

Passchendaele 26

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Six game-openings are available in Iwo-Jima; Dave Barker is the only registered player for this regular Diplomacy game. At any rate, the high game-fee (\$4.00) does not seem to be an effective dis-incentive, as one player has asked me to save a spot for him as he'll pay me as soon as he can get hold of Canadian dollars, and another yet has indicated interest. Gee...I'll have to hike the fee for the next game again, I guess...The GM for this game will be me.

There are four game-openings in my prize game (regDip) as well (signed-up are Steve Berrigan, Blair Cusack, and Claude Gauthier (except that he still has to cough \$8.), and Hugh Polley.). I guess I'll make a run-down of the prizes for winning, drawing, etc. sometime in the near future. The prize-fee is \$33. No standbys will be used for this game.

Standbys receive \$1.50 upon completion of their position; the list currently includes Bob Acheson, Steve Berrigan, Mike Carroll, Steve Colombo, Blair Cusack, Barry Hichey, Steve Hutton, Jan Jensen, John Lipscomb, Ron Kelly, Eric Ozog, Al Rodriguez, Nick Russon, Clive Tonge (Ton-ze), and Dave Weatherhead.

The COAs for this month are:

1. Hugh Polley, 314-20 Ave. SW, Calgary, Alta. T2S 0E6.
2. Oded Klinger, 5681 Ferncroft, Hampstead, PQ. H3X 3V6.
3. Trevor Baillie, 576 Bedford Park Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5M 1K3.
4. Steve Colombo, 53 Copernicus Dr., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. P6A 6H5.
5. Robert Acheson, Box 528, Martinsville, Saskatchewan, S0K 2T0 (till the end of August.).

That's a lot of changes...perhaps I should run a new mailing list soon... I trust that all of you have noted my COA above.

I have given up on the idea of a Labour Day DipCon in Ottawa. You guessed it--not enough feedback. Only 4 persons from outer-Ottawa (er...that's outside Ottawa...but isn't Ottawa the capital of all civilization? Personally, I think that civilization ends just before Trenton...so "outer-Ottawa" it is...hah...) have responded, which is clearly insufficient. Guys, feel free to come over just for a cozy night in Hull, or for a ~~boxing~~ Diplomacy game...but there will be no convention. Next year, perhaps...

No one ever believes me. More particularly, several persons just laughed when I announced the eventual demise of Passchendaele. Sorry guys, but this one is for real: Passchendaele will fold some day...nothing to do about that...

In the meantime, I guess I should cut a few trades, to reduce the number of copies of this abominable rag I must send every month or so. I really am cutting down... so those of you with a "trade cut" written across the back of this zine should consider stopping sending their zine to me.

I must reiterate my request (to each and everyone of you) for articles for the Passchendaele annish, coming out this September. I'll accept contributions relating to about anything, with the exception of religion. I'm looking for humour and Diplomacy articles in particular, but as I said above, anything will do. I've already received contributions from 3 guys, with promises to contribute from five others: so far, so good. But I'd really appreciate contributions

from the rest of you. I'm even tempted to charge \$2.00 for that issue to those who won't contribute...or maybe the threat that I'll write a lot if you won't is sufficient?...

The Passchendaele anniversary will likely feature at least one unique feature, as Ralph Morton has solemnly promised to make illos...in case you know not. Ralph is one of the most outstanding drawers in this hobby.

This issue will contain only short, miscellaneous stuff; so it should be reasonably short, for once. I simply don't have the inclination to publish a monster for the fourth time in a row, especially in this kind of weather. 'Tis about 70-75° F. outside, which is way too hot for me...ah, winter, where art thou?...! This means nothing from Randolph and little from Mark will be printed this issue...but I plan another issue in two weeks from now...maybe then.

I guess I should start out with something Rod Walker, "alcala", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA92024 asked me to print:

"...The North American Variant Bank is still active, and our ARDA 4 is just out. It is 90 cents (US funds) and contains a long section on Miller Number Recat plus the complete map/rules to Gary Gygax's 1970 game, Napoleonic Diplomacy II.

"ORChives South is also active here. We publish a bibliographic 'zine, RUDDIGORE. No. 1 has a list of our holdings, including a lot of items we have for sale (the prices are in most instances somewhat high, since I'm aiming at collectors, not the casually curious). No. 1 may be obtained for only a stamped, self-addressed envelope. No. 2 is just out, and is \$1. It contains a complete reproduction of all 10 issues of the first postal Dip zine ever published, Conrad von Metzke's 1962 MONGO. It also has a discussion of how the 'zine came to be, the 1970 hoax, and other things."

"Kay-riced," exploded Kraken, "what the hell are we doing down here? Don't we belong to the top of page one?"

"Ah, never mind," quipped McAlbrecht. "This feature is so boring that I couldn't care less where he puts it."

"Who's he? Francois?", queried Kraken, "But, OK: Let's change the subject, then. Did you see the latest Passchendaele fake? What a crummy job, eh?"

"You're saying this because you did not get too many good lines, Randolph," offered Moose Factory.

"Ah, shut up," ordered Kraken, "and go back to writing your children's books!"

"Randolph, don't be rude," interjected McAlbrecht. "John doesn't write children's books. He writes "8-to-adult" stories..."

"Well, maybe so," admitted Kraken. "I'll admit 'children' was perhaps a loaded word. But reading John's books is a sweaty process...not to my liking...even Passchendaele is easier reading....!

"Oh, OK, read Passchendaele, then...", concluded McAlbrecht.

Quite a long time ago John Kelley asked me to print a letter he had sent to both Randolph Smyth and I; I will comply. However, I might point out that doing so has limited usefulness, as Randolph already printed the letter in FSF, so quite a bit of overlapping is unavoidable. But, here is:

Dear Francois: A CDO constitution? OK, I'll give it a look.
80.1. Well, since I've been clamoring ((clamouring--speak Canadian)) for U.S. allowability, he's ((John is referring to me)) probably putting on his flak helmet. You can remove it: I agree with the moderate limitations set forth. And I see they are the only ones mentioned: fair enough. I also agree with just about all the other points set forth in it, so count this Yank in.

Unless John Leeder runs I don't think anyone has a chance to beat you guys for Ombudsman and Coordinator, and I think you two are the best ones for the jobs anyway, so I'm not nominating anyone else, not even "just for the sake of participation". I'm still ready as ever to take the job of Census Compiler.

((First things first: John's prediction turned out to be correct. Both Randolph and I were elected. Secondly, John couldn't have nominated anyone even if he had wanted to: being a Yankee, he did not have this privilege, as the "constitutional" proposals were not in effect. And perhaps the "constitutional" proposals never will be: from most of the letters I've seen printed in FSF, people seem to be rather hostile to the idea of having a "constitution". I don't really mind: regardless of what the results actually are, the plebiscite should settle the issue once and for all.))

Well, you guys asked for comments, so here you are. Hopefully my fellow countrymen who are as closely involved with the CDO (if there are any!) ((Andy Lischett, for one...)) will take well to these proposals, and by the same token that the Canadians who are involved will agree; consensus is the best form of agreement that I know of, however rare. In any case, François, you've silenced your toughest CDO critic, and you both are to be congratulated for your work. ((Geez...will the guy ever stop handing out laurels? He makes me blush!...)) It is my hope to participate actively, giving of myself as well as reaping the benefits, and thereby justify at least one Yank's participation.

By the way, I've got a ~~featherbrained~~ idea. What about a position of U.S. Representative to C.D.O., responsible for telling Yankees interested in participation what it's all about and giving them an inroad to C.D.O. I'm not volunteering for such a position; just throwing it into the think tank for you to consider. The person elected would need to be somewhat Tory-minded that is, C.D.O. could not tolerate (if general opinion did not) "secessionist" or "me-myself-and-I" representation. ((I don't know why you throw "Tory-minded" around, then, John. Are the Grits "me-myself-and-I" oriented in attitude?...)) And I think this position should be (if instituted) open to Canadians. ((I believe Randolph, the new C.D.O. Coordinator, has already disposed of that, so...))

Might as well print more letters, eh whot?: François, Aha! I just got home to find FOL-SI-FIE and an admission that you faked your own zine. I knew it! Actually, when I was trying to track down the perpetrator when back when, I decided that you did it when you failed to answer my questions promptly, and butchered the ones I asked you to ask your subscribers. Unfortunately, I had no solid evidence, so didn't publicly accuse you. Oh well, I'll get ya next time. (Andy Lischett.)

((Oh? OK...but I guess I'd ask you to pay close attention to my next letter on the subject, to be printed in FSF #131 (or so Randolph sez...)). Heh, heh... I'm still getting kicks out of that oooold fake, y'know...))

((Here's your opportunity to "get" me--as Passchendaele was faked last month, apparently.))

François: Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha! Did you see the fake Passchendaele for 6/25? You owe him a life subscription. ((I guess I do...sob...)) By the way, I think that P. is one of the better zines that I've seen. ((Did I need to print this? Oh well...)) (Al Hoffman.)

Dear F., Loved your latest fake Passch received the other day. ((John's note was my first indication that Passchendaele had been faked. I checked it up with a few Ottawa residents--and yes, by gosh and gee whiz, Passchendaele has indeed been faked.

((Almost everyone has accused me of doing it. Claude Gauthier said, "It looks like something you'd write...well, OK, I'm getting used to this type of accusation...I've been accused (by someone or other) of performing every single fake

since 1978...! Wonder why...ah well...I browsed over Claude's copy of the fake, and it looks good enough for me to take credit for it...

((Could someone send me a copy? The copy must be in "filing condition", i.e. clean and intact. Thanks!))

LaFosse wrote the DD review, didn't he? ((I dunno. You ask him.))

What's the matter with the Q'ers that they didn't vote for independence?

((Ah, politics...here's something I can discuss at length.

((Remember how LBJ took care of Goldwater in '64? (or was it '63?) Well, the federalist camp used essentially the same tactics (some of which were patently ridiculous--such as telling third age people they'd lose all old age allowances in a sovereign Quebec, for instance.

((But let's not overstress this reason. The sovereignty-association tenants digged their own grave too, by:

((1. alienating large sectors of the Quebec population, especially women. Of course, they didn't intend to, as all they (or rather, Lise Payette, a PQ minister) did was to make an off-hand remark about Claude Ryan's (the "no" committee Prez) wife. No slight was intended at women in general as such, but the "no" camp was quick at exploiting this opportunity-in-a-lifetime and blew the affair somewhat out of proportions.

((2. making ad hominum attacks on Pierre-Elliott Trudeau, a man so popular in Quebec that anyone criticizing him is almost stared at.

((3. the PQ made a big mistake when they failed to fully exploit their advantage following their incontestable victory in the National Assembly (U.S. equivalent--State Assembly) debate on sovereignty-association.

((Also, I might add that the 20% minority vote helped the "no" camp tremendously, as the francos only voted "no" in a proportion of 51-49.

((Finally, I'd say I'm not the sole francophone to like Canada...and you'll have to wait another couple of years before the U.S. can annex the rest, John...)

((John Michalski.) of the country

F. Guerrier--Got another 'fake' Pas'nd'le. Skimpy, no games, just insults & hi jinks, trying to see who wd guess whom, as culprit, I guess.

But tt remark of yours re rolling in aisle makes you t no. 1 suspect, silly bloke! (Curt Gibson, as if you hadn't already guessed...)

((Oh...OK. I did the fake...does anyone out there believe me, now that I said I did it?))

Dear Francois: I would like to respond to Andy Lischett's comments in PASSCHENDAELE 24. His idea that a new organization should be started through general hobby discussions is a valid one for any group which aspires to a general membership; and in fact this was exactly the way IDA was formed during 1971-1972.

However, the NADF was never designed to be primarily a general-membership group. There was simply no need for any such discussion. The voting membership was to consist entirely of the hobby's working Custodians, and they were the ones who were consulted; and it was their ratification which put the NADF Charter into operation.

Granted, the Charter does have some extremely general provisions for a broad-base (but basically non-voting) membership. Those were included primarily for the purpose of accommodating people who might want an association with NADF on that basis.

Now, I suppose Andy or somebody could argue that I shouldn't have proposed such a narrowly-based group and consulted the hobby-at-large to find out what they wanted. I suppose that anybody, including Andy, could do so; why am I responsible for doing what somebody else is fully capable of doing? I had a very definite idea of a concrete solution to some particular problems. My

initial proposal was based on extensive conversations with various fen at DipCon XII and a large private correspondence. The NADF is the result. It is not intended to represent the entire hobby; in fact it represents nobody but its (currently) 10 members. It is not intended to solve all of the hobby's problems; in fact it is intended only to solve the problem of providing hobby services on a continuous basis.

The one thing this hobby never lacks is people who are willing to make totally irrelevant criticisms. The hobby's Custodians are completely independent entities who provide services. The relevance or necessity of some (or all) of these services may be challenged by some people who have an essentially selfish attitude ("If I don't want it, nobody needs it"). But they are considered important and necessary by some awfully intelligent and perceptive people. If the Custodians now choose to coordinate their operations in the hope of providing more efficiency, efficacy, and consistency, I don't see that any general hobby discussion would be to the point. It's been done. Those who know the history of the hobby will recognize the advantages thus gained; those who perceive the hobby's needs generally will welcome those advantages.

In the meantime, if Andy, or anyone, wants to conduct a hobby-wide referendum on other sorts of organizations people might want, why does he not do so? Why has he not done so before now? Since when is the hobby a closed corporation that Andy Lischett has to wait for Rod Walker (or Mark Berch or Francois Guerrier, or...) ((Oh, Rod...if you say so, thanks...but no, really...!)) to get things done? Andy, if you think this is so all-fired necessary, you do it!

In the meantime, DIPLOMACY WORLD is out, which should explain NADF as well as one might wish (I hope). I am naturally interested in anyone's opinions if he wishes to volunteer them. But I don't want to hear that the NADF should be something other than what it is. If it were, it wouldn't be the NADF, it would be that other thing. It's a free hobby, and those who want something else should organize it. There's plenty of room for productive groups.

(Rod Walker.)

((Agreed: there's plenty of room for productive groups.

((I think that Andy's main complaint was that NADF seemed to be a secret. He hadn't heard of NADF but in Canadian zines, which seemed rather odd to him... on the other hand, Andy is basically Canadian-oriented...but anyhow, I think he was only trying to say that it might have been a good idea to write prominent hobby notables and ask for suggestions before finalizing those structures that have been finalized...perhaps a good suggestion would have been made by someone.. while not necessarily changing the basic character of the organization you wanted.

((I do have a minor suggestion regarding NADF: presumably the GM and "membership-at-large" parts of NADF will be operative some day. Perhaps it would then be sensible to discuss the rules governing these bodies with the GMs, etc. then? I don't feel that would affect the basic character of NADF (or of the "custodial" part) while it would allow the GMs etc. some say on the structure of "their" part of the organization. Just a thought...))

Lo and behold, here I come under fire:

A Letter to the Editor: Regarding PAS #25, I've a couple of points to make, if of course, you are gracious and kind, not to mind. ((I don't think anything will make me "gracious and kind" per se. But, hum, on the other hand... you may have a point there, squire!...)) I think I've something to contribute to the Smyth/Guerrier argument. ((I prefer to term it a "discussion". "Argument" can sometimes imply "dispute" in parochial English, e.g. "the husband and his wife got into an argument over their dead cat..." But, yes...))

On page 17 1st paragraph, you claim that players "would have to be illogical

(with themselves)" if they play under two different GM'ing styles. I ask you Mr. Guerrier, are you saying that subbers who play in both FSF and PAS are crazy? Won't the players benefit the most if they sample opposing GM methods? Please clarify.

((Glad to: first off, I would like to point out that one guy can be illogical (or inconsistent) without being crazy.

((Also, I might add that I never said that players who play in both FSF and Passchendaele are illogical. Randolph Smyth said (or rather, implied) that our styles were diametrically opposed on the GM-player relations business. I said that if this were so, then the players would just have to be illogical if they played in both our zines.

((As it turns out, however, Randolph was wrong in implying this: our styles are quite similar, actually, when you ignore the nuances for a moment. So, by my own logic, those players playing in both zines are very logical...

((No, I don't think that players will benefit the most by sampling opposing GMing methods. They generally play the game for fun, and odds are that playing under one style will be more enjoyable than playing under the opposite style. They should stick to that style they prefer.

((I'll make only one analogy: would you say that players will benefit the most if they'd sample Buddy Tretick's and John Leeder's GMing styles (a true case of opposing styles...)?

((For my subbers: Buddy was a rather obnoxious GM who managed to screw his players repeatedly and consistently (on purpose, too) in the late sixties and/or early seventies. He left the hobby in complete disgrace...))

On the 2nd paragraph of page 17, you claim that, "...I did not really mind, since I don't need new subbers". That statement you made is totally false. Why Francois, from your letter to me (dated March 30) you emphatically asked me, in fact, pleaded with me, "Could you get some of your friends to sub to Pass? Thanks much."

((Yes, I did say that, but I'm about to trip you on semantics...I can't see how this contradicts what I said in Passchendaele#25 in any way, as wanting and needing subscribers are two different things...don't you agree?

((I might also add that my attitude regarding wanting subscribers has greatly changed since March...perhaps that upon reading p. 1-2 of P#25 you will find a partial explanation to this change of attitude...))

If you need more subbers, I'm happy to oblige. I have a huge list of Chicago area dippy players, although I don't know if you'd want a bunch of Chicago thugs, ripping apart your zine and throwing the games into irreparable chaos.

((Thanks. The matter of new subbers is somewhat problematic now, on the one hand, collating, addressing, and stamping issues for the 78 odd subscribers I already have is a pain in the ---, as I've already mentioned in Passchendaele #24. On the other hand, I must admit a well-sized mailing list does boost my "egoboo"...and, on the other hand...))

I'm happy to have entered 1979 KH as a standby, it will enable me to sample your reactionary gamesmastering. You may be pretty reactionary yourself ((Sob, sob, sob...! How often must I repeat that I'm NOT a...argh, and never mind...)) but I firmly believe that Randolph Smyth should collect an award for "reactionary" GMing. I don't want to be a muckraker, but remember the '79 K crisis? Heh, heh. ((Randolph is a "reactionary" GM, eh? Snicker, snicker...))

Hope I've been of some help, Eric Ozog.

((Yes, and gracias...

((Eric's letter was really only a P.S. to a set of orders...and I managed to stretch the whole "thing" to 1+ page...! How wordy of me...but I'm starting to realize that the entire discussion is perhaps getting too long...expect severe editing on this matter "some time in the future"...))

I was trembling and shaking like a leaf as I felt the pressure of a B-B pellet gun on my neck. Suddenly, the man holding the gun fired two shots--in the roof, and said, "Let this be a warning for you to tell the truth...!", in a rather heavy French accent.

That was yesterday night. The man holding the gun was Claude Gauthier, and his threats regarded the clog I promised I'd give his zine. Ah well, here is: CLAUDE GAUTHIER (2750A Marie St., #30, Ottawa, Ont. K2B 7E7; tel.: 1-613-829-4129) has just started publishing a new zine, The Power And The Glory. The rates for this zine are 25 cents + postage/issue and a \$2.50 game-fee + 2.50 refundable dropout deposit fee, which (except for the sub fees) is cheaper than around here.

The first issue contained an introduction to the zine and the author, an article on baseball, and an article on a car rally he was in. (I personally was never one to like sports--but some of you might...) And he says #2 will have Dippy stuff, so the zine looks promising on the whole...And oh yes, the first issue was 5-pages long. Not that bad for a first effort.

As an aside, those of you who received the first issue will notice how nicely laid out the zine is: this is only too normal, as Claude used my equipment. (He'd better get his own typewriter soon, though...)

It is my policy that I should never recommend a new zine, and this one will be no exception: the purpose of this clog is to let it be known to you game-hungry players that there are other zines around that you can play in...

Claude, being a novice GM, is more likely to be anxious to please--so it might be a good idea for you to join one of his games...

A Note to all "Hohenlinden" players: A player has requested the extension I said I'd give if it were requested. Therefore, the deadline for Spring 1901 is now August 22, 1980. Kindly note that we will proceed with a 4-week deadlines system from now on: an extension is available to those who ask in Spring 1901 for the sole purpose of allowing players more negotiating time if they need it... SO1 can be a busy season, sometimes, diplomacy-wise...

In any case, I have received the following auto-biographical submission from Steve Colombo:

I was born the second child in the Colombo family, in the city of Owen Sound ((Owen what...?)), 1954. At the tender age of 4 I left the Elephant's Asshole (gentlemen, consult your maps!) for Toronto, whence I have lived since.

I am a forester. A forester you say? Do you spend your time walking through the woods looking for forest fires? No, actually foresters are in charge of collecting rents from all the wee forest creatures who live there. But, I am planning to branch out soon. Get to the root of the problem, so to speak. Don't worry though, my bark is worse than my bite.

Actually, I am employed as a research scientist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Between my job, my wife, and my cat (not necessarily in that order, you decide) my time is well taken up.

My Diplomatic career began in 1977 and has since grown to a total of six games; in games which have been completed (1) I have a 2nd place finish. I expect another will shortly end in a two-way draw. Other than these games I seem to have made a career out of playing Italy. Sooner or later I expect to get the hang of it.

((Thanks, Steve. Could anyone else submit their autobiography?))

This looks as good a place as any to say that the August 22, 1980 issue of Passchendaele might be late. That is highly unlikely (as I intend to include game reports only for that one), but still possible. So, expect to perhaps receive Passchendaele one day later than usual or so...

The reason is that my parents have made it quite clear that I must attend my brother's marriage, scheduled for August 23, 1980. Geez, I assure you, I'd much rather play with wooden blocks...but such is life...

PASSCHENDAELE #26.

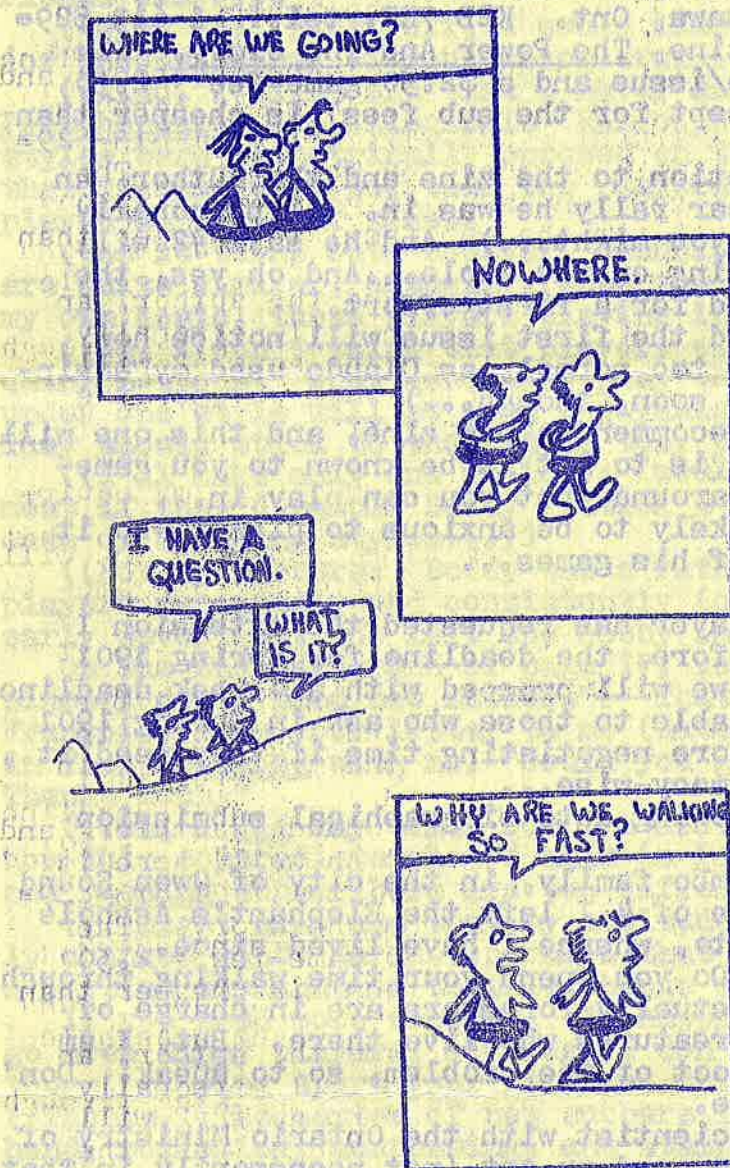
Reprinted from Bushwacker (June 1976)
and Paroxysm #49 is:

A NEW VARIANT? (Parental Guidance
suggested for those under 18...)

People (i.e. male people (i.e. un-
married male people.)) keep asking,
"Why aren't there more girl Diploma-
cy players?" Well, fellers, maybe
you just haven't made the game inte-
resting enough. Here's our R-rated
solution, Strip Dip.

Unlike most variants, to play this
game you should have an even number
of people. Preferably, half should
be boy people and half girl people.
In the case of having one boy-type
person and one girl-typed person
you proceed to play the variant calle
Intimate Diplomacy. Otherwise, you
play either a 4 person or 6 person
game on the Standard board. For four
players use England, France, Russia
and Turkey. For six players, elimi-
nate Germany. Assign each player
six Home Centres, each containing
a unit at the start. If there are
six players, make North Africa and
Switzerland supply centers, for a
total of 36. (See below for unit
breakdowns). The Victory Criterion
is whatever Score you want to make
it.

Each Home Center will secretly re-
present one item of human accoutre-
ment, to wit: Shoes, Socks/Stockings
Tops (outer), Bottoms (outer),
Tops (under) and Bottoms (under).
Each player writes down an item
equivalent to one of these categories
for each of his/her Home Centers, u-
sing a separate piece of paper for
each centre; e.g. "Marseilles, Shoes;
Paris, Bottoms (under..." The inte-



Reprinted from EGB#9.

resting point is that no other players will know which Centre represents which items. Upon the loss of a Home Centre, the paper for that Centre is turned face up for all to see, and he/she then has two minutes to ante up the lost equivalent garment to the new owner. The two minute rule allows for ingenuity. This should make for some very interesting games. There might be some extremely loyal alliances, but, ah, think of the stab possibilities!

With today's informal dress codes, we will assume that such items as neckties, jackets, slippers, etc. will not be present at the starting run, so that six Centres will adequately cover the scene. We use Unisex terminology to recognize that the age of crinoline is over. In the case of a dispute over a category (such as pantyhose), said player will be permitted to substitute an additional garment to bring her/him back to the requisite items.

All press announcements and game commentaries have been deleted, for reasons of space...next issue, perhaps!

1976A, Winter 1917/Spring 1918

IMAGINE: TWO SUCCESSFUL MOVES...I'M LITERALLY ORGASMIC WITH EXCITEMENT...!

England (Bob Acheson): A Bur-Mar; F Eng-Mid; A Ruh S A Mun; F Nth H, unordered; F Bal H, unordered; A War-Ukr; A Sil S A Pru-War; A Mos S A War-Ukr; A Mun S A Sil; A StP S A Mos; F Iri S F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Spa(nc); A Pru-War; F Bre S F Eng-Mid; A Den-Kie.
 France (John Lipscomb): F Gas S English F Mid-Spa(nc).
 Italy (Randolph Smyth): Builds A Ven. A Tyo S Turkish A Boh; F Lyo S F Mar; A Tri S A Vie; A Vie S Turkish A Gal; F Por S F Spa(sc); F Mar S F Spa(sc); F Spa(sc) S Turkish F Wes-Mid (no such order); F Naf S Turkish F Wes-Mid (no such order); F Gre H; A Ven-Pie.
 Turkey (Barry Hichey): Removes F Adr. F Bla S A Sev; A Bud S A Gal; A Sev S A UK F Wes S Italian F Spa(sc); A Gal S A Boh; A Boh H; A Ukr S A Sev; A Smy H.
 The deadline for Fall 1918 is August 22, 1980. Two players have proposed a EIT three-way draw; please vote along with your Fall 1918 orders.

1976CX, Winter 1914/Spring 1915 HOW CAN EFG BE SOOO LUCKY...?!

England (Steve Berrigan): F Tyn-Ion; F Wes-Tun; F Bot S F Den-Bal; F Nth-Den; F Hol S German A Kie; F Den-Bal; A StP H; F Bar S A StP; A Bel-Mun (impossible).
 France (Eric Kirchner): Builds A Par. F Lyo-Tyn; A Pie-Tyo; F Smy H; F Ion-Adr; F Eas S F Smy; A Par-Pic; A Ruh S English A Bel-Bur (no such order).
 Germany (Bob Acheson): A Kie S French A Ruh-Mun (no such order).
 Italy (Ron Kelly): F Apu S French F Ion-Adr; A Rom S A Ven; A Ven S French A Pie-Tyo.
 Russia (Steve Hutton): A Alb-Tri; A Mun S A Pru-Ber; A Sil S A Mun; F Ber-Bal; A Tyo S A Tri-Ven; A Pru-Ber; A Lvn S A Mos; A Mos S A Lvn; A Ank-Arm; F Bul(sc)-Aeg; F Adr-Ion (annihilated); A Tri-Ven; F Gre S F Bul(sc)-Aeg; F Con S F Bul(sc)-Aeg.
 The deadline for Fall 1915 is August 22, 1980. Please vote on a EFGI draw with your F15 orders.

1978Q, Fall 1917. FG DISENGAGE IN THE WEST, T DECIMATES I IN THE EAST...

Austria (Oded Klinger): F Nap ret-Tyn. A Rum S Turkish A Sev-Ukr (no such order) A Vie S Turkish A Ser-Tri; A Bud S Turkish A Ser-Tri; F Tyn-Tun.
 France (Bob Acheson): A Mar-Pie; F Pic-Bre; F Mid-Naf; A Par-Bur; A Lpl-Edi; F Wes-Tun; F Lon-Nth.
 Germany (Randolph Smyth): A Den-Nwy; F Nrg-Bar; F Nth C A Den-Nwy; F Eng-Mid; A Bel-Ruh; A Mun-Sil; F Hol-Bel; A Kie-Mun.
 Italy (Steve Colombo): A Apu-Rom; F Ven S A Tri; F Nap-Ion; A Tri H (ret-Tyo, OTE).
 Russia (Jan Jensen): NMR! A Gal H; A Mos H; A Ukr H.
 Turkey (Hugh Polley): F Ion-Adr; F Aeg-Ion; A Ser-Tri; F Bla S A Sev; A Sev S Austrian A Rum; A Bul S A Rum; A Alb S A Ser-Tri.
 The deadline for Winter 1907/Spring 1908 is August 22, 1980. Jan: could you submit your phone number and permission to call collect, so that I may call you when you are NMR (if I have the time)? The standby for Russia is Dave Weatherhead.

1907 SC Chart:

Austria: Bud, Vie, Rum, ~~Map~~ (3). Remove 1.
 France: Home, Spa, Por, Edi, Lpl, ~~Lon~~ (8). Build 1, as A Bel was annihilated.
 Germany: Home, Hol, Den, Swe, Nwy, ~~Bel~~ (8). Even.
 Italy: Ven, Rom, Tun, ~~Nap~~ (4). Even, or play one short depending on the retreat.
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1978Q SC Chart cont'd:

Russia: Mos, War, StP (3). Even.

Turkey: Home, Bul, Ser, Gre, Sev, Tri (8). Build 1.

1978R, Fall 1907.

RG SEEM TO BE GETTING THE UPPER HAND...

France (Trevor Baillie): A Bur H; A Pic-Bel; A Mar S A Bur; F Bre-Eng.Germany (Shelley Foster): A Hol S A Bel; F Nth-Eng; F Eng-Mid; F Iri S F Eng-Mid

A Lpl-Wal; A Bel H; A Mun-Tyo; A Ruh-Mun.

Italy (John Lipscomb): ret F Tyn-Tus. F Rom-Nap; F Tus-Rom.

Russia (Hugh Polley): A Rum ret-Gal. F Mid-Wes; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; A StP-Mos;

F Naf-Tun; F Bul(ec)-Rum; A Bud-Tri; A Sev-Rum (ret-Ukr, OTB);

A Ven S A Bud-Tri; A Gal S F Bul(ec)-Rum.

Turkey (James Clarke): A Arm-Sev; A Tri-Bud (ret-Alb, OTB); F Ion-Adr; F Tyn-TunA Ser S A Tri-Bud; A Rum-Bul; F Lyo-Spa(sc); F Bla S A Arm-Sev;

F Con S A Rum-Bul.

The deadline for Winter 1907/Spring 1908 is August 22, 1980.

1907 SC Chart:

France: Home, Por, ~~Bel~~ (4). Even, as F Bel was annihilated.Germany: Home, Hol, Den, Lpl, Lon, Edi, Bel (9). Build 1.

Italy: Rom, Nap (2). Even.

Russia: StP, Mos, War, Bud, Vie, Swe, Nwy, Tri, Bul, Ven (10). Build 1 or 2
depending on the retreat. (oops...~~Rum~~, ~~Sev~~...sorry.)Turkey: Home, Ser, Gre, Tun, Spa, Rum, Sev, ~~Bel~~, ~~Tri~~, ~~Ven~~ (9). Even, as
played one short.

1978S, Fall 1906.

GERMANY OVERRUNS AUSTRIA!

Austria (Curt Gibson): A Bud S A Vie; A Apu S Turkish F Tyn-Nap (no such order);A Tri-Tyo; A Vie sings Bury Me on the lone Prairie (annihilated);A Rum S Russian A Sev (no such order); F Adr-Ven.England (John Lipscomb): F Wes-Tun; F Mid-Wes; F Nat-Mid; F Nth-Eng; A Pie-Tus;

A Lvn S A Mos; A Mos S German A Ukr; A StP S A Mos; F Naf S F Wes-Tun;

A Mar-Pie.

France (Blair Cusack): F Lyo-Wes.Germany (Frank Haika): A Gal S A Tyo-Vie; A Boh S A Tyo-Vie; A Ukr S A Gal;A War S A Gal; A Tyo-Vie; A Ven-Tri; A Gas-Spa; F Spa(sc)-Lyo; F Hel-Nth.Italy (Bob Acheson): A Rom S F Nap; F Nap S English F Wes-Tyn (no such order).Russia (Ron Kelly): A Sev-Ukr.

Turkey (John Kelley): NMR! F Aeg H; A Arm H; A Bul H; F Bla H; F Tyn H.

The deadline for Winter 1906/Spring 1907 is August 22, 1980. A EG drawhas been proposed; please vote with your orders. John: could I have your
phone number and permission to call collect when you are NMR (if I have the
time)? The standby for Turkey is Al Rodriguez. Please vote on a EG draw with
your W06/S07 orders.

1906 SC Chart:

Austria: Bud, Ser, Rum, Ven, ~~Naf~~, ~~Tri~~ (4). Remove 1, as A Vie was annihilated.England: Home, Bel, Nwy, Bre, Par, StP, Mos, Mar, Tun (11). Build 1.France: ~~Tri~~ (0). Guess what...you're out, Blair.Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Swe, War, Por, Spa, Vie, Tri (11). Build 2.

Italy: Rom, Nap (2). Even.

Russia: Sev (1). Even.

Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre (5). Even.

1979AC, Fall 1906.

ENGLAND TO BE TREACHEROUS? NAAAAA.....

Austria (Bob Acheson): A Alb H; A Pie-Mar; A Ven S F Rom; F Rom S TurkishF Tyn-Nap; A Boh-Mun; A Tyo S A Boh-Mun.England (Steve Colombo): A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy; F Wal-Lpl; F Bot-Swe;F Bar-StP(nc).France (Steve Berrigan): F Tyn ret-Nap. F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Wes-Tyn;A Ruh S German A Mun; A Bur S German A Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Nap S F Wes-Tyn.Germany (Roy Norton): A Mun S A Ber; F Bal S A Ber; A Ber S A Mun;

Italy (Dan MacLellan): F Tun S French F Wes-Tyn; A Apu S French F Nap;
F Mid-Spa(sc).
Turkey (John Lipscomb): F Tyn-Nap (annihilated); A Fin-Swe; A Pru-Ber;
F Tus-Lyo; A StP S A Lvn; A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A Lvn S A StP; F Con-Aeg;
F Aeg-Ion.

The deadline for Winter 1906/Spring 1907 is August 22, 1980.

1906 SC Chart:

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Ven, Rom (7). Build 1, as played 1 short last year.
England: Edi, Lon, Nwy, Swe, Den, Lpl (6). Build 1.
France: Home, Bel, Por, Spa, Nap (6). Even.
Germany: Home, Hol (4). Build 1, as A Pru was annihilated.
Italy: Tun, Spa, Lpl, Mar (2). Remove 1.
Turkey: Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, Mos, War, StP (9). Build 1, as F Tyn was annihilated.

1979HY, Winter 1904/Spring 1905.

ITALY TO STAB AUSTRIA...?

Austria (Mike Carroll): A Tri-Ven; A Vie S A Gal; A Bul S F Aeg-Con; F Aeg-Con;
A Rum S A Bul; A Gal S A Rum.
England (Bob Francis): Builds A Lon, F Lpl. F Hol ret-Hel. F Hel S A Lon-Hol;
F Swe-Bal; F Nth C A Lon-Hol; A Den-Kie; A Bel S A Lon-Hol; A StP-Mos;
A Mos-War; A Lon-Hol; F Lpl-Wal.
France (James Clarke): A Bre S A Par-Pic; A Gas H; F Mid-Eng; A Bur-Bel;
A Par-Pic.
Germany (Jan Jensen): NMR: A Kie H; A Ber H; A Ruh H; A Hol H (annihilated).
Italy (Steve Hutton): Builds A Rom. A Ven-Tyo; A Apu S A Rom-Ven; A Rom-Ven;
A Boh S A Ven-Tyo; F Smy S Austrian F Aeg-Con; A Gre-Ser.
Russia (Barry Hichey): Removes A War. A Sev S A Ukr; A Ukr S A Sev.
Turkey (Bob Acheson): A Con-Bul (ret-Ank, OTB); F Bla S A Con-Bul.

The deadline for Fall 1905 is August 22, 1980. Bob Francis still has the power of proxy from Barry Hichey. Could Blair Cusack kindly standby for Germany?

1979KH, Fall 1903.

THREE ANNIHILATIONS, NO LESS...!

Austria (Alan Turner): F Gre H; A Alb S F Gre; A Ser S F Gre; A Vie-Bud;
A Rum S A Vie-Bud (annihilated).
England (Steve Hutton): F Nrg-Nwy; F Mid S German A Gas-Spa (no such order);
F Pic-Bre; A Nwy-StP; F Eng S F Pic-Bre.
France (Eric Ozog): A Bur-Gas; A Mar S F Por-Spa(sc) (annihilated); F Por-Spa(sc)
A Par S A Bur-Gas.
Germany (Claude Gauthier): F Fin S English A Nwy-StP; F Den-Swe; A Ruh-Bur;
A Gas S A Ruh-Bur (annihilated); A Ukr S A Lvn-Mos; A Lvn-Mos;
A Mun S A Ruh-Bur.
Italy (Thom Burnett): A Pie-Mar; F Wes S A Pie-Mar; A Gal S Austrian A Vie-Bud;
F Tyn-Tun.
Russia (Steve Berrigan): A Gal ret-Bud. F Rum ret-Sev. A War H; A Bud-Rum;
A StP H (ret-Lvn, OTB); F Sev S A Bud-Rum.
Turkey (Bob Acheson): A Bul-Gre; F Aeg S A Bul-Gre; F Ion-Nap; A Con-Bul.

The deadline for Winter 1903/Spring 1904 is August 22, 1980.

1903 SC Chart:

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre (5). Build 1, as A Rum was annihilated.
England: Home, Bel, Nwy, StP, Bre (7). Build 2.
France: Par, Por, Spa, Mar, Bre (3). Even, as A Mar was annihilated.
Germany: Home, Den, Swe, Hol, Mos, War (7). Build 1, as A Gas was annihilated.
Italy: Ven, Rom, Tun, Mar, Nap (4). Even.
Russia: Sev, Rum, War, StP, Mos (3). Remove 1 or Even, depending on the retreat.
Turkey: Home, Bul, Nap (5). Build 1.

1980-U, Fall 1902.

THE SCREWS ARE BEING TIGHTENED ON AUSTRIA!

GGM: Steve Berrigan, 1394 Highgate Rd. #6, Ottawa, Ont. K2C 2Y6.)
 Austria (Tony Schafer): A Bud-Vie; A Ser-Bul; A Rum S A Ser-Bul (ret-Gal, Bud, OTB); F Gre S A Ser-Bul.
 England (Bob Acheson): F StP(nc)-Nwy; F Nrg S F StP(nc)-Nwy; F Nth S A Den; A Den H (annihilated).
 France (Barry Hichey): F Mid-Eng; A Spa-Por; A Bur-Bel; A Pic S A Bur-Bel.
 Germany (Steve Hutton): F Bel-Nth; A Kie-Den; A Mun-Bur. (F Bel Ret-Hol, OTB)
 Italy (Al Hoffman): A Tri-Ser; A Alb S A Tri-Ser; A Ven-Tri; F Ion S Austrian F Gre; F Tyn S F Ion.
 Russia (Claude Gauthier): F Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Ukr-Rum; A Mos-StP; F Bal-Den; F Bar S A Mos-StP; F Swe S F Bal-Den.
 Turkey (Dave Weatherhead): F Ank H; F Aeg S Italian F Ion-Gre (no such order); A Bul-Ser (annihilated); A Con-Bul.

The deadline for Winter 1902/Spring 1903 is August 22, 1980.

1902 SC Chart:

Austria: Bud, Gre, Vie, Bul, Ser, Tri (4). Even or build 1 depending on the retreat.

England: Home, Nwy (4). Build 1, as A Den was annihilated.

France: Home, Spa, Por, Bel (6). Build 2.

Germany: Home, Ser (3). played one short. BUILD 1 IF F BEL RET-HOL

Italy: Home, Tun, Ser, Tri, Nth (6). Build 2.

Russia: Home, Rum, Swe, Den (7). Build 1.

Turkey: Home, Bul (3). Even, as A Bul was annihilated.

And now, an advisory opinion from Mark L. Berch:

"This concerns a dispute in 1977AZ. This is a Canadian game, thus under the jurisdiction of the CDO ombudsman. However, the GM (François Guerrier) is also the Ombudsman. The CDO Ombudsman's Advisory Committee unfortunately is being revamped at the moment, and so has no sitting members. The IDA-Ombudsman appears not to be functioning, as he has not in general responded to François' Ombudsman-related letters. The only other North American Ombudsman is myself, the P.D.T. (Postal Diplomacy Tournament) Ombudsman. As it is unquestionably within the power of the Ombudsman to delegate his responsibility, I accept.

"My sole source of information on the particulars comes from Passchendaële#24 and #25, and conjugate #2 to #25. As a result, there are some things not clear to me. François says "the player didn't actually protest", and in the opening sentence says, "One player has demurred". On the other hand, he refers to "persistent protests" and in another place hopes that there will not be "another protest" ((...as to my choice of advisory person...)). Further, he refers to "...the appellants are..." implying that there are more than one appellant. Also, it is not clear whether the protest is actually coming from the Russian player or from another, saying "The player argues that S07 should have been delayed in order to give Bob a chance to submit orders based on A Ukr and A Mos." (Bob is the Russian player). ((Sigh...that's me all right...I'm very good at confusing things when I really want to. In this case, I did not think it important to reveal who demurred, or how many players demurred. I felt that was immaterial.

((No, there was no formal protest(s?)--the word was used (where used) just for the sake of convenience.))

"However, regardless of whether the demurrer is actually a protest, François is wisely treating it as such, and so will I.

"In W06, the Russian player, having A Mos, A Fin, A Ukr, failed to make a removal. The GM stated "GM removes A Ukr in accordance with the Rulebook". (Emphasis his). ((I just underlined the title of the document as I'd underline "Passchendaële"...no emphasis was intended...but I can see why people would infer emphasis was intended...))

The German player pointed out that the correct removal is A Fin. The GM then corrected his error, but did not reset the deadline. The Russian player apparently did not catch the error, so his S07 moves are listed as "A Ukr H (ret-Mos, OTB), unordered; A Mos-War; A Fin-StP (no such unit)." The question is thus should the game have been delayed in order to give the Russian player the chance to submit orders based on his true units.

"Rule X of the Passchendaele HRs include the following: "All players are expected to find adjudication errors that can be found by inspection and no delay will be granted in most cases." Note the use of the word "most", which implies that such an error could, in some cases, cause a delay. Secondly, and more importantly, there is considerable doubt that this is truly an error that can be found by inspection. François notes that GMs usually don't delay games for errors that can be found by inspection. However, this is not an ordinary error. If for example, the correct adjudication is "F Sev-Bla", there is a big difference between saying "F Sev-Bla" and "F Sev-Bla (Note no underscoring, since this moves in accordance with the Rulebook)". In effect, the GM, by labeling the removal "in accordance with the Rulebook" has signaled to the player that he (the GM) has already done the required inspecting of the rulebook specifically on the rather obscure point. If ever there was a case for delaying the game for a theoretically discoverable error (and, as established above, the HR does make provision, by implication) this would appear to be it.

"Accordingly, while the GM's decision is not irrational, I find that he erred in not delaying the season. And the Russian player was harmed by this error, in that he was deprived of the use of his A Ukr, which probably affected the use of A MOS as well.

"The usual remedy in such situations is to replay the season. This solution may work to the disadvantage of other players, particularly those who did well that season. On the other hand, the harm that would be done to a blameless party has traditionally been considered sufficient justification for this act. However, in this case, the Russian player is not entirely blameless. He could have ignored the GM's posturing on this point and looked up this rather obscure rule himself. There was then contributory negligence from the player as well. Thus, the Russian player does not have an absolute right to a replay. Balancing the harm done to the Russian player by not replaying must be the harm done to the other players by replaying.

"Accordingly, any player objecting to a replay must send me a statement of reasons why a replay will be unfair to them. The objection must be the replay itself. Thus, merely stating that "With the Russians having two pieces to use in the south life will be more difficult" will not suffice, because the Russians were entitled to two pieces. However, I am aware that players may have tipped their hand in the first S07, and thus a replay would be unfair.

"In evaluating these, I will look to see if another player has submitted a valid case for a significant unfairness that would occur if a replay occurred. If there is even one such case, the replay will not occur. That is to say, the rights of the Russian player, who is not entirely blameless will be subservient to that of any other player. The replay will occur if and only if I receive no valid cases for significant unfairness.

"As for the replay itself, I propose 2 possibilities. One is a total replay of the entire S07 season. The second is a replay of just the following units: A StP, A Mos, A Ukr, A Rum, A Sev, F Bla. While I realize that a partial replay is very unorthodox, it does provide for the possibility of a solution that no one will consider unfair, surely a desirable goal. Thus, your reply to me should specify which option (or both) your reasons apply to. You can object to one, the other, or both. If one option is acceptable, and the other is not, obviously the acceptable one will be used. If both are acceptable, then the full replay will be used. If none, then no replay will occur. Your reasons will not be revealed so long as the game continues.

"François will set a date for these responses, and will either have them sent directly to me, or will have them sent to him for remailing to me, at his option. Once the deadline date has occurred, I will immediately present my ruling, and will mail it to François, or directly to the players, depending on what François wants. ((Kindly send any response directly to Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Pl., Alexandria, VA22304. The deadline for this is August 15, 1980. Yup...that's 3 weeks from now--which is largely sufficient if you respond ASAP. The "short" deadline will in turn give Mark enough time to send me his final ruling before the August 22, 1980 issue (by special delivery, preferably), thus minimizing the game delay.))

"Finally, as I am activating ((activating? Hah...)) in place of the GM, the HR's prohibition against deception of me apply here as well."

((As I said before, the "complaint(s)" was (were?) really only a (or was it several?) demurral (s?)--however, I felt the matter was important enough to consult an advisory opinion...~~then it's American~~

((OK, I erred...(what else is new?) I was probably only too concerned with the fact that this has been a rather glow game: we've managed to crawl only 4 lousy game-years in one "real" year...! But a GM should never rely on expediency alone, particularly when dealing with a "problem" game...

((Hum...Mark has an interpretation of my HRs that is, ah, different from mine, I guess...even the demurring player(s?) didn't even dispute my interpretation...! Oh well...just wait...my next set of HRs should be even clearer on this point...

((I also had not realized that my "in accordance with the Rulebook" would have such rather, ah, disastrous, consequences...I only meant to make it easy on the player by giving him a reference, which he could easily check. But there's more to the written word than I originally thought...especially when the words are these...what should I do? Say, "GM removes ----- (cf. Rulebook)"?))

((But for the moment, my main concern is to be as consistently fair to everyone as possible...so we will have a replay--unless, that is, a player writes and convinces Mark that a replay would harm him unfairly.

((Got to keep this short...I've run out of space. So, how's this for concluding parentheses?:))

Fine Jig-a-doo!

François.

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