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1974FK

"Fall 1907"

SUN SLOWLY SETS IN WEST

England (Rick Hirsh): A Yor*-Edi,
 F Nth* S F Bel, F Eng*-Pic, F Bel* S
F Eng-Pic, F Bal*-Kie, A Den* S F Bal-
Kie, F Nwy-Swe*. Owns: Edi, Lon,
Bel, Den, Nwy, Swe. (6) REMOVE ONE

France (Doug Hollingsworth): A Lvp*-
Edi, F Nat-Nrg*, F Bre*-Eng, A Bur*-
Bel, A Pic* S A Bur-Bel, F Wes-Mid*.
 Owns: Bro, Mar, Par, Lvp, Por, Rom,
Spa. (7) BUILD ONE

Germany (Steve McLendon): F Ska*-Den,
A Kie* S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun(nso),
A Hol*-Bel. Owns: Bel, Kie, Den, Hol.
 (2) REMOVE ONE

Russia (Michael Lariton): A Lvn-StP*,
A Boh-Mun*, A Sil* S A Boh-Mun, A Ber*-
Kie, A Rum & A Vie hold. Owns: Mos,
StP, Sev, War, Bud, Ber, Mun, Rum, Vie.
 (9) BUILD THREE

Turkey (Ronald M. Kelly): F Mid-Iri*,
A Tyo* S RUSSIAN A Boh-Mun, F Aeg*,
F Tri*, F Smy*, F Bul(ec)*, F Tyn* &
A Ven* hold. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul,
Gre, Nap, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven. (10) BUILD
 TWO

A few corrections &c. from last time:
 Turkey's F Tyn & A Ven held. Error in
 the Fall 1906 supply-center chart:
 Germany owned Denmark, not Munich.

Turkey's A Tyo-Mun failed last time be-
 cause of the ambiguity of the French
 order which might have supported it. A
 French order "A Bur S A Tyo-Mun" would
 have been non-ambiguous and would have
 succeeded.

COAs for Rick Hirsh and Dan Miller (the
 GM): see the mailing list elsewhere in
 this issue.

Deadline for builds only: 5PM, JUNE 29
 1977. THIS IS A WEDNESDAY!!!

1975Kex

"Fall 1913"

OTTOMANS PRESS HARD AGAINST GERMAN MISS

France (David Claman): A Tus*-Umb,
A Pic* S A Tus-Umb, A Pic-Bre*, A Ver* S
A Pic-Bre, A Gas* S F Spa(sc); F Spa(sc)
holds(elim). Owns: BRE, PAR, VER, Lis,
Opo, Spa. (5) EVEN

Germany (King Kalla): A Boh*, A Tyo*,
A Swi*, A Sil*, A Ber*, A Han*, A Mun*,
F Bel*, A Ruh*, F Eng*, F Mid*, A Mos*,
A Lub*, A War* & A Pru* hold; F Bre &
A Ukr hold(elim). Owns: BER, MUN, Arc,
Bel, Dow, Edi, Han, Hol, Jut, Lod, Lon,
Lub, Mos, Nwy, Upt, War, Zea.
 (18) BUILD TWO

Turkey (Raymond E. Heuer): A Rum-Ukr*,
F Tyn-Tun*, A Mor-Spa*, F Gib* C A Mor-
Spa, F Lyo* & F WMc* S A Mor-Spa, A Ven* S
F Umb, F Adr* & A Tri* S A Ven, F Bla-
Rum*, A Sev* S A Rum-Ukr, A Arm* S A Sev,
A Pre* S A Vie, F Mac(ec)*, A Bud*,
A Vie* & F Umb* hold. Owns: ALE, ANK,
CON, SMY, Bud, Bul, ERu, Mac, Nap, Pel,
Pre, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Sfa, Spa, Tri,
Tun, Ven, Vie. (21) BUILD FIVE (room for
 four)

BLACK HOLE: Ukraine. With the Turkish
 army.

SPLIT: Mid-Atlantic Ocean. The line
 goes from the western edge of the board
 to the north coast of Spain. The nor-
 thern half remains Mid, while the south-
 ern half is now the South Atlantic
 Ocean. There are German fleets in both.

There will be no map this time. Maybe
 next time.

Will Evan Jones, 390 Riverside Drive,
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 for Germany?

COAs for King Kalla and David Claman; see
 the mailing list.

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Lo and behold! The POUCH returns to mimeo! This is the first issue of The POUCH published on a mimeograph machine in about two years. Naturally, this issue is being published on Gertrude, the machine on which issues 64-78 of The POUCH were published.

The return to mimeo marks some changes in The POUCH. Primarily, it marks a reduction in costs to me (I hope). If there is a distinct reduction in costs and I continue mimeographing The POUCH in the fall (see below) there will be a reduction of the subscription price. Another change is that I will have more control over how many copies I can produce. At Brown Printing Services I am restricted to printing in batches of fifties. Here I can print a number of copies more in keeping with my circulation. This should also result in a decrease in my costs.

One problem with printing mimeo is that it places some restrictions on what I can print. I am no longer capable of printing the maps I used for 1975Kex so easily. I probably will continue to print such maps, but I will have to get them photo-offset somehow.

The POUCH will continue to be produced mimeo throughout this summer, courtesy of Gertrude's owner, Ray Heuer. In the fall we may go back to photo-offset, or, depending upon the graces of Greg Costikyan, we may continue mimeo on his machine.

Another change comes to The POUCH this summer. The end of the school year at Brown marks the separation of the staff. Tad Lawrence and Dan Miller will continue GMing their respective games, but on a modified schedule. The deadlines for their games will be the Wednesday before the usual Friday deadline. They will mail me the moves for their games that evening in time to make what I hope to be a Saturday printing. This is a compromise between the two alternatives which I presented to the players in 1974FK last issue. I hope that this is acceptable to all those involved.

I am announcing in this issue the opening of another game. This one will be of Fred Davis' variant, Swiss Diplomacy II. Basically this entails the addition of Switzerland as an eighth player. The rules for this game appear in this issue of The POUCH. I have maps for anyone who wants to join this game. As this game will be a kind of a playtest, there will be no fee for joining it. You must, however subscribe to get into the game.

Also open in The POUCH is one game of regular Diplomacy for one dollar plus a subscription and one game of Origins of World War Two (historical version) which is free with a subscription. I am also continuing my special offer by which any current subscriber can get a free entry in the Diplomacy game if he or she joins the free Origins game before the next issue of The POUCH.

The POUCH needs standbys. If you wish to standby for any game, let me know.

subscriptions are 7/\$2.00

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Rebate

That's right! If we send you another copy of this issue at no extra charge, we expect you to send us a personal check (or money order) for \$25 to defray our moving costs from Providence, which are considerably cheaper than those from a certain tacky Boston suburb. Speaking of which, when we last left our queero (Gil), he had just found two fishy figures coming toward him on a foggy train platform. (Yes, there is no fog in Pittsburgh!) If we want to find out who they are, we'd better peak at:

Chapter 3 of
The Rosenberg File
(fully annotated)

As Gil approached the two duds, the taller one wiped his brow in a futile attempt to abate the flow of ennui from his pores. "Uh, hi Gil," was all he could muster.

"Diller?" said the Oedipal editor with amazed contempt. "What are you doing here dressed in that tacky color¹?"

"Uh, well, uh - Harvard, uh, well, they, uh---"

"Mr. Diller, Neiger, has had the great good fortune to be accepted to Harvard University, and shall matriculate immediately."

"Here?" asked Diller with an embarrassed look. "I've never done it in public before. Usually, I---"

"Mr. Diller," broke in Rosenberg, "sometimes I wonder if even Harvard doesn't make an occasional mistake."

"You really got in there?" asked Gil.

"Well, uh, um - a, well, they are studying terminal, uh, um, boredom, and, uh, well, um, they thought I was, uh, eunuchically, uh, qualified to, um, a, help them."

"You're too modest," threw in Scott. "You'll be invaluable."

"Well, let's boof on up the hill," moaned Gilbert.

"Excuse me?²" said Scott.

"Look it up in, uh, um, uh Paradise Lost, uh, under, uh, bufu," said Matt.

"He knows what it means," said Gil, "but at Harvard they call it 'sex'."

At the sound of that word, Scott and Diller joined hands and turned beat red³, and followed Gil closely up the hill.

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Gil glumly turned his key in the lock and led the Harvard men(?) into his room. Sedano, as was to be expected, was in bed, but he was awake and even had a visitor, one Rick Hirsh.

"Rich, you're up!!!" exclaimed Gil.

"Yes, Gil," said Sedano pathetically, "Who are they?"

"Just duds," replied Gilby. "Shake hands, Rick."

"No thanks, Gil," muttered the mustachioed malcontent.

"Oh, by the way, Rick, that little winp has been after me to talk to you."

"What little winp? About what?"

"You know. That little winpy gamesmaster who for some odd reason has an ego so perverted that it has forced him into the degradation of literally begging to be mentioned in this serial."

"King?"

"No, King's from Pittsburgh. There are no egos in Pittsburgh."

"Tad?"

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"No. Tad's too busy with Sophie to worry about being in this stupid serial."

"Ray Heuer?"

"Come on. You don't really believe he exists. That's a covername for a transvestite named Mike Fulbright.⁴"

"Alright, Gil, who is it?"

"I'm not going to mention his name just to boost his ego. Cary would kill me, pacifist or not. Anyway, the little wimp said you'd better get your moves in soon."

"Oh, that fucking two-foot bastard. If that miniature pain in the ass doesn't leave me alone, I'm going to put one of Rich's sneakers⁵ under his bed."

With that, Rick pulled off the covers, and gave the now-sleeping Sedano a playful pat on the rump, at which Rich rolled over and sleepily numbled, "Not now, Gil."

Rick saluted the dudes and Gil, and then left the room, strangely attired in Rich's gold pajamas over his own clothes. ((Editor's note: Rick is not the only one to engage in this odd practice.))

Just as he left, the phone rang. Diller went to see who was at the door⁶, Rosenberg looked for a place to hide, and Gil picked up the phone.

"Gil?" asked the voice at the other end impatiently.

"This is Dewhurst. Who's that?"

"Gilbert! I've been writing this thing for three months! I know Heuer doesn't think I exist, but I thought you did!"

"Oh, sorry, Cary. What's boofing?"

"Bad news, Du. You'll never believe it."

"There's smog in Pittsburgh?"

"Worse. Dee is going to Harvard next year to work in an aquatic bio lab."

"FILL IN THE OBVIOUS LINE, DUMO⁷"

"It sure does. Dee's as true Brown as they come."

HAS DEE CRAPPED OUT CRIMSON? IN SPITE OF THEIR LOUSY HOCKEY TEAM? LOUSY FOOTBALL TEAM? LOUSY SOCCER TEAM? WILL-SEDANO BE READY FOR GIL LATER? WILL SCOTT FIND A HIDING PLACE? UNDER A ROCK? AND WHAT ABOUT NAOMI???

Footnotes

1. tacky color - what else, but crimson.
2. "Excuse me?" - a Harvard way to avoid saying "I'm afraid I don't understand."
3. Beat red - crimson.
4. Ray Heuer...Mike Fulbright - If you're not Ray, you don't understand this.
5. Rich's sneakers - now in confinement in the Department of Defense.
6. who was at the door - no one was, the phone had rung. You're as dumb as Diller.
7. THE OBVIOUS LINE - "Sounds fishy to me, Dumo."

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1976IC

FALL 1903 ADJUSTMENTS

Austria-Hungary (David Claman): Builds A Bud; also has A Tri, A Gal, A Vie, A Run, F Adr & F Con.

England (David Kalla): NBR; has F Bar, A Den, F Nth, F Nwy, A StP & A Swc. Owed one.

France (Edward KarlinskiJr): Has F Naf, F Wes, A Pie, A Mar & A Pic.

Germany (Doug Hollingsworth): Has A Tyo, A Sil, F Hol, A Mun & A Bel.

Italy (Mike Hudec): Builds F Ron; also has F Ion, F Tyn, A Apu, F Sny & A Bul.

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SWISS VARIANT II - by Fred Davis, Jr. - 1977 (reprinted from BUSHWACKER)

1. The 1971 Rulebook will apply to all situations not otherwise covered in these rules.
 2. An eighth power, SWITZERLAND, is created. This power consists of the following provinces (S.C.'s underlined): Geneva, Zürich, Morocco, Lombardy & Savoy.
 - a. The original Swiss space is divided vertically to form Geneva & Zürich.
 - b. The Piedmont province plus the northeastern corner of Marseilles are absorbed into Switzerland. This area is divided vertically in Savoy and Lombardy. Lombardy touches both Geneva and Zürich, but only the Ligurian Sea. Savoy touches both the Gulf of Lions & Ligurian Sea, but only Geneva. Morocco consists of the western half of the Old North African province. The eastern half is now Algeria. Both touch Western Med.
 - c. At the start of the game, Switzerland has A Geneva, A Zürich and F Lombardy. (not Morocco).
 3. There are 39 supply centers. The Victory Criterion for a single power is 20. The Victory Criterion for a two-power alliance victory is 26, with no power owning less than ten centers.
 4. The following additional provinces are created (S.C.'s underlined):
 - AUSTRIA: Trieste is divided into Croatia and Zara (line from Adriatic to Budapest). The F is in Zara.
 - GERMANY: Munich is divided into Munich and Swabia (line from Ruhr to Tyrolia). Swabia completely cuts off the Swiss starting positions from Munich.
 - ITALY: Sicily is now the 6th province, directly connected to Naples.
 - RUSSIA: St. Pete is divided into Archangle and St. Petersburg (line from Finland to Moscow). A new province, Kazakhstan, is added beyond Moscow, Archangel and Sevastopol, touching the first two of those and a new province, Persia.
 - TURKEY: A new province, Persia, is added, adjacent to Syria, Armenia, Sevastopol, and Kazakhstan.
 - NEUTRALS: Spain is divided into Spain(nc) and Spain(sc), both adjacent to Marseilles and Portugal. Sardinia is a S.C. Ireland is passable and adjacent to Clyde.
 - SEA SPACES: Ligurian Sea, Southern Med., Gulf of Sirte and S. Atlantic Ocean are added. Gulf of Lions is given its proper name. A line from Sardinia to Savoy through Lions gives Ligurian Sea in the east. Southern Med. touches EMed, Ionian and Gulf of Sirte, which in turn touches Southern Med., Ionian and Tunis. Divide Midatl. from Portugal on west to get South Atl. south of the line drawn.
 5. Special build centers:

Archangel and Lombardy are special build centers for fleets. Russia may build F's in Archangel as long as it owns St. Petersburg. Switzerland may build F's in Lombardy as long as it owns Zürich.
 6. Direct Passage. Armies may move and support between Naples and Sicily, between Spain(sc) and Morocco, and between Ireland and Clyde without convoy. Therefore, all units may move directly between these spaces. This does NOT prevent fleets from moving and supporting directly between the Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas, or between South Atlantic Ocean and Western Med., nor does it affect the movement of fleets through the North Atlantic Ocean.
- REMEMBER THAT ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE MAP DEPICTING THESE CHANGES
7. Retreats & Removals
 - a. Retreats are made by Just's Right Hand Rule if a player fails to submit a

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retreat order. Normally, this will occur only at the conclusion of a "Spring" move. After a "Fall" move, players should submit retreat orders with the Winter adjustments; and the other players may make their builds contingent on the nature of the retreat orders (I believe that The POUCH's house rules make this unnecessary except in 'b' below).

- b. A player may not write an "Off the Board" retreat order. Any retreat order must be to an existing province. A unit will be forced off the board only if the GM finds no other move for it.
 - c. In the case in which a player fails to submit a removal, the Gamesmaster is not required to remove fleets before armies, &c. The GM is required to remove the unit or units which, in his judgement, would have the least effect on the course of the game.
8. Convoy by the regular Diplomacy method is allowed only for the crossing of a single sea space. This convoy order will be called the "Fast Ferry".
9. All convoys involving the crossing of more than one sea space may only be undertaken by the formation of an "Army/Fleet" to carry the Army by piggy-back, as in Abstraction or Atlantis (copies of these rules can be obtained from me). Players may create A/F's at any time.
- a. An A/F can only consist of two units belonging to the same country.
 - b. An A/F can remain physically intact on the board for three consecutive moves, excluding build periods. Thus, an army can be on the seas for a total of four consecutive A/F moves before exhausting its rations. If the army is not successfully disembarked before the end of the fourth move, it is annihilated.

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As stated elsewhere, a section of this game will be opened in The POUCH. As this will be a playtest, there will be no charge for this game. People interested in playing should contact me (Gil Neiger) and I will forward them the maps and appropriate rules (i.e., Just's Right Hand Rule and the A/F rules). THIS GAME IS FREE!!!

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1976IC (continued)

Russia (Frank Suchar): NRR; GM removes F Ska; has A Sev, A Mos & A Lvn.

Turkey (civil disorder): Removes F Bla; has A Ank.

Will David Wan and Ronald M. Kelly (addresses in mailing list) please standby for England and Russia respectively? Please note the GM's COA. The deadline for Spring 1904 moves is 5PM, 1 JULY 1977. Note Clanan's COA.

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1976BR

FALL 1904 ADJUSTMENTS

DELAY!!!! Problems here. Tad Lawrence left Brown early this year and left me the moves he had to adjudicate with Dan Miller, who was to give them to me. Somewhere along the line some of these were lost, probably in the mess of packing. Thus I am delaying this game an issue. Please send in both builds/removals and Spring 1905 moves by 5PM, WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 1977. Note the GM's COA on the next page. A further problem is that Robert Johnson, the Russian player, has moved, but his COA is also totally lost (this makes me sound like a real klutz, doesn't it. Well, I'll send this issue to his old address and pray it gets forwarded (he's still in the same ZIP code area). Builds/removals on file from Russia, England and German with moves on file from the last two of those.

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1976BR will continue to receive The POUCH free as long as Rod Walker stays in
touch with me. However, he hasn't, so we'll see.

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1974FK PRESS RELEASES

FRANCE: The Spendthrift - This turn should separate the men from the girls!

ITALY: ...and so it goes. The sad tale of Hollingsworth and Kelly really moves
me to great sickness.

THE GRAND REUNION
by Gil Neiger

((The Grand Reunion is an irregularly written serial detailing the events of a reunion of the New York Conspiracy to Take Over the Diplomacy Hobby which is being held at an sf convention in AD2000))

The great hall began to fill up. The decorations that John Boardman, and, secondarily, Evan Jones, had set up were proving they were worth their cost. Not only did they evoke memories of twenty-five years earlier, not only did they restrict themselves to pleasant memories, but they actually made the conspirators feel that it truly was sometime in the 1970s. This was evidenced by Matt Diller's sucking his thumb.

The hall had filled. John Boardman, self-appointed MC, stood at a podium at the front of the room.

"Without any further ado, I would like to introduce the person who I'm sure we all consider our Leader!"

Edi Birsan, Nick Ulanov, Gil Neiger, Ray Heuer, Bob Lipton, Scott Rosenberg, Jeremy Paulson, Greg Costikyan and Matt Diller all prepared to stand. But before any of them could, there was a voice from the back of the room.

"I think for a post as important as this one obviously is a vote should be held so that the true wishes of the Conspirators can be determined democratically." A graying, unshaven Robert Sacks got up and started walking towards the front of the room. His fingers were heavily calloused from years of keypunching. Otherwise he seemed pretty much the same. "Now, being impartial I would propose myself to be a one-man 'Board of Elections'. My first duties will be to--"

John Boardman had drawn himself to full height and then some. "Mirabolla Dictoo!" he yelled "(sic) semper tyrannis!" With those words, a great strip of red tape appeared in the air and was immediately sliced through by a tremendous pair of scissors. Then tape, scissors and Sacks all disappeared. "Twelfth level spell," mumbled Boardman.

"I thought I'd made that up!" whispered Greg to Scott.

"Let us continue with the festivities," continued Boardman, "I now have the great pleasure of introducing the man who is indisputably our Leader." Again, everyone readied themselves to rise. "I mean none other than Evan Jones!"

"What?!?" everyone shrieked. And with that Evan ran in from the rear door, wearing an old pair of pants and a torn white t-shirt.

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- _____ Your subscription expires with this issue.
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FINAL NOTES:
Germany was NMR in 1975Kex.
In 1974PK, Italy was left out.
Italy (Genignani): A Nun-Bur (elim).
Owns: ~~NY~~(O) OUT

LXX Dumo!

ROD -
What's up?
Send me your TRS!
G.