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Greetings from the staff of The Podunk News, the only gamezine in Colorado or Iowa devoted exclusively to Diplomacy and its variants. Diplomacy is owned by the Avalon Hill Company of Baltimore, Maryland. Subs to TPN are available at the rate of 12 issues for \$2. There are no gamefees. Our staff includes:

Gamesmasters: Bob Hartwig and Paul Novak Contributing Editors: Guy Erwin and Curtis Gibson

Staff Photographer: Doran Creening

Please notice the latest addition to our staff. Doran Greening will now be taking all of the photographs used on these pages. We welcome him graciously.

Some have asked how to become a Contributing Editor. By submitting 2 articles and having them published in any given year, you become a C. E. To maintain that status, you need to get 1 article published in

each succeeding year.

Standby List: 1. Robert Acheson 2. Steve Brooks 3. Ron Kelly 4. Bob Beardsley 5. Konrad Baumeister 6. Paul Vienent (NMR'ed)
General Orders: Konrad Baumeister, Curt Gibson, and Mike Dominskyj Collect Calls: Konrad Baumeister, Tom McNally, and Donald Blasland Diplomacy World: Quarterly, \$4 per year. Walt Buchanan (RR 3, Box 324; Lebanon, Indiana 46052). Diplomacy Hobby News, Demonstration Game, articles on ratings systems, variants, and good play. THE hobby zine.

The International Diplomacy Association of North America. \$2 yearly dues entitle members to discounts on IDA publications and 6 issues of <u>Diplomacy Review</u>, the IDA's zine. Dues should be sent to the Treasurer: Steve Brooks (4960 B Ave. C; Great Falls, Montana 59405)

Gen Con XIDip Con X: POB 756; Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147. We now have a full room with myself, Alan Guile (a college friend), John Baker

(IDA Ombudsman), and Cal White (IDA Canadian Representative).

The Ninth Circle: David Bunke (5512 Julmar Dr.; Cincinatti, Ohio 45238). Dave plays in Podunk and will be starting his zine shortly. For more information, please write to him.

Gibson's Question: Answer to #9 - St. Petersburg to Rome across 8 non-supply center provinces. (The question should have had "non-" before supply). The longest morch over supply center provinces is question 10. I have decide to complete this section in this issue, with answers on the next page. Question #11 - All powers except one may acheive their maximum supply center growth for 1901 with more than one set of orders. What is the only possible start for England, in order that she could have 6 supply centers in the fall? Question #12 - The map has 9 major isles smaller than the British (excluding the Danish). 6 border on 2 seas each. Which 3 touch more or less than 2 seas?

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Gibson's Answers: #10- Apulia to Syria or Arm nia over 12 supply centers. #11- England MUCT move Edi- Nrg, Lon-With, Lvp-Wal.

Sardinia (3), Crete (3), and Cyprus (1).

I must disagree with Curt's answer to number 10. Starting at either Picardy, Burgundy, or the Ruhr; a person could get to Armenia or Syria by way of: Bel, Hol, Nie, Den, Swe, Nwy, StP, Mos, Sev, Rum, Bud, Vie, Ser, Gre, Bul, Con, Sm//An Ank, Smy. This p ath could be traversed with no backtracking and would cross over 19 of the 34 supply conter provinces.

According to Curt, the whole quiz should take either 30 or 60 minutes without a map. An average score for 30 minutes is 6 right, for 60

minutes it is 10 right.

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As the IDANA's U.S. Rep, I use this section to talk about hobby politics. It has been a rather quiet month since Len Lakofka (Pres.)

has been in the hospital.

Council reaction to Elmer Hinton (who has supposedly developed a census) has been rather hostile. In addition, I no longer support the production of a census by this person. Although his willingness to work is admirable, the quality leaves something to be desired and he lacks the ability to stick to his project to the end. Presently he wishes to abandon his census in favor of a variant handbook. I will be writing to him shortly concerning the situation.

Instead of his census, I am now working on the production of a total-ly IDA census. Although done by the IDA, it would also include ALL non-

IDA people. We'll see what happens on this ite:.

I am also currently working on a free game insurance program. Details are presently being worked out.

1975 CV-Fall, 1913. Draw Fails 3-1. Turkey requests Concession. England (Kelly) - F MAf S F Wes, F Wes S French A Spc, F Mid S F Wes, F Mth-Eng, A Gas S French A Mar, A Bre A Gas, A Mos/ I S th, A Lvn).

France(Acheson) - A Mar M S A Spa, F Bla-Bul(EC).
Germany(Brooks) - A Par//H, A Mun M S A Sil, A Fru S A Sil, A Ber S A Mun,

A Bur S A Mun.

Turkey(DeBenedittis)-F Ank-Dla(S F Con), A Bul/H, A Arm S A Sev, A Rum/H, A War-Mos(S A Ukr, A Sev), F Tun-Wes(S F Lyo, F Tyn), F Pie-Tus, A Boh-Vie, A Gal//H, A Tyl-Ven, A Tri//H.

***French F Bla //A (No Retreat).

Eng: Home, Nwy, Swe, Den, StP, Mos, Bre; 9; No Builds.

Fra:Mar, Spa For; 3; Euild 1 (None available-1 short). Ger; Home, Hol, Bel, Par; 6; No Builds.

Tur: Home, Bul, Rum, Gre, Ser, Sev, All A-H, All Italy, Tun, War; 16; No Builds.

***If no supply centers change hands next fall, I will call a draw in this

game. Please take note of this fact.

Turkey has called a for a concession vote. Any abstentions will be

counted as YES votes. All must agree to the concession.

The draw will be called due to Harserule 11. A stalamate is the same thing as a draw and all / will share equally in the draw (stalemate). * *** *** A * ** 30.5

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1975 BDdi-Spring, 460 Anarchy. REALM dies fighting.

Achesom(UKWRYD)-A Bul-Con, A Ser-Bul, F Bla-Ank, A Ber-Kie(S F Hol), F Bel-Nth, A Bur-Mun,

DeBenedittis(Greasola)-A Vie-Tri(S A Tyl), A Bud-Ser, F Cly-NAt, A Lon-Pic,

F Eng C A Lon-Pic, F Ska S Greening a Swe-Den.

Dominskyj(UGBB)-A Bre//H, F Spa(SC)//H, F Mid-NAt, F Por-Mid, A Pie-Tyl(S A Ven), F Tun-Ion(S F Alb, F Nap)

Greening-F Gre-Alb, A Rum S Greasola A Bud-Ser, F Eas-Aeg, A Smy-Ank, A Sev//H, A Mos-War, F Wes-Lyo, A Swe-Den, A Kie-Ber(S A Mun),

Richards(REALM)-A Den-Kie.
***Greening A Kie retreat to Ruh or OTB. Greasola A Tyl retreat to Boh, Vie, or OTB.

REALM A Den // A (No retreat available). Out of Game.

Phil had asked to go down fighting. Without objection. I would like to change his Civil Disorder moves to orders that all units hold. This would fully reinstate him in the game since his going into Civil Disorder. it is ordered, so it shall be done. If there is an objection, please voice it.

1976 BJ-Winter/Spring, 1906. The Battle of Britain starts. F-I-R-E involved. Austria(Acheson)-A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Rum, A Gre-Bul(S A Ser), F Ion-Tyn. England(Carman)-F Nth-Eng, F Lvp//H, F Ber-Kie, F Hol-Nth, A Kie-Ruh, A BelPPic, A Pic-Par.

France(Kelly)-F Lon-Nth, A Wal-Yor, F Mid-Iri, A Bur-Gas. Germany(Kollmer)-A Ruh//A. A Mun Holds and Defends.

Italy(Mackes)-B F Nap. F Nap-Ion, F Lyo-Tyn, A Pie-Mar(S F Spa(SC)), F Por-Mid, A Ven-Tri.

Russia(Wilson)-F Rum R OTB. B A Sev. F Nwy-Nrg. A Sev S Turkish A Rum. A Ukr S A Gal, A Sil-Boh(S A Gal), F StP(NC)-Nwy.

Turkey(Baumeister)-F Eas-Ion(S F Aeg), A Rum//H, A Bul//H(spits at the Austrian Armies) (S F Bla).

***Austrian F Ion retreat to Tun, Adr, Alb, APU, or OTB.

1976 DU-Fall, 1904. Italy, Germany, France Beseiged!
Austria(Taylor) - F Gre/H, A Bud-Vie, A Rum-Bud, A Alb-Tri(S A Ser). England(Acheson)-F Iri-Mid, A Ruh-Kie(S F Hel), (Helgoland), A Bel-Ruh, F Ska-Den(S F Swe, F Nth).

France(Kollmet)-A Gas-Bre, A Bur-Mar.

F Den//H(S F Bal), A Pru-Ber, A Mun-Kie. Germany(McNally)-A Lvn R-Pru. Italy(Baumeister)-F Wes-Spa(SC)(S A Mar), A Pie S A Mar, F Mid-Por, A Tri-Bud.F Ion-Gre.

Russia(Enzler)-NMR! F Lvn, A War, Sev, Mos, All Hold.
Turkey(Gibson)-F Ion R-Tyn, A Rum R-Ukr. F Aeg-Ion, F Tyn-Rom, A Bul-Rum(S F Bla), A Ukr S German A Pru-War(NSO).

***Italian A Tri retreat to Tyl, Ven, or OTB. German A Den//A(No retreat avai lable). Austro-Hungarian # A Rum retreat to Gal or OTB.

***Richard Enzler has now missed his moves for the 2nd time and has been late on several other occasions. For this reason I am replacing him with Steve Brooks (4960 B Ave. C; Great Falls, Montana 59405). If he doesn't want the position, I hope that someone else will also submit Spring moves. This refers mainly to Ron Kelly and Bob Beardsley, the only other standbies eligible for this game.

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1976 DU-Fall, 1904(Cont'd)-
A-H: Home, Ser, Gre; 5; No Builds.
Eng: Home, Nwy, Bel, Swe, Hol, Den, Kie; 9; Build 2.
Fra:Par, Bre, Pør; 2; No Builds.
Ger:Mun, Ber, Kie, Døn; 2; Remove 1.
Ity:Ven, Nap, Røn, Tun, Spa, Mar, Por; 6; No Builds.
Rus: Home; 4; No Builds.
Tur: Home, Bul, Rum, Rom; 6; Build 1.
1977(N)-Squirrel Game II-Winter, 1901. Reinforcements Arrive!
Austria(Erwin)-F Gre, TRIESTE, A Bud, Ser, VIENNA.
England(Greening)-F Nth, Bre, LONDON,
                                            A Bel, EDINBURGH.
                           A Mar, Spa, PARIS.
France(Mackes)-F Por,
Germany(Richards)-F Den, A Ber, Hol, KIEL.
Italy(Hartwig)-F Tun, NAPLES, A Ven, Pie.
Russia(Taylor)-F Swe, Rum, ST. PETERSBURG(SC), A Mun, Ukr, WARSAW, MOSCOW.
Turkey(DeBenedittis)-F Aeg, SMYRNA, A Con, Bul.
1977 CF-Winter, 1901. GM Moving To Warmer Climate.
Austria (McManus) - Build Army Bud.
England(Bunke)-Build Fleet Lon.
France(Baumeister)-Build Fleet Bre, Army Par.
Germany(Taylor) - Build Army Mun.
Italy(Rapp)-Build Fleet Nap.
Russi a(Beardsley)-Build Army War, Army Mos.
Turkey(Parkanyi)-Build Army Ank, Fleet Smy.
     Thanks to Ron Kelly for standby orders.
1.
     Tentative S-02 orders for Russia and Turkey have been forwarded to
2.
     Bob Hartwig as explained below.
     I will be moving to California in about a month. I do not yet know
     my address there. Bob Hartwig has generously agreed to adjudicate
     S-02. Orders should be sent to him. I will take over in F-02 again.
     I'm tired of talking about postcards. If you want to send your orders on them, go ahead. They will be accepted.
4.
SPRING, 1902, ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT TO BOB HARTWIG.
((Flattery will get you everywhere.-RAH).
1977 CU-Fall, 1901. Early STab Against Germany. Austria(Spears)-F Alb-Gre(S A Ser), A Bud-Rum.
England(Willi ams) - F Nrg-Nwy, A Yor-Den(C F Nth).
France(Dee)-A Bur-Mun, A Gas-Mar, F Mid-Por.
Germany(Blasland)-A Ruh-Bel(S F Hol), A Kie-Den. Italy(Clement)-A Pie//H, A Tus-Tun(C F Tyn).
Russia(Jones)-F Bla-Con, A Ukr-Sev, A StP-Lvn, F Bot-Swe.
Turkey(Lieu)-A Bul-Ser, A Arm-Sev, F Con-Bla.
A-H: Home, Ser, Gre, Rum; 6; Build 3.
Eng: Home, Nwy; 4; Build 1.
Fra: Home, Por, Mun; 5; Build 2.
Ger: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel; 4; Build 1.
Ity:Home Tun; 4; Build 1. Rus:Home, Swe; 5; Build 1.
Tur: Home, Bul; 4; Build 1.
Still Neutral: Denmark, Spain; 2.
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Press-((As you may recall, press from last time for 1977 CF and CU was omitted. We will start there at this time.-RAH))

France: (Burgundy) - You know, you Europeansh shusht won't 1977 CF: believe what shind offff wine we produshshsh here, whoa there, but shusht ash a shamp ler, we shall be

taking shome to Munish for the fine Sherman sholdiersh shere.

(Paris) - In the latest news from our great army in Burgundy, it has been reported that they got lost in their own winefield. Originally bound for Belgium, the army has lost its way and is heading east, God knows how far. If the army remains under the infl uence too long, Munich should expect a bunch of Frenchmen right about... Now!

In response to the current tension in European politics 1977 CU: France: and the known i neptitude of the reactionary French government in i ts management of the last war, a coalition of radical-conservative intellectuals and p easants today staged a successful coup in Paris. During their first day in power this group sent urgent messages to the other sovereign nations of Europe calling for a joint conference to be held next month in order to discuss the territorial ambitions of some of these nations and attempt to settle these differences without engaging in another general war.

It was also announced that a cultural fair was being planned to celebrate the long friendship of the Western European peoples. This fair is to be held in Orleans in the near future. Reportedly England, Germany, and Italy have been invited to this fair. Hop efully this fair will serve

to improve the already cordial relations with these countries.

As their last act of the day the ruling council passed a pay rai se for all members of the government and declared a 30 day vacation so that the government could be moved to its new meeting place on the Riviera.

((We now move to the more recent present.-RAH))

Turkey: I'll hold this line if it takes all Summer.

1975 BDdi: REALM: Banzai !!!!!

England: In view of the past depression of the Prime Minister, 1976 BJ: the French were invited to lunch. The affair was intended to be a quaint little get-together. The French apparently had about this until the entire French Army was di scovered hiding in one bathroom. Then a French fleet showed up for the luncheon in London. There wasn't enough room for their shi ps inside the room, but they insisted upon bringing them in. In the process, one of the Prime Minister's favorite chairs was scratched. As a result of the already strained relations this resulted in an all-out brawl.

(Munich) - English and Russian commando units have succeeded Germany: in cutti ng the German lines of communication which resulted in the removal of German Army Ruhr.

(Constantinople) - December 30, 1905: The Achmed Purah Turkey: Column for THE SMYRNA DISPATCH: Our beloved Sultan, Abdul ben Baumeistah, was i n a relatively good mood (due to the birth of his 100th child, a boy, that day) as I approached him for yet another exclusive interview on the goings-on in Europ e. "Our Russian allies have proven themselves, and we are now ready to take up where we left off; taking Greece. Unfortunately, we will have to wait till the

Press(Cont'a) -

Fall, but the wait is definitely worth it."

I then asked the Sultan about Italy's newly established, two front war. "I think it is a trick," he replied, "as one like that would not be below them. Come to think of it, what is? They are trying to trick us by making false moves, but we refuse to fall i nto the trap the way the GM did. ((The JOKES joke's on the Sultan; look who's in Trieste!- RAH))

"While we're on the subject of two front wars: France will eventually defeat England, albeit without gaining himself, if he continues to batter England. But there is very little he can do about Italy now." ((Hence my conclusion that the attack on Austria is part of Italy's phan- he knows that France is in the bag.-RAH))

Next I asked about England. The Sultan immediately retracted last November's message to London, and substituted a new one: "He can go to hell and poimt out the tourist attractions to his French Koala Bear and French Poodle."

Achmed Purah signing off; long live our Sultan and may Allah be with him!

1976 DU: Italy: Lisbon to Paris: You see Ed, when I say I get Portugal, I mean that I get Portugal, and you aren't gonna stop me. I was kinda hoping you'd see it our way when you still had F's, but now it looks like you'll have to go unless you move on England right away...((At 9-2 odds?-RAH))

Rome to Berlin: Tom, help is on the way. ((Not with the Turks in Rome it isn't! Maybe it's a message from them, written by Baumeisteroni-RAH))

Rome to London:

((Hmmm, must be written in invisible ink-RAH)).

Nople- Resolution of the Intellectual Meritocracy Senate: With history reperting, as per 1054, we tell Rome as Michael told Pope Leo IX, we were willing to help you be the big cheese of the Mediterranean World, but not the whole cheese. Maybe taking over Rome for a year will have a sobering effect. Allah Yafathek! (This is no stab, just a kick in the shin).

Napolean Returns to Watergate - Fart 11. (From me if you didn't 1977(N): know-RAH). We now return to the ruins of the Colliseum, where PDQ has just come across the little man with the white streak through his hair.

"Sure, I'l l play a game of chess," PDQ said cautiously. He chose the white pieces when asked and promptly won in 4 moves. It $h_{\mathcal{D}}d$ been a challenging game for the relative of Mackes the jackass, but PDQ had managed the win in just 3 hours, a remarkable accomplishment.

The stranger then announced, "Since you have won, you are allowed one question, which I will answer truthfully."

Attempting to remember his purpose for being there, PDQ picked the lint from his navel for an hour while contemplating the situation. He finally remembered and asked, "Where can I find the Great Golden Gnrx?"

"Ah, a simpl e one. The Gnrx can be found under the Sammon." "But what's a Sammon?," he retorted i nterrogatively. (Wow, what a word!-RAHO.

"Idi ot, I told you already - Only One Question!" And with that he

disappeared.

Who is the little man wi th the white streak? What will PDQ do next? For the answer to these and other questions which have already been asked, tune in agai n next time to Napolean Returns to Watergate - Part 12.

Press(Cont'd)-

1977 CF: Austria-Hungary: The Rus-Turk Alliance has become a solid reality. The forces of the Grand Duke will be mobilized to their fullest in order to

repulse the Eastern Powers.

Press: The errant messenger who was responsible for the Duke's last communique last Fall has been punished in accordance with his crime.

France: Paris - France apologizes to Germ any about the misundere standing near Munich. Our army in Burgundy was only testing our own Maginot Line, and quite accidentally broke through and hit the Siegfried Line. The obvious result of this exercise is the strengthening of the Maginot Line, as well as restriction of maneuvering exercises to the Low Countries and Southern Germany. Our government honestly hopes that by the time Germany is obliterated from the map, any international disputes will be cleared up.

1977 CU: None.

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((The following article is from Curt Gibson. In no way should it be construed that these thoughts represent the beliefs of the rest of this staff. My comments will follow. - RAH))

To the Free Press:

Any editor in America worth his salt will take up the cudgels against this outrageous crime group, the anti-cult 'deprogrammers', that Ted Patrick hell-hound pack.

If you don't care about religious freedom when it's being wrested from small, new sects, the day you go under the thumbscrews too is marching steadily into town! Liberty is indivisible - you know that.

The deprogrammers are abduction gangs, and if the FBI doesn't act

The deprogrammers are abduction gangs, and if the FBI doesn't act to arrest them we have to call Carter's claims to religion false, for the FBI is now an agency controlled by the Federal Executive. Who knows but what he came to the throne for a time like this? (Paraphrasing Mordecai to Esther).

For this is the time foretold by Christ, when the faith of all will be tried by fire, when a man's enemies will be those of his own family, the Great Tribulation! And these deprogrammers are the Inquisition being reborn before your eyes. These are the same soul group that glorified in breaking the will of any heretic they could get into their torture chambers.

Just because it hasn't come to fire and weach yet meens little. Those young Moon and Krishna disciples, those children of God and such, now being worn down in secret basement sessions, are buying you a little more time to get off your rump and grab your sword and fight for your life. The whole heritage of Christendom is at stake. Wake up!

(Curtis L. Gibson)

In my opinion, the matter is not as serious as Curt makes it out to be. New religious sects have been persecuted throughout history. These groups include the early Christians, early Protestants, the Puritans, Quakers, Mormons, and more. Jews have been persecuted throughout history. Deprogramming is no different in its effect than these other perse-

Deprogramming is no different in its effect than these other persecutions. The only thing which vories is the time. Mode n technology brings about modern forms of persecution.

People have been saying that the end is near since shortly after

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Christ's departure from the Earth. If people would stop worrying about it there might be quite a few less ulcers. The end will come when it ## comes and all the talk in the world won't bring it about any sooner.

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An Apology:

Today is June 12th and Podunk is finally done. It has been 10 days in production and holds several records. It is my first 7 page issue. first 8 page issue, and my 1 atest issue ever.

I would like to offer my apologies for the lateness of this issue

I would also like to explain why it was so late. This is NOT an excuse, it is only an explanation. There are no excuses for such extreme tardiness.

I started a 40 hor/week job immediately after returning from college. This straight-jacketed my usually flexible schedule. In addition, I still am not completely unpacked. D&D is still buried among college stuff.

When I started this issue I had no idea that my presence would be in such great demand during the final week of High School (the oldest of my 5 sisters graduated on June 4). During the past few days I had to attend Awards Night as a former Nat. Honor Soc. President, the Math Club Banquet as a former President of that group, and a Graduation Breakfast (escort).

Phil Richards was home for only a few days (he's going to Okinawa) and we spent quite a bit of time seeing each other. I've had other friends

to see and have had to turn down a few invitations to get this out.

Now that I'm used to the routine, the next 2 summer issues should be out on time. If they aren't, I fully expect some subscription cancellations. Again I offer you my sincere apologies.

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Late Plugo: Dave Bunke's The Ni nth Circle (Page 1) came and it is really an excellent zine. Openings in Diplomacy, Kingmaker, Stellar Conquest, Wooden Ships and Iron Men, Third Reich, Starforce, Godofire, Panzer Leader, Tolkien-type games //, 19th Century games (with hidden movement, limited intelligence, multi-commanders).

Andy Cook (807 Crescent DR.; Alexandria, Virginia 32302) is starting a zine called Suicide. Subs are 10 issues for \$3. Gamefees are \$2/game.

3-week deadlines.

Paul Clement's mov s came late, forwarded from Iowa. He can get back

on the Standby list by asking.

The rooming arrangements have changed.at DipCon. We will have myself, John Baker, Cal Whitw, and Dave Bunke.

JULY 20, 1977. Moves are due on

75 CV-Winter/Spring, 1914.

76 BJ-Fall, 1906.

77(N)-Spring,1902.

77 CU-Winter, 1901.

75 BDdi-Fall, 460.

76 DU- Winter/Spring, 1905.

77 CF- Spring, 1902. (77 CF due to me NOT Paul Novak)

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