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N.O.W. (New York Organized Wargamers) publishes ROHAN (a magazine for postal Diplomacy) and GAMERS GUIDE (similar to GAMESLETTER)

**DEADLINE FOR
LD # 2, 5+6 and BRONTO 1+2
IS JULY 15, 1970**

Gameer's guide is available from Ken Borecki, 19 Royal Rd, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570 issues are only 10¢ each!!

SAETA is a magazine for postal Diplomacy just coming into existence. Games are published on multi-part computer paper. Game fees are REMARKABEL \$2.50/game!! and only \$1.25 for NA members!!!!!! (I don't know what NA is either) contact Bob van Andel 1141 Thomas St. SE. Grand Rapids Mich, 49506--at least 2 games open....sign up now

NOTE!! Due to printing problems, last issue, the deadlines in a number of games were extremely short. I do not wish to penalize any player because of these deadlines. Thus any player not getting in moves will not be penalized by a miss. If he had sealed orders they were used. All misses were compensated by the use of neutral players--note the abbr. SPU or NPU means that a neutral player (substitute) made the moves, not the regular player. LD8 extended to July 2.

"THE INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY DIVISION

...inscribed in stone ((Rod Walker's head??), on this day in the year of our Lord, 1970, the IDD sets forth a policy ...to promote improved relations between the associates of the Diplomacy world,....to assist in attaining the independent operational goals of our gamemasters while promoting a unity of spirit within those ranks,...to promote the availability of information pertaining to the game of Diplomacy (((R) Games Research Inc.)), its variations and it's variants,.... to encourage a flexible interpretation of the rules of the game, and....to this end, the IDD assumes the administrative task of collecting, collating, and disseminating factual information which concerns the game, players, gamemasters, editors, almoners, publishers and magazines associated with postal diplomcay""

(from LA GUERRE Vol IV Issue 3 #6)

To this I (len Lakořka) believe that a common setx of laws for the prevention of unfairness to players should be adopted. Such basic freedoms appear in the INTERNATIONAL WARGAMER, "Diplomacy Forum" column which will be available in late June. (the IFW printing schedule is 3 months behind due to illness of his chief cook, bottlwasher and typist. In late June 3 seperate issues will appear plus 2 complete games.)

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Press release 1969 CK

Breuklyn: The speaker on the wall overhead crackled to life and a bellow issued forth. "Coming right away, Chief !" shouted Rod Perambulator in answer to the summons. Leaving his quarters in the sub-basement broom closet, Rod hurried to report to his beloved mentor and section head, John Bedpan, chief orderly at the Bronx home for the criminally insane physicists who in reality is leader of the ultra-secret cosmic Intelligence Patrol--upholders of Truth, Justice, and Order throughout the universe!

Entering the third floor restroom, Perambulator passed the rows of now silent stalls, going directly to the undbtusive door at the back marked "Maintaninance Engineers only"; and,after giving the special code knock, slipped through the portal. There framed by ordered ranks of pink cloud tissue, stood his superior. Cap in hand. Rod approached.

"What took you so long?!" snapped Bedpan. "Next time I tell you to come here RUN up those stairs. If it wasn't midnight I'd be a dozen ducks behind due to your dwaddling! Remember, even though we are upholders of goodness and freedom in the Galaxy, fighting a continuing struggle against alien forces of oppression, there is still a front to maintain here at the Home! Now look at this."

Noting the frown furrowing his chief's noble brow Rod game more than his usual keen attention to the object now handed to him. "This is strange looking paper, John. Where did you get it?"

"It was fired through the wall by a pressor beam mounted on a space ship, don't get familiar with your betters, and never mind the paper, you idiot, read the message ON it!" abashed, Perambulator read!

MONGO: You foolish earthlings have gone too far. It was bad enough when you failed to build the fleet our Austrian Allies ordered, worse still when you omitted 'flash' in printing our last warnign, but your doom has been sealed w'at you question our title. I Ming the terribly Merciless, shall have you thrown to the Tretickoid!"

"Wow!" expostulated Rod, "I'll put away those cool herniated press releases about Duke Nosebush that I compose in my spare time down there in the sub-basement broom closet and blast off for the

your move for you he can screw it up. i.e. a tyr-ven(s) by a tri is the obvious move, but alas.....

builds: Italy: home + tun, even; Aust hoem, gre, ser even unless a bul not ordered in retreat then build one; France; home, spa, port, bel build one ???(note german spring raid does not capture bel), Germany; home, hol, den, even; England; home, nwy, even; Turkey home, buleven Russia home, swe, rum even submit buiids and removals with sp'03

PR: BERNE:- Prominent Swiss leaders have expressed concern over the growing power of the reactionary Russo-Austrian alliance. One was quoted as follows:"The assembly is considering a proposal to call a congress of European powers to deal with this threat. Normally we do not interfere in other affairs, but never have we faced a menace of such magnitude."

Paris: "PEACE?!"

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bronto # 1, 1969 BX, spring 1904

England; Winter; F PORT-MAO, F BRE-H, F NWY-SKAG, A SWE-DEN, F ENG (S) FRE A BEL, F TH (S) A LON-HOL, A LON-HOL

Russia, L'Heureux; A SER-TRI, A GAL-VIE WITH A BUD, F RUM-H, A NOS-SPT, F BOTH-BAL, A WAR-SIL.

France, Tulp: a gas-par, f mar and a ven hold, A BEL (h0 /d/r(pic)

Turkey, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Schleicher: A GRE-H, A ALB (S) RUS A SER-TRI, F ION-TYR, F AEG-ION, F SMY-AEG

Italy civil disorder, f lyon, a pied a rom all hold

Austria civil disorder, a tri + a boh /u/h/d/a

Germany, Ver Ploeg: A PAR (H), A TYR (S) A SIL-BOH, A BURG(S) F HOL-BEL WITH A RUHR,

.....DEADLINE JULY 15, 1970.....

LD # 5, 1969 BK, spring 1906

France L'Heureux: f lyon-pied d/and/a, a gas (s) a spa-mar, A DEIN-YORK, F YORK-LON, f port-spa, f bre-mao, A PAR-BURG

Italy; O'Hara, NMR, NSO, NPU: A BUD-GAL, A GAL-EOH, a tyr-pied, a mar (s) F mao - gas, F WES (S) F TYR_LYON, A PIED-TUS.

Russia; Cleaver: A NOS MS A WAR.

Turkey Katzive SOU?NSO: F BLA (C) A ANK-RUM, A SEV (S) A RUM-UMR F BUL E.C.(S) A ANK-RUM, A SER (H), F AEG (C) A CON-GRE,

Germany; Boles: A BER-PRUS, A MUN-SIL, A STP (H), F DEN-NTH, F SWE-BOTH, F BAL-LIVON, A KIEL-MUN.

Berlin: June 13; In a press convereence today the Kaiser was heard to remark, "It seems that we have a yo yo on our southern border."

Atthe same conference the Kaiser commented onthe Russian situatuon: "The Turk was right about our intentions in Russia; we will nake every effort to be out of there as quickly as possible. I think he might have misrnterpreted one thing though; the direction by which we will leave...."

Confidentiaa message to the Turk: "It seems that the camel spray you were referring to has taken effect on someone else. Will the tale of the camel and tha arab be relived on Turkish soil? Think about it.....!"

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From Read Boles:"by the way Len, we could do without your editorials.
from Phil Grant:"good editorial last issue."

Oh well at least two people read the bloody things--too bad Red Bowels (oops Read Boles) can make no more germate comment about what he evidently does not agree with. At least he isn't a member o f the silent majority, maybe he will follow in his idol's footsteps. that is, of course, SPIRO AGNEW boy Vice President.

ID #3

1969 AZ

"Winter 1905"

Germany (Locke): Builds A Bar (8).

England (Lakofka): Builds A Lon (8).

Turkey (Tulp): Builds A Con, A Ank, F Smy (8).

Austria-Hungary (Nyderek): No change (3).

Italy (CD): (4).

Russia (CD): (1).

France (CD): (0).

"Spring 1906" moves are due at 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Ill. 60015, on 6 July 1970. This earlier than other ID deadlines only because the GM will be out of the country on 15 July. If this is too short a time limit, please let me know before 6 July, so I can lengthen the deadline for all players.

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ID #7 is still open. So far only 3 persons have entered--Ken Counselman, Thomas Cleaver, and Nicholas Maffeo.

For further information, write Christopher Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Illinois 60015.

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The following is a letter I received from Scott duncan. It is addressed to me although it is an answer to an editorial written by Len. (I might as well add here that all editorials are written by Len unless my name appears on them.)

"That four students should die, shot to death by our own National Guard, is simply one of the more obviously appalling evidences of the state into which our nation and the world have fallen. It is correct to caution against making these four the chosen martyrs of the cause of peace for has anyone thought to martyr six black youths recently killed in our nation? For white youth to be shot down on our campuses, we stand aghast, yet blacks (and whites) having been dying for years in our nation under far less tense circumstances. Where were we then? What have we done in reaction to this? The world has become so accustomed to death by violence that we can accept almost anything, short of allowing white boys and girls to die on a college campus.

"The killers (they are that if nothing else) are very definitely "humans just like the students that stood before them" and just like everyone in the entire world. However, power and weaponry put just a bit larger burden on us which does not excuse anyone for being "human". Power and weaponry simply serve to illustrate the extent to which unconscious anxiety, hatred, frustration, and lack of internal peace, self-knowledge have grown. A rubber ball thrown against a building makes

a 'thud'; a rock makes a chip in the brick; a bullet knocks off yet a larger chunk; a homemade bomb may blow a hole through it; a larger explosion may collapse the whole wall; a modern weapon may destroy the entire structure as a small part of its destruction of blocks of structures. Can the impulse behind the initial 'throw' not be the same in all of these cases? You may defend the 'higher' weapons by noting that few have the power to use such weapons and that they are guarded by a very extensive system of safeguards, etc., and controlled by groups of carefully elected/appointed people.

If five men agree that one man they all hate be killed and they all carry out the murder, is it justified simply because it was a 'group decision'? Is it the kind of destruction or killing which justifies destruction and killing? In war we kill our enemies because they are trying to kill us -- 'murder' is killing a person who is not your enemy according to the rule of the majority as expressed by law. You may hate your neighbor who has stolen your wife, cheated you out of much money, and lied about you but you may not kill him for he is not your enemy (you must go to court); but you may willfully kill a Vietcong soldier whom you have never seen before (and may not even see until you go over to inspect his mutilated, bullet-ridden body), for he is your enemy and the government has said so.

Is this all too simplistic? Truth is VERY direct and simple as it is simply the confused mentality of mankind which supposes that complexity represents truth. And truth is not something we can legislate through majority rule. Truth may be absolute but it is attainable only by the individual soul; a miracle or a revelation is a miracle or a revelation only to those who believe in it or experience it; so it is with truth. We can easily refuse to accept $2 + 2 = 4$; we can insist that red is green--we are then considered fools as the majority has accepted these facts to be truth. But it is NOT simply that the majority has passed judgement that these facts be true. We should (must) accept them because they bring much good into our lives which we would lose were we to deny them. That is a more adequate criterion for truth: does its acceptance bring more good into the world (even if it is not necessarily good for the lone individual)?

The problem in the world which 'education' has been held up as a solution for is very simply that individuals have surrendered their duty to make judgements to groups who make them for them. Simple moral integrity has been lost. People have become 'afraid' to make moral judgements OF ANY KIND even when they affect their own personal lives! That a body of men located in a nation's capitol (or a lone individual entrusted with the leadership of that nation) make a decision does NOT validate the decision on moral grounds any more than fifteen Nazi leaders agreeing on the extermination of an ethnic group validates it. THEY were wrong--we say--because we do not accept their moral standpoint. It is a simple matter to take no standpoint whatsoever OR so we think. However, it is far more dangerous to accustom oneself to abstaining from making judgements since it does two things: weakens our ability to make such decisions when we may be forced to do so AND contributes to a collective attitude of non-involvement which simply breeds more and more moral disintegration as fewer and fewer people take the initiative to work for 'education'.

And 'education' is a noble word in our day and age, is it not? The USA is the most over-educated nation in the world for it has educated itself to the point where people no longer feel the need to be educated! We are now at a point of scientific development where specialization leaves each man hopelessly dependant on each other and yet curiously inconsiderate of how one another are doing everyday until a clash comes about. Then we wonder what has gone wrong and insist it is a lack of communication, etc. We are right and it is sad since we live in an age where everyone has more knowledge available to him than any 10 men a century ago! We are uneducated simply because we are over-educated; we are numb to the world around us simply because we have been bombarded from our very birth by the details

of that world in a never-ending stream. We are satiated by the world and it is time to simplify our lives and to understand what we, as "humans", are all about.

We have to learn to 'know' one another as effectively as we have come to know the world around us. We have to educate ourselves on a spiritual level to the intensity which we have done on the material level--for the two are NOT antagonistic. Truth is NOT really relative. If science can show that the world and universe were not created in six twenty-four hour days, then we are blind to accept a spiritual education which says otherwise; yet we are equally as blind to refuse to accept the possibility of things existing which our science simply does not comprehend because of this lack of comprehension. Science cannot solve our problems of learning to live together as one people--it can, of course, provide us with an infinite number of ways to isolate ourselves from one another, making learning to live together useless UNTIL we are faced with the absolute necessity to deal with each other on a one-to-one level. By then it is too late as we are powerless to do so even though science has made it physically possible to do so through communications systems so vast that it would make people of a mere half-century ago speechless. But if we are incapable of communicating to even our friends out of fear for our own 'security', then what hope have we. Why have issues like sex, racial prejudice, religion, etc., divided us for so long? The fear that there is a mass standard to which we must adhere, else be considered 'strange', is one answer. If we really allow ourselves to be understood by one another, there is little we can afford to hide from one another--privacy is one of this nation's most treasured possessions.

And so we come back to Kent State where guns and rocks separated people who hadn't the slightest idea what one another were really like except that they wore the 'uniforms' of the 'enemy'. What would any of us be like in a trench, facing a man who had as his goal your destruction? War puts us in the unavoidable position of killing unless we do one of two things: run or allow ourselves to be killed without opposition to the enemy. It is the decision of either a coward or a fool no matter which you take; that is the decision of our nation.

But it is not the decision of a group which will change the world. It is the ACTION of a group made up of individuals who have, one-by-one, made a decision to work together. The problem with the world is us and no one else. I am a CO not only because I have philosophical (and as a Baha'i, religious) opposition to war but also because I have become aware of the tremendous potential for destruction in frustrated, dissatisfied people who take the easy way out by resigning themselves to a group decision. I emphasize 'resigning' as they are not often conscious acceptors of the moral decision which they carry out. They are uncommitted people who allow themselves to follow the flow of social pattern because they haven't the strength to resist it. Are they 'evil', 'pigs', etc? Of course, this is a happy habit of the world today: to label people, making it easy to categorize and hence superficially understand and 'put away' people. Our education has brought us to the state where we are much like psychology in that it knows what aberrations are 'sick' but cannot define the 'normal'. We know what is wrong when we see it demonstrated in extremes before us but fail to recognize the subtleties of it in early stages or distinguish between the 'sick' and the 'different'.

Education is what we need but it will have to come from many more sources than the schools since they are, by their very nature, dedicated to the academic/material development of youth. They cannot, and must not, make moral judgements for people. They could be made more efficient dispensers of the means for preparing people to make decisions for themselves--this might result in a 'regression' of factual abracadabra on standardized tests, etc. But it just might bring us all into closer, more direct and meaningful contact with one another if we recognize that our only goal in ALL areas of life is to have one another understand what we

are and represent rather than simply accept it on face value for the expediant fulfilling of our desires.

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THANK YOU!