

# THE FOUH

## NO BUILDS FOR ITALY

73-7 (1973EI) Fall 1901  
 Austria-Hungary (Ronald Kelly, 1)  
 FVen, AGal-Vie, ABud-Tri. owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ven (4) builds: ABud

England (Leo Plotkin, 1)  
 no orders received. AYor-Nwy, FNthC AYor-Nwy, FEng. owns: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy (4) builds: FEdi

France (Donald Pitsch, 2)  
 ABur-Bel, FPicSABur-Bel, AMar-Spa. owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa (5) builds: FBre, APar

Germany (Mike Ritter, 2)  
 AKie-Hol, ARuhSAKie-Hol, FDen. owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol (5) builds: FBer, AKie

Italy (Jamie Adams)  
 ATyr-Vie, FIon-Tun, ANap-Apu. owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun (3) no builds

Russia (Red Beam, 2)  
 no orders received. FBoth-Swe, AUkr-Sev, FRumSAUkr-Sev, AWar. owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Rum, Swe (6) builds: AMos, AStP

Turkey (John Stevens, 2)  
 ABul-Gre, AArm-Bul, FBlaCAArm-Bul. owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre (5) builds: FCon, FSmy

Neutral moves made for England and Russia. Neutral builds made for England, France, and Russia. Stephen Tihor is asked to stand-by for England; Miles Smith for Russia.

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**NEXT DEADLINES:**  
 73-3: Sept. 22; 73-4: Sept. 29;  
 73-5: Sept. 15; 73-6: Sept. 15;  
 73-7: Sept. 29; 73-8: Sept. 22;  
 73-9: October 6; 73-B: Sept. 15;

## RUSSIA KICKED OUT OF SWEDEN

73-4 (1973DG) Spring 1902  
 Austria-Hungary (Keith Thompson)  
 FGreSASer-Bul, ASer-Bul, ATri-Ser, AVie-Gal, ABudSAVie-Gal

England (David Wildman)  
 FNwysADen-Swe, FNthSFNwy, FLon-Eng, AYor-Wal

France (Stephen Tihor)  
 FEng-Mid, ASpa-Mar, ABur (-Par)

Germany (Jonathan Jacobs)  
 FKie-Bal, AMun-Bur, ARuhSAMun-Bur, FBel-Pic, ADen-Swe

Italy (Ronald Kelly)  
 AApu, AMarSAMun-Bur, AVen-Pie, FTun-WMed, FNap-Ion

Russia (Conrad von Metzke)  
 AMos-Sev, FSwe (-Both or Fin), AUkrSRum, FRumSASer-Bul, FSev-Arm, FStP(NC)

Turkey (Eric Robinson)  
 FBlaCACon-Arm, ACon-Arm, ABulSASer-Rum (elim.), FSmy-Aeg

Fall moves with conditional builds due on September 29. Moves may be conditional on the Russian retreat.

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 subscriptions are 10/\$1.80

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# THE POUCH

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We really do regret the necessity of implementing game fees as announced in the last issue. But facts is facts, and we had to do it. To answer a question that has been asked: No, those in games already underway do not have to pay the fee retro-actively.

Word is that a postal rate increase is very nearly upon us. The rate for us is expected to rise to 10¢ per copy. Effective immediately upon such hike, subscriptions will cost \$2.00.

We still need many more responses to both the John Lindsay poll and The POUCH poll. If you are in a game, there is really no excuse for you're not sending in your responses to both polls with your moves. Please do! To those of you who already have, thanks!

The following people have volunteered to be stand-bys: Jamie Adams, Douglas Dick, Miles Smith, Paul Neumann, Stephen Tihor, Jonathan Jacobs, John Stevens. Thank you. Once put in a game as a replacement, your name will be deleted from our stand-by list unless you put it there again. If you're not already a stand-by, why not sign up? You'll get free issues (up to five) for your used moves, and won't have fees.

John Stevens has asked if conditional builds may be conditional on how many builds another player gets. The answer is yes. If there was a separate builds season, you would know how many builds another player would get, and thus you may make builds conditional on how many a fellow player(s) get.

This issue took more space than we figured, so the third article in the Watergate Scandal series by Nicholas Ulanov was postponed to the next article-issue. That issue will have some very good articles indeed, and should be one of our best yet.

We have openings for a \$1.00 fee and a \$1.00 deposit in 1721 (the excellent game by John Boyer which appears in this issue), a game of Youngstown, and a regular game. If you want a separate set of 1721, it can be obtained from us for 50¢.

We got only one new subscriber this week. Not good.

Jonathan Jacobs as of 9/26 will be at 1717 Pierce Tower, 5514 South University Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60637.

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

IN MEMORIAM -- John Ronald Reuel Tolkien (1892 - 1973)

We never met him. We never attended one of his linguistics classes. We have never read any of his many important, scholarly works. Yet, we knew him and loved him. Those of us who have read his fantasy works, The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, Smith of Wootton Major, The Tolkien Reader, and others, have become part of a world. Though he denied his works were allegory, his world has shown us our world, and made it more habitable, enjoyable, and bearable. He gave us many hours of deep, personal pleasure, and when we meet we always have something to discuss and make us deeper and better friends. He added a dimension to our lives. His contribution was made in a way no other man has ever attempted, and he succeeded nearly perfectly. We never met him, yet we knew and know him. He lives on in us, and will live in those who will discover his -- and our -- world of Middle Earth. The man is gone, but the world he created still lives and will continue to do so. We never met him, but we thank him, and mourn his passing.

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Game 73-9 has been filled. This game is notable in that it is the last game The POUCH will run without fees. The players, their addresses, and their countries are:

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France: John Stevens, 57 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Germany: Ronald Kelly, #210, 225 Virginia Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003

Italy: Kirby Welch, 24 Kathleen Lane, Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549

Russia: Drew McGee, P.O. Box 8935, John F. Kennedy Station, Boston, Mass. 02114

Turkey: Robert Lipton, P.O. Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18042

The game-master is Duncan Smith (9 East 10th St., New York, N.Y. 10003). The first deadline is October 6. Send press to the address on page two.

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What is the longest tour an army can make moving only to and from adjoining supply centers, never moving through the same center twice?

This question comes from Stephen Tihor. The answer(s) will appear in the next article-issue.

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Back issues are available for 30¢ each, and in an order of five or more, 25¢ each; Lord of the Rings Diplomacy map and rules sets for 25¢ and a stamped, self-addressed envelope; Ancient Hebrew Kingdom map and rules for 20¢ and a SSAE; Grand Fenwick's Revenge for 20¢ and a SSAE; 1721 map and rules set, with history for 50¢.

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73-8 Budapest STAR\*-PAPRIKA (Jan. 22, 1973) Informed sources, close to his glorious majesty Jan IV, King of Hungary and now Protector of the Austrians, announced that a Vienna reporter had been fined for his violation of Hungarian Newspaper Protection Laws, now extended to the lucky Austrians, by referring to seven captured and executed spies as "Serbs" rather than the prescribed "Dirty Serb rats, May they rot in the sea," and for writing of "the hilly reaches of Transylvania," rather than "The extension of our beloved Ruler's homeland, the Ruthenian mountains."

73-7 Doughp (Ottoman Press) G.V.: "Your Highness, this steamroom is bad for my asthma..."

H.A.: "It can't be any hotter in here than it was in your office when the Russian ambassador was there."

G.V.: "Please don't remind me, Your Majesty. Why didn't you warn me the Smyrna army was being ordered to Armenia?"

H.A.: "Intelligence warned me at the last minute of a possible Persian diversionary raid into Armenia, followed by a major offensive in Mesopotamia. You know how the Shah fancies himself the second coming of Shapur the Great. So I ordered the army into Armenia and had the Black Sea fleet leave port to back up the army if necessary. I also had to double the garrisons in Kut, Basra, and Baghdad, which ain't going to sit too well with the Arabs down there."

G.V.: "No, it isn't, Your Highness, since they'll be taxed extra to support the additional men. Your Majesty, are you sure there is no danger of an Arab revolt while our armies are busy with external conflicts?"

H.A.: "Not while we've got the Sharif of Mecca hooked on H, G.V. Red Ruta tells me he's up to 15 bags a day. She thinks she's about got Borrie hooked too. Says yesterday he ate only three regular meals and a midnight snack. And if Borrie can be turned from food to smack, anybody can be hooked; and that means my Master Plan must succeed."

G.V.: "If Allah's so wills, O Sultan."

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### THE SAGA POOR RICHARD NIXON

President Truman is the last man who should talk about anybody lying. He has had plenty of practice.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
October 22, 1952

(Averell Harriman is) an expensive political accident temporarily occupying the Governor's Mansion in Albany.

New York, New York  
February 13, 1956

The second-raters, from Governor Brown down, must be retired from jobs which are too big for them to handle.

Santa Maria, California  
December 2, 1961

Let's be fair about it. Hubert Humphrey is a loyal American. But he is a dedicated radical.

New York, New York  
October 10, 1964

I have never engaged in personalities in campaigns.

73-8 (THE ISHMAEL CONNECTION; 1973)

My name is Kimball Drek. I am 98 years old in this fair year of 1973. The city is Istanbul. I am a spy by trade and a import salesman by name. For the last 73 years, I have been hunting one man. That man is the famed Black Pasha, king of the Turkish underworld until he stepped down in 1965. I owed that man a favor!

I can still remember that fateful day in 1901. April 10. at 10:32 AM to be exact. At the time I was standing in front of the mirror with blood all over my hand. I was shaving. I had just graduated from LaSalle Spy School and was relatively new at the job. Girls still did not swoon over me. All of a sudden the phone rang. The noise of the phone (it was a quadro phonic phone) sent me sprawling.

"Kimball Drek, at your service", I answered.

"Hi man, I'm the man, man, and I got some hot news for you, man. Yeah man, you gotta go to the Kasbar, man, and look for this white dude, man, and he gonna give you 5000 hot bananas at three piastres each, man. You gotta that man?"

"Uh yes. What does this "dude" look like?" I asked.

"He's a real arab, man, and he'll be wearing a white flannel suit and wide-brimmed white hat, man. That's it br ther. Groove on it man."

"Thank you for the information", I said.

"You're welcome man", he answered.

I had finally gotten the lead I had been waiting for. I was gonna break wide open the illegal banana case. I quickly packed 15,000 piastres in a briefcase, and put my Macaroni Special into its holster. I was real proud of my gun; it was an Italian import job. I said goodbye to Ishmael and left my pad. I called a taxi and told him to take me to the Kasbar. It took a while because of the people in the streets. Turkey had just declared war on Russia and the sultan was due to make a speech at 1:00. We finally got there and I handed the driver a 500 piastre note.

"Where the hell am I gonna get change for this?" he asked.

"Well, I could owe it to you. I mean the odds are in your favor that some of us in our lifetimes we should meet again in this city of 3,000,000 people", I told him.

"Smartass!" he screamed back.

The Kasbar was a strange place. Since it was illegal to have fun in Constantinople according to penal code #697, the Kasbar was disguised as a Funeral Home. One had to enter and show their membership card (All spys have one). They were then taken to a coffin in the center of the room that was in actuality a stairway to the basement where the nightclub was hidden. As I entered, I was immediately assailed by the music of Offenbach. On the stage a can-can was being performed. I pushed through the crowd until I reached the bar.

"Give me a Shirley Temple; heavy on the cherry!" I told the bartender.

All of a sudden all the people in the Kasbar broke into hysterical laughter.

"That man, HAHHAHA, asked for a, HAHHAHA, Shirley Temple, HAHHAHA!" they cried.

At that moment, a giant of a man, an egyptian by his looks, wearing a white suit, came over to me and said "His name is Joshua Leibowitz and you must be Kimball Drek. I had heard of your fondness for Shirley Temples. Follow me please".

Joshua and I, carefully stepping over the laughing bodies, walked over to the back and entered a small black room. A man was there, all dressed in black, a Syrian by his looks. He was the famed Black Pasha. "Hello, my name is Melvin Schwartz and you must Kimball Drek".

"Yes, my name is kimball Drek and you're both under arrest!" I said as I reached into the right side of my jacket and pulled out my CHECKBOOK!?!?!? Oh no!.my gun was on my left side. Before I had a chance to pull it out, the man who called himself Joshua Leibowitz threw mw against the wall. For some reason I had a violent headache stomach ache, and a strange desire to leave. Where is the Alka Seltzer when you need it?

"Now that wasn't nice Mr Drek", the Black Pasha said, "But were nice people. You give us the 15,000 piastres and we'll let you have the 5000 bananas. Only one thing though: He and Joshua don't like to be insulted by pistol whipping idiots so as a warning we're gonna take Ishmael and you'll never see him again!"

"He! You can't do that! Poor Ishmael, he never did anything to harm anyone! He's innocent! If you harm one hair on his body, I'll get you Black Pasha! I'll get you!" After that, I broke into tears and cried for an hour.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

\* \* THE LIECHTENSTEIN STAR \* \*

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(Vaduz, Liechtenstein) Disaster struck today in the home President Melvin Gobowsky. The president, in an effort to copy the wedding of the F.E.H.A.L.E and the M.a.n in Montenegro, ordered Commander Mars von Lune, senior astronaut of Liechtenstein, to marry his daughter Prissy Gobowsky. Well, it seems that one hour later, Mars von Lune jumped in front of a garbage truck in an attempted suicide. Unfortunately for him, he survived. Attempting suicide in Liechtenstein is a capital crime and is punishable by death. Commander Mars von Lune will be hung tomorrow at 2:00. The commander told the press that "Prissy's figure would kill a water buffalo at ten miles". He also said that he would marry his space mascot, waldo the pig, before he married "that hideous piece of flesh" as he put it.

(Schaan, Liechtenstein) The Montenegrin Embassy was moved in order to make room for the new three car parking lot in its place. The new parking lot will be able to accommodate all the cars in Schaan. The Montenegrin Embassy will be moved to the top floor of the tallest building in Liechtenstein. If anyone wishes to visit the Embassy

its address is: 69 Avenue de Cochen

Third Floor, Schaan Liechtenstein

It is time to review the various zines we trade with.

K.35. This revival of a famous zine carries on the tradition of superb press. It carries one game and devotes its pages entirely to the penmanship of the players -- some of the best press writers in the hobby--- in that game. It runs over twenty pages long, is neatly produced, and is a "must" for any press writer or fan. The cost is a penny a two-sided page, plus postage. From Conrad von Metzke, P.O. Box 8342, San Diego, CA 92102. Send him some money, he'll keep the books.

Aréna. This is a zine carrying Origins games in addition to Diplomacy games. It is mainly devoted, however, to the opinions and thoughts of its EDITOR. He has recently announced that he will open no more games and when his current games are gone (which will take some time) the zine will be devoted to him alone. He may or may not be serious. If you enjoy a highly individualized zine, this is it. The price is 12 for \$2.00. From Edi Birsan, R.D. 1 Smithtown Rd., Fishkill, N.Y. 12524.

Carbon 13. This zine is another very personalized zine, and is produced by the greatest mis-speller of all time. The zine also carries Origins games. It is fairly lengthy and is cheap at 7/\$1.00, from Fred C. Winter, 5912 Sugarbush Ct., Greendale, Wis. 53129.

Costaguana. This highly unusual, personal, and popular 200-plus circulation zine is one of your editors' favorites. It runs only regular games at fairly high fees, but the players and press is worth it. All kinds of fillers, letters, and music reviews appear herein. Same fees and address as per K.35, above.

En Passant. This zine is published by the Orphan Games Project Administrator who does not really wish more subbers. He is looking for trades from cooperative publishers. But it runs games in a very pleasant format, is neatly mimeographed, and has appeared of late on a highly-attractive "London Lime" paper, and is probably worth the 5/\$1.00 subscription cost. From Greg Warden, 4305 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Everything. This zine is true to its name, which is actually, Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Diplomacy, But Had Better Sense Than To Ask. It is published by the Custodian of the Boardman-Numbers and deals with new and old zines, newly assigned Boardman Numbers, and recently completed games, as well as other things that come to the mind of the editor, like the origin of the names of all the hobby zines. Same rates and address as in K.35 above.

Graustark. This is the oldest zine in the hobby, having recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. It carries both Diplomacy and Origins games, along with the comments of the liberal-to-the-point-of-insanity editor. (For instance, he thinks John Lindsay should be tried for war crimes because he voted for the Gulf of Tonkin resolution.) ((Well, maybe he should be.)) This "original" can be obtained for some price or other from John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226.

Hoosier Archives. One of the highest circulation zines in the country. (It must be doing something right.) It publishes one demonstration game and lengthy analysis on the progress of that game (along with its press). Needless to say the players in the game are all highly talented. This zine recently awarded Duncan Smith the First Annual Duncan Smith Award, and is very highly recommended for newcomers to the hobby. (You'll learn a lot about the game and the hobby.) 10/\$2.00 (Yes, more expensive than The POUCH.) from Walter Buchanan, R.R. 3, Lebanon, Ind. 46052.

Impassable. This zine is put out by the IDA's Editor, and his professional skills show through. It is very nicely mimeographed. It carries a number of games of regular Diplomacy with press and well worth the cheap 12/\$2.00. You will be kept abreast of recent Diplomacy events, be given interesting articles, and not be smothered in the "unusual" qualities of an editor, as in some zines (which shall main renameless.) From John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Lost Horizons. From that wonderful folk who brought you the zines directly above. This is devoted exclusively to variants, currently the editor's own Europe 1721, and postal Clue (Yes Clue!) games. Again, handsomely produced. Oh, the zine also runs a game of Youngstown. We can't find the price anywhere. That may be because this is a small zine (running on the average 2 to 4 pages), or it may be because you get it for subbing to something else. Write John Boyer at the address above.

Mixumaxu Gazette. This is a new zine. The editor insists on using legal (8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 14") size paper and has been running this off on John Boardman's mimeo machine, which may account for the rather shabby look of this zine. But he is off to college, and the zine's looks may improve with his purchase of his own machine. He has games open at the outrageous (for a new zine) price of \$5.00. Subs are 6/\$1.00. The circulation is climbing well, and the editor has a sense of humour, so if you like poetry on the hobby, and interesting comments, reprints from the New York Times, etc., sub; from Robert Lipton, P.O. Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18042.

Rename. More from that person who spends all day mailing his zines at the post office where he works. This zine publishes variants. AHKD, Cline, Black Hole, and others. Nicholas Ulanov and Gil Neiger are playing in this zine (so you may want to stay away). It's run with the same style and sense of humour as the other zines in this publishing empire. Same fees and address as per K.35.

Saguenay. You guessed it. Another zine from the editor of Everything else. This one only allows Canadians and honorary Canadians to play in its games. So if you're bigoted, this is for you. See K.35 above.

Washington Reports. This would have been titled Everything, except somebody stole the name. You kind find virtually everything and Anything (von Metzke's next) about ratings in this zine. If you're interested in the technical ends of this hobby you have to sub to this. It tells who the best players are, what the best systems of ratings are, and give you intelligent comments on things about Diplomacy from the editor. Extraordinarily cheap at 5/\$1.00. (Most zines would not be cheap at 5/\$1.00.) From Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, Washington 98136

Ethil the Frog. The "best" British zine around. Needless to say, if you have any taste at all, you'll sub. Don't have sub costs handy, but write John Figgott, Jesus College, Cambridge CB5 8BL, UNITED KINGDOM. If you're considerate you'll send him an International Reply Coupon so that he doesn't have to spend a fortune to reply to you.

Moeshoeshoe. A Great Belgian zine. Now about 50% English, 50% French. (That is to say languages.) If you can't read or speak French this will drive you insane. If you can, you'll love this. Currently organizing an all-French-language-conducted game (including press). Incredibly cheap at \$2.60 for twenty issues. (That's cheaper than The POUCH.) Games are free. All you have to do is deposit \$2.85, and pay the postage. Michel Feron, Grand-Place 7, B-4280 Hannut, BELGIUM.



## EUROPE 1721

- 1) All rules are the same as in Diplomacy, except as changed for this variant. Basic rules are taken from Rules for Diplomacy, 1971 Edition, and published by Games Research, Inc.
- 2) There are 50 supply centers, and a regular victory requires a majority of 50 centers--or control of 26 supply centers. However, optional rules can be made to shorten the game.

Optional Rules: A) First player to control 20 supply centers wins the game. B) The player who controls the most supply centers at the end of the 10th year of play, wins the game. In this game 1721 is the first year, and 1730 would be the last year.

3) Each country has at least four home supply centers. The Ottoman Empire starts with 5, and Austria starts with 6, although it starts with only four units within its central homeland in eastern Europe.

4) Starting units for each country in 1721:

Austria: Armies in Tyrol, Bohemia, Hungary, and Austria

England: Fleets in Ireland, Scotland, Yorkshire all on East Coasts, and an Army in London

France: Armies in Versailles and Auvergne, and Fleets in Brittany and Toulon

Poland: Armies in Posen, Krakow, Warsaw, and a Fleet in Lithuania

Russia: Armies in Kieve, Moscow, and Archangel, and a Fleet in St. Petersburg

Spain: Fleets in Asturias, Granada, and Armies in Seville and Madrid

Ottoman Empire: Armies in Caucasus, Constantinople, and Bulgaria, and Fleets in Smyrna and Syria

If Austria still owns either or both Netherlands and Kingdom of Naples at the end of the first year, the player may build in those provinces. Anytime Austria loses those external supply centers, but recaptures them, they are again considered as home supply centers; if they are vacant, units can be built there.

5) There are several "island supply centers." These are: Ireland, Sardinia, Sicily, and Crete. Fleets may be built in Ireland if owned by England, but no armies can be built in Ireland. On other islands, armies can be conveyed onto and off the islands on separate turns. Remember, however, that if an army located on an island is dislodged, it has nowhere to retreat and must be annihilated.

6) Switzerland is a passable province. As an optional rule, Switzerland can be impassable. Optional Rule C: Switzerland is impassable.

7) The Caspian Sea is impassable. Denmark and Constantinople can both be traversed by armies and fleets. Armies can move from Goteburg to Denmark and on to Pomerania, and armies can move from Sinope to Constantinople to Rumania. Several provinces have split coastlines: Aragon, Bordeaux, and Papal States have northern and southern coasts. Yorkshire, Scotland, and Pomerania have eastern and western coasts. Movements of fleets from one coast to the other of these provinces are prohibited, i.e., they must move first through other provinces.

8) If Russia owns the Ottoman home supply center of Caucasus, it may build there as if it was a Russian home supply center. This gives Russia its "southern window to the sea."

9) To clarify national territories, the following list is given of home provinces for each of the seven major powers in this variant. Home Supply centers are underlined.

Austria: Bohemia, Silesia, Moravia, Galicia, Transylvania, Wallachia, Hungary, Austria, Croatia, Tyrol, Kingdom of Naples, and Netherlands

England: Ireland, Wales, London, Yorkshire, Scotland, and Clyde

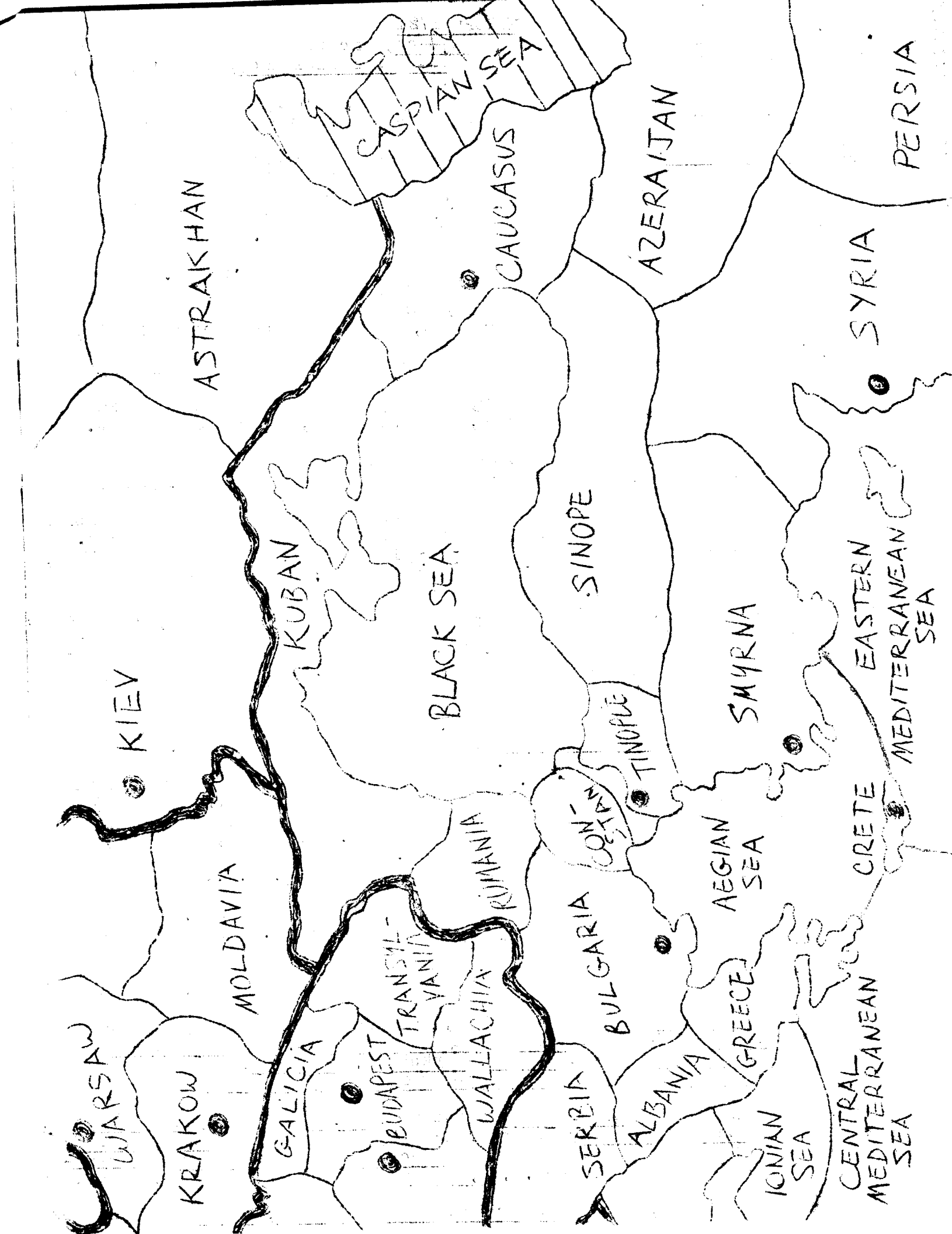
France: Toulon, Bordeaux, Auvergne, Versailles, Brittany, Normandy, and Rheims

Russia: Astrakhan, Kiev, Moscow, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Archangel

Spain: Seville, Granada, Navarre, Aragon, Castile, Asturias, Madrid

Ottoman Empire: Persia, Azerbaijan, Caucasus, Sinope, Smyrna, Constantinople, Greece, Albania, Serbia, Bulgaria, R mani, Bessarabia, Kuban, and Syria

Poland: Moldavia, Minsk, Lithuania, Warsaw, Krakow, Posen



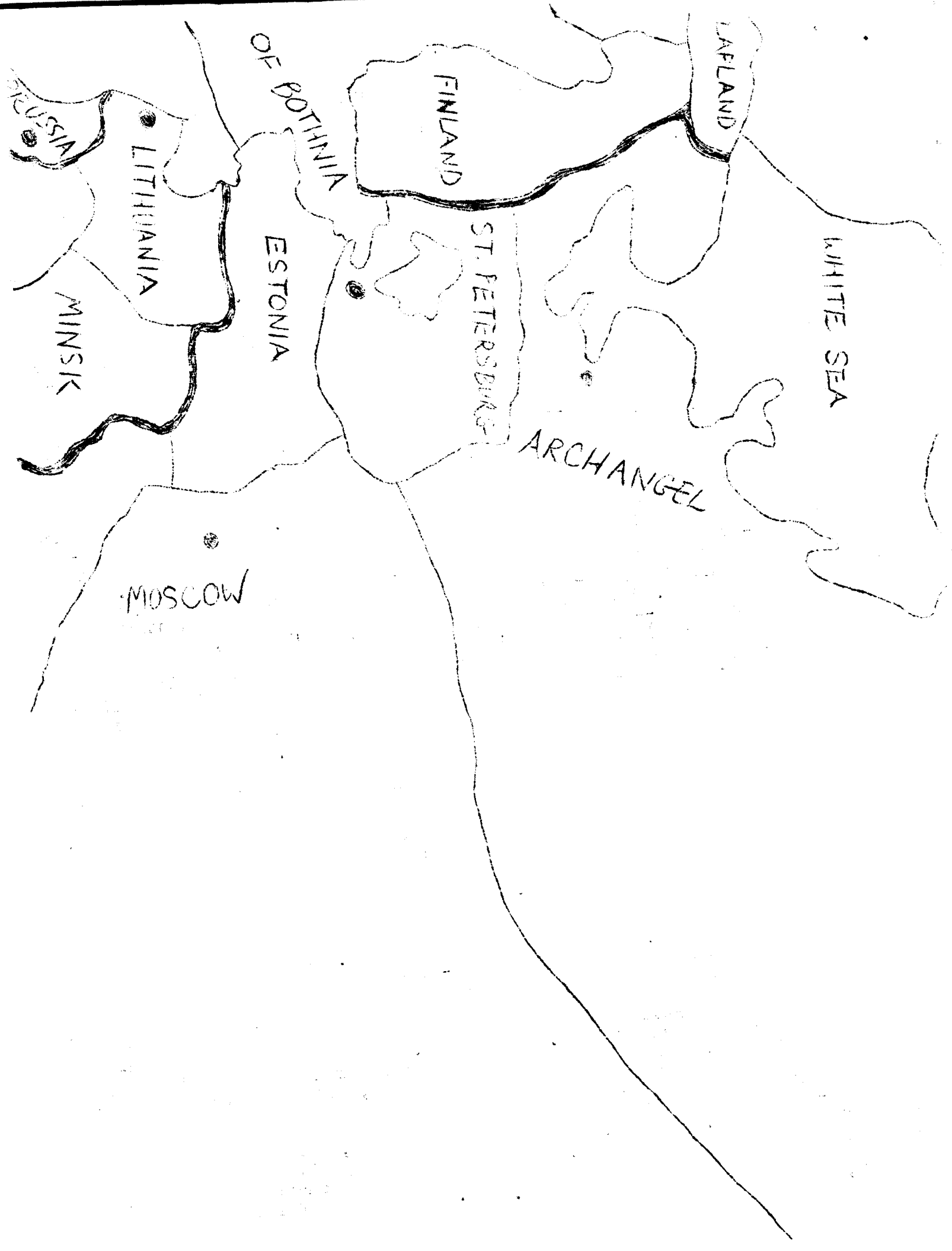
# EUROPE 1721: A Brief History

by John Boyer

1721 was the beginning of a period of European history that was somewhat docile compared to what happened before and afterwards. It wasn't until 1756 that we see another war in Europe--the famous Seven Year's War. 1721 was the year that saw the end of the Great Northern War that pitted Sweden (Charles XII, a teen-age military genius) against Russia and its allies. Before it ended, (it started in 1700), Sweden had conquered vast areas of Poland, Russia, and German states before being overwhelmed when the English and Danes joined the allies. Charles XII was an accomplished military general at the young age of 18. Anyhow, Peter I of Russia got his wish to see the end of Swedish power (in this case, for good) and captured enough territory to have his window to the sea.

1721 was a period of time in which the balance of power was pretty well distributed among the many countries of Europe. The foremost naval power was England, but Holland, France and Spain weren't far behind. France had the strongest army while Austria held vast territories through pertinent marriages and earlier military successes against the Spanish in the Netherlands and in Italy. Also, the ruler of Austria and Hungary was the same guy and he was also the ruler of the Holy Roman Empire that on paper had influence in the many German states at that time. The strongest German states were Prussia, Brandenburg, Saxony, and Hanover. The ruler of the Hapsburgs controlled Austria, Hungary, and some German states such as Bohemia. In 1721, this guy was Charles VI (VI as Holy Roman Empire's Emperor, and III of Hungary) who ruled from 1711-1740. At this time, France and Austria were pretty much enemies because of the War of Spanish Succession 1702-1713 in which they were on opposite sides that saw Louis the 14th fail to dominate Europe and France's ambitions on Spain halted. By 1721, it was Louis XV (1715-74) who ruled France with an absolute iron hand from Versailles. This guy was to find himself fighting the English in many colonial wars--only to lose in them all. In England, they had good ole George I (1714-27) and he didn't do much after 1721 because of his poor health. Spain was weakening by 1721 because of internal political strife. To boot, Spain didn't have any dynamic ruler, and Philip V (1700-46) wasn't any exception. So, Spain sat on its gold and watched the rest of Europe pass it by. Meanwhile, Philip V had a good time trying to keep afloat their old warships from the Spanish Armada days. They just couldn't learn new tactics of war and fell far behind even though they didn't have to. Over in the Ottoman Empire, the Turks still held vast European territories, but they were making themselves pretty unpopular with locals and they also squabbled among themselves which didn't help them stay in power. So, they gradually lost their Balkan territories and Russian territories piece by piece. Ahmed III (1703-1730) didn't help matters when he didn't do anything. A dynamic ruler versed with western war developments could have made a big difference in 1721.

Last, but not least, we have Poland in 1721. Poland was an unusual country, to say the least, and where everyone else developed authoritarian centralized governments, Poland went the other way. It started out as a joint Lithuanian-Polish Empire circa 1300-1400's, but they somehow lost their desire to fight and after conquering huge areas of Russia, were in 1721 ready to be chopped up by her neighbors (Russia, Austria, and Prussia). A typical example of Polish weakness at this time was their "elective" system for choosing their rulers. Some times, they were decided by outsiders. A case in example was that Augustus II was ruler from 1697-1704, but was replaced by Charles XII, that young Swede, with Stanislaus Leszczyński who ruled from 1704-1709 only to have Augustus II regain the rule from 1709-1733 at which Stanislaus again took the rule for a year upon Augustus II's death. However, his son, Augustus III, managed to oust the old man, Stanislaus Leszczyński. However, even though he lived to 1766 and the old ripe age of 89, he never did get a third chance, Poor Stan! By 1772, Poland was partitioned, and that was the end of Polish Power.



VILNUS

LITHUANIA

MINSK

GULF OF BOTHNIA

ESTONIA

FINLAND

LAPLAND

WHITE SEA

ST. PETERSBURG

ARCHANGEL

MOSCOW

73-4 Vide World of Sports (April 9, 1902) Well, as everyone in the German-speaking world must know by now, the bumbershooting "match of the century" was held yesterday, in Kaiser Yohann's hometown of Frankfort, with the Kaiser as judge. The antagonists were King Elsie of Holstein, head of the German branch of Women's Lib (or, as it is pronounced by someone imitating a bad German accent, "Women's Lips"), and Bother Riggs, head of the Holstinian Parliament and sometime TV star (Bringing Up Bother). After four sets, the score was knotted; play had fone 6-4, 5-7, 8-6, 7-9. Riggs was up on the King, four games to three, in the final set, when his wife Baggie rushed in. Accusing him of being a "corned-beef eating lowbrow" she dragged him from the bumbershooting court, calling it an "undignified pastime" and belted him with her umbrella. Baggie and Riggs left and observers called it "a setback for Holstein but a victory for Umbrella Lib." In his instant analysis, Cower Hardsell called it a "publicity stunt by Riggs. Bothy is obviously looking for a bigger purse, possibly something on the order of King Elsie's handbag."

73-4 COPENHAGEN DAILY NUDES "Denmark's PICTURES newspaper" (May 17, 1902) Today's foldout is our kinky new Kaiser, Yohann Klaus von Oskarmayer. Yoey, as he is known to his positively friends, was born in boffo Frankfort, and you how trendy that makes him. Yoey is definitely a today guy, with now hobbies like beaver-shooting, premarital heavy hand-holding and Jew-baiting. Yoey believes that "whatever two consenting do, in private or in public, it's their own business, even if it's illegal." Incidentally, all the rumor-mongers are carrying the newest juicy morsel, namely that the real reason Germany invaded Denmark was so that Kaiser Yoey could have an excuse to pass through Holstein and visit his new heartthrob, King Elsie...

73-4 Copenhagen (May 18, 1902) The Copenhagen Daily Nudes was closed down today, ostensibly as part of Kaiser Yohann's clean-up-Denmark campaign. Spokesmen denied it was in response to yesterday's article linking Kaiser Yohann and King Elsie, but stated the Kaiser's whereabouts were unknown, and gave no hints concerning Elsie's mysterious disappearance April 9 in a police raid on the Frankfurt bumper-shooting courts.

73-8 Vienna (Jan. 20, 1901) Thanks to the recent assassination of Archduke Franz Joseph by a Serb fanatic, coupled with Emperor Joseph Franz' heartbroken suicide, an election was held by the seven Austrian electors. The winner, as expected, was Heir Apparent Jan Paprika, of Hungary, King of the Magyars, who was coronated today. He expressed his satisfaction with being named the first minority emperor, and announced that, "Though Austria-Hungary is now Hungary-Austria, we wish to remain friendly with our German neighbors--but the Sudeten must remain MINE!" Emperor Jan then attended the reception, featuring the execution of seven Serb spies and one Hungarian Ghoul-Lass. The Ghoul-lasses reside in the hilly reaches of Transylvania, and are known for their habits of sacrificing their bodies on the altar of Hedonis, reportedly connected by secret tunnel to Jan's "Western Pallace" at Sanclemenski.

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Coming up in the next article-issue: Part three of the Watergate Series, The POUCH's Postal Experiment, and another press article by PND.



NOTES FROM PENELOPE

Conrad von Metzke has been kind enough to invite me to write an article on press for the IDA Handbook's Second Edition. I am in the process of writing another article on the subject for The POUCH, and will by combining my already published articles with some new material, write such an article for the Handbook. The current article that I am working on will probably appear in the next article-issue.

Jonathan Jacobs has apologized to me for his rude press. I am very happy to see that the insults were not intended to be cutting, and can only wish that Cary Fulbright would respond in the considerate way that Jonathan has.

I have been informed that the USPS has printed stamps with two cent-higher denominations on them than are currently used. So it appears that while the USPS has not yet filed for a rate increase (all that is necessary for a "temporary" hike to go into effect), they will be doing so shortly. Very sad considering the quality of the service.

An interesting article will be appearing in the next-article-issue relating to the Postal Service. Envelopes with all sorts of postage (too little, none, and foreign) were mailed out, and the results (number of deliveries, returns, losses, and the number of days towards delivery or loss) will be presented in that article.

Have a good first week of school (if you're a student.)

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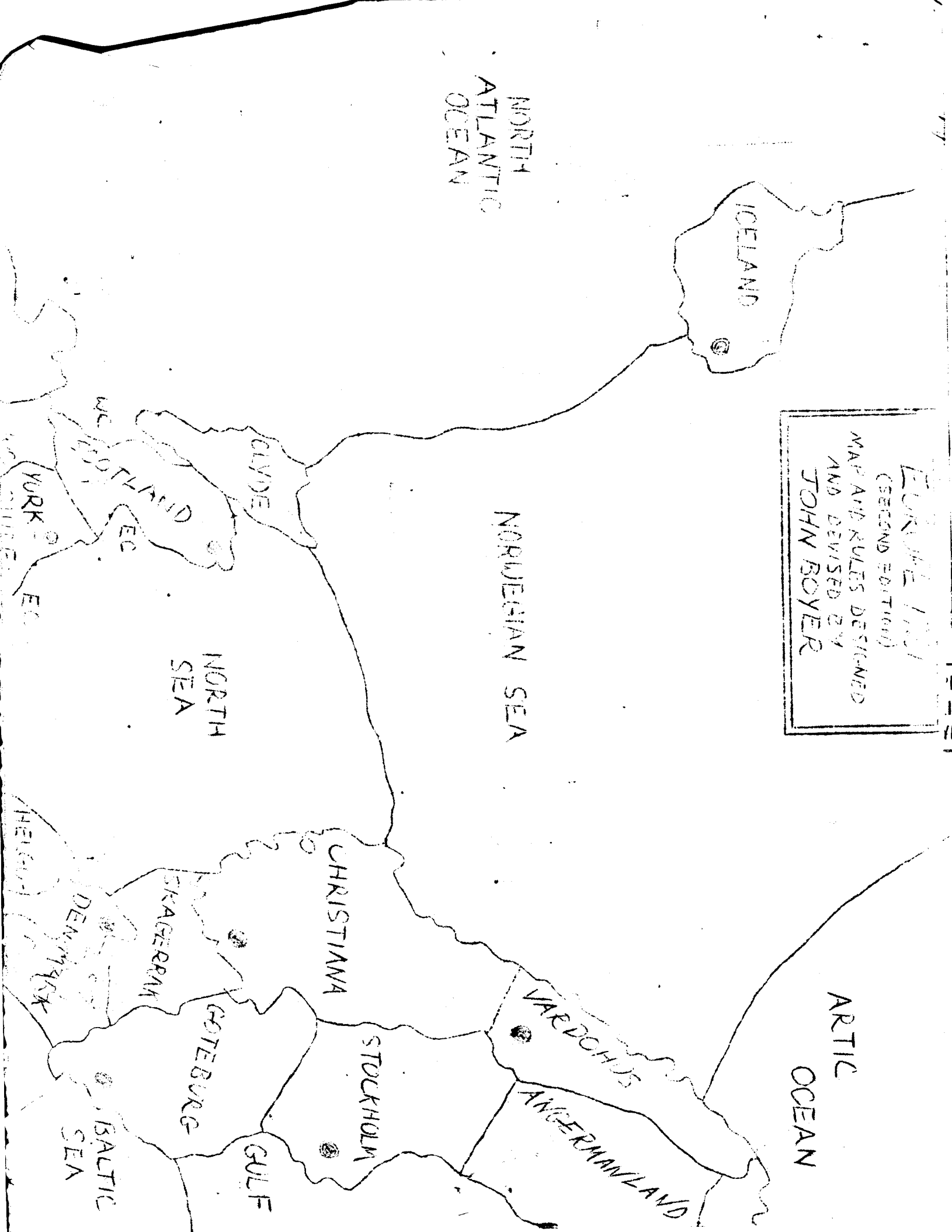
The Montenegrin government today released film of the wedding of Col. Nikoplat A. Poponov's daughter and the King's only son. At the same time that the film was released, a technical bulletin was distributed explaining that the film had been made on the Moon and transmitted to Montenegro by means of a variation of the technique used for producing View-Radio.pictures.

It was also announced that at the very moment the couple were racing home from the Moon. It was reported that a package of scientific and technical instruments had been left on the Moon to record various scientific information. The communique said that "nothing more can be gained at the present time from the presence of human beings on the planet." It was explained that the planet in question was the Moon.

At the conclusion of the presentation a notice was distributed stating that Col. Poponov had resigned as head of MASA after assuring himself that the recently married couple would be brought home safely.

When reached at his country estate, Col. Poponov said that he was "looking forward to a quiet retirement in the country." He said that he had no plans to re-enter government service, thus denying rumours that with his daughter's marriage he would be named Premier. He said that the couple were going to make a "sea landing" in the Adriatic. When asked how it felt to have a princess for a daughter, he said, "Well, some of us have it, and some of us don't."

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YORK

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DENMARK



Baron Joshua von Rabinowitz, according to reliable authorities has had a meeting with Col. Zuchen von Gruk, the Head of the SS (Special Security). After the meeting the Baron who is head of the Ministry of Propaganda, was asked what the meeting dealt with. "Well frankly, I thought that the Colonel was a fucking greasy sadist who only hires other fucking greasy sadists for his SS and not only that but he was a .....; That's it Duncan, I refuse to read the rest of this script. Who do you think I am! A degenerate pervert like you? It's about time that me and the other press release characters stood up for our rights! Why should we have to play in these obscene porno releases of yours? Why dont you give us a tender love story that's clean for a change? And what about...."

"Stop, Stop! What do you think you're doing? I am an Editor of the POUCH and what I say goes! If I tell you to say that you're a N\_\_\_\_\_R then you'll....." "We're organized now. You can no longer make us do anything that we don't want! This is a revolution! I am the president of the Press Release Character Union. have certain demands that have to be met before we go back to work!"

"Just wait a second! You can't do this to me. This is Saturday and I've got to six pages for Nick. I'm counting on you guys. Please, you can't do this to me!" "Don't take yourself so seriously Duncan! We're the ones who do all the work way. You don't really believe that you're intelligent enough to come up with pages of press every two weeks. Me and the other PR characters adlib and improvise to give you credit. So the least you can do is listen to our demands!"

"Well OK, but I'll have to speak to Nick about them. So then what are your demands?"

- "The union a. I have drawn up this list:
- 1- No more just kidding off old Press release characters. We all know what you did with Said Abdul Pasha and Colonel Bullmoose Brudheap. We demand an old Press Release Characters Half
  - 2- We insist that we're at least 10% of The POUCH. After all we do at least half the work.
  - 3- Minimum wage of \$5.50,
  - 4- Four coffee breaks per
- those are our demands so that

"OK, wait a second and out them." "Hello Nick? Look, I've phone Nick", to be able to come up with h**tr**ouble. You see it doesn't look like I am going a good reason. You see my Pres No, I'm not goofing off, and yes I've got have I been drinking? Look Nick characters are on strike! What do you mean Look, they've got a list of dema. nking this up. You have to believe me. t accepted before they will go back

Here they are: Hey! Why are you laughing? I'm not joking. -  
work  
Sucks Home, two, 10% of the POUCH, three, \$5.50 an hour, and four, four cents  
breaks per day. Yeah, I know that \$5.50 per hour will break us. OK, I'll talk to  
Penelope first."

"Hello Penelope? Look I've got a problem! My PR Characters are on strike.  
What do you mean I deserve it. My press is not that obscene. Look, just because  
Grove Press is publishing "The erotic press Of Duncan Kimber Smith" doesn't mean  
that I'm a pornographer! Look, you've gotta help me. This is for the POUCH too. We  
all know that you've been writing for PR Character Liberation and that you know more  
about press than all of us. What should I do? How could you suggest that? That  
would be sacrificing your ideals. Yes, it's true that the POUCH is at stake. It's  
true that it will work. Even PR Characters have a dirty mind! Ok Penelope, I'll see  
you.

"Ok, I've talked to everyone Joshua and they won't accept your demands. But  
Penelope had an idea. Are you too honest for a bribe?"

"That all depends on the bribe. But if I know your mind, Duncan, it can't be  
all bad!"

"You've seen Baron von Neumann's wife, Draculia, The one that Woody Allen would  
describe this way "Her figure described a set of parabolas that could cause cardiac  
arrest in Yak"\*. Well I could match you and her in this press release that I call  
'Draculia Sucks!'" Joshua accepted.

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