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SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

After August 23, I will be unavailable my phone and probably by mail as well. That will last a week, and then I will move in at Georgetown. I'd give you that address if I knew it, but I don't at this time. The chances are that POLITICIAN will continue to come out from college...however, there are other possibilities as well. Ull might take it over, since there are only two more games left to game-master, and the work on this 'zine isn't too bad. Also, and more probable, is that POLITICIAN and EGGNOG merge once again. I'm not sure of what I want to do myself at present. For now, you will send your orders for the next session to Ull Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, WI 53130. Come deadline time, he will either adjudicate them and send them on to me for printing, or will put out POLITICIAN #13 (aptly numbered) by himself. In any case, whichever way it goes, the next issue may be a little bit late...have patience, it will eventually arrive.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF POLITICIAN

Yep, that's this month. Exactly one year ago I dragged the variants out of EGGNOG and threw them in here. All of the variants then transferred have already ended...Atlantica was started at the same time as EGGNOG dropped the variant part. I do not expect to make this issue any bigger than the normal 10 pages, though 12 is a possibility...celebrate it yourself!

SCHEDULE DIFFICULTIES

Like I said, I was largely unavailable from August 1 to the 9th. On the 10th and 11th I was in Cleveland Ohio, on the 14th I spent the day in Chicago, on the 14th and 15th (make that 15th & 16th, Friday and Saturday) I have to go to parties, on the 17th and 18th I'm in Iowa, and the 22nd will be my last day here when people can reach me. Yeah, I've been busy I guess...with more to come.

BACK ISSUES OF CROSSROADS PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Since last time, a lot has been bought, and the only stuff left over is:

EGGNOG: #21, 30, 41, 43-46, 50 @20¢ apiece. #52 to come out 8-13.

POLITICIAN: #10-11 @20¢ apiece. This is #12. Supplies low here.

THE NEXT DEADLINE

WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8, 1980. Send orders to my home address (above, colophon).

1978Jev -- Fall 1911 -- AUSTRIA & CHINA & TURKEY SHARE IN DRAW

- AUSTRIA (Hyatt): A Har S F Spa(sc), A Nap-Rom, F Mor & P Spa(sc) S F Wes-Mid, F Wes-Mid, F Iyo-Wes, F Tyn S F Iyo-Wes, A Sah S F Mor, A Pic-Bal, A Ruh S A Pic-Bal, A Sas-Kie, A Sil S A War, A Bez-Kie, A War H, A Bur-Lar, A Vie-Ty1, F Adr-Ion
- CHINA (Cooper): F SAO S F SPOOBB-Mid, F SPOOBB-Mid, F SPO-SPOOBB, F Kor-SoJ, A Fuj S F Hir-Tok, F Hir-Tok, L Kar M, F RPO-NPOOBB, A Sib S A Skg, A Skg S A Sib, A Hib & A Nap & A Run S A Cal, A Cal S A Dum, A Joh H, F Tim S F BIO, F BIO S F And, F Jav & F And S F BIO, F Gel S F ECS-SPO, F ECS-SPO
- ENGLAND (Kluge): F Yen R Ne;(cc), F Ne;(cc)-Per, F Bob-Mad, F Edi-Nth, F Lon S F Edi-Nth, F Hol-Kie/s/, A Del-Pic, A Ere S A Del-Pic
- FRANCE (Stimmel): A Gas-Par, F Per S CHINESE F SPOOBB-Mid
- GERMANY (Charnley): F Nth-Hol, F Hol S F Nth-Hol, A Fin-Swe, A Nay H, A Par S AUSTRIAN A Mun-Bur
- ITALY (Schuetz): F TIMOBB-SAO
- JAPAN (Check): Facke-SPO/s/
- TURKEY (Kendler): A StP H, A Ivn S A StP, A Sev-Run, F Aeg H, A Oms S A Tur, A Tur S A Oms, A Afg S A Del, A Del H, A Raj & A Dec S F Mac, D Mad S F Cay-EIO, F Cay-EIO, F Per-Pag, F Yan-Per, F Goa S F Red-Yem, F Red-Yem

Supply Centers 1911: AUS: 4Home, Ser, 10A, Gre, War, Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Kor, Mun, Bern Pos, Spa, Hgr: 17, Ryan. CHI: 3Home, Vla, Sai, Vit, Cam, Man, Oms, Skg, Tha, Por, Bur, Kor, Phi, Cal, Bor, Joh, Jav, Kyo, Oca, Tok: 22. ENG: Ion, Lvp, Edi, Irs, Bra, Bel, 10A, 10A: 6, FRA: 10A, Por: 1. GER: Kie, Den, Swe, Nvy, Par, Hol: 6. ITA: Etn: 1. JAP: Kik: 0, Out. TUR: 4Home, Bul, Ser: Iva, Egy, Pan, Mos, Oms, Mad, Del, Mag, StP, Cay, Yem, Run: 18.

JAPAN I lasted longer than you thought I would Konrad!

FRENCH PORTUGAL: Italian fleet in Timor complimented by French president on its skillful protection of Ethiopia.

High-quality French munitions have enabled Japan to survive longer against great odds.

At this point your game-master called up Bob Kluge, who had been the only one to say no to the three-way draw proposal, and explained what the position looked like. He reconsidered and changed his vote to yes...thus, Austria, China and Turkey share a draw by unanimous vote and the game is over after not quite two years of play. Following are the statistics for Lord of Hosts:

1978Jev, Youngstown IV. ROUND (to 5'00), POLITICIAN. Konrad Baumstater. A- Fred Hyatt (draw F11). C- Phil Cooper (draw F11). E- Bob Kluge. F- Jim McCall (drop F01), Robert Stimmel. G- David Joy (res 806), Chip Charnley. I- Fred Wiedmeyer (res F04), David Hooton (out F05). It- Knut Schuetz. J- Mike Deelling (drop S05), Bob Check (out F11). E- Ted McDonald (drop S03), Civil Disorder (out F04). T- Lee Kendler Sr (draw F11).

Center Chart Statistics

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	
Austria	4	7	8	8	11	11	12	12	15	16	17	17	draw
China	3	6	8	9	12	14	16	17	18	20	21	22	draw
England	4	8	9	9	9	7	8	8	7	6	8	6	
France	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	
Germany	4	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	7	5	5	6	
India	2	5	5	6	4	-							
Italy	4	6	8	8	5	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	
Japan	3	5	7	7	7	9	5	4	4	2	1	-	
Russia	6	6	4	1	-								
Turkey	4	6	8	11	12	15	15	16	17	16	16	16	draw

Youngstown 1978Joy Continued: Thanks to all for a fine game...game-mastering this one was a lot of fun. Play on most parts was pretty good, and I can't say that I was disappointed with the outcome...all three richly deserved the draw. My only regret is that Fred Hyatt showed me that yes, one can do well with Austria in Youngstown. (I simply cannot play Austria in any game under any conditions and do well.) I hope that many of you have end-game statements. If so, please have them to my brother by September 3, and they'll go into the next issue.

1978Sfh -- Colonia IV -- Winter 1756 -- ANGLORUSSIA DRAW DECLARED

Several players circulated, by themselves, to all players in the game, a proposal for an Anglorussian draw last month. When asked about whether or not that would be legit, I said that I'd clear it if all players were notified. All were, and all players voted yes...unanimously, then the draw comes about. I did not get any orders from Gene Prosnitz yet, but, as always in my games, no vote or missed moves/no vote always equals a yes vote. In any case, the 75% vote would have been easily achieved without his four centers votes. So, then, the game is over at last. Congratulations to Karl Schuetz and Fred Hyatt, who share the draw, and congratulations to all for their play. Congratulations to Konrad for actually game-mastering this bugger to completion, a feat I wouldn't want to try again. The action was hot-n-heavy in this game from the very first year, and I hope that I'll have statements from some or all of the players on exactly what was going on any where. Several players told me about the action as it went along, and I know that it was an exciting game, constantly changing. Statements due September 3 to Uli. Game statistics for the benefit of Lord of Hissig follow:

1978Sfh, Colonia IV. Designer, Fred Hyatt. EGGENU (to S1753), POLITICIAN. Konrad Baumalter, GM. Austria- Bob Kluge. China- David Joy (res S1753), Robert Stimmel. England- Fred Hyatt (draw W1756). France- Lee Kandler Sr. Netherlands- Bert Leighton (out S1755). Ottomans- Peter Mahle (drop S1755), Eugene Prosnitz. Portugal- Peggy Conignani (drop W1756), Civil Disorder (out S1756). Russia- Karl Schuetz (draw W1756). Spain- Phil Cooper.

Supply Center Record Chart

	1749	1750	1751	1752	1753	1754	1755	1756
Austria	5	10	13	15	12	10	11	13
China	4	6	7	5	3	3	3	4
England	5	12	15	19	24	20	24	30 draw
France	5	8	11	13	13	12	14	12
Netherlands	5	9	11	7	3	3	-	-
Ottomans	5	8	11	12	10	12	6	4
Portugal	5	8	10	13	11	9	3	-
Russia	7	14	17	20	23	30	30	24 draw
Spain	5	9	13	16	20	17	24	19

And, of course, what would the Colonia game be like without some closing news?

- INDIA: Emperor balances country's budget by selling his valuable collection of old comic books for 25 million micropanda notes.
- INDIA: Visitor to Capital: "What Emperor was certainly in a foul mood."
- Four Guide: "Gongoons just passed a new law requiring Emperors to have a background in either movies or football, so he is ineligible for re-election."
- INDIA: Science discovers that diet of junk food is essential for good health. Support your local junk food store.
- INDIA: Ethics class teaches: Define loyalty!

Students: "Loyalty means placing one's party above one's country, and the good of one's country above the good of mankind."

Teachers: Good! Exactly what the answer book says.

BARTHELEME STUPIDIN ONE-LINE PRESS SERVICE: Emperor wins game with a score of 40 to 50 after being awarded 15 more points for being a good loser.

POLITICIAN: But then he wouldn't be a loser anymore...

INDIA: Emperor has zoned entire country as a residential area. Anyone who wishes to start a business will be required to make a donation to obtain a zoning variance.

MADRID: As Sherlock pursues the silver dagger in the wine cellars of the Spanish palace, Spud Watson excitedly calls to him from a darkened corner of the room. Lumbering over, Sherlock's attention is drawn to footprints in the damp earth leading up to a blank stone wall. Quickly scanning the area, the two detectives discover a loose stone which, upon shifting, causes the wall to swing open -- revealing a stairway up. "Another secret passage," murmurs Sherlock, "identical to the one we followed from Phillip's room to the wine cellar." Drawing a pistol, Sherlock whispers, "Let's go, Spud." Cautiously climbing up the wooden steps, with Spud gripping the silver dagger, the pair reach a landing where a lever juts out from the masonry. Nodding yes, with a torch-lit look of grim determination upon his face, Sherlock motions Spud to the lever and grips his weapon as Spud pulls the lever down.

Suddenly, the gall opens in to reveal the brilliantly lit bedroom of the injured Prince Phillip. Rushing thru, both men grasp as a black-cloaked figure whizzes from his position before a huge window to face them. The figure quickly scans them, and moves his eyes to the still-open first secret passage to the cellar. As if he could read minds, Sherlock calls out "Don't try it, and raise your hands!" Suddenly the bedroom door swings open and Tsar Schurtzski, Spud Hyatt, King Leo, and Duke Bobby march in -- escorting a thoroughly harried Bomb-Masher, gagged and arms bound, in. "What's going on?" mutters Hyatt, "We found Bomb-Masher here spying on us." Sherlock, ignoring them, moves closer to the black-garbed figure and, in triumph says, "Now I have you. For years you've eluded me. Always a shadow, never a face, moving behind the scenes. You were rumored in the Hague and Lisbon when they fell, and only recently reports reached you were in the Fort. But you're mine! And whatever your game, you've lost!" With a sibilant laugh, the figure backs toward the window, the center of attention, and whispers, "Have I, Sherlock? Have I really lost? Both England and Russia, who sought to dominate the world, were stopped at the 11th hour and must settle for half a loaf. And seeds of future, bloodier and more glorious wars have been planted in today's peace -- by Peace!" Spud, almost in awe, calls "Who are you? And why do you do this?" The figure lowers his hands to his hood and flings it back, revealing to the dumbstruck audience the face of Prince Phillip! "Spud, the answer to your question is -- why not? Spain could never win, from the earliest it was obvious, but you and Tsar Schurtzski could be stopped. And you have been!" "But," mutters Sherlock, "it's over now." Leaping to the window sill, and flinging the window open, Phillip laughs, "Wrong again, Sherlock, it's only just begun!" As if one cue, Sherlock's pistol echoes as the knife flashes from Watson's hand. The bullet misses, but the knife buries itself in the Prince's shoulder. Stamping to one knee, Phillip glances down to the street below and then to Watson. "Two mistakes, Watson: the wrong man and you didn't finish the job." With that, the Prince leaps from the window! Rushing over, the men peer down, and see nothing! "Into thin air?" whispers Sherlock, as behind him the ambassadors have already begun to bad-mouth the peace, and Duke Bobby whispers over and over, "Who was that nabbed man?"

1979Wjd -- Atlantic III -- AmJ -- March 1871 (Separation requested by 2)
 ENGLAND(Horton): Eld F Lvp, F Lon, F Edl. Also has F Green, F Heb, F Ios, F Wal, F Hol, F Dan, A Sve
 FRANCE(Cheek): Eld A Mar. Also has F Aso, A Mar, A Nur, A Par, F Ere, F At-
 lantic, F Spa(3c)
 GERMANY(Alford's CD): GM Ren A Ric, A Rub, F Bal. Has F Kie, A Rex
 ITALY(Cooper): Eld A Ven. Also has F Gub, B Sat, F Mid, F Mau, F Can, A Sil,
 A Pru, F Suez/Indian Box
 CANADA(Charnley): Eld F Hel. Also has A Ala/Yuk, A Ala/Yuk (yep, 2oF 'em),
 A NY, F MAT, F PHI, F Ches, Bay, F Grand, F PAT, F Ire
 CSA(Davis): F WAC R NCo, Eld F Jap. Also has A Ken, A Ric, F Bar, R Bah,
 F NCo (the one that retreated)
 USA(Disorder): GM Ren A Ala/Yuk. Has F Ess, F LIS

Orders (April 1871) are on file for England, Italy and Canada. There has been a proposal for an I-F-E draw. Please vote on that with your April 1871 orders, due September 8, 1980 to my home address. Propaganda is short:

ATLANTIS: By mistaken translation it appeared that Canada supported German occupation. Actually the new ambassador presented his credentials to the Italian Governor General. This mistaken translator is now translating in Alaska!

ITALY: I'm not perfect but I see how you all could have gotten that ident
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1980Eov 00 Youngstown IV 00 Fall 1902 00 Press Game

First of all, we'll take the important stuff, i.e. press and then orders.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY NEWS SERVICE: Austria-Hungary is re-evaluating its past alliances and potential new diplomatic arrangements.

AUSTRIA TO ENGLAND: Today, the world is watching whether Germany or France becomes your chosen one. Land or sea builds?

AUSTRIA TO JAPAN: I urge you to ally with China against Russia. Hopefully, Austria may give China in arm to arm contact.

AUSTRIA TO RUSSIA: I am striving to bury you with shovels-full of help from my friends.

AUSTRIA TO TURKEY: It looks like Austria's last stand, my friend.

AUSTRIA TO GERMANY: Are we in a position to capture Warsaw from Russia?

AUSTRIA TO FRANCE: I am compelled to support Germany against France.

AUSTRIA TO ITALY: I am compelled to support Germany against France.

POLITICIAN: Gosh, that last to Italy should read "I aim to continue our phoney war." Sorry..

AUSTRIA TO CHINA: (O)

AUSTRIA TO INDIA: Please write me, soon.

FAGAN TO OLIVER: "Every man's his own friend, my dear. He hasn't as good a one as himself anywhere."

PEKING TO LONDON: Look away.

BRASLUS TO WORLD: HOW could anyone suppose I would do such a thing? Write Turkish press? When I could pass you to the OBEY

MAKLOWE (P): Hyatt House (one with the face on the Beacon floor). It was to elaborate, took in too many people. That sort always blows up in your face.

LONDON TO MOSCOW: It is far more honorable to be hated and feared for what you are, than to be loved and respected for what you are not. Diplomacy is the patriotic art of lying for one's country, and sincere diplomacy is, in the words of Stalin, "No more possible than dry water or wooden iron."

And as for your claim of carrying the banner of truth I shall first paraphrase Al Capone who said "When I sell liquor it's called bootlegging; when my patrons serve it on silver trays on Lake Shore Drive, it's called hospitality," and second, Naviera Hollandar who said "My method is basically the same as Mastor and Johnson, only they charge thousands of dollars and it's called therapy. I charge fifty dollars and it's called prostitution." So remember that a man never discloses his own character so clearly as when he describes another's. And while you may not be a novice in the hobby, you're not playing with novices here. And, your threats of using someone else's cross-game grudges as a sword over my head, just damn well with me.

POLITICIAN: I like the variety of the people you quote! One of my favorites is another from Al Capone, occasionally used in Diplomacy: You get more with a smile and a gun than with just a smile. And as for Stalin...

PARIS: Stay tuned for the next volume of the Laws of Diplomacy. A sudden attack of mental health, and a matter of principle, should have passed by next issue.

POLITICIAN: I happen to love those laws...make great ideas for press.

BERLIN TO PARIS: If what I've heard is true, the move to Burgundy is in retaliation. If I've been lied to, please accept my apology for the intrusion.

ITALY: Fear not, world! The mysterious black-cloaked figure failed to kill our beloved press agent Garbage N. Deivel, but instead killed last week's President Ransid N. Repugnant.

POLITICIAN: Go on! That's all the press you can manage?! Ish! Seriously, a few players wrote decent excuses for not having any...congratulations to Bob Kluge, especially! OK, so now the game...after some appropriate words from Rod Walker from the year 1975 (which happen to apply today as well):

"The only important thing in postal Diplomacy is the press. I don't know what the poor people who have to play the game PFP do. Without press releases, the game is unspeakably dull...an occasional stab will liven things up, but after a while, it doesn't make much difference whether you do or you don't. At that point, I always suicide against all of my neighbors simultaneously and go out to the kitchen for some cold pizza.

"In postal Diplomacy, it is otherwise. The game exists merely as an excuse to write press (and perhaps as a background for it). The deadline is when the Gamemaster wants the press so he can type it up. Negotiations are for the purpose of coordinating releases. Rating systems and organizations exist entirely to give us targets for topical and antitopical releases. Strategy and tactics articles are written only to give us ideas for interesting things to do on the playing board so we can write press about them..."

Wise words indeed! Keep 'em in mind...

1980Rev -- Fall 1982

AUSSRIA(Phil Paulson): A Rom S TURKISH F Bla-Dev, A Glu S A Rom, A Bud-Her, A Vic-Cal, F Adr-Alb

CHINA(Dupont): A Strg & A SIM H, F Can-BOS, F SCS S FRENCH F Cel-Phi, A Imo-Oms

ENGLAND(Cooper): F Nat-Wng, F Lar-Wng, F May-Swe, F Nth-Gen, F Ing-Fra, F Del-Jav, F The(ist)-Gal

FRANCE(Gene Paulson): A Pie S A Dur, A Eur E/R Pac, Har, OUP/, A Gaa-Her, A Pie-Tyl, F Mid-Por, F Cel-Phi, F Can H

GERMANY(Nyatt): A Rol & A Dun S A Ruh-Dur, A Swa-Dur, A Pri-Her, A Sil S A Pra-Her, F Dal-Den/W K, Har, Pol, org/

INDIA(Kluge): A Sid-Lra, F Ara & A Afg S A Sid-Lra, A Rom & F RIO H

IRAN(Cheek): F Gaa-Yan, F Red-Rth, F Pan S A Pan-Hgr, F Ion-Dun, A Ven S FRENCH A Pie-Tyl, A Fos-Egy

JAPAN(Zipper): F Srd-Mar, F HOS-Fox, F Pki W/A SPO, DDB/, F Hon-SoJ, F Hon-SoJ
USSIA(Prosnitz): F Hon-SoJ, F Hon-SoJ, F Hon-SoJ, F Hon-SoJ, F Hon-SoJ, F Hon-SoJ, F Hon-SoJ
A War-Try, A Hon-SoJ, A Hon-SoJ, A Hon-SoJ, A Hon-SoJ, A Hon-SoJ, A Hon-SoJ, A Hon-SoJ
TURKEY(Charnley): A Sud-Rth, F Fas S AUSTRIAN F Adm-Gen/FSoj, A Pul-Grc,
F Bla-Sev, A Arm S F Bla-Sev, F Bag-Fox

I will not call a standby for Russia since I know Gene to be very reliable,
and I trust he'll be back with us next month. Supply Center Chart look like:

- AUSTRIA: Vio, Bud, Tri, Olu, Sar, Rom: 6, Build 1
- CHINA: Can, Pek, Han, OMo, VN, Shg: 6, Build 1
- ENGLAND: Joh, Edi, Lyp, Lon, Nay, Ire, Tha, Jay, Spa: 9, Build 2
- FRANCE: Par, Mar, Bre, Sai, Bor, Spa, Mar, Por, Can, Phi: 10, Build 3
- GERMANY: Pos, Ber, Kis, Man, Len, Kol, Esl: 7, Build 1
- INDIA: Del, Mad, Cal, Coy, Bur, Iri: 8, Build 1
- ITALY: Ven, Rom, Nap, Mog, Eth, Feb, Yen, Yun, Egi: 9, Build 3
- JAPAN: Kyo, Tok, Osa, Pki, Kei, For: 5, Build 1
- RUSSIA: War, Spb, Mos, Stl, Oms, Vio, Msk, Man, Kov: 7, Build 1
- TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy, Bag, Bul, Izj, Sev, Gra: 7, Build 1

It looks like Winter 1902 will be a busy season, so Winter only is due on
September 8, 1900. If everybody submits Spring 1903 orders (hopa, hope), then
I'll adjudicate that too. (Please do give it a try.) And, of course, there
is the press...

PLAYER'S ADDRESSES

Lately I've received requests for so-and-so's address again. Apparently
some people don't keep back issues or anything in stock, and so eventually
I decided I'd reprint the player's addresses. I absolutely detest typing out
addresses, so I'm not going to do more than just the people playing in the
Atlantic III and Youngstown IV game. Here goes, and don't replace this
issue. I don't want to have to do this for the next few months.

- Bob Kluge, 9521 Craigwood Terrace, St. Louis, MO 63126
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- Phil Cooper, 19 Dahlgren Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225
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- Fred Davis, 1827 Clairidge Road, Baltimore, Md 21207
- Dave Hooton, 87 Essex Street, Malvern, MA 02216
- Chip Charnley, USKP Box 7 Katlavik, PO N.Y. 09571
- Robert Check, 10392 Ladera Senda, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- Gene Paulson, R.Rt #2, Box 51 D, Clayton, WI 53004
- Victor Dupont, 24 Old Hamaroneck Road, White Plains, N.Y. 10605
- Phil Paulson, 208 East Charlotte Street, River Falls, WI 54022
- Gene Prosnitz, 200 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230

Your gamesmaster: Konrad Baumelster, 11416 Parkview Ln, Hales Corners, WI 53130

NOTES ON SUBSCRIPTION STATUS ETC

- 1) Ice Kantor gets no more POLITICIANS after this issue unless he sends
in a game-end statement to one of his games, in which case, #13 will be his
last issue. After 12 good issues it's about time, eh not?
- 2) I am unfortunately forced to cut my trades with all of the 'zones
POLITICIAN trades with, except Diplomacy World, Bushwacker, and Lord of Hosts.

Sorry, but this is the way it has to be. The smaller the circulation, the easier I have it putting it out under pressure.

3) Normally if someone lets his subscription lapse and does not renew it, I'll send him a grace issue to see if he didn't just forget to renew. (This happens when he sends in orders but no money.) No longer will that be done, due to ever-increasing strain on my financial side. It's the pennies thrown out of the window that add up, eventually. Also remember that people who drop their games automatically lose whatever merry they had with me. A resignation (incomplete without final set of orders) is something else again.

4) Has anybody heard from Greg Costikyan lately (or Urf Duffal)?

GENERAL MISCELLANY

1) Sorry that I didn't have anything terribly special for you this time around...but then I didn't last month, either. Strange that this should come up right on my anniversary...but so what? Instead of putting out a huge pile of junk for you to celebrate, I'll celebrate by putting out only eight pages! (And I'm the only guy who does this anyway...) Next month I hope to have a pile of game reviews (or end-game statements, really) to publish. Should be interesting.

2) I've got a variant in the works which may be published here in two or three months, depending on how much time I have to devote to working on it. It's not particularly serious, but it's playable...nothing like the Scheisskopf variants! It's fun, and that's the important part...

3) Ten or eleven months ago I asked everybody willing to standby for the variant games in this issue to step forward. Since then I've pretty well forgotten who was available for what game, and my records are a mess as usual. Sooo...it's time to do it all again! If you are willing to standby for either Atlantis III or Youngstown IV (or both) and aren't already playing in the game, write me and tell me which you're interested in. I always prefer to have some standby players handy, even when I don't need them.

4) Publishers do it without wrinkling the sheets..

5) Sannoooooooooooo...I'm falling asleep at the typewriter! Ineed something to keep me awake! Gagh!

6) What if birds couldn't fly?

7) Well, I think the rest of the space here should go to personal notes. So, until next month...and remember that next issue will likely be a week or so later than usual. Mail orders to the usual address.

8) No room for notes after all. Tregia.

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