

BEAUCOULLON (Boardman): A Tole (26)-Cast(23), A Vale(31)-Tarr(34), *A Zara(32)-Nava(22), *Agrmb (37)-Ave(20), C Cord(27)-Tole(26)-Zara(32), F Lish(24)-Suev(21), F Beau(36)-Pied(59). G unit placement: 25G Lusi (24), 25G Tole (26), 25G Vale(31), 25G Estr (25). SIC #: 4. Casts 8 votes for Poderkagg for Pope. NOTES: The SIC sabotage orders fail (see SIC orders), Dr. Boardman is forced by press of other activities to resign. A replacement player will be named as soon as I can find one. Invitations are now going out. Owns: 7 home, Suev (8). Build one. Mines: Estr (25). May produce 100G.

CONFEDERATE STATES (Cochran): *A Braz (76)-Cana (78) (S) by A Okla(75), A Kent(10)-Indi (38), A Penn(16)-Ohio(37), C Vand(8)-Illi(39)-(H), F Car2-Yuca(100), F Atl25-Jers(15). G movement: 5G Atl 25-Atl 24 (T)-Quebec. No SIC #. Casts 12 votes for the CSA for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Okla(75), Ohio(37), Illi(39), Yuca(100), Jers(15) (12). Build 5. Mines: Kent(10). May produce 100G.

GOSTAGUANA (Wells): A Fez(3)-Marr(12), A Atls(11)-Tind(17), A HaHo(19)-Fzzn(46), A Maur (16)-Mali(52), C Ghar(18)-Saha(49)-Ghan(50), F Trls(7)-Cyre(20), F Atl 34-Guin(53). G movement: 75G Marr(12)-Fez(3) (hijacked by SIC). SIC #: 1. Casts 9 votes for Poderkagg for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Fzzn(46), Cyre(20) (9). Build 2. Mines: Atls(11), Ghan(50). May produce 200 G.

EFGIART (Beyerlein): A Timb(51)-Mali(52), A Asbe(48)-Timb(51), A Ibol(61)-Asha(55) (C) by F Atl 38, *A Kivu (71)-Suda(42), C Luan (87)-Mala(97)-Kata(77), F Bnla(98) (H). G placement: 20G Ibol(61); 20G Buea(63); 20G Libr(65); 20G Cong(66); 20G Basa (69). SIC #: 1. Casts 10 votes for Efgiart for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Timb(51), Kata(77), Bnla (98) (10). Build 3. Mines: Ilor(57), Libr(65). May produce 200G.

ETHEROPIUM (Haggart): A Keny(73)-Ugan(72), A Turk(42a)-Suda(42), A Wlga(41)-Mero(27), A Suda(42)-Kord(43), C Darf(26)-(H)-(H), F Soma(37)-Keny(73), F Ind 30-Ind 31. Gold movement: 20G (T)-Romany at Cass(Asi 10) /illegal, as Etheropium has no G units at Caes(Asi 10); they are all at Shoa (40).; 10G Shoa(40) (T)-Pollutidar. SIC #: 4. Casts 13 votes for Poderkagg for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Ugan(72), Suda(42), Mero(27), Kord(43), Darf(26), Keny(73) (13). Build 6. Mines: Gate(39), Ugan(72). May produce 200G.

FRENCIANA (Peery): A Lurl(17) (S) 100G-Lurl (G unit movement may not be supported, only protected by an accompanying military unit), A StPr(13)-Burg(39) (S) by A Free(40), C Aqui(19) (H) (S) by A Ave(20), F Atl 13-Eire, F Atl 10-Prsl(15). G Movement: 100G Pris(12)-Lurl(17) (hijacked by SIC). SIC #: 2. Casts 11 votes for Frenciana for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Free(40), Burg(39), Aqui(19), Eire(2) (11). Build 4. Mines: Peer(18), Aqui(19). May produce 200G.

GLOCKORLA (Lebling): A Arnh (8) (H), A Hart (10) (H), C Ivan(7)-Gasc(9)-(H), F Pac 66-Zeal(16), F Pac 58-Cale(17), F Pac 56-Iria (20), F Ind 3-Ind 15. No G movement. SIC #: 2. Casts 4 votes for CSA and 5 votes for Poderkagg for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Zeal(16), Cale (17) (9). Build 2. Mines: Gasc(11), Warr(4), Zeal(16), Iria(20). May produce 400G.

GRAUSTARK (Mebane): A Sile(81) (H), A Munc(54b)-Pann(78) (S) by A Tyro (57) and C Mark (79)(both halves of move), A Grau(58)-Pied(59), F Fris(42) (H), F Danz(49) (H). G movement: 20G Leip(54a)-Vast(52). SIC #: 3. Casts 10 votes for Poderkagg for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Sile(81), Pann(78), Fris(42) (10). Build 3. Mines: Ostm(51), Grau (58). May produce 200G.

HYDUNDERBAD (Baker): A Quet(86)-Ghaz(81), A Kash(108*-Fergh(78), A Jhal(88)-Kash(106), A Bhar(106)-Bngl(112), C Sink(43) (H), F Ind 25-Oman(37), F Coro(101) (H). G movement: 10G Andh (T)-Pollutidar. SIC #: 4. Casts 11 votes for Hydunderbad for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Bhar(106), Sink(43), Oman(37), Coro(101) (11). Build 4. Mines: Andh (99). May produce 100G.

- INCA EMPIRE (Childers):** A Uca(30)-Acre(37), A Uyan(25)-Tucu(71), A Putu(32)-Japu(34), A Acre(37)-Guap(38), C Mato(45)-(H)-(H), F Bogo(16)(H), F Pich(73)(H). No G movement. SIC #: 1. No votes for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Acre(37), Tucu(71), Japu(34), Mato(45), Bogo(16), Pich(73)(13). Build 6. Mines: quit(18), Anto(24), Bogo(16). May produce 300G.
- KALIF (Anon.):** A Hele(53)-Albe(48), A Bois(55)-Idah(54), A Seat(56)-Oreg(58), A Reno(59)-Yose(64), C Asto(57)-Reno(59)-Neva(65), F Ketc(50)-Alas(44), F Mtry(61)(H). G unit placement; 100G Seat(56). SIC #: 3. No votes for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Alas(44)(8). Build 1. Mines: Mtry(61). May produce 100G. NOTE: Jim Latamar has resigned as Kalif, and I will soon have a replacement. Kalif's moves were made by an anonymous neutral, so that Kalif would not miss both 1501 moves.
- KALMAR (the Carriers):** A Narv(147)-Pets(146), A Kalm(152)-Smal(154), A Malm(153)-Denm(45), A Oslo(155)-Agde(156), C Hmar(157)-Jamt(149)-Finn(148), F Stoc(151)-Kalm(152), F Tron(159)-Atl 5. G unit placement; add 10G in Smal(154). SIC #: 1. Casts 8 votes for Kalmar as Pope. Owns: 7 home, Denm(45)(8). Build 1. Mines: Finn(148). May produce 100G.
- LOMPOC (von Metzke):** A Joho(118)(H), A Ayut(119)-Ubon(124), A Pegu(115)-Bngl(112), A Yunn(134)-Kwei(135), C Xien(121)-Burm(114)-Yunn(134), F Pac36-Pac33(S) by F Cant(129). G movement; 10G Xien(121)(T)-SIC; 40G Xien(121)-Laos(123). SIC #: 4. Cast 9 votes for Miskatonia for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Pegu(115), Yunn(134)(9). Build 2. Mines: Sing(117), Viet(127). May produce 200G.
- MARSOVIA (Ward):** A Cara(3)-Cuba(Amel04)(C) by F Carl, A Caye(7)-Amap(50), A Paca(10)(H), A Cart(1)(H), C Mana(48)(H), F Amap(50)-Parn(51). No G movement. SIC #: 3. Casts 10 votes for Marsovia for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Amap(50), Mana(48), Parn(51)(10). Build 3. Mines: Paca(10), Trin(8), Cuba(Amel04). May produce 300G.
- MISKATONIA (Comber):** A Argu(169)-Hail(168)(S) by A Heil(167), A Han(146)(H), A Toms(173)(H), C Manc(166)-Kiri(160)-Vlad(164), F Pac 6-Pac 15, F Pac 3-Pac 6. G unit placement; 100G Argu(169). SIC #: 3. Casts 11 votes for Miskatonia for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Khan(146), Toms(73), Heil(167), Vlad(164)(11). Build 4. Mines: Alda(171). May produce 100G.
- PERILAND (Bailey):** A Joaq(63)(H)(S) by A LosV(85), A Ariz(84)-SanJ(83), A Peco(79)-Texa(77)(S) by C Cana, C Cana(78)-(see A Peco)-(H), F SanD(w.c.)(86)-Pac 19a, F Pac30-Jali(98). No G movement. SIC #: none. No votes for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Joaq(63), Texa(77), Cana(78), Jali(98)(11). Build 4. Mines: Chih(94), Phoe(91). May produce 200G.
- PODERKAGG (Walker):** A Salo(69)-Vene(60), A Bulg(95)-Byza(100), A Bana(94)-Bulg(95), *A Slov(90)-Chro(82), *C Vene(60)-Umbr(66)-Roma(62), F Dura(71)-Med 11, F Med 11-H ell(98). G movement; 30G Novi(74)(T)-Pollutidar. SIC #: 2. Casts 12 votes for Poderkagg for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Vene(60), Byza(100), Bulg(95), Roma(62), Hell(98)(12). Build 5. Mines: Trns(98), Novi(74), Hell(98), Chro(82). May produce 400G.
- POLLUTIDAR: /"P" stands for Pollutidar/:** A P-Scot(Eur3), A P-Kass(Afr24), C P-Guin(Afr53) C P-Veld(Afr105), F P-Nica(Amel02), F P-Fiji(Ocel8), F P-Hawa(Ocel9). No vents opened or closed. Open vents not used; Sink(Asil43), Form(Goll46). One vent may yet be opened, and one more Pollutidarian unit may surface. No G movement. SIC #: 2. No votes for Pope (could cast 2). G accessions: Springs: 25G (Cost.), 10G (Hydu.), 40G (Kalm.); Fall: 30G (Pode); 10G (Hydu), 20G (Xana.). Total: 135G. Owns: Veld(Afr105), H awa(Ocel9)(2). May not build, however. Mines: Hawa(Ocel9). May produce 100G.

QUEBEC (Smythe): A Fort(32)-Belc(33), A Onta(17)-Flym(18), A Mign(35)-Minn(42), A Belc(33)-Rchl(42b), C Otta(28a)-Surb(30)-Mign(35), F Atl 21-Atl 1, F Acad(21) (H). G unit placement: 15G Otta(28a), 15G Rigo(23), 15G Unga(27), 15G Mist(25), 15G Chim(26), 15G Anti(24), 5G Fort(32), 5G Matl(29). SIC #: 3. Casts 11 votes for CSA for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Flym(18), Minn(42), Mign(35), Acad(21) (11). Build 4. Mines: Fort(32), Rchl(42b). May produce 200G.

ROMANY (Long): A Nafu(31)-Nejd(39), A Iraq(30)-Sume(41) (S) by C Assy, A Jeru(2)-Nafu(31), A Phry(16) (H), C Assy(42)-(see A Iraq)-Urar(28), F Med 14-Cypr(15a), F Med 15-Ioni(15). No G movement. SIC #: 6 (the SIC numbers only go up to 5). Casts 13 votes for Poderkagg for Pope. Owns: home (7), Nejd(39), Sume(41), Phry(16), Urar(28), Cypr(15a), Ioni(15) (13). Build 6. Mines: Adan(8). May produce 100G.

RURITANIA (Koning): A Chel(126)-Sama(128), A Perm(127) (H), A Lith(85)-Biye(87) (S) by A Vite(135), C Brya(127)-Cher(121)-Wukr(119), F Bal 3-Bal 2, F Murm (S) KALMAR A Narv-Pets(141). G unit placement: 50G Zepp(133), 30G Ruri(131), 20G Harp(136). SIC #: 4. Casts 10 votes for Poderkagg for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Perm(127), Biye(87), Murm(142) (10). Build 3. Mines: Sama(128), Biye(87), Wukr(119). May produce 300G.

SEVASTOPOL (Swenson): A Bayl(113)-Khaz(114), A Rado(86)-Biye(87) (S) by A Cher(121), A Gali(89) (H), C Khaz(114)-Circ(112)-Kazk(Asi23), F Odes(107)-Mold(103) (S) by F Bla 1. G unit placement/movement: 100G Seva(109); 20G (T)-SIC. SIC #: 5. No votes for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Khaz(114), Gali(89), Kazk(Asi23), Mold(103) (11). Build 4. Mines: ~~Wukr(119)~~. May not produce.

SINISTER INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY (Turner): Sabotage orders; SIUNIK A Kerm(Asi43); SQUIJI A Irin(74), A Zanz(80); EFGLART A Kivu(Afr71); CSA A Braz (Ame76), BEACOUILLON A Grnb(Eur37), A Zara(Eur32); PODERKAGG C Vene(Eur60), A Slov(Eur90). Hijack orders; First successful 3 are used; those underlined were successful: Hijack; Gold ordered to move in; Bers(Asi49), Xana(Asi56), Warr(Bael4), Pris(Eur12), Marr(Afr12), Dura(Eur71), Novi(Eur74), Inin(Col8), Paca(Coll10), Surb(Ame30), Otta(Ame28a). No G movement. G accessions: Spring: 40G (Etheropium); Fall: 10G (Lompoc), 10G (Etheropium), 20G (Sevastopol), 100G (hijack, Frenciana), 75G (hijack, Costaguana). Total: 255G. SIC #: 4.

SIUNIK (none): NO MOVES RECEIVED. *A Kerm(43), A Iran(55), A Luri(57), C Yezd(52), F Ind27, F Ind26 /H/. A Sume(41) /H/ /A/. G unit placement: none; 100G off the board. No SIC #, no votes for Pope. Owns: 7 home (7). Build 1 (1 /A/). Mines: Pers(49). May produce 100G. Hopefully, we will find a replacement player soon for Chris Wagner, who had resigned.

SQUIJI (Hueston): *A Zanz(80)-Keny(73), *A Irin(74)-Ugan(72), A Tang(78) (H), A Sofa(91)-Trvl(94), C Trvl(94)-Kala(102)-Dmrd(100), F Ind35-Ind32, F Ind41-Nata(104). G unit placement: none. 100G off the board. No SIC #. No votes for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Trvl(94), Nata(104) (9). Build 2. Mines: Zamb(90), Mani(86), Trvl(94). May produce 300G.

XANADU (McLeod): A Kngh(133)-Kwei(135), A Kgsu(153)-Taiw(131) (C) by F Pac22 & F Pac33 /NOTE: Owing to an error, there was no F Pac33, as the XANADU fleet was stood off by the LOMPOC fleet. I found this out too late to correct it. However, even if XANADU's move had succeeded, it would have been dislodged by the Lompoc attack, so the convoy fails in either event./, A Seou(161)-Kiri(160) (S) by A Harb(159), C Shan(139)-Knsu(140)-Tsin(141), F Ning(152a) /H/. Gold movement: 20G Xana(156) (T)-Pollutidar. SIC #: a separate number was assigned to each order for each unit, rather than to the whole set, as required; invalid. No votes for Pope. Owns: 7 home, Tsin(141) (8). Build 1. Mines: Seou(161), Kiri(160). May produce 200G.

RECEIPT DEADLINE FOR Winter 1501 moves is Friday, 9 August 1968. Besur to include gold production, movement of supply centers, loan of supply centers, and so on. I had planned to make this

line for July, but we haven't enough time left before I go on leave; so the next issue will have to wait until I get back. My leave address is 4309 Adams Avenue, San Diego, Calif. 92116, in case you have any questions. I'll be there after 16 July or so.

PAPAL ELECTION

Counting the votes cast (and several countries cast none at all), the candidates of the following countries received votes as follows; PODERKAGG, 80; C.S.A., 27; MISKATONIA, 20; FRENCIANA, 11; HYDUNDERBAD, 11; EFGIART, 10; MARSOVIA, 10; KALMAR, 8. Only Poderkagg received over 31 votes and received enough to create 2 Papal supply centers. In accordance with Rule 5, as revised (see below), Poderkagg may name an Interim, or Minority, Pope. A new Papal Election for the year 1502 is automatically called for.

THE RULES :CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Changes:

Rule 5. Add, as a final paragraph; "In the absence of a properly elected Pope, the country receiving the largest number of votes at any Papal Election may proclaim an Interim, or Minority, Pope. This will provide the least discontinuity in the Papal succession. The name assigned to each Pope (real Pope or Minority Pope) must be in consonance with Church history published to date in The Oz Free Press. Popes given a name already assigned to a preceding Pope use the next succeeding number to designate order of accession. Popes given other names may use a number (that is, be numbered III or higher), but the responsible player must provide dated predecessors (and histories, if possible) to account for the number assigned. Such predecessors must fit into Church History as already published and will then constitute official additions to Church History.

If the player whose country currently holds the Papacy resigns or is dropped from the game, his Pope will be declared "dead" and a new election held. The player holding the Papacy may also declare his Pope "dead", thus precipitating a new election.

Rule 8. Change the first sentence to read, "Pollutidar can win by accumulating control of 51% of the world's gold holdings at the end of a Winter move." The next-to-last sentence should read; "Each mine produces 100G annually."

Rule 19. Delete from the first paragraph the sentence reading, "Every sabotage order issued...whichever is smaller." Insert; "The SIC may win the game by accumulating control of 51% of the world's gold holdings at the end of a Winter move."

New Rules:

20. The planet Vulcan will be a pseudo-player. He will have the power of support and transfer. Vulcan will have 10 space-fleets in the vicinity of Earth. On any turn, each space-fleet may (1) support the move of any unit, (2) transfer any amount of gold from one province to one other province, or (3) convoy any army or cavalry from one province to one other province. Vulcan can win the game by accumulating control of 51% of the world's gold holdings at the end of a Winter move.

21. With Pollutidar's expressed consent in simultaneous orders, any unit may enter a Pollutidarian vent on one turn and issue from any other open vent on the next. Pollutidarian orders to allow such moves should read "Allow (country) A (or F or C) Xxxx to enter vent" (where Xxxx is a province with an open vent), and "Allow A (or F or C) to exit vent Yyyy (where Yyyy is a province with an open vent). The first order must be written on the turn in which the unit enters the vent; the second on the turn the unit attempts to exit. Failure to submit the exit permission on the same turn as the attempted exit will result in annihilation of the surface unit. A surface unit may remain in Pollutidar for any length of time. A Pollutidarian unit may exit a vent while it is being used for entry by a surface unit, and vice-versa. Two Pollutidarian and two non-Pollutidarian units may also exchange places in this fashion; however, two units may not use the vent going the same direction.

One more change: From the last line but one of Rule 5, delete from the parentheses the letters "PC". There are no Papal Cavalry units.

Map errors: Map 10 has 2 errors. A horizontal line separating Provinces 70 and 71 was omitted. It runs east to west so that Province 71 borders 69 and 70 does not border 68. Province Phoe (Phoenix) is #91, not 11, as indicated.

FLAGS

The response to my request for flags is most gratifying. Many of you have sent in very detailed material. Eventually, we will publish a special vexillological number. I hope that none of you will be left out. Some have sent in amazingly detailed information, more than just the national flag I asked for. Good, good! Keep it up!

OH, GOD! IT'S PRESS RELEASE TIME

NEWS OF BEAUCOULLON

BEAUCOULLON: King Cosimo XIII was hauled away from the roulette table by Prime Minister Count d'Avino long enough for him to sign the treaty which makes Beaucouillon a member of the Concert of Europe. "We are all in favor of the Concert of Europe," the King said. "I hope I get to sing bass." Count d'Avino, acting for the King, also announced that Beaucouillon's seven cardinals would vote for Prince Rodrigo of Poderkagg in the election to fill the vacant Papacy. "Our delegation to the College of Cardinals," he said, "will be led by the Primate of Beaucouillon, Pan Cardinal Satyrus."

NEWS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

Lawton, Oklahoma (15 April 1501)(delayed): Negotiations between the Five Civilized Tribes and Confederate Commissioners have been crowned with success, provided the Confederate Congress and the Grand Council of the Tribes ratify the Treaty. It has been agreed that Oklahoma is to enter the Confederacy as a State with full rights, retaining existing tribal law except as to matters delegated to the Confederate Congress by the Constitution. Citizens of other States will have all the rights of born Cherokees within Oklahoma. The Five Tribes will adopt the Interstate Convention for the Return of Fugitive Slaves, as to fugitives entering the State after the effective date of the Treaty of Lawton only. Fugitives already in the new State will have 6 months to be accepted and enrolled as tribesmen of one of the civilized tribes, otherwise to be returnable to their owners, subject to the expenses of capture and return. Enrolled citizens of Oklahoma, members of the Five Tribes, shall have full rights of citizenship in any of the other States notwithstanding that they may not be entirely of autochthonous ancestry. The compromise upon this point, which appears to have been brought about through the wisdom of Presiding Chief Quannah Parker, will bring an end to the principal outstanding cause of tension between the Five Nations and the Confederacy. Another point upon which agreement was arrived at only after lengthy discussion was that the public authority of the new State is to retain title to the vacant lands of the State, rather than vest the same in the Government of the Confederacy. It is thought that only the danger now threatening out of Apacheria and the lands of the Saints could have caused such great concessions.

LEESBURG (14 May 1501): The Congress of the Confederacy, in joint session, today heard Chief Commissioner John Davis urge acceptance of the Treaty of Lawton and overwhelmingly ratified the treaty by a vote of 147-2. Asked for the reason for his negative vote, Senator John Boredstiff of Jersey (a State very recently added to the Confederacy) would say only that Confederates should not degrade the Indians of Oklahoma by making citizens of them, and subjecting them to taxes. Instead, he said, they should be left free to carry on their usual pastimes of hunting and killing white men, stealing their servants and cattle, and of being fed through the winter by the whites. "Only in this wise," said the Senator, "can we properly recognize the Indian's imminent humanity. Relations with the Indians must remain under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

GUYTON, OKLAHOMA (23 June 1501): Members of the Oklahoma-Confederate Boundary surveying Commission, examining the western boundary of the new Confederate State, were fired upon today southwest of here by unknown riders. The survey commission is following the main channel of the Red River to the 100th parallel, this being the old Anglo-Boucouillonese boundary line.

RICHMOND (5 April 1901): Delegates and Bishops to the Church of the Confederacy met in triennial Council here in response to the summons of Archbishop L.K. Polk. They ratified the Archbishop's proposed donative to the Poor of the Northwest Territories, to be administered by Archbishop Jacob Goodbody of the Arctic, with overwhelming approval. The most moving occasion of the Council was the Address to the Chair in response to Archbishop Polk's announcement of his retirement as Primate of the Confederacy, delivered by the Very Reverend Fr. William Heard, long recognized as a rising star in Church affairs.

LEESBURG (10 June 1501): Undersecretary of State Bernard Baruch today declared that, while it is a great relief to have worked out the means of bringing Oklahoma into the Confederacy, the situation on the entire Plains Frontier is one to cause a man "not to sleep a wink o' nights. Not only do our Quebecois allies feel endangered by the gestures of the Kalifites before their plains frontier, but a number of unusual smokes have been seen beyond Guymon, Oklahoma and by traders into Texas, and the tone of the discourse of the Eldest Brilliant at his most recent public appearance was distinctly disappointing." In related action, Lt.-General Kirby Smith and Rear Admiral Foxhall Parker have gone to Put-in Bay to meet with Marshal Folderol and the other Quebecois members of the Combined Chiefs of Staff for planning operations for the subjugation of the uncivilized tribes of the Western Plains. Major-General Ranald S. Mackenzie has departed the capital for Fort Worth, where he is expected to take over the newly created Southern Plains command.

YUCATAN (6 August 1501): Singing their famous Hymn, thousands of Confederate Marines under the command of Major-General William Walker swarmed ashore here today to quell the disorders and riots that have lately beset this tempest-tossed State.

NEWS FROM COSTAGUANA:

ALGIERS (1 September 1501): The Glorious Sultan Achmad VIII, who only a few months ago took control of Costaguana upon the death of his grandfather Stalachmite III, has begun far-reaching reforms aimed at, in the words of the Sultan, making Costaguana the most modern country in the Old World. Already vast sums are being poured into the educational system and the people have been given a voice in the selection of local leaders. The Universal Church and Islam, which were co-established, have been disestablished, much to the disgust of the antidisestablishmentarians, antimuslimidisestablishmentarians, and antiuniversidisestablishmentarians. The minority most affected by this are the Arians and the Jews, both of whom fled to this country during persecutions of previous centuries. The Sultan will now be known as The Glorious President, in keeping with the modernization. Also, the Roman alphabet has been introduced for the writing of the local language, Karl-ish, which is a Romance language left over from the days when Costaguana was part of the Great Empire and which is unsuited to the Arabic script now used. The Arabic and Haussa speaking minorities will continue to use Arabic script. The official language of the Sultanate was heretofore Arabic, but this has been more true in theory than in practice. The Sultan advocates use of Karl-ish as a universal language, because of its (now) phoenetic spelling and Western-style grammar.

NEWS FROM EFGIART

CONGO: Samuel K. Olmes announced that the RAIN line had been completed across the northern border of Efgiart. RAIN, Rapid Anti-Infiltration Network, was designed to prevent gun traders from Costaguana crossing the border into Efgiart. The Network system consists of three lines of cow bells strung on vines across the jungle. There was some speculation on how effective the Network would be since it was too dangerous to send patrols into the border country.

NEWS FROM ETHEROPIUM

ADDIS ABABA: Trashium Rott III flew in from Danakil to give his annual Opium Festival Address. His Majesty had some startling news: Etheropium has declared war on Squiji. This anti-Islam country has attacked an army of the Weed, leaving the King no alternative but to declare war on the worshippers of the god Jugu. This pagan country has been inclined for centuries to spit on Etheropium's religion. The Holy War which brought Etheropium freedom from the Afridan chiefs is not recognized by the Chiefs of Squiji. The African Chiefs still believe Etheropium is there's because Rome gave it to

them. Now, not honored, Etheropium has already scored major victories in the South.

KENYA: Ether is being used to put out all resistance from Squiji. The Armies of the Need are marching. Note that their extreme bravery is due to the effects of opium...

NEWS OF FRENCIANA

LURLEENS (22 November 1501): The entire nation was plunged into mourning this morning following news of the death of Her Imperial Majesty Lurleen IX. Her Majesty was stricken with a mysterious illness less than a week ago. Only 28 years old, She has borne the dual responsibility of caring for her two children, Philip and Christina, since the death of Her husband, the Duc de Angevin, two years ago, as well as that of leading the nation in the growing international crisis of the past year. Her Majesty will be remembered as a devoted mother and as a ruler who sought only peace and prosperity for Her people. It is expected that a regent will be named for Philip, who is only seven.

PEERIS (22 November 1501): In a news conference this afternoon, Her Majesty's personal physician, Dr. Henri d'Harve announced that a special investigation had revealed that the Empress had died of a broken heart complicated by signs of peeri-peeri. The Empress has been in a dejected state of mind in recent months since reading the life of Her namesake, the first Lurleen, the tribulations She went through and Her own martyrdom.

PEERIS (24 November 1501): The Royal Council today appointed the Empress' former Prime Minister, Sir Richard the Lion-Hearted, Duc de Gadsden, and the Duc de Greene, Her Commander-in-Chief, to serve as co-regents for the Peeriphin Philip. Before the Periclaque the two pledged to protect the Peeriphin from his enemies, domestic and foreign. Later in the day the Ducs met with representatives of Zelitch in an effort to provide Frenciana with a single united government during this crisis.

PEERIS (25 November 1501): The Regency today declared a state of national emergency and announced it had definite information that a guerrilla war was being launched in southern Frenciana on behalf of Zelitch.

ST. PEERIGRAD (26 November 1501): In his first public press conference, King Zelitch (nicknamed the Long-Toed by the press) today declared himself to be the sole rightful ruler of Frenciana and announced that his armies were being ordered to the field to combat Frencianan Peerisite Forces (supporters of the Peeriphin).

PEERITER A BBEY (3 December 1501): Working alone in his cell here, Brother Martin continues to work on his exhaustive study of Peerism and Peeristism, which has already taken 42 years of his life and filled 153 volumes. At the moment Brother Martin is working on V. 154, entitled, "Peerism as it Relates to the Mystical Concepts of Ego and Id, or How to Stop Hating Yourself and Start Loving Peery."

NEWS OF GLOCKORLA

PARHAN (18 July 1501): In solemn conclave, the eight bishops of Glockorla, and Sele, Archbishop of Parhan, met to determine their positions in the current election to fill the chair of St. Peter. Tolque, Bishop of Sydney, and Master of the Order of St. Gregory, was expected to propose unanimous support for Archbishop Peter of Nikolayevsk, high in the Councils of Miskatonias Prime Minister, and one of the most energetic of the young Asian clergy. However, this met with little support. As Richard Collins, Bishop of Melbourne, put it: "What do we want with a Pope from the East, unless of course it be our own Sele? All it would mean is that the Imperial ambitions of that man's sponsor and its allies would be fire by the power of the Chair at Avalon. No, let us cast our votes for a European or perhaps an American. Besides, it does not look like a Pope will be selected and confirmed in his awful power until the end of next year--most of the neutral Bishops, such as those of the Archipelago to the north, are abstaining to protest the War, which they see as a threat to their own petty power. Let us not create more problems in the troubled East. Let us vote for one who will confine his meddling to the other side of the world." Collins' words were apparently the concensus of opinion in Parhan, for when the votes were counted, not even Tolque had voted for Peter. There were five votes for Rodrigo V of Venice, and four for Heard of Leesburg. It is rumored that the votes reflect the split between the English and Parhani views of the role of the Church in today's world. The English, perhaps influenced by the incessant dynastic and colonial struggles in their native land, believe in a return to the ways of the Church

before the time of Sinistrius IV, while the Parhani see the Church as a means for righting the wrongs, both secular and sacred, of the world. Thus, the Parhani are rumored to have opted for Rodrigo, the dynamic, hard-driving Patriarch of Ravenna, over the choice of the English, Father Heard of Leesburg, rumored to be an extremely pious, contemplative man. The split is reflected in the large numbers of Parhani clergy holding positions in the Government--Kona Ivorsen, brother of Koln Ivorsen, the young Consul of Forstellontir, is Defense Magistrate, and rumored as a replacement for Proconsul William Barrie when the latter steps down in January. It would not be the first time an Ivorsen held the office--Ceme Ivorsen was the second Viceroy (predecessor to the office of Proconsul under the English King) of the original colony of New South Wales.

WELLINGTON (8 August 1501): The first ships of the Glockorlan fleet steamed into Wellington Harbor this morning at 6 a.m., only to find that George V had slipped out through the blockade, heading east. Admiral Ware ventured an opinion: "There have been rumors of Pollutidarian stirrings in Fiji, and perhaps George thought he could get a warm reception there. Even worse, perhaps it was the Pollutidarians who encouraged him in his folly, and now he flees to his masters."

NEWS FROM GRAUSTARK

LEIPZIG (GNS) (1 May 1501): Citizen Joseph K., Chairman of the Council of PURGatory (all members of which use only initials to preserve democratic humility), today announced the goals of the PURG. "Eventually we must cover the world with Graffiti," he stated, "but we realize that our first task is to turn Graustark into a tabula rasa fit to receive the scribbles of history. Meanwhile, we must tolerate, con, and even seem friendly to the decadent governments of the rest of the world. Why, we even harbor no grudge against Poderkagg for aiding the qondam Prince Ringlster in his treacherous flight from the country." At this point Chairman K. removed his pince-nez and smiled an inscrutable smile. "We cordially invite Citizen Ringlster to return. We will find a government job for him -- something to do with tending cabbages." In response to a question from a Beaucouillonian newsman, the Chairman stated that the burial place of the erstwhile royal family was being kept secret to avoid demonstrations by reactionary-royalists. "Let us turn to happier things", he said with a smile. "I am pleased to announce that 1501 will be a vintage year for Leipziger Sauerkraut." At the conclusion of the press conference, each newsman received a copy of a thin booklet entitled "Thoughts of Chairman K."

LEIPZIG UNDERGROUND (14 July 1501): A fable, doddering old Adelbert, Graf von und zu Klammerausdruck and former Chancellor to His Teutonic Majesty, the late King Ermann, met secretly with foreign newsmen today. "Loyalists still exist in Graustark", he declared with bears in his rheumy eyes, "and we still persist despite the persecution of the evil Graffitists. Constantly we work the way for Crown Prince Ringlster's return to pave, that he his rightful throne may mount. Long live the house of Wolfgepufft-Stroh-dach." In closing, the Graf warned against drinking 1501 Leipziger Sauerkraut. "Alas," he wept, "it should be as a holy relic stored away." The Graf also denied the rumor that the Princess Ermentrude had survived the Dekrautization and was living as a fishwife in Bremerhaven.

NEWS FROM HYDUNDERBAD

HYDUNDERBAD: The Hndunderbadi Press will sell or rent newspaper space to any loud-mouthed nation which can't subsist on its own one-page allowance in the international newspaper, Oz Free Press. Supplies, war materials, cities, and gold will be accepted as negotiable tender. Sell a few of your people and gain a greater voice in the world!

NORTHERN HYDUNDERBAD: The Annual Himalayan Visit of many of the world's celebrities is on. This custom, which began nearly 10 years ago, has since taken the proportions of a major social event. Actors, actresses, millionaires, on camels, horses, donkeys, even in balloons, are traveling to the hundreds of sacred meditation inns to learn the true meaning of life. The meditation inn itself was an idea pioneered by His Holiness, the monk Maharishi Dollah, who offered accommodations to visiting pilgrims in the Mountainview Spa, a 60-room meditation inn which has since accommodated such people as the deposed King Lyndunn, the members of the Liverpool Orchestra, and the famous Eric Blake (alias J. Edgar Hoover). In July 1500 the Maharishi moved to the Hawaiian Islands, where he

currently resides, while the profits from the spas, forming nearly half of the new Tibetan pilgrimage industry, continue to support his claim to "being one of the wealthiest persons on earth."

TIBET: The large volume of Unidentified Burrowing Objects heard by the citizens of this province has caused national alarm. The State Mining Commission is currently investigating the problem.

NEWS OF THE INCA EMPIRE

QUZCO: Hanan Capac Inca has announced that he is commissioning Hanan Apurimac to write the official history of Tahuantinsuyo. This history will be presented in four papers appearing at very great intervals if at all. The first paper will treat the first seven chiefs.

NEWS OF KALMAR (& Poetry Section)

Du Torsk maa vel kalder vor Naering og Brug
Du skaffer fra Bergen saa mangen Fønd!
Rug
Den stakkels Nordfarer til Føde.

Barmhjertige Fader! oplade din Hand,
Velsigne os fattige Folk her i Land
Med dine Volsignelser søde!
Skuld' Torsken as feile, hvad hvads
vi da?
Hvad skulde vi føre til Bergen herfra?
Da seiled vist Jægterne taame.

Hvad have vi andet, her bygger og bor,
End søge vor Føde med Angel og Snor
Og pløie de Bølger hin gramme?

Og skulde du, Herre, forkorte din Hand
Og staenge Skrei-Torsken og Fisken fra
Land
Da lagdes vi hastelig øde.

Vi har ei at lide paa Host eller Vin,
Her findes ei heller Sølv-Bjergene fin,
Os mangler Guld-Gruven den røde.

Vort Land er ei-heller et Canaan sød,
Hvor Marken med Melk of med Honning omflød
Her findes ei Druer at plukke;

Nei! Fisken i Vandet, det er vores Brød,
Og miste vi hannem, da lide vi Nød,
Og jammerlig nødes at sukde.

or, more appropirately,

As Adam lay a-dreaming beneath the Apple tree,
The Angel of the Earth came down, and
offered the Earth in fee.

But Adam did not need it,
Nor the plough he would not speed it,
Singing: -Earth and Water, Air and Fire,
What more can mortal man desire?

(The Apple tree's in bud)

As Adam lay a-dreaming beneath the apple tree,
The Angel of the Waters offered all
the seas in fee.

But Adam would not take 'em,
Nor the ships he wouldn't make 'em,
Singing: -Water, Earth, and Air and Fire,
What more can mortal man desire?

(The apple tree's in leaf)

/is there more to this...?/

KALMAR: King Oaf, in a public speech, has counseled all the rulers of nations not to attempt to share that rule with their wives, as he has done. He pointed out the ridiculous results of a misinterpretation of the coded orders because of a discrepancy in the dates on the King's Code List and the Queen's Code List. It seems that the King and Queen had been in agreement from the first about the various military assignments about which there has been so much uproar recently, but those Military Commanders who decoded their orders by the Queen's Code List read their instructions entirely contrary to those who used the King's Code List. The King and Queen had been in agreement about the Code List, too, but, unfortunately, they both assumed that the other would be too busy to publish the Code List.

NARVIK: Rumors of civil unrest have held the city council in a 24-hour session. Stories of conflicting orders sent to the Cavalry and Army have the populace worried. The Fishing Industry has already begun to suffer because of the uneasiness and distrust.

MALMO: Queen Christina, in a short speech from the reviewing stand of the Army Parade here, announced that the government of Kalmar has been approached by diplomats representing several of the European and non-European Powers to wage war against Quebec. "We will do no such thing!" she affirmed. "Nor will we even give sympathy to those who attack Quebec. Admittedly, Quebec is ruled by a madman, who in turn is ruled by liquor and tobacco, and truly Quebec does produce the foulest of smoking and drinking material, especially their unmentionable 'Ale'! But Norsemen do not foul themselves hunting buzzards, hyenas, or scavenger-fish! And Norse soldiers will never be asked to defile themselves killing Quebecans!"

KALMAR: Reports from undisclosed sources indicate that the misunderstandings caused by the joint rule of King Oaf and Queen Christina could have disastrous results and could even plunge Kalmar into a war! Perhaps that is why it has been officially proclaimed that King Oaf desires to become Pope and conduct the affairs of the Papal States, leaving the conduct of the forces of Kalmar to Queen Christina. King Oaf vows to scatter his Papal states, one each, to where they might aid and be aided by those powers who vote for him, rather than use their power for any selfish ends.

KALMAR GIVES ITS BEST WISHES FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO ALL THE WORLD (except Beaucauillon; such rot should be buried) AND THE PEOPLE OF KALMAR OFFER THEIR STRONG NORDIC HANDS TO ANY AND ALL WHO MIGHT REQUIRE THEIR AID (except Beaucauillon; Norsemen do not traffick with thieves)!

NEWS OF MARSOVIA

?? : The Marsovian Republic announced victory over the rebels of Manaus, but new outbreaks of heresy are reported at Parnaiba and Cuba. His Holiness is on a pilgrimage to Bermuda, so no news is expected from the capital for some time.

NEWS OF LOMPOC

ABOARD THE FOLCOWUSS* "REDUNDANT", AT SEA IN PACIFIC 36: The strange and not-too-well-thought-of navy of the Federal Confusionate of Lompoc is steaming north tonight in an effort to secure the island of Taiwan. The isle has been attacked by Minutemen from the Embassy of Peeriland and is reportedly suffering heavy indignities. The capital ships in the fleet have been refitted for special duty on Taiwan; most of the guns have been dismantled to make room for numerous crates of insect repellent, Sani-Flush, bathroom brushes and sponges, industrial lye, and absorbent mops. Two of the smaller ships are also carrying huge refuse collection trucks to help in the war. A proposal to drop 50,000 gallons of DDT over Taipei was vetoed by the Lompoc High Command, because chemical reports indicate the air is too corrosive to the planes.

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS (12 November 1501): The Ambassador of the Federal Confusionate of Lompoc and Coyote Wells, resting here after an exhausting vacation in Barbados, has released the news that Lompoc has declared war on Xanadu. "It's simple," smiled the Ambassador. "Coleridge was a klutz, and we will not allow any klutzes in Asia. After all, Lompoc invented the automatic transmission."

*Federal Confusionate of Lompoc and Coyote Wells Un-Seaworthy Ship. The word made from the initials is usually pronounced FUKKLEWUSS.

NEWS OF MISKATONIA

YAKUTSK: Vice-President Kombries, one of the trustees of Korumbia University, was guest speaker at commencement exercises here. Some 5000 students demonstrated for their demands for war with Xanadu and to relieve the siege of Vladivostok. A group of students carried the Miskatonian flag and started singing the national anthem, God Save the President. Inspired by this display of patriotism, V.P. Kombries gave the history of the flag /which, as given here, will appear in the special vexillological number/. The students cheered wildly after the speech and promptly started to chant, "Kombries for President!"

Kombries continued, "During the Miskatonian War of Independence, 1409-1412, our forces needed a leader to rally around. My great-grandfather, an ex-captain of the Anglaish Eire Guards, then stationed in Kalif, escaped from the rebel forces lead by the Peerists of Frenciana. Capitan O'Kombries came to our shores commanding a 44-gun ship-of-the-line and he became the father of our Miskatonian Navy. If you remember," continued

the Vice-President, "Frenciana and Ruritania were allied against Anglanda and when that country fell, there was nothing to go back to. That was all long ago," he stated, "and things have changed now. We have friendly relations with all countries now. In fact, I have three sons, each of which is studying in Kalif, Periland, and Ruritania." With that, the Vice-President left the podium to attend the store-front "Elect Komariss" office.

NEWS OF POLLUTIDAR

CATAPOLIS, POLLUTIDR (23 August 1501) (A Pollutidr Intelligence Special Service release): His Inferial Majesty RobR the Hooded was chief speaker this evening at a banquet held at Slaughterhouse, the embassy of New Anglanda. Hosts were the Ambassador, Sir James Moriarty, and the new military attache, Col. Sebastian Moran. Highlights of His Majesty's speech:

"I deplore the impending attack by the Glockorlan Fleet on New Anglanda. I shall be charitable at this time and say that perhaps Glockorla was misinformed. For only war-mongers would term a simple expedition to collect biological specimens as a "raid". Perhaps Glockorla was not aware that this expedition was jointly sponsored by the Wellington Zoo and Pollutidrian Pasteurized People Products, Unlimited? It is due to this joint sponsorship that I offer on behalf of Pollutidr and New Anglanda an indemnity of 20G to the Government of Glockorla, this amount to be paid after the Glockorlan fleets have returned to port. Should Glockorla be dissatisfied with the amount of the indemnity, I can only say that the specimens collected were less than satisfactory. 'Animal Farm' has reported: 'The latest specimens received at the Wellington Zoo from the Glockorlan Expedition can only be put into two categories, the laughable and the pathetic. Those of genuine interest and rarity were absent.' Our own Government publication 'Glutton' dismissed them curtly, 'Stringy, unflavorful!'"

Political events were then forgotten for a while as His Majesty paid tribute to his hosts, their valiant little nation, and the excellent feast. Then there were reminiscences: "You may not know it, Sir James, but my friendship with your country goes back to the two school terms when your glorious sovereign, George V, was a school-mate of mine at Eaton. Oh, what happy days, when Gory G. and I were young. Alas, we did not graduate together and go on to Bullstrand, so I am not an old BSer like dear George! It was that unfortunate incident at the time of the full moon when the headmaster just had to snoop. I took all the blame, of course, and was much respected by my fellow students for this--for they knew I always went shares. It pleases me that King George has always stated that his majestic corpulence dates from these happy boyhood days. How sad it is that a certain greedy power, already powerful and prosperous, should prevaricate and provoke hostilities with the romantic remnant of royal residue that is New Anglanda! Since our generous offer of indemnity may not be accepted, it has been necessary for me to act in my office of Oceantate (a sea-going potentate) and dispatch certain of our fleets so that they may aid and defend New Anglanda." Following His Majesty's Speech was loud applause, belches, and traditional Pollutidrian toasts such as, "Break wind together, break friendship never."

TO BEAUCOUILLON: That was a corker! So laugh a bit, while you are able, before you're served upon our table.

TO FRENCIANA: If Europe's Council you won't heed, 'ware then of the RobR's greed.

TO GLOCKORLA: Take our gold, remove your fleets, or be prepared to be the 'eats'!

TO THE INCA EMPIRE: Your care in seeing that lions are fed generously endears us to you, cats do not live by meat alone however, so slip some gold our way.

TO VENT BLOCKERS: Vent blocking is not dangerous. Russian roulette is not dangerous. Both are completely safe--or completely fatal.

TO ALL: Friend to many, foe to few,

Ever happy to serve you,

For hours pleasant, moments fine,

Lay some gold upon the line!

NEWS OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (1 August 1501): Parliament and the peoples of Quebec are in an uproar over Efgiart's admission that they possess Automatic Rocket Interception Deterrent (ARID).

H. Alfass, of the Bureau for Advanced Developments (BAD), has admitted he was unaware that any State possessed rockets, let alone rocket deterrent. When Marshal Folderol was questioned about rockets, he angrily replied, "The Grand Army of the Republic of Quebec is equipped with the finest array of munitionment that technology and money can provide. If the Grand Army is not equipped with rockets, it is because they are of no military value." Professor Ivy Walls, renowned scholar and inventor, was interviewed on the QBC about the history of rocket development and use. He noted that in the third century, Grand Coolie XIV, Warlord of the Yellow Peril, used crude rockets in his conquest of the Suesy Kingdom (Xanadu is the surviving remnant of the Empire of the Yellow Peril which, in the 5th Century embraced all the lands from the Black Sea and the Baltic to the Pacific Ocean and from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean. The Suesy Kingdom, often referred to as the "Chop Suesy Kingdom" because the Chop were its only dynasty, disappeared from history with Coolie XIV's conquest. The Chop ruled the area of Asia now comprising Lompoc). This is the only known instance in which rockets were used.

MONTREAL (11 August 1501): The Ministry of Defense has authorized an expenditure of 5,000,000 pounds to investigate the possibility of developing rockets. M. Alexandre Hamilton insists that every effort would be made to discover if a missile gap exists.

QUEBEC (18 August 1501): Dr. Sputnik, of the Institute of Astrology and Advanced Aphorisms, read a paper before BAD arguing that the first country to develop powerful rockets would rule the Earth. He stated devices which would circle the Earth at high altitudes can be constructed. Such devices would carry many large missiles. By simply launching thousands of such missiles, each transporting a huge warhead of powerful explosives, their owner would devastate the population and industrial centers of his enemies. "It is even possible," he noted, "to use the Moon for a launching pad."

MONTREAL (29 August 1501): Parliament passed legislation today creating the Space Administration Ministry (SPAM). Five billion pounds for the new ministry was included in the current budget. Addressing Parliament, Dr. Sputnik, the first Minister of SPAM, proclaimed, "Quebec is committed to winning the rocket race. No stone will be left unturned in our effort to make Quebec number one in space."

BOOM-BOOM, RIGOLET (9 December 1501): It appears that Quebec has put the first man into space. Yesterday at 12 noon, the first manned vehicle for space flight was launched. Moon I, under the command of Col. Harry Paws, famous big-game hunter and first pilot for Commodore Frost-bite's Arctic Expedition, is thought to be circling the Earth at an altitude of 100 miles. When Dr. Sputnik was questioned about the success of the launch, he said, "when this little red button was pushed, KA-BOOM!, they were gone. A search of the launch pad and the immediate area was made, but no trace of Moon I and her 3-man crew was found. I can only surmise that Col. Harry Paws and his brave crew are in orbit."

NEWS OF PODERKAGG

GASTRITIS (15 September 1501): The bells of the capital of the Celestial Kingdom rang in ecstasy today to celebrate the wedding of His Highness Prince Ringlsteron von Wolfgepuift-Strohdach and Her Highness Princess Anemia Sodom-Borgia. His Highness, Heir Expectant to the Throne of Graustark, is expected to beseech his cousin-in-law, King Pandemonium V, to lead a military expedition against the Graffitists and help restore his Crown. His Celestial Majesty, who is currently making the rounds of every brothel in Gastritis, Novi Sodom, Sofiya, and Athens which serves peeled and seeded grapes, is expected to refuse.

GASTRITIS (18 September 1501): From the Celestial Palace today came the terse announcement that the Princess Anemia, newly-wed wife of Prince Ringlsteron of Graustark, is pregnant. The announcement noted that Her Highness' condition "will confound vile critics of the Royal House, who are in the habit of making certain foul aspersions about the descendants of His Majesty Lugubrious VII (d.1485)."

NOVI SODOM (1 December 1501): Relaxing in the healthful spas here, His Celestial Majesty King Pandemonium V today received emissaries of King Zelitch of Frenciana. It came as no surprise to experts on Poderkaggian foreign policy that His Majesty recognized the claims of Zelitch to His rightful throne in Peeris. The two monarchs then went into town, as His Celestial Majesty said, "to see Madame Rosie."

CAESAREA (21 October 1501) (RRR): Following clashes with Siunikian troops within Romany's borders, his Emyreal Eminence, Emperor Grigoryi, issued a declaration of war against Siunik. When news of the Siunik-Hydunderbad Mutual Defense Pact was made known to the Ministry of War, there was no doubt that this action would result in hostilities between Siunik and Romany. His Eminence rallied the Empire with an impassioned speech last evening on Radio Romany: "There can be no doubt that this will be Romany's greatest test. With Siunik massing on the frontier, I know that the greatest war that our earth has ever seen is only a step away. But there will be only one outcome: total victory!" The Emperor pointed out that Romany is the strongest country on earth with colonies on all the major continents. He further pointed out that Romany has the capacity to double its army within the year, unlike any other power. And, he reassured his listeners, Romany's allies would remain at her side. Faced with this crisis, enlistments in the Romish army have reached a point not equalled by any other power. Outside Caesarea itself, 60,000 Quithnopian cavalymen have gathered. Asia Minor is reportedly furnishing 440,000 hoplites. Early reports indicate that Romany units are already routing an army of 40,000 in the province of Sumeria.

DECAPOLIS (21 November 1501): Prompted by certain outsiders, a few facts about Romany need be related. 1) Romany has the oldest dynasty in Europe. The claim by Frencians is quite absurd. The date 950 refers to the formation of the present Empire, when the declining Empire (at least at that time) of Romany and the Kingdom of Quithnopia joined forces in Asia Minor. This date was established for the formation of the New Empire. An entire history of Romany may soon be released explaining the entire situation. 2) There have been several statements about inventions and the like. To put things straight: Romany invented the repeating rifle in 1267, the machine gun in 1345, and the bow & arrow in 1356. All these impliments of war have been abandoned in favor of the lance and scimitar. The invention of the Quithnopian shield has made bullets obsolete. Romany was the first nation to develop the iron trireme. 3) Though the history of the Popes refers to the train, Romany has abolished this in favor of foot and horse travel along excellent Romany roads. 4) Rocketry was introduced by Romany in 1434 and has only recently come to Efgiart. This too has been discontinued, as rockets frighten the cavalry.

CAESAREA (News Briefs) (RRR): The S.I.C. was sick last turn. Reports have it that 500 kegs of Romany Rum found their way to Kerman. Felicia Frick is currently in Sevastopol and should have her report in by the end of the year. Prince Rodrigo V for Pope? Emperor Grigoryi has reportedly annexed Hawaii as his summer resort. Pollutidr can be quite vicious when annual gold is not paid!

NEWS OF RURITANIA

TO SEVASTOPOL: It's not "Koning" as in "Conning Tower", you fool, it's "Koning" as in ... as in ... And see if you get any Christmas Card this year! Uhhh... just what is a "Christmas Card"?

LENG (DWE): As I write this plea, warning, whatever my fellow rulers may call it, night is falling in Leng. Indeed, it is hardly anything but dusk here, or so it seems. On this evening I also feel that the sun is setting at last on my tragic family, the Saran-Koenish. For some weeks this city has been nearly empty, its soldiers gone, to Graustark, perhaps, or Sevastopol, or Siunik, or Miskatonia. Who can say? Certainly not their titular commanders, the nobility of Ruritania. Certainly not the Camber of Deputies, my advisors. And most certainly of all not I, Frederick Saran-Koenish, elected Steward of this land. And so I write this to my fellow rulers in Europe and Asia and, indeed, all the world. Be aware, my fellow potentates, kings, presidents, peericrats, and bishops. Whatsoever promises have been made, whatsoever guarantees have been given, whatsoever alliances have been made in my name or by my hand...they are nothing. The supremacy of the Saran-Koenish, for centuries Stewards to the people and the lands of Ruritania, is a fiction. We rule, but we do not command. Our men hear, but they do not...they can not...obey. If you have grievances to be redressed, do not look to our military, our government, or to me. Look instead to the real, the only true power in Ruritania. Look to Gregorious Leng, and to his minions, if they will give you any satisfaction...which I doubt. But do not blame our soldiers if they cross your borders. Do not blame our

cavalry if they pass through your lands like the wind and leave only dust behind. Do not blame our admirals if they sail where you feel they have no right to sail. For every human being in or of Ruritania, from the lowliest beggar outside the palace to the unhappy prince who writes this plea, can do nothing if Leng wills it not. And I do not believe he is human at all. — Frederick Saran-Koenish, 31 October 1501.

LENG (4 November 1501)(DWE): The Most Rev. Dirac Nelson, Bishop of the Order of St. Harley the Forgetful and chaplain to the Stewards of Ruritania, announced to a shocked city that Prince Frederick Saran-Koenish, Steward of the Realm, perished the previous night of an unknown disease. This disease, apparently a virus of great virility, is feared by Nelson to be the forerunner of a plague that may devastate Europe. To reduce the risk of contagion, a cordon of Harleyist guards has been thrown up around the palace. All who enter do so at the risk of their lives, and will not be permitted to depart until the danger is past. The entire royal family is believed to be within the palace.

The untimely death of Frederick, 18th of his line, leaves the young Allah F. Saran, his niece, as the new Stewardess. Since Allah is but 11, she will be guided by her cousin, Ludvig Prinn. Prinn is rumored to be related also to Gregorious Leng, head of the Harleyist faith and of the monastery beyond the city which bears his name. Nelson also disclosed that Prince Frederick would lie in state in a closed coffin. The more adventurous of the foreign correspondents in the city speculate that this is because his body, if exhibited to public view, might reveal some trace of the mysterious "disease" of which he died. Meanwhile, war appears likely with Grand Sevastopol.

NEWS OF GRAND SEVASTOPOL

SEVASTOPOL (30 September 1501): The Mad Satirical Monk, speaking with reporters from the Romany Press Alliance, a traditional subsidiary of the Cyprus Broadcasting Company, and a competitor of Radio Romany Reports, observed, "It is quite curious to observe the latest news from Oz. Particularly incomprehensible are the reports that Infanta Dorothy should be of any particular great age. Now, by her own admission, Dorothy was 7 or 8 as recently as the Oz year 1899. I hope all you assembled ladies and gentlemen and infants (the last remark was made in reference to the Sevastopolitan Cabinet Ministers, who had just walked in) realize that that date was only two years ago! //correction. It was 33 years ago, as 1501 D.N.O. is equal to 1932 of the Oz Era). Now, I can assure you that the Wizard of Oz is a man of great powers. In fact, he is a brother Mad Satirical Monk, and I see him every Century or so at our conventions at Bermuda, and I know that he wouldn't let anything like silly eternal youth, or even real youth, interfere with proper fun and games. But, that Child is just something else, again..." At this point, the M.S.M. remembered his current station, began babbling in fluent Russian, and was led out by two choice Virgin Feather Danders. As only Esperanto is spoken in Grand Sevastopol, this caused more of a stir than might be expected. Meanwhile, reports from Venus indicate that ETC, the Extraterrestrial Committee of the Sinister International Conspiracy are intervening there in the battle to keep Asguard forces off that previously neutral planet. It is generally assumed that the Asguard forces' interference with history has produced the unprecedented chaos which is currently the state of affairs here on Ausland. Stay tuned for further reports..."Only Rats Riot in Romany Rum--Bleah!"

NEWS OF AVALON

AVALON (25 December 1501): In great ceremony today, Rodrigo, Prince of Este, became the fifth member of the House of Borgia to become Pope. In the absence of a clear-cut victory in the College of Cardinals, however, and due to the refusal of 2/3 of the Cardinals of the Church to attend His coronation, the new Pope was forced to crown and proclaim himself, which he did. Prince Rodrigo assumed the name Mloch III, honoring the great Inca Pope (1437-1451) who restored the power of the Papacy and also His late predecessor, the former Prince of Kalmar. His Avariciousness made it clear that He did not intend to visit PollutidR in the near future, but appreciated the support of His many adherents. His Avariciousness also indicated that He will donate all His supply centers to the poor. His Avariciousness indicated to reporters that He hoped to do well in the College during the next election. "This is a struggle," He said, "between Good and Evil. Hope you can guess which one We're for..."

HISTORY OF THE POPES, II
The Dynastic Period, 1220-1350

The Dynastic Period of the Papacy, which lasted 130 years, is characterized by the almost complete domination of the Throne of St. Judas by members of one family, the descendents of Brandagalba the Parboiled, who ascended the Throne in 1220 as Mani I. Four of his five sons were also popes, all in 1222. His fifth son, Pyramis, married Thisbe of Anglanda, and their son Manias was father of the later popes, both through his first wife, Lilith (the "Manids", Mani II-IV), and his second wife, Pope Joan I. From 1280 to 1316 the Family lost its hold to the "Underground" Popes, a series of Pontiffs from Pollutidar. The period prior to the Manids and the Underground Popes is that of the "Old Family"; that after is the "New Family".

1220-1222	Mani I	1280-1291	Sinistrius III (a Coriple)
1222	Satyros VI (s of Mani I)	1291-1295	Alexander V (a Mahar)
1222	Omphalus IV (s of Mani I)	1295-1297	Castratus X (a Ghozzle)
1222	Castratus VIII (s of Mani I)	1297-1302	Julian VIII (a Borogrove)
1222	Ephemerus II (s of Mani I)	1302-1312	Herod I (a Mad Satirical Monk)
1222-1229	Lucifer III (s of Satyros VI)	1312-1316	Arius II (a ???)
1229-1231	Castratus IX (s of Lucifer III)	1316-1323	Mephisto (gs of Omphalos V)
1231-1253	Joan I (d of Lucifer III)	1323-1326	Novatian IX (s of Mephisto)
1253-1255	Magus IV (s of Joan I)	1326-1329	Lupercalus II (s of Mephisto)
1255-1263	Omphalus V (s of Joan I)	1329-1337	Castratus XI (s of Lupercalus II)
1263-1270	Mani II (ggs of Mani I)	1337-1340	Mammon X (s of Mephisto)
1270-1276	Mani III (s of Mani II)	1340	Ephemerus III (s of Mammon X)
1276-1280	Mani IV (son of Mani III)	1340-1349	Judas V (s of Mammon X)

AN ABBREVIATED HISTORY OF THE WEST
by Dave Lebling

The present Romanic Dynasty may be the oldest (in Europe), if the change in dynasty of 950 was the last; this when the dynasty of Liutprand was overthrown by Pepin I, father of Pepin II the Great, and grandfather of Charlemagne. Charlemagne, struggling, without too much success, against his half-brother Carloman, lost the seat of the Empire, but precipitated the division of Western Europe between the west (the Goths and Germans) and the East (the Huns and Lombards). Carloman became Emperor, but the damage was done. Charlemagne, "bought off" by the Consulship in what was left of the West (Bralla II having recognized the Barbarians in the West), proceeded to establish a power base.

The wars of Charlemagne against Hispania and Frenca are too many to be chronicled, but when he was done there was a reasonably sized empire in Frenca and Hispania ruled by him. His son Louis, however, was not so ambitious, and was content to maintain the Empire as it was. He passed it to his sons, Charles II and Lothar, who proceeded to have a civil war. Lothar, who was favored by the Romans (due to his being a son of Hegulda, an Attilid; the Attilid Party being strong in the West), won, and Charles went into exile in Frenca (perhaps founding the dynasty of which Lurleen IX was the scioness).

In any event, the situation in Western Europe was confused at best. Rome, in spite of having renounced its claims to the area, was active, and often an Emperor (Carloman's descendents felt themselves to be Western at heart) would try to reconquer it. The Kingdoms of Frenca, Anglanda, Aquitana, and Navarra were always at war among themselves and with the Empire. Also there were the Markovinians, Saxons, Graubeins, and even at times the Magyars, looting and pillaging. Eventually, Frenca and Anglanda asserted their supremacy (Declaration of Londinium) and backed it up during the War of the Declaration. This was before their falling out over the New World, as it had not yet been discovered. This situation lasted for centuries, with the West in uneasy peace with Rome, acting as a buffer against the barbarians (Frenca then extended well into what is now Graustark).

When Hardo I arrived on the scene, Germania was a welter of feudal confusion, full of barbarians who had been shunted north by the vigor of the Attilids and, later, the Pepinids. It was his military and political genius which enabled the tribes of Germany to unite. He drove the Frencans from Germania, extending his sway east and south. He was crowned King of Graustark after the Imperial Cession of 563, when his de facto rule

was made de jure by Otto IV, a weak Emperor. Hardo's sons were as brilliant as he; his son Gundo reigned from 591 to about 660. Hardo II, Gundo's son, is credited in Graustarkian legend as having caused Gerbert III to move the Imperial capital to Antioch. Historians discount this, but Hardo II did sack Venetia in 686, and the capital was moved in 688.

The end of the Protectorate of the West was foredoomed from its founding. When the Mongols under Genghis Khan appeared (c775) and swept all before them, the West united for a time. However, like all barbarians before them, the Mongols conquered, settled, and were assimilated. In fact, they conquered very little after Genghis' death at Cracow in 794. Some of the provinces between Ruritania and Graustark have large numbers of oriental people, but Genghis' death sealed the doom of the Mongols in the west, although there was to be a glorious flowering in the east later (the Yellow Peril). Part of the plan for resistance to the Khan was the Protectorate of the West, drawn up at Avignon by the rulers of Frenca, Anglanda, and Rome (779). Graustark joined later. Basically, the conduct of government was ceded to Rome, which was beginning her military renaissance with the conquest of Africa. It is possible the Protectorate might have been established even without the Mongol invasion, as the Kings of the West were afraid of the rising Roman power, but unsure how to combat it. The only solution was capitulation. Already, Roman legions under Saladin were ready to strike at Gaul.

The Protectorate lasted less than 200 years. The Mongols were assimilated, and Roman preoccupation with the East sealed its doom. In 950, after 14 years of war, the victorious West eliminated the last Roman garrison (at Nice) and declared the end, not only of the Protectorate, but of Rome itself. They were about 200 years premature, but as far as the West was concerned, they were right. Romany never again held power west of Greece in Europe.

A SHORT HISTORY OF QUEBEC TO 1435

by John Smythe

The first permanent colony in North America was founded by settlers from the area of Normandy now known as Peerst. Led by the adventurer Henri Forager, 112 families landed near what is now Quebec City on 4 June 1199. The influential, the wealthy, and the powerful of Frenca were not among the early settlers. The oppressed, the downtrodden, the conquered, and the second sons sought a new life in the virgin wilderness. Most of the bigotry of the old country was discarded, and no landed aristocracy developed (due to the almost endless supply of fertile land). Nor did a commercial aristocracy, as a debtor had only to flee into the wilderness to escape the minions of the creditor. Not even the oppressive rule of the Frenca Kings enabled the institutions of feudalism to flourish.

The colony survived the first years through a close friendship with the Algonkin Nation. Intermarriage became common (and still is). In fact, the first female born in the colony was the daughter of Michele Lunout and her husband Oldwolf. By the 1330s, New Frenca (or "Quebec" as the new worlders preferred to call their country) included most of what is now the Provinces of Cabotia, Quebec, Montrel, and Ottawa. The population, including the Algonkin Nation and allied tribes which enjoyed full citizenship, was 5,000,000.

In 1331, the Frenca Kings decided to exercise complete authority. The young parliament was dissolved. From 1331 to 1395 the King's Governor, supported by the King's Regulars and Mercenaries, exercised the King's authority. Several attempts were made to restore freedom of life, liberty, and estate; in 1345 the Algonkin Nation and the freeholders fought for 9 months to eliminate slavery; in 1387 the Montcalm and the L'Ourverture families led a fruitless struggle to restore parliament and eliminate confiscation of property without due process; and in 1387 the whole colony rose against the infamous Duke Charles de Gaulblader. But the Regulars and the Mercenaries were very efficient fighters, and the rebellions were crushed. Quebec became the provider of the primary commodities demanded by Frenca's industry and growing population. This exploitation enabled Frenca to gain a position of paramountcy among the welter of petty states in the West.

The Battle of Verdun is considered to be the single most important battle in Quebec's long struggle for independence, and no Quebecan participated! When Frenca attacked Anglanda because of her support of the German Coalition, the Peerists expected an easy victory.

With her seasoned troops and an unparalleled record of military achievements, Peerist Frencia was the most powerful nation in Europe. Who had ever heard, then, of the brilliant Earl of Edinburg? On 15 August 1395, near the small village of Verdun, Anglanda and her German allies annihilated the Frencan host. (N.B.: See Conrad's excellent description of the three days in his book, The Darkest Hour.) To ward off total defeat, the Peerists called home their Regulars and their Mercenaries. Only a small force of sympathizers remained to maintain control. (N.B.: Most historians assume that the Peerists believed the rebel leadership had been destroyed by the reprisals after the Gaulblader Rebellion. Actually, the infrastructure of the resistance was not affected by the arrests and executions of 192.) Two months later, the rebel army defeated the King's men at Montreal. Four months later, the provinces were controlled by the rebels.

To ensure a continued supply of foodstuffs and raw materials for the war, the Peerists were forced to treat with the newly formed Parliament. Though the Peerists retained the right to control Quebec's foreign affairs, Parliament controlled internal affairs. The long and destructive war, which was waged intermittently 1395-1435, and during which most of Anglanda fell to the Peerist armies, so weakened Frencia that she was unable to reassert her authority. Besides, over 250,000 Quebecans served in the Frencan armies. Several became respected King's Captains. As a result, Quebec's army was as well-trained and as well-lead as any that then existed. In 1435 the Peerists recognized Quebec's right to complete self-determination.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL CONFUSIONATE OF LOMPOC AND COYOTE WELLS

BY Conrad von Metzke

Volume One; From the Creation to the Mild Revision

Lompoc's early history is sketchy, but one fact which is still preserved in writing is that the creation took place on 17 March 3,699,451,700,005 PT (Past Time, meaning anything except tomorrow and points beyond). This date is proved by a small slip of tree-bark, once thought lost, but now rediscovered and reposing in the Luang Prabang National Museum and Shoe Repair Shop. Carefully written across the face of this strip of bark are the words: "EARTH. CREATED TODAY. I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THIS SIGNATURE APPENDED HERETO IS MY OWN TRUE SIGNATURE AND IS DULY WITNESSED AND APPROVED. Done this 17th day of March, 3,699,451,700,005. (signed) GOD. (Witness signatures) Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Christ (this latter signature in one hand only, below which are the initials, in a different hand) MC." The reverse side of this document is marked: POST CARD -- THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS ONLY, and bears a picture of a strange and futuristic edifice with a partially intelligible legend, WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS (sic -- the last two words are unknown to scholars, though Melvin Myron Myslivicek of the Luang Prabang Conservatory has suggested a typo for LOST AGES -- this seems barely possible). There is a photostat of this document in Manila, and another in Berlin. Academic opinion of the authenticity of this valuable item is unanimously in favor of it. The last serious attempt to discredit the so-called "Bark Theory of Evolution" was 16 years ago, when three professors from the University of Teheran issued a short book entitled, "Why the Bark Theory Cannot Be Correct Because on 17 March 3,699,451,699,989 (this is the date on the actual pamphlet), There Was a Heavy Overcast in Lompoc Which Would Have Limited Visibility Beyond the Point of Reasonable Doubt". It was widely circulated for some months, but was totally discredited when one of the authors admitted that his evidence was different from that in his booklet. His real facts, he stated, were that he knew God and had been told that the Bark Document was a somewhat obscene party joke played on God's mother-in-law.

The Creation having been established with certainty, scholars now estimate that the process of evolution extended to 7,446,912 PT. In this year man was created, by a somewhat obscure process of osmosis and Wilhold Glue. The first man's first words were, "Where's the f---ing Broads?" (a tape recording of this statement, narrated by Edward R. Murrow, exists). The first man, Adam N. Eave, was apparently also the first Pope, though modern Church officials tend to disparage this revelation. His wife, contrary to popular legend, was actually named Hortense. Confusion stems from calling her Mrs. Eave. If A dam was indeed Pope, his reign must have been a short one; having lived in a state of unofficial bliss with Hortense for some time, he found it necessary, upon his elevation to

the Papacy, to excommunicate himself. Being at the time without male issue, Adam named as his successor a small tree frog living in a large eucalyptus; the frog, however, caused the extinction of the Papacy by his mismanagement, and the Papal institution was not revived for some million years.

The sketchiness of early Lompoquienne history is due in part to the fact that the decay and deterioration of relics is extremely rapid in Lompoc, due to the heavy humidity and moist earth. Much of the land is jungle, and the finest jewelery and carvings will, after the passage of a handful of centuries, be just so much peat moss. It is a major mystery that the Sacred Bark, described supra, has managed to escape the ravages of time. A few other relics have also miraculously escaped, but they are scarce and difficult to assess. This history of Lompoc proper begins with the founding of the first Lompoquienne Empire, set at the arbitrary date of 44,673 PT. The reasons for that date are numerous and a bit confused; suffice it to say that the span 44,685-44,670 is sufficient to include the founding of the Empire with absolute certainty. The customary date, however, holds much credence in popular legend in Lompoc; every year numbered "73" is cause for national holidays three times a week.

We have now traced the significant happenings in prehistoric Lompoc. The next volume will deal with the Barbarian Invasions of 44,940-44,673 PT, immediately prior to the foundation of the First Empire; we shall also see where the name Lompoc comes from, how the Empire was established, how the first Emperor managed to survive 62 known assassination attempts by building a trap-door from the bedroom into the cesspool. Finally, we will examine one of Lompoc's most astounding historical records; an hieroglyphic diary of the reign of the first half-dozen Emperors, written in their own respective hands on the walls of the aforementioned cesspool in an unusually well-preserved inking material. At this point we will have arrived at the year 44,355 PT, at which point renewed barbarian invasions overwhelm Lompoc for nearly 40,000 years.

A REALLY SHORT HISTORY OF GRAND SEVASTOPOL by Anders Swenson

The Grand Empire of Sevastopol broke away from the Romany Press Alliance (an international cartel affiliated with the Cyprus Broadcasting System) after Emperor Golias II was deposed in a proxy fight in the year you said we did (TOFP #1 isn't handy now, although I don't think we wrapped Dygert in it, or anything), and thereafter has been under two governments, the government in Sevastopol, and the government of Sevastopol, 666 Mad Satirical Monks, who normally enjoy the services of the Virgin Feather Dancers far down within the Purple Palace, while Tsar Andre I (the ruler of Sevastopol has been called Tsar Andre I since the founding of that state) gyres, gimble, and drithes all over the Wabe surrounding the Purple Palace.

We interrupt this intensely interesting stuff to bring you a few words from our sponsor (me).

1. Vulcan: The player for Vulcan will be Monte Zelazny, P.O. Box 1062, Melbourne, Fla. 32901.

2. More Vulcan: While we're on the subject, a portion of the Vulcan rule was left out. Add thereto: "No unit convoyed by Vulcanian ships may be landed on any home supply center (save one belonging to the power being convoyed, whether owned by him or not), nor within a distance of one province of any such center, nor on any other supply center, except one not currently owned or owned by a nation in civil disobedience. Vulcan may transport no more than two units of the same country in any given year."

3. National histories. Histories of nations and areas, as opposed to press releases, which chronicle current events, will be placed at the end of each issue, as space permits.

4. Question: Charles Turner asks, can supply centers be transferred to S.I.C.? Yes, but S.I.C. has nowhere in which to build. But perhaps we could allow that, too, so long as we allowed it for Vulcan and Pollutidar (possibly). Any ideas, anyone??

5. Replacements and stand-bys. The limited issue of TOFP has created a problem. So has the probability that this game may, literally, last forever. Therefore, I have cancelled this 'zine's subscription policy. Instead, I would like to create a self-limiting membership for the game, including stand-by players, who would pay the regular fee. Assuming enough of these, the fee would drop to \$1 per 4 or even 5 issues. Therefore, insert the following Rule: "23. The number of stand-by players in the game will be limited by the ability of the Gamesmaster to supply them with the requisite materials (maps, rules, current back issues, &c.). Any active player may propose a person for stand-by status in the game. Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of players casting an affirmative or negative vote, the person nominated will be accorded stand-by status at the game-fee then pertaining. Only a designated stand-by may succeed to an active position in a game, in order of seniority, upon the resignation, default by failure to submit three consecutive moves, death, or disappearance of an active player. No person may subscribe to The Oz Free Press save by virtue of obtaining stand-by status."

This rule goes into effect with issue #6; in the interim I will assign a few stand-by players to start things off and inform subscriber applications of the necessity of obtaining stand-by status. After that, it will be up to you-all.

6. 'Phone calls. I know some of you have been trying to call me. Unfortunately, something is very, very wrong with our 'phone lines, and the 'phone has only been working intermittantly for the past 12 days. If you get a busy signal when you try to call, it is probably because the 'phone is out again.

7. Deadline and publication. As I leave on vacation on 16 July, and since the Postmark Deadline is 12 July, it may be that I will fail to get the next issue out. I see no difficulty now, but this may occur. If TOFP has not reached you by 20 July, you may assume that I have finked out, and that you will not see the 'zine until mid-August. I apologize in advance, just in case.

8. Replacements. By the way, when you nominate stand-by players, please try to keep in mind the purpose and intent of this game, which is to have a good time in a feeble-minded sort of way, mainly with the propoganda. New, inexperienced players in the Diplomacy field, or non-players generally, probably would not fit in. Good players and good press-release writers are what we mostly need, for compatability with the present group. Be very selective, as my supply of things is very limited.

9. The Rules. Just to anticipate the request, eventually I will be putting out a complete set of rules to take into account all the changes, additions, and interpretations given out ex cathedra thus far. Thereafter, supplement sheets will probably be the order of the day until a new edition of the rules is called for.

10. Money: A levy of \$1, to cover issues 4, 5, 6, and 7 (5 will be short) is due now. Many of you have extra cash on hand here, and will not owe anything. If you are in doubt, please ask. I will endeavor to send an individual financial statement to each of you with issue #5. As this issue is not over 20 pages, no one will be charged for excess material.

11. The Popes: I hope to continue my history of the Papacy next time. Anybody who has idead for this, and particularly some names I can use, please send them along.

12. Apology. The Editor hereby apologizes most abjectly to the Government of the Confederate States of America for misprinting the name of the home church of the Rev. Father Heard, who is rector of the Church of St. Simon Magus, not Magnus, as erroneously reported last issue.

13. Back Issues. I have heard a nasty rumor that some of you do not keep back issues of 'zines. You ought to keep back issues of this one, because they contain background information you will need. I do not intend to publish periodic resumes just for you-all. However, if you don't want back issues, please send them to me. In fact, if you intend to resign from the game, please send your file off back issues back; I will someday need them for replacement players. Remember, each issue contains some of the history of our new world; subsequent material must jibe with the background.

AND DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE: RECEIPT BY Friday, 9 August 1968!