

PELLUCIDAR

A Journal of Postal Diplomacy

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Announcements:

1. Last issue of PEL received many favorable comments, not from other publishers, of course, but from a few players and more than a few subscribers, who actually read this zine...can you imagine? Thankyou, folks.

2. Conrad von Metzke assigns the Boardman numbers, Herb Barents has taken over assigning numbers to OWW II games, and you are now looking at the new custodian of the Millier numbers (ie. game numbers for all variant games). The first number I assigned was to the HA II game in this zine, 1973CJeq. Hopefully, many of the publishers I don't know or don't trade with will co-operate in this endeavor.

3. We have copies, still, of the Youngstown variant at 24¢ per copy. Also, Hybozian Age II is still 16¢ per copy. You people that have inquired about entering a game of HA II, please note that Ray Bowers /11870 Twillwood Dr./St. Louis/Missouri/63128 has opened a section of the game, fee is \$5. Here's your chance.....

4. There are a number of matters pending, that is, floating around the Diplomacy scene that rate an article or perhaps editorial by me as they are relatively important. You will note that they have been popping up in other zines of late. I speak of the Publishing Crisis, and also of the possibility of IDA formulating a basic set of rules for postal Diplomacy. In the former, something (don't ask me what) has to be done about 15 year olds who begin publishing, run off 3-10 sloppy issues in six or eight months, and then pull an El Foldo, leaving the hobby holding the bag. In the latter, I oppose any and all regulation of house rules as such. If more time was spent in preventative measures (such as emergency subsidy of financially pressed zines), or money generating projects (Lotteries? Quizzes? Prizes?), then I fail to see where an individuals house rules are anybody's God Damn business but his own. I have already seen the sides forming up on this, pro and con, and I just want the people to know (the ones who feel as I do) that the opposition is beginning to get up a head of steam. Remember I warned you.

5. I have read in BUSHWACKER and other zibes lately of how to rate zines/publishers. The system given in BUSHWACKER was interesting, and I'd say fairly accurate. I also read somewhere else where somebody said that measuring a zine by its circulation was the most stupid criteria in the world. I'd have to say that zine circulation, per se, is not a good measuring stick of a zine's worth. However, would you kindly point out to me a large zine that is no good? That's right, there ain't one..... Suffice to say that a zine would not, or could not, be large if it were not good nor popular.

*Diplomacy is a registered trademark for the game made by Games Research Inc. of Boston, Massachusetts.

6. WINTER CON II - On January 12, 1983, the MIT Strategic Games Society and the American Wargaming Association will sponsor the 2nd Annual WINTER CON. There will be a S-GRAD Tournament, DIPLOMACY-HILL, TACTICS PI, ARMOR MINIATURES, a DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT, and more. Prizes have been donated by most all major wargaming companies. This convention is only \$2 pre-registration. Checks should be made payable to MITSGS and sent to MITSGS/ WC II, 3 Ames St, Cambridge, Mass., 02139. Your editor was there last year, and enjoyed himself thoroughly. Barring unforeseen complications, we shall also attend this year. If you live in New England, there is almost no reason you cannot attend, as the Boston area is in the middle of everything. See you there!

7. AROUND and ABOUT:

EL CONQUISTADOR/Viking Systems/Suite #823/24 N. Wabash Ave./Chicago/Illinois/60602. A very professional zine, photo-offset no less! One hang-up: they say Boardman numbers will not be used, which is a boo-boo on their part, yet we all know by now that what other people do with their zines is their business. Still, I'd recommend you sub to it, as it reads well. Send \$2 to above address.

8. COA's:

Steve Hall/c/o General Delivery/Skowhegan/Maine/04976.

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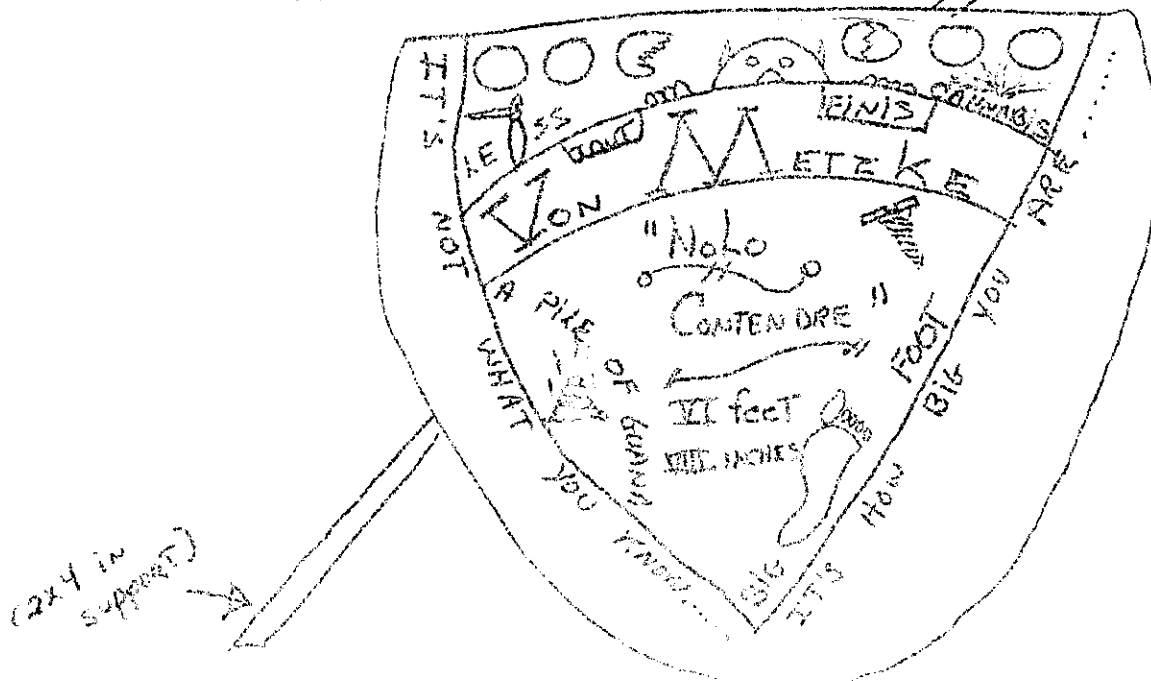
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Red Beam/El Dorado Mobile Estates/250 E. Telegraph Rd./Space 11/Fillmore/CA/93015.

Diplomacy's Famous Families

Coat of Arms :

KEY: Purple on green slime
1 foot AND 2 LEAFS AU RACOUR.



1972EA

Game #1

RUSSIANS MARCHING MERRILY ALONG! WILL FROGS
AND LIMEYS LAST ANOTHER YEAR? MENTALLY.....

Spring
1906

ENGLAND (Boyer): F Yor-Lon.

FRANCE (Bowers): A Bur-Ruh.

GERMANY (Greer): F Bre-EC, A Bel S ITALIAN A Mars-Bur, A Mun-Sil,
A Sil-Pru, A Den-Swe, F Bal S Den-Swe, F Kie-Den.

ITALY (Truman): A Ven-Apu, A Rom S Ven-Apu, F Tun-IonS, F Nap S Tun-
IonS, F TyrS S Tun-IonS, F Spasc-Mid, A Mars-Bur.

AUSTRIA (Cusack): A Tyr S Tri-Ven, A Tri-Ven.

RUSSIA (Pitsch): F StPsc-GoB, A War-Pru, A Mos-War, A Rum-Gal, A Bud
S Rum-Gal, F Sev-Rum, A Boh-Sil, A Swe-Den/DISLODGED/,
F Edi-NthS, A Lpl-Edi.

TURKEY (Hollingsworth): F Naf-WMed, F AdrS S AUSTRIAN A Tyr-Tri/NSO/,
F IonS-Nap/DISLODGED/, A Apu S IonS-Nap/A/, A Alb H,
A Ser H.

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Fall 1906 orders and any retreats are due here 24 Nov 73.

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Game #3

GM JOINS FOREIGN LEGION! WAAAAHH!

Winter
1904

FRANCE (Schleinkofer): No Change.

GERMANY (Gel): F Den /A/.

ITALY (Riepl): A Ven /A/, Remove A Tus.

AUSTRIA (Jones): B F Trieste, A Vienna.

RUSSIA (Dick): B F St.Pnc, A Moscow.

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Spring 1905 moves are due 24 Nov 73.

I sent off a letter to you people on 10 OCT 73 correcting this game
once and for all. The above is correct, I assure you. Anyone for
a fresh start?

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Game #4

NEW RUSSIAN CZAR AWOL! GM DOES HONORS.....
ITALY BUILDS NEW GARBAGE SCOW, HEH-HEH.....

Winter
1903

ENGLAND (Peterson): No Change.

FRANCE (Guggenheim): No Change.

GERMANY (Massar): B A Kiel.

ITALY (Klein): B F Rome.

AUSTRIA (Doeity): B A Budapest.

RUSSIA (Vagts): NRR. GM Removes F BlkS, A Boh, A Sev.

TURKEY (Kelly): No Change.

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Spring 1904 orders are due 24 Nov 73.

PRESS-

BERLIN-Dear Barad Forest-The joke will no doubt be wasted upon you
(so subtle and obtruse is its nature); Bur be that as it may, if
you will kindly stand on your head you may read the answer. (Up-side
down answer: An Abelian grape.)

KLINE-Time troubles didn't force the delay of last season's press.
Clearly, it took Burt 2 months to figure out a reply to that little
ditty from 73AN. Write boy? (That's a play on words... sorta).

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Game #5 A PIC-PAR DID WORK. HOW ABOUT THAT?

Winter
1903

ENGLAND (Hall): Remove F Lancers
FRANCE (Peterson): B F Marselles (no room for other build).
GERMANY (Guggenheim): No Change.
ITALY (Hollingsworth): F F Naples.
AUSTRIA (Beyerlein): No Change.
RUSSIA (Blank): (A Rumania retreats to Ukraine) Remove A Norway.
TURKEY (Holloman): B F Smyrna.

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Spring 1904 moves due 24 Nov 73. (E P-G were notified of below....)
(As noted above, last season ENGLISH A Pic-Par should not be underlined).

PRESS.

CONSTANTINOPLE- Russia has brought to the attention of everyone of a so-called injustice that Turkey brought to Russia. This is the stabbing in the back of Rus by Tur. This action was justified. I had before tried an attack on Rus too. After this first attempt I saw I was in deep trouble because I had expected help from Austria which never came. Now there is a new ruler of the A-H Empire. When this new ruler came on it looked as though he would be completely wiped out. But he got Ita to restrain ((SIC)) from attacking Aus. That left Rus and Tur against Aus. The big thing was that all Rus did was sit on his ass down in the south and let me beat my brains out battling Aus. I got fed up and allied with Aus. So I ask you not to help Rus in his plea for help of the other nations but join me in my battle against Rus or go on with your battles and let Tur, Rus, Aus and maybe Ita settle this so called injustice.

IN DA WOODS- Huh?

ST. PETERSBURG- Due to a sudden rash of skiing accidents in Norway the Russian occupation Army of Norway has ceased to exist as a fighting force in the service of the Good Czar. The group had taken up Ski Jumping which led to massive injuries when the whole unit went off the jump one after another causing a high pile up as they descended upon each other at the bottom of the slope.

FOREST PARKEE- That was, no doubt, the Czar's Own First Polack Ski Brigade.

MOSCOW- The Turks must pay!!

SEVASTOPOL- The Turks must pay!!

WARSAW- The Turks must pay!!

ST. PETERSBURG AND THE CZAR- The Turks Shall Pay!!

1973DT

The Super Game

Spring
1902

Game #7

GERMAN AMPHIBIOUS INVASION A FAILURE!

ENGLAND (Coyno): A Nwy-Swe, F NwaS-BarS, F Lon-NthS, F Edi-NwaS,
F Bei S Lon-NthS.

FRANCE (Dick): F Mars CoL, F WMed Tun, A Spa-Par, A Bur-Mars.

GERMANY (Beam): A Den Liv, F Bei C Den-Liv, A Mol Kie, A Mun-Sil,
A Bei S Mon Sil.

ITALY (Stevens): A Ven Tyr, A Abu Tun, F IonS C A Abu Tun.

AUSTRIA (Blank): A Sud-Rum, A Ser S Sud-Rum, F Gre Aeg, F Tri-Alb,
A Vic-Gal

RUSSIA (Bojer): F CoB StPec, F Rum S TURKISH A Bal, A War S Sil,
A SLD H, A StP Liv.

TURKEY (Weswig): A Bol S RUSSIAN F Rum, A Smy Ank, F Con-Say, F Ank Ger

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Fall 1902 moves are due 24 Nov 73.

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LONDON--It is obvious in several European Capitals that the Russian government refuses to seriously negotiate. At the posting of this announcement, we have received no response to generous overtures made by Her Majesty's government. It is hoped that our most recent military manoueverings will enlighten the Russian diplomats, bringing them to the bargaining table of peace, with the greatest dispatch.

BERLIN--(via Moscow, the future Eastern German Capital)--Germany is ready to complete its destiny with its "move to the east". All right thinking people of Europe must agree that the lowly slavs should not be allowed to Survive.

VIENNA--Let it be known that Kristina must be wed within 2 years of taking the Austro-Hungarian Crown! This was reported to have been the last request of Kristinas father Emperor Virtioso IV. Therefore Aus authorities have taken it upon themselves to offer the voluptuos beauties hand in marriage to any ruler or Son of a Ruler (Naturally must be in line for throne). For vital statistics on the good Empress please write and specifics will be sent (Maybe even a picture).

ANKARA--Queen Victoria's recent pledges were greeted by A.S.S. officials with much enthusias'm. Some concern was felt, however, by reports the British Foreign Minister might try to bring a fleet with him as escort during his proposed visit to Constantinople. There are no mooring facilities for English warships in the Med.

TROY--Pentagram officials announced today plans to use Kristina of Aus as recreational equipment for the thousands of Italian POWs expected soon. "It serves them both right," said one officer.

CONSTANTINOPLE--The Sultan's High Imperial Tribunal today created a Commission On Correcting Kristina for having made unvalled for remarks about the Sultan Fubar's deceased father, Perma Soft II, who was a just and honorable leader in spite of his possible quirks. S.H.I.T. announced C.O.C.K. would tame Kristina. The Commissioners will start their investigation by verifying rumors concerning the intimate relationship between Kristina and her seven year old son (by her father when she was eleven), Prince Blank.

NORD MAINE--Prince Blank was admitted to the Hohohohenzollern Mount Serbia Hospital recently, suffering acute fatigue and vitamin deficiency symptoms. The seven year old Prince Regent, who's nickname is "Queenie", was overheard to be raving about how his mother had kept "gzabbing and rubbing his possible quirk", and how she had forced him to "try and get his hot throbbing quirk into her mulberry bush". Unfortunately, the Young Prince peed at a most inappropriate time, "peeing off" his mother to say the least, and she had chained him to the wall for about six days. While Kristina visited her son at the Hospital, she took on four nurses, three doctors, a custodian, and this reporter. A good time was had by all, and the Prince Regent is said to be recuperating very rapidly under the able hands and mouths of 5 of the bitchiest nurses you've ever seen, the lucky little b-----d.

SMYRNA-- "Karl's poetry is bad
(Walter's a cad);
If the post office saw it,
Labelle would be had.

To think that Blank
Could be so rank--
Perhaps it is he
That Karl should spank."

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Game #9

RUSSIANS VISIT BERLIN. AUSTRIANS STAY WITH
RELATIVES IN MUNICH. KAISER ASKS WHO INVITED ALL
THESE PEOPLE!?! LOWRANCE STOCK UP 100%!

Fall
1901

ENGLAND (Southard): F NwgS-Nwy, A Edi-Den, F NthS C Edi-Den.
FRANCE (Rehbaum): F Mid-Por, A Pic-Bel, A Mar-Spa.
GERMANY (Holloman): A Kie-Den, F Hol S Bar-Bel, A Bar-Bel.
ITALY (Clinton): F TyrS-Tun, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven.
AUSTRIA (Lowrance): F Alb-Gre, A Ser S Alb-Gre, A Boh-Mun.
RUSSIA (Sacks): F GoB-Swe, A Sil-Ber, A Ukr S Sev-Rum, F Sev-Rum,
TURKEY (McIlvaine): A Bul H, A Con H, F Ank H.

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1901 SUPPLY CENTER CHART-

ENGLAND: H, Nwy, 3/4 Build One.
FRANCE: H, Spa, Por, 3/5 Build Two.
GERMANY: Kie, Bel, Hcl, Bel, 3/3 No Change.
ITALY: H, Tun, 3/4 Build One.
AUSTRIA: H, Mun, Ser, Gre, 3/6 Build Three.
RUSSIA: H, Swe, Rum, 4/6 Build Two.
TURKEY: H, Bul, 3/4 Build One.

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Winter 1901 Builds are due 24 Nov 73.

PRESS--

ST. PETERSBURG-Fearing for the safety of H.I.M.'s cousin the Kaiser (of whom H.I.M. has not heard since late 1900), H.I.M.'s Army of Poland has been ordered to advance towards Berlin to put down the revolt beleived to be in progress, restore order, and hopefully rescue H.I.M.'s cousin the Kaiser (with whom H.I.M. dearly wishes to communicate).

VIENNA-The Austrian government has announced its concern over the continued silence of the German government. In conjunction with the armies of the Tsar, we will send an expeditionary force into Germany to ascertain the status of our western neighbors. The Aus government fuzthur announced that a volunteer force of stenographers will remain in Germany to keep the lines of communication open.

ROME-Italy and Austria with the aid of their Russian ally are moving into southern Germany purely because of the aggressive positioning of the English-French forces. I would like to assure the Kaiser that these moves are only to support him. (We're behind you all the way Harry).

1973CJeq
Game #8

CIMMERIA JUMPS INTO EARLY LEAD, LOSES LEADER!
AQUILONIA INVADES FEDERATION! HOT-DAMN!

Fall
3701

CIMMERIA (Hilliker): A Gun S BoK-Bel, A BoK-Bel, A Tho-Van.
AQUILONIA (Blank): A Zin-SPW, A Sha-Tyb, A Tar-Bel.
FEDERATION (Beam): A Cor-Nem, A Bry S Cor-Nem, A Krs H, A Tyb-Arg.
TURAN (Boler): A Sha-Zam, A KaW-Ilb, F BaX-Esf..
STYGIA (Dority): A Sha-Mes, A Set-Krs, F CoS-Cor.

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CIMMERIA: H, Van, Gun, Bel, 3/6 Build Three.3701
SUPPLY
CENTER
CHART

FEDERATION: Cor, Oph, Krs, Arg, Bel, 4/5 Build One.
AQUILONIA: H, SPW, Tyb, 3/5 Build Two.
TURAN: H, Zan, 3/4 Build One.
STYGIA: H, Mes, Coc, 3/5 Build Two.

Builds are due 24 Nov 73.

Note that this game now has a number: 1973CJeq. Use it.

Chic Hilliker is sorry to announce that due to a huge press of time involved with running his new hobby shop, that he will no longer have time to play in this game. Socooco...any subber who has not sent in standby moves before may submit moves for, and take over, this position. Selection of player will be made at random.

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SUKMET-The government of Stygia condemns the aggressive policy of Biddefords critical attitudes towards our press. You have been warned!! Aggression will be met by aggression!!!!!!!

NORD MAINE-Congratulations, Greg, ya did it agin!

OPHIR-Internal strife has led to confusion amongst army leaders. When this internal situation is cleared up heads will roll on the general staff. Troops will be given orders they can follow in the future.

IN DA WOODS-Wanted: Average to good press release writer for Conan type wargame. Apply PELLUCIDAR. Cheap meals and boardgames supplied free.

1973Hbu

Game #6

COUPLE MISTAKES HERE AND THERE, SO WHAT'S NEW!
NEW RULER FOR ITALIAN EMPIRE SOUGHT! SEND RESUME...

Winter

1903

ENGLAND (Proujansky): B A Johore.

FRANCE (White): NC.

GERMANY (Cusack): NBR, one short. F Den retreats-Baltic Sea.

ITALY (Hilliker): B F Naples, A Rome.

RUSSIA (Dick): NC.

TURKEY (Scott): F Tur was /A/. 9/9 even.

INDIA (Stevens): B F Madras.

CHINA (Gel): 6/6 No Change.

JAPAN (Hodge): B F Osa.

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Now to clear up the mistakes: 1) TUR A Tur was /A/ last issue, and the RUS move of Oms-Tur succeeded. 2) CHI A was in Sik, not Vtn. Therefore CHI has no builds, and IND A Bma-Sik should have been underlined. 3) ENG F SChi-Sai should have been underlined. ENG F GoS-Sai, of course, succeeded.

Chic Hilliker regrets to announce that due to his many long hours which must be devoted to his new hobby shop, he will no longer be able to play ITALY in 73Hbu. ANYONE may submit moves for this position. No phone calls, please.

Blair Cusack- Before you write and tell me that you sent in a build, please note that while you sent in your moves for Edb, you did not give a build for Hbu anywhere. In answer to your question, no, A Bel-Hol did not succeed.

PRESS-

TOKYO-The Divine wind blows strong here. Beware! -The Mikado.

Deadline for Spring 1904 moves in 73 Hbu is 24 Nov 73.

