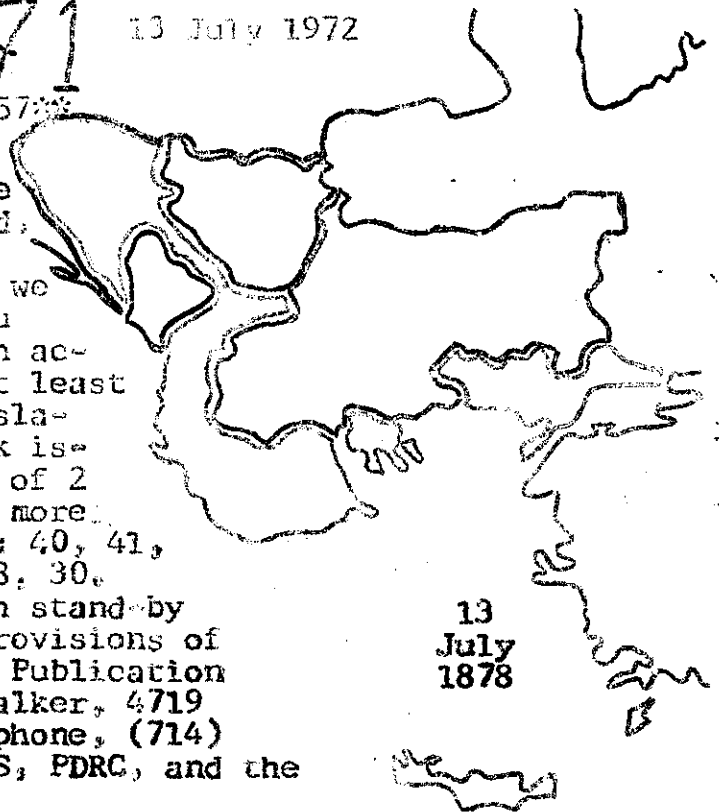


# ERHWON 71

13 July 1972

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Well, here we are again, gore fans, another issue of EREHWON, one of the cutest Diplomacy 'zines in the world. It is also not 21 weeks overdue, as is a certain worthless pile of crud we could all name. For one dollar, you may subscribe to seven issues, which actually appear nearly on time (and at least they are not 5 months late). [Translation: subscriptions are 7/\$1.] Back issues are 15¢ each (10¢ each in lots of 2 or more, or 5¢ each in lots of 5 or more, sent by 3rd class mail). Available: 40, 41, 45, 50-70. Also, at 30¢ each, 25-28, 30. There are no game openings, although stand-by positions are available under the provisions of House-Rule 13. This is Pandemonium Publication #516, edited and published by Rod Walker, 4719 Felton St., San Diego CA 92116; telephone, (714) 282-1921; member, IDA, PDC, IFW, IDS, PDRC, and the phoney-baloney "D.A."



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. DEDICATION.** This issue is dedicated to the Treaty of Berlin, signed on 13 July 1878, which settled the boundaries of the Balkans after the Russo-Turkish War of 1877. It was a great and important victory for German diplomacy. The map does not represent the boundaries drawn by the Treaty of Berlin; does anyone know what they do represent?
- 2. THAT CONTEST.** The deadline for the contest in last issue is now the deadline for games announced in this issue. I have to date not received a single correct answer. Those who have already sent answers are of course disqualified from sending new answers. Remember, the prize is a free game.
- 3. LEST WE FORGET.** Poor old John Beshara still hasn't cranked out the latest issue of the WAZIR Hate Sheet, which is now twenty-one weeks overdue. Still the mountain labors to bring forth another mouse.
- 4. LEN LAKOFKA,** 4970 N. Marine Dr., Apt. 525, Chicago IL 60640, in addition to the games noted last issue, has a Publisher's Game open. The fee is \$5. There is a \$1 discount if you are a member of the IDA, a 50¢ discount to N3F Games Bureau members, and a 50¢ discount to IFW members (the fee is thus \$3 if you are a member of all 3). You must be a postal Diplomacy publisher in order to play.
- 5. MOVINGS.** Ted Pohrte, 1332 Hanna Cir., DeSoto TX 75115.
- 6. HOOSIER ARCHIVES,** which is the Diplomacy 'zine, is now offering a new game. In order to play in the Diplomacy Winner's Invitational, you must have won 2 or more postal games or have had (at some time) a rating on John McCallum's ODD Rating System of over 1000. The fee is \$2.50. The winner

will receive a suitably engraved trophy. Sign up with Walt Buchanan, R.R.#3, Lebanon IN 46052. Those of you who don't yet get H.A. will want to do so, just to follow what will certainly prove to be a great game. In addition, there is outstanding press, original and reprint articles of significance, and many other features. Subs are only 7/\$1 (or 15/\$2). Outstanding!!!

7. JASIRZAB is a 'zine published by Stan Wrobel, 7 PolandVillage Blvd., Poland OH 44514. Subscriptions are 10/\$1.50. Beginning with #5, the highlight of America's only Polack Dippy 'zine is "War of the Rings" Diplomacy. Featuring John Smythe, John Koning, Bob Keathley, Paul Bond, and myself. The two Johns and I are writing press releases for this game which I positively guarantee will leave you weak from laughter (especially if you've read Lord of the Rings). Follow the adventures of these characters and others: Conrad the Tall, Earl Marshal of Gondor; Richard M. Sauron; Spiro T. Angmar; Smythe, King of Rohan; Bond, King of Dale; Bond, Steward of Gondor; and many many others. You have got to read this to believe it.

8. CORRECTIONS. Corrections to previously printed orders are the province of the Gamemaster. We have had a rash of ugly incidents lately, involving players who take it upon themselves to issue "corrections". The player or not only notifies the GM that he has "found an error" (or the orders the GM didn't receive he really did), he also notifies the other players and assures them that the GM will confirm. This is very embarrassing to all concerned, especially where the player is wrong. Incidents of this sort have occurred recently involving Andy Phillips in 1970AP and Lee Childs in 1971K. All players are hereby warned: I, and only I, can make corrections to previously issued adjudications. Any player who notifies others of an "error" he thinks he has found automatically incurs the responsibility of also telling them when the error is in fact his. I will not lift a finger to correct any misunderstandings caused by such unauthorized notifications.

9. THE LATEST CALHAMER POINT COUNT RATING LIST appeared in HOOSIER ARCHIVES #76. Using 201 completed games as a basis of computation, the CPCRL rates many players, assigning 1 point to a win and dividing the point among those who draw. The top 14 active players are as follows:

TOP BOARD		SECOND BOARD	
8.167	Eda Binsan	5.000	Hal Naus
8.333	John Smythe	4.167	Mike Goldstein
6.567	Andy Phillips	4.000	John Koning
6.200	Doug Beyerlein		Jerry Fournelle
	Gene Prosnitz	3.900	Pete Rosamilia
5.200	John Beshara	3.367	Rod Walker
5.000	Tom Eller	3.150	Lew Pulsipher

10. BUDDY TRETICK has asked me to announce that there will be a lot of in-person Diplomacy at his home during 5-7 August 1972. If you're in the Washington area at that time, contact Buddy at (301) 299-7881.

11. THE "DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION" TURNS TAIL. How interesting! John Beshara and his cabal of NewYork puppets have all refused to attend DipCon V. I have just received this information from a highly-placed source who is well informed on the doings of the NewYork Presidium. When Beshara, Boardman, and "Miller" learned that Larry Peery, Rod Walker, Len Lakofka, Walt Buchanan, and others would be in attendance, they promptly changed their minds and declared they would have nothing to do with the DipCon. Too bad Boardman lets Beshara tell him where not to go; otherwise, nobody is going to miss Beshara and "Dick Miller" anyway, and DipCon V will be really good without them.

12. SEE YOU AT DIPCON FIVET A week from today, on 20 July 1972, I will be on my way to Chicago and DipCon V (22-23 July 1972). I hope to see a lot of you there--to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances. This should be the best DipCon ever. Len Lakofka and Larry Blandin have worked their tails off putting together a tremendous potential for a great convention. Now it's up to us to make it click and have a good time. One of the highlights of the meet, by the way, is a scheduled meeting of members of the "Diplomacy Association". Without Beshara there to tell them what to do, they may mill around in confusion or they may, horror of horrors, actually start thinking for themselves.

13. DEADLINES are 10:00 AM--in the morning--of the deadline date. Those who phone in their orders must do so before then, such as on the previous night.

14. IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, Pandemonium Publication numbers have not surpassed John Boardman's Operation Agitation numbers. That makes Pandemonium Press the most prolific publishing house in all of postal Diplomacy.

15. THE NUMENOR RATING SYSTEM for countries has not appeared in these pages for some time. In the interval, the big news is that France has surpassed Russia to take 3rd place. Austria, on the strength of 5 recent victories, has begun to move up, although she is still in the cellar. The latest figures, based on 232 completed games:

	Fts.	Won	Drew	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Elim.	Surv.
ENGLAND	1773	33	21	40	37	26	31	32	12	87	145
TURKEY	1746	33	26	34	42	23	21	34	19	84	148
FRANCE	1683	27	19	32	45	29	37	30	13	83	149
RUSSIA	1679	43	8	26	31	28	30	26	40	103	129
ITALY	1380	18	15	27	43	37	42	31	19	101	131
GERMANY	1277	16	16	26	23	41	39	39	32	117	115
AUSTRIA	1169	26	7	16	16	30	30	37	71	143	89

O hear us, Elohim Diplomats! Grant us the boon of Thy  
GAMES

1970AT -- MUNICH AND KIEL CHANGE HANDS AGAIN!! RUSSIA PUSHES WEST

Summer 1909: FRANCE: F Nth R-Nrg, A Mun R-Trl. RUSSIA: A Gal R-Ukr.

Fall 1909:

FRANCE (Lissandrello): A Pie S A Trl, F Eng-Bel, F Lon-Nth, F Tyn H S by F Rom & F Tun, F Cly-Edi S by F Nrg, A Kie-Hol /d/, A Bur-Mun S by A Trl & A Ruh. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, For, Spa, Hol, Tun, Mun, Bel, Lon, Lpl, Rom, Edi (13). Build 2 (1 /d/).

RUSSIA (Payne): F Nth-Bel, F Hel-Hol, F Edi H /r//Yor, d/, A Ukr-War S by A Mos, A War-Sil, A Mun-Trl S by A Boh (A Mun /r//Ber, d/), A Ber-Kie S by F Den. Owns: Mos, StP, War, Swe, Nwy, Ber, Ed, Den, Kie, ~~Ed~~ (8). Disb. 2.

TURKEY (Stevens vice Nash): A Con-Bul, A Bul-Ser, A Arm-Sev S by F Bla, A Sev-Ukr S by A Rum & A Gal, F Adr-Ven S by A Tri, F Nap MS F Ion, A Vie-Boh. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tri, Ven, Bud, Nap, Sev, Vie, Rum (13). Build 1.

WINTER 1910 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Monday, 24 July 1972. They will be sent out by carbon copy. SPRING 1909 ORDERS will be due on Thursday, 10 August 1972.

In the middle of typing this up, I received the results of the latest Beyerlein Poll. See EREWON 69 for an explanation of the score. Doug writes that a total of 21 ballots were cast, of which 11 were the form printed in EREWON. My thanks to the 11 for helping Doug out; hopefully, more of us will participate in EREWON, to be held this winter.

In the listing below, only active players are included. The S column indicates the score of each; the N column indicates the number of ballots which named that player. The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of ballots which indicated that player's name in 1st place.

TOP BOARD			SECOND BOARD		
	S	N		S	N
1. Edl Birsan (7)	261	17	8. Randy Bytwerk (1)	71	7
2. John Snycke (1)	170	13	9. Walt Buchanan	68	10
3. Tom Eller (1)	165	14	10. Conrad vonMetzke	67	9
4. Red Walker (2)	164	17	11. Eugene Prosnitz	66	9
5. Doug Beyerlein (1)	140	12	12. Rick Brooks (1)	63	7
6. Brenton VerFloog	131	12	12. Hal Naus	63	9
7. Andy Phillips	109	15	14. John Beshara	61	6

Others with 20 points or more: Chan (1), Cordes (1), Lakofka, Lasky (1), McCallum, Mebane, Peery, Pulsipher (1), Rocamora, Thomson (1), Tretick, J. White (1), Winter (1). One is moved to wonder what names such as Chan, Cordes, and Lasky are doing in this list, but opinion polls always have a few wild hair votes in them. Doug notes, correctly, that John Beshara and Ed Miller have resumed active status, and that Charles Reinsel is still active.

An extremely well-informed source in New York reports the following amusing story. John Beshara got Pete Comber to resign from 1970C (in ATLANTIS) so that John could get his name on the rating lists again. (Beshara was of course named as Comber's replacement.) (The game is an easy draw or win for Beshara, so now he can stop writing Comber's orders for him and play the game under his own name.)

So far so good. But then Beshara had a snit because Beyerlein insisted that he, the Great Big Chairman Of The Board, actually demean himself by submitting his votes on the required form. Imagined? Asking John Beshara to do what somebody else wants!! How insensitive. How simply too-too! Anyway, Beshara then refused to vote at all. Awwwwwww.....

1970AX -- ENGLAND JUMPED BY FRIEND, FOE ALIKE

Fall 1908: Mike Monahan is still with us; my thanks to Brad Payne. Howard Latin indicates that the pressure of work makes it necessary for him to resign. His resignation is accepted with regret. The new Russian player will be Brad Payne (address last issue).

AUSTRIA (Monahan): F Ion-Nap, F Nap-Rom, F Rom-Tus S by A Ven & A Pie, F Adr-Ion, A Gre MS A Bul, A Trl S A Pie. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Ven, Bul, Nap, Rom (9). No change.

ENGLAND (Strayer): A Yor-Nwy C by F Nth, F Swe-Bot, F Ska-Swe, A Nwy-Fin. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, ~~Ska~~, ~~Den~~ (5). No change (2 nb).

FRANCE (Eller): A Eur-Mar, A Pic-Bel, F Lyo-Mar, F Tun S F Tyn, A Tus-Rom S by F Tyn (A Tus /d/). Owns: Bre, Mar, Far, Por, Spa, Tun, Bel (7). Build 2 (1 /d/).

GERMANY (Huddleston vice Reilly): F Bal S ENGLISH F Swe-Bot, A Mun H, A Sil-War S by A Pru. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol (4). No change.

RUSSIA (Latin): A StP-War, A Lvn-Pru S by A War, A Fin-Swe S by F Bot (F Bot /d/), A Con-Bul, A Mos S A War, F Aeg S AUSTRIAN F Adr-Ion. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Rum, Con, Ank, Smy, Swe (9). Build 1 (1 /d/; no room for 2nd build).

WINTER 1908 ADJUSTMENTS and SPRING 1909 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 10

August 1972. The builds are simple enough to do this. Russia must build in Sevastopol. The French alternatives are easily anticipated. The Spring orders may or course be conditional upon the builds. In case anyone is curious about what happened in Sweden, please remember that this game was begun under the old Rulebook, and Miller's Rule does not operate.

VIENNA (Dominion Day [31 May] 1908)(MRS): Grand Duke Spiro has denounced England's Catholic clergy for accepting King Leroy the Boy into the "church run by those damn papists". The Grand Duke was referring to the recent English announcement that Catholics were being placed in all positions of power in England.

WASHINGTON (31 May 1908)(MRS): The House Committee on Un-American Activities has launched an investigation into recent misuses of the expression "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition". The Chairman, Rep. Lyndon Milhous Suray-Eller, said that this expression was a genuine and wholly American ideal and denounced as Un-American any other use of the thought. "Why, it's as American as religious hatred," said the Chairman.

MADRID (12 June 1908)(Butler Press): Choking from the smoke of today's auto-de-fe, which was going on half a mile away, Miguel Cardinal Montsanto entered the growing debate on Lord-praising and ammunition-passing. "Out here," said His Eminence, "we say, 'Praise the Lord and pass the torch'." The Cardinal's eyes twinkled as he mentioned that the current victims at the stake were several people who had been turned over to the Inquisition by their children for heresy. Vividly and gaily describing some interesting pogroms in Madrid, Cadiz, and Seville, His Eminence concluded, "Holy Mother Church is second to none in her promotion of spiritual harmony."

BERLIN (31 May 1908)(MRS)[via Vienna]: The German High Command has revealed that for the past year and a half all decisions regarding military strategy have been made by that well-known military genius, fresh from her recent complete victories in Africa, Kaiserin Mergatroid. The Germans have always believed in kicking people upstairs.

1970BK -- ITALY OUTBLOATS ENGLAND; END OF WAR IN SIGHT?

Fall 1908: In Su08, Russian A Boh R-Sil. Stand-by orders for Turkey are requested from Larry Blandin, c/o Niemeyer, 3330 N. LakeShore Dr., Chicago IL 60657.

ENGLAND (Weber): F Nth-Nwy, A Pic-Par, F Eng-Nth, F Hel-Den S by F Kie, F Den-Swe, F Swe-Fin, A Ruh S F Kie. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, Hol, Swe, Bei, Den, Kie, Par (10). Build 2.

GERMANY (Payne): A Mun MS A Ber, F Bal S A Mun. Owns: Ber, ~~Kie~~, Mun, ~~Par~~ (2). Disband 1 (1 /d/).

ITALY (Buchanan): F Adr S A Tri, A Alb-Ser, A Boh-Vie S by A Trl & A Trl, F Spa(sc)-Mid S by F Bre, A Ser-Rum S by A Bul, F Eas-Smy S by F Aeg. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Mar, Spa, Por, Tun, Bre, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul, Smy, Tri (14). Build 3!

RUSSIA (Phillips): F Bla-Bul(ec), A Sil-Boh S by A Gal, A Vie-Tri /d/, A Bud-Tri, A Smy-Con /r//Arm, Syr, d/, F Bot S Bal [sic]/no RUS unit in Bal/, A Rum-Ser. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Rum, Bud, ~~Mal~~, ~~Smy~~, ~~Tri~~ (6). Disband 1 (2 /d/).

TURKEY (Lakofka): NMR. A Ank /h/, F Con /h/. Owns: Ank, Con (2). NC. WINTER 1908 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 10 August 1972. In lieu of adjustments, a statement of intent to play is required from Turkey

1971A -- SOME-VIENNA AXIS HAMMERS GERMANS, RUSSIANS

Fall 1907: In Su07, Austria's A War R-Gal

AUSTRIA (Weber): A Bur-Sev S by A Ukr, F Aeg-Con S by A Bul, A Vie-Tri, A Pru-Sil S by A Gal & A Boh. Ows: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Rum, Bul, ~~Wt~~, Con (8). No change.

ENGLAND (Shannon): F Lon-Nth S by F Edi. Ows: Edi, Lon (2). No change.

GERMANY (Eller): A Mun-Ber, A Sil-Ber /d/, F Ber-Bal, F Nch-Hol /d//Yor, Hel, Den, Ska, d/. Ows: Ber, Kie, Mun, ~~Wt~~, Den, Hol (5). Build 2 (2 /d/, 1 nb).

ITALY (Stanton): F Tyn-Wes, A Apu-Syr C by F Ion & F Eas, F NAT-Nrg, F Bel-Hel, A Pic-Bel, A Par-Bre, A Bur S AUSTRIAN A Boh-Mun /nso/. Ows: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mar, Por, Spa, Bre, Par, Bel (10). Build 1.

RUSSIA (Heddleston vice Peilly): A StP-Mos, A War H S by A Lvn, A Sev-Nrg S by F Bla, F Nrg-Nwy, F Lpl-Iri, A Con-Smy S by A Arm. Ows: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Nwy, Swe, Ank, Smy, ~~Wt~~, Lpl (9). No change.

WINTER 1907 ADJUSTMENTS and SPRING 1908 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 10 August 1972. The builds seem straightforward enough. The German retreat is required by Monday, 24 July 1972, and I will send it to England, Italy, and Russia, so that we won't have that to worry about. Your orders may of course be made conditional on the builds. [If Germany and Italy will send me their builds by the 24th, too, I'll send them out with the retreat, OK?]

1971C -- FEVERISH RECRUITMENT IN WEST; LEAN CHRISTMAS IN EAST

Winter 1907: In Autumn, Turkish A Gal R-Boh. England disbanded F Swe. In position lists below, builds are marked \*.

ENGLAND (Eller): F Ska (1).

FRANCE (Payne): F Bre\*, F Eng, F Mar, F Mid, A Gas, A Bur, F Cly (7).

GERMANY (Stephanides): A Ber\*, F Bal, A Mun, F Den, A Nwy, A Kie, A Bel (7).

ITALY (Schleicher): F Aeg, F Eas, A Pic, A Tri, A Gal, A Bud, F Lyo, F For, A Ser, F Gre (10).

TURKEY (Pandio): A Ukr, A Boh, A War, A Sev, F Bla, A Rum, A StP, F Con, F Smy (9).

SPRING 1908 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 10 August 1972.

1971E -- FRANCE RACES TOWARD VICTORY!

Fall 1906:

AUSTRIA (Payne): A Tri S A Vie /d/, A Vie S TURKISH A Rum-Gal. Ows: Vie, ~~Wt~~ (1). No change (1 /d/).

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Bur-Ruh, A Ruh-Kie, A Pic-Bel, F Nth-Nwy, A Bel-Hol, F Swa-Bot, A Ven-Tri S by A Irl, F Alb, & F Adr, F Tyn S, F Ion, F Kie-Bel, F Ion S F Apu /nsu as F Apu/, F Bar-Nwy, A Rom-Ven. Ows: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Lon, Spa, Lpl, Por, Edi, Tun, Hol, Nap, Rom, Kie, Ven, Nwy, Swe, Irl (18). Build 3!

GERMANY (Tretick): A War-Mos S by A StP, A Pru-Lvn, A Boh-Gal S by A Sil, F Eot-Bal. Ows: Ber, Mun, Den, ~~Wt~~, ~~Wt~~, StP, War, Mos (6). No change (1 nb).

ITALY (Smythe): No units. Ows: ~~Wt~~ (0). OUT.

TURKEY (Eller): A Bul-Rum, A Arm-Sev, F Gre MS F Aeg, A Ser S A Bud, A Bud S AUSTRIAN A Vie, F Eas H, A Mos-War /r//Ukr, d/, A Rum-Gal. Ows: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Sev, ~~Wt~~, Rum, Bud, Gre, Ser (9).

WINTER 1906 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Monday, 24 July 1972. France may win the game by building 2 or 3; if Turkey fails to retreat and then to rebuild, France would win by building 1. I assume that France will build sufficient units to win, so let me at this time extend my congratulations to Ted, particularly, and to the other players, for a well-played game.

1972A1 -- ENGLISH MARINES SWARM INTO BRUXELLES

Fall 1901: Prior to Spring 1901, Nicholas Furcola resigned from this game. He was replaced by Steven Cooper, 3073 S. Buchanan St., B-2, Arlington VA 22206. The players were notified, about 2 weeks prior to the last deadline, by postcard. One such card apparently did not reach its destination. I had asked Steve to contact the players himself, as well, since he would be negotiating with them in any event. I also asked Nick to pass on to Steve any letters he received on the game. I hope that this all helped to smooth out the transfer. I forgot to note this change in EREHWON 70. Record-keepers should note, however, that Steve Cooper is the original player of record for Germany.

AUSTRIA (Pandin): A Bud S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum, F Alb-Gre S by A Ser.  
Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser (5). Build 2.

ENGLAND (Turpin): F Nrg-Nwy, A Edi-Bel C by F Nth. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Bel, Nwy (5). Build 2.

FRANCE (S. Brooks): F Mid-Por, A Mar-Spa, A Bur-Mar. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (5). Build 2.

GERMANY (Cooper): A Kie-Hol, A Mun-Ruh, F Den-Swe. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Fen, Hol (5). Build 2.

ITALY (Lakofka): A Tus-Tun C by F Tyn, A Pie S FRENCH A Bur-Mos /iso/.  
Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun (4). Build 1.

RUSSIA (Lipson): A StP-Swe C by F Bot, A Ukr-Rum S by F Bla. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Rum (5). Build 1.

TURKEY (Horton): F Con-Aeg, A Bul H, A Ank H. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul (4). Build 1.

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THE TOMB THAT WAS NOT FORGOTTEN [Len Lakofka]. I: The Beginning of the Quest.

On Frodo's 26th birthday, a birthday still in his adolescent "tweens", Bilbo told him of the journey--"There and Back Again". They were so engrossed in the tale, one telling and one listening, that they did not notice Leery Peerie outside their window. Leery went away, his head swimming at the stories of jewels and riches beyond the dreams and reach of the mightiest kings. "If only some could me mine," he mused. "But the dragon is unguarded. Why not pluck the riches from it?" This thought wore on him for many weeks and months and years, but still he believed that there was no real truth in it. Then on Bilbo's eventful disappearance, he saw that it all must be true! There was magic, there was treasure, and so there must be a dragon. As fast as his furry feet could carry him he packed his belongings and headed for the Misty Mountains.

After twenty days' travel he came upon a dwarf by the side of the road. He was a huge pot-bellied dwarf with a beard as long as he was tall and a bright orange hood the color of a spring sunset. "Polevaulter P. Perambulator, at your service," bowed the dwarf.

"Leery Peerie, at yours and your kins," said Leery, with a quick glance and a fleeting thought.

"Where are you bound, my fine hobbit?"

"Leery mused a moment--he would need help, and to get through the Misty Mountains a guide would be necessary. So he asked the huge (4'7") dwarf if he had heard of Smaug. He had, and of his death. "I got to his body to claim my riches!" cried Leery. Being rather stupid himself, Polevaulter hastened to offer his aid and the queer duo made off for the Mountains.

Next: On the Lore of Dragons. Question: Do you suppose that in the older days Esgaroth ever had Smaug Alerts? (Angelinos may chuckle.)

1972AO -- ANGLO-FRENCH TREACHERY CATCHES GERMANS OFF-GUARD; TSAR GOES BEGGING

Fall 1901:

AUSTRIA (Eller): A Vic-Tri, F Alb-Gro S by A Ser. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser (5). Build 2.  
 ENGLAND (Pohrto): F Eng-Nwy, A Edi-Hol C by F Nth. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Hol, Nwy (5). Build 2.  
 FRANCE (Verheiden): A Mar-Spa, A Bur-Bel S by F Eng. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa (5). Build 2.  
 GERMANY (Tretick): A Kie-Ber, A Ruh S ENGLISH A Edi-Bel /nso/. F Den- Gre. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den (4). Build 1.  
 ITALY (Winter): A Apu-Iun C by F Ion, A Ven H. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Dan (4). Build 1.  
 RUSSIA (Blandin): A Ukr-Sev, A Pru-Ber, F Bot-Swe, F Sev-Rum. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War (4). No change.  
 TURKEY (Borecki): F Ank-Bla, A Bul-Rum, A Arm-Sev. Owns: Ank, Con, Say, Bul (4). Build 1.

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A Triumphant Return!  
 THE CHRONICLES OF REQ-LAV

The Second Book of Dyqq the Sly

Having translated and printed the First Book of Dyqq, I am now doing the second. This one is in the shape of a giant Alka-Seltzer tablet, although of course it is 14k gold-filled. It is the last of the tablets of St.Lasagna, but the angel Macaroni assures me that "I've got a million of 'em".

Chapter 1. (1) The generations of the Kings of meri-Ka. (6) The rule of Dyqq the Sly. (8) The Followers of the Donkey and their leaders. (15) The coming forth of Djordj the Slow. (22) He is made leader and (26) holds a pep rally.

1. Now these are the generations of the Kings of meri-Ka which did reign from the time of the Boom until this time.

2. The King, ha-Rhee the Hellgiver did reign seven years, and he died.

3. Then did the people of meri-Ka choose Yqe the Bald to be their King, and he reigned eight years, but only after he had died. And Dyqq the Trick did stand around at his right hand.

4. After this time, Dyqq the Trick did do battle with Jonh the Young for the throne, but Jonh won, for his wife had verily a fur coat.

5. Jonh the Young reigned but three years, and he died, and after him was lin-Dunn the Rich, who reigned five years and did give up the throne.

6. Now did Dyqq, called the Twice-Scorned, come forth out of exile, and he did lead the armies of the Followers of the Pachyderm in great battle against the armies of the Followers of the Donkey, and he overcame them, and sate upon the throne at last, and waxed mighty upon the land.

7. And the people came together amongst themselves, saying, This is not the Dyqq of yore, whom we called Twice-Scorned. This new Dyqq is crafty; yea, even unto real sneaky, and thus he is the Sly. And this was only right, for Dyqq had made it perfectly clear.

8. Now the Followers of the Donkey were ill content withal, and did conspire to take the throne from Dyqq, and to give it to one of their own. But none amongst them could agree which it should be. For the leaders of the Followers of the Donkey were legion; yea, even as numerous as gas bubbles in a swamp, and with all those chiefs there were scarce any Indians.

9. Then did Djeen the Clean come forward, saying, I will be thy leader,



as was my wont in days of yore, and the Followers of the Donkey did lose their lunches.

10. Then did mush-Key the Colorless come forward with great coming, and sayeth, I will be thy leader, and some Followers of the Donkey did hearken unto him, and follow him, saying, Thrillville.

11. Then did hyoo-Burtt the Hump come forward, donning his Afro wig, saying, I will be thy leader, hotcha!, and some followers of the Donkey did turn aside to follow him, not being able to tell the difference.

12. Then did Shirl the Girl come forward, saying, I will be thy leader, but it is wisely writ in meri-Ka that no mere woman may be King.

13. Then did waal-Ass the Creep come forward, saying, I will be thy Führer, but he was wounded in battle and was reduced from wheeling and dealing to only half of it.

14. Then did divers other leaders and prophets and fakirs come forward, all crying, I will be thy leader, and even the Followers of the Pachyderm did begin to lose their lunches.

15. Even so did Djordj the Slow come forward, saying, I am thy leader, and there were many who hearkened unto him and flocked to his banners, saying, He looks better in an Afro wig than hyoo-Burtt.

16. Now all this hearkening and flocking did trouble the councils of mush-Key and hyoo-Burtt and waal-Ass, and they did whisper and grumble and plot and scheme that Djordj should not be leader.

17. And in the fourth year of Dyqq the Sly, as was their wont, and at the customary time, the followers of the Donkey met in great conclave on the Beach in order to determine which of them would in fact be leader. And after the manner of such gatherings, much head was produced, and much air, and much noise, and all kinds of musick; and lo! the people of meri-Ka did stay up all hours to be witness on the Magic Eye.

18. And on the first day they did diligently set out which of them were truly Followers of the Donkey and which of them were Bad Eggs.

19. But Ohigh-Yo came to pass.

20. And on the second day they did set forth that which all Followers of the Dankey must believe, except their leader.

21. But Ohigh-Yo came to pass.

22. And on the third day was battle joined, and when the smoke did clear, Djordj the Slow did verily worst his many opponents and send them in to flight, and he was most gloriously victorious and most victoriously glorious and all that.

23. But Ohigh-Yo came to pass.

24. Then wall-Ass did grumble, and hyoo-Burtt did mumble, and mush-Key did bumble, and the whole bit did crumble.

25. But Ohigh-Yo came to pass.

26. Then did Djordj the Slow speak unto the Followers of the Donkey, Saying, Forward against the foe, let us take up arms against the Followers of the Pachyderm and against Dyqq the Sly, rah, rah, zissboombah, go team, kill!

27. And this time, Ohigh-Yo, don't come to pass, OK?

#### DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATIONS -- THE UGLY DEBATE

It was of course only a matter of time. Anyone who takes any action to improve anything is sooner or later going to catch hell. It was inevitable, I suppose, that the so-called "Diplomacy Association" should have people jumping on it. The DA was not, after all, a real Diplomacy organization, but merely an attempt by John Beshara to run postal Diplomacy his own way. However, given the history of real organizations which have taken

flak for the heinous crime of merely existing, we should not be too surprized at what is going on now. From the period 1965-1970, the bitter and irrational attacks made on the International Diplomacy Federation and on the N3FCB Diplomacy Division serve as models, conscious or not, for similar attempts to downgrade the International Diplomacy Association.

We can here dismiss the banalities of John Beshara and his mouthpiece, John Boardman. Boardman has never liked anything constructive (which explains why he likes Beshara's 'D.A.'). He downgrades political parties, reformers, and anyone or anything else which is not tearing down any and all systems, so of course he hates the IDA. Beshara hates anything which doesn't contribute to increasing his personal control over postal Diplomacy, and just as bitterly he hates democracy and free thought--so of course he despises the IDA.

The question here is not that everyone should like the IDA. I expect that some will not wish to join it, support it, or even like it. It seems to me, however, that even opponents of the IDA would wish to be fair in their disapproval and criticism. Every organization needs fair and objective criticism. It helps bring about improvement.

What we don't need are smear tactics. In the latest issue of SMIT\*, Pete Weber finally lives up to the 'zines name and does his best to smear the IDA. With distortions, unsupported generalities, and vague insinuations, Weber actually accuses Larry Feery of trying to be another John Beshara. During the formation of the IDA, Pete uttered not a word about what he thought should be done; he didn't participate in the debates about structure or anything else, nor did he run for office. Now, all of a sudden, he's dissatisfied with how things turned out. Why, Pete, didn't you lift a finger to make them turn out differently? Is it easier and more dramatic to do nothing and then write "Awe with alarm" editorials? Larry Feery's response to the SMIT\* nonsense, if Pete has the guts to print it, does an excellent job of dealing with Pete's semi-national peregrinations.

Fred Winter, in CARBON 13 #24, has managed to come out against organizations in general. Yeah, OK, if that's the way you feel, Fred. However, he spends a lot of time jumping up and down about a slogan, "organization [sic] is the first sign of decay". What a bunch of bull! Can't you give us something better than slogans, Fred? Let's see...Rome was organized in 753BCE and began right away to decay...? The Soviet Union was organized in 1924, and has been decaying ever since...yeah, sure. The U.S. Steel Corporation was organized in 1901 and started right in to decay...uh-huh, obviously. I suppose if you define "decay" sneakily enough, you could make the slogan appear to be true if you applied enough sophistry to the proof. For the nonce, however, if you are going to hit us with a non sequitur such as "organization [sic] is the first sign of decay", at least spell it right.

The thing that burns me, personally, about Fred's editorial is his attempt to involve me in his position by lying about me. Fred attacks the whole notion of "consultants", about which I'm not too wild, true. He claims, however, that I forbid my players to use "consultants". This blatant lie is proven by misquoting my House-Rule 16, as follows: "Players may not use a Consultant (or other advisor) assigned by the Diplomacy Association (or any other group)...", conveniently leaving off the last phrase, "without prior permission of the GM". That is a detestable tactic and I have demanded a retraction. Fred has also requested that I amend my HRs to reflect my disapproval of "consultants" and to discourage my players from using them. I will do no such thing. HR 16 stands as written.

All this ugliness is not doing the IDA or the hobby any good. Criticism and debate are fine--but let the opposition fit the crime.