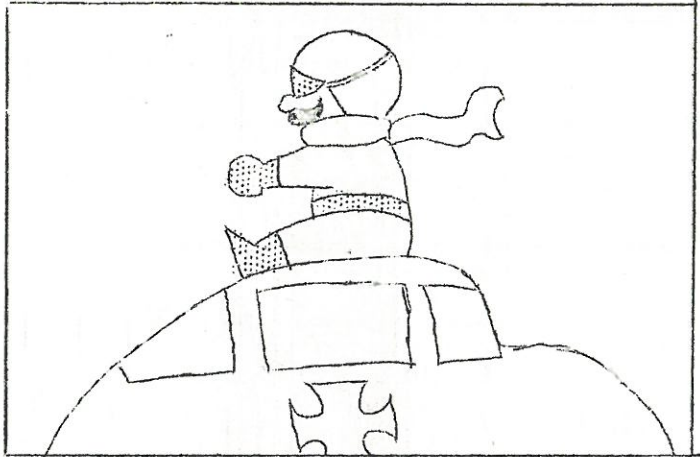
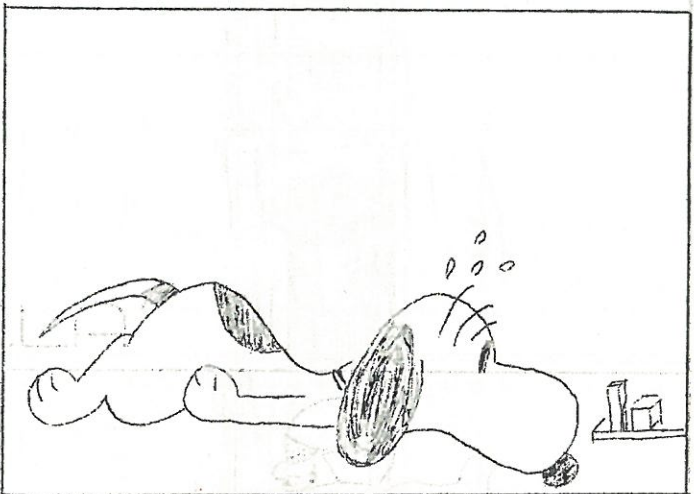


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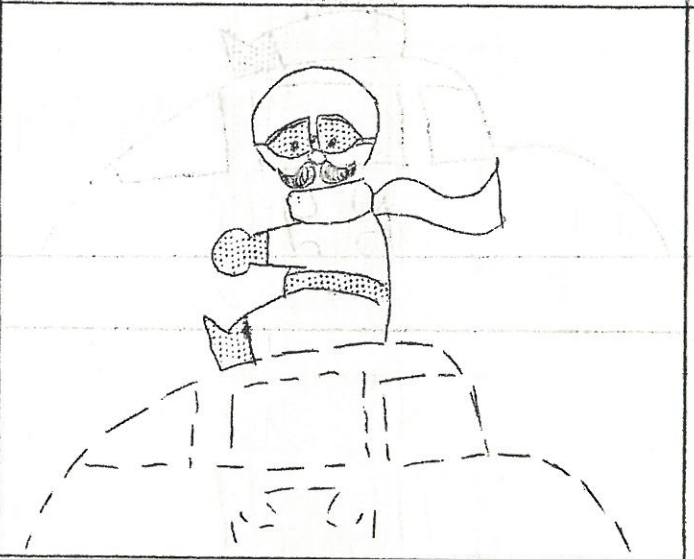
"Here's the Red Baron engaged in his usual nefarious activities."



"Rats! I have to re-move a unit."



"Here's the Red Baron engaged in his usual nefarious activities."



"It's bad enough being a figment of somebody's imagination, but when he even makes you play on the wrong side..."

"Rats! I have to re-move a unit."



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GLOCKORLA #17: April 10, 1968

Games Bureau Diplomacy Division Official Organ (!!)

GAA: Fall, 1606

GBB: Fall, 1916

A few Glockings:

From Gene Prosnitz: "...actually John Boardman and I are both really Eric Blake."

The above communication raises some interesting points. If John and Gene are really Eric Blake, and, as testified to in a recent Erewhon, Bill Linden is really Eric Blake (this was in Issue II-8), and Larry Peery is Jack Greene, Jr. (or vice versa) and I am Tim Mockus, as another DC player charged, who really exists? After all, isn't Margaret Gemignani John Boardman? It is well known that all the Midwest players are John Koning and John Smythe, and about two-thirds of the West Coast ones are Conrad von Metzke or Jack Greene/Peery. I know Don Miller and Jim Latimer exist, and can testify to the solidity of Alan Huff, who is really Bob Weston. None of the Baltimore players exist any longer, having been deleted from the Federal Budget, and John McCallum is rumored to be a Computer Facility in Ottawa. Derek Nelson is Bob Lake, of course, and Bob is a Boardman Colony.

As far as I can tell, we are all Jim Dygert, who is really an alter ego of Rod Walker, but of course Rod is John, who is Bill, who is Jim, who is.....

Quotation of the Month:

"The last thing MIT came out with was a polyunsaturated form of diet soup."

---Larry Peery

GAA FALL, 1606

APACHE CHIEF RESIGNS AS TRIBE
SUFFERS NEW REVERSES

MUSKHOGEANS AND SHOSHONI INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES
IROQUOIS ON THE MOVE IN THE EAST

//Tim Mockus has formally resigned as the Apaches, and I am asking Dave Bischoff, 5114 Ludlow Drive, Camp Springs, Md. to take over the position. I have not yet heard from him, so I am not sure if he wishes to play or not, but.....?//

MUSKHOGEAN (Latimer): W 109 Holds, W's 74 and 75 (S) W 109, W 112-111, W 110 (S) W 112-111, W 113 (S) W 110

SHOSHONI (Miller): W 88 (S) W 86-87, W 86-87; W 45-89, W 46 (S) NW 47-86, W 47-86, W's 48 and 49 (S) DAKOTA W 80, W 29 (S) W 49, W 22-23, W's 23 and 2 unordered, hold.

IROQUOIS (Brooks): W 3 (S) SHOSHONI W 2, W 18 (S) W 52, W 52 (S) W 18, W 54-72, W 56-57, W 55-56, W 69-70, W 71 (C) W 69-70, W 59-69, W 15-16, W 60-62

DAKOTA (Open): W 80 holds, W 50 holds //No moves received//

GAA (continued)

ILLINOIS (Open): W 72 holds, W 70 holds /annihilated: no space to retreat/

APACHE (Bischoff?): W'S 84, 81, 85, 76, 108, 106, 97, 99 all hold. no moves received.

Supply Center Count, Winter, 1606: (No retreats)

Apache: 3 home, 82, 83, 108, 101, ~~87~~, ~~88~~, ~~100~~, ~~101~~ (7/8) Remove one
Dakota: 50, 80 (2/2) No Change
Illinois: ~~88~~, ~~70~~, ~~71~~ (0/1) Remove W 72, Out of the Game
Iroquois: 4 home, 15, 61, 69, 54, 3, 18, 52, 56, 70, 71 (14/11) B 8ne
Muskhogeans: 3 home, 64, 66, 74, 109, 110 (8/6) Build two
Shoshoni: 3 home, 26, 27, 28, 29, 49, 21, 36, 38, 87, 88 (13/11) B 2

DEADLINE FOR THESE WINTER 1606 builds and removals is MONDAY, April 29

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GBB FALL, 1916

RUSSIA COLLAPSES IN WIDESPREAD CIVIL AGITATION: THREE PRONGED INVASION AND CIVIL WAR BRING DOWN CZAR

COMMUNIST TAKE OVER IN DENMARK AMID GERMAN INVASION AS GCP PRE-DICTS TAKE OVER IN RUSSIA

ITALY PRESSES FRENCH CAMPAIGN, TAKES DIJON, THREATENS PARIS, BREST AS FRANCE ARMS TO THE TEETH

//change of address: Charles Wells, 3021 Washington Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44118. Charles advises that is effective May 1, 1968.//

<u>ENGLAND</u> (Hoheisel):	I	A	C Picardy-Paris	1	10
F Norwegian-Barents Sea	4	10	<u>2C Bur (S) 2C Bur-Paris/*</u>	8	20
2C Norway-Finland	4	20	F Tunis-Tyn, /D: NAfrica/	10	10
//captures Rus. NY//			Build C Par, CC Bre, CC Pic		
2F North Sea-Norway	8	20		25	50
Maint. 3 NY; 2 Ire, 1 Yor	12	0	Build 4 FF Picardy	8	0
Trade: 10 I to France	10	0	3 FF Wes-Mid Atlantic	0	0
10 I to Turkey	14	0	FF Eng-Mid Atlantic	0	0
3 A to Hekla	0	3	2 FF Mid Atlantic hold	0	0
10 FF North Atlantic hold	0	0	Trade 10 I to Hekla	11	0
	54	53	5 I to Algeria	5	0
			<u>Invest 6L //in what?//</u>	0	0
				73	120

HEKLA (Hoheisel)

FF Iceland-North Atlantic	0	0
Trade 1 A to England	0	1
Build 10 Iceland	5	10
Build 4 FF Clyde	8	0
	13	11

ALGERIA (Linden)

Maint. NY Tunis	4	0
Trade 5 A to France	0	5
FF Mid Atlantic holds	0	0
Invest 12 A in I	0	12
	7	17

FRANCE (Linden)

<u>2C Ruhr-Burgundy</u>	3	10
2C Burgundy-Paris	2	20

//continued on next page.....//

<u>GERMANY</u> (Harrison)	I	A
2F Kiel hold	3	20
F Denmark (S) F Kiel	6	10
Maint. Ny Kiel	4	0
Trade 1 I to Russia	1	0
	<u>19</u>	<u>30</u>

<u>ITALY</u> (Wittmann)		
2C Marseilles-Burgundy	4	20
2C Gascony-Burgundy	4	20
C Gascony (S) 2C Gas-Bur	2	10
F Tyn-Tunis	6	10
F Ionian (S) F Tyn-Tunis	6	10
F Lyon-West Med	4	10
F Ion search for subs /none/	0	0
10 FF Ionian Sea holds	0	0
Trade: 1 I to Austria	1	0
Deactivate 2 NY Tuscany	0	0
Maint. 1 NY Naples	8	0
	<u>35</u>	<u>80</u>

<u>AUSTRIA</u> (Smythe)		
3C Galicia-Ukraine	3	30
c Galicia (S) 2C Sil-Warsaw	2	10
2C Silesia-Warsaw	2	20
3C Munich (S) C Boh-Sil	6	30
C Bohemia-Silesia	1	10
C Tyrolia (S) 3C Munich	2	10
Remove C Budapest	0	0
Build 3 FF trieste (for Beatnik)	6	0
Trade: 1I to Turkey	1	0
1I to Italy	1	0
1I to Beatnik	1	0
10 FF Adriatic Holds	0	0
	<u>35</u>	<u>110</u>

<u>BEATNIK</u> (Smythe)		
Build 3 FF in Trieste (with Austrian money)	0	0
Trade 11 A to Austria	0	11
	<u>00</u>	<u>11</u>

<u>RUSSIA</u> (Budd)//no moves received//		
2C Moscow hold	2	20
2C St. Pete hold	2	20
4C Berlin holds //1C removed, see below//	4	40
F Finland holds /D: Both,St(sc)/	10	10
FF's Nwg, Bar, Bla hold	0	0
Maint. NY Finland	2	0
Assessment, no trade	5	0
agr. debt	<u>27</u>	<u>90</u>

<u>FINLAND</u> (Budd)		
No trade assessment	5	0
	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

<u>TURKEY</u> (Wells)		
3C Armenia-Sevastopol	3	30
C Constantinople-Bulgaria	2	10
//Neutral C Bul /a//		
F Con (S) C Con-Bul	6	10
Maint. NY Con	4	0
Trade 1 I to England	5	0
1 I to Austria	1	0
10 FF (5 Bla, 2 Bas, 3 Aeg) H	0	0
	<u>25</u>	<u>52</u>

BIDS

Swe: 10I-Fra, 10I-Alg, 1I-Ita	
50I-Bea, 50I-Aus	Fra
Rum: 1I-Ita, 15I-Rus	Aus
Bul: captured by Turkey	---
Hoi: 50I-Bea, 50I-Aus	Ger
Spa: 50I-Aus, 50I-Bea, 1I-Ita	
10I-Fra, 10I-Alg	Fra
Por: same as Spain	Fra
Gre: 50I-Aus, 50I-Bea, 1I-Ita	Fra
Alb: 50I-Aus, 50I-Bea	Alg
Cre: 50I-Aus, 50I-Bea	Alg

<u>World Market: Algeria:</u>	12A in I
Trade:	42 20
Bids:	15 0
	<u>57 20</u>
Credits	114 20
Algeria receives	<u>8 I</u>

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1916 RETREATS AND SPRING, 1917 MOVES: APRIL 29.

France must retreat: F Tun: NAF, /A/
 CC Burgundy: Ruh, Bel, Pic, /A/
 Russia must retreat: F Fin: St(sc),
 GBoth, /A/
 Russia also removes a C Berlin, as
 he is in Agricultural debt.

I confess to be stumped as to what to do about the problem of Finland. My first inclination was to rule that the invading British units captured the Finnish treasury, as they did the Finnish Naval Base. However, there is no specific provision for such a capture in the rules. However, it also means, if I do not so rule, that creating puppet states is completely without risk. Russia can now simply move the Finnish credits to Russia in trade and escape the conquest of Finland altogether.

Accordingly, I will put the matter to a vote. I would like to have votes on what to do about the situation of credits on hand in a nation that no longer owns any territory.

Also, I forgot something that France must do in the Spring: Control of The retreating fleet now in Tunis must be transferred to a new naval base, for the one in Tunis that supports it has been captured by Italy. Also, Norway is now part of Hekla.

PRESS RELEASES FOR GBB BEGIN HERE:

REYKJAVIK: The new province of Norway, Hekla, has been received with great joy. However, the border incidents between Norway and Finland must cease.

Our ally England has sent its army to put down these conflicts. It is hoped that there will be no war between Hekla and Russia. As Russia is not the aggressor and need fear no further violence on its borders. This new country has become too aggressive for its neighbors and therefore the arms build-up must be ended.

LONDON: This government has recently formed a trade agreement with Turkey. However, it is hoped and desired that they not use our aid except to improve their economy.

	ENG	FRA	GER	ITA	AUS	RUS	TUR	HEK	ALG	BEA	FIN
COH, S16:	6	10	105	1	26	10	8	19	11	35	24
Yields	60	22	41	51	12	4	39	43	27	71	20
FF Yields	0	20	0	12	0	4	0	20	0	20	0
Trade	0	4	20	5	1	0	1	0	2	3	0
World Market	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	40
Net Neutral	0	0	38	-19	5	2	0	0	-1	10	0
-Exp.	66	56	112	144	19	36	50	96	47	115	00
COH, F16	54	53	73	120	19	30	30	35	80	35	110
Yields	12	3	39	24	0	6	15	16	12	5	33
FF Yields	60	22	39	40	15	14	42	54	34	78	13
Trade	0	20	0	12	0	4	0	20	0	20	0
World Market	1	1	10	5	0	0	1	0	2	11	1
Net Neutral	0	0	29	50	5	9	0	0	-5	11	0
Exp	73	46	117	131	20	33	58	90	43	125	52
COH, F16	35	27	53	16	15	13	21	7	17	11	42
Yields	3	3	39	24	0	6	15	16	12	5	33
FF Yields	60	22	39	40	15	14	42	54	34	78	13
Trade	0	20	0	12	0	4	0	20	0	20	0
World Market	1	1	10	5	0	0	1	0	2	11	1
Net Neutral	0	0	29	50	5	9	0	0	-5	11	0
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SOMEWHERE IN GASCONY: Italian troop billets have been defaced with a strange inscription. This inscription reads: "BURN GRAUSTARKS, NOT DRAFT CARDS!"

HAMBURG, GERMANY: TO ALL FELLOW WORKERS' MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD: The German Communist Party announces the formation of the Workers' Socialist Union, the WSU to govern Germany from now on. The WSU has the full loyalty and support of the GCP

The Workers' Socialist Union, the new government of Germany, announced the renewed successes of the Liberation Army. Another corrupt capitalistic regime has fallen to the stormy temper of the people-- Denmark now has a socialist government. The united forces of Germany Denmark and all other socialist states will cleanse the world of bigotry, oppression and cruelty. The people march. Who defies us??

Let the world's powers know, however, that the liberated men of Germany will not intervene in the other nations' revolutions. If the people in a foreign land are so apathetic as not to overthrow a bourgeois dictatorship by themselves, we will not do it for them. Their time will come. The GCP came to power on a platform of peace, and peace it will deal out. No foreign intrusions will ever again hamper German soil. The free German people will not ever again be oppressed, by any foe, domestic or foreign.

Turning to the capitalist powers which surround us, the GCP is happy to report the conclusion of a successful treaty of peace with the Tsar. Negotiations with France have been temporarily suspended, due to its present shakeup in government. However, both Austria and France are again and again urged to make peace with the rightful government of Germany.

The German government wonders. What transpires in France? Is the long-awaited Second Revolution there at last underway? Have the people again blossomed to that precious hope and prayer, to lead men in their search for justice? France is the second most industrialized country which has not experienced its peoples' revolution. With a large industrial working class, it is not unreasonable to expect the victory of the people in France.

We hope so. The people march on and always triumph in the end. "The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Workingmen of the world, unite!"

HAMBURG, Germany: The German Communist party announces a spectacular victory over the capitalistic Danish King and his henchmen. The Danish King has been overthrown and the Danish Communist Party has taken over the government. Soon German forces will withdraw from Denmark, allowing that country's leaders to rule the land as a brother liberated nation on their own.

Almost immediately after the defeat of the Danish king came news of another spectacular people's victory. The great nation of France, which led the people's revolutions of the nineteenth century, has once again stepped forward to the service of man-kind. The entire force of the oppressive king has apparently been overthrown. The German people through the GCP praise the French revolution, which once again promised the free mankind from the chains of Slavery.

"What the bourgeoisie produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable." The peoples' struggle must succeed. No country, not even mighty Russia, can long withstand the fury of the aroused proletariat. No country may; no country will. Right must triumph in the end.

RATINGS →

I promised big surprises last issue in the ratings, and they're here, but first I would like to comment on a letter (or rather enclosure to his moves) that I got from Rick Brooks. He writes:

"Your ratings never surprise me. Such things are of no importance, of no real meaning. Luck is the major factor of the game. Three of the worst players in the game can drag the best down. In SCC //Don Miller's Foundation Game// Haramis collapsed and Huff didn't, so you have an edge. If Mockus does the same in GAA, I'm probably in a mess again. My play style is poor. I gamble like a drunken sailor until I get an edge, then play conservative...if I'm still around that is. And I'm near the top of your ratings. //He goes on to give an example from a game in progress// Maybe your silly rating system may have given him the idea that I was the man to beat //In that aforementioned game//"

Not commenting on the situation in that particular game you mention, but on the idea that rating systems urge people to attack the one on top: John Smythe has made this comment, and if anyone should know, he should. Perhaps this does happen, but the question is not are rating systems bad because they do this, but "Do rating systems do this?" I for one think not. The situation exists, but, wouldn't it exist even if there were no rating systems? The fact that John Smythe is a good player, or that John Jones is a bad one would get communicated even if there were no ratings to do it. For example, I often get alliance offers that say not, "He's good, so ally with me and crush him," but "He's untrustworthy, ally with me etc.". As far as I'm concerned, the matter of trustworthiness is much more important than the matter of playing ability: You can always get a poor player to send in the moves you want if he is not untrustworthy. But even the best player, if he is untrustworthy, will not get alliances. Given a choice between the two, I would pick the trustworthy poor player over the untrustworthy good player in any game.

As for your contention that luck is the most important factor in the game: if luck has managed to favor player X five times as often as player Z, then I will think that X has a better chance of winning if only because he is luckier.

Now for the "surprises."

After 66AV	After 65U	After 66AA	After 66L	After 66BJ	After 66AI
Turkey /1	449.6/1	430.1/1	417.8/1	403.5/1	379.0/1
England /2	341.5/2	324.2/2	318.0/2	288.3/2	209.3/2
Russia /3	51.1/3	53.0/3	23.0/3	14.0/4	85.0/3*
Austria /4	-37.7/5	-1.9/4	-19.0/4	-43.5/6	-82.9/7
France /5	-14.4/4	-28.7/5	-27.9/5	22.9/3*	33.8/4
Italy /6	-55.9/6	-55.3/6	-55.9/7	-66.3/7	-56.8/6
Germany /7	-128.5/7	-35.8/7	-45.0/6*	-21.6/5	-17.1/5

Germany has won four and drawn one out of the last nine games, pulling up into fifth place. Turkey, for the first time since the very first game completed, has a rating less than 400.0, but England is unable to take advantage of it. Austria drops to last place for the first time, at last justifying the doubters; and Russia is now the victor in seven games, "drawing" three times.

There have now been 37 games of Postal Diplomacy completed, and for those, victory totals are as follows:

	Won	Drawn (17)	Stalemated	Totals	%
	(5)	(20)	(1)		
Russia	7	2	1	40	24
England	6	1	2	34	18
Turkey	5	4	2	35	19
Germany	4	2	0	24	13
Austria	3	1	1	18	10
France	2	2	1	15	8
Italy	3	0	0	15	8
	<u>30</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>100</u>

Congratulations are due to the victors in these latest five games: John Smythe, John McCallum, and Charles Reinsel in 1965U, for a hard fought game that ended in a draw with Smythe's Turkey being barely held off by England and France, and then Jim Latimer and Rod Walker in 1966AA; press release champion of all time, and to Jim Dygert, in 1966BJ, his second win, --with only 15 centers, and to John Koning, who outraced John McCallum to the win in 1966L, and lastly to John Beshara, for his first win, as Russia. Many more to all of you, assuming you are not in a game with me, that is.

MITBHDT-2

Remember this? The first installment was far back in issue #12, so now here's the second installment: Spring, 1903

ENGLAND (Kopels): F St(nc) holds, F Nth S FRE A Bel-Hol, A Nwy-Swe, A Edi holds, F Lon S F Nth

FRANCE (Boyce): A Bel-Hol, F Eng holds, A Bur-Bel, A Gas-Bur, A Mar holds, F Mid holds

GERMANY (BOZZUTTO): F Hel S F Hol, F Hol H, A Mun-Ruh, A Vie H /D/, A Den holds, A Ber-Mun

ITALY (Haverty): F Gre S RUS A Rum-Bul, A Ser-Tri, F Ion-Tun, A Pie-Mar, F Rom-Tyn, A Ven-Tyo,

RUSSIA (Lebling): F Ank-Constantinople, A Smy h, A Bud-Vie, A Rum-Bul, A Gal S A Bud-Vie, F Swe H, A Mos-St., A War-Lvo

Turkey (civil disorder): F Bla holds, A Bul holds, /A/

Summer, 1903: GERMANY: A Vienna retreats to Bohemia

ENGLAND: A Nwy S F St.(nc), F St. H /D/, F Nth-Ska, F Lon-Nth, A Edi holds (4/5) Remove A Edi, retreat F St.-Barents

FRANCE: F Eng S A Bel, F Mid-Wes, A Gas S A Bur, A Bur S A Bel, A Mar holds, A Belgium holds (3/6) no change

GERMANY: A Boh H, /D/, A Mun-Bur, A Ruh-Bel F Hol S A Ruh-Bel, F Hel S F Hol, A Den holds (5/6) Remove A Silesia, retreat A Boh-Sil

ITALY: F Tun-Wes, F Tyn-Lyo, F Gre-Ion, A Pie holds, A Tyo-Boh, A Tri-Tyo, (8/7) Build F Rom

RUSSIA: A Vienna S ITA A Tyo-Boh, A Gal H, A Bul-Rum, F Con-Aeg, A Smy H, F Swe-Nwy, A Mos-St., A Lvo S A Mos-St. (11/8) Build A War, A Mos, //actually there should have been just two build//

TURKEY: F Bla H (0/1) Out of Game //actually still owned Bul and Con//

Announcements and other trivia:

First and most fore, so to speak, is that Glock will go on a tight three week schedule this summer, yes, tight, and will have, with any luck at all, double-size issues, as the demands on my time will be mercifully decreased. You see, at the moment I am doing this in preference to a Term Paper, two Humanities assignments, and 360 System Machine Problem, and a Calculus quiz. In short, I is busy.

Anyway, this summer, unless something unforeseen comes up, I will be able to devote more time to this.

Also, I would be glad to take over any regular games for the summer for anyone who needs a temporary publisher. I notice several 'zines are suspending publication for the summer, and I would be glad to be of any assistance that I can.

A couple of nights ago I was wander fitfully around the dorm, having come back from a trek through the wilds of the third sub-basement of the Vannevar Bush Building (...DANGER--RADIATION HAZARD...) when I discovered a group of people playing Diplomacy in the Dinging Hall (this was four a.m.). It seems they were at 1918, with France and Germany holding off an Eastern Coalition of Turkey and Austria.

One interesting thing, however, is that they played with a small modification to the board. The move F Ska-Swe, then next F Swe-Bal was illegal--they had given Sweden an East Coast and a West Coast. In fact, they thought that this was the normal way to play. I casually introduced myself, and prodeded to Gamesmaster the game to its end (about 5:30), in 1920, when France got Turkey to switch sides and destroy Austria.

Has anyone else heard of this variation?

If you look at the cover you will see we are now Games Bureau Official Organ (Wow, zippee). Seriously, the GB is a great forum for games, or any other esoteric interest you might have (there used to be a Postage Stamp Division). Write either mineself or Don Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Md. 20906 for information.

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