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Inside is a copy of the house rules for the many of you who have not seen them. I decided to just go ahead and reprint them here, rather than try and remember who had copies and who didn't. I'm not sure what else will be inside right now, I don't know how much time I will have next week. I am in the middle of studying for three different tests, the NASD securities test, a state securities test, and a state insurance test. All of which involve much memorizing, which never was my strong point.

I want to again thank Bill Schill for the last issue's cover drawing, I'm just sorry that it did not turn out better. The drawing itself is very nice, with the jewels in the crown looking quite nice. There is no cover illustration this time, the reason being that my drawing ability is a function of how much time I have to sit down and laborously copy something. However, this is hope on the way, someone has expressed a desire to draw something for the cover.

I have decided that due to the response, I will run two MEIV games. Hopefully this should give us some good press. Both of them should be started by next issue.

I should like to take the time and space to thank those of you who sent in the Rogue's Quarry Magazine Poll for two reasons. First, you were the second largest group to respond, second only to those who filled out the ID form. Second, because of the rating you gave me. We ranked 14th, which tells me two things. First, we must be doing something right, and second that we could be doing it better. And so we shall. Inside will be a little more detail of the results of the poll.

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The Home Front

Well there were problems last time. I had planned to have everything ready to go to be printed Thursday, and it was. But when I went down to the office Thursday, the machine was being used for other purposes, all day. I had to go up to Indianapolis all day Friday, so I thought that Monday morning I would go down to the office early and have everything done by about 10:30 and in the mail by 12:00. After ripping four stencils trying to get the printing to show through I gave up. What happened was that in order to cut down of the typing time and correction tape, I decided to change to corrassable bond typing paper, and I did save a lot of time, until I went to print it. The stencil would not pick up the type dark enough, so I got to retype 20 pages (I didn't do it all, I talked someone else who lives here to do some of it, phooey of the DMA). Due to previous commitments, i.e. job, I didn't get to reprint it till Thursday, and it went out Friday morning.

Enough with the bad news, the good news is that I have some new paper. This paper is lighter than the old so that I can get six sheets through without hasseling the entire Bloomington Post Office. The only problem is that it is twice as expensive as the old, but since the old only cost \$1.07/ream, this ain't bad. Also, I can get all kinds of pretty colors. Aren't you all thrilled.

Below here is a list of standbys. I know that I have forgotten someone or ones. If so, please be patient with me, and just drop me a note sometime and tell me. I want to thank everyone who volunteered. Anyone else is welcome to offer. It might be a while before I start needing anyone, at least I hope so. Standbys will be picked off of a general list and asked to submit orders whenever someone fails to for a given season. If that person fails to for the next season, then the standbys orders are used. Other players in the game may make orders conditional upon whose orders are used. I feel that this way allows for the easiest method of keeping the games going without any delays.

I want to correct a typo I made in a previous issue, when typing James Faer's bio. I said that he had been wargaming for 2 years instead of 12. Sorry.

Last but not least is the fact that your noble editor is going to have to change his earlier promise to keep offering games. I had said that as long as there were people who wanted in games, I would offer them. But I have filled the games now going on at a much greater rate than expected. To open any more, would take away space from the other things I want to have appear here. So, I have one more game almost filled, and I shall fill one more regular after that.

I just realized that there was something else I wanted to say. As some of you know by now, I have been elected to the IDA council as a representative from the central region. As soon as I get an up to date membership list, those of you in the IDA and the central region will receive free (Yes I said free, I'm going to break down and foot the bill) a sine which should keep you informed of what's happening. Those of you who do not fit the above qualifications can get a copy at 10¢/issue. Hopefully it will be worth your time and mine. Anyone who wishes to have some input into the IDA, feel free to contact me. You don't have to be a member of the IDA to have some good ideas for our community. I just think that the IDA presents the best means of getting things done.

Standbys

Doug Dick	Dennis Skrade	M Messel	Tom Keller
Art Hachnel	Dewey Boyer	G Huand	Mike Lind
Wayne Lanham	Art Schlenkoffer	Pat Walker	Eric Prasse
Harvey Lindauer?	John Leeder		

THE GAMES

The deadline for all games is 12:00 noon EST, Feb 23, 1973

1972EI Winter 1901

Builds:

Austria: A BUD, A VIE
 England: F LON
 France: F BRE, A PAR
 Germany: A MUN, A KIE
 Italy: 0
 Russia: A MOS F STP(nc)
 Turkey: F SMY

Positions after builds:

A GAL, A SER, F GRE, A BUD, A VIE
 A NWY, F ENGC, F NRG, F LON
 F BEL, A MAR, A SPA, A PAR, F BRE
 F DEN, A HOL, A RUH, A MUN, A KIE
 F ION, A APU, A VEN
 A FIN, F SWE, A RUM, F SEV, A MOS, F STP(nc)
 A BUL, A CON, F AEG, F SMY

Spring 1902 moves are due 12:00 noon EST, Feb 23, 1973

Propaganda

Rome, Feb 9, 1902; King Art is proud to announce that Diplomatic exchanges have been made with Turkey.

Rome Feb 15, 1902; San Marino has become the latest country to accept Artism as its state religion.

Moscow-As usual, Kelly does not know what he is talking about. The Imperial State of Russia does not even officially recognize the existence of a country that goes by the name of "France".

Ankara, Decl; Emperor Abdul Hamid II today professed a growing alarm over conditions in Europe. He said that all the other countries of Europe were at war with each other except for the Ottoman Empire which has up till now maintained peace full negotiations with its neighbors. The Emperor also noted favorable diplomatic exchanges with our ally Russia, Austria, Germany and Italy.

London, Nov 1, 1901; Russian infantry squad captures Finland! Late yesterday afternoon a Russian infantry squad of about 4,000 men assaulted the Finnish border stations along Russo-Finnish boundary. Armed with the latest automatic pitch-forks and shovels, the newest in the Russian arsenal, the Russians quickly overwhelmed the Finnish guards. Early this morning the King of Finland abdicated his throne and left for parts unknown.

London, Nov 2, 1901; Russians pull boo-boo! Late yesterday afternoon it was learned that the Russian infantry squad which had recently captured Finland had made a mistake. Informed sources here in London say they have been monitoring Russian military broadcasts over the past few days and have noted repeated requests from the Russian high command for a position check on one of their infantry squads. Apparently the Russian squad was supposed to be part of the invasion of Sweden but some how got lost and ended up in Finland.

1972ER FALL 1901

Austria(Lancaster); A ser-GRE, F TRI H, A VIE-gal
 England(McKeon); F NWY-den, F NRG C A edi-NWY, A edi-NWY
 France(Chin); F mac-SPA(sc), A bur-MUN, A MAR H
 Germany(Lind); F HOL S A ruh-BEL, A ruh-BEL, A KIE-den
 Italy(Stuart); F tyr-TUN, A pie-TYR, A VEN S A pie-TYR
 Russia(Fleming); F bot-SWE, A UKR S F SEV H, F SEV H, A WAR-gal
 Turkey(DePrisco); F bla-RUM, A BUL S F bla-RUM, A ARM-sev

deadline for Winter 01 builds is 12:00 noon EST Feb23, 1973

Supply Centers for 1972ER

Austria: BUD, VIE, TRI, GRE builds 1
England: LVP, LON, EDI, NRV builds 1
France: PAR, MAR, ERE, SPA, MUN builds 2
Germany: BER, KIE, ~~MUN~~, HOL, BEL builds 1
Italy: NAP, ROM, VEN, TUN builds 1
Russia: WAR MOS, SEV, STP, SWE builds 1
Turkey: CON, ANK, SMY, BUL, RUM builds 2

Propaganda

Naples: The government of Italy wishes to extend its apologies to the Republic of France for any conditions of strained relations over the past months. We believe our actions now speak for themselves and trust your's shall be accordingly. The Voyage of Von Zeppelin, Part 3: The stowaway immediately pulled a revolver from under his coat. Katz and Jama screamed in terror while von Zeppelin steadied himself to face the villain. "I have been sent to kill you, von Zeppelin," cried the stowaway. His finger grew ever tighter on the trigger. Then the weapon seemed to explode into a ball of fire, and clouds of dark smoke. The next thing Katz and Jama heard was an eerie laugh from across the deck. Had the Count been shot? Was the assassin successful?

Moscow(Jan 20)-The Government of Russia has, as yet, issued no Declaration of War against any European Power. Government officials seem unperturbed over developments in the south and the capital appears calm.

Swiss International, July 1, 1901; On March 5, the Russian 3rd Army mobilised and moves south from Warsaw with orders to cross the Austrian frontier in the province of Galicia. On March 23, after crossing 3 miles into Austria, the Austrian border guards won all of the Russian army's supplies in 3 separate games of poker. After collection of their winnings, the guards left the entire 34 million men of the Army without any food, and the czar was forced to recall the badly understrength army because of the "high casualties suffered in the attack".

1972ES Fall 1901

Austria(Truman); F alb-GRE, S SER S F alb-GRE, A tyr-BOH
England(Facer); A lvp-YOR, F nth-NRY, F lon-NTH
France(Metcalf); F bre-MAO, A pic-BEL, A spa-MAR
Germany(Moriarty); F DEN H, A MUN H, A kie-HOL
Italy(Fultz); F tyr-TUN, A pic-TYR, A tus-VEN
Russia(Novak); F bot-SWE, A ukr-RUM, A gal-BUD, F BLA S A ukr-RUM
Turkey(Jarvis); F con-AEG, A BUL-gre, A ank-CON

Winter builds are due 12:00 noon EST, Feb 23, 1973

Supply Centers for 1972ES

Austria: ~~BUD~~, VIE, TRI, SER, GRE builds 1
England: LVP, LON, EDI, NRV builds 1
France: ERE, PAR, MAR, BEL builds 1
Germany: MUN, BER, KIE, DEN, HOL builds 2
Italy: NAP, ROM, VEN, TUN builds 1
Russia: MOS, WAR, STP, SEV, SWE, BUD, RUM builds 3
Turkey: CON, ANK, SMY, BUL builds 1

Propaganda

Sev, Sept 4; Following the Czar's experience with skydiving, the 1st and 2nd Cossack Divisions have been converted to airborne troops. After all units completed 5 jumps they were reorganized into the 1st and 2nd Royal Airborne Cossack Platoons and given parachutes. Plans are now underway to convert the Russian Black Sea Fleet into a similar unit.

St Petersburg, Oct 1; The Russian Foreign Ministry today announced the arrival of a dispatch from Rome. A reply will be sent as soon as possible by the Russian government.

VIENNA: With misgivings as to the intentions of the Russians, the King has ordered the 1st Austrian Army to Bohemia, which may be where the King is going if he's not careful. Meanwhile, the occupation of Serbia and Greece are continuing as planned. Orders are being drawn up against Turkey who has smeared the Austrian people and refused to sign, or even acknowledge a pact proposed in the spring.

Berlin: The governments of France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany jointly announced the findings of their fact-finding group that has been stationed in the English Channel. As it is known, this group has been studying the "strange green objects" reported in the channel by the British. It has been determined that these objects are really the eggs of the Loch Ness monster. Strong action has been taken to insure that all the eggs were killed, as it is thought that many Nessies might interfere with shipping in the Channel. However, in order to be sure that no more eggs are forthcoming it has been deemed necessary to kill the Loch Ness thing. To obtain this goal, units of the combined military forces of France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany have been ordered into Britain. Any attempt by the English to stop this will be understood to be a declaration of war. Of course, it is hoped that Britain will see the necessity of this move and not interfere.

1972EV Fall 1901

Austria (Cooper); A SER S F alb-GRE, F alb-GRE, A VIE-tri
 England (Lowrance); A yor-NRY, F NTH C A you-NRY, F engc-ERE
 France (Lanham); F pic-BEL, A gas-SPA, A spa-POR
 Germany (Keller); F DEN H, A RUH S A kie-HOL, A kie-HOL
 Italy (Prasse); F ion-TUN, A VEN-tri, A APU-ven
 Russia (Nichol); F fin-SWE, A UKR S A war-GAL, A war-GAL, F RUM H
 Turkey (Davies); F con-AEG, A BUL H, A ank-CON

deadline for Winter builds is 12:00 noon EST, Feb 23, 1973

Supply Centers for 1972EV

Austria: VIE, BUD TRI, GRE, SER, builds 2
 England: LVP, LON, EDI, NRY, ERE builds 2
 France: ~~PAR~~, PAR, MAR, BEL, SPA POR builds 2
 Germany: MUN, BER, KIE, DEN HOL builds 2
 Italy: VEN, NAP, ROM, TUN builds 1
 Russia: MOS, WAR, SEV, STP, RUM, SWE builds 2
 Turkey: CON, ANK, SMY, BUL builds 1

Propaganda

Austrian Front- Russian forces massed in preparation for a total assault. Czar Nick is confident of a quick victory. However, the Czar's personal baggage train was somehow lost in the Galician mountains and he stated that he is not going anywhere until his teddy bear is found.

Roma- ITALIAN POLICY CLARIFIED!- King Humberto XIII made the following statement today in Rome, with regard to the matter of the course Italy will pursue in future years: "We shall fight them on the land, we shall fight them on the sea, we shall fight them everywhere, 'till we get our victory." When asked whom Italy would fight, Humbert began to foam at the mouth and breath heavily. "The infidels, the Slavs, and the Frogs!" he shouted. "World, this means WAR!" (FISHIN)

Roma- ITALIAN KING CLARIFIED!!!(?)- Reports have it that Humbert XIII has been dropped into a vat of spot remover and has died. That is the explanation behind the headline. It looks like another King for Italy. It turns out that the Italian people really love everyone after all, with the possible exception of the Austrians. (FISHIN)

1972FH Spring 1901

Austria(Huang); A vie-TRI, A bud-SER, F tri-ALB
 England(Ray); F lon-NTH, F edi-NRG, A lvp-YOR
 France(Riepl); A par-BUR, A MAR S A par-BUR, F bre-MAO
 Germany(Barents); A mun-RUH, F kie-DEN, A ber-KIE
 Italy(DePrisco); A VEN H, A rom-APU, F nap-ION
 Russia(Bennett); F stp-BOT, A mos-SEV, A war-MOS, F sev-RUM
 Turkey(Wood); A con-BUL, A smy-ARM, F ank-BLA

deadline for Fall moves is 12:00 noon EST, Feb 23, 1973

Propaganda

London, March 14: The Admiralty announced, today, that the fleets were launched into the seas north of England. This move was made in response to raids on the English coast by Norwegian sea-raiders.

ZURCUP:(HIGH) From his castle high in the mountains, Herr Iker of Hill, announced to his Lords, Ladies, and subjects, that he, The Iker of Hill, was going to make the valleys and hills of the Black Forest, bloom with flowers with stoney paths for all the subjects to walk. The Iker of Hill, then started walking through the Hills to the hole in the land, up to Zooland, pass Detot and home again, announcing that all was fine.

Berlin: HIC: Beergarden #1 was opened today. It was soon followed by #2 & 3, with more expected.

Bloominggultch: Pleasure was expressed today when it was announced that the Iker of Hill had returned from his northern trip without being attacked by any of those terrible Bar-Ents or Woodies which live in the nothern wastes.

1972AO Fall 1902

Austria(Eller); A BUD S A gal-RUM, A alb-GRE, A SER S A gal-RUM, A gal-RUM,
 F AEG S ITA A TUN-SMY (NSO)
 England(Pehrte); A lon-DEN, A hol-KIE, F nrg-NWY, F SKA S A lon-DEN, F NTH C A lon-DEN
 France(Verheiden); A mar-GAS, A BUR S RUS A sil-MUN, A spa-POR, A RUH S ENG A hol-KIE
 F bel-HOL
 Germany(Tretick); A ber-PRU, F DEN-swe, A MUN S A RUH(nsu)both F DEN & A MUN retreat
 Italy(Winter); A tun-SYR, A ven-APU, F EAS C A tun-SYR, F ION C A tun-SYR
 Russia(Elandin); A UKR S F SEV, A sil-MUN, F BOT-swe, F SEV S AUS A BUD-RUM(nso)
 Turkey(Vagts); A BUL S RUS F SEV -RUM(nso), A CON S A arm-SMY, A arm-SMY, F BIA S A BUL

deadline for Winter builds is 12:00 noon EST, Feb 23, 1973

Supply Centers for 1972AO

Austria: BUD, VIE, TRI, SER, GER, RUM builds 1
 England: LON, LVP, EDI, ~~MOL~~, NWY, DEN, KIE, builds 1
 France: MAR, PAR, BRE, HEL, SPA, POR, HOL builds 2
 Germany: ~~MUN~~, ~~KIE~~ BER, ~~PRU~~ removes 2
 Italy: NAP, ROM, VEN, TUN 0
 Russia: MOS, SEV, WAR, STP ~~M~~ correction MUN builds 1
 Turkey: CON, ANK, SMY, BUL 0

No orders were received from Mr Tretick either for the movement of the A RUH which had to be retreated last turn or for Fall moves. The moves used were those submitted with the Spring moves. The German F Den must retreat to either BAL or HEL or be taken off the board. The German A MUN must retreat to either Boh, or Tyr, or be taken off the board. Doug Dick is asked to submit orders for Germany, both the retreats and the removals. His address is 9468 Beecher, Flushing, MI, 48433. I shall sent this to both Mr Tretick and Mr Dick airmail. If I have not heard from Buddy by the 9th, Doug shall take his place. Doug will you please send orders to me for the removals as soon as possible. Which ever are used shall be sent to the other players as soon as possible.

MEIV

Yes we have one MEIV game started with the following contestants:

Rhev-Bill Schill, 14101 121st Ave NE, Kirkland, Wash, 98033
 Gondor-David Claman, 3729 Maplewood, Dallas, Tex, 75205
 Hared-Bill Larson, Box 7424, College Station, Duke Univ, Durham, NC, 27708
 Mordor-Pat Lancaster, 3440 Carriage Hill Circle, Randallstown, Md, 21133
 Arnor-Art Haeffel, 1708 W Ainslie, Chicago, Ill, 60640
 Angmar-Doug Nelson, Box 855, Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter,
 Minn, 56802

Preference lists: Schill RH AN AR MG GO HA
 Claman RH GO AR AN MO HA
 Larson AR HA GO RH MO AN
 Lancaster RH AR MO HA GO AN
 Haeffel AR MO RH AN HA GO
 Nelson no preference

Both Bill Schill and Bill Larson owe me a game fee. And by the way Bill Schill, your game has seven init, I am just awaiting conformation of the seventh.

I have two people interested in the second game, Scott Turpin and Doug Dick. So if you have any interest in MEIV or in a Tolkien game, get your name in to me now. This games don't start to often.

Coire propaganda is due Feb 23, with the first moves being due March 16. I want to see some good press.

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Biographies

Dave Davies; I'm 23, unmarried railway clerk. Sailing my only other serious interest Wayne Lanham; Born and raised in Texas starting in El Paso and ending up in a suburb of Dallas. I'm 28 and have spent 4 years in the Army and 2 at the U of Texas. I still hope to return and finish, but at the moment it is somewhat questionable. I work for an inventory service and am married. Interests include wargames, science fiction, and model airplanes. I almost forgot to mention one other interest sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys.

David Claman; I am 14 years old. I presently am a freshman at Highland Park HS in Dallas. I have been playing Diplomacy for about 5 months and have been interested in wargames for about 2 years. My chief interest and time consumer is my high school swim team. I also enjoy football and bowling. I go to all Cowboy home games unless a swim meet or other activity interferes.

Conrad von Metake; Age 28, born in San Francisco. Currently a postal clerk and night school law student(major field of interest civil liberties and constitutional law, but how do you make a living as a newcomer that way) Diplomatic history: Began play in 1962 by mail, publisher of numerous newsletters including SAGUENAY and COSTAGUANA, current custodian of the Boardman Regular game numbers, director of Orphan Games Distribution, have played in over 80 postal games, some still going, principal interest in this game, the people who play it, the hell with tactics, I prefer friends.

Other interests and activities; politics (ultra liberal Demo) bowling, camping, hiking, classical music(play oboe and collect classical records) literature, poetry, spending fortune on idiotic games, and woman. I am the tallest Diplomacy player on record, standing 6'8", my feet are size 17, my life story can be derived from these incredible statistics.

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First thing I want to do is put in something I have been meaning to put in here for the last two issue. Although the election is over, I want to bring attention to the short lived campaign of Mike Worthington who was running for the office of Resident Necromance and Supreme Grand Funk. However, both his name and the office he was running for were left off the ballot. I think that we should all thank Mike for his initiative in running for this office in an attempt to round out the IDA. Perhaps next year Mike.

VOX POPULI is a new idea (at least as far as I know) from Len Lakofka. The basic idea is that a syndicate of publishers is organized to help gain exposure for some of the polls and questionnaires which appear from time to time. By getting together a group of publishers who pledge one or two pages every couple of months, people can be insured that their polls will reach much of the Diplomacy community, thereby hopefully getting a larger response. I really like the idea. VOX POPULI will appear bimonthly with either ID or NEOPHITE, or if you don't get either of these and you would like to see a copy send Len 3 8¢ stamps or a quarter to 4970 N Marine Dr, #525, Chicago, Ill, 60640.

The first VP (being a lazy typist I tend to abbreviate as much as possible) carried the results of the first Rogues' Gallery Magazine Poll. First, what else, Indiana's other Diplomacy zine HOOSIER ARCHIVES. Tied with HA was COSTAGUANA, by the new Diplomacy workhorse Conrad von Metzke. After that came IMPASSABLE-John Boyer, ARMADILLO-Steve Cooper, ID-Len Lakofka, CARPETBAGGER-Steve Bell, PLATYPUS PIE-Brenton Ver Floeg, GRAUSTRAK-John Boardman, ARENA-Edi Birsan, & JASTRAZAB-Stan Wrobel. After that came four zines within .2 of each other. The four was your beloved editor's pride and money looser. Well we're just going to have to work harder.

Also in VP was news of DIPLOCON VI (generally known as DIPCON VI). The International Game Show is going to be June 22, 23, & 24 in the Bismark Hotel in Chicago. Rooms are available for singles \$16/day, and doubles for \$22/day. There will be the 49 man Diplomacy tournament, a chess tournament, plus minitures, and a commercial game show. It should be interesting.

The IDA is off and running after the last elections. It appears that this year should see several things occurring. I think that the council is now ready to get things accomplished. Why don't you help us, because we can't do all the work. To join the IDA send \$2 to Walt Buchanan, RR #3, Lebanon, Ind, 46052. If you would like to follow the council and see what's happening, and you aren't a member in the central region, a dime will get you a copy of the CENTRAL REGION RAG which covers what's happening.

One quick plug this time for a zine. It's TANGELO EXPRESS by Richard Hull, 4720 Cloyne Apt 2, Oxnard, Ca, 93030. Richard is hopefully going to publish the rules to a different variant each issue, which makes the zine one of the most informative around. Also he is having a problem with his typist, his cat, who has been in touch with the DWA. Anyway, sub fees are 7/\$1, I think that it would be worth while.

Speaking of the DWA, if you haven't already heard Carol Buchanan is playing in the ladies game in MIDWESTERN COURIER as Austria. How this happened is beyond belief. We shall keep you informed of how the game is going. Would n't it be funny if she won.

Bout out of space, what can I say in the space remaining, I know. The Boardman numbers reached 1972GB for 184 games. Can you imagine what its going to be like when they start being completed.

HOUSE RULES FOR THE SILMARILLI

- 1) The 1971 rules for the game of Diplomacy as published by Games Research Inc, will be used for all regular games. The rulebook can be purchased from GRI.
- 2) All orders must be submitted on paper no smaller than a 3 by 5 card. Only one set of orders, for one country, for one game, for one season should be on one piece of paper. All orders must have the following; legible writing, either the Boardman number or the zine number, name of country, name of season, present date, and signature of player.
- 3) Any errors which are brought to the attention of the GM before the next season will be immediately corrected. Any errors which are found after that will be corrected at the discretion of the GM, depending upon how they effect the game.
- 4) The GM encourages such items as general orders, two sets of orders mailed separately, and tentative orders mailed upon receipt of the zine. The set of orders with the latest date will be used. Late orders will be accepted only upon very unusual circumstances. Anything which is mailed one week before the deadline will be accepted. An extension of the deadline will be granted if a reasonable cause is given and this privilege is not abused.
- 5) General orders will be accepted for a three year period. The more specific these orders are in directions and aims, the better off you will be if they are used.
- 6) Phone calls will be permitted, provided they are followed by mailed orders which are mailed within two days. But there is a warning, the GM works at least two nights a week. Orders will not be accepted which reach my wife rather than me. Also no phone calls will be accepted which reach me after 11:00 PM EST. The GM also likes to talk on the phone, so save your money and get your orders in on time.
- 7) Deadlines will be three weeks.
- 8) Games can be ended by a vote of all active players agreeing to end the game. The game will be declared a draw at the time of the vote. As far as the GM is concerned, games will continue until there has been four game years without any change in supply centers.
- 9) Countries will be assigned by the use of a preference list.
- 10) There will be five seasons. Spring moves, Summer retreats, Fall moves, Autumn retreats, and Winter builds. How they are grouped together will depend entirely upon the circumstances.
- 11) Propaganda will be accepted subject to the laws of good taste and libel. Black propaganda will not be allowed. Black propaganda is defined as propaganda which attempts to seem like it came from someone else.
- 12) A player may resign and name his own replacement as long as he is not now nor has ever been a player in the same game. Anyone who misses two consecutive moves or three nonconsecutive moves will be replaced. Anyone who resigns without notice will be barred from playing in another game run by the GM.
- 13) Any other problems which might arise and are not handled by any of the previous rules, will be settled in a manner consistent with any interaction between adult intelligent people. If that doesn't work, an impartial knowledgeable outside observer will be called upon to mediate.
- 14) The GM for THE SILMARILLI is Chic Hilliker, 3312 Stoneycrest, Bloomington, Indiana, 47401. Phone 812-339-0933

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On the next page is an article on a game called EUROPE-1939 designed by Ed Jacoutot. The article is by Ed. Right now he and another person are play-testing the game and working on rules revisions. Once they get all this done, I am hopefully going to moderate a section of it, plus play it.

EUROPE-1939

Out on the West Coast a new game is being developed and circulated called EUROPE-1939. It was developed in its original form by Ed Jacoutot but is being play-tested in two variants by Dennis Hall and Arn Vagts. It is PBM only and consists of 8 players in one version and 5 in another. The game is probably unique in that it is composed of the entire European theater of operations in WWII and contains land, sea, and air warfare in addition to diplomacy. The game was inspired by Rich Loomis's BATTLE PLAN and contains many of its features in an expanded form.

Each player becomes the head of a European country as it existed in 1937 and leads it through the diplomatic and arms race years to 1939 when war may be declared. During the last two years of that decade each player builds upon his starting strength (all starting strengths are unequal at the beginning) for the war to come. Every country in Europe at that time is represented except for neutral Switzerland. The countries not represented by a player are known as "Minors" and are subject to control by players. Switzerland exists in the presence of a newspaper published by the moderator to give the neutral press's version of events as they occur on the continent and on the sea. This feature is the medium whereby the players learn of the overall situation of play.

Diplomatic messages between the players are supplemented by formal treaties which are filed with "The World Court", a binding entity controlled by the moderator. The game also contains such features as "Declarations of War", "Annexation", "Ultimatums", etc.

The land units are divided between Army and Armoured units in divisional strength. Air Forces consist of tactical air units attached to the land forces, and separate bomber and fighter commands for offensive and defensive action against production facilities in each country. Naval units consist of individual vessels such as CV's, BB's, Cruisers, Destroyers, transports, and submarines. Submarine warfare proves to be not only interesting but rampant. The CV's carry their own air forces to act against surface vessels.

Another feature includes research to build one or more "secret weapons" from a list that contains most of the technical advances (such as radar) that occurred during WWII. Not only are there spies to seek hidden information but also "saboteurs" to seek out and damage or destroy work on these secret weapons.

Land forces must move over bodies of water in convoy and are subject to naval action. These convoys also transport "expeditionary forces" which can be loaned to an ally in difficulty. The game tends to evolve into allied opponents in its initial stage and trade treaties permit exchange of hardware between these allies.

The whole game is played over a well prepared map of Europe as it appeared in 1937 and is divided into over 100 land and 100 sea zones. Each major nation contains 7 to 11 zones depending upon its size and all minor nations are one zone each. There are some simple but unique features of movement and combat in this zone system.

This game should appeal to those who like a more complicated game for PBM and one which permits them to control the whole destiny of a nation in WWII. You can step right into the shoes of Hitler and Mussolini, or Stalin and make all the same mistakes they did, or, assume your own identity and win the war your own way.

A new sine in conjunction with EUROPE called DER KAMPFVERIAG is being launched and waiting for subscribers. The first two issues are free with subscription rates to be announced. While The Combat Press will be heavy on EUROPE-1939, it will also contain news about Nuclear Destruction, Battle Plan, Diplomacy, and other aspects of the PBM world. The editor is accepting articles and other contributory material and is offering free want ads for the first two issues.

For more information on EUROPE-1939 and DER KAMPFVERIAG write to Ed Jacoutot, 31 San Pablo Ave, San Francisco, Ca, 94127. EUROPE-1939 rules are 50¢ in coin or stamps. Inquiries from potential moderators welcomed.

A GUIDE TO RATING SYSTEMS PART IV
by Arn Vagts

The ODD rating can be improved by simply applying the formula to ALL player pairs rather than between the "winner" and all others. That allows a differential win criterion and looks at a multiplayer game as a tournament which ranks ALL the players e.g. say you have a four player game with outcome and initial ratings as follows:

Player	a	b	c	d
Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
last rating	800	650	750	400

compute player b's new rating as follows: loss to a, wins from c,d.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta R_{ba} &= 50(-1) + (.10)(150) = -35 \\ \Delta R_{bc} &= 50(+1) + (.10)(100) = 60 \\ \Delta R_{bd} &= 50(+1) + (.10)(-250) = 25\end{aligned}$$

then player b's new rating is: $650 - 35 + 60 + 25 = 700$

The formula then looks like:

$$\Delta R_a = \sum_{\substack{\text{last} \\ \text{player} \\ i = \text{first} \\ \text{player}}} [50X_{ai} + (.10)Y_{ai}]$$

One last modification will make the rating near ideal, taking into account the strength of the country played. Let $Z_{c(a)c(b)}$ represent the strength of the country played by player a, represented as $c(a)$, to that of country played by player b, represented by $c(b)$.

$$Z_{c(a)c(b)} = \frac{[\text{number of times } c(b) \text{ beat } c(a) - \text{the number of times } c(a) \text{ beat } c(b)]}{[\text{the total number of games} - \text{the number of simultaneous eliminations.]}$$

When $c(a)$ is "stronger" than $c(b)$ then $Z_{c(a)c(b)}$ will be a negative number and $Z_{c(b)c(a)}$ will be a positive number. In particular,

$$Z_{c(a)c(b)} = -Z_{c(b)c(a)} \text{ and } |Z_{c(a)c(b)}| < 1,$$

The value of Z would normally be about .2. The final rating formula would look like:

$$\Delta R_a = \sum_{\substack{\text{last} \\ \text{player} \\ i = \text{first} \\ \text{player}}} [50X_{ai} + (.10)Y_{ai} + 100Z_{c(a)c(i)}]$$

e.g. in the last example let the country strength be:

Player	a	b	c	d
country rating $Z_{c(b)c(1)}$	-.2	0	.3	-.2

which means c(b) is stronger than c(a) and c(d) but weaker than c(c)

using the previous computations:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta R_{ba} &= -35 + 100(-.2) = -55 \\ \Delta R_{bc} &= 60 + 100(.3) = 90 \\ \Delta R_{bd} &= 25 + 100(-.2) = 5 \end{aligned}$$

Player b's new rating is: $650 - 55 + 90 + 5 = 690$

This article has attempted to clarify some of the issues involved in rating systems, point out weaknesses in certain ratings currently in use, and propose two changes to what is currently the soundest one.

I put what follows on the back page since I know many people have no desire to become at all involved with the events of the 'real world' (there are many times when I do not blame them). However, what is below has been in my mind for several days so I decided to put it down.

In the last month we have seen the death of two former Presidents who are quite similar in many respects. The most striking similarity was their involvement with two very unpopular wars (if any war could be called popular). With the announcement of a cease fire and a possible resolution of the Vietnam conflict coming within days of President Johnson's death, perhaps we are reaching an end of an era. An era of American history which was perhaps not one of our better eras, with our preoccupation with foreign affairs at a time when there was much that needed done at home. Although it did not seem to appeal to the American people, perhaps Senator McGovern was on the right track when he said it was time to, "Come home, America". That we should concentrate our efforts here at home, and forget the terrible times many of us were subject to with our involvement abroad. Garick Utley, NBC newsmen, said it best when referring to the announcement of the Vietnam settlement, "Not that something good has happened, but that something terrible has ended."

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