





OFFICIAL HAZARD MAP #7

These maps and information are provided at intervals to our subscribers as IPSP/ISIS reaches our offices. In this installment of your subscription, we concentrate on updating the hazards and possible opportunities in the Pacific area, which we originally presented in Issue No. 1. As you may note, our information base is somewhat wider now, as it includes many major law-enforcement agencies, including the Science Police. Let us remind you that we are still extensively dependent on individual contributions of intelligence materials, and we have as of this issue date raised our reimbursement schedule.

In this issue, we are featuring

the fauna of Australia, which is believed to claim several of the most dangerous species in the world—including the Australians themselves, or so they maintain. It is indeed true that the social arrangements in Australia have adapted to new conditions as well as the various species of wildlife, and we will devote some attention to it later on.

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Australia is the major Center of Commerce and Industry in the Pacific despite the fact that its population was depleted by 85% in the Six Day War. Because of the nature of the attack—Cobalt Bombs exploded below the surface of the ocean off the western shore—fully one-third of the continent remains uninhabitable, although some automated industries have been placed in the less-than-lethal zones.

The principal City and Capital of Australia is New Sidney. New Sidney is the Media Center of the New Whole World Commonwealth—or which Australia is a charter member. The Directorate of the Commonwealth meets in Government House in downtown New Sidney. The form of government is liberal, although they have a comprehensive eugenics program. Superheroes, even Uniques, are welcome in Australia, and there is usually work for them, for Australia is as wild and wooly as ever.

One of the main sports is hunting mutant Rabbits, of which there are at least 37 separate and distinct varieties, ranging from the tiny tit-bob to the giant Pink Pooka. Kangaroos in the meantime have mutated to a state resembling pre-Humans. They are quite intelligent, playful, and the smaller varieties are often used as House Servants and manual Workers—Aborigines having become totally extinct.

While the intercession of adventurers and Superheroes would probably be welcome, reimbursement is not certain. On the other hand, a company of Mercenaries, not necessarily Super-powered, could probably do well.

Farther South, the next country, or more accurately, area is the Syndic. These people too wished to avoid the questions of politics, preferring to address their efforts to the problem of living in an area with few resources. (The model they chose was a highly romanticized Mafia of the nineteen-thirties, with all the bad parts—Hit Men, Enforcers, Narcotics Traffic removed.) The concept has worked remarkably well—at least as well as they are quite rightly left alone.

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While not members of New Whole World Commonwealth, their nationalized Smuggling System makes them almost a silent partner, for in reality the entire Commonwealth economy would collapse without the added markets outside it, and it is dependent on several items not manufactured inside it, chiefly Pharmaceuticals and Electronic Components, although luxury goods account for a good share of their sales.

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However, there are often large “contracts” placed on individuals who have fled the country, and their capture and return has become almost the sole livelihood of several individuals.

Novatera, on the other hand, is most unusual in its inhabitants—which is why a large area of Interior and Coast is marked as an Unknown Hazard Zone. While this area is being constantly penetrated, it cannot be pretended that there is any extensive knowledge of the area, and it is thus dangerous by definition. In actual fact, few have been lost. The MacConner Party of 2010 went in as soon as there was evidence of a building ecology in the interior of the newly-risen sub-continent, and were, at best, unprepared. We have no idea what happened to them, but they probably wandered into a seismically active area and were literally swallowed up by the Earth. Search parties found no trace of them after their entrance into the Hells Courtney area, and seismic activity was detected during the time they were supposedly in that region.



Mbotoville, capital of New Zimbabwe.

New Zimbabwe, as it is now called, practices a strict reverse apartheid, in direct proportion to the responsibility of the various races for the war. Thus, Polynesians are welcome, while both Chinese and Caucasians are definitely not. Their attitude is well-understood by the Multi-Racial Pacific Community, and as they are not violent in pursuit of their policy and do not attempt to export it, they are quite rightly left alone.

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In the case of the proscribed chisel-shaped area off the East coast of the Philippines, several Aircraft have been lost—total seven persons lost—and one IPSP Toolmaster. While the mechanism of disappearance is not clear, it appears from fragmentary reports that the indicated area contains a surviving automated USAF Forward Incursion Base. As these bases were highly secret, the lack of notation on surviving charts is not surprising. FIBs were programmed to run Incursive Conventional and Atomic Attacks using Remotely Piloted Vehicles (RPVs), which were made and repaired inside the base from stockpiled materials. While this FIB did not seem to be running raids—perhaps because of a lack of reliable targets—it seems quite capable of defending its Airspace. It is known that Particle Beam Weapons were installed in some of these bases for use against Air Attack, while others depended on fantastically powerful CO2 Lasers.

There is absolutely no data on the third area—except its appearance. While its actual location varies with no apparent pattern, its location can be easily plotted by satellit because of the heavy cloud cover over it. There have been fifteen separate attempts to penetrate what is known as Poseidon's Castle both by Humans and machines. No data has resulted and nothing has ever returned. Three IPSP members, including a Teleporting Unique are among the missing.

If incursion into these areas is contemplated, it is recommended that precautionary measures be taken.

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Celebes was depopulated by a particularly virulent bio-warfare strain of Smallpox, and was later resisted by refugees from ruined areas. Because of the extreme racial mix, intermarriage is not only common, but almost impossible to avoid, and thus the city is well on the way to producing a new racial sub-type. While Balfor City no longer resembles the refugee camp it started life out as, the flavor of diversity remains. Perhaps the most interesting note is it's own Superhero Team—the Balfor Legion—and there have been complaints from the Australian Equality Union that there is no Anglo-Saxon represented.

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The greater portions of the interior of Asia and North and South America, as well as portions of Africa are terribly dangerous, either being in a state of Anarchy, ravaged by disease and discontent, or under the sway of any of a number of varieties of gimp-crack Empires, Federations, or honest iron-booted Dictatorships. Outsiders are welcomed in but few of them, and the conditions of widespread famine, disease, and oppression in even the best of them makes avoidance the best policy, with the possible exceptions of group or governmental actions.

Information on the political structure and accurate political geography of Asia, Africa, and North and South America. There is a Hazard Bonus available.

Information dealing in greater detail on the position and/or avoidance of unknown hazards, specifically those created by man-made materials.

Present details on the talents, habits, and facilities of major criminals, both Super-talented and ordinary.

Background detail on any specific society in the Pacific or elsewhere.

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penetrating its area of effect is hit by a High-Intensity Laser or Particle Beam Weapon; no one is quite sure which. Nothing is visible from satellite height, or even from 6,000 meters, which seems to be its vertical radius. Undersea craft are likewise effected, and destroyed somewhat when in its area of effect. Ocean life is simply absent from the area, which is attributed to very complex sonar impulses detected on the fringes of the area. Updates on its position are made hourly by a Picket Ship, and are made available to our subscribers via our computer facilities.

Other Politically Hazardous Areas

Subscribers are encouraged to call the IPSP/ISIS Emergency Number when in a dubious situation. While we cannot guarantee safety in the immediate action, there is a possibility of rescue from any of a number of our contacts. In addition, IPSP/ISIS appreciates the addition of any information to its files, and has set up the following re-embarkation schedule for contributors. Note that it is entirely possible for a non-member to contribute, and thus pay for and maintain the less active services we provide.

Emergency Notification Procedure

Over the past several months, raids by a character calling himself ‘Uno’ have become frequent. This character apparently works alone. All eight strikes have been at warehouses which contained sophisticated electronics parts. All eight warehouses have suffered such significant damage that it has proved impossible to determine what was taken.

In each instance, the raid was made in the early evening. Employees report that “All of a sudden we noticed him standing there in front of us. He touched the side of his helmet and everything got real blurry and confused. The next thing I remember is the building being on fire and one whole wall being gone.” No employee or bystander has been injured in any of the raids. In one instance a patrol unique tried to intercept and was quickly stopped.

Sandra Shand reports: “Upon receiving a report of a disturbance at the Hildeguard Techtronics, I proceeded at utmost speed to the rear gates. Leaving my vehicle and entering on foot, I spotted a helmeted figure in a blue suit answering to the description of Uno. I immediately opened fire with my tranquilizer gun, scoring at least two hits. They had no effect. Suddenly things became blurry and I felt a punch in the jaw. The next thing I remember is sitting in my vehicle and staring at the burning warehouse.”

Hildeguard Techtronics, being the eighth concern to be hit, had previously installed an extensive security system.

Aside from providing an automatic distress report on the police bands, this system was only able to provide two pictures. Of the 4,000 frames recorded during the period of disturbance, only these two showed anything more than a blurred, human-sized shape. These two pictures are reproduced here as a service to IPSP/ISIS.

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