair frosted last week./

Well, keep that fan mail coming, girls. Remember, this may be your only chance to join a Dippy game and show your guys how it's done. More from EREHWON's answer to distaff Roller Derby next week.

MISCELLANEA

1. The Mailing List: Please note the following changes in your Mailing List. Contrary to expectations, a new one will have to be published shortly.

6. Scott Berschig. COA: 1592 Lago, Apt. 218, San Mateo, Calif. 94403.

add 13a. Randy Bytwerk (E), 1034 N.W. Barber Te., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504.

11. Greg Long. delete entire entry.

53. Hal Naus. COA: 11424 National Ave., Sp. 9, Chula Vista, Calif. 92010.

60. Ken Porter. delete entire entry. 67. Anders Swenson. delete (E, A, U, Z).

add 40a. David R. Lindsay (E), 2245 Fairmont Plwy., Erie, Pa. 16510.

add 70a. Brenton Ver Ploeg (E), Co. C, 125th Sig. Bn., APO San Francisco, 96225.

13a. Rick Brooks. COA: P.O. Box 5465, Milwaukee, Wiso., 53211.

Oh, we've got to have a new list...

2. Stand-by Players. We have the following stand-by players in the following games:

- 1967AA: (1) Birsan, (2) Comber, (3) Linden, (4) D. Johnston
 1967AH: (1) Beyerlein, (2) Baker, (3) Linden, (4) Naus, (5) D. Johnston
 1968K: (1) Beyerlein, (2) Linden, (3) Payne, (4) D. Johnston
 1968W: (1) Linden, (2) Payne, (3) Rusiecki, (4) Goldstein, (5) D. Johnston
 1968AG: (1) Wittmann, (2) Linden, (3) Goldstein, (4) D. Johnston
 1968AJ: (1) Childers, (2) Beyerlein, (3) Baker, (4) Key, (5) D. Johnston
 1968BA: (1) Boggs, (2) Naus, (3) Rusiecki, (4) D. Johnston
 1968BZ: (1) Naus, (2) White, (3) Cowan, (4) Rusiecki, (5) D. Johnston

Whombody else?

3. Bouquets for SDS. I recently ran a short squib about the local nefarious activities of the S.D.S., that power-hungry mob of hate-mongers who are running about many campuses acting like the bad, spoiled little children they are. One of my readers has taken exception to this:

"I was deeply incensed at the exception which you took in a recent issue of your magazine to a remark made by a prominent U. of Illinois peace advocate /oh, that's what he is?/, Mr. Steve Schmidt.... I wish to make it clear that not only is Mr. Schmidt a genuine lover of peace who is deeply /violently, even/ dedicated to the principle of free expression of all ideas, but that the just cause which he courageously advocates will triumph at last despite the greatest efforts of the forces of suppression who would hide the truth from the people. It is only in an open society where responsible dissent is encouraged, and the communications media present all the news fairly and without coloring, that freedom can exist. Take care, sir, that your paper remains a watchdog of liberty and does not become the right arm of tyranny" /s/ A. Hitler, Corporal, Army Munich. /Yes, but which one?//Frankly, Cpl. Hitler, I don't know why you wrote. Everybody knows that the SDS sympathise with and uphold your ideals.../

THULCANDRA REPRINTS

The Ant and the Grasshopper

Once upon a time, in Ancient Greece, there lived an ant and a grasshopper. The ant was a writer of fables and the grasshopper was a poet. The average day in the life of these insects was passed somewhat in this fashion: the ant would rise early, answer various correspondence, then sit down in his house hidden in the tall grass and write fables. About noon, the grasshopper would awaken, leap in joy at the sight of the sun overhead, and hop past the ant's house. Thereupon the ant would say irritably, "Don't bounce like that -- it isn't Proper; and for Zeus' sake, why don't you get to work? While you've been sleeping I've written three grand new fables, which will last forever. What have you done?"

The grasshopper smiled broadly, bounced a few times, shaking the ant's house, and replied, "I had a fine night on the town, I slept until noon, and I plan to repeat the performance all summer." At that, he hopped away, in search of a girl-grasshopper who might like to go for an afternoon cruise on the irrigation-canal.

One day the ant planned a sweet revenge. He wrote a fable telling all the world how, come winter, the grasshopper would have published nothing, and would be quickly forgotten, leaving the ant with fame everlasting for his strenuous efforts. The next day the ant read his fable to the grasshopper, and asked for comments. The grasshopper bounced lightly, and replied, "Well, not badly written, for someone with no Style, but I don't think it's very appropriate--why don't you wait until winter and see what happens?"

Winter finally came. A farmer, breaking up ice in the nearby irrigation-canal, happened to step on the ant's house, crushing it into the ground. The ant was injured and lived only a week, surrounded by all the fables he could eat.

The grasshopper was miraculously fed from heaven, and survived to become Poet Laureate.

Moral: Some insects just don't have it.