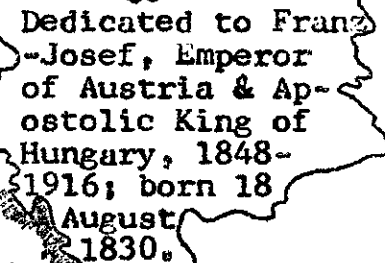


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incorporating LILLIPUT
#52.....18 August 1971



Dedicated to Franz
-Josef, Emperor
of Austria & Ap-
ostolic King of
Hungary, 1848-
1916; born 18
August
1830.

A.E.I.O.U. to you too! This is EREHWON, the imper-
ial journal of postal Diplomacy* and other goings-
on amongst the Crowned Heads of Europe. There are
no game openings. Subscriptions are 7/\$1. This is
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"Diplomacy Association".

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Calhamer and copyright by Games Research, Inc., and available therefrom,
postpaid, for \$8.00. The English set, copyright by Intellectual Diversions
Ltd., is occasionally seen in this country in import/gift shops at around
\$4.00. The American set is also sold by some toy chain stores at consider-
ably under list (Games "R" Us, for instance, has it at \$6.00).

THE NEW RULEBOOK IS COMING!

Despite pontifications elsewhere about how much longer we were going
to have to wait for the new Rulebook and about how it was going to be made
over to conform to the Thoughts of Chairman Beshara, the fact is that it's
all over but the printing. Allan Calhamer, with scissors and tape, a sure
hand and a deft eye for clarity, has finished the ultimate draft and has
sent it on to Games Research. Still remaining, it would appear, are the
laborious tasks of proofreading the draft, preparing galley proofs, proof-
reading those, and so on, leading up to actual printing. I have no way of
estimating the time involved, but a month or so would seem reasonable.

The new Rulebook represents several sources. First, the old Rulebook.
Second, the personality and ideas of the game's inventor, Allan Calhamer.
Third, organizational details and some ideas contributed by Rod Walker (your
humble Editor) [in all fairness, most of the ideas were those discussed over
and over in postal Diplomacy, so they weren't mine originally]. Fourth,
the work of Stephen Manion, who synthesized much of the foregoing and con-
tributed other useful changes. Fifth, and finally, miscellaneous contri-
butions from postal Diplomacy personalities who helped with the new Rulebook
during its later stages of development: John Boardman, Don Miller, John Mc-
Callum. John Beshara prepared several revisions of sections of the draft,
most of which were not used in the end because, while they achieved excel-
lent brevity, Allan felt they did not always achieve the desired clarity
and precision (one such passage, for instance, would have prevented a fleet
in Barents Sea from moving to the Norwegian Sea). Anyway, I have a fairly
complete file of the correspondence on the Rulebook, and Allan has asked GRI
to make a file for Walt Buchanan's Diplomacy Archives. It will now be pos-
sible to talk with some assurance as to what was on our minds when thus-and-
such a passage was being written. This includes Allan Calhamer's excellent
and thoughtful comments on many rejected and adopted changes.

The outstanding new feature of the Rulebook is its organization. Each
section and subsection is numbered, so that reference to the text will be
much easier. Also included are over a dozen numbered examples of movement
sequences illustrating some of the more knotty rules.

I do not yet know all of the changes made by the new Rulebook. Some of the changes I predicted back in EREWON 39 have not come to pass, after all. After much wrangling, the Coastal Crawl has been dispensed with. This is one of those rare instances in which Chairman Beshara and I agreed. I have long felt that the prohibition against two units exchanging spaces was absolute. When I first prepared a draft for the new Rulebook, I left the Crawl out. Allan desired to include it, however. Chairman Beshara wanted to also, at first, as an "exception" to the Rules. Making exceptions is always a laborious task, as Chairman Beshara soon found out, and he finally came to the conclusion, as did Allan, that the Crawl was more trouble to verbalize and explain than it was worth.

The most striking change is the victory criterion. It is 18 supply centers. That's right! This is a little stronger than the "majority of units" criterion I had wanted to keep, but weaker than the "18 units" criterion which had been in most of the drafts. This is probably the most fundamental change in the Rules and one which will change a great many game strategies. It is also the one change I may not adopt automatically when the new Rulebook comes out (I think the players ought to vote on that one).

The most lamentable feature is the absence of Brannan's rule. To key the end result to my House Rule 23: #a is specifically adopted; #b is specifically rejected; #c is not given and, by implication of its deletion, rejected; #d is not covered (I believe). Among other rules now specifically on the Rulebook: Konig's Rule, Bannan's Rule, the Reinhardt Gambit, the Beshara/Beshara Rule (which yields Pandin's Paradox, alas), and the Beleaguered Garrison. Specifically prohibited is Chalker's Rule. Players will definitely be allowed to disband a unit rather than retreat it.

Special Announcement: Several days ago, I wrote to John Moot, President of GRI, to ask two questions and make two recommendations:

a. Would the new Rulebook be sold separately from the game? I suggested that postal players, particularly, who already had copies of the game, would need the new Rulebook and should not be required to buy an entire new set.

b. Could GRI afford to distribute complimentary copies of the new Rulebook to postal Gamesmasters who desired it? I felt this would be a most generous gesture of immeasurable help to us. I also offered to provide a list of all postal GMs known to me (which is all, I think) [and, Beshara, Tretick, Boardman, and other hate-mongers, it would even include you]. I have at hand Mr. Moot's reply, dated 16 August 1971:

"When the new rulebook is published, we will make it available separately from the game. I have not as yet worked out a price on it.

"I can readily see my way to sending all of you copies of the new Rules at no charge. I appreciate all the help that you have given us."

One thing I must ask here: please do not send your requests to GRI as yet; wait until the new Rules are published. I will announce this in EREWON (or it may be announced elsewhere first), and by then my list of postal GMs will be in Mr. Moot's hands.

[A personal note: While I was busy arranging this, Chairman Beshara and his Trained Chorus were busy chanting their old line that Rod Walker never does anything for postal Diplomacy. Ballyhoo, gentlemen!]

CHAIRMAN BESHARA ENDORSES LA GUERRE

LA GUERRE, Buddy Tretick's Diplomacy 'zine, still has 21 active games. As of 1 August 1971, it had not appeared in over 2 months, and some of its

games are as much as 57 weeks (more than a year!) behind schedule. As I do (on behalf of the Diplomacy Division) with all delinquent games, I notified Buddy of this and offered my help in obtaining a new GM on a temporary or permanent basis, or in finding someone to help him with publishing. I also noted that if he did not answer within a reasonable period, or refused help and still did not continue his games, I would then go directly to the players to see what they wanted to do about it. As is routine, since I had begun my policy of keeping the Diplomacy Association fully informed as to these official activities, I sent a copy of the letter to Chairman Beshara. Chairman Beshara, who has used every single piece of information thus sent as an excuse to snipe at me, sent the following letter to Tretick (quoting the relevant sections):

"In reading Rod Walker's letter of July 29th, one would not think that LA GUERRE is one of the oldest, most reliable[,] and probably has the largest circulation of all gamezines. It is a singular complement [sic] to your steadfastness in publishing that in spite of the huge number of games you run each year, you have only one game from 1968 still outstanding, one game from 1969 still outstanding, and the remainder were started in 1970 and 1971. Would that all publishers could boast of your record, especially those like the pot who call the kettle black."

Those who have played in LA GUERRE will understand the significance of this endorsement. No doubt Chairman Beshara will next endorse Bernie Kling, or perhaps tell us all to vote for Paul Harley on the Beyerlein Poll. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS section for more on Tretick.

"TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!.....THAT IS YOUR LEADER?"

I have been talking about the Diplomacy Association for some time, noting some faults in the thing which ought to be corrected. I have kept more nearly silent about personalities because I felt that some of my constructive criticism might not be mistaken for "intemperate attacks" by Chairman Beshara and his Trained Chorus, but it is pretty obvious that Chairman Beshara is interested only in obeisance, not in improvement.

Therefore, I am going to raise the question of personalities. The DA is supposed to help and advise those who wish to take up postal Diplomacy. For such a task, one would want the best teachers, no? Yes. What kinds of teachers run the DA?

Dr. John Boardman, founder of postal Diplomacy, editor of GRAUSTARK, yatta-yat...all very impressive. We can safely ignore his lunatic-fringe politics (we all have our peccadillos), but can we ignore "Eric Blake"? Many of us still recall postal game 1964C, which Dr. Boardman "won", playing England. What no-one knew was that he was also playing Turkey (which finished second) as "Eric Blake". After the game was over, he blithely accepted his ill-gotten victory and when the hoax was finally exposed by Charles Reinsel (in BIG BROTHER) and Charles Turner (in ARMAGEDDONIA), Boardman screamed "foul" (and foul it was), claiming they were just after him because they favored war and he was against it, and then finally decided it was just a fine joke. A joke??? A game which five other people payed to play in and which was a farce from the first moves. Some joke. It displays all the ethical nicety of a hyena. And Dr. Boardman now helps run an organization which helps newcomers. No doubt he heads the Ministry of Ethics.

What kind of player John Beshara is we may surmise from his behavior in a game played in this publication, 1968BA. He was England. In that game Banks Mebane played Italy. Jeff Key, as a replacement player, took over

Turkey, besieged by Austria and Russia, with only 2 units left on the board. He made an agreement with Banks, in which he traded help Banks win in return for survival. He survived, Austria and Russia vanished. Beshara occupied a position such that he could stalemate the game unless Turkey ceded to Italy a supply center or two (in which case Italy would win). It was also perfectly clear (and Jeff so stated) that he would do so if there were no other way Italy could win. Now, this is a perfectly legitimate agreement; even if it were not, the Gamesmaster cannot tell players how to play the game. But what was John Beshara's reaction to this (letter, 7 Feb 71)?

"Let me make my intentions UNMISTAKEABLE in the event Jeff does concede to Banks:

"1. I will expose the collusion in every zine possible, including lengthy press releases in 1968BA.

"2. I will refuse to play in any game with either of them, nor will I play in any zine whose GM does not give me a guarantee that neither will come in as substitutes. (They will be added to the Naus/Prosnitz list.)

"3. I will expose them privately to every player in every game I see them enter hereafter.

"Further, I do not understand why you have apparently failed to assert your authority and responsibility to the players to run an orderly game. This is definitely within your scope as GM. Of course you are not obligated to tell me if you have made an effort or taken any action at all. But at the conclusion of the game, I would be expecting an accounting of your actions in the matter.

"I am also requesting of you, herewith, not to include this game in your rating list, again assuming Jeff does make the concession, and to urge all other GMs who maintain rating lists to do likewise. I am further requesting you take a position publicly on the matter -- to expose their calumny, to denig[r]ate their chicanery, etc. ...

"In any future game I play in, I am definitely going to get the GMs view of the matter before I consent to playing in any game. As of this moment the only GM I feel I can trust is Boardman, and I am not even absolutely sure of him. Boardman is aware of my attitude and though I do not like knowing in advance who is going to be in the game, it is the only way I have of protecting myself."

I told John I thought his request unethical and that, if he carried out his threats numbered 1-3, I would issue counter-statements in each instance. [And that, ladies and gentlemen, is the origin of the feud. Chairman Beshara does not like people who say "no".]

Now, what are novice players likely to learn from these two shining examples? How to cheat and win? How to play the rating systems? How to "protect" themselves? How to get GMs to violate their own ethical postulates? Are these the kinds of examples we want to hold up to new players? Do we want more "Eric Blakes" and "Renowned English Players"?

In my opinion, the ethical standards, as Diplomacy players, of both Chairman Beshara and Board Member Boardman are questionable, to say the least. I believe they are not the kind of people who should be heading organizations which are helping and instructing novices.

Therefore, as a member of the Diplomacy Association, I demand the immediate resignations of Beshara and Boardman from their respective positions. I ask all DA members who receive this to support my position, in writing, to: Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon IN 46052 (letters mailed before 25 August should be c/o Larry Peery, 816 24th St., San Diego CA 92102). Or write directly to me. Don't write Beshara; he "forgets" such things.

The second Beyerlein Poll is now underway. This is a poll to determine by subjective voting by Diplomacy players which of them are the best. EREHWON is the second 'zine privileged to carry the voting request (the first is Don Miller's THE FORUM).

Instructions: On a plain sheet of paper write "TOP BOARD" and list the numbers 1 through 7. Then, below or beside these write "SECOND BOARD" and list the numbers 8 through 14. In the numbers list the 14 best postal Diplomacy players you know (the one you think is best is #1). Sign the sheet and mail it to Doug Beyerlein, 3934 SW Southern, Seattle WA 98116. The deadline is 4 September 1971, so do it now.

Rules: Vote for active players only; that is, people currently playing in active games. Vote for any one person only once. Use first and last name to avoid confusion. Vote for players who, in your opinion, are the best players in terms of tactics and strategy (playing ability).

Notes: I am asking for signatures to insure that no one votes twice, and I am asking Doug not to count unsigned ballots. Who voted for whom is kept confidential by Doug, so don't worry about anyone finding out. Vote your own conscience. This is not a popularity contest! Don't vote for people just because you like them and don't refuse to vote for people just because you don't like them. Try to base your votes on your own personal knowledge; that is, vote for players whom you know to be good players. If you don't know 14 players you think deserve your vote, just list those you wish to.

Reminder: Every opinion, ipso facto, is biased. So don't be afraid of expressing yours. That goes for my opinions and statements about who the best players are.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ADDRESS CHANGES: Walt Buchanan (now to 28 August only): c/o Larry Peery, 816 24th St., SanDiego CA 92102. Nicholas Furcola, 602 Leverington Ave., Philadelphia PA 19128. Gary Jones, P.O. Box 2172, Memphis TN 28102. Jeff Power, 521 6th St., TraverseCity MI 49684. Larry St. Cyr, 30 Frederick St., NorthAdams MA 01247 (until 3 Sep, then: 1512 Washington, UMASS, Amherst MA 01002; cannot be reached 3 Sep-10 Sep). John Seman, 5386 Randall St., Cleveland OH 44146. Max Stanton, 2722 Normallin St., Torrance CA 90505 (thus until 30 August, then unknown). Brenton VerPloeg, General Delivery, Breckenridge CO 80424. Greg Warden, 179 Aquetong Rd., NewHope PA 18938.

2. HOOSIER ARCHIVES should not be missed. Not only reprinting good out-of-print strategy/tactics articles, it is also handling in-person material. Just out is a goody by Bill Jarvis on FTF play. Soon to appear: my "Minority/Survival in Diplomacy" -- not the same as the article on the same subject which will eventually appear in S&T. Subs are 1 stamped self-addressed envelope per issue.

3. NEOPHYTE, Len Lakofka, 1806 Richmond, Chicago IL 60647, is offering games for novices only. Three are full, one or two more are open. Fee is \$3.00, with discounts. Well worth joining.

4. ADDRESS CODES appear on the envelope. E- means you get EREHWON. P means you're a player (game fee paid) in a game, T means we trade, and C means this is a complimentary issue. S- means you subscribe; this is followed by the number of the last issue on your sub. Below all this, if there is an X, this is the last issue unless you wish to subscribe or trade.

5. BACK ISSUE SALE is extended until 1 October, at least. Price list as in ERHWON 49 (15¢). Out of print: BESEROVIA 1a; ERHWON III, 9, 42, 44; LOMOKOME 4; UTOPIA 15. Out-of-print items, or copies thereof, may be obtained at cost from Walt Buchanan (see item 2).

6. ERROR IN HOUSERULES. In HR 23d, note that the English A "Hol" should be A Lon.

7. HYPERMODERN is the "journal of new ideas" by Our Founder, Allan B. Calhaver. Each issue is a treasure-trove of speculation and original thinking of a very solid and interesting sort. It's off-beat and unprepossessing, but well worth getting. The mind that made Diplomacy is still going strong on every subject imaginable. Subs are 5/\$2.50. I have enjoyed every issue of Allan's fascinating 'zine and I heartily recommend it to anyone who wants to have his mind and horizons stretched. Allan B. Calhaver, 501 N. Stone, La Grange Park IL 60525. Subscribe today!

8. BOAST, Herb Parents, 157 State St., Zeeland MI 49464. A new 'zine has started. Herb promises 3-5 games on a regular schedule. His fee is \$3.50; subs are 13/\$1.50; he will trade all-for-all. Herb will use GRAU-STARK House-Rules until he can find time to write his own. The first game will be under way not later than October if it has 7 players. New GMs always need players because they haven't had a chance to establish a reputation yet. Give Her a chance and join his game. The fee is attractive and he sounds enthusiastic and capable. He has been an amateur publisher in other fields, so this is not his first venture into the field of ink and paper. Join a BOAST game now; give BOAST a BOOST!

9. THE DIPLOMAT, Eric Just, Box 131, Paoli OK 73074. Reliable since its founding (1967), Eric's 'zine "founded" postal Diplomacy without any knowledge of the "mainstream" founded by John Boardman. Eric now has one game open; fee, \$4 (with discounts). There is also a second "Gambler's Game"--the fee is \$10. At the end, each survivor receives \$1 for each supply center he owns, with a \$15 bonus for the winner. Las Vegas should hear of this! By the way, some of us have free games coming in THE DIPLOMAT. Because he was a GM in 1967 and has also won a contest, John Boardman has 2 games coming--but Eric has, alas, prohibited John from joining the same game twice--thus does Eric put the kabosh on "Eric".

10. ZOTHIQUE 39, 15¢, contains the complete board/rules for Fred Davis' fascinating new variant, Germany Vs. The World. In WWI and WWII versions, this is a very good 5- or 6-player game. ZOTHIQUE normally subscribes at 10/\$1, but the special content and the expected demand mean a slightly higher price for this issue.

11. DIPLOGROK is in trouble. The complete master file for issue #1 was mailed, air mail, by Gary to Lee Childs on 28 June. In mid-July the empty envelope was located in Colorado. So that issue has to be reconstructed. Then, in the process of moving from Gallatin to Memphis, Gary's entire Diplomacy file, magazines, letters, records, everything, disappeared. This tragic event will postpone DIPLOGROK for a while. Chairman Beshara, with his usual sympathy and good will, has threatened to hound and persecute Gary for not putting out DIPLOGROK. While he is doing this typical good deed for postal Diplomacy, I will be helping Gary reconstruct his records and to put DIPLOGROK back on the tracks. Have patience, please.

12. DIE SCHULDICKETT DES ERSTEN UND VORNEHMSTEN GEBOTES, Conrad von Haska, 1530 1/2 Dale St., SanDiego CA 92102, is easily the most convulsive

'zine in production today. It carries one game. Seven of this country's best press release writers, including Eric Just, Larry Peery, Brenton Ver Ploeg, Bob Ward, Dan Barrows, Harry Manogg, and myself, are playing a game in which everything is subordinated to the press releases. Issue #1 was 9 pages long, of which only part of page 1 contained the game. Read up on the adventures of Queen Lurleen III of France, Queen Sara Allenea of Italy, King Attilio Bonaparte-Stuart of Austria, God Richard Wagner of Germany, the flags of all nations, Jesus Bar-Shara in Jamul, and other too, too unbelievable happenings. This 'zine is available only by subscription and it is 5/\$1. Believe me when I say that there is nothing else like it--it is GRAUSTARK and EREHWON and INTERNATIONAL ENQIRER combined.

13. WAZIR 2 is out. Besides the usual paeans of praise for Chairman Beshara, and the usual attacks on people and institutions offensive to Chairman Beshara, it is at least better than #1 (which is not surprising, considering how bad #1 was). Notably absent are any of the Letters to the Editor which were critical of Chairman Beshara (I know of at least three so addressed: one by Len Lakofka, one by Bob Johnson, and one by me; I am sure there were others). The 'zine is now showing itself, not as the official organ of a group, but as the private production of Chairman Beshara into which he will admit only material which pleases him. What pleases him obviously, are invidious, intemperate, untruthful attacks on other people and institutions. There is also a letter which purports to be by Charles Reinsel, noted player from Pennsylvania. It is not in Charles' literary style, which is pretty well known and obvious. It is in Chairman Beshara's literary style, which is also obvious. The letter from Reinsel is therefore a forgery. It may be that it expresses Reinsel's sentiments, but it is clear that Charles did not write that letter. I challenge Chairman Beshara to produce an autograph copy of that letter. I say it is a forgery. Furthermore, it is now clear to me that Chairman Beshara means to use WAZIR and the Diplomacy Association for exactly the purposes I said all along he would; namely, to attack me and others of his enemies and to attack rival organizations and all other imagined threats to his autocratic power. Therefore:

14. I WITHDRAW my apology given in EREHWON 47. I stand by the "Lurker" article and all other statements I have made as being an accurate reflection of Chairman Beshara's intentions and plots. Time has proved me substantially right. Chairman Beshara refused to accept my apology and has continued to press his vendetta against all those who propose to deny him the absolute power he craves. He, and no one else, wishes to be the God of Diplomacy. This is a tragic commentary on one who could have done so much good. John Beshara, do us all a favor. Resign!

For god so loved the world that he gave his only begotten
GAMES

1969Z -- GERMANY GOES *POOF* AS ENGLAND CONTINUES CAUTIOUS ADVANCE

Fall 1911: Tom Eller, 42 Bigelow St., Cambridge MA 02139.

ENGLAND (Eller): F Hol-Bel, A Kie S A Ber, A Den-Pru C by F Bal and S by A Ber & A Lvn, F Nth H, F Nwy-Swe, A StP S A Lvn, F Mar-Lyo, A Gas-Bur, F Mid H, F Spa(sc) H. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, Swe, StP, Spa, Por, ~~Mit~~, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Ber, Bel (14). Build 1.

FRANCE (Strayer): A Bur-Mun S by A Ruh. Owns: Par, ~~Mit~~, Mun (2). No change.

GERMANY (Phillips): A Bar (R) Pru. A Sil-War S by A Pru (A Pru /a/).
 Owns: ~~Bar, Pru~~ (0). Remove 1. OUT.

ITALY (Jones): F Ion H S by F Tun, A Gal-Vie, A Pie-Mar, F Tri-Adr, A
 Vie-Tri. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, Vie, Mar (7). Build 1.

RUSSIA (Power): A Sev S A Mos, A Ser S A Bud, F Gre-Aeg S by F Eas, A
 Rum-Gal S by A Ukr, A Bud, & A War, A Mos S A War, A Alb-Gre, A Bul-Rum.
 Owns: Mos, Sev, War, Rum, Bud, Ank, Ser, Bul, Smy, Con, Gre (11). No change.

WINTER 1911 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Friday, 3 September 1971. These
 will be sent out and

SPRING 1912 ORDERS will be due on Thursday, 23 September 1971. Press
 is delayed until issue #53.

1970AT -- GERMAN ARMY BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DEAD

Summer 1905: It turns out that Leonard Garland had moves in for S05.
 They had been sent with W04 orders which were late. Because the S05 orders
 were based on a removal not in fact made, I did not record them, assuming a
 change would be in later. It was not, but I still have a set of orders. I
 also misreported German retreats. So:

ENGLAND (Garland): A Lon /h/, F Eng-Nth /d//Pic, Bel, Iri, Wal/, F Den
 Ece S by F Bal (no F Bal).

GERMANY (Phillips): A Kie /d//Ruh, ob/.

This corrects the partially incorrect correction made in #51. The
 deadline was extended to 26 August 1971 in order to allow negotiations based
 on the corrected German position. Fall 1905 will be in #53.

1970AY -- NEW MINISTRY TAKES POWER IN FRANCE; FRANZ-JOSEF RUMORED ON DEATH-
 BED; RUSSIA INVADES GERMANY, TURKEY AS TSAR STARTS FEELING OATS AGAIN

Spring 1905: No moves for France from either player or stand-by.
 Therefore: Tom Bray is dropped as France (and Gerald White from the s/b
 list). The new player for France: Tom Eller, 42 Bigelow St., Cambridge
 MA 02139. As to Austria: Mike Monahan wrote that he might be going to
 France, and would request a delay if he were. No request, but no moves from
 this very dependable player indicates he's in France. I used his slightly
 out-of-date GOs this turn. Mike said he would be back from France, if he
 went, by about 7 September. That should leave him time to negotiate. But
 in the event we don't hear: s/b player for Austria is Greg Warden (see p.5).

AUSTRIA (Monahan?)(by GOs): F Tri-Adr, F Alb-Ion, A Ven-Rom, F Ion-
 Nap S by A Apr, A Bul S RUSSIAN F Bla-Con (nso), A Gre S A Bul.

ENGLAND (Strayer): F Nwy S RUSSIAN F Swe, F Ska-Den S by F Nth, F Hel
 Kie.

FRANCE (~~Bray~~): NMR. A Bur, F Tyr, F Tun, F Por, A Mar /h/, A bel /h/
 /a/. Now played by Tom Eller.

GERMANY (Reilly): A Den-Kie /a/, F Bal-Den, A Ruh-Bel S by F Hol, A
 Eng-Bur.

ITALY (Power): F Rom MS F Nap (F Nap /a/).

RUSSIA (Latin): A War-Sil, F Swe S ENGLISH F Ska-Den, A Pru-Ber, A
 Sev-Arm, A Rum-Ank C by F Bla.

TURKEY (Brooks): F Aeg-Con S by A Smy, F Con-Ank

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 EREWON #53.

1970BK -- DUTCH INDEPENDENCE ENDED; KAISER RATES HOLLAND "A PUTSCH-OVER".

Fall 1904: Somebody actually took Holland??? Mirabile dictu!

AUSTRIA (Power): A Vie S RUSSIAN A Bud-Tri, F Ion-Tun. Owns: ~~Tyr~~,
 Vie, Tun (2). No change.
 ENGLAND (Weber): A Wal-Lon, F Nth-Den S by F Swe, F Ska BF Swe (F Swe
 /d//Nwy, Fin, ob/). Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, Den (5). Build 1.
 FRANCE (White): NMR. A Gas /h/. Owns: ~~Por~~ (0). Remove 1. OUT.
 GERMANY (Payne): F Swe (R)-Bot. ~~Por~~ A Kie-Den, A Bel-Hol, A Bur-Ruh,
 A Den-Swe S by F Bal & F Bot, F Eng-Nth, A Par H. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel,
~~Por~~, Par, Swe, Bre, Hol (8). No change.
 ITALY (Buchanan): F Nap-Ion, F Rom-Tyr, F Por H, F Mar H, A Ven-Tyr,
A Tyr-Vie. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, ~~Tyr~~, Mar, Spa, Por (6). No change.
 RUSSIA (Phillips): A Gal-Rum S by A Ser, A Bud-Tri, A Alb-Gre, A Arm-
Ank S by F Bla, F StP(sc) continues training exercises. Owns: Mos, StP,
 Sev, War, Rum, Bud, Ser, Tri (8). Build 1.
 TURKEY (Furcola): F Aeg-Smy, F Gre-Alb, A Bul-Ser, A Con MS F Ank.
 Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre (5). No change.
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 delayed until issue #53.

1971A -- ITALIANS HEAD NORTH; ENGLISH GET CLEAR SHOT AT BRESTSpring 1904:

AUSTRIA (Webber): A Tyr H, A Bud-Rum, F Gre H S by A Ser & A Alb.
 ENGLAND (Shannon): F Edi-Nrg, F Eng-Nth /d//Iri, Wal, Bre, ob/, A Lon
 FRANCE (Tretick): A Par MS A Gas.
 GERMANY (Strayer): A Mun H, F Hol-Nth, F Nth-Eng S by F Bel, A Bur-Par
 S by A Pic.
 ITALY (Stanton): A Ven-Tyr, F Rom-Tyr, F Nap-Ion S by F Tun, A Por-
 Spa S by A Mar, F Spa(sc)-Mid.
 RUSSIA (Reilly): A StP-Fin, A War-Ukr, F Swe-Bal, F Nwy H, A Ukr-Sev,
 A Rum-Ank C by F Bla.
 TURKEY (Buechs): A Bul-Gre S by F Aeg, F Ion-Alb /d//Apu, Adr, Eas, ob/
A Con-Bul.

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1971C -- TURKS STAB ITALIANS, LEAVE OWN BACK BARE; GERMANY GETS CUTESpring 1904: On the Sweden situation, see House-Rule 29.

ENGLAND (Manion): F Lon-Wal, F Nwy-Swe, F Nth-Eng.
 FRANCE (Buechs): F Bre-Mid, A Bur H /d//Mar, ob/, A Par-Pic, A Gas*Bal
F Eng S GERMAN F Nol-Nth (nso), F Lpl-Wal.
 GERMANY (Stephanides): F Bal-Swe, A Den S ENGLISH F Nwy-Swe, A Ruh-
 Bur S by A Mun, A Bel-Pic, F Hol-Bel.
 ITALY (Tully): F Nap-Tyr, A Rom-Ven, F Tus H, F Ven-Adr, F Gre H /d/
 /Aeg, Ion, ob/, A Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tri, A Bud H.
 RUSSIA (Gletty): F Swe-Nwy /d//Bot, ob/, A War-Mos /d//Lvn, Pru, Sil,
 ob/.
 TURKEY (Pandin): A Con-Bul, A Ank-Sev C by F Bla, A Rum-Gal, A Ukr-
 War S by A Mos, F Bul(sc)-Gre S by A Ser, A StP-Fin.
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1971E -- SHIFTING ALLIANCES LITTER BOARD WITH CONFUSION

Spring 1968: My thanks to Greg Warden and Brad Payne for s/b orders. Tom Eller: see 1969Z for new address for Tom.

AUSTRIA (St.Cyr): A Vie-Tyr, A Tri-Ven, A Rum-Ukr S by A Gal, F Aeg-Eas, A Gre H.

ENGLAND (Patton): F StP(nc) H S by A Nwy.

FRANCE (Holcombe): F Bre-Mid, F Mar-Lyo, A Bel-Bur, F Nth-Bel, F Mid-Wes, F Lpl-Cly, A For-Spa, A Eur-Mar.

GERMANY (Tretick): A Ber-Sil, A Mun-Tyr, A Kie-Den, A Hol H, F Swe-Dal, A Sil-Bch.

ITALY (Smythe): A Syr-Smy S by F Eas, F Ion H, A Apu-Ven.

RUSSIA (Schleicher): A Lvn-Pru S by A War.

TURKEY (Eller): F Con-Smy S by A Arm, F Sev-Bia, A Bul H, A Smy-Ank.
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MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. LA GUERRE has specifically asked that I advertize game openings. I cannot, in good conscience, do so. Such an advertizement is tantamount to endorsement and a statement that I believe the games are well run and are worth the player's attention. At the \$5 fee, or even for less, I cannot say this and be honest with myself. This 'zine is in bad shape and I do not advise anyone to join its games at the moment. Specifics:

a. Its House-Rules are not entirely within the Rulebook. Buddy permits direct exchange of units, which is prohibited, and allowed such a move to take place in 1968AC.

b. Tretick has been known to expel people from games without cause. The most flagrant example occurred in 1968BU, in which he deliberately returned Charles Reinsel's moves (with a puerile and insulting note), and then 'dropped' Charles for failing to submit moves. Needless to say, this game is not rated on any active rating or quasi-rating system.

c. There have been two major lapses of publishing this year, and one game (in which Tretick is both player and GM) has not appeared for over a year. Buddy always adduces reasonable-sounding explanations for these lapses, the current one being work with scads of fatherless or orphaned children. However, the number of such children increases with each telling, and I cannot help recalling Buddy's claim last year of having "resigned from 45 games", when he was registered in less than 30 and had, in fact, resigned from only 2 or 3.

Besides, there are plenty of openings in first-rate 'zines.

16. MORE ON CONSULTANTS. Next issue should have some things on. Meanwhile, Rick Brooks writes: "Walt Buchanan appointed me one... and I've had one pupil, Steve Brooks. I haven't heard from Steve in about 2 months. ... If a man were in a game with players like [names deleted], I couldn't advise them unbiasedly. Especially not with [name deleted], who carried over his grudge to all our other games. He dropped out of all of them too... You may be right on Consultants who disagree with Beshara. Since my letter to him, I've gotten no action whatsoever. [Letter was one agreeing with positions I've taken.] I got no material or ground rules from the DA."

So much for impartiality. You may also know Lenard Lakofka, President of IFW, columnist in INTERNATIONAL WARGAMER, editor of LIAISONS DANGEREUSES, and well-known (and good) player. It appears that Chairman Beshara has specifically ordered that Lakofka not be allowed to be a Consultant. Sigh...

Is anyone else as sick of Beshara being a pompous ass as I am?