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## STAND-BYS

A few standbys are needed for next issue's deadline:

1972BW: David Fujihara for France

1975T: Mike Rocamora, temporarily, for Germany; Zimmermann for France

1975AF: Keller for Italy

1975CS: McGee for Austria; Brooks for Italy.

New standings are:

Kovalcik	Peluso*	Fujihara*
Malkus	Birsan*	Zimmermann*
Kelly*	Baker	Keller*
Kendter*	Kador*	McGee*
Swies*	Crowley*	Brooks*
Cooper*	McIlvaine*	

## AN APOLOGY

I apologize for the lateness, but anyone who works or goes to school will realize that it is hard to stop "vacationing" and get down to work. Well, that's the main reason this time. Also, I could have had the issue out on time, but I decided that I wanted to make it a full-size issue--with so much news and stories to tell! Thus, the deadline is set for September 26, 1975. After this issue and after the work on the I.D.A. Calhamer Awards is finished, I'll be down to where I have been aiming for all year!

Once I can begin to do bits of Impassable AHEAD of time, it should improve! But for now it will be the usual quality, although full issues and out on time. Perhaps by next year, Impassable can start something new and better....perhaps!

## OPENINGS

With all the news there is to print, I'm going to keep this column to this page. Next issue, hopefully, we'll be back to the complete listing of current trade copies...

BUSHWACKER, Vol. 4, #9. Fred Davis, 3012 Oak Green Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Mimec. Wants to know who'd be interested in playing Abstraction and/or Atlantica II-R (both are variants by Davis). Send no money.

Also needs more players for U.S. Diplomacy. GF is \$7.00. Sub is \$2.50/12 issues. A zine dealing only with variants.

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES #61. Lenard Lakofka, 644 West Briar Pl., Chicago, IL 60657. Ditto. Openings in reg. dip. for novices only. GF is \$6 or \$8 for airmail. Subs are 10/\$2.

This issue has quite a bit on new rules/spells, whatnots for D&D.

DYNASTY, #1. Adam Gruen, 470 North St., Harrison, NY 10528. Mimeo. A brand-new gamezine. Openings in reg. dip. GF is apparently a sub. The first 21 subbers at 12/\$2.50 gets into a game free. After that, you pay for the sub; the \$2.50 sub covers 12 issues/year.

SPECULUM, #21. Dave Kadlecsek, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, CA 95132. Ditto.

Openings in a whole bunch of variants: Gigaton Bomb Variant (GF \$2), Third Age (GF \$1.50), Fish's Delight (GF \$0), Middle Earth VII (GF \$1), Global Variant (GF \$1.50). Note that GF does not include subs. Sub rate is 10/\$2. ALSO, you have to pay a \$1.00 refundable deposit (you get it back if you don't drop out).

THE MASTER MACHIAVELLIAN, #12. Michael Homeier, 238 N. Bowling Green Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Ditto. Openings in reg. dip. (GF \$1.00 plus sub), and Colonia, a variant (GF \$1.50 plus sub). Sub is 12/\$2.50. Well printed for ditto and comes out regularly at monthly intervals.

PREDAWN LEFTIST, #5. Ben Grossman, 29 E 9 St., #9, New York, NY 10003. Mimeo. Openings in reg. dip (GF \$2 + sub), Schiziod Diplomacy (GF \$2 + sub), Colonia (GF \$3 + sub), Utter Chaos (GF \$1 + sub), and Middle Earth VIII (GF \$2 + sub). (Incidentally, I have copies of M.E. VIII by Pulsipher for 30¢ each.) Sub is \$2/10.

#kaput#

# HOBBY NEWS

Gads! There's too much news to stick in this issue of Impassable! Oh well, might as well as go ahead and just cut out all my personal recollections of DipCon VI, er, VII? how about VIII?

Lew Pulsipher, the shining light for the many past years in postal Diplomacy has finally laid down his famous (or infamous to some others) Blood & Iron publication to rest. The final issue was quite a gangbuster from Lew. It seems that Lew, at least for the time being, will be too busy with his educational studies (in Europe) to participate as a publisher. I was fortunate enough to be able to converse with Lew quite a lot at this year's DipCon held in Chicago. It was kind of having subtle fun watching all the dippy players run around trying to win their games. Lew and I have given up such insane activities only now it seems he has left me behind to carry on his banner of watchdog! The best of wishes and luck to you, Lew!

Just received a letter from Games Research. They are going to drop the flyer's listing of gamesmasters/publishers and instead offer an up-to-date list free upon receipt of a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The flyer will, however, advertise Diplomacy World. Last, the company has a new address (see p. 1)

Andy Phillips, 128 Oliver St., Daly City, CA 94014, has a computerized listing of wargamers, Diplomacy players, etc. listed by zip code with alphabetical index. It now exceeds 6,000 names. Sublisting for your own area is available for two 10¢ stamps & the ZIP code map from your phone book. Send info on yourself (playing interests and experience, capsule bio, telephone #) for inclusion. Larger list sections by arrangement. This is the famous GAMERLIS.

John Baker, General Delivery, Gradyville, KY 42742, is running a postal Diplomacy tournament. The tournament is three rounds, the first two being elimination. The tournament's name is: 1975-76 Postal Diplomacy Tournament. Games started til December 31st will be eligible. The entry fee is \$1.00 per player and the entire fund will be used

for money prizes. If I have enough room, I might print the entire 4-page announcement in next issue, or over two issues. Right now, John says there are four gamezines with games entered in this postal tournament: LIBERTERREAN (jim Bumpas, 948 Loraine, Los Altos, CA 94022). Copies of the announcement to which I refer can be had from Jim for 25¢.

THE DIPLOMATIC JOURNAL (Roger Oliver, 67 Franklin, Denville, NJ 07834)  
ZEPPELIN! (Laurence Gillespie, 23 Robert Allen Dr., Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 3G9, CANADA)  
CENTURION (Russel Fox, 5160 Donna Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356).

For information on individual gamefees, (Note that the Tournament fee will also be sent to these individual GMs who will forward it to John Baker.) see the above addresses and write to them as openings may be limited.

Ever hear of the New York Branch of the International Subscription Exchange? It is being run by Edi Birsan, Apt. 302, 35-35 75th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 and supported by IDA, but open to all.

Bob Johnson is the English end of this money channel which is designed to ease the flow of money back and forth for purchasing of diplomacy subs, etc. For example, I have \$2.00 in ISE as a result of a subber subscribing from Canada with canadian funds. I am leaving it in I.S.E. so they have the money for easy cash flow...when it piles up, I'll draw it all out! The total balance as of end of July is \$318.11!!!

So, if you want to buy something in a foreign country, contact Edi for full info on exchange rates, etc.

DIPLOMACY RATING SERVICE, P.O. Box 731, Lynnwood, WA 98036 has been established by Buz Eddy of same address for the expressed purpose of rating FTF games of Diplomacy. Ratings are to be handled only by registered D.R.S. gamesmasters (to become one you send them \$5). Rating fee is \$1.00 per game. The \$5.00 starts you out with 5 D.R.S. game report forms (\$1.00 game rating fee prepaid) and a set of instructions for D.R.S. gamesmasters.

Oops, postal play is included! As of this time, I have not heard of anyone rating a game with them. Maybe next issue. Buz, can you tell us how it's coming?

Stephen Tihor, 122 Henry Hall, Princeton U., Princeton, NJ 08540, has the computerized dippy opening listing (Game Openings 'B' NA), a service zine listing known game openings in North America. A copy is had for a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (I think you ought to send two stamps postage.)

By the way, Game Openings 'A' NA is available from Nicholas Ulanov, 48 University Place, Princeton, NJ 08540 for a stamped, self-addressed envelope also.

By the way, Nicky Ulanov has practically  
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1970BJ, Spring 1917

GERMANS SUE FOR PEACE AS FIGHT FOR DENMARK  
ENDS IN A TOTAL LOSS OF FREEDOM! WAR IS HELL!

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): A Gre-Bul, A Pie-Mar,  
A Rum-Sev, A Gal-War, A Mos S A Gal-War/a/,  
A Ukr S A Mos, A Tyr-Ven, A Tri S A Tyr-  
Ven, A Alb S A Tri

GERMANY(Mahler): A Ruh S F Hol, F Hol S F  
Kie-Hel, F Kie-Hel, A Den-Swe/r/(Kie, OTB),  
A Bur S Aus A Pie-Mar, calls for conces-  
sion of victory to Italy

ITALY(Phillips): F Nap-Tyn, F Apu-Ven, F Adr  
S F Apu-Ven, A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Tus, A Mar-  
Gas, A Par-Gas, A Pic-Bur, F Eng S F Bel,  
F Bel S Rus A Lon-Hol/nso/, F Iri-Mid

RUSSIA(Kelly): A Lon-Den, F Swe S A Lon-Den,  
F Nth C A Lon-Den, F Edi-Nwg, A StP-Mos,  
A Liv S A StP-Mos, A War-Ukr, A Arm-Sev,  
A Con-Bul

Fall 1917 Orders & Vote for Concession to  
Italy are due Friday, September 26, 1917  
at noon, E.D.S.T.

1971Dbu, Spring 1915

ANOTHER, YAWN, YEAR PASSES BY!

Error: We are in 1915, not 1914.

Spring 1915:

AUSTRIA(Tilson): A Rum S A Bud-Ser, F Con-  
Bla, A Bud-Ser, A Clu-Gal, A Bul-Con, A  
Ank S A Bul-Con, A Jor-Nej, A Tur S A Sev-  
Ira, A Sev-Ira/r/(Arm, OTB)

CHINA(Swies): F Mid-Sat, F SPa-NPa, F Can-  
ECh, F Pek-Can, F SCh-Cel, F Sia H/u/,  
F Sai-Sia/nsu/, A Del-Snd, A Cal-Del, A  
Tib-Nep, A Bma-Cal, A Sha-Bma, A Skg-Tur  
/r/(Tib, OTB), A Kan H, A Tha H

GERMANY(Proujansky): F Lvp-Nat, F Nwg S F  
Lvp-Nat, F Eng S Ita F Por-Mid, F Bal H,  
F Kie-Hol, F Ber-Kie, A StP S A Oms, A  
Lon H, A Bur H, A Tyr S A Vie, A Vie S A  
Tyo, A Ukr-Sev, A Mos S A Ukr-Sev, A Liv-  
War, A Gal-Rum, A Oms H, A Afg-Ira, A Pos-  
Sil, A Bre H

ITALY(Osmanson): F Sat S F Por-Mid/r/(Mor,  
OTB), A Egy-Jor, A Spa H, A Tun-Gre, A  
Ven S A Tri, A Tri S Ger A Gal-Bud/nso/,  
F Ara-Ade, F Mad S F Ein, F Jav S F Ein,  
F Wes S F Por-Mid, F Aeg S A Tun-Gre,  
A Apu-Rom, F Ion C A Tun-Gre, A Mog H,  
F Por-Mid, F Ein S F Mad, F Eas S A Egy-  
Jor

JAPAN(Drews): F NPa OBB-Nat, F SPa OOB S  
Chi F Mid-Sat, F NPa-NPa OBB, F Mal-And,

F Cel-Mal, A Sib-Oms, A OMo S A IMo-Skg,  
A IMo-Skg

SUMMER & FALL 1915 orders due Friday,  
September 26, 1915 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1972BW, Winter 1917 and Spring 1918

RUSSIANS SINK FRENCH BARENTS SEA FLEET!

Vote for Draw: G, I, F: Yes, T, R-No. Defeated

Winter 1917: Turkey builds A Con

Spring 1918: (French asked for separate  
seasons without giving reason. This is an  
uncomplicated winter/spring and per H.R. #6,  
I called for both together. France goes  
unorderd since he did not submit orders.)

FRANCE(Kelly): NMR. F Nwg, F Nth, F Hel,  
A Hol, A Ruh, A Bur, A Mar, F Tus, F Tyn  
all hold, F Bar H/a/

GERMANY(Davies): A Swe S Rus A Den, A Ber  
S Rus A Kie

ITALY(Swies): F Tun S Fra F Tyn

RUSSIA(Knudsen): A Pie-Tus, A Mun S A Kie,  
F Aeg-Ion, F Nwy-Bar, F Ska-Nth, A Den S  
A Kie, A Kie S A Mun, F Bal S A Kie, F  
StP(nc) S F Nwy-Bar, A Sil S A Mun

TURKEY(Abbott): F Eas S Rus F Aeg-Ion, A  
Bul-Ser, F Gre S Rus F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tyn,  
F Apu-Nap, F Adr-Apu, A Boh-Tyr, A Ven S  
A Nap-Rom, A Nap-Rom, A Con H

FALL 1918 orders due Friday, September 26,  
1918 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1973AYec, Summer & Fall 1728

POLES DEFEAT AUSTRIANS AT BATTLE OF POSEN!

Error: GM overlooked England's A Yor-Lon  
last season.

Autumn 1728: Austria NMR, GM R A Vie OTB

Fall 1728:

AUSTRIA(Ball?): NMR., A Hol, A Pom, A Mil,  
A Ven, A Mor, A Kra, A Gal all hold,  
A Pos H/r/(Sil, Bra, Sax, OTB), A Bud H/a/

ENGLAND(Hubbard): F Mid S F Sev, F Sev H,  
A Por-Ast, A Lon-Den, F Nth C A Lon-Den,  
F Got-Ska, A Chr-Got, F Nwg-Chr, F Bot H,  
F Bal H

FRANCE(Drews): F Bar-STy, F Tun S F Bar-  
STy, F Sar H, F Lyo S F Sar-H, A Mad-Ara,  
A Gra-Mad, A Sav-Swi, F Tou-Sav, A Rhi S  
A Net, A Net S A Rhi

OTTOMAN EMPIRE(Osmanson): A Vie S A Wal-Bud,  
A Mol-Gal, A Wal-Bud, F NAd S A Vie, A  
Tra S A Wal-Bud, F Nap H, A Ser S A Vie  
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A Cau H  
 POLAND(Swies): A Lit S A War, A Pru-Pos,  
 A War S A Pru-Pos  
 RUSSIA(Monahan): A Ast-Kub, A Mos-Ast, A  
 Var S F Sto, F Sto H, A StP-Est, A Arc-Lap  
 SPAIN(Kadlecek): F NTy-Sar, F STy S F NTy-  
Sar/r/(Wes, Sic, Cen, OTB)

AUTUMN & WINTER 1728 orders due Friday,  
 September 26, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

#### Fall 1728 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Vie, Bud, Tyr, Boh, Han, Mil, Hol,  
 Pom, Pos, Kra (7) RL, lost 2  
 England: Hom, Ice, Den, Chr, Por, Sev, Got,  
Ast (11) B1  
 France: Hom, Net, Sav, Rhi, Ast, Gra, Mad,  
Tun, Sar (11) B1  
 Ottomans: Hom, Cre, (Sic?), Nap, Vie, Bud  
 (9 or 10) B2 or 1 depending on Spa retreat  
 Poland: Lit, War, Pru, Pos (4) SP, no open  
 home centers, will be 1 short  
 Russia: Hom, Var, Sto (6) SP  
 Spain: Tyr, Sar, Pap, (Sic?) (1 or 2) RL or  
 SP depending on retreat of F STy

1973BU, Autumn & Winter 1920

#### NATIONS OF EUROPE REBOUND FROM EARLY LOSSES

Error: Austria lost a unit in Sp '20 and  
 had only 4 units and 5 centers, thus a build.

Autumn 1920: Turkey R A War-OTB

Winter 1920:

AUSTRIA(Tonnesen): B A Vie  
 ENGLAND(Greenwell): B F Edi  
 GERMANY(Barents): B A Ber, A Kie, will be  
 1 short  
 ITALY(Hulland): R F Wal  
 RUSSIA(Hendry): SP  
 TURKEY(Blank): B A Con

SPRING 1921 orders due Friday, September 26,  
 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

#### Winter 1920 Positions:

Austria: A Ukr, A Boh, A Tyr, A Gal, A Vie  
 (5); England: A Lvp, F Iri, F Tyn, F Tun, F  
 Naf, A Spa, F Bct, A StP, F Edi (9); Germany:  
 A War, A Sil, A Mun, A Bur, F Lon, F Wes, A  
 Pru, A Ber, A Kie (10); Italy: A Pie, A Rom,  
 A Tus (3); Russia: A Liv, A Sev (2); Turkey:  
 F Nap, F Ion, F Bla, F Aeg, A Con (5).

1973Ccz, December 1871

Error: U.S.A.'s A Ric retreats, not A Ken.

December retreats: France R F Nth-Bel; USA:  
 NMR, GM R A Ric-OTB. (Note: Ger loses Bel)

#### December Adjustments:

CANADA(Monahan): B F Mon, F Hal, will be 2  
 short

GERMANY(Ricci?): NMR, GM D A Gas, F Eng

ITALY(Davis): SP

U.S.A.(Burden?): SP

January 1872 orders due Friday, September  
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#### December 1871 Positions:

Canada: A Wis, A Ohi, A Tor, A Ric, F WAt,  
 A Myl, A Swe, F Nwy, F Edi, F Nwg, F Bis, A  
 Gas, A NCa, F Cha, F Can, F Mon, F Hal;  
France: F Fin(nc), F Bel, F Mid, F Por, F  
 Sat, F Mag; Germany: A Bur, A Lon, A Pol,  
 A Aus, F Kar, F Ska, F Hol, F Den, F Nth;  
Italy: F Lou, F Car, F His, F Ion, F Tyn,  
 A Tyr, A Yug, A Mar, F Lyo, F Mor; U.S.A.:  
 A Chi, A Ken.

1973CZec, Summer & Fall 1727

NOOSE TIGHTENS AROUND AUSTRIA! POLAND TO  
 OTTOMANS: "JUST CHECKING, YOU KNOW!"

Errors: Overlooked printing of Spanish  
 F Mid-Gib. Also, there was a stand-off in  
 Arc between F Lap and A Mos.

Summer 1727: Aus R A Sax-Kas, A Han-Hol

Fall 1727:

AUSTRIA(Drews): A Kas-Han, A Hol S A Kas-Han,  
 A Tyr-H, A Rhi S A Tyr H, A Bav S A Tyr H  
 ENGLAND(Kadlecek): F Iri S Spa F Por-Mid,  
 F Nat-Nwg, F Hel-Nth, F Eng S F Hel-Nth  
 F Lap-Arc

FRANCE(Monahan): A Net-Hol, A Ndy-Net, A  
 Ver-Rhe, A Bor-Tou, F Lyo S A Mil H/r/  
 (Sav, Bor, Ara, OTB), A Mil H/r/(Sar,  
 Tus, OTB)

OTTOMANS(Mahler): F Aeg-Cen, F Nap-NTy,  
 F Sar S F NTy-Lyo, F NTy-Lyo, F STy S  
 F Wes, F Tun-Bar, F Wes S F Tun-Bar,  
 F Bis-Mid, A Pap S A Ven-Mil, A Ven-Mil,  
 A Bud-Vie, A Vie-Tyr, A Mor S Pol A Sil-  
 Boh, A Kie H, calls for concession vote  
 to Polish-Ottoman alliance

POLAND(Rocamora): A Mos-Arc, A Min-Kie,  
 A Mol-Kra, A Sil-Boh, A Sax S A Sil-Boh,  
 A Bra S A Han, A Pom S A Han, A Han S  
 A Pom, F Den-Nth, F Chr S F Den-Nth, F  
 Got-Ska, F Bal-Den, A Var-Lap, A Sto-Ang  
 SPAIN(Swies): A Ast H, F Por-Mid, F Mid-  
 Gib/nsu/, F Gib H/u/, F Gra S F Sev-Wes,  
 F Sev-Wes

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AUTUMN & WINTER 1727 orders due Friday,  
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Fall 1727 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Tyr, Rhi, ~~Net~~, Hol, ~~War~~ (3) R2  
England: Hom, Ice, ~~Chr~~ (5) SP, lost 1  
France: Hom, Sav, ~~Net~~, Net (6) SP  
Ottomans: Hom, Cre, Sic, Tun, Bud, Nap, Vie,  
Sar, Pap, Kie, Mil (15) B1  
Poland: Hom, Pom, Pru, StP, Arc, Sto, Got,  
Den, Var, Mos, Boh, ~~Chr~~, Han (16) B2  
Spain: Hom, Ast (5) SP

**\*\*PLUS** vote for concession to Poland-Ottomans  
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1974HN, Fall 1904, GM'S SPOTLIGHT SPECIAL:

HOLLAND SURVIVES ANOTHER YEAR AS INDEPENDENT  
STATE! TURKEY IS HIT HARD WHILE ITALY SPURNS  
HELP INTO MUNICH TO TAKE VIENNA AND STAY  
EVEN! A MOST UNUSUAL POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME!

Fall 1904:

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): A Con-Smy, F Aeg S A Con-  
Smy, A Gre H, A Ser-Bud, A Tyr S Ita A  
Boh-Mun/nso/  
ENGLAND(Fujihara): A Fin-StP, F Nwy S A Fin-  
StP, F Bar S A Fin-StP, F Den-Bal  
FRANCE(McKeon): A Mun-Ber, A Spa-Gas, F Mar-  
Pie, F Lyo S F Mar-Pie, F Naf-Tun, F Wes  
S F Naf-Tun  
GERMANY(Keller): A Kie S Fra A Mun-Ber,  
A Ruh-Mun, F Bot S Eng F Den-Bal, F  
Swe-Den  
ITALY(Tonnesen): A Boh-Vie, A Pie-Ven, F  
Tus-Tyn, F Ion S F Tus-Tyn  
RUSSIA(Blank): F Bul(ec)-Con, F Bla S F  
Bul(ec)-Con, A Sev-Arm, A Ber S Ita A  
Boh-Mun/nso/, A Sil S A Ber, F Liv-Pru,  
A Mos-Liv  
TURKEY(Davies): A Arm-Sev, F Smy-Con/r/(Eas,  
Syr, OTB), F Ank S F Smy-Con

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Fall 1904 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: ~~Y/A~~, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, Smy (5) SP  
England: Hom, Nwy, StP (5) B1  
France: Hom, Spa, Por, Mun, Tun (7) B1  
Germany: Kie, Den, Bel, Swe (4) SP  
Italy: Hom, ~~Tun~~, Vie (4) SP  
Russia: ~~StP~~, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Bul, Ber,  
Con (7) SP  
Turkey: ~~StP~~, ~~Smy~~, Ank (1) R2  
Neutral: Holland!

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JOIN THE I.D.A.: SEND \$2 TO: WALTER  
BUCHANAN, R.R.#3, Box 324, LEBANON, IN 46052.

1974HY, Spring 1904

GERMANY AND RUSSIA ATTACK EACH OTHER! WAR!

Error: Russia has A War, not A Gal as  
reported in W' 03.

Spring 1904:

AUSTRIA(Callahan): A Bud S A Ser-Tri,  
A Ser-Tri/r/(Rum, Alb, OTB)  
FRANCE(McLendon): F Mar-Lyo, A Bur-Mar, A  
Pic-Wal, F Lvp-Nat, F Eng C A Pic-Wal,  
F Lon H, A Par-Bur  
GERMANY(Fanelli): F Nth-Ska, F Hol-Nth,  
A Mun-Sil, A Kie-Den, A Edi H, A Bel-Ruh,  
A Ber-Pru  
ITALY(Kendter): A Vie-Bud, A Tri-Ser, A  
Ven-Pie, A Gre S A Tri-Ser, F Adr H, F  
Ion-Aeg, F Nap-Tyn  
RUSSIA(Gallagher): F Bla C A Sev-Ank, A  
Arm S A Sev-Ank, F Bul(ec)-Con, A Sev-  
Ank, A War-Sil, A Swe-Den, F Nwy-Ska,  
F Nwy-Nwy  
TURKEY(Cooper, J.): A Ank-Arm/a/, F Aeg-  
Bul(sc), F Con-Smy

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Press--

(Somewhere in Bulgaria): The Sultan, in  
tagged, rattered General uniforms, staggered  
out of the tent amid a scene of chaos. Men  
were rushing to and fro across his path, and  
he soon began to doubt the veracity of his  
latest vendor's statement about the quality  
of his produce. A young Private almost  
ran into him, and the Sultan--General fell  
on him. "Whatttt-whassa ganon" he shouted  
at the man in a whisper. The poor man looked  
strangely on him, trying to establish some  
kind of rank. He finally gave up, remember-  
ing, having forgotten he'd forgot, that he  
was a Private; and Everybody was above that.  
"Sir, we hear the Navy's comin'!" "Navy?  
What? Damn soldiers starved on water?  
Fishes..." "Sir, I must be getting along"  
as the Private tried to pull away. Strange  
memories came to the General, and he blessed  
the man with the empty container of what had  
been a taste of--something. Soon the camp  
was struck and the Sultan's aides found him.  
Easing him into the royal seat, they set  
off for the rendezvous. While the General  
muttered, "Damn fishes...I'll wait for the  
frogs."

1974Nd1, Autumn/Winter 1019 and Spring 1020

UNITED MUNSTER MOVES EAST!

Autumn 1019: Orkney R A Don-Ern

Winter 1019: England builds F Brk and  
Munster builds A Cas, F Tra

Spring 1020:

ENGLAND(Osmanson): A Mon H, A Str H, A Che  
H, F CaB S F Dyf-NSG, F Bri S F Dyf-NSG,  
A Her-Pow, A Car H, F Brk H/u/, F Dyf-NSG

LEINSTER(C.D.): A Arm H/a/

MUNSTER(Hyatt): F Mid-Nat, F Tua-Iat, F Tra-  
TrB, F SlB S A Don, A Don S A Tyr-Oma, A  
Tyr-Oma, A Ros-Ern, F StG-NGC, F SSG S F  
StG-NSG, F SIS S F StG-NSG, A Cas-Mea,  
A Kil-Tar, A Dub-Plu, A Bar-Wic

ORKNEY(Sokolitsky): A Oma-Arm, A Ern-Oma,  
F Man H, A Sut H, F Isl-Kin, F Min-Isl,  
A Dal S A Oma-Arm

SCOTLAND(Fanelli): A Lis H, A Dun H, A Alc  
H, F NIS S F Dow-DrB, F Dow-DrB

FALL 1020 orders due Friday, September 26,  
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Press--

Tara: The Royal Court is still celebrating  
the totally unexpected capture of Donegal.  
King Gerald reportedly considered returning  
Donegal to Orkney, but his advisors pointed  
out that the Non-aggression Pact with Orkney  
expired in 1019, and that the King's efforts  
to renew the pact met with silence from  
Orkney, so Orkney is obviously a hostile  
power and to give up a province to a hostile  
power is stupid. Munster will keep and  
defend Donegal.

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1975G, Autumn 1903 & Spring 1904

#### FRANCE BENEFITS FROM CONFUSION!

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Autumn 1903: France R A Par-Bre

Winter 1903: No Adjustments

Spring 1904:

AUSTRIA(Hinmon): A Vie S F Tri, F Tri H,  
A Bud-Ser, A Rum S A Bul, F Gre S A Bul,  
A Bul S Rus F Bla-Con

ENGLAND(Cooper, T.): A lvp-Edi, F Eng S Ger  
A Bur-Pic/nso/, F Nwg H

FRANCE(Kirk): A Bre H, F Mid S A Bre H, F  
Bel H, A Mar-Bur, A Spa-Gas

GERMANY(Amer): A Kie-Mun, A Ber S A Kie-Mun,  
A Par S Eng F Eng-Bre/nso/, A Bur S Kie-  
Mun, F Nth S Eng F Nwg-Nwy/nso/, F Den-Swe

ITALY(Young): F Ion-Adr, F Tyn-Ion, A Ven-  
Tri, A Tyr S A Ven-Tri

RUSSIA(Sabo): F Nwy H, F Bal-Swe, F Bla-Con,  
F Ank S F Bla-Con, A Sev-Arm, A War-Ukr,  
A Liv-War

TURKEY(Kendter, Jr.): A Con-Bul/r/(Smy, OTB),  
F Aeg S A Con-Bul

SUMMER & FALL 1904 orders due Friday,  
September 26, 1975

Press--

From Russia with love to Italy: I cannot  
condone your actions. Stop at once, or  
consider all diplomatic ties broken.

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AUSTRIAN DOUBLE-CROSS STAB FAILS DUE TO  
LACK OF ORDERS FROM FRANCE! GERMANY MISSES!

Note: Germany's Greg Warden has been in  
Italy this summer and the mail has not been  
getting through either way. I have run out  
of orders from him, and am asking Mike  
Rocamora to stand-by temporarily until Greg  
returns from Italy. Okay Mike? Please?

Summer 1903: Austria R A Rom-Ven; Italy  
R F Ion-Nap

AUSTRIA(Howard the Hobbit): A Tyr-Pie,  
A Rum-Gal, A Sil S A Ukr-War, A Ukr-War,  
F Tri-Adr, A Ven S Tur A Con-Apu, F Gre  
S Fra F Tyn-Ion/nso/

ENGLAND(Hairy Druid): F Nth-Den, F Ska S  
F Nth-Den, F Nwy-Swe, F Lon-Nth, A StP  
S Rus A Mos

FRANCE(Lawless Jim): NMR. GM called twice,  
but no answer! F Mid, F Tyn, A Bel, A Hol,  
A Bur, A Mar all hold

GERMANY(Grega Wormtongue): A Ruh, A Mun,  
A Kie, all hold, F Den H/r/(Hel, Bal,  
OTB)

ITALY(BirSauron): F Rom H, A Apu S F Nap  
F Nap S A Apu

RUSSIA(Lord Lenoden): A Mos S A War-Ukr,  
A War-Ukr/r/(Liv, Pru, OTB)

TURKEY(Hulland the Hulk): A Con-Apu, A Arm-  
Sev, A Sev-Mos, F Aeg C A Con-Apu, F Ion  
C A Con-Apu

AUTUMN & WINTER 1903 order due Friday,  
September 26, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1903 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Gre, Rum, ~~Rom~~, Ven  
War (8) B1

England: Hom, Nwy, StP, Den, Swe (7) B2

France: Hom, Spa, Bel, Hol (6) SP

Germany: Hom, ~~Den~~ (3) R1

Italy: ~~Ven~~, Nap, Rom, Tun (3) SP!  
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Russia: Mos, ~~Vaf~~ (1) RI  
Turkey: Hom, Bul, Sev (5) SP

#### Literature--

BOYERSKI THE NIGHT STALKER, Chapter 7:

William Leomund had fallen into the abyss for what had seemed like hours. Around him fell the remains of Ehrewon, the citadel of King Preambulator. Something was sustaining his life during the fall, but he could not understand what it could be. It was the Kelly Stone, of course, and his last desperate cry had become a command to the Witch stone. His life would continue, continue for eons until he found a way to have peace. The stone had passed out of his hand soon after his fall and his search for it lasted for years. Finally the stone came to a new owner who did use it for a 1001 days. Such a lapse in use caused Leomund to collapse and the stone's power over him to wane. His ghastly remains were laid to rest in a shallow grave in Yorkshire. For 400 years he was content--alive, if you could call it life, in his muddy grave. Then the stone was used again and Leomund's heart awoke to new pain. For days he clawed at the ground around him until he had unearthed himself and a new vigil was begun. Seven times he slept and seven times the coin fell to a new user and gave Leomund new purpose.

This last time he had slept for almost 100 years and legend had almost forgotten many of his terrifying deeds in Brazil. Suzan Przyblyski cursed her husband and Leomund arose. Rose to bring new horror to a world that kept trying to forget him.

THE RETURN OF THE KING AND THE DOWNFALL OF BIRSAURON, (Chapter 18):

Lord Lenoden tries to get down to specifics, "I found your poetic fears for Lorien very moving, but if we are to halt the evil one (BirSauron) we require military plans." While Arn, Gene, and Lenny the Lizzard discuss at length the movement of armies and the forming of alliances with the other free peoples, Howard seems bored with the whole affair. Finally the three, who each have strong opinions of their own, iron out all their differences. Arn rouses Howard and says, "Come on, let's get a good night's sleep, in the rooms Lord Lenoden has so graciously provided. For bright and early tomorrow morning we're off to the noble woods of Lorien."

The scene shifts to the dark towers of Barad-Jackson, where the evil one (BirSauron) is listening to the report of Kelly the Witch King, chief of his Nine Black Riders. "Gene

of the Lying Brook has arrived in Rohan and has gotten in to see the King."

"Ah, it's one of the tragedies of my life that I can never seem to make up my mind who I hate more, Gene the Proz, or Lenny the Lizzard. Oh well, you know what to do. Find out from our source exactly what plans they have made. Even such as they, should have learned by now, that it's futile to even attempt to conspire against me."

IN THE REALMS OF EREHWYREVE:

Firxwirth drew his sword, in anticipation of the unknown evil lurking around the corner. Prepared for battle, he was confident in his abilities, as a swordsman; sure he could dispatch whatever came his way with ease...

The thing turned the corner. A Flarn!!!

Quickly realizing his inferiority, Firxwirth withdrew, posthaste!

"A damn Flarn," he muttered, fingering his blade gingerly. "The only thing that will deter a Flarn is atomics, and they are strickly forbidden in dirthforsaken land!"

"I've got to go and think this out," he sighed, and turned into the 'Spotted Dlan'.

Hours later two dozen glasses had accumulated on the table. He rose, paid the waiter, and left the tavern, staggering down the alley towards his house, and into the darkness beyond....

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1975AF, Summer & Fall 1903

ENGLAND'S SEA POWER IS BROKEN AND SMASHED!

Summer 1903: England R F Den-Hel; Turkey R A Bul-Con

Fall 1903:

AUSTRIA(Johnson): F Tri H, F Alb-Ion, A Ser S Rus F Bla-Rum, A Gre S Rus A Bul

ENGLAND(Garson): A Nwy H/r/(Fin, OTB), F Nwg-Edi, F Hel-Hol, F Ska S A Nwy

FRANCE(Carlton): A Yor-Edi, F Iri-Lvp, F Eng-Pic, F Mid-Wes, A Bur-Mar, A Spa S A Bur-Mar

GERMANY(Eddy): F Bal S Rus F Swe, F Den-Ska, A Bel-Hol, A Ruh-Hol

ITALY(Bettencourt): NMR. A Pie, F Lyo, A Ven, F Eas, all hold

RUSSIA(Goldston): A Arm-Sev, F Bla-Rum, A Bul S F Bla-Rum, A Vie-Tyr, F StP(nc)-Nwy, F Swe S F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Liv H

TURKEY(Morphy): F Rum S A Con-Bul/a/, A Con-Bul, A Ank S F Aeg-Con, F Aeg-Con

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Fall 1903 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Tri, Bud, Ser, Gre (4) SP  
 England: ~~Ltp~~, Edi, ~~Wtt~~, ~~Den~~ (1) R3  
 France: Hom, Spa, Por, Lon, Lvp (7) B1  
 Germany: Hom, Hol, Den, Bel (6) B2  
 Italy: Hom, Tun (4) SP  
 Russia: Hom, Rum, Vie, Swe, Nwy, Bul (9) B2  
 Turkey: Hom, ~~Wtt~~ (3) SP, lost 1

## Press--

Antioch: French became favorites in updated release of Charlie the Turk's game-line. The odds: France 4-5, Russia 1-1, Germany 9-1, Italy and Austria 49-1, and England and Turkey 99-1. NOTE: These odds do NOT reflect any mathematical or scientific reasoning. In fact they don't involve much reasoning at all. They merely portray those nations which, IN MY MIND, have the best chances of winning this particular game. Now, wouldn't it be nice if those odds were evened up a little???

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1975CS, Spring 1902

## ADRIATIC FLUE HITS AUSTRIA-ITALY SUDDENTLY!

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Spring 1902:

AUSTRIA(Leppert?): NMR. A Ser, F Gre, A Tyr, F Tri, A Vie all hold

ENGLAND(Strittmatter): F Eng H, F Lon S F Eng H, F Nwy-Nth, A Yor H

FRANCE(Stephens): A Por-Spa, A Spa-Gas, F Mar-Lyo, F Bre-Eng, F Mid S F Bre-Eng

GERMANY(McDonald): A Ber H, A Mun-Bur, A Bel-Pic, F Den H, F Kie-Hol, A Hol-Ruh

ITALY(Leahy?): NMR. A Ven, A Tun, F Ion, F Nap all hold

RUSSIA(Albano): A Rum-Bul, F Bla S A Rum-Bul, A StP-Nwy, F Swe S A StP-Nwy, A Sov-Arm, A War-Sil

TURKEY(Dalman): F Con-Aeg, A Bul H/a/, A Ank-Con, A Smy H/nsu/, F Smy H/a/

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## HOBBY NEWS

single-handedly operated the IDA Constitutional Convention Committee and put out the proposed new constitution. Reading it quickly, it appears to be well done, but as it is, it was labeled, "Draft One" as the IDA Council will undoubtedly try to revise it in some places. A fine effort from Nicky!

Speaking of fine efforts, one such is the

Diplomacy Handbook 1975 published by Scott Rosenberg, 182-31 Radnor Rd., Jamaica, NY 11432. However, to buy your copy (\$2.00 for IDA members, \$2.50 for non-members), send your check made out to I.D.A. to: Edi Birsan, 35-35 75th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372.

Not to forget, this edition is made up of entirely original material! The first time (as I should know) for the HBs. This edition is a solid 56 pages including a four-page map/variant by Lew Pulsipher. The covers were done offset and on heavy paper (some may not have liked the light-weight covers of my two HB's, so this cover is an improvement, I'll admit!).

Of course, I'm still selling the 1974 HB's at \$2.00 for members and \$3.00 for non-members. It is longer at 80 pages, but it isn't entirely original material. Send me the checks made out to I.D.A.

Since I read in the latest Laisons Dangereuses that I promised Lenny the Lizard that I'd print his magazine rating ballot, I will in this issue. It'll take up some space, but what's the hell? It is a good idea and I hope many of the readers will respond to make it work.

Now for some real good news! Impassable has been around for quite some time (over 3 years) and I can now look with pride upon some of its successes, but the proudest (and vainest) moments for me occurred when two of my players won two different national face-to-face dippy tournaments!

At Origins in Baltimore held by Avalon Hill, Bob Fanelli of 1974HY, et al., was the winner of the 80+ player tournament! That was reported on in last issue, but since then, another of our great players, by the name of Walter Blank, shared a tie for first in the DipCon VIII dippy tournament--beating out another Impassable player (Rocamora). In fact, 7 of the top 15 finishers at the DipCon VIII tournament were Impassable players! (Blank-1st, Rocamora-3rd, Drews, Mcendon-6-9th, Leonard Lakofka-11-12th, Edi Birsan-13-4th, and Howard Mahler-15th!)

But, Fanelli and Blank both had their beginnings in Impassable and I am very happy for their great success! Who'll be next from our novice pool? The only other active postal player (at least ones I know about) in the top 15 was Robert Correll who tied Edi Birsan. Others such as Wartenberg-1st, Rittle, Berry-4-5th, Pitsch, Reinsel-6-9th, Sergeant-10th, Mighton-11-12th I don't know much about (Reinsel's the infamous Big Brother publisher and Pitsch was a player of note, maybe still active?)

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As for the fun at DipCon VIII, I stayed out of the Diplomacy tournament in order to be able to enjoy the convention for what it also is: a social gathering.

The only ones I can think of besides myself who did not enter the tournament was Walter Buchanan and Lew Pulsipher. As I mentioned before I talked quite a bit with Lew on a variety of topics including D&D and space wargames. And....perhaps I should start from the boring beginning and go to the boring end of the DipCon adventure? Ah yes!

ARMY/FLEET 'CARLISLE TO CHICAGO (Fourth, time):

This year I brought along two new suckers: Bill McDonough, Jr. (a subber) and Lee Kendter (a player), both of Impassable. It was Lee's bright idea (did I hear a groan from Bill and myself?) that we'd ride through the night to reach Walter Buchanan's place in the early morning. The two arrived here in Carlisle after a three-hour drive from Philly and we left almost immediately at about 8:30 p.m. Thursday evening. We didn't get to Walt's until about 7:15 a.m. Friday morning. We were told that Walt and his visitors (members of the NYC) would be leaving early that morning at about 8 a.m. Well, we waited til 9 a.m. and still they weren't ready to go. We were getting tired (not being able to sleep very well that night in a car) and decided to leave without them.

Well, no problems and we made it to the hotel. It was my unfortunate luck (again) as owner of the car to hunt for a parking space. IT TOOK ME A HALF-HOUR TO DRIVE AROUND THE BLOCK CONTAINING THE HOTEL. When I got back to the front door of the hotel, Bill got in, asking what I was doing....well, we found a space and parked the car. Chicago has a lot of people and cars--especially during the lunch rush hour....

To go faster, we got our rooms only to find the electricity was off....after a bit of complaining (I kept my mouth shut), the employees got it back on and from there on we had no problems.

Both Bill and Lee were in the tournament though Bill wasn't lucky to get in the first round (or was that Lee?) since they didn't have enough players to fill a seventh board. Nevertheless, they both ended up in the tourney.

Getting back to Friday night, there was the I.D.A. General Meeting. As one of the elected big shots, I got the chance to sit up on the dais in front and drink up all the ice water (the three cans of tea and 2 cans

of diet soda wasn't enough to keep my thirst quenched during the long night drive). I let the other Council members do all the talking since I was barely able to stay awake at this point (7:00 p.m. Friday night).

However, I was bright-eyes again after the meeting and got myself into a position as host of a party. Just about everybody came to our hotel room (we had the largest among the postal dippy players there) for the party after the I.D.A. meeting. The only ones who missed it were, I believe, Walter Buchanan and Edi Birsan. If I remember correctly, they were the two I forgot to ask. Oh well, you can't win them all....

The party was a smashing success and it then broke up for D&D and a game of Lew Pulsipher's Middle Earth variant (the one's he's playtesting). I was in the ME game and it was played without Diplomacy. I was Rohan, I believe. My memory is always terrible when I'm having fun....Just remembered that I wrote down all the names of those attending our Friday night party, so let's back up and see who was there: Robert Correll, Harry Drews, Howard Mahler, Mike Rocamora, Walter Blank, Len Lakofka, Doug Beyerlein, Matt Diller, Gil Weiger, Scott Rosenberg, Nick Ulanov, Steven Tihor, Robert Lipton, Richard Swies, Ben Grossman, Don Pitsch, Lew Pulsipher, Doug Ronson, and a Rosen, whose first name I forget. The hosts were: yours truly, Lee Kendter and Bill McDonough. Missing postal Diplomacy people were: Walter Buchanan, Edi Birsan. There were others, but these were the ones staying in the hotel.

Oh yes, Charles Reinsel was at the DipCon and was staying with Allen Calhamer. Gordon Anderson, of course, was the convention's organizer. There was also Doug Beyerlein's wife, Marie, the whole Buchanan family; Herb Barents and his family showed up on Sunday. Who did I miss??? AH YES, I can't forget Bob Johnson who came in on Sunday on a business trip (with pleasure) all the way from England (another long-time Impassable subber). He's an American now living in England and I don't know when he'll be coming back to the U.S.A....

O.K. where was I? The game of ME ended before the D&D did and I ended up going over to see what was going on in D&D (in another room). You have to remember that outside of the dippy tournament during the day, most of us play at owls and stay up half the night playing in our rooms....I believe that I was consistently one of the last ones to

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go to bed--Saturday night I was up to 4:30 a.m. in the morning....

Anyways, there are a lot of gaps in my memory, and I don't remember what happened the rest of Friday night so after I crawled into bed (my two roommates Bill and Lee got in early all nights there in Chicago), I slept late til about 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. One day gone, two more to go.

The second day was the first for the 3 round dippy tournament. They were to play two on Saturday and one final round on Sunday. I walked around to the various rooms (there was another room for miniatures and wargaming plus various merchants with game exhibits) and talked to many people that I knew. Most of the morning was spent talking to Lew Pulsipher and more in the afternoon.

It was lunch that day when Lew and I had ate with Gordon Anderson and had a very interesting discussion though I let Lew do all the questioning and Gordon all the statements....I am a listener most of the time.

I can tell you now that all my meals consisted of a cheesburger, french fries and a drink....it was too expensive to eat anything else! Would you believe in one place I paid over \$2.50 for such a meal? Around here in Carlisle, I could take the same order for less than a \$1.00!

The restaurant in the hotel was made singularly terrible by the existance of poor soul of a waitress who fell to the floor, mixed up or orders, served us separately at different times (in one meal I ate mine in a group of about 8 and finished before the other 7 got their food, and another time it was the reverse when I had to wait 10-15 minutes more than the others). She must have been new (as well as scatterbrained) since she kept reading my menu after everyone gave her their order....oh well, were we there for the food or for the games?

Saturday night was my moment of vainful glory as the dictator-chairman of the I.D.A. Calhamer Awards Committee. 6 members of the committee were there and we had a quorum and decided everything right then and there that night. I will have to print it up for the I.D.A. Council after Impassable #55 is out of the way....

Afterwards, I got myself into some more D&D with the New York Crowd.....it is an interesting game with some good ideas and should prove enduring for awhile--whether it replaces Diplomacy--I should hope not!! But, D&D is, unfortunately, sweeping the country

and I don't feel that I have enough time to be swept up along with the rest of them. I do know, however, that the usually staid Walter Buchanan was swept by it (more on that later) and actually bought a copy of the darn game!

It was Saturday night that I stayed up especially late (and also kept up a few of the New York crowd) asking questions about D&D and venturing what little ideas I had while not really understanding the game that well. Talk evolved to playing it by mail. The New Yorkers wanted my opinion (after a few games of D&D there) of playing it by mail. I said why not? It seems that those veterans always played it face-to-face and thought it would take far too long to play by mail. I said that Diplomacy takes a long time to play also--couldn't D&D take 2 years by mail and still survive? Anyways, that night they were all calling me genius and the Boardman of D&D postally....but now they aren't saying such things anymore--it must have been the drinks....

However, I do think it can be played by mail. Quite a few people are already trying it by mail and who knows? It may become a hit by mail as it is face-to-face and then where would Diplomacy be? Egads! I'll have to learn a new game! Egads! They have four books of rules already and more coming plus everyone really involved is printing his own additions and revisions! It can drive you mad!

All weekend, Lew Pulsipher was trying to pervert me into buying D&D. As all know, they were successful only with Walter Buchanan. NOW I understand the New York Conspiracy! To make everyone truly insane by playing and becoming addicted hopelessly to D&D! I got to hurry and save the Diplomacy world! Here I come! White man on a white horse with white armor and plenty of magic spells and lucky dice--I'll cut down all those monsters for you! Just give me the treasure! (Gulp! What am I saying! Horrors! I'm fantasizing!!! Choke, gasp...)

Getting back to normalcy, Sunday was the third day (I don't think anyone would have made it through a fourth day....) and the final round of the dippy tournament was held. As mentioned, Walter Blank tied for first and gave Impassable's School of Hard Knocks a reputation of producing winners.

It was Sunday that the people started to freak out from all the orgies and late-night activities....The New York Crowd and anyone else who was into D&D heavily was at the

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famous (or infamous) mock trial of Walter Buchanan for the double murders (three times?) of Howard Mahler in games of D&D. For some reason, they have a code of ethics which says that a player can't go around killing another player in their expedition into the dungeons if he is not chaotic or neutral. Well, I don't know the whole story, but Walt managed to kill Howard twice by the rules (poor Howard, it was ending up as a bad weekend for him--losing at everything he touched--much like poor Midas....) and they held a trial to decide whether to permanently kill, er, execute Walt for his foul deeds.

Come to think of it, I don't know what came of it!! (Egads, sometimes my memory makes me mad...), but I'm sure they found him guilty....

The dippy tournament over for good, those who remained got together for another session of games. We organized two D&D games and one variant game (Middle Earth again). I again entered the D&D and this was my longest effort at becoming crazed, insane, and addicted. Fortunately, I was able to pull out of it later. But, while I was under the influence, I threw the dice and became a weak (hit-wise) warrior. The only thing I did worth knowing was that near the end I pushed two buttons when the rest of the expedition was arguing over something and two things happened to me: 1. I lost some of my strength, and 2. I gained a seventh level thief (under spell) while I was only a first level warrior! Next year I'll use the thief and steal Howard Mahler's treasure while he isn't looking.....

Snapping out of the stupor, I managed to alight to my feet and walk back to the room that served Lee, Bill and I all very well. I'm sure the other two will agree with me that we got a good bargain out of the room. For it seems that we got a larger room with less frills with the others at the hotel getting fancier rooms, but less room.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable time for me and I didn't have single spare moment to goof off!

Anyways, the trip ended on Monday when we left for home. It wasn't until 11:00 p.m. that we got to Carlisle in my little, tired-out yellow rabbit. Lee and Bill had another 3 hours ride to Philly. They must have made it alright since I still get letters from them and on the 13th I'll be going to Lee's dippy party!

Wrapping the summer up, I travelled to South Jersey on an expedition to Bill

McDonough's dippy party, the following weekend, I went to Baltimore to see Origins for a day. The next weekend I published #54 of Impassable which was followed by another trip to Philly. Then, the next weekend we all went to Chicago for that long orgy of the year....

That turned out to be 3,000 miles in 5 weeks for me and I didn't take any days off except four for the Chicago trip. As you can see, this really cut me back on my hobby activities and the time for it. I'm still catching up and is the main reason why Impassable has slowed down these past few issues. For the first time in three years, I've had a summer I could really enjoy!

As a last bit of news, it is apparently the concensus and most likely result for next year's dippy convention to be held in conjunction with Origins II in Baltimore! This will make it harder for those who live on the middle west and on the west coast, but it will make it easier for those on the east coast! This will be the FIRST time the dipcon has been held on the east coast.

Well, I'm bushed and I suppose the readers are getting bored by all this? Sigh, why couldn't I have stuck with chess? #end#

Almost forgot to report on the progress being made with postal Civil War. As some of you may know, I publish a second gamezine, Glory Road, which deals only with Civil War games. Right now it is in between the end of the first game and the start of the second. The delays in between were due to my lengthy vacation (much needed and enjoyed) as well as to the other chores which cropped up at this time of the year. After this is out of the way and after the Calhamer Awards are out of the way (By the way, Robert Sacks, we did get in some variant awards), I'll be able to print the new set of rules as they pertain specifically to Antietam of SPI's Blue & Grey.

Anyone who would be interested in playing this game by mail as part of a "team" of 'generals' (nobody is a General by rank yet--more experience is needed before I promote them to that exulted rank!) and rules incorporating limited intelligence and communication by messengers along with, as part of the "team" set-up, divided commands.

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If you are interested, let me know and I'll put you on the mailing list when the new set for Antietam comes out along with info on openings and available positions, etc. #end#

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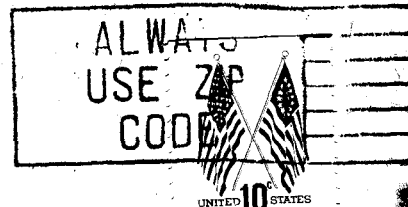
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