

# PELLUCIDAR

A Journal of Postal Diplomacy

PELLUCIDAR #2

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Aya, I reckon this hearya is PELLUCIDAR, the second, commin to ya die-rekt-lee from the Wolfslair, also known as DIRIGO PRESS. A few games of postal Diplomacy\* are conducted in these pages, and it is contagious, so watch it. This is DIRIGO PRESS publication #10, subscriptions to it are 7/\$1 or 15/\$2, thereby inflicting upon you great savings of your hard-earned ruples. Gamefees for all games are \$5, with exceptions hopefully noted herein. Incorrect adjudications supplied by Tom Eller and myself. Send money and food to: Burt Labelle  
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Some of you people out there are understandably of the impression that this is late. Well it actually isn't. I could not see the reason for publishing a second issue without some moves, so I waited until at least one game was filled, added 3 weeks for move negotiations, and here we are. Four weeks from this, you will see #3, however. Besides, if you go back and check ANTARES #4, you'll see that it says when PELLUCIDAR #2 would be out. It says November. When in November it doesn't say, just November. So here we are.

The new status of the games:

Game #1 -filled & started.  
Game #2 -filled & started.  
Game #3 -1 player registered.  
Game #4 -empty. hereby made into an IDA game,  
with fees of IDA members set at \$4.  
Game #5 -empty.  
Game #6 - Youngstown Variant. 6 players paid  
and/or registered. This game will only be open until Jan 1,  
1973. If it isn't filled by then, it will be replaced by another  
regular game opening.  
Note that all the above games are regular except for #6. The GM's  
for Games #2 and #4 is (aze) Tom Eller, for the rest..me, Burt  
Labelle.

PELLUCIDAR has a set goal of joining the Century Club, i.e.,  
having a circulation of 100 or over. If you cannot join a game,  
and this is understandable, you can do your bit by subscribing  
to help me make it over the top. Circulation this issue: 43 actual  
100 total

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by Allan Calhmer, copyright by Games Research Inc, 48 Wareham St,  
Boston, Mass, 02118. Available from the at \$8, postpaid.

As you can gather from the status of game #4, I am now a member of the International Diplomacy Association. I have been intending to join it for quite a long time, and there are many reasons involved in the final decision. One prime reason for waiting so long was to see if it would go the route of TDA (that is, complete desintegration), it has not, and I am of the opinion now that it will survive. Another reason that broke the camels back is that the Council voted 6-2 not to endorse the World Champion Jousting Blowhard Tournament, or whatever it is. Obviously, such a group making splendid decisions must be a high-intellect bunch, so I finally decided to hop aboard. The membership marches on and on, is now at 115 I think, and eventually should come to represent the true mainstream of postal Diplomacy, period. I hope to do what I can, whatever it might be to continue the aims of this group. Let's go....

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Note to players: fall builds will be due immediately after you receive the fall results each season. The builds will be sent out to each of the seven players in the respective games by carbon copy, at which time the spring moves will be due. In this manner, our four week schedules will progress the various games at a rate probably better than that of three week zines.

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Around the town.....thoughts that strike me at times: There was no point in talking about the election, other than the setback McGovern got in Massachusetts. That's right, I said setback. In 1968 Hubert Humphrey won the state by 700,000 votes. This year Georgie boy "won" it by 200,000. How he even won that is beyond comprehension to me, but Mass does have a rather large percentage of college age, which accounts for a fair amount of it, I think. Anyhow, there is never any sense in kicking a dead horse, and the sick one from the Black Hills is about as dead as they come. ....Nebraska-Oklahoma game was a big let down from last year; this is understandable as last years game was the best football game I've seen in three years.....Biddeford High downed Thornton Academy 12-0, and kept them from going to the state championship. All's fair in love and football.....last year TA played way over their heads and tied BHS 14-14 for the only blemish on my Alma's record as they went on to a state championship and a 9-0-1 record. (Thornton is located in Saco. Get a map and you'll see why all the fuss.).....The great death struggle is over? Walker defunct and Beshara, for all intents and purposes, gone. good greif, all those editorials for nothing? Conrad von Metzke, has, thank God, taken over most of the record keeping etc. in EVERYTHING....Good job, Connie, we need the effort....As Stan Wrobel covered the matter in the best, and shortest manner: "Will the next two teams please take to the field?".....The real circulation of DIRIGO PRESS (everything I make) is 77 or so. That doesn't count, tho, does it Walt? Shucks. Anybody know if Games Research has done the new flyer? No word here yet.....John Moot strikes me as the type who would walk out of a building that was on fire...better to be sure and steady.

Game #1 begins...Possible new record for slow start (31days)... seven escapees from looney bin pay real money to hurt each other...

The players:

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RUSSIA: Donald Pitsch  
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FRANCE: Ray Bowers  
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TURKEY: Doug Hollingsworth  
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GERMANY: Greg Greer  
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Cambridge, Mass.  
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Preference lists results:

Cusack: R G T F A I E  
Boler: E R T F G I A  
Bowers: R T G E F A I  
Greer: E T G R F I A  
Truman: no preference...I  
Pitsch: R G F I E T A  
Hollingsworth: T I R F E G A

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1972EA  
Game #1

Spring 1901

RUSSIA ATTEMPTS TO GO ON MANUEVERS IN  
AUSTRIA, FAILS. FRANCE & ITALY PREPARE TO INVADE  
SWITZERLAND. (?) BRILLIANT VARIATION OF ENGLISH  
OPENING (Zzzzzzzzzzz.)

AUSTRIA (Cusack): F Trieste-Albania, A Budapest-Serbia, A Vienna-Galacia.

ENGLAND (Boler): F Edinburgh-Norwegian Sea, F London-North Sea, A Liverpool-Edinburgh.

FRANCE (Bowers): A Paris-Burgundy, A Marseilles S A Paris-Burgundy, F Brest-Mid Atlantic.

GERMANY (Greer): F Kiel-Denmark, A Munich-Ruhr, A Berlin-Kiel.

ITALY (Truman): A Venice-Piedmont, A Rome-Venice, F Naples-Tyrrhenian Sea.

RUSSIA (Pitsch): F St Petersburg sc-Gulf of Bothnia, A warsaw-Galacia, A Moscow-Ukraine, F Sevastopol-Rumania.

TURKEY (Hollingsworth): A Constantinople-Bulgaria, A Smyrna-Ankara, F Ankara-Constatinople.

1972EA Press.....

VENICE-The Italian Empire is proud to announce the signing of the German-Italian Mutual Defence Pact. We jointly warn all nations to stay out of the province of Tyrolia and to refrain from attacking our sovereign soils, for these actions will meet with swift and strong joint opposition from our armed forces.

BERLIN-Kaiser I Wilhelm Klobberhugh today announced that the German and Italian governments have signed a joint resolution. Any attack on either will be considered an attack on both, and will elicit a response from both.

VIENNA-Austria has moved units into the northernmost borders of this province in efforts to bolster the peasants in Galacia in their efforts to repel the Russian forces reportedly pouring in from Warsaw. Should the units successfully repel the Russian armies, Austria will push on to occupy Galacia and provide a deterrant force the Russians will in the future respect.

TRIESTE (that's TRIESTE): After much negotiation, it was decided in late winter that this city be left open and exposed in a display of open trust to Austria's Neighbors in Italy.

BUDAPEST: Rumors of a grand alliance with Turkey have been circulating here in a proposed effort to cease the squabbling and fighting of the lesser states in the Balkan Region. Russia has been trying to annex Rumania and to move on from there, but the grand alliance would permit only Turkish and Austrian forces within the Balkans. However, no public announcement has been made about this alliance as yet.

BARAD FOREST: If the Turkish and Austrian rulers could find it within their means, 50 dollars from each would result in a rather swift, effortless, and effective occupation of the Balkans.

Players note: Barad Forest is the new designation for comments originating from the GM.

Blair Cusack- is 17 years old, and a student (he doesn't say of what, heh-heh). Blair started Diplomacy in 1970, is presently in 12 games. I haven't won any either, Blair.

Chuck Boler- is 24 years old (believe it or not), and I, unfortunately, have known him since 1967, when we met in the Green Machine in Korea. Chuck graduated, by means not yet determined, from Mishawaka High in 1966, and is now attending I.U at South Bend, soon to be a Junior. He's not married, doesn't plan to be. Has been playing wargames since 1962, mostly Avalon Hill. This is his first, and at the moment, only postal Diplomacy game. Last note: anyone who is a Wargamer, feel free to drop by at Chuck's anytime. Which reminds me: COA- Chuck Boler/136½ E. Broadway/Mishawaka/Indiana/46544.

Greg Greer- has just made 72EA his 10th game. Greg was born in Roxboro, North Carolina, and excepting his time at Harvard has never lived outside the state. Until he ran into postal Diplomacy last spring, his "only social aberration" was postal chess.

Don Pitsch- is 22 years old, with a lovely wife an no kiddies yet. He is employed as a computer programmer/analyst, and started playing

/postal Diplomacy in July of this year. Don is in 2 other regular games at moment. He recently graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Sciences and a minor in mathematics. Don was a member of the Purdue Wargamers club where he was fortunate enough to be introduced to Diplomacy.

Note to the players of 1972EA: House-rule #7 states that orders are to be submitted on an 8½ x 11" paper. Some of you did not abide by this rule. Spring of 1901 is crucial, and we were slow starting to begin with, therefore I used all orders received. Starting with next season, I'm afraid some of you will come up with NMR (no moves received) unless you follow this correctly. On other matters, there is a vast difference in your abilities already showing. One player sent in his moves four different times. It is impossible to comprehend this person ever missing a move at that rate, and by all means you should send either 2 sets of moves, or enclose a blank post card with orders for me to verify reception of your moves. I can think of at least 2 or 3 of my own games where I blew because of these matters.

Also, I am sending each of you a copy of ANDROMEDA CHRONICLE, which is my introduction zine for relatively new people. If I have already sent you a copy, feel free to return one to me or send your extra on to a friend who might be interested in this.

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I would like to thank the many GM's out there who have plugged PELLUCIDAR in one way or another. My set goal for this zine is a circulation of 100, and it appears to be no small task. I have a favor to ask of you people also, and that is, DO NOT plug ANTARES henceforth. I am assigning a ceiling of 60 as its figure of circulation; and that has just about been reached, therefore I do not desire in the least to expand making copies of a 25-30 page quarterly zine, as PELLUCIDAR is now the prime function of DIRIGO PRESS. Here are the plugs:

COSTAGUANA...Conrad von Metzke/PO Box 8342/San Diego/Calif./92102. To be honest, for a change, with EREHWON now gone, this zine and its GM are about the best around on my personal favorites list. Subs are 7/\$1 or 15/\$2, and my first elimination took place in these musty pages. Ahh, such fond memories (choke, gasp, tear, kill.)

XENOLOGIC...Larry Peery/Box 8416/San Diego/Calif./92102. Altho at times in the past year Larry has beened caught being late, I knew all along that he'd get on the track, and Larry knew too, 'cause if he didn't I woulda killed him! Very good reading, etc.

ARMADILLO...(not Armadildo, as reported elsewhere) Steve Cooper/3073 S. Buchanan Street/#B-2/Arlington/VA/22206. Subs 6/\$1, and worth every penny of it.

THE SILMARILLI...Chick Hilliker/3312 Stoneycrest/Bloomington/Indiana/47401. Second issue has just thudded down in front of me. Excellent! Chic is down there at the ole IU campus, with all them good looking....oh, hi Liz!

Whoops. To player profiles add: Doug Hollingsworth- is a Capricorn with Sagittarius rising. In addition to being a Diplomat, Doug is an astrologer, a genealogist, and an assistant trust officer at Merchants National Bank of Bangor. This is his third game of Diplomacy, and Doug says that he distinguished himself in the second one by being eliminated in the fall of 1902. (Thunderous applause).

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Game #2 begins, almost. 1972??

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CANADA

Preference lists results:

Hodge:	E F A T R G I
Rand:	E T R F I A G
Cressey:	F E R I G T A
Drews:	E I G F R T A
Thorne:	I T E A F R G
Valencourt:	E F R A I T G
Stevens:	F E I R A G T

NOTE: GM for this game is Tom Eller. All moves, press releases, and any possible problems are to be handled by writing to Tom, not to me. His address:

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The deadlines are: Game #1 1972EA, all moves due 23 December 1972.  
for Fall, 1901.

Game #2 1972??; all moves due 20 December 1972.  
Please remember, 8½ x 11" paper only! for Spring, 1901

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ANDROMEDA CHRONICLE, sent by me to relatively new players, is four pages long and covers the same topics POTEVEDRIA did. It is not available by sub, and goes only to new people who have written to me asking about postal Diplomacy, or have joined a game in PELLUCIDAR. It is recommended by von Netzke as a substitute for Gin.

More plugs.....

HOOSIER ARCHIVES...Walt Buchanan/RR#3/Lebanon/Indiana/46052. If you honestly haven't heard by now of HA, which is weekly, then you are excused, as you must be very new. Subs are 6/\$1 or 13/\$2, and don't all of you envy Walt mailing every week? IMPASSABLE...John Boyer/117 Garland Drive/Carlisle/PA/17013. Subs 6/\$1. John also publishes the IDA zine, DIPLOMACY REVIEW, and has a superb record to date. Worth getting. ARRAKIS...New from John Leeder/Box 1606/Huntsville/Ontario/CANADA. Sub rate is 100 pages/\$1, which is a pretty good deal considering it costs a lot more than that just to make the zine. I know there are more than that, and I'm sorry if I didn't get them all. Catch you on the rebound...BRL.

I have attempted to generate a group of Gamesmasters into insuring each others games, an idea which may or may not be new but is certainly worthwhile. Let me explain: XXX, my zine, carries six games. ZZZ, a zine belonging to another GM/Publisher who is a close friend carries five games. I propose to ZZZ publisher that if he will guarantee one of my games I will guarantee one of his. "Guarantee" in this case means that should ZZZ fold, I will pick up ONE of his games in my zine, XXX. Response to my proposal has been a bit slow and timid, however, unless I have incorrectly interpreted a letter from John Boyer of IMPASSABLE, his zine and this one now have an agreement. A few others were contacted, but have not agreed or gone against the proposal as yet. This effort on my part was a closed effort, and not for the IDA or any other group in existence. Once I have all the games I carry in PELLUCIDAR "insured", I will no longer have any great interest in this matter. If the other gamesmasters I wrote to would please reply for or against, I would appreciate it. Should some of you not accept this, I can then seek out other persons.

That sums it up fairly well, I think. The idea was not a play for me to get up a nation-wide group to insure any and every game going, it was a purely selfish move on my part to eventually be able to tell the players in my games that, if I should fade out, not to worry in excess, as the game would resume, rapidly, elsewhere. In return I would ease the load of the others who entered into such agreement with me, picking up a mate for my game from them. The cat is out of the bag now, and the results haven't been too barnburning. In fact, anyone out there who is a GM and is interested in a one-for-one insurance guarantee, please feel free to contact me, we'll try to work something out. Hmmmmmm. I wonder if I've started something here? If it can help to avoid major disasters, such as when Rod Walker went away, it will positively be worth it. Comments?

"It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing."

- Shakespeare (Macbeth)

This whole page should have been used for another game, or for your jim dandy my-t-fine press release. Join a game!

Note: Get your moves in early, as with Christmas (Hmmm, Christmas) and New years, The PO becomes a madhouse. Look at Conrad!

"Italien ist ein geographischer Begriff."

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-- - Prince Metternich in a letter, 1849.  
("Italy is a geographical expression.")

"Quem Juppiter vult perdere dementat prius."

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----- James Duport  
("Whom God would destroy He first sends mad.") And from this, I gather, "whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad with power." Which is a better wording.

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And this one, wherein lies the future of man (that is, in his mind over matter).

"Cogito, ergo sum."  
- Rene Descartes  
("I think, therefore I am.")

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See you next issue...BRL.