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THIS IS POLITICIAN ON THE RARE AL CHANGE OVER THESE LAST FEW MONTHS AND IN HAPPY ABOUT IT

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DID ANY OF YOU SEE THE MOVIE "DOC" LAST NIGHT WAS I EVER DISAPPOINTED NOT ENOUGH BLOODSHED:

Phil Cooper sent in a second part of his review of 1978Rjc (Swiss Diplomacy), mainly in answer to Fred Davis' commentary of last issue, as will manifest itself. I would like to say that I would not be interested in turning the 'zine into a feuding ground and hope the players don't take anything that goes on inside too personally. But I'll print this anyway.

AUSTRIA COMMENTS ON 1978Rjc PART II (Phil Cooper): I do not suffer fools gladly! Nor do I appreciate sore losers or Mensa egoists. Fred Davis seems to feel that so long as he wields the knife no stab has occurred! But let someone else draw a blade, in self-defense or defense of an ally, and he rises in righteous indignation. What moral crud!

Since when do ethics and morals form the basis of Diplomacy? I have my own standards of each, and I'll see myself damned before I play by Fred Davis'. Yet, he makes much of my growing reputation as a "stabber" in the hobby. I would point out just a few pertinent facts in my defense:

1) In EGGNOG dated March 7, 1979, I did indeed take Bul from the Turk (F02). However, in F01 I attempted to support the Turk into Russian held Rum only to see a Turkish NJR! In S02 I took Rum since the Tsar undoubtedly knew we were at war, and took Bul in F02 when Turkey never answered my letters.

2) In F02 Davis was attacking France and Russia. What made his war so right?

3) In F02, Davis moved into Tyk in flagrant violation of Austro-German treaties.

4) In S03, Davis attacked Italy when he knew Italy had a defensive alliance with Austria. Meanwhile, I had to fight Russia and Turkey alone while he had England and Swiss help against Russia and France.

5) In F03, I did indeed order F Adr-Ven. Heavily engaged in the east, it was all I could do to aid Italy. Both Italy and I agreed that it was all that could be done at the time (cutting possible German support for a Swiss attack).

6) In S04 I ordered F Adr-Cro to defend my home centers. Davis did the same in preparation for an all-out attack as witnessed by his move to Boh.

7) In F04 Davis not only took Vie, but took Bob and attempted to support Russia back into Austrian-held War.

8) Lastly, all the players in the game are by now aware of Davis' own unethical behavior. In an attempt to enforce artificial viability on the variant he chose to play Germany and gave the Swiss a game-long alliance, for the Swiss had to do well for the variant to succeed.

So what of my "reputation", and the vague references by Davis to "some of the things Phil Cooper was doing, or trying to do"? And as for Davis' claim of success in forcing the two-way draw, pure rubbish! I had offered Karl the two-way draw earlier, he had indeed earned it, and wasn't about to go back on my word.

MARKBERCHHASAPPARENTLYMISSETHETHEPOINTTHATVONLETZKEINVENTEDSEPSNOTWALKERDINE

THE NEXT DEADLINE

...WILL BE AUGUST 11, 1980. I should be able to make that. As far as I can tell ahead of time #12 will be out on time. However, there should be no phone calls from August 2 to 9 (giving you only the 10th to call in orders if you must), and none at all after August 23. NONE, I will not be home and you won't be able to contact me. (Make that the 22nd, I don't want to be bugged on the 23rd either.) After that, there will be no calls at all until sometime in mid-September, after I bring out the first College Issue of POLITICIAN. So make sure you don't call...it'll be a waste of your time and money. (I may occasionally be home from 8-2 to 8-9, but that will likely be very late, and not for long.) This is a postal hobby, do your work through the mails.

WONDERFUL NEWS

I guess there will be Saturday mail deliveries, at least for the foreseeable future. When they stop, I will go out of the business. On the other hand, the "Service" is going to screw us with 20¢ stamps in January, which will mean price increases...maybe. All sorts of government agencies can crack down on dangerous and powerful monopolies like Autrek (laugh) but benevolent and friendly groups like the USP"S" will never get touched.

ARDA

It's been too long since I last plugged Rod Walker's 'zine, the official organ of the North American Variant Bank-West. Rod prints articles on variants, designs, has a complete catalogue out, and the last issue deals with the recategorization of the Miller Numbers with many side comments on the State Of The Hobby. Subs are 5¢/page plus postage, not cheap, but worth it. Xerox printing, the best around. Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Drive, Acworth, GA 30201.

BACK ISSUES

I'm trying to get rid of some old back issues of my old 'zines, which just take up space around the house. Buy any or all. Key: *NINE NAME, issues available, price per issue. Relive a past you never knew! Browse through the ancient documents of the past! Make room in Komad's house!

ECOGOG: #21, 30, 33-35, 38-39, 41-50 \$20¢ each. Some copies in low supply. This was my first (still going strong) and the differences between #21 and #50 are rather funny. Music, articles on play, miscellaneous...

WHITE GRAPH: #3 \$10¢. Short-lived (four issues) emphasis on making care of 11 variants from The Nine Circles (relocating to ECOGOG and other 'zines). Of limited interest, obviously. #3am 3 or 4 pages long.

POLITICIAN: #6, 8-10 \$20¢ each. Only one copy of #6 and #8 left, so rush. Variantzine, celebrates first birthday in August. I guess you know just as much as I do there, eh?

STRANGE BREW: #29 free for asking with other order. Ran 31 issues, carrying various games and miscellaneous junk. The zine that never dies, as its material is not set to anything. #32 comes out on the 18th with a new game to carry for a while. Xerox, normally no backs made...of little interest to anybody who didn't get the original, thus the low price...

SWIABR: None available (just checked). Old orphazine started in late '78 to carry Atlantia (and later several others) orphans. Interest depends entirely upon issue; was very up-and-down content-wise. After #12 only one game left, and it ran to #18 or 19. Rest transferred to EGGEBOG.

VANILLA FUDGE: #4 \$15¢. #4 is current. VF is the official organ of the Chairman of the Postal Diplomacy Rating Commission; that's me. #5 to appear this weekend. The PDR is one of Rod Walker's old projects which I felt like reviving.

Enough space on that, don't you think...?

More miscellany later, should I have space. The press, as usual, is rather loooooooooong...

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THE GAMES

1978Jcv -- Wintax 1910/Spring 1911

AUSTRIA(Hyatt): Eld F Tri. A Pie-Mar, A Ron-Nep, F Alg-Hor, F Spa(sc) S A Pie-Mar, F Wes-Lyo, F Tun-Wes, F Ion-Tyn, A Sch S F Alg-Hor, A Bur-Pic, A Mun-Ruh, A Sax-Kie, A Sii S A Har, A Ber S A Sax-Kie, A War H, A Tyl-Mun, A Bud-Vie, F Tri-Adr

CHINA(Cooper): Eld F Can, F SPOOBB-SOA, F SFO-SPOOBB, F MCS-SPO, F Yel-Kor, A Osa-Fuj, F Hir S F SoJ-SPO, A Kar H, F SoJ-MC, A Sib S A Skg, A Skg S A Sib, A Tib & A Nep S A Cal, A Cal H, A Bus S A Cal, A Joh H, F Tim S F EIO, F EIO H, F Jay S F EIO, F And S F EIO, F Del S F ECS-SPO, F Gen-ECS

ENGLAND(Kluge): F BoE-Nad, F Eng-Edi, F Eng-Lon, F Pre S FRENCH A Gas/nso/ A Bel S FRENCH A Gas-Tur/nso/, F Hol S F Hal-Kie, F May-Kie/a/, F Yam-Ara /R Nej(sc), Nej (sc), OTL/

FRANCE(Stimmel): Rem A Mar, F Mid-Por, A Gas-Mar

GERMANY(Charnley): A Fin S A Noy, F Ben-Hel, F Nth S F Den-Hel, A Par S AUSTRIAN A Bur-Pic, A Noy H

ITALY(Snhuetz): Rem F Fuj, F TimOBB S CHINESE F SPOOBB-SAO

JAPAN(Cheek): Rem F NPO, F Tok-SPO

TURKEY(Kendter): Eld F Bag, F Eng-Per, F Ara-Yem, F Red S F Ara-Yem, F Mog-CoA, F Mad S F Cev-EIO, F Cev-EIO, A Raj S F Lzu, A Dec S F Mad, A Del H, A Afg S A Del, A Tur S A Ons, A Ons S A Tur, A StP H, A Lvn S A StP, A Cos-Sev, F Aeg H

Last season's Italian F TimOBB-SAO was incorrectly recorded as F Tim-TimOBB. Players were informed. Fall 1911 due August 11, 1980. The concession to China failed, and draws between A-C-E-T and A-C-T have been proposed. Unanimity required to pass. Thanks... .

JAPAN: What a waste of a good press bib! Even when I want to be eliminated people won't oblige! Oh well, I can probably recycle that press in another game!

PEKING: The Chinese government denies any responsibility for the draw-related press breaking the dateline CHINA. It has been discovered that Japanese Kamikaze journalists have been responsible.

PEKING TO TOKYO: If there is a Earth Valley of Diplomacy, he sits on the throne in Peking, not Tokyo. But, China wishes to thank Japan for a good fight. It was far more than many would have done. He is to be highly commended for battling every step of the way, long after all hope had vanished, with a level of play which aggravated me far more than it surprised me. When the situation inevitably is reversed between us, sometime, somewhere, I hope I do as good a job as he did.

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1978SfH -- Colonia IV -- Fall 1756

AUSTRIA(Kluge): A Oregon S A Missouri-Utah, A Missouri-Utah, F Texas S F Florida-Louisiana, F Florida-Louisiana, A Bavaria S FRENCH A Rhine-Hanover, A Silesia S A Bavaria, A Poland S A Galicia-Rumania, A Galicia-Rumania, A Bosnia-Bulgaria, A Budapest-Bosnia, F Adriatic-Greece

CHINSE(Stimmel): A Khandesh-Mahratta, A Nepal-Bengal, A Nizam S SPANISH F West Indian-Goa

ENGLAND(Hyatt): F SCS R Borneo, F WIO R Diogo Garcia, F Gulf of Tsuantepec-South Pacific, A Mexico-Utah, A California S A Mexico-Utah, F Gulf of Mexico S F West Indies-Bahamas, F Cuba S F West Indies-Bahamas, F West Indies-Bahamas, F Gulf of Telen-East Atlantic, A Bolivia-Peru, A Bahia & A Argentina H, F Drake's Passage-Argentina, F SW Atlantic-SF Atlantic, F Brazil-SW Atlantic, F Roland S F Gulf of Belen-East Atlantic, F Channel-Antwerp, F Faroes-North Atlantic, F Irish S F Gulf of Teleg-East Atlantic, F Helgoland S RUSSIAN A Hanover-Hague, F Norwegian-Faroes, A Natal-Mozambique, A Ruanda S A Katanga-Uganda, A Tanganyika-Kenya, A Katanga-Uganda, A Nubia-Ethiopia, F Gulf of Guinea-Fogo F South Indian-Mozambique Channel F Diogo Garcia-West Indian, F Ceylon S F Diogo Garcia-West Indian, F Bon-Celebes Sea, F Cambodia-Gulf of Siam, F Dajay Sea-East Indian, A Burma S RUSSIAN A Yunnan-Bengal, A Sian S A Diuma, A Cochinch-Cambodia

FRANCE(Kandter): A Virginia S AUSTRIAN F Florida-Louisiana, A Yukon-Alaska, A Manitoba-Vancouver, F Grand Banks-Bahamas, F Bay of Biscay-East Atlantic, F Lison & F Brittany S F Bay of Biscay-East Atlantic, A Leon S F Lisbon A Bourbon-Burgundy, A Rhine-Hanover, A Yonne S A Rhine-Hanover/a/

OTTOMANS(Prosnitz): A Egypt H, F Goa H/R Poohwar, Circass, Bay of Bengal, OTB/, F Izmir H, A Istanbul S F Izmir, F Jerusalem(wc)-Eastern Med,

PORTUGAL(GD): F Tahiti H/a/

RUSSIA(Schuetz): A Arge R OTB, F West Atlantic S ENGLISH F West Indies-Panamas, F Azores-Canaries, F Morocco S F Azores-Canaries, A Sahara S F Morocco, A Timbuktu-Numidia, A Valte-Timbuktu, A Laker H, F Senegal-Verde Passage, F Mid Atlantic S F Senegal-Verde Passage, F Denmark S A Prussia-Hanover, A Prussia-Hanover, A Hanover-Hague, F Norway-Sweden, A Karelia-Norway, A Lithuania S A Rumania, A Rumania S A Lithuania, A Armenia-Persia, A Baghdad-Persia, A Kasmir-Ukrainia, A Yunnan-Kengal, A Szechuan-Yunnen, A Canton H, F Siberia-North Pacific, F Formosa Strait-East China Sea, F South China Sea-Manilla, F North Pacific-Polynesia, F Micronesia S F North Pacific-Polynesia, F Japan S F Siberia-North Pacific, F West Pacific S F South China Sea-Manilla/R New Guinea, Solomon Sea, South China Sea, Guan-

SPAIN(Cooper): F WPO R Tarawa, A Lagos S FRENCH F Lisbon, F Gibraltar S A Lagos, A Madrid H, F West Ind-Tyrianian, A Eastern Med-Egyptian, F Angolan-Ionian, F Persian Gulf-Oman, F Red Sea-Jerusalem(wc), A Uganda H/R Eti-ganyika, Nubia, OTB/ F Some I Beaufortian Sea/usu, F Somalia H/unorderd/ F West Indian-Sea, F Malacca-West Indian, F Seaof Bismarck S F South Pacific-Tahiti, F South Pacific-Tahiti, F Samoa-South Pacific, F Melanesia S F Manila-West Pacific, F Western Desert-Arafura Sea, F Minor Sea-Davao Strait, F Tarawa S F Manila-West Pacific, F Manila-West Pacific, F Iwo Jima S F Manila-West Pacific, F Marquesas-Polynesia

Phew! Tough gene. Rumor has it (and the S.C. chart backs it up closely) that this game will be done by October or thereabouts. I hope so, because if it's not done by Christmas I may have to transfer it. I even have an alternate gunnmaster lined up. But I don't want to do that. The Center Chart, then, and later the press. Note that Russian Retreat from Western Pacific is important, and builds can (and for Spain, will) be made conditional.

AUS: Vie, Bud, Tri, Flo, Bav, Nap, Pol, Pap, Ohi, Lou, Tex, Ora: 12, Bld 1.
CHI: Niz, Nah, Kha: 3, Even. ENG: Bou, Big, Congo, Fal, Lon, Edi, Ira, ~~Nif~~
Camb, Col, Per, Venez, Kam, Ang, Siam, Bna, Sur, Gab, Sum, Jav, Ben, Cape,
Zam, Bel, Hon, Cub, Nat, Moz, Die, Dor, Bra, Mex, Cal, Cey, Arg, Ken, Uga,
Bah, Eth, Ant, Tog: 39, Bld 5. FRA: Bord, Par, Tou, Qua, Cas, Sav, Ont, ~~Alg~~
~~Zak~~, Vlr, ~~Ang~~, ~~Alg~~, Man, His, Ale, Van: 12, Bld 2. OTTO: Ist, Iam, ~~Ang~~, Jer,
Egy, ~~Ang~~ 4, Rem 1. POR: ~~Ang~~, ~~Ang~~, ~~Ang~~: 0, Out. RUS: Mos, Oms, StP, Irk,
Irn, Vla, Swa, Afg, Nor, Cri, Den, Jon, Man, Kor, ~~Ang~~, Tau, Skg, Jap, Han,
Amoy, Pek, Sian, Wuh, Can, Vol, Tim, Cha, Azo, Per, Afg, Dak, Nag, Nev, Bag
Ben, Manila (NGui or Guan?): 34 or 35, Bld 4 or 5. SPA: Mad, Val, Som, ~~Ang~~
Ken, ~~Ang~~, Yem, Oma, NGui?, ~~Ang~~, Tur, Haw, Wake, Guam?, ~~Ang~~, Aus, Tim, Leg,
Ang, Malag, Sau, Fij, NZe, TWO, Tah, Gua: 20 or 19, Rem 2 or 3.

Given the circumstances, Winter 1756 due August 11, 1980. Thanks. PressA:

LUXEMBURG: Intensive investigation has revealed that the black-cloaked figure lurking in Prince Philip's palace is Prince Bertram, heir-apparent of the Netherlands. His purpose is to revive the defunct Dutch Empire!!

SWITZERLAND: After more consultations two third world countries (Spain & China) have decided to ally with the exclusion of the rest of the world. France & Austria have declined their invitations preferring to take the world by themselves.

INDIA: "Garbage Out" would be the appropriate term for the diplomatic success of Chinese efforts.

SOMALIA: You guessed it Konrad! I wear black in mourning for the fall of Portugal, but I can't hang around I have to go to see Princess Peggy! May the Force be with you, Darth Vader.

POLITICIAN: And may the Force be with you, too.

INDIAN: Court rules that new life forms can be patented. This will increase our defense costs as Emperor must pay royalties for using the new defense animal -- the elephant-tiger.

INDIA: Employer: What do you have to show that you are a responsible person? Prospective Employee: Got my wargame orders in on time.

INDIA: Emperor decides that nuclear power plants are safe. A great admirer of Russia, he states, "If Russia uses them, then they must be safe."

POLITICIAN: They're safer than Ted Kennedy's car! Don't let Jane Fonda get your plants down...

INDIA: Ethics class teacher: What do we learn from the story of the three little pigs?

Student: We learn that it is wiser to play than to work since the two playboy pigs survived just as well as the working pig.

Teacher: The answer book doesn't say that.

INDIA: Citizens are warned not to kill words for our many new electric cars when mistaking them for snakes.

EARLIER STUPID ONE-LINE PRESS SERVICE: Emperor sends a panda as a gift to the former Queen of Portugal, forcing one million nientpanda banknotes to be removed from circulation.

INDIA: Customers angry when they pay \$1000 but fail to get chance to gain \$3,5000 after joining Pyramis Club. But \$1000 isn't bad for an all-expense trip to Egypt.

INDIA: Scoop big August news (mentioned item 6, page 10, issue #10).
Scoop 1st: "The zine will become free in the future."

POLITICIAN: The subscriptions are on you, Robert?

MADRID: Despite vocal opposition in the House of Facos, King Philip has summoned the noted English detective Sherlock Schuettz and his "servant" Spud Watson to investigate Prince Philip's "accident". We pick up the action with Sherlock, Spud, and the Swiss ambassador meeting in the bedchamber of the injured Prince.

Philip (thunking through Sherlock's references): Hum, very interesting. The only thing that seems to be missing is your education. What school did you learn to be a detective in?

Sherlock: Elementary, my dear Prince, elementary!

Bomb-Nasher: Sherlock, the details of your last case were a little sketchy. Could you fill me in? I believe it was the Irish Question, wasn't it?

Sherlock (puffing furiously on his pipe): Logic, my dear Nasher, logic! I began to make a thorough analysis of the problem. The Scots (originally Irish, but by now Scotch) were at the time inhabiting Ireland, having driven the Irish (Picts) out of Scotland; while the Picts (originally Scots) were now Irish (living in brackets) and vice versa. It's critical to keep these distinctions clearly in mind.

Spud: And verse visa!

Philip: Fascinating!

Sherlock (Triumphantly, and still puffing away): Yes! And the solution was child's play! All Irish Roman Catholics who liked could be transported to France, all the rest who liked could be put to the sword, and the Irish who remained were made to go and live in a tag and think of a New Question!

Spud: (at the bookcase): Schuetz! Look there's something funny here! (Leaning on his side) A secret passage through the wall!

Sherlock (wheeling to face Philip and looking like a human smokestack): Philip, who designed this palace?

Philip: I do believe it was a Swiss firm.

Spud: Swiss! (Spinning quickly) Look! Bomb-Nasher's gone!

Sherlock: Ah ha! Arrgh, aragh, argggh!

Spud: Schuetz, what's wrong?

Sherlock: I've swallowed my blasted pipe!

And hours later, with Sherlock only a two-alarmen, a familiar black-cloaked figure prowls through the wine cellars of the castle. Pausing before a huge cask with a silver dagger, "Yes," he whispers, "one more piece falls into place. Or so Sherlock will believe. A stroke of genius leaving the bookcase ajar. They will believe they have the culprit and I shall, above suspicion, trap them further in their own cunning.

...to be continued...

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1979Pjd -- Atlantica III -- February 1872

ENGLAND(Hooton): F Green H, F Heh S F Hug-Ice, F Hug-Ice, F Live-Wal, F Pol-Hol, F Sku-Ben, A Swe S F Sku-Ben

FRANCE(Cheek): F Azo S ITALIAN F Nes-Can, A Nun S ITALIAN A Beh-Sil, A Swi-Dur, A Bur-Bar, F Bro-Pic, F Cad-Atlantis, F Spa(su) S ITALIAN F We-p-Can, and that's it

GERMANY(Lipsecomb): NO Moves Recd. F Atlantic H/S/. A Pic, A Bul, F Kie, F Bal & A Bar all hold

ITALY(Gooper): F Beh-Sil, F Can-Sac, F Mid S FRENCH F Cad-Att, F Mer-Mun, F Nes-Can, A Beh-Sil, A Sil-Pru, F Ion-Suec/Indian

CANADA(Cherryley): A Min-Ala/Yuk, A Ont-Ala/Yuk, A Ni-Bog, F Hal-Wat, F Phi

A F Chos. Day S F Hal-Wat, E Grand & F Nat S GS4 F Wat-Mid/ncd, F Ira-Neb
CSA(Davis): A Ten-Ken, A Ric S A Ten-Ken, F NCA-Ber, F Hes-Bah, F Wat S
NCA-Ber/R Bay of Fundy, N.J., NCA/
USA(CD): A Ken H/a/, F Bos H, F LIS H, A Ala/Yuk H

If Lipscomb drops, his canters will go into disorder. The chart:

ENG: Lon, Inv, Eng, Nwy, Ice, Green, Bel, Hol, Swe, Dan: 10, Bla 3, FRA:
Par, Mar, Bre, Por, Spa, Azo, Mun, Atk: 8, Bla 1. GER: Ber, Kie, Fld, Bns
Hol, Atk: 2, Reg 3, ITA: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun, Gre, Aus, Man, Mor, Cub: 9,
Bla 1. CAN: Hal, Mon, Tor, PEI, Irc, Min, Chi, Phi, Nfld, NY: 10, Bla 1.
CSA: Cha, Jac, Ia, Mex, His, Ric, Ky: 6, Bla 1. USA: NY, Bos, West, Ky, AL:
2, Rom 1 (Ala/Yukon). Build on file for CSA.

March 1871 due August 11, 1980. If everyone submits April orders, then I'll do them too. Remember that after March everything is defrosted again. Also, the Wild West has been passable to all powers since January. Press:

ATLANTIS: The newly appointed ambassador, Gary Trudeau, from Canada, presented his credentials to the Governor General of Atlantis. In this meeting he expressed the view that while the nature of Atlantis was to be a free state, in the world today, they needed protection from the war-hungering states of France and Italy. In this light, Canaria pledges its full support to the German protectorate recently established.

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC: Paris or bust!

GERMANY: It must be the curse of Captain Helm! So I used a knife for acupuncture he was a sick man! Desperate means were needed! Nobody's perfect! (except Mr Cooper).

1980Rev --- Youngstown --- Spring 1902 --- Press War With Game Attacked
AUSTRIA(Phil Faulson): F Tri-Adr, A Vie-Gal, A Bla S A Tci (no A Tri), A
Ser-Rum, A Clu S A Vie-Gal, that's that
CHINA(Dupont): A VN-Slk, A Ono-Skg, F Can-EIS, F SCS S F Can-SCS, A Pek-Hld
ENGLAND(Cooper): F Lon-Eng, F Edi-Nth, F Irc-AT, F Miy-Swe, F Ber-StP(nc)
F Joh-Hal, F Tha(ec) H
FRANCE(Gene Paulsen): A Par-Pic, A Bur-Min, A Mar-Pic, A Spa-Gas, F Nor-Hid,
F Sai-Cam, F Bor-Cel
GERMANY(Hyatt): F Ber-Obel, A Pos-Gru, A Sil S A Fco-Pru, A Hol-Bel, A Rth
S Ahol-Bel, A Mun H
INDIA(Kluge): A Afg-Ira, A Del-Sin, F Mad-Ara, F Cey-HKO, A Bum H
ITALY(Cheek): A Ven S AUSTRIAN A Ven-Tyl/ncd, F Nap-Ion, F Ion-Pen, A Pen
Pen, F Eth-Red, F Mog-Gca
JAPAN(Ricci): F Kyo-Hon, F EIS H, F Phi-SCS, F Saj S F EIS
RUSSIA(Prosnitz): A Rum-Gal/F Ukr, OTB, A War S A Rum-Gal, F Sev H, A Nos
S F Sev, F Bot-Swe, F StP(sc)-Ivn, A Oms-StP, A Man-Kor, F Kyr-ScJ
TURKEY(Chernley): A Egy-Sud, A Ame-Ira, A Dul & F Blz S AUSTRIAN & Ser-Rum
F Smy-Ees, F Bag H/unordere

So much for the/important; now down to the real reason we're here, the press. Fall 1901 press (and moves, if you like) due August 11, 1980. Oh, Victor Ricci has resigned, and taking over for Japan is John Zipper, 14 Cherry Brook Lane, E, Windsor, N.J. 08520. Welcome, John. You have the addresses.

VIRGINIA TO PEKING:

I agree that your press stinks.

Here's how to rectify your kindle:

* Insert your nose inside your unwiped colon, flatus and inhala.*

If your writing style does not improve, do resign yourself to fail.

Your composition is a constipation of your mind,
the diarrhea of your words spurts out behind.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY NEWS SERVICE: A tidal wave carried by gondola out into the deep waters of the Adriatic; my cub scout wandering unguinied into the dark, densely forested mountains of Tyrolia; my gypsy caravan layed over for a night's rest in Trieste; and I am in the "twilight zone"?

TWO NOT WRITING PRESS: Messrs. Censorious & Uxorius bilaterally denounce the theft of lines from Woody Allen, of the Crown Jewels of Norway and the state secrets of Montenegro.

HERZEGOVINA TO WORLD: We call on the greater Slavs to rescue us from the repressive state system and its law of Xerovina.

AMPELOGRAPHERS FOR THE LILIES: AFTA denounces the drinking of Iron City Beer.

CORNBREAD NEUTRALS: Also the city of Pittsburgh.

PEKING TO LONDON: Wah I was in the land of Cotton?

SECTOR C TO ZONE B: The vicious attack on our sexual favorites contained in the guise of "Diplomatic Laws" is to be placed on the Index of Censored Trivia.

WOODY ALLEN: In the latest dramatic treatment of my own works, Miss Rice's new play has one inventive scene: "The Slippery Diaphragm".

HELLO, COLUMBUS: Breathe through the diaphragm.

JADAKH TO SWITZERLAND: I hear Mt. St. Helens playing bouncy-bouncy on the tectonic plates, all night this son.

AUSTRIA: Twilight time? I thought I was Sector A.

KNIFESHARPENERS TO WORLD: Daggers ground! Bring out your scimitars! Rusty blades sharpened! Bring out your stilettoes!

ITALY: First, get your insurance contract in writing. Then, collect.

PARIS: Vieux temps ici n'ont-pas oublié.

PEKING TO BERLIN: We urge you to whitewash the skulls on the caps of the Deaths-Head Battalion. Also polish the face on the Berlin floor!

PARIS: Volume IV of the Laws of Diplomacy was released today. Excerpts follow:

1) Hyatt's Third Law of the Opening: In Spring 1901, I'd dedicated to the proposition that all men were created jerks.

2) The Ninth Diplomatic Psalm: Blessed is he who expects no gratitude, for he shall not be disappointed.

3) Cooper's Thirty-Third Principle of Stabbing: No stab is ever a complete failure. It can always serve as a bad example.

4) Paulson's (E) Corollary to Cooper's Law of Austria: It's always darkest just before the lights go out.

5) Kluge's Law of Allies: If you see a Diplomacy player approaching you with the obvious intent of killing you good, you should run for your life!

6) Cheek's Postulate: Diplomacy is the most vicious and bitter form of politics, because the states are so low.

7) Paulson's (P) Corollary to the Austrian Law: If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, maybe you just don't understand the situation.

8) Cooper's Law of Survival: When the position is against you, argue the numbers. When the numbers are against you, argue the position. When both are against you, call the other player(s) names.

9) Kluge's Law of Neutrality: The early bird catches the worm as a rule, but the guy who comes along later may get lobster Newburg and crepes suzette.

FRANCE TO AUSTRIA: Your letters are like the press. You can't trust a word of it.

CHINA TO JAPAN: Get ready for the Blitz.

INDIA TO TURKEY: Thanksgiving is coming. Tu...kay.

GERMANY TO RUSSIA: Kiss my royal donkey.
AUSTRIA TO FRANCE: What are we doing in this game of backstabbers and liars?

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: Backstabbing and lying.

TURKEY TO WORLD: Ha-L-L-L-P!!

JAPAN TO ENGLAND: Buy the OBB, if you can get there first.

CHINA: The current government is rumored to be having delusions of grandeur as well as paranoia. Any cures should be promptly forwarded.

MOSCOW: Contrary to popular belief, I am not anti-Western, and thus I support the development of Western style friendship within Russia. The group stab method is being studied for current applications.

ITALY: As to V-III of Laws of Diplomacy #8. Actually I have no eyeballs I'm really a computer with delusions of humanity!

FRANCE TO KONRAD: Where is all the money from the sales of my books? By my calculations you owe me \$50,000! Better hurry up or my next book will go to Hyatt House!

GERMANY TO CHINA: If you don't approve my Hyatt Houses in China you'll never sell another ounce of chemicals in Germany!

JAPAN: Actually all my press is written by China and I write Italy's. Italy writes Turkey's, Turkey writes German press and Germany writes France's press. France writes India's press and India writes Austria's. Austria writes China's and ?? is the real GM of this game.

RUSIA TO KONRAD: Who do you think writes all the press in this game? All my great intellect is used up writing for those other nerds and I have none left to write Russian press!

GERMANY: I am not Phil Cooper's clone! It just so happens that we agree on everything, is there anything wrong with that?

INDIA & TURKEY: The money we save by not answering letters is going to build luxury condominiums on Mt. St. Helens. All players are invited to tour the scenic mountains and inspect the construction.

MOROCCO: Admiral Late I. Tablaans stated today that the ultimate objective of his forces was to force that little bootlicker back to the boot where he belongs.

SOMEWHERE IN THE CLOUDS: Well we may not have gotten the idea of non-violence and civil disobedience across but at least we stopped Hindus from fighting Buddhists and vice versa.

FAR EAST: Once Russia is out of the way we can get down to the task of clearing out these funny eyed pale skinned devils. And after his apparent cession of Vladivostok that shouldn't be too hard.

EARTHWIDE STUPID ONE-LINE PRESS SERVICE: Players are reminded that we have a patent on the word "Earth", but they could have a "Worldwide Stupid Multi-Line Press Service".

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MINDLESS PATTER

1) The way I figure it, I'll have just run out of the huge stack of yellow paper I once had here (two cases) by late August. That means I won't have to lug paper with my other stuff to D.C. I got a lot of positive feedback about the green, so I'll see where I can get it in Washington.

2) It should be interesting to find out where I landed in Leader's North American 'Zine and GM Poll. I'll keep you posted. By next issue I should know the results.

3) Just finished reading a hilarious book: How To Be A Perfect Man, by Mort Weisinger & Arthur Hersey. Funny stuff.

4) 4) 4) 4) Huh?

5) Unlike all kinds of previous issues, there is no such thing as the Procrustean's kindly. Just in case you were wondering...

6) For those who watched Wimbledon: The best man came in second. (The Mac will be back.) Course, McEnroe and Connors (and Nastase to some degree) are the best players on the circuit today. Borg is a personal zero. McEnroe might get a little excited out there, but wouldn't anybody at that age, considering what's at stake? Connors has changed dramatically since he married, for the better, and is playing better than he has for three or four years. Nastase (just cuz I brought him up above) was much more active several years ago (he's not the youngest anymore)...he could have been number one, but his temperament held back his great talent.

Next year will be John McEnroe's.

7) Roger Moore may soon be working, if he isn't already, on a new James Bond film, For Your Eyes Only. That film will pretty much take care of all thirteen Bond books written by the late great Ian Fleming, I think. If Moore causes too much trouble (it wasn't easy to lure him back to dolloonraker) then a replacement will have to be called in.

8) The Rolling Stones are about to finally break up, let me tell you. One can tell. Emotional Rescue, their latest album, was just released, but instead of dutifully touring to promote the album as they've always done in the past, the members are doing just about everything else but. Jagger has mentioned to several people that he really wants to get out of music because he feels he's growing old. Right now he's working on some films. Ron Wood (only with the Stones since 1974; before then he was with Jeff Beck Group and later with Stewart and the Faces) is working with his own band, the New Barbarians (who I saw last year in Milwaukee, and which caused a riot at the Arena because Mick Jagger and Jeff Beck and other special guests never showed due to the airline strike). Richards is going down to Jamaica again, where he spent four months last year dabbling in reggae (gad!). And so it goes. It's been a great 17 years, though...

9) Vote Republican. (Can anybody who's experienced the last four years vote for Carter with a clear conscience?)

10) Who killed J.R.?

11) The world is flat.

12) Newest trek on the market: cigarettes without tobacco (or at least no nicotine or anything... probably tastes like wrapping paper). Never amazed me what people will think of.

13) I don't know what to write.

14) Looks like I won't have to write anything else anyway. The Line (shudder) has approached, and it's time to wrap up the issue. Till next time
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