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1973-GJ
PSO-001
Fall 1903

RUSSIA STILL SURVIVES !!

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(Turkey too!)

SUMMER 1903 Austrian Army Warsaw retreats to Livonia

FALL 1903

AUSTRIA(Kelly) (A Sev-Mos)//retreat OTB or Armenia// A Ser-Bul
A Liv S ITA A Ukr-War A Gre S A Ser-Bul (F Smy-Con)
A Bud-Gal A Rum S A Ser-Bul

ENGLAND(Hicks) F Iri-Lpl F Edi-HOLD F Lon-HOLD A Nwy-StP

FRANCE(Sidor) NMR* F Nat, F Eng, F Bre, A Bel, A Bur, A Mar all HOLD

GERMANY(Brooks) F Nth C A Hol-Lon F Hel S F Nth (A Hol-Lon) (A Ruh-Hol) A Den-HOLD

ITALY(Claman) F Aeg S AUS F Smy-Con F Ion C A Tun-Smy A Ukr-War
F Emd C A Tun-Smy (A Tun-Smy)

RUSSIA(McCabe) F Swe-Nwy F Bla-Sev A Mes S F Bla-Sev (A War-HOLD)
//retreat Pru, Sil, Boh, OTB//

TURKEY(Knowles) A Ank S F Con (F Con S A Bul) (A Bul S F Con) //this unit is annihilated since it can only retreat OTB//

* Eric Davison is asked //no, pleaded with// to submit a set of orders for the French position. If Sidor does not get moves in this time, he will be replaced. SIDOR still has an outstanding fee of \$2.50 also.

Steve Brooks has a new address - Captain Steven Brooks, P.O. 1801, Vandenberg AFB, California 93437. Steve, you also have an outstanding fee for this game of \$2.10.

Now I guess its time for the Supply Center Chart. Well, since there isn't really enough room right at the bottom of the page, I'll put it on the next one and plug somebody here-

EL CONQUISTADORE - Gordon Anderson, Viking Systems, Suite 823, 24 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60602. This zine runs Diplomacy and is also a fine general gaming zine. Its offset in book form and goes for the cheap price of \$4.00 a year/ 12 copies. Also, Gordon is running CITEX '74 this year, like DipCon last year, and from what I've heard it should be bigger and better than before. The accomodations are better than before too.

by CHARLES SCHULTZ



Oh, by the way, the above was once known to occur around my place when my wife asked the same question....

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA:	Bud, Ser, Tri, Gre, WAR , Rum, Smy, BUL	7 units, 7 centers	-0-
ENGLAND:	Home, NY , STP	4 units, 4 centers	-0-
FRANCE:	Home, Spa, Por, Bel	6 units, 6 centers	-0-
GERMANY:	Home, Hol, Den	5 units, 5 centers	-0-
ITALY:	Home, Tun, Vie, WAR	5 units, 6 centers	+1
RUSSIA:	STP , Mos, Sev, Swe, NWY	4 units, 4 centers	-0-
TURKEY:	Con, Ank, WAR	2 units, 2 centers	-0-
		<u>33 units, 34 centers</u>	<u>+1</u>

Now then, its a very simple Winter turn coming up and so I'm going to ask for both WINTER 1903 and SPRING 1904 orders for this coming deadline and please remember to get them both in for sure. This game can move a bit faster I think...

Your next deadline is JUNE 21ST for Winter 1903 & Spring 1904

PRESS:

Palace of Ice (Deutsch): The Prince Regent returns and said (or says) "England must go!"

Splendidhamstaffshire-on-Trentoncalf: "Master" whines Grud, perverted manservant of the Lord of Lawlessness, Master Maniac // who, Knowles?//, and Fanatical Fiend, Professor Crinklecrud, "What are we doing hanging around here?"

"What do you mean, Grud?" demands the Master of Mayhem, looking up from a steaming mixture before him; needless to say, he is devising new ways to destroy the world.

"Do you see any chance of winning this game, Master?" he cringes. "Not unless Kelly combines forces with us." muses the Harbinger of Havoc. "Which isn't too likely."

"Well, then", snuffles Grud, "let's go home to 1973 EV. I'm home-sick." // sick, anyway// He wails, producing a sound somewhat akin to a rabid dog chasing a cat and being hit by a train simultaneously. Truly a noise to twang the strings of Crinklecruds heart.

"Alright, Grud," sighs Crinklecrud. "Let's go home, gather up the test tubes." // My god, it can't really be true??//

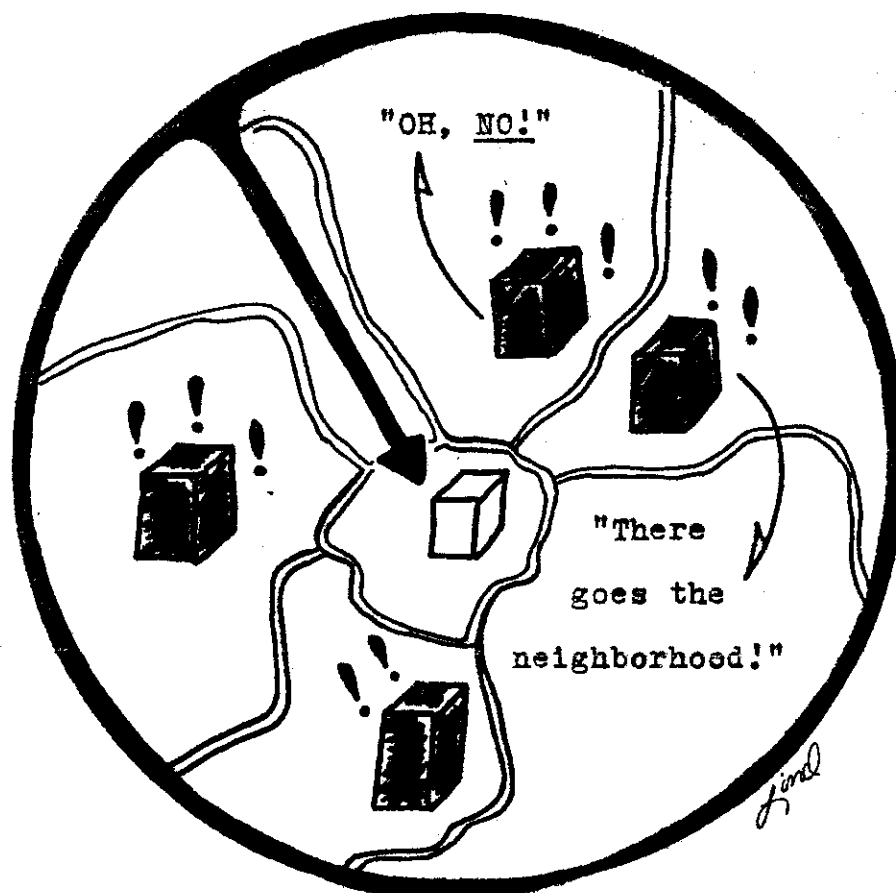
"Master -- we can't!" wails the Sappy Servant. // I knew it!!!// "What do you mean, we can't?" snaps the Mad Scientist, "all we have to do is take the key and walk right out of this filthy cell."

"Master -- " cries his Perverted Manservant, "I swallowed it!" "Oh, dear," sighs the Master Menace, "This is going to be messy."

// And here I thought it was messy all along...//

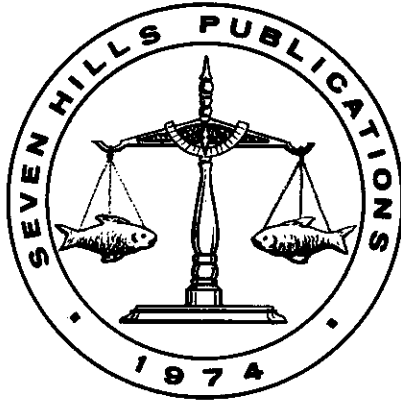
That about covers 73-GJ for this turn. In Case any of you guys are getting bored with watching it, there will likely be two more games added to P&S within the next two issues hopefully. And I'll be needing standbys for those games... don't be shy.

David, you mentioned that you had some variant that you wanted me to try to fill a section of once you sent me a copy. Well, you haven't ever sent me the copy....



Recently I've gotten into miniatures wargaming and I think that it might be possible to convert the rules and movement over to a postal game. Most likely it would be a game for about six to eight players, each player having a regiment sized unit plus a battery of artillery maybe. And there would be one overall commander on each side who would direct things in a general sense. It would have to have a time limit on it, like about thirty minutes gametime. It would be interesting I think - any takers out there????

S&T's latest has been out a few weeks, THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, and from my own experience, its looks pretty fair. The Designer's Notes say that you have to be an idiot to lose as the Northern player but I've found out different. Maybe with a lot of luck Command Control-wise and some heavy Southern Attrition losses, it might go that way, but it hasn't been like that around here. From looking over the board, there are some eight or nine absolutely necessary points where the supply grid must be cut to guarantee victory for the North. And these simply are not all that easy to get to quickly. Sea Lifts give the North the added advantage of being where the Rebel isn't but even then he's limited as to what he can do with the forces. All in all, its very interesting....



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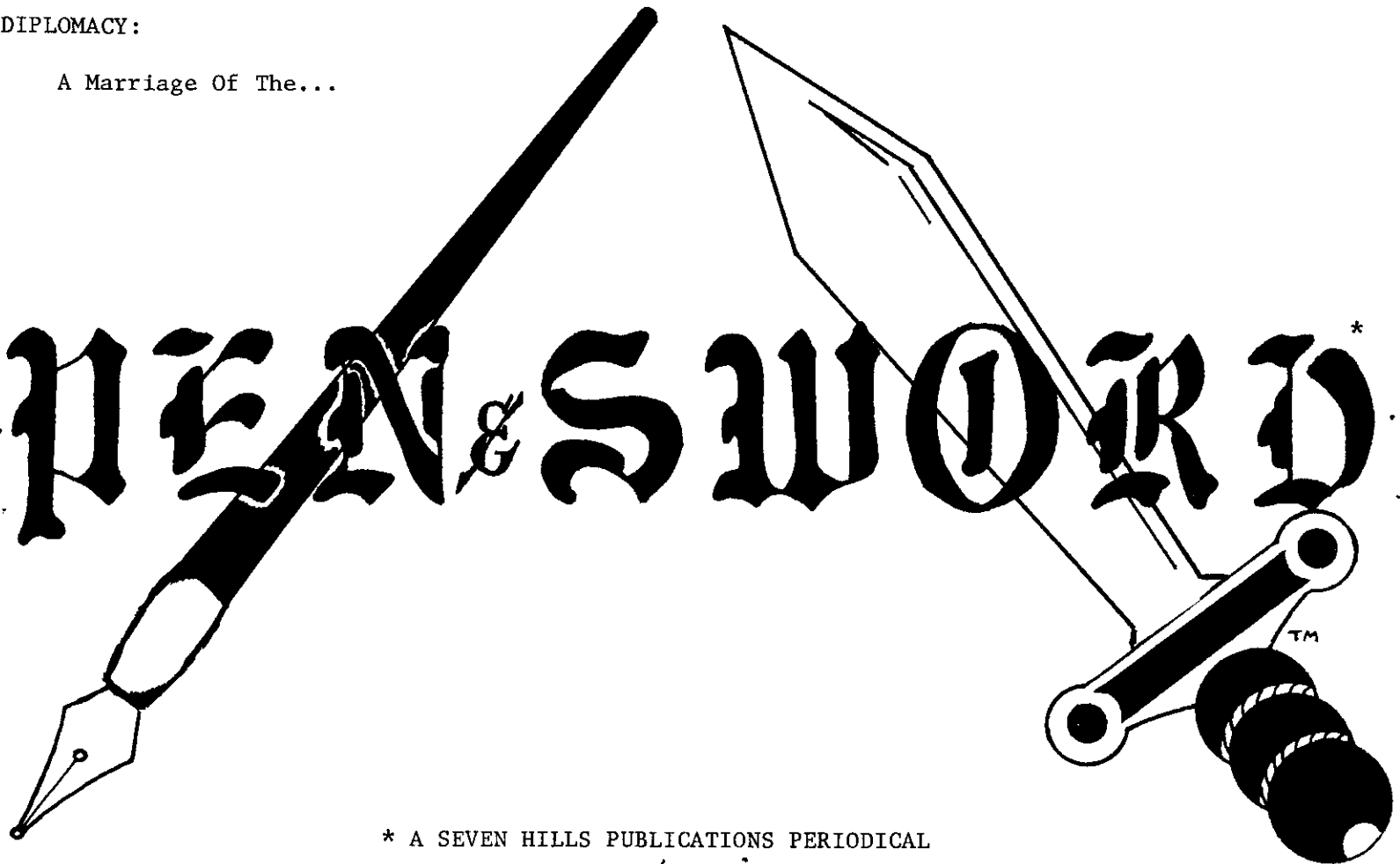
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