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GAMES: OUT WITH THE OLD
IN WITH THE NEW...

Postal game 1975CY is herewith cancelled. After any number of player resignations and drops, and stand-by player non-coöperation, I am left with a number of unplayed countries.

Furthermore, the game has not developed as I had originally intended. More than one person has commented that the press frequently had a "con-trived" feeling about it, as if it had been written merely to meet the re-quirement of the game. There was no interaction between the players; the "press war" I had hoped for did not materialize.

If the players wish, I will continue the game. The players of record are: AUSTRIA (Tony Watson), ENGLAND (Len Lakofka), FRANCE (Bruce Schlick-bernd), GERMANY (John Leeder), ITALY (none), RUSSIA (Brad Hessel), TURKEY (none). If the four original players wish to continue, and if I can find replacements for Italy and Turkey, we will do so, although the game will no longer be a press game as such. I will set no deadline; however, if I hear from all 4 of you in the near future that you want the game itself continued, fine. Otherwise, I'll do some computing on unused portions of the respective game fees and start making refunds, subscription adjustment or whatever is required or wanted. Meanwhile...

TWO NEW REGULAR GAMES are now open in EREWON. There are no special requirements or anything; these will just be two games.

The Game Fee will be \$8.50, flat. Cash or stamps, U.S. only. If we have a trade agreement, the game fee will be \$4.00.

The games will be run on a strict schedule...three-week deadlines for Spring and Fall orders, two-week deadline for Winter. These game openings are also going to be announced in DIPLOMACY WORLD, so I anticipate having the games filled relatively rapidly.

FINALLY...the rumors are true. John Moot has confirmed in a circular letter to all Diplomacy publishers that DIPLOMACY has been sold to the Avalon-Hill Company. Walt Buchanan reports they are probably going to repackage the game, possibly bookshelf-style.

Obviously the hobby is in for a big stage of transition. A-H will be able to mass-market the game, which means a big new expansion of the postal hobby. There is also the question of the relationship of hobby institutions with the new owners. GRI has done a lot to help and promote us (and vice-versa, of course). Let's hope that this mutually helpful relationship can be continued with A-H.