

ANOTHER BATTLE OF MARENGO ANYONE?

73-9 Spring 1901

Austria-Hungary (Keith Dahnke)

AVie-Gal, ABudSAVie-Gal, FTri-Alb

England (David Hov)

FEdi-Nwg, FLon-Nth, ALiv-Edi

France (John Stevens)

FBre-Mid, APar-Bur, AMar-Spa

Germany (Ronald Kelly)

AMun-Ruh, ABer-Kie, FKie-Den

Italy (Kirby Welch)

AVen-Pie, ARom-Ven, FNap-Ion

Russia (Drew McGee)

AWar-Gal, AMos-Ukr, FSev-Rum, FStP (SC)-Both

Turkey (Robert Lipton)

ASmy, ACon-Bul, FAnk-Con

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This issue is one day late. We apologize.

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NEXT DEADLINES:

- 73-3: October 13; 73-4: October 20;
- 73-5: October 15; 73-6: October 27;
- 73-7: October 20; 73-8: October 13;
- 73-9: October 27; 73-B: October 27;
- 73-C: October 13; 73-D: November 3

BRITISH ARMY ON CONTINENT —

FRENCH PREMIER ON VACATION

73-5 (1973DX) Spring 1904

Austria-Hungary (Leo Plotkin)

ABul, AUkr, ASer-Bud, ARumSAUkr, ATyr-Ven, ABoh-Tyr, FGreSABul

England (Alex Katzoff)

ANwy-Swe, AYor-Bel, FNthCAYor-Bel, FLonSFBel-Eng

France (Eric Robinson)

no moves received. AYor (elim.), ASpa, AGas (elim.), FMid

Germany (Duncan Smith)

AKie-Hol, AParsABur-Gas, ABur-Gas, ABer-Kie, AMun-Bur, FBel-Pic, FDens ANwy-Swe

Italy (Bruce Wachtler)

ANaf-Spa, APie-Mar, FWMedCANaf-Spa, FGLyoSAPie-Mar

Russia (Cary Fulbright)

ASweSASTP-Nwy (-Fin), ASevSAWar-Ukr, AWar-Ukr, AMosSASev, ASTP-Nwy

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guest articles are welcome. we pay five free issues for every article.

We are happy to report that we are now out of financial danger. The response of all of you to our plight has been most generous, and we thank you.

The editors and others associated with The POUCH are now undergoing interviews which will be published over the next several months. They should be interesting.

When we plugged all the zines we traded with, we forgot to mention The Rigot. This was unententional, and we are sorry. This zine is published by a political-minded arch-conservative. If you're interested in political debates you'll enjoy those in this zine. The zine runs variants as well as regular games and is dittoed in many colors and designs. This is the only dittoed zine that makes truly effective use of the techniques available with that process. You can obtain The Rigot from David Staples at R.R. 1 Box 120, Fargo, N.D. 58102.

We are currently filling our second 1721 game (the first is announced on page four). So far Doug Ellis, Kirby Welch, and Jamie Adams are signed up for it. If you want to be in it send in your \$2.00 (\$1 fee - \$1 deposit).

David Lagerson, Kevin Gallagher, Robert Vivian, and Ken Muszynski are signed up for a regular game. If you want to be in it, send in your \$2.00.

We have filled a regular game with Mike Ritter, Ron Melton, Zane Parks, David Claman, David Lagerson, Gary Peterson, and Wayne Gildroy. We are still waiting however, for Ritter's and Melton's fees and deposits. The game will be announced in the next issue regardless.

Walt Buchanan gave us a very nice plug in Hoosier Archives. We wish to recipricate. This is by far the largest circulation zine in the hobby, and if you don't get it you aren't truly a member of the hobby. So sub! Walt's address is R.R. 3, Lebanon, Ind. 46052. Walt keeps the official archives of the hobby. Virtually every issue of every zine ever published is on hand in his files.

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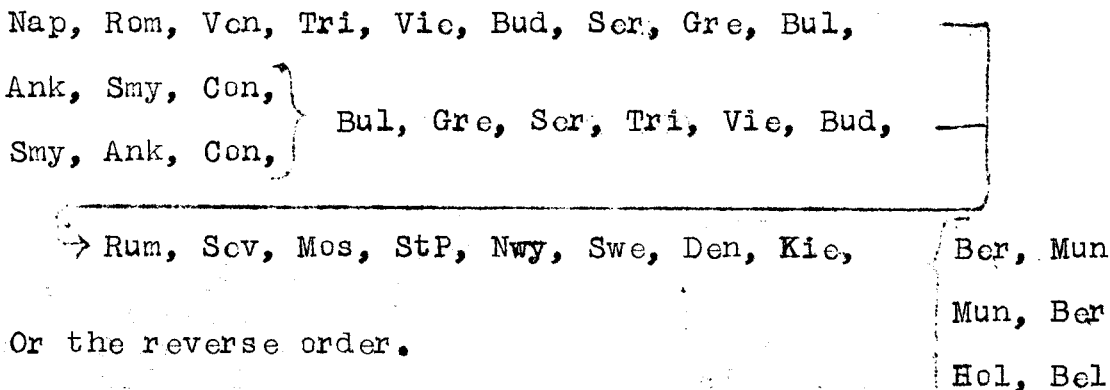
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An important announcement: With the announced postal hikes the cost of The POUCH obviously has to go up. Thus effective December 5 (one month from the increases) the cost of a subscription will go up to \$2.00. In case you're wondering this is more than the recommended ceilings of the Administration. But then, so are the postal rate increases.

We are still looking for several more responses to both our John Lindsay and The POUCH polls. Come on folks! If you're sending in moves, send your poll answers along with them. It's easy.

There has been a question raised about our conditional build rule in the house rules. To wit, if a player sends in a conditional build and that build cannot be made because the home supply center is occupied in Fall, is the player allowed to remake the build in an open home supply center. The answer is no. Conditional builds are treated the same as moves. An impossible move is unfortunate, but stands, as do conditional builds that are impossible.

The answer to Stephen Tihor's question as to how many adjoining supply centers can be crossed through by a unit without ever repeating a center: 19. In diagram form:



Nicholas Ulanov's column appears on page seventeen.

Penelope Dickens has a new article on press on page nine. Be sure to catch it.

A word about the I.D.A.: You can join this worthy organization and vote in the current elections for 1974 until October 26. Send your \$2.00 dues to Walter Buchanan (address opposite) anytime up to the 26th. Write John Boyer (address on next page) for a list of the candidates.

The Watergate series concludes on page 15.

The POUCH is now read in California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, 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.

See our back issues and games offers on page five.

We have filled our first 1721 game. It is 73-D. A Miller number is being requested. The players and their countries are as follows:

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France: John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, Pa 17013
Ottoman: David Hov, 31 Eleven O'Clock Rd., Weston, Conn. 06880
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A word of warning to the players: John Boyer is the inventor of the game. The first deadline is November 3. The game-master is Raymond Heuer, 102-42 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418.

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THE SAGA OF POOR RICHARD NIXON

Of course, both, er--Senator Kennedy and I have felt Mr. Truman's ire, and uh--consequently; I think he can speak with some feeling on this subject. I just do want to say one thing, however. We all have tempers; I have one; I'm sure Senator Kennedy has one. But when a man's President of the United States, or a former President, he has an obligation not to lose his temper in public. One thing I've noted as I've traveled around the country are the tremendous number of children who come out to see the Presidential candidates. I see mothers holding their babies up, so that they can see a man who might be President of the United States. I know Senator Kennedy sees them, too. It makes you realize that whoever is President is going to be a man that all the children of America will either look up to, or will look down to. And I can only say that I'm very proud that President Eisenhower restored dignity and decency and, frankly, good language, to the conduct of the President of the United States. And I only hope that, should I win this election, that I could approach President Eisenhower in maintaining the dignity of the office; in seeing to it that whenever any mother or father talks to his child, he can look at the man in the White House and, whatever he may think of his policies, he will say: "Well, there is a man who maintains the kind of standards personally that I would want my child to follow."

Third nationwide TV
Debate
October 13, 1960

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Remember -- Switzerland is impassable.

The POUCH'S POSTAL EXPERIMENT

by Nicholas A. Ulanov

The POUCH decided to make a simple test of the postal system. We sent out thirteen identical letters with varying amounts of postage. They all had the same address and return address. They were all mailed in regular size envelopes from the same mail box.

The first test had one cent postage on it and was received, cancelled, the day after it was mailed.

The second with two cents postage was received, cancelled, overnight.

The third with three cents postage followed the same pattern, as did four, five, and six cent letters.

A seven cent letter was delivered in two days but was not cancelled.

A regular eight cent letter took two days to be delivered.

The post office was kind enough to deliver a lightly cancelled eight cent letter. They even cancelled it again.

Then they delivered a heavily cancelled eight cent letter in one day and cancelled it again.

We mailed a modern-style four cent Canadian stamp with Queen Elizabeth on it, and got it back cancelled and delivered the next day.

An ornate British-style Canadian stamp with the crowned Queen Elizabeth on it was duly cancelled and delivered, again overnight.

Finally, we mailed a letter without any postage of any kind. It was delivered the next day, but the post office had at least cancelled it.

This has led us to conclude that is very thorough in the City when one doesn't put enough postage on a letter, but only so-so when the correct amount of postage is used.

Therefore, this is the last issue of The POUCH that will have any postage on it. In future issues will be mailed without postage. This should save us a lot of money and make it possible for The POUCH to improve. We are not responsible for correct actions of the USPS in not delivering your issues.

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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¢.

73-5 (continued)

Turkey (Michael Hansen)

no moves received. ACon, AArm, FAeg

73-6 (1973DY) Fall 1901 BUILDS

Austria-Hungary (Jeff Key) AVie, ABud, FTri. had: AScr, ARum, FGre (6)

England (John Boyer) FLiv. had: AWal, ANwy, FEng (4)

France (David Staples) AMar. had: ASpa, ABur, FMid (4)

Germany (Edi Birsan) FKie, ABer. had: AHol, AMun, FDer (5)

Italy (Chic Hilliker) FNap. had: ATun, APie, FTyr (4)

Russia (John Smythe) no builds. had: AUkr, AGal, FBoth, FBla (4)

Turkey (Conrad von Metzke) FAnk. had: ABul, AArm, FCon (4)

GERMANY KEEPS ON TRUCKIN'!

73-B (73.12d) Fall 1937

USA (Gil Neiger) no attacks

France (Cary Fulbright) no attacks

Britain (Ronald Kelly) 2 to 1 vs. Russia in Baltic (-)

Russia (John Arensmeyer) no attacks

Germany (Alex Katzoff) 5 to 1 vs. France in Rumania (X)
2 to 1 vs. France and Britain in Poland (X)

France and Germany share control in Rhineland.

Germany and Russia share control in Rumania.

Point Count: Ger 18, USA 17, Bri 7, Fra 4, Rus 3

(chart will appear in next issue)

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The child of Themistocles governed his mother;
The mother governed her husband;
The husband governed Athens;
Athens governed Greece;
Greece governed the world;
Therefore, Themistocles' child governed the world.

I have not seen Ishmael since then. I kept my promise though and so far for the last 73 years I have been hunting the Black Pasha. I first gunned for Joshua Leibowitz. I almost caught him in the summer of '23 when he was working in a remote laundry in the Bronx. I almost caught him in 1929 but that's when I had my great crash on Wall Street.

I was chasing Leibowitz in my Stutz Bearcat when all of a sudden I made a wrong turn and smashed the car into the Stock Market building. I then quickly screamed out "There's been a crash! There's been a crash!" At that point, through the smoke of my burning car, about seven stockbrokers leaped out of the Stock Exchange yelling "The markets crashed! The market's crashed!". I tried to explain to them that it was only my Stutz Bearcat but it was all to no use.

After all these years, I am finally back in Turkey, my native home, and I have found the Black Pasha. Constantinople is now Istanbul and my 73 year old quest is about to end.

I jumped into the front seat of my Rolls Royce Silver Shadow 1933. CCCRRRAAACC-CCCKKK! Six of my ribs disintegrated. Never jump into a car at the age of 98. I drove down Turkish State Highway One (One for: One and Only) at about 123 MPH. Only one other person was driving that fast and he was the cop who gave me a ticket. In ten minutes I reached my destination.

I rang the doorbell of the huge but rather miniscule 38 room mansion. A man who looked about 100 years old answered the door. "Ma name is Joshua Leibowitz and you must be Kimball Drek. Please follow me". The inside of the house was beautiful, huge but rather miniscule. "Mr. Schwartz? This man is Kimball Drek."

"Thank you Joshua", the Black Pasha answered.

I noticed the music playing.

"Ah, yes. Sergei Rachmaninov's piano concerto No. 3 in D. minor, opus 30. I do believe that that is Vladimir Ashkenazy playing with the London Symphony Orchestra", I quickly threw in.

"Uh, no. It's not", the Black Pasha answered, "It's the Miles Davis quintet doing "round midnight". Anyone could have made that mistake".

That Black Pasha was one smart mother, I thought.

"Please sit down Mr. Drek", he said, "what would you like to drink?"

"How about a bourbon on the rocks", I answered. I didn't drink Shirley Temples anymore.

We both sat down and I pulled out my Upmann cigar (from havane I might add) and lit it. I took one puff and that was it. Both my lungs ruptured, my throat disintegrated and my tongue cooked. After a twelve minute coughing spasm, I was able to speak again. I took a sip of my bourbon. My kidneys were torn to shreds

by the liquor. I guess I wasn't 65 anymore!

"Mr. Schwartz, you know who I am and why I am here. I have come to avenge Ishmael! I am going to kill you with my bare hands!" At this I walked over to where the Black Pasha was sitting.

"Do not get hasty Mr. Drek", the Black Pasha yelled, "you see Ishmael is not"

I did not give him a chance to finish, as I swung a right to his jaw. CCCRRRAA- AACCKKK! All five of my fingers shattered on contact. I dug my right elbow into his stomach. CCCRRRAAACCKKK! My whole right arm was shattered, dislocated, and broken. I threw a left but missed and hit the wall. CCCRRRAAACCKKK! My whole left arm collapsed like a telescope. I brought my right knee into his groin and my left leg into his knee. CCCRRRAAACCKKK! CCCRRRAAACCK! CRRRAAACCKKKK! My knee disintegrated; my leg shattered; and as I fell my back broke. I guess I wasn't 65 anymore!

The Black Pasha spoke up again as I lay on the floor at his mercy, a cripple.

"Do not get hasty Mr. Drek! You see Ishmael is not dead!"

Ishmael not dead! After 73 years Ishmael was still alive!

"Joshua", the Black Pasha called, "bring in Ishmael!"

Ishmael came in. A little gray around the edges but still Ishmael. I fainted.

I woke up in the Istanbul General Hospital. Dr. Marcus Welby MD was standing over my bed. "You're very lucky Mr. Drek", he told me, "We didn't have to amputate anything! And I had been so hoping to use my new Black & Decker electric wood saw but that's life!" At this he left. I looked at myself. My whole body was encased in a cast and in traction. There were weights hanging evrywhere, keeping my body suspended. I looked next to me and there was Ishmael. What a cute little fellow he was. Then, all of a sudden, he jumped up on the weights and swung from one to another sending me from one excruciating pain to another. Finally he sat back down. I turned and gave him a look of pure hatred. Then I did something to that bloody little ape that the Black Pasha should have done 73 years ago. I put a bullet hole right between Ishmael's eyes.

THE END

(NEXT WEEK: "THE HALFBACK OF NOTRE DAME" STARRING KIMBALL DREK, COUNTESS DRACULIA VON NEULANN AND THE HALFBACK OF NOTRE DAME, NONE OTHER THAN IGOR UGLYK)

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73-C (THE PINK PANTHERS AND RAY BABY, THE ORC'S WEEKLY RAG)

Ray Baby, the president of the Pink Panthers, the radical and revolutionary orc liberation movement, has made an announcement:

"We orcs, goblins and other disgusting and revolting creatures must stand up for our rights. Some people say I was elected because of my ugliness but I say that an orc does not vote for another pretty face. I say its time that a decent orc can walk the streets of Rivendell without being lynched, made to sit in the back of a bus, forced to use different toilets. Yes, were a new breed of orc who insist on standing up for their right as non-human beings!"

CENSORSHIP AND THE PRESS RELEASE

by Penelope Naughton Dickens

Ever since the idea of writing press releases was originated, editors have had to decide whether or not they had the right to edit or censor press. After all, many people still disagree as to whether movies or novels should be censored. But then a Diplomacy zine is not a movie or a novel. The editor then has to decide by himself whether a press release can damage his zine.

No one will deny that some press releases can damage a zine's reputation. Just as anywhere else there are bound to be people who get offended when they, their race, or their religion is attacked in some press. An attack on a specific person is most damaging. An example of this can be found in the Rcinsel-von Metzke debacle. Although the fight did not occur because of press directly, it could have. What would you have done as an editor if you had received some press from Rcinsel viciously attacking von Metzke? Some press of that sort can be excused on the grounds that the person attacked and the writer of the press are friends. An example of this is Conrad von Metzke's calling Edi Birsan a "fucking wop," and Duncan Smith's calling Evan Jones "Queen Evan of Savoy." No one could deny that in this case the writer and the person attacked are friends. Yet these attacks, although not offensive to Edi Birsan or Evan Jones, could easily offend an Italian or a homosexual. What does an editor do in this case?

There is no real reason that so-called "obscene" press should be censored as long as it fits within certain guidelines. If it is considered obscene because of the words or references to sex, then it should not be edited. (unless the editor truly feels that his readership will be offended by the words or descriptions). But if the press is obscene because it attacks Jews, Blacks, Homosexuals, etc., then it should be edited. No editor should allow his zine to become the weapon for prejudice.

This brings us back to the afore-mentioned case where Edi Birsan is called a "fucking wop" and Evan Jones a "Queen." It is my opinion that such references should be edited out of press releases since neither can be shown as truly being necessary to the release or the zine. If the writer cannot write press without references to race, creed, or religion, then perhaps he should not be allowed to write press at all.

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Since we're doing three big issues in a row with only a one week break we need a lot of guest material. If you've ever wanted to write an article, do so now and send it in. Please! And even if you're not in a game send in mountains of press. This may be the last time we ever want that much press, so now's your chance.

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73-7 GERMANY (April 21, 1902) Dear Czar (or whoever runs Russia), the moves into the Baltic & Skaggegak ((sic)) are not meant to be an intrusion upon your soil ((just water)), but are made in mutual defense. Thank you. /s/ Kaiser Ritter

It was announced today that Col. Nikoplat A. Poponov, former head of MASA (Montenegrin Aeronautics and Space Administration), was the new Premier of Montenegro.

In a speech transmitted on view-radio the new Premier said that his appointment by the King had taken him completely by surprise. "I am very grateful to my father-in-law, the King, for the trust he has shown in me," said the Premier.

An official release announced that the Premier would remain a Colonel, rather than being promoted to General, to "show his humility."

After his speech, the Colonel stepped out onto the balcony of the State View-Radio Authority to wave to the assembled throngs of peasant. He said that "Montenegro will continue to advance as one of the most scientifically advanced nations in the world."

A spokesman for the Premier said that the Premier's daughter and the King's son were spending a "deliriously happy" honeymoon in "the great state of Monaco" after their return from the Moon.

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Twin brothers on a Polar exploration trip were trapped at the North Pole by an earlier-than-expected freezeup. They were marooned, and each day for exercise and to keep warm they ran in circles around the Pole--running in opposite directions.

However, this ultimately created a problem, because each time one circled the Pole he lost or gained a day when he crossed the International Date Line. Consequently, since the two were running in opposite directions, when they finally returned to the United States one of the twins was wearing a long beard and carrying his baby brother in his arms. ((Yes, but what was the other twin doing?))

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If a cat can kill a rat in a minute, how long would it be killing 60,000 rats? Ah, how long indeed! My private opinion is, that the rats would kill the cat.

— Lewis Carroll

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT 1901*
but couldn't find in the IDA handbook

BY DKS

The POUCH has many new subscribers that are relatively new to the Diplomacy hobby. When I first learned to play Diplomacy, I was fortunate enough to be able to read the many fine Diplomacy articles that Rod Walker wrote for Strategy and Tactics. Although they did not teach me everything I know and I do not agree with everything they said, I do realise that without them I would not have had an inkling to the game. Basically they taught me which neutral supply centers should be taken by whom and how to do it (e.g. I learnt why Austria should not take Rumania in spring 1901). What I am leading to is that the player who feels that he knows all there is to know about the game of Diplomacy in term of the year of 1901 should not bother to read this article. This article will only deal with the basics and will not get involved in discussions of such specified openings as the Lepanto, the Baltic Opening, the Cherbourg Fake, the Bulgarian gambit, and the brand new Key (After Jeff Key) Opening. If one is interested in those one should buy the IDA Handbook.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY:

Neutral Supply centers: Serbia and Greece are the obvious supply centers that Austria should be able to gain. It may also gain in addition/ or instead Rumania, but only in rare instances. Suggested moves for gaining Greece and Serbia are:

Spring 1901

Fall 1901

a bud-ser; f tri-alb; a vie-?

f alb-gre; a ser s f alb-gre; a vie-?

The army in Vienna is the only piece that is not involved in the gaining of the centers. see defense for its uses.

Defense: Austria is the most invadable country in the spring of 1901. There are two standard invasions: Russia moves a war-gal or Italy moves either a ven-tri or a ven-tyo, a rom-ven. Austria has one weapon against these invasions: a vie. Austria can do many things with a vie: a vie-gal, a vie-tyo, a vie-tri, etc. Rarely if ever should f tri or a bud be used to defend. If they are used by all probabilities, Austria will lose the game.

Offense: Austria is an Eastern power and thus should be careful before getting involved in a western war. In 1901 Austria should decide its course of action for the next few years. To attack Turkey, Austria should guarantee itself Greece and an alliance with either or both Italy and Russia. If Austria attacks Italy, it should take Venice and have an alliance with Turkey. If Austria attacks Russia it should do one of two things. 1) a vie-bud; a bud-ser; f tri-alb. This can allow Austria to go a bud-rum; a ser s a bud-rum; f alb-gre if Turkey has attacked Russia (i.e. a arm and f bla). Italy should either be neutral or actively allied for this to work. 2) a vie-gal; a bud-ser; f tri-alb. The move a vie-gal does two things:

threatens war and run or stands out an invasion by Russia.

Alliances: 1) The Austro-Italian Alliance is a good one. Austria is a land power and therefore needs an ally that can supply the fleets. Both Italy and Turkey fit that bill. Russia does not. Italy should get Tunis but under no account should he receive Greece. If Italy insists the alliance is worthless. If Italy agrees though the alliance is all set. Generally a Austro-Italian Alliance will be facing a Russo-Turkish one. If it doesn't it will be all the easier. If it does though, it is a good idea to allow Italy into Tyo and then Boh. This will guarantee Austria, Galicia. Meanwhile Italy will do the Lepanto and the success of the alliance will be determined. If you're playing Italy and don't know what the Lepanto is: Good Luck!

2) The Austro-Turkish Alliance is also a good one but entails a lot of trust in both parties. In this alliance Austria should use option one of the offense against Russia plans. Austria should get Serbia and Rumania in 1901 while Turkey gets Bulgaria in 1901 and Greece in spring 1902. In 1902 Austria should get Warsaw while Turkey takes Sevastopol. Afterwards Austria goes North (Northern Italy and Germany) while Turkey goes South (Southern Italy and France). For more detail on this alliance see Issue #17 of The POUCH in which appeared "The Austro-Turkish Alliance" by Gil Neiger.

3) The Austro-Russian Alliance is not a good one in itself. Russia is a good addition to the Austro-Italian Alliance. Russia is also a good ally if Austria plans to attack Germany but on the whole Austria-Hungary should do its utmost to get Russia involved up North.

Conclusions: Austri-Hungary is a much underrated country. If Austria gains two supply centers and has made up it's mind about future plans there are no reasons why it should not win.

ENGLAND:

Neutral Supply Centers: England's supply center is Norway. Only in very rare instances will England gain any other or be kept from gaining Norway. Taking Norway is easy: f lon-nth; f edi-nrg; a liv-edi or a liv-yor. One should move a liv-yor expecting an attack by France (f bre-eng). In fall it is easy for England to convey it's army to Norway with or without support. England can move flon-eng and f edi-nth to try to take Belgium but this is a foolish tactic as it can leave England with ut a build in 1901 (Exception: See Cherbourg fake in IDA Handbook). Unless England suspects a French attack, England should move a liv-edi as it frees the f nth to do other things.

Defense: For England the old adage goes: The best defense is a good offense. The reasons for this are: 1) England's natural defenses, 2) f nth can cover practically any move, 3) a yor can defend any supply center in England. As long as England expands, it sh ould remain safe. The only move England should watch for is the French one: f mid-Iri. If England has no army on the continent (England), he will lose Liverpool and have a hell of a time taking it back.

Offense: As long as Russia does not move a mos-stp, England should still have f nth to fool around with. If England wants to attack Russia, it has two options: 1) In fall 1901, england moves: f nth c a edi-nwy; f nrg-bar; a edi-nwy. This puts England into a position where he can support a nwy-stp in fall or move; a nwy-fin; f nth-nwy supported by f bar and thus definitely take stp in 1902. 2) In fall 1901, England moves: f nth-ska; f nrg c a edi-nwy. In 1902 england can support himself to Sweden. This works even better if England is allied to Germany against Russia. To attack France England should move f nth-eng in fall and build f liv in winter. To attack Germany, England should stand Germany out of either hol or den depending on which one he does or doesn't occupy.

Alliances: 1) The Anglo-German Alliance is a strange one. You can ally to Germany to do two things: go to war with France or to go to war with Russia. This should of course be decided in spring. Going to war with France is easy. Take the English Channel and then try to convoy an army into Picardy. At the same time try to take the Mid-Atlantic. Attacking Russia with Germany is also easy. Use option one of the offensive plan against Russia because usually Germany will want Sweden. 2) An alliance with France can only attack Germany. Usually this is done by keeping Germany to one build in 1901 and then in 1902 supporting France to Belgium who in return will support you to Holland. From there England takes the Helgoland and the Skagerak to take Denmark and Kiel. France then gets Munich and Berlin.

Conclusion: As you can see I did not even mention the Russo-English Alliance as I think it is a ridiculous and unworkable one. To win England has to set up convoy routes to the continent and it's alliances should all be set up with that thought in mind. (NEXT ISSUE: GERMANY AND FRANCE)

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73-5 (BERLIN PRESS-TV GUIDE) 1904

As of today, Joshua von Rabinowitz, head of the Propaganda Ministry, will allow four hours of television from 7:00-11:00 PM on Sunday's nights.

7:00-8:00 LUST IN SPACE (Drama)

The story of Capt. Gaybowitz, an admitted homosexual, Helen Lotsasex, the nymphomaniac Sargent, and Slut their bisexual dog. See their adventures in space!

8:00-8:30 LEAVE IT TO HITLER (Comedy)

A half hour comedy based on the old one: "Our Gang". It stars Melvin Leibowitz as Hitler, Joshua Steinberg as Goebbels and Louis Lefkowitz as Goering.

8:30-9:00 S*L*A*S*H (Comedy)

The adventures of two bungling muggers in NYC, who kill the wrong people, mug 78 year old ladies and do other fun things (rape, rob, mug, slash, etc).

9:00-11:00 PLANET OF THE SABER TOOTH NEIGERS (Drama)

This week's star-studded movie is a frightening story of a couple astronauts who land on a planet inhabited by SaberToothNeigers. Don't miss the surprise ending.

The planet is played by Raymond Heuer, the king and queen of the planet by Gil Neiger and Evan Jones respectively.

THE LAUGHER
An SPI Diplomacy game

At a regular friday night gaming session down at SPI (Simulation Publications Inc) Gil Neiger and I decided to get a game of Diplomacy going (Just for the record, I is Duncan Smith). We had the standard decent players: Alex Katzoff, Michael Hansen, and my brother. Gil Neiger was going to gamemaster so we needed three more players. After about ten minutes we were getting desperate so we got three players who said they were relatively experienced players. They were wrong. Here are the 1901 moves:

Spring 1901

England (Duncan Smith): f lon-nth; f edi-nrg; a liv-edi
France (Michael Hansen): f bre-eng; a par-gas; smar-spa
Germany (name withheld): a ber-pru; a mun-ruh; f kie-hel
Italy (Alex Katzoff): a ven-tri; a rom-ven; f nap-ion
Austria-Hungary (Name withheld): a bud-rum; a vic-bud; f tri-alb
Russia (Miles Smith): f stp(nc)-bot; a war-gal; a mos-ukr; f sev-bla
Turkey (Scott Rosenberg): f ank-bla; a con-bul; a smy-con

Fall 1901

England (Duncan Smith): a edi-nwy; f nrg c a edi-nwy; f nth-hol
France (Michael Hansen): f eng-bel; a spa-par; a gas-spa
Germany (Name withheld): a pru-war; a ruh-hol; f hel-den
Italy (Alex Katzoff): a ven-tri; a tri-ser; f ion-tun
Austria-Hungary (Name withheld): a rum-gal; a bud s a rum-gal; f alb-ion
Russia (Miles Smith): f sev-rum; f bot-swe; a gal-war; a ukr s f sev-rum
Turkey (Scott Rosenberg): f ank-bla; a bul-gre; a con-bul
Russia retreats a gal to vic.

Winter 1901

England: lon, edi, liv, nwy; builds f lon
France: par, mar, bre, bul, spa, por; builds a par, a mar, f bre
Germany: mun, ber, kie, den; builds a kie
Italy: ven, rom, nap, tri, ser, tun; builds a nap, a rom, f ven
Austria-Hungary: bud; removes f ion and a gal
Russia: sev, stp, mos, war, vic, rum, swe; builds a mos, a war, a sev
Turkey: Con, ank, smy, bul, gre; builds a con, f smy.

It is obvious from the 1901 moves that both the Austrian and German players were novices. Although none of the experienced players were particularly good, they did manage to soundly trounce the novices. Just for the record the game ended in Fall 1904 in a four way draw between Russia, France, England and Italy.

EVAC PRINTOUT.....
BABE HEUER, BASEBALL STAR, WRITES COOKBOOK. WINS FIRST PRIZE IN COOKING CONTEST FOR HIS DISH OF FRIED SABER TOOTH NEIGER AND RAYRILLA RIBS. FIRST PRIZE WAS A MIXED SABER TOOTH NEIGER AND RAYRILLA COAT. BABE HEUER ATE IT....

FOR THE RECORD: CONCLUSIONS

by Nicholas A. Ulanov

This is the third and last article in a series. The last two articles have dealt with the Congressional records of the Senators on the Select Committee of the United States Senate investigating campaign practices and the Watergate scandal.

Several things should be clear at once from the voting records printed in the first two parts of this series. The Committee is clearly greatly overbalanced with conservatives. Senators Gurney, Talmadge, Ervin, and Baker all rank high in the list of honored conservatives in the Senate.

In fact in the list of conservative Senators, not one is even palatable to anyone but an arch conservative. Ervin led the anti-Civil Rights legislation filibuster campaigns. Talmadge once took over the State House of Georgia with some state trooper friends of his for several months in order to keep a Lieutenant Governor who he did not like from being sworn into office as Governor. Gurney's record is genuinely painful to liberals. And Baker's civil rights record is poor at best.

Senators Inouye and Montoya are the two "liberals" on the committee. The two can best be characterized as among the staunchest fighters for the cause of absenteeism. This isn't entirely fair to Inouye who has a very good liberal record when in Washington, and who finds it difficult to fly back to Washington for a key vote that comes up without notice when he is in Hawaii. (And he does spend a good deal of time in Hawaii with constituents while some Congressmen who represent areas much closer to Washington than Hawaii never leave the Capital at all.)

Senator Weicker is the most impressive adherer to his political position (slightly left of center) on the committee. His voting record is consistent. As a Senator he is popular in Connecticut because he delivers for his constituents. His style as a committee questioner has been both lauded and degraded. Some feel that his style is perfect for that of a Congressman more interested in ideas than specifics. Others feel that as a lawyer he should ask specific questions and get specific facts rather than make statements about what a Republican believes in.

Inouye is regarded as a very good questioner and a man with a big future in politics. He is very popular in Hawaii, and could if he wished, represent the state forever, barring such unforeseen accidents as death.

Baker is generally perceived as a superb Vice-Chairman, combining the right degrees of neutrality and partisanship. His questions seem to be good, and he may be one of the men Republicans pin their hopes on in the post-Watergate era. He almost beat out Sen. Hugh Scott (Penn.) for the post of Senate Minority Leader, and is expected to succeed him when Scott retires. This would make him one of the most powerful men in Congress at a young age with a bright future -- if he remains in the Senate (and I don't mean that he might be retiring from politics).

Sam Ervin is seen as a saintly old man with wise sayings, or as a pompous ass. Take your pick. Many of his constituents don't understand why he's giving the President all that trouble.

Gurney is as mundane as he seems, and doesn't get angry very well. He is the perfect man to represent all the senior citizens in Florida, and may keep on doing so for quite a while.

Talmadge is like a Georgian peanut. You have to work hard to get past the crusty shell, and when you do, there's not one, but two nuts. His main claim to fame (aside from the incident mentioned earlier) is that since Inouye was called a "little Jap," he has taken to the title affectionately, and never fails to welcome Inouye with a "How's our little Jap?"

Montoya is the fool of the crowd. Everyone agrees that he asks the worst questions. His is a case of being helpless without a staff. He is living proof that the citizens of New Mexico like a balanced ticket: an intelligent Republican (Barry Goldwater) and a stupid Democrat.

It now seems clear, at least to me, that the Committee's historical contribution has been concluded. The important Presidential tapes issue will be decided on a suit by Archibald Cox, a member of the Administration, not by the Committee's suit. Whether or not the President resigns or is impeached and convicted will not depend on what the Committee does. In fact the only important area the Committee might yet influence is the general Federal campaign laws and practices.

The Committee has already fulfilled a very important historical purpose. It has brought every American face to face with the fact that his executive government is incredibly corrupt, and that rather than a source for pride, it is a source for shame. Internationally we are mocked. Domestically we are humiliated. The Committee has made this clear. It has also convinced a majority of Americans that their President is a liar and by inference a criminal.

This accounts for the fact that in a recent poll politicians slipped from second only to used car dealers in degree of public mistrust to the least trusted group of professionals in the nation. This is a disgrace. It has been for some time.

I for one do not believe that most politicians are immoral. I believe in most politicians. We can only all hope that the decent men in politics will be sought out now and will take over the government at the next possible moment.

Then, government will again be held in trust for the people. Americans will not look on the government as something alien to be distrusted and hated. Americans will look on the government as their instrument for good in society. And Nixon, Watergate, and the whole damned mess will be an ugly, hideous episode in our history to which school children will ask "Why?" and laugh at America's stupidity way back then. I hope.

NORTH BY NORTHEAST

This, it should be explained, is the column of Nicholas A. Ulanov. In fact this is he talking (actually writing). This will be a regular feature in which I expound on whatever pops into my head (both on the hobby and not). Sometimes it will be a collection of odds and ends (as in this column), sometimes on specific topics. I hope you will find it interesting and enjoyable.

First then, how this column came to be called "North by Northeast." At first I was going to call it "The Wit and Wisdom of Nicholas A. Ulanov," but I decided that irony was not my strong suit, so I dropped that. Then I considered, "My Mouth Runneth Over," but why be funny? Finally **Gil Noiger** suggested calling it North by Northeast. This relates to a series of game-moves headlines we had a while back in which all the various compass headings were used as headlines, originally to indicate the area of the board in which activity was the hottest. I got to like the idea of a headline which nobody understood, and since undoubtedly nobody will understand this column, why not make the title derstandable (or ununderstandable).

Since I'm a candidate for one of the posts in the IDA I guess I ought to plug it. Any of you reading this should belong to the International Diplomacy Association. And if you don't, now is the time to join. You can now join for 1974 and get to vote in the elections now in progress. You'll also get all the 1974 Diplomacy Reviews (the IDA zine). You'll get a discount on this or the next IDA Handbook, and many other benefits in membership. Once again, if you play Diplomacy, you should belong to the IDA.

I'd be very interested in hearing any comments you have on the conclusion of the Watergate series that concludes in this issue. I think it is interesting to note that since the series started the Watergate scandal has gone from a subject on everyone's mind and discussed at every gathering, to something most people seem to want to get over with.

This points to something many have said about whether or not the House should investigate Vice-President Agnew. Some Members of Congress have maintained that in fact all investigating should be done by the Administration and the Grand Jury rather than the House because Congress has no truly efficient investigating staff. This seems to be what happened to the Senate Select Committee. A lack of proper investigation is one of the many faults now being found with the Committee. Of course this may not be fair, since whenever it is fashionable to find fault, fault is found regardless of whether such fault is justified.

We have virtually decided not to publish a reprint of all the articles that have appeared in The POUCH at the end of our first year. However we are currently planning to publish a rather large issue with unusually fine articles for our fifty-first issue.

A request to our foreign readers: If you collect stamps, I would be truly grateful if you would consider trading U.S. and foreign stamps with me.

Best of luck.

NOTES FROM PENVELOPE

I got a letter from a subscriber who is a teacher who protested the fact that several article-issues ago I wished students a happy first week of school. He asked why I did not wish teachers a happy first week too. He is quite right, and I apologize. To all teachers, a much belated happy first week of school!

I'm very much looking forward to my interview in the series that is being done on the three editors and other figures associated with The POUCH. It will give you a chance to get to know all of us better.

The amount of mail I have been receiving has slowed down drastically, so I am doing two things. First I have written another article on press which appears in this issue which I hope will continue the very healthy debate on press. Second I want to spark a new controversy.

Here's where I wax feminist. Carol Buchanan has jokingly formed the Diplomacy Widow's Association, and that she is now setting about plans for the hobby's infiltration. Well I would like to ask half-jokingly and half-seriously, why, Carol, do you feel the need to fight the IDA and the Diplomacy hobby? If you have a husband who is so deeply immersed why not join him in the hobby fully? However, I can't blame you for your feelings toward Indiana. If anything Duncan says about the state is true, it must be a rather unpleasant place. On the other hand if Nicholas is correct, it must be a pleasant place indeed.

Any comments Carol or Walt?

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