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OPENINGS AND TRADES

The POUCH. Nicholas Ulanov, 60 E. 8th St., New York, NY 10003. Mimeo. GF is \$1.00 + sub. Sub is 10/\$2.00. We wish to note that we gave an incorrect address last issue. If you've written to the wrong address, please write again to get in touch with them. Sorry. Liberterrean. Jim Bumpas, 948 Lorraine Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022. Offset. GF \$1.00 deposit. Sub is \$6.00 for year.

The Fighters Home. Vineyard, #8 Ravenna St., Asherville, NC 28803. Offset. GF \$8.00.

Anschluss. Joseph Antosiak, 422 East Ave., LaGrange, IL 60525. Ditto. GF \$4.00. Also has Youngstown variant, and will run almost anything if there's enough interest.

Cimmeria. Steve Nozik, SUNYLAB, Clement Hall, Box 1100, Buffalo, NY 14214. GF \$2.00 + sub at 10/\$2.00. Not new as he has run games on a local basis and was also involved as IDA officer. Experienced. Ditto.

Obsession. Shamray, Zehnder, Rubinow and Bailey Publishing Company, P.O. Box 24872, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Ditto. Fee is \$3.00 for four-season (regular) dippy with unlimited press. Also has other variants such as Interstellar Conquest. Write for more info. El Conquistador. Viking Systems, Suite 823, 24 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60602. GF \$5.00 plus sub at \$4.00 a year (12 issues). Offset. Expensive, but worth it if you like to read about the miniatures and wargamers' news/articles. Offset.

The Mixumaxu Gazette. Robert Lipton, Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18042. GF in the 7-man, 7-game tourney is \$15.00. Write

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NOTICE! GAME DEADLINE!

We are again extending our deadline, this time by one day to make up for our one day delay. So, for all games within, the new deadline is:

MARCH 29, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T...Friday!!!

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SPACE FILLER....

We had to postpone by one day our deadline because we had to do a larger share of this issue ourself. It seems that the games are beginning to take up less and less space. Ten games on only five pages leaves us 7 pages to fill with articles, jokes, quotes, puzzles, letters, and what nots. PLEASE SEND ME ARTICLES AND LETTERS!!! OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL BE OUR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE AND ITS CONTENTS IS UP TO YOU!

We hope you'll enjoy our revision of our mother's puzzle. We thought it would add a bit of spice to throw a few interesting names and odd objects. Say, would anyone oppose a continuing fantasy story involving the people of this postal hobby? I'd like to try it....

OPENINGS, CONT.

before sending money. Mimeo.

Slobinpolit Zhurnal. Charles Sharp, 506 West College Ave., State College, PA 16501. Sub is \$1.50. GF is \$1.00 for press oriented variant that never ends. Very interesting from what I've heard! Support this Pennsylvanian zine!

Lost Horizons. Myself. GF \$6.00 for variant called Scotice Scripti III. Need only 3 more players. GF includes map/rules and sub.

Foreign Office Gazette. Bernie Ackerman, Cheshire Home, 890 Main Rd., Mosely, 4001, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. GF for USA Players (Canadians?) is .75 + sub at 10/? airmail. The rates are constantly going up, and so you better write to find out. Bernie's U.S. agent is (all money goes to him, and perhaps you can ask him for the costs is: Tom Oleson, 1200 High Ridge Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93103. Let Bernie know if you're sending money to Tom and for what!

Alternate Reality. Ron Melton, c/o Rhodes' Books, 694 El Centro, CA 92243. GF \$1.00 for variant called Transatlantic. Rules are available for .10. Also has openings in Origins for \$1 fee (send scenario preferences) Mimeo done excellently.

California Reports. Doug Beyerlein, 330 Curtner Ave., Apt. #8, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Ditto. Formerly known as Washington Reports Doug has since moved to California and renamed his excellent zine that concentrates on the ratings, but will discuss almost anything the readers deem important. Sub is 10/\$2.00.

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For next issue, we are hoping to cover some of the gamezines which we usually not cover--those which we play in ourselves! The reason we haven't is not to keep our play a secret, but that we keep those zines separate from the others for reference to our games. Also, we wish to give a report on English gamezines with whom we have recently established trading agreements. As a group they are superior to us in North America! All if nothing goes wrong, if nothing goes wrong, goes wrong, goes wrong....

NEWS OF THE REALM

Well, not too much has happened except for the latest furor over the sponsoring of the Diplomacy World by IDA. Since the final decision is still up in the air, we won't try to confuse you with our confused information.

The fire we reported in last issue in John

Coleman's home did not delay his Domination all that much. Instead, he came out with a super-size issue in full ditto color. Maybe having a fire could be a benefit, but I still wouldn't try it. Glad to see you came out of it relatively unscathed, John.

Gordon Anderson, the brain and money behind El Conquistador is organizing Citex '74 in Chicago this coming August. It appears that the IDA will sponsor this as the dipcon for the postal hobby. Here is the latest info direct from El Conquistador #6:

Dates: August 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Costs: Entry fee is \$7.50 which includes admission for all 3 days and dippy tourney.

Features: Dippy Tourney, miniature team tournaments, game library, exhibits, etc. For more information and for any changes (there are bound to be changes), write to: CITECH '74, c/o Viking Systems, Suite 823, 24 North Wabash, Chicago, 60602. Says final details will be published in their March issue. If so, then I'll print it later this month.

The postal rates went up, finally, this month, and so all the costs has gone up for mailing issues of Impassable, Aquarius, Lost Horizons and Diplomacy Review. The same holds true for all the publishers in the hobby. It might be wise to consider these postal rate increases with the gamefee information as everyone will probably raise their rates soon, if they haven't already. We are not going to raise our rates until we can buy more supplies to get a better established new rate than going up two separate times. If you want to subscribe at the old rate now is your chance!

At home, things are now less hectic than they previously were for the past three months. We have caught up on most of our work, but we still need to catch up on organizing ourselves (like buying filing cabinets and straightening out and updating all of our records) more efficiently. We hope to not to have anymore schedule problems for the time being.

Not much in news, but we do have lots of letters and articles for this issue. However, may we note that next issue we just may come out with a big issue to celebrate the second anniversary of Chapel Hill Publications. With next issue we will begin our third year in publishing. It has been a long two years which saw us get ourselves into a crisis, and slowly and painfully try to get out of it. We have learned several lessons these past few months, and hopefully, we will show you how well we learned them.

If you want to contribute for our next issue, we'd be glad to print your contribution!

SSILL, 1973d1, Spring 1019

SCOT-ORK ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO ROLL FORWARD!

ENGLAND(Swies): A Pow-Shr

KYMRU(Gemignani): A Dyf-Car, A Bue-Hera,

F Mer-Pow/imp/, A Shr-Str/r/

LEINSTER(Fujihara): A Ber-Glo, F Bri-NGC,

A Sli-Ros, A Mea-Ang, A Tar-Mea, F Dub H,

F Wex S F Bri-NGC, F Cab H

MUNSTER(Dick): F Mid-IAT, F StG-NGC, A Wat-

Cas, A Cas-Lei, A Lei-Tua, A Tua-Sli

SCOTLAND(Tonnesen): A Che-Shr, A Str S A Che-

Shr, F ChB S F Man-Iri, F Man-Iri, F Dow-

Arm, A Dun-Dal, F NIS C A Dun-Dal, A Lis-

Alc, F Min-WMI

ORKNEY(Keller): F IAT H, F WIF-Don, A Oma S

F Dro-Arm, F Dro-Arm, F Mon S Sco A Che-

Gwy/nso/, A Sut-Dur

ULSTER(Drews): F Arm-Dow/r/

SUMMER & FALL 1019 ORDERS due Thursday, March 28, 1974 at noon, EDST.)

Press:

British Empire: Anyone in need of a puppet that will do anything their heart desires?

Contact me.

Kymru to Scotland: What is your offer? I am no fool...make it good.

Scone: King Malcom was welcomed back from his holiday drunk with open arms by the King of Man. Once more our great armies and fleets will head south and destroy the enemy. Look out, here come the Orknies and Scots (and a few Pikes).

1970BJ, Autumn & Winter 1910

PEACE REIGNS ?

Error: Forgot to give deadline, but they were all the same....Also, Aus A Boh-Tyr succeeded and Ger A Mun-Bur failed.

Autumn 1910: Italy R A Tyo-Pie, A Bel-Pic

Winter 1910:

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): SP

ENGLAND(Keller): B F Edi

GERMANY(Mahler): SP

ITALY(Phillips): R A Tri

RUSSIA(Richter?): SP

Vote on the draw: All yes votes except for Russia who did not vote this season. I, as GM of this game, take the option of calling this game a draw (under House Rules #16).

The game will remain a draw unless a player

protests against the draw and can prove to me a plan which would be expected to break the current deadlock. Also, this type of draw can be overturned by a majority vote of the surviving players to continue the game. So, if Russia desires to protest, he must show me how he expects to break the game open against the apparent united opposition.

As far as ratings go, a draw is shared equally. It would be interesting if Doug could tell us how the ratings would rate this game's results.

With a draw pending next season, we are not going to ask for Spring moves, but the players will be allowed to send in any comments about this game they wish printed pending the officialization of the draw. For our purposes, we present this winter's unit positions. Please also vote to overturn draw. Winter 1910 Positions:

Austria: A Ber, A Tyr, A Vie, A Bud, A Ser, A Bul, A Rum, A War (8); England: F Bel, F Lon, F Edi (3); Germany: F Hol, F Den, A Ruh, A Mun; Italy: F Gre, A Alb, F Ion, F Iyo, F Adr, A Ven, A Tri, A Pie, A Bur, A Pic, F Eng, F NAT (12); Russia: F Aeg, A Arm, A Liv, A Con, F Nth, F Nor, A Fin (7)

VOTE TO OVERTURN DRAW OR TO PROTEST IS DUE Thursday, March 28, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press:

Hun's Fables: In the forest there lived five neighbors: Doug the Ostrich, Howard the Dachshound, Tom the Bulldog, Mark the Bear and Andy the Eagle, all of whom shared a waterhole. One day, Andy the Eagle decided that all the water in the waterhole was by rights his. That very morning when Doug the Ostrich came to get a drink, Andy drove him away from the Waterhole. Now, although Doug and Mark the Bear hadn't been the best of friends lately, and inspite of the fact that Tom and Howard were relative newcomers to this part of the woods, the four of them agreed to stick together until they forced Andy to agree to divide the water equally. All were to get one-fifth, even Andy the Eagle! United, the four soon ended Andy's attempt to rule the forest. But when it came time for the ceremonious drawing of the water from the waterhole, Mark the Bear said, "To draw or not to draw, that is the question. Whether tis nobler to hear the sweet strains of yonder Impassable waterfall or by a lower water level to end them. To sip, perchance to drink, aye there's the rub. For who knows how dear the cost would be, to replace nature's concert which yet is free."

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Howard, Tom, and Doug finally were fed up with this boorish bear turned bard, and the three of them turned on Mark. Meanwhile, in their disunity, Andy is able to gain control of all the water.

Moral: He who hesitates to draw is lost.

1972AZ, Fall 1910

Note: Last season France wished to make his Spring orders conditional upon the Spring vote on the draw. I was not informed of this until the orders were called for and were in. Consequently, since conditionals based upon draw votes are exceedingly rare, I ruled against it without having been able to previously inform the other players of this possibility.

ANOTHER DRAW IS CALLED FOR BY FRANCE, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR VOTE (IN EFFECT AFTER THE WINTER SEASON).

Fall 1910:

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): A Smy H, F Gre S Ita F Aeg-Ion, A Rum-Ser, A Gal-Rum, A Sev S A Ukr, A Ukr S A Sev, A Bud-Tri, A Vie S A Bud-Tri, F Alb S A Bud-Tri

ENGLAND(Wiskow): F Pic-Eng, F Nth-Nwg, F Den-Nth, F Bal-Den, A Mun-Ruh, A Hol-Bel, A Kie-Hol, A Boh-Mun, A Sil S A Boh-Mun, A Ber S A Boh-Mun, A Mos H, A Liv S A Mos H, A War H, A Pru S A War H

FRANCE(Mahler): A Tyr-Tri, A Pie-Tyr, F Tyr S F Ion, F Tun S F Ion, A Bur-Par, A Mar-Bur, F Bre H, F Ion S F Tri-Adr, F Tri-Adr

ITALY(Hollingsworth): F Aeg-Ion

WINTER 1910 ORDERS AND VOTE FOR A 3-WAY DRAW BETWEEN AUS, FRA AND ENG, ARE DUE Thursday, March 28, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T. (You can make your vote conditional upon Winter results.)

Fall 1910 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Tri, Vie, Bud, Ser, Rum, Bul, Smy, Ank, Sev, Gre (10) Bl
England: Home, Bel, Hol, Mun, Kie, Ber, Den, Nor, Swe, StP, Mos, War (14) SP
France: Home, ~~Ven~~, Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Spa, Por (9) Bl
Italy: Con (1) SP

Press:

Vienna: The Austrian Government will support our English allies to 1st place in order to destroy France.

France(Pie-Tyr): Austria had told me he wanted the threeway draw. Is it possible

that that statement is inoperative? If that's the case then we might as well let England win fast and get it over with.
Impassable: Concessions are allowed by vote.
Garibaldi: Did you notice that we are only one season behind 1970BJ and gaining fast?

1972BG, Spring 1910

COA: Joe Hrbek, 5953 Albemarle St., San Diego, CA 92139

AUSTRIA(Pyle): A Ruh-Kie, A Ber-Kie, A Mun S A Ruh/imp/nso, A Sil H, A Boh H, A Vie H, A War H, A Ukr S A War, A Ser H, A Bul H, F Ank H

ENGLAND(Keller): A Par-Pic, F Eng S A Par-Pic, F Nat-Mid, F Nth S F Nwg-Nor/nsu/, F Nor H/u/, A Den-Swe, F Nwg-Nor/nsu/, F Edi-Nwg

ITALY(Hrbek): A Bre-Par, A Bur S A Bre-Par, F Mid-Bre, A Gas S F Mid-Bre, A Pic S F Mid-Bre/a/, F Por-Mid, F Spa (NC) S F Por-Mid, F Rom-Tyr, F Nap H, F Con H

RUSSIA(Fish): F Bel H, A Hol S F Bel, F Bar-Nor, A StP-Fin, A Mos-StP, A Liv S A Mos-StP

FALL 1910 ORDERS due Thursday, March 28, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

No Press:

1972BW, Autumn & Winter 1909

An error in Fall 1909 Pos: Turkey has A Bul, not A Bud.

Autumn 1909: Russia R F Nth-Ska

Winter 1909:

FRANCE(DePrisco): B F Bre

GERMANY(Davies): B A Ber

ITALY(Lindauer): SP

RUSSIA(Knudsen): B F StP(NC)

TURKEY(Abbott): B F Smy

SPRING 1910 ORDERS due Thursday, March 28, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1909 Positions:

France: F Tyr, A Boh, A Hol, A Ruh, A Bel, F Bre, A Edi, F Nth, F Lon, F Yor; Germany: A Kie, A Ber, F Den; Italy: A Tri, A Mun, A Vie, A Ven, F Adr, F Ion, F Tun; Russia: A Gal, A Bud, F StP(NC), F Ska, A War, A Sil, F Bel, F Nwg; Turkey: A Gre, F Aeg, F Eas, A Bul, A Ser, F Smy.

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Vote on Draw: Tur, Ita: Yes; Fra, Rus, Aus:
No. Defeated.

No Press.

1972CD, Summer & Fall 1909

Summer 1909: France R F Nat-Cly

Fall 1909:

ENGLAND(Schleinkofer): NOR. F NAT H, F Iri H,
F Wal H, F Eng H, F Hol H, F Nth H, F Nor H,
A Den H

FRANCE(McKeon): F Cly-Edi, F Por S Ita F
Mid, A Bre H, A Pic-Bel, A Bur S A Pic-
Bel, A Kie-Hol, A Ruh S A Kie-Hol

ITALY(Morris): F Mid H, F Wes S F Mid, F Tyr-
Lyo, A Ber-Kie, A Sil-Ber, A Tyr-Mun, A
Ven-Tyr, A Ser-Rum, A Bud S A Ser-Rum, A
Bud S A Ser-Rum, A Bul S A Ser-Rum, F Con-
Ank, F Bla S F Con-Ank, F Smy H

RUSSIA(Brennan): A Rum-Ser/r/, A Ukr-Sev,
A War-Ukr, A Pru-War, A StP-Nor, A Ank-Smy
/r/

WINTER 1909 ORDERS DUE Thursday, March 28,
1974 at noon, E.D.S.T. ALSO AUTUMN ORDERS!

Fall 1909 Supply Center Chart:

England: ~~Edi~~, Lon, Lvp, Den, Swe, Nor, ~~Bel~~,
~~Bel~~ (5) R3

France: Home, Por, Spa, Ber, ~~Kie~~, Hol, Bel,
Edi (9) B2

Italy: Home, Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser, Con, Gre,
Bul, Smy, Mun, Tun, Kie, Rum, Ank (16) B3

Russia: Home, ~~Ruh~~, ~~StP~~ (4) R2

Press:

Rome, Nov. 11, 1909: The fortieth birthday
of Victor Emmanuel III today, was not cele-
brated with the usual, run-of-the-mill pomp
and splendor. Instead, His Majesty decided
to send appropriate presents to each of the
three other great rulers of Europe.

To King Arthur of Britain, always the
persistent fighter--a prophetic "Setting Sun"
for his widespread Empire.

To the French Emperor--a diplomatic award
for the quickest switch ever made in foreign
policy, done in 1907.

And to Czar Michael in Moscow, for various
diplomatic reasons stretching back nine years--
a land and sea invasion of his homeland by
the Italian military, bearing a gift tag
inscribed "To Russia, with Love."

To King Victor Emmanuel: Please do not be
alarmed at the all-out Russia attack against
your armies. It is only a "defensive pre-
caution", to quote one of your favorite

phrases. Still, consider Russia your loyal
ally, along with Germany, Austria, and Turkey.
You make all Ruskys wish they had a lower
I.Q. so they could enjoy your press releases.
All of Europe faithfully reads your papal bull
every issue. And don't think that Russia is
upset about you moving into the Black Sea after
you promised that you wouldn't. When asked
if you were a liar, the Czar himself said,
"No, the King has never entirely murdered the
truth. He can't get close enough to it."

1972CJ, Spring 1909

RED STAR, WHITE STAR: WILL ITALY SURVIVE?

AUSTRIA(Verheiden): A Bre-Por/imp/, A Bur-
Mar, A Pie S A Bur-Mar, A Mun H, A Tyr
S A Mun, A Vie-Boh, A Ven-Tri, A Rom H,
A Ank H, A Bud-Gal, A Rum-Gal, F Bul(SC)-
Con, F Nap-Tyr, F Tus S F Nap-Tyr, F Ion
S F Nap-Tyr, F Adr-Apu

ITALY(Lakofka): A Par-Gas, F Spa(SC)-Wes,
F Lyo-Tyr, F Tun S F Lyo-Tyr

RUSSIA(Wrobel): A Lvp-Por via F's Iri & Mid,
F Nth C A Lon-Hol, F Mid C A Lvp-Por, A
Bel S A Ruh-Bur, F Nor-Ska, A Lon-Hol via
F Nth, F Iri C A Lon-Por, F Eng-Bre, A
Ruh-Bur, A Ber H, A War-continues dreaming
while holdings its..., A Mos S F Sev,
F Sev H, A StP-Nor

FALL 1909 ORDERS due Thursday, March 28, 1974
at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press:

Warsaw: It is inconceivable that the Austrian
Government would sever its ties and institute
a power grab of all remaining Italian foreign
colonies after such a successful joint
campaign. Steps are being taken to insure
continued joint success (ICU).

Moscow: Where are the Sopwiths of yesteryear??

Impassable: They're mothballed in Switzer-
land....until another suitable war can be
useful for them.

The F.A.R.T. Maker Returns! (A One-act Play):

Gregg: "...But you promised He wouldn't! You
Promised!"

Henry: "Ever heard of a Pollock who keeps a
promise?"

Gregg: "Yes. A Pollock who writes everything
down!"

Arthur: "Pollocks write?"

Gregg: "No, but they type."

Henry: "Put 90 million chimps at 90 million
typewriters and you are bound to get something!"

Gregg: "But look at Jastrzab!"

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Arthur: "Ugh! You look at it!"
 Henry: "You call that Readable!"
 Arthur: "Which chimp is Wrobel?"
 Henry: "The one with the tail!"
 Stanley: "Ppfffrt!"
 Gregg: "That's it?"
 Henry: "I said he was returning, I didn't promise he'd stay long."
 Gregg: "Ch. Do you type too?"
 Arthur: "GASP! He stayed long enough. Someone open a window."
 Henry: "Not with a brick Stanley!"
 Gregg: "I thought they didn't have windows in Poland."
 Henry: "Did you know Stan Wrobel plays Ronald McDonald on weekends?"
 Gregg: "Why does he do that?"
 Henry: "Because he'd look stupid dressed as Santa Claus on the 4th of July!"
 Gregg: "Last week he opened Poland, Ohio's new hamburger restaurant!"
 Henry: "Too bad, it was a Jack-in-the-Box."
 Stanley: "What's wrong with that?"
 Henry: "It's like Colonel Sanders eating a whopper in public!"
 Stanley: "I didn't know Colonel Sanders was like that!"
 Henry: "Go to room!"
 Stanley: "Why?"
 Henry: "There are no windows in it!"
 Stanley: "Ppfffrt!"
 Arthur: "Oh grief! Let him throw the brick!"
 (CRASH! Tinkle, tinkle.)
 Gregg: "I can breathe again!"
 Arthur: "Does that mean a brick is Stanley's Dristan?"
 Gregg: "I bet it would clear his head!"
 Henry: "It wouldn't have to. His head's already empty!"
 Stanley: "Ppfffrt!"
 The Dream Maker: Lendore was a hazy translucent ball of yellowish light who drifted then effused about the room madly seeking an escape to Hell from where he came. A ghostly grin came over Erika's face that highlighted the broken flesh in her countenance and showed her rotting fangs in all their decaying black splendor. "There is no escape oh master of dreams. You are five times five times damned by the Lord of the High Places. You are powerful beyond earthly measure but you are beaten! Watch Stanley as I crush this worm. Then, my pretty, we shall go away from this orb and watch as I crack it like an egg and send its seed bleeding into space!"

Stanley Rumble stood erect and still.

Erika was not an object for his remorse. She has died over a year ago to be replaced by

that antonym for God, Sinestrae. He felt the shadow of power on his shoulders but he did not know how he could act. Then he had his gestalt! As a mortal, his power, due to the secrets he now possessed, was boundless. He had learned that he was no longer a mere human and that he gave strength to Lendore just as Lendore gave him power. He was capable of many feats by his own devices and was surely as a King of Kings among sorcerers. Rumble's rage at this final trick of Sinestrae was causing the very ground to tremble!

"So, you have learned well, Stanley! You finally know why we must seek mortal form and why we feared what would be man's final evolution. Your descendants of 20 million years, would have been greater than we. You have passed through over $\frac{1}{2}$ of those years in the last days and you alone, of all humans, will even glimpse the potential greatness of your race. Given time one of you could have become a God of either under world or over world. But now your fate is sealed. Behold! The death of Lendore!"

--to be continued.

((Ah, now I've read the ending! We have two more chapters to go....))

1972CK, Spring 1909

NINE ARMIES USED IN FINAL BATTLE AND IN THE DESTRUCTION OF GERMANY! WHERE IS LADY PEACE?

Error Winter 1908: England built F Lon, not A Lon as reported.

AUSTRIA(Chin): F Adr S Tyr F Aeg-Ion, A Gal-War, A Ukr S A Gal-War, A Mos S A Gal-War, A Ven-Pie, A Tyr S Ger A Mun, A Boh S Ger A Mun, A Sil S Ger A Mun

ENGLAND(St. Johns): F Nth H, F Lon-Eng, F Bar S A Nor-StP, A Nor-StP, F Bal S A StP-Iiv, A StP-Iiv, A War-Sil/r/, A Ber S A Ruh-Mun, A Kie S A Ruh-Mun, A Bur S A Ruh-Mun, A Ruh-Mun, A Bel-Ruh, F Iyo S Ita F A Mar-Pie, F Wes-Tyr, F Naf H

GERMANY(Iindauer): A Mun H/a/

ITALY(Gershenson): A Mar-Pie, F Tyr-Tus, F Ion S Eng F Wes-Tyr/r/

TURKEY(White): F Aeg-Ion, F Nap S F Aeg-Ion, F Apu S F Aeg-Ion, A Rom S F Nap, F Con-Aeg, F Smy-Bas, A Gre H

SUMMER & FALL 1909 ORDERS due Thursday, March 28, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

No Press.

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1972DB, Autumn & Winter 1908

Autumn 1908: England R A StP-Fin
Winter 1908:

AUSTRIA(Leerkamp): B A Tri, A Vie, A Bud
ENGLAND(Dick): R F NAT
FRANCE(Fujihara): B F Bre (gets to build 1)
GERMANY(Chin): B A Kie
ITALY(Roll): SP

SPRING 1909 ORDERS due Thursday, March 28,
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Winter 1908 Positions:

Austria: A Tyr, A Sil, A Pru, A War, A Boh,
A StP, A Mos, A Tri, A Vie, A Bud (10);
England: F Wng, F Wal, A Fin (3); France:
A Bur, A Mar, A Gas, F Wes, F Mid, F Bre (6);
Germany: A Ber, A Mun, A Ruh, F Bal, F Nor,
F Eng, A Kie (7); Italy: A Sev, A Pie, A Tus,
F Aeg, F Tun, F Iyo, F Tyr, F NAT (8)

Press:

Slurp, London: Rumor has it again that Count
Draculala (still looking a lot like Jack
Palance) had died after biting into a green
blooded Italian spy.

In Choppy Seas off Spain: Vice Admiral Ernesto
Ginzo roared with laughter after he read the
communication handed to him.

"Come here, comrades," he roared. "It seems
that our Austrian friends were not sunk by
the French. Their boilers blew up and sank
their ships."

"They must think that we Italians are
quite stupid to put steam power in our ships.
I'll tell the Austrians they can keep their
steam powered and their sails too."

"To the oars, men. Blisters never hurt
anyone."

Smack, London: Our antichrist hero, Count
Dracula, still looking like Jack Palance,
found his first lovely victim after she took
one look and started stripping in front of
him. But, just as he was about to bite her,
she started "streaking" through London and
he couldn't catch her. "Alas," Count Dracula
was heard to say, "She was so bloody beautiful
that I could have lived eternity with her!"
The rumors have it that a certain ex-Prime
Minister was killed just outside the Tower.
It was not known the cause of his striking
loss of all blood. The police are still
searching for clues after only finding one
small clue: a piece of hair, presumably from
a mammalian such as a bat. However, local
authorities state that there were no bats
alive in London and that couldn't be the right
answer. Meanwhile, the mystery continues....

1972DF, Spring 1908

Note: A request to delay Spring 1908 again
to another issue has been denied.

AUSTRIA(Conner): A Vie S Tur A Ukr-Gal, A
Tyr-Mun, A Pie-Ven
ENGLAND(Lindauer): A Liv-Mos, A Mos-Ukr,
A Nor-StP, F Bre-Mid, F Eng S F Bre-Mid,
F Mar-Iyo, F Mid-Wes, F Nth H, F Por S
F Spa(SC), F Spa(SC) S F Mid-Wes
GERMANY(McKeon): A Gas-Mar, A Bur-Mun, A Mun-
Boh, A Sil S A Mun-Boh, A Pru S A War,
A War S Eng A Mos-Ukr, A Gal S Eng A Mos-
Ukr/a/, F Kie H, F Bal H
TURKEY(Blank): F Rom-Tus, A Apu-Rom, F Con-
Ela, F NAT-Mid, F Wes-Spa(SC)/a/, F Tun-Wes,
F Tyr-Iyo, A Ukr-Gal, A Sev-Mos, A Rum S
A Ukr-Gal, A Bud S A Ukr-Gal, A Bul-Ser

FALL 1908 ORDERS due Thursday, March 28, 1974
at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press: None.

A NOTE FROM LIAISONS DANGEREUSES

We received a note to print from Lenard
Iakofka: Liaisons Dangereuses has not died,
it awaits the repair of my mimeo press. I
have been quite pressed for funds these last
few months and I have been unable to spare
the moneys necessary to complete the restora-
tion of my 1937 press. Needless to say all
subscriptions will be honored when LD resumes
and all players in LD will receive issues of
LD as a subscriber after their games are
over with.

LETTERS TO THIS EDITOR

From Doug Beyerlein:

"On the subject of rating publishers or
somehow minimizing the damage that they can
do in dropping out of the hobby I am not sure
just what the solution is. Through personal
experience and observation I have found that
a new publisher will generally get up to about
his tenth issue before the glamour of publishing
fades and the drudgery begins. Right about
there he either decides to continue or give
up the hobby. Unfortunately that means that
everyone has to wait nearly a year before
knowing whether or not the new publisher is
going to last.

It is near impossible to tell someone who
is interested in publishing to publish at
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least a year before opening any games in his zine. And as almost all new publishers are underfinanced at the start, telling each to first pick up and run an orphaned game might not achieve much cooperation. So, what to do?

I have nearly always tried to tell a new publisher what he is potentially getting into in the hopes of discouraging him enough to make him think twice about such a venture. I have done this with you, Steve Bell, and a number of other publishers who I knew just as they were beginning to start a zine. My success rate in talking one out of publishing has been zero - which I suppose shows you how idealistic new publishers are.

As this tactic has not worked I have pretty much reached the point where I stay away from playing in new zines. That way at least I don't get burned if the zine folds. I don't think that my individual solution to this problem is workable on a large scale, but each individual player should decide his or her own policy of what zines to play in."

Impassable replies:

We pretty much agree with Doug that one simply cannot convince new publishers of the problems in publishing. I know how hard Doug tried to warn me, but I like to think that I didn't do all that bad. In any case, it appears more and more necessary to have a publisher's handbook published for the prime benefit of preparing new would-be publishers. In these times of increasing costs and postal rates, the money angle becomes more crucial as a factor. Also, the need to explain the work involved in little, petty details. Mere warnings in personal letters is not enough!

Also, the Birsan Plan to sponsor orphaned games to new publishers would help pay for the expenses of finishing the games. Thus, for little expense outside of equipment, the new publisher should find it easier to start with orphaned games. The theory goes that by giving orphaned games to new publishers we risk only re-orphaning orphaned games and no orphaning of new games until the publisher has established himself and his own determination to remain as a publisher.

Does anyone else wish to vent their ideas on this matter? Should the IDA go all out to control new publishers as much as possible? Should there be a voluntary joint effort among established publishers to warn players of new publishers? It appears that we could act in this forceful manner, but then that is stifling the freedoms for which we all believe in. A very sad problem hard to solve.

From Walt Buchanan:

"Here are the records you wanted (proofs cited in Boardman Numbers Custodian zine where possible):

19720--Jan Livingstone as Russia won in Fall 1904 in Courier (Everything #12)

1967U--Frank Clark as Italy winning in Winter 1928, Graustark (Numenor #5)

1971BC--Edi Birsan as France in 7 months real time, Hoosier Archives (HA #82)

1967AV--International Enquirer; Lonely Mt.; Sweetwater Canyon Daily Bugle, Oct. '67 to Feb '74 (6 years, 4 months, so far!)"

Everyone can figure the above records that these games establish. I think that we can establish a record number of gamesmasters for one game in Seitenstetten (still going) in which the game is played by seven gamesmasters.

Hey Walt, can you give us the records for number of wins, number of games played as player and as gamesmaster, number of issues for one zine, length of publishing, etc.?

There is a large field of records, both interesting and amusing that I'm sure we could dig up about this postal hobby. It oughta be published!

STALEMATE POSITIONS: PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS
by Eric Verheiden

It has been something over two years now since articles exploring stalemate positions on the Diplomacy board began coming out. In that time, the subject has been treated in great detail, to the extent that with the publication of a few additional positions in the coming year, the entire field will most likely be nearing a state of exhaustion!

Being that this is the case, it is now time to consider some of the implications the distribution of these positions may have on general practical play, in particular for the player who wishes to perform well in defensive as well as offensive situations.

To begin with, the center of every stalemate position is one of Calhamer's "wicked witches": England and Turkey. Without possession of one or the other, an attempt to stalemate against a united opposition holding at least half the centers is probably doomed to failure. This suggests that for a player expecting trouble in the later stages of the game (and who doesn't?) high priority should be placed on securing the nearest wicked witch, either diplomatically or militarily as seems most appropriate.

The board may be divided into western and
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halves. The western half consists of England, France, Germany, Scandinavia, Iberia, the Low Countries and St. Petersburg. The eastern half consists of the remainder, i.e., Italy, Austria, Turkey, the Balkans, Tunis, Moscow, Warsaw and Sevastopol. Either group of centers can be held in a stalemate position. However more importantly, most stalemate positions consist of centers from one group or the other, but not both. Exceptions, when they occur, tend to involve relatively improbable positions or minor exchanges of centers in the Western Mediterranean. In particular, the West may occasionally hold Rome, Naples and Tunis and the East may occasionally retain Marseilles, Spain and Portugal.

In any event, the clear implication is that gains on one's own side of the board tend to be more easily defensible than gains on the other. It may then be prudent, again from a view of setting up a potential defense, to put one's own side of the board in order before embarking on adventures on the other.

The influence of that hole in the middle of the board known as Switzerland is apparent in many stalemate positions. In particular, Switzerland serves as an anchor for a great number of positions, with the actual lines emanating from it. The only exceptions, again aside from improbable positions, are certain English positions which assume complete, unopposed dominance of Northern waters. Consequently, the spaces surrounding Switzerland assume a particular importance. For the East, Venice, Tyrolia and occasionally, Piedmont or Munich, can be critical. The West often finds itself in a somewhat less critical position regarding Switzerland, however Munich and Marseilles can be critical in preventing a win by a single eastern power (usually Turkey).

More important to the West are two corner spaces: St. Petersburg and the Mid-Atlantic. St. Petersburg is a critical component in the land defense of Scandinavia by the West. In the opposite corner, the Mid-Atlantic (almost invariably in conjunction with Portugal) forms the anchor of the Western sea defense. Neither space is absolutely critical, however typically problems begin to multiply with the loss of either. The loss of both probably means the loss of the game, except under very special circumstances.

In addition to the spaces already mentioned, the Ionian is always crucial for the East. Exceptions occur only in improbable positions. Italy is important, although partial losses

can be compensated for by northern gains.

Conversely, Vienna, Rumania and Sevastopol are important, although partial losses can be compensated for with positional gains in the Western Mediterranean and the spaces around Switzerland mentioned earlier.

The implications of the existence of these critical spaces are two-fold: The defender or potential defender should be aware of the possibilities of his position and seek to secure the critical spaces which are or may be needed. Access to some of the published material on stalemates lines may be helpful. For the attacker on the other hand, these critical spaces are the places to concentrate the offensive. Break through and the enemy position crumbles. Fail and the draw may be forced. The important thing is to recognize which losses may be sustained and which may not be.

#end#

((We thank Eric for writing this article on the various implications, strategically, in view of possible stalemate positions. His articles are always welcomed in Impassable!))

IN PRAISE OF AMERICA (a reprint by request)

((Robert Morris asked that the following editorial which was broadcast over Toronto radio by Gordon Sinclair, commentator be printed. Normally, we do not step into areas of politics or non-dippy news, but we're making a special case of this.))

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris.

I was there. I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the United States that hurries in to help....This spring, 59 American communities (were) flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent,

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THEM CHESS GAMES!

Game #1: White-Harbor Bla-Bisher
 10. B-QN5 check N(QM)-Q2
 11. N-K5* . . .
 Game #2: White-Bisher Bl-Bpasky
 15. B-B4 Q-KB4
 16. P-KN4 . . .

THOSE IMPASSABLE PUZZLES

Solution to #29: The first part of the problem for two children is easy (at least to us as it was what our mother did for us!)

Have one child cut the cake into two pieces and have the second child choose one piece and leave the other piece for the first child. One cuts, the other chooses.

With three children, first have two of the children divide the cake in half using the above method. Now have these two children each divide their piece into three pieces. Now have the third child choose one piece from each of the first two children. There are other solutions, but this is the most elegant. Be careful that your solution takes into account that two of the three children might try to conspire together.

With N children, first have N-1 of the children divide the cake equally using the method for N-1 children. Now have each of the N-1 children divide his pieces into N pieces. Now have the Nth child pick one piece from each of the first N-1 children. (Note: What I have shown is that given you can do it for N-1 children you can do it for N of them. But since I can do it for 2 I can do it for 3 and thus for 4, and so on.

((We thank Howard for the puzzle and the solution--now, we have one from our Mother!))
Impassable Puzzle #30:

Read the following statements carefully to answer the questions at the end.

1. There are five castles, each with a different description and inhabited by warlocks of different names, with different things, drinks and smokes.
- ✓2. Birsaaron lives in the black castle.
- ✓3. Warlock Buchanan owns the dagger.
- ✓4. Blood is drunk in the ghost castle.
- ✓5. Warlock Von Metzke drinks tea.
- ✓6. The ghost castle is immediately to the right (your right) of the ivory castle.
- ✓7. The pot smoker owns 3 golden rings of power.
- ✓8. Powder for strength is sniffed in the ancient castle.
- ✓9. Rat milk is drunk in the middle castle.
- ✓10. Warlock Wrobel lives in the first castle on the left along the cliff.
- ✓11. The man who smokes spiders lives in the castle next to the man with the cat.
- ✓12. Powder for strength is sniffed in the castle next to the castle where the unicorn is kept.
- ✓13. The Flatypus dung smoker drinks bat juice.
- ✓14. Wizard Boardman smokes Hobbit weeds.
15. Elf Walker lives next to the blood red castle.

Now, who drinks Pollock juice? And who owns the Palantir? Answer nextish!!!

"Sharp wits, like sharp knives, do often cut their owner's fingers. --Arrowsmith.

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You're needed to standby
 for Game ____
 Your sub is up! ____

"Just of power is the most
 flagrant of all the passions.
 --Tacitus.

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