

REASONS DANGEROUSES

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From left to right: His impotence Omar II (alias G. Gyax) J. Bobek resident artist, (foreground) Envoy Pill Prithurd, Czar Ale Kat (alias Chuck Pearson) The Comptess de caquet, Pope Pussell Rowell, Herr Paul Cote, and the Duc de Canard (alias L. Lakofka)

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Liasons Dangereuses is a journal of postal Diplomacy published for the International Federation of Wargaming's Diplomacy Society by Lenard Lakofka 1806 N. Richmond St. Chicago, Illinois 60647 (odd numbered issues only--no reflection on Len) and Bill Hoyer 4658 N. Spaulding St. Chicago, Illinois 60625 (even numbered issues only). Game fees for LD are \$ 2.25 for the first game, and \$1.25 per game while the first is in progress for IFW members. \$2.50 and \$1.50 for subscribers to Pandem--onium Publications, and \$ 3.00 and \$2.00 to all others.

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INTRODUCTION TO BASIC DIPLOMACY:

As a special this month LD is being included with the IFW MONTHLY as the contribution of the Dippy Society. Since many of you are not familiar with Diplomacy a brief summary of the rules and concepts of play will be given.

The game is played on a map of Europe (circa 1900) that is divided into the seven major powers of Europe plus a series of lesser countries. Within the borders of the major countries and minor countries are "supply points" places where provisions sufficient to support one army or one fleet can be secured. 34 such supply centers are located on the playing board. Each major power begins with 3 supply points (except Russia which has 4) and 3 playing pieces (armies or fleets) that can be supplied by these supply centers. The object of the game is to control 18 of these supply points and thus control over $\frac{1}{2}$ of Europe. Since no one power is sufficiently strong to perform this task alone, alliances must be made for intercooperation between two or more powers against one or more others. This is where the Diplomacy comes in. You can promise an ally or enemy anything you wish, and you can announce your intentions via press releases to all of the players. However, you are not obligated to move according to these plans. Thus you can say you will aid one ally in capturing a supply center but in fact do just the opposite and help someone else. The trick is to stab one or two people early but still stay strong enough yourself so that you will be the eventual winner.

Within this 'zine you will find the moves and press releases from 2 games of play by mail Diplomacy. As you will note you can say anything but your moves may be complete contradictions. We hope this 'zine will stimulate your interest enough to either subscribe to one or more of the 'zines advertised herein, to join in a game yourself, to play in a live game at Lake Geneva or Chicago, or just to buy a game for yourself. Diplomacy, and variants, can supply endless chances for fun and the wonderful opportunity to poke the finger of fun at just about anybody.

House rules for games in LIASONS DANGEREUSES (installment # 1)

A. All players will be asked to submit General orders for his game(s). The player will list, as a minimum, (a) allies, (b) enemies, and (c) policy objectives. The player should submit them in a sealed envelope to the game master for his game. In the event a player misses a move deadline the sealed orders will be opened and a neutral player, appointed by the gamemaster will move the pieces according to these general orders. General orders once used must be submitted again. Players may add information over and above the the three minimum requirements above.

B. Retreats: If a unit is dislodged during a turn the Gamemaster will retreat the unit unless the player has submitted written retreat options. These options must be submitted with the Spring and Fall moves. Thus a player must look ahead to what might happen in the way of moves. Too much time is consumed by asking for retreats by separate post. Also retreats given with the next move are unfair to all players.

C. Builds: Winter builds are to be submitted with the Fall move. Players may place stipulations on builds. e.g. if Germany gets 2 he builds F Kiel and Army Berlin. He may state that if Silesia is invaded he will take Armies Berlin and Munich or if he gets one build because Berlin fell then A Munich, if one build because Holland fell then A Kiel. In like manner removal options must also be given. If no such options are given the Gamemaster will remove excess fleets and armies. Build stipulations may be given to the Gamemaster in the sealed orders.

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LIASONS DANGEREUSES GAME # 2 FALL 1901

Press releases:

BERLIN-April 1, 1901 (DAMN)

A copy of this was given to our Berlin office today: OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE To the ruler of the Austro-Hungarian Empire: Watch your step, my Transylvanian friend, or you'll have a stake aimed at your heart from the north, as well as the south. A Wampyr should heed this warning!

Yours to the Death von Bülow

MUNICH March 22, 1901 (HELL)

The survivors of the recent exploratory advance on the western border have returned with horrifying reports of a new form of chemical warfare used by the French forces. A statement by General Otto von Schiesen commanding officer of the troops read: " We had little organized opposition until French units consisting of 25,000 obese gourmands waddled up to the front lines, turned around, dropped their pants, and simultaneously ~~lashed~~ ((censored)). Our losses were excessive, and my remaining troops were forced to retreat in the face of repeated attacks of this infernal nature." The Chancellory has issued a statement that this use of such an indidious weapon shall be protested before the nations of th world as a clear violation of the Geneva Convention's rules of war!

PARIS June 8, 1901)

The President of the Republic of France: "Yesterday, June 7, 1901, a date which will live in infamy, the Republic of France was suddenly and deliberately attacked by armed forces of the Empire of Germany. The attack of Burgundy has caused severe damage to French military forces. I regret to tell you that many French lives have been lost. With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God!"

ANKARA, TURKEY October 5, 1901 (AFP)

Sultan Onar Hamid II declared a price on the head of the Austrian-Hungarian ruler, either dead or alive (preferably the former) of 400,00 Drachnids (about 37% American). The Sultan said that the perfidious ruler of Austria was the most dangerous person alive today in Europe. This beast must be stopped before all of Europe is devoured to keep the atrocities alive.

BUDAPEST AND VIENNA((as reported by a Turkish fruitsalesman))9/15/01

The Emperor by radio today declared war on Italy. Austrain-Hungarian troops are expected to cross the border shortly. The Eyetie is attempting to double cross our freedom loving peoples. The Italian Campaign is expected to take less than 6 months to complete. Meanwhile small forces will keep watch on the German borders to prevent any violations by the Tuetonics against Austra-Hungary.

((Gamemaster: Press releases from other than a players home country may be submitted but they will be so marked as to point of origin.))

Moves Fall 1901: Upper case succeed, lower case fail

FLEET NORWEGIAN to NORWAY, FLEET NORTH SEA C A EDINBURGH to BELGIUM.
((It is not necessary to now state A Edin to Belgium))

FRANCE: F MID ATL to PORT., A MAR to SPAIN, A Burg to MUNICH,
 TURKEY: A SMY to ANK, F Con. to AEG, and A BUL HOLDS
 AUSTRIA: A Ser. S Turkish A Bul to Rum., F ALB to GREECE, A TYR S
 FRENCH A BUR to MUNICH
 ITALY: A VEN to TRIESTE, A PIED to MARSEILLES, & F IONIAN SEA to TUNIS
 RUSSIA: A SEV to RUM, A UKR S A SEV to RUM, F BLA S A SEV to RUM,
 F GULF of BOTH to SWEDEN.
 GERMANY: F KEIL TO DENMARK, A HOL HOLDS, A Munich to Burg--dislodged.

 BUILDS LD # 2 Winter 1901 Centers underlined count toward a build
 FRANCE, JAMESON, PAR, BREST, MUNICH, PORT, SPAIN 2 builds
 GERMANY, NYDEREK, BERLIN, KIEL, HOLLNAD, DENMARK 1 build
 AUSTRIA, FERRIS, VIENNA, BUDAPEST, SERB, GREECE 1 build
 ITALY, McDUFFIE, VENICE, ROME, NAPLES, TUNIS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE 3 b
 TURKEY, HOYER, ANK, SMY, CONST, BULGARIA 1 build
 RUSSIA, PATTON, WAR, MOS, StPET, SEV, RUMANIA, SWEDEN 2 builds
 ENGLAND, DUNCAN, LON, EDIN, LIVER, BELG, NORWAY 2 builds (12)
 Builds: ENGLAND A Brest A Par, GERMANY: A Berlin (A Mun dislodge to Ruh
 ITALY: A Ven. F Rome, F Nap, TURKEY: F Const, RUSSIA F Sev F St.Pet
 (north C) ENGLAND: F Lon, F Liv. AUSTRIA: A Vienna (12) 12=12
 Spring moves due to Lenard Lakofka on July 19, 6 P.M. CDT.

 LIASONS DANGEREUSES GAME # 3

GERMANY RICHARD LOCKE 2232 Wesley Ave. Evanston Ill. 60201
 RUSSIA MIKE CONLON 245 Glengariff Rd. Masepequa Pk. N.Y. 11762
 TURKEY RUSSELL TULP 433 Parkside Ave. Buffalo, N.Y. 14216
 ITALY JIM HAHNENBERG 413 Adams Dr. Midland Mich. 48640
 ENGLAND LENARD LAKOFKA 1806 N. Richmond St. Chicago Ill. 60647
 AUSTRIA BILL McDUFFIE Clarkson Coll. of Tech. Brooks House Box380
 Potsdam N.Y 13676

FRANCE LEWIS MENYHERT 30-53 88th. St. Jackson Hgts. N.Y. 11369
 GAMEMASTER Bill Hoyer 4658 N. Spaulding Chicago Ill. 60625.
 fees for game 3 \$ 1.50. This is a special rate for games 1,2 and 3 ONLY
 All those who have not yet paid please do so soon. Those in games one,
 two and three who have paid only \$1.00 will be allowed to continue for
 this fee but no press releases can be printed. We are sorry for this
 50¢ raise at this time but \$1.00 will put us too far in the red.
 Press releases: Keep it to no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ a page if you can, however...
 Spring 1901 moves will be due to Bill Hoyer on July 19, 1969 6 P.M CDT.
 Be sure to submit GENERAL ORDERS after Fall 1901 move.

 "A POEM TO ME MUDDER"

WHEN ME PRAYERS WERE POORLY SAID
 WHO TUCKED ME IN ME WIDDLE BED,
 AND SPANKED ME TILL ME ASS WAS RED?
 ME MUDDER

WHO TOOK ME FROM ME COZY COT,
 AND PUT ME OM ME ICE COLD POT,
 AND MADE ME PEE IF I COULD NOT?
 ME MUDDER

AND WHEN THE MORNING LIGHT WOULD COME
 AND IN ME CRIB ME DRIBBLE SOME,
 WHO WIPE ME TINY WIDDLE BUN?
 ME MUDDER

Me MUDDER cont.

WHO WOULD ME HAIR SO GENTLY PART,
AND HUG ME GENTLY TO HER HEART,
AND SOMETIMES SQUEEZE ME TILL ME FART?
ME MUDDER

WHO LOOKED AT ME WITH EYEBROWS KNIT,
AND NEARLY HAD A KING SIZE FIT
WHEN IN MY SUNDAY PANTS ME SHIT?
ME MUDDER

WHEN AT NIGHT THE BED DID SQUEAK,
ME RAISED ME HEAD TO HAVE A PEEK,
WHO YELLED AT ME TO GO TO SLEEP?
ME FADDER.

IFW DIPLOMACY SOCIETY

Currently the Society has three inter-IFW publications, LIASONS DANGEREUSES, THANGORODRIM, AND VERBAL CHAOS LIMITED. All three are available for the same rates; for IFW members \$2.25, for subscribers to PANDEMONIUM PUBLICATIONS \$2.50 and all others \$3.00. In addition Rod Walker has just joined IFW and offered us a discount on his publications, see ad on back page for PANDEMONIUM AND VCL AND THE VOICE.

LIASONS DANGEREUSES will only accept subscriptions for the next few months until games 2 and 3 in VCL are filled, so if you wish to play in a game write Bill Mc Duffie. For the Subscription price of \$2.25 you will receive 20 issues of LD.

For details on this society write Len Lakofka, 1806 N. Richmond St. Chicago, Ill. 60647 or call 312, 342,6857 after 8:00 P.M.

LIVE DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT!!!!

Two Diplomacy tournaments will be held this Summer and fall. On August 23 & 24 at LAKE GENEVA at the annual GENEVA convention and on October 11, at UICC at the MIDWEST GAMES convention. Each match will charge an entry fee of .25¢. The tournament will involve 7 simultaneous games and the winners of each game will compete in a playoff for the grand prize. In Lake Geneva tournament will be held on two days, day one for the preliminary games and Sunday for the playoff. The prize will be an engraved trophy of the tournament. The Chicago convention will be a one day tournament with the winners of the 7 individual games being given a free subscription and play off game in LIASONS DANGEREUSES with a grand prize to be announced.

If you wish to reserve a place in the tournament(s) let us know now! Entrance to the conventions for IFW members is free for non-IFW members \$1.00/day at the door .75¢ preregistered. There are 43 places in the Geneva open and 45 in Chicago--but write now!

Side games for novices who do not wish to enter the tournament will be open. No fee will be charged.

For Lake Geneva Convention write Bill Hoyer and for the Midwest Games Convention write Lenard Lakofka. Addresses on page 2.

NO MATTER HOW HIGH
OR GREAT THE THRONE,
WHAT SITS ON IT
IS THE SAME AS YOUR OWN.

LIASONS DANGEREUSES game # 1:

Press releases:

VIENNA, March 25, 1902:

Three Turkish spitwad throwers were awarded the Imperial Medal of Honor for their brave actions at the Battle of the French Embassy in which they drove away three tyrannosaurus rex which the Russians had mistakenly dropped there instead of on the Imperial Palace.

TOKYO April 1, 1902

After taking full advantage of their capture of the Czar's harem in Vladivostok, the Japanese army is again on the move; just where we don't know, because after leaving with all their booty they were never seen again.

VIENNA, April 18

Today Emperor Franz Joseph made a declaration of war on Turkey. Asked for his reasons for this he said, "I just thought it would be nice to have a little all-out war to break the boredom."

MOSCOW, May 9,

An attempt was made on the Czar's life yesterday. The attempt to poison him failed, unfortunately, when his head chef decided that the dog food had been burnt and threw it out. The Czar made this comment: "Next time I'm going to eat it straight from the can."

CONSTANTINOPLE March 29

Sultan Onar II is baffled at the ineptness of his military commanders. In spite of urgent orders for an advance, for some reason not one unit of the Turkish armed forces moved from their positions in the fall of last year. An investigation is currently underway.

LONDON

The English ambassador to Austria has been recalled to face charges of incorrect tea-time maneuvers. A replacement has already arrived.

FESTING, Wales

During a skirmish last night between the English and French fleets off the coast of Wales, the Serbian participants in the Third Balkan War found that a 9.4 inch shell had destroyed their ammo dumps. After being assured by the English that "our ships don't use shells of such cockeyed sizes", the Serbians declared war on France and sent their lone submarine (then at Gibraltar) to "hunt the frogs down".

LONDON

Current odds France 3:1, Germany 7:1, Italy 8:1, Austria 7:1, Russia 4:1 and Turkey 9:2

BCOMBAY INDIA March 23, 1902

Guru Georgee Fillies played sage today to a visiting envoy from Turkey. After 3 hours of meditation (through which the turk snored) the envoy departed renewed and refreshed. When asked later what the Guru had told him the Gygaxian replied "He spoke in a soft low voice about times to come 'When the weather beaten sands have expired their languid tomorrows, when the nightengale and hawk shall feast upon the noongoose then and only then shall the sacred dove light upon the shoulder of the temple goddess!'" When asked what this meant Gygax replied: "It proved to me truly that all the coo coos are not in clocks."

PARIS FRANCE April 1, 1902

The Comptess de caquet began another grand ball last night. The comptess used her sunner chatcau, the one with the red light in the window. In attendance were Herr Cote, Ambassadeur Rosmenko, Pope Pussell Rowell, His impotence Sultan Onar II and American Envoy Pill Prithurd. Other notables could not attend (The wop and Johnny Bull were watching the neo-Balkan wars somewhere in Wales?!) The evening was spent with the notables "taking turns" with the comptess and the Pope--not wanting to be left out--had set up a pay confessional in a corner of the roon.

At this point our reporter was spirited away by two French policemen so the full details of the ball will have to be reported sometime this summer--when the party ends.

PORTUGAL May 17, 1902

Throngs of screaming peasants crowded the streets today to greet the victorious French Army from Spain. Most overjoyed by the event were a group of Portugese goatherds who thanked the French for driving away the Spanish border guards. When the soldiers requested their daughter's company for the evening, however, the goatherds had to admit they had run off with the Spanish soldiers. When the French now asked where the herds were the kindly old men ran off screaming "not again, Oh No, not again!"

MARSEILLES, June 2, 1902

Guru Georgee Filies, with a trusted entourage of eunuchs arrived today and was greeted by the duc de Canard. The duc commented later for reporters: "Yes the Guru reminded me of my long sojourns in India, for he smelled exactly the Ganges."

Brest, France June 9, 1902

The French government launched 3 new fleet class battleships today in a joyous ceremony. The Battleships Poher, Pompidou and deGaulle were christened by Madam Nokéne.

Somewhere in the Mid Atlantic June 17, 1902

The Battleship Charles deGalle sank today under a vale of mystery. Those on board blame the senility of her captain coupled with her lookouts who seemed to have their eyes trained on the captain.

Straits of Gibraltar June 18, 1902

The Battleship Alan Poher went down in flames today when she developed engine trouble. Even though she made frantic calls for help she could not obtain assistance from her escort vessel the Jacques Duclos. Now alone in the Mediterrain the Jean Pompidou seems to be wandering in vague courses. Speculations as to her first port of call is constantly mounting.

SPARTA, GREECE June 23, 1902

The infamous rebel group the Orange Lynx (the name Black Panther was already taken) is still being sought in Greece after a series of raids on the Austrian Headquarters (a bi-level pig sty). The rebel group was founded in late 1900 when Pussell Rowell first assumed the Papacy. Now the Austrian Secret Service (Franz Joseph and a group of Leichenstein-mercenarys) are seeking the Honorable Orange Lynx Entente (the leaders of the rebel group) as they are a threat to the Austrian Occupation forces. Franz has said "If the A.S.S. can't find the H.O.L.E. soon, the entire Austrian effort in Greece may become constipated."

BERN, Switzerland 12 Feb. 1902 (HP) Military experts and neutral diplomatic observers here have expressed amazement over Italy's recent fleet operations into what is normally considered to be a turkish region of the Mediterranean. Not only did the Italian attempt at entering the Aegean Sea jeopardize their position in North Africa, but it is certain to bring about a strong reaction from the Turks. Experts concur that the Kingdom of Italy is not presently in a position to wage active war with any nation. Further developments in the eastern section of the Mediterranean are awaited with keen interest, for their progress could well effect the entire world.

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM, JOIN 'EM

PARIS, France (FFP) Former French Ambassador to England Pierre Phidious Albion thus expressed the attitude popular in France today. Albion announced new, closer ties with Germany, and stated: "After France and her ally Germany have crushed the upstart British we will devour either Russia, Austria-Hungary or Italy next--or perhaps all three of them at once! In any event we are reserving Turkey for the last,

as we want to slowly dismember that bird....bit by bit! As our Teutonic neighbors have said, 'Gott nit uns!', and that being the case who can stand against us?" Such an expression is typical of the élan of the French.

BUDA und PEST (on der Danube yet): The entire city is decked out in holiday regalia for the Imperial Strudle Eating Contest. Each year millions of normally starving Austrian, Hungarian, and other motley nationals who form the bulk of the population flock to this city. Here these starved peasants are treated to all the pastry they can eat thanks to the kindly Franz Josef. Fans of this national sport will recall that last year's winner, Sigfried Stuffer, attempted to stand when the Austrian Emperor came to present him with his award; losing his footing, Stuffer rolled down the river bank and into the Danube, never to be seen again. Franz Joseph has named him a national hero and called upon Pope Pussell Rowell to cannonize Stuffer as the parton saint of Austria Hungary.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY (AP) Researchers here have run up against a blank wall in their attempts to discover new hallucinogenic drugs according to University Professor Timmey Queerie: "However, we haven't given up hope!" Queerie said. "Kaiser Willie, a long-time juice freak and all around head, has been getting righteously stoned lately on a new high--that's how he's managed to rise above his usual mediocracy in press releases," observed the Professor. Queerie plans to accompany a team of Harvard experts leaving for Berlin immediately so that they too can turn on, tune in, and drop out like His Teutonic Majesty.

MUNICH, GERMANY March 13, 1902. This city is still trying to recover from the effects of the annual Oktoberfest when the populace drinks even more than their usual unbelievable consumption of beer and schnaps. During this autumnal orgy Germany industry booms as sales of knockwurst, bratwurst, blutwurst, beer, kraut, and high-speed fans are at a peak.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA April 26, 1902 (AP) Famed Austrian moralist Sigmund Prude expressed his admiration of Italy's firm stand in behalf of Emperor Franz Joseph during a press conference held today. At the same time Prude condemned smutty press releases being issued by the news services of other world powers. Specifically cited were France, Germany, Turkey, and Austra-Hungary itself! Prude stated: "Certainly Vienna is gay, but let's not advertise it to the world for goodness sake!" He further criticized the Kaiser for his remarks about the Turkish sovereign: "My sakes!", expostulated Prude, "How can the old boozer knock someone else's bag when he gets in one every nite? Willie ends up under der table instead of under der Linden." (Johnson)???

XANADU, TURKEY 3 June, 1902 (Tpi0 His Ominous Omnipotence, Omar II, Sultan of Turkey and Claiph of Bagdad, was host to a meeting of Afro-Asian chiefs of state today at the Pleasure Dome. Among those in attendance were the Shah of Persia and the Emperess of China. The guest of honor was His Imperial Russian Majesty Czar Ale Kat. The assembled dignitaries heard Sultan Omar orate on, "The White Peril-- Growing Menace from the West!" His Omnipotence pointed out that Western Capitalists and Imperialists threaten to control the entire world soon if Afro-Asian nations fail to meet them with a united front.

CONSTANTINOPLE, TURKEY 21 June, 1902 Sultan Omar II, smiling benignly to the thousands of loyal subjects packing the square, announced that the long enmity between Turkey and Russia had been brought to an end thanks to his effort. "We have signed a non-aggression pact with our friend the Czar. Now at long last Turkey is free to cooperate with her allies in ridding the world of the curse of Frenchness!"

LIASONS DANGEREUSES GAME # 1 SPRING 1902 MOVES

Moves all in caps succeed--all in lower case fail

TURKEY: a bul s rus f rum dislodged and destroyed, F CON TO AEG.,
Gygax S SMY HOLDS, F ANK TO CONST.

FRANCE F MAR TO SPAIN (S.C.), F IRISH TO WALES, f bre to eng ch.,
Lakofka A BEL S A HOL, A SPA TO PORT.

GERMANY: A BER HOLDS, F KEIL TO HELG B., F DEN S F KEIL TO HELG B.,
Cote A HOLL HOLDS, A RUHR TO KEIL

ITALY A APU TO TUNIS CONVOYED BY F IONIAN SEA, A VEN HOLDS
Murray

AUSTRIA: F GRE TO BULG, A SER S F GRE TO BUL (S.C.) ((S.C. was written
School- on both orders)) a bud to rum, a vienna to gal, a trie
field to vienna

ENGLAND: F LIVER TO IRISH, f north sea to eng ch, f norweg to baren,
Pulsipher a nor to st per.

RUSSIA: f st peter (N.C.) to baren, a mos to st peter, F SWE HOLDS,
Pearson A UKR S GAL, a gal s rum, f rum s bulg.

I cannot remind each player too much that orders must be exact! Failure
to write A or F before a move negates the move. Double coasted proven-
ces must be specified. Support and covoy orders must be written co-
rrectly. I shall accept F North Sea C A York to Belgium as a complete
order for both pieces. Orders like F St. Peter to Nor or Bulg
supports Rumania are not complete (missing (N.C.) and missing both
piece distinctions.)

Schedule for next LIASONS DANGEREUSES:

Game 1 and 3 are due on July 19 6 P.M. CDT. Players in game one should
specify builds with options. Game 2 is due on July 19 6 P.M. CDT.
Games 1 & 3 to Bill Hoyer Game 2 to Lenard Lakofka.

Note the following; Rules on builds and retreats are not absolute!
We are trying to speed up play, if however there are complaints about
builds we shall attempt to have all 3 games coordinated as to spring
and fall moves. Then when builds are due all will be submitted at once
and returned by special post to all players. Then the three week
Diplomacy period will begin.

For those of you have never played postal diplomacy before. Game
extensions can be arranged if extenuating circumstances arrise. Be
sure to always inform us of address changes. For those playing on
summer vacation be sure to specify arrival and departure dates from
your summer address. All mail to some one at a summer address should
be marked HOLD UNTIL ARRIVAL or forward if guest has left. Hotels
have a penson for goofing things up!

The Nazi--who we did abhor
is now gemutlichkieter,
for when he isn't making war
NO ONE can be politer

He woos Miss Liber ty with zeal
he bows with grace and rigor
to kiss the hand and click
the heel
before he clicks the trigger.

IFW DIPLOMACY JOURNALS:

THANGORODRIM

THANGORODRIM is a journal of Diplomacy variants. Having just recently opened, no games are in progress as yet, but sections of the following established variants are offered:

INDIANOMACY: plots the major Indian nations of North America against one another in 1600. The players are ILLINOIS, BLACK-FOOT, CADDO, DAKOTA, IRCQUOIS, SHOSHONI, MUSKHOGEAN and APACHE. Each nation is subdivided into tribes which are the player's War Parties (ie. Armies). The building of Canoe Fleets allows for transportation over water.

SCOTTOMACY: "The Game of the Clans!" The game begins in 1490, in Scotland, with 8 major clans: CAMPBELL, FRASER, GORDON, GRAHAM, KEITH, MACDONALD, MACLEOD, and STEWART, plus ENGLAND. The clans must unite and defeat England or fall one by one to the invaders from the south.

MORDOR VERSUS THE WORLD: Based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy masterpiece The Lord of The Rings, this variant involves five players: GONDOR, ROHAN, MORDOR, RHOVANION and ARNOR. The free nations of Middle Earth must unite against MORDOR, and keep the RING out of the hands of the Dark Lord, Sauron.

MIDDLE-EARTH DIPLOMACY IV: Another Tolkien Variant, this game involves: GONDOR, RHOVANION, ANGMAR, ARNOR, HARAD and MORDOR.

IF there is sufficient interest, another Tolkien variant, Brian Libby's THIRD AGE, will be played also.

At present, there are still many spots to fill before a game can begin: 6 more for INDIANOMACY, 6 more for SCOTTOMACY, 3 more for MVTW, and 6 more for M-E IV. Game Fees are as follows: IFW members: \$2.25 for your 1st game, \$1.25 for every game you join while the 1st game is still in progress; NFFF regular members: \$2.50/\$1.50; others: \$3/\$2. The rules to the above variants are available in 2 Rules issues: #0, containing MVTW and M-E IV, and #00, containing SCOTTOMACY and INDIANOMACY. Each issue is 50¢. The publisher/editor/would-be Gamesmaster is: Bill McDuffie/20 Gail Drive/Nyack, New York 10960.

Will the Dark Lord subjugate all Middle Earth? Will England conquer Scotland? Highlanders! Hobbits! Unite! Join a game!

VERBAL CHAOS LTD.

VERBAL CHAOS LTD. is a magazine of regular Postal Dippy published by Bill McDuffie/20 Gail Drive/Nyack, New York/ 10960, at approximately (tentatively) 2 weeks intervals or less. Only one game, 1968-BK, is in progress (Spring 1904). A second game has been opened, and there are still four countries to be filled. A third game will be opened immediately after this second one is filled. Game fees are as follows: for IFW members: \$2.25 for your first game, \$1.25 for every game you join while that first game is still in progress (this is approximately 2 years, almost, anyway); NFFF regular members: same--\$2.50/\$1.50; others: same--\$3/\$2. Most back issues are still available from the Gamesmaster. Both VCL and THANG are affiliated with the National Fantasy Fan Federation Games Bureau Diplomacy Division (reg games in VCL are played under its Permanent Rules). Membership is one dollar (regular member) per annum, and entitles the member to game discounts in the 20+ zines of the Division, plus receipt of the GAMESLETTER. For details, contact Donald Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Maryland, 20906.

PANDEMONIUM PUBLICATIONS

Founded in 1966, Pandemonium Publications is one of the world's largest printers and distributors of Diplomacy-related material. On 21 June 1969, Pandemonium's Editor-in-Chief became a member of the I.F.W. and his proliferating 'zines have joined the Diplomacy Society. What does this mean to you? It means, principally, that you can obtain some of the most complete coverage of the Postal Diplomacy world at reduced cost. For members in good standing of the I.F.W., game fees in Pandemonium 'zines are reduced by \$1; subscriptions are reduced by 5¢ an issue for any 'zine selling for more than 10¢ an issue.

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What are the Pandemonium Publications? Below is a list of them. The number after the name represents the issue currently in print. g/ indicates game fee and s/ indicates subscription fee. Fees and rates in parentheses apply to you-all in the IFW.

EREHWON (III, 10). g/\$6 (\$5); s/\$3/10 (\$2.50/10). No game openings at present, but will have two or three during 1970. Carries regular games only. In addition, EREHWON covers the PEM Dippy world. Each issue contains a complete bibliographic review of a defunct 'zine and a partial or complete review of the current PEM Dippy literature. Many issues contain discussions of various Diplomacy matters, particularly rules. Occasionally we have artwork, cartoons, and poetry (by Senile T. Quiverlimbs, Poet Laureate of the Celestial Kingdom of Poderkagg). A regular feature are The Chronicles of req-Lav. This ancient record of a lost civilization is recorded on a number of 14k gold-filled tablets, hidden away long ago by the prophet St. Lasagna and revealed to the translator by the angel Macaroni. The current section, The Book of Dyqq the Twice-Scorned, promises to last a long time (maybe even four years). We also list game openings in other 'zines and all sorts of other news and junk. Normal issues run to 20 pages or so. Issues back to III, 5 available.

LOMOKOME (8). g/\$5 (\$4); s/\$2.50/10 (\$2/10). No game openings at present. This 'zine carries a variant, Imperialism VII. This game eliminates Austria as a main power and uses boundaries as of 1937. Each player begins with 7 units on a vastly expanded mapboard. The rules are revised in other ways. Copies of the maps/rules are 25¢ for IFW members--please specify the three-color ditto edition or the black/white mimeo set. In addition, LOMOKOME covers the world of variant Diplomacy. The complete map/rules for at least one Dippy variant are printed in each issue. The latest issue contained two "alternate-world" variants and Aberration IV. The latter is a 9-man game (adding Spain and Sweden as powers) with all sorts of crazy rules, combat factors for units, tank corps, and whatnot. The first issue to print variant rules was #4. Issues back to #1 are available.

BLEFESCU (5). g/\$4 (\$3); s/\$1/10. Carries "Napoleonic" Diplomacy--a five-man game on the regular board. Italy and Germany are unplayed, but their units are on the board in civil disorder. The game is completely regular. Limited openings.

ZOTHIQUE (8). g/\$4 (\$3); s/\$1/10. Carries several games in the Aberration series of variants. Has openings for Aberration IV, described under LOMOKOME, above.

Other 'zines include ATLANTIS and UTOPIA, variant-game 'zines, no openings, s/\$1/10 each. Also GLOUE ARLOT and THE GORLITZ PENTACLE, two propagandazines for game 1967Uam in LOMOKOME. They sell for 15¢ per set of 2, each issue.

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