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1972 CV                      FRANCE STRIPS SOUTHERN DEFENSES                      Winter 1905  
AUSTRIA(Holkshwandner):Builds A Vie, A Bud. Has A Vie, A Bud, A Mos, A War,  
A Ber, F Tri, A Tyr, A Ser, A Sev, A Ukr  
ENGLAND(Neiger): has F Nwy, F Hol, A Kie, F Ion, F Nth, A Liv, A Edi( 1 sh.)  
FRANCE(Blume):Removes F Liv, A Gas. Has F Nrg, F Eng, A Bel, A Pic, F Iri  
GERMANY(Morgan) Has A Par  
ITALY(Worthington): Builds A Rom, F Nap. Has A Rom, F Nap, F Ank, A Con, A  
Ven, F Apu, F Lyo, F Alb, F Ion  
RUSSIA(Rutledge): Has A St.P  
Deadline for Spring 1906 moves is noon, Friday, 16 August 1974

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1973 FY                      THE WEST ALLIES... TOO LATE                      FALL 1905  
AUSTRIA(Tatay)(last issue, "A Bud-Bud" should have been "A Bud-Vie): A Hol S  
A Rah-Bel; A Rah-Bel; A Boh-Man; A Vie-Boh; A Tri H; F Gre S A Bul; A Bul S  
A Rum; A Rum S A Bul; F Say H. Owns Bud, Bul, Gre, Man, Rum, Ser, Say, Tri,  
Vie, Hol(10); may build one unit.  
ENGLAND(Heuer):F Edi H; F Yor-Lon. Owns Edi, Lon(2); even  
FRANCE(Civil Disorder): A Par H. Dislodged & removed. Out.  
GERMANY(Tihor): F Hol retreated to Nth; F Edi retreated to Cly: F Nth-Hol  
(dislodged; retreats- Ska, annihilated); A Bel S F Nth-Hol; F Cly-Liv.  
Owns Bel(1); must remove two units.  
ITALY(Kollmer): A Mar-Gas; A Gas-Par; A War S A Gas-Par; A Wal S F Iri-Liv;  
F Mid-Bre; F Wes-Mid; F Eng-Lon; F Iri-Liv. Owns Bre, Liv, Mar, Nap, Par,  
Por, Rom, Spa, Tan, Ven, (10); may build two units.  
RUSSIA(Blume): F Nwy-Nth; F Nrg S F Nwy-Nth; F Hal S F Nwy-Nth; A Den-Swe;  
A Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie; F Ank S F Con; F Con, A Sev, A Ukr, A War all hold.  
Owns Ank, Ber, Con, Den, Kie, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, War(11); even.

A concession to the Russo-Italo-Austrian alliance has been proposed, but,  
as I refuse to permit a conceded draw, it will not be voted on. If, after  
England and Germany have been destroyed the proposal it put again, it will  
be voted on. In the meantime, I am requesting conditional Spring moves with  
the winter builds/removals. Deadline for winter/Spring moves is noon, Friday,  
16 August 1974.

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1973 CQf(Anonymity)                      Fall 1904  
FRENCH BELIEVE VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

AUSTRIA:(last issue, the move "A Ser-Tri should not have been under-  
lined. Austria sent in moves based on its failure, so I got neutral  
moves): A Tri H; A Alb S A Tri. Owns Gre, Ser, Tri(3). No room to build.  
ENGLAND: F Yor-Nth; A Lon-Wal; F Liv S A Lon-Wal. Owns Edi, Liv(2);  
must remove one unit.

FRANCE: A Pie S GERMAN A Tyr-Ven; A Bel-Lon; A Wal S A Bel-Lon (dislodged, retreats to Yor, or is annihilated); F Eng C A Bel-Lon; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; F Lyo S F Tyr. Owns Bel, Bre, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun(8); may build one unit.

GERMANY: A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Ber; F Ska-Nor (ambiguous); F Swe-Bal; A Den-Kie; A Tyr-Ven. Owns Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe, Ven(7); may build 1

ITALY: F Rom-Tyr; F Nap-Tyr; A Bud-Tri; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; A Ven S A Bud-Tri (dislodged. Retreats to Tus, Apu or is annihilated); Owns Bud, Nap, Rom, Vie(4); must remove one unit.

RUSSIA: A Rum S A Sev; A Sev S A Rum; F Nrg S ENGLISH F Yor-Nth; F Bal-Kie; A Sil-Mun; A Nwy-Swe. Owns Mos, Nwy, Sev, St.P, Rum, War(6). Even.

TURKEY: A Bul-Rum; F Bla S A Bul-Rum; F Con-Bul(sc). Owns Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. Even.

The dropped player for Italy was total Peter Horne.

Winter 1904 adjustments are due here by Noon, Friday, 16 August. Builds and removals may be made conditional on retreats.

1973 HK

Spring 1904

I DON'T THINK SCHLIEFFEN HAD THIS IN MIND

Last issue, I made a couple of mistakes. I omitted the Austrian A Con, and stated that Germany removed AKie instead of A Ruh. The unit listing was correct.

AUSTRIA (Green): A Con S TURKISH A Arm-Ank; F Smy-Aeg; F Gre-Ion; A Alb H; F Tri-Adr; A Vie-Tri; A Mun S RUSSIAN A Ber-Kie; A Boh S A Mun; A Tyr S A Mun

ENGLAND (Reif): A Nwy H; F Den S RUSSIAN A Ber-Kie; F Nth S F Hel-Hol; F Hel-Hol; A Lon-Por

FRANCE (Hollishwanhar): A Bur S F Mar; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Mar S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Bre-Mid; A Bel-Ruh; A Gas H

GERMANY (Rakowski): A Hol S A Kie (dislodged, retreats to Bel or is annihilated); A Kie S A Hol (dislodged, annihilated); F Swe H

ITALY (Moore): A Ven H; A Pie-Mar; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); F Wes-Mid

RUSSIA (Lagerson): A Fin-St.P; F Bal-Bot; A Ber-Kie; A Sil-Ber; A Sev H; F Rum-Bla

TURKEY (Gilinsky): A Arm-Ank

Fall 1904 moves are due by noon, Friday, 16 August 1974

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STALEMATE NEAR?

Winter 1905

Correction: last season, French A Rom-Ven should have been underlined.

AUSTRIA (Carroll): Retreats A Bud-Ser; Has A Vie, A Ser

ENGLAND (R. Smith): Builds A Edi, A Liv; Has A Edi, A Liv, F St.P(nc); F Bar, F Bal, A Lon, A Den, F Nth, A Kie

FRANCE (Reif): Builds A Mar. Has A Mar, F Eng, A Pie, A Tyr, F Tun, A Rom, F Lyo, F Tyr, A Pru, A Ruh.

ITALY (Thomas): Annihilates A Tyr; Builds F Nap. Has F Nap, F Apu,

A Ven, A Tri

RUSSIA(Morton): Annihilates F Bul(sc); Builds A War. Has A War, F Liv, F Rum, A Bud, A Gal

TURKEY(Juergens): Removes F Eas. Has F Ion, A Bul, F Aeg, A Alb

Spring 1906 moves are due here by noon, Friday, 15 August 1974.

Paul Thomas will be at 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N.Y. 11598 about 8 August, and will be hearing elsew here afterwards. I'll try to inform all players. In the meantime, I suggest you send me you orders in envelopes.

1973 ER

Spring 1906

AUSTRIA BACK ON TESSER STANDARD TIME

AUSTRIA(Tesser):NMR. F Aeg, A Rum, A Tri, A Bud, A Ser, A Bul all H

ENGLAND(Coy);F Lon-Nth; A Pru-War; F Mid-Eng; F Por-Mid; F Eng-Pic; F Nwy-Swe; A St.F-Liv; A Mos S A Pru-War; F Den S F Nwy-Swe

GERMANY(Ritter): F Kie-Hol; F Swa-Ska; F Ber-Pru; A Sil S F Ber-Pru; A War S F Ber-Pru(dislodged; retreats to Ukr, Gal, annihilated); A Vic S A Tyr; A Tyr S A Vi.; A Mun-Boh; A Bel S A Bur-Pic; A Mar H(retreat to Gas, Burgundy or annihilated); A Pic-Par

ITALY(Lagerson): F Lyo S A Spa-Mar; F Wes H; A Spa-Mar; A Pie-Ven

TURKEY(Keller): F Smy S A Ank-Con; F Con-Bla; F Sev-Rum; A Ank-Con

FALL 1906 MOVES ARE DUE HERE BY NOON, FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1974.

Will Rod Walker, 4069 Jacklaw St., San Diego, Ca. 92103 standby for Austria

1973 EX

FRENCH BARRED FROM OKTOBERFEST

Fall 1901

AUSTRIA(Thomas): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Bud-Tri. Owns Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie(5); may build two units.

ENGLAND(Doyle): F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth-Bel; A Tor H. Owns Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy(5); may build two units

FRANCE(D. Smith): A Spa-Por; A Bur-Mun; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); owns Bre, Mar, Por, Par, Spa(5); may build two units.

GERMANY(Rakowski): A Ruh-Mun; A Kie-Hol; F Den H. Owns Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun(5); may build two units.

ITALY(D. Klein): A Ven H; AABu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Ion. Owns Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven(4); may build one unit.

RUSSIA(Boymel): F Bla S A Ukr-Rum; A Ukr-Rum; A War-Liv; F Bot-Swe. Owns Mos, St.P, Sev, Swa, Rum, War(6); may build two units.

TURKEY(Gilinsky): A Bul S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum; A Smy-Con; F Con-Aeg. Owns Ank, Bul, Con, Smy(4); may build one unit.

Winter 1901 builds are due by noon, Friday, 15 August, 1974.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: See 1973 ER for Paul Thomas; Paul Boymel will be moving to 3001 Veazy Terrace, N.W. Apt. 1014, Washington D.C. 20008, effective August 10.

Well, there does not seem to be any mistakes so far.

1972 CF

Fall 1911

## HOW DO YOU SAY GOODBYE IN RUSSIAN?

AUSTRIA(Naus):NMR! A Bud is dislodged and annihilated. A Vie H.Owns Vie(1). Even

ENGLAND(Scott):NMR! F Mid, A Hol are dislodged. F Nwy, F Den, F Iri, F Nth all hold. F Eng is dislodged and retreats- Pic, Wal, Lon or annihilated. Owns Den, Eri, Lon, Nwy, Swa(5); even

FRANCE(Sharp):F Spa(nc) S F Mid; F Mid S F Bre-Eng; F Bre-Eng; F Liv H; F Hol S A Fic-Bel; A Fic-Bel; A Kie S F Hol, Owns Bel, Bre, Hol, Kie,Liv, Mar, Par, Por, Spa(9); may build two units.

ITALY(J. Klein): A Ven-Tri; A Tri-Bud; A War E; A Mun-Ruh; A Ber S FRENCH A Kie; F Tyr-Tun; F Adr S A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Tun. Owns Ber, Bud,Mun,Nap,Rom,Tri,Tun, Ven,War(9); may build one unit.

RUSSIA(Ward): A St.P E; dislodged and removed. Out.

TURKEY(Labelle): A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A Sev S A Mos; A Rum & A Ser both S ITALIAN A Tri-Bud; A Gre S A Ser; F Aeg S A Gre; F Bla S A Rum. Owns Ank,Bul,Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser,Sev, Smy,St.P(10); may build one unit. I forget: A Gal E

Austria's position is moribund, so I will not call for a standby there. However, will Jim Bumpas, 948 Lorraine Ave., Los Altos, Ca. 94022 please submit standby moves for England?

Winter 1911 builds-removals are due here by noon, Friday, August 16, 1974.

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Some of you have paid me for a game of Feudal Diplomacy (the Anarchy variant). Due to lack of response, I have decided to not run the game. Unfortunately, I have lost the list of those who have paid their gamefee. If they will send me a xerox of their cancelled check, I will return their money. Sorry about the trouble.

Also, I have unfortunately lost my standby list. If you wish to be on it (this issue's standbys were figured from memory), please let me know.

Last issue, in the houserules for the new games, I stated accidentally that the contraction for the North Atlantic would be NAF. That should be "NAT".

Well, that takes care of the foulups this time. Until the next foulups,

Abyssinia,

*Robert Bryan Lipton*  
Robert Bryan Lipton

THE PUBLISHER- Part VIII

ENTER EVANSHA, DRAMATICALLY

EVA. Your revels cease! Assist me, all of you!

CHORUS: Why who is this whose screaming voice  
halts our festivities?

EVA. I claim my lost editor, Connie-Fool!

Oh, fool, to shun releases that I write!

CHORUS: Go, leave thy inane work unwrit!

EVA. My work has satirical bite!

CHORUS. Away, away, you're full of shit!

CON. ((aside, to Penny)) Ah,

Tis Evanshal

The nut whose works will bore you!

EVA. ((detaining him)) No,

You shall not go!

I've got releases for you!

Oh, fool, that leaves

The best of fen!

Up in my sleeves

I've works of pen. ((pulls two reams of paper from his sleeves))

Oh, rash, that judgest from one release!

All work and grudget

My little pleas!

Thy taste unbind,

Oh fool, oh blind!

Give me my place,

Oh rash, oh base!

CHORUS: If he's your hack, give him his place,

Oh fool, oh blind, oh rash, oh base!

EVA. ((addressing Penny))

Oh skill, that rulest

Where hackwork serves!

Talent that foolst

Heroic nerves!

Quick tongue that scornest

Rejected years!

Wise voice that warnest

Who rightly hears!

Thy end is nigh!

Talent, great luck!

Now, say goodbye.

But first, let's fuck!

CHORUS: If true his tale, you're out of luck,

Oh, talent, skill, but first, let's fuck!

((Aha! A little more problem for our play! Is there any way out from  
under this incubus? Be here in three weeks, and we'll see!))

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If I could only think of something to fill this space.

THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION presents

## A RATINGS SURVEY 2

<u>Averaged Score</u>	<u>The Top Twenty</u>	<u>Games Won</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Games Played</u>
773	Brenton Ver Floeg	8	8.500	11
722	Mike Rocamora	6	6.500	9
683	John Beshara	8	8.200	12
533	Tom Eller	5	5.333	10
529	Peter Rosamilia	2	3.700	7
514	Lewis Pulpisher	6	7.200	14
498	Doug Beyerlein	10	10.450	21
458	Randy Bytwerk	5	5.500	12
444	Monte Zelazny	4	4.000	9
397	Andrew Phillips	9	11.517	29
385	Jeff Power	4	4.250	11
347	John Smythe	8	8.333	24
280	Lenard Lakofka	5	5.783	20
280	Eugene Prosnitz	6	6.450	23
258	Edi Birsan	12	13.150	51
189	Dan Barrows	1	1.700	9
179	Hal Naus	4	7.167	40
162	Larry Peery	2	2.917	18
159	Bob Ward	2	2.700	17
156	Buddy Tretick	5	5.000	32

All the games of the major ratings lists are included in this survey. The total number is 387. The number listed under "Points" is the Calhamer point count where only wins and draws are tabulated; winners receive one point; in a draw, the point is divided among the surviving players. The "Averaged Score" is computed by dividing the number of points by the number of games played, omitting decimals. The resultant score is similar to a batting average in baseball.

A score of 143 is average, equivalent to winning one game in seven. To arrive at an equitable score, therefore, only players completing a minimum of seven games are included. Also excluded are players believed to be inactive for more than a year. Replacement players are not charged under "Games Played", unless they win or draw the game.

The survey will be updated whenever there are significant changes, particularly when new names achieve "The Top Ten."

((When this survey (or rather, the first) was printed in Doug Beyerlein's Washington Reports, he wondered why Buchanan and Rosamilia were not included. Well, Walt has never lost a game (so far) and has a Calhamer rating of 6, and is therefore ineligible. Pete Rosamilia (who is now #5) just lost his 7th game, 1973 BI in Hoosier Archives, and therefore just now becomes eligible.

((It seems noteworthy to me that some players- Hal Naus stands out most obviously- are what, in chess, would be called "Drawing Masters". Hal's score for only games won would be about 100, but with his draws counted in (I can't say exactly how many. Probably a minimum of ten draws) he becomes quite formidable. Probably, with the growing popularity of stalemate lines, as written on by Messrs. Beshara and Verheiden, plus yours truly, such "drawing masters" will become more obvious. Already, Germany has moved ahead recently in raw CPCL ratings, due to its important position in draws.))

PRESS RELEASES- 1972 CF

PARIS: Several years ago, Charles the Mad of France took over that country in a different realm and clime and largely with different players. At that time, France was racked by foreign invasions; German armies were in Burgundy and Picardy; English Fleets were in the Channell and the Middle Atlantic Ocean; Italy was in no position to help— hence the abdication of the old French government in favor of the new.

Through great efforts of diplomacy (actually, it took but one letter each) England and Germany were induced to turn on one another; then Germany was secured as an ally against England; then Germany was wiped out by Russia and England working together, but Italy was signed up as an ally. Finally, for a brief moment, Russia seized Scandinavian provinces belonging to England.

Now English fleets are back in the Channel and Middle Atlantic. 'Twas the presence of Englanders in the MAO that induced my frantic diplomacy when I entered the game—the "musical alliances" phase of 1972 CF. So, conditions repeating themselves, shall France embark on the same type of desperate diplomacy as before?

Hah! It is to laugh!

We gots as many fleets as you now, England baby; we gots Italy guarding our backs and a fleet in the British Isles, enough fleets to beat you out of the Middle Atlantic and a devout wish to beat the doggies out of youse.

PARIS TO ABYSSINIA: whaddya mean, I forced you to write press for the Slobinpolit Zhurnal? You jumped at the chance and you know it. After all, where else could you get a chance to write as much as you want without fear of the editing you so richly deserve? (( this may not be generally known, but I have my own zine- RBL)) Of course it will be a couple of years before your press reaches the consistent high quality of 'Slobbovia', but the Holy Slobbovian Church preaches toleration for learning students and toads who realize they need instruction. ((That makes sense, considering that the Church's leader is an apprentice toad- RBL)) I will be interested to read your first press; your last letter included a page of typing exercises, but nothing worth publishing in a high quality zine like Slobinpolit Zhurnal.

WOODMERE(IDUNMO): Ignoring the fact that the last six words of your release are self-contradictory, what would you call holding my first editions of DeCamp's "Harold Shea" stories except blackmail? In any case, it is obvious from looking at Slobinpolit Zhurnal that you have been taking typing lessons from Herb Barents. You're just mad at me for my sneaky attack in 1973 H anyway. Anyway if my press is so bad, why did you cut John Carroll's last issue, but printed mine without any deletions?

NORD MAINE: Congratulations, Mr. Scott, you now have no chance at all to ever, EVER win this game. In view of your support of Russian A St.P, I will assist Italy and France against you in any and all ways possible. Turkey will not attack Italy if this game lasts until 1925. What a bimbo...

WOODMERE(IDUNMO): And in 1926?

LETTERS

((Editor's comments are thus; addresses are probably in the last issue. If not, they will be noted))

JOHN MORGAN(11 July 1974): If I were not such an avid Diplomacy player this would be a letter of resignation; the entire reason for such a resignation would be your lack of cooperation-- on three different occasions I asked you to send me Ed Hollishwandner's address and yet you never sent it. As a result I lost a center this season ((1972 CV last issue)) because I could not negotiate. I thought that this was the whole reason of the game!

((Quite right, and I abase myself. In a letter to John I tried to explain the reasons I did not reply, but the fact is that I was wrong. My apologies to John. Although it is too late for this game, I shall try to avoid such a mistake in the future.))

... The answer to your quiz is that there are eight different people. In fact, I play in two games in John Morgan's Mordor Gazette((That must be fun for the other players. You get the sub extension))

PETER A. BERGGREN((Davistown Schoolhouse Road, Orford, N.H. 03337; 26 June 1974)): Even though my experience with postal Dippy is just beginning, I have decided to start my own zine, called Turnabout. It will be published every third Saturday on a xerox copier, which I expect to do a fine job. I now have three regular games open at \$5.00 a spot or a sub maintained at the rate of 10/\$2.

((While I feel a certain hesitancy in plugging a zine from such a complete newcomer as Peter, I feel that people should know))

BRUCE COY: The Italian Postal Service got so far behind in delivering the mail that it simply gave up and sold 40 tons of undelivered mail to a paper recycling plant. CBS news item. And you thought Tesser was a nightmare! ((When you're gamesmastering a game and he wakes you up at 3 A.M., you'll think so too!))

DAVID LAGERSON(20 July 1974): On the matter of the quiz: I am not really interested in gypping you out of some more issues, but it seems to me(on the West Coast) that the answer is simple:(like the questioner)

1)The game is a face to face game and each guy drew two countries and one drew one. The GM is nothing in a FTE game.(nothing in a postal game either, but that need not be said)((Then why did you say it?))

2)How about standby's--- the game is nearing the end--- each player who is listed as two countries was eliminated and then took over another country as stand by. The GM took over, having run England into the ground.

3) How the Hell do you expect me to know?

(( I don't expect you to know anything, an expectation which is borne out by facts.))

... By the way, if you are ever in the area, drop in and let me see what an actual renegade from the human race looks like.((About 6'2½", 230 lbs, brown hair, varving eyes, and smoking a ridiculous-looking pipe which emits wonderful smells, which the bedighted claim are awful.))

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Next issue, Charles Sharp pokes his nose into the fake issue of Costaguana and comes up with some swell-sounding answers. Also a lot of blue ink.



TOKA THE TOWN

Normally, I do not discuss much news of the hobby. But it seems a worthwhile exercise to perform, at least occasionally. So, here is some, written in points to avoid proper grammar.

1) Doug Beyerlein has announced the 7th Beyerlein Player Poll. This poll is to determine who, in the minds of the hobby, are the best players. You're supposed to use a ballot, but to save space I will not print it. List the fourteen people you consider best in the hobby, in order, sign it, and mail it off to Doug at 330 Curtner Ave., Apt.#8, Palo Alto, Ca.94306. In analyzing the poll, Doug will assign 20 pts. to the first player on your list, 17 to the 2nd, 15 to the third, 13 to the 4th, 11 to the 5th, 9 to the 6th, 8 to the 7th, 7 to the eighth, et c. The ballot must be complete and signed, so if you can't think of fourteen good players, better add some that are not so good.

2) CITEX 74 is at the Lasalle Hotel in Chicago over the 16-18 of August. There will be a whole bunch of the people who have stabbed you there, and a Diplomacy tournament. Entry to the tourney will be \$7.50. For details, write Viking Systems, Suite 823, 24 North Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.60602.

3) Nick Ulanov, as a number of people do not seem to have noticed, no longer publishes THE POUCH, but has passed it to Gil Neiger. The Pouch's first anniversary issue, published in March, is a huge, excellent work, almost 80 pages long, and well worth the \$1.50 price tag (with a 50¢ discount for IDA members.) Gil's address is 300 W.108 Street, N.Y.C., N.Y.10025

4) Burt Labelle, the Miller Numbers Custodian (for variant games) has published FAFFERD & THE GREY MOUSER #1, which lists the Miller numbers he has assigned and a listing of some completed games. The price is 30¢, and Burt's address is Forest Park # 23, Biddeford, Me. 04005. Burt will be resigning as Miller Number Custodian in September, when the Numbers will be given to either Dick Vedder or Bob Sacks.

5) John Boardman is running a special on back issues on GRAUSTARK, the oldest Dippy zine still published. He has issues going back to 1967, at a rate of 5¢. Send him a few bucks. In addition to John's excellent writings, you will get a whole bunch of articles on stalemates, written by those three masters, Messers. Beshara, Verheiden and Lipton. (Yep, that's me). John's address is 234 E. 19th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.11226. Rod Walker is also selling back issues of his superb EREHWON. Send him a couple of bucks. He's at 4069 Jackdaw St., San Diego, Ca. 92103.

6) Herb Barents wants to transfer control of the Arena Numbers (for Origins of WW II) to someone else. If you are interested in taking them over, write Herb at R.R.#2, 1142 S.96th Ave., Zeeland, Mich.49464

7) Walt Buchanan has completed TERMINUS, a project started by Tony Pandin a few years back, to compile supply center charts for every game from the beginning of the hobby through 1970 BU. It is available for \$10 from Walt Buchanan, R.R.#3, Lebanon, Ind.46052. By the way, Walt's DIPLOMACY WORLD # 3 has arrived recently and is even more boring than nos. 1 and 2.

PRESS RELEASES- 117 5

PARIS, FRANCE: "Yes, I'm all right," Edgar frightenedly answered. "And who are you?"

"Surely you jest! I am your foreign minister, your highness."

"Your highness?" Edgar asked.

"Mais, oui! Are you sure that you're all right?"

"Yes, yes. May I ask you a question? Why are we speaking French?"

"But, your highness, what else should we speak but French in Paris?"

"That makes sense, I think. Now, let me get this straight. I am Emperor Duncan I, Emperor of France. This is Paris. I also take it that I'm in the palace. Now, please tell me what year this is."

"Why, sir, this is 1901. What other year could this possibly be?"

What was Edgar doing in 1901? Why is he an emperor instead of a president? And who is the man from Balkan Sobranie, Fluff?

WOODMERE, L.I. (From the Office of Kinney, Lipschitz & Boringman; Synthesists): to Charles Rattray, manager of the Paris office.

Certain energy fluctuations in the magneto-gravitic energy levels near wavelengths 2.3 to 5.4 angstroms have occurred in the vicinity of the Versailles Palace. We request an immediate investigation.

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PRESS RELEASE- 1973 BR

ROME: Newly risen Pope Zeppi Hernan'o Guadelupe Gonzales Heritage Smith IV announced plans for Vatican 69. (shortened to Vat 69 for a ls) He intends to call the ~~sofs~~ rulers from all other nations of Europe. At question will be the future alliances made by the Vatican and where certain Papal armies and fleets will be placed. Some observers say the major question is whether the Anglican Church or Austrian Catholics can move the Pontiff to move his armies against the major European Catholic nation of Germany. Sister Mary "Room Room". Skruzukinis, former topless dancer and artichoke stuffer (who is, following her conversion, the Pope's ~~secretary~~ secretary), reported to some of her closest ~~friends~~ friends that there was great indecision in the Pope's behavior. "He just comes and goes, comes and goes. He hardly ever comes and stays like he used to, before he took over the country. STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT ISSUE WHEN WE WILL HEAR SISTER MARY SAY: "NOT THAT AGAIN, YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS FOR YOU TO HOLD THAT POSITION!"

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PRESS RELEASE- 1973 BK

THIS ISSUE'S ATTACK ON THE ALLEGED GAME OF BASEBALL HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT ISSUE DUE TO THE AUTHOR'S LOSS OF HIS INSOMNIA. BEFORE, I USED TO HAVE TO WATCH THE GAMES WHEN I COULDN'T FALL ASLEEP MORE ZINGERS NEXT TIME. BY THE WAY, HOW MANY OF YOU OUT THERE ACTUALLY AGREE WITH MY COMMENTS? HOW MANY DISAGREE? HOW MANY CAN'T READ? SEND ANY CONTRADICTIONALLY INANE ATTACKS OR CLEVERLY AGREABLE COMPLIMENTS TO RBL SO WE CAN PRINT THEM IF WE NEEDS TO FILL UP SOME SPACE. Is that ok, Bob? I guess if it isn't, it wouldn't have gotten printed.

WOODMERE (IDUENO): Bob.

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Did you ever get the feeling that the light at the end of the tunnel is a sign reading "THIS WAY TO THE EGRESS"?

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LONDON TO BERLIN & PARIS: Your futile efforts don't impress me. The Russians, they impress me!

AUSTRIA TO TURKEY: If you did not order your units into Greece, I will support your army to Rum. If I took Trieste, you can have Greece. If I have but one unit, I will support Rum-tul.

AUSTRIA TO EVERYONE: WHAT BECAME OF OUR ATTACK ON ITALY?!

LONDON: Cheering crowds and joyous masses (they're different, you know) greeted the First Belgian Lancers as they arrived from their long wait on the coast of Europe. The move, code name SEALION (although that doesn't seem very german—oh, those puns are worse than Liptons!) was launched under top secret conditions after a first French diversionary force had landed some months before in southern Wales. "Victory over the British hordes was assured," said one high-ranking member of the French Joint Chiefs of Staff, "by the inability of the British to coordinate joint naval and army operations, and this failure will, most likely, cost them the war!"

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PASSING OF THE BRAVE FRENCH TROOPS LOST IN THE DEFENSE OF THEIR TRUE HOMETLAND: WALES! (Taps....fade out...)

PARIS TO ANKARA: We agree with your conditions. Sorry about the last comments about wanting to attack you. But your silence was dangerous. We hope that you will continue to speak out on matters of concern to your government. The, eh, Ionian is as far as French fleets will go. By the by, French dock workers are wondering when the next shipment will arrive. After all, it takes a bit of time to refine the poppy juice.

PARIS TO MUNICH: My builds (probably fleets, as Wales will probably be gone) will be used to move in on the Italians most likely, then to help you against the Russians if needed. I agree to help you in Scandinavia. NEVER feel that you are asking too much. As for the Italian situation, you should now have Venice. I will be moving into the boot. Any suggestions? (if it is between issues, just call Lipton, since you know I am him anyway.)

WOODMERE (IDUNNO): Honesty is, after all, the best policy.

PARIS TO MOSCOW: Edinburgh is not in your sphere of influence. We suggest you limit your Western expansionist ideas, possibly with drawing entirely from Scandinavia. If you prove belligerent, the Franco-German alliance should have four or five fleets in the north soon. Any build of St.F(nc) would be a sign of attacking the French. This is not a threat, merely a factual statement. You don't belong in the Atlantic, and you should not be there—beyond the Barents—after the Spring. We hope you agree.

PARIS TO BERLIN: Would like your feelings on working with the Turks against the Italians and Russians. Comments with the builds, please.

PARIS TO ANKARA: Are you interested in a joint attack on Italy and in a three-way (no pun intended, you filthy-minded people out there) on Russia? France would be interested in responses with the builds.

PARIS TO BERLIN: I almost forgot: THANKS FOR THE ATTACK ON THE NTH LAST SEASON. It saved the flank. Will be able to help you against Russia in a year or two. In Italy, I may need support into Tuscany from Pie to piggyback down the boot.

