- 1. This issue is four weeks late. There is no excuse, of course; the explanation is that I forgot to take the mailing list home with me over the vacation, and thus was unable to put out the issue at home; and since I got back to school, I've been busy with examm and papers. I'm sorry; with luck, next issue will be on time.
- 2. Again, we have a six-page offset issue. My mimeo is still broken. I bought the parts to fix it over vacation, but in order to fix it I need a pair of thin-nose pliers. I have a pair of pliers, but they're too small; and the local hardware store is out. Over intercession, I'll buy another pair and, God willing, next issue will be a normal one.
- 3. Does anybody know what Dick Trtek's current address is? My last few issues were sent to him at the address I've been mailing things to for the last three years --- and were returned "no such address". What the hell is going on?
- 4. Lee Kendter, Sr., is the new Boardman Number Custodian. I suspect he'll do a good job. However, he's announced that he charging a \$1 fee for Boardman numbers, but doesn't say whether that's a voluntary or required fee. I hope its voluntary. The point of the Boardman and Miller Numbers is to supply a universal numbering system; if some publishers decide not to get Boardman numbers because there's a fee, the numbers purpose is destroyed. Consequently, I would violently oppose a mandatory fee. The Miller Numbers will never charge a fee. If the Boardman Number Custodian is charging a mandatory fee, Urf Durfal will not request Boardman Numbers. If the fee is voluntary, I'm perfectly willing to make a contribution to the operation of the Numbers.
- 6. ConSpiracy/EmpiriCon II will be held over July 4th weekend. ConSpiracy is a gaming convention, including a Diplomacy tournament, open gaming, lectures and panels, plus a "house" FRP campaign. EmpiriCon is a science fiction convention; the same fee entitles you to attend all events. TIME: July 4-6, 1980. SITE: Prince George Hotel, 14 E 38, Manhattan. ROOM: \$39/single/night, \$47/double/night. FEE: \$6 until Feb. 1, \$7.50 until June 21, \$9 at door, \$1 extra for Diplomacy tournament. CONTACT: EmpiriCon II, POB 682, Church Street Sta., New York, NY, 10008. Specify Diplomacy tournament if playing.
- 7. We have openings in YOUNGSTOWN (\$3 refundable depasit plus sub), JUNTA (\$1 fee plus sub), and FIAT LUX DIPLOMACY (\$1 fee plus sub). Rules to FIAT LUX will be published next issue.

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England (Crabill) and France (Gannon) wish to exchange countries. This is irregular and will probably result in the game being declared irregular by the Boardman Number Custodian, which means that it would not be included in ratings statistics. However, if the players agree to the exchange, I have no objection. Please vote on whether or not you wish to permit the exchange with your next moves; a single no vote will prevent it. A failure to vote will be considered a "yes" vote.

England (Crabill) a KIE s a bel-RUH, f bal-BOT, f den-BAL, f NTH h, f BAR s a STP h. France (Gannon) a kie r-otb. a GAS-mar, a BUR-mar, a hol-BEL, a mun-SIL, f SPA(sc) s f mid-WES, f nat-MID, a LON h, f ENG h. Italy (Verheiden) a TRI & a VIE s a BUD h, a PIE h, f TYN s f ION h. Russia (Taylor) a bud r-gal. a MOS s a LVN-stp, a GAL-ukr. Turkey (Divver) a SEV-ukr, f BLA s a RUM s a SER s a gre-ALB, f bul(sc)-GRE, f AEG-ion.

Austria: øør out England: edi, //ø/, nwy, swe, den, stp, ber, KIE even France: par, mar, bre, spa, por, bel, hol, lvp, mun, kie, LON 10 B1 Italy: ven, rom, nap, tun, tri, vie, BUD Russia: mos, war, bud 2 D1Turkey: smy, ank, con, bul, rum, sev, gre, SER B1 SUBMIT SPRING MOVES CONDITIONAL ON WINTER BUILDS!

## 76JJ (PDL-6)

GM: Greg Costikyan

F08

England (Stimmel) f ENG h, f NTH-bel, a BELOhol, f ion-AEG, f ADR \$ f tyn-ION, f wes-TYN.

France (Strain) a pie-MAR, a VEN-tri, f ROM-nap, f bre-MID, a PIC-bel, a par-BUR.

Germany (Hinton) f BAL h, a KIE-hol, a BER-mun, a MUN-tyo, a TYO-vie, a VIE-bud, a BUD-ser, a GAL-rum, a UKR & A MOS s a RUM-sev. Italy (Gould) f NAP & eng f ion (ns)

Turkey (Taylor) fadr r-apu. a GRE sa BUL s & a SER & f BLA sa SEV-rum, a TRI-bud, a ARM-sev, f APU-adr.

England: lvp, edi, lon, bel, nwy, por, tun even France: bre, mar, par, spa, rom, ven even Germany: kie, mun, ber, bud, den, hol, mos, rum, stp, swe, war, vie 12 B1\* Italy: nap 1 even Turkey: smy, con, ank, bul, gre, ser, sev, tri 8 even THERE WILL BE NO WINTER SEASON; SUBMIT SPRING ORDERS

## 79IU (PAW Game)

GM: Greg Costikyan

F02

Austria (Baillie) a gal-UKR, a tri-SER, a BUD s a bul-RUM, f GRE-bul(sc). England (Hyatt) f bar-NWY, a STP h, f NTH s f eng-BEL. France (Kopel) a bel h (r-pic, ruh, otb), f spa(sc)-LYO, a por-SPA, f mid-IRI, f lyo-TYN, a GAS-mar. Germany (Dupont) a BER s a sil-PRU, a KIE-den, f SWE-den, a HOL dithers. Italy (Schulz) a PIE-mar, a ven-TRI, f tun-NAF, f ION-gre.

Russia (Kelly) a pru (r-lvn, otb) & a war-SIL, f rum h (r-otb), f BAL-den. Turkey (Strain) a bul r-con. f AEG & f BLA s a con-BUL, a MOS s

Austria: \*//, vie, bud, ser, gre, RUM even England: 1vp, lon, edi, nyy, STP, BEL B2 France: par, mar, bre, bel, spa, por 5 5 5 1 D1 or ev Germany: ber, kie, mun, hol, swe even Italy: nap, rom, ven, tun, TRI Russia: \$10, war, nos, rom B**1** D1 or D2 Turkey: con, smy, ank, bul, sev, MOS B1 SUBMIT SPRING MOVES CONDITIONAL ON WINTER BUILDS!

790jb (Machiavelli)

GM: Greg Costikyan

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There seems to be a lot of confusion on the part of the players as to what's going on in this game. One player asked why Famine took place in "pre-Spring" rather than Spring, and Plague in Spring rather than summer. If you'll look at the sequence of play, Famine takes place on the Spring turn, but before Spring orders are written; and Plague takes place on the Summer turn, before Summer orders are written. The only way to adequately reflect this in a postal game is to tack Famine on at the end of Winter builds ("pre-Spring" in the first year), so it occurs <u>before</u> the players submit Spring moves; and to tack Plague on at the end of Spring moves (before the players submit Summer moves, but after Spring moves occur).

One player was upset that I gave Milan an army in Milan; no such army is listed in the scenarios. Look, all other countries have three or four armies; and it is absurd that Milan doesn't have an army in a province containing its largest city. Obviously, the rules are in error and the army in Malan was ommitted by mistake. Another player complained that I listed an autonomous garrison in Turin, and none is listed in the scenario. Again, if you'll look at the rules, every other independent city on the board contains an autonomous garrison; obviously, the ommission of Turin is an error.

Error: the autonomous garrison in Lucca died of plague (as did the Florentine fleet there).

Ducat Expenditures: Venice expends 9d to bribe the autonomous garrison in Trent. France expends 9d to bribe the autonomous garrison in Savoy.

Austria (Elliott) a MILAN s a CARIN s a milan, a slavo-CARNI. Florence (Sulsberger) NMR! GM provides neutral moves. a pisa-LUCCA, a SIENN b g sienn.

France (Arrigo) a swiss-TURIN, a prove-SALUZ, f wgol-EGOL, g SAVOY /h/. Milan (Herzig?) a PAVIA h, a PIACE h, a MONTF b g montf.
Naples (Stevens) NMR! GM provides neutral moves. f wts-SARDI,

f gon-ETS, a PALER h, a AQUIL h.

Ottomans (Gister) f LA & nap a aquil-ancon (nso), f WM & nap a paler-sardi (nso), a RÁGUS b g ragus.

Papacy (Fields) a spole-URBIN, a PATRI h, a mantu-VERON, f ancon-UA. Venice (Polsky) a veron-vicen (nsu), a VICEN /h/, f venic-L, a FERRA b g ferra, f dalma-CROAT(sc), g trent-a TRENT.

Peter Herzig wishes to resign; I will give a free 7-issue subscription to anyone willing to take over the position.

Armenia (Wileman) f EASTERN BLACK & f WESTERN BLACK s a YOZGAT s a ANKARA s a ADANA s a ALEPPO s a adana, a MARAS s a MALATYA s a maras France (Gould) a cairo r-sanai. f LEBANON h, f CYPRUS h, a DRUZE s a sinai-PALESTINE, f yemen-PERSIAN GULF. Great Britain (Linden) NMR! a TRANSJORDAN, a BAGHDAD, f NE MED, f palestine (r-otb) /h/. Greece (FørrøstEllitt) NMR! a ESKEHIR, f USKUDAR, f DODECANESE, a ATHENS, a RUM, a CON, f CRETE /h/ Italy (Strain) f SE MED s f cairo-SINAI, a ASWAN s a alexandria-CAIRO,

a sudan-KASSALA, a farafra-ALEXANDRIA, a territorio militare-SUDAN. RSFSR (Gister) f KRASNODR-eastern black, a georgia-TREBIZOND (sf rsfsr), a grozny-AZERBAIJAN, a tblisi-ERZURUM (sf rsfsr). Turkey (C.D.) a NEVSEHIR /h/.

Armenia: \*/\*\*/pi/dyd, &\*/z/dyd, malatya, samsun, tabriz, teheran, yerevan, damascus, ANKARA, CYPRUS, LEBANON В1 3 D2 4 B1 France: latakia, // pa/pa/pp, cairo, transjordan, c/pp/pp Great Britain: quwait, summan, baghdad, palestine В1 Greece: pelopennesus, athens, salonika, bulgaria, dodecanese, thrace, izmir, constantinople, uskudar, crete 10 B3\* Italy: naples, bengazi, territorio militare, balmatia, tchad, alexandria, sudan even krasnodr, astrakhan, uzhbekhistan, georgia, TREBIZOND, ERZURUM В2 Turkey: ankara OUT!

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77Ags (Excommunication!) GM: Greg Costikyan S1108

Byzantium (Grossman) NMR! MUST CHOOSE NEW RELIGION. a CHAL, f SICI /h/. Cairo (Strain) f ALEX s f nopr-ION, f ion-AEG, f EAS s a cair-JERU. France (Gruen) a par-BLOIS, a REIMS conv to e.o., f SCOT s hre f nth-nat. Leon&Castile (Gould) NMR! MUST CHOOSE NEW RELIGION. f BOBI, a BORD, a BARC, a AVIG, f HAMM, a TUN, f IREL, f MID, f SATL, a ZALA, a ARAG, a TOLE, f LEON, f BRGS.

HRE (Brockington) a PISA s & f MASS c a geno-ROM, a MATE conv eo, a SALZ conv eo, a CHES conv eo, a lorr-BUR, f nth-NAT, f saxo-DEN, a fran-POLA,

Rus (Schwartz) f novg-GUFI, a lith-MINS, a EPIR & a CON s seljuk f gre. a smol-KHAZ, a HUNG h, a CROA h, a bagd-ARAB, a geor-MOSU, a mosu-ANTI, f LON /h/.

Seljuks (Wileman) EXCOMMUNICATED. NMR! f GRE, a ICON /h/.

Albigensis (Heuer) NMR! m CORD, m BRGS, m SALZ, m CHES, m AVIG /h/. Abassid (Gister) m ION s m aeg-GRE & conv aba, m ango-CHAL & conv aba, m BAGD's m MOSU & My aba, m tyr-NOPR & conv aba, m hamm-TYR & & A

hinduism (nsr), m eas-CBYN & protherhood of man (nsr).
Eastern Orthodoxy (Stimmel) m kiev-HUNG & conv eo, m gre (r-con, epir, adr, otb) & m con-AEG, m pont-MARM, m treb-PONT, m GEOR-mosu & protection, m turk-KHAZ & conv eo.

A draw has been proposed among all remaining players; please vote on it with your next moves.

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74HX (Turnabout/Black Hole Game) GM: John Strain

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I have the following note from Doug Hollingsworth: "As a point of clarification, I have not resigned from this game. It was, and is, my intent to make it clear that I do not approve of the gamesmastering in Urf Durfal, and that after 1974 HX and 1976 IC are completed, I want nothing further to do with it."

Both draw proposals fail.

England (Verheiden) f BOT s a LVN & a PRU-war, f WES s f nap-tyn (r-rom, otb), f mid-NAF, f NTH c a edi-NWY, f stp(nc)-BAR, a KIE s a MUN & & a BER s french a sil h, f lvp-IRI.

France (Hollingsworth) a SIL h, f TUS & & f LYO s a mar-PIE, f TUN & english f wes-tyn (nso), a pic-BEL.

Russia (Michalski) a WAR & a mos-lvn (r-stp, otb)

Turkey (Scott) a PIE-tus, a TYO s a BOH-mun, a VIE-gal, a GAL s russian a war, a UKR s a sev-MOS, f BLA h, f ADR s f ION & f APU s f tyn-NAP, f rom-TYN.

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78Nix MOSCOW (Pravda): The People's Revolutionary Committee denounces the joint efforts of France, a mapitalist runningOdog imperialist state, and its paper-tiger puppet Armenia to establish a Nationalist state hostile to the workers of the world on our border. In response to the appeals of our liberated Armenian populace we see no choice but to send the armies of the workers across the border to liberate the oppressed peoples of Armenia. Long live the workers' Revolution, proletarians of the world unite to overthrow your oppressive bosses, you have nothing to lose but your chains.

79IU HAGUE: Neutrals--nice guys. One should always suspect that one's hand is being quietly sawn off at the elbow.

STATES GENERAL OF HOLLAND TO THE BURGHERS OF CALAIS: In 1903, as in 1980, we are fattening up on olle bol and chrusicik, Dutch & Austro-Hungarian treats.

BERLIN TO ROME: Not even an Xmas card? Or a Hanukkah card? Speak? BERLIN TO PARIS: At this writing, the Iraqis are nibbling at the head of the Persian Gulf; what the Kurds will do is the question.

Assist him, therefore, to complete the tower which, in imitation of NIMROD, he hath begun; not, like that great warrior, to escape being drowned, but from the insolent curiousity of penetrating the secrets of heaven:---he will not divine the fate that awaits him. ---VATHEK, William Beckford.

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