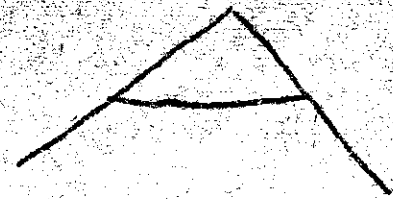


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## STORM CLOUDS GATHER OVER EUROPE

**MARSOVIA (MPC):** All of Europe has mobilized and appears headed for a general conflagration. England has declared war on Germany, Germany has seized Denmark, and the other powers appear to be grabbing as many buffer states as possible. No direct clashes have occurred as yet between great powers but the threat of war in the Balkans, the Low Countries, and the Mediterranean cannot be dismissed. The German and English Ambassadors were seen in conversation in the prince's Hall last night, but rumors of peace were quickly quashed when Sir Farnsworth Hale, the St. James envoy, beat the German over the head with a cane.

**LONDON:** The King of England and South Montpelier, Vermont, today declared war on Germany. "But you did that last week," chided his wife when she heard the mad ravings. "Yeah, I know," muttered the King, "but they haven't paid us what they owe us yet - and I'll be damned if I'll go to war with anyone who owes us money!"

Meanwhile, President Henry Krajewski, to whom the Pretender King is just a figment of the imagination, issued a declaration renaming all English provinces. North to south, they are now Pigburg, Pigville, Piggia, Pighire, South Pigg, and Just Plain Pigg. The island of Ireland will hereafter be known as Hogg Junction, and the Isle of Wight will be used for a prison and called the Isle of Wong.

**BERLIN:** The Prime Minister of Germany declared German intentions towards Europe as follows: "Vit hauben kein oriegshaft nigh mit der anderer Stat schaften. Der Fransoizischer ken schluffen vissin dick as vir vellen nicht zir land riennen. Die welt darft nicht danken as vir willen zun comen. Vir willen nich kein oriegshaft." ((This whole mess is SIC since I don't know any German to correct it or screw it up)) General von Clausewitz has commanded der Armeen in Berlin zu Kiel, der Fleet in Kiel zu Denmark, and der Armeen in Lunich zu Der Ruhr.

**MOSCOW:** The Tsar welcomes his allies: Turkey, Germany, England, France, and Italy. Territorial ambitions are few and diplomacy is always honest.

FALL 1961 RECEIPT DEADLINE MAY 27. I know, you no sooner get the issue than you gotta move again. That's why the postcards, men!

**HOW TO WIN FRIENDS BY AVOIDING  
DIRECT GLASSES**

<u>Spring 1901</u>	<u>1906-N</u>
<b>ENGLAND</b> (Von Istzke)	F LONDON - NORTH SEA F EDINBURGH - NORWEGIAN SEA A LIVERPOOL - EDINBURGH
<b>FRANCE</b> (Barrows)	F BREST - MID-ATLANTIC A PARIS - BURGUNDY A MARSKILLES (S) PARIS - BURGUNDY
<b>GERMANY</b> (Tzudiker)	A BERLIN - KIEL F KIEL - DENMARK A MUNICH - RUHR
<b>ITALY</b> (Swenson)	A VENICE - PIEDMONT A ROME - VENICE F NAPLES - IONIAN SEA
<b>AUSTRIA</b> (Canfil)	A BUDAPEST - SERBIA A VIENNA STAND F TRIESTE STAND
<b>RUSSIA</b> (Latimer)	A WARSAW - GALICIA A MOSCOW - UKRAINA F ST. PETERSBURG - GULF OF BOTHNIA F SEVASTOPOL - HUMANIA
<b>TURKEY</b> (Brannan)	A CONSTANTINOPLE - BULGARIA A SLYRNA - ANKARA F ANKARA - CONSTANTINOPLE

Fall 1901 Moves must be received by May 27. Just a quick work on deadlines, people. One set of moves arrived in the mail the morning of the deadline and two others were phoned in that night. This is cutting it a little close if you want the honest opinion of your kindly Gamesmaster. There have been many nights here when nobody is home to answer the phone. Besides, if you get them in a little early there is always a chance of the issue actually going out on time...letting you see press releases as well as moves in a reasonable time to respond. However, shut yourselves, if you want to chance it far be it from me to say no.

Since I introduce a rules change on the next page I should point out that it does not necessarily mean that Art goofed up his moves. The idea came to me before I even saw his moves and maybe he meant to hold those units. Incidentally, I will follow the Brannan practise of writing out supports as hold orders unless a player objects with the next moves. This procedure will be followed on my future decisions as well, a new interpretation (on an uncovered area) will be announced in advance of its taking effect with a possible veto if it is discretionary to the game.

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE RULES DEPARTMENT:

If you'll check back to Issue #1 for a minute you'll see there that I was going to ask for a vote on the controversy over fleet supports in provinces with divided coastline (Page 2 Rule 5). Since COSTAGUANA (which I understand all subscribers to this mag also get - or is it the other way around?) just ran an excellent analysis of the whole problem (Vol. 2, No. 4) it seems like a good time to take a vote. A yes vote will allow supports regardless of coastline - i.e. Fleet Gascony may support F Marseilles to Spain S.C.; F Norway may support F Bothnia to St. Pete S.C.; etc. A no vote will disallow these moves. For consistency with the other games-masters' rulings I favor a YES vote, but it is your game, people. Vote with your next move.

7. NEW RULE: Miswritten orders will be published as if the units concerned had been ordered to hold. Why tip you guys off when a player goofa, particularly if his clear intention was to stomp you?

SKETCHES: We have three on hand, but to save space and some copy for next issue, I will save Tzudiker's for then. This issue we have James Latimer and Steve Cartier/Dan D.annan (who unfortunately did not see fit to include the dual name derivation).

First Latimer: "17, am entering college this fall. After attending several Washington Science Fiction Association meetings I was curious enough to inquire as to what in the world all the talk of alliances and backstabbing was about among several people. ((In Washington, who says this has to be a Diplomacy game?)) Was then introduced to Diplomacy and started postal games shortly thereafter when DIPLOMACY was founded. This led to entering some of the other 'zines' games, and here I am! Support the administration's Vietnam policies, am a rabid science fiction collector-completist, and am disgusted by pickets. Revere Motherhood, Virginity, and the American Flag. Love cats; hate dogs. Have pro-Mordor sympathies ((Jim, meet Art!))."

Next Steve: "I am 28 years old and have a degree in Accounting from Berkeley. I don't drink or smoke but I drive too fast ((it's a quicker way to go)). I started publishing WILD 'N' WOOLY because, at the time, I couldn't get into enough Diplomacy games to suit me. Now I'm in more games than I can pay for and I've got a magazine to publish that I try to publish every nine days (everyone else has better sense than to try to publish so often) ((Damn right!)). But it's my magazine and woe to anyone who tries to take it away from me." ((OK, OK, we can take a hint, right Conrad?)) (((Right, Bob!)))

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If you must call, my phone number is 916 - 456-5097. Good luck.



## EDITORIAL:

As one who has watched the evolution of COSTAGUANA from a Diplomacy rag to kind of a generalist alter ego of its paranoic publisher, I am a little concerned about the inclusion of non-diplomatic material. Therefore, after due thought, I have decided not to re-attempt anything like the Politics and Poker bit last issue. I think this was marginally justified in that it represented a reply to material originally in a Diplomacy magazine, but I think I will confine this rag to the purist Diplomacy publication a la WILD 'N' WOOLY; though, with letters if any of you out there bother to write them.

However, since my ego needs fully as much gratification as von Metzke's, and since my interest in politics refuses to be so easily submerged, I am starting another magazine, devoted to politics, literary criticism (read 'book reviews'), and assorted notes on whatever interests me. I will publish this bit once a month and copies will go gratis to all MARSOVIA subscribers. Others are 10/\$1. Precedent for this is in, of course, NATIONAL REVIEW, which sends Russell Kirk's THE BOOKMAN to all its faithful subscribers. As kind of an advance tip while waiting for the first issue, the May 12 issue of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL has, on Page 14, two excellent articles; on the new breed of Republican governors, and The Birch Society and Police Departments. I recommend reading both of them.

Since I hope to move outside the purely local concerns, all of you are welcome to contribute your comments to a general debate on whatever is interesting at the moment. I am sure that von Metzke, Tsudiker, Latimer and Canfil could get a really good panel on Vietnam going, but that is getting a little overdone anyway.

Lead article of the first issue; BILL BUCKLEY AND HIS PLACE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. Comments from New Yorkers?

The following space is donated for writing moves, votes on the Coast question, press releases, foul obscene hate slogans, and suicide notes.