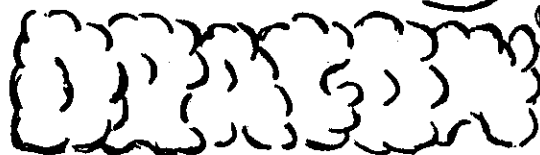


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Diplomacy is convincing England that a French fleet in London can defend English territory so much better than the English forces can.

That sudden pain you felt when you lifted this out of the mailbox, simply means it's that time of month again. As I mail this it will be election day here in the wilderness. Jackson has just withdrawn as an active candidate; Udall has been refused a place on the ballot; Wallace's campaign has virtually disappeared; giving us Hoosier Democrats a choice between Carter and, er well, Carter. Isn't it nice that we live in a democracy where we can vote for the candidate of our choice, instead of living in Russia, where they have to vote for the only candidate on the ballot. And if you're trying to make sense of that, don't. Until the parties start running the candidates which can run effective administrations instead of effective campaigns, it's going to continue to make little sense. Be honest. How many of you have heard of Reubin Askew ?

Now, if we stop to look at the signposts, we will make our way to...



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CANDIDATES FOR KNIGHTHOOD



In a sincere effort to hold this under one ounce, SGS will not appear at this time. I owe plugs to many kind people who have helped me get started. Next issue SGS will recur in its accustomed place.

CENTURION (Russell Fox, 5160 Donna Ave, Tarzana CA 91356) #19. Subs: 11/\$3, 12/\$3 for new subbers, plus 36¢ airmail to Canada. Sub includes entrance into one game of Diplomacy.

This is the zine to get if you are looking for game openings. Besides carrying his own games, Russell gives the most complete zine reviews in the hobby. Recommended to keep up to date. Tri-weekly.

DIMAN (Brad E. Hessel, 15 Oak Ave, Tarrytown, NY 10591) #18. Subs 20¢ per issue. No game openings.

I can't hide it any longer. This is my favorite zine in the whole hobby. Brad consistently puts out a punctual, interesting zine. Carries 5 games with press, letters, news and opinions. Recommended for reading and playing. Tri-weekly with short Winters.

PLENIPOTENTIARY II (Walt Buchanan, R.R.#3, Box 324, Lebanon, IN 46052) #2. Subs: 9/\$2. No game openings, unless you are a past master at DUD Diplomacy.

This has to be the funniest thing around. If you have a sense of humor about Diplomacy, and if you don't, why are you getting Saint George?, this is a must. When the first issue came out, I thought it was a hoax, but here it is again. Who is putting this out is not clear, but he, or she, says you can subscribe from Walt. I recommend you try. You have nothing to lose, since if Walt can't supply it, he is an honest sort and will refund your money. Highly recommended for a much needed good laugh at a hobby that at times takes itself too seriously.

REBUS SIC STANIBUS (New England Society of Cynics, 65 Winter Ave, Staten Island, NY 10301) #5 Subs: 12/\$4, but if you want to play, they knock off a dollar and put you into a game - now how can you pass that up?

This zine is presently carrying a GTD game and a regular game with openings in two more games available. Carries press, letters, "Man of the Month" articles, and other good stuff. It carries the added bonus of letting you see your humble Dragonmaster bungle the playing of Russia. Recommended for a game. Monthly.

RURITANIA (Tony Watson, 201 Minnesota St., Las Vegas, NV 89107) #22. Subs: 4/\$1, which includes entry into a game.

I'll bet you never thought they did anything in Vegas but gamble. This is no gamble. Carries 3 games, info on a variant he is offering to GM, editorial, and articles. Recommended for a game. Monthly.

STAB (Good old Charlie Spiegel, 515 York Road 3 F, Willow Grove, PA 19090) #12. Subs: 10/\$2. Will be opening a game in late June for \$1 plus maintenance of a sub.

What can I say about someone who gives me a good plug with my knife quivering in his back? Charlie runs a good press zine. Carries 4 games with attendant press, articles and plugs. Recommended for playing when his game opens. 'Til then try a sub for some good press reading. And Charlie, guess what release I would vote for in the Bret Beardsly Memorial Nominations. Tri-weekly, with short winters.

I know there are more plugs I owe; I'll get to them next month.



And while we're waiting for some late returns to come in, we'll lead off the games with our newest game, which now carries the number 1976BM.

1976 BM Cyclops Spring, 1901
EVERYONE WANTS TO SPEND THE SUMMER ON THE ADRIATIC COAST



- Austria(Muchnik) A bud-SRB, A VIE-tri, F tri-ALB
- England(Doehrer) F lon-NTH, F edi-NRG, A lvp-EDI
- France(Levy) A par-PIC, F bre-MAO, A mar-SPA
- Germany(Gemignani) F kiel-HOL, A ber-KIEL, A mun-TYO
- Italy(Gordon) F nap-ION, A VEN-tri, A ROME-ven
- Russia(Bresslour) F st.p(sc)-GOB, A mos-SEV, A war-UKR,
F sev-BLA
- Turkey(Spiegel) A con-BUL, F ank-CON, A SMY H

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DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1901 AND CONDITIONAL WINTER BUILDS IS JUNE 5, 1976
3:00 PM CDT

...and now some 1976BM PRESS

Germany(no dateline) My moves in Tyrolia are called " I call your Bluff."
If a decision is to be made, let it be made quickly, for only the quick and the dead are in Diplomacy.

London(May Day, 1901)(Special to St.G & the D) - For the second time in English history, the monarchy has been overthrown and a Commonwealth established. The old regime collapsed suddenly when the Queen Mother was caught stuffing Her bustle with colonial two-dollar bills(actually worth \$1.15), as a hedge against the declining value of the Pound Sterling. Acting promptly to prevent runaway inflation, the newly appointed Lord Protector of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, North Africa and Syria issued a warrant for the arrest of an unidentified "lone stapler" who "did willfully and seditiously encourage a member of the Royal Family to attach foreign currency to Her undergarments."

Luxembourg Free Press: The world watches in stunned silence as sickness spreads throughout Europe. Western Europe(particularly the Netherlands) has seen the outbreak of the Black Plague, which until this year had been contained in Germany. Tunis is rumored to be suffering from the Green Gang, a disease that is expected to kill off the native Tunisian population by the end of 1901. Yellow fever is gripping the Balkans.

All in all Europe is not a very healthy place for non-combatants to be.
Rumania: Rumors that the white navy was Russian to this country were greeted with derision, as the entire Balkan area is aware of the Stalin that is taking place among the Eastern nations in 1901. However, Admiral Cherkoff, when being told of the Rumanian attitude toward the white forces, tersely commented to the Rumanian ambassador, "We will Beria."

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And our other newly started game....

1976BA The Basilisk Spring, 1901
SOMEBODY DOESN'T LOVE FRANCE



- Austria(Hessel) A bud-SRB, A vie-BUD, F tri-ALB
- England(Rogowski) F lon-NTH, F edi-NRG, A lvp-YOR
- France(McLendon) F bre-ENG, A par-GAS, A mar-SPA
- Germany(Mann II) F kiel-HOL, A ber-KIEL, A mun-BUR
- Italy(Brendlinger) A rome-APU, A ven-PIE, F nap-ION
- Russia(Anderson) F st.p(sc)-GOB, A war-GAL, A mos-UKR,
F Sev-bla
- Turkey(Rittel) A con-BUL, A smy-ARM, F ANK-bla

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DEADLINE FOR FALL AND WINTER, 1901 IS JUNE 5, 1976, 3:00PM CDT

...and some Basiliskian (1976BA) PRESS

Somewhere-on-the-steppes:(no dateline) Ivan was struggling down the dusty lane, huddled beneath a huge sack of potatoes and Spam. In the spring haze before him, he spotted a wizened old man limping toward him. "Crap, here comes Boris. No doubt he wants to borrow my wife to help with his planting. Well, he'll just have to find something else to pull his plow; I need Natasha to dig a new well..."

"Hey, Ivan!" croaked Boris, "Have you heard the news?"

"Don't tell me, let me guess: the brothel burned down? No? Good, my sheep can rest easy. Alex's still exploded? The price of gold on the international market gained 6.7 kopecks? No? Maybe it is..."

"War, Ivan, war. The news is spreading like wildfire through Mother Russia; all of Europe is mobilizing! The czar has just proclaimed his policy, 'To think, to wait, to fast.' Ivan, my friend, the clouds are gathering, the storm is upon us; I suggest you prepare." And with that Boris scurried off into the deepening evening gloom, cackling like a dying cock.

Ivan sat down and put his mind to work. Days passed. Thoughts finally jellied((sic)), "Boris is full of metaphysical bullshit. Too much Dostoyevsky, no doubt; it isn't good for one's head to think too much. But what's this about a storm? Guess I'll have to get Natasha to fix the roof..."

Rome(no dateline): It was agreed in the wee hours on April 22, 1901 that there was a Tri-alliance in the war, one that would last forever. There were representatives from Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy, but the exact areas which they agreed upon were not disclosed at this time.

Berlin (Feb 5, 1901) This reporter has just finished an interview with the new Chancellor, and this is what he said. It has been said that he doesn't believe in war, or that war is the only answer to our(Europe's) problems. But he would take the usual and appropriate measures to see that peace in the East will be quick and certain. For he has tried to keep the peace, but will act with all the force necessary to keep the peace and his allies safe from the aggression of other European powers. And that's how it happened, Feb; 5, 1901. For you heard it as it was told to this reporter. (Press continued on page 6)

And once again last...



1976R Medusa Fall, 1901
 GERMANY GROWS AS ENGLAND WATCHES
 Austria(McArdle) F alb-GRE, A SRB S F alb-GRE, A VIE-tri
 England(Rittel) F nrg-NWY, F NTH H, A YOR H
 France(Happel) A gas-POR, F MAO C A gas-POR, A mar-SPA
 Germany(Cohen) A kiel-DEN, A ruhr-BEL, F HOL S A ruhr-BEL
 Italy(Stephens) A VEN-tri, A rome-TUS, F ion-TUN
 Russia(Rauscher) F fin-SWE, A war-MOS, A ukr-RUM, F BLA-ank
 Turkey(Dittmar) A BUL H, F CON S A BUL, A ANK H

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1901 - Medusa - 1976R

AUSTRIA: bud, tri, vie, GRE, SRB.....	5,	builds 2
ENGLAND: edi, lvp, lon, NWY.....	4,	builds 1
FRANCE: bre, mar, par, POR, SPA.....	5,	builds 2
GERMANY: ber, kiel, mun, BEL, DEN, HOL.....	6,	builds 3
ITALY: nap, rome, ven, TUN.....	4,	builds 1
RUSSIA: mos, st.p, sev, war, RUM, SWE.....	6,	builds 2
TURKEY: ank, con, smy, BUL.....	4,	builds 1
NEUTRAL: none		
	<u>34,</u>	total

1976R Medusa Winter, 1901
 RE-INFORCEMENTS CALLED UP

Austria(McArdle) builds F TRI, A BUD. Has A BUD, A SRB, A VIE, F TRI, F GRE
 England(Rittel) builds F LON. Has A YOR, F NWY, F NTH, F LON
 France(Happel) builds A PAR, F MAR. Has A PAR, A POR, A SPA, F MAO, F MAR
 Germany(Cohen) builds A KIEL, A BER, A MUN. Has A KIEL, A BER, A MUN, A DEN, A BEL, F HOL
 Italy(Stephens) builds F NAP. Has A VEN, A TUS, F NAP, F TUN
 Russia(Rauscher) builds F SEV, A WAR. Has A WAR, A MOS, A RUM, F SEV F BLA, F SWE
 Turkey(Dittmar) builds F SMY. Has A BUL, A ANK, F CON, F SMY

Any errors should be pointed out to the Dragonmaster by return mail. To clear up a misunderstanding as to my policy, I am not going to call for Winter builds with every Fall. If a Winter is not very complex, I will call for conditional Spring moves with Winter builds. However, if a player wants separation of any Winter and Spring in which I call for conditional moves, I will separate them. Retreats are never handled on separate basis.

DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1902 IS JUNE 5, 1976, 3:00PM CDT

Press is on page 7, 8, or wherever it fits

Press

...1976BA, The Basilisk

Berlin Reporte Journal(23 Feb., 1901) FLASH!!

Just in: It was said that the new German Chancellor checked his southern boundary((in a mirror?)) and warned Italy that the Tyrolian province was neutral territory and that movement into said territory was an irresponsible act of agression which would meet with appropriate action. All treaties and pacts would be voided. The same was said in Austria as the Chancellor and the Austrian ruler had lunch later the same day in Vienna.

Budapest(28 April, 1901 Sleepy Hollow Free Press):

In a dramatic culmination to several weeks of intense diplomatic maneuvering, the Imperial Government today issued a proclamation renouncing the Treaty of Berlin, which has for years defined the order of things in the Southeastern corner of the continent, and announcing the unilateral incorporation of Macedonia and Greece into the Hapsburg Empire. The Proclamation, to which Emperor Rudolph affixed the Imperial Seal only in the wee hours of the morning after an intensive twenty-hour session during which the document was composed, makes no mention of reaction, potential or expected, of the other Great Powers, all of whom are signatories to the Treaty; however, it is widely reported that Austro-Hungarian diplomatic entreaties have resulted in firm offers of support, if not encouragement, from more than one nation. According to one highly placed source, extensive contacts with all four immediate neighbors which constituted the prelude to today's activity have "prepared a foundation ample to support the stress" which is admittedly expected to result from the potentially highly disruptive moves which the Proclamation entails.

In a related development, standing forces are maneuvering in the vicinity of the Southeastern borders of the Empire, and it has been made unofficially clear that the Government is likely to make some sort of military demonstration to back up the Proclamation. The Territories in question, tho nominally under the aegis of Turkey, have long been festering sources of unrest for that country, comprising as they do a heterogeneous collection of various nationalities, religious groups, and economic sub-systems(and are expected therefore to fit in well with the hodge-podge composition of the Dual Monarchy).

...1976R, Medusa

Rome: The Ministry of War announced today that the failure of the Italian invasion was due to three key factors: 1) the use of the here-to-fore untested three-wheeled Isetta light tank(nicknamed by wags "the Contadina tomato paste can"); 2) the minister's wife who announced the projected invasion to the French Minister's wife at a Tupperware party in Marseilles; and 3) the conflict in timing with a clean-up Venice campaign in the wake of Austrian tourists littering which required a major part of the Italian armed forces.

Vatican: Pompous St. Iconoclast, the Holy Father, banned the use of cracker jacks by all Catholics. He stated further that use and abuse of this substance had contributed much to the decline of Western Civilization.

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...1976R, Medusa Press

Naples: Hohenstauffen family spokesman Carl Albert Franz-Franz della Bella expressed his concern that German relatives may end up getting the shaft in the Entente Cozy that seems to be developing in Western Europe.

Tunis: Hero's welcome accorded Italy's "Desert Pox" here.

Berlin(1 October, 1901) Confusion reigned in the German capital among the local populace as well as at the highest levels of government. It was well known that Germany was at war, but who were her enemies and who were her friends remained unclear. Rumors continued to spread unchecked. It was believed that confidential German diplomatic pouches were being widely circulated throughout Europe, where they were being laughingly referred to as "good bathroom reading". The German High Command was ready to denounce whoever was responsible for the leaks, as soon as the culprits could be flushed out.

Panic nearly seized the capital, as an invasion by unnamed power or powers was rumored to be imminent. Prime Minister Bethmann-Holweg attempted to calm these fears, and reported that diplomatic discussions were continuing around the clock. "We should know where we stand any day now..."

Belgium(15 November, 1901): As he marched with the First Infantry Korps into Belgium, Hans Rattner((any relation to Hans Gruyere?)) peered intently ahead, looking...for what? No contact with the enemy was expected, but then no one seemed to know who the enemy was! The day before they'd been prepared for battle - now all was quiet; there was no resistance. Nothing could be worse than this endless waiting, endless anticipation. He'd heard from his cousin Franz, who'd moved out to Holland, but whether they'd face opposition, no one knew. Tales of complete disorganization in Berlin spread constantly through the ranks - he didn't know whether to believe them. Meanwhile, nothing to do but wait...The inactivity called to mind a saying he'd once read: "War is an organized bore."

Vienna: It was announced today by the Federal Trade Commission that all handguns sold after June 30 must bear a legend to the effect that discharging a handgun into the body of a human being may be hazardous to the health. This action has been taken following the release last year of the Surgeon General's report stating that in 92% of 1, 284 cases studied the recipient of a discharge from a handgun was either killed or wounded seriously enough to be hospitalized. The cases were limited to trajectories of less than ten feet, but while the percentages drop for greater distances, they are still above 50% in all cases. The Surgeon General's report did note that concentrated experimentation on rats failed to provide a link between handgun wounds and cancer, although it was pointed out that after discharging ten rounds into each test rat very few traces of tissue remained for analysis.

Our sources indicate that the action by the Federal Trade Commission was undertaken in lieu of firmer action by Congress. Apparently great pressure has been put on many Congressmne, including most of the influential House and Senate leaders, by what has been termed the Big Crime lobby. Lobbyists for this group insist that the economic blow to a large segment of our economy would be too severe if free sale of handguns were stopped immediately. Cited are the hundreds of thousands of policemen, prison officials, judges, parole officers, employees of

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MINSTREL'S LAY

The Moonman - Chapter four

"There is abroad in this land a quasi-revolutionary movement as irrational as that society it seeks to replace."
-Moonman, from "Orthodox Earthian Thought"

The mere thought of chucking time-hored and years-taught societal values, mores, and beliefs (all for the option of irrevocably going underground with a purple neo-banana extraterrestrial) caused severe criticism from my patriotic ulcers. Thus, it was not without a substantial consternation and, indeed, physical pain, that the decision was finally made.

Realizing the quantum leap that I was about to embark upon, I contacted a revolutionary friend of mine, who when not participating in "Free" this-guy and "Free" that-guy campaigns, fashoined herself a designer of women's apparel. I had always chauvinistically wished that when (not if) my eventual break with traditional society came, my initial clandestine contact would come with a Bondsian "Pussy Galore". However, Mazel Leidenhower was not of that strain. Her primary virtue being intelligence rather than pulchritude, our reationship had always been cultural to the exclusion of the sensual.

"Hey, Mace!" I shouted upon entering the dingy shop. (Mazel was affectionately nicknamed "Mace", stemming from an "Anti"-something march a few years back when she had wrestled a can of mace from a cop and liberally applied it to his more private parts. It didn't make the national networks, but Playgirl had a field day.)

"Hey, HEY!" Mace greeted me with genuine warmth. "What's going down?" We embraced momentarily, the she peered at me quizzically. "You got problems?"

Over the course of the next sveral minutes, I attempted to explain the position that I perceived the Moonman to be in. Mace appeared immediately sympathetic--excited in fact. So much so that she began to take command of the entire operation. We adopted code names--Deep Throat, Shyster, Bic Banana. Their personal application is obvious. Mace, or rather Deep Throat, quickly formulated a plan by which we could pirate Bic Banana from his cell and hide him in a health food store until the heat was off.

The plan itself was marvelous. But were we courageous enough to assure its success? Laughing in the face of danger was not my forte.

Next.....THE GREAT ESCAPE

...and still more 1976R, Medusa Press

Vienna(continued): handgun manufacturers and others directly affected by such a decision. This does not include, the lobbyists continue, those secondarily affected such as morticians and surgeons. Privately, many more individuals not immediately involved in the Big Crime lobby effort have indicated support. For example, Gerald T. Brooks, president of Amalgamated Diversities, has been quoted as saying "we have to keep these (law enforcement) people busy.

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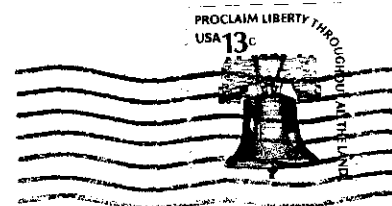
...1976R, the rest of the press

London (1 October, 1901) The British Government today announced the successful completion of its war manuevers in the Norweigian and North Seas. Lord Admiral Hansen reiterated his position that the English armada was now in top readiness to face any challenges which might arise in the future. Meanwhile, in Parliament, Lord Bissel noted with obvious consternation that the supposed simultaneous "field exercises" being held by all the Great Powers of Europe were indeed providing "the unholy catalyst for world-wide warfare". His Lordship also took advantage of this occasion to announce the proposed construction of a third English fleet in London this winter. "Without a doubt," Lord Bissel observed, Her Majesty would prefer that such action not be necessary. However, events over the past few months establish that Her Royal Pants must be kept up."

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