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the diplomacy scene

1. A new edition of the Diplomacy Census will be out in a few days. Only 30¢ each or 4 for \$1. Has over 800 listings! Write Ray Boers.....now what was his address, ah yes, here in DC 1-73: 625 Evans, Kirkwood Missouri 63122.
2. The best new zine of 1972, what was it? Some of the outstanding zines of 1972 were: Bert LaBelle's PELLUCIDAR, Ed Birsan's ARENA, Joe Antosiak's ANSCHLUSS, John Boyer's IMPASSABLE, Fred Davis' BUSHWACKER, John Leader's ARAAKIS, Chic Halliker's SILMARILLI, Richard Hull's TANGALO EXPRESS and 26 MORE! (I have NOT seen all of the others, so please don't be offended if yours is not included above.) I would say that the choice for best new zine is between two magazines. They are IMPASSABLE and TANGALO EXPRESS. John has been publishing 6 months longer than Richard so this gives him an edge. But he won't keep it for long if Tangalo keeps improving the way it has! For IMPASSABLE write John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr., Carlisle Pa. 17013. For TANGALO Write Richard Hull 4780 Gloyne Ave 2, Concord Calif. 97030.
3. HOOSIER ARCHIVES #111 contains a complete list of all publishers of Diplomacy related material in chronological order! Also included in this winner of the First Rogue's Gallery poll is the conclusion of the "ACES" game, an article by Ed Birsan, the results of the ARCHIVES PLAYER POLL, NEWS OF THE REALM and more. Subs 10\$2.00 from Walt and Carol Buchanan, R3, Lebanon Ind. 46052.

4. THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF RATINGS  
 ARCHIVES PUBLISHERS POLL #6, reproduced in Walt Buchanan's HOOSIER ARCHIVES #111  
 TOP BOARD

rank	player	score	votes	rank	player	score	votes
1	Brenton Ver Floeg	117	7	8	Mike Rocamora	41	5
2	Edi Birsan	109	8	9	Andy Phillips	38	6
3	Doug Beyerlein	102	7	9	Hal Naus	38	4
4	Tom Eller	76	8	9	Conrad Von Metzke	38	4
5	Len Lakoffka	68	7	12	Arnold Vagta	36	6
6	Walt Buchanan	66	8	12	Randy Bytwerk	36	4
7	Eugene Prosnitz	47	6	12	John Smythe	36	4

5. THE DREHAN COSTS MONEY! Gasp--now you have to PAY for the leftist piece of pornography! \$3 for 49. Gasp! I'll have to start saving my quarters! Send to M? J H Fleming, 45 Pinhurst Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10033
6. Ever seen a Super Wladziu? There is one on the cover of JASTRAZAB #161 See him die in JASTRAZAB 171 from Stan Wrobel, 7 Poland Village, Poland Ohio 44514-----from his post Laureate of Poland (not residing in nuevo Warsaw, alias Poland Ohio); An Ode to a Flower (Later changed to Where is da Flowers? because no one in Poland knew what an ode was--to say nothing of laureate)  
 Spring has sprung!  
 Da grass has riz!  
 I wonder where da flowers is?!

7. Would you believe a 98 man tournament?! Perhaps we may have enough people for 14 games of Diplomacy! If we do we will try to make the two sections divide for novice and for experienced players! Nothing final yet.  
 Also in the works, and to be announced very soon, are the HIS AND HERS special for 1973, and the awards luncheon on Sunday. Last minute details on both are not being settled and we will have complete information for you soon.  
 In all of the above cases we will be able to serve the players better if we know who is planning to attend, who is planning to go to the dinner and who will play in the Diplomacy tournament.

You will be happy to know that in addition to Allan Calhauer, inventor of Diplomacy, Sid Jackson inventor of ACQUIRE and 5 other major game titles will be there for a seminar on game design. Many of the top players in the country including Doug Beyerlein, Edi Birsan, James Massar, Walt Buchanan, the Hoosier Hatchet, Richard Hull and many more will be at the 1973 INTERNATIONAL GAME SHOW!  
 .....you come too!

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 MUSINGS

by

Larry  
Blandin

Rod Walker has requested that the following statement appear. His words en toto: There is a rumor circulating that I have begun to publish another postal Diplomacy 'zine. That is not true: I am not the publisher of LUXOR nor any other 'zine. My address remains, as it has always been, 4719 Felton St., San Diego CA 92116. Any attempts to contact me via the LUXOR box number in LaMesa will cause possibly long delays in my receiving your letter and will risk having it lost altogether. I earnestly request that I not be contacted with request to LUXOR and that all those interested should write to "Aunt Cleo's" LUXOR address.

On other fronts, we are pleased to see that this column has prompted a dialogue on the ombudsman problem discussed earlier, and that there will be an effort to resolve it at Diplo-Con VI. This discussion is especially timely in view of President Edi Birsan's pronouncement in the latest Diplomacy Review that the office's power stems from the fact that it is elected by the membership. I have discussed this problem with him. It is clear that our philosophies on this are quite different. Edi, as a student of political science, and a New Yorker, seems to feel that because New York politics are corrupt and undemocratic, that this provides some kind of raison d'etre for swift executive decisions without consulting the Diplomacy membership. This would not be so onerous if he wouldn't then preach to us that the office's strength is based upon the fact the entire membership elected the post, when the opposite is the case. Edi's position is ventured in good faith. He is in error.

Speaking of the ombudsman, your reporter has been listed in two games this month as NMR! This is especially galling because in each case it was a build season and General orders were on file. A protest shall issue to the ombudsman. In the last couple of years, there has been an increasing drive to improve the quality of game-mastering. It is most detrimental to the hobby when a GM fouls up. Perhaps the most destructive threat there is in the hobby. We should support the effort to police the hobby against sloppy GMing and fair and reasonable protest and correction should be raised whenever there is a legitimate problem.

Speaking of GMing, the best GMed zine in the hobby, Dr. John Boardman's GRAUSTARK 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226, has game openings at \$10 apiece. If you are tired of having the GM mess up your game, and are eager to get top notch competition, and like political editorial and humor, subscribe. John has put the zine on a three week deadline, now that the post office has thrown in the towel and has completely bungled its responsibility..

Advance registration for Diplo-Con has been so heavy that we may have to open a second 49 man tournament. But that won't necessarily be for a shot at the Cup. So if you want to get in, I strongly urge you stragglers to sign up NOW! Plus the fact that at the Show, virtually every established name in the hobby has indicated they will be here this year. Last year, the International Game Show had over 2,000 people in attendance. This year, we will have two to three times as many.

Finally, some commercial publishers have served noticed that they intend to loot the articles and comments of our hobby for their own private gain. This is possible under some circumstances where the articles were published without overt copyright. So how does one copyright their work cheaply and easily? Like this:

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1970 BA

the Fall of 1910

FRANCE MISSES MOVE--VICTORY HOPES TAKE SEVERE SET BACK!

Austria, Cusack owns; ser, tri, bud, gre, vie, bul 6-5+1  
 f buls-GRE, a bud-TRI, F ADR (S) a tri-APU, a vie-TYO  
 France, Lowry NMR NSO owns; home, iber, bel, italy, mun, tun, lvp, ber even  
 13 F ECH, F WAL, F EDI, F LYON, A MUN, F NAP, F TUN, F NWG, A ROM, A VEN, A PRU  
 F PIC, A PIED ALL U, HOLD, a kiel/D+A/  
 Germany, Barents owns; edin, lon, HOL 3-3 even  
 F LON (S) f york-NTH, a kiel retreated to HOL, f HOL (S) RUS f den-KIEL  
 Russia, Pitsch owns; home, nwy, swe, DEN, KIEL 8-6+2!  
 F NWY (S) GER f york-NTH, f sev-BLA, a war-LVN, a gal-WAR, a swe-DEN, f den-KIEL  
 Turkey, Blashin owns; home, rum, even 4-4  
 F AEG (S) f ead-ION, f ion-TYRR, a ser-ALB 3-3+3-0

1970 AC

the spring of 1911

FINAL PUSH TOWARD VICTORY-- OR A DRAW?

France Baker /12, 1 short/ 203 Lefevre, etc 1, charlottesville va 22904  
 A MUN (S) a kiel-BER, F LYON(S) a nar-PIED, F MAO(S) f bre-ECH, a den-SWE, f wes-  
 TUN, f spec-WES, a gas-BURG, a ruhr-KIEL, a par-PIC,  
 Italy, civil disorder a TYO, F NAP, a pied/D+A/  
 Russia, Grosshau /8/ a ber-kiel/d.../, a vie-BOH, a bud-VIE, a mos-STP, a gal-SIL  
 f ech h/d.../, a stp-NWY  
 Turkey, Knudsen/10/ a rum-SER, a ser-TRI, f sny-AEG, F BLA(S) A SEV, f rom-TYRR,  
 f alb-ADR, f nap-ION, a ank-CON, a con-BUL  
 deadline on page 2

1971 AT

the fall of 1908

DOES ITALIAN STAB IN TUNIS GIVE GAME TO GERMANY? TUNE IN NEXT TIME!

Austria Timm/10/ owns; home, gre, ser, sev, bum, bul, ank, SMY 10-10 even  
 A VIE(S) A TYO H, A GAL (S) A VIE, A UKR(S) A GAL, A SEV(S) A UKR, A TRI(S)  
 A TYO, A RUM(S) a gre-BUL, f ion-AEG, a arm-SMY  
 France Horton/6/ owns; nar, iber, lvp, 4-6-2  
 a gas/retreats/to spa, A EPA(S) WAR, F MAR(S) A SPA, F WAL(S)+F MAO (S) f bre-  
 ECH, F LVP-cly,  
 Germany, Carpenter/13, 1 short/owns; home, swe, hol, den, bel, nwy, war, stp, edin,  
 mos, lon, par; BRE 15-13+2 A PRU(S) A WAR, A MUN(S) A BOH, A BOH(S) A SIL,  
 A PIC(S) a gas-BRE, A PAR(S) a gas-BRE, A MOS + A WAR H, A SIL(S) A BOH, A STP  
 (S) A MOS, F LON (S) f NTH-ech, F EDIN-cly  
 Italy, Early/3/ owns; home, TUN 4-3+1 f tyrr-TUN, A PIED (S) A VEN H  
 Turkey, Wrobel/1/ owns; CON 1-1 even, f buled-CON 3-3+3-2  
 deadline on page 2

1971 BX

THE SPRING OF 1908

TURKEY RETAKES POSITION OF POWER AS ENGLAND GROWS IN THE OTHER CORNER OF THE WORLD  
 England, Davies/10/ F ECH C a wal-BEL, f spec-LYON, f bel-HOL, F KIEL-ber, f port-  
 SPAG, f nth-DEN, F lon-ETH, f lvp-WAO, A EDI H  
 France Chin/4/ a nar-PIED, F WES(S) F TUN H, A BURG-mun  
 Italy, Scroggie/2/ a tri-VEN, f tyrr-tun/d.../  
 Russia, Swiec/2/ a pru-BER, A sev takes to boats and enters con/d.../, A SIL (S)  
 a pru-BER, a MUN-kiel, A WAR H, f stpn-NWY, a mos-STP  
 Turkey, Cockrell/11/ F ROM (S) F nap-TYRR, F BLA(S)+ A RUM(S) a arm-SEV, A TYO(S)  
 ITA a tri-VEN, a gal-UKR, a bud-GAL, F APU(S) ITA a tri-VEN, f adr-TRI, f ION  
 (S) ita f tyrr-tun/d.../  
 deadline on page 2--make move dependant on retreats.

DISCOUNTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL GAME SHOW EXPIRE APRIL 30, SO DON'T WAIT!!

## 1971 GE

## the FALL OF 1907

TURKEY SLOWLY BEING PUSHED BACK, ENGLAND AND TURKEY NOW TIED. AUSTRIA CAUGHT IN DEATH GRIP BETWEEN THEM.

Austria Cox/6,2 short/owns; home, ven, ser, ~~5~~ 5=4+1

A VIE(S) a tri-TYO, a sil-mun/d.../, f adr-VEN

England, McGee/9/owns; home, hol, nwy, kiel, den, swe, bar, TUN, STP 11-9+2

f NAP-wes, F TUN(S) FRE F WES-tyo/nso/, F BAL(S) A PRU-lvn, a mun-SIL, A BER(S)

a mun-SIL, F BAR(S) a nwy-STP, F NTH H

France, Blandin/7/ owns; home, iber, bel, mun 7=7 even

f tus/retreat/pied, f pied-TUS, f lyon-PIED, a tyo/d+a/(#) a burg-MUN, A BOH

(#) eng A mun-SIL, F WES(S) F TUN, F TYRR(S) f pied-TUS

Turkey Rice/12/owns; home, sev, mos, ~~7~~ gre, rom, nap, war, rum, ~~7~~ p, BUL 11-12-1

f tun retreat ion, F ION-tun, F AEG-ion, a bul-RUM, a con-BUL, F NAP(S) f tus-

ROM, A LVN-pru, A WAR(S) A LVN-pru, a GAL-boh, F ALB(S) F AEG-ion, a stp-nwy

/d.../, a rom-ALL, f tun-rom

deadline on page 2

## 1971 DO

## the spring of 1907

FIRST FATALITY SEEN AS MONSTER POWERS COLLIDE IN EUROPEAN "WASTE LANDS"

Russia, Brooks /1/ A MUN (S) FRE a pied-TYO

Germany, Early/1/ A RURHR(S) TUR a SIL-mun/nso/

England, Keller/10/ F STP N H, F BAL(S) A BER H, F HOL(S) f den-KIEL, F BAR(S) F STP

A BEL-ruhr, F SWE H, a lon-WALES, a edin-YORK

France, Horton/9/ a boh/d+a/(#) apied-TYO, a VEN-tri, f tun-ION, f nap-APU, f rom-N

NAP, F TYRR(S) f tan ION, f wes-LYON, A BURG(S) RUS A MUN

Turkey, Leeder/13/ A BUD (S) a rum-GAL, A SIL (S) aty:(#) a vie-BOH/d.../, A TRI(S)

A TYO, A LVN(S) a war-PRU, f bla-CON, f gre-ION, f ion-ADR; a ukr-WAR, f smy-

AEG

deadline on page 2

## 1971 DV

## the Fall of 1906

GAME SLOWS DOWN AS POWERS TAKE UP POSITIONS

England Drake owns; home, nwy, den, swe, bar, kiel, hol 9=9even

a lvp-YORK, F NTH C a york-HOL, A EDIN, F LON, F Nwy, A KIEL, F HELGO, F DEN

ALL HOLD

France, Nozik/8/owns; home, iber, bel, mun, tun 8=8 even

f mar-LYON, F tun-ION, f WES-tyrr, A BEL H, A PIED (S) a mun-TYO, A BOH\_vie,

F TYRR-rom

Italy, Drews/5/home tri, vie, ~~5~~ 5=5 even

A VIE H, a TRI S a tyo-VEN, A APU rom, f rom-NAP

Russia, Early/7/home, bud, rum, ~~8~~ ank, SER 8=7+1

F BLA (S) A ANK H, a ukr-SEV, A RUM-bul, F STP N U, A GAL-boh, A SER(S) ARUM-bul

Turkey Ostapovich/4/owns; smy, ~~4~~ bul, gre, CON 4=4 even

ankretreated to smy, F CON (S) A SMY-ank, A BUL(#) F CON, F GRE(S) A BUL

Make the spring dependant on whether Russia builds none or an army in MOS OR WAR.

I will not issue a seperate winter for this game (Russia's build IS due with the other winter seasons in other games, however). deadline on page 2

## 1971 EK

## the Fall of 1906

NINE CENTERS CHANGE HANDS AS FRANCE IS RAPED. AUSTRIA: HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF BALANCE OF POWER?

Austria, Fujihara/6/owns; tri, ser, bud, vie, ~~6~~ rum, bul, ven 7=6+1

A SER(S) a rum-BUL, A TYO(S) a tri-VEN, A GAL-rum, F ALB-gre

England, Brackman/5/owns; home, bre, ~~5~~ PORT 5=5even (moves go to ME, Dennis!)

F ECH-bre, A EDIH, f mac-PORT, a bel-PIC, f nth-LON

cont to next page







Turkey, Leahy/7/owns, home, bul, rum, ser, gre 7-78ven  
F BLA(S) + AARM(S) F RUM-sev, f aeg-ION, A SER(S) A BUL-rum, A gre-ALB  
deadline on page 2

The Spring of 1903

It is a true disappointment when I must print a season like this one. A game without competition is no challenge. I also appologize for letting Mr. Peery play in my games a second time. He dropped out before but assured me it would not happen again. ha!

Austria, ~~Thal~~/2/arm, nso, 2nd miss, dropped A WAR, F ALB  
England, Carroll/5/A BEL(S) GER a hol-RURH, F NTH(S) A BEL, f nwy-STPN, f ech-BRE, f lyp-EDI

France, ~~Peery~~/5/nmr, nso, 2nd miss, dropped F MAO, A GAS, A BURG, A MAR, F PIC

Italy, Novak/6/a pyo-PIED, A VIE H, a tri-TYO, f tun-WES, f nap-TYRR, f rom TUS

Germany, Timm/6/ a hol-RURH, A KIEL(S) A BER, A DEN(S) F SWE H, A MUN-burg,

Russia, Stone/3/nmr nso F BAL, A FIN, A PRU

Turkey, Cockrell/7/F BLA(C) a con-SEV, -A GRE H, a ser-RUM, a rum-UKR, f ion-TUN, a smy-ARM

I will accept substitutes for France AND Austria beginning with WINTER 1903.  
deadline on page 2

1973 F

the Spring of 1902

Austria, Tilson/5/ A TRI (S) a vie-TYO, F GRE(S) A SER-bul, a bud-VIE

England, Nozik/3/ F NTH-ech, F ECH-mao, A MAR-H

France, Beavers/5/F spa no-PORT, A BURG (S) A BEL(S) A BURG, F BRE-mao, a par-PIC

Germany, ~~Wolke~~/3/nmr, nso dropped A RURH, A KIEL, F HOL substitute sought

Italy, Brooks/3/ a tyo/a rom-VEN/d.../, F ION (S) TUR A BUL-gre /nso/

Russia, Hilliker/5/ F BLA(S) a SEV-arm, a arm-SYR, a ukr-RUM, f swe-NWY

Turkey, Lewis/4/A BUL(S) AUS A SER-rum/nso/, A CON(S) A BUL, F ANK(S) A SMI-arm

deadline on page 2

NOVICE GAMES OPEN! I now I have 5 persons for the next game for Newcomers; Harry Drews, Clay McCuiston, Mike Kostoff, David Burkett, and Peter Shamray. Game fee \$5 for First Class, \$5.50 Air mail. Overseas Air Mail \$7

All of the above, who have not done so, please submit a country preference list.

GAMES FOR EXPERIENCED PLAYERS ALSO OPEN. Registered are Eric Verheiden and Mike Rocomora. Game Fee \$6, air mail \$6.50 Overseas \$8.00(air mail)

This game is open to anyone on the top boards of ANY rating system or poll, or with an ODD rating of 850 plus that is based on three or more completed games.

SUBS TO LD ARE 10 for \$2.00 via whichever class of mail is cheapest for me.

9 for \$2.00 via first class

7 for \$2.00 via North American Air Mail

5 for \$2.00 via non-North American Air Mail

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF RATINGS

ORGANISATION DE DIPLOMATIE--the ODD Rating System

Curator; Doug Beyerlein

Reproduced in its entirety in WASHINGTON REPORTS #5, 15, April 1973

Rank	Score	Player	High*	Rank	Score	Player	High*
1	1404	Brenton Ver Ploeg	1404	6	1205	John Beshara	1205
2	1324	Charles Turner	1324	7	1140	Ted Rolcome	1140
3	1278	Tom Eller	1278	8	1116	Walt Buchanan	1116
4	1255	Doug Beyerlein	1307	9	1111	Lew Fulsipher	1172
5	1210	Peter Rosamilia	1210	10	1089	Randy Bytwerk	1089

\*highest score achieved to date

Rank	Score	Player	High	Rank	Score	Player	High
11	1082	Jeff Power	1082	21	987	Len Lakofka	1107
12.	1076	Rod Walker	1238	22	968	Lee Childs	1064
13.	1069	Mike Rocamora	1069	23	960	Gene Prosnitz	1101
14.	1041	John Koning	1172	24	959	Arnold Vagts	
15.	1012	Andy Phillips	1137	25	948	Bill Beyermann	
16.	1012	Andy Phillips	1137	36	909	Edi Birsan	1188
17.	1008	David Johnston	1008	39.	902	John Smythe	1174
18.	1004	Jerry Pournelle	1120	51.	882	Hal Naus	1048
19.	1002	Mehran Thomson	1031	59.	849	Monte Zelazny	1092
20.	997	George Lowrance		?	810	Mike Goldstein	1167
				?	796	Derek Nelson	1093

The Complete list is available form Dou Beyerlein at 3934 S. W. Southern, Seattle Washington 98136 for 25¢ each. You can subscribe by invitation only.

What is the ODD System?

Let us assume player A has score "A", player B score "B" etc. A is greater than B. Then if A wins; A's points =  $A + (50 - .1(A-B))$

B's points =  $B - (50 - .1(A-B))$

if B wins; A's points =  $A - (50 + .1(A-B))$

B's points =  $B + (50 + .1(A-B))$

note; if (A-B) is greater than 500, then (A-B)=500

This is a parallel to the U.S. Chess Federation system. The player with the larger rating has less to gain and more to lose from playing a weaker player(s). The converse is true, a player with a lower rating has more to gain from playing a player(s) with a higher rating than himself, and less to lose.

Example; These seven players play Diplomacy;

Doug Beyerlein 1255, Robert Rosenfiled 925, Banks Mebane 915, Paul wood 905, Jerry White 735, Robert Lamb 625 and Brian Bailey 565.

If Beyerlein wins he gets;

$(50 - .1(1255-925)) + (50 - .1(1255-915)) + (50 - .1(1255-905)) + (50 - .1(1255-735)) + (50 - .1(1255-625)) + (50 - .1(1255-565)) = 17+16+15+0+0+0=48$  points!

The zeros are due to the "note" above. A player can never gain more than 50 points, plus or minus 10% of the difference --but that difference is limited to one of 500. White Lamb + Baliley lose NOTHING. Rosenfiled, Mebane + Wood lose 17, 16 + 15 points each respectively.

If Wood Wins he gets;

$(50 + .1(1255-905)) + (50 + .1(925-905)) + 50 + (.1(915-905)) + (50 - .1(905-735)) + (50 - .1(905-625)) + (50 - .1(905-565)) = 85+52+51+33+22+16$  or 259 points.

The others lose those points.

If Bailey wins he gets 428 points!

For further explanations see Washington Reports.

The perils of publishing!

You will probably notice that some strange things appear on pages 2, 3 and 5. Also that the titles and delinations lines ~~XXXXX~~ are incomplete on many pages. This is due to a stupidity of mine when I typed the stencils. I forgot that I had to reset the pressure on the typewriter to "1" when typing the delination lines. On '5', my normal pressure for cutting a stencil, a series of repeating x's act like a scissors! Sob! So after 10 or 20 copies the stencil tears and begins to drift down the roller. This gives a curved type face. I did the first three pages before I found a way to correct the problem. But I did not finish the run on any of those pages! Therefore I have been forced to omit a page or two to trades, and some games to the players (not ones they are in, of corse. I could not take the time to retype the stencils because that meant the games would be another 4-6 days late. I have noted anyone who has not gotten a complet issue. Those persons will have their subscriptions extended one issue. Players who wish to follow other's games may right me for the game results.

I am sorry and I hope ( oh Lord do I hope) it won't happen again!

PEACE AND LOVE.....with honor?

THINK ETHNIC!