

INSURRECTION IN
FRANCE, ITALY, AND RUSSIA

73-3 (1973BY) Spring 1902

Austria-Hungary (Jamie Adams)

ASerSABul-Rum, ABud-Gal, AVie-Tyr,
ATriSAVie-Tyr, FGre-Ion

England (Kirby Welch)

FNth-Ska, FNwy-Bar, FLon-Nth, AYor

France (Bill Cossum)

no orders received. ABur (elim.),
APar, ASpa, FMar, FPor

Germany (Duncan Smith)

AMun-Bur, ABelsAMun-Bur, AKie-Hol,
FDen-Hol, FBer-Bal

Italy (Eric Goldberg)

no orders received. APie, AVen,
FIon

Russia (Eric Griffiths)

no orders received. AStP, AUkr,
ASwe, FBoth, FSev (elim.)

Turkey (John Arensmeyer)

AArm-Sev, ABul-Rum, FBlasaArm-Sev,
FCon-Aeg

Next moves with conditional builds
due on September 1. Players may make
moves conditional on whether stand-
by moves are made for France, Italy,
or Russia.

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NEXT DEADLINES:

73-3: September 1; 73-4: August 18;
73-5: August 18; 73-6: August 25;
73-7: August 18; 73-8: September 1;
73-B: August 25; 73-C: August 18

AUSTRIA CAPTURES GREECE

63-1 (1963D) Spring 1991

Austria-Hungary (Levi Morton)

FAeg-Gre, ABulSFAeg-Gre, ASerSFAeg-
Gre, AAlbSFAeg-Gre, ASev-Mos, ARumS
AGal, AVie-Boh, AVen-Pie, FEMed-Ion,
AGal, ARom, ANap, FAdr

England (Hannibal Hamlin)

FNwg-Nwy, FNthSABel, ABel, AParsABur,
ABur, APie-Ven, AGre (elim.), FIonS
AGre, FTyrSFion, FWMedSFTyr, FGLyc-
Pie

Russia (William Wheeler)

no orders received. AStP, AMos, ANwy,
FSka, ADen, AWar, ASil, AMun, ARuh,
AHol

Elbridge Gerry is asked to send in
stand-by moves for Russia for Fall
1991. Players may make moves condi-
tional on which player makes Russian
moves. Next moves with conditional
builds are due September 8.

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Above is an orphan game we have just
taken over. It has been going off and
on for ten years and is now in the
unprecedented year 1991. It has some
of the most distinguished players in
the hobby, and we hope you enjoy fol-
lowing it.

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A reminder: The POUCH's address will be changing towards the end of September. The new address will be announced in the next article-issue.

Duncan Smith is back in New York City. His address is: 9 East 10th Street, New York, N.Y. 10003. His brother, Miles, is still in East Hampton.

There have been a few responses to the John Lindsay poll published in the last article-issue. But, if any results are going to be published, many, many more will have to be sent in. So, if you haven't already, write down your answers to the poll, and mail them in.

We are opening a mail-game of 1721, the excellent variant by John Boyer. The rules and map will appear in a future issue. It looks as if John may be playing in this game. If you want to be in it, send in your name and address:

A new regular game has been filled and is announced on page seven. We have one opening left in the game after that (73-9). So far Ronald Kelly, John Stevens, Keith Dahnke, Drew McGee, Kirby Welch, and Nicholas Ulanov are signed up for it.

We anticipate opening only one more game after 73-9 for quite a while. So, if you want to be in a game, or have a friend who does, get the name and address in quick.

The POUCH needs stand-bys for all its games. If you are willing to be a stand-by please let us know. We can't give a reduced game fee since we charge none, we can only depend on your generosity. Let us know if you want to stand-by for regular games, variants, or both.

Stephen Tihor will be c/o Ridgeval Motor Inn, Route 28, Chatham, Cape Cod, Mass. 02633, from August 18 to September 1.

David Wildman will be at Blue Ridge Summit, Black Mt., N.C. through August 18. Thereafter, he will be at his new address in Georgia.

Game-masters' Game press starts on page nine.

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UNIFICATION OF GERMANY-A ORIGIN OF WW II VARIANT

BY DUNCAN SMITH

1- The first turn is 1864 and the last is 1869

2- PF Allocation:

TURN	DENMARK	RUSSIA	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	PRUSSIA
1	2	4	6	8	12
2	4	6	8	10	16
3	6	8	10	12	20
4	8	10	12	14	24
5	10	12	14	16	28
6	12	14	16	18	32

3- Victory Point Allocation:

	DENMARK	RUSSIA	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	PRUSSIA
Alsace Lorraine			C5		U2
Anhalt					U1
Austria	U7	U5	U5		
Baden					U1
Bavaria				C2	C3
Denmark		U3			
E. Prussia		U4			
El Hesse					U1
France	U3	U3			
Hanover				C5	C2
Hesse					U1
Holdenberg				C1	C2
Holstein	C5			U2	C2
Luxembourg			C5		U3
Meckelberg	C3			U2	
Nassau					U1
Poland		C5		C4	
Prussia		U5		U4	
Russia	U2				
Saxony				C2	C3
Schleswig	C5				C2
Thuringian States					U1

If Prussia does not make 15pts at the end of the game then France receives an additional 10 pts.

4- Prussia has a special Bismark piece which may be moved to any province in the Spring move. This piece enables the Prussian player to subtract one from the die whenever he makes an attack in the province where he is stationed.

5- Diplomatic Conflict Table

DIE ROLL	1-2	1-1	2-1	3-1	4-1	5-1
1	X	D	D	D	D	D
2	X	X	X	D	D	D
3	A	-	X	D	D	D
4	A	-	X	X	D	D
5	A	A	-	X	X	D
6	A	A	-	-	X	X

All attacks at greater than 5-1 are considered 5-1. All odds less than 1-2 are considered 1-2.

6- Either the players make their own board or they can make a series of boxes on a sheet of paper with the names of each province below it. Use Origin of WW II counters.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

In 1863 Frederick VII, King of Denmark, wrote a constitution that almost united the states of Holstein and Schleswig with the mother country. Three days later before the constitution was signed into law, the King died. Christian IX, his son, signed the constitution into law. The Prussians, seeing this as an attack on their nationalism, allied with Austria and attacked Schleswig on Feb. 1, 1864. The Danes proceeded to lose the war, and on Oct. 30, 1864 they lost all rights to Holstein and Schleswig.

Russia was always at peace with the Prussians. All they wanted was peace with the world and control of the Poles. More than any other country Prussia helped in that aspect. Count Otto von Bismark, in 1863, signed the Alvensleben Convention which stated that the Prussian Army and the Russian Army could cross each other's border in order to catch fugitive Poles.

France as always wanted to gain the Alsace-Lorraine most of all. They were also the constant enemy of Prussia until they were defeated at Diplomatic battles time and time again, and in the end in the Franco-Prussian war. Bismark time and time again stopped the French diplomatically. He stopped them from taking Luxembourg, and Belgium. All these frustrations forced the French into a war they would lose.

Austria, until its defeat at the hands of the Prussians in 1866, had quite a sizable portion of the German Confederation in its pocket. They almost owned Hanover, Bavaria, and Saxony. They appeased the Prussians in 1864 by ally with them against the Danes, but in a reversal of National Policy they refused to give the Prussians the states of Holstein and Schleswig, something the Prussians did not forgive. Austria was defeated by the Prussians at the battle of Kon

The unification of Germany can be credited to two people: Von Moltke and Count Otto von Bismark. The iron will of Bismark and the generalship of Moltke made quite a one-two punch. Bismark outdiplomated the Danes in 1863-1864, the Austrians from 1863 to 1866, and the French 1863-1870. And of course everytime Bismark started a war, Moltke won it for him. He won the Danish War, the Austro-Prussian War and the Franco-Prussian War.

This variant is designed by Duncan Smith, and all rights and privileges remain with him. Address all comments, and suggestions or questions to Duncan Smith c/o The POUCH.

Note: Controls may not be shared.

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THE DRAW

analysis by Gil Neiger

As soon as this game started the board quickly became divided into two unusually distinct hemispheres, which remained isolated from eachother for several years.

In the north, while France, Germany, and Russia engaged in petty wars, England scooped up supply centers. By the end of 1902 all the lowlands and Scandinavia were English.

Meanwhile, in the South, Russia, Turkey, Austria, and Italy were playing "King of the Balkans" and "Ally-swapping." At one point, when Turkey would have been down to two units, Austria seemed to be supreme in the East. But Duncan Smith as Turkey made a swift and skillful comeback.

At this point England and Turkey held sway over their respective areas and eyed eachother. They each went into battle with a faithful ally, wiped out the three minor powers, and drew. It is interesting to note that there was no stale-mate. The English army convoyed into Prussia on the last move would have enabled the British to break through the Turkish alliance.

73-2 (1973BW)

Game-master: Gil Neiger

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	3	4	5	3	4	2	1	-		
E	3	5	8	9	9	12	12	12	13	12
F	3	5	5	5	6	7	7	8	7	8
G	3	4	3	2	2	-				
I	3	4	4	5	5	5	7	5	5	4
R	4	5	4	5	4	2	1	-		
T	3	5	6	4	5	6	7	9	9	10

A: Michael Wolff

E: Louis Restrepo Dro SO4, Raymond Heuer

F: Evan Jones

G: Phil Kahn

I: Eric Robinson

R: Alex Katzoff

T: Duncan Smith

THE SAGA OF POOR RICHARD NIXON

Get me away from these little monsters.

To aide, during questions
at Cornell University
Ithaca, New York
October 17, 1956

There is no substitute for victory in South Vietnam.

Saigon, South Vietnam
April 1, 1964

If you think the United States has stood still, who built the largest shopping center in the world?

Portland, Oregon
September 14, 1960

China was won to the Communist side by the Chinese....

Lake George, New York
July 12, 1954

Go ahead and finish your dessert -- at these Johnson prices, it may be your last meal.

To dinner audience
Quoted in Newsweek
May 20, 1968

You never had it so good.

Washington, D.C.
October 19, 1958

It takes an awful lot to embarass me.

Copenhagen, Denmark
July 1, 1962

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73-7 Grand Vizier: "O Sultan! I have just discovered that you were invited to a Concert of Europe."
Sultan Hambone Ali: "Hey man! When we goin'? You know how I dig music."
G.V.: "I'm afraid it's not that kind of a concert, Your Highness. The six other Great Powers are all negotiating the division of Europe, and we didn't know Turkey was invited because the postal service failed to forward the mail from Constantinople to your new capital at Doughp. What does Your Majesty suggest we do?"
H.A.: "Well G.V., I would say take two and hit to right."
G.V.: "Your Majesty!"
H.A.: "OK G.V., send out smoke signals to all these cats, lettin' 'em know that we'd like them all to share a peace pipe with us (preferably one stuffed with hash, G.V.), but that if they insist on mixing it with us, I'll have to sic my high-flyin' Janissary Corps on them. Got it?"
G.V.: "Yes, Your Highness, but right now I'm afraid your Janissaries are flying so high they're not much of a threat to anybody."
H.A.: "You may have something there G.V. Tell you what, Since we're comin' late to the table, tell these other guys we're willing to settle for leftovers. Let 'em know our help will come cheap. Check?"
G.V.: "Check, O Glorious One. Yes, I know, if I need you for anything else, you'll be smoking your waterpipe in the harem."

FOR THE RECORD

edited by Nicholas A. Ulanov

There has been a great deal of talking about how great the Senators on the Special Committee of the Senate investigating campaign practices and the Watergate scandal have been. There has been talk about several of them running for President or Vice-President. Their mail has tripled or quadrupled. Their names are house-hold words. Senators Baker, Talmage, and Inouye are getting letters and phone calls from girls who want to know if they're single. (They're not.) But very little is known about these men, and no journalistic organ has gone into any detail about their records as members of Congress. Some interesting and surprising things are found in each Senator's record, and we think it would be of interest -- as well as a legitimate service -- to print parts of each Senator's record in The POUCH. This will be done through a series of articles in this and the next two issues. Only a few of the Senators will have his record printed in each issue. The final article in this series will contain some analysis of the information presented now.

First, we have the ratings of various political organizations from 1968 to 1970. The organizations whose ratings are used are:

- ADA -- Americans for Democratic Action. This group is one of the more traditional "liberal" groups in the country. Generally it is for welfare causes and civil rights, and against high military spending, anti-Communism movements and against the Vietnam War.
- COPE - Committee on Political Action of the AFL-CIO. A slightly left-of-center political arm of the AFL-CIO supporting pro-labor legislation, causes, and Congressmen. It often avoids positions on such things as defense spending and the Vietnam War.
- NREP - The New Republic magazine. An established journal of civil-libertarians and "lawyer-liberalism." It has provided a forum for people from Walter Lippmann to Ralph Nader.
- NFU -- National Farmers' Union. This group represents smaller-to-middle-size farmers. The NFU takes positions on non-farm related issues as well as those directly related to farmers, with a continuation of the traditional farmers' populism.
- LCV -- League of Conservation Voters. This group is a campaign committee which solicits and distributes funds to "friends of the environment." The LCV has rated Congressmen on votes going back many years as well as recently, going back to a period when the environment was not a popular issue.
- CFA -- The Consumer Federation of America. The CFA is a consumer lobby founded in the mid-sixties as a "counterweight" to big-business lobbies in Congress.
- NAB -- National Association of Businessmen. Here is a typical big-business lobby, which supports non-government intervention in the "private sector," and economic conservatism.
- NSI -- National Security Index of the American Security Council. This is one of those groups which still practice Air Raid

Drills. It vigorously supports aid (of all kinds) to anti-Communist countries and singles out "unsympathetic" Congressmen for watching, and defeat.

ACA -- Americans for Constitutional Action. This is a strongly conservative organization dedicated to the principles of "individual rights, sound money, fiscal integrity, the private market, local self-government, and strengthening of national sovereignty," and against "group morality, a socialized economy, inflation, price controls, central government intervention in local affairs, coercion of individuals through government regulation, and any surrender of control of foreign or domestic affairs to any other nation or to any international organization."

The groups are listed in order more or less of "left, middle-of-the-road, and right."

Senator Sam J. Ervin (D - N.C.)

	ADA	COPE	NREP	NFU	LCV	NAB	NSI	ACA
1970	13	15	18	33	34	82	100	78
1969	6	--	--	63	--	--	--	86
1968	0	30	--	38	--	50	--	78

Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr. (R - Tenn.)

	ADA	COPE	NREP	NFU	LCV	NAB	NSI	ACA
1970	13	18	18	45	54	78	100	89
1969	11	--	--	44	--	--	--	36
1968	21	36	--	60	--	100	--	80

Senator Edward John Gurney (R - Fla.)

	ADA	COPE	NREP	NFU	LCV	NAB	NSI	ACA
1970	6	9	0	30	0	80	100	85
1969	0	--	--	25	--	--	--	93

Senator Daniel Kon Inouye (D - Haw.)

	ADA	COPE	NREP	NFU	LCV	NAB	NSI	ACA
1970	72	91	90	100	76	18	14	0
1969	72	--	--	86	--	--	--	0
1968	64	89	--	90	--	20	--	0

Senator Joseph M. Montoya (D - N.M.)

	ADA	COPE	NREP	NFU	LCV	NAB	NSI	ACA
1970	63	100	67	93	62	11	33	20
1969	72	--	--	75	--	--	--	7
1968	36	88	--	78	--	25	--	6

Senator Herman Eugene Talmadge (D - Ga.)

	ADA	COPE	NREP	NFU	LCV	NAB	NSI	ACA
1970	3	25	0	38	24	73	100	86
1969	6	--	--	44	--	--	--	80
1968	0	0	--	11	--	25	--	79

Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. (R - Conn.)

	ADA	COPE	NREP	NFU	LCV	CFA	NAB	NSI	ACA
1970	40	64	75	82	100	35	30	80	41
1969	40	--	--	67	--	--	--	--	41

SAN DIEGO, California (7-17-73): At the outset of this rather unique contest, I am constrained to make a brief statement.

The potential exists in this game, for quite well-known reasons, for a rapid and consuming descent into the depths of slander, scandal, libel, and all-around vicissitudes. At the same time, postal Diplomacy is supposed to be Fun. I would suggest to all contestants and observers that the one does not derive from the other, and that therefore in order to maintain the one we must rigorously eschew the other.

Thus, I propose an absolute moratorium on all derisive or conceivably vicious adjuncts to this game, and urge instead a concentration on the more rational and pleasurable aspects of Diplomacy: brotherly interchange, mature reasoning, sensible toleration, and overall moderation.

This applies, in my view, as much to myself as to the others. And it particularly applies to that fucking wop up there in Germany.

JAMUL: Under the spreading chestnut tree,
The village Sultan stands;
Picking off the juicy centres
With his gory hands.

He stood atop a parapet
And eyed his neighbours' homes.
"If they once drop their guard," he said,
"They'll 'scribe obits in tomes."

"Plan A? Plan B? Or something else?
It matters not at all.
We'll sign some pacts - improperly,
And watch the suckers fall."

And so, as o'er his scheming head
The chestnut spread its boughs,
The village Sultan called his troops,
But first he put all his money in Swiss banks.

SWITZELDORF, Lower Bavaria: One of the more fascinating antics in the milieu of world politics is the art of summitry. It is therefore of great interest to observe the meandering activities in this small obscure village as the First Annual Summit Conference of International Masters of Diplomacy proceeds along its agenda.

The highlight of today's sessions was a brief interview with one of the more esoteric participants in the Summit, 'Big Sister' Nurdbert, in attendance via a forged press pass from the Paris Journal of Hematology.

Reporter: Er...ah...Mr., I think, Nurdbert, I understand you have a foolproof plan to dominate this conference and engineer the eventual conquest of the entire continent.

Nurdbert: Yes!!! That is RIGHT TRUE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT even. I have a foolproof plan to daminate this conference and engineer the conventionest equest of ftheen tired confidence.

Reporter: Oh. Well, do you think other persons also have plans....

Nurdbert: NO NO! NO! They hadn't better have any. I was the FIRST

to ever develop a plan for the conquest of everything, and I never got credit for that BUT THIS TIME THEY WON'T STOP ME because if they try I'll lower my fees and give Jesus Christ a free game.

Reporter: I should remind you that others have published ideas....

Nurdbert: THIEF! LIAR! CHEAT! COCKSU...whoops, I only say that in private behind their backs. I was the FIRST to ever publish a publication publishing a published publication about publishing, AND NOBODY EVER PUBLISHED MY PUBLICATION GIVING ME CREDIT FOR THAT EITHER except me myself and I.

Reporter: When was that?

Nurdbert: Ohwell I don't remember the details but it was in Issues One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Eight, Nine....

Reporter: What happened to seven?

Nurdbert: Seven? (counts on fingers)...oh, SEVEN. That was my semi-daily 455th trip to Outer Mongolia. I NEVER GOT CREDIT FOR THAT EITHER

Reporter: Now, on the subject of ...

Nurdbert: WAIT A MINUTE! I wasn't finished!

Reporter: Oh, okay, I'm sorry, go ahead.

Nurdbert: !

Reporter: Now, on the subject of equal rights for homosexuals....

Nurdbert: EEEEEEEAAAAAAGGGGGGGHHHHHH.....(collapses in a faint)

THE HOMBURG (IPI) 17 March 1973: In keeping with his traditional reputation, Imperial Minister of Foreign Affairs Von Warrenstein today declared war upon Italy, Germany, Russia, and Turkey. Following this, he then announced that the entire military strength of the dual Monarchy -- the Szeckler Grenz Mounted Chowder and Marching Society, the Wien Waltz Veterans, and the Pola Power Punt Club -- had been ordered south in order to launch a surprise attack upon the Empire's last remaining peaceful neighbor, Serbia.

Oh boy another war! I can't wait!

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The POUCH is now read in California, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., and Canada.

To Walter Buchanan:

I first want to thank you for this reward that you have bestowed upon me. Secondly I want to apologize for my rude remarks about Indiana. I have finally realised that any state that has a beautiful garden spot like Gary, Indiana can't be all bad. People should be proud to live in a state so flat that it appears to have no geographical features whatsoever. After all who says the world is flat!

Duncan Smith, author of 1001 jokes about Indiana

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73-2 (NEW YORK SLIM) Washington D.C, USA 1910

Today President Wilson announced that he would not intervene on the European continent even though the French and British "are making asses of themselves". At this point the french Prémier Ambassador screamed: "Hais ca c'est pas fair, c'est communiste, c'est intolerable....."!

73-2 (THE PICKLED EVAN GAZETTE) August, 1910

There is no longer any doubt about it. Members of the Turkish State Mental Hospital are being tortured. Some reporters were able to seize some of the transcripts of the interrogation of Col. Nikoplat A. Poponov, the Montenegrin officer.

Q: Is it true that your government, and especially you, is smuggling "Eau de Saber Tooth Neiger" into this country?

A: No

Q: Play the tape Count Alexis.

(Tape Recorder plays some Evan Jones Press Releases)

A: NO, NO, AHHHHHH, stop the tape, anything but that, I'll talk.

Q: That Evan Jones sure did a lot for the art of torture, eh Alexis. Answer this you Nickelplated Poponov, did you or didn't you help smuggle in order to corrupt our country's youth, Eau de Saber Tooth Neiger?

A: Yes, we all did. We got paid by Queen Evan of Savoy and Prime Minister "Nuts" Hever to do it.

We of the press are shocked by the above transcript. We feel that this is cruel and unusual punishment. They could just as easily brand him, whip him, stretch him, even castrate him, all of which are much kinder tortures.

73-B (Dodecanese Islands, Somewhere in the Pacific, 1936 Or is it 1901)

(OVIRGIN OF WW II) PM Ron Kelly, Maximillius Half bright, Count Alexis Von Katzoff, Saber-Tooth Neiger and me, HR, all attended a meeting of Nations in Berlin.

(PATMOS FYBOGIAN FEVER) When your Humble Reporter offered the Isle of Patmos to Ron Kelly in return for the Baltic States, he accepted. Later he wanted to trade again but I said "No Deal" at which point he broke down and cried "Meanie, Meanie!".

-- Humble Reporter

73-5 (BRUSSELS-DKS PRESS) August, 1901

Today King Leopold VI, ruler of Belgium, begged the Germans to interfere in Belgian affairs in view of the massacres the French are staging in Belgium. Almost 25% of Brussels was reduced to rubble last night when about 750 French Bombers flew over the city last night. The Belgian Police also arrested 7 French guerrillas who were caught last night trying to incite riots between the Catholic and Protestant residents of the city. Although the Germans are in no position to help the Belgians, Baron von Neumann, the German Chancellor, has promised to help the innocent Belgian population.

73-5 (BERN, SWITZERLAND-NEUTRAL PRESS-DKS) AUGUST 1901

No one can any longer doubt that Germany has become a fascist state at its best. Baron von Neumann has assumed dictatorial powers in the crisis, and has dismissed his cabinet. Only Baron Krupp, his minister of war, Col. Zuchen von Gruk, Head of the SS, and Baron Joshua von Rabinowitz, his minister of propaganda, have remained close to him. Yesterday Kaiser Wilhem was arrested at the Chancellory and executed by the SS on grounds that he had sold out to the French Catholics. Also last night William Hortenberg III, head of the Catholic Democrat Party died under mysterious circumstances when he blew up in his silver shadow Rolls. It is unlikely that this was an accident since already today 1,758 members of the Catholic Democrats Party were arrested by the SS and sent to POW camps in Silesia. Within two weeks von Gruk's SS has accomplished the impossible by turning Germany into the world's most feared police state. Although it is very likely that Germany's death threats to the Catholics are but propaganda, one must realise that if Munich or Bavaria fell in 1901 they could become reality. No one should condone the actions of the illegal state of Germany.

73-C (HAPPINESS IS A WARM DWARF)

Lord Duncan, Earl of Gundabad, Hero of the Battle of Mt. Gundabad and husband of the dwarf Queen Dis, has declared that he will avenge the honor of Elrond's daughter, Arwen or Undomiel, who was taken down to Mordor to bear the children of the Wringwraiths. It is said that the nine wringwraiths were not just satisfied to loot and destroy Rivendell but have forced the young Elf-Maidens to mate with the orcs. "And Sauron dares ask for our alliance, after he maims and rapes Arwen, King Ellessar, Aragorn's love. Let us all die before we ally with the thing that crawls, that odorous thing from the South. Gimli, my brother dwarf, Elf-friend will always remember the elves of Rivendell and we shall all die before we give up ourselves to the fiends of Mordor".

73-A (THE GOBAN YIDDISH) King Levi Ahol was hung in Goban today as a war criminal. Also hung were General Moshe Dayan and other Members of the King's cabinet.

-----Tips Type-----

Bern, Switzerland -- April 3, 1901 -- With the suddenness of a pistol shot the uneasy peace which has held Europe in recent years was destroyed. The Armed Forces of the seven Great Powers (England, France, Italy, Russia, Turkey, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire) which have come to dominate the political scene are now marching to battle. How the many alliances which have been made by these countries will stand the test of actual armed conflict remains to be seen. Whatever the outcome, Europe will never be the same again. We of Tihor's International Press Service pledge ourselves to report, as accurately as is humanly possible, the events which will be so vital to the future of the world.

Stephen W. Tihor
Managing Editor T.I.P.S.

(TIPSYorkshire) Because of the Danger of an attack on London, the central office of TIPS-ENGLAND has been relocated here to the bureau chief's own castle, Trifle Hall. The London Office will remain open, but communications with the continent will be routed through the new headquarters whenever possible.

Our Man in Wales sent us a long report on the behavior of the troops which have been relocated there. Unfortunately the only part we have been able to translate is: "buying up wine, food and light winter clothing...and every copy of HOW TO ----- IN FRENCH on the market, not to mention ...IN NORWEGIAN."

(TIPS-FRANCE) --Paris -- In a joint operation the First and Second Armies of the Republic are moving to fortify the eastern border. The First Admiral was accused of using the Fleet formerly stationed near Brest to indulge his fancies for the women of Iberia by leading the fleet on a wild goose chase in the Mid-Atlantic while the integrity, not to mention , of the inhabitants of the North Coast of his own country is being threatened by the Alien fleet gathering in the Northern horizon. The two members of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Brest made this charge after being thrown out of the only three Bureaus which they were able to get into.

(TIPS-ITALY) --Rome-- The sudden departure of the 7th Fusiliers, now renamed the Second Army, will force the municipal government to rehire the entire Roman police force, which was dismissed when the fusiliers were first stationed in the city. The families of the 12 men involved had requested that the Pope intercede, but other duties had delayed him until last night.

(tips-austria-hungary) --the basement of the press club in vienna-- The situation here critical! Despite the outer calm the incursions into Serbia, Albania, and Montenegro, have stirred up a great deal of controversy outside the capital. This in turn has made it most dangerous to object to our report about any objections to the official government position.

The crack 5th battalion, heart of the Hungarian Second Army, has objected strenuously to their orders to take Serbia, but in what appears to be a political move, the Hungarian representatives have unanimously supported the government's position. It was rumored that the Magyars, the ruling Hungarian minority, expect a greater share of the important Imperial positions in return for the resolution of confidence.

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--Budapest-- There have been almost 100 incidents related to the recent troop movements. The replacement of the 90% Hungarian Second Army with the fully Austrian First Army stationed in Vienna until February 21st, 1901.

(TIPS-TURKEY) --Constantinople-- Things are no more hectic than usual here in the heart of deep, dark and decadent Sin City East. The rumors circulating among certain Important Ladies concern the reappearance of a certain person of questionable gender, age, royalty, and skill. Fortunately for most of the leading citizens, the most obnoxious three or four hundred gossips in town are occupied by the recent arrival of the fleet. They arrived on March 28th and docked in the official Navy Yard displacing four houseboats of ill-repute. The investigation conducted by a suspiciously foreign official centers about the question of why the Port Officers didn't invite their superiors down to inspect the base.

(TIPS-RUSSIA) --Moscow -- Rumors have been circulating throughout the capital that a change of command is imminent. The Tsar's Chief of Staff was unavailable for comment. Unfortunately, several of his aides received the same message when they tried to contact him for orders. Many of the upper class Moscovites viewed the departure of the First Army with very mixed emotions.

(TIPS-GERMANY) --Berlin-- The Kaiser appears to be strengthening the Western Defenses. The Western Line is believed to run from Munich through Burgundy, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, and possibly Sweden.

(TIPS-SWITZERLAND) --Bern-- The TIPS announced the imminent release of The Vienna Papers, an analysis of the Balkan situation.

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D. Smith	7.8	M. Robinson	1.00
F. Robinson	5.0	P. Neumann	1.00
F. Jones	4.0	R. Heuer	0.25
M. Smith	4.0	E. Jones	0.25
B. Wachtler	3.0	E. Robinson	0.25
R. Hauer	2.7		
M. Hansen	2.0		
N. Ulanov	2.0		
A. Katzoff	1.0		
P. Kahn	0.5		
M. Wolff	0.5		

DOCTOR CRAZY LE FOUS INVENTS TIME MACHINE THAT'S READS FUTURE!!!

(Schaan, Liechtenstein) Today at a surprise press conference, the renowned scientist Doctor Crazy Le Fous, announced his discovery.

"This machine will revolutionise life in Liechtenstein. We will no longer be treated as a small nation but rather as a 'Fighting Dwarf' nation. We will be able to predict wars, troop movements, winners of Diplomacy games. No longer shall we depend on the whims of an Edi Birsan, a Conrad von Metzke, or a Brenton Ver Plug. We will know what they do and be able to warn other nations. We will be the mightiest military nation in the world!"

"We will become the new economic giant of the world. We will predict the Stock Markets, win all the Bourses, and then we will buy the Swiss Banks. We will fit so many factories in Liechtenstein, people will think that they are in Gary, Indiana.

"Yes people of Liechtenstein, we will become the Fathers of the world, Mothers of the world, Brothers of the world, and yes people even sisters of the world. Long Live Liechtenstein; Long Live Melvin Gobowsky!"

MONTENEGRIN MOONSHOT IS FULL OF HOLES!!!

(Vaduz, Liechtenstein) Today the president of the Republic of Liechtenstein, Melvin Gobowsky, denied that the Montenegrins could have possibly landed on the moon.

"Everyone knows that the moon is full of holes and our leading scientist, Doctor Crazy Le Fous, has told us that the odds on landing on a solid part of the moon are one in a hundred", the president claimed. "Anyway our space program has already surpassed the petty moonshot of the Montenegrins", the president continued, "You see tonight we will land a space craft on the sun. I will now take questions".

"I find this preposterous", announced the star reporter and only reporter of The Liechtenstein Star, Joseph Ecrivier, "Won't the sun burn the ship up?"

"Of course not", the president answered, "we will land at night!"

"What makes you think that the Montenegrin's claim of landing on the moon is fraud?" the reporter continued.

"Why else would Col. Nakoplat A. Poponov refuse to give the name of the M.a.n and the F.e.m.a.l.e who have supposedly landed on the moon", the president answered again. "And to prove my point I challenge the Montenegrin president to a debate on View-Radio!"

ARMY TO LAND ON MOON TO PROVE PRESIDENTS CLAIM!!!

(Cape Carnivore, Liechtenstein) The word here is that the entire sixteen man army of Liechtenstein will leave for the moon tonight. The L.U.N.E Project (Liechtenstein Unilateral Nation Exploration) will be headed by Field-Marshal Mars von Lune.

"We will build a city in the Sea of Tranquility and name it Vaduz II, after our fair capital here", Mars told us.

73-5 (BERLIN PRESS) August 1901

Now that the French have insanely and monstrously declared war and attacked the Germans, all French officials in the provinces of Germany and the Kingdoms of Holland and Denmark have or will be sent to camp AA657 where all war criminals are held and exterminated. "All these disgusting examples of human beings will be destroyed for their cruel treatment of Protestant women and children," announced Col. Zuchen von Gruk, head of the SS. "Also until all German officials are returned to Germany," Col. Zuchen von Gruk continued, "All catholics will be arrested and sent to Prison Camps where they will be shot," Already today, 17 members of the French Embassy staff in Berlin were lynched by a blood thirsty mob supposedly led by members of the SS.

73-5 (DIPLOMATIC REPORT. SS APPROVED)

SUBJECT: Condition of German officials in Paris or France.

FROM: Col. Zuchen von Gruk, Head of SS.

TO: Baron Duncan Von Neumann, Chancellor of German Reich

REPORT: All members of Diplomatic Corp not over 30 and male Werewolf Battalion (Franco-German guerrilla group). This group is led by Baron Miles von Lugow, former German ambassador to France. All other members of Diplomatic Corp have already returned to Germany via Warsaw-Berlin-Madrid Rail-Line.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF WEREWOLF GROUP:

1- Assassination of six top French cabinet members and important military attachezs.

2- Fire bombing of five military hospitals.

3- Desecration and attempted bombing of French Cathedrals (Notre Dame and Chartre have been bombed).

4- Destruction of French Navy port at le Havre.

5- General harassment of French pro-war Catholic population.

6- Cutting of all rail lines supplying French Fascist Army.

(Note-All members of Chancellory staff are not to reveal or leak any parts of this report- Herr Joshua von Rabinowitz, Minister of Propaganda.)

73-5 (Rome-DKS Press) August 1901

Today Count Blurf von Gundaberg, German ambassador to Italy, called upon the Italian people to end their alliance with the French. How can a good Catholic country ally with a country that lies about bombing Notre Dame and Chartre. "As good Catholics you must realise how sick the French Government must be to bomb their own Cathedrals in order to blame the Germans for it," the foreign minister told the press.

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BABE HEUER, BASEBALL STAR, TO START BASEBALL TEAM OF SABER-TOOTH NIGGERS.....

The Montenegrin Aeronautics and Space Administration (MASA) today announced that its M.a.n. (Montenegrin astro-naut) had gone "what some indeed might conceivably call 'crackers.'" We don't think this is really very serious," he said, "but he is sending back reports signed 'Moondog,' and he is eating lunar dust, claiming that he is getting vitamin C from the orange, tangy substance." "I have just one question," said Montenegro's foremost scientist, Dr. Prof. Rudolph Dito, "What is vitamin C?"

On another front, MASA announced that its FEMALE was now approximately half-way between Earth and the Moon. The MASA announcement said that the FEMALE was "spinning a web in weightless space just as she would back on Earth." "I have just one question," said Montenegro's foremost scientist, Dr. Prof. Rudolph Dito, as he was ushered out of the conference hall.

"There is just one point I want to make," said Col. Nikoplat A. Poponov, as he approached the conference podium. "The Kingdom of Montenegro will not accept any challenge from the barbaric Norsemen of Liechtenstein. However," he continued, "we will be glad to work for a debate between the editors of our respective state papers." At last word, the editors of the Montenegrin Daily Royalist were preparing an opening statement for the great editors' debate. "And one other point," added Col. Poponov. "There is no truth to the rumor that the M.a.n. is the King's only son, and the FEMALE is my daughter, and that they are off on a gay trip at the people's expense."

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We have formed a new regular mail game. It is 73-8. Those in the game and their countries are:

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It is suggested that you send correspondence to John Arensmeyer via air mail. The game-master is Gil Neiger (300 West 108th Street, New York, N.Y. 10025). First moves are due September 1st. Press should be sent to the address on page two.

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Gear not that the life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.

-- Cardinal Newman

NOTES FROM PENELOPE

In Issue 21 Jonathan Jacobs and Cary Fulbright wrote some press which was in some ways impolite. I do not wish to seem puritanical -- I am just as sexually liberated as others -- but neither do I like to be rudely mentioned in press releases for games I am not playing in. That I don't like the press is immaterial. If writers of press wish to be rude to me, that is their problem. But I do wish to ask Messrs. Jacobs and Fulbright a question: Would you like it if someone wrote a press release asking you what was under your pants or inviting you to show your etchings? Would you write press like that about me if I was not a woman? I have always tried not to write things about someone that I wouldn't want written about myself.

I came across an interesting quote of Thomas Jefferson's:

"Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just."

For those of you who aren't aware of the feud between Duncan Smith and the State of Indiana, a little summary: On the trip to DipCon VI, Duncan started making cracks about Indiana which were recounted in the article on the DipCon in The POUCH. In the latest HOOSIER ARCHIVES, Walt Buchanan gives Duncan the first annual Duncan Smith Award for his insults of the "fair State of Indiana." Duncan has an acceptance speech on page eleven of this issue.

Continue to have a good summer.

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