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RECENT TRADES AND OPENINGS

Washington Reports. Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, WA 98136. "This zine is for the discussion of subjects that the editor and readers find interesting. Usually, but not always, this means Diplomacy rating systems." Subs are 10/\$2.

This is a superlative publication on ratings since Doug is one of the leading experts on rating systems. If you like to read up on rating systems and ratings of various players--then you must grab this steal! Doug is the organizer of the Beyerlein Player Poll, and if I don't forget, that'll be included in this issue of Impassable.

Midwestern Courier. Ray Bowers, 11870 Twillwood Dr., St. Louis, Missouri 63128. Sub rate is 10/\$1. There are no openings, but this zine is interesting for its running "debate" on marijuana. Not to forget, Ray also publishes the Census. It lists all active players/gamesmasters/publishers in the hobby. I believe it is quarterly and sells for \$1.00 a year. Better check with him. Worth it if you like people.

The Book of Stab. 19160 Olympia St., Northridge, CA 91324. This new zine is being put out by a triumpherate of dippy nuts. Their first issue was printed well, but you should read their sentences! Ex: "Well, here it is, the pugnacious paper publication which you have been waiting with baited breath (a handy way to catch lungfish)." Well, I always thought the hobby would sooner or later go over the brink...

The three co-publishers are: K. T. Guggenheim, Randolph Bart, and George Wallace. Somehow, I don't think that's right! Ma thinks that they have five publishers--to find out, why don't you sub to it? Anyhow, this issue contained a little variant game based on Alabama. If you're still interested in the freak-out, then send your \$1 for 8 issues. Game fee is \$2.00 (\$1 refunded if you finish) + a sub for duration of the game. Games they'll have: regular Dippy, Youngstown Variant, Twin Earths II, and Anarchy.

The Arena. Edi Birsan, RD1 Smithtown Rd., Fishkill, NY 12524. Sub rate is 12/\$2. No openings. This is an ego-inflated gamezine. Better be prepared to be Edited to death with his opinions plus picking up a wealth of information from the country's leading player (for now...). If anyone can tell me what was offered by Edi in his issue #33, I will give one free random available back issue of Impassable...to the first person, that is!

Rename. Conrad von Metzke, P.O. Box 8342, San Diego, CA 92102. This is my first trade issue of Rename, and I can't tell you what it is--exactly. Apparently, it is a large press oriented zine carrying six variant games. Unfortunately, there are no openings. Rules for the Cline 2-man Game were included. Sub rate is a rip-off of 10 per two-sided page plus postage. ((I ask you, Conrad, when since a piece of paper doesn't have two sides?)) He says to deposit some money and let him keep the books. If you're interested in following variants such as: Cline Nine-man, Ancient Hebrew Kingdom, Black Hole, etc. then you might as well risk Conrad's bookkeeping!
Circle Trigon. Bob Ward, 8665 Floring Rd., #176, Sacramento, CA 95828. Sub rate is 8 issues for \$1.00. A nice little zine which the publisher calls his "Plaything." No openings, but has good press. If you like to think small but deluxe, gamble on this steady zine.

Johnus. John Hulland, R.R.#4, Guelph, Ont., Canada, N1H 6J1. Egads, another new zine! I believe this one's going to be small as it really going to be a segregated gamezine! He has invited several well-known postal

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players whose first name is, (what else?) John! I had to decline due to pressing work, but will standby for this one. Heh, heh, now we Johns of the World have United! Beware you poor non-Johns! We will now reign over the hobby! Step aside you poor blokes! Game fee is \$3.00 for anybody who has John for his first name. I guess there won't be any subscriptions as who would want to read such discriminating taste?!

K.35. Published by the nut who publishes Rename (see above). The best way to start describing is the first page, right? Well, on this issue I'm holding at arm's length is a comic strip: Chess Nuts by Phil Fuckley. Being an avid Chess fan, this strip was considered by me as very demeaning of the intellectual activity. Oh well, at least Bill Buckley got it too...So, with such an auspicious start the reader is treated to a wierd brand of presszine. I thought that press went with a game, but I couldn't find the game! But when I looked longer, I found it under a pile of words. Seems to be at least mildly interesting for game freaks and extraordinarily interesting for press freaks---take you pick. The sub rate is a penny per sheet of paper plus postage. Same money and bookkeeping arrangement as for Rename. Sounds familiar? At least to some, K.35 should bring back old memories of the time when it was one of the priemier gamezines. Well, that is what Conrad says 'cause I wasn't around then!

Graustark. John Boardman, 234 East 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11226. In the beginning, God created Graustark; and Graustark begat a whole host of gamezines that today make up the hobby. The grandfather of them all is available at a sub rate of 8 issues for a dollar.

The Silmarilli. Chic Hilliker, P.O. Box 1195, Bloomington, IN 47401. Sub rate is 8/\$1. There are openings for a game that will start in October. Game fee will be \$6. This is a regular game, so get ready to snap it up---I think game openings may get scarce in October. What with all the other shortages we're having in this country, I can't see what else could be overlooked!

Everything. Published by the nut who put out K.35 (see above). Sub rate is \$3 for a year's worth. Zine covers reports on new games started, old games finished, and other trivia related to game statistics. If I haven't advertised everything he puts out, I haven't read Everything!

Claw & Fang. Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, CA 95826. Sub rate is 8 issues for \$1.00. Has a few openings left, I think, in his two seasons game. A fast moving game where each game year will only take one month to play. The gamefee is \$5.00 for this speedy jobynobythingmajing. I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE, FOLKS! The Zine previously listed as Rename is incorrect. It is in fact called, Name. I hope I've finished with that San Diegoian! The Gamesletter. Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, MD 20906. Sub for this genzine is 10/\$2 or 25¢ each. Primary contents includes complete listing of the contents of other amateur publications in the hobby plus some wargaming zines also. Worth your money to find out what the others are putting into their gamezines. Also has chess articles on fairy chess, books, game reviews of the Fischer-Spassky series, etc. An old-time publisher who is still putting out excellent material!

Berserker. Doug Ronson, 864 Ingersoll Ct., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5J 2S1. A relative newcomer zine, I have issue #6 and a new trade for Impassable. This zine has 1 regular dippy opening at \$5 (probably "had" by now), and five Viking variant game openings at \$3.00. Subs are 15 for \$2.00. Worth a try if you're in a Viking mood!

Pellucidar. Burt Labelle, Forest Park #23, Biddeford, ME 04005. Sub rate is 10/\$2. No openings, but is a good little second class gamezine (I didn't say "second class" you did, Burt! First class zines, according to Burt are those: 1) has 10+ games, and a 2) circulation of 100-150+. That makes you know what*FIRST CLASS!) Oh well, Burt is working hard on making Pellucidar a first class zine. So, he's adding more games and more people, but the games already have a waiting list! I guess it won't be long until Impassable has company.

DIPPY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**Well folks, it looks as if Canada's dippy power shrank a few spots when big time publisher Mark Weidmark mailed out his Canuck Publications' Last Will and Testament. A heck of a lot of games are going orphan style, but at least Mark is leaving the publishing area by paying back what he owes to the players. Some haven't bothered to even notify their players! *Horrors! You mean you don't know? Egads!

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Scotice Scripti III, Winter 1017

IS IT THE CALM BEFORE THE BIG STORM? HEH?

CONNACHT(Schleinkofer): SP

ENGLAND(Swies): SP

KYMRU(Reinsel): SP

LEINSTER(Hilliker): B F Dublin

MUNSTER(Dick): SP

ORKNLY(Keller): B F Man

SCOTLAND(Tonnesen): R A Sutherland

ULSTER(Nielsen): NMR, GM removes A Breffny

SPRING 1017 ORDERS due Friday, September 7,
1973 at noon, EDST.

Winter 1017 Positions:

Connacht: A Sli, A Tua; England: A Che (1);

Kymru: A Glo, A Bue, A Deh, F Car, F Gwy,
A Deh, F Mon, A Str (7); Leinster: A Ros,
A Ang, F Bui, F CaB, A Mor, F Dub (6);

Munster: F GaB, A Tho, A Cas, A Lei, A Lim
(5); Orkney: F WIF, F Don, F Iri, A Cai, F
Man (5); Scotland: A Der, A Cum, F ChB,
F Sol, F Dal, F Kin, F Lor(NC) (7); Ulster:
A Ern, F Dow, F DrE

Press:

Cork: In grand and lavish ceremonies, King
MacDougal was coronated after the untimely
demise of King Coop while fighting the
forces of Connacht.

In his first war cabinet meeting, Mac-
Dougal stated that he would review the
treaties formed under the previous ruler.
One thing was for certain, though. He would
do everything in his power to avenge the
late King's death.

Seone: King Malcom hopes his declaration of
war did not cause the Ruler of Kymru to
quit, i.e. give up his crown and leave the
land! But King Malcom realizes that anyone
with four enemies and no ally does have a
problem.

Cork, Dec. 14: Issued on this day, Dec.
14, 1017 is the Royal Proclamation calling
for total and absolute destruction of the
northern province of Connacht.

It is decreed that the County of Tuam in
the province of Connacht shall be raised to
the ground till not one stone nor timber is
left standing. Long live Munster, long
live King MacDougal.

Stonehenge: The great stone coughed up
the following piece of wisdom: Ones does
not fight to his front with out first
making sure of his rear is secure. Beware
he who attacks with abandoness!

Game 1970BJ, Autumn & Winter 1908

New Player for England: Thomas Keller,
317 E. 12th St., New Albany, IN 47150

Autumn 1908: Italy (NMR) GM disbands
retreating F Smy.

Winter 1908:

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): SP

ENGLAND(Keller): SP

GERMANY(Mahler): R F Bal

ITALY(Phillips): B A Ven, F Nap, A Lvp/imp

RUSSIA(Richter): SP

SPRING 1909 ORDERS due Friday, Sept. 7,
1973 at noon, EDST.

Winter 1908 Positions:

Austria: A Ukr, A Rum, A War, A Sil, A Vie,
A Gal, A Ber, A Bul, A Con, F Smy (10);

England: F Edi, F Nth (2); Germany: A Ruh,
F Hol, A Kie (3); Italy: F Aeg, F NAT, F Lvp,
A Par, A Mun, F Eng, A Bel, A Tri, A Tyo,
A Pie, A Ven, F Nap (12) will be 1 short;
Russia: A Ank, A Arm, F Bla, A Mos, A Liv,
F Swe (6)

Vote on draw: 4 Yes, 1 No (Italy). Another
call for a draw is asked by Germany. So,
please send your votes in by Sept. 1. It
looks like it is up to Italy to go for a
draw or to fight it out. Well Andy?

Press:

Wishful thinker?, Baltic: I guess Coop
chickened out. Don't forget the Phillips.
O.K. gang, Howard you like to prepare King
Andrew's grave? On your Marks, get set,
Doug.

Rome (Lvp): It's a bit late for that, Mark.
Asking the other powers to do and die for
the greater glory of Russia is just a bit
much. Especially when they look at your
stabs.

Moscow: The Czar votes yes to a draw, and
agrees also to Germany's proposal to destroy
Italy if he votes no.

Game 1972AZ, Autumn & Winter 1907

TURKEY'S GONE WHILE ENGLISH POWER GROWS

Fall 1907 Revisited: Fra F Wes-Tun failed.

Autumn 1907: Austria R F Ion-Gre
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Winter 1907:

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): SP
ENGLAND(Wiskow): B A Lon, A Edi
FRANCE(Mahler): R A Rom
ITALY(Hollingsworth): SP
TURKEY(out of game)

SPRING 1908 ORDERS due Friday, Sept. 7,
1973 at noon, EDST.

Winter 1907 Positions:

Austria: A Tyr, A Boh, F Aeg, A Liv, A War,
A Ank, A Gal, A Smy, A Tri, A Sev, F Gre
(11); England: A Mos, F Bot, F Bal, A StP,
A Pru, A Ber, A Den, F Nth, A Mun, A Ruh,
A Lon, A Edi, F Bar (13); France: A Bur,
A Pie, A Ven, A Apu, F Eas, F Nap, F Tyr,
F Wes, F Ion (9); Italy: F Con (1)

Fall 1907 Revisited Again: Overlooked the
printing of two moves: England: F Bar-StP
and France: F Tyr-Ion.

Press:

Radio Free Clyde: My, my! We certainly
haven't seen much press from Osmo the Austro.
Could it be he is a bit depressed at the
recent turn of events? Don't worry, Osmo,
it will all be over soon. That applies to
your little Italian friend, also. But then,
we all know that already, don't we?

Gen. Hatton: Austria is putting up a hot-
damn scrap for a draw. They might just
luck out--if the Limies and the Frogs don't
shape up. I have two more winners in
other games. BEEILNNPYY and ABBEKLNNY.
Please rearrange the letters. Tanks. U-
boat welcome.

Stephan of LWOW: Hugo's back and there's
gonna be trouble. Hay-na, Hay-na, the
Baker's back. What makes him think Poland's
where his home lies. Hay-na...

Game 1972BG, Summer & Fall 1907

Spring 1907 Revisited: Tur F Smy was forced
to retreat.

Summer 1907: England R A Kie-Den, Italy R
A Gas-Mar, and Turkey R F Smy-Eas

RUSSIANS IN HOLLAND??? GOODBYE TO FRANCE
AND TURKEY! AUSTRIA AND ITALY BOTH GAIN 1

Fall 1907:

AUSTRIA(Pyle): A Mun-Ruh, A Tyr-Mun, A Sil-
Ber, A Boh-Sil, A Vie-Boh, A War S A

Ukr-Mos, A Ukr-Mos, A Rum H, A Bul S
F Con, F Con S Ita F Smy

ENGLAND(Keller): A Den-Kie, F Swe-Den,
F Nth-Nor, F Nat S F Iri-Mid, F Iri-Mid,
A Lon-Bel, F Eng C A Lon-Bel, A Gas-Par,
A Bre S A Gas-Par, A Pic S A Gas-Par

FRANCE(Murray): A Par H/a/

ITALY(Hrbek): F Mid-Spa(NC), F Por S F
Mid-Spa(NC), F Tyr-Wes, A Naf H, F Smy
H, A Bur-Bel, A Mar-Gas

RUSSIA(Fish): A Ber-Kie, F Kie-Hol, A
Pru-Liv, A StP-Nor, A Arm-Sev

TURKEY(Tovson): F Eas-Smy

WINTER 1907 ORDERS due Friday, Sept. 7,
1973 at noon, EDST.

Fall 1907 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Mun, Rum, Con,
War, Mos (11) B1

England: Home, Nor, Den, Bel, ~~Nor~~, Swe,
Kie, Bre, Par (10) SP

France: Par (0) is out of game

Italy: Home, Por, Spa, Tun, Mar, Smy (8) B1

Russia: Sev, ~~Mos~~, StP, Ank, Ber, Hol (5) SP

Turkey: ~~Smy~~ (0) R1, out of game

Press:

Paris: No moves were sent in because I am
lazy and the army did what I wanted it to
anyways.

Oct. 31, 1907, Transylvania: Out! Out are
the lights! All out!

Impassable: The bigger powers are too busy
fighting a war to write press releases?

Game 1972BW, Spring 1907

COA: Bill Abbott, 1122 Nielsen Ct., Apt. 4,
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Winter 1906 Revisited: Turkey had F Eas

FRENCH-ITALIAN ALLIANCE FORGES AHEAD. IS
ITALY WORRIED ABOUT HIS WAR CHANCES??

Spring 1907:

ENGLAND(Nielsen): NMR. C.O. F Nth-Edi,
F Lon-Eng

FRANCE(DePrisco): A Lvp-Edi, F Bre-Eng,
F Wal S F Bre-Eng, A Ruh S A Hol-Kie,
A Hol-Kie, A Bel-Hol, A Bur-Bel, F Mar-
Lyo

GERMANY(Davies): A Kie-Ber, F Ska-Den

ITALY(Lindauer): A Alb-Tri, A Boh S A Mun-
Sil, A Bud S A Ser-Rum, A Gal-Ukr/r/,
A Mun-Sil, A Ser-Rum, A Tyr-Mun,

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F Apu-Adr, F Nap S F Tun-Ion, F Tun-Ion
RUSSIA(Knudsen): F Nor H, F Swe-Bal, A StP-
Liv, A War-Gal, A Ukr S A War-Gal, A Rum
S A War-Gal, A Sil S Ger A Kie-Ber/r/
TURKEY(Abbott): F Ion-Alb, A Gre S F Ion-
Alb, A Bul S Rus A Rum H, F Eas-Ion,
F Aeg S F Eas-Ion

SUMMER & FALL 1907 ORDERS due Friday, Sept.
7, 1973 at noon, EDT.

A vote on a draw has been called. Please
send your votes in by the above deadline.

Press: "
Peace? Is anyone interested in ending this
game and calling it a draw? There is a lot
to gain by a draw, namely: survival for
all; saving a lot of time, but even more
important; preventing a lot of hard feelings.
Also, by calling it a draw, you gain a lot
more friends and potential allies in other
games. I may sound like a prophet, but
nevertheless, I think that a draw is the
easy way out for everyone, and I'd like to
call for a vote on it.

Zurich, Switzerland: These past few weeks,
a lull in the fighting has become evident,
and no major battles have been fought since
the late days of the Fall. Winter is upon
us now, and all the armies of the European
nations have dug into positions and are now
fighting the cold and the snow. Winter,
however, will not last forever, and come
Spring the armies and navies of all Europe
will again be on the move; and what a
Spring it will be!

Game 1972CD, Autumn & Winter 1906

Fall 1906 Supply Center Chart Revisited:
Italy also owns Greece and thus builds 1.
Also, Turkey removes 2 units, not 1.

Autumn 1906: Italy R F Tyr-Nap, Russia R
F Nor-Bar, and Turkey D F Gre, A Smy

Winter 1906:

ENGLAND(Schleinkofer): B F Edi, A Lon
FRANCE(McKeon): B A Par
GERMANY(Ray): out of game
ITALY(Morris): B A Ven
RUSSIA(Brennan): R F Bar
TURKEY(Nelson): SP

SPRING 1907 ORDERS due Sept. 7, 1973 at
noon, EDT.

Vote on the draw: Only two yes votes
(Tur and Rus). Defeated.

Winter 1906 Positions:

England: A Den, F Kie, F Nor, F Nth, F
Swe, F Edi, A Lon (7); France: A Mun,
A Pie, A Bur, A Bel, A Ber, F Tun, F Tus,
F Tyr, F Wes, A Par (10); Italy: A Vie,
A Ser, A Rum, A Alb, F Gre, F Rom, F Smy,
F Eas, A Ven, F Nap (10); Russia: A Fin,
A Mos, A Sev, A Arm (4); Turkey: A Ank,
F Aeg, A Bul (3)

Press:

Rome, Dec. 5, 1906: FROGGIES IN ITALY?!
The French military has finally done the
unforgivable by hopping into the hills and
valleys of northwestern Italy. It was bad
enough when lily pads were seen floating
into the Tyrrhenian over a year ago, but now
that the Third Republic has chosen to violate
our soil, and Tunis', the War Ministry has
sworn to beat back the invaders until they
croak!

Game 1972CJ, Fall 1906

New Player for France: Howard Mahler,
7-16 Legget Place, Whitestone, NY 11357
Will Doug Nelson take over Germany?

Spring 1906 Revisited: Italy moved A Mar-
Bur.

ITALY HOLDS THE LINE, BUT THE RUSKS AND
AUSTRIANS BOTH BUILD ONE. HOW MUCH LONGER?

Fall 1906:

AUSTRIA(Verheiden): A Tyr S A Tri-Ven, F
Adr-Ion, A Tri-Ven, F Apu S F Adr-Ion,
F Aeg S F Adr-Ion, A Hol-Bel, A Bel-Bur,
A Gre H, A Ank H, A Rum-Gal, A Vie-Gal,
A Ser-Rum

FRANCE(Mahler): F Wal-Lvp

ITALY(Lakofka): A Pie-Tyo, A Bur-Bel, F
Nap S F Tyr-Rom, F Tyr-Rom, F Ion-Aeg/r/
F Wes-Tun, F Eng S A Bur-Bel, A Pic S
A Bur-Bel

RUSSIA(Rumble, er...Wrobel): A Ruh S Aus
A Hol-Bel, A Mun S Aus A Bel-Bur, A Ber-
Kie, F Nor-Nwg, A StP-Nor, A War H, F
Sev H, A Edi-Lvp, F Nth-Eng, F Hel-Nth

AUTUMN & WINTER 1906 ORDERS due Friday,
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Fall 1906 Supply Center Chart: next page

Fall 1906 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Con, Bel,
Smy, Hol, Ank, Ven, Rum (13) B1, was 1
short

England: Lon, ~~Edi~~ (1) R 1

France: Lvp (1) SP

Italy: Rom, Nap, Tun, Spa, Por, Mar, Por,
Bre (8) SP

Russia: Home, Swe, Ber, Kie, Nor, Mun, Den,
Edi (11) B1

Game Literature:

The Dream Maker:

"Is that a body on the field Lieutenant?" asked Captain Nhoj Reyob, Turkish exchange officer from NATO, as he gazed through his Nikon onto the airfield before him. "Where Captain Reyob?" Reyob made an emphatic pointing gesture which asked the young lieutenant 'are you blind' without the use of words. "It does look like a body Captain." "Then surely you should investigate, no?" "Oh. Yes, Captain. Follow me men!" cried shovetail Stephanie Blooper.

"To think, I left Ankara for this," though Captain Reyob as he watched Blooper run across the field narrowly missing a taxiing C-43.

"He's dead Lieutenant," Stan Rumble heard a soldier say as he turned Stan's body over. Stan's eyes watched as an Air Force Lieutenant bent over his body and looked at it like it was something from a freak show. "He wouldn't know a corpse from a sack of potatoes" thought Stan. "I have made it appear as though you are dead Rumble. I believe the trick will get us off of this island without too much commotion," said Lendore to Stan's mind.

"But, can't they detect that I'm alive?" "Only through a brain wave scan and I doubt if they have that equipment here. You will be completely conscious Stan. I think you will find it interesting."

At that moment Stan was tossed onto a stretcher and carted off towards the base. "He doesn't know a corpse from a sack of potatoes," thought Stan, reflecting on the less than gentle 'clearing of the runway.'

Stan's body, after a few hours of investigation, and a few teletype messages, could not be identified as other than the passenger that had jumped from the plane that morning.

"Why don't my fingerprints identify me Lendore?" "I have changed them, Rumble, do not be so stupid."

That evening the 'sack of potatoes' was on a plane for San Francisco and a complete

autopsy. Forty-five minutes into the flight, Stan regained the use of his body. "Push gently against the lid, Rumble. There might be crew members in the cargo area." Stan could only think of the imprisonment in a 6' box--he pushed the lid wide and took a deep breath. Lieutenant Blooper, on leave to the States and thankful for this convenient flight, took a double-take and then fainted. "What did you do to him Lendore?" "I didn't have to do anything. Can you fly this plane Rumble?" "I don't know--It has been almost twenty years since Korea."

"We will assume you can. I will help you delve into your memory." At that moment the plane jolted violently and began an unscheduled descent!

--to be continued.

Game 1972CK, Fall 1906

Spring 1906 Revisited: Tur A Bul-Nap failed Also, the English had F Por, not F Mid.

RUSSIA IS TOTALLY DEFEATED! TURKS TAKE THE IONIAN SEA! ENGLISH MILITARY MIGHT GROWS!

AUSTRIA(Chin): F Ion-Adr, A Tri S Tur A Apu-Ven, A Vie S A Tri, A Ukr-War, A Gal S A Ukr-War, A Mos S A Ukr-War, A Sev S A Mos

ENGLAND(St. Johns): A StP-Mos, F Bar H, F Bal-Ber, A Den-Kie, A Hol S A Den-Kie, A Pic-Par, F Nth H, F NAT-Mid, F Por-Spa(SC), F Eng S Ita A Par-Bre

FRANCE(Nelson): F Bre H/r/, A Spa-Por

GERMANY(Lindauer): A Kie-Hol/r/, A Mun-Sil, A Tyr-Swi/imp/

ITALY(Gershenson): A Par-Bre, A Pie S A Ven, A Ven S Ger A Tyr-Tri/nso/, F Nap S F Tun-Ion, F Tun-Ion, F Tyr-Rom

RUSSIA(Davis): A War S Aus A Mos-Liv/nso/r/

TURKEY(White): A Apu-Ven, F Gre-Ion, F Aeg S F Gre-Ion, F Eas S F Gre-Ion, A Bul-Gre

AUTUMN & WINTER 1906 ORDERS due Sept. 7, 1973 at noon, EDST.

Fall 1906 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Home, Ser, Rum, Mos, Sev, War
(8) B1

England: Home, StP, Nor, Den, Swe, Bel,
Hol, Por, Kie, Par, Ber (13) B3

France: ~~Par, Bre, Spa~~ (1) R1

Germany: ~~Ber, Kie~~, Mun (1) R2

Italy: Home, Tun, Mar, ~~Spa~~, Bre (6) SP
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Russia: War (0) is out of game
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre (5) SP

Press:

Army Tyrolia to Switzerland(Impossible):
Nobody's perfect!

Impassable: You, sir, have just aroused the ire of the fighting Swiss! You shall pay for your daring failure! We shall see to it that more misfortune shall fall upon your head! (We happen to know a GM in America....)

Glicken Slicker, Germany, Sept. 15:

It was learned today that the former Rear Admiral L. White of the Royal Navy has been forced to go into hiding when he learned that his would-be-executioners had sent a goon (?) squad to recapture him. A Master of Disguise, the Rear Admiral plans to lose himself in the back alleys of Europe vowing not to be made a scapegoat for the blunders of the insidious Dr. Thaddeus Leech and his mindless lackeys.

Berlin: In an official bulletin today, the Kaiser denied any involvement of the German government with the escape of Rear Admiral L. White.

Berlin: Thaddeus who?

Game 1972DD, Spring 1906

COA: Don Roll, 6517 Whitethorn Ct., Apt 2B, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

MOSCOW BURNS TO THE GROUND AS GERMANS FINALLY TAKE THE MOTHER CITY! WAR ELSEWHERE IS A BIG STANDOFF! WILL FALL BE BETTER?

AUSTRIA(Leerkamp): A Boh-Sil, A Tyr-Mun, A Gal-War, A Rum-Ukr, A Mos S A Rum-Ukr /a//, A Bul-Con, A Vie-Boh, F Wes-Spa(SC)

ENGLAND(Dick): F Lon H, F Nwg-Nat, F Bar-Nwg, A StP S Ger A War-Mos

FRANCE(Fujiyama): A Bel-Bur, A Ber-Sil, A Par-Gas, A Mar-Pie, F Lyo S A Mar-Pie, F Mid-Naf, F Spa(SC) S Ger F Eng-Mid

GERMANY(Chin): A Liv S A War-Mos, A Mun-Tyr, A Nor-Hol, A Ruh-Mun, A War-Mos, F Eng-Mid

ITALY(Roll): F Naf-Mid, F Tyr-Lyo, A Pie-Mar, F Con-Bla, F Smy S Aus A Bul-Con, A Sev S A Mos

TURKEY(Nelson): A Ank H

FALL 1906 ORDERS due Friday, Sept. 7, 1973 at noon, EDST.

Press: (cont. next col)

Munich, Germany, April 3, 1906: A raid was made today by Action Service in Munich, Germany. The special squad was tipped off by a wild boisterous beer drinking contest in one of the more run down sections of the town. A mysterious figure in an English Admiral uniform was winning the contest hands down by emptying great steins of potent brew in one sloppy gulp,

What tipped Action Squad off to his identity other than his uniform was his continuous bad mouthing of England and a curious fear of leeches. By the time the special commandoes broke through crowds surrounding the Vone Mo Glass Beirgarten, the contest was over. Everybody inside, as can be expected, was stoned. They still don't know how he did it, but it must have been some miracle that amid all those blood-shot eyes, red noses and staggering bodies that the Commander made good his escape. For the record, Commander L. White chugged 140 two-quart steins of beer for a new world record. All foreign governments are requested to forward information to London if they come in contact with a drunk staggering British Admiral with one hell of a hangover.

Ocean Press: Rumors continue to persist as to the arrangements made by Italian Admiral Benedicto with certain western nations. Reliable sources indicated that a deal has been made for the surrender of the western Italian fleet. In return for such a surrender, Admiral Benedicto has been offered a villa on the African coast and a life time supply of vino and vino. -to be continued. A certain foreign power: action service? That certainly sounds like one of those consumer groups.

Another certain foreign power: Following the discovery of the special action service Admiral L. White was placed under protective custody and transferred to an undisclosed location.

Impassable: Hey, what's all this bit on Admirals?

Game 1972DF, Summer & Fall 1905

COA: Temp--Bill Schill, c/o Gus Breslaver 1321 East 56th St., Chicago, IL 60637

Summer 1905: Italy R A Pie-Tus

BIG POWERS AFRAID TO ATTACK! WAR AT VIRTUAL STANDSTILL! WILL GERMANY GET GOING AGAIN?

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Fall 1905:

AUSTRIA(Conner): A Bud-Tri, A Vie-Boh,
A Ven S A Bud-Tri, A Pie S Fra A Mar H

ENGLISH(Lindauer): A Liv S A Mos, A Mos
S Ger A War, F Bre S F Eng-Mid, F Eng-
Mid, F Nth-Eng, F Spa(SC)-Lyo, F Wes S
F Spa(SC)-Lyo/r/

FRANCE(Hilliker): F Por H, F Lyo S A Mar,
A Mar H

GERMANY(Schill): NMR. A Gas H, A Bur H,
A Mun, A Ruh, A Sil, A Ber, A War, F Hol,
F Den H (all units hold)

TURKEY(Blank): A Gal H, A Ukr S A Sev,
A Sev, S A Ukr, A Rum S A Gal, A Rom S
Aus A Ven H, F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tyr, F Tun
S F Tyr-Wes, F Tyr-Wes

AUTUMN & WINTER 1905 ORDERS due Friday,
Sept. 7, 1973 at noon, EDST.

Press:

Peking: Emperor Phillips of China announced
that kidnappers had informed him that the
Austrian train BLUE DANUBE WALTZ had been
rail-jacked into Tibet. The kidnappers
were asking for a million dollars apiece
from England, France, Italy, Austria,
Germany, Turkey and Japan (Siberians) for
the return of their nationals. Kidnapper
leader, Wang Ducktoe Richter demanded that
the money be paid within three days or all
would be killed; he concluded by saying
they were killing each other so fast that
he wasn't too sure that they would last
three days!

Impassable: What's 1970BJ doing here?

ENGLAND: ((severely shortened)) At this
point in the game, I find myself in a very
sticky situation; and quite frankly, I can
only see one easy way out for me. That's
if you guys would agree to a draw. What I
am proposing is a five-way draw since Italy
will probably be out by the end of the year,
but if Italy does stay in, then I'm pro-
posing a six-way draw. I'm sure that you
all well realize that it's not only I that
would benefit from such a draw, but each
and every one of you....There is one other
group that would benefit from a draw right
now, and that is Mr. Boyer and the readers
of Impassable. If this game were to end,
Mr. Boyer and the readers of Impassable
would have more puzzles, articles and loads
of other things. With that I'm asking Mr.
Boyer to call for a vote on the draw that I
have proposed....

Impassable: O.K. SEND IN YOUR VOTES FOR A
DRAW, OR NO DRAW, BY SEPT. 7, 1973.

Constantinople: It is with regret that
this season Turkey has had to resort to
force to attempt to evict the English from
the Mediterranean. It seems as though the
English had over-stayed their welcome and
have been attempting to use the Med Fleet
to influence the Austrian-English negoti-
ations which Turkey has a keen interest in.

Constantinople: The Sultan's reply to
Wang Ducktoe Richter's request for a million
dollars apiece ransom for the Turkish
nationals kidnapped from the Austrian train
BLUE DANUBE WALTZ. Since the Turks aboard
the train were all members of the Turkish
Army, one fears they are already dead since
the Turkish army has never been known for
its aggressiveness!

Impassable: Must be a telegraph line between
Constantinople and Vienna...

DIPPY NEWS CONTINUED...

We just want to wish Mark the best of wishes
and our thanks he will pull out in an
orderly fashion.

**It appears that another drop-out may have
happened with Steve "Coop" Cooper and his
Armadillo. We last heard (and saw) him
at the DipCom last June. Since then, we
have had to drop him from all of our games
plus attack him in the games we're in
together. Well, more news as developments
occur...

**The IDA is moving forward with its second
general elections. All offices except the
President and the Editor (that's me) are up
for grabs. Join the I.D.A. at the bargain
price of \$1.00 for the half-year left.
Thro~~u~~ in another dollar and you can get the
Handbook--an excellent collection of new
and old dippy articles. I recommend it
for those who haven't been playing for
much longer than a year. But then, don't
take my word just because I printed it!
How do you get it? Send your \$1.00 member-
ship due (in check or money order) made
out to: International Diplomacy Association
to our Vice-Pres/Treasurer, Walter Buchanan,
R.R.#3, Lebanon, IN 46052. For the handbook
send your \$1.00 (again in check or money
order made out to IDA) to me. If you're
not a member, then it'll cost you \$2.00.
(heh, heh...pretty nifty recruiting program.)
**A few other zine~~s~~ have been missing of
late: Tangelo, " ", and Laisons
Dangerueses. The latter two, I've heard,
are still going. I got LD just the other
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day, and I just got a phone call from James Massar of " ". He has been a little busy with summer school. Well, it is nice to know we have some zines left around here. **In England, there is quite an uproar on the IDA. It appears that a few vocal Britons are opposed to having the IDA enter their country! Well, their side will lose a little steam when we invade with an English representative on the IDA Council (not now, but apparently all wrapped up). We hope that they will at least give our British arm a chance to prove that the American arm will not be dominating them. I feel that we must increase the number of international games, and I'm working on a cheap format for such international games. If it works, I'll be able to airmail the whole gamezine at the gamefee of about \$5-6.

**On the homefront, I would like to mention that I have my two variant games: Scotice Scripti III and Europe 1721 (also called 1721 II). Both are available for .25 each. Sooner or later, I will be expanding my Lost Horizons gamezine. I have just about decided to keep that going rather than merging it with Impassable. Aquarius, the super-deluxe press zine with multi-game scenarios is going on a monthly schedule that will give me one week to run it off! Averaging close to 24 pages an issue is quite a load, but I am a freak so I like it.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR by Eric Verheiden

In response to Len's comments on my notation system, I might point out that his example of the use of my system is rather inaccurate and should read as follows:

A Mar S A Tyo-Pie, A Tyo-Pie, F Nap S
F Tyn-Ion, F Tyn-Ion, F Adr S F Alb-Tri,
F Alb-Tri, A Ven (...) S A Tri-Tyo, A Tri-
Tyo, F Wes C A Naf-Spa, A Naf-Spa, F Leg
(...) C A Gre-Smy, A Gre-Smy, A Ank-Syr,
A Mun-Lpn

The only "redundancy" here is the use of separate orders for separate units, in common with the vast majority of gamesmasters including yourself. Further, by deleting the parenthesized notations NSU, IMP, etc. which become superfluous with the use of the distinctive slashing notation, my system actually becomes less redundant and more compact than Len's in that respect.

As far as clarity is concerned, each player and gamesmaster will have to judge that for himself. However, it seems to me

that by using a variety of distinctive notations rather than simple capitalization and a few rather inconspicuous single slashes that clarity cannot help but be improved. Further, this is done without a significant increase in the number of characters to be typed by the gamesmaster and even, in the case of systems like yours now in common use, without changes in notation for the large majority, say 90%, of orders. Only in certain relatively rare more complex situations, carefully delineated in the article, are different, as opposed to lengthier or more complicated, notations used to improve clarity. In view of the fact that in all cases, the notation is intended to be as logical and self-explanatory as possible, I find it difficult to accept that my system is actually as "complicated" as you maintain.

Sincerely,
Eric Verheiden

EUROPE 1721 GAMEBOARD REVISITED by Charles Reinsel

The revised Europe 1721 map now has a total of 113 spaces to which the military units may move. 88 of these are land provinces and 25 are sea spaces.

Spain's border situation has been lowered from 1.17 to 0.86 changing it from a good situation like England to an average situation like the Ottoman Empire.

An interesting version here is to add Sweden as a major power! Home supply centers are underlined. The home provinces would be: Christiana, Vardohus, Lapland, Finland, Angermanland, Stockholm, and Goteburg.

Starting units for Sweden would be: Fleets in Christiana and Goteburg: Armies in Vardohus and Stockholm.

Sweden's border situation would be .70. This is weak but slightly better than France or Poland. (see original article in Impassable #??)

This game plays better as a fast-action game where the diplomacy is limited to 5 minutes (only) and strictly enforced, between moves.

An interesting variant!

Genius is the highest type of reason—
talent the highest type of the understanding.

--Hickok.

STANDBYS, WE NEED YOU!

Back here on the 10th page, we remembered to print this important service article.

SSIII: Will David Fujihara and Harry Drews please submit orders for Ulster.

72BW: Will Mark Richter and Howard Mahler please submit orders for England?

72CJ: Will ~~Howard Mahler~~ and Doug Nelson please submit orders for Germany. Schill can back up.

72DF: Will David Fujihara and John McKeon please submit orders for Germany?

Many thanks to those who sent in orders last time. A few are getting in now!

THEM CHESS GAMES....

Game #1: Wh-F. Harbor, Bl-Fobby Bisher

5. Q-Q2 QxQ(ch)

6. QNxQ PxP

...

Game #2: Wh-Bisher, Bl-Bpasky

9. P-Q4 K-K1

10. Q-O N-N5*

11. P-KR3** NxKP*** (white's move)

Game #3: Wh-Blank, Bl-Joe Pro

4. Q-QB3 P-Q4

5. PxP ...

Game #4: Wh-Schmoe, Bl-Joe Pro

5. N-KB3 B-N5

6. B-K2 ...

THE GREAT PUZZLE CONTEST

The scores for the third and final round:

Howard Mahler: 42+35+50=127

Eric Verheiden: 39+36+50=125

Doug Hollingsworth: 32+35+43=110

James Massar: 41

John Piggott: 30

Mahler's set up: I

Verheiden's set up: NO

was very similar. 50 VAN

looks like the most CAP

possible for these OR

letters! BY

So, the winner of our contest is Howard Mahler. He has the option of either \$1.00 or a free game entry. If the latter, we will ask to see what game he wants to play in. We hope that it may be one of our variants. Howard? Let me know.

For Eric who came a close second, we offer him continued publication of his arts.

HOW TO BECOME A DIPLOMACY PUBLISHER---or---

How to be Really Crazy! ---J.B.

Players of the exotic game known as Diplomacy have always been asking me about publishing, or almost everything related to it. I have often wondered if there were many players of postal Diplomacy who might want, in a moment of pure idiocy, to become publishers/gamesmasters.

The actual ratio of the person's involvement as publisher and/or gamesmaster varies considerably in the hobby. Some don't publish anything but the game reports while others may just use carbon copy or cheap postcards. More people gamesmaster several games and publish a diplomacy gamezine including not only game reports, but all the other little goodies such as gamepress, game articles and game news. The number of games, the size of the issues and the circulation of the publications varies. I, for example, publish four amateur zines related to the Diplomacy hobby with a combined average of 52 pages for an average combined circulation of 320+. These four zines average a frequency of one monthly. That figures for a rough and conservative "production" of 60,000 printed pages each year. This, of course, providing I keep up the current pace....

So, you can either take it easy or work yourself to death. The latter occurs rather frequently and one who does die a "postal death" is called a dropout---to use a nice, clean word.

Besides the heroic and unheralded amount of labor you put into the publishing and gamesmastering of postal Diplomacy games, you have to consider the horrendous costs of publishing/gamesmastering. Presumably, one could run an entire game by postcard and with the new prophetic builds and retreats, some GMS are now using, the costs per game could be less than \$13.00. With a cheap \$2.00 gamefee, you would cover a lot of your expenses. Don't forget, however, that if you want to be absolutely realistic in your accounting, you have to consider the cost of letters and correspondence with the players AND other publishers. (Few people can resist answering all their mail.)

Thus, a corollary is that with increased publishing/gamesmastering efforts, you have a direct corresponding increase in letters and correspondence. This is multiplied as a result of have more contacts with other people in the hobby.

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What else happens to cause a dropout publisher? The person takes on increasingly heavier loads until he realizes (or never) too late that he cannot fulfill his many commitments. The key word is commitments. Why? When one publishes and/or gamesmaster games, he has taken on a job for which he was paid. But more important, the service that he will provide is not a short term service. Postal games, frankly, last around two years on a tri-weekly deadline pace. This can be quickened or slowed down, but anyway you look at it, it is a long time to commit yourself to a schedule. What is likely to happen is that new and more important personal priorities appear to undermine his involvement in the hobby. This can run the gamut from birth of his children (or hers) to his death. Anything that can happen between those two events is also liable to happen.

Almost anyone is capable of running one postcard game, but beyond that point it takes more and more work. Also, to do "better" than postcards, one must have a machine to publish and run off many copies of the original typing job. The two most commonly used are the ditto fluid process and the mimeo ink process. Of the two, ditto is cheaper. Mimeo is more expensive, but has a greater capacity in longer runs of up to 20,000 copies whereas the ditto machine would be lucky to get more than 300-500 copies. Of course, the ditto is quite capable of publishing all the copies you want, but it is not as impressive as mimeo for clarity of reproduction time after time. However, the ditto machine has a color advantage over the mimeo and this may interest some who like to draw with crayons.

If you are fortunate enough to have money for a machine (anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000 or more) and time for the next 2-3 years, you're still not ready unless you have the talents and skills necessary. You must know how to type and to write well. You must have a logical mind that can keep track of deadline dates and to organize your files of addresses, game records, etc.

Last, it helps to fill your games if you have talent in general creativity. Can you draw pictures? Can you write humor? Are you proficient in writing game articles? Can you write press, analyze games, etc?

If you can't, then you will be a boring publisher and few will enjoy playing in your games.

Perhaps the most important factor of all

in being a success or not, is that you must crave to be a publisher. You must love typing, love writing letters, love running off copies of your precious issues, you must love collating the pages, licking the stamps and addressing the copies. If you don't, you need a cat to do it all for you. If not, you'll hate it. Then, no amount of money nor talent nor time will stop you from becoming another dropout publisher.

If you don't really want to publish, we don't want you.

((This editor welcomes comments from other publishers on publishing.--Ed.))

SOME MAD RAMBLINGS TO FILL THIS PAGE

I'm not in a mood for puzzles this time around so I'll just ramble along madly...

The hobby as we know it has been slowly changing from an united mass to one that is united. Most of this change can be directed to the I.D.A. and to the members of the IDA. I detect a growing hobbywide concern for better services and for better publishers. The newer publishers have also sensed this mood for they have increasingly improved their first issues' qualities. Also noteworthy is that many new publishers seem to be older in age than many we've had in the past. Certainly, the hobby is growing older and with the passage of time, we will end up with a higher number of older, mature publishers. Still, there is a scarcity of game openings that persists. We do not have enough gamesmasters and publishers, but at the same time, we do want them to be of a high quality--we do not need dropouts!

We hope that any future dropouts will be conscientious as Mark Weidmark who was recently forced to stop publishing. If the dropouts would finance the orphans they created, we wouldn't have much of a problem as we now have with orphan games.

I think it is very farsighted of the I.D.A. to start an insurance project for games by which the individual gamesmasters can insure their games against their own possible dropping out of the hobby. We, of the IDA Council, are currently voting on a suitable insurance rate for the games.

I find myself wanting to do so much more and yet have no more time to do them. This irritates me--that our lives have to be severely restricted to reality. #end#

BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL BALLOT #6.

The Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP) is a poll of the Postal Diplomacy community to determine the 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 place--17 pts., 3rd--15, 4th--13, 5th--11, 6th--9, 7th--8, 8th--7, etc. The points are then summed for each player and the top 14 players listed by point totals. Results will be published in all interested zines.

Overseas people may use an air-letter form in place of returning this ballot. The BPP is not affiliated with any Diplomacy organization.

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Comments:

Please complete the ballot, sign it, and mail it directly to:

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DEADLINE: October 9, 1973

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