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news from within and without plus comment....

1. DIPLOCON V was a tremendous success! The 49 player Diplomacy
Tournament ran as scheduled and was won by Mr. Richard Ackerly. (The
record of that game will appear in EHREWON) ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II
did not fair as well, alas. A great deal of business and pleasure
were mixed together at this historic meeting at which players from
all over the country were joined to boost the hobby of postal Diplomacy.
A short list of players would include; Rod Walker, Larry Peery, Doug
Beyerlein, Edi Birsan, John Koning, John Smythe, John Beshara, Chris
Schleicher, Walt Buchanan, Steve Nozik, Steve Bell, John Boyer, Maj.
Elliot Lipson, Jeff Key, Herb Barents, Stan Wrobel (who, by the by,
Mr. Walker, is not the first nor the only Polish Diplomacy Editor!
Yours truly holds that honor(?).), Bob Van Andel, Tony Pandin, Mark
Weidmark, Eric Verheiden and many more! Total attendacefor the
INTERNATIONAL GAME SHOW was conservatively estimated at 1,200 -- by
far the largest general convention ever!

While at the show the blessings of the IDA, TDA and other private conventioners supported Chicago as the site for DIPLOCON VI. To both the IDA and TDA full participation, cooperation, and joint effort has been pledged—one by the vote of the IDA council, the other by John Beshara, Chairman of TDA.

Full news on the IDA plans and business record shall appear in THE DIPLOMACY REVIEW, edited by John Boyer, Carlisle Penn., for the IDA.

The entrance of TDA into DIPLOCON V was not total, but a promise for DIPLOCON VI was made. A cooling off period was called for by both sides and the restructure of negotiations shall begin in the near future.

While TDA and IDA have different structural philosophies, they share a desire to improve the postal Diplomacy hobby. To that goal

both groups have pledged their aid.

The game itself was represented by Mr. John Moot, President of GRI and Mr. Allan Calhamer, inventor of Diplomacy. Both men added greatly to the spirit and drive of this convention and we of the hobby can not give them enough thanks!

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The Diplomacy Scene, cont. from page 1 1. cont.

Personal notes: There are persons who one knows by correspondance and yet never knows until they meet face to face. Your Editor would like to offer a few notes on a number of people who impressed him-one way or the other--....

DOUG BEYERLEIN exudes a quiet intellectual charisma of the nature of that fact if one were to meet a cross between Gene McCarthy and John Lindsay. A very together young man-destined to climb higher in the Diplomacy ranks.

HERB BARENTS is the young Viking type one would see riding the prow of a mighty galley--right into a sand bar.

STAN WROBEL is Polack after my own heart. One who'd ask; "Why do they serve cake at a Polish Wedding?" and then would quickly answer; "To keep the flies off of the bride."

EDI BIRSAN is a taller Arrold Stang than most would believe. He's from Brooklyn, no doubt, but he is so damn on top of things as to make underestimation of him tantimount to folly. A gentleman who I'm proud to know, whose ability I hold in awe, and whose ass I hope to kick in a few genes!

JOHN BOYER is modesty personified, and that unjustly. So magnificent an effort as IMPASSABLE does not come from the typewriter of the mediocre--it is a work of genius. John is methodical, correct, and quick in his work--let's help him realize how good he really is.

STEVE BELL might be characterized as the boyish man. The volume of

material he poured into the convention was a wonder to behold.

2. BEYERLEIN POLL----

Your editor was apatled to see that his name did not appear on the list. What's with you guys? Did you lost the \$\psi\$1 bribe money I sent each of you? Do better next time or I'll lose all of your moves!

position	player	point total*	Votes**	Firsts
1	Edi Birsan	261	17	7
2	John Smythe	170	13	1
3	Tom Eller	165	14	1
4	Rod Walker	1 64	17	2
5	Doug Beyerlein	140	12	1
6	BrentonVerPloeg	131	12	-
<u>?</u>	Andy Phillips	109	15	
8	Randy Bytwerk	71	7	1
9	Walt Buchanan	68	10	
1.0	Conrad VonMetzke	e 67	9	
11	Eugene Pros zitz	66	9	
12	Rich Brooks	63	7	1
12	Hal Naus	63	9	
14	John Beshara	61	6	

* Based on 1st=20, 2nd=17,3rd=13,4th=13,5th=11,6th=9,7th=8 etc. ** Out of 21 ballots received.

The Fifth Beyerlein Poll will appear this fall and a ballot will appear in LIAISONS DANGEREUSES. Questions or Comments to Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98136.

3. ANOTHER ZINE FOR NOVICES is ALPHA Gamemastered by David Hunt, 217 E. Front S. Adrian Mich. 49221. Subs 8 for \$1.50. Game fee is \$3.00 plus \$1.50 for the sub. RECOMMENDED 4. FANTASY NUTS UNITE: Mr. Tom Drake, #4K; USU Apts., Logan Utah

4. FANTASY NUTS UNITE! Mr. Tom Drake, #4K; USU Apts., Logan Utah 84321 is producing a multi-player Fantasy game for playing by mail. It will include giants, wizzards, heros, and Rulers as some of the cast of Characters. The rules of the game are but a guide to the use of your wwn imagination in play. Many unique concenpts are outlined. We suggest you get a copy of the outline, only 50%...We intend to!

5. About that notation....

A lot of comment has come about due to my revised ROHAN notation system. In my system;

England; f nth/D.../ A LON-bel, F ENG (\$)ALON-bel, f iri-MAO France; F BRE-ech, F BEL (S) f hol-NTH

is equivalent to;

England F Nth C A Lon-Bel, A Lon-Bel, F Eng (S) A Lon-Bel, F Iri-MAO France; F Bre-Eng, F Bel(S) F Hol-Nth, F Hol-Nth

I find my system, once grasped, far easier. Do you? I am planning an effort to have other publishers change over to my system! Your

comment on the two systems will be appreciated.

6. the NEOPHYTE GRAND TOURNAMENT now has 11 players; Jim Hagelshaw, Jim O'Rourke, Steve Brooks, Leo Early, William Osmanson, John Powell, David Johnson, Gary Gehrke, Mark Thomas, Harvey Lindauer, and Kal Pettis.

The overall winner will win a game (up to 6) in a magazine of his choice, a game in LD AND a trophy. Second place will gain a trophy or a free game, and 3rd subscriptions to any two postal Diplomacy magazines.

Game fee is only \$7 for four simultaneous games for 14 players. Sub-

tract 1 for membership in the IDA.

7. the PUBLISHER'S GAME needs only one more player! I have already paid; Cooper, Boyer, Schleicher, Tretick, Welsh and Leahey. Game fee is \$5 minus \$1 for IDA, 50% each for IFW and PDC.

8. LD 17 is open for a \$2.50 game fee to IDA members only. 2 entered LD 18 is open to IDA council members and Midwest IDA members only.

LD 19 cancelled, due to lack of interest.

9. NEOPHYTE #11 is open to novices for a game of \$4. NEO 12 will

open thereafter.

- 10. A number of players have raised the topic of game analysis in these NEOPHYTE games. Opinions wanting and not wanting such analysis have been mentioned. It is my opinion that while the games are in progress an analysis could effect their course. However, I will offer an analysis of any game in which all current players of record vote to have an analysis. This is a call for that vote: If you wish to have your game studied, let me know now. By the way, the PUBLISHER'S GAME will carry an analysis.
- 11. Publications of note:

In recent issues we have made it our policy to recommend publications of several publishers. We have given high praise to IMPASSABLE, COSTAGUANA, EHREWON, & BUSHWARKER. We still uphold those recommendations. However Three zines I have mentioned in the past have been getting sloppy in their gamemastering, and or they have been consistantly late for the last few issues. We urge you to use caution when playing in SMUT*, XENOGOGIC or MARCUS. All three of these publications have the potential for great publication. We hope that these current errors and lateness will clear up quickly.

The player who first gains 400 points (in the smallest number of turns) will be the winner. After each turn I will give each player the number of letters he has used to bring him back up to 7. This will be done on a ONE WEEK deadline bass. All you need do is drop me a post card with you new word on in circling the letter of juncture with existing words. The boards will not be printed in LD so that a player may not see letters he has not yet received.

The first move will be made horizontally and you will circle the letter covering the starting STAR. I will keep a running total of points in LD. the first seven letters are; E G O S T Y Z. good luck

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WHAT ARE THESE RATINGS ABOUT? In a recent issue of HOOSIER ARCHIVES

Doug Beyerlein did a compartive mathematical study of rating systems (available from Wal Buchanan, @7 for \$1, 15\$ each). Yet the novice

wonders why have rating systems and what do they measure.

A rating System places you amoung the past players of Diplomacy just as the U.S. Chess Federation's rating gives each player a standing. It takes AT LEAST a year to surface in the lists and to make an impression, if you are a good player, at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. is due to the fact that most games take from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ years to complete and most beginning players do not enter a great number of games in the first year of play.

Let us breifly look at what a system should measure and how one can

be constructed.

One system in use today gives one point to the winner and subtracts 1/6 of a point for all losers regardless of place, or divided the point amoung those who participate in a draw. Yet this is not the most popular system. Most other systems rate draws, wins, all 6 places, survival, elimination, substitution & withdrawl as factors in the game. Let us look at the game priorities: 1) First you want to secure your own survival, 2) Second, you want to expand, 3) Third you want to prevent another player from winning, 4) fourth you want to achieve an unbreakable deadlock position, and 5) FIFTH you want to win yourself. A rating system must assign values for all situations. Let's take ratings on games in which all 7 players play till the end of the game. I believe we will agree that a win is best. What is next best? A two player draw! 2nd place is a LOSS. A three and four player draw ususally rank above 2nd place with the number of centers held by twhose in the draw NOT effecting the points awarded. a 5 player draw or second place is better is a toss up. differ. The 5-7 player draws and 2nd through 5th places rank differently in different systems.

How much should a win be worth? Set any number, say 100. Now the question is how much are the other positions worth!? A system used a few years ago set values of +6, +4, +2, 0, -2, -4, -6 for 1st to 7th place. This is ridiculous! To say the loss of three centers to come in 7th was the opposite of the gain of 15 centers for a win was utter nonsense.

I prefer a system that does measure centers in a draw.

E.G. first place 100 points.

2 player draw = 60 points + 2 pts/ center, 3 player draw = 54 points + 2 points por center, 4 player draw = 46 points + 2 points per center, 5 player draw = 36 points plus 2 points per center, 6 player draw = 24 points plus 2 points per center and a 7 player draw 10 points + 2 points per center. Second place = 45 pts plus 1 pt/cent Thrid place 35 pts + 1pt/cent., Forth = 27 + 1pt/cent., fifth = 19 + 1 pt/cent, sixth = 12 pts + 1 pt/cent. and seventh = 7 points + 1 pt./cent. Finally substitutes would be given points on the same scale except the initial score is multipled by .70 and the points per center are awarded for NET GAIN (if any) from the time of substitution to the time fo termination.

Rod Walker, using his system has rated the seven countries for

232 completed games:

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	PTS.	MOM	DREW	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	elim	surv.
ENGLAND	1773	33	21	40	37	26	31	32	12	87	145
Turkey	1746	33	26	3¼	42	23	21	34	19	84	148
France	1683	27	19	32	45	29	37	30	13	83	149
Rusda	1679	43	8	26	31	28	30	26	40	103	129
Italy	1380	18	15	27	43	37	42	31	19	101	131
Germany	1277	16	16	26	23	41	39	39	32	117	115
Austria	1169	26	7	16	16	30	30	37	71.	143	10 ⁸⁹
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Spring 1910--LD # 8 ---

England, Gygax (11) F MAO H, F WES (S) f rom-TYR, A MAR H, F TUN (S) F tyr-ION, F LYON (S) F rom-TYR, f ion-APU, a tus-ROM, F NAF H, F lon-ECH

Germany, Pulsipher (13) A MUN-sil, A PARH, A VEN (S) & A TYO (S) A VIEtri, A GAL-bud, A BOH_vie, A SIL-gal, A SEV (\$) RUS A BUD-rum nso, A UKR & A MOS (S) A SEV, F SWE& F KIEL H.

Italy, Borecki (1) F NAP H

Russia, Schleicher (2) A TRI (\$) A BUD, A BUD (\$) A TRI

Turkey, Katzive(?) F BLA (S) A RUM, A RUM (S) RUS A BUD, A ARM-sev, F ALB (S) RUS A TRI, A SER (S) RUS A TRI, a bul-GRE, f aeg-EMD The DEADLINE for the fall of 190 is August August 23, 1972

LD 9, the fall of 1907

Austria, Cusack--did notanswer call for substitution--dropped. I have no more experienced substitutes on hand. If anyone wants the postion notify me before the winter deadline. Otherwise the country will go into Civil Disorder.

F ALB, A SER, A TRI, A BUD, a vie D+A/ owns:tri, *//e, bud, ser, bul Germany, Norman, owns; ber, kiel, MøZ, liv, ediin, lon, DEN 6=5+1 f nwg-EDIN, f nth-LON, A DENH, F BAL S A DEN, A BER-s11 Italy, gygax owns $x \neq x = 0$ 0 = 1 -1 out of game A APU-ven

France, Lowry home, spa, port, nap, Zøn, bel, ven, rom, MUN, HOL 9 = 8 +1 f mao-WES, F NAF-tun, A MUN-sil, A RUHR-mun, a ven-ROM a rom-NAP, A TYO-ven, a bel-HOL, F YORK(\$)Ger Fnth(otm)f ion/R/ tyr (summer 07), F TYR (S) F NAF-tun

Russia, Schleicher owns; home, rum, swe, nwy, den, VIE, GRE 9 = 8 +1 A WAR-sil, A GAL (S) a boh-VIE, F RUM-bule, f aeg-GRE, a den/R/ swe (summer 07), A SWE (S) F NWY, F SKAG & F NWY (S) A SWE

Turkey, Blandin owns; home, 6/6, tun 4 = 5 - 1f ank-BLA, f smy-SMD, F TUN() F ION, F ION(S) F TUN, A CON-bul What is so fascinating about Silesia? the DEADLINE for the Winter of 1907 is August 16, 1972

LD 12 the fall of 1908. POPE GOME AGAIN! Will go into CD if he misses spring 1909!

Germany, Tretick (1) owns; kiel 0 = 0 even out of game Italy, Maffeo (9)nmr, nso F WES, A PIED, F NAF, A BUD, A GAL, A TYO, A BOH, F LYCN, a mar /D+A/ owns; home, tun, tri, vie, ser, bud, xir 8 = 8 even

France, Baker (8, 2 short) owns; bre, par, port, bel, hol, lon, edin, liv, mun, spa, MAR, KIEL 12 = 8 + 4 (room for 2) nmr, sou--f mao-SPASC, F PORT (S) f mao-SPASC, a spa-MAR WITH A BURG, a bre-GAS, f nao-MAO, a mun-KIEL, a ruhr-HOL

Russia, Grossbaum (7 1 short) owns; set, mos, war, stp, swe, den, nwy, ber 7 = 7 even: A WAR-gal, A SIL-boh, a lio-PRU, A UKR-rum, a MOS-sev, F DEN + A BER (S) FRE a mun-KIEL Turkey, Knudsen(6) owns; home, bul, gre, rum, SEV 7 = 6 +1

A ANK-rum, A SEV-ukr, F BULSH, A ARM-sev, F BLA(S) A ANK-rum. F CON-ank

the DEADLINE for the winter of 1908 is August 16, 1972.

1971 EK, LD 15, spring 1903 FRENCH-GERMAN AXIS PLAYS POOR MOVE! ENGLAND HOLDS THEM OFF AND REGAINS CHANNEL!

Austria, Katzive (4, 1 short), A TRI H, a vie-BUD, f gre-ION, a bud-SER England, Brackman(4), F LON(S) f nth-ECH, a york-LIV, F NWY-nth France, Converse(6) f ech(\$\mathcal{L}\$) A PIC-wal, A BEL & A SPA H, F IRI (S) cont to next page.... A PIC-wal. a pied-MAR.

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1971 EK cont.
Germany, Blandin (6 1 short) F DEN-nth, A HOL H, A SWE /U/, F SKAG-nwy,
     a mun-BOH, A WAR-mos
 Italy, Leahey (4) nmr does not assume standby--dropped. Country will
     be in CD next season. If any player wisher it they may begin play
     with winter 1903--I've run out of experienced subs.
     F TUN, F EMD, A NAP, A VEN
Russia, Hail a rum h /D..../, A UKR-mos, f stps-BOTH (3)
Turkey, Cleaver (5) f aeg-SMY, A ARM (S) A SEV, F BLA (S) a bul-RUM,
     A SEV(S) a bul-RUM
The deadline for the fall of 1903 dependant upon the french and russian
retreats is August 23, 1972
LD 16, see news item number 7
LD 17, see news item number 8
LD 18, see news item number &
LD 19, cancelled, see news item number 8
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1972BS, 1972CE, NEO 11 open, NGT open, OWWII1972.5h, OWWIIopen
 1971 AT, LEPANTO, the spring of 1905
           THE FOUR REMAINING POWERS BEGIN TO POSITION FOR THE FINAL
           BATTLES. Russia, England, and Turkey near death's door.
Austria, Bell (6) a vie-GAL, a gal-UKR, A BUD (S) A ser-RUM, A BUL-
     con, f gre-AEG
 England, Pandin (2) F NAT (S) a edin-LIV
France, Horton (7) f mar-LYON, f bre-MAO, A GASH, a spa-MAR, f lon-
     YORK, f liv N D..../, f wes-TUN
 Germany, Carpenter (9) a den-KIEL, a swe-FIN, F NTH (s)f cly-EDIN,
     FNWY H, A SIL(S) A WAR, a bel-RUHR, A WAR(S) a pru-LIO
 Italy, Early (5) f nap-TYR, f emd-ION, f smy-EMD, A TUS(S) a ven-PIED
 Russia, Silverman (2) nmr--dropped goes into CIVIL DISORDER
       A MOS, a rum /D+A/
 The DEADLINE for the fall of 1905 will be August 23, 1972.
 1971 BX double X the winter of 1904
  England, Davies
     *B* F EDIN/5/F DEN, F HOL, F NAO, F WAL
 France, Stroz (nbr) 1 short/5/A MAR, A SPA, F BRE, F ECH, A BEL
 Germany Leeder a ber/r/disbanded
     even/3/A MUN, F KEIL, E LON
 Italy, Scroggie, spargue Wash, 99032
 *r* f lyon/2/ 1 1/6/1, F TYR, A VEN
Russia, Devereaux resigns substitute: Mr. Richard Sweis, 4829 S.
        Leamington, Chicago, Ill. 60638
        gmr f swe, a ber/7/ A MOS, F SEV, A GAL, F BAR, A SIL, & bet,
                 a BOH, A VIE, 1 STA
 Turkey, Norman *B* F CON, A ANK, F SMY (10-1/ F BLA, A ARUM, A BUD,
     A TRI, F ROM, F NAP, A ARM
 the DEADLINE for the spring of 1905 is August 23, 1972
 1971 CE, Turkey with Rice, the fall of 1904
      TURKEY INCREASES LEAD. ENGLAND & AUSTRIA GROW. Middle game
      entered as Italy and soon Russia bow out for good.
 Austria, Cox (5-1) A TYR(S) a vie-BOH, F ADR H, A VEN-pied. A WAR(S)
     TUR A mos-LIO
  England, McGee(6) a nmy-SWE, f nwg-NWY, f eng-MAO, F NTH(S) a kiel-
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France Blandin (5-1) f mar-LYON, F PIC (S) A BURG-bel, A GAS-burg,
     F WES-tun
 Germany, Hagelshaw (4) A RUHR (S) A BEL H, a hol-kiel/D+A/, A MUN-burg
Italy, Scroggie (1) APIED H
Russia, Hail (2) a boh-SIL, A FIN H
 Turkey, Rice (9) f emd-ION, F AEG(S) A con-GRE, F TYR(S) f ion-TUN,
     a sev-MOS, a mos-LIO, F BLA H, A UKR (S) a wev-MOS
supply center chart:
 austria; home, ser, ven, rom, WAR 7 = 5 + 2
 england; home, nwy, swe, den, HOL, BER 8 = 6 + 2
 france; home, spa, por, bel 5 = 5 even germany; bet, kiel, mun, kol, BEL
                                      3 = 3 even
 Italy; #w/n
              0 = 1 - 1 out of game
 Russia; Max, stp 1 = 2 -1
 turkey; home, bul, gre, sev, rum, mos, nap, TUN 10 = 9 +1
 the deadline for the winter of 1904 is August 16, 1972
1971 DO, EMPIRES TO DUST, the winter of 1903 FRANCE BECOMES SECOND MOST POWERFUL NAVAL POWER, ONE BEHIND ENGLAND
     CAN THE WEST HOLD ALL THOSE FLEETS,...PEACEFULLY?
Austria, civil disorder even/2/A TRI, A VIE
England, McKevitt *B" F LON, F LIV /7/ F NTH, F NWY, A BEL, F DEN, ASWE
 France, Horton B*B*F BRE/6/F PORT, F AMR, F TUN, A BURG, A BOH
Germany, Early *R* a sil/3/ A BER, A HOL, F HELG, & $11/
Italy, Hail *B* F NAP/4/ A VEN, A MUN, F TUS
Russia, Brooks nrr, scu *R* a lio/5/ A BUD, A SER, A WAR, F BAL, A PRU
         a xxd
Turkey, Leeder *B* A CON, A ANK, F SMY/7/A SEV, A BUL, F RUM, A GRE
The deadline for the spring of 1904 is August 23, 1972
1971 DV, DISASTER & VIOLENCE, spring 1903
     Consideration of this game has shown that by the "law" I have
faulted Harley Jordan in the fall of 1901. Subsequent votes and rulings
have but compounded that error which will not again occur due to HR
addition of 4/27/72. Yet the damage was done and for it I take full
responsability. Harley has requested a substitute to take over for
him due to my bungling. My apologies to Harley and I hope he will
choose to continue. At any rate aspace in NEO 11 will be opened for
him FREE OF CHARGE if he wishes it.
      TWO MISS, ONE RESIGNS, DISASTER & VIOLENCE?? zzzzzzzzz.....
Austria, McGee (1) A SER-tri
England, Drake(6) F NTH-helgo, A swe-DEN, f den-BAL, F NWY H, F LON H,
     f edin-NWG
France, Nozik (6)
     A SPA H, a pic-BEL, A RUG (S) A RUHR-mun, F MAR H, a gas-PAR
Germany, Jørdøn David Johnson) f den/r/helgo, a rhrh/r/kiel
F HOL S() F HELGO, F HELGO($) F HOL, A MUS ($) A KIEL, AKIEL(S) AMUN Italy Hagelshaw (6) nmr, nso, A ALB, A TIR, F NAP, A VIE, F ION, A VEN
Russia, Peery (6) nmr removed Substitute; Richard St. Johns, 246-26th
     st. Santa Monica, Calif. 90402
     A UKR, A GAL, A STPN, A BUD, A RUM, F BLA
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Turkey, Ostapkovich (5) f gre-ALB, A BUL (\$) AUST A SER OTM, F AEG-ion

the DEADLINE FOR THE FALL OF 1903 is August 23. 1972.

a ank-SMY, f smy-EMD

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1972 N, NECROMANCER, the Fall of 1902
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     TWO MISSED MOVES. FRANCE RAIDS SPAIN AGAIN!
Austria, Fish (5) owns home, ser, rum, gre 6 = 5 + 1 M/X
     A SER (S) a bud-RUM, a alb-GRE, a vie-BUD, F AEG (S) RUS fbule-CON
England, Whatlef (5) nmr, removed substitute; Donald Pitsch, 120-2
     Marshall Dr., W. Lafayette Ind. 47906
     F EDIN, F LON, A BEL, F NTH, F NWY owns home bel, nwy 5 = 5 even
France, Harrah(4) owns home, port 4 = 4 even
     A PAR-burg, A BURG-mun, f spanc-MAO, A PIC S ENG A PEL
Germany, Converse(5) owns home, den, swe, HOL 6 = 5 + 1
 F HOL S()ARUHR-bel, A KIEL-mun, A DEN(S) F SWE H, Italy, Lipson (4) nmr, nso F ION, F TUN, A VEN, A APU owns hometuneven
Russia, Shamray (5) owns full, CON, MOS, STP, WAR set, BUL 5 = 5 even
     A MOS-stp, a sev-arm/D..../, Arum-BUL, f bulec-CON, F BOTH-stps
 Turkey, E. Johnson (2, 1 short) owns / pp/, ank, smy, sev 3=2+1
     F BLA(S) a arm-SEV
 unowned spa, Møl,
the DEADLINE for the winter of 1902 is August 16, 1972
1972 AE, RHETORICAL RHUBARB, the spring of 1902
        F RENCH & GERMAN BORDERS CROWDED, AND THEN SOME!
 AUSTRIA, Osmanson (5) a vie-BOH, a tri-TYO, F GRE(S)ABULH, a bud-SER
England, C. Nyderek(4) F EDIN-nth, F LON-ech, F NWY(S)RUS f both-SWE,
     A YORK H
France Cusack (5) F BRE-ech, a par-PIC, F NTH($) F BRE-ech, A BEL H,
     a port-SPA
Germany, Knudsen (5) f kiel-HELGO, f ber-BAL, A MUN&A HOL H, F DEN(S)
     FRE F NTH
Italy, Hendry (4) f nap-TYR, F ION & A TUN H, a ven-PIED
Russia, Johnson (5) F SEV-arm, F rum-BLA, f both-SME, a gal-SIL, and seed
     Aukr-RUM
Turkey, Hoffman(3) A CON-bul, F AEG() & A CON incorrect continuation
       A con was ordred to move, A ANK-arm
unowned, spa, ser, swe
      Moves may be made dependant ONLY on builds, removals, & retreats
as outlined by the GM.
                      The GM will NOT make moves conditional upon
code words, or upon receipt/non-receipt of other player's moves.
The GM will use the first legal set of moves when such conditions are
listed that are illegal.
the DEADLINE for the fall of 1902 is August 23, 1972.
1972BB, NEOPHYTE FRIGHT, the fall of 1901
AUSTRIA STANDS OFF ALL COMERS! CZAR AWAKENS. GREECE, HOLLAND, &A
DENMARK ALL UNOWNED. FIERCE 1902 FIGHTING PREDICTED. FRANCE TAKES
EARLY LEAD.
Austria, Huff owns; home, SER may build one
     f tri-ALB, A BUD-vie, A SER-gre
England, Hoffman owns; home, NWY may build one
     F NTH ($\mathcal{L}$) A EDIN-hol, f nwg-NWY
France, Hendry owns; home, BEL, SPA, PORT may build three a pic-BEL, A SPA H, f mao-PORT
Germany, Kirchner owns; home, SWE may build one
     f den-SWE, a sil-BOH, A TYO-vie
Italy, Siliby owns; home, tUN may build one
     A VEN-tyr, A TUS-ven, f tyr-TUN
Russia, Carawan 5916 Dinewidden St., Springfiled Va 22150
     owns; home, RUM +1, A WAR H, a mus- UKR, f sev-RUM.FSTP S HOLD
Turkey, Whatley, owns; home, BUL may build one
     F BLA ()S A CON-bul, a BUL-gre
The DEADLINE for the Winter of 1901 is August 16, 1972.
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1972 BS, THE BullShit Game, Spring 1901
Austria, Greer A VIE-gal, a bud-SER, f tri-ALB
England, Keller f edin-NWY, a liv-YORK, f lon-NTH
Germany, Osmanson f kiel-HOL, a ber-KIEL, a mun-RUHR
France, Phillips; a mar-SPA, a par-PIC, f bre-ECH
Italy, Chin A VEN H, a rom-APU, f napion
Russia, McConville f stps-BOTH, a WAR-gal, a mos-UKR, f sev-BLA
Turkey, Johnson a con-BUL, A SMY H, f ank-CON
NOTE: Careful fellas! One of you wrote an order backwards! Be sure
to DATE & SIGN your orders. Be sure to specify army and fleet.
I will go easy this first season. But unless you begin to be more
careful you will find orders going sour on you!
the DEADLINE for the Fall of 1901 is August 23, 1972
1972 CE, unnamed as yet, neophyte # 10, the winter of 1900 Richard Sweiss, 4829 S. Leamington, Chicago Ill. 60638 RUSSIA
Peter Shamray, 10614 Le Conte, Los Angeles, Cal 90024 England
David Fujihara, 1225 Peterson Ln., Nonolulu Hawaii 96817 Turkey
Richard St. Johns, 246-26th st., Santa Monica, Cal. 90402 Austria
Donald Pitsch, 120-2 Marshall Dr., W. Lafayette Ind. 47906 France
David Gershwnson, 120 El Camino Dr., Beverly Hills, Cal. 90212 Italy
Joe, Serena, 310 Pine St. Gardener, Ill., 60424 Germany. send in a set of orders NOW. Don't wait till the last minute and
miss the deadline!
The DEADLINE for the Spring of 1901 is August 9, 1972
(sent to players by Xerox on July 2, 1972)
NEOPHYTE 11 open. One Registered, Rhea C. Stone III. Fee 4.
OWWII 1972.5h, fall 1937 (3rd year)
USA no attacks
France: no attacks
Britain, no attacks, understanding in Germany
Russia; attack USA in POL @ 5:1 (10:2) result USA elim
                                              Russia reduced to 8PF
       Share control of Pol with Germany? Share control of ROM with Germany?
                                           yes, accepted 4 points
                                           yes, accepted 3 points
Germany attacks France in Pol @ 8:1 (16:2)
                                              result France elim
                                              Germany retains 16PF
        Share control of Pol with Russia?
                                          yes, accepted 3 points
       attacks France and Britain in RHI. at 3:1 (18:6)
                                    result French & British PF elim
                                       Germany has 12 PF remaining.
            places control in Rhi 5 points
        Share control of Rom with Russia? Yes, accepted. 2 points
summation;
     BRIT; understanding in Germany, 3 Czi, 3 Bal, 12 Brit
     Fra; 5 als, 1 Cze, 5 brit, 2 Fra
     USA; 2 Czi, 2 Bal, 6 USA
     Rus; 2 Bal, 3 Ala, cont Pol, Cont Rom 7 points
     Ger; 3 bal, cont Aust, Cont Pol, Cont Rom, Cont Rhi 15 points
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 ratings, from page 5

Using another system (the Calhamer point count rating) using the 1pt for the win minus 1/6 for all other positions, the following player ratings appear;

8.333 John Smythe, 8.167 Edi Birsan, 6,567 Andy Phillips, 6.200 Doug Beyerlein and Gene Prosnitz, 5.200 John Beshara, 5.000 Tom Eller, Hal Naus, 4.167 Mike Goldstein, 4.000 John Koning & Jerry Pournelle, 3.900 Pete Rosamilia, 3.367 Rod Walker and 3.150 Lew Pulsipher.

While ratings and being rated may not be your cup of tea many controversies arise about them and many players petition the keepers of rating systems to disallow this system or that from rating a particular game because of GM error etc. If the players are interested we may reprint Doug's article and give firther references to NUMENOR, ANTARIES and other rating magazines.

THE TOMB THAT WAS NOT FORGOTTEN.... Following the press of 1972AL

On Frodo's 26th Birthday, a birthday still in his adolescent "tweens" Bilbo told him of the journey; "There and Back Again". They were so engrossed in the tale, one telling and one listening, that they did not notice Leery Peerie outside their window. Leery went away, his tily head swimming at the stories of jewels andrichs beyond the dreams and reach of the mightiest kings. "If only some could be mine." "But the dragon is unguarded. Why not pluck the riches from This thought wore on him for many weeks and months and years, but still he believed that there was no real truth in it. Then on Bilbo's eventful disappearance, he saw that it all must be true! There was magic, there was treasure, and so there must be a dragon! As fast as his furry feet could carry him he packed his belongings and headed for the Misty Mountains.

After twenty days' travel he came upon a dwarf by the side of the road. He was a HUGE pot-bellied dwarf with a deard as long as he was tall and a bright orange hood the color of a spring sunset. "Polevaulter P. Peranbulator, at your service," bowed the dwarf.

"Leery Peerie, at yours and your kins." said Leery, with a quick glance and a fleeting thought.

"Where are you bound, my fine hobbit?"

Leery mused a moment--he would need help, and to get through the Misty Mountains a guide would be necessary. So he asked the huge 4' 7" dwarf if he had heard of Smaug. He had, and of his death. g9 to his body to claim my riches!" cried Peery. Being rather stupid himself, Polevaulter hastened to offer his aid and the queer due made off for the mountains.

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