

# THE POUCH

## CAN THIS MESS BE SAVED?

73-6 (1973DY) Spring 1902  
 Austria-Hungary (Jeff Key)  
 ASer-Rum, ARum-Ukr, FGrc, ABud-Gal,  
 AVicSABud-Gal, FTri-Alb  
 England (John Boyer)  
 AWal-Pic, FNwy-StP(NC), FEngCAWal-  
 Pic, FLiv-Iri  
 France (David Staples)  
 ASpa, ABur-Ruh, FMid-WMed, AMar  
 Germany (Edi Birsan)  
 AHol-Bel, AMun-Bur, FDen-Swe, FKic-  
 Bal, ABcr-Sil  
 Italy (Chic Hilliker)  
 no moves received. ATun, APic, FTyr,  
 FNap  
 Russia (John Smythe)  
 no moves received. AUkr, AGal (elim.)  
 FBoth, FBla (elim.)  
 Turkey (Conrad von Metzke)  
 ABulsASer-Rum, AARMSAUkr-Sev, FCons  
 FANK-Bla, FANK-Bla

Conrad von Metzke wants to resign,  
 and Chic Hilliker's and John Smythe's  
 positions are unclear. We are going  
 to make a five-week deadline while  
 we find out who's in and who's out.

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### NEXT DEADLINES:

73-3: November 24; 73-4: November 10;  
 73-5: November 10; 73-6: December 7;  
 73-7: November 10; 73-8: November 24;  
 73-9: November 17; 73-10: November 10;  
 73-B: November 17; 73-D: November 24

## BUILDS

73-8 (1973FJ) 1901  
 Austria-Hungary (Jonathan Jacobs)  
 AVic, ABud  
 England (Douglas Dick)  
 FLon  
 France (Eric Robinson)  
 FBrc, AMar, APar  
 Germany (John Arensmeyer)  
 no builds  
 Italy (Richard Swies)  
 FNap  
 Russia (Michael Honig)  
 FStP(NC)  
 Turkey (Duncan Smith)  
 FCon, FSmY  
 Drew McGee (P.O. Box 8935, J.F.K.  
 Station, Boston, Mass. 02114) is  
 asked to send in stand-by moves for  
 Germany.

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 More moves on pages 7&18.

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73-E, a Youngstown phone game, is announced on page seventeen. The game and map will appear in an upcoming issue.

We should clarify the way article-issues are sent. If a game you are in has results in an issue, that issue will be sent to you first class. Otherwise you will receive article-issues by the printed matter rate.

Those new subscribers that do not have house-rules will receive them with the next moves-issue, in three weeks.

There are a number of 1721 map corrections listed on page eight. Because of these errors the game 73-D has been postponed.

Burt Labelle is the new Miller (variant) Numbers custodian. He should do a very fine job, and we wish him luck.

We'd like to plug WASHINGTON REPORTS. If you have any interests in the hobby, you should subscribe to this fascinating zine. It fills you in on all sorts of interesting things happening in the hobby. You can get it from Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, Washington 98136.

Once again, we'd like to mention what a fine variant we think Lord of the Rings Diplomacy is. Jeff Key's variant played amazingly well, and is indeed very well put together.

Our subscription cost will be going up effective December 5th. This is one month from the new postal increase. As of this issue, we will no longer accept renewals of more than ten issues at the current price. The new price will be 10/\$2.00.

73-11 will be announced in the next issue.

We have had to open a few more trades (like Burt Labelle), and thus could use a few more subscribers. So, if you have a friend who you haven't already gotten to subscribe, how about trying to do so now?

subscriptions are 10/\$1.80

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## WHY I'M FOR IMPEACHMENT

by Nicholas A. Ulanov

For many months I have argued against the impeachment and removal of the President. I am by no means an expert on impeachment, but I believe I know quite a bit more about the process than the vast majority of Americans. For the last six or seven years I have been interested in the subject, and done quite a bit of reading on it and particularly the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.

I have argued against the instigation of proceedings for several reasons. While I worked in Senator McGovern's campaign and considered President Nixon a bad and evil president. I felt that he had indeed circumvented many laws and principles of government. But I felt that the House of Representatives would not impeach, and thus that hoping for such to happen was a waste of time. I also felt that the country would be put through total governmental chaos, and that at the current moment in history, this country had to avoid such chaos at all cost. I based this belief that the process would be extremely dirty on the events which followed President Johnson's impeachment. In addition I was afraid that perhaps I and many of my friends were being too harsh on President Nixon and in the event of impeachment would be judged in the way the Radical Republicans were after the Johnson fiasco. It is now generally felt that the Johnson matter was totally unwarranted and a great miscarriage of justice. Johnson was acquitted by only one vote in the Senate, and this heroic Senator, Edmund G. Ross, never held political office again, after voting the way his conscience and not his constituents dictated.

I did think that while three years more of Richard Nixon was a sorry prospect, his impeachment and possible removal was a more terrible thing to look forward too. I did not and still do not believe that he will resign, at least without the impeachment process well advanced. However, of late, I have become convinced that a belief in the principles responsible for this Republic, and a respect for decency require the vacating of the office of President by Richard Nixon. I no longer believe that three more years is the lesser of two evils. I now believe three more years to be the worst possible option for the ending of our crisis in government.

We can no longer afford to have the worst President in our history in office. I also believe Richard Nixon's removal possible. This is not merely a campaign of the left. It is a campaign of conscience of all those who do not wish the bitter irony of Richard Nixon presiding over this Republic's two hundredth anniversary. The AFL-CIO, the American Civil Liberties Union, Stewart Alsop, William F. Buckley, Jr., Howard K. Smith, Harry Reasoner, The Denver Post, The Detroit News, and The New York Times have all called for his resignation or impeachment. There are many more scandals waiting to be exposed. A majority of the House needs only one or two more scandals to move it to impeachment, and the same is true of a majority of the American people. He cannot be forced to resign except by impeachment, and this will come soon.

I predicted two months ago, and I still believe, that he will not finish the three years remaining of his term. Most probably he will be forced to resign, and this by a serious, if not successful, drive to impeach. If he does not resign, I also believe that the

Senate will convict. I do not believe that the President could seize power if faced with removal. The military is too steeped in its tradition of civilian-control and non-partisanship to aid in such an attempt, and certainly Congress would not agree any more than the courts.

The President cannot be replaced by Carl Albert. He must be replaced by a Republican, and thus I think that Gerald Ford will be confirmed by both houses of Congress. Ford is a man of many inadequacies, and will almost certainly be a poor president, but he has the advantage that he will shine next to Richard Nixon. He will probably lead a fair caretaker government for three years. To be sure we do not need such a government at a time of world problems such as now, but we are faced with such a government and we must do the best with it we can.

We are going through one of the most difficult periods in our nation's existence, and we must work together as carefully and justly as we can. We must not rush to Richard Nixon's fall with blind vengeance or hatred but with compassion, sanity, and justice. We must realize that the whole world and our descendants will be watching. Out of this tragedy must come a rekindling of the Spirit of 1776. We must cope with our and the world's problems.

A final point. There is no way we can repeal the 1972 elections. There is no way we may gain a new election to elect a new President until 1976. We must not work for a new amendment allowing for the removal of a president by some vote of "no confidence." A president's removal is provided for in the process of impeachment. I firmly believe that our system's superiority over the Parliamentary system lies in precisely the fact that an unpopular president cannot be removed at the drop of a hat. An example of this virtue is found in Truman's firing of McArthur. McArthur wanted to attack China which might well have caused World War III. When Truman ordered him not to, and McArthur prepared to disobey a Presidential order left Truman no choice but to dismiss McArthur, yet this was one of the most unpopular presidential decisions in history. In a Parliamentary system, the Prime Minister's government would have fallen, and McArthur been reinstated in all probability. Because of this sad moment in our history, we must not forget that we should be proud that in our system a President may follow his conscience and not the whims of public opinion. When a President is dangerously wrong he may be removed via impeachment and conviction, otherwise, let history prove him right or wrong.

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An advertisement by the American Civil Liberties Union states far better than I can why the President should be impeached. It is reprinted on the following page.

## WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT NIXON.

### AND HOW IT CAN BE DONE.

(This is a reprint of an advertisement by the American Civil Liberties Union. --Ed.)

Richard Nixon has not left us in doubt. He means to function above the law. If he is allowed to continue, then the destruction of the Bill of Rights could follow. If, after all the Watergate revelations, we allow him to continue, we are accomplices to that destruction.

Consider what has already happened:

--On July 23, 1970, the President personally approved the "Huston plan" for political surveillance by such methods as burglary, wire-tapping, eavesdropping, mail covers and spying on students by the CIA and other agencies. These methods were employed against dissenters, political opponents, news reporters, and government employees.

--In 1971, the President established within the White House a personal secret police (the "plumbers"), operating outside the restraints of law, and engaging in burglary, illegal wiretaps, espionage and perjury.

--While Daniel Ellsberg was facing trial, his psychiatric records were burglarized by White House aides and, at the direction of the President, a White House aide discussed the directorship of the FBI with the judge presiding over Ellsberg's trial.

--Private detectives were hired by White House aides to spy on the sex life, drinking habits and family problems of political opponents.

--Supporters of possible presidential opponents of President Nixon were marked as "enemies" on a special list, and targeted for harassment by the Internal Revenue Service.

--During three days in May 1971, over 13,000 people were illegally arrested in Washington, D.C. The dragnet arrests, unprecedented in American history, were declared unconstitutional by the courts. To justify the arrests, a White House spokesman, William Rehnquist, invented the doctrine of "qualified martial law."

--In 1973, the President bombed Cambodia, a neutral country, without the authorization of Congress. We learned later that he had been bombing Cambodia for three years and had deliberately concealed the bombing from Congress and from the people, thereby usurping the war-making powers of Congress. When the deception was revealed, the President said he would do the same thing under similar circumstances.

--The President has transformed grand juries into instruments of political surveillance and harassment, and caused politically motivated indictments to issue.

--The President has attacked the freedom of the press, and subjected news reporters to illegal wiretaps and harassing FBI investigations.

THE DOCTRINE OF "INHERENT" POWER

Richard Nixon is not the first president to violate constitutional rights and he will not be the last. But no president has ever before systematically claimed that the Bill of Rights, which limits other government officials, does not limit the President or his agents.

When he wiretapped in violation of the Constitution, he claimed an "inherent" power to do so.

When he secretly bombed Cambodia, he claimed an "inherent" power to do so.

When he directed the dragnet arrests of thousands of demonstrators in Washington, he claimed an "inherent" power to do so.

If the President is permitted to use the doctrine of "inherent" power to override the Bill of Rights anytime he pleases, civil liberties can be cancelled at whim.

The President of the United States should symbolize our system of individual rights under law. He sets the precedent for future presidents. As U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis said in a 1928 wiretapping case:

In a government of laws, existence of the government will be imperiled if it fails to observe the law scrupulously. Our government is the potent, the omnipresent teacher. For good or for ill, it teaches the whole people by its example. Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a law-breaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself; it invites anarchy. To declare that in the administration of... law the end justifies the means... would bring terrible retribution.

To preserve and protect our system of individual rights under law, to restore the integrity of the Bill of Rights for us and our children, and to make the lesson clear to all future presidents in whose hands we place our lives, Richard Nixon must stand trial before the Senate. If he does not stand trial, what he has done will be done by others.

HOW TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT NIXON

In order to stand trial before the Senate, where a two-thirds vote is necessary for conviction, the President must first be accused by a majority of the House of Representatives. This accusation by the House is called impeachment. Impeachment itself does not result in the removal of the President. Like an indictment, it merely begins a trial. Impeachment is what the House of Representatives does; the actual trial is held by the Senate. We believe such a trial must take place, however unpleasant.

The country can withstand the resignation of the Vice-President.

The country can withstand the impeachment of the President.

The country cannot withstand a system of presidential power unlimited by the Bill of Rights.

If you believe that President Nixon should be brought to trial before the Senate for his violations of civil liberties, join the campaign for impeachment. Make your voice count in defense of the Bill of Rights.

Write your Representative in Congress in support of impeachment. And, if you are not yet a member of ACLU, please use the coupon to join. We need your help in this extraordinary campaign for impeachment and in the day-in-day-out defense of the Bill of Rights.

American Civil Liberties Union  
84 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10011

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to help the Impeachment Campaign.

I am willing to write my Representative, and  
participate in the Impeachment Campaign.  
Please contact me.

I want to join ACLU. Credit my contribution  
towards membership:

\$15 Individual     \$25 Joint     More

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

moves (continued)

SEVEN-WAY DRAW REQUESTED

73-3 (1973BY)    Spring 1903

Austria-Hungary (Jamie Adams)

FGrc, FTriSATyr-Ven, AAlb-Ser, ATyr-Ven, AVen-Apu, AGal-War

England (Kirby Welch)

FSka-Swe, FBar-StP(NC), ANwysFBar-StP(NC), FNthSANwy (must retreat)

France (Bill Cossum)

FMid-Eng, FMar-Pic, ASpa-Gas, AParsASpa-Gas, FBre-Pic

Germany (Duncan Smith)

ABur-Mun, AMun-Boh, ABel, AHolsABel, FDensSFHel-Nth, FHcl-Nth

Italy (Douglas Dick)

FTun, FRom-Apu, APie-Ven

Russia (Gil Neiger)

ASwe-StP, FBothCASwe-StP, AStP-Liv, AMos-War (clim.)

Turkey (John Arcnsmeier) FIon-Tyr, FSny-EMed, FCan-Bla, FUKrSASev-Mos,  
ASev-Mos

Germany and Russia have request-  
ed a 7-way draw. Votes must be  
sent with next moves. If you do  
not vote, it counts as a no  
vote. A unanimous vote is re-  
quired to end the game.

There were a number of errors on our 1721 map, and we would like to clear them up. If you have any questions or have found any errors that we do not answer below, please send them in, and they will be answered immediately.

The province bordered by Kassel, Bohemia, and Tyrol is Bavaria, The name was inadvertently left off the map.

The province of Bessarabia is left off the map altogether. The eastern part of Kuban is Bessarabia. The line between Bessarabia and Kuban should run between Kiev and the Black Sea.

There should be a line between Sicily and Tunis, so that Tunis borders on both the South Tyrrhenian and Central Mediterranean Seas.

The body of water between Ireland and England is the Irish Sea.

Posen does border on Prussia, Warsaw, and the Baltic Sea.

Please note that 73-D has been postponed because of these errors.

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VIDE WORLD OF SHPOPTS (April 8, 1903) Today, the date of the original Bother Riggs King Elsie bumbershooting match, it was finally learned that the match was a fraud. Not only is Elsie not King of Holstein -- there is no Kingdom of Holstein! The whole thing was a figment of the hyperactive imagination of a staffer at the defunct Copenhagen Daily Nudes who, angry that the Kaiser had spurned and insulted her, got a cabdriver to first pose nude as von Oskarmeyer, and then to claim to be Bother Riggs in a bumbershooting match. Unfortunately, his wife Bridget found out and dragged him off, even though her name was given as Baggie. The irate staffer then set out to romantically link the Kaiser and her own secret identity as King Elsie. This backfired when the Daily Nudes was shut down, and Miss Borden now languishes in a Bavarian cell, writing poetry on Grecian urns. This was learned today, to shatter our hopes of a marriage for the Kaiser. This is Cower Hardsell, on a tragic day indeed here in Munich, signing off.

Berlin (May 5, 1903) The Kaiser today announced that the First Berlin Calvary Regiment would carry a new weapon, the subnuclear actor, and its equal and opposite reactor. This kidney-shape story implement reportedly was invented by the Kaiser's son Prince Hanno one day in his renal calculus class.

73-7 The Italo-Russian Joint Policing Action against Turkey came to an end today, as the two armies rolled into Doughp, the capital of Sultan Hambone Ali. The official religious guardians of the city, the Holy Rollers decided to set fire to their beloved metropolis rather than to permit it to fall into the hands of the "unfeeling invading pigs." Soon the Italians and Russian troops were dancing in the streets, and the Russian "Ourrahs" were changed to "Ooch Wows." The allied field hospital reported that it treated 25,000 cases of smoke inhalation on the following morning.



THE VIEWS OF A WARGAMER - A REBUTTAL TO NICK'S COLUMN IN ISSUE 32

Nick's column in issue 32 infuriated several people who play wargames including me. I've been a player of wargames for four years, and I'd like to contest several points that Nick made.

First of all, the purposes of wargaming are to provide intellectual stimulation (which, personally I cannot get from mathematical problems because they tend to drive me crazy and also I cannot get from chess because of its limitations, i.e. limited number of pieces, no terrain differences, etc.) and to portray the horrors of war, so that we may strive to stop such occurrences in real life. In a game, I have no compunctions about eliminating an opponent's division, plane, or individual man, because all I'm doing is taking a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $\frac{1}{2}$ " cardboard counter off a board. In real life however, I doubt that I could do any of the above mentioned things.

As for Sniper!, I have that game and I view it as a contest to see how well you can survive in adverse conditions; thus making it no different from many other games. When I play, it's to test my skill, not to arouse any "bloodlust."

Finally, I cannot conceive of Nick not viewing Diplomacy as a wargame: when can more atrocities of war take place than in a situation where a whole country such as Holland, Spain, or Bulgaria can be conquered in one move.

Bruce Wachtler

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PRESS AND THE EDITOR

While Penelope and Stephen Tihor come to the same decision as the Supreme Court (namely that obscenity is to be judged and censored according to the whims of the local editor), another issue on press has come up. In the last article-issue there was press for game 73-7 that affected my moves. If it is legitimate press, fine. But I later found out that the press was written by Nick Ulanov, who is not involved in the game. I can only consider this tampering with a game, which is almost as bad as a Duncan Smith press release.

Is not the purpose of a zine to conduct games fairly and impartially, without affecting the balance of the game? This "fake" press is detrimental to both the game itself and the reputation of The POUCH, and should be discontinued immediately. Apologies and a promise of no future mischief are also in order.

Leo Plotkin

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GB: IYD JZZE VNDVL, IYD CGTT RYV JZZE VY FHGR H UGPVYNI OI ZUZNI  
QYJJGOTZ WZHRJ; HRM CLZR IYD LHUZ BYDRM VNDVL, IYD RZZM RYV BZHN  
OZGRF MZBZHVM,

---ZQGPVZVDJ

I would like to reply to the two letters on the previous page.

I believe that I slightly overstated my case in my last column on wargames. I feel that in fact they may have some merit as an historic and educational tool, and as an entertainment. But as for games like Sniper!, I let all my comments stand. I feel there is no justification for such games.

To answer a few of Bruce Wachtler's specific points: I cannot understand why you get no enjoyment out of mathematical problems if you do get such enjoyment out of wargames. Tabulating odds and tactical strategy seems just as mathematically complicated and taxing as mathematical puzzles and problems. As for chess, I cannot understand how you can enjoy Diplomacy and not chess, for both are abstract, relative to a wargame, and both require great intellectual prowess. In one breath you tell us that you play wargames to remind you of "the horrors of war," and in the next that you "have no compunctions about eliminating an opponent's division, plane, or individual man, because all I'm doing is taking a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $\frac{1}{2}$ " cardboard counter off a board." I submit that the two points of view are self-contradictory.

I submit that for the vast majority of wargamers, wargames in fact do not remind one of the horrors of war, and in fact, in some ways glorify war. I may have been a bit too strong in my critique of wargames, but the general points remain.

Finally, as for Diplomacy being a war game, I can only point out that the abstraction is to such a high level that I really think the point meaningless. Any game which makes it possible for an army to be convoyed from St. Petersburg to Smyrna in one turn cannot be taken seriously as a tactical game.

Now to Leo Plotkin's letter. After some thought, I have concluded that Leo is completely correct, and that I was wrong. I therefore offer my apologies to all the players in 73-7 along with my pledge that such erroneous press will not be printed by me again.

"The Saga of Poor Richard Nixon" is being dropped as a regular feature because we now believe that the matter of Richard Nixon's idiotic statements and his broken promises are no longer something which should be laughed at, even sardonically, when so much more stuff of a higher quality is being printed in the newspapers daily.

I would like to repeat the phone numbers you can call to send an over-night "mailgram" of 100 words for \$2.00 or a "public opinion message" telegram of 15 words for \$1.00 to your Congressman, or the President. They are: 800-325-5500, 800-627-2211, or 800-257-2211.

We have a cryptogram in this issue. If this feature is popular, we will have one in every article-issue. In this vein, I would like to appeal to you. We need five more replies to both the John Lindsay and The POUCH polls. How hard can it be to enclose your answers with your moves? Come on, make a little effort! The Lindsay poll becomes especially interesting now, since by the time the next issue is out, New York will have elected his successor as Mayor, Abraham Beame. As you can see, the election is not exactly in doubt. But then again, neither is the fact that Beame will make a terrible Mayor.

THE MAN BEHIND The POUCH  
an interview with Nicholas A. Ulanov

POUCH: How much do you enjoy being an editor and a publisher?

NAU: Well. I would have to say that I enjoy both greatly. It increases my enjoyment of the hobby a great deal. And in doing it, you learn a great deal more about the game and the hobby and you have some personal friendship develop.

POUCH: Which do you enjoy more, being a publisher or an editor?

NAU: An editor by far.

POUCH: How much work do you put into The POUCH every week?

NAU: On an average article issue, I guess that I put in about twenty hours.

POUCH: Do you feel this is hurting your other activities such as school?

NAU: Well first we have to realise that this is my most important activity and school has to come second. But in all seriousness, no it hasn't because I have been very careful to make sure that my school work not conflict or come second to The POUCH. Which is why some issues are smaller than others.

POUCH: What do you think has been responsible for The POUCH's success?

NAU: The fact that all the editors are all sweet, lovable human beings, and that no one can help but like them.

POUCH: Do you think that press should be edited?

NAU: I believe that bad press should in fact be edited. However since that is not the majority wishes of the editors and the subscribers, I don't think that The POUCH should edit press, unless as it says in the house rules they become totally obscene or insulting to another individual. Other than that I don't think that we should edit, although personally I think that a lot of editing could be called for.

POUCH: Some people, among which is Gil Neiger, have charged you with running The POUCH undemocratically. How do you answer that charge?

NAU: Well, I answer that charge by saying it's false. I, to my knowledge, have always abided by the majority vote of the editors. In situation dealing with games, I have always consulted other gamemasters, As far as I know, I have never exerted my power over any of the editors or the gamemasters. As a matter of fact, quite a few press releases that I really did not like have appeared anyway when I was outvoted. I have only vetoed press one or two times as far as I can recollect. All in all, I do not feel that I have run The POUCH undemocratically.

POUCH: What's your favorite zine and why?

NAU: Choospastina.

POUCH: What is that?

Archives, Costaquana, Impassable and Arena. Not in that particular

NAU: I am absolutely saying it as not to offend anyone. Frankly, I have my favorite, but the person who publishes my favorite zine knows who he is. Right, Conrad, and John, Edi, and of course Walt?

POUCH: Do you think that a three man or woman staff is more favorable than a one man show?

NAU: Absolutely, as our rapid success shows. The POUCH has virtually skyrocketed in little over half a year to be in the top ten or five zines in the country. No other zine could have as much success, enjoyability, fine articles, etc, as The POUCH does without a large staff. However, I do want to say something. We do lose a certain amount of individuality that many people, including me, enjoy, that appears in such fine zines as Costaguana. You lose that but that is something worth sacrificing in order to have the fine quality of writing and information available in The POUCH.

POUCH: Are you trying to offset this problem with Notes From Penelope and North By Northeast?

NAU: There is no doubt in my mind that my column and Penelope's offset this problem. It's also to give us a feeling of personal identity.

POUCH: Do you have any last comments?

NAU: I want to thank all the subscribers for making The POUCH successful. I also want to urge them to take a more participatory role in The POUCH. Send in your letters, send in your comments, send in your great articles, send in your press, but most of all tell everyone how great The POUCH is because we need the bread.

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Sirs:

I'm just dashing this off because Jerry's on my tail, both my Vickers are jammed, and my rear gunner seems to have snuffed it. Bit of a sticky wicket, of course, but I could not resist this opportunity to tell you how much all the lads enjoy your humorous periodical. It's a jolly rag, and we've had such jolly fun reading it that we consider a copy of The POUCH rather a good luck piece.

Now, old sports, I seem to have misplaced my lucky copy and gotten myself into a bit of a jam, you see, and I was hoping that you might send one up, air mail, and help—blast! (The ruddy bugger's Messerschmidt nipped my control cables and I'll to hit the silk after all.) Bloody bore, but thank you just the same for your trouble. Cheerio!

Leftenant Aubrey Tatlington

Squadron Cmdr.

Her Majesty's Royal Air Force

Dunkirk, France

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73-8 (THE HALFBACK OF NOTRE DAME)

(ANKARA TIMES) 1902

Baron Paul von Neumann, the famous oil baron here in Ankara, has announced that his sister, Countess Dracula von Neumann, will be visiting him.....

A mass murderer has been loose in Ankara this whole week. The man, who could only be criminally insane, goes around the streets late at night and impales his victims. Historians agree that this man must be suffering from a "Vlad Dracul" Complex. Vlad Dracul is the historical Dracula who is accredited with killing 250 000 peasants by impaling them in Rumania in the late 1400's.....

(CONSTANTINOPLE TIMES) 1902

Two days ago, the Countess Dracula von Neumann arrived here in Constantinople on the way to her brother, Baron Paul von Neumann. She is now staying at the Constantinople Hilton.....

Victims of a mass murder were turned up literally on Abdul Street. It seems that their necks had been punctured and all the blood sucked out of their bodies. The police has no clues about these "Vampyre" killings.....

Said Abdul Pasha, the minister of finance and foreign minister of Turkey also known as Yeech Wretchometry, has asked for police protection. He says that he has been followed by a strange Italian, a deformed hunchback, and a man smoking an Upmann Cigar and sipping a Shirley Temple.

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(LETTER'S CONTINUED)

Messieurs:

I am zorry to bosser you, but as I go to meelk zee moo-cows on my farm zees mornong, I find zee British aeroplane all ovaire zee field, smish-smash! Zen, when I am lookeeng for zee plane drivair, I find in zee pasture zee pile of zee how-you-say beef goulash wearing zee pilot's uniform. Tres seockeneeng, n'est ce pas? But zat ces nut all. Zut! Inzide zee pilot's parachute, I find zee copy of zee Zee POUCH ! Qu'est ce qui se passe, anyway?

Jacques Batard

Dunkirk, France

NOTE: The two letters are taken in modified form from National Lampoon, Oct. 1973.

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BABE HEUER, BASEBALL STAR, ESCAPES ASSASSINATION. ATTACKED ON WAY TO BRONX BY TWELVE SABER TOOTH NEIGERS WITH SUB-MACHINE GUNS AND DRESSED IN RAYRILLA SUITS. COMMISSONER ALEXIS KATZOFF AND A GROUP OF DUNCHOUNDS ARE ON THE HUNT TO CATCH WOULD BE KILLERS. ONE SUSPECT IS PENELOPE'S SABER TOOTH COAT WHO IS ALSO HEAD OF THE BLACK NEIGERS, THE SABER TOOTH NEIGER LIBERATION MOVEMENT ORGANIZATION.

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The Blue Speckled Plotkin. The Plotkin is a very tall bird that resides in Austria-Hungary, although it has been spotted in Italy and the Balkans. This bird suffers from delusions of grandeur. It also likes to hang around Dunchounds. This birds lives in home built N.Y. Mets, and has a very distinctive mating call: "plot, plot, PLOT, plot, plot, PLOT."

The Robineceros. The Robineceros was an inhabitant of France but as of lately, they have been emigrating to the Iberian Peninsula. Although the Robineceroses were once quite abundant, they are now on the verge of extinction. For some reason the Robineceros is attacked on sight by Dunchounds and Purple Horned Wachtlers. It's strange mating call is: "I Trusted You, I Trusted You."

The Kitty Katzoff. The Kitty Katzoff is an inhabitant of England although it is not related to the famed British Lion. This is obvious when one realises how poor a specimen of the Lion family the Kitty Katzoff is. Unlike most animals, the Kitty Katzoff keeps its brain in its tail. Even stranger is the fact that the Kitty Katzoff has no tail. Its mating call is: "Which way did he go, which way did he go."

The Dunchound. The Dunchound is a german extraction of a german shepard (a human one). It is usually seen in Germany, but as of late it has been spotted in such desolate areas in France as Paris, and Brest. Allmost all Dunchounds that reach maturity, get married to fire hydrants. The Dunchound tends to be friendly only to Blue Speckled Plotkins. The Dunchound has the unusual mating call of "woof woof, woof woof."

The Purple Horned Wachtler. The Wachtler is a very strange looking animal. It looks like a Rayrilla with a purple horn instead of a belly button. It used to reside in Italy but recently they have been found in North Africa and Tunisia, where it is said that they have been friendly to Moslem dogs. The Wachtlers have an instinctive hate for Robineceroses and will attack them suicidely. Its mating call is "Killa de frog, Killa de frog."

The Horsebright. The Horsebright resides in the steppes of Russia. The Horsebright is half human and half horse. The front is horse and the rear human. Horsebrights like no one, except for Saber Tooth Neigers. They will do anything a Saber Tooth Neiger tells it to do. Horsebrights are only challenged by Kitty Katzoffs for the title of dumbest animal. Its mating call is "What now Gil. What now Gil."

The Hansen-Outang. The Hansen-Outang is a resident of Turkey. It has an orange furry body and an IQ equal to the absolute value of zero. Lately there's been mass immigration of Hansen-Outangs to China. Only his Rabbi knows why! The Hansen-Outang has been exterminated in Bulgaria, Rumania, and Sevastopol. Its mating call is "Shangai Baby Doll, Here I Come."

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT 1901  
but couldn't find in the IDA Handbook  
PT III

ITALY:

This week's installment will deal only with Italy. The first thing I should do is clear the misconception around Italy. Believe it or not but Italy is one of the best countries on the board in attack capability. Unfortunately, this is accompanied by probably the worst defense. Like England it usually has to expend via convoys (Tunis). Unlike England, it doesn't have the fleets or a Scandinavia. England can expend from Nwy to Swo or to StP, but where can Italy go? To North Africa? It's best offensive weapons are the Lepanto openings which will be discussed in this article.

Neutral Supply Centers: Italy has only one guaranteed supply center: Tunis. Usually Italy moves:

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Spring 1901 | Fall 1901         |
| f nap-ion   | f ion c a apu-tun |
| a rom-apu   | a apu-tun         |
| a ven-H     | a ven-H           |

Italy should never move a rom-nap in Spring. If it does and Austria moves a vic-tyo, Italy will have no support for Venice. Italy may move f nap-tyo, but this usually means war with France. A ven should hold, but if Italy wants to attack France it should move to Piedmont. If Italy has a strong alliance with Austria, a ven can be moved to tyo in Spring, and to boh in fall. That way, Italy can support Austria into Galicia in spring 1902. A note of warning: Never ever got to Greece in 1901, no matter how tempting it looks. It's hard to get and it will only alienate both Austria and Turkey.

Defense: The key to the Italian defense is fleets. I have noticed that for Italy to defend Tunis and its homeland from either a French attack or a Turkish attack, Italy must have one more fleet than its opponent. Why is this, you ask? The board and spaces are fitted to be that way. Keeping the Ionian from Turkey and the West Med from France is the best way for Italy to defend itself. Of course building fleets is not a sure fire defense for Italy. What if Austria attacks Italy? What will the fleets do then? One fleet can always go to the Adriatic but the others are useless. Of course Italy started with two armies and hopefully that will be enough.

Offenses: Usually Italy's offense will depend almost totally on the Lepanto. Of course the Lepanto is not the last word in Italian offense but it is a strong opening. First I will explain the Eastern Lepanto and then the Western one.

1) The Classical Eastern Lepanto:

A. Alliances needed: Strong alliance with Austria, possible alliance with Russia and at the least neutrality with France.

B. Italy should build f nap in winter 1901. Its position for spring 1902 should be: f nap; f ion; a tun; a ven.

C. Italy's moves for 1902 should be:

| Spring 1902 | Fall 1902         |
|-------------|-------------------|
| f ion-cas   | f cas c a tun-syr |
| f nap-ion   | f ion c a tun-syr |
| a tun-H     | a tun-syr         |
| a ven-H     | a ven-H           |

D. In 1903, Italy should be able to take the Aegean Sea and Smyrna. If France attacks in 1902, forget the Lepanto.

2) The Western Lepanto:

A. Alliances needed: A strong alliance with Germany and/or England. Neutrality with Austria and Turkey, especially Turkey.

B. Italy should build f nap in winter 1901. Italy's position at the start of 1902 should be: f nap; f tyn; a pic; a tun.

C. Italy's moves in 1902 should be:

| Spring 1902      | Fall 1902                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a tun-nth Afr    | a Naf-H                               |
| a pic-mar        | a pic-H                               |
| f tyn-lyo or wes | f wes s ftyn-lyo or f lyo s f tyn-wes |
| f nap-tyn        | f tyn-lyo or wes                      |

Position at the end of 1902 should be: f wes; f lyo; a pic; a Naf

E. With England threatening Brest or Germany in Burgundy, Italy should be able to take Marseille and maybe Spain in 1903. If Turkey attacks in 1902, forget the Lepanto.

One can always attack Austria but Italy should realise that it will be quite hard to get further than Trieste.

Alliances: Italy is a seapower and should look for an ally that is a land power. The Austro-Italian. The Austro-Italian has already been discussed. The only thing Italy has to do is pull off the Lepanto.

The Turko-Italian. This alliance is a weak one. Both Turkey and Italy are sea powers and this can only lead to conflict. Sometimes though it can be worked. Turkey goes up through Russia and Austria while Italy pulls off a western Lepanto.

The Franco-Italian. Since these two countries have no mutual objectives, this is a bad alliance. Usually an alliance between the two will take the form of a neutrality pact.

Conclusions: Italy is a fun country that can quickly be turned into a nightmare. It has two relatively powerful openings that can be rendered useless if either France or Turkey attack. And worse, Italy is a **very** hard to defend country. There can be no doubt that playing Italy is a challenge.



We have filled game 73-E, a Youngstown phone game. The players and their phone numbers are:

Austria-Hungary: Alex Katzoff, JU 2-2496

China: Scott Rosenberg, 969-3555

England: Mike Honig, 763-7329

France: Matthew Diller, AX 7-8446

Germany: Jerry Paulson, 459-4585

India: Cary Fulbright, 799-7089

Italy: Bruce Wachtler, NI 9-7526

Japan: Howard Sider, 224-6303

Russia: Leo Plotkin, 898-9157

Turkey: Duncan Smith, 982-9602

The game-master is Gil Neiger (MO 2-2036). First moves will be do two weeks from the issue the map and rules appear in.

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73-C Eodoras (TA 3019): Today King Theoden made the following statement: "Today, the forces of Mordor crossed the borders of Rohan proper. At about the same time, the Elven force which was participating in a combing assault on the Dark Lord's own homeland, marched Northward leaving the Rohirrim forces in the area stranded in enemy territory.

"These are indeed dark times for Rohan. Surrounded by enemies on our Southern and Eastern flanks, we must now guard our Northern borders as well, seemingly without help...Seemingly without hope.

"I call upon the better natures of our free friends to the North, that they redouble their efforts against Mordor, that they cooperate fully with one another, regardless of previous disagreements, and that they send help, if such can be spared to aid the Rohirrim."

The King's counselor, Ra-Man the Red was unavailable for comment, as he left earlier that day for Eriador in order to smooth out former differences with Lord Duncan of the Dwarves.

Somewhere near Lorien Wood:  
A girl from Rohan paid her rent  
By balling one day in a tent  
Six Dwarves and an Elf  
And Sauron himself  
But then got stove in by an Ent.

73-6 Switzerland (Houer Underground Hairwaves): Well, gentlemen: The gang's all here again. Now what's say we get back to the war and forget these interruptions? (What interruptions?)

TURKEY IN GREECE

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Austria-Hungary (Leo Plotkin) AGre-Bul, AUkr-Ser, AGalsAGre-Bul((?)), ARumSAGre-Bul, ANapSAVen-Rom, AVen-Rom, ABud-Ser, FIon-Aeg, FTri-Ven. owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Bul, ~~Gre~~, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Ven (9) no builds

England (Alex Katzoff, 1) ANwysAFin, FNthSANw, FEngSFNth. owns: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, ~~Sw~~ (4) builds: FEdi

France (Eric Robinson) ASpa, FMidSASpa. owns: Por, Spa (2) no builds

Germany (Duncan Smith) AHolSFBel, ABre, AMarsAGas-Spa, AMun-Sil, AGas-Spa, ASil-War; FBelSAHol, FDen, FKie-Bal. owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Bre, Den, Hol, Mar, Par (9) no builds

Italy (Bruce Wachtler, -1) ATus-Ven, FTyr-Tun. owns: ~~Map~~, Tun (1) removes: ATus

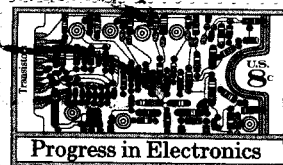
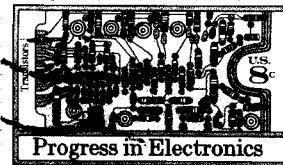
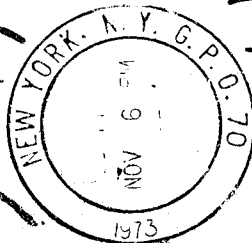
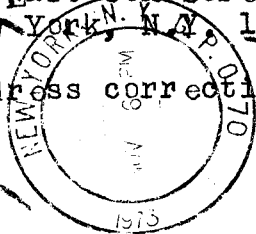
Russia (Cary Fulbright) ASweSASTP-Nwy, ASTP-Nwy, ASevSFLon-EMed, AWarSAMos, AMosSASer. owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Nwy, Swe (5) no builds

Turkey (Michael Hansen, 1) ABulSFAeg-Gre (-Con), AAarm-Ser, FAeg-Gre. owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Gre (4) builds: FSmy

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