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MYV- Philip Smith, Micheal Lind, James Massar.

Well, that puts me in for standbys for 50 yrs. I have it for 1971 AM! I'd like to thank everyone that volunteered, and all who made known my need for standbys. Thanks!

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THIS SPACE IS FOR CUSACK'S YV ARTICLE. NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T!

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**DIPLOMACY, DAMN IT!**

by David Hunt

If fate hadn't singled me out to edit the NEWS ADVERTISER, I think I would have liked to be Napoleon, or perhaps Mussolini - the pugacious Italian statesman I've occasionally, and unkindly, been said to resemble. It's not just that I have a weakness for figures of a personal flair and drama or that I admire ostentatious trappings of dictatorship, although I do - but that I would enjoy being able to carve up a continent like Europe.

Presumably because of this, my wife bought me for Christmas - among the usual other things, like underwear - an adult game called Diplomacy, which apparently puts each player in the position of a pre-1914 European power. That part of it, at least, I find relatively simple. Making and breaking treaties, dispatching enormous armies and supportive fleets across and around Europe, negotiating deals with neighbouring powers - and then reneging - presents no problem.

This must be because of a childhood misspent in the streets of North London, where honour was replaced by strength, ability sup- planted by cunning. In fact, my brother has suggested a more suitable game for me would be called 'Rudeness'.

What has stumped me, quite simply, is how you actually play the bloody game, the mechanics of it. Ludo I could understand, Snakes and Ladders was never entirely beyond me - even chess was something I could comprehend the rudiments of. But Diplomacy - that's something else. Even the rule book, if there can be such a thing for such a game, is enough to send me into paroxysms of temper - frustration and language that would annul all the decorations at Court. It reads for the most part like a badly jumbled page from an Albanian telephone directory and has led already to one verbal battle with a colleague about relative complexity of the game it describes, and chess.

It will also, I feel, unless I can find out how to play the game, to a rift with my wife who she tells me, put a lot of thought into it's selection. Her thought has made it no easier for her to understand than for me.

So if you're like most of those ultra-high-I.Q. types who gets out the map at night and replays Napoleon's gambits - help I may be only a type, but if you let me into your court I could turn out to be another Talleyrand.

The News Advertiser

EDITOR- You may have noted by now, that this David Hunt is not the same one as the editor of ALPHA. The News Advertiser is an area newspaper, with circulation of about 10,000.

JOKES FOR THE WEEK - The first is an original from Peter Weber, and the next two are parts of the continuing series of psychological studies of men at the summit (authored by John Colman).

Q: How do you make a Canadian throat cut?  
A: Send him a copy of MARGUS!

11. SOCIABLE: Doesn't have to go out just keeps his friends company.

12. NOSE: Takes to see what the other gipsy got, leans over, pees on floor.

((If you've got any of these, which supposedly appeared 2 years ago, send them along on your own.))

**THIS SPACE IS FOR THE JUNKY JOKE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEND IN!**

Richard Hull asked if I discriminated against Canadians. Likely after reading "Jokes for the Junkpile". No, I do it to get you off your rears and contribute to the zine! How about it guys, some anti Canuck jokes around?

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### DIPLOMACY NEWS

1. VARIANTS! New Variants seem to be popping up at an unbelievable rate, so I hereby take the opportunity to inform you of some. In the last issue of TANGALO EXPRESS, was the rules and map (total 7 pages) of 1776, and American Independence variant. You can get it from Richard Hull (address pg. 1, no. 7) for 25¢. I've published a few myself recently. In the last issue of THUNDERBIRD, I published the rules and map for the new variant, MIDDLEAST, ranging from Turkey to India, and Russia to Ethiopia. Copies from me for 15¢. Another new one, soon to appear in THUNDERBIRD, but available now, is AEMD, based on the Hebrew Kingdoms circa 2000 B.C.. It is available from me for 10¢. Also, available from me, is Atlantica, (15¢) and the Youngstown Variant (25¢). Soon to be had, from John Leeder (pg. 1, no. 9) is the map and rules for a variant called "Flintlock" set in Eastern N.A. in the 18th Century, with England, France, and Four Indian powers. Lew Pulsipher (pg. 1, no. 15) in the most recent issue of his zine, BLOOD AND IRON, listed almost all the variants around, where to buy them, and cost of each.
2. Quote: Bob Walker speaking of what Carol Buchanan did: "...unreasonable, awful, brutish, nasty, and...".
3. INTERNATIONAL: Here again on the home scene. I've started up a new zine, which is going to be INTERNATIONAL, because that's its name! Also, the games will have players from 7 different countries! When I started up this zine, I discovered that there was postal players of Diplomacy in 22 countries around the world...which is neat! And, I still need players from Canada and the US, as well as from overseas... registrants so far have all been European. The game fee is a mere \$2.00, and preference lists are required.
4. NUDITY AND PURE OBSCENITY IN DIP RAG: JH Fleming's zine ORPHAN (see address pg. 1, no. 12) is featuring naked women as a regular feature. They are artistically drawn by JH, and carry the title of "ORPHAN'S ALLY OF THE MONTH". JH has also opened an all-girl game, so this is a great zine. Adopt an ORPHAN, write JH!
5. FREE GAMES: The publisher of LUXOR, dear Aunt Clio, is opening free postal games. They will be gamesmastered by Herr Doktor Johann Alberis Seltsamliebe, and about the only requirement to play is that you be totally insane. You are encouraged to take on an assumed identity (remain anonymous) for your own safety (it's encouraged by the editor, Aunt Clio). Write LUXOR! (address, pg. 1, no. 14)
6. SURVEY SYNDICATE: Len Lakofka (address, pg. 1, no. 10) has started a syndicate, whose members participate in publishing surveys, the total results being tabulated in it's head office in downtown Chicago, and the results being published in the member zines. Yours truly is a member, so watch out!

7. WEIDMARK WINS. MASSAR LOSES! ((YUK, YUK)): Official tabulations are out, and I am officially the Canadian Regional Secretary for the IDA. James Massar, despite a massive campaign, got one vote, or something like that, in his run for Atlantic secretary. Atta boy Jimmy. The contest for the Canadian region was rather weird though. I now learn, that my honourable opponent, voted for me! And, if he hadn't of voted for me, the election would have been tied! What is more, I nominated my honourable opponent! How can you lose when you vote for a guy like me, who can nominate people like that!

8. WEIDMARK COMES OF AGE... WELL ALMOST! I don't know how many of you know this...no, I know none of you know this, but the next deadline for MARQUE is none other than March 3, 1973, and that just happens to be your humble gamesmaster's birthday! ~~Some of you~~, probably don't realize either, that the ~~working boy of Canada~~, who according to John Rogers, "should be given your country's medal of honor", is at this time, at the prime of his life, ~~SHAKEN!~~ More comments: from John Rogers, "Certainly not a man to let the grass grow under your feet, are you?" From John Rogers "...we need more like you." From Conrad von Metzke: "You're beginning to frighten me!" Well, next week I'm applying for citizen of the US. Somebody offered me a part time job down there, as President or something. Words are fine, but birthday presents are great... (books, stocks, cash, oil wells, ~~etc~~, etc). (Just kidding...but if you really want to give me ~~etc~~), so, next issue a special "birthday" issue, and if you don't have an article, what not words of admiration? Oh, but if you got mixed up up there, ~~and I don't know how many are still in the game~~, will be 17. I started publishing when I was 15. AMAZING? (Modesty abounds--or did you notice.)

9. A SUPER GAME--ARE YOU CRAZY? Burt Labelle in PELLUCIDAR #4 announced the possibility of a super game, with prizes to the top rank finishers in the game. He suggests about \$50 worth of prizes to the winner, \$25-\$25 or so for second, and the rest. Not that I like to copy...but I was asked to play in the MARQUE super game? ~~YES BURT!~~ If, I ran such a game though, it's take just a bit off of the winner or work harder (but I probably give lower graduated prizes down, until the last one (first out) get's 7 back issues of LA GUERRE or something as enjoyable. ((Smut\*?)). The fee, would be \$8 to \$10 dollars, for prizes if you would like to play in such a game until your time, and then I'll have an idea of how much to charge at the starting line, ~~and I'll have~~ that needed, and no ~~etc~~ of ~~etc~~ (added to ~~etc~~).

10. INVENTOR OF DIPLOMACY GAMES SOCIAL, ~~William Calhamer, who invented~~ or ~~sympathized~~ ~~with~~ the game of Diplomacy, in ~~1958~~ about 1958, has ~~announced~~ ~~sp~~ ~~play~~ ~~in~~ ~~Charles~~ ~~Trubel~~ ~~at~~ ~~WORLD~~ ~~WAR~~ ~~II~~ ~~TOURNAMENT~~. There are six spots left in the game with Mr. Calhamer, ~~at~~ ~~Box~~ ~~33~~, ~~Leeper~~, ~~PA~~, ~~16233~~. STRICT (absolutely no delays no matter what!) ~~and~~ ~~at~~ ~~2~~ ~~weeks~~ ~~start~~.

THE GAMES!

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FALL 1905

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GERMANY WHITES THE DUST; ITALY GETS FIRST BUILD SINCE 1901!  
TURKEY IS STILL HERE: HUURRAH!

AUSTRIA (Fleming): a bud-rus, a rus-sev, a ser-bul, f aeg s a ser-bul, f con h/d/, a tri-vie.

ENGLAND (Bennett): f nth-eng, f lon s f nth-eng, f iri-wal, f nwy s f stp so.

FRANCE (Leeder): f eng-bre, a par s f eng-bre, a gas s f eng-bre, a nar-spa/a/, f por-spa so.

GERMANY (Bawbinhiser): a bre-sag/a/, a bur s italian a pie-mar, a bel-pick a ruh-bel, a swy h/d/, a pru s a war, a ber-kie, f stpso h.

ITALY (Gletty): a pie-mar, f sid-por, f tun-wes, a ven h.

RUSSIA (Tilson): a bul-con, a ank s a bul-con, a sov-sev, a gal-war, a ukr s a gal-war, f lva-ryu.

TURKEY (Weber): a say h.

Going back a bit, Russian armies Warsaw and Rumania retreated to Galicia and Bulgaria respectively. Also, Tim Tilson takes over Russia. Now, this season. Austrian fleet Constantinople is dislodged and may retreat to the Black Sea, or otb. The French army Marseilles is annihilated. The German a Brust is annihilated. The German army Warsaw may retreat to Silesia, or otb. Builds may be conditional upon retreats. Builds listed do not take into consideration otb retreats.

SUPPLE CENTRE LIST: 1905

AUSTRIA-	vie, bud, tri, gre, ser, bul, rus.	Build One	T- 7
ENGLAND-	lvp, lon, edi, nwy.	Even	T- 4
FRANCE-	bre, par, spa, por, /a/ (one /a/)	Even	T- 4
GERMANY-	mun, kie, ber, bel, hol, den, swe, stp, /a/	Build One	T- 8
ITALY-	ven, rom, nap, tun, rus.	Build One	T- 5
RUSSIA-	sov, sev, war, con, ank, /a/.	Remove One	T- 5
TURKEY-	say.	Even	T- 1

I made a boob in announcement no. 8...deadline is earlier. Starting this season, we've got post card builds. This means, that IMMEDIATELY upon receiving the zine, you send your builds! (or removals, or retreats). There is NO negotiation time, between fall and builds. Adjustments are due here, no later than February 22, 1973. If they are not here, then I send adjustments out anyways. Phone, if necessary, is 416-839-7841. Oaky doaky. PRESS: Nil.

EVERYBODY, LOOK HERE, DOWN HERE, YES, RIGHT HERE, AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Disregard the announcement of the next deadline as being March 3.

LOOK ↑ LOOK  
YOU!



PHILADELPHIA, ITALY: Francesco Frisoli, Honorable Second Tanna to Dizzoner, da Mayor, Frank L. Rizzo, has made an official protest ((Where, where, I have yet to see an "official protest", all lies, lies, lies, lies)) against the remarks of one Mark Weidmark, a so-called gamesmaster in Muckus, or no, Marcus, who insinuated that the City of Brotherly Love had been eaten by a glob. This is total nonsense. Everybody knows that what's really eating Philadelphia is the teacher's strike. Seven weeks. Gawd.

PICKERING, SWITZERLAND: Muckus! Outrageous insinuations, to imply that respectable MARCUS...eh, terrible, to imply that it was dirty, to imply that it was similar to Smut\*. OUTRAGEOUS! City of Brotherly Love? Bah, it's the city of Botherly Love! (Your guess is as good as mine as to what that means). Who'd complain about a teacher's strike? That'd be fun!

ROME: Anyone for a swim in the Western Mediterranean, better known as Lake Italia? ((Better known to whom, I thought it was Lake Elah))

HUNTINGDON VALLEY, ITALY: Held it, champ. The last time I went into Philadelphia, my foot kept sticking to all the sidewalks. Now, either's there's a big, big, deg, with a real problem, or maybe the glob did get it....

PICKERING: Even if the blob did eat all of Philadelphia, it wouldn't be noticeable. (Interpret that as I would)

PICKERING: CHIEF Magistrate at the Royal Duchy of Pickering, High in the Jura Alps, bloody declared war against Germany. A Dutch ocean vessel loaded to capacity with "Triple-Bubble" gum, was sabatuered the other day, by German saboteurs! The ship was bound for Smyrna, and was a very important load. This was because the Turkish people are important buyers from the Bucky market, and it was an experimental batch, flavoured with "asparagus whiskey". What is more, an Italian tourist group, who had just arrived at the French Riviera, were adversely affected by the sinking, which occurred in the Gulf of Lyon. When the Italians went swimming, you can imagine the gears, and they had a diving board, yuk. Attacks upon Germany, will begin with a new invention, a rocket. Warheads have not been acquired as of yet, but it is believed that "Quadruple Bubble-Gum" will be used. The gum will be flavoured, if it is used, by a combination of Miller's Highlight Beer, and raw sewage supplied by Harry's Septic Tank Co.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO PLAYERS: To be absolutely safe in the future from missed adjustments in winter seasons, I advise you to send tentative adjustments (predicting fall outcome) with fall orders, from now on.

WINTER 1902--1921 AN CHANGE OF FLEET.

A change of order, legally within the deadline, has been received and I have accepted it. Change, England (Jones) removes fleet Norway, and army Picard,





Adjustments are due by return mail, no later than Feb. 22, 1943. Replies will be posted by post card on that date, and the Spring deadline will be set. You are required to send builds or adjustments immediately. Phone, if necessary is (416) 839-7841 6:30 to 11:00 pm EST. Press followz:

ROME: For some unaccountable reason, communications between the eastern empire (Austria-Hungary) have broken down. Mobilization of units from Venice was necessary because of no declaration of intent by the east.

NAPLES: May the Russians crumble on all fronts. Long live the Swiss!!!

SWITZERLAND: Thanx, but no thanx, quick die the wops!

HUNTINGTON VALLEY, AUSTRIA: Well, gang, if we're going to invade Russia, let's get about it! I mean, Hitler waited a few months too long and look what happened to him. But then that hasn't happened yet. Okay, Napoleon invaded, see? But then he was killed and we all know what that means. Report on...

DELHI (Nov 3, 1904): Maharajah Jahal XEX appeals to Europe for modern armaments with which to fight the Italians. His host high excellence also appealed to King Edward VII of England to fulfill the terms of the Commonwealth Defence Treaties and rid the seas of Italian fleets. Jahal said, "Does Britannia rule the waves?"

CALCUTTA (Nov 17, 1904): Bing Celly III Bombay, former ambassador to Germany, who was India's new Foreign Minister appealed to the Pope on India's behalf with he spoke with the Prime Minister ((uh, don't you mean dictator??)) of Italy again. "Please tell honourable Minister that India wish allaince of neutrality. India give Italy Arabian Sea and all places west. India limits west interest to West Indian Ocean and Siam. May Italians leave their Krishna in hearts."

LUCKNOW (Dec 1, 1904): The market has crashed on hemp products pending the Italian invasion of Pradesh. Silleong Hai, one of the principal growers says, "I'm captain in militia, I have great plan. We burn hemp fields when Italians come, then they pick away to Himalaya. Vishnu takes."

DANZIG: Chancellor Dietrick Kruger announced that Germany had invaded Livonia and established a beach head. He also stated that when Livonia was fully liberated that the Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia would be granted independence and become equivalent of the Scandinavians.

BAVARIAN ALPS: All was quiet in this region except for the sounds of skiers, getting ready to participate in an international skiing competition to be held here soon. Below the border there was very little action also.

CONSTANTINOPLE (German Embassy): In view of a clash which is expected by both German and Turkish officials in this province, the German Staff and their families have been moved to Ankara.

ANKARA (Marcus News Service): The 7th Russian Fleet arrived in Ankara

for a time of shore leave and relaxation. Mysteriously, an arson has burned down the city court, and all the laws are burned, except one, which was saved by a daring Russian sailor. That law being, the right of anyone to burn witches and warlocks.

ANKARA(Marcus News Service): The mysterious arson has struck again, but this time he is burning German embassy officials and their families.

PEKING(German Embassy): Reports received from the Chinese government of the battle of Siberia have been conveyed to the Chancellor in Berlin. If and when the German army gets there, it is highly unlikely it will arrive in time to save the Chinese. The German Government has promised it will try to Liberate the Chinese if they are totally overwhelmed. ((You pick the greatest places for embassies! Even the places you move to don't last long!))

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END----MARCUS

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LISTING OF CANUCK PUBLICATIONS TO DATE #2

#060

I have taken it upon myself to maintain a published list of the back issues of all my zines, and in effect, it being a record of what I publish. Listing #1 lists all publications to #051.

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Future "BACK ISH LIST's" will be published every multiple of 50 from this point on, for the publication number. Each list will also contain a column for listing of availability of back issues, and cost. Now, a listing of the Canuck Publication numbers for MARCUS to date.

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