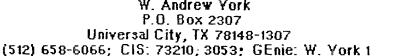


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Another game debuts in this issue. It is a regular Dip game, with a fine selection of players, including two of the newest subbers. Another regular game has been opened and already has one reservation.

The biggest news to announce is a change in the size of RW, and the cost of subscriptions. Beginning with the next issue, I'm going to have to go over loz in weight, which means added duplicating costs and (more significantly) postage.

This change has come about for two primary reasons. First, number of games is increasing (NO problem, I like having them -- after all, this 'zine wouldn't be around without them). Also, I've asked for another orphaned game. With all of the 'zines that have folded in recent months, I'm going to commit myself to run at least two orphans until the backlog is cleared.

Secondly, more material is being submitted in the form of articles and Poll Question responses. Again, I have no problems with them (and ENJOY reading them). However, I want to publish the material in a timely manner. For instance, the latest in Joe Brook's series of strategy articles has been on file for two months. Poll Question was designed as a space filler; however, it's taken on a life of its own. In fact one person subs just for that (they're a non-gaming friend).

So, I'm going to make RW long enough to use up all available material every month (who knows, my Commentary may return). will be no set length, except between 12-24 pages. I'll also print the current sub list and house, rules on a regular basis (though probably not every issue). A Con listing will also

As I mentioned, with this change I'm going to have to modify how I charge for it (at the old rate, a 24 page 'zine would cost \$1.48 -more for Canada and overseas). Also keeping track of the pennies a bit of a problem. So, the flat rate will be \$1.00/issue for US subbers and \$1.25 for Canadians. Other country's rates will be set as needed, or other arrangements made. As before, there will be no game fees except for the \$5.00 refundable NMR fee.

In Dip News, Ron Cameron is asking for nominations for the 1992 Hobby Awards (to be announced at this summer's DipCon). nominations are due by March 15th to: Ron Cameron, 14790 Amorose: Lake Elsinore, CA 92530. Donations to cover costs are welcome. The catagories are:

Don Miller Memorial For hobby service Award: during 1991 Rod Walker Award: For literary excellence (a copy of the item should also be submitted)

John Koning Memorial Award: For outstanding play during Melinda Ann Holley Award: For quantity participation in the hobby

I would encourage everyone to participate in this endeavor and hobby tradition. Drop a line (and a few \$\$) to Ron when you receive just so you won't forget.

Quick note, I may have to be out of town on RW weekend next Anything you can do to get moves in early would be appreciated. However, the deadline will remain as always.

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#### TRADES

THE ASSASSIN'S BLADE by John Galt (701 Welch Rd., #323; Palo Alto, CA 94304-1705) has Fog of War openings. Runs Character and Reg Dip.

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Plenty of Dip and Gunboat games, reputation for regularity. EXCELSIOR by Bruce McIntyre (6636 Dow Ave., #203; Burnaby, B.C.; CANADA V5H 3C9) has an irregular publication schedule, but an

excellent commentary section and lettercol.

THE GAMERS' 'ZINE by Earl Whiskeyman (27 Mark St.; Milford, CT 06460)
has regular and gunboat games, En Garde! and Machiavelli.

LEMON CURRY by Don Del Grande (142 Eliseo Drive; Greenbrae, CA 94904) besides Dip, runs Trivial Pursuit, Kingmaker, United and 1830.

ORPHAN SON by Bob Hartwig (6612 W. 113th Ave.; Westminster, CO 80020) hosts orphaned games. Has commentary, a lettercol, subzines with Gunboat and Civilization games and other features.

PONTEVEDRIA by Phil Reynolds (2896 Oak St.; Sarasota, FL 34237) list of 'zines with game openings.

THE PRINCE by Jim Meinel (2801 Pelican Dr.; Anchorage, AK 99515) Dip THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN by Eric Young (4784 Stephney Rd., RR #2; Armstrong, B.C.; CANADA VOE 180) has Regular, Gunboat and Asian Dip openings. Features a lettercol and commentary.

WAR FAIR by Stephen Glasgow (32009 Pendley; Willowick, OH 44095) has openings in Small World II-R, running Middle Earth II

WELL MARTHA, IT KINDA' SORTA' LOOKS LIKE A DIP RAG...DON'T IT? by John Schultz (POB 41-19390 ICH 308; Michigan City, IN 46360) has openings in Snowball Fighting, 1898, and Solo-Anon.

YOUR 'ZINE OF 'ZINES by Jack McHugh (280 Sanford Rd.; Upper Darby, PA 19082) and Doug Kent — the Siskel & Ebert of 'zine reviews. 'ZINE REGISTER by Garret Schenck (40 Third Pl., Basement Apt.; Brooklyn, NY 11231) reviews just about every 'zine in the hobby.

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"Thistle and Shamrock"

MENSA #35 -- BN: 1991A

Autumr 1905

It A Tun r otb Ger F Den r otb

Winter 1905

Turkey: Build F Con

Russia: Build F Sev, A StP

Germany: Remove A Sil France: Build A Mar Austria: Build A Bud

#### Spring 1906

Turkey (Grose): A ANK s f bla-arm, F CON s a bul, F BLA-arm,

F GRE-alb, A BUL s aus a bud-rum (nso), F tun-ION

Russia (Kohnke): F ARM-bla, F SEV s f arm-bla, A RUM s aus a ser-bul,

A war-SIL, A pru-BER, A stp-NWY, F den-KIE,

A SWE holds

Italy (Kinsel): A VEN s f rom-tus, F rom-TUS

France (Hight): F HEL s russian f den-kie, F mao-WME, A mar-PIE,

F LYO s a mar-pie, F TYN s a nap-rom, A nap-ROM,

a tus s a nap-rom (ann), A RUH s a bur-mun,

A BUR-mun, F eng-NTH, A LON hold

Germany (Lutterbie): F nth-hol (nsu), A kie-ruh (r-hol/otb),

A MUN-bur, F SKA holds (unit not ordered)

Austria (Harris): A SER-bul, A gal-VIE, A TRI-alb, A BUD-ser

#### CENTERS

Turkey (6): Con/Ank/Smy/Bul/Gre/Tun

Russia (8): Mos/StP/Sev/Nwy/War/Rum/Swe/Den

Italy (2): Rom/Ven

England (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1904

France (11): Par/Bre/Mar/Por/Spa/Lpl/Lon/Edi/Bel/Hol/Nap

Germany (3): Ber/Kie/Mun

Austria (4): Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser

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PROPOSALS
(NVRs--No; NMRs--Yes)

F/R Draw F Win

DUE DATE for

Summer/Fall 1906 and Votes

March 26, 1992 at 12:00 noon

#### PRESS

(TURKEY) The Sultan of Turkey will not stand by idly while Russian forces invade our homeland. Unless the Russian fleet withdraws imeediately, we shall see a replay of the Crimean War. The French reasons for fighting Russia now will be the same as they were for Britain and France in 1854-1856: to thwart Russain expansion in the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean and to keep Constantinople out of Russian hands. Now as then, fighting will rage from the Black Sea to the Baltic Sea. Once again the Allies will win. Of course, if Czar Peter comes to his senses, learns from history and withdraws his fleet, Turkey shall strive to normalize relations with Russia.

Dateline Paris: The French government announced yesterday that it was formally recognizing the economic and security interests of Russia in Scandinavia. "We do not sanction the brutal takeover of any sovereign nation, "Le Pin commented, "but that does not deny the moral imperative of advance civilizations to spread enlightened cultures." Rumors of a popular plebiscite to be held in Sweden later this month concerning Russian rule are as of yet unverified.

#### INTERNAZIONALE

# Travels in Europe, Part II: Florence

Over the Christmas holidays, I was fortunate enough to be able to spend several days in Florence, accompanied by beautiful if somewhat cold weather. Much has been written in praise of the city, all of which I must admit is quite true. What follows are a few of my impressions and thoughts.

Florence is an easy place to get around in, as everything you want to see is accessible by foot. This is my preferred method of transportation, one that is vindicated in Italian cities because of their narrow, congested streets. Walking also helped in absorbing the essence of Florence, where alongside the works of art is a vibrant, living city. In contrast with Venice, which literally lives off its tourism, Florence and its environs are productive and give one more of a sense of Italian life. Instead of going from point to point in mechanized transport, as is necessary in most American cities, Florence is better and more comfortably tackled the old-fashioned way.

(the subzine continues on page #8, sorry I had to split it!!).

#### "WHAD' YA KNOW"

RW #2 -- MN: 1991Wrb32

Autumn 1902

Aus A bud-SER Eng F nth-HEL

Winter 1902

Russia: Build A Mos

England: Build F Edi, F Lon

Italy: NBR: plays one unit short

#### Spring 1903

Turkey (): F bla-RUM, A BUL s f bla-rum, F ank-BLA, A ARM-sev,

A GRE holds

Russia (): A mos-STP, F BOT s a mos-stp, A BUD-rum,

A GAL s a bud-rum, F SEV s a bud-rum

Italy ( ): NMR: A VEN, A TUS, F TUN all hold

England ( ): A stp-LNV, A SWE-nwy, F ENG-mao, F LON s f edi-nth

F edi-NTH, F hel-KIE,

France ( ): A bur-BEL, A PIC s a bur-bel, A BRE, A GAS, F MAO hold

Germany ( ): F nth-NWY, F SKA s f nth-nwy, A kie-DEN, A mun-SIL

A HOL s french a pic-bel (nso)

Austria ( ): A SER s f tri, A VIE-gal, F TRI-ven

If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country's name.

# CENTERS

Turkey (5): Con/Ank/Smy/Gre/Bul

Russia (5): War/Mos/Sev/Rum/Bud

Italy (4): Rom/Nap/Ven/Tun
England(6): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Nwy/Swe/Stp

France (5): Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por Germany(5): Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol

Austria(3): Vie/Tri/Ser

Neutral : Bel

DUE DATE for

Fall 1903

March 26, 1992 at 12:00 noon

#### PRESS

Tur-Aus: Fight on, all is not yet lost! My apologies for my recent

lapse, I can only work to make sure it does not happen again.

Tur-Eng: Best of Luck, I may not be able to recover much from the

recent debacle. May the North be with you.

Tur-Fra: Perhaps a re-assessment and reapproachment is in order. The Sultan looks forward to your communication.

Tur-Ger: If you can manage to keep your back covered, it should be an interesting middle game, eh?

Tur-Ita: It appears that the tide moves to engulf those who fail to fathom its rhythm. The Sultan awaits your instructions.

Tur-Rus: So you can see, we can as yet come to terms, perhaps. If either of us is to yet profit from the events of recent hostilites, the Sultan still prefers a worthy ally to the uncertain vagarities of a desperate foe.

From the Turkish State Department: A general mobilization of forces has been called. Slow respone to the call to arms has been reported in some quarters, but adequate forces remain in place to hold our positions.

Rus-Aus: Sorry, I thought we were goners when Germany moved East. Now that he has seen the western light we may have chance. I'm willing to help you against the Turk.

Rus-Ita: Your press stinks. I can't even stomach my way through it. Rus-Eng: Good luck s-Lime bucket. We'll see how far you get. Rus-Ger: I like your moves. I wish I could help more. Pound that Line.

Eng-Ger: Your excursion into the North Sea has given the English ship-builders the boost they needed. English navies will now set sail for foreign ports and will rule the seas of the known world.

Eng-Fra: If you MAO fleet and my EC fleet have bounced each other the Prime Minister is willing to talk of a truce between your country and England.

Aus-Ita: Are you playing well yet, or your usual stupid self? Russia is going to reap the benefits of your jock mentatilty play and will just end up giving the English a solo, cause he's as bad a dot grabber as you.

Aus-GM: There, I feel bettter now.

GM-Aus: I certainly hope so.

From the Swiss Capital, Berne: A poem was read at a recent poet's corner:

Once again the winds of fate bestir

and glancing aside see not

the faithful sailor waiting, waiting.

Once again the winds of fate bestir.

--said to be heard among the courtyards of the Sultan. In other news, trading in the Austrian Shilling was discontinued pending developments. It was rumored that the market would not open again on the AS money posting... The Russian Ruble and the Turkish Lira continued lower against the British Pound which climbed to new record highs. The Mark and Franc remained stable, while the Italian Lira improved slightly.

# POLL QUESTION

A number of responses to last month's question, as well as previous months' queries have been received. However, I just don't have the room to run them this month. As mentioned in my introduction, I'm expanding RW next month and Poll Question will return and have ALL submissions printed. My apologies to those who've written, and who's responses have yet to be printed.

# "My Word!" Orphan from THE MESSENGER

BN: 1987IR

# Fall 1909

Italy (Gaughan): Fapu-ion (r-nap/otb), f tun s f apu-ion (ann)
<u>A ROM-ven</u>
England (Anderson): F eng-BRE, <u>F LYO-spa</u> , A STP s a lvn, A LVN s a stp
F BAL s a lvn, F wme-TUN, F TYN s f wme-tun
France (Reynolds): <u>A POR-spa, A MAR-pie, A BUR s ger a mun</u> ,
A par-PIC; <u>A HOL s ger f den-ki</u> e
Germany (Koehler): A mun-ber (r-kie/otb), F DEN s a mun-ber (imp),
A RUH-mun
Austria (Courtemanche): A BER s a boh-mun, A SIL s a boh-mun,
A TYL s a boh-mun, A boh-MUN, F AEG s f ion,
<u>FION s f ven-apu</u> , F ADR s f ven-apu,
F ven-APU, <u>A TRI-ven</u> , <u>A PIE s a tri-ven</u>
A WAR sa mos, A MOS s a war, A ser-ALB,
A gal-UKR

#### CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey Russia	(Ø): (Ø):	ELIMINATED ((When??)) ELIMINATED ((When??))				
Italy	(2):	Rom/Nap	=	EVEN	(or +1	
-		·		ıf	r-otb)	
England	(8):	Edi/Lpl/Lon/Bre/Nwy/StP/Swe/TUN	=	+1		
France	(6):	Par/Mar/Por/Spa/Bel/HOL	=	+1		
Germany	(2):	Kie/Den	==	-1 (c	or even	J
				if	r-otb)	
Austria	(16):	Bud/Tri/Ven/Ank/Bul/Con/Gre/Mos/Rum/Ser/	=	+2	(only	
		Sev/Smy/Ven/War/Ber/Mun or	e e	open d	center)	

# DUE DATE for

Autumn/Winter 1909, Spring 1910, Vote

March 26, 1992 at 12:00 noon

# PROPOSALS

Last turn's proposal had 3-NVR's and 2-Yes. Since I didn't note which way NVR's were to be counted (as my own house rules state I should), I'm going to count them as NO. However, the proposal will be resubmitted with NVR's and NMR's counted as YES.

#### Austrian Win

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#### PRESS

Lon-Kie: Need help holding that line? No strings.

Eng-Fra: Need to re-establish relations. Will be in touch. Fre-All: Please write. How can anything significant be done if you don't?

Aus-All: Does this mean that the party's over? I was having so much fun!

(Aus): Dear Mr. Reynolds, I do hope you are still in Holland. Life would be so much simpler.

(Aus): The Duke-Pete and Jack. Sleep on sweet princes. Remember to take your Sominex.

(Aus): The Ghost of Austria's Past surveyed the extent of The Empire. It extended far beyond any of his wildest dreams. The Muslims and Cossacks had been subjugated. A stiff wind from the West russled the wheat fields by the Danube River. The Ghost peered intently in the direction from which the wind came. There seems to be something rotten in Denmark.

#### NOTES

01) Stephen Koehler is the player of record for Germany. 02) Steve Courtemanche has sent copies of the adjudications from Winter 1900 through Fall 1902. Thank you.

# INTERNAZIONALE (cont.)

My principal reason for the visit was cultural; a personal interest in the Renaissance and Italian art coupled with a desire to experience the flow of Tuscan life. Neither one could really be satisfied in the few days I had, but I was at least able to grasp a taste of both. A quick sampling of places visited: Santa Maria del Fiore (with an ascent to the top of Brunelleschi's dome), the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo (just across the piazza), the Accademia, the Galleria degli Uffizi, the church of San Marco.

Impressions? Many. It is one thing to see works like Michelangelo's David reproduced to an almost silly extreme in print, quite another to view them in person. Especially in the case of the David, I must confess; the immense majesty of the statue, perfect in every detail and very human, is not in the least conveyed by its postcard image. Florentine art masterfully reflects nature and the human condition to an extent which mere reproductions cannot fully represent.

#### "Mountain Stage"

#### RW #3 -- MN: 1992Erb32

#### Winter 1900

Turkey (): has F ANK, A CON, A SMY
Russia (): has F StP (sc), F SEV, A MOS, A WAR
Italy (): has A ROM, A VEN, F NAP
England(): has F EDI, F LON, A LPL
France (): has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR
Germany(): has F KIE, A BER, A MUN
Austria(): has F TRI, A VIE, A BUD

If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country's name.

#### **CENTERS**

Turkey (3): Con/Ank/Smy
Russia (4): War/Stp/Mos/Sev
Italy (3): Rom/Nap/Ven
England(3): Lon/Edi/Lpl
France (3): Bre/Mar/Par
Germany(3): Kie/Ber/Mun
Austria(3): Vie/Tri/Bud

Neutral : Bel/Bul/Den/Gre/Hol/Nwy/Por/Rum/Ser/Spa/Swe/Tun

DUE DATE for

Spring 1901

March 26, 1992 at 12:00 noon

#### NOTES

01) The start of the game is being delayed. Orders have not been submitted by two players. Standby's are being called and hopefully Spring 1901 will be played next time. My apologies for this delay. Orders on hand for Russia, England, Turkey, Germany and France.

# INTERNAZIONALE (cont.)

To me, the city itself is a work of art. On the last day I visited the part, consisting of an extensive and well-maintained garden complex, behind Palazzo Pitti. Beyond its enjoyable experience of nature - one seems to have left modern pressure behind - it offers magnificent vistas of Florence from numerous perspectives. The harmony of the city's architecture within the background of the Tuscan hills is something which should strike every observer.

Writing about travel is not as easy as one might think. As it is a subjective experience, the audience is bound to differ from the author in their own impressions, thoughts and opinions about one place or another. I hope that at least the general message of travel as experience has been conveyed; the alternative is too often a dry and pointless voyage from place to place "just to have seen it" — whatever "it" is.

# "RiverWalk: Live from the Landing"

RW #4 -- BN: tba

#### Winter 1900

Turkey (Gonsalves): has F ANK, A CON, A SMY
Russia (Brooks): has F StP (sc), F SEV, A MOS, A WAR
Italy (Koehler): has A ROM, A VEN, F NAP
England(Stone): has F EDI, F LON, A LPL
France (Wallace): has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR
Germany(Voogd): has F KIE, A BER, A MUN
Austria(Eastep): has F TRI, A VIE, A BUD

#### CENTERS

Turkey (3): Con/Ank/Smy

Russia (4): War/Stp/Mos/Sev

Italy (3): Rom/Nap/Ven
England(3): Lon/Edi/Lpl

France (3): Bre/Mar/Par

Germany(3): Kie/Ber/Mun

Austria(3): Vie/Tri/Bud

Neutral : Bel/Bul/Den/Gre/Hol/Nwy/Por/Rum/Ser/Spa/Swe/Tun

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# DUE DATE for

Spring 1901

March 26, 1992 at 12:00 noon

#### NOTES

- Ø1) Welcome to all of the players in this game. It looks like a good mix of older players and newer ones (at least to me). I hope y'all enjoy it.
- Ø2) A Boardman Number was applied for on February 17th. It will be announced when it arrives.
- Ø3) As RW tradition dictates, this game is named after a Public Radio Show. This particular one is taped on the San Antonio RiverWalk and features our top-notch Jim Collum's Jazz Band. I've seen them at The Landing, and thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

# MODERN DIPLOMACY, by Michael V. McCabe

This is the 4th issue of this subzine by one of your diplomats abroad. Everything expressed herein are my views and are not necessarily those of the Department of State or any other U.S. Government agency.

One way your diplomats in Japan try to expand U.S. influence here is to increase U.S. exports to Japan. Two ways we do this are by trade negotiations and by export promotions. The Embassy's Economic Section has been engaged in a number of trade talks trying to improve access by U.S. firms to the Japanese market. Part of these talks come under what we call the Structural Impediments Initiative (SII) through which we try to remove some of Japan's structural barriers to imports.

One structural impediment has been the "large store law" which limits the size of retail stores. (Japan is a nation whose small and medium sized businesses employ far more people than do its large companies like Toyota and Sony.) This law had the result of excluding, for example, Toys R Us from Japan. U.S. negotiators' efforts resulted in the amendment of that law, and that resulted in Toys R Us deciding to open dozens of its large toy stores here during the coming decade.

The Embassy's Commercial Section works directly with U.S. companies to help them increase exports to Japan. The Section operates an export information service library, puts U.S. companies in touch with Japanese companies interested in cooperative business arrangements, and puts on trade shows throughout the year where U.S. companies display their products and take orders from Japanese buyers. At these trade shows, U.S. reps often receive millions of dollars worth of orders.

Did you know that Japan imports more U.S. agricultural products than does any other country? I about fell off my chair when I first heard that. Part of the success of U.S. agriculture here is due to the efforts of the Embassy's Agricultural Section. These officers aggressively promote a wide range of U.S. meat and dairy products; grain, fruit, and vegetables; and packaged foods.

The Department of Energy also has an office in the Embassy, its only office outside the United States. Historically, the main reason for the office has been to coordinate U.S. assistance to Japan's nuclear power program. We supply a majority of the fuel used in Japanese reactors (though the French are breathing down our necks), and U.S. companies have designed and build some Japanese reactors. Our two countries still have nuclear regulatory and safety meetings several times a year. The relationship has expanded, and now includes a variety of scientific programs -- high energy physics, magnetic fusion, geothermal and solar energy, and coal conversion -- as well as advanced reactor research. One of the most interesting of our cooperative S&T activities under the Department of Energy involves the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) located at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. RERF doctors, U.S. and Japanese, study the effects of radiation on A-bomb survivors and their descendants. Results so far have shown no significant difference in the health of the descendants versus the health of the rest of the population.

In the next installment, I'll say more about U.S. scientific, technological, political, and military influence in Japan.

#### GAME OPENINGS

Gunboat (w/Press): seven openings, \$5.00 NMR fee required. If you are signed up, there will be a red check ==>

Regular: Six openings, \$5.00 NMR fee. Signed up Nesbitt

Standbys: V. Lutterbie, DePalma, Kinsel, Reynolds, Schultz, Koehler, Lewis

\*\*Please notify the editor if you want on or off the list. \*\*

Other game openings upon request of the readership. Contact the editor if you have a favorite game or variant.

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