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## Armadillo Windup

### GAME SUMMARY

1979HS FLYING DUTCHMAN (Jack Brawner) (to F03),  
LONE STAR DIPLOMAT (Mike Conner).

A: Gerard Van Alkemade (res F04), Eric Ozog (out S06), Mark Larzelere (out S08). E: Oren Phipps (dro S03), Stephen Lee (dro W05), Craig Williams (out F07). F: Larry Boudon (res F08), Ted Fuss. G: Bill Buck (dro S04), Doug Tatsch (draw F10). I: John Koehler (draw F10). R: John Daly (draw F10). Turkey: Bernard Sampson (out S07).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
A	5	5	6	6	4	3	1	-	-	-
E	5	5	4	4	4	2	-	-	-	-
F	4	4	5	5	6	6	6	4	4	1
G	6	6	5	5	5	7	8	9	9	10
I	4	4	4	4	5	6	7	9	9	10
R	6	7	7	8	9	9	12	12	12	13
T	4	3	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-



### ENDGAME STATEMENTS

GERMANY: Doug Tatsch

Playing in Armadillo has been a most rewarding and educational experience. My compliments and gratitude go to my allies, John Koehler (Italy) and John Daly (Russia), for a well played game.

Although Koehler and I had our rough periods and were perhaps not always as honest with each other as we could have been, we did achieve a common goal. Daly proved to be not only my strongest and most consistent ally early on, but he was also a steadying factor in getting the triple alliance through the tense and dangerous years near the end, when France and Austral were on the ropes, and allied forces began to meet each other in occupied territory.

I entered the game as the Germany standby in F04. At that time Germany was being kicked out of France, while Britain moved to the east and north in response to the threat posed by Russian control of Scandinavia. In fact, since Italy had had a hand in blunting Germany move west by annihilating German A Pie, I faced the possibility of hostilities on all sides: a strong Russia in Scandinavia, Britain and France in a solid front moving east, and Italy potentially hostile in the south. My only natural ally, Austria, was totally committed to a Russian alliance pulping Turkey as was no help.

Two rays of sunshine were projected into this bleak picture. First, because he was in the unenviable position of being stuck between a strong France and a strong Austria, Italy talked peace. Second, Russia offered a long-term alliance against first Britain and then France. Since my primary concern was the Anglo-French dagger aimed at my frontier in the Low Countries, I took him up on it. I couldn't have asked for a better or more cooperative ally. Although the threat of a Russian stab was always a real danger to me, Daly never made a move in that direction.

The R-G offensive against Britain was methodical

and inevitable--particularly once I gained the North Sea. We were aided by the French reluctance to pressure me on the continent. Britain was not only left alone in the beginning to face the G-R alliance, but--once his defenses had been breached--he was stabbed by France.

In the south, Turkey was crushed by an A-R alliance, following which Austria was effectively squeezed by an I-R alliance. An I-F truce in the Med helped prompt the French stab of Britain. At this time I began to dangle the prospect of an alliance against Russia in front of France. Of course, all I really wanted was to set up France for the killing stab, but I was surprised by the opening I was presented. France, obviously worried by the Russian threat to the north and enticed by the prospects of picking up supply centers from Britain and Italy (who was open to a stab from the west because of his anti-Austrian campaign), against Italy. I flowed across the border with my armies, and France never recovered, although France's naturally strong defensive position delayed the outcome until Russia and Italy helped close the vise.

There were only two instances when I felt the triple alliance was really in danger. The first came when Austria was eliminated, and Italy and Russia faced each other in the Balkans. Russia held what I felt was a decisive advantage in number of units and position. He was within a half-dozen centers of winning and had that many within reach by stabbing Italy and me. This potentially dangerous situation was defused by a well-conceived withdrawal on both sides to an agreed upon truce line. The second occasion was when Ted Fuss took over France near the

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## EYES UPON: JALAPEÑO

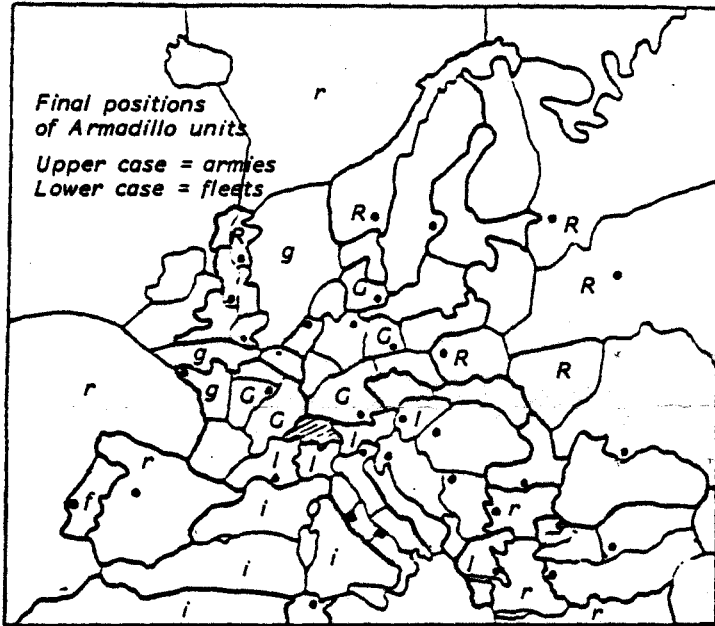


Spring 1901 orders are due from the following players in LONE STAR DIPLOMAT's first gamestart in ten months; codenamed Jalapeño:

- Austria: Bryan Jurkowski, 3 Ravencrest Chalet, PO Box 2620, Estes Park, CO 80517
- England: David L. Pierce, 6000 Liberty Bell Ct., Burke, VA 22015
- France: Jonathan Ellis, 3414 Hollywood, Austin, TX 78722
- Germany: Terry Sutor, 331 Wilson Hall, OSU, Corvallis, OR 97331
- Italy: Greg Fritz, PO Box 512, York, ME 03909
- Russia: Joe Gallagher, 4766 Maverick Way, Boise, ID 83709
- Turkey: Jim Lawniczak, 6103 Lyman, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Three of the players are Cactus veterans, but I don't think this will have much effect on the alliance structure of this game, since none are in adjacent countries here, and none were allies in Cactus.

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end of the game. The new French head of state offered negotiating possibilities, and I was unsure of both Italy's intentions and the viability of our proposed draw. I felt I had a reasonable chance of blunting Russia with French help. I made the offer to Fuss, but since the deal required my occupation of Bre, he refused. As it turned out, I am pleased I resisted the temptation.

In closing, I want to thank all my friends (and enemies) in this game for a stimulating and entertaining experience. I hope to meet some of you in the future across the negotiating table. My thanks to Mike Conner for his fair and impartial GMing and for producing the excellent Diplomacy vehicle LSD. Until next time, *auf Wiedersehen*.

ITALY: John Koehler

This game began in Jack Brawner's FLYING DUTCHMAN, a good zine which unfortunately did not make it. Then called "The Monitor", we were rescued by Mike Conner and renamed "Armadillo".

Having found a new home, we took a few seasons settling in, and after a few player changes we were set for what proved to be an exciting game. John Daly (Russia) and I had been nominally allied before the zine change. During the unsettled period of 1903-04 we determined that the alliance worked well. John also arranged an alliance with Doug Tatsch, who had replaced Bill Buck as Germany. Because of poor communication, Doug and I occasionally clashed along our mutual border in Tyo, but Daly was always able to bring us back together. He deserves a great deal of credit for keeping a difficult alliance together.

A few notes about the other players: Bern Sampson put up a spectacular defense of Turkey, in spite of the fact that Austria changed hands twice during his final seasons. Larry Boudon (France from 1901 to 1908) played a strong unallied France, and Ted Fuss, who assumed French command, tried valiantly to combat the triple alliance. Thanks also go to Craig Williams and Mark Larzelere, who played out England and Austria, respectively.

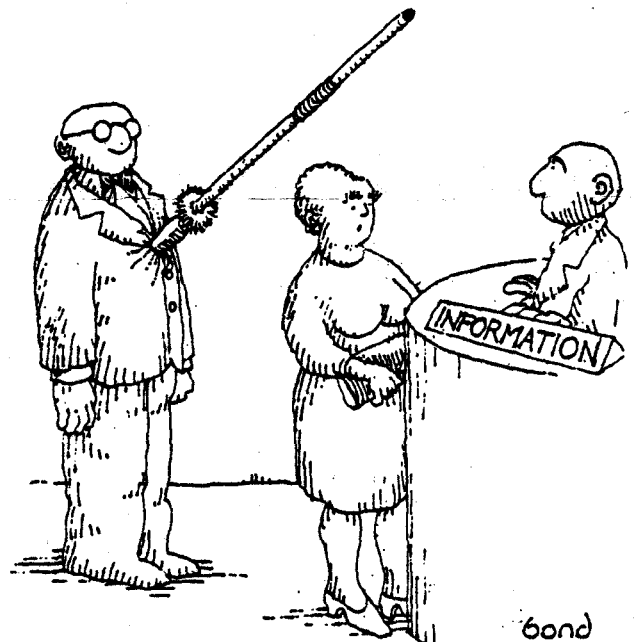
RUSSIA: John Daly

This was only the third game I've completed, but it was by far the most enjoyable. I started the game concentrating in the south by joining Austria against Turkey. Bern Sampson's Turkish defense was excellent, and even Jerry Van Alkemade's close Austrian support wasn't helping me destroy Turkey. With things bogged down in the south, I looked to the north for new centers. Choosing whether to side with England or Germany was easy, even though neither one had attacked me. The German player (Bill Buck) gave me no worries over taking Sweden in F01, and we had been writing regularly. On the other hand, the English player (Oren Phipps) refused to take pressure off Stp by vacating Nwy, and his few letters were short and annoyingly demanding. So, I joined Germany, and we quickly got rid of England because of Oren's decreasing interest in the game. When Doug Tatsch became the German player in the middle of the English campaign the G-R alliance became even closer because of Doug's amiability.

I wasn't so lucky when Eric Ozog picked up Jerry Van Alkemade's Austria. Eric turned on me as soon as he took over, and the only thing that saved me was that John Koehler sent his Italian armies against Austria to bail me out. John and I eventually finished Austria while I finally took the last Turkish center.

With Germany working so closely with me and with the debt I owed Italy for saving my skin, I had no intention of stabbing either one for the win. With France vulnerable and with G-I-R solidly allied, the three-way draw was an appropriate ending to the game.

My thanks to Mike for running this game after Jack left us hanging. My thanks also to Doug and John for the solid alliances.

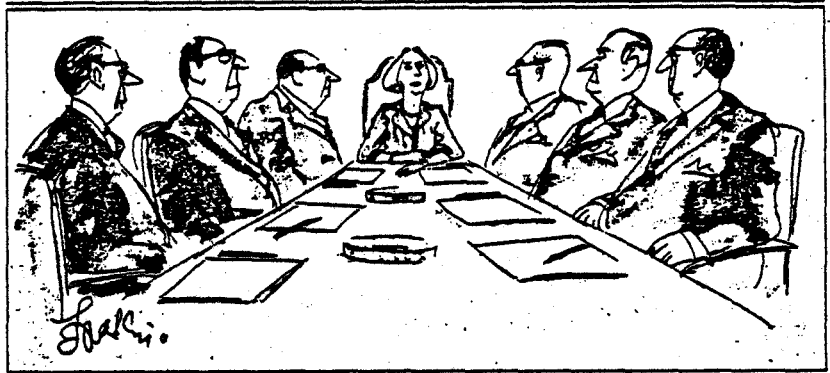


PICTURE PUZZLER. Joe Gallagher gets a free issue of LSD for submitting this cartoon. But it needs a caption. He suggested a couple, but maybe there are other suggestions out there. Two free issues for the best caption submitted will be awarded next time.

# ★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News

**BEYERLEIN POLL RESULTS.** Kathy Byrne added the trophy for top spot in Doug Beyerlein's 9th Annual Player Poll to the one she took in John Caruso's Player Poll. In the following tabulation S represents the score or total number of points, and N is the number of ballots listing the player. First place votes shown in parens.

	<u>S</u>	<u>N</u>
1. Kathy Byrne (6)	340	24
2. Jack Masters (3)	263	26
3. Randolph Smyth (4)	186	15
4. Lee Kendter, Sr. (1)	179	18
5. Ron Brown (USA) (2)	166	16
6. John Caruso (1)	132	17
7. Don Ditter (1)	129	12



Drawing by Frossini. © 1973 The New Yorker Magazine, Inc.

*'I want you to know, gentlemen, that at this moment I feel I have realized my full potential as a woman'*

Other LSD readers who scored impressively include Jack Fleming, Bob Sergeant, Bob Olsen, Gary Coughlan, John Michalski, Mark Berch, Steve McLendon, and Al Pearson. Incidentally, the results were published in the latest issue of **DIPLOMACY WORLD**, which continues to improve both in contents and appearance with each issue. For complete poll results, see your copy, and if you don't subscribe, send \$2 to Rod Walker, DW Editor, (address printed elsewhere).

**PLUGS.** The latest issue of Bob Sergeant's dipzine **ST. GEORGE & THE DRAGON** (#75--a diamond jubilee issue!) contains a reduced map and some questions and answers about World War IIIb, a 15-player variant which needs seven more players before it gets underway. Want to see Britain and Argentina duke it out for the Falklands? This is your baby! Texas is a supply center, too! Maybe I should give it a try. There's also a short report on video porn and an Olde English riddle (translation included). Send two stamps to Bob at 3242 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224. (Gamefee for WWIIb is \$3 plus sub.)  
 ¶ Jack Fleming **PARANOIACS' MONTHLY** is currently undergoing a metamorphosis in which two zines are being split off from the mother. The newcomers are **LAURELINDORINAN** (mentioned last month) and **GIANT RAT OF SUMATRA**, which carries a game of the expanded Diplomacy variant **Abstraction II** (includes Ireland, Cairo, and eight or so more supply centers to the original board. **TGROS** goes for ten issues for \$2.50 (free to standbys for the game). Jack's address: 5000 22nd Ave. NE #211, Seattle, WA 98105.  
 ¶ **DIPLOMACY DIGEST #57** is devoted to an update of the **Lexicon of Diplomacy**, and should find its way into your library of Diplomacy reference materials. DD is yours at the rate of 10 issues for a paltry \$3.50, and Mark Berch (492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304) manages to pack each issue with choice reprints on theme topics. Subscribe blindly--it's really worth it!

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD.** On March 9th Kathleen and Garry Hamlin became the proverbial proud parents of a baby boy, Mark Giles. Congratulations!

**IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.** Bill Quinn got several responses to his request for a GM. LSD reader Peter Ansoff will do the honors for Bill and six of his friends and potential enemies.

**IT'S LEEDER POLL TIME AGAIN.** Rate GMs under whom you play and zines you have read on a scale of 0 to 10 (worst to best), no fractions. GMs and publishers may not rate themselves. List GMs and zines alphabetically to help speed tabulation. Sign your ballot and indicate one way you participate in the hobby. Deadline: 30 June 1982. Send ballots to John Leeder, 605 15th St. NW, Calgary, Alta., Canada T2N 2B1.

**PROXY VOTES.** After considerable wish-washing, I decided to accept a proxy vote from a player combo in one of LSD's games. I will continue to do so if it is quite clear that the proxy holder has full authority to submit orders for his ally. But beware--do not try to fool the GM, or stars will fall upon you! I encourage all sorts of subterfuge among the players, and will not betray any such schemes, but will not tolerate any attempts to deceive me.

**STANDBY LIST.** Only one player NMRed this season is LSD games, and he has assured me he is not dropping. Nevertheless, the folks on this list may be needed next month: Auxier, Beyerlein, Finley, Fritz, Fuss, Guajardo, Hartman, Jewett, Jurkowski, Kador, King, Kovalcik, Larzelere, Milewski, Nichols, Pierce, Pond, Ridenour, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stephens, Tatsch, C. Williams, & Woodson.

**NMR INSURANCE.** Since I'm too lazy to retype the whole thing, just add Cunningham to last month's list of folks whom I'll call collect if their orders do not reach my hands by deadline day. They may refuse to accept the charges and call me back, if they want to try to save a little change.

**MAILING LIST.** A big Texas howdy to Larry McCloud, 520 Geary, San Francisco, CA 94102. Welcome to the proud ranks of LSD fans, Larry.



## Heart O' Texas Orphanage



1979 HT **Bluebonnet** W 1911

FRENCH REJECT RAPID ARMS BUILDUP  
AS ITALIAN ARMY CLINGS BY A HEEL

?? Several noticed the errors: three French orders and one Turkish order should have been underlined. Fortunately, the failsafe capitalization made the situation semi-clear. More serious were the errors in the SC recap: France builds 3 (1 ann), and Germany builds 1 (played one short). Apologies to all concerned. I have fired those responsible for the errors, and I'm training new staff.

?? Perhaps because of all the confusion, two players have asked for seasons to be separated. Ok.

?? Autumn 1911: Germany retreats dislodged A Tyo-Boh; Russia retreats A Gal-Rum.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): Builds F BRE & A MAR; also has F NWG, F NTH, F ROM, F TRH, F TUN, A TUS, A VEN, & A SPA (10; plays one short, despite being aware he could build three units).

GERMANY (Dick Martin): Builds A MUN; also has A GAL, A VIE, A SIL, A TYO, A PRU, A LVN, A STP, F BAL, & F NWY (10).

ITALY (Tony Auxier): Has A APU (1).

RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): Has A WAR, A MOS, A UKR, A RUM, & A BUD (5).

TURKEY (Cynthia Ellis): Removes A Tyo; has A TRI, A SER, A GRE, A ALB, F ION, F AEG, & F EAS (7).

?? PRESS--

PALERMO-PARIS: Thank you so much for consenting to take care of the business of government in Rome for the Pope. He now intends a trip around the world with the King of England and Emperor of Austria.

BERLIN-PALERMO: Yes, those Frenchmen do make for good friends, don't they? Don't they? You're not answering.

PALERMO-KING G: Hope you have plenty of press saved up, as I believe I shall quit issuing statements after I join the King and Emperor for our trip.

KG: Poor, lonely me. Won't anybody write me any more? Sniffle.

PALERMO-EUROPE: Would anyone consider a concession to a one- or zero-center Italy? Think about it.

EUROPE-PALERMO: [silence]

KG CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: So, Galicia was the block upon which the Russian Empire rested. Why didn't we do something about that earlier? Why I don't really know. At last, our years of whittling away are over! Kill!!

DEADLINE for all LSD games:  
21 May 1982

## Post Office of Texas

Dear Mike,

I liked Walker's history of some of the more ridiculous zeen titles, but I can't understand why he calls for a renewal of the old tradition of naming zeens after mythical places in pre-WWI novels. I'd always been glad that this particular tradition had died, and then comes ANDUIN and EREBOR.

I'm glad the whistler in the p.5 cartoon is labled "Inept Accompanist". In Milwaukee it would have been "Polish Orchestra"!

I must object to the Langley and Hail letters belittling violence. Violence, like war, exists for definite and rational reasons, primarily its power of decision and its universal applicability. A punch in the nose will do more in three seconds than will debating with a cretin for an hour. Being broadsided by a semi will teach a cowboy in his pickup more about right-of-way in an instant than any cowboy has ever learned in driving ten years on paved roads. Alternatives such as debate or arbitration have as their erroneous basis the notion that both sides are of a single and high culture. Such alternatives are laughably inappropriate when dealing with a mugger, a junkie seeking a fix, or someone out to get even with the Gringos or Whiteys. In such cases a large caliber blast in the face is the most effective and appropriate response any culture has ever come up with. We should use such alternatives more readily, not make fun of the use of violence.

John Michalski  
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Moore, OK 73165

Apparently Eric Ozog agrees with Rod. Eric's DIP BY MOONLIGHT has been rechristened EASTFOLD VALE (or is it an April Fool?). Actually, in this anarchic hobby, it is a wonder any such tradition ever got started, much less continues to be observed occasionally.

I don't want to get into a big debate about this issue, but I do agree with you, John, that violence is always an option, but it should be applied only if other alternatives are not productive. And some forms of violence are so repugnant as to be almost unthinkable, but that doesn't mean that someone else might not use them.

Dear Mike,

Enjoyed LSD#18, and of course enjoyed seeing the first part of my series in it. Please publish the following corrective comments:

1) Two typos: the first zine named in #6 is BROBDINGNAG, and Sam Butler's novel is Erewhon, whereas the zine was EREHWON (and still is).

2) Two more novels/countries from this period have now been located. One is George Chester's 1912 The Jingo, set in Isola; the other is another Hope novel, his 1907 Sport Royal, partly set in Glottenburg.

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Don't wait until the "Last Day"!



1980 KG **Derrick** S 1907

ENGLISH LAPSE LOSES BELGIUM;  
DUAL MONARCH DOUBLES NAVY SIZE

- ?? Autumn 1906: France retreats F Spa-Por.
- ?? Winter 1906: France removes F Eng; Germany removes A Boh; Austria builds F Tri & A Vie.
- ENGLAND (Jack Smith): NMR! A Bel h [dsl, ret to Pic, Par, or dsb], F Nth h [dsl, ret to Ska, Hel, Lon, Yor, Edi, Eng, or dsb], F SWE, F NWG, & F MID all hold.
- FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): A Par-BUR (A GAS s), F Por-SFA(sc), F Wes-Lyo [dsl, ret to Naf or dsb].
- GERMANY (Al Giddings): F Nwy-NTH (F DEN s), A Bur-BEL (A RUH s), A Kie-HOL.
- ITALY (Mark Luedi): F TRH-Lyo, F ION-Trh, F Spa(sc)-WES (F TUN s), A MAR-Gas, A Ven-PIE, A Apu-VEN, A SMY-Ank.
- AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): F Tri-ADR, A Ser-TRI (A TYO s), A Mos-WAR (A GAL s), A VIE s A Gal, A Gré-ALB, A BUL-GRE, F Bla-CON (A ANK s).
- RUSSIA (David Pierce): A SIL-War, A Ber-PRU.

- ?? Ned Nichol's zipcode: 02173
- ?? Please vote on a proposed A-E-I draw with your fall orders. NVR = yes!
- ?? PRESS--

WAR-BUD: Did you get lost? I can't believe you intentionally broke your promise not to move north!  
LSD-WAR: Believe it!  
GERMANY-RUSSIA: If you took Munich, I guess it serves me right. I'm not usually that gullible. I just have a score to settle with the Limey.  
GERMANY-ENGLAND: Thanks for the mis-order. The people of Holland are especially excited: they detest limes!  
LDS-DERRICK: Thanks for not requesting a separation!



1981 A **Enchanted Rock** F 1906

SEE EVERYONE WATCH TSAR DAN:  
SEE HIS WHITE BLOCKS MULTIPLY!

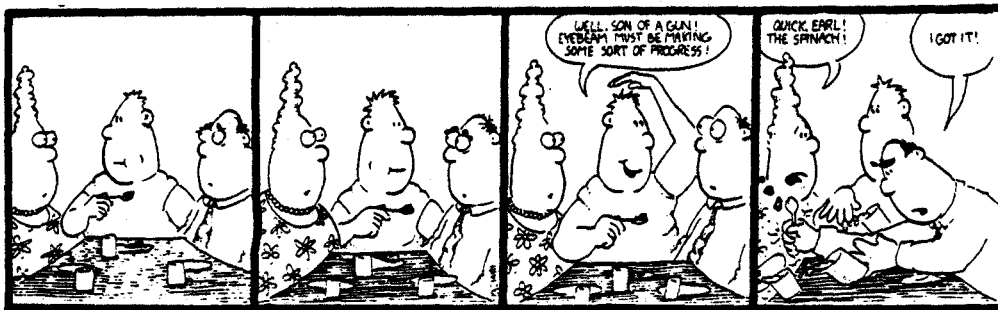
- FRANCE (William Owen): A BEL h (F ENG s), A TUN h (F WES s), A MAR-Gas, F LYO-Mar, A Bre-PAR.
- GERMANY (Jeff Noto): A RUH-Bel (A HOL s), A TRI-Ser (A Vie s [imp; dsl, ret to Tyo or dsb]), A MUN h, A BUR-Gas.
- ITALY (Guy Hail): F Rom-NAP, F Ven-ADR, F TRH-Wes, F ION-Aeg, A GRE-Ser.
- AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): A BOH-Mun, A SER-Rum, A Smy-ARM (A ANK s), F AEG-Bul(sc) (F CON s).
- RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): A Arm-SYR, F BUL(sc) s Italian A Gre [otm], A RUM s F Bul, F BLA s F Bul, A Gal-VIE (A BUD s), F Wal-IRI, A LON h, F Nth-DEN, F Nwy-NTH.

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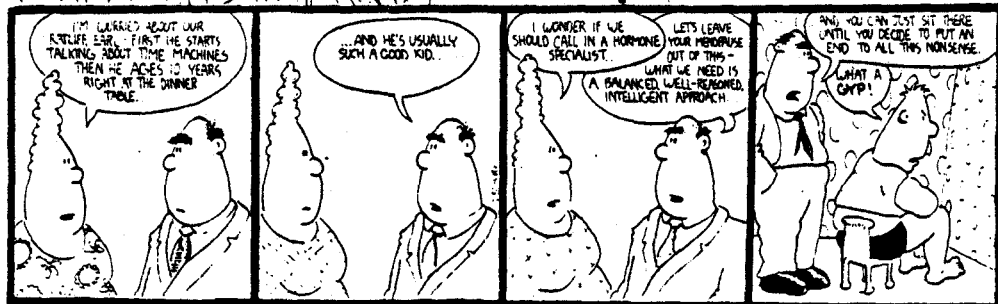
- F: Home, Iberia, Lon, Bel, TUN 7/even
- G: Home, Hol, Den, Tri 5/remove 1
- I: Home, Tun, Ser, GRE 4/remove 1
- A: Vie, Bud, Gre, Turkey, SER 4/remove 2
- R: Home, Swe, Nwy, DEN, Edi, Lpl, LON, Bul, Rum, BUD, VIE 14/build 4

- ?? Several proposals must be voted on: 1) a concession to Russia, 2) a GIR draw, and 3) an FGIR draw. If two proposals pass, the wider draw wins. NVR = yes.
- ?? COA: Jeff Noto, 111 Conklin St., Farmingdale, NY 11735 for the week of May 2-9, then back to Gainesville, FL.

?? PRESS--  
PARIS: Trenches were ordered prepared and the forts manned as the German troops near the city. The President continued his efforts to drive home that Russia was nearing domination of Europe.  
GAINESVILLE-COLUMBUS: This appears to be one of those games where everything goes right for you. France concedes what he has of England to fight me instead of you, and Austria is without any home centers. What more could you ask for?



by Sam Hurt



# MORE Places That Don't Exist

AND THEIR RELATION TO DIPLOMACY

by Rod Walker

In the first article I discussed a number of fictional countries which existed in the area of the playing board, at the time the game takes place (around 1901), and which appeared in works published during the fad for such things (1894-1914, roughly). I did not go into much detail on the actual places themselves; anyone interested in more information, including maps, should note that during early 1983 I will publish that material in #6 of my fantasy fanzine, PELLENORATH. (Trypheme will not be included; that will come later.)

In this article I propose to look at fictional countries which are within the area of the playing board (at least presumably), and may be presumed to be in existence in 1901, but generally appeared in literary (or other) works published mostly after 1914, or before 1894. Some of them are in fact quite recent. These names are also good observances of the *original* tradition for naming Diplomacy zines--in fact, many have been so used.

Perhaps the most famous of these, and justly so, is Poitiesme, a kingdom occupying a small corner of southern France. Poitiesme was the creation of James Branch Cabell and is the setting of a large number of novels and stories, of which the most famous is *Jurgen* (published 1919). The bulk of Cabell's work appeared after 1914, but in some ways he represents a continuation of the fad we've previously discussed. He mentions in one of his early letters an ambition to write a series of novels that "will sell like...*Prisoner of Zenda*". POICTESME was the name of a zine published by Bruce Schlickbernd in the 70s. This can be pronounced either as *pwah-temm* or as *ptooey*.

Two very recent works by major sf authors are set in Malacia, a small city-state on the Illyrian coast which may well have continued to exist in 1901 (although perhaps not 1901 on *this* world). *Malafrena* by Ursula LeGuin is set in Orsinia, and a set of stories, *Orsinian Tales*, has also appeared. I've not read these yet, so perhaps my assumption that we are dealing with a European location is not correct.

Fairy tales are often set in imaginary kingdoms, but usually these are not given any names. One exception is A. A. Milne's *Once Upon A Time*, which deals with the Kingdoms of Euralia and Barodia. And there have been short-lived dipzines named for these places. Another such tale is William Makepeace T Thackeray's *The Rose & the Ring*, which is set in Paphlagonia and Crim Tartary. The latter is a name actually used for the Khanate of Krim (the Crimea), which came to an end in 1783. Finally, there are a number of short books by Tove Jansson set in Moominland, a place somewhere on the Gulf of Finland. Originally in Finnish, they are available in English translation in inexpensive paperbacks.

Mythical countries are often the settings of humorous works, as we will see. However, one superb serious (well, semiserious) novel with a setting in a fictional country is Vladimir Nabokov's *Pale Fire*. It is set partly in the Kingdom of Zembla, which on my reconstruction is an island-state 200 miles long in the Baltic. An article and map on this appeared in PELLENORATH 1. (A copy is available from me for \$1, in case anybody is interested.) The novel itself is a unique construction: it consists of a poem of 999 lines, in iambic pentametric couplets, plus *extensive* notes on the poem. Interestingly, the poem has very little to do with the novel, which is told in the notes, which frequently do actually explain the poem.

Another sf work with a fictional country in it is

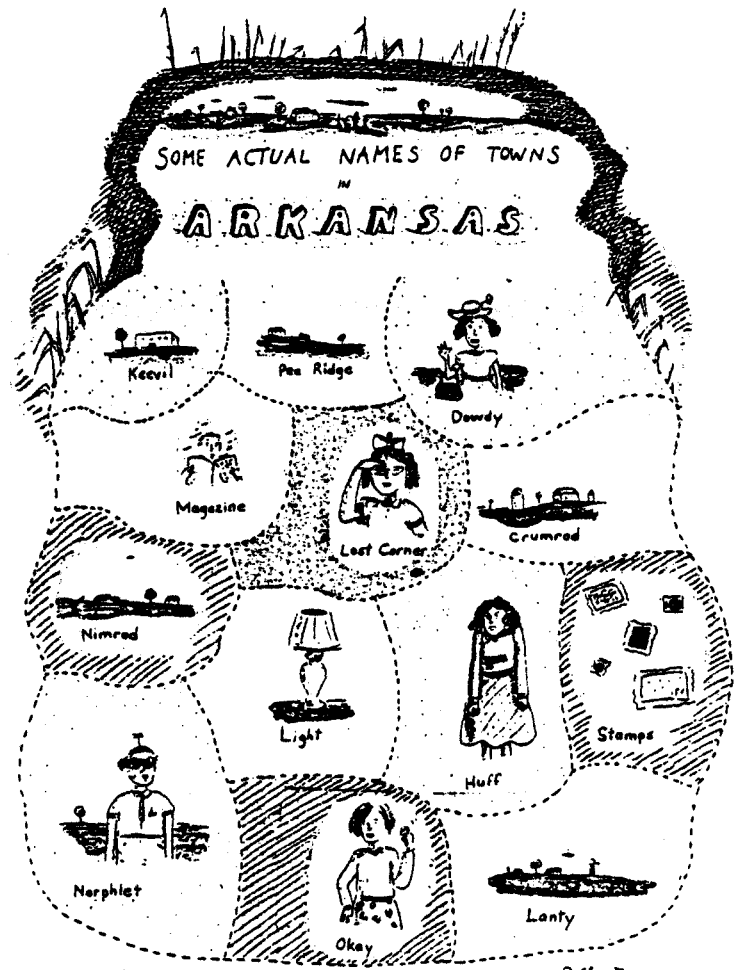
Robert Lewis Taylor's *Adrift in a Boneyard*. Much of the novel is set in the Balkan kingdom of Poderkagg, and its capital, Gastritis. No dipzine has ever been named after Poderkagg, but there will be further discussion of it in a third article devoted to fictional countries created or expounded within the postal Diplomacy milieu.

Probably the best-known fictional country used as a setting for a humorous work is Grand Fenwick, appearing in two books by Leonard Wibberley, *The Mouse That Roared* and *The Mouse on the Moon*. Both have been made into movies as well (the former with a tour-de-force triple role for Peter Sellers, in which the cute Duchess Gloriana is transformed into a dowager). THE GRAND FENWICK GAZETTE was a one-shot zine published by Charles Wells and accounting a ftf game played in North Carolina. The tradition of the sf con or get-together "one-shot" slopped over briefly into Diplomacy, and a few others have appeared (including two other GRAND FENWICK GAZETTES), but somehow the tradition has never really caught hold.

Another novel of this sort is one of George MacDonald Fraser's "Flash" novels, *Royal Flash*. This is set in the Grand Duchy of Strakenz, and has also been made into a movie.

Now that we're on movies, let's turn to the stage and the silver screen as sources for fictional

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R. Chart

81 B Friendship W 1906



GREAT POWERS HAVE HIATUS IN HOSTILITIES, CHANCE TO CHAT

?? Two players requested separate seasons. Accordingly we have autumn retreats & winter adjustments.

?? Autumn 1906: England retreats F Nwy-NWG.

ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): Has F NWG, F NTH, & F NAT (3).

GERMANY (George Cunningham): Builds A BER; also has A NWY, A STP, A FIN, F SWE, F DEN, F HOL, F BEL, A PIC, A MUN, A UKR, A WAR, & A SIL (13).

ITALY (Paul Goodrich): Has A ROM, F TRH, F ADR, F TUN, and F WES (5).

AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): Builds A VIE; also has A VEN, A TYO, A BOH, A GAL, A TRI, and F GRE (7).

TURKEY (Mike Drews): Has A ARM, A BUL, F ION, F AEG, F NAP, & A APU (6).

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ENGLAND-AUSTRIA & TURKEY: Free dots to the first one who makes it to Berlin.

ENGLAND-WORLD: Is there any hope left?

LSD-FRIENDSHIPPERS: The rest of the press was too sensitive to print, so I'll save it for next time, unless you want some of it deleted.

?? Note that when a retreat is called for, the player may always disband the unit instead of retreating. Some call this a retreat "off the board", which doesn't make much sense to me. In any case when winter adjustments are due, each player adjusts the number of units on the board to equal the number of centers controlled.



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PROPAGANDA FLIES AS FRANCE SEEKS ARGENTINIAN AID AGAINST E-G FORCES

?? Another separation of seasons was requested by two players and hinted at by another. So here are autumn retreats and winter adjustments.

?? Autumn 1904: France disbands both dislodged armies (Bre & Par); Austria retreats dislodged A Ser-Alb.

ENGLAND (Allen King): Builds F LON & F LPL; also has F NWY, F NTH, F BRE, F ENG, F MID, & A POR (8).

FRANCE (James Woodson): Removes A Mar; has F WES & F SPA(sc) (2).

GERMANY (Bill Quinn): Builds A BER & A MUN; also has A WAR, A MOS, A BER, A RUH, A PAR, A GAS, F BAL, F BOT, & A MUN (11).

ITALY (John Koehler): Builds A NAP; also has A BOH & F ROM (3).

AUSTRIA (Ted Kuhn): Removes A Alb & F Tri; has A TYO, A VIE, A GAL, & A BUD (4).

RUSSIA (Rich Reed): Removes F Sev; has A UKR (1).

TURKEY (Glenn Sherrill): Builds F ANK & A CON; also has A SER, A BUL, A RUM, F GRE, & F ION (7).

?? By the way, most of the concerned parties notified me that Austria should have been listed last time as having 4 units, and therefore should remove 2. Thanks for the sharp eyes.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: In an attempt to aid the down, but not out, French government, and in response to pleas from the BNC (not Don Ditter, the Beleaguered Nations Cooperative), forces from Argentina invaded and took the Falklands. The Argentinians have also threatened to take the South Sandwich Islands and South Georgia, should England and Germany continue their attack on France. Other American Nations have promised other attacks on British and German colonies.

MEXICO CITY: Mexico joined Argentina in condemning the Anglo-German attack on France and said that unless things change drastically, it will invade Bermuda.

WASHINGTON: President Roosevelt has been diplomatically neutral to the request of other nations in the Western Hemisphere that he join the BNC in attacking the Anglo-Germans. He said that although the Monroe Doctrine would normally prevent him from acting, he is considering this unusual circumstance.

OTTAWA: Fearing that the United States will join other American states and attack British Imperial holdings, Canada has begun to strengthen its southern border.

SARDINIA-LONDON: Good show old chap! Let the BNC keep Germany busy while you wlaak away with an easy win.

ICELAND-LONDON: You cannot see the forest for the trees. But do not despair. There is still room for well-equipped fools, even though they be fools.

LON-ROM: The lack of communication is appalling and no longer a matter of mere concern. I had the worst dream a few nights ago: six Italian fleets attack England from the West!

LON-BER: Another fleet means, and has always meant, war--without exception. Their units may be yellow, but that doesn't speak to their valor, as Austria is quickly learning.

LON-RUSSIA: Bye Reed. It was a pleasure to make your acquaintance, and I hope to meet you under more pleasant circumstances.



**ICELAND:** His Royal Highness the Duped Shadow announced today the christening of another major battleship. Disguised to look like an ordinary tuna boat, the new ship "Yellow Submarine" embodies the latest in armor and weaponry technology. According to inside sources the new Icelandic fleet is possible only through massive aid from an unnamed Major Power.

LSD: Ah, Major Power, I knew him well.

**FRONT LINES TROOP REPORT:** Unlike French invaders the victorious German armies occupied Moscow without resistance. The well-supported army found the Russian city all but deserted. During the month of January, reports from the Ukraine indicate that the stranded Russian army was slowly freezing/starving to death. Spanish flu is reported epidemic and thousands are dying. On the western front, French resistance crumbles as Por, Bre, and Par fall to allied advances. Elements of the French armies retreated toward Picardy, but are expected to surrender before the spring breaks.

LSD: I spent spring break on Padre Island.

**BERLIN:** The Kaiser said a silent prayer as various front commanders called home to report successes on all fronts. Also the treachery of '04 had not materialized between England and Germany. "He has remembered that we are cousins and contrymen in a different kind of nation," the Kaiser thought to himself. "He knows that an EG draw is the same as a victory for our combined peoples. To show his appreciation, the Kaiser ordered a lone, five-pointed star cast and sent to Supreme Commander King, HM Allied Forces, France.

LSD: King King?

**LON-CON:** The English Ambassador to the Court of the Holy Roman Empire has been ordered to make ready for either Turkish or Italian entry into Vienna. However, upon reading this dispatch he uttered the most curious passages from the Holy Bible, Isaiah 16: 6, 11-12. "We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so. Wherefore my bowels shall sound like a harp for Moab... And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail."

HM doesn't know what all this reference to Moab is about...Perhaps you have the wisdom of Allah to ferret its meaning out.

LSD: Where do you get a bowel harp?

**LON-MAR:** I could never, ever trust you/As a vassal or as peers;/The French are known for their ingratitude,/The haughtiness, and sneers./But just this once I'll break my rules/And hope for no bum steers.

LSD: Mooo!

**PALMA DE MALLORCA:** Upon the collapse of the defense of Paris, the French Monarch sought refuge at this Spanish resort town. The Majoricians welcomed the benevolent, but deposed, dictator with open arms. Unfortunately, with the British Navy rapidly approaching the island, Jauques I may have to leave for another exile within the year.

**LIECHTENSTEIN:** Italian General Franco Verdi left the Tyrolian Alps for Prague and the area was re-occupied by Austro-Hungarians under command of General Franz Flanstein. As the national press corps flooded across the border to get the story from these soldiers, Flanstein expressed concern for the existence of his unit. It seems that the war with Turkey is not going well and due to supply problems the Empire will be forced to recall one of its combat units.

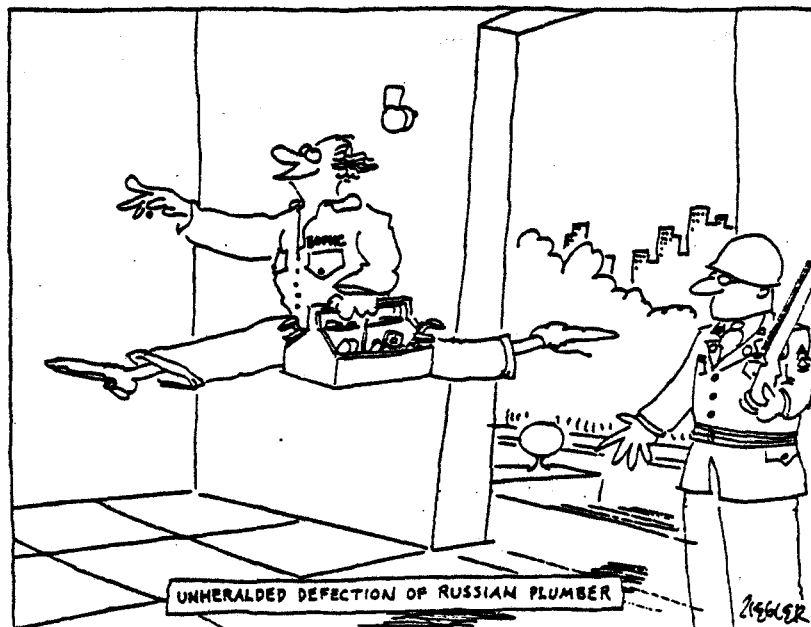
PAR-LON: No apologies needed, but why the finality?

**BNC BULLETIN:** The delegates from the four member nations are currently debating the admission of Austria to the BNC. While Austria's application is being processed, its actions will be closely observed to determine the sincerity of its intentions. The delegates all agree that Austria qualifies as a BN.

**LUCERNE:** In a candid interview the Kaiser revealed the master plan of the war effort. When asked why the Anglo-German alliance has been so successful, the Kaiser explained, "Why naturally it's the London Dry Gin that arrives daily via diplomatic pouch. Also, England builds no armies, while we build no fleets. It's only natural since I'm afraid of the water. Ever since we sank the Russian fleet the water's been full of wild-assed cossacks."

**LSD-TOADS:** Despite some selective omission of sensitive press, you've managed to overflow onto a second page. Not bad, considering three of you did not even submit a single press release!

LSD-SWINE: Your press will be held until spring.





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EASTER CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES  
WELCOMED BY EUROPEAN HEADS

?? Is this some kind of record? Another LSD game with separated seasons, as requested by two of the players. Here's winter only. winter.

ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): Has F LPL (1).  
FRANCE (Jim Meinel): Removes F Nwg; has A PIC, A SPA, F WES, & F ENG (4).  
GERMANY (Don Scheifler): Builds A MUN; also has A BEL, A RUH, F LON, A YOR, F NTH, & A SIL, A BUR (8).  
ITALY (Doug Tatsch): Has A GAS, F TRH, F TUN, F NAP, & A PIE (5).  
AUSTRIA (Len Blasiol): Has F ADR, A SER, A BUD, & A GAL (4).  
RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): Has A MOS, A STP, A WAR, A BOH, & F NWY (5).  
TURKEY (MIKE BLANCHARD): Has A RUM, A UKR, A SEV, F APU, F ION, F GRE, & F AEG (7).

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ROM-ANK: You-know-who is you, because you are obviously a you-know-what! Your aggressive appetite has stamped you as a menace to your neighbors. I have a Turkish fleet in Apu to prove it, and I believe that is the Tsar I see pointing frantically at Ukr and Sev as well. Since the Turkish sword has been raised against all its neighbors, you must surely expect such militant expansionism to cause a united reaction. You may very well get me, but I'll do my best to hold you in my death throes while somebody else get you!

ROM-VIE & MOS: Grazie!

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Think of all the time that you are going to spend trying to dislodge this one unit.

LPL-ROM, MOS, & PAR: Unite to destroy the German aggressor. Save yourselves before it is too late, listen to the voice of experience.

IMPERIAL DECREE: To all who shall see these presents, Greetings! Know Ye, that reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Fidelity and Abilities of our Italian Allies, I hereby rescind the orders previously issued on 11 Apr 82 and present the following Request to the Lord High GM: May autumn retreats and winter adjustments be separated from spring moves! Given under My Hand this day from the Winter Palace of the Dual Monarch.

LSD-INDEPENDENTS: Some of your most sensitive press was censored as premature; it will be saved for next time.



"The soupe du jour is made of the garbage d'hier."

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countries. We've already mentioned the Mark Brothes film, "Duck Soup", the source for Freedonia and Sylvania. We should also here mention Peter Ustinov's "Romanoff and Juliet", set in Concordia. And also the 1932 "Million Dollar Legs", in which the Olympics are entered by a small nation of super-athletes, Klopstokia.

Television doesn't give us much (so what else is new?). However, one episode (and I believe more than one) of the old Batman series got the Caped Crusaders involved with people from the Kingdom of Beserovia.

Stage productions are a rich source of fictional countries. A 1932 production, "Call Me Madam", was set in Lichtenburg. Frenz Lehar's "The Merry Widow" was set in Paris, but featured a number of characters from the Balkan (?) state of Pontevedria. There is a dipzine of that name, also. An Offenbach operetta, "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein", is set in that minuscule German state. The irony here is that the name is quite real; there is a Grand Duchy of Gerolstein. But at the time of the operetta it had long since ceased to be independent. So Offenbach was obviously writing about another Gerolstein. (Bismark saw the operetta and is said to have remarked, "We are getting rid of the Gerolsteins.")

Gilbert and Sullivan gave us at least two fictional European settings. One is the Grand Duchy of Pfenning-Halbpfenning ("The Grand Duke"), and the other is Baratania ("The Gondoliers"). Dipzines have been named for both. Some may recall Baratania as also being the kingdom over which Sancho Panza ruled briefly in *Don Quixote*.

We have now to return to books. There is one sf book that we mentioned in the last article, by Avram Davidson. The Triune Monarchy is superimposed on a map of Europe in 1901 (the real 1901, not the game's 1901), with its territory taking up parts of Austria-Hungary, Rumania, Turkey-in-Europe, and Bulgaria. I've been working on a Diplomacy variant adding the Triune Monarchy to the board, but without much success to date.

We turn now, quickly, to a category of fictional countries from books I haven't seen yet. These just rate a mention, although they are covered in Manguel & Guadalupi, *The Dictionary of Imaginary Places*. They include Evarchia (Brigid Brophy, *Palace Without Chair*, 1978), Coimheadach (an island in the far North Atlantic) (Helen Wykham, *Ottoline Atlantica*, 1980), Mayda (Vincent Gaddin, *Invisible Horizons*, 1958 & Washington Irving, *Alhambra*, 1832), Aphania (Tom Hood, *Petsetilla's Pony*, 1870), Oceana (an island south of Ireland) (H. R. Keating, *The Strongman*, 1971), Grimmbart (Thomas Mann, *His Royal Highness*, 1909), Meccania (Gregory Owen, *Meccania the Superstate*, 1918), Venusburg (Anthony Powell, *Venusburg*, 1932), and also perhaps C. A. Smith's *Averoigne* (*The End of the Story* and perhaps other works).

Meccania, by the way, is a sort of late entry in the huge number of utopian books and novels which have been such a fixed feature of European literature since the early modern period. Most of these were not set in Europe, but some of them were. I'm not prepared to cover that genre yet, but perhaps in a later piece.

There will be a third, and last, article in this series. It will deal with fictional countries which have been created or expounded by postal Diplomacy people themselves within the milieu of the hobby. This hardly goes on any more, but was done a lot in the late 60s.

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3) I am now preparing, and will publish in parts, a bibliographic checklist on fictional geography. The total number of works listed will run to a few hundred.

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Mike,

Rod Walker's article was really quite interesting. To add a couple of names to his list, there is the country of Malafrena, a Balkan state perhaps, that exists in stories by Ursula K. Leguin, and there is Islandia, from the book by the same name. Both would seem to me to fit into the type of list Rod has compiled. Islandia tries to separate itself from the rest of the world's intrigue and diplomacy, while M Malafrena finds itself, an innocent, in the middle of it all.

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Dear Cat Lovers,

I have met the celebrated Caruso cat-to-lap and found him to be a fine example of his breed, Maine Coon. Briefly, this is a little-known breed which is fairly commonly interbred with others because of its fall from favor among serious breeders. It tends to be a large cat, both long- and short-haired (Caruso is long-haired) in various colors and is very affectionate toward humans, whom they readily adopt. However, if not neutered or spayed these cats are fiercely territorial and wicked fighters. Caruso is one of the finest lap cats around!

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Dear Mike,

This is a very short note to say how much I liked the idea to form the article I wrote into the shape of a heart. It was a great idea. Marie also thought that it was very cute.

Allen King in your last issue asked how a family that stabs together can stay together. The key is to realize that Diplomacy and real life are two totally different things. If you keep them separate then Diplomacy becomes just another common interest, like bicycling or tennis. And for us, having common interests is what really allows us to enjoy our time together.

By the way, my cat Sammy is sitting on my lap as I type this letter. He is a lap junkie!

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Dear Mike,

Here is my star-of-the-month entry, and an article that I hope you like. It could be a "slice of Americana" like piece like Noto's. What do you think?

Also, I hope you see my new subzine in JUST AMONG FRIENDS: CARADHRAS. I'm going to run a game for "military personnel only". I'd appreciate it if you would plug it. Thanks.

Here are some trivia questions for your readers:

- 1) What do the Viking discoverer of Greenland, the eldest son of Edward III of England, the most famous German WWI pilot, and William III of England have in common?
- 2) Who was England's first ruling Queen?
- 3) Who was the eldest son of George II?
- 4) When did the "Oxford Parliament" meet, and why was it so called?

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Thanks for all the good stuff. Your article and star will appear in an upcoming issue of LSD. And you get a one-issue sub credit for the trivia quiz. The reader submitting the best answers will win three issues of credit (or maybe a couple of bumperstickers?). Good luck with CARADHRAS. Why military? I thought you were a student.



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