

SKIP IT!

73-7 (1973HI) Spring 1903  
 Austria-Hungary (Ronald Kelly)  
 AGalSAWar, ABudSAGal, FVen-Tri, ATri-Tyr, ASerSAGre-Bul  
 England (Leo Plotkin)  
 FCly-Liv, FNth, ANwysSFSwe, FEng-Wal  
 France (Donald Pitsch)  
 APor-Spa, ABel (-Pic), AMar-Pie, FBre-Eng, FIRiSFBre-Eng, FMidSFBre-Eng  
 Germany (Mike Ritter)  
 AHol-Bel, ARuhSAHol-Bel, AKie-Hol, FDen-Ska, FBal-Den  
 Italy (Jamie Adams)  
 no moves received. FAdr, ARom, APie  
 Russia (Duncan Smith)  
 AStP, FSweSANwy, AWar-Gal, AUkrSAWar-Gal, FRum-Bul, ASev  
 Turkey (John Stevens)  
 ABul-Arm, FBlaCABul-Arm, AGre-Bul, FIon-Tyr, FAeg-Ion

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 More moves on page fifteen.  
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NEXT DEADLINES:

73-3: November 24; 73-4: December 1;  
 73-5: November 17; 73-6: December 8;  
 73-7: December 1; 73-8: November 24;  
 73-9: November 17; 73-10: December 1;  
 73-11: December 14; 73-B: November 17;  
 73-D: November 24

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EVERYTHING WORKS — ALMOST

73-5 (1973DX) Spring 1906  
 Austria-Hungary (Leo Plotkin)  
 ABulSFAeg-Gre, AUkr-Gal, AGal-Vie, ARumSABul, ANap-Rom, ARom-Ven, ASerSFAeg-Gre, FAeg-Gre, FTri-Alb  
 England (Alex Katzoff)  
 ANwysSASwe (-Fin), FNth-Ska, FEngS FEdi-Nth, FEdi-Nth  
 France (Eric Robinson)  
 ASpa-Gas, FMid-Spa (SC)  
 Germany (Duncan Smith)  
 AHolSFBel, ABre, AMar-Pie, AMun-Tyr, AGas-Mar, ASil-Boh, FBel, FDen-Hel, FBal-Den  
 Italy (Bruce Wachtler)  
 FTun-Tyr  
 Russia (Cary Fulbright)  
 ASweCASTP-Nwy, ASevSAMos-Ukr, AWarSAMos-Ukr, AMos-Ukr, AStP-Nwy  
 Turkey (Michael Hansen)  
 ACon, AArm-Ank, FGre-Ion, FSmySACon

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Several people have ordered back issues and have yet to receive them. Do not despair! You will get them, soon.

As some of you may have noticed, 73-11 was put off last issue to December 1st. It was not mentioned last issue by mistake.

Well, we've made it through two of three article-issues in a row. But this issue was tight, mostly because of material. We need more material! PLEASE send in guest articles and press.

We have a very interesting article by Gil Neiger on how to lose on page three. Almost no articles have dealt with this situation which more players find themselves in than not.

The concluding article in the Everything you always wanted to know about 1901 series is also in this issue. It is on page nine.

And, we have an interview with Penelope Dickens on page seven. This marks the first time she has answered questions on controversial areas which she has not posed herself.

We have yet more letters on Nicholas Ulanov's column on war-games. That column seems to be the most controversial we've yet published.

There is one more opening in our second 1721 game. We are not likely to open up a third for quite some time, so if you want in, you'd better get your \$2.00 in fast.

Game 73-11 is announced on page four.

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## GETTING UNDER FOOT

How to Die Gracefully While Being a Pain in the Ass at the Same Time

by Gil Neiger

Nobody wants to face it. No one wants to admit it. But someone always has to lose in a game of Diplomacy. Games with seven finishers are rare, and rarer are seven-way draws. But still, people just write articles on how to win in Diplomacy. Here's an article on how to lose.

First of all, one must ascertain that he's definitely dead and has no hope of survival; not winning; survival. Rod Walker once wrote an article on how to survive when things look hopeless. Well, I'm assuming that you know things are hopeless.

So you look at the board and you know you're a goner. When you know that you can become the strongest player on the board. You're the only one (with the possible exception of sure-fire winning positions with upward of twelve units) who can do anything he wants. After all, it can't ruin your chances of winning, or even survival. So you're out to have fun. But you may earn some sort of survival in the process. If you do totally crazy moves, there are times when they may thwart an overwhelming attack, which was prepared for a more stable defense. Not only does this prolong your life, but it shows your worth to the enemies of the player attacking you. But first you'd better check the alliance patterns.

With Diplomacy being as intricate as it is, just about anything could have happened to put you in a dying position. I'm going to deal with two possibilities.

#1: You've been with the same general alliance the whole game and you're dying. In this case, you can do two things. One is to keep fighting your game-long opponent(s), giving him as many problems as possible, and generally practicing the art of "getting under foot." This is the admirable, honorable and most fun thing to do. The second thing is to "sell your soul" to the enemy, stab your allies and become totally untrustable to anyone. Your old allies won't trust you because if you did what you did (stab your old allies when you knew you were dying) he should know that you'll do anything to survive. But doing this may prolong your life far beyond what it should be.

#2: You've been sort of switching back and forth between sides the whole game. In this case there's little hope for any survival. But that doesn't rule out "getting under foot."

I happen to be in a game now in which I am a dying Austria. I'm being crushed by a cloddish Russia who is only doing well because Germany is more cloddish and Turkey is inexperienced. In that game I performed the most cherished of dying countries' objectives. I sold out to the enemy and got under his feet at the same time. Well, I told him I was selling out, and since it would lift me from a definite seventh to a fourth and possibly a third, he expected me to help him. So I exchanged information for temporary survival. And I got him wrong information which got my condition into a much better position.

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73-8 (THE HALFBACK OF NOTRE DAME)

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FROM: JAMES BONDA 007

TO: IGOR UGLYK AND THE C.I.A

SUBJECT: SAID ABDUL PASHA, ALIAS YEECH WRETCHOMOTRY

REPORT: After leaving Igor Uglyk, the Countess, and Kimball Drok at the train station where they were to meet the train to Ankara, I went back to my assignment. Unfortunately on the way back, I was arrested and had to spend the night in the Constantinople Municipal Jail for my zipper unzipped. While I was spending the night in jail my good friend and the head of A.S.S (Arabian Secret Service), Col. Bullmoose Krudheap had been tailing Said Abdul Pasha as a favor for me. After I was released at approximately 10:47 and 12 seconds in the morning, the colonel phoned me to tell me that the Said Abdul Pasha had just made an important phone call to Baron von Neumann (see tape transcript). I then quickly jumped into a cab and met the Colonel in front of the Seventeenth Turkish National Bank of which Said Abdul Pasha was president. We then both quickly entered and walked straight to Said Abdul Pasha's office. I told the Colonel to wait outside while I entered the office. I walked in with my Macaroni Special equipped with silencer in hand. "I'm going to kill you Said Abdul Pasha!" I screamed out at the top of my voice. "You'll have to get past the werebore first", he told me. "You mean a werewolf don't you", I quickly shot back. "No, I mean a werebore", he answered as I turned to see it. It was a huge and gross hairy thing with big teeth. Then it started! "One might almost say that the shadowy tradition has become, the more meet is it for the poet's use. However if light is truly propagated through the ether, then its velocity should be affected by the ether stream arising from the earth's movement." On and on went the werebore until finally I collapsed. After a while I awoke only to find that Said Abdul Pasha was dead and that the werebore had been shot all over the wall. And there was Colonel Bullmoose Krudheap standing over me with a Macaroni special submachinegun pointing at my belly button. "You were fooled Bonda. Only Count Michael von Honig knows it. And for that you shall die. He pulled the trigger.

CONCLUSION: Who is this mysterious Honig? Is he really Baron von Neumann?

TAPE TRANSCRIPT:

PASHA: Baron, why did the chicken cross the road?

NEUMANN: why?

PASHA: To get to the other side!

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THE WOMAN'S TOUCH  
an interview with Penelope Naughton Dickens

THE POUCH: Let's start out with the obvious. What's a nice girl like you doing in a hobby like this?

PND: Well, for one thing there aren't many hobbies like Diplomacy. Diplomacy is a lot more interesting than slot car or model train hobbies. I find that Diplomacy is an interesting way of finding out about people, a sort of miniature group-therapy.

THE POUCH: Why do you think that the Diplomacy hobby is so male oriented?

PND: I don't really think that Diplomacy is as male oriented as people think. Quite a surprising number of the alltime great players according to Doug Beyerlein's ODD ratings, are female. Not only that but there's the Diplomacy Widow's association which jokingly objects to Diplomacy but in reality is quite an important part of the hobby. Not only that but its president, Carol Buchanan, is very much responsible for Hoosier's Archives's success. If women can become great Diplomats like Golda Meier and Madame Gandhi, there are no reasons why they cannot become great Diplomacy players.

THE POUCH: Are you as conservative as your name?

PND: That's really a dumb question. Why should a name give anyone an impression of that person? Does Conrad von Metzke look like a Prussian general? Does Charles Reinsel look like a monster just because of his name? Anyway if you insist on an answer, it's no!

THE POUCH: Why have you made press your main interest?

PND: Well, considering that press is the most widely used filler in the hobby, I decided that it was only fitting that someone should say something about it. About the only person who objects to it is Edi Birsan. Almost everyone else uses it to a great extent. I really didn't see any reason why someone should have to read so much lousy press.

THE POUCH: Why do you feel that you have the right to write articles about press when you've never written any yourself?

PND: I feel that I have every right! After all, does a surgeon have to have surgery performed on him in order to be able to operate? Of course not! Just because I don't write press doesn't mean that I'm totally ignorant about it. After all I have to read it. Anyway, the writer of press can hardly be impartial about his own press.

THE POUCH: What are your feelings on the attack by Robert Lipton in Mixmaxu Gazette on your last article?

PND: To sum it up he accused me of being a prude for not wanting to see bad press in Diplomacy zines. Not only that but he accused me of wanting to censor everything in sight. From this I can only deduce that Mr. Lipton doesn't bother to read the articles that he criticizes. First I said that I felt that porno or ribald

press was perfectly all right and that I only objected to racist press, the most obscene type of press. Also I did not advocate mass censorship at all. I said that the censoring of press was totally up to the editor and his readership. What Mr. Lipton was probably trying to do is fill up half a page rather than make any serious comment.

THE POUCH: I take it that you don't like Robert Lipton very much.

PND: It's not that at all. I just believe that if I'm going to be attacked, then it might just as well be for a good reason.

THE POUCH: Why don't you play Diplomacy in the hobby?

PND: I'm such a good player and I don't really think that the hobby is ready to be defeated by a female player.

THE POUCH: Can you tell us what your favorite zine is or are you afraid of offending anyone?

PND: I'm willing to tell you but I don't think that I could offend anyone. Was George McGovern offended because the American people chose Richard Nixon instead of him? Actually that's a bad analogy because if anyone picked Richard Nixon over me for any reason, I would be mortally offended! Anyway I doubt that one person's opinion will destroy a zine's reputation. Back to the subject though! My favorite zine is K 35.

THE POUCH: Why?

PND: K 35 is funny. Conrad von Metzke is undoubtedly the wittiest person in the hobby and it shows in K 35. Not only that but since my main interest is press, I love to read it. And even better, a fellow woman, Anita Bryant, is in the game there.

THE POUCH: What are your predictions for the hobby in the future?

PND: Now that's a hard question. There are two trends in the hobby right now. There's the newszine, best represented by Hoosier's Archives, and Washington Reports. Edi Birsen's Arena wants to do that too. Then of course there are the big gamezines best represented by Costaguana and Impassable, maybe even The POUCH. The Diplomacy hobby can only get bigger. The latest S&T poll shows that almost 50% of all readers own and play Diplomacy. Since there are about 27,000 subscribers that means conservatively that there are about 5,000+ Diplomacy players. That's a tremendous market. That means that there's room for a lot more zines. Unfortunately it also means that professionalism will start to enter the hobby. Perhaps some zines will do what The POUCH did. The Rigot has with some modifications. It's now weekly and even has a staff. Of course coming out weekly is a hell of a lot of work but in the end it pays off.

THE POUCH: What are your views on premarital sex?

PND: Now that's the first good question you've asked.....

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

RUSSIA:

Neutral Supply centers. There are only two. They are Rumania and Sweden. There is only one way to take Sweden but quite a few to take Rumania. Move f stp(sc)-bot in spring and f bot-swe in fall. To take Rumania, the Russian player has to know how he stands with Turkey. If he's allied he should move f sev directly to Rumania in Spring. If he's not, he should move f sev-bla and move in with Ukr in fall. It is quite common for Russia not to get one of the two. It is also quite common to see Russia win with only one build and lose with two.

Offense. There are two basic openings for Russia; The Northern and the Southern. The Northern is simple and has no variations.

Spring 1901	Fall 1901	Winter 1901
a war-ukr	a ukr s f rum	a mos or a war
a mos-stp	a stp-fin	f stp(nc)
f sev-rum	f bot-swe	
f stp(sc)-bot	f rum-H	

For this to work, Russia has to know that Austria will not go Galicia and Turkey not to the Black Sea. Also Russia should know that Germany will not stand him out of Swe.

The Southern opening has four variations:

- 1) Peace with everyone: a war-ukr; a mos-sev; f sev-rum
- 2) War with Austria: a war-gal; a mos-ukr; f sev-rum
- 3) War with Turkey: a war-H; a mos-ukr; f sev-bla
- 4) War with Austria and Turkey: a war-gal; a mos-ukr; f sev-rum

In all the variation the fall moves are basically similar in that either you support Rumania or you support yourself into Rumania.

Defense. Russia is a big country. To defend it, Russia has to keep Austria out of Galicia and Turkey out of the Black Sea. Doing this is the hard part. If you're allied with one of them, then there's no problem, but then again if you're not, then only a miracle can save you. It is also usually helpful to make some demilitarization provisions with England or that will turn into another big problem.

Alliances: Russia's problem really come out here. This is probably the reason why Russia has won so few games lately. The only alliance not discussed before is the Russo-Turkish Alliance. Russia uses the "War with Austria" Opening. Basically Russia attacks Austria while Turkey swings from the Balkans into Trieste. Turkey continues through the Med towards France while Russia attacks England and sweeps through Germany. This alliance is probably one of the most powerful alliances on the board.

TURKEY:

Neutral supply centers: Bulgaria. Bulgaria is the only one, and yet Turkey is one of the most powerful countries on the board. That's because by 1902 it can be in a position to take quite a few more centers.

Offense. Taking Bulgaria is simple. A Constantinople will do the same thing no matter what opening you do. There are two openings: The Mediterranean and the Russian.

The Mediterranean Opening:

Spring 1901	Fall 1901	Winter 1901
a con-bul	a bul-R	f smy or f con
a smy-H or Ank	a smy or a ank-H	
f ank-con	f con-age	

Of course a bul can be used for other things such as standing Austria out of Serbia or Greece, Italy out of Greece or even Russia out of Rumania.

The Russian Opening:

Spring 1901	Fall 1901 (f ank)	Fall 1901 (f bla)
a smy-arm	a bul-rum	a bul-rum
a con-bul	a arm-sev	OR a arm-sev
f sev-bla	f ank-bla	f bla s a bul-rum
		f bla s a arm-sev

Winter 1901: f con or f smy.

The mediterranean opening should be done in conjunction with a Russian Alliance and the Russian Opening with an Austrian Alliance.

Defense. Turkey is one of those easily defensible countries. It has the advantages of France (being in a corner) and those of England (Surrounded by seas). For any Turkish home center to fall it must first lose, the E. Med., the Aegean and the Black Sea. Not only that it has to be attacked by all three of its neighbors.

Alliances. All the Alliances have been covered in previous articles. The two major alliances to remember are the Russian and the Austrian. Usually the Russian will win out because of its age and renownness.

Conclusion: I am sure that this series of four articles have been very boring to the majority of the readers but I am also sure that those now to the hobby have learned a great deal from it. I am positive that I have left out somethings and have added things that most people would not agree with but that's life. Anyway I hope that has a chance to win in a Diplomacy game with some of my ideas.

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EVAC PRINTOUT.....  
BABE HEUER, BASEBALL STAR, INDICTED ON MURDER CHARGES. CLAIMS THAT HE WAS FRAMED BY BLACK NEIGER'S PARTY LEADER, MR. GILBERT, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE ACME RAYRILLA COSTUME FACTORY. IT IS RUMOURED THAT HE PROVIDED THE RAYRILLA OUTFITS FOR THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF BABE HEUER LAST WEEK.....



A CRITICAL AND DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL TRANSCAUCASION-FRANSCAUCASION WAR.

by Mike Ritter

(ALO) Tel-Aviv -- The Annual Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion War (either the thirty-fifth or thirty-sixth depending on whether you count the fifth as a continuation of the fourth or as a whole war by itself.) comes as no surprise, as neither side is willing to change their views or prejudices. After the last Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion (the thirty-fifth) the U.N. tried to get these two enemies to settle their differences. Both sides unilaterally rejected the negotiations. Even though the U.N. tried desperately to end the hostilities and hatred, they remained sworn enemies.

Franscaucasia said that unless Transcaucasia relinquished control of the land they had gained in the thirtieth (1967) Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion War, they would continue to fight. Franscaucasia said they desperately needed the canal (of which Transcaucasia occupies one side) to transport their peanut oil. (This is a very perplexing problem, as Franscaucasia can use the canal anytime they want to, but blocked it up so Transcaucasia couldn't use it.) \* Transcaucasia has said that they would never relinquish the control of this land. They say it is needed for a buffer zone. I, myself, actually think that the reason both of these countries refuse to negotiate is the tourist attraction the annual Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion Wars create. They account for about 70% of all the commerce in both of these countries.

For those of you who have not read the other thirty-five critical and definitive histories of annual Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion wars, I will relate a short history of both of these countries.

Franscaucasia is peopled by the descendants of French-Ahab colonists. Their main occupations are peanut growing (as mentioned before) and tourist related industries (this includes the armed forces). Their land area is reduced from what it was in 1948. They lost the Sini Peninsula. It increased the population though! When Transcaucasia took this area they drove out fifty nomads from the area. There are now 500,000 people in camps, waiting to go back into their homeland, the Sini Penninsula. An increase of 499,950.

Transcaucasia is peopled by the followers of the religion of the Great White God of the Sea. They call themselves Ishmaels. Thousands of years ago (so the story goes) the original Ishmaels were spat upon this land by their Great White God of the Sea. Some hundreds of years later, for some unknown reason, their God became angry and scattered them to the ends of the earth.

In 1948 the U.N. set Transcaucasia up as a place for the Ishmaels to run their own country. The U.N. gave them this land because it was considered their original homeland and was just a desert, inhabited by about fifty nomads (as related before). The Franscaucasians said that this area was vital for their commerce

\* Franscaucasia has threatened to cut off the supply of oil many times. There is a growing group of people (health food nuts) who are trying to pressure our government into taking Franscaucasia's side. They claim we couldn't live a healthy life without this supply of peanut butter.

and demanded that the Ishmaels immediately give up their land and move out of this area.

The Ishmaels refused. Of course, Franscaucasia had to attack. (This was the first annual Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion War.) At first Franscaucasia was driving deep into Transcaucasia. Suddenly, the Franscaucasians found themselves being driven off with very high casualties. An uneasy peace settled over the area. War broke out again in a year with the same results (Franscaucasia being driven off with high casualties. One year later war broke out again, with the same results. One year later war broke out again..... you get the idea. ((I'd think that some day Franscaucasia would learn!)) ).

A highlight was the twenty-third annual Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion War. A large power (to remain unnamed -- I have learned what happens to reporters who do something about national defense, or even talk about national defense) was persuaded to join the Franscaucasians. At the last minute another large power (also to remain unnamed) made them a better offer, so they decided not to interfere.

Another highlight was when the usual pattern was broken in the thirty-third annual Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion War. This time the Ishmaels decided to wage a defensive war. (Of course their first act was to launch a defensive attack.) They quickly dealt Franscaucasia a mortal blow by occupying the rest of the Sini Peninsula and declaring the war over. Franscaucasia could do nothing about it as they still had one month to go for mobilization. This stroke of genius gave the Ishmaels time to solidify a defensive perimeter away from the population centers before the next war. When Franscaucasia attacked them they were easily repulsed.

The thirty-sixth Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion War was about two months overdue. This was because the large power (unnamed elsewhere) equipped Franscaucasia's armies with new weapons. When it finally did break out last week Franscaucasia said they started this war because the very act of Transcaucasia's occupation of Franscaucasia's territory was considered an attack and they had to counter attack. When asked to explain the long time between attack and counter attack they refused to answer.

Another development was the help (against Transcaucasia) of another French-Ahab country, or that is their reason. I suspect that this country actually attacked to get in on the tourism business.

This war is going on per usual. The only difference is that the Ishmaels will have to gain some more buffer territory to prevent the other country from attacking them in the future. In a few years there may be no annual Transcaucasion-Franscaucasion wars as the Ishmaels may turn the whole of Franscaucasia into a buffer zone. Wouldn't that be just too bad?

note: I'm tired of writing these stupid reports. Next year just change 36 to 37 and publish this one over!

(Note: This is a political commentary, and does not necessarily reflect the views of the editors.)

More comments on Nicholas Ulanov's column on wargames.

After reading your comments on Sniper!, I was struck by the fact that you want to deny from people their hobby, just because you are opposed to it. I, for one, like math, but I do not solve math problems for fun. Indeed, since more people play wargames than solve math problems as a hobby, I must conclude that you are the abnormal one: not me. I admit that you have the right to disagree with wargames, but to summarily dismiss the work of several people as sick and degenerate, is selfish and biased! I am sure James Dunigan or Red Simonsen devote more time to wargame development than you do on The POUCH, yet you choose to ignore their efforts, in fact, their livelihoods. I am sorry that you choose to do this.

Cary Fulbright

((I wonder if Cary read the column?))

I disagree with your strong opinions on wargames in general, but grant your point on Sniper!. It has been said by experts that a "killer instinct" is an important trait even in playing bridge, being able to sit with, and know when to use that last trump for greatest effect and knowing you have the power to set the opposition by one or two tricks.

Gary Peterson

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from Cary Fulbright:

There once was a function of X  
With deplorable notions of sex  
In a half-Baire condition,  
It attempted coition  
With a function weakly convex.

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When first the Marriage Knot was tied  
Between my wife and me,  
My age did her's as far exceed  
As three Times three does three;  
But when ten years, and Half Ten years,  
We Man and Wife had been,  
Her age came up as near to mine  
As eight to sixteen.  
Now tell me, I pray,  
What were our Ages in the Wedding Day?

(1771)

## 73-5 (MORE FROM THE ANIMAL WORLD)

Recently, the Blue Speckled Plotkins have been trying to exterminate the remaining Purple Horned Wachtlers in Italy. The Plotkins have been hiring Rayrillas who, using rayrilla tactics, have been performing genocid on the Wachtlers. Many people (humans that is!) are concerned because of the resemblance between Rayrillas and Wachtlers. The only difference being that a Wachtler has a purple horn instead of a belly button. All is not going well for Rayrillas however. In the vicinity of Naples, an enterprising Wachtler, known as Bruce the Fuzzy, has been asking whole groups of Rayrillas out to dance. It seems that rather unintelligent Rayrillas have accepted and have found themselves impaled on the Wachtler's horns after a close dance.

In Chili, the Kangamunists are on the verge of extinction. The Armydillos have been using Rayrilla tactics and have been killing large groups of Kangamunists. Kangallende, the leader of the Kangamunists, has already been executed. Most people (animals that is!) believe that the coup d'etat was staged with the help and knowledge of the United States of Armydillos.

A final note: Don't forget that all Saber Tooth Neigers, Rayrillas, Horsebri-ghts, Hansen-Outangs, Purple Horned Wachtlers, Robineceroses, Dunchounds, Blue Speckled Plotkins and Kitty Katzoffs, should be curbed.

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## TRIVIA QUIZ DEPARTMENT:

Now for all you sport fans out there, here is hard quiz. Don't be hurt if you can't answer all the questions. There meant to be that hard!

1- Henry Aaron stands a good chance of breaking the all-time record for home runs. Whose record is he trying to break?

2- A recent tennis match was billed as "The Battle of the Sexes". Who were the players?

3- Which one of our presidents is known as a rabid football fan? Hint- He has been known to call coaches and suggest plays.

For the few who will be able to answer this quiz, here's the first prize: An all expense paid trip to the soccer stadium in Santiago, Chile!!! Good Luck to all you jocks!

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And here's another quote for all the male libbers:

"Well, we've never sent any women into space because we haven't had a good reason to. We fully envision however, that in the near future we will fly women into space and use them the same way we use them on earth- for the same purpose--"

-Astronaut James Lovell-

## FRANCE AND TURKEY FAILING FAST

73-4 (1973DG) Fall 1903

Austria-Hungary (Keith Thompson, 1)

FAegSFion-EMed, ABul, ASerSARum, AGal-War, ARum. owns: Bud, Tri, Vic, Bul, ~~Gr~~, Ser, Rum (6) builds: AVie

England (David Wildman)

FNwysFBar-StP(NC), FBar-StP(NC), FEngCAWal-Bre, AWal-Bre. owns: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy (4) no builds

France (Stephen Tihor, -1)

FMid-Bre, APor-Spa, APar-Pic. owns: Bre, ~~Par~~, Por (2) removes: APic

Germany (Jonathan Jacobs, 1)

FDen-Bal, ABur-Par, AHol-Kie, FPic-Bel, ASwe, ABer-Sil, AMunSABer-Sil. owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Den, Hol, Par, Swe (8) no builds received

Italy (Ronald Kelly, 1)

AGreSABul, ASpaSABur-Gas ((?)), AMarSApa, FWMed-NAf, Fion-EMed, FTyr-WMed. owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Gre, Mar, Tun, Spa (7) builds: AVen

Russia (Paul Neumann)

AMosSFStP(NC), AUkr-War, FBla-Sev, FStP(NC). owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War (4) no builds

Turkey (Eric Robinson)

ACon, AAnkSACon, FSmySACon. owns: Ank, Con, Smy, ~~Bl~~ (3) no builds

Thanks are due to Gary Peterson for unused stand-by moves.

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One evening a professor of logic was out walking his dog. When in the course of his perambulation he passed the college library, his attention was directed to a man's call for help from one of the windows in the building.

"What's your trouble?" called out the kindly professor.

"I got locked in here by mistake," was the response. "Get the janitor to open the door and let me out."

The professor of logic stopped to think about it for a few seconds, then replied: "No man can be in the library after 6 p.m. You are a man. Therefore you are not in the library." Whereupon he resumed his walk.

73-D (The Polish Press) -- Confidential news leaks from all over the world --

From Austria -- Our man in Budapest, Vlad Verevuly, reports that the Austrian Army in Budapest will move to Transylvania to put down a rebellion there. The army will be armed with garlic, silver bullets and wooden stakes.

From England -- It is rumoured that the English army in London will be moving overseas within a year. Our rowing reporter, Jim And Tonic, is following this situation closely.

From France -- It is reported that many of the high government officials (and I do mean High) in Versailles are stoned. This condition is said to have been induced by some hash obtained from the Ottoman Empire. We asked our man on the spot, Marseille Marceau, if this was true, but he wouldn't say.

From Poland -- There have been rumours that a Polish fleet will move to Scandinavia this year to liberate some blondes (and a couple of bottles of Polish Vodka).

From the Ottoman Empire -- There have been rumours that a Turkish fleet may visit Crete this year. There has been no confirmation about this or about the sudden influx of hash into France.

From Russia -- In a news conference today the Russian Tsar McGee I, said that due to the caviar shortage, the fleet will be ordered to move to the Gulf of Bothnia. He said, "If we can't have caviar we might as well try to corner the Stockholm herring market." His wife, Czarina Ukrainee II, after hearing his speech was heard to exclaim, "Holy Mackerel!"

From Spain -- Our anchor man in Granada, Juan Seville, was thrown off a Spanish warship in the harbor today. Before he sunk out of sight he was heard to say, "I think we're headed for the Western Mediterranean."

More news to come in the fall.

73-10 St. Petersburg (April 23, 1901)

The St. Petersburg Daily News reported today that Russian Foreign Minister Gildrowski was departing to Paris for a series of important meetings which Gildrowski was reported as saying "would drastically change Russia's foreign policy." The Defense Ministry, meanwhile, opened bids today for 10,000 suits of long underwear. Bids must be filled by September 1, 1901.

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In one of his plays Sacha Guitry relates that some thieves got into an argument over the division of seven pearls of great value. One of the men handed two of the pearls to the man on his right, then two pearls to the man on his left. "I will keep three pearls for myself" he said decisively.

Thereupon one of the other men said, "How come you keep three pearls for yourself?"

"Because I am the leader," was the crisp reply.

"The leader? How come you are the leader?"

"Because I have more pearls."

## NORTH BY NORTHEAST

A number of people have been kind enough to write in and correct my statement in the conclusion of "For The Record" that Barry Goldwater was, with Senator Montoya, Senator from New Mexico. He is of course, the Senator from Arizona, and Pete Domenici, as Jeffrey Topper wrote, fulfills the role of the intelligent Senator from New Mexico. I was thinking about the areas the Watergate Committee came from, notably the South, and somehow I confused New Mexico with all of the Southwest. Dumb.

Gary Peterson wrote in about the postal experiment The POUCH conducted: "The Canadian mail service is sometimes peculiar also. A university group tried the same stamp experiment some time back, even to using the odd shaped aluminum foil stamps, and Arab sheikdoms, all delivered! 1¢ took an airmail from Toronto to Vancouver in three days, yet 8¢ took three days to deliver in the same zone in Toronto!"

The debate on the IDA is still going on the very interesting, excellent Ethil the Frog (John Piggot, Jesus College, Cambridge CB5 8BL, United Kingdom). John is the IDA's representative in Britain, and has been nobely defending the IDA against many attacks which claim that the American-dominated IDA is trying to "take-over" the British players. This argument is of course innane.

To begin with the IDA does not take over anyone. Its members get certain services, but the only thing they give up is their dues. The Bandman and Miller Numbers, the Orphans, Handbooks, Ratings, and Census Projects can hardly be said to take away freedom or individuality in the hobby; they merely inhance it. Yet Ethil's readers honestly feel that their is an attempt to take over their hobby, usbjugate, and Americanize it.

They point to the fact that they have only one representative on the IDA Council. They neglect to point cut that the entire Eastern seabord containing the cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta has only one representative on the Council. By joining the IDA those in the British hobby merely can gain the benefits of a well-organized system of services and help to enrich their hobby and ours by keeping the benefits of our seperate hobbies and by creating an international hobby. The British and the North Americans can only gain by this forming of a truly International Diplomacy Association. This is why we are so anxious for them to join and participate, not because we want to destroy their hobby.

There is only one area, I believe, where the IDA has made a mistake in its international dealings. Last June at the DipCon at the IDA's meeting, it was voted not to subsidize the cost of mailing the IDA newsletter overseas first class. Thus, if a non-North American member pays only the regular price, he will only receive the newsletter by surface mail. This is wrong. This does indeed subjugate non-North Americans. This decision should be over-turned. Even if all dues must be increased to accomidate international mails. After all, what if at some future date, someone in Britain was elected IDA Editor. Would we like to pay extra to get the Diplomacy Review on time rather than one-and-a-half to two months late?

NOTES FROM PENELOPE

The results of the Beyerlein Player Poll have been announced:

TOP BOARD			SECOND BOARD		
	S	N		S	N
1. Brenton Ver Ploeg (12)	437	26	1. Andy Phillips	143	19
2. Edi Birsan (10)	429	27	2. Mike Rocamora	132	16
3. Doug Beyerlein (1)	367	30	3. Tom Eller (1)	124	14
4. Walt Buchanan	259	23	4. Lew Pulsipher (2)	117	15
5. Conrad von Metzke (2)	226	23	5. Randy Bytwerk	101	12
6. John Smythe (1)	170	15	6. Eric Verheiden (1)	89	10
7. Len Lakofka (1)	167	20	7. David Staples (1)	79	7

THIRD BOARD

	S	N
1. John Beshara (1)	75	6
2. Gene Prosnitz	68	9
3. Howard Johnson	62	5
4. Arn Vagts	59	11
5. Jeff Key	57	7
6. Chic Hilliker	54	9
7. Kent Price	53	5

There were 40 ballots cast.

S is the total number of points from ballots.

N is the number of ballots listing the player in the first or second board.

The numbers in parenthesis are the number of times the players were listed in the top board.

The results are, I think, interesting, though one can only wish that more ballots had been cast. Maybe more people will respond next time.

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