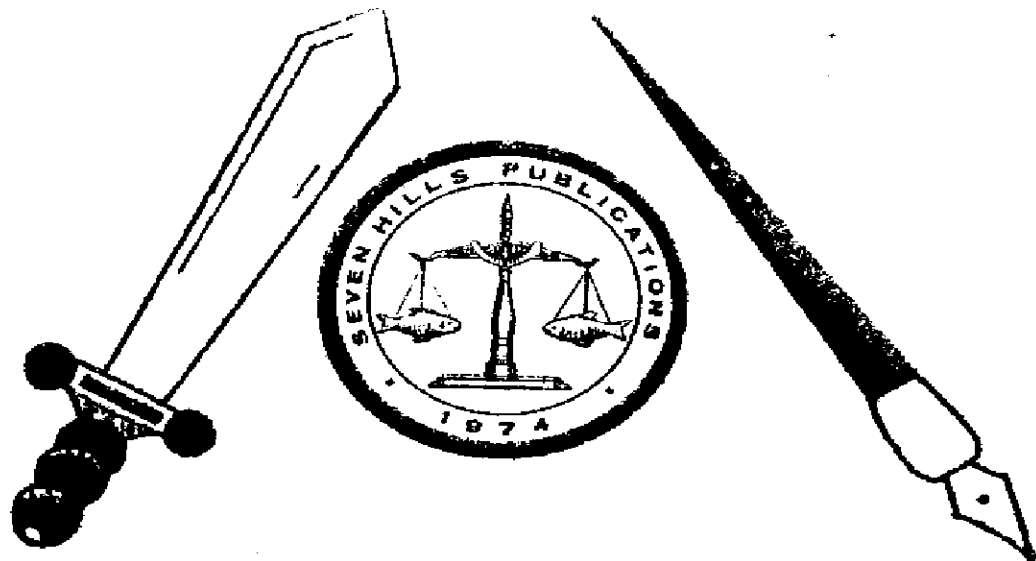


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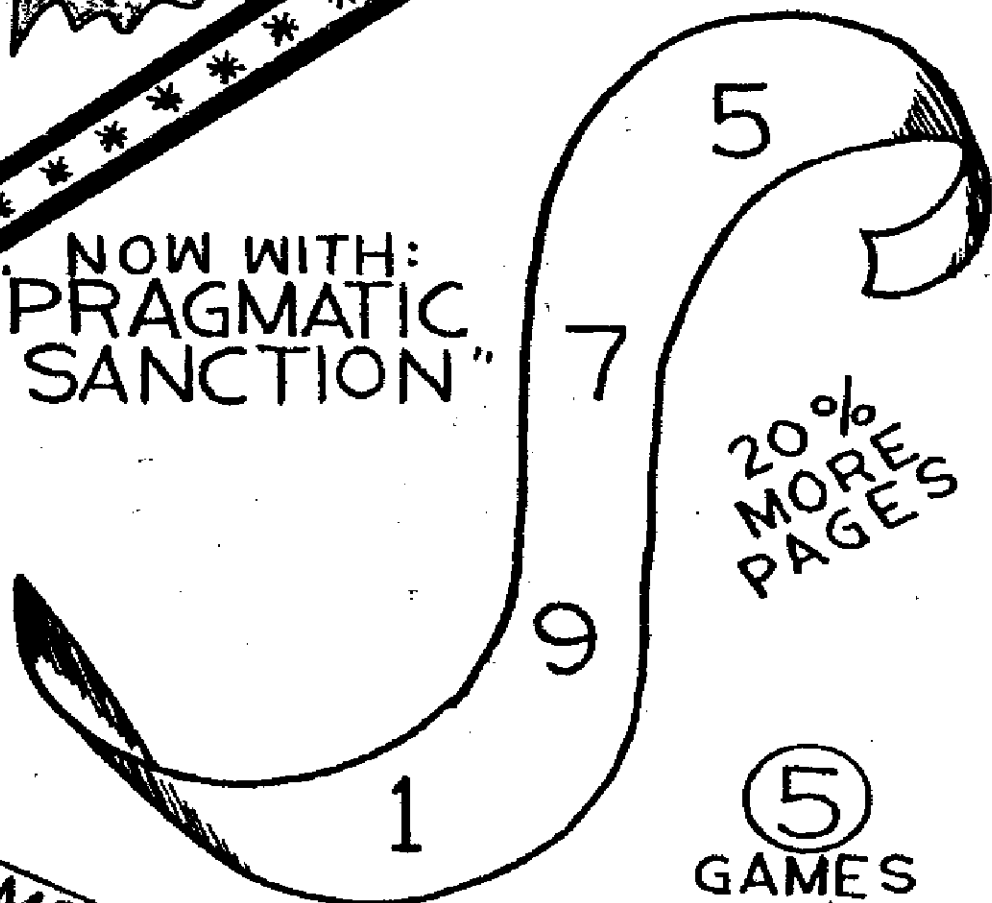


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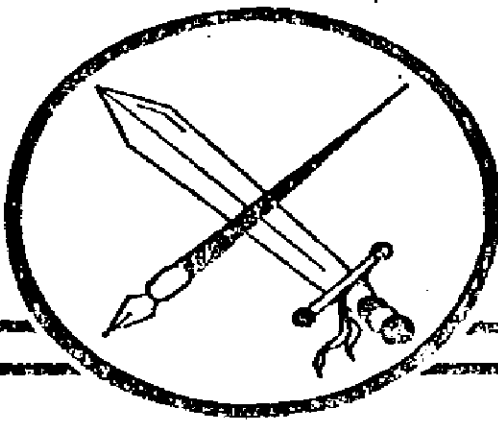
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PSO-003
1972-DM
Spring 1909

Rumanian Garrison Wiped!!

Volume 02
Number 03
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AUSTRIA (Klitzke)	A Tri S A Bud	A Bud S A Tri	A Ser S A Tri
ENGLAND (Knowles)	F NAI-Tun	F Spase S F Mat-WMd	F Iri-Mat
	F Eng-Bre	F Lvp-HOLD	A Lon-HOLD F Mat-WMd
	F Wal-HOLD	F Nat-HOLD	(Fall 1909 on File)
GERMANY (Lagerson)	A Tyr-Tri	A Ven S A Tyr-Tri	A Vie S A Tyr-Tri
	A Boh-Tyr	A Sev-Rum	A War-Mos A Ber-Sil
	A Ruh-Mun	A Bur-Ruh	A Mar-Pie F Hel S F Hel-Smy
	A Gas-Bur	A Ukr S A Sev-Rum	A Nap sticks out its tongue at the nasty nihilistic ??? nuns from the sultans secretly satisfied silly camel corps
TURKEY (McCabe)	F Tun-NAF	F Ion-Tyrr	F Smy-Aeg A Bul S A Rum
	A Rum S A Arm-Sev	A Arm-Sev	A Ank-Arm

//Note: A Rum was annihilated - no retreat//

ALL PLAYERS: The vote on drawing the game to a close in Germany's favor failed; Yes-1 No-2 Abstain (No)-1
COA: Please remember that Lagerson should now be back at the old address

Rather than jump right into another game, let me mention here that this issue begins with the combination of PEN & SWORD and PRAGMATIC SANCTION into a single zine, mainly to save money and time. (The editorial this issue also contains will no doubt interest you all along these lines) The game fees and subscription rates will, nevertheless, change for the worse I'm afraid.

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AND NOW, on to some newer games, including 1971-AM and 1972-GG

AUSTRIA FALTERS! ???

 Note: A correction is in order in this game; There was no German army in Burgundy beginning in Spring 1909. However, since there was no unit there, German A Mun-Bur would succeed thus leaving us with no unit in Munich but one in Burgundy at the end of Spring 1909. Okay...

AUSTRIA (Kolly) A Liv-HOLD A Mos-HOLD A Gal-HOLD A Boh-HOLD
 A Tyr-HOLD A Rom-HOLD A Nap-HOLD A Gre-HOLD
 A Smy-HOLD A Pic S GA Bur-Mar F Adr-Apu F Ion-Tyrr
 F Aeg-Ion F Alb S F Aeg-Ion A Arm-Sev A Rum-UKr
 ENGLAND (Hicks) F Cly-Edi
 FRANCE (Blank) F Spasc-HOLD F GoL S F Spasc F Eng-MAT
 A Liv S EF Cly-Edi
 GERMANY (Brooks) A Pru-War A Bur-Mar A Mar-Spa A Gas S A Mar-Spa
 A Bre-HOLD F Pic-Eng A Bel-HOLD F Hol-Nth
 A Den-Swe F Nth S F Pic-Eng F NAT S EF Cly-Lyp //NSO//
 F Hwg-Edi //NOTE: German A Mar is annihilated as German
 A Bur was supported into Mar by a foreign unit//
 ITALY (Claman) NMR #1 F Tyrr-HOLD //The variant is now filled//

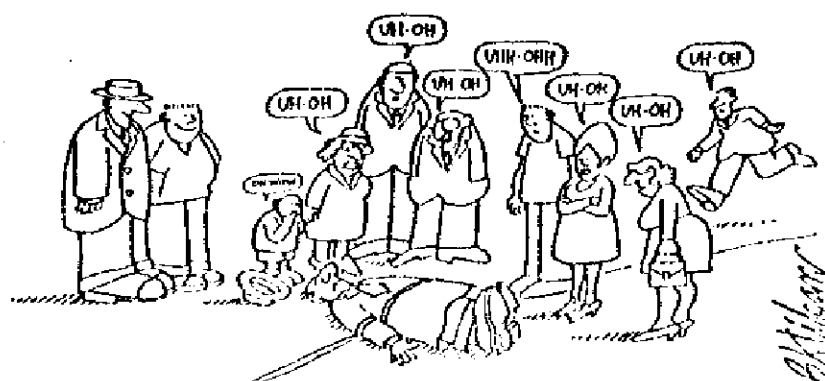
Supply Center Chart - Fall 1909

		SO Units	Total
Austria:	Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, WAR	15	16 - 1
England:	Edi	1	1 -0-
France:	Lyp, Lon, Por, Spa	4	4 -0-
Germany:	Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kle, Mar, Mun, Nwy, Par, StP, Swe, WAR	13	11 + 2
Italy:	Tun	1	1 -0-
Totals		34	33 + 1

 Concession Motion: We have a motion to concede the game to Austria and Germany with England, France, and Italy surviving the ordeal. However, I have already received a "no" vote via the telephones. Therefore, no further votes are required unless you just want to voice your opinions.



Sportscasters do it again! While watching the St. Louis & Minnesota game awhile ago, one of the reporters there slipped when he put the following words together: "...is going to have to go down field a little more with his balls." I hope he was speaking about the quarterback and not a receiver!



Did you know? - A milk cow, by the name of Roaring Springs Caren (spelling may be wrong) produced enough milk in a year to give a person four glasses of milk a day for FIFTY-THREE years! Normally a good milk cow would only produce about one-fourth of this amount. A "Supercow"!

Now that I've given you all the big news from around the world, lets get on with 1974-CT and the two new games under our cover, 1971-AM and 1972-GG....

ITALY ATTACKED UNMERCIFULLY!

AUSTRIA (Baker) A Tri-Ven A Rom S A Tri-Ven F Adr-Tri A Vie-Tri
 A War-Fru A Gal-War A Rum-Gal
 ENGLAND (Kelly) F Swe-Nwy Army StP retreated to Finland and now,
 A Fin-Nwy A Yor-HOLD A Kie S PA Bur-Mun F Hel-Den
 F Hol S A Bel A Bel S F Hol
 FRANCE (Fleming) A Bur-Mun A Mar-Pic A Tus-Ven F GoL-Tyrr
 F Mat-WMd
 GERMANY (C. D.) A Mun-HOLD //Annihilated, no retreat for OD units//
 ITALY (McCabe) F Tun-HOLD A Ruh-Mun A Tyr-Tri
 RUSSIA (Blank) A StP-HOLD A Liv S TA Mos-War //NSO//
 TURKEY (McLendon) A Mos S AA Gal-War A Sev S A Mos A Gre-HOLD
 A Bul-HOLD F Ion-Tyrr F Nap S F Ion-Tyrr

Supply Center Chart - Fall 1904

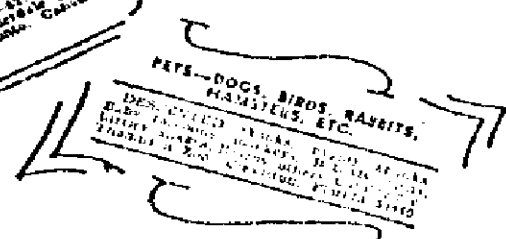
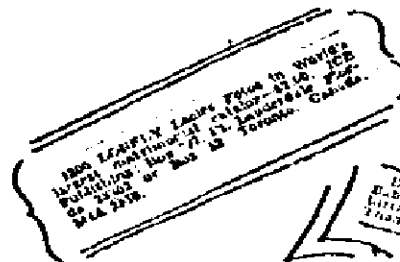
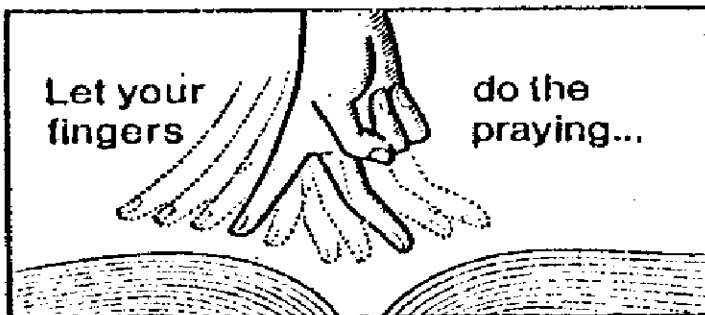
	SO	Units	Total
Austria: Bud, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War, ROM	8	7	+ 1
England: Den, Edi, Hol, Lvp, Lon, Nwy, Bel, KIE, SWE	9	7	+ 2
France: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, MUN	6	5	+ 1
Germany: Mun Ber still belongs to Germany but its OD	0	0	-0-
Italy: Tun, Fru , War , Gal	1	3	- 2
Russia: StP, Mos , TA	1	2	- 1
Turkey: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy, MOS, NAP	8	6	+ 2
Total	33+	30	+ 3

Let's see, oh, I remember..... "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, J.H. !!!"

ALL READERS & PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE: There is an 8 1/2 x 5 survey sheet with this issue. Don't use it when you run out of tissue, but fill it in and send it back to me with your orders. You can even write your orders on the backside if you want to save a tree. Thanks for your co-operation.

Miscellaneous Items:

- 1) Kozo Ohishi managed to breed a yeastlike fungus in his intestines after an operation following a traffic accident. This fungus had a strange effect upon his body; whenever he ate bread or potatoes, he became a real rum-dum because his pet fungus manufactured his own alcohol !!!
- 2) Another fellow by the name of David Dougherty contracted a rare disease which caused his fluid glands for his eyes to dry up. Doctors restored his sight by connecting his salivary glands to his eyes to produce a liquid so he could see again. His only problem now is that his eyes water when he smells food !!
- 3) Scott Garnett, a master at the poker face, had to give up one of his favorite hobbies, namely poker, after having heart surgery. Doctors had replaced one of his heart valves with an artificial one. He could still keep a straight face, but the new valve would tick quite loudly when he became excited !!
- 4) Last but not least, Valentin Medina of Spain has never slept. Several physicians who have examined him have come to the conclusion that he suffers from total insomnia. They even once sat and watched him for 48 hours straight just to be sure and he never even yawned !!



Notice To Our Readers

from your humble
servants, the Publishers

Gordon
&
Mike

Okay, for those of you who have been able to ignore the way this issue was put together thus far, we've changed our set-up some. Now, instead of six 8½ x 11's, you will be receiving from six to ten of our new reduced 8½ x 13's plus a cover and address page (sure the cover and address page interest you, sure...). What this is all about is simple: you will be getting about an 18% increase in size in the zine. And, since we are also incorporating the PRAGMATIC SANCTION zine into a double-zine with PEN & SWORD, you may actually receive a fantastic additional 45% increase in a few issues!!

Gordon McCabe will still be getting orders for his games at his address:

Gordon McCabe
12901 Jefferson Davis Highway
D-129
Chester, Virginia 23831
(804) 748-6004

I, of course, will still receive my game orders at the regular address as on the opening address. You may address any questions of the zine(s) to either of us, but please address questions on the games to the proper gamesmaster.

Also, with this arrangement, players in PRAGMATIC SANCTION games will be going under the 18 day deadlines set by PEN & SWORD rather than moving at a separate set of dates for their games.

All in all, this means that you guys will be receiving your zine faster in some instances and all of you will be receiving a larger, more professionally done zine in the future. And, for those of you already getting the zine, there is not currently any additional cost. (We may have to ask for further funds for one or two games in the near future).

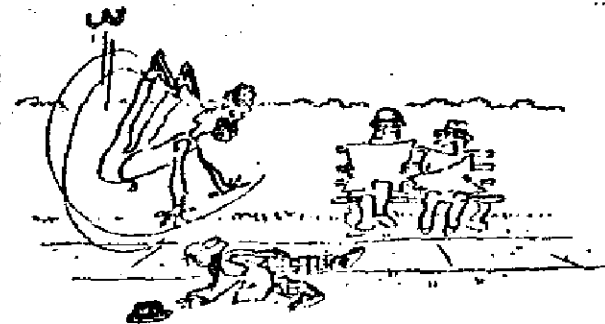
For us, this means less work and a combined effort to give us some spare time to devote to things like eating and sleeping.

And, you might note, we now have the ability to preprint our address labels as with this issue. This saves us a good deal of time and effort and will serve to speed the mailing of the zine. Please be sure to let us know if any error is in an address. This hasn't been a problem with us I don't think, but why start one now? Check it to be sure.

Last and maybe least, we have enclosed a survey sheet with the zine and we expect 100% co-operation. The last time I asked for comments, I was able to improve the zine greatly through them. Since you fellows do pay for this monstrosity, the least you can do is tell us what you would like to see in it.

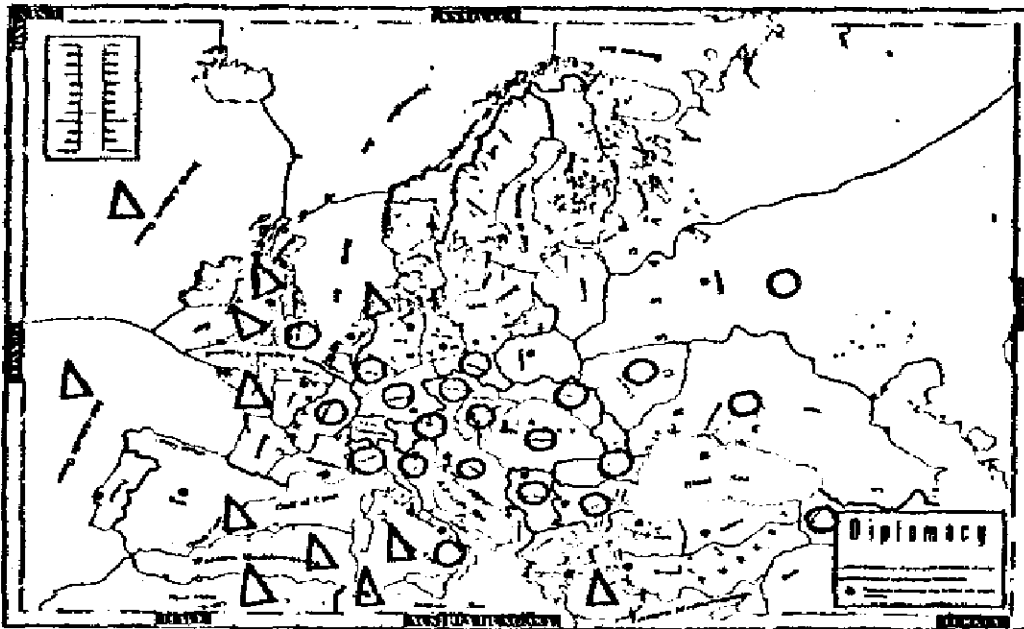
That's all. We hope you like the new format,

The Editors & Publishers



"See there! ... the System does work."

1972-DM

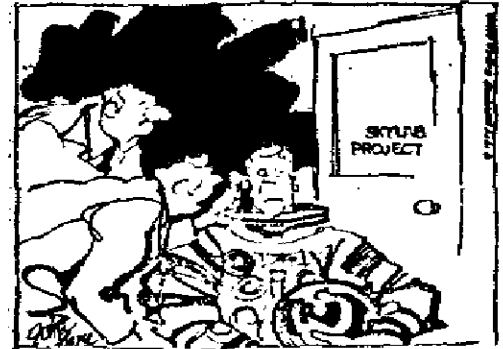
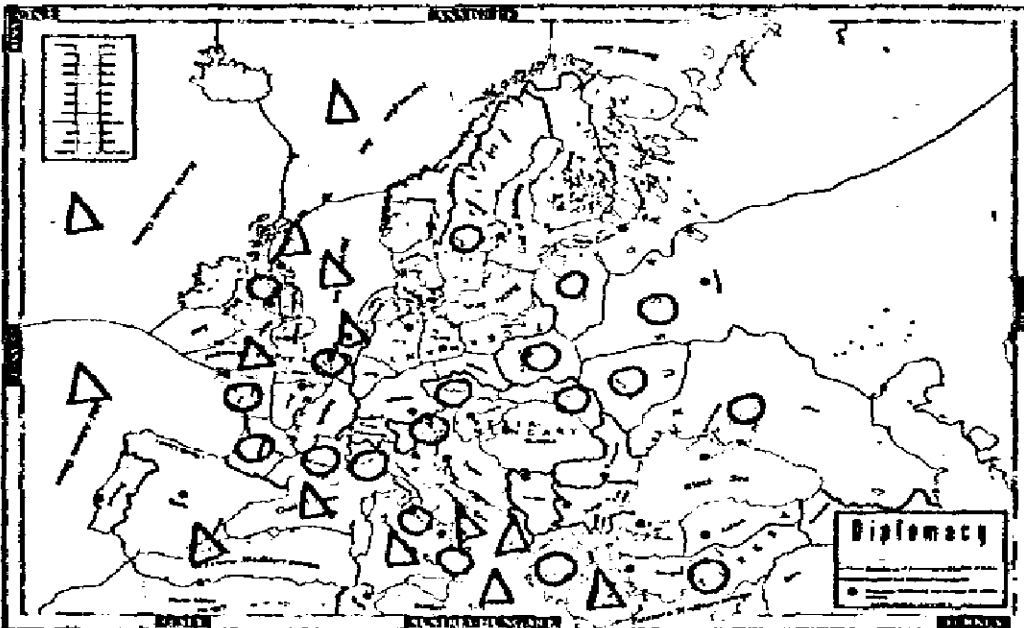


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 1973-GJ
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 Winter '04 & Spring '05

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Remember to Mail EARLY!!

1973-GJ

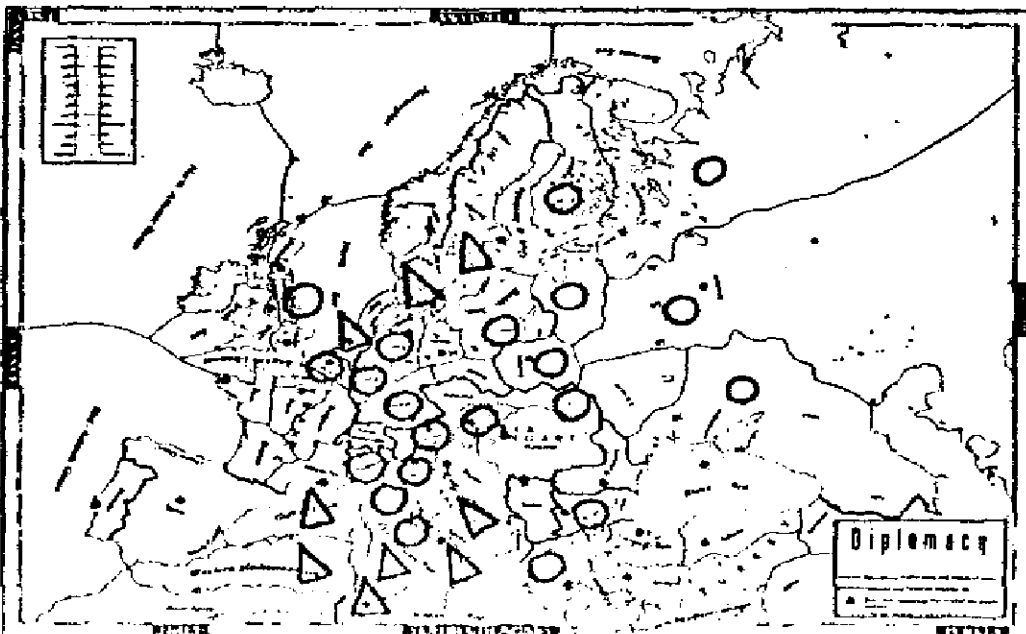


"You're right, doctor. Unmistakable signs of corrosion and stress cracking."

1971-AM & 1972-GO

Your deadline will fall on the same date as for the games above. Please be sure to get your set of orders in quickly.

1974-OT



1972-DM Players

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Here in Virginia we are looking at a bill allowing persons being kept alive by machines to sign papers to allow them to "pull the plug". The idea is basically sound as people in such a situation can be in a position where they have no reason to live. No bill like this has ever been passed in any state. Do you think its a good idea or could it lead to legalizing euthanasia (mercy killing)? Comments?

SCORING YOUR DRIVING?

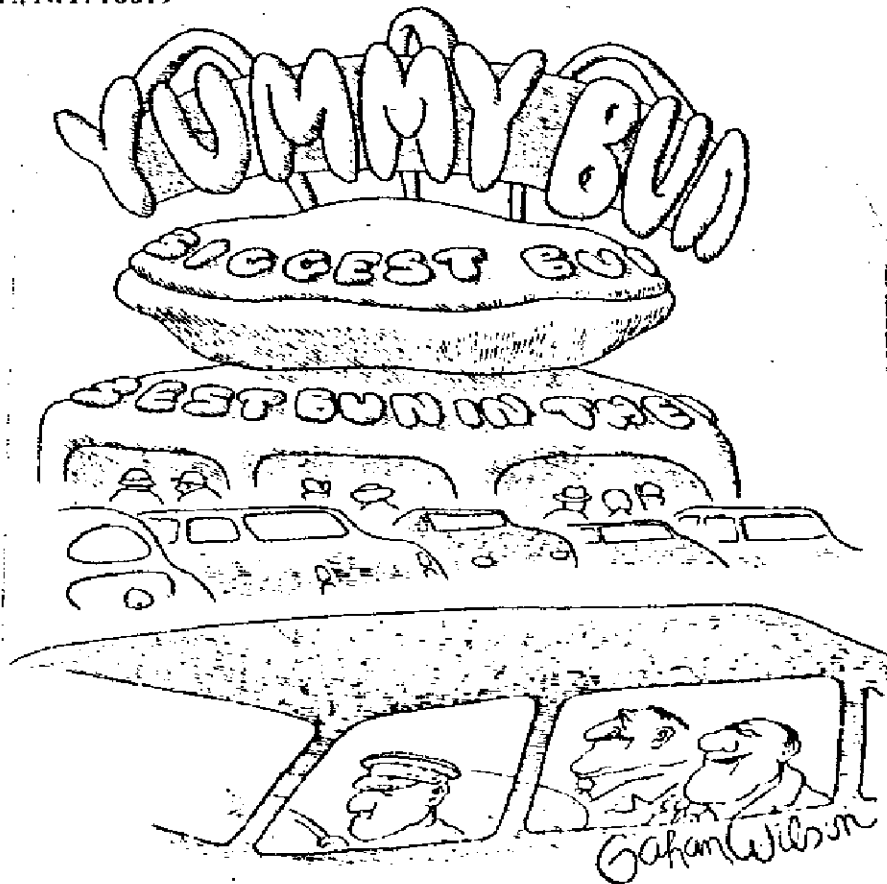
Also in Virginia is a new bill to allow you to wipe your record of poor driving out by taking courses in Driver Improvement. Then, when you do receive a citation, you "score" varying amounts of points against your record. After you accumulate so many points, you must again begin taking the courses. Do you think that this would actually help poor drivers to improve or is it just an easy out for chronic speeders and other traffic offenders? Any comments on this one?????

Another Note:

John Baker asked me what I prefer to be called, "Mike" or "Michael". Well, it's of no real matter because I've been called things like, "Spike", "Slick", "Dipstick", "Hot Dog", "Bubba", "Jack", and several others not to be printed. All of the above, including Mike and Michael can be used but I'm getting partial to "Jack". Oh, I almost forgot - "Mickey".

This has been a really large issue for us to type so I'm cutting out. This issue is a fair example of what you can expect in 1975. Hope you all had a good holiday and that 1975 holds success for you all. Take care,

MICHAEL



"You've got to admit their outright elimination of the hamburger was a stroke of sheer financial genius!"

After reading your analysis of the P&S Sex Quiz, one must wonder what your doctorate is in Dishwashing, perhaps?

Since the quiz was by a woman, I didn't bother to answer it. My time is quite valuable. Besides my job, I have my family and Diplomacy to take care of.

From 7:30 to 9:00 pm, I usually do my Diplomacy letters. Of course, most times my nine-months-old son is still up so I gladly give up letters to play with him. During that time my wife is clearing the table, washing the dishes, scrubbing the floor, doing the laundry and other such chores around the house that keep a woman happy. If she keeps up the good work, next year I'll buy her a pair of shoes or let her eat at the table with me.

You should try getting married, Dear Doctor, it would do wonders for your outlook on life.

In your analysis, you said many nice things about Mr. "R.W." of California and you also said some nasty things about a Mr. "E.D." of Virginia and said (and I quote) "He is consistently without imagination or humor. A Good candidate for work on a nuclear submarine or ICBM silo".

Well, now; two points: 1) Your Mr. "R.W." from California; if he is from San Diego and is the one I am thinking of (and your quotes of him sound like this person), you might be interested to know that he served in the USAF and worked in a missile silo and 2) I work in an ICBM missile silo and I don't lack humor or imagination. If I lacked humor, I would have been insulted by your remarks and if I lacked imagination, I would have never penned this answer to you.

I have to go now. I cut off the heat to my wife's room because she didn't shine my shoes properly and she is starting a fire with my Diplomacy zines. "No, honey! Not the PEN & SWORD!"

Well, Dr. Wright, care to try a reply?

New Games Received Here:

INFINITY (Gamut of Games)- This game revolves around the building of the universe through the play of Life, Time, and Space tiles on the Spiral Arm of a new galaxy. Play may be interrupted to slow your opponent with the use of Black Holes and Disasters. Generally a good game but not for any serious gamers. It sells for about \$6.00 with great artwork & board.

THREE-PLAYER CHESS (Carter Hall, Inc)- This game is just what it sounds like. The board is mapped out on a six sided shape with the "squares" not being exactly squares. Three full chess sets are used and all the normal rules of chess apply except that you don't checkmate. The idea is to actually capture your opponents kings and by doing so, you are then able to use his pieces against your other opponent. It takes some getting used to but it plays well. Its a good game though the chess sets in it are poor (plastic). All in all, I'd say find a copy of its board and make your own game by scavenging an old chess set and save \$15.00 !!

FRIGATE (Simulations Publications, Inc)- This one resembles miniature ship play on a geomorphic map. It contains enough ships to replay the battle of Trafalgar if you're game. The rules are clear and simple and all in all its a good game if you aren't a strict historian. Its \$8.00 alone.

PATROL (SPI above)- This is a throw off of their SNIPER game but it was worth the effort. The improved rules and scale make the tactical level game more playable and realistic. Each player controls a squad of men in scenarios ranging from WW I to possible conflicts in 1975 or 1976. Its not too complex and again a good game. Its also \$8.00 alone.

STARFORCE (SPI above)- This is fantastic in my opinion. The game involves fleets of star ships on a map set up to be three-dimensional. It must cover 40,000 cubic lightyears of space and conflict is not bloody. The game appears complex but after a little play its easy. The difficult thing to see is that there can be no static defense and attacks can come from anywhere. The small number of pieces normally used aid in plotting your movement too. Its worth your money if you like space games and you have a friend (the solitaire scenario stinks). Again, \$8.00 alone.

A NOTE on SPI games-I think that anyone who purchases three games at \$8 is eligible to get them as a group for only \$6 each, a savings of \$6. I try to take advantage of this as often as possible.



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ENGLAND (Brooks) A Edi-StP F Nth-HOLD
 F Ska-Swe F Nwg O A Edi-StP
 F Bar O A Edi-StP F Fin S A Edi-StP

GERMANY (Tilson) A Ruh-Mun A Bur S A Ruh-Mun
 A Kie-Ber A Liv-Mos F Bal S
 A Kie-Ber

ITALY (Lind) F Mat-Bre F WMD-Tun F Tun-Ion
 F Ion-Adr F Tyrr S F Tun-Ion
 A Ven-Tri (A Tyr-Mun) (A Boh-Sil)
 A Vie S A Bud A Bud S A Ser-Rum
 A Ser-Rum A Tri-Ser

TURKEY (Pitts) NMR - A Sil, A Gal, A Bul,
 F Alb, F Gre, F Aeg, F Smy- ALL HOLD

 Turkish A Ber & A Rum Must Be Retreated

ALL PLAYERS: Please note the editorial in this issue - it does concern your game as well as 1972-GG.

 WE NEED A STAND-BY PLAYER-

Will the following persons send in a set of standby moves for Turkey in the game above:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1) Jerry Ripperda | 1st |
| 2) Terry Knowles | set in |
| 3) David Lagerson | is used.. |

Yes, that's right, this is:

PRAGMATIC SANCTION

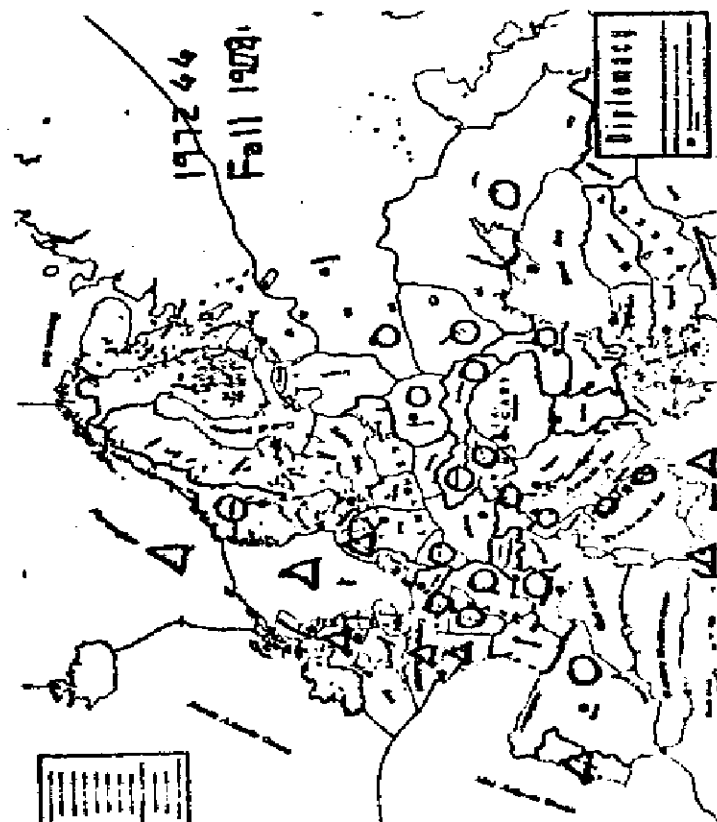


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 (Note to Players- You will find your Supply Centers listed on next page.)



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AUSTRIA (Ripperda) F Tyrr-WMD A Apu-Ven
 A Nap-HOLD A Tri-Vie A Tyr S
 A Tri-Vie A Gal S A Ukr A Rum S
 A Ukr A Ukr S A Arm-Sev A Arm-Sev

ENGLAND (Brooks) F Lon-Eng F Nth-HOLD
 F Cly-Nwg (F Por-Spa so)

GERMANY (Lind) F Den-Hel A Bel-Bur
 A Pic S A Bur-Par A Bur-Par
 A Gas-Spa (A Ruh-Mun) A Mar S
 A Gas-Spa (A Boh-Mun)

ITALY (Moran) F Ion-Tun F Gre-Ion
 A Rom-HOLD

RUSSIA (Kelly) A Nwy-HOLD A Mos S A War
 A War S A Mos

 French Army Paris has been annihilated...

Please note, FRANCE is in CIVIL DISORDER

ALL PLAYERS: Please note the editorial in this issue - it mainly concerns GM'ing of this game and your noteworthy comments on that subject.

Jerry Ripperda - See 1971-AM Above

THE PRESS:
1972-DM

Somewhere far in the future: "Well," rasps Caltson, remaining surprisingly calm under the circumstances, "we know that this is scientifically and technically impossible, right?" "It goes against all three of Benet's laws" "They're still there," snaps Bennett, "Benet's laws or not. Can we bring them back?"

"Only one pair," answers Warren soberly.
"Which one?" whispers Caltson, voicing the question in all three minds."
"Jesus Christ!" cries Bennett, rising and pushing his chair back violently; Caltson steps out of the way. "Where's that bottle of rye you had stashed in here, Warren? I need a drink."
Warren rose more slowly, closed the door, and strictly against regulations the three poured a stiff drink each.
While on the screen....

Berlin to the World: Why have there been no press wars in his game?? Why I realize that the sultan is busy curcressing his cunning camels and rounding up young boys from the streets of Ankara for his harem (or should that be "hisem"). But, gee, atleast you could tak out your crayons and write something. Even Terri the Limey; also known as "grassy knowles", manages to get something out of most every time. Why don't you all try--and I won't even take any of it personally if none of you #!@%&*&#&#&#@! &#%&#&#&#&#&#&#&#@ don't(remember this is a family magazine). Anyway, write something--even if you can't com up to my usual HIGH level of t ypeing ~~preddllidly~~ orsklll

10973-GJ (its catching after trying to read Lagerson's typing!)
Madrid: In the interest of mercy to the poor beleaguered postaly workers of this country, France has requested that everyone vote "yes" on the concess-ion to Austria and Germany since they have full control over the board and Kelly has indicated he will not stab a good ally (Germany) to save time and unneeded bloodshed (Italy & England) and to insure French survival I propose we concede. Thank you ... with that the remaining French admirals and generals continued their 14 month drunk in the local Madrid taverns.

1974-CT
Constantinople: The Sultan today confessed that the Yellow Rose of Texas was indeed Oriental.
(Amid the Ice Palace of St. Petersburg)(From atop a wind swept battlement)
Spirit of Peter the Great: "You idiot! How could you let things get this way? Especially after all the power and friends I had built up for Russia. The Navies, the armies, the..
Poor Soul upon the Battlement: "But, Sir! I...."
Spirit of Peter the Great: "Then you attack your only ally England! How could you do such a foolish thing to attack your only"
Poor Soul: "But, Sir! I...."
Spirit (finally spelled it right the first time): "And now you say you want the Turks to receive our aid, our most terrible enemies the Turks! Do you know what they did to me when they captured me! They cut off my left....."
Poor Soul: "But, Sir! I...."
Spirit: "But, Sir what you idiot!"
Poor Soul: " But, Sir, I'm only the mortician here! I'm going to bury it. I didn't kill it, your heirs did that for me!"

LONDON TO ANONYMOUS: "Fuck you!"

SUPPLY CENTER CHARTS- 1972-GG

		Units	Scs	+or-

	Austria Ank, Bud, Bul, Nap, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie	9	10	+1
DEADLINES-	* England Edi, Lon, Por	4	3	-1
1971-AM	* France Bre, Lpl	2	2	--
Winter '11 & Spring '12 are now due:	* Germany Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Spa, Sve	8	10	+2
	* Italy Con, Gre, Rom, Smy, Tun	3	5	+2
1972-GG	* Russia Mos, Nwy, StP, War	3	4	+1

Winter '09 & Spring '10 are now due:	* 1971-AM			
	* England Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, StP, Sve	6	6	--
	* Germany Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Par	5	8	+3
+++++*****	* Italy Bre, Bud, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Rum, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie	12	13	+1
JANUARY 27	* Turkey Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy, War	9	7	-2

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While this primarily concerns publication of Gordon McCabe's PRAGMATIC SANCTION and 1972-GG in which Michael Lind currently is playing, we, the Publishers of Seven Hills Publications, felt that a joint reply to Larry Moran's charges of irregular gamesmastering was necessary.

Part of these charges concerned some retreats in 1972-GG. The first involved the removal of a Fleet when no moves were received. The fleet in question was NOT the furthest from home centers. The furthest fleet was F Nap. However, under SHP rules, fleets will be removed before armies AND units not in SC's before units in SCs (as F Nap was and which Fleet Ion was not).

Next Larry said that McCabe had then contradicted himself in 1971-AM when a F Den was retreated to Skg on an NMR turn. But, the owner of the retreated fleet had corresponded with McCabe and had told him he would continue. On the next move, the player did not send moves. So, the retreat was legal and the removal of the player on the next set was legal.

Third, Larry seemed to be very upset when the French position in 1972-GG was not given a player when DeFrisco dropped out. With three tries at getting a player (from a circulation of less than 20 by the way) failing, McCabe placed the position in Civil Disorder. Since you must receive PS to be eligible to pick up any positions, it is not that hard to be unable to fill any position that is abandoned. (Have you ever had the problem, Larry?)

Fourth concerns Michael Lind's printing and mailing one issue of PRAGMATIC SANCTION while McCabe was in New York on business. A letter accompanied most issues of the zine clarifying this situation. Larry apparently did not receive one. Moves for the turn in question were mailed to McCabe's home where they were forwarded to him in New York. After McCabe adjudicated and typed the original, he sent them to Lind. Lind copied the original and mailed off the issues. We thought we were doing the readership a small favor. It then became apparent that several mistakes in that issue were made and they seemed to be in Lind's favor. Well, next issue they were all corrected completely. It was not up to Lind to correct issues as his only duty WAS TO COPY, ADDRESS, AND MAIL the issues. McCabe corrected his mistakes immediately when he returned. No problem.

Now, some people might think that two guys shouldn't play in each other's zines. Has anyone questioned Boardman, Walker, or any of a hundred publishers who play in each others zines? No!!!! Moran has erred in his assessment of the situation and probably he should apologize to Seven Hills Publications.

As for hobby-wide reputations, McCabe is generally unknown. Lind has played for over two years and has never been involved in any such accusations as Moran has made. That says it all, we think here.

Since Larry seems to think that Lind may have been desperate to win this game, he might care to explain why Lind had dropped all but two of his games back in August. Dropping that many games sure kills any hopes might have at "ratings". So why would he attempt to cheat to win? Damn good question... care to answer Moran? And if Moran is worried about his game being rated (he currently is in a fifth place finish position), what has he got to lose? Not much.

So, in conclusion, we, the Publishers, say that we will attempt not to let this situation develop again and that we will work to satisfy Moran or any of our players when a question arises. We do our best, as time and money allows, for our games. And please remember that our Houserule #11 states that the players may refute any decision of the GM by a unanimous vote and Houserule #14 states that the game is the sole possession of its players. We're just here to serve you, the players.

Thanks for your time; comments are welcome,

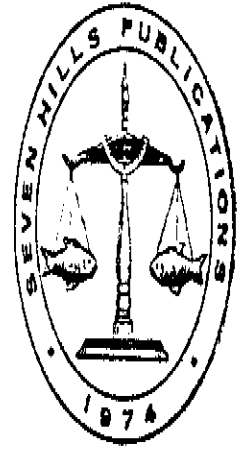
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