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This issue is dedicated to the noblest Roman of them all, Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus, AUGUSTUS, first and greatest Emperor of Rome, father of the Western World, born on 23 September 690 AUC (63 BCE). Great Caesar, we salute you!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. EREHWON 54.5 carries the Winter 1905 adjustments for 1970AT (which are reprinted this issue). Any completist nut who wishes a copy may write and ask for one and I will see that you get it so long as my supply of copies (very limited) holds out.
2. CALIFORNIA OPEN, a wargaming tournament to be held in Los Angeles, will be some time in October. I do not know when. I believe that Rich Purdy, 7242 DeSoto, #7, Canoga Park CA 91303, has details. You should write him if you are interested in this event. I know the people who are planning it and it should be fun!
3. ADDRESS CHANGES. Jeff Power, 121 Gauss Hall, Princeton Univ., Princeton NJ 08540. Max Stanton, P.O. Box 77, CCH, Laie, HI 96762. Bob Ward, 8665 Florin Rd., Sacramento CA 95828.
4. OUT OF PRINT: ZOTHIQUE 35. Check EREHWON 49 for sale price list of items I print, and EREHWON 55 for my fantastic subscription offer.
5. XANADU IS BACK! When Norm McLeod disappeared, we all thought XANADU was gone. The other GM, Charles Welsh, finished out his own game, and McLeod's end of things quietly collapsed. But now Charles, in conjunction with Tom Leahey, is bringing XANADU back. I know Charles, and I can vouch for his dependability and trustworthiness. XANADU, under "semi-new Management" (to quote XANADU III.1), is definitely one to join. Game fee is \$4.50 (\$4.00 to NFFFGB regular members). House-Rules are "conservative", and the games will use the new Rule-Book when it comes out. There will be 3½ weeks between moves. Will trade on a limited basis, subscriptions 7/\$1. Give XANADU a boost back to life and join a game. (GM Welsh will run regular games I and III; GM Leahy will run regular game II and a section of Napoleonic [Rulebook 5-man] Diplomacy.) What fun. Welcome back, XANADU!
6. NUMENOR 14 is out. In addition to the latest game statistics and bibliographic information, this issue contains a lengthy new proposal by Burt Labelle for a rating system with all kinds of interesting features. If you don't get NUMENOR, you should get this issue and read about the ANTARES Project: Limited quantity of copies available for 15¢.

A total of 17 ballots were cast. Charles Turner's name has been removed from my list of currently-active players and therefore he was not rated [in] this poll. The numbers in parentheses are the number of first place votes cast for those players. A number of ballots were returned with only one name listed or all the players tied for first place. This type of...ballot will not be tabulated in the future.

The ballots for the third poll will go out via [Don] Miller sometime in the [next] couple of months. Also I will ask every editor to mention the poll and ask that their readers send in their ballots for the top 14 players.

[The "S" column indicates points assigned; the "N" column indicates the number of ballots mentioning that player.]

TOP BOARD			SECOND BOARD		
	S	N		S	N
1. Brenton VerPloeg (2)	150	13	8. Gary Jones	59	9
2. Eugene Prosnitz (2)	132	10	9. Doug Beyerlein	58	9
3. John Smythe (3)	121	8	10. Hal Naus	53	6
4. Rod Walker	116	12	11. Larry Peery	50	7
5. John Beshara (2)	109	9	12. George Schelz, Jr. (1)	43	5
6. Derek Nelson	74	6	12. Edi Birsan	43	6
7. Andy Phillips	67	7	14. John McCallum (1)	38	5
			14. Buddy Tretick (1)	38	5

Players with 17 points or more: Ackerman (1), Brooks (1), Bytwerk, Cordes (1), DeWitt, Eller, Goldstein, Huddleston, Key, Lakofka, Mebane, R. Miller, Pournelle, Pulcifer, Reinsel, Rosamilia, St.Cyr, Strayer (1), Vagts, & von Mezke.

[Walker here, . . . I think the results are interesting, to say the least. I'm flattered to be rated with players like VerPloeg, Smythe, and Prosnitz, who are very good indeed.

[I am glad to see that the poll will be offered in all 'zines which choose to carry it next time; that should broaden participation. Well over 200 ballots could have been cast, so only 17 is a very poor showing. I hope each of you will exercise your right to participate next time.

[I am going to suggest to Doug that the Third Poll accept ballots only from postal players. I do not believe any person but a postal player would have any basis for voting, but some people may be so ego-involved in this sort of thing that they may have "friends" submit ballots which they would dictate, just so they could do well. This would skew the results and be most unfortunate. I'm sure Doug would be grateful for any suggestions you might have also: Doug Beyerlein, 3934 SW Southern, Seattle WA 98116.]

EDI BIRSAN SPEAKS OUT!

I have been down on John Beshara for some time. My commentary has been characterized as a personal "feud", and I must admit to some personal animosity. But my primary complaint has always been that John was screwing up a potentially good organization, the Diplomacy Association. I suggested in EREHWON 43 that all was not wholesome in the state of the DA, a suggestion I have made more and more strongly; most recently in "Why Did Edi Birsan Resign from the Diplomacy Association", in EREHWON 54. I hate to say, "I told you so", but I did. How bad things were even I could not believe, until now.

Edi Birsan, former chief executive and Director of the Diplomacy Association, has written a letter in response to VERITAS VINCIT, which Larry Peery has printed in toto in VERITAS VINCIT CAUSUS BELLI Vol. I, No. 1. It is the last, and longest, paragraph of this letter which sheds the most light on John Beshara's almost unbelievable plans for the Diplomacy

Association and the reasons for Edi's resignation therefrom. It gives the lie, once and for all, to the myths being spread by GRAUSTARK and WAZIR in their desperate efforts to cover up the truth. Says Edi:

"The membership list business is caked with filth and disgust from the beginning as far as I am concerned. Beshara and I started to spark on this for some time very early in the formation of the Association. A published membership list with addresses is vital to the encouragement of interaction among the members. Beshara wanted to hold the list in private with possibly one copy in my hands. Later he came up with the idea of non-players voting and went so far as to proclaim that he was to have anonymous voters: people who paid dues but whom he would only know of and he would account for their to protect their anonymous nature? By the way he also proclaimed that these people never played Diplomacy and had no interest in Diplomacy but that they just wanted to help Beshara in his little adventure. I flipped out and went to Boardman to get help in fighting this move. After explaining my side of the story Boardman agreed in principle on the idea of a published membership list although he hedged on the role of non-players and reserved himself on the issue of anonymous voters, namely because it sounded so far out I doubt he thought that Beshara would pull such a move. Later he had a talk with John and seemed to agree to all his demands. This combined with simple alienation from the Diplomacy world due to many feuds, lack of enthusiastic players really started to turn me off. The final touches were Beshara's planned monopoly on the vote validation as well as personal problems (health, social, family) not related to Diplomacy--so I bolted from Diplomacy. Only the intervention of John McCallum and a few local friends kept me from quitting Diplomacy altogether."

No doubt new lies and equivocations will spew forth from NewYork to explain away this new veritas. I do not think it needs any further comment from me. A friend of mine, and extremely active Diplomacy player, has taken to calling Beshara and his crowd "Mad Dogs, Inc."; I once said he was exaggerating. Now, I wonder....

#### IS THIS THE BEST ANSWER YOU CAN THINK OF, JOHN?

John Beshara and John Boardman have finally prepared their answer to VERITAS VINCIT. Ignoring entirely the evidence, the charges, the wide-spread support for Larry Peery's position, they choose instead to deal in irrelevancies. How typical.

According to Beshara, as reprinted in GRAUSTARK, Larry tried to borrow some money from him, and his refusal is the cause of Larry's "attack" on him. What a bunch of hogwash! Even if the story about the money is true, what difference does it make? Are we to believe that Larry would react in such a way? Those who know Larry know better.

But even if he had so acted, even if VERITAS VINCIT were the result of anger, so what? How does this deny the facts Larry has presented. An old saying has it that "many a truth is spoken in anger". The issues Larry raises are still there, regardless of the motivation--and I believe that motivation was the greater good of postal Diplomacy.

Furthermore, how does this explain the fact that four members and former members of the DA's Board of Directors either helped Larry in his work or concurred in it later? Did Walt Buchanan also try to borrow money? How much was Edi Birsan refused? What did Jerry Model ask for? Did Brenton VerPloeg also put the touch on the Beshara purse? For that matter, what about me, and Len Lakofka, and the others who have been in the vanguard of telling the world what John Beshara was up to? What did we try to borrow? What an assinine bunch of crud, Beshara/Boardman. Is that the best answer you can think of? Truth conquers, but you're not even giving it a fight.

...the god of Diplomacy deposes and says:  
ON WITH THE GAMES!

### 1969Z -- GOVERNMENT CRISIS CONTINUES IN ROME AS WESTERN ALLIES PRESS EAST

Spring 1912: Buddy Tretick has failed to submit s/b orders for Italy and is removed from the s/b priority list. Gary Jones remains the Italian player, although failing to submit orders. Michael Monahan, 15 St. Margeret's Bay Rd., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, will play Italy unless Gary submits Fall orders. (Use air mail for Mike.)

ENGLAND (Eller): A Lon-Den C by F Nth, F Bel-Hol, A Kie H, A Pru & A Ber S FRENCH A Mun-Sil, F Bal S A Lvn, F Swe-Bot, A StP-Mos S by A Lvn, F Lyo-Spa(sc), A Bur H, F Mid-Eng, F Spa(sc)-Mid.

FRANCE (Strayer): A Mun-Sil, A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY (Jones??): NMR. A Ven, F Ion, F Tun, A Vie, A Mar, F Adr, A Tri /h/.

RUSSIA (Power): A Ser S A Bud, F Aeg-Gre, F Eas-Aeg, A Gal-Boh, A Ukr S A War, A Mos H S by A Sev, A Gre-Bul, A Rum-Gal S by A Bud & A War.

FALL 1912 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 21 October 1971.

PARIS: His Majesty, King Obsequious the gypsy king, has wandered all the way across Europe to the walls of Warsaw. Preparations for the battle ahead include planting subversive groups inside Warsaw, whose task is to ask the inhabitants, "Who made the Tsar boss?"

### 1970AT -- REVOLUTION BREWING IN ST. PETERSBURG?

Winter 1905: John Seman, 5386 Randall St., Cleveland OH 44146, was requested in EREHWON 54.5 to send s/b Winter 1906 orders for Russia.

AUSTRIA (Power): No change. Has: A Gal (1).

ENGLAND (Garland): F Den (R)-Ska. No change. Has: A Lon, F Ska, F Bel,

FRANCE (Lissandrello): No change. Has: F Wal, F Eng, F Tyr, A Mun, F Tun, A Bur, A Hol, A Tyr (8).

ITALY (Warden): No change. Has: F Ion, F Nap, A Ven (3).

RUSSIA (Jones?)(by GOs): Build F StP(nc), A Mos, A War. Has: F StP(nc), A Mos, A War, A Bud, A Ukr, F Den, A Swe, F Cly, A Vie, A Ber, A Kie, F Aeg (12).

TURKEY (Nash): Build F Smy. Has: F Smy, A Con, F Apu, F Adr, F Eas, A Tri, A Ser (7).

SPRING 1906 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 30 September 1971.

### 1970AX -- WE DON'T CALL IT THE AXE GAME FOR NOTHING...OH, BLOOD, BLOOD

Fall 1905: My thanks to Greg Warden for his s/b orders. Mike Monahan is now back from France. I got a letter from him to that effect before I got two frantic postcards he had mailed while in France wondering where the F05 orders were. Well, Mike, here they are... Also, the rest of you will be receiving a copy of IMPERIAL STANDARD I.1, Austria's new propzine, with this issue. Sigh...isn't a page of EREHWON enough???

AUSTRIA (Monahan): F Adr-Ion, F Ion-Tyr S by F Nap (F Ion /d//Alb, Apu, ob/), A Apu-Rom S by A Ven, A Bul S RUSSIAN A Rum-Con, A Gre S A Bul. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Ven, Bul, Nap, Rom (9). Build 2.

ENGLAND (Strayer): F Nwy-StP(nc), F Den-Swe, F Nth-Nwy, F Hel-Nth. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, StP, Swe (6). Build 2.

FRANCE (Eller): A Bur S GERMAN A Mun, F Tyr S ITALIAN F Rom-Nap, F Tun S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion, F Por-Mid, A Mar-Pie. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, ~~Por~~, Por, Spa, Tun (6). Build 1 (1 not built, 1904; 1 /a/).

GERMANY (Reilly): F Bal S ENGLISH F Den-Swe, A Bel MS F Hol, A Mun H. Owns: ~~Bel~~, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel (5). Build 1 (1 /a/).

ITALY (Power): F Rom-Nap /d//fus, ob/). Owns: ~~Wal~~, ~~Por~~ (0). OUT

RUSSIA (Latin): A Sil-Mun S by A Ber, F Swe-Bal /d//Bot, Fin, Ska, ob/  
A Arm-Smy, A Rum-Con C by F Bla. Owns: Mos, ~~Sly~~, Sev, War, Rum, ~~Sly~~, Her,  
Con (6). No change.

TURKEY (Brooks): F Aeg. Ion, A Smy-Ank, F Con-Ank /d//Aeg, ob/. Owns:  
 Ank, ~~Chh~~, Smy (2). Remove 1.

WINTER 1905 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 21 October 1971. They may  
 be made conditional upon the directions of the various retreats.

THE BLACK TOWER [received via our Billerica MA office], 6/23/wouldn't  
 you like to know the year? -- In the chief restroom, a secret piece of toi-  
 let paper was used, after which a statement appeared in old Latin. A rough  
 translation is as follows:

John Beshara is to thee

As an oilslick to the sea.

A drizzle to a funeral pyre,

Or a wooden stake to a thirsty vampire.

If this survives, we hope that at best,

You are not troubled by this unearthly pest.

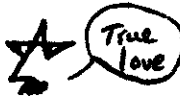
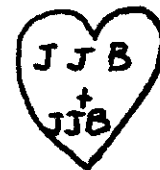
[Sigh....]

LONDON: Yes, Chillun, Leroy's done it again--he switched sides (seek him  
 in heaven, seek him in hell, the elusive ebony pimperl). And once again  
 it was Tsar Howard on the receiving end of the world's bloodiest dagger. But  
 perhaps more significant than the fighting will be the application of Leroy's  
Law of Opposition, which states "If you push something hard enough, it will  
 fall over." Meanwhile, some of the quicker minds in Russia and Austria  
 should begin to suffer from the side effects of selfish negotiation.

VIENNA (26 September 1905)(CP): The Imperial capital is wild with joy  
 today on the occasion of the birthday of His Imperial Majesty. Appearing on  
 the balcony of his palace the Emperor addressed the cheering crowd and  
 thanked them for their unusual birthday gift: the city of Rome. Other gifts  
 are also arriving from the other peoples of Europe. England is reported to  
 have sent an invitation to build an embassy in London, France has shipped the  
 Château de Guise to Vienna, the Russians have offered Smyrna, while the Turks  
 have offered free military/diplomatic advice. The only gift that was re-  
 fused was that of Germany, Kaiserin Megatroid. The gift from Poderkagg is  
 eagerly expected, although the Foreign Minister has noted that Austrian cus-  
 toms laws forbid the importation of pygmys--provisional, revolutionary, or  
 maidens.

VIENNA (27 September 1905)(CP): The Emperor gave a press conference to-  
 day to "comment and clarify" the situation in the world. "I wish to deny the  
 my extended vacation in France and the 'disturbances' in that country are re-  
 lated; and it is only a coincidence that I passed through London during the  
 visit. The unusual occurrences in that city reported earlier in the summer  
 were the result of IRA activity." Turning to Poderkagg: "Yes," admitted the  
 Emperor, "Poderkagg is still a problem, but I can't get over them complain-  
 ing about the fact that Austria uses CANADIAN money--in the light of recent  
 events I would think that Poderkagg, which uses US money, would just shut up  
 and quietly slink away. Finally, I want to say that Austria is not worried  
 about 'millions of little feet'--I know from experience that if they plan to  
 get here with the aid of G&F they won't make it. The French in Tunis have  
 more cause for worry."

GASTRITIS (29 September 1905): King Pandemonium V today noted to the  
 Press that Poderkagg has its own money, the liroubmark, "possibly the most  
 worthless currency in the world. But we do use American money, and Canadian,  
 whenever the suc...er, tourists will part with it. What the Austrians use is  
 their own business, but who wants to go there?"



**THE KAISER'S CHALET:** Kaiserin Mergatroid is busily packing for her goodwill visit to the underwater kingdom of Pöderkagg. She has dozens of suitcases already packed, and one big trunk will contain her handwritten memoirs of her heroic role in the Togo war (which she managed to lose). She has been unable to find anyone in Switzerland stupid enough to print them, so she hopes that some Pöderkaggian firm will buy the rights. In a message to the press, Kaiser Melvin gave his blessings to the trip. "Even though she will face many dangers, such as vampires, crocodiles, bog-monsters, and train-molesting Austrians, I'm sure that my beloved wife will safely overcome all obstacles (cackle!!) and go on to bring German-Pöderkaggian relations to new highs," said the Kiser in a message to the press. "And that last word is (sic)."

**PODERKAGG:** The entire Kingdom is awaiting the arrival of Kaiserin Mergatroid. In the underwater portions, such as Lake Nass and the Bog of Burzii, there seems to be a great deal of anticipatory thrashing. Most excited of all are Hardcore, Brass, & Welts, Publishers, of Neu-Gomorra. John B. Hardcore, Senior Editor, has just received a portion of the Mergatroid Papers. His eye leapt to the passage: "I took his pencil, wrote with it, and shoved it back in the pencil-case. He bowed ecstatically and kissed my hand. Then I took his hand and showed him the door." Turning to Isidore Welts, he said, "You know, Izzy, with just a little rewriting, we may have a best-seller on our hands."

**LOME, TOGO:** Noting that for the past two years, Austria has been casting slurs upon his bravery and dedication, Kronprinz "Sambo" von Flim-Flam announced that the Provisional Revolutionary Pygmy Government has decided to declare war on Austria. "Already swarms of our loyal troopers are invading Albania," said the Kronprinz. "As soon as we figure out where Vienna is, we'll start marching."

**BARAD HAWLEY:** And the rest of Germany's releases will have to wait.

### 1970BK -- RUSSIA PREPARES TO DO IN TURKEY AS GERMANY PREPARES TO DO IN RUSSIA

Spring 1905:

AUSTRIA (Power): A Vie S RUSSIAN A Tri, F Tun-Ion.

ENGLAND (Weber): F Edi-Nth S by F Ska, A Lon-Yor, F Den-Swe, F Nwy S.

GERMAN A Swe-StP (nso).

GERMANY (Payne): A Kie-Lvn C by F Bal and S by F Bot, A Hol-Kie, A Ruh-Mun, A Swe-Fin, F Nth-Den, A Par-Pic.

ITALY (Buchanan): F Ion S TURKISH F Gre-Alb, F Tyr S F Ion, F Por-Mid, F Mar-Lyo, A Ven-Tri, A Tyr-Vie.

RUSSIA (Phillips): A Sev-Arm, A Rum-Bul S by A Ser, A Tri S AUSTRIAN A Vie-Tyr (nso), A Alb-Gre, A Arm-Syr, F Bla-Con, F StP(sc)-Lvn.

TURKEY (Furcola): F Smy-Aeg, F Gre-Alb, A Bul-Ser /a/, A Con-Smy, F Ank-Bla.

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### 1971A -- TURKS RAVAGE VENICE (!!), HUNS RAVAGE BREST, AUSTRIANS ENJOY BUCHA-

Fall 1904: Bob Buechs, owing to increased responsibilities (job, military service), can no longer continue, and is resigning. His replacement is Mike Monahan, 15 St. Margaret's Bay Rd., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. A set of General Orders prepared by Bob is on its way to Mike at his request. My sincere thanks to Bob for provided this smooth transition.

AUSTRIA (Weber): A Tyr S TURKISH F Apu-Ven, A Rum S TURKISH A Bul, F Gre-Ion, A Ser S A Rum, A Alb-Tri. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Rum (6).  
Build 1.

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ENGLAND (Shannon): F Nrg H, A Lon H S by F Wal [Summer 1904: F Eng (R)-Wal]. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon (3). No change.

FRANCE (Tretick): A Par & A Gas S ITALIAN A Spa-Bre (nso) (A Gas /a/). Owns: ~~W~~, Par (1). No change (1 /a/).

GERMANY (Strayer): A Mun H, F Eng-Bre S by A Pic, F Bel-Eng S by F Nth. A Bur-Gas. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Den, Hol, Bre (7). Build 1.

ITALY (Stanton): A Ven S F Nap-Apu (no F Nap) /d//Pie, Tus, Rom, ob/, F Tyr /h/, F Ion-Aeg, F Tun-Wes, A Spa-Gas S by A Mar, F Mid-Bre. Owns: Nap, Rom, ~~W~~, Tun, Mar, Por, Spa (6). Remove 1.

RUSSIA (Reilly): A Fin-StP, F Bal-Swe, F Nwy-Nrg, A Sev-Rum S by A Ukr & F Bla, A Ank-Smv. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, ~~W~~, Nwy, Swe, Ank (7). N.c.

TURKEY (Buechs): [Summer 1904: F Ion (R)-Apu.] A Bul S AUSTRIAN A Rum, F Aeg-Con, F Apu-Ven, A Con-Smv. Owns: ~~W~~, Con, Smy, Bul, Ven (4). N.c.

WINTER 1904 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 21 October 1971. Mike Monahan now plays Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE (13 May 1904): Muhammad Hussein Itcomin, President of the International Boy Scouts, announced today that Russia has been kicked out of that great organization. The reason being that they have broken the following scouting laws: TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, BRAVE, CLEAN, and reverent. Russia was, however, cheerful and thrifty.

GENEVA (1 June 1904)(The Turkish Gobbler): Bart the Bad Wears Russian Bananas.

GENEVA (3 June 1904)(The Turkish Captured Press): Our fearless leader, on his goodwill tour to his Swiss banker, said about the turn of events in the East. "I hope all Hell...I mean Moscow...freezes over. I predict that the new Italian Pizza tower will lean. May the bird of paradise flood the streets of Venice and then pollute them. The Pope keeps the Pill in his combat boots. May Austria suffer the same fate as Turkey."

CONSTANTINOPLE (4 May 1904): A mass exodus has been occurring in Ankara the past week and a reporter was sent to the scene. When asked why she was leaving, a woman replied, "It's just shameful the way those people act. It was a good neighborhood slum until they moved in. Now the value of slum housing has dropped. I don't see why we allowed those Russians here in the first place."

1971C -- RUSSIA GOES \*POOF\*, ENGLAND GROWS, ITALY POURS FLEETS WESTWARD

Fall 1904: See note on Bob Buechs for 1971A. Same here. The new player for France is Brad Payne, 1106 NW Woodbine Pl., Seattle WA 98177. A set of GOs by Buechs is being forwarded to him, as well.

ENGLAND (Manion): F Lon-Eng, F Swe H, F Nth-Nwy. Owns: Edi, Lon, Nwy. Swe (4). Build 1.

FRANCE (Buechs): F Mid S F Eng, A Mar-Bur, A Par-Pic, A Gas-Bre, F Lpl. -Wal S by F Eng. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Lpl (6). No change.

GERMANY (Stephanides): F Bal-Ber, A Den S ENGLISH F Swe, A Mun S A Bur. A Bel-Pic S by A Bur, F Hol-Bel. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Den, Hol (6).N.c.

ITALY (Jully): F Tyr-Wes, A Ven-Pie, F Tus-Lyo, A Alb H, F Adr-Ion. F Ion-Tyr, A Tri-Vie, A Bud-Vie. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Bud, Vie, Gre, Tri (8). No change.

RUSSIA (Gletty): F Bot-StP(sc), A Sil-Mun /d//Boh, Pru, ob/. Owns: ~~W~~, ~~Swe~~ (0). OUT.

TURKEY (Pandin): A Bul-Sev C by F Bla, A Sev-Ukr, A Gal-Sil S by A War, A Mos-StP, F Gre-Bul(sc), A Ser-Rum, A Fin-Nwy. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy. Bul, Rum, Mos, Sev, Ser, StP, War (10). Build 1.



WINTER 1904 ADJUSTMENTS and SPRING 1905 ORDERS are both due on Thursday, 21 October 1971. Both Russian units will be removed, England can only build in Edinburgh, and Turkey's build is far from the front lines. You may, of course, make moves conditional on any builds you think might change your strategy. Brad Payne is now playing France.

BERLIN (GIB): The Kaiser's government, never strong, has begun to crumble under the strain of war. At last count there were 209 pretenders to the throne, including Ronald Reagan, Mao Tse Tung, and some nut who calls himself King Pandabearium (or whatever it is). The opposition party, spurred by the failure of the Kaiser's economic policy, has won a solid majority in the Reichstag. To try and combat his opponents, the Kaiser has declared a 90-day wage-price freeze, but as the cost of living has already risen 1,000,000,000,000% since 1900, some people think it's too late. In addition, the Kaiser has been plagued by guerilla action from the Neanderthal Liberation Front. As their spokesman, Og, said, "Uglug gogok gug ogok!"

TINKERSDAM (Butler Press): Reporters found King Pandabearium XIX, along with most of His other subjects, down at the dike, six fingers in various holes, trying to keep more water from seeping into His tiny Kingdom by the Zuider Zee. When asked if He had designs on the German throne, the King replied, "Hoo boy, do I? I'll bet dot country don't flood all the time--hun- less Blubgrubb und Feiredundant...or whatever they are...haff got there. I'd luff to be Kink of Yimminy, by yumpin' Yermany...er...well, you get the point, ja? ...Here, put your finger in dot hole there, young feller...."

ROME (22 June 1904): Emperor Giovanni Montini today announced the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Crusades to claim the land of our one and only God of Diplomacy. At the same time he ordered all Italian forces to proceed to Poderkagg for the liberation. Advance units today crossed into the outpost village of Beer Shara to crush the infidels, save the holy places of our Lord of Diplomacy, and look for sanitary facilities. After seeing the condition of Beer Shara, they immediately abandoned this latter objective.

Emperor Montini called upon the leaders of all Christian Nations to contribute all available forces to the liberation effort. "Our Crusaders will not rest until all holy places are made safe from untrustworthy infidels," Montini told the throng who had gathered outside his residence after hearing the news that the long-awaited Fertility Rites had been cancelled.

GASTRITIS (24 June 1904): The girls and boys of Novi Sodom and Neu-Gomorrhah are anxiously scanning the horizon with binoculars and telescopes, looking for the Italian troops. The prices on everything and everybody have been doubled and tripled (at least) and all is in readiness for "liberation". Just exactly what would be liberated from whom may be a matter of conjecture in some quarters, but the Poderkaggians know (cackle...).

#### 1971F -- FRANCE BLOATS; GERMANY SMASHED BY AUSTRO-RUSSIAN BLITZ

Fall 1903: George Patton will be replaced if I do not hear from him by the Winter 1903 deadline. His replacement will be Greg Warden (address next issue if the change occurs).

AUSTRIA (St.Cyr): A Vie-Boh S by A Gal, A Tri-Tyr, A Ukr-Mos, F Aeg S  
TURKISH F Smy-Bas (nso), A Gre H. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Rum, Mos  
(7). Build 1.

ENGLAND (Patton?): F StP(nc) /n/, A Nwy /h/, NMR. Owns: Ed, Nwy, StP  
(2). No change (1 not built, 1902).

FRANCE (Holcombe): F Mid-NAF, F Lyo-Tyr, A Bur-Bel, F Bel-Nth, F Wes-  
Tun, F Cly-Edi, A Spa-Mar, A Mar-Pie. Owns: Bre, Mar, Paf, Bel, Lon, Spa,  
Lpl, Por, Edi, Tun (10). Build 2.



GERMANY (Tretick): A Mun-Boh, A Den-Swe, A Hol H, F Bal-Ber, A Boh-Gal S by A Sil (A Gal /a/, A Sil /a/). Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Swe (6). Build 1 (2 /a/, but no room for 2nd build).

ITALY (Smythe): A Syr-Alb C by F Eas & F Ion, A Apu-Ven. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, ~~T/A~~ (3). Remove 1. // 1.

RUSSIA (Schleicher): A War-Sil S by A Pru. Owns: ~~Nap~~, War (1). Remove

TURKEY (Eller): F Smy H S by A Arm, A Bul H, A Ank-Sev C by F Bla. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Sev (5). No change.

WINTER 1903 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 21 October 1971. George Patton, England: a statement of intent to play is required in lieu of adjustments and will count as a missed move if not received.

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MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

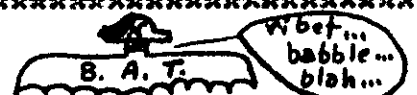
7. PROPAGANDAZINES. I am happy to include propagandazines for your games with EREHWON. However, I have two requests in this regard. First, EREHWON, at 5 sheets, is just under 1 oz. I can usually squeeze in a single-page letter, on thin paper. A 'zine will usually be on heavier paper, and make the envelope go over 1 oz. That means 8¢ more in postage. I must ask you, therefore, to include an 8¢ stamp for each copy you want sent out, or the equivalent in cash (US). Second, please send a copy to Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon IN 46052, for deposit in the Diplomacy Archives.

8. XENOLOGIC, Vol. IV, No. 6.0, will soon be out. This bigger-than-life-size issue will contain, among other interesting features, excerpts from the many replies to VERITAS VINCIT and an expanded version of Larry's work on "Diplomacy and the Law", an early version of which appeared in EREHWON 55. This fascinating issue will be huge. If you do not receive XENOLOGIC ordinarily, I heartily recommend this issue. Send Larry 30¢ for a copy.

9. VERITAS VINCIT CAUSUS BELLI, Vol. 1, No. 2.0, will soon be out from Larry Peery, containing more reactions to Larry's exposure of the DA's unsavory inner workings under the Beshara tyranny. Interestingly, aside from a few who prefer to remain neutral and a few who have resigned from the DA in understandable disgust and revulsion, all those who have replied to V.V. agree with Larry's analysis and will work for reform. Nobody has yet to defend Beshara (how could they?), save his little clique of syncophants in Brooklyn and Disharmony Hills. VVCB 1.2 is aptly called VOX POPULI VERITAS VINCIT. The Diplomacy world is speaking out against the shenanigans of the would-be dictator of postal Diplomacy. Now let's get on with the business of reform.

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A New Series:  
THE ADVENTURES OF BAT-MAN



for Chapter 1. As everyone in New Ego knows, the BAT-man is a relentless fighter, injustice, a renowned character assassin, able to leap logical inconsistencies with a single bound (although he usually trips). It is of course not known, but in real life, the BAT-man is Buddy Prufrock, shifty-eyed pencil-sharpener for the F.A.A. in Washington, our capital. Our story opens as Buddy is sitting on a pile of testimonials to him which he wrote and congratulatory telegrams from him to him, running a pencil in one ear and out the other (Buddy believes in clean ears), when the telephone rings. Our hero (if that is the term) answers. A mysterious voice tells him to report to the Barad-Durchester the next day. "Remember," the voice continues, "Mr. John J. Tantrum still holds your note for \$500." An ominous warning.

The Barad-Burchester, one of the slimier flop houses in New Ego City, is on West 68th Street (where no taxi will go), and is the headquarters of the sinister Dichotomy Assimilation. The D.A., a monolithic conspiracy to conquer the world (but which preaches "freedom", hence its name), is the creation of John J. Tantrum, a Lebanese playboy who made a fortune cheating at cards. He is assisted by the mysterious Herr Doktor Johann Birdbrain, the last living Lysenkoist in the western world.

After giving several signs, countersigns, and bribes, the BAT-man is finally admitted into The Presence. "Come in, BAT-man," said Mr. Tantrum, in his high, but sinister, voice. "We have need of your talenth." BAT-man noted with pleasure that Tantrum, too, was sitting on a pile of testimonials and congratulatory telegrams. They were signed with many different names, but all in Tantrum's handwriting.

"Yes," put in Herr Doktor Birdbrain, "there are those who think we don't know what's good for them. These people think they're god, when in fact Our Leader is!"

"Yes, y'r worship," said BAT-man, pulling his forelock.

"But we have the anthwer," asserted Tantrum, "And you, BAT-man, will be the inchtament of my vengeanthe! Behold! With thith you will rid me of my enemioth!" Slowly a door at the side of the dingy office swung open. As he glimpsed what was on the other side, BAT-man gasped.

WHAT IS THE D.A.'s ultimate weapon? How will it be used?? Tune in next issue and find out!

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What, no elephants?

HOW TO GIVE CARTHAGINIANS A THOROUGH TROUNCING

Chapter II (The Second Punic War), Part VI. . . . . Ahrydd Pedant

Even though Hieronymus was dead, Hannibal never despaired of starting trouble in Sicily. He sent two agents to stir up the Sicilians, and this time he succeeded. The Romans were driven off the island, but of course they came back. They besieged Syracuse and eventually conquered it in 212. They broke in, plundered the city, and sold the inhabitants into slavery. During the plunder, an uncouth Roman soldier killed the famed Greek mathematician, Arkhimedes, who was working on a problem at the time. The Romans are strongly condemned for this, but it seems to have been justifiable. Most people forget that Arkhimedes was chief of defense at Syracuse, and that his machines made the Romans look pretty silly.<sup>30</sup> Besides, that problem he was working on was probably how to kill Romans more efficiently.

<sup>30</sup> There was one machine in particular, a sort of power shovel. It picked up Roman ships, stood them on end in the water, and let go. What happened then was a million laughs. The same machine would pick up Roman soldiers by the ankles, lift them up in the air so that all the change would fall out of their pockets, and then drop them on their heads. It was all very humiliating.

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TERMINUS! Issue #1 is out. It is being proofread by a few people with records and will soon be in general distribution. TERMINUS, edited by myself and Tony Pandin, will publish the results of all completed postal Diplomacy games. Issue #1 contains games 1963A through 1965F. For all reportable games, there is a supply center chart and a player listing, along with publication information. Ten issues for \$1.50 from: Tony Pandin, 10406 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland OH 44104.