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 \$1.50, unless you standby, or
 are a member of the IDA....then it is reduced to 10 for \$1.00. There are
 no game openings in MARCUS, but standbys are solicited. Trades are wel-
 come, inquire .

IDA ELECTION RESULTS: 1973 elections for the IDA have been completed, and here is a list of the new officers of the IDA:

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Edl Birsan, has now taken over the Council Courier, and has set a strict agenda, which will have all IDA projects fully underway by May 30/73, including the player handbook, which should be on sale by that time. The position of ombudsman is being filled by council vote: any IDA member can run. To join IDA, send \$2.00 (cheques to the IDA) to Walt Buchanan, RR#3, Lebanon, INDIANA 46052.

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There's enough game openings to satisfy any maniac! I'll print an up to date listing every second or third issue, instead of printing a couple of ads each issue(unless of course, ads are sent in, which of course are welcome).


 PICTURE

MAILING LIST: It occurs to me, that active players in MARCUS may wish to keep an up to date record of the MARCUS mailing list. You can do this, by taking out the list in the last MARCUS, stapling the two sheets together, then also stapling on a third blank lined sheet, for additions. Deletions need only to be crossed off the original list. Every issue I shall publish mailing list changes:

Delete: James Nassar, Eddy Trotsch, GAMER'S GUIDE, Ed Rack.
 Add: Michel Feron, Grand Place 2, B-4280-Mannut, BELGIUM; John Lawrey Jr., Box 86, Salome, Arizona 85348; Steve Cooper, 3073 S Buchanan St., B-2, Arlington, VA 22206; John Bichi, 4002 W 32, Vancouver 8, B.C.; Michael E. Lind, 1411 Ashley, Richmond, VA 23231; Chie Hilliker, 3312 Stoneyerest, Bloomington, INDIANA 47401. Philip Smith, 788 Sanok Dr., Pickering, Ontario, CANADA. Blair Cusack is back in Alberta. Richard Walkerdine, "Cheriton", 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Middlestone, Surrey KT15 2AN UK.
 Yes, that many changes! More: Add: James Nassar, Fred Winter, Fox 604, Madison, Wis. 53703. Hal Nanz, 1011 Barrett Ave., China Vista, Ca. 92011.

STANDBY LIST:

DOWN TWO, UP TEN! → OR THREE!

1972 I- Michael Lind, Herb Parents, Tim Tilson, Bob Sawtinimer.
 1972 R- Tim Tilson, Michael Lind, Herb Parents.
 1972 BE- Peter Bonnett, Herb Parents, Michael Lind, Tim Tilson, Mike Kravec, Peter Walker.
 NYV- Philip Smith, Michael Lind, JAMES MASSAR. (WRITE HIM FOR NYV) OPENINGS

1972 BE is with a vast improvement, and that's all I'll need for that game. I'd like two more for 1972 R, and one more for 1972 I, if you will consent? For the MARCUS YOUNGSTOWN VARIANT, I would like about four more. For a once in a life time offer, you get a free map/rules set (regularly 25¢) from me, if you standby in this game. Would publishers please advertise my need for standbys (app. XV). Note free map, and reduced subscription to 10plus for \$1.00.

THE MANIACS SPEAK (Letters)

Low Pulzipher (#329 Twin Towers, Albion, NY 49224):

Finally I've found time to comment on Blair Cusack's article in MARCUS #10. Blair asserts that "the Youngstown Variant is bigger and better than regular Diplomacy." I disagree that it is better, and this is basically because it's bigger. YV is very long (not only in game years, but in PPF time), there are many wits (12), and a draw is even more likely than in regular Diplomacy. In other words, many of the disadvantages of Diplomacy, in the eyes of most players, are duplicated and compounded in YV. True, that there are more options available to a player, but I don't find that this results in a "freer" pattern of play, at least not as I understand the term. Alliances are easier to find since there are more potential allies. The game becomes a battle of a few alliances which almost always ends in a draw if the players are competent. But 'style' is primarily determined by the players, not by the game, unless it is very different from regular Diplomacy (example- Anarchy IV.). Unfortunately YV lasts so long that few players will play an entire game without dropping (or, in a PPF game, without becoming exhausted and agreeing to a draw before a drawing situation has clearly occurred). This means that most countries will be played incompetently....

...at one point or another. I estimate that, given competent play, at least nine out of ten YV games will end in draws. This is a greater percentage than in Diplomacy because YV players have more time to become aware of a threat and to form a defensive alliance against it. It is instructive to observe that the vast majority of YV games that have been stricken from the active list have been abandoned by the GM. Only two have been finished, and in these two cases, the GM declared the game over (both wins, and both games marked with drop-outs and missed moves).

It is naive to believe that any variant has any chance of displacing or even crowding the regular game. There are too many players, who, through lack of energy or interest, or "bravery", will not bother with variants. Most of the players never master the regular game, let alone a 10-player game which is not even available commercially. Moreover, YV is longer and requires more effort per game/ (more letter writing, twice as many units). Even Dippy is too much for many people, YV is worse.

It's my impression that spectator games should be reasonably short with plenty of action. Listen to current complaints about baseball-- slow, too much standing around. Chess is also slow and not much happens, but games still last only four or five hours. Diplomacy should be a better spectator game than YV because it is shorter, but I think neither of them have much potential in this area.

I'm not saying that I dislike YV. I have played it postally and FTP and find it superior to Diplomacy in that a competent player is not hurt so much by the incompetence of others. Incompetents are weeded out early in the game, so that when five players remain, they will, on the average, be more competent than a like number of survivors in a regular game. Also, the greater reaction time allows the competent player to compensate for incompetent play by others when he might not have the time to do so in a regular game.

((Mark here--Lew has a lot of good things to say in that letter, and I hope every YV player read it! One thing that stands out, is the having more time to react to a growing power, as Lew states. You can look at the MYV. Russia (Ed Rack) played out the game taking the lead right off, and played on to greater position, with hardly a country attacking him....only the countries he attacked himself. As they saw him grow (the other players,) they realized the position, and now almost everyone on Russia's border is attacking him (just taken over by Herb Barents), except for Japan. I predict that once Russia is down (if he is, eh Herb?) that the players will start looking around for another king to knock down, probably Cusack as Italy, who is rivalling Barents for lead. I would say Italy has a better defensive position than does Russia, but nevertheless, his borders extend from Morocco to India. If Italy falls, Austria be'd next likely, and so on, until 4019. 4019? That's the final game year when I'll call that game a draw! Good luck guys, and thanks a lot Lew: Cusack will probably have a reply.))

And now, to put some Canadians into this line, I have a short article written by Derek Nelson and abstracted from the old Canadian zine, Jutland Jellies, issue 16.

FOR SPORTS GAMS

Quick now, gang, what's Canada's national game?

Most of you are quite wrong. It's not hockey; it's lacrosse. The main distinction between the two is that lacrosse is played on fields of grass, concrete, or dirt, as opposed to ice, and that lacrosse is a faster, more physically demanding, more violent game than hockey.

It's got the same object, to put a wrong object (the Indians sometimes used human skulls) into a net at one end of the playing area. If you can survive the energy demands caused by running up and down the rink for an hour, and then make it through the enemy team in one piece you get a chance to score.

(My first contact with lacrosse was in high school when a buddy of mine- 1DSM All Star in both hockey and football, played lacrosse for a while but quit when he found it "too tough".)

Lacrosse used to be a strictly amateur game populated by guys who seemed to figure drinking and fighting in the Canadian Army was too tame for them. Outside Quebec and B.C. it was watched only by sadists. The rest of us watched and played Yankee baseball.

But baseball is dead in Canadian cities, and lacrosse appears to be filling the gap. It has been prodded into this by the formation of a professional league (with eight teams, six of them Canadian), and in the Toronto area, televised matches of league games. Professionalism speeded up the game and improved tactical skill (as opposed to the bull drive it normally required).

Besides, the money moguls of America haven't bought out lacrosse yet like they did hockey . . .

(And for those who like violence--for the liberal pseudonym read: bodily contact--lacrosse has got it. It's a little tamer than in Indian days when people used to get killed playing it, but a normal game still results in numerous penalties, and injuries, especially broken bones and concussions.)

And what sport has a team with such a lovely name as the New Westminster Salmonbellies . . .

So if you like your sports fast and rough, watch lacrosse. It grows on you!

JOKES FOR THE JUNKIES:

Q: What is the best way for a plane from the US, to land in Canada?
A: Empty.

Q: Did you hear about the 2 American astronauts? Rather than going to the usual place (the moon), they decided to go somewhere novel, like the sun. But then one remembered, "The sun is too hot, and we would surely perish!" "No problem" said the other, "We'll go at night!"

Q: Did you hear about the American Hooper's driver? He made only 4 pit stops, in the entire race, one for gas, and 3 for directions.

Q: How do you sink an American battleship?
A: Put it in water!

'nouveau regime' does not have in it's possession the addresses of any of present leaders of the European Powers. The NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT would therefore be extremely gratified to receive any correspondence from these same powers.

PICKERING: In case you sincerely don't have the addresses, please re-read MARCUS #14. (This shows how much my readers actually read this thing). Within is a mailing list with all the players addresses. Nevertheless, I urge all players to write JH, as he needs help! (So do many others, as a matter of fact!)

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1972 R--- SPRING 1905 ---1972 R

Paul Stone failed to remove any units, thus the GM removes f con, and f bla.

AUSTRIA(Fiening): a gal-rom, a bul s a gal-rom, a ser s a gal-rom, f bul so-con, f gre-sog, a tri h.

ENGLAND(Bennett): f edi-nth, f say s f edi-nth, f lon-eng, f lvp-iri.

FRANCE(Leader): f eng-mid, a por-spa, a gas-bur, a par s a gas-bur, a bre-par.

GERMANY(Bawtinhimer): a pie-bre, a bur-gas, a bel sh, a mun-ruh, a kie-ber, a pru s a sil-war, a sil-war, f stp so h.

ITALY(Gletty): a nar-pie, f mid-spa sc, f lon-tun, a ven h.

RUSSIA(Stone)NMR, a's nos. nar/d/, ukr, ruz, ank, f lvn.

TURKEY(Weber): a arm-sny.

Russian army Warsaw may retreat to Galicia, or OTB. Russian army Rumania may retreat to Galicia, Sevastopol, or Bulgaria. These retreats are due with Fall 1905 moves, the former may be conditional upon the latter. Standby moves for Paul Stone, are requested from Tim Tilson, 200 W 9th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783(that's for Russia) Tim: include retreats. Fall 1905 moves are due on February 10, 1973.

PARIS: Chalice!

VIENNA(Jan. 10th)- The new Viennese Government wishes to reassure the governments of GERMANY and ITALY, that Austria is not contemplating war against either. In addition((my spelling(typos), sorry)), as the new Government of Austria does not possess any addresses of ANY OTHER EUROPEAN POWER, we ask that ANY power wishing to establish friendly relations with us, please communicate with Austria, sending Austria their addresses. The new Austrian Government wishes to assure one and all that ALL and ANY correspondence addressed to it will be answered. The Austrian government expects to hear from the following powers: GERMANY, ITALY, RUSSIA. The Austrian Government would be happy to hear from the following powers: TURKEY, FRANCE, ENGLAND.

We emphasize, however, that in order to maintain the peace which has been evident, the Governments of ITALY AND GERMANY SHOULD COMMUNICATE US IMMEDIATELY!

MARCUS YOUNGSTOWN VARIANT!!!

New reference number! Actually not new, but at prompting from the distributor, I have been tempted to use it. The MYV will hereon be referred to as MYV-72-Edb. LEW PULSIPHER: Is that the right number? This game is without OB boxes! the 10/10 series has the Phillip's version of the OB boxes! I have the feeling this game might be Ebu?

WINTER 1903- France removes f mid, and a gas(for the record). Germany built a ber, and a pos. Austria built a vie.

AUSTRIA(Ostapkoviach): f bul se-con, a ser-rum, a ciz s a ser-rum, a gal-ukr, a boh-sil, a vie-gal, f tri h.

CHINA(Bawtinheimer): a sib-man, a pek s a sib-man, a vie-sik, f for-ecs.

ENGLAND(Gletty): f nth s f nwg-nwy, f aka-swe, f nwg-nwy, f bar-stp ne, f nwg-nwy, f mal-jav, f cel s FRENCH f scs-phi. q thq H.

GERMANY(walker): a swe s ENG-NWY (imp.)/d/, a pos-pru, a ber-lvn, f bal c a ber-lvn, a kie-ruh, a mun s a kie-ruh, a bel s a kie-ruh, f hol s a bel.

FRANCE(Bennett): a pio s a bur, a nar s a bur, a bur s a nth-ska, f scs-phi, a cam-ann, f sia-cam.

INDIA(Anonymous neutral for Biehl): a sik-burn, a tib-cal, f win s f ein-mad, f ein-mad,

ITALY(Cusack): f mor-mid, f nap-ion, a rom-tus, a ven h, f ees-aeg, a sny-con, a mog-raj, f ade c a mog-raj, f ara c a mog-raj, a mad-cal,/d/.

JAPAN(Ryan) . f spo-sf pha f yel-wosa-ecs' ees-soj , f phi-h , f can-h , f oss-ecs.

RUSSIA(Aononymous neutral for Barents): a nar-gal, a man s f kor-vla, a inn-sin, a out s a man, a tur-ons, a ira h, a rum s a nar-gal, a sev-ukr, a fin s f nwy-swe, f nwy-swe, a stp-nwy, f kor-vla, f bla s rum.

TURKEY(Proujansky): a syr-arm, a bag s a syr-arm, a ank s a syr-arm.

John Biehl and Herb Barents were not informed of their respective positions in time to get moves in, so "anonymous neutral player" moves were made for them. Ryan's moves may have been delayed by the postal strike, and I'll wait for them, and write them in if they come, but if they don't standby moves are requested from Philip Smith, 788 Sanok Dr., Pickering, ONTARIO. These are not necessary if Doug get's them in. JAP
Herb Barents address by the way is 157 State St., Zeeland, MI 49464. S/B
The German army Sweden may retreat to Denmark or OTB. The Italian NOT
army Madras may retreat to Deccan or OTB. Fall 1904 orders may be NEEDED,
conditional upon these retreats. Fall 1904 orders are due Feb. 10/73. RYAN'S

BERLIN: The German Chancellor Districk Kruger wishes to commend the brave Chinese army which was forced to retreat to the cold Siberian wastes. While Germany regrets that she cannot aide her embattled Chinese friends, she will lend her moral support and any other help she can possibly give. ORDERS
DELAYED
BY
STRIKE!

MUNICH: Due to the fact that the communication channels were so busy this merry and active city decided to clam up. She did however state that she was all ears, ready for any Tokyo statements. Chow!?

BERLIN: Despite small victory over the French the Chancellor was un-available for statements as he has been on tour to England, Austria, and Italy.

... you will be... Forgette: you
... will sure.

BE: The she-mullet wishes to thank you for the laugh you provided
... 1903.

WICKERING: Is this all the press writers we have? I'll go insane!
... (oops the fact I already said)

BE: Is being handled due to an error, in a new zine, THE GARBAGE CAN.
... (ie. having same seasons
... shall. Rejoin MARCUS. In the meantime, all players
... receiving MARCUS.

MARCUS STANDARD: Beginning next issue, all adjustments for all games
... three adjustments will then be sent
... and the Spring deadline will be set.
... (to will probably be set previously, after Fall moves). Adjustments
... with Spring moves.

THIS CONCLUDES (supress wild cheers) **MARCUS #15.** MAIL ORDERS NOW, CHANGES
... **ALWAYS A POSTAL STRIKE AROUND THE CORNER!** (PS.* I didn't
... for 3 days, just
... by sending late orders!
... take no chances. Mail today!)

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