

When you're lying awake with a dismal headache and repose is tabooed by anxiety, I believe you may use any language you choose to indulge in without impropriety or you could read the Mixumaxu Gazette, a journal of postal Diplomacy and whatnot, published by Robert Bryan Lipton of Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. 18042, telephone 215-252-9170, available at 6/\$1, with two game openings at \$5 @ or half that if you trade your 'zine with mine, and you'll fall asleep immediately while acute insomnia can be cured by copies of issues # 1 and 3-6, available at 25¢ @ or 5 for \$1, though if you dream you've just left Harwich, don't blame me, and since I realize the futility of competing with Victor Hugo I'll end this sentence here.

I suggest that none of you try to call me here between Nov. 20 and 26, as that is Thanksgiving recess (finally! Almost three months without a break) and I'm going to be off watching my sister get married. You may send all money presents to me.

Abyssinia  
*Robert Bryan Lipton*  
Robert Bryan Lipton

P.S.: circulation is now 51

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1973 ER Russian Forces Beaten Black and Blue as Red Flows Fall 1902

England retreated A Nwy-Fin

Austria(Tesser): A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Vie-Gal; F Alb-Gre: has Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie(5); may build one unit

England(Coy): F Bar S F Nth-Nwy; F Nth Sea-Nwy; A Fin-Swe: has Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe(5); may build two units.

France(Weinstein): A Pic S A Ruh-Bel; A Gas-Par; A Ruh-Bel; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Mar-Pie: has Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por(5); no change in number of units.

Germany(Ritter): F Hel-Den; F Bal S ENGLISH A Fin-Swe; A Ber-Mun; A Mun-Ruh; A Bur-Par; A Kie-Hol: has Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun(5); must remove one unit.

Italy(Pickard): A Tus-Spa; F Tyr C A Tus-Spa; F Wes C A Tus-Spa; A Pie-Mar: has Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven(5); may build one unit.

Russia(Lanham): A Mos S F Sev; A Nwy S F Swe; A Gal-Rum; F Swe S A Nwy; A Rum-Bul; F Sev S A Gal-Rum: has Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War; must remove one unit.\*

Turkey(Keller): F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; A Arm-Sev: F Bla S A Arm-Sev: has Ank, Bul, Con, Smy(4) no change in number of units.

\* The following Russian armies are dislodged and, depending on the choice of retreats/annihilations, Russia will have from one removal to two builds.  
A Nwy, dislodged, must retreat -St.P, -Fin or be removed.  
F Swe, dislodged, must retreat -Ska, Bot, Fin, or be removed  
A Gal, dislodged, must retreat -Boh, Sil, War, Ukr or be removed

Underlined moves fail. Winter 1902 moves (builds & removals) are due by noon, Friday, 7 Dec. 1973. Builds/removals may be made conditional on the Russian retreats.

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1973 FY Russians Don't Mind Cold Winter Winter 1901

Austria(Tatay): B A Bud, F Tri England(Smith):

France(Horne): B A Par Germany(Hulland): B A Mun, F Kie

Italy(Kollman): B F Naples Russia(Blume): B F St.P(n.c.), F Sev

Turkey(Stehle): B F Smy

Working on the basis that you have last issue of TMG, I'm going to assume that you know where the other units are located. Spring 1902 Moves are due by noon, Friday 7 Dec. 1973.

Don Stehle has changed his address to 3526 Beethoven, Mar Vista, Ca., ZIP not given. Will Dick Trtek, 5326 S. Cornell, Apt. 502 please send in standby moves for England?

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Press Release 1973 FY

Marseilles(RIP-OFF) Today a new isotope of our now famous element Hertz was found. It has officially been named Jig-a-hertz since it makes people want to dance. Recent tests have confirmed that its properties were enhanced when accompanied by drinking songs and/or polkas. Tests are still being carried out with respect to highland dance music and gondola singing. Please note that

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For an option, you can stick with an ever-decreasing number of us who put out 10 pages in an envelope so that our publications will not arrive with the edges tattered and torn (and even occasionally missing part of the back pages). This means that you can put out as much as 14% more each issue rather than 24% less (you are currently publishing 100 inches of info per issue. 8 pages of regular-sized paper would be 76 inches, 10 pages would be 95 inches and twelve pages would be 114 inches. this based on 9 1/2" on an

Austrian Cabinet Resigns

Spring 1901

Austria: F Tri-Alb; A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Tri  
 England: F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth Sea; A Liv-Edi  
 France: F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur  
 Germany: F Kie-Den; A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Kie  
 Italy: F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven  
 Russia: F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr; F Sev-Bla  
 Turkey:

Mike Friedman, who was playing Austria announced to me that he will not have time to play in this game; he made this announcement before he saw the Italian moves, so he's honest. Will mumble-mumble please send in moves for Italy for the next season? We'll need more standbys before this is ended. Please let me know that you're willing to standby. I'll get a standby for Turkey, too.

All underlined moves fail. Fall 1901 moves are due by Noon, Friday, 7 Dec. 1973. If you're unsure which position you're playing, better write me.

1973 EN

Russia Takes England Takes Germany...

Fall 1902

The Turkish A Bul retreated to Con

Austria(Carroll): F Gre S A Bul; A Bul S F Gre; A Tri H; A Vie S A Tri; A Ser S A Bul: has: Bud, Bul, Ser, Tri, Vie(5); no change in number of units.

England: A <sup>Smith</sup>Yor-Hol; F Nwy H; F Den-Kie; F Nth Sea C A Yor-Hol; has Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Hol(5); may build one unit.

France(Reif): A Pic-Bur; A Bel S ENGLISH A Yor-Hol; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Gas: has Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa(6); may build one unit.

Germany(Heuer): F Hol-Bel; A Kie-Den; A Mun-Bur; F Ber-Bal: Has Ber, Kie, Mun(3); must remove one unit.

Italy(Friedman): A Tun-Gre; F Adr S A Ven-Tri; A Ven-Tri; F Ion C A Tun-Gre: Has Gre, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven(5); may build one unit.

Russia(Horton): F Swe S A St.P-Nwy; A Ukr-Sev; F Rum S F Sev-Bla; A Gal-Rum; F Sev-Bla; A St.P-Nwy; has Mos, Nwy, Rum, Sev, St.P, Swe, War (7): may build one unit.

Turkey(Juergens): A Arm-Sev; A Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.); F Bla-Bul(e.c.); F Aeg S ITALIAN A Tun-Gre: has Ank, Con, Smy(3); must remove one unit.

The following units are dislodged. You may make your winter builds conditional on their retreats or lack of retreats.

Austran F Gre must retreat -Alb or be disbanded

English F Nwy must retreat to Bar, Nrg, or Ska or be disbanded

German A Hol must be retreated to Ruhr or be disbanded

Underlined moves fail. The Russian support from Rum of its move to the Black Sea was cut by A Gal-Rum; although this unit may not dislodge, it is "valid for other purposes." (See the rulebook Section IX 3). Winter 1902 builds are due by noon, Friday, 7 Dec. 1973

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these side effects are in addition to the hysterical loss of hearing which is inherent in the element.

.... By the way, it has been reported that a bubble that could enclose the moon is possible using bubblegum doped with H<sub>2</sub>. We are considering manufacturing this as a commercial product. It has been suggested that we call it Bazooka, since that is what it will take to produce a decent sized bubble.

HELP YOUR POOR EDITOR; JOIN THE STANDBY LIST FOR REGULAR DIPLOMACY GAMES AND THE EE VARIANT. IF YOU ARE USED TO PLAY YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE EXTENSION OF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

That's it, I don't care if I have to fill fifteen more lines. I'm going to get this printed and go to sleep.

Letters

((editor's comments like this))

John Hulland((R.R.4, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1H 6J1)):...your idea about USA playing a defensive role in WW II is quite interesting and true enough. Anyone who thinks the US had the will or guts to enter the war before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor is ignorant ((sic)) of military/political history.((The same might be said of Britain and the Commonwealth before the Germans invaded France.))However, anyone who holds the view that Germany fought a defensive war has read Winds of War too long. Speaking of the book, it is interesting that the general strategies outlined are realistic.

.... **Myself**, I hold a special interest in the Korean War of 1950-53, as it was the first cold war conflict that occurred((Greece?)) yet it didn't use nuclear arms, but rather WWII tactics((I hope you're not disappointed.))

As any moron can tell you(yes, even I can), the US fought defensively in that one too.((As did Canada.))

Don't think you're the only Lord of the Rings hater; I can't stand the trilogy either! My own experiences include being asked by everyone if I have read the book(s). My normal answer is "Who?"

Canadian government dull? Never! I mean, just 'cause William Davis, the Ontario Premier, gives a multi-million dollar contract to his friend of 15 years standing and then is found not guilty by a committee of twelve men is no reason for a listing of "dull"(I'm not going to say anything, I'm not going...). How about our controversial 40¢-a-barrel-of-oil-tax to the U.S.? Is that dull? And who wouldn't like to sit in Parliament all day only to find that the opening of the session was tomorrow, and you didn't notice any difference? Dull? Ho-hum! Incidentally, I only wrote this to make things "perfectly clear" and to uphold my honour(yes, that's a u; after all, I am Canadian(I hope))((Maybe you're Italian?))

Michael Friedman((3310 University Hall, Cornell U., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850)): quite a few people((here, I guess. Mike ellides like crazy)) know how to play Diplomacy((poor fools!)), although I haven't been able to get up a seven-man game. I have taught several people how to play- we are thinking about starting a 'zine.((take my advice: Don't.))

John Boardman((234 E, 19 Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226)) ... I've just bought Anderson's version of the Hrolf Kraki saga((that's Poul Anderson's Hrolf Kraki's Saga Ballantine #345-23562:\$1.25)). I Haven't had a chance to read it, though. The name of Hrolf Kraki was previously familiar to me only through a few mentions in the Heimskringla. There he is mentioned as a foster-son of King Adils Ottar's Son, 16th in descent from Frey in the line of kings of Upsal. His mother was a king's daughter from Holstein, kidnapped in a raid by King Helgi Halvdan's Son of Leidre, who begat Hrolf Kraki.((Anderson handles it a little differently. There's a bit of incest in the conception of Hrolf Kraki.)) There is a brief, unembellished mention of Hrolf Kraki's death during the reign of Adil's son Eystein I.((Anderson embellished it, and very well. If you like the northern thing(or just S&S) and don't mind it if the characters kill each other off, then this is a book for you.))

P.S. In the past week I have gradually developed the chill realization that President Nixon, whatever he has in mind, is going to be able to carry it off...((I only hope you're as bad a prophet in this as in other things.))

Jeff Key((7110 NW Berkley Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64152))... issue #6 was quite good. I should especially like to compliment you upon the clarity of reproduction.((It was printed by offset.))If I may be so bold as to stick an oar in the "Great Paper Debate", I vote strongly for the use of 8½"x11" paper rather than your current 8½"x14". You can get 12 pages of 8½"x11" plus staples and address label out for one postage stamp(at this week's quotation of 8¢)or, you can stick with an ever-decreasing number of us who put out 10 pages in an envelope so that our publications will not arrive with the edges tattered and torn(and even occasionally missing part of the back pages). This means that you can put out as much as 14% more each issue rather than 24% less(you are currently publishing 100 inches of info per issue. 8 pages of regular-sized paper would be 76 inches, 10 pages would be 95 inches and twelve pages would be 114 inches, this based on 9½" on an 11" pages and 12½" on a 14" page). Besides, it fouls up my filing system!

((I will be switching to 8½"x11" after about three more issues. As long as I am using the school's reproducing facilities, however, MG will be no more than 8 pages. I pay by the time they spend on reproducing it, and it takes no longer to reproduce the larger-sized paper. I will be picking up a mimeo or ditto machine over the Winter solstice vacation, and then I will probably go to 10 or 12 pages per issue.))

Higher and Higher Shall Thy Bounds Be Set

At the time I'm writing this, the latest issued Boardman number is 1973 GK. That is, if my figuring is correct, the 193rd game to begin this year. Let's estimate that the average gamefee, including the subscription for the length of the game, is \$3... almost certainly on the low side of reality. This means that so far this year, over four thousand dollars has been spent for gamefees.

The estimated total of games starting this year is about 250. This means that over five thousand dollars will be spent on gamefees this year.

This, however, includes only non-variant gamefees. Add in variant fees, standby fees, Origins of World War Two fees and subscriptions, and the total will probably be in excess of ten thousand dollars.

It must be remembered that Diplomacy fans take in each other's washing. I'm playing in a game in the Pouch; a member of the Pouch's staff is playing in Mixumaxu Gazette. The fees that publishers charge are often used to pay for their own gamefees.

Despite this, it's apparent that Dippy fandom has grown from the days when John Boardman ran a five-man game because he couldn't get seven. This year John announced three games for \$10 a position, and filled four.

Yet in these large amounts there is a danger. Stephen Bell collected almost \$300 in gamefees... then folded. John Boardman has over \$350 tied up in Graustark; Conrad von Metzke has the same in his 'zines. I'm a new publisher, yet over \$140 has been entrusted in my hands. Other publishers have similar sums.

If anyone should stop...

There are sound financial reasons why fees are so high; even at these prices, costs outrun income. But even with this factor in mind, when a publisher folds, a lot of people get hurt.

Yet the publishers have a hard time slowing down the growth. Greg Warden, publisher of En Passant didn't want a large-circulation 'zine. He raised subscription rates to 5/\$1, yet his circulation is 72 and still climbing. I had originally wanted the circulation of Mixumaxu Gazette to be about 50. It now appears that my figures won't level off until 60-65. If it goes much higher, I may not be able to meet the demand on my time.

Meanwhile, more and more people join Diplomacy fandom, shelling out more and more money, piling more and more straws on the camel's back.

And when the next publisher stops publication

Pluggola

John Hulland: See the letter column this issue. He publishes Adanack for Diplomacy variants, Subs are 8/\$1, fees are \$2.50 per game. Then he puts out M\*U\*S\*H for regular Diplomacy. Subs are the same, gamefees are \$4. Then he puts out the Tactitian for Avalon-Hill and SPI games.

Finally, he prints Johnus for people with the name "John." I suggest that John Morgan and John Carroll check into it. Fees are \$3, but your name has to be John if you want to play.

"": Yes, that's the name:" ". Quotation marks. Interpret it yourself. This is a right-wing publication which fosters the belief that the U.N. is a communist plot and that Barry Goldwater is a pinko. 10/\$2 from Jim Massar, 127 N. Emmons Street, Dannemora, N.Y. 12929.

Costaguana: A triweekly put out by the same person who puts out half the 'zines in the field. It is Conrad von Metzke's pride and joy, and if you don't know what that means, there is no use explaining it. This is recommended after only Mixumaxu Gazette and Graustark. Triweekly, 6/\$1 from C.V. von Metzke, Box 8342, San Diego, Calif. 92102

En Passant: This is published by the Orphaned Games director. Runs a lot of press, and occasionally an article in which he agrees with everything I say. How can I dislike it? Greg Warden doesn't want any more subscribers, but if you're a publisher, he wants to trade. Write him at 4305 Baltimore Ave. Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.

I've... well, it's difficult not to overstate it, but I've been wondering: Why licorice?

Nobody seems to eat it. They're always the only jelly beans left. And when people eat the jelly bars, they're thrown away. Asking someone if he or she wants them elicits snorts of derision. Black licorice whips are rarely bought, and when they are, they invariably become stale.

Nobody I've met seems to like licorice. So who does? Or is it just a joke of the candy-makers?

Perhaps it's not that no one eats licorice. Perhaps after eating enough of it, something happens. What? I don't know. Perhaps these exceptional individuals are taken away for some strange purpose. After all, who cares? Anyone who'd eat licorice can't be right in the head anyway.

Press Releases 1973 FY

Vienna(WOMB The voice of Labor): Tragedy struck the metropolis of Constantinople today. As best can be determined the events leading up to the catastrophe were the following; early on the morning of Oct. 15, 1901 GI Joe was spirited away from the Regional French Opium Farm by a group known under the code name EUGGER. Informed sources stated he was held prisoner and forced to sniff 3 kg. of gunpowder a day, breath air with a 20% methane content and eat four meals a day consisting of beer and sauer kraut. On Oct. 31, 1901 he was taken to the establishment of Ivan Sunnavavich where he was exposed to the charms of the world-famous belly dancer El Erogeous (who is able to write the Gettysberg address on a blackboard using a piece of chalk inserted in her navel.) When GI Joe opened his mouth to say "Golly" a 700 kg. blob of semi-chewed Bazooka Bubble gum was dropped on his head and he was simultaneously forced to sit down on a brazier of burning coal. A badly injured eyewitness reported that before the shock wave struck a bubble estimated to be 87 km. in diameter briefly appeared. GI Joe was found wandering in a daze near ground zero. He is recuperating in a Turkish hospital reportedly suffering from a mild heartburn and a bad case of piles.

Woodmere, L.I. (IDUNNO): Eeep.

Lille (RIP-OFF): Plans are underway for a test of our new element Hertz (the officially designated name for the previously mentioned Hurtanearderum. The International Council of Chemists and Physicists also gave it the symbol H<sub>z</sub>. Recently discovered was a directional phenomonon-- that is the remarkable effects can be aimed. One isotope, named Killo Hertz is the precise amount necessary to kill one GI in officer's dress with heavy topcoat and high-top boots. Another isotope, Meg-a-Hertz will kill 1000 footsoldiers. It was reported that it is twice as lethal if fur hats are worn instead of helmets. The test is planned for March 30, 1902

Washington D.C. (IDUNNO): Irving Avis today had his petition for a patent refused by the U.S. Appellate Court today. His patent, for a newly-discovered element, was denied on the grounds that the element has already been patented by the French. Vice-president Taft sent him a telegram offering his condolences at being number two and suggested that, next time, he try harder.

The Kremlin via Zurich (KUS) 1 Jan. 1902: His Imperial Highness, Brianovich III, today announced his intentions to create a harem in his chambers in Moscow: starting with the members of Ivan Sunnavich's belly-dancing theatre. The Czar also announced his intention to create a trophy room in his palace: starting with Ivan Sunnavavich's head and to be followed by Lord Duncan's.

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A Rose is a Rose is a Rose...

I want to take a few lines to clear up something that's been bothering me. People use different contraction for the same word.

Now, according to the rulebook, the first three letters of each space is used for the contraction, with a few exceptions; since the Tyrhennian Sea and Tyrolia, although they have the same first three letters, cannot be confused, they use the first three. The same applies to Liverpool and Livonia; the context makes it clear, as the only units that can travel to both are in St. P, Norway and Sweden, and since these units must be convoyed, it becomes clear which provinces are intended.

Both the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Lyon start out the same. I simply use the first three letters of the second word and these becomes Bot and Lyo.

The problem arises with provinces beginning with "Nor-" these are Norway, the Norwegian Sea, the North Sea, the North Atlantic and North Africa. The accepted nomenclature will be:

North Sea	Nth Sea (or simply Nth)
Norway	Nwy
Norwegian Sea	Nrg
North Atlantic	NAt
North Africa	NAf

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It is not true that people have lost respect for the law. In Stockton-On-Tees, England, Bill Bangs went to court for "flashing a rude finger sign at a passing limosine." (my, how tender.) Inside the limosine was the local judge. Mr. Bangs was hauled into court, where he humbly explained that he had intended no disrespect; the finger sign was meant for the mayor, whose car Bangs had mistaken the judges for (how's that for sentence construction?). The judge, being a reasonable man, accepted the explanation and released mr. Bangs ((New York Times 29 Sept. 1973))

Christmas? Bah! Humbug!

One of the greatest problems in our hobby is Christmas. Students go home for vacations; mail deliveries take even more time than usual to deliver. Players are too full of the cheerfulness and goodwill of the season to consider stabbing their opponents. Christmas? Who wants it.

It is with the first two points in mind, including the fact that I myself am going home for Christmas vacation that causes me to announce that the December 29th issue of the Mixumaxu Gazette will contain no moves. Deadlines for the game will be extended three weeks, allowing the players in my game to let their hangovers wear off. There will be an issue. In fact, if I am given some help by readers in the way of articles, press releases, et c. the issue will be larger than normal. These will be my gifts for the season. You can return the compliment by extending your subscriptions.

"It was reported in 1956 that in a general knowledge test the Cologne Chamber of Commerce had recently asked about 1,750 German apprentices who Bismarck was. Rather more than one-third thought he was either the Emperor of Austria, a shipbuilder, or a herring. On the other hand every apprentice correctly identified 19 different makes of cars."((W.N. Medlicott, Bismarck and Modern Germany, p.184 f.))

Herring?

For the past half-dozen years, Phillip Jose Farmer, one of the most brilliant writers of sf has been suffering from what can only be described as "literary schizophrenia." He has written stories(with names changed to protect the guilty Farmer) of the man called Ishmael, Mark Twain, Richard Burton (no, the African explorer who translated the Arabian Nights), Tarzan, Doc Savage, Phileas Fogg(from Verne's Around the World in Eighty Days) plus various others in other works.

Perhaps this tendency is an outgrowth of his original work; he started by describing sex in terms that Sturgeon wanted to(he didn't because it would get into print). In the late fifties, one of his most highly acclaimed novellae, The Alley Man, seems to have been based on DeCamp's short story, "The Gnarly Man."

Recently, Farmer has gone completely(and profitably) wild. He wrote the true biography of Tarzan, and published it with a family tree that made it apparent that the ape-man was related to every single pulp hero whose exploits have been "fictionalized." The book was a tour de force, and a successful one.

Farmer has tried it again. This time the subject is Doc Savage.(if you don't know what I'm talking about, check any large bookstore that stocks fiction.) However, Farmer has worn out the central joke in these fake biographies. Doc Savage: His Apocalyptic Life lacks the essential gusto of the book on Tarzan.

The first thing is the endpapers. Here is an extension of the family tree found in Tarzan Alive. Doc Savage is related to Manuel of Poictesme, Solomon Kane, Natty Bumppo, The Scarlet Pimpernel, Sherlock Holmes, James Bond, and a host of others(but then, so am I. The relationship is simply not charted.)

Inside, Farmer draws some very interesting parallels between Doc Savage, the Skylark series, and the writings of William Burroughs. Farmer is an excellent literary critic. He understands that badly-written stories can be greater art than the most exquisite works acclaimed. Everyone knows Aesop's fables, and a few of the 1001 stories that Sheherazade told the Sultan. Yet these books were despised by the literati. Who, except for people who seek to "improve" themselves read the classics of these ages?

As for the book itself... it's interesting if you're a Doc Savage fan (God knows there are plenty of those) or a Phillip Jose Farmer fan(which is a pleasure, though he seems intent on making it not so.). Many of the details of the book will make sense only if you have a fairly good knowledge of the stories it covers. For most people, the hardcover will not be a worthwhile investment. Wait until the paperback comes out, or con your library into buying a copy(be careful though; some libraries refused to buy Tarzan Alive because they were not sure how to classify it.).

Despite the fact that the New York City elections that are coming up(as I write this) are in fact a three-way race, anyone disgruntled with the better-known candidates has a choice. Besides the Republican, Democratic, Conservative and Liberal parties, there is the Good Government party, the Integrity Party(with its symbol, a tree. Don't ask me why.), the (hold your breath) Civil Service Independents Party-Fusion City Party, the Socialist Workers Party (the wobblies, I believe), the Labor Party, the Socialist Labor Party, the Safe City Party, the Communist Party, the Experience Party(this is its first election), the Honest Citizen Party(this has great strength. Nobody admits to being a dishonest Citizen), and the Anti-Triboro Party. Now, what?(New York Times 31 Oct. 1973)

Press Releases EE 1

12 Downing Street 3 March 1901: In a stirring speech today, simulcast across the world by newspaper, Lord Admiral Byran Nelson summed up the current British foreign policy. He stated that Europe was on the brink of "peace in our time" and that he expected that the major nations would "never go to war with one another again." The applause of the crowd in the telegraph booth was deafening.

Later this afternoon the Lord Admiral appeared before high-ranking officers of the Royal Navy. He stated that "the time has come for each and every man to do his duty for King and Country."

Hello-My name is pietro horneo and I run italy in this stupid new variation called enemy's enema. I plan to move as follows: A ven to triest to budapest to vienna

Now im hungry

f nap to ionian togreece to smyr to cons to ankara. now I have turkey and greece to cook it in. Sorry, the rest of you guys lose cause you just arent worth fighting over

Hello- My name is petrof hornasovich and I run Russia my moves are as follows...

Official Correspondence-- Top Secret

Be sure the word doesn't leak out that Brianovitch is playing France in the new EE game. Better put some plumbers on duty to plug any leaks. Also better rid of Cronkite before he finds out (He's playing England). Remember- Don't tell anyone that Brianovich is playing France. Me? I'm Turkey. But I'm playing Russia in the new variant. Remember- Keep it a secret, Brianovich is playing France----Source RBL

Woodmere, L.I. (IDUNNO): How did you know I was playing Germany?

When things get so balled up that the people of a country have to cut loose from some other country, and go it on their own hook, without asking no permission from nobody, excepting maybe God almighty, then they ought to let everyone know why they done it, so that everyone can see they are on the level, and not trying to put nothing over on nobody.

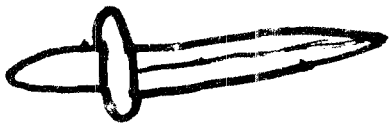
All we got to say on this proposition is this: first, you and me is as good as anybody else, and maybe a damn sight better; second, nobody ain't got no right to take away none of our rights; every man has got a right to live, to come and go as he pleases, and to have a good time however he likes, so long as he don't interfere with nobody else. That any government that don't give a man these rights ai'nt worth a damn; also, people ought to choose the kind of government they want themselves, and nobody else ought to have bo say, in the matter. ((H.L. Mencken, "Declaration of Independence in American English," The American Language))

Next issue, the Mixumaxu Gazette ventures into politics, announcing its support for a candidate for president in 1976 (assuming, of course, that there will be elections that year). Also editorials, press, and ... let's see, what else is there that's supposed to be here. Oh, yes, letters. No, that's not it. There's something else. Oh, yes, the games.

A theory that I have held for a number of years, that Herb Barents is in actuality John Boardman, attempting another of his hoaxes on fandom, has been shattered. When Herb showed up in New York over the summer, it did not upset the theory; John simply hired an actor for the occasion; but Herb announces that he and his wife, Connie, are expecting a baby to arrive in two or three weeks. Since several people have reported seeing Mr. and Mrs. Barents together, with at least one of them pregnant, I am forced to drop my theory. John Boardman is married, and I don't think Perdita would let him go that far for a hoax.

Meanwhile, Steve Brooks et alii are also expecting, sometime in late Feb. or early March next year. Is it possible that all these people are timing things so that they can organize a baby's Diplomacy game? But that couldn't be; the children would be taken away on grounds of extreme cruelty.

Note to Diplomacy publishers with whom I trade: Thank you very much for the plugs you have given me. However, my circulation is high enough for me as things stand. What I want to do is fill up my last game, which has two vacancies. Please note that, if you trade or receive a complimentary subscription, you may enter a game for half-price, only \$2.50; as some of the people signed for this last game have been waiting for over two months, I am naturally getting a little anxious. Help stop their disillusionment; join a game, or reccommend that your readers join one here.



## Trades

Following is a list of Diplomacy publishers with whom I trade. Those whose names are preceded by a "#" have not sent me anything in an inordinately long time. If I do not receive something from them (this includes a letter of explanation) they will be dropped from the list of traders.

Barents, Herb	157 State Street, Zeeland, Mich. 49464
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Boardman, John	234 E. 19 Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226
Buchanan, Walter	R.R.#3, Lebanon, Ind. 46052
Horton, Don	16 Jordan Court, Sacramento, Ca. 95826
Hulland, John	R.R.#4, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1H 6J1
Key, Jeff	7110 N.W. Berkley Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64152
Leeder, John	Box 1606, Huntsville, Ontario, Canada POA 1K0
Massar, James	127 N. Emmons Street, Dannemora, N.Y. 12929
von Metzke, Conrad	Box 8342, San Diego, Ca. 92102
Miller, Don	12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Md. 20906
Naus, Hal	1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista, Ca. 92011
Phillips, Andrew	128 Oliver Street, Daly City, Ca. 94014
Ulanov, Nicholas	60 E. 8th Street, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10003
Viking Systems	Suite #823, 24 N. Wabash Ave, Chicago, Ill. 60602
Warden, Greg	4305 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104
# Worthington, Mike	2022 Price Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. 37920

Anyone who knows the circumstances of the missing publishers and who wants gratitude should let me know. Also, I'm interested in trading with anyone not on this list.

Eye-Bye

Unless they take the appropriate action (Send money!) the subscriptions of John Beshara and Dick Trtek will expire with this issue.

Just a biographical note here, though no one will care. I attended the 1973 Philadelphia Science Fiction Convention (Philcon for short) over the last weekend. It was held about two feet outside the borders of Philadelphia for Nov 9, 10 and 11, and I swear that every evening a heavy fog arose to obscure the sight of Philly from all eyes.

The Philcon was very enjoyable. There were only 600 people, and the crowds thus were not overwhelming. Hopefully, I'll attend in 1974.

Supposedly, one of the most useless positions a man can hold is vice-president of the U.S. despite talk of impeachment, it seems very unlikely the Gerald Ford (if confirmed by the Senate and House) will succeed to the ~~throne~~ Presidency.

But the job has side benefits. John Ford, Gerald's son, is a college student in Utah. The evening after his father was nominated, his landlord fixed some unspecified problem concerning plumbing in his room.

I suppose he didn't want Nixon's plumbers fixing his toilets. (New York Times 15 Oct. 1973)

When the time comes to hang the capitalists, they will bid for the contracts for the rope. This is supposedly a quote from Karl Marx. It does not have much to do with the Penn State Yearbook, but people will treat everything as a joke until it's too late...and then refuse to believe. As a joke, the editors of the Penn State Yearbook decided not to have the graduating class's names in the yearbook, only their student #'s. And yes, I've read 1984 (Philadelphia Enquirer 13 Sept. 1973)

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