



LIES, DECEIT AND NEFARIOUS SCHEMES

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This being the close for 1977 one must pause and reflect on what the past year has been. For myself this has been both the worst year and the best year, (thanx to my son.) But going one step further this has been a fantastic year because of the many friends that I have made through this zine. As far as I am concerned that the subscribers and traders of LDNS are the greatest group of people that I have every had the good fortune of meeting, wheither it be in person, by phone or in letters. I am proud of this zine and the prime reason that it is as big of a success lies totally on your shoulders. You tell me when something is amiss and you always seem to know when I'm down and send a letter complimenting me on my work.

Many of you are in games with me and in the games we lie, deceit and try all kinds of nefarious schemes upon one another, but that is part of the game. While here all previous "escapades" are laid aside and perminant friendships are formed. So to all of you who are reading this I dedicate this Christmas Issue to you and my house is always open to you the best bunch of fellows I know.

From the three of us, Pat, BJ, and myself we wish you the happiest of the holidays and a bright new year.

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DIPLOMACY WORLD Walt Buchanan (Route 3, Box 324, Lebanon, In 46052)
Subscription rate is one year (4 issues) \$4.00 in USA. Even though DW was late this issue, due to unforeseen problems, it was well worth the wait. I would suggest whole hog that anyone who considers himself "into" the Diplomacy hobby to receive this zine. Walt, I wish to thank you for your very kind and complimentary note and to wish you and yours a very special seasons greetings.

IDA-NA notes: The IDA-NA is beginning to kick off the new year with the election of new officers. For those of you who have sent in the \$2 yearly dues and have heard nothing don't despare. The treasury has been transfered to Bob Hartwig (5030 N. 109th St.; Longmont, Colo 80501) and is he every busy processing the forms. Hopefully those people who sent in their money will be registered in time to vote. (I hope so because I am running for Periodicals Editor and my dues are one of the late ones and if mine don't get in I won't even get a chance to vote and I'd like to get at least one vote.) Ben Grossman has gone ahead and published a couple issues of Diplomacy Reveiw and I was glad to hear that he did get some money for it. I don't generally make reccommendations but in this case I am going to make an exception. Let's face it, wheither you have anytime for the IDA-NA or not you must know that the IDA has lost a great deal of credibility over the last few years and the only way it is going to turn itself around and regain the trust and hope of those who are bourderline about the IDA is for it to take the bull by the horns and not worry about new members but rather make the IDA-NA something that one would want to be a member of. The fueing in the past has done nothing but slandered the name of the IDA. So at this time I wish to say to all of you that I my opinion Bob Hartwig who is running for the President is my choice. As for myself, I'm realistic, should I be elected for PE that would be fine. I think that most of you reading this know that I could do the job but right now just doing the job will not be enough.

I'm sure that Bob is not loved by all (but who is?) but from the \$50+ I've spent talking to him on the phone I sincerely doubt that he is going to allow any of that to stand in the way of him doing what is ^{will} best for the hobby. ((If I do for Bob what I did for McGovern, he have to sell his zine.))

Now its time for my formal apology. This last month I did something that I have felt for a long time would be beneficial for the hobby. Right or wrong I felt it to be in the best interests of all. And I still do. After a lengthy letter to Bob and after talking to him on the phone I went ahead and did it. What I did was form a group for publishers of Diplomacy zines so that they might get information on the IDA-NA, the hobby as a whole, and to assist them in whatever capabilities at my disposal. I went off half-cocked. I used the name of the IDA-NA where I had no business to do so. I led people to think that my service was something that it was not. I must say though that I did not do it intentionally. I misunderstood Bob and possibly I was so enthusiastic about it that I didn't really listen. Apologies are not easy for me so I try to avoid them when ever possible so I will get this over with and to the point.

Bob--I am truly sorry for mis-using your name and I hope that any hard feelings that people may direct towards you will be quickly turned towards me for it was my fault, not yours.

To the others I wrote--My intentions were, and still are good just my enthusiasm and wording was wrong.

For those of you who have absolutely no idea what I am talking about let me explain what I am attempting to do in the future.

1. It has seemed to me that to often that the only way a publisher can get any information about the IDA-NA and what it is trying to do is by reading it in another zine. Should he find it fine, but if not he's out in the cold. So I ~~am~~ attempting to start a zine for the publisher's with information about the IDA-NA and its doings to anyone wheither they be a member or not. In the hopes that with enough exposure the IDA-NA will be forced to do a good job and in return will increase its rolls. This letter would be in addition to Diplomacy Review. I mean to take nothing away from Diplomacy Review but rather to add to it.

2. Also in this "zine" I will pass along any information on the Diplomacy hobby as a whole.

Now it would be silly for me to publish a whole zine for just a few publishers. So for the time being I will just send the publishers my zine (LDNS) until such a time that a new zine will become practical. Even then they may still receive LDNS, but for now all pertinante info' will be in here.

3. Here I am hoping to open up a place for the publishers to explain some things to their subscribers in a less expensive way. For example, Publisher A is transfered overseas for two months and his zine will be late. Rather then writing each and every subscriber or waiting for the rumors to be spread in other zines all he need do is drop me a line, I pass along the information to other publishers, they print it and in a short period of time most if not all of his subs. will be aware of the issue. This can be for any information, this was just an example.

4. Here's one I particularly like. I will keep a running account of every game opening that I can hear about. (Variants, Diplomacy, tactics games or what ever.) Then all the players need to do is drop me a line stating what variant they are looking for, a particular tactics game or maybe just a certain period in time. They enclose a 13¢ stamp in the letter (subs of LDNS need not do that if they are willing to wait until the next issue) and in the mail they will receive where to find the game that they are looking for. Just like Battle Creek, Mich with the exception that I don't want any box tops.

5. Also under this program said publisher's will not have to worry about what will happen to the games in their zines. I will personally use everything at my disposal to see that the games are taken over immediatly. I have publishers that say that they will assume a game as of this very date. Any excess will be handled by other means (OGP) or if I feel that it is not being done quickly enough I will take over the games myself. (I can see it now, 50 pages of LDNS. Oh well, at least I'll be able to mail "book rate".)

The last statement was where most of the controversy came in. Until something happens whereby the IDA-NA want me to change it in some fashion that is the way I will handle it. I hope that that clears the air and we can get on to more important matters, like the loonacy that you come to expect from LDNS.

I wish to thank Don Horton, publisher of Claw & Fang to allow me the use of this article that appeared in Claw & Fang. If you are not a subscriber to Claw & Fang and I can't imagine anyone who isn't and you like this article you should write Don and get his zine. Don's address is 16 Jordan Rd.; Sacramento, CA 95826. See the best things do come from California. ((I got a hunch I'm going to regret saying that-JHJ))

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL MY FRIENDS

Golly, it doesn't seem like a year has passed since I last sent all of you my Christmas letter last time. As usual, this has been quite an eventful year for myself, my lovely wife, Dolly, my three wonderful children, Tom, Dick and Harry, and the family dog, Xenophanes.

As you all know, my hobby is playing a game--Diplomacy--by mail. Without going into detail about it again, let it suffice to say that there are seven players who write lies (ha ha) to one another and send in movement orders to an eighth person known as a Gamemaster. The one that lasts the longest, wins. I started 35 new games this year and finished 12. This means that I am currently participating in something over 120 games. The precise number is not clear since these Gamemasters occasionally go bananas and their games remain inactive before someone else takes the game over.

I had to give up my job in April or May. It was interfering with all the letter I had to write. I won't bore you with the details except to tell you the satisfaction that I got when I uttered those immortal words "You can't fire me, I quit!" The only trouble was that I had been fired three weeks before but no one had bothered to tell me. I guess I really should have gone in more often. But being an assistant taster in a pet food factory was rather demeaning work.

I'm not sure exactly when Dolly left me. I believe it was sometime during the summer. I remember I had been writing letter late into the night and when I finally got to the bedroom it was empty save for a note on the pillow. I guess it had been there for several days and I just hadn't noticed it before. I still have it as sort of a keepsake. It says, "Dear Franklin: I can't take any more of this. No job, no food, no clothes, just letters everywhere. If it were another woman I could adjust, but that nutty game-- You can take those geddammed little blocks of wood and..." Apparently she thought better of what she had written and had carefully torn off the bottom of the page.

I guess she took my three wonderful children with her. I haven't seen them around the house in sometime. They must be getting pretty big now. I think the youngest is 11 or 14 or something like that. Oh yes, I did see a picture of the oldest, Tom, in the paper the other day. It seems the police had detained him for selling some grass. I remember his mother once mentioned to me that Tom had a hobby and she was thankful it wasn't Diplomacy. At that time I remarked to her that she should have a hobby. I suggested that she write Carol Buchanan and inquire about joining the Diplomacy Widows Association. Dolly was really excited about the prospect until Carol wrote back and told her it didn't mean that one was a real widow.

But enough about my wonderful family, let's get back to my real love, Diplomacy. The really great thing I did this year was to start my own gamezine, BLASPHEMY. After I ~~quit~~ quit my job I found it harder and harder to get the cash to enter a new game. I did draw unemployment for awhile--when I remembered to go down to the office. I once took the Diplomacy game with me and taught some of the other fellows in line how to play. But the officials wouldn't let me do that again saying that all those shouts of "LIAR", "ASSASSIN", and "BRIGAND" were disturbing to the other clients.

At any rate, I hit upon the idea of starting my own zine and thus getting in money to enter new games. This has been so successful that I am planning to start five or six more zines.

Well, that's all for now. All of you have a happy holiday and I will send you greetings again next year.

Seasons best,

Frank Merriwell

p.s. I just remembered, the family dog, Xenophanes, died three years ago which is just as well because I could never pronounce his name anyway.

Thanx again Don for allowing me to re-print this. The more I read it the more it sounds like someone I know. Shut-up Pat.

Here is the game you've been waiting for--
"THE PUBLISHER'S GAME"

1977-IS
Spr '02

THIS IS THE COUNTRY, BULGARIA. POPULATION, ONE TOO MANY ARMIES. I WAS WORKING THE DAY WATCH OUT OF THE GM DIVISION WHEN CAPT. FRANK PETERS ASKED ME TO CHECK ON THE MATTER AND FIND OUT WHICH ONE HAD TO GO. THAT'S MY JOB, I CARRY A TYPEWRITER. DUM-DE-DUM-DUM...

- AUS (JIM BUMPAS--LIBERTERREAN) A Bud-Ser; F Alb-Gre; A Rum S ITA A Ser-Bul; A Tri S A Bud-Ser.
- ENG (DAVID BUNKE--THE NINTH CIRCLE) A Nwy-Fin; F Nwg-Bar; F Edi-Nwg; F Lon-Nth; F Bel S F Lon-Nth /d/ ret Pic, Eng or OTB.
- FRA (DENNIS AGOSTA--COMMAND) F Mar-Lyo; F Bre-MAO; F Por-Spa(sc); A Spa-Gas A Bur-Par.
- GER (BOB HARTWIG--THE PODUNK NEWS) A Mun-Sil; F Kiel-Bal; F Den S F Kie-Bal; A Hol-Bel; A Ruh S A Hol-Bel.
- ITA (ANDY COOK--SUICIDE) A Tyr-Pied; A Ser-Bul; F Nap-Tyrr; F Aeg-Smy
- RUS (DAVE DITTER) A StP-Fin; A Swe S A StP-Fin; F Both S A Swe; A Ukr-Mos; F Sev-Blk
- TUR (BOB BEARDSLEY--BROUHAHA) A Arm-Ank; F Ank-Con; F Con-Smy; A Bul H /ann/

Press:

LONDON (20 December 1901): Ah, the festive holiday season in this polyglot wonder of a metropolis! Men of various nations gather as a community to celebrate the Yule tide's coming!! As one meanders down a busy London street at this happy time of year one can see Austrian liberterreans, French commanders, Italian cooks, bearded Turks, politically ambitious Germans, little old gamemasters from Pasadena, and sumptuous Russian dinners spread elegantly in shop windows awaiting the time when they will be brought home to an English family and carved up before a roaring Christmas fire. Magnificent!!!

WINDSOR CASTLE (25 December 1901): From the King's Christmas court at Windsor, we wish all the courts and nations of Europe a truly Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!!! God rest you merry, gentlemen!

MOSCOW--What can I say? I'm not even a publisher. Is a flasher good enough as a hobby qualification?

MOSCOW--To the Eastern World, beware of our Western Neighbors, they seem quietly united.

SMYRNA: The Sultry Sultan sat silently staring at the ships in the Aegean Sea. "Screwed again" said he. "If suicide is his desire, so shall it be. His Cook shall be goosed."

Notice to the Sarbonne, University of Moscow, Leipzig Univ, Oxford and the Armenian Ploytechnical Institute: The Austro-Hungarian gov't offers to establish scholarship funds with your institutions upon the following conditions:

1. Recipients of the scholarship must be active combatants of the "Regio Corpo Truppe Coloniali della Este";
2. Applications are only accepted from said combatants on active duty in the Austro-Hungarian Empire;
3. Recipients must promise not to return to active duty until after their course of study is complete.

KORBACH--The Beard-sleyved Cook was right again. Lord Hartwig had just thrown yet another Diplomacy set across the room-scattering the wooden blocks everywhere.

But although Lady Joan wasn't around, the family doctor was. He rushed to the door and knocked furiously. A heated argument ensued, in which Dr. Tomcufcik finally convinced King Robert that he needed a rest.

"But what kind of rest?", queried the King.

"How about a Fox hunt? They're always running away and it would be great sport to catch one!"

"Why, doctor, that's a great idea!"

"Is it a Diehl then?"

"You've got a Diehl, doc. Boy I sure feel sorry for that Poore Fox when a catch him."

"What will you do with him?"

"Quite elementary my dear doctor-I'll teach him never to NMR on me again!"

1977-IS (con't)

THE STORY YOU HAVE JUST READ IS TRUE. ONLY THE COLORS WERE CHANGED TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT.

Deadline for Fall 1902 is Saturday, noon, January 7, 1978.

COA Bob Hartwig 5030 N. 109th St; Longmont, Colo 80501 (thru Jan 12)

1977-KC
Winter '01

- AUS (S. Shields) Builds A Vie, A Bud also has A Tri, A Ser and F Gre
- ENG (J. Diehl) Builds F Lon also has A Yor, F Nwy and FNth
- FRA (J. Caruso) Builds F Bre also has F Port, A Mar, A Bur
- GER (C. Reges) Builds F Kiel, A Ber, A Mun also has A Hol, A Bel & F Den
- ITA (D. Mueth) Builds F Nap also has A Pied, A Ven & F Tun
- RUS (C. Eichelberger) Builds F Sev also has F Both, F Rum, A StP & A Ukr
- TUR (J. Machir) Builds A Ank also has A Bul, A Con & F Blk

Press:

ROME: The French should damn well know that Piedmont is part of Italy. The Italian troops are there to protect Italy not attack France.

Ankara-Paris: The Sultan wishes to publically apologize to the President of France for his failure to communicate. The Turkish postal system is at best terrible, and the Sultan has not received any letters postmarked Paris. As a token of affection to the French Leader the Sultan will ship to the President the head of Ibin Post Agedue, The former cheif of the Turkish Mail System.

CRETE: M&M's will melt in our hands, not in our throats.

CYPRUSS: Word from informed sources said the Sultan has named a new Admiral in command of the fleet in view of his grand strategic move. The Admirals nick-name is Chicken of the Sea.

Paris to Rome: What now? War or peace?

Berlin to London: Sorry, Prime Minister, but I could not hardly resist three builds. Maybe some other time, huh?

Pasadena to London: After seeing the Vikings play LA and Oakland maybe you should keep your forces away from the West Coast. ((We don't get to cheer much out here so when ever the oppurtunity arises...))

Deadline for Spring 1902 is noon January 7, 1978.

1977-HW
"The West Coast Game"
Winter 1902

- Eng F Eng ret to Lon
- Fra F Bur ret to Mar

- AUS (T. Sherwood) Build A Tri Has A Vie, Bud, Gal, Rum & F Gre
- ENG (D. Fugihara) Even Has A Pic, F Gas, Nwy, Lon
- FRA (D. Brownell) Even Haa A Pic, Spa, Mar F MAO, Eng
- GER (C. Spiekerman) Builds A Mun A Kiel F Ber Has A Bur, Ruh, Bel, War, F Swe
- ITA (Dave Ditter) Even Has A Tun Rom F Ion, EMed
- RUS (W. Hoylman) Removes F Both Has A Lvn, Ukr
- TUR (D. Hard) Build F Smy A Sev, Bul F Con, Blk

Press:

ROME--Congratulations is due to our Austrian friends with hopes of continued growth and cooperation between our countries.

Deadline for Spring '03 is noon January 7, 1978

I was going to use this small amount of space to tell a joke that Roger Bermingham told me but I can't find it which is probably for the best. I was more demented then me.

1977-IA
Fall '02

HO HUM...WHAT A PEACEFUL GAME. THAT SHOULD BE PIECEFUL, EVERYBODY WANTS
A PIECE OF THE ACTION.

- AUS (A. Tomcufgik) F Alb-Gre; A Bud-Gal; A Vie-Tyr; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.
- ENG (R. Birmingham) A Den-Swe; F Ska S A Den-Swe; F Nth-Nwy; F Edi-Nwg;
A Lon H
- FRA (J. Morris) A Ruh-Bel; A Pic S A Ruh-Bel; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur;
F MAO-Eng
- GER (J. Diehl) A Mun-Kiel; F Hel-Den; F Bal S F Hel-Den; F Hol-Hel;
A Bel-Hol
- ITA (J. Rogowski) A Rom-Tun; A Gre S AUS A Ser-Bul (nso) /annih/ ;
F Ion-EMed; F Tyrr C A Rom-Tun
- RUS (J. Poore) A War-Sil; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Nwy S F Swe
F Swe S A Nwy /d/ unit ordered to ret to Both.
- TUR (C. Reges) F Blk S A Rum; F Smy-Aeg; A Bul S AUS F Alb-Gre;
A Rum S AUS A Bud-Gal.

Supply Chart

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AUS	Home, Ser, GRE	5	build 1
ENG	Home, Nwy , Den , SWE	4	remove 1
FRA	Home, Spa, Por, BEL	6	build 1
GER	Home, Hol, Bel , DEN	5	even
ITA	Home, Gre , TUN	4	build 1
RUS	Home, Rum , Swe , Nwy	5	even
TUR	Home, Bul, RUM	5	build 1

I have never seen so many non-home s.c. change hands in one year!--JHJ

Press:

OSLO (AFTEN POSTEN) "NORWAY HAS BEEN LIBERATED" exclaimed Tsar Jerod and King Alfred, who has returned with the rigorous Russian Raiders from exile in St. Petersburg. In co-ordination with the Mrs. Olsen Memorial Brigade, consisting of Norwegian Freedom Fighters, the rigorous Russian raids have saved the now grateful Norwegian peasants from the Elaidan English Encroachments upon Norwegian rights--J. Stalin, Cheif Russian High Command.

RUMANIA--Clean-up operations were reported to be underway in an effort to cleanse Rumania of the thousands of Vodka bottles strewn about.

SMYRNA--The Sultan Ali Is-e Cleary, after making a change of name, has once again come out of his drunken stupor long enough to order that the Czar's epidemic pleurodunia becomes fatal. "Hic. Go get 'em!" he exclaimed.

Vienna-St.Petersburg: Come on now, you really didn't expect me to believe those stories, did you??

Deadline for Winter '02, Spring '03 due noon January 7, 1978.
Separation of seasons will be grated if called for.

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LATE PRESS:
1977-IS

ROME: Today Prince Frack was made ruler of all Italy and Serbia. At his coronation an attempt was made on his life by Brouhahaglini an infamous Turk who tried to force the Great Frack to commit Suicide.

NAPLES: See we can do it too.

VENICE: Are the French on our side?

((Sorry but Andy's press was in the wrong folder--JHJ))

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Games started: I don't believe it but the horse race game has finally started. The beginning of it is basically a set up period but after it gets under way I will be randomly inserting the standings and important races in here. Sorry John and Steve but it has already closed, maybe again later.

LDNS-5 Has begun. (Have I every lied to you?)

Those brave young souls are:

- AUS: David Hard
PO Box 12012
San Diego, CA 92112
- ENG: Leland Harmon
1802 X Ave
La Grande, OR 97850
- FRA: Craig Reges
16 W761 White Pines Rd
Bensehville, IL 60106
- GER: Ken Peterson
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Warrenton, VA 22186
- ITA: Jim Diehl
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Bloomington, Minn 55437
- RUS: Gary Kilbrice
PO Box 2546
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands USA
00801
- TUR: Tim Long
8315 Bennett Ave
Stockton, CA 95211

Good luck to all.

Could I get a number for this, Cal?

THANK.

Anyone interested in playing a non-rated variant (designed by yours truly) for free? It requires 11 players and I would like to get comments on the game.

REVIEW--

by J. Caruso

I don't know if the rest of you read this zine, cover to cover as I do, but if you do this will be another one of those boring articles. Only this time, it'll be written by a subscriber, not by your beloved editor.

Did any of you out there ever try writing an article for a zine? It ain't easy. Just ask JHJ. He has to write them all the time. But he's uncanny. He writes about absolutely nothing and gets away with it. The best article I ever read in LDNS was "The Diplomacy Widow" in issue #2. And he didn't even write it, Pat did. She's a better writer than he, though his article "I got Duped" in LDNS #3 was interesting.

All in all though, I think we all will agree that here in LDNS we have a good, prompt, accurate (at times) zine. Jerry does a fine job and is a helluva nice guy. His spelling is erroneous, but if that's the only problems, I think we can live with it. THANK.

JHJ--Thank for the kind words but I want to clarify one thing. I wrote "Dip. Widow" and Pat does all of the spelling. If she reads that I deny every word!

While rummaging around for something to write I happened across these quotations and I thought I would pass them along.

Diplomacy--The patriotic art of lying for one's country--Ambrose Bierce
Diplomats write notes, because they wouldn't have the nerve to tell the same thing to each other's face--Will Rogers

A Diplomat is a person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip--Caskie Stinnett

There is nothing more likely to start disagreement among people or countries than an agreement--EB White

Alliance, n, In international politics the union of two thieves who have their hands so deeply inserted in each others pockets that they cannot plunder a third--Ambrose Bierce

When a diplomat says yes he means perhaps; when he says perhaps he means no; when he says no he is no diplomat--Anonymous

(This is my favorite.)

Diplomacy--The art of saying "nice Doggy" til you can find a rock--Wynn Catl.

REVISED HOUSERULES

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- * revised rules
- ** new rules.

1. The copyrighted 1974 Diplomacy rulebook is to be in effect with these additions:
- *2. All countries will be selected by random. Exception, if on your honor you have never played a certain country I will take it into consideration.
- *3. Seasons--There will be two separate seasons: Spring and Fall. The exception being winter 1901, which will be run as a separate season. I will continue the separation of the Winter season if requested by the players or if I deem it necessary.
4. Orders must be typed or printed for each game. If the orders are illegible they will be decoded by my pet dog, Gus, whose decisions are final.
- *5. Should you be in more than one game please send your orders for each game on a separate piece of paper. If you send in provisional orders for the next years they should also be on separate sheets of paper.
6. Postcards will be accepted for orders. But I will not be responsible should the Post Office lose it.
7. All orders should contain the season and year, country, Boardman number, date and signature. Any forgeries will be considered as enough reason for expulsion from the zine.
8. Phone orders will be accepted as long as they are received prior to the deadline. (Collect calls will not be accepted.) It is your responsibility to make sure that I understand your move.
- **9. If requested by each player I will call just prior to the deadline if I didn't receive your moves by the last mail on Saturday. Your choice collect or direct, if direct you will be charged for it from my phone bill and I will be reimbursed.
- *10. NMR's: Once a player NMR's a standby will be asked to submit orders for that country. After the second NMR in a row or the third NMR the standby will be asked to assume the position.
11. The time for the deadline will always be at noon on a Saturday/.
- **12a. In 1977-HW, IA IS KC if a player NMR's all units will hold.
 - 12b. In future games an uninvolved Diplomacy player will make defensive moves/builds for each country and they will be used in case of an NMR. This applies to all moves with the exception of Spring 1901. In Spring 1901 the standard openings as listed in "the Publishers Handbook" will be used. Otherwise defensive moves will (1) not conquer new S.C. (2) will not support other countries (3) will only attempt to protect the home country and currently owned S.C. This player's moves will be final and no complaint about what he did accepted. All should benefit from this.
13. Should a player NMR out of a game, unless for a good reason, he will find it hard to get back into my graces and into another game. I would hope to keep a good pace for those who are serious about their game and an NMR just spoils it for everyone.
14. It will be acceptable for a player to resign from a game with no penalties attached. A standby will be asked to assume the position.
15. Any position with two units or less may be considered to be in Civil Disorder (CD). No standby will be asked to take over such a position but if there is someone with suicidal tendencies he will be allowed to assume that country. That is of course if the original player drops the position.
16. A draw or concession vote must be unanimous. Exception being my vote which counts as all seven.
17. A subscription must be maintained to continue play. Should a game be in its later years and a player's subscription run out and he no longer wishes to subscribe then arrangements can be made for him to receive the zine on a single copy basis.
18. Substitutes can be used but for one year only and I must approve the substitution.
19. Errors can and will be made. If I make them, heaven forbid, I will correct the situation as soon as possible and to the benefit of all concerned. If you make them, try to make the best of it for the order will stand.

- 20. If two units are retreated to the same space both are annihilated. A country in CD whose units are dislodged, those units will be annihilated.
- 21. Any unit ordered to move even though it is an illegal order shall be considered to have received an order to move and cannot receive support to hold.
- *22. Press: For the most part all press will be printed with the exception of the boxing and the offensive. I do reserve the right to edit and not print any press that I deem unworthy. No Black press nor press datelined Pasadena will be accepted.
- **23. Conditional orders are acceptable but if a conditional order exists that you failed to mention it will be considered an NMR. (So please don't forget to include OTG.)
- **24. If in the Fall you have the option of retreating and/or building should you decide to retreat off the board it is up to you to notice it. I list how many Army/Fleets you should have in the Fall S.C. chart so that is how many you should have in the Winter. It is not that I am lazy it is that I just don't want being blamed should I forget to tell you. It is your game and you should play it on your own without my assistance. In some cases I may say something about it, but I am not obligated to do so.
- **25. Moves received that, under my opinion, were delayed by the Post Office excessively will be judged as a valid move and all players will be notified. Two requirements for this rule. First: My address must be legible and the Zip code present. Second: Excessive means four days over normal slow delivery.
- **26. Should you receive a copy of LDNS with postage due you should pay the postage and send me either the corner of the zine with the stamp or a Xerox copy and I will reimburse you.

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There is a new diplomacy game that I will start taking reservations for. Andy, let me know if you still wish to wait for the next game. Subscription rate is \$3.50 for 10 issues with a game fee of \$2 and a refundable NMR deposit of \$2 for each game.

I am not familiar with how many of you receive John Leaders fine zine, Rhunestone, but if you do you may notice that some of his players are having a short description of themselves in the zine. Likes, hobbies, a history of themselves and generally an opening statement so that they break down the "mystery" that we all seem to live behind in the hobby. I think its a great idea. I enjoy the game a lot more when I feel that I know the players and I have found that in games where I am more on a personal basis with the players the game gets some of that FTF flavor that is lacking in PBM. Also it seems that ethics and the like don't get in the way of a FUN game.

You send it in and I will print it. It's not mandatory just nice.

So I'll start it off. First of all I am doing this while the rest of you are watching the Minnesota football game and since they are winning I might become grumpy. (Sorry Jim) I am 28 years old and an out of work Electronics Tech but I am looking (with one eye shut!). I have a lovely wife, Pat and a future Diplomacy player BJ. He is only six weeks old so for the time being we just use him as a large Russian Army. I play tactical games of all kinds, collect coins to a small degree, enjoy researching WWII Armored vehicles and I enjoy those close intimate times with my woman, Pat too. I spent some time in So. east Asia and Mississippi. (I'll be doggoned if I can remember which was worse.) I love CW music and since the closest subscriber I have to Texas is Colo. I guess I am in a minority.

I've lived in Pasadena for the better part of 25 years and have never seen the Rose Bowl game. We leave that for you tourists. (In fact I've only seen the Parade in person once.) Oh well, you get the idea. Let's hear you story.

Well this brings another issue to a close, and another year to a close. So one more time---The Best of the Holidays to you and yours from me and mine.

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