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This issue will be extremely short, probably just these pages and the Diplomacy game results, as well as being about a week late. Because of this, everybody's subscription has been extended by one issue. Also, Penny and I have a new address (above, as well as on the back page), please make note of it. We also have a new computer, no TV, hardly any books or clothes, and are pushing the envelope on our credit cards. Why all the changes? Well, it wasn't our idea. You see, at about 3:00 in the morning on July 4th, there was a major fire in our building, and for a horrible few moments we seemed to be



### FROM THE FLOE: PENGUINS IN HELL.

Penny is very sensitive to smoke, and sometime before three woke me up, and asked if I smelled anything. It didn't seem to be anything worse than the smoky smell that had persisted for the last few days from the (illegal) Fourth of July fireworks constantly going off in the neighborhood, so we went back to sleep.

An unknown amount of time later, I woke up from the sound of Penny's coughing, and saw a haze of smoke in our bedroom lit up both by the streetlights, and by an orange glow coming from the living room window. I grabbed my glasses, and went to the living room where I saw the flames shooting out from the window of the single-floor shirt laundry attached to the building housing our second-floor apartment.

I shouted to Penny, "Oh my God, we're burning up!", and yelled at her to get up and get out. My father has been a volunteer fireman for many years, and has drilled into us what to do in case of a fire. Get out, without worrying about what else to save. Save lives. About then the smoke alarms went off.

We yelled out the windows to wake up the other tenants in the building, and in hope of getting someone to call the fire department (I had already discovered that the phone in the living room was dead.) Then we felt the door to the hall, and finding it cool, quickly headed out into the smoke-filled corridor (keeping low, breathing shallow) and out to the front exit, from where Penny ran to the nearby firebox and pulled it, while I keep yelling and headed to our next-door neighbor's house (also the landlord).

All we left the apartment with was the underwear we were sleeping in, our wedding rings and our glasses. But we were unharmed, and as Penny said when interviewed on a local news channel the next day, "That's fine by me!"

The fire spread from the laundry to our building's roof and back side (including our living room), and burned in various "hot spots" throughout the morning despite the efforts of the firemen, including under our bedroom. The cause of the fire is still unknown, although it started in the work area of the laundry. It is not believed to be arson, unlike the five other Lynn fires that also occurred on the Fourth.

We stayed with friends (Pete Standley, Lonnie Waite, and Ernie Hakey, who came out to Lynn to get us at 4:30 AM) that night. We were able to go back into the building the next day, and discovered that almost everything in the living room had actually burned (TV, stereo, books, records, tapes, artwork), and that things higher up in the other rooms had scorched, charred or melted (books, kitchen utensils, games, clothes), while things lower in all the rooms were soaked (books, comic books, furniture) and smoked.

We didn't save much. Water came out of the side vents of the Mac when I tilted it. We listed over 2,000 books in our inventory for the insurance claim, including Penny's borrowed library books and textbooks.

Yes, we did have tenant's insurance, and if you're a renter without such insurance, I strongly recommend that you look into getting some, and keep pictures of what you own with their receipts in a safe place. But the claim hasn't been settled yet, and in any case we could never replace such things as Penny's framed needlework, various other pieces of art, out-of-print games and books, favorite clothes, a complete run of DRAGON magazines, etc.

We did recover some things. My PD files, manuscripts, and FRP gameworld notes were only smoked or slightly soaked, and for the most part salvageable. A couple of pieces of Waterford crystal survived next to a pewter bud vase that bubbled. Some favorite stuffed animals recovered after multiple washings. An heirloom quilt is discolored, but intact. Some artwork survived, once their scorched frames were removed. And you won't hear me complaining about the high price of boxed games in the near future. In a number of cases, a box would be smoky, wet, or even charred, and the game inside could be recovered safe and sound.

And, again, we know that the two most important things survived physically unscathed. It will be a while before the mental scars heal, though. It's a rare night that we both are able to sleep peacefully through.

But with perseverance, and with plenty of help from our friends and relatives, we're on the way back now. You wouldn't be reading this if that wasn't the case. The new apartment is very nice, a thoroughly modern place with central air conditioning, dishwasher, etc., and it's much more convenient than the old place both for my work and for Penny's school. (Of course, it's also about double the old rent - and I'm afraid to see the first new utility bills.) We both hate to shop (normally buying one major purchase per year, lately it's averaged about one a day), but it is nice to sit and sleep and compute on all-new furniture. Rebuilding no longer seems a Sisyphean task, just a monumental pain in the butt.

A lot of wonderful people have helped us these last three weeks, from the Red Cross volunteers who provided me with a pair of sneakers (women's size 10s, but still welcome) that first night to both Penny and my families, and I'd particularly like to name a few of those people here, in no particular order. Pete Standley, Mindy Baden, Ernie Hakey, Anne Fogarty, Lonnie Waite, Amelia Harding, Bill Kelliher, Zeke Farnsworth, Dave Teller, Stella Panagopoulos, Pat Connell, and all our other friends and co-workers who have been so giving of their time and effort.

Next issue PENGUIN DIP, at least, should be back to normal, with the usual features, artwork, articles, and everything else from A to Z. And I'm still looking for lists of the 10 Best 20th Century Classics from a lot of you. And don't forget the new address!



Artwork is by Scott Ruggles (Page 1), and Diana Harlan Stein (Page 7). All unpublished PD articles were recovered, but only some letters of comment and about three-quarters of the artwork on file came through - therefore, I once again need more submissions! (I know, I know, it's a pretty radical way to reject material - one I don't recommend to other zine eds.)

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## ROCKHOPPER'S SOCKHOP SPRING 05 1987AU

**Austria (Gonsalves):** A Gal-War, A Bud-Tri(dislodged; retreat VIE or Off)

**England (Hall):** A War SUPPORT A Mos(Cut), A Mos SUPPORT A War, A Edi-StP, F Bar CONVOY A Edi-StP, F Kie Hold, F Den SUPPORT F Kie, F NWS CONVOY A Edi-StP, F Iri SUPPORT F Lpl-NAO, F Nth-Lon, F Lpl-NAO

**France (Quirk):** A Bre-Pic, A Bel SUPPORT A Run-Hol, A Ruh-Hol, F NAO-MAO, E Lon-Nth, F Tun-lon, F Spa(sc)-Wme, F Mar-Lyo

**Germany (Ditter):** A Mun-Kie, A Ber SUPPORT A Mun-Kie

**Italy (Ozog):** A Tri-Bud, A TyI SUPPORT F Alb-Tri, F Alb-Tri, F TyS-Tun

**Turkey (Nickel):** A Ukr-Gal, A Gre HOLD, A Sev-Rum, A Ser SUPPORT ITA A Tri-Bud, A Con-Bul, F Rum-Bla, F Aeg-lon, F Smy-EMe

Underlined moves do not succeed. Fahrenheit 451 is the temperature at which books burn.

## SHOUTED OUT THE WINDOW (Press)

**Italy-England:** "Yes, some things never work out the way you hope. That's the story of my life in this game"

**England-Italy:** "Hang in there, stranger things have happened."

**Italy-France:** "OK - give me Tun back now! It's mine and I want it back! Or I'm going to get mean!!"

**England-France:** "If you did what I think you did, you will die a thousand painful deaths."

**England-Austria:** "Thanks for the good advice but I think I too stupid to listen, we shall see."

## THE MAGELLAN COTILLION

FALL 06

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**Austria (Smith):** (A MUN RETREAT RUH) A Ruh-Mun, A Rum-Bud, A Ser SUPPORT A Rum-Bud, A Bul-Con, A Boh-Vie, F Bla SUPPORT A Bul-Con

**England (Rush):** A Bur SUPPORT A Pic-Par(Cut), A Pic-Par, F Den-Nth, F Kie HOLD, F Ciy-Lpl, F Iri-MAO, F Eng SUPPORT F Iri-MAO

**France (Oaklyn):** A Gas-Bur, A Par-Pic, F Nat-MAO, F MAO-Spa(sc)

**Germany (Hauser):** A Mar-Gas

**Italy (E.Anderson):** A Tyl SUPPORT A Tri-Vie, A Tri-Vie, A Ven-Tri, F Alb SUPPORT A Ven-Tri, F Ion SUPPORT TUR F Gre

**Russia (Bowen):** A Sev SUPPORT A Ukr-Rum, A Ber SUPPORT A Mun, A Mun SUPPORT A Ber(Cut), A Ukr-Rum, A Bud SUPPORT A Ukr-Rum(dislodged; retreat GAL or Off), F Nwg HOLD, F Nwy-Swe

**Turkey (Caruso):** A Smy-Con, A Ank SUPPORT A Smy-Con, F Gre SUPPORT F Con-Bul(sc), F Con-Bul(sc)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The 1872 Boston fire destroyed 800 buildings; \$75 million damage.

AUSTRIA (BUD, SER, BUL) 3 REMOVE 3

ENGLAND (LPL, EDI, LON, DEN, KIE, BEL, HOL) 7 EVEN

FRANCE (PAR, BRE, SPA, POR) 4 EVEN

GERMANY (MAR) 1 EVEN

ITALY (VEN, ROM, NAP, TUN, TRI, VIE) 6 BUILD 1

RUSSIA (WAR, MOS, STP, SEV, SWE, NWY, BER, MUN, RUM) 9 BUILD 2

TURKEY (SMY, ANK, GRE, CON) 4 EVEN

### WHISPERED IN THE HALLS (Press):

**Turk-GM:** "This is what you call instant replay!"

**London-Con:** "No cards or letters in weeks - boo-hoo!"

**Turk-Eng:** "What do you mean you'll help 'if the price is right'? You should help our of the goodness of your heart. You lawyers are all the same, always putting your hand in someone else's pocket."

**(French Marseilles):** "The Russians are coming, the Russians are coming. One if by land, two if by sea. One, two... one, two... one, two."

**Con-Paris:** "Give me one good reason for sending the Archdope after me. I'm no threat & I'm certainly not going anywhere. So don't go giving the bozo anymore stupid ideas!"

**England-Austria:** "I really wouldn't mind that retreat to Ruhr so much. Russia is off limits but there is a Turk and Italian to contend with."

**(Paris):** "It seems that there is too little, too late. Where did I go astray? Was it missing moves? Was it failing to kiss the boot leather of the dastardly German, who lives now in our fair city of Marseilles? Was it not paying toll to the Englishman?"

**London-Paris:** "Where are the women you promised us?"

**KK-Booper:** "Go ahead, bust his head!"

**London-Bernie:** "You overestimate me. Am I such a threat to the rest of the board? All I am doing is keeping a commitment to Germany that I made at the beginning of the game, albeit in a roundabout way. Just die with grace and no more griping."

**Turkey-Italy:** "Oh please don't steal Greece!"

**London-Mar:** "Everything ok, chief?"

**Bernie-World:** "I have enrolled for advance studies at the University of Maryland, College of Engineering, Computer Science Field of Study, starting this coming Fall semester, with initial studies commencing now. Therefore, I will reduce the number of letters for the games I am now playing, but will endeavor to complete those games. Gamemasters reading this are requested to remove my name from the list of games not yet started until I notify them to place me on the list for future games. Players are requested to continue to write to me with the same (or improved) frequency and accept not hearing direct responses unless close coordination is needed."

**Russia-France:** "Try writing to my new address instead of my old one. Forwarded mail doesn't get here in time."

## THE EMPEROR'S BALL      WINTER/SPRING 05/06 1987AK

**France (Sargent):** (BUILD A MAR) A Vie-Tri, A TyI SUPPORT A Vie-Tri, A Pie-Tus, A Mar-Pie, F Tun-Ion, F TyS-Nap, F NAF-WMe, F Lyo-TyS

**Germany (Schenck):** (BUILD A MUN) A Kie SUPPORT A Mun-Ber, A Nwy SUPPORT F Swe-Fin, A Boh SUPPORT FRE A Vie(Moving), A Sil-Gal(dislodged; retreat PRU, MUN, or Off), A Mun-Ber, F Den SUPPORT F Ber-Bal, F Ska-Swe, F Swe-Fin, F Ber-Bal

**Italy (F. Anderson):** (REMOVE F NAP) A Ven-Tri, F Apu SUPPORT F Ion-Adr, E Ion-Adr(destroyed)

**Russia (Holley):** A Bud SUPPORT A Gal, A War-Sil, A StP SUPPORT F Bal-Lvn, A Gal SUPPORT A War-Sil, F Bal-Lvn, F Rum HOLD

**Turkey (E. Anderson):** (RETREAT F ION TO EME) A Tri SUPPORT RUS A Bud-Vie(Cut, No Such Order), A Ser SUPPORT A Tri, A Gre HOLD, F Alb-Adr, F Aeg SUPPORT F Adr-Ion, F EMe SUPPORT F Adr-Ion, F Adr-Ion

Underlined moves do not succeed. On Sept. 13, 1922, in El Azizla, Libya, it reached 136° F, a world record.

### OVERHEARD AT THE BALL (Press)

**Germany-GM:** "Everybody makes mistakes. How about giving us all one sub credit to your increasingly expensive zine?" [*Your wish is my command.*]

## KING BASH 1987CP

FALL 04

**Austria (Gaughan):** A Ser SUPPORT A Tri, A Con-Bul, A Tri SUPPORT GER A Boh-TyI(NSO), A TyI-Vie, F Aeg SUPPORT F Ion, F Ion HOLD

**England (Schlosser):** A Hol-Kie, A Den-Swe, F Bal-Bot, F Kie-Ber, F Nwy-StP(nc), F Bar SUPPORT F Nwy-StP(nc), F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth SUPPORT F Nwg-Nwy

**France (Rigley):** A Pie SUPPORT ITA F Ven, A Ruh SUPPORT A Bur-Mun, A Bur-Mun, A Mar HOLD, F Tun-Ion, F TyS SUPPORT F Tun-Ion

**Germany (Hakey):** A Boh HOLD

**Italy (Carroll):** (A TRI RETREATS BUD) A Rom-Nap, A Bud HOLD, F Ven HOLD

**Russia (Lutterbie):** NMRI A Ank Hold, A Sil Hold, A Mun Hold(dislodged; retreat TYL or Off), A StP Hold(dislodged; retreat FIN, LVN, MOS, or Off), F Swe Hold, F Smy Hold, F Bot Hold

**Turkey (Vu):** No Units.

Underlined moves do not succeed. Signs of Heat Stroke: 1) Face is red and flushed. 2) Victim becomes rapidly unconscious. 3) Skin is hot and dry with no perspiration.

AUSTRIA (VIE, SER, BUL, GRE, CON, TRI) 6 EVEN

ENGLAND (EDI, LPL, LON, Nwy, BEL, DEN, HOL, KIE, BER, STP) 10 BUILD 2

FRANCE (BRE, PAR, MAR, POR, SPA, MUN, TUN) Z BUILD 1

GERMANY Q OUT! [*GM REMOVES A BOH*]

ITALY (ROM, NAP, VEN, BUD) 4 BUILD 1

RUSSIA (SEV, WAR, MOS, RUM, SMY, ANK, SWE) Z EVEN

TURKEY Q OUT!

I hope the NMR was just caused by forwarding problems, but in any case would **Chisolm F. Gentry**, 470 South Main St., Bradford, MA 01830, please stand by for **Russia**? Thanks, and an issue's sub credit, to Ernie Hakey and Nhan Vu for playing out their standby positions to the bitter end.

**NATTERINGS OF THE COURT (Press):**

**Austria (aka "The Beleaguered Garrison")-Italy:** "Look, can't we talk this out??"

**Austrian Rookie Emperor-Russkie Emperor:** "Guess we better stick together -- at least till someone else makes a better offer -- eh?"

**French Emperor-Czar:** "Does it mean that the mail will be faster now that we have a common border?"

**Austrian Party Drunk-Party Drunk:** "I say, those Brits certainly are a bit farther East than we'd like, aren't they?"

**Adélie Soirée**

**SPRING 1902**

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**Austria (Nickel):** A Vie-Bud, A Ser SUPPORT A Vie-Bud, F Gre-Bul(sc)(dislodged; retreat ALB or Off)

**England (Holley):** A Nwy SUPPORT GER F Den-Swe(destroyed), F Nwg-Bar, F Nth SUPPORT A Nwy

**France (Botimer):** A Spa-Por, A Bel SUPPORT GER A Hol, A Par-Gas, F Lon SUPPORT F Bre-Eng, F Mar-Spa(sc), F Bre-Eng

**Germany (Weseman):** A Mun-Sil, A Hol HOLD, A Ber-Pru, F Den SUPPORT F Kie-Bal, F Kie-Bal

**Italy (Ozog):** A Tyl SUPPORT A Tri-Vie, A Tri-Vie, A Ven-Tri, F Tun-TyS, F Nap-Ion

**Russia (Carlberg):** A Bud SUPPORT ITA A Tyl-Vie(destroyed), A Fin SUPPORT F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Sev-Rum, A War-Gal, F Swe SUPPORT F StP(nc)-Nwy, F Rum-Bla, F StP(nc)-Nwy

**Turkey (Watt-Evans):** A Bul-Gre, A Con-Bul, F Aeg SUPPORT A Bul-Gre, F Smy-Con

Underlined moves do not succeed. The largest insurance company, Prudential, has assets of \$103,317,115,000.

### GENTEEL DISCOURSE (Press)

**Berlin-World:** "The ZIP on my CoA should have been 14850."

**Sultan-Tsar:** "I hope you don't mind if my fleet delays its maneuvers to come take a look at your spiffy new army in Sevastopol; we do so love those flashy Cossack uniforms!"

**Berlin-Rome:** "I hope your armies went east."

**Italy-Russia:** "I'm sorry, but I hate last minute change of plans."

**Germany-Russia:** "The cat's out of the bag. Italy is your friend, not Turkey."

**Italy-Austria:** "You don't really want Tri back do you? Yes? That bad, eh? Maybe I'll let you have it."

**Germany-France:** "He may be a bid bad bear, but he's split in two which makes him two little bears. I think."

**France-Board:** "Okay, I'll shut up. Not a peep outa me. I mean I know when to keep my mouth closed. No one can accuse me of not knowing when my comments are unwanted. I'll just keep quiet from now on."

**Germany-France:** "Italy's just a peaceful little elf after all."

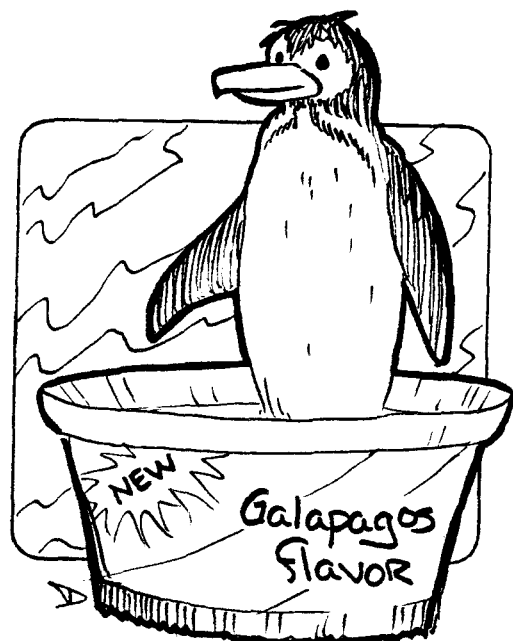
**Eng-F/G/R:** "Gee, what's with all the fleets, guys? Am I that big a threat?"

**Germany-England:** "My hope is we can work something out in Scandinavia."

**Larry-Millie:** "Whad ya think, sweets. Do you suppose they believe it?"

**GATECRASHERS** (Ron Cameron, Derek Levison, Mark Weseman, Michael Gonsalves, Kathy Caruso, Dave Ditter, Michael Hopcroft, Michael Quirk, John Richards, John Fisher, Bill Ricker, Mark Sheron, and Pete Gaughan). A standby pays no game fees, receives sub credit for submitting unused moves and upon playing a position to completion so let me know if you want on (or off) this list.

Deadline for all Diplomacy games is **SEPTEMBER 3**. For the From Anshar to Zoser game, I've got orders on file from everybody that I will be using, no need to send duplicates. Aloha!



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### THE BACK PAGE

The day we were burned out of our apartment (see inside), there were also five other fires in Lynn, one of which left over thirty people homeless. So I wasn't surprised that our ill fortune was not the focus of fire news coverage in the Lynn Daily Evening Item, the Boston Globe, or the three local network news shows.

What did surprise me was that not one of the above news media had their facts straight.

According to one of the reports, our fire occurred at 50 Marion Street (the landlord's address, a mistake that caused her to receive quite a few agitated phone calls from friends and relatives wondering if she was alright.) Another had us listed along with two other fires as just a porch fire. (Yes, our porch did burn up, but that was because our porch is the roof of the neighboring laundry). Yet another report had the wrong number of people dispossessed.

There were mistakes in the fire report too, some of which were duplicated on the news. (They listed us at 2 Marion Street, the address of the fire call box that Penny pulled.) That indicates to me that the reporters just called the fire or police station for their information, and with all the other fires to report, perhaps I can understand that source of error. But when I saw all the new errors that had been generated... Well, it makes one wonder about the veracity of other news reports, the ones you see where you're not personally familiar with the facts of the case.

UHF Channel 56 had the facts right, though, and their reporter was on the scene, with a cameraman, asking (politely) the right questions. But is one out of six the best the Third Estate can do?