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This, in case you haven't guessed, is the Mixumaxu Gazette, a journal of postal Diplomacy and whatnot, issued every 1,814,400 seconds in an attempt to render insane Walt Buchanan, my tax lawyer and Robert Bryan Lipton, that ubiquitous person who nevertheless claims to reside in Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. 18042. Mr. Lipton shares a telephone with some mice in the post office, and may be called at 215-252-9170.

There are no subscriptions or back issues available, but Mr. Lipton may be bribed out of them at the rate of five per dollar of American money. We used to do a lot of fun things here, but between nine games and writing Rod Walker, the fun is limited to saying

Abyssinia,
Robert Bryan Lipton
Robert Bryan Lipton

MG 6

FALL 1901

I DON'T THINK ENGLAND'S AT WAR WITH TURKEY

AUSTRIA (Schandl): A Ser-Gre; A Tyr S F Tri-Ven; F Tri-Ven. Owns Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie (4). May build one unit.

ENGLAND (Lanham): F Nrg-Nwy; A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Edi. Owns Edi, Liv, Lon(3). No change.

FRANCE (Berggren): A Bur-Mun; A Pic-Bel; F Mid-Por. Owns Bel, Bre, Mar Par, Por(5). May build two units.

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

ITALY (Mirassou): F Ion-Tun; A Ven H; A Rom S A Ven. Owns Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven (4). May build one unit.

RUSSIA (Hertz): A Ukr-Rum; F Bla S A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-Swe; A St.P-Nwy. Mos, St.P, Sev, War, Swe, Rum(6). May build two units.

TURKEY (R. Smith): A Bul-Gre; F Con-Aeg; A Smy-Con

Dave Hertz is back at home. Winter 1901 builds are due here by noon, Friday, 27 Sept. 1974.

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CZECH TROOPS DESERT HOMEWARD

SPRING 1912

AUSTRIA (Naus): A Vie-Boh

ENGLAND (Bumpas): F Nwy-Nrg; F Den-Hel; F Nth-Lon; F Iri-Liv; F Wal S
F Iri-Liv

FRANCE (Sharp): F Liv S A Bel-Wal; F Mid-Iri; F Spa(n.c.)-Mid; F Eng C
A Bel-Wal; F Bre S F Eng; F Hol-Nth; A Par-Piw; A Bel-Wal; A Kie-Den

ITALY(J. Klein): F Tyr H; F Lon H; F Auk S A Tri; A Ven-Tyr; A Tri S
A Bud; / Bud S A Tri; A War H; A Ruh-Mun; A Ber-Sil

TURKEY(Labelle)(last time I again forgot A Gal):A Mos-Liv;A St.P S
A Mos-Liv;A Sev-Mos; A Rum-Ukr;A Gal S A Ser-Bud;A Con-Rum; F Bla C
A Con-Rum; F Bla C A Con-Rum; A Ser-Bud; A Gre-Ser; F Aeg H

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AUSTRIA HANGS ON

FALL 1906

AUSTRIA(Carroll): A Tri-Bud; A Vie S A Tri-Bud.Owns Bud,Vie(2).Even.

ENGLAND(R.Smith):A Lon H; A Nwy-St.P; A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy;
F Bar S A Nwy-St.P;F Bal-Fru;A Den-Swe; F Nth-Den; A Kie H. Owns
Edi,Den,Hol,Kie,Liv,Lon,St.P,Swe,Nwy(9). Even

FRANCE(Reif):(last issue the following moves were omitted: A Ruh-Mun;
A Pru-Sil(retreated to Ber) Players were informed)A Pie-Ven;A Tus S
A Pie-Ven;F Eng-Mid; A Tyr S AUSTRIAN A Tri; F Tun S F Lyo-Tyr; A
Rom-Apu;F Lyo-Tyr ;F Tyr-Nap;A Mun-Sil; A Ber S A Mun-Sil. Owns Bel,
Ber, Bre, Mar,Mun, Par, Por,Rom,Spa,Tun,Ven(11).May build one.

ITALY(Thomas): A Ven-Tri(annihilated); F Apu S F Nap;F Nap S TURKISH
F Ion-Tyr;Owns Nap(1). Must remove one unit.

RUSSIA(Horton): F Liv-Bot; A Pru-Liv; A Gal-Vie; A Bud S A Gal-Vie;
F Bul (e.c.)H(dislodged, retreats to Con,RumBla or annihilated). Owns
Bud,Mos,Rum,Sev,War. If F Bul R-Con or ann, Build one.Otherwise,even

TURKEY(Juergens):A Ser-Bul;F Gre S A Ser-Bul;A Alb-Ser; F Ion-Tun.
Owns Ank,Bul,Con(if Russia does not retreat there),Gre,Ser,Smy(6).
Builds two.

John Carroll is now at 424 Waupelani, Apt. Q-12, State College,Pa.
16801. Paul Thomas is at 556 Green Place, Woodmere,N.Y.11598. Winter
1906 builds/removals are due here by noon, Friday, 27 Sept. and may
be made conditional on the direction of retreats.

MG 5

STALEMATE IN THE BALTIC

SPRING 1902

AUSTRIA(Thomas):A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Tri-Ser; A Vie H;
A Bud H

ENGLAND(Doyle):F Nwy-Swe; F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth; F Bel S F Lon-Nth

FRANCE(Smith):A Par-Pic;A Bur encules Friedman;A Mar S A Bur;A Por-
Spa; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid

GERMANY(Rakowski):A Mun-Sil;A Kie-Den;F Den-Bal;A Hol H; A Ruh-Kie

ITALY(D. Klein):A Ven H;A Tun H;F Nap-Apu;F Ion H

RUSSIA(Boymel):A Rum S AUSTRIAN A Ser-Bul;F Bla-Con;A Sev-Arm;A War-
Sil; Liv-Fru; F Swe-Bal

TURKEY(Gilinsky): F Aeg-Gre;F Smy-Aeg;A Bul S F Aeg-Gre(annihilated).
A Con-Ank.

Paul Thomas is now at 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N.Y.11598. Dun-
can Smith may be written to c/o Bennington College, Bennington,Vt.
I don't have the ZIP code here. Fall 1902 moves are due here by noon,
Friday, 27 September 1974.

1973 HX AUSTRIANS PROPOSE PAPAL CANDIDATE WINTER 1904-SPRING '05

AUSTRIA(Green):A Mun-Ruh; A Boh S A Mun; A Tyr S A Tri- Ven; A Tri-Ven; F Tyr-Rom; F Ion C A Alb-Nap; A Alb-Nap; A Con S RUSSIAN F Bla-Con; F Smy H

ENGLAND(Reif)(Winter 1904: Build F Lon):A Nwy S F Den-Swe; F Hel S A Hol-Kie; A Hol-Kie; F Nth S R Nwy; F Den-Swe; F Lon-Eng

FRANCE(Hollshwandner):F Mar-Pie; A Gas-Mar; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Mid-Nat; A Ruh S ENGLISH A Hol-Kie; A Bur-Mun

ITALY(Moore):NMR. A Ven H; A Pie H; F Lyo H; F Wes H

RUSSIA(Lagerson)(Winter 1904: Build F St.P(n.c.), F Sev):F Bla-Ank; F Sev-Arm; A Ukr-War; A Ber-Kie; A Kie-Den; A Fin & F St.P(n.c.) S F Swe-Nwy; F Swe-Nwy

TURKEY(Gilinsky): A Ank H

Retreats: English A Nwy is annihilated. Italian A Ven retreats to Tus, Apu or ins annihilated. Turkish A Ank is annihilated.

Will Michael Friedman, 76 Halyard Rd., Nth Woodmere, N.Y. 11581 please submit standby moves for Italy?. Fall 1905 moves are due by Noon, Friday, 27 Sept. 1974. For Ed Hollshwandner COA, see 1972 CV

1973 ER VON TIRPITZ OUSTED WINTER 1906

AUSTRIA(Walker):Removes A Tri. Has A Bud, A Ser, A Bul, A Ukr (retreated from Rum); F Aeg

ENGLAND(Coy) B F Liv, A Lon. Has A Lon, F Liv, A Mos, A War, A Pru, F Nth, F Den, F Mid, F Por, F Swe, F Eng

GERMANY(Ritter):Remove F Hel, F Ska, F Ber & A Bel. Has A Gas, A Pic, A Tyr, A Vie, A Boh, A Gal, A Sil

ITALY(Lagerson):B F Nap, F Rom. Has F Nap, F Rom, A Ven, A Mar, F Wes, F Spa(s.c.)

TURKEY(Keller):B F Ank. Has F Ank, F Smy, A Con, F Rum, Sev.

Spring 1907 moves are due by noon, Friday, 27 Sept. 1974.

1973 FY FADING WEST IN CIVIL WAR FALL 1906

AUSTRIA(Tatay):A Bel S A Hol; A Hol S A Bel; A Ruh S A Mun; A Mun S A Ruh; A Boh H; A Tri H; A Bul S A Rum; A Rum S A Bul; F Gre H F Smy H. Owns Bel, Bud, Gre, Hol, Mun, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Vie, Bul(11). B 1

ENGLAND(Heuer)NMR: F Edi H; F Nth H (annihilated) Owns Edi(1). Even

GERMANY(Tihor):NMR F Ska H. Owns nothing Out. F Ska is removed

ITALY(Kollmer):A Ven H; A Bur S A Pic; A Bre-Par; A Pic S A Bur; A Wal-Yor; F Nat S F Liv; F Liv S F Nat; F Eng S F Lon; F Lon S F Eng; F Ion H. Owns Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven(11). Build 1

RUSSIA(Blume):A Den-Swe; A Nwy S A Den-Swe; A Kie-Den; F Hel-Nth; F Nrg S F Hel-Nth; A War-Pru; A Ukr-Mos; A Sev H; F Ank S F Con; F Con H. Owns Ank, Ber, Con, Den, Kie, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, War(11). Even.

I'm not going to call for a standby for England. If Ray misses again, it goes into civil disorder. Winter 1906 and Spring 1907 moves are due by noon, Friday, 27 September 1974.

1972 CV

DOWN TO FOUR

FALL 1906

AUSTRIA(Hollshwandner):A Mun S ENGLISH A Ruh-Bur;A Bul-Con; A Rum-Bul;A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A Alm-Ank; A Sev-Arm; A Tri-Ser; F Adr-Ion; A Tyr S F Adr-Tri. Owns: Ber, Pud, Bul, Con, Mos, Mun, Rum, St. Ser, Sev, Tri, War, Vie(13). You may build three units.

ENGLAND(Neiger)::F Nrg-Nwy; A Ruh S AUSTRIAN A Mun-Bur;F Bel S F Nth Eng; F Nth-Eng; A Liv-Wal(retreats-Yorkshire, annihilated);F Lon S F Nth-Eng;A Edi-Cly. Owns Bel,Den,Hol,Kie,Lon,Nwy,Swe,Edi(8).No room for builds.

FRANCE(Blume):F Cly-Edi; A Wal-Liv; F Iri S A Wal-Liv; A Par H; F Eng-Lon(retreats to Wal, Mid, Brq, Pic or is annihilated). Owns Bre, Liv, Par, Por, Spa(5). Even

ITALY(Worthington):A Ven H; A Rom S A Ven; F Apu S A Ven; F Ion-Gre; F Tyr-Ion; A Con-Smy; F Ank H; F Mar H; F Alb S F Ion-Gre. Owns Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven, Ank(8). Must remove one.

RUSSIA(Rutledge):NMR: A St.P is dislodged and removed. Out.

GERMANY(Morgan):NMR: A Bur H. Owns nothing. Out. A Bur is removed

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1973 CQf GERMAN FLEETS CLEAR RUSSIANS FROM HANSE. SPRING 1905

AUSTRIA: A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; A Tri-Bud

ENGLAND:F Nth-Eng (retreats to Edi, Hel, Hol, Bel, Lon or is annihilated)
F Liv-Cly

FRANCE: A Pie-Tus; F Lyo-Tyr; F Ion S F Tyr-Nap; F Tyr-Nap; F Bre-Mid; F ENG S GERMAN F Ska-Nth; A Lon-Wal; A Yor S A Lon-Wal

GERMANY: A Ven S FRENCH A Pie-Tus; A Mun-Sil; A Ber S A Mun-Sil;
F Kie-Bal; F Swe S F Kie-Bal; F Ska-Nth; A Den S F Swe

ITALY:NMR: F Rom, A Bud, A Vie all H; F Nap H(retreats to Apu or is annihilated)

RUSSIA: A Rum S A Sev; A Sev S A Rum; F Nrg S A Nwy; F Bal-Ber(retreats to Bot, Liv, Pru or is annihilated);A Sil-Mun;A Nwy H

TURKEY:NMR: A Bul, F Ela, F Con, F Aeg all H.

I've notified the standbys. Fall 1905 moves are due by noon, Friday, 27 Sept. 1974

I have lost my standby list, and am working from memory. If you are supposed to be on it, or want to be on it, let me know.

HONEST REVIEWS

HERB BARENTS, 1142 S.96th Ave., Zealand, Much.49464. BOAST: ditto

Since honesty is the keynote, BOAST has many flaws. Herb cannot type nor consistently write good English and his reproduction is poor. Nevertheless, this is highly rated, because of its regularity. If you're looking for literary content, stay away, but for news of the wargaming scene and playing games, check on this. \$2.75/annum.

Observe his fame
Who, of this game
Is the inventor-founder:
He knows his worth,
Causing the birth
Of the game and won't flounder.

He made it start
That, in its heart,
The Hobby'd all acclaim him,
And, truth to tell,
He shows up well
When G & P would name him.

I pray, do us no wrong,
We are not shy.
Our names will endure long,
Alan and I.

ENTER GIL-PEEP & STEPHEN-SING

PEN. Yes, everything seems to smile on me today. I am to turn out the first issue of my magazine with the man I adore, and I believe I am the happiest girl in the Hobby!

GIL. Considering how many there are that seems likely, especially as you have almost attained the pinnacle of the Diplomacy world.

PEN. 'almost'?

GIL. Well, as your co-editor is to be blacklisted after this issue, it does make the whole thing fall through in the end.

STEPH. I don't know. It all depends.

GIL. In any case, he'll find it a drawback.

STEPH. Not necessarily. Bless you, it all depends.

PEN. ((in tears)) I think it very indelicate of you to bring this up. If my editorial happiness is to be... to be...

GIL. Blackened?

PEN. Well, blackened, in a month, can't you let me forget it?

ENTER CONNIE-POO & DUN-TUSH

CON. Penny, in tears, and just as I've brought her the first stencils. Why are you crying? If you're not careful, your tears will rust the mimeo.

PEN. ((sobbing)) They've just been reminding me that in a month you're to be blacklisted. ((She cries))

STEPH. Yes, we've been reminding her you're to be blacklisted. ((She weeps.))

GIL. Yes, we've been reminding her you're to be blacklisted. Have you got anyone to take over when you've gone. ((She cries.))

CON. Now, some people would be distressed by this. A month? What's a month? And a hundred-page zine? Purely arbitrary distinctions. Who says twenty four hours make a day?

GIL. There's a popular impression to that.

CON. Then let's efface it. Let's call each second a month, each week a decade, and each line of copy an issue. That gives us about thirty years to publish six thousand issues.

GIL. At that rate, this conversation has made us miss six deadlines.

EXIT GIL-PEEP & STEPHEN-SING

((Ah, Penny and Connie-Poo are left alone? Will they take advantage of this interlude. Be her: in three weeks and you'll find if the rabbit died.))

Come Christmas, in lieu of a large issue, I will be publishing THE PUBLISHER complete in a separate publication, with a cover by Duncan Smith, and maybe an introduction by Rod Walker. If you want a copy, and you don't appear in the play, send me 75¢. The price will be \$1 after publication. Free copies go to the characters' analogues.

THE PUBLISHER- PART X

ACT TWO

SCENE: NICKY'S APARTMENT

PENNY DISCOVERED SEATED BEFORE A MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE, SURROUNDED BY CHORUS, WHO ARE INKING THE MACHINE, BRINGING IN PAPER, ET C.

SONG: STEPHEN-SING AND CHORUS; TO THE TUNE OF "BRAID THE RAVEN HAIR"

CHORUS. Neatly type this page,
Don't make it a mess—
Constant war we wage
With our sloppiness.
Do not overink.
Turn the handle slow.
'Twill be fine, we think,
As these dipzines go!
Ink and paper: in between
Them you print a perfect zine!

STEPHEN-SING Sit with downcast eye,
Look at the machine.
Try, if you can, cry
When copy's not clean.
When a stencil's brought,
Filled with writing fine,
Become overwrought,
Seeing a bad line,
Carefulness at printing-time
Makes a dippyzine sublime!

CHORUS Neatly this page, et c.

EXEUNT STEPHEN-SING, GIL-PEEP AND CHORUS. MANENT PENNY

PENNY. Yes, I am indeed a wonderful editor! Sometimes I sit and wonder, while contemplating the best manner in which to stab an ally, why is it I am so much more talented than anyone else in the hobby. Can this be vanity? No! Diplomacy is a wonderful game, and rejoices in the perfection of its best editor! I am a child of Diplomacy, and take after my parent.

SONG: PENNY; TO THE TUNE OF "THE SUN, WHOSE RAYS"

The game, whose fans	It doesn't shrink
Have many plans	Because I think
To further it in glory,	Playing it is resplendent,
Can do no wrong,	But it is found,
In word or song,	The whole world round,
Or in Diplomat's story!	Fandom's in the ascendant!

I mean to run this zine
As it the world,
We never become mean,
Or our brows furled!

Page Seven

DEAR RB

ROD WALKER((4069 Jackdaw Street, San Diego, Ca. 92103;6/8/74)): Actually, my articles on press are not that bad. But I will readily admit they are not up to snuff in terms of what I usually write. I'm not really motivated, to tell you the truth...

Walter feels a certain responsibility to print whatever he gets, to give everyone a voice. ((That seems rather stupid. There is a difference between giving a broad overview of the hobby and giving a soapbox to anyone who can manage to print words.)) Walt is over-loaded with material. He is not cutting humor—he isn't getting any. I think the "professional" character of the zine has done something to dry up the wells of spontaneous humor. Part of it is Walt's fault and is due to cutting. That is the press release section. I was going to write sections of Lakofka's series, and I was motivated for that. But Walt indicated it would not be published in DW. So the Hell with it!((As a further note, Lew Pulsipher suggested that press does not really belong in a pro zine like DW. Walt asked his readership to indicate if they thought press should go.))

I still say it is dog-in-the-mangerish of you to complain and then do nothing to improve DW in areas where you say it is lacking. Nobody is asking you to write for every zine, nor to reform the hobby. Your complaint was specific, regarding DW. Oh, well... I agree with you it is not terribly exciting to read. There is something stultifying about a "professional" zine.

((Your complain about my dog-in-the-manger attitude is only partially justified. I am capable of being funny here, or Graustark, or Pouch, or practically anywhere a zine shows that it is receptive to humor. For me, at any rate, I find it impossible to write humor for a zine that does not seem to want it. I cannot write humor for DW. I have no indication of what sort of humor would be wanted. I am not a ground-breaker, merely a competent and minorly innovative follower. If some people begin to write humor for DW, I then would know what sort of humor to write for it, and could. But I cannot make that first step. There are few who could.))

SCOTT ROSENBERG((182-31 Radner Road, Jamaica, N.Y. 11432;24/8/74)): ((Answers to quiz last time. Scott has the best record.))

- 1) "Give us the tools and we'll finish the job." Churchill.
- 2) "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls." Paul Simon.
3. "When I was a lad...and now I am the ruler of the Queen's Navee." W.S. Gilbert
- 4.(I'm not quite sure, but I think it translates into something resembling : "He lied. I knew he lied. He knew I knew he lied. That's Diplomacy." ((Quite right.))
5. "Friends, Romans, countrymen..." Antony's ((best known)) speech in Julius Caesar
6. (I can't find a copy of Hamlet, so I can't give you the exact translation.) ((Horatio: "Now cracks a noble heart. Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest"))
7. "Early to bed, early to rise, et c."

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...AND CALL ME CONRAD!

Well, I had intended to wait longer, but in COSTAGUANA vol.VII no.8 (the real one this time, I hope) Conrad von Metzke admits to having produced the fake issue of COSTA. This is a lie. I know, because I did.

I thought of doing it April 1, naturally. I wrote the material over the next few weeks, then I persuaded a friendly secretary in the language department of Lafayette College to type up the master, and had the printing office run it off. They were out of white ditto paper, so I had it done on mimeo paper. During the next few weeks I laboriously addressed more than a hundred envelopes, wroking from an old COSTAGUANA mailing list.

When I got home, I went to New York and took the New Haven line into Connecticut and dropped the issues into a railroadside mailbox, dumped in about forty extra copies to Nick Ulanov for distribution to latecomers, had lunch, and headed home.

Frankly, I'm proud of the effort. The job of writing it was good. Charles Sharp, in a telephone conversation (in which I asked him if he had produced the fake), said that he and John Carroll each told themselves that they didn't remember writing those releases, and that something had screwed up their moves. I think the stylistic mimicries were superb. Oh, it was a fine job, and I can finally say it:

APRIL FOOL!!

DEAR RB ((continued from p. 7))

8. I have no idea. ((The limerick packs jokes anatomical/ into space that is quite economical./ But the good ones I've seen/ so seldom are clean/ while the clean ones are seldom quite comical.))

9. $E = MC^2$. Einstein.

10. I think, therefore I am. ((Are you sure?)) Descartes.

About your Diplomacy World Argument: Walker says DW is a balanced zine and that this is its greatest merit. Actually, DW is far from balanced. # 3, the only one I've gotten so far, has a total of three tactical articles (and a demo game which is basically the same thing), a so-called humor article (which the writer admits to be stodgy), a variant, five pages of a ratings system, and a tournament plan. This makes DW about the least balanced zines I've ever seen: no games, no non-"serious tactics" articles other than rating and tournaments. It seems to lean heavily on the side of the sort of player John Coleman described in a letter to James Massar: the player who asks if it is all right to negotiate.

((I don't know. Maybe we New York City players are spoiled by the balanced zine that Nick Ulanov and Duncan Smith put out for a year, and that is being carried on by Gil Neiger. To me, the worst crime an editor or writer can make is to bore his audience. Zzzzz))

PRESS RELEASES- 1973 CQF

PARIS TO BERLIN: Press last time was lost in the mails, but I said about the same as you. You notice the build was as you suggested. How do I know we aren't both Lipton?

Anyway, assuming that the dislodged English fleet retreats to Lon, then support F Eng-Lon in the fall. If he retreats to Belgium, support F Eng-Bel. If you lost something in the North I will support you to Rome. I assume the Austrians will not attack Venice.

PARIS TO TRIESTE: Pay attention!

PARIS TO BERLIN AGAIN: If you don't lose in the north, support me into Rome. That is, if there is no way you can avoid a loss. After all, you will soon have Norway and St.P. Don't get greedy.

PARIS TO ANKARA: Thanks for the support. I agree to your conditions, and assume you will work with Germany, Austria and me against Russia, and you and I against Italy. (Well, maybe not. There's not much left there.

PARIS TO TRIESTE: You asked about an attack on Italy. Are you still asking?

BERLIN TO PARIS: Hello again, ally. By now you should be in Tuscany. Since England is in the North with the possibility of taking Holland, I might need Rome. I'll move out later, but for the moment I can't afford to lose a unit.

I can't think of anything fantastic in the North, so I'll go along with what you suggest in your press.

PRESS RELEASES- 1973 HX

MOSCOW: The Government of Russia would like to compliment the Austrian Prime Minister on his recent bar exam. However, in our country, the Bar examination deals with legislation and court cases. Not so in the strange land of Budapest and environs. There, when one "takes the Bar", it entails going to the local pub and removing it from the premises. Then the examinee proceeds to down the entire contents of the liquor cabinets therein. After that, a test similar to the Highway sobriety test is given, in which the lucky participant, having consumed everything liquid in the chosen bar (remember, they still have spittoons in Austria which, if you know any Austrian, is the real treat for him), is made to walk a straight chalk line. If he does it, he is said to have passed the bar and he is allowed to pass any bar he happens across.

A BASEBALL NOTE: Laaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaalaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
(that was the opening of The Star-Spangled Banner, so maybe it should have been Ohhhhh, but then again...)

PRESS RELEASE- 1972 CF

BOHEMIA: Well, Burt & Joel, fight over what's left! Next time I'll know better.

This page is being typed while I listen to Peter Pratt mangle the role of John Wellington Wells in The Sorcerer.

DAVE FIRES A WARNING SHOT ACROSS ROD'S BOW (PRESS FOR 1973 ER, DOLT))

ROME: Pope Luigi Linguini today read reports of the damage done by the unprovoked attacks, ordered by the ruler of ~~AUSTRIA-HUNGARY~~. "Such tactics as Camel attacks were outlawed by international law some time ago, and still they do it!" exploded the Pope. "This looks like war! Call out the Final Solution. (There is a gasp from the audience.) That's right, call out the dreaded darlings, the Lovely, Leotarded, Lithuanian, Light-Hearted, Lily-Livered Light Lancer Leptrichaus, and I, Pope Luigi Linguini, shall lead them in a charge that will make history! And, more than that, we are going to send in Anna Pasta to seek out and destroy the lovely but treacher-our ~~Queen~~ er, former Pope Joan II. That won't be hard, as she will most likely be where the troops are." With that, Luigi retired to his castle to work out the slight details of finding the above alliteratively-mentioned troops who might be taought to tightrope-walk the terror-filled territory through the thousand troubles of the thoughtless thing, Pope Joan II! (Oh, thilly thavages!)

BUDAPEST(30 October 1906): The Empress today set another precedent by deigning to speak on nationwide wireless. Her Imperial Majesty addressed the leaders of Europe directly. "Leaders of Europe," She sneered, "You have now seen the incredible devastating power which the ~~Austria~~/Hungarian Empire can at any moment hurl against your puny armed forces and vulnerable citizens. You now have only one recourse. You must instantly surrender to Us or We will order the complete leveling of your respective so-called nations. Our power is absolute and We will therefore accept only unconditional surrender. Your ambassadors may call at the Hunyady Palace at any time between noon and 3 A.M., at the rear entrance, of course. Surrender now and avoid the rush! If your ambassador is under 25 and meets certain obvious...umm, physical requirements, we may consider giving you a break."

BUDAPEST (30 October 1906): The ~~Austria~~/Hungarian Foreign Ministry today announced that it has received numerous official protests from The International Court, the United States, and various other nations against the devastation of cities in England, France, Germany and Italy. A protest from the S.P.C.A. against attacks on Turkey is also being ignored. Foreign Minister Béla Gollum read a terse announcement regarding the protests. His Excellency then informed the press that the City of New York had been destroyed, in reprisal, by a 750-megaton Milk of Magnesia bottle. Observed Herr Gollum, "We've got them on the run..."

BUDAPEST(31 October 1906): The Hunyady Palace is swinging tonight!!! Today is the birthday of the Empress and the Grand Natal Orgy is in full cry. Vast floating gardens have been anchored in the Danube, and the nobility of the Empire and other places are eating, drinking and wenching... and all that...amid gales of laughter and the music of umpteen various Strausses. The Palace is ablaze with light, and several nearby courtyards and parks are given over to huge bonfires for the roasting of Turk prisoners of war. Yes, friends, in any restaraunt in the Paris of the Danube, Roast Haunch of Janizzary is replacing Goulash as the National Dish. Some objection has been raised that, since it is virtually impossible to tell Greeks

from Turks, there is a danger of actually roasting a human being. Béla Gollum, who is also Minister of Food Procurement, has announced, however, "We have found a foolproof system for that. We show our respective entrees a camel and a Turkish woman. Those who can tell the difference are Turks."

Her Majesty is giving just a little intimate orgy (There's another kind?) for a few hundred of her friends, including His Holiness, Pope Zeppi. Unfortunately, His Holiness absquatulated during the festivities and was last seen in the company of Countess Hagnelda Pilsudski, Lady SzaSza Szabo, Madame Flossie (of Foderkagg), Lassie, an unidentified Greek sailor and an unidentified... something... known to be in the employ of Glubbdrubb & Feierabend. Witnesses reported they were floating down the Danube on a flower-bedecked raft, engaged in various unmentionable... in fact, virtually unidentifiable ... acts.

BUDAPEST(2 November 1906): The Empress today announced that She has achieved the first goal of her reign. "We are always getting stuck with these punk positions, and this time We got the punk responsible." Her Majesty then revealed that Austrian U-Boats had proceeded to the United States and abducted one Robert Bryan Lipton from his fortified rabbit-warren near Woodmere. Lipton has been brought to Budapest where he will be kept the rest of his life in a padded cell decorated with pictures of Edi Birsan, Walt Buchanan, and Rod Walker. He will be forced to listen to tape recordings of Conrad von Metzke humming the symphonies of Franz Joseph Haydn. Occasionally he will be forced to listen to a special recording of The Mikado with Florence Foster Jenkins singing Yum-Yum, Mrs. Alva Miller as Katisha, Groucho Marx as Ko-Ko, Elvis Presley as Nanki-Poo, and the whole conducted by Ina Rae Hutton.

PERNAMBUCO(IDUNNO):The Count Ernst von Gesundheit, captain of an Austrian U-boat that just docked here for supplies, has announced that his prisoner, Robert Bryan Lipton, has escaped. "We listened to him singing the "Nightmare Song" in 120 seconds. Intrigued, we all asked to be taught. The trick was simple. One simply cannot inhale during the song. Mr. Lipton had poisoned the air with his pipe before we learned, so that when we all finished singing it in 150 seconds, e fainted. While we were unconscious, this demon escaped, and has apparently returned safely to his home."

PRESS RELEASE- 1974 ??(MG 5)

(Again in the Versailles Library):"And war with whom, if I may ask?" Edgar said to the Comte Panther de Pompous.

"Why, sir! You should know. You yourself gave the orders. But if you must know, war with Spain, Portugal and now Germany."

"Yeah? Did we win?"

"Well, sir, we beat the pants off Spain and Portugal (giggle, giggle) but Field Marshall Vin Rouge de Soulard was defeated as our army marched on Munich. Now we've got worse problems. There's a very good chance that Prince Friedman, le fou enculeur, your archenemy, will become Kaiser!" The comte burst into tears.

"Now, now, don't cry, mon cher ami. Les choses sont pas tellement mals. What we must do is infiltrate the German government with our famed Agent Secrets. Who have we got available, Pompous?"

"Why, sir, we have our best, Fluff!"

"Fluff?"

"Yes, Fluff. You know him. Whita dan white, whita dan snow an jus as cool. Yeah man!"

"Are you all right, mon cher comte?"

And now you know who Fluff is. But now we come to that really fundamental question: Do you, the reader, really care? (Don't answer that, Bob) And did you know that Naomi is expecting? Now, those details, I know, would interest the reader. You see, I know who the father is.

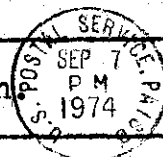
PROGRESS REPORT: MARXIST PARTY OF AMERICA- XII

Three weeks ago, instead of writing the Progress Report, the National Office, en masse, various Offices around the country, and found them to be running in a uniformly smooth, efficient manner.

Now, while efficiency is fine for some people, everyone knows that governments are horrified by the idea of efficiency. How do these Office Managers expect us to convince the voter that we can be a government when we try to be efficient.

We must increase our inefficiency. Therefore, we are forming a committee. It will be chaired by Nick Ulanov, who lives in New Jersey, John Beshara, who lives in New York, Walter Buchanan, who lives (??) in Indiana, and Rod Walker, who lives in California. This committee will work out means of raising inefficiency, in the manner of all governments. Since this is of the highest priority, we expect a report by July 1979.

I don't know about you, but I've had enough



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