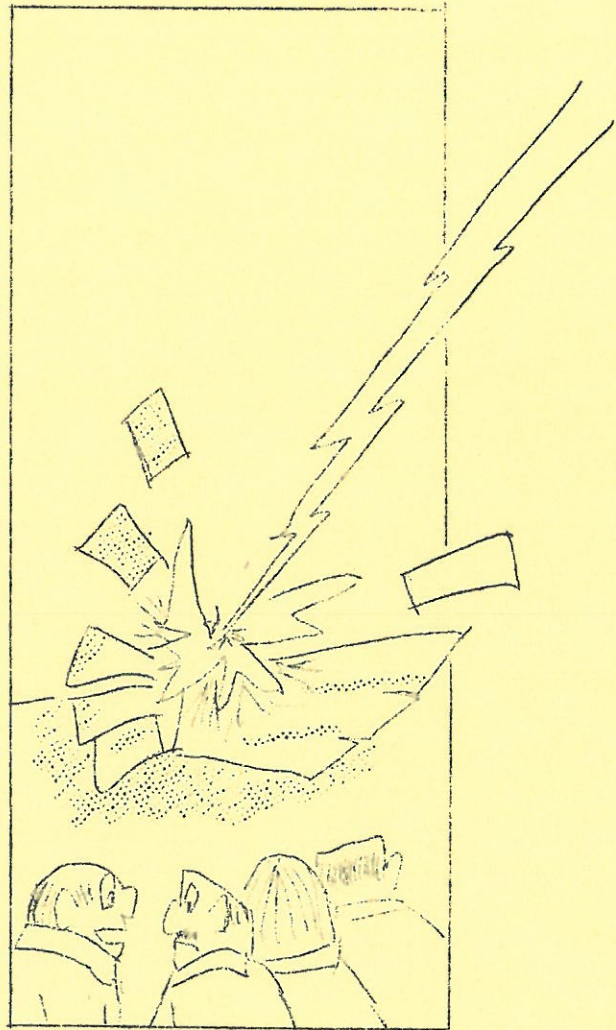


GLOCKORIA₂₅



"Is Lebling dead?"



"Well, I guess that question is settled."

Dave Lebling	EA (1967Er)/S09	
Box 2122, Burton House	ED (1967Albg)/F20	November
420 Memorial Drive	EE (1968AI)/J02	20
Cambridge, Mass. 02139	EG (1968AM)/S02	1968

GLOCK LIVES!!!

At least I think it does. Seriously, the latest delay was the longest yet. It was complicated by a bout with the flu, my professors, and sophomore slump. Oh well.

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Joy, huzzah, huzzah! I just won a Diplomacy game! 1968K, in Diplomaphobia, as Austria. It was my first mail Diplomacy game, as a matter of fact!

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Gahan Wilson Dept.: Yes, I like Gahan Wilson. That's why I've been using his work on my covers lately. In the latest International Inquirer (one of the few 'zines less regular than Glock), there is a typical Fletcher-toon showing the cartoonist and several of his more grisly "friends" being met at the door of my stately mansion ((!!!)) by my butler ((!!!!)). They do not look happy.

Which brings to mind Burton House. Now, none of you have ever seen Burton House (God save you if you have). Well, there's this standing joke (?) around here that Burton was once one of the most fashionable apartments in Cambridge--then McKinley was elected. Burton is amazing: They were putting in new wiring, and had to burrow six inches into the ceiling to find old wiring that was insulated! Burton's resonant frequency is 17 cps--which is exactly the frequency of the drills and hammers over where they're building MacGregor House. Ah, paradise! Burton goes away when MacGregor is finished. It's a religion, you see? "You can't do that, cause they're ripping us down when MacG. is finished." "Did you hear that MacGregor is going to be all singles, with sinks, and a kitchenette in each suite?" (This said reverently and with great emotion). "MacGregor is going to be almost as nice as McCormack!!" (McC. is the women's dorm. Mrs. McC. died and left much money to be spent only on coeds. They have Monets in the halls, lovely furniture, etc., etc., etc.

Vietnam Dept.: Well, you got your bombing halt, John. You also got the highest casualty total in months, rocket attacks on Saigon, etc.

2001 Dept.: Now, according to the New York Times, we have glass diodes --a development which makes possible paper thin television sets, 3-D TV, desk-top computers, and other wonders. This looks like the next step towards Kubrick/Clarke's vision of the future.

Did you also hear about the magnetic anomaly they've found under Tycho? Last week I heard a tape of computer speech--it sounds just like HAL 9000. Right on down to the unctuous tone. Simple matter of a pulse generator.

Astrology, Anyone?: Joseph Goodavage, Analog's captive astrologer, predicts that the "Cardinal Grand Cross" coming up in December is going to be a humdinger. "Events of utmost gravity" could very well be the twenty years overdue California earthquake. I don't want to be around when that one hits--as it will eventually.

GAA

1967Ar
Indian Diplomacy
Spring, 1609

GREAT POWERS ADVANCE AS
LITTLE ONE SHUFFLE
ABOUT IN EXHIBITION

Spring, 1609: Dave Bischoff has missed his moves as the Apache. One more and he's out.

IROQUOIS (Brooks):

W 64-66, W 74 (S) W 71-67, W 73 (S) W 74, W 72-78, W 77-76, W 79 (S)
W 72-78, W 71-67, W 70-71, W 50 (E), W 51 (S) W 50, W 52 (E), W 54-72,
W 18 (E), W 3 (E), W 59-69, W 14-59, W 12-60

SESHONI (Miller):

W 101 (S) W 95-98, W 95-98, W 87-83, W 88-87, W 86-84, W 85-81, W 80
(S) W 85-81, W 49 (S) W 80, W 46 (S) W 90, W 47-86, W 45-89, W 44-47,
W 29 (S) W 49, W 22 (E), W 2 (E), W 96 (S) W 89-87

MUSKOGEEAN (Latimer):

W 106-108 (sic), W 107-110, W 108-109, W 109-76, W 114-75, W 67-66,
W 66-65

APACHE (Bischoff): //no moves received//

W's 82, 97, 99, 98 Hold W 98 dislodged and annihilated.

Deadline for Fall, 1609 moves and propoganda (ha!) is Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1968. Let's get this one finished!

GBB

1967A1bg
Economic Diplomacy
Fall, 1920

FIERCE UNDERSEA WARRARS CONTINUES
ENGLAND, ITALY HIT HARD BY SUBS
SERVIA FIELDS NO ITALIANS

Fall, 1920: Since there is now and will be more sub warfare in the future, let me establish some nomenclature: Anything destroyed by subs (ie: ff's) will be marked as follows: /A(S)/. Trade interdicted will be underlined, of course, and marked as follows: /#/. Trade destroyed will be marked: /A#/.

<u>ENGLAND</u> (Hoheisel):	67	90	Invest 15	15	0
				59	30
F Ire-Nat	4	10		= 8	10
F Yor-Nth	4	10			
F Nth-Eng	4	10			
F Den-Nth	4	10			
F Bal-Den	4	10			
C Hol (E)	1	10			
C War (E)	1	10			
3 ff Nth-ska	0	0			
<u>5 ff Nth-Eng</u> /A(S)/	0	0			
2 ff Nth-ska	0	0			
Maint. NY's Ire, Yor	12	0			
Trade: 10 I-PRINCE	10	0			
10 A-WURDITZ	0	10			
			<u>LENONIA</u> (Koning) //AR//	0	25
			/no trade/	5	0
			5 ff Bal (E)	0	0
				5	0
				=-5	25

<u>SCANDIA (Hohseisel):</u>	70	101
C STP disbanded	0	0
CC StP-Lvo	2	20
CC Mos (S) CC StP-Lvo	4	20
C War (H)	1	10
C Ber (H)	1	10
CC Kie-Ber	2	20
C Hol-Kie	1	10
C Kie (H)	1	10
Maint NY Swe	4	0
Trade 5 I-England	5	0
Invest 39 I in A	39	0
5 ff Iri (H)	0	0
5 ff Bar (H)	0	0
	<u>61</u>	<u>100</u>
	= 9	1

<u>FRANCE (Linden):</u>	139	179
CCC Gas-Spa	6	30
C Mar-Spa	2	10
C Mar (H)	1	10
C Lvo-Pru	1	10
CC Mun (H)	2	20
C Boh-Mun	1	10
C Boh-Sil	1	10
C Vie-Boh	1	10
C Pru (S) C Boh-sil	2	10
Build CC Bur	10	20
10 ff Mid (H)	0	0
Trade 10 I-Assyria	10	0
Invest 88I in I	88	0
	<u>136</u>	<u>140</u>
	= 3	39

<u>ITALY (Wittmann):</u>	47	91
//Su20 retreat: C Mar-Pie I	10	//
C Alb (S) CC Tri-Ser,	2	10
C Pie-Ven	1	10
C Ven-Tri	1	10
CC Tri-Ser	6	20
CC Tri (S) CC Tri-Ser	4	20
F Apu-Ion	6	10
F Nap-Ion	6	10
10 ff Lvo Hold /A(S)//	0	0
Trade 13 I-Carthage	13	0
Bid 100 I Spa, For	0	0
	<u>40</u>	<u>100</u>
	= 7	-9

<u>CARTHAGE (Wittmann):</u>	14	28
F Tun-Ion	6	10
Maint. NY Tun	8	0
Trade 15 A-Italy	0	15
Bid 100 I Spa, For	0	0
	<u>14</u>	<u>25</u>
	= 0	3

<u>AUSTRIA-BEATAIK:</u>	83	155
CC Ser (H)	4	20
CC Tyo (H)	2	20
10 ff Adr (H)	0	0
/no trade/	5	0
	<u>16</u>	<u>40</u>
	=67	115

<u>RUSSIA (Schelz):</u>	144	0
Invest 140 I in I	140	0
Trade 4I-England	4	0
	<u>144</u>	<u>0</u>
	= 0	0

<u>ASSYRIA (miller):</u>	7	7
Trade 7I-Turkey	7	0
Invest 7A in I	0	7
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
	= 0	0

<u>TURNH (Miller):</u>	62	123
CC Rum (S) C Bud	4	20
C Rum (S) CC Ser	2	10
C Sev-Pan	1	10
C Gal (S) C Bud	2	10
C Ukr-Gal	1	10
CC Gre (S) CC Ser	4	20
F Ion (S) /S: ADr, Ryn,		
Bas, Reg, Gre, o.b./	13	10
F Reg (S) F Ion	6	10
C Bud (H)	1	10
Maint. NY Gre	6	0
8 ff Bla (H)	0	0
2 ff Con-Bla	0	0
Trade 1I-England	0	1
Invest 4I in I	0	4
Build F Gre	16	0
	<u>57</u>	<u>123</u>
	= 5	0

BIDS:

Spain: Ita, Car; 100 I 9(---)
 Portugal: Ita, Car; 100 I (NPA)

Switzerland: The Bank would like to repeat that its primary interest is in money, not land and it is amazed that in these times the various combatants are not taking advantage of this fact.

WORLD MARKET: Receives

<u>England</u>	15 I/I	22 A
<u>Scandia</u>	39 I/A	58 A
<u>France</u>	88 I/I	110 I
<u>Russia</u>	140 I/I	175 I
<u>Turkey</u>	4 A/I	3 I
<u>Assyria</u>	7 A/I	5 I

Trade	64	11	
Bids	0	0	
	64	11	
	=(128 11)		I's win.

DEADLINE FOR SERIES, 1921 MOVES is:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1968.

PROVINCE CHART: (underlined provinces are not included in the total)

ENGLAND: (62-23): home
SCANDIA: (63-82): Ice, Nwy, Swe, Don, Pol, Pic, Mar, Car, Ita, Ger, Fin, Lvo
FRANCE: (79-117): Bre, Par, Pic, Bur, Gas, Mar, NAF, Cor, Bel, Ruh, Hun, Pru, Sil, Boh, Vie, Spa
ITALY: (35-42): Pie, Ven, Tus, Rom, Apu, Nap, Tri, Alb
CARTHAGE: (1-9): Tun, Sic, Sar
Austria: (3-13): Nyo, Ser
RUSSIA: (0-0):
TURKEY: (44-113): Con, Ank, Arm, Smy, Cre, Ukr, Sev, Gal, Bud, Run, Bul, Ere
ASSYRIA: (2-6): Syr //Portugal is still neutral//

	ENG		SCA		FRA		ITA		CAR		A/I		RUS		TUR		As	LIT		
Bal.	8	10	9	1	3	39	7	-9	0	3	67	115	0	0	5	0	0	0	-5	25
Yie.	62	23	63	62	79	117	35	42	1	9	3	13	0	0	24	113	2	6	0	0
FTs.	0	10	0	20	00	20	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	9	18	0	0	0	18
Trd.	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	10	1	0	0
WUN.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WRL.	0	22	0	58	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	0	0	0	0	0	0
	79	65	82	161	192	176	43	57	14	12	70	148	135	0	59	141	17	7	-5	43

GCC 1968AE
 Regular Diplomacy
 Winter, 1902

AUSTRIA IS FINALLY UP TO STRENGTH
 ALL THE PAUSES WERE STRENGTH BY
 ...

ENG(McLeod): pat	RUS(Bird): pat
FRA(Reinsel): Build A Par, A Mar	TUR(Scholz): Build F Con
GER(Welsh): pat	
ITA(Koning): pat	

DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1968 for SERIES, 1903 MOVES.

LATEST COUNTRY RATINGS:

England	391.7	(6/1/4)
Turkey	366.6	(7/3/3)
Russia	169.0	(12/2/2)
France	93.2	(5/1/2)
Italy	-80.9	(3/0/2)
Germany	-57.1	(2/3/2)
Austria	-147.8	(3/1/1)

DEFIANT LEADS!

England has taken a slight lead over Turkey in the latest figures. This is the first time in almost fifty games that Turkey has not been on top.

Austria sinks lower and lower into the swamp, although there are several good games coming up which should pull the country up.

This rating includes the following games: all '63 and '64 regular games. 1965A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W; 1966A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, BF, BG, BH, BI, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BO, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BX, BY, BZ, CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG, CH, CI, CJ, CK, CL, CM, CN, CO, CP, CQ, CR, CS, CT, CU, CV, CW, CX, CY, CZ, DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, DG, DH, DI, DJ, DK, DL, DM, DN, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY, DZ, EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EI, EJ, EK, EL, EM, EN, EO, EP, EQ, ER, ES, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EY, EZ, FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR, FS, FT, FU, FV, FW, FX, FY, FZ, GA, GB, GC, GD, GE, GF, GG, GH, GI, GJ, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GU, GV, GW, GX, GY, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HI, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HO, HP, HQ, HR, HS, HT, HU, HV, HW, HX, HY, HZ, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG, IH, II, IJ, IK, IL, IM, IN, IO, IP, IQ, IR, IS, IT, IU, IV, IW, IX, IY, IZ, JA, JB, JC, JD, JE, JF, JG, JH, JI, JJ, JK, JL, JM, JN, JO, JP, JQ, JR, JS, JT, JU, JV, JW, JX, JY, JZ, KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KI, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KO, KP, KQ, KR, KS, KT, KU, KV, KW, KX, KY, KZ, LA, LB, LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, LH, LI, LJ, LK, LL, LM, LN, LO, LP, LQ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LW, LX, LY, LZ, MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, MF, MG, MH, MI, MJ, MK, ML, MM, MN, MO, MP, MQ, MR, MS, MT, MU, MV, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NF, NG, NH, NI, NJ, NK, NL, NM, NN, NO, NP, NQ, NR, NS, NT, NU, NV, NW, NX, NY, NZ, OA, OB, OC, OD, OE, OF, OG, OH, OI, OJ, OK, OL, OM, ON, OO, OP, OQ, OR, OS, OT, OU, OV, OW, OX, OY, OZ, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PK, PL, PM, PN, PO, PP, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, PW, PX, PY, PZ, QA, QB, QC, QD, QE, QF, QG, QH, QI, QJ, QK, QL, QM, QN, QO, QP, QQ, QR, QS, QT, QU, QV, QW, QX, QY, QZ, RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RH, RI, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RN, RO, RP, RQ, RR, RS, RT, RU, RV, RW, RX, RY, RZ, SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SI, SJ, SK, SL, SM, SN, SO, SP, SQ, SR, SS, ST, SU, SV, SW, SX, SY, SZ, TA, TB, TC, TD, TE, TF, TG, TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TM, TN, TO, TP, TQ, TR, TS, TT, TU, TV, TW, TX, TY, TZ, UA, UB, UC, UD, UE, UF, UG, UH, UI, UJ, UK, UL, UM, UN, UO, UP, UQ, UR, US, UT, UY, UZ, VA, VB, VC, VD, VE, VF, VG, VH, VI, VJ, VK, VL, VM, VN, VO, VP, VQ, VR, VS, VT, VU, VV, VW, VX, VY, VZ, WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WI, WJ, WK, WL, WM, WN, WO, WP, WQ, WR, WS, WT, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY, WZ, XA, XB, XC, XD, XE, XF, XG, XH, XI, XJ, XK, XL, XM, XN, XO, XP, XQ, XR, XS, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XY, XZ, YA, YB, YC, YD, YE, YF, YG, YH, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YM, YN, YO, YP, YQ, YR, YS, YT, YU, YV, YW, YX, YY, YZ, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, ZF, ZG, ZH, ZI, ZJ, ZK, ZL, ZM, ZN, ZO, ZP, ZQ, ZR, ZS, ZT, ZU, ZV, ZW, ZX, ZY, ZZ.

SANCTUARY:

Up until around a week ago MIT had as its "guest" a Pvt. Michael J. O'Conner, awol from the U.S. Army.

I have never been a strict advocate of civil disobedience or its opposites, and have in fact leaned towards a belief that civil disobedience should not be tolerated, but be that as it may, I was impressed with the handling of the entire episode by the "MIT" community.

O'Conner had been awol for several months when he contacted the Boston Resistance. There had been a sanctuary, with wide publicity, at March Chapel of Boston University, and several other schools decided that they would stage sanctuaries if enough deserters or resisters could be found. MIT got O'Conner. There had been a lot of bad publicity about the use of a church at B.U., so the Resistance "liberated" the Sala de Puerto Rico of the MIT Student Center (renaming it the Sala de Cuba").

The majority, or at least the vocal minority, it seems, of students supported Mike and spent a lot of time at the Sanctuary--the idea was to merely lie still when the "Feds" came for him and let them take him--there was never any talk of violence or violent resistance.

The Institute acted intelligently, contacting the groups who were slated to use the Sala, and the groups all cancelled their activities. The Cambridge Police, who were planning to photograph all participants in the sanctuary, were expelled from the campus, however, Federal agents who registered with the Institute were allowed to enter the Sala (it was interesting to see a sign above a table: "Federal Agents Register Here." There were about twelve in all). The Institute decided that this was an affair between O'Conner and the Army, and let it go at that. In fact, the only people who didn't get the idea were the sanctuary people who set up guard posts all over the Institute on a 24-hour watch.

Junior Prom weekend came up about a week before the end, and when the Sanctuary was asked to move, it did, with no fuss, to the Fourth (Activities) Floor of the Student Center. Since there was less room there than in the Sala (which is a large Ballroom) they shifted to a smaller

In the late summer of the year of our Zelazny 1967, a most solemn and righteous convocation was held at Youngstown on the slag pile, to seek out ways to uplift the spirits of the faithful.

It was decided to place on the Dippy board a new figure, created for confusion, dedicated to the principal that no one's back is safe, and to add to the greater glory of the Big Four of Dippydom; Wells, Koning, McCallum, and Zelazny.

Yea, in less than a twelvemonth, two of the four have met in these wars, and the score of Zelazny has truthfully risen in Reinsels ratings, though he has long distrusted our origin. The score of John of Koninggratz has risen but slightly, but even so it has been a triumph.

For unto this creation Wells introduced the development of "double-think" wherein one can confuse anyone by promising so much that all must believe part.

For Koning has entered into a pact with the Halle and given it a guile and love of suds known unto all the nation, and beyond. Yea, while this doesn't help in Diplomacy it is a hell of a lot of fun the rest of the time.

For the McCallum has given it the ideas of future torment on the rest of Dippydom, and these odious facets of its personality shall ere long seep to the surface.

And the Zelazny installed the new unit, in the great state of Florida, and does service its memory banks, and does dictate its correspondence and pick up its mail.

Let it be known that the computer, has decided to accept and embrace Hedonism as its faith and shall install Hedonistic temples the length and breadth of the Empire and fling the doors open to all (for a slight service charge, of course).

This model has retractile knives in all ten fingers, plus a 37mm gun mounted in chest housing. It is automatically centered on its target's back. Hypodermic needles are installed in each hand, so even a sincere handshake may be the beginning of the end. After its enrollment in a semantics course at Clarion State College is complete, it will not only be able to tell people to go to Hell in the nicest way possible; it will be able to tell them to go to Hell in the nastiest way possible.

Most appropriately after the above, for those who want to write good propaganda, I can recommend the following:

The Proud Tower, Barbara Tuchman, Dell
Pax Britannica, the Climax of an Empire, James Morris, Harbourt
Brace, and World //this is excellent, and new//
An Encyclopedia of World History //a new edition just came out//

I have seen all of these at Brentano's, and all are worth buying, if only to learn something about the period of which Diplomacy is a good pastiche.

GDC PRESS RELEASE:

Constantinople-- As the King commissioned the new fleet he looked to the northwest with a puzzled frown on his face and muttered, "Will they ever answer."

GDC 1968AM
Regular Diplomacy
Spring, 1902

TURKS HEARER COLOSSA
THREE NATIONS BATTLE AT SEASIDE
PASS AS NAVAL BATTLE SLAMMED UP
IN THE FLEET.
IS ENGLAND ODD MAN OUT IN NORTH?

Spring, 1902: Change of address: Charles H. Johnson
G.P.O. Box 1651
NYC, NY 10001

England (Beverlein): F Edinburgh-Torpedon Sea, F North Sea
ents Sea, A Norway (S) RUSSIA A Finland-St. Peter /sic/, A North Sea
Fields

France (Halle): A Belgium Mol, A France
F Spain (S.C.) (S) F Mar-Lyo, A Piedmont-Tuscany

Germany (Goldstein): A Munich-Tyrolia, A Tyrolia-Bohemia, F Baltic, A
A Berlin-Silesia, F Denmark-Sweden, A Warsaw-Russia

Italy (Johnson): A Venice-Tuscany, A Tyrolia-Venice /D; Boh, off bd./
F Tunis-Tyrrhennian Sea

Austria (Harrison): A Trieste-Tyrolia, A Via (S) A Tri-Lyo, A Serbia-
Trieste, A Bud (S) A Ser-Tri, F Greece-Ionian Sea

Russia (Mebane): A Ukraina-Moscow, A Finland-Sweden, F Bothnia (S)
A Fin-Swe

Rouley (Weyant): A Armenia-Constantinople, A Constantinople-Bulgaria,
F Black Sea (S) A Con-Bul, A Rum (S) A Con- al

DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1902 NOVAS (and the Italian retreat) is:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1968.

Vienna--Perfidious silent Johnson will be eliminated

Paris--

A ROYAL PROCLAMATION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL POSSES EXISTING IN THE PERSONAGE OF EDWARD I, KING OF FRANCE, EMPEROR OF THE ROMANS, AND SOON OTHER LESSER TITLES, OPPRESSOR OF THE MARYLANDERS, BARRON BARRON TO BARRON, VENTURERS, DISTILLERS, ETC.:

FROM THE:

//this abomination is continued (over)//

all-NIT group. (Earlier there had been contingents, at times a majority of those present, from other Area Universities). These people stayed with Mike in one of the rooms on the Fourth floor, while other people stayed outside, some sleeping on the floor overnight.

It was obvious at the time that this was the beginning of the end, as many people who had spent time in the Sala were complaining that it was no longer interesting or "fun." Finally there was the great rain: It poured for days, and that Sunday, with less than fifteen people in the room with him, the "Feds" came and got O'Conner.

As I said, I'm not much on civil disobedience, but if we must have a society which condones it, then it should be handled as it was handled here.

It is interesting to note that one of the things the Sanctuary was protesting in the beginning was "oppression" by MIT of its students. It is also interesting to note how that disappeared from the rhetoric after a few days.

I began to respect the Left a little more, or at least the MIT-Left, after the Sanctuary, and I hope the Left gained a little respect for the "Establishment."

A LETTER: From Ed Halle, regarding my Postal Corporation Editorial:

"Now I happen to be one of many employed by the Post Office, and I happen to have some very strong views on the Postal Corporation plan set up by the Kappel committee and as previously suggested by Mike O'Brien.

"1. Lets look at the effects this would have on the employees of the Post Office, who far outnumber postal diplomacy players.

"a. These people would lose their federal retirement credits and would have them converted to social security, which is an inferior system."

//Why? They would still be working for the Federal Govt.//

"b. The employees would lose the right to petition the congress for wage increases, but the plan set forth by the Kappel committee laid no plans for binding arbitration, and still denied the right to strike. So in effect, all tools we now possess for obtaining a wage increase would be taken from us."

//Mail carriers in D.C. are overpaid by 50%, but still, this is one of the biggest defects in the Kappel proposals. There should be provisions for binding arbitration.//

"2. All this changeover would still not solve the Post Office. Its revenue would still go directly into the Treasury. It would still have the same problems of airlines who will not change schedules to expedite mails, of outdated and inadequate facilities, of wages so low they attract few, and hours so fouled up many people quit in disgust. I myself work on a shift that runs from 5pm until 1:30am. It was the only way I could get my weekends off for Guard Drills."

//Putting the P.O. on a "private enterprise" footing instead of a "pork barrell" footing would alone cure many of its ills. Money could be saved by eliminating commemorative stamps (Yes!). They're pretty, but they cost a fortune which I doubt is made up for by increased sales to stamp collectors.// more to come----