

This is ZOTHIQUE, a journal of postal experimental variant Diplomacy (the Aberration series). Map/rule sets for Aberration III or IV are 15¢ per set (the 25¢ second edition of Ab. III is now nearly out of print; remaining copies are being reserved for stand-by players). Stand-by positions are available as noted in House-Rule 9. Subscriptions are 10/\$1; back issues are 5¢ each in lots of 2 or more. This is Pandemonium Publication #392, edited and published by Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego CA 92116; telephone, (714) 282-1921; member, NFFFGB, NFFFGBDD, IFW, IFWDS, DA.

EZ
U42T
OIH
1
October
1971

LIKE MOST SONS ARE WE, MASCULINE IN SEX.

1. ADDRESS CHANGES. Perry Andrus, 202-A Loma, UCI, Irvine CA 92664; Gerald White, 4004 SE Pine St., Portland OR 97214.
2. SOCAL DIPCON IV. The Fourth SoCal DipCon will be held in San Diego on Saturday, 4 December 1971. It will begin about noon in the Informal Lounge, Revelle Campus Commons, UCSD, LaJolla. Anyone who wishes to attend and does not know how to get there should contact me for a map.
3. THE ULTIMATE SUBSCRIPTION. All Pandemonium Press pubs, only pennies a copy, send 3rd class every couple of months or so. See EREHWON 55 or write me for details.
4. VARIANT FANS! A new variant 'zine, VOINA I MIR, is being started by Paul E. Bond, P.O. Box 6477, College Station TX 77840. It will carry at least one section of Verrat, Mike Childers' tremendous game set in Europe about 1780. It is large, complex, and intriguing. Paul needs players, will trade 'zines. He may also carry other variants, including some of my Imperialism games (and possible Aberration III).
5. CORRECTION TO GERMANY VS. THE WORLD! The map printed in ZOTHIQUE 39 has an important error. The eastern portion of St. Petersburg really belongs to Archangel, so that Archangel borders on Moscow. Please note this correction on your copy. Thanks, Fred Davis, for the correction.

1969Hcd -- TARA REPORTED IN ANARCHY AS KING VANISHES -- ABERRATION III

Winter 1911: Although the players were advised, the Spanish orders for Spring 1911 were never printed. They were: A Cat-Lan S by F Lig, F Plm-Cat, F Por H S by F SAT (F Por /a/), A Tus MS A Ven, A Tun H, F WMed-Gib. Burton Labelle, 146 Elm St., Saco ME 04072, is requested to send s/b Spring 1912 orders for Ireland.

IRELAND (Andrus): NBR. Could have built 4. Has: F Den, F Wes, F Hol, A Swi, A Lan, A Pie, A Sax, A Boh, A Bav, A Tol, A Est, F SAT, F Por, F Nwy, F Swe (15 -- 4 short).

ISRAEL (White): E A Ira. Has: A Sin, A Dam (2).

POLAND (Linden): E A Mas, A Liv, A Tyr, F Lat. Has: A Gda, F Iri (2).

SPAIN (Manogg): A Lan (R)-Dij, F SAT (R)-Ifn. E A Tus. Has: A Dij, F Lig, F Plm, F Ifn, A Ven, A Tun, F Gib (7).

UKRAINE (Cuilett): B F Cyr, F Ath, F Zar, A Ser, A Bul, A Ana. Has: 6 built, plus A Pod, A Nap, F Pyl, F Mal, A Tur, A War, A Bud, A Vie, A Gal, A Cro, A Geo, A Arm, F Cai, F Del, A Nmk, A Nov, A Mus (23).

SPRING 1912 ORDERS are due Thursday, 28 October 1971.

1970Dof -- SWEDES DEEP IN THE HEART OF RUSSIA; ITALIANS IN TRIESTE -- AB. IV

Summer 1906: John Powell, 808 Lafayette St., Denver CO 80218, is requested to send s/b Fall 1906 orders for Austria.

AUSTRIA (Andrus?): NMR. 20DA Ser /h/ (-2), 4DA Gal /h/ /a/, 20DA Rum /h/ (-2). Lost: Tri, Vie, Gra.

ENGLAND (Everson): 2A Pic (R)-Bel; 5F Den (R)-Bal. 2A Bel-Hol, 10F Eng-Bre S by 7F Mid (7F Mid -3), 10A Kie-Den S by 10F Hel & 5F Bal (10A Den -1), 10F Hol-Rie. Lost: Lpl, Bel [Den regained].

FRANCE (Keathley): 7E Por-Mid (-3), 18DA Pic-Bel, 18DA Bre-Pic, 20DA Bur-Ruh. Lost: Bre.
 ITALY (Pandin): 10A Tur-Lib (-1), 10F CMed-Mrn S by 10F Ion (10F Mrn -1), 20DA Ven-Tri S by 20DA Vie, 10A Alb-Gre (-2). Lost: none.
 RUSSIA (Guillett): 20DA Van-Nrv, 20DA Sil-Gal (-2), 10A War-Mos (-3), 10A Mos-Sib S by 10A StP. Lost: Mos, Sev, Mal.
 SWEDEN (Seman): 20DA Ukr-Mos S by 10A Sev (20DA Mos -2), 10F Mal S 10F Ska, 18DA Den S 10F Mal (-6), 10F Ska S 18DA Den, 10F Fin-Rig, 10F NAT-Lpl. Lost: Kie, Rum, War.
 TURKEY (White): 7A Lib-Tun (-3) /d/ (-5, /a/), 10A Egy H, 9F Aeg-Gre (-3), 9F Rho-Mrn (-3), 10F EMed-Rho. Lost: none.
 CORRECTION TO ENGLAND: 10A Kie-Den (-3), 10F Hol-Kie, 2A Bel-Hol /d/ (-5, /a/); Den not recovered.
 CORRECTION TO FRANCE: 18DA Pic-Bel (-2).
 FALL 1906 ORDERS are due Thursday, 29 October 1971.

1971Pod -- HUNGARY DEEP IN HEART OF UKRAINE AND BLOATS -- ABERRATION III

Fall 1902: Stephen Bell, 5505 Virgilwood Dr., Greensboro NC 27409, is requested to submit o/b orders for Spring 1903 (not W02) for Sicily, in the event Perry Andrus misses W02 adjustments. If this happens, the c.d. removal will be F Tob.

BURGUNDY (Bergeron): A Bav (R)-Swa. A Swi-Pie S by A Lan, A Hes H, F Bru-Eng, A Swa-Bav, F Hel H. Owns: Bru, Dij, Hag, ~~May~~, Hes, Lan, Pie (6). No change.

BYZANTINE EMPIRE (Just): F Ion-Apu, F Con-WBla S by F Ana, A Bul at-
~~tempt to figure out the alliance structure~~, A Pis-Con. Owns: Ath, Con, Smy, Ana, Bul (5). No change.

HUNGARY (Keathley): F Alb-Ion, A Vie-Tyr, A Tra-Rum, A Bav S POLISH A
Sax-Hes, A Rum-Ode, F Adr-Ven. Owns: Bud, Sze, Zar, Boh, Ser, Ven, Bav, Ode, Rum (9). Build 3.

IRELAND (Powell): A Wes H, F Mid-Bri, F Nrv-Swe. Owns: Alc, Dub, Edi, Nrv, Wes, Bri (6). Build 3 (2 not built, 1901).

ISRAEL (Marogg): F Del-Car, A Geo MS A Arm, F Lib-Cyr. Owns: Cai, Dam, Jer, Arm, Cyr, Geo (6). Build 2 (1 not built, 1901).

POLAND (Wrobel): A Nov-Mus S by A War, A Liv S A War, F Bor-Swe, A Sax
-Hes, F Den-Swe. Owns: Gda, Rig, War, Nov, Sax, Swe, Den (7). Build 1.

SICILY (Andrus?): NMR, F Lig, A Tus, F Tob, F Tri /a/. Owns: Nap, Pmc, Rom, ~~TAA~~ (3). Remove 1.

SPAIN (Tilson): F San-Mid, F Plm-Lyo, A Cat H, F Gib-WMed, F Alg-Tun. Owns: San, Tol, Val, Mor, Por, Tun (6). Build 1.

UKRAINE (Labelle): A Kie MS A Mus, F Sev-WBla, A Pod-War, F WBla-Ana
/d//EBla, Tau, ob/. Owns: Kie, ~~Ode~~, Sev, Mus, ~~Wah~~ (3). Remove 2.

WINTER 1902 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 14 October 1971.

SPRING 1903 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 29 October 1971.

POLAND: To the Ukraine...Niech Muscovy pan dłużej zatrzyma i ureguluje --nie spieszmy się. Czy pan pozwoli, że przyjdę trochę później.

POLAND: to Ireland...Im więcej mam trudności, tym więcej mam ochoty do walki.

POLAND: To the Byzantine Empire...Kiedy będziesz w Polsce, bądź komiecznie w Wieliczce.

GDANSK: For variety's sake, take an Hungarian out to lunch today.

ORLEANS: The King of Burgundy is vacationing in Switzerland, leaving the Prime Minister holding the bag. It is rumored that the government is in

chaos because of the King's sudden fondness for skiing. "This is not true. Just because I haven't the foggiest idea of what's going on doesn't mean a thing," was the report from the Prime Minister.

1971G01 -- FOLIES INVADE HUNGARIAN HEARTLAND -- ABERRATION III

Fall 1901: Peter Kelemen's position (Hungary) will temporarily be played by John Ankrum, 107 OakHill Rd., Ithaca NY 14850. I'm not sure how long this is to last. Peter? John?

BURGUNDY (Counselman): A Ruh-Bav, A Lan-Pie, F Hes H. Owns: Bru, Dij, Hag, Bav, Hes, Pie (6). Build 3.

BYZANTINE EMPIRE (Scott): A Bul H, A Pis-Cil, F Ana-Arm. Owns: Ath, Con, Smy, Ana, Bul (5). Build 2.

HUNGARY (Ankrum vice Kelemen): A Vie H, A Ser H, F Adr-Ven. Owns: Had, Sze, Zar, Ser, Vie (4). Build 1.

IRELAND (Keathley): A Yor-Wes, F NAT-Nrg, F Nth-Nwy. Owns: Alc, Dub, Edi, Nwv, Wes (5). Build 2.

ISRAEL (Moshell): A Svr-Arm, A Ara-Mes, F Lib-Cyr. Owns: Cai, Dam, Jer, Cyr (4). Build 1.

POLAND (Zablocki)(Purdy vice?): NMR; by GOs from Zablocki: A Nov H, A Gal-Bud, F Bor-Swe. Owns: Gda, Rig, War, Bud, Nov, Swe (6). Build 3.

SICILY (Martin): A Umb-Ven, F Adu-Adr, F Mal-Tun. Owns: Nap, Pmo, Rom, Tun (4). Build 1.

SPAIN (Semen): A Est-Por, F Mid-Bri, F WMed-Mor. Owns: San, Tol, Val, Bri, Mor, Por (6). Build 3.

UKRAINE (Ruzic): A Mis H, A Rum H, F EBlA-Geo. Owns: Kie, Ode, Sev, Geo, Mis, Rum (6). Build 3.

WINTER 1901 ADJUSTMENTS are due Thursday, 14 October 1971.

SPRING 1902 ORDERS are due Thursday, 28 October 1971.

JERUSALEM: The Holy Confederation wishes to welcome Cyrenaica into its nation as an independent state governed by the joint Jewish Diet.

SURPRISE!

This issue of ZOTHIQUE, as did #39, contains a complete new variant. I don't know if we will make a habit of it, but I'd like to include such things when there is room.

Richard Vedder, the designer of the game, is a resident of SanDiego (a far northern suburb known to its developers as Rancho Bernardo). Dick is a local wargamer, a history major at the University of California at SanDiego, and a bug on the classical period. It was Dick who talked me into designing a revised version of Imperialism IX and running a postal section of it. He has been an enthusiastic urger of my renewed interest in wargames based in the classical period.

Dick began to design his game some months ago, using as a basis the Mediterranean world at the time of the Second Punic War. What follows is the eleventh draft of the game, designed after extensive playtesting and considerable advice from myself, Larry Peery, and others of the local wargaming community.

Questions about the game, suggestions for improvements, and ideas for other classical-scenario games should be sent to the designer of Diadokhi, Dick Vedder, 11940 Adorno Pl., SanDiego CA 92128. If you play the game, he would be very interested in hearing how it turned out.

Maps for the game are on pages 4 and 5; rules are on page 6.

If you have an interesting variant I could publish, I'd like to have a look at it. I may not have room right away, but sooner or later....

DIADOKHI
Page 1

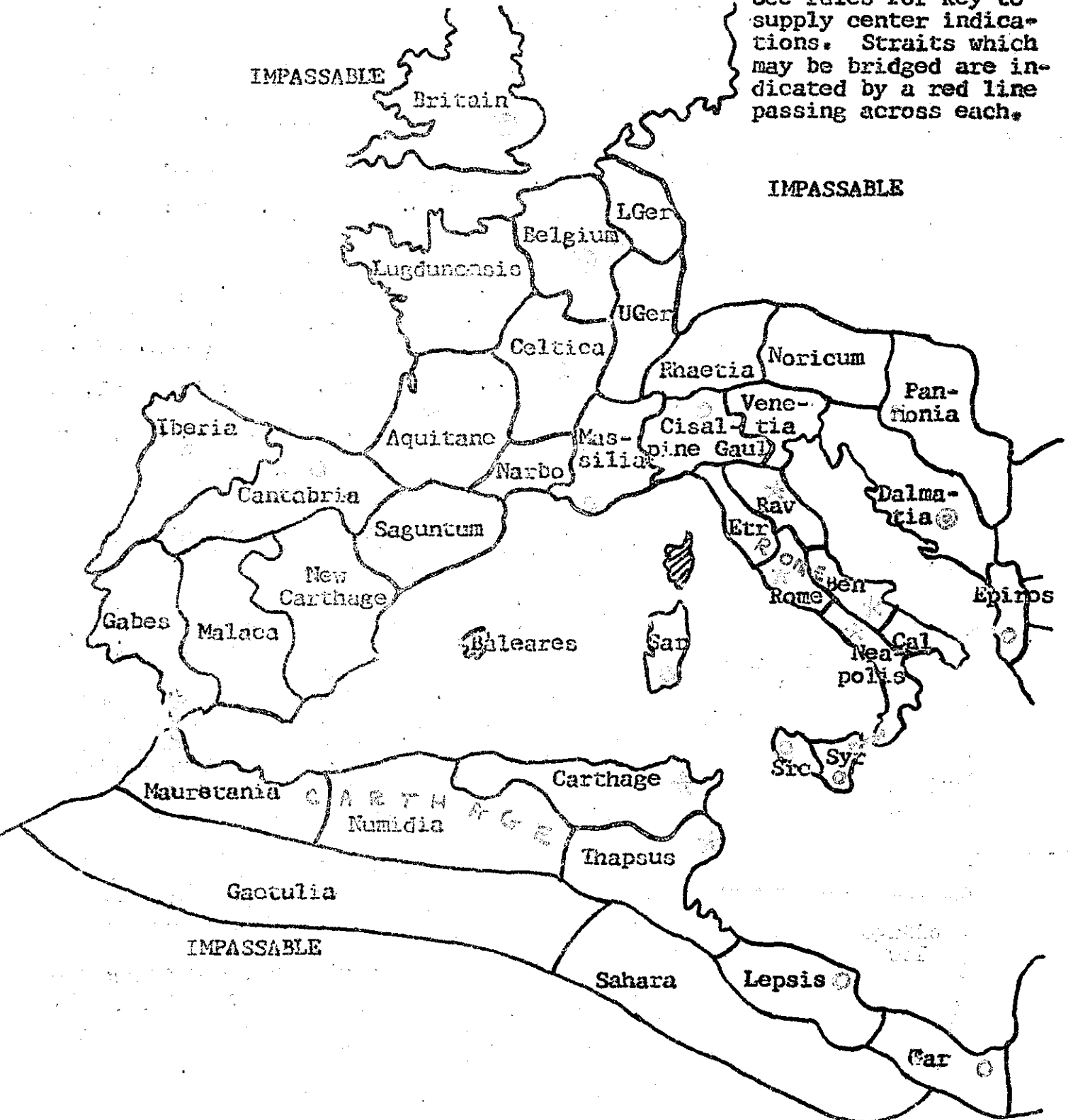
See rules for key to supply center indications. Straits which may be bridged are indicated by a red line passing across each.

IMPASSABLE

IMPASSABLE

Gaetulia

IMPASSABLE



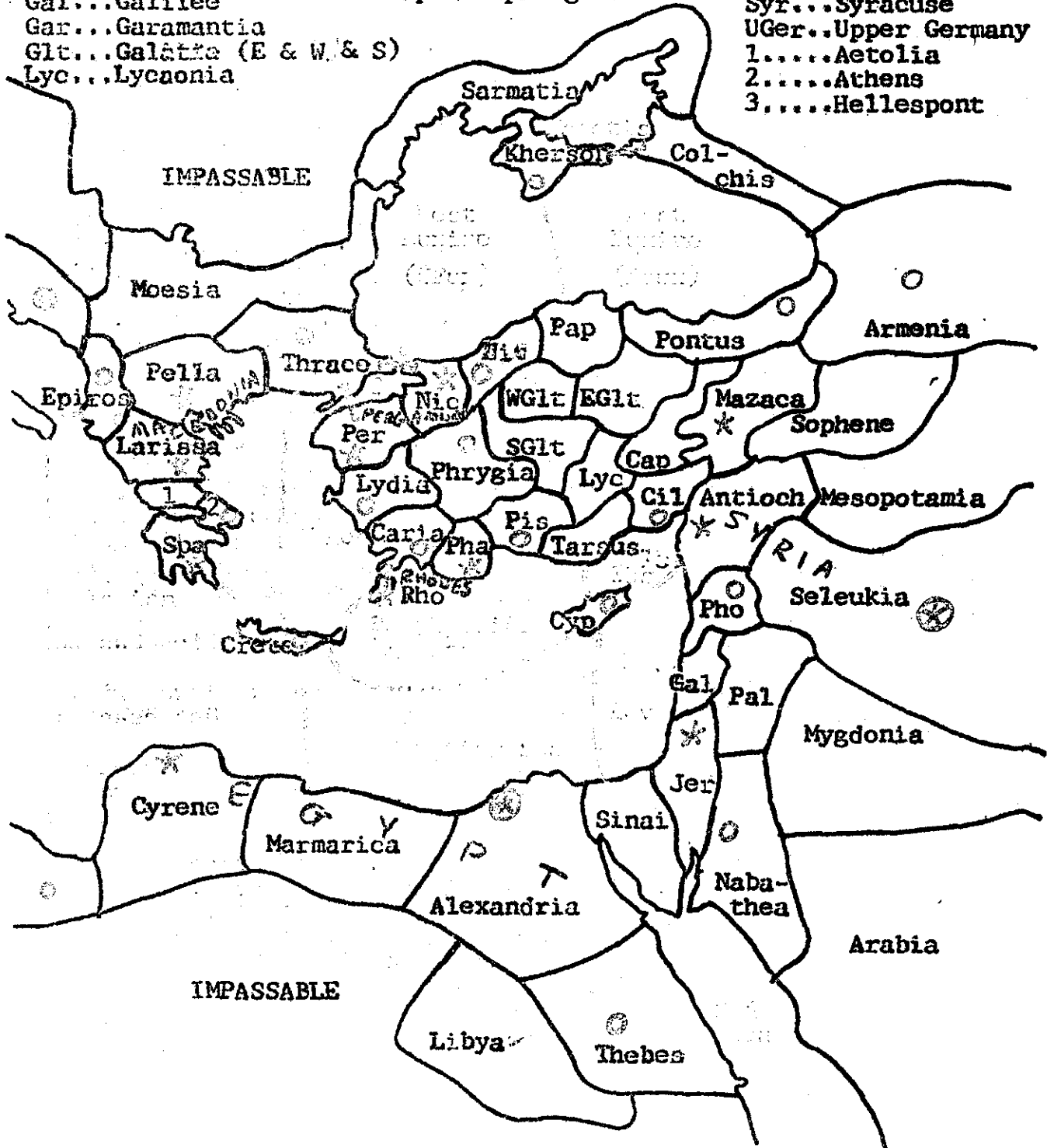
Abbreviations

Aeg...Aegean Sea (E & W)
 Ben...Beneventum
 Bit...Bithynia
 Cal...Calabria
 Cap...Cappadocia
 Cil...Cilicia
 Cyp...Cyprus
 Etr...Etruria
 Gal...Galilee
 Gar...Garamantia
 Glt...Galátka (E & W & S)
 Lyc...Lycaonia

DIADOKHI
page 2

Iss...Gulf of Issus
 Jer...Jerusalem
 Lev...Levantine Sea
 LGer...Lower Germany
 Nic...Nicomedia
 Pal...Palmyra
 Pap...Paphlagonia

Per...Pergaumum
 Pha...Pharos
 Pho...Phoenicia
 Pis...Pisidia
 Rav...Ravenna
 Rho...Rhodes
 Sar...Sardinia
 Sic...Sicily
 Spa...Sparta
 Syr...Syracuse
 UGer...Upper Germany
 1.....Aetolia
 2.....Athens
 3.....Hellespont



1. Except as noted below, the rules of Diplomacy apply.
2. There are three types of Great Powers: Type A (Carthage, Rome), Type B (Egypt [Ptolemaic Empire], Macedonia, and Syria [Seleukid Empire]), and Type C (Pergamum, Rhodes).
3. "A" Powers begin with 4 units (3A, 1F), "B" Powers with 3 units (2A, 1F), and "C" Powers with 2 units (2F). The opening set-up is as follows:
 CARTHAGE: A Gades, A New Carthage, A Thapsus, F Carthage; ROME: A Raven-
 na, A Beneventum, F Neapolis; EGYPT: A Cyrene, A Jerusalem, F
 Alexandria; MACEDONIA: A Pella, A Larissa, F Sparta; SYRIA: A Mazaka,
 A Seleukia, F Antioch; PERGAMUM: F Pergamum, F Nicea; RHODES: F Rhodes,
 F Pharos.
4. Supply centers are indicated as follows. * Home supply centers.
 ○ Special home supply centers. Each is a double supply center, and after
 Fall 220, a second unit may be supported by that center (for its original
 owner only; it counts as a regular center for any other). This applies to
 Alexandria and Seleukia. In addition, Seleukia must be continually occu-
 pied by any foreign owner. If it is left vacant, it immediately reverts to
 Syria and 2 Syrian units will appear there, one on each of the first two
 seasons Seleukia is left vacant, regardless of which season this might be
 (this means that Syria can never really be eliminated). ○ Neutral supply
 centers. ○ Barbarian supply centers. This type of center may only be oc-
 cupied in order to be owned. If left vacant, it immediately becomes un-
 owned again. This applies to: Britain, Belgium, Iberia, and Dalmatia.
 These centers have no special defensive properties, however.
5. On any given Winter adjustment season, no Power may build more than
 one (1) fleet.
6. The victory criterion varies according to type of Power. The vic-
 tor must be the largest single power on the board, plus: (A) control a ma-
 jority of the units, (B) control 1/3 of the units, or (C) control 1/4 of the
 units. An exception to this rule is made in the case of two Powers
 which reach their respective victory criteria simultaneously: if the smaller
 is still larger than any Power except the other Power which has also achieved
 its victory criterion, it also wins. Joint and multiple victories are ob-
 viously possible under these criteria. Note: An "A" Power cannot win unless
 it owns Sardinia, Sicily, and Syracuse.
7. Egypt may not maintain more than 1 fleet at any time which has been
 built on Alexandria's south coast.
8. The following provinces have north and south coasts: Alexandria,
 Sinai, and Alexandria. The following provinces have east and west coasts:
 Sarmatia, Aetolia, Athens, and Larissa.
9. Units may freely bridge the straits between Gades and Mauretania,
 Neapolis and Syracuse, Pergamum and Thrace, Nicea and Thrace, and Kherson
 and Colchis, while at the same time these straits provide passage for fleets
 passing between bodies of water.
10. An unsupported attack on a convoying fleet, or an attack which
 does not dislodge the fleet, is sufficient to disrupt the convoy.
11. Fretus is the only body of water bordering on Britain.
12. One player may loan supply centers to another. Any center so
 loaned becomes the property of the new owner, just as if he had occupied it.
13. Abbreviations are the first three letters of each name; Exceptions
 are indicated on the map.

Questions, &c. may be directed to the designer, Dick Vedder, 11940 Ador-
 no Pl., San Diego CA 92128. Individual copies may be obtained from the pub-
 lisher, Rod Walker, 5058 Mawley Blvd., San Diego CA 92116, for 15¢.