

# EREWON

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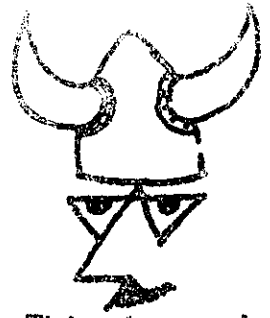
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## LEST WE FORGET

WAZIR #4 is now 15 weeks overdue. "These are not promises, promises..." (WAZIR #1). Is anyone really surprised?

Hojotoho!! This is EREWON, that Götterdämmerung journal of postal Diplomacy\* and other curses of the Nibelungs. Those who will renounce love and pay \$1 may have 7 issues. Back issues are 15¢ each (or 10¢ each in lots of 2 or more) (or 5¢ each in lots of 5 or more, by



This issue is dedicated to Wilhelm Richard Wagner, creator of the music drama, including the incomparable Ring, born on 22 May 1813.

3rd class mail). Available: 39-41, 45, 49-68 (only 1 or 2 copies of 39 & 49). Also, at 30¢ each, 25-28, 30 (#30 in short supply). There are game openings...um, no game openings, that is, although stand-by positions are available. This is Pandemonium Publication #499, edited and published by Rod Walker, 4719 Felton St., San Diego CA 92116; telephone, (714) 282-1921; member, PDC, IFW, IDS, PDRC, and the "DipOrg".

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MOVINGS. Len Lakofka, 4970 N. Marine Dr., Apt. 525, Chicago IL 60640. Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego CA 92102. Jeff Power, 521 6th St., Traverse City MI 49684. Lewis Pulsipher, 423 N. Main St., Bellevue MI 49021. Buddy Tretick, 11710 Coldstream Dr., Potomac MD 20854. Eric Verheiden (12 June - 18 August only), Graduate Residence Center, Indiana University, Bloomington IN 47401. Pete Weber (1 June through summer), 138 Greenland Ave., Oconomowoc WI 53066. Charles Welsh, 6917 Cherry Ln., Annandale VA 22003.

2. DIADOKHI-II. Dick Vedder, the game's designer, informs me that two errors got by him in preparing the masters. First, Rule 6 should have at the end the words, "...or at Thebes". Second, Sahara should be moved westward: it does not touch Garamantia; it does touch Numidia.

3. ADDRESS CODES. Please note the envelope I send this in. To the left of your name is a code. It means as follows: P, player; S, subscriber (number is last issue on sub); PX, former player, eliminated, game still active; T, trade; G, you invented Diplomacy; M, you run GRI; XXX, last issue, time to resubscribe. The "E" just means "EREWON".

4. ARMADILLO, Steve Cooper, 3073 S. Buchanan St., B-2, Arlington VA 22206, has a regular game opening. The fee is \$4 (\$1 off for DipOrg members). Begun in 1971, this has been a regularly-appearing zine with a well-run game (#1971DK) and other material.

5. NEWS OF THE DIP ORG. The first round of elections has been completed. Some unexpected confusion as to who was a candidate for what has led to a revote in some areas. The next round of elections, including the final choice of organization and zine names, is now in progress. Election

to office were (\* indicated possible revote owing to last-minute candidate shifts): President, Larry Peery; V.P./Treas., Dale Price; "Atlantic R.S.", Steve Nozick; Central R.S., Len Lakofka; Pacific R.S., John Biehl; "Ombudsman", Walt Buchanan; Editor, John Beyer. Council Members at large: Elliot Lipson and Rod Walker. Membership has continued to grow and is now above 80. Two important new members: Don Miller and Brencon VerPloeg (editors of DIPLOPHOBIA and PLATYPUS PIE, respectively). In view of all this, one can readily understand the venomous attempts of Herr Doktor Boardman, John Beshara's private personal mouthpiece, to relegate the DipOrg to limbo. After all, neither Herr Doktor Boardman nor Chairman Beshara believe in free elections, and they can be expected to oppose anything which smacks of true democracy.

6. ALPHA, David Hunt, 217 E. Front St., Adrian MI 49221, is looking for players for regular Diplomacy. Two games are open; the game fee is \$3. The subscription fee is 8/\$1.50[?], making it the most expensive "zine on the market. The game fee is more than reasonable, however. Dave has plans for articles and other features, primarily aimed at beginners. Players must be in 4 postal games or fewer at the time of application for game entry, so that this "zine will cater primarily to novices. Dave, although a member of the DA, has indicated his desire to remain neutral on the organizational question and to devote his efforts to helping the hobby and novices in particular. I think that is a laudable aim and I hope you will help Dave by joining a game or subscribing. Dave will trade.

7. BANGLADESH, Tony Pandin, 10406 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland OH 44104. This is a new production by Tony, whose anticipated time difficulties are in the process of clearing up. He has decided to take a job that pays well instead of going to grad school (wise choice, Tony) and is now founding a "zine to carry a couple of games for responsible players. Fee is \$3; subs are 10/\$1.25. Tony is presently editor of LEGATUS. While I'm on the subject of Tony Pandin, let me note two items.

TERMINUS is not dead, but Tony is thinking of finding a new publisher. This is likely to be Walt Buchanan. As with Tony, I will be assisting Walt by feeding him information which will be cross-checked and finally published. For those who came in late, TERMINUS is a project to publish in one place and in standard format the complete results for all past postal games.

The Postal Diplomacy Congress should get back in the groove shortly. Though Tony originally had doubts about his ability to continue with it, he is now confident he can make the PDC active again as soon as his backlog of work is caught up. I imagine we will be seeing ACHERON 12 soon. The P.D.C. is a voluntary association of postal Gamesmasters, Editors, and Publishers, primarily membership voluntary if you're in one of those categories and invitational otherwise.

8. RULE CHANGES. The Pandemonium Press House Rules of 15 December 1971 are hereby changed as follows. These changes are administrative and therefore apply to all games, immediately.

Rule 13a (added): A player may resign his position in a game at any time. Game fees will not be refunded. Resigning players will be replaced as noted in Rule 13. However, no resignation will be accepted if it is not accompanied by a set of orders for the upcoming season in that game (unless such a set is already on file with the GM). Players who resign without submitting orders will not be considered as resigned and will be continued in the game until this rule is complied with or until they are dropped under the provisions of Rule 13.

Rule 31 (revision): See Rule XII.4, 1971 Rulebook. A player may specify

the specific fleets which are to convoy his army, if he wishes. If he does, the convoy route specified will be the only valid one. He may write his order in this way: "A Lon-Bel (Via Eng), F Eng C A Lon-Bel". This procedure will be useful in confused situation, such as: ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel (via Eng), F Eng C A Lon-Bel. GERMANY: F Nth C ENGLISH A Lon-Bel /r/. RUSSIA: F Nwy-Nth S by F Ska. Without this provision, the English convoy would fail under the provisions of Rule XII.4. Under this rule, the convoy succeeds.

9. JOHN BOARDMAN ON THE D.A. In a letter to Joe Antosiac of ANSCHLUSS, John Boardman declares that he does not recommend that anyone join, or refrain from joining, the Diplomacy Association. Considering that Boardman is a member of the D.A.'s puppet "Board of Directors", this coolness toward his own organization is remarkable...and significant.

10. ATLANTIS, Chris Schleicher, 5122 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago IL 60630, has a game open (R-7). Game openings in Chris' fine 'zine are very rare, and this should not last long. Triweekly deadlines. Fee is \$6 with 50¢ for members of IFW or DA. Country preference lists (in order of preference, numbered 1-7) are required with entries.

11. ORPHAN VARIANT GAMES. Finding homes for orphan variants is now the job of Lewis Fulsipher (see item 1), newly appointed to this position by Tony Pandin, head of the PDC. Any GM who wishes to help Lew by taking orphan variants should write him and indicate how many and other necessary details. Two of my regular game adoption forms came back indicating "variants only", and I forwarded these to Pete Gaylord. He may not have them any longer, so please write Lew even if you have contacted me previously on this. Those of you who are in orphaned variants should also write Lew and tell him of your predicament.

12. ORPHAN REGULAR GAMES. I am aware of some problems which need my attention. The OMNIFARIOUS games seem to be defunct, as are the games published by Mensinger, Goss, et al., of Modesto. VULCAN seems also to have vanished. I'll be to these problem spots in forthcoming issues of GEHENNA shortly.

13. GAMERS GUIDE has just completed a poll of its readership on which postal Diplomacy 'zines they consider the best. The result (and number of points achieved by each 'zine): 1. EREHWON (96), 2. HOOSIER ARCHIVES (56), 3. COSTAGUANA (50), 4. XENOGOGIC (41), 5. GRAUSTARK (41), 6. NUMENOR (32), 7. SHAAFT (23), 8. PFENNIG-HALBPENNIG (21), 9. PLATYPUS PIE (21), 10. DIPLOPHOBIA (16). These are all fine 'zines, and it would be hard to think of any others which should be in the top 10 against such competition, although there are other very good publications which could be named. The failure of WAZIR to appear in this list is no accident, as anyone who has read the thing knows.

14. EREWON 68 was not Pandemonium Publication #490, alas; that was an error. It was #497.

15. NUMENOR SUPPLEMENT. Game numbers assigned since #68: 1972AQ, IRREGULARLY ISSUED IDIOT, Dan Alderson. 1972AR, PLATYPUS PIE, Brenton Ver Ploeg. 1972AS, XANADU, Charles Welsh [X-8]. 1972AT, SMERSH!!, Joe White. 1972AU, SAGUENAY, Conrad vonMetzke. 1972AV, SMUT\*, Peter Weber [#6]. 1972AW, MOESHOESHOE, Michel Feron [M-4]. 1972AX, CRUSH!!, Karl Pettis. 1972AY, STONED, Paul Stone [1972ston2ed]. 1972AZ, IMPASSABLE, John Boyer [BG #1]. 1972BA, [zine not yet named], Mark Weidmark. 1972BB, NEOPHYTE, Len Lakofka [NEO 8]. 1972BC, PFENNIG-HALBPENNIG, John McCallum. 1972BD:

BARATARIA, John McCallum. 1972BE, NAROUS, Mark Weidmark. #1972BE, CARBON 13, Fred Winter [2C-3]. 1972BG, IMPASSABLE, John Boyer [B-NG #2]. 1972BH, CARBON 13, Fred Winter [C-4]. 1972BI, MARS VIGILANT, Steve Marsland [IV]. 1972BJ, SERENDIP, Rod Walker. 1972BK, ETHIL THE FROG, John Piggott [C]. 1972BL, WAR BULLETIN, Hartley Patterson [G]. 1972BM, THE GAMING RECORD, David Dix [4]. Oh, yes, to 1971 add: #1971EL, THE GAMING RECORD, David Dix [3]. In case you're wondering, I am assigning numbers at least a month ahead of when the same 1971 numbers were being assigned. If this keeps up, we should go over 160 games for 1972 and hit the F series, if not the G.

16. SAM HOUSTON REVISITED. One of those who chided me on the dedication of #65 to Sam Houston was Mike Childers. In a recent DAILY PLANET, Mike explains that his objection consists of the fact that Sam Houston was in his early years a land speculator and that, presumably on the theory that no one should ever be forgiven his "sins", we should not say nice things about Sam Houston. Mike notes that land speculation isn't very nice and that in the 19th century it was regarded as positively immoral. Even granting this, I cannot see why this matters. If older statesmen were not forgiven the peccadilloes of youth, we would have no heroes. However, while there were no doubt those in the 19th and 18th Centuries who regarded land speculation as immoral (or whatever), the fact is that was not generally regarded as wrong. Most of the leaders of the American Revolution, including Washington, Jefferson, Henry, Monroe, Madison, Morris, Dickenson, and others, were land speculators--in fact, trans-Alleghany land speculation was probably the single most important cause of the Revolution. One of the most important land speculators of the 19th Century, Andrew Jackson, was also one of our most popular Presidents. Powerful and influential families, the leaders of American society, founded their fortunes in land speculation--Astor and Frémont, for instance. Later, the great railroading families were rampant land speculators. And so on. No doubt those who did think land speculation wicked were those who couldn't hack it.

I repeat: Sam Houston was one of the great Americans of his or any time.

and Jo, sayeth the God of Diplomacy, repent thy sins or thou shalt go to  
THE GAMES

#### 1970AT -- NAVAL CONSTRUCTION LANGUISHES AS EUROPE PREPARES FOR LAND WAR

Winter 1908: Steve Lissandrello asks how the Russian F Nth could have cut the support of his A Hol. The Rulebook (either edition) makes clear that an attack ("from the side") cuts support, period. The subsequent dislodgement of the attacking unit has nothing to do with its ability to cut support. In fact the old Rulebook makes this very clear: (Page 4, bottom) "A unit ordered to move, even if unsuccessful, still may cut a support or stand off a single unit, even though its own position is attacked with support and it is consequently dislodged." The same idea is found in the 1971 Rulebook, Example 10. In the lists below, builds are marked \*. Russia disbands A Rum. [In Autumn 1908, Russian F Nth R-Hel, Russian A Vie R-Gal, and Turkish A Rum R-Ser.]

FRANCE (Lissandrello): A Mar\*, F Nth, F Eng, F Lon, F Tyn, F Tun, F Rom, F Lpl, A Mun, A Bur, A Ruh, A Hol (12).

RUSSIA (Payne): F Hel, F Nwy, F Edi, A Gal, A Ukr, A Mos, A Kie, F Den, A Ber, A Boh (10).

TURKEY (Nash): A Ank\*, A Con\*, A Arm, A Bul, A Sev, F Bla, F Adr, A Ser, F Nap, F Ion, A Vie, A Bud (12).

SPRING 1909 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 22 June 1972.

PARIS: Pope Obnoxious III has announced a viable alternative to rhythm as a method of birth control--sodomy. "I always thought it an unnatural act," proclaimed the Pontiff, "but eight years in France have altered my opinion." The Vicar of Christ also announced the construction of a Vatican Zoo, to be stocked with "divers amiable beasties".

NOVI SODOM, PODERKAGG: John B. Pop, Mayor of this resort community and proprietor of the town's main night clubs, the Drag Inn and the Fag Out, has proclaimed a week of celebration at the pronouncements of Pope Obnoxious III. The main street of Novi Sodom, Rear Way, has been renamed Obnoxious III Drive in honor of the Pontiff. Reaction in nearby Neu-Gomorra has not been quite so enthusiastic, but some of the amusement parks, notably Sheworld, Flossieland, and Dot's Cherry Farm, have reported some increase in Catholic patrons--"mostly clerics," noted Madame Flossie, proprietrix of Flossieland (and Flossieland East) and Chairman of the Neu-Gomorra Tourist and Convention Bureau. "The most noticeable effect is in my Flossieland, where patronage patterns are changing. Virginland and Fantastieland, for instance, have had little change, but I am having to take girls out of Frontier Land and put them to work in Reartier Land."

#### 1970AX -- FLEET SCUTTLED NEAR MURMANSK IN WAKE OF RENEWED CABINET CRISIS

Winter 1907: Brad Payne, 1106 N.W. Woodbine Pl., Seattle WA 98177, is requested to send stand-by S08 orders for England. In Autumn 1907, the English F StP(nc) failed to retreat, is /d/. Germany disbands F Kie and F Hol. Builds are marked \* in position lists below.

AUSTRIA (Monahan): F Ion, F Adr, A Gre, A Trl, F Nap, A Apu, F Rom, A Ven, A Bul (9).

ENGLAND (Strayer?): A Yor, F Den, F Ska, F Bel, A Nwy (5--2 short).

FRANCE (Eller): A Bur, A Pic, F Lyo, F Tun, A Pie, F Tyn (6).

GERMANY (Reilly): A Pru, F Bal, A Ruh, A Sil (4).

RUSSIA (Latin): A War\*, A StP, A Lvn, A Fin, F Bot, A Con, A Sev, F Aeg (8).

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#### 1970BK -- ADMIRAL KOLCHAK TO COMMAND NEW RUSSIAN SOUTHERN FLEET!

Winter 1907: Builds are marked \*. Germany disbands A Bur.

ENGLAND (Weber): F Edi\*, A Lon\*, F Hol, F Eng, F Hel, F Swe, F Den, A Bel (8).

GERMANY (Payne): A Ruh, A Ber, F Bal, A Kie (4).

ITALY (Buchanan): A Ven\*, A Alb, F Adr, A Trl, A Sex, A Vie, F Aeg, F Mid, F Mar, A Gre, F Ion (11).

RUSSIA (Phillips): F Sev\*, A Boh, A Tri, A Gal, A Bul, A Smy, F Bot, A Bud, A Rum (9).

TURKEY (Farcola): A Ank, F Con (2)

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#### MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. TALES OF THE BARAD-DURCHESTER #1. T.B.D., as noted in an earlier issue, is where my end of the Beshara-Walker feud will appear, so that my readers who don't like feuds will not be overburdened with this sort of thing in EREHWON. T.B.D. 1 is, in part, a response to inquiries. Several people have asked me why I do not rate GRAUSTARK game #1970E, which is apparently perfectly regular and was played in one of the most respectable "zines under one of the hobby's best GMs. True enough. My reason has generally been given as this: #1970E was a game supposedly restricted to novice players. It was run by John Beshara--no novice--who entered and

game as (ostensibly) a replacement player. The season is weak, I admit, but was a euphemistic rendition of what really happened. The truth is that we have another Eric Blake affair on our hands.

[So, those who are new to the hobby: John Boardman won postal game 190-0 by playing England under his own name and lunking as "Eric Blake". This was a cause celebre in postal Diplomacy for some time, although Boardman tried to laugh it off as a "joke".]

It now appears, on the basis of evidence supplied by none other than Beshara himself, that the position he won with was first played by two front men until victory was certain. I detail my charges in T.B.D. #1, along with a plea that #1970E be expunged from all rating systems. One is moved to wonder what there is about Diplomacy in New York which has led to of its most well-known players to seek victories by cheating. Anyway, T.B.D. #1 is free to EREHWON readers on request, and 10¢ a copy to others, so long as the supply lasts.

18. CAPTIVE NATIONS. Bill Linden reminds me that the "Captive Nations Resolution" (see EREHWON 67, p. 31, & 68, p. 1, item 2), which John Boardman likes to pretend is a law partitioning the Soviet Union, also lists a number of states which are not in the USSR. True enough. I was concentrating on the list it contains of real and imaginary states from the Civil War Era, from Ukraina to "Idel-Ural". However, the fact that it does list states not in the USSR is merely by way of observing that the resolution is exactly what it seems to be: a mere propaganda device. It is typical of Boardman that he makes such volcances out of such ant-hills.

19. BEVERLEIN PLAYER POLL #1. Time, again, to vote for the people you believe are the best players in postal Diplomacy. The ballot is reproduced on pages 7-8 of this issue. There is nothing on those pages but the ballot. The obverse is the actual ballot, the reverse is an address form. All you have to do is fill in the ballot, sign it, remove it from the 'zine, fold it in 3 parts (or in half), staple or tape it, put a stamp on it, and mail it. You don't need an envelope. Doug wants you to vote in this poll. EREHWON has 1 1/2 hundred readers, and I urge each of you to vote. The more votes Doug has, the more valid his poll will be.

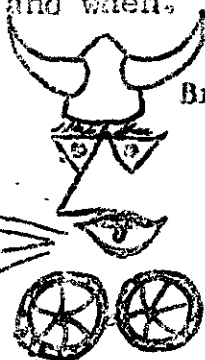
20. ARE YOU INVITING ANY VARANGIANS, DEAR? THE AUGUSTAN (now FOREBEARS) has just printed my latest historical effort, "A Survey of the Great Princes and Tears of Russia". It is 26 pages in length, including 6 maps, 15 genealogical charts, and an annotated reading list. All of the Great Princes and Tears of Russia, from 862 to the present, are listed and discussed. FOREBEARS, "an international journal of things historical, heraldic, and genealogical," is \$7.00 per year (4 issues) from The Augustan Society, Inc., 18002 Fayamith Ave., Torrance CA 90504 (\$2.50 a copy). My article appears in the last number of the old title, THE AUGUSTAN XIV, 5/6.

21. DON'T FORGET: If you are changing addresses this summer, let me know exactly where you will be and when.

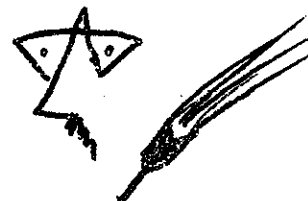
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## BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL BALLOT #4

The Beyerlien Player Poll (BPP) is a poll of the Postal Diplomacy community to determine the best currently active players in Postal Diplomacy. Any Postal Diplomacy player, Gamesmaster, Editor, or Publisher may cast his/her ballot for the top 14 (from #1 to #14) currently active Postal Diplomacy players. Points are given as follows: 1st place - 20 points, 2nd - 17 pts., 3rd - 15, 4th - 13, 5th - 11, 6th - 9, 7th - 8, etc. The points are then summed for each player and the top 14 players listed by point totals. Results will be published in all major 'zines.

## TOP BOARD

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Signature:

Please complete the ballot, sign it, and mail it directly to: DOUG BEYERLEIN, 3934 S.W. SOUTHERN, SEATTLE WA 98116. Incomplete or unsigned ballots will not be counted. [Please participate: The more people who send ballots, the better the poll will be.]

DEADLINE: 11 JULY 1972.

Thank you.

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