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AXIS OF EVIL MAPPING NEWSLETTER #1 OF 2021 – January: Note the New Releases!!!

INTRODUCTION

This is the start of a brand new year, named after the Roman god Janus, who faces backwards as well as forwards. As such, this is an opportunity, most years, for reflecting on the year just passed and making plans for the year just beginning. Unfortunately, the Covid virus is still very much with us, as is extreme dysfunctionality in the political life of the USA, and the world of travel is still very much in turmoil, so we are faced with a bit of a mixed bag. 2020 will have to go down in history as being one of the worst years most of us have ever experienced, and the four years of the Trump era as being the most tumultuous in modern political history, but we start 2021 with two vaccines to combat the virus, with more on the way, and a new and, at this point in time, honourable administration sworn into office in the USA that appears to have broad appeal around the world, if still contentious inside the USA. We must have hope as a world community. Better times are coming. Let's get on with life and surmount not only the residue of the past few years but the promise the future has to offer. Welcome to 2021!

TRAVEL IN 2021

It may be wishful thinking, but travel bookings for the second half of 2021 are way up, according to a recent news report. Airlines are already so optimistic that they plan to re-initiate many flights and destinations that were cancelled due to Covid, starting in the spring. The cruise ship industry is also expressing optimism, based on a surge in cruises recently booked for travel in the second half of the year, so it appears that their portion of the travel industry will improve fairly quickly. I haven't yet seen any information from tour operators, resort hotels, or car rental firms, but it is only January, and the virus still predominates our society. The news indicates a start of recovery for the industry, but only for the last half of 2021. The fact that two vaccines have been approved for use already is encouraging, and the fact that people are lining up to receive inoculations is very encouraging. There is still a long way to go before a majority of individuals are vaccinated, and of course, we need a realization that vaccinates everyone, not only Americans, or only Australians. Everyone in the world has to be vaccinated. India has announced a plan to vaccinate 300,000,000 people by June. Nice though this sounds, it will take at least the rest of 2021 to vaccinate India's teeming tens of millions. For January, the rising numbers of infections worldwide merely emphasizes the severity of the problem. The number of hospitalizations continues to rise, and the death rate, sad to say, continues to decimate all societies, but particularly the USA. New strains of the virus apparently have been noted and this is causing already jittery health officials to clamp down on travel related to the UK and Japan. Regardless, the availability of vaccines does increasingly feel that the "light at the end of the tunnel" is slightly brighter than it was a month ago.

THE GREAT ESCAPE

Every so often, a reader sends me a tidbit of information that turns out to be fascinating. For this story, we have to move back in time to World War 2. Naturally, during that conflict, thousands of military personnel on both sides were captured by the opposing side and imprisoned in 'camps' for the duration of the war. This particular story starts with POW Camp Stalag Luft III in western Poland. The British and Canadian POWs (no Americans were involved, despite the movie starring Steve McQueen), started a series of tunnels named Tom, Dick, and Harry (a fourth tunnel, called George, was never completed). The Canadians were used as tunnelers, as several had mining experience. Tunnels were dug 30 feet underground for many months and propped up with bed boards from bunk beds. Spoons were used as digging tools. Blankets were used to carry away earth, which was then spread on the parade ground inside the compound. Tunnel Harry was the only tunnel used in the escape. The three escape tunnels were two feet square by 333 feet long. On the night of the great breakout, March 24, 1944, only 76 Allied airmen prisoners escaped before Number 77 was spotted by a guard and the Great Escape ended. Only three escapees made it back to Britain, and 50 recaptured officers were executed on orders from Hitler.

The story is an incredible true-life adventure showing the indomitable will of young men of that era to attempt a bold escape and return home. The camp was over-run by Russian troops in 1945, but the remaining 2,000 prisoners had, by that time, been moved further west. The Soviets just ignored the emptied camp and it remains much as it was in 1945 to this day. British archaeologists discovered the four tunnels this past August, still incredibly intact after 70 years. A very few former prisoners are still alive and assisted in locating the entranceways to various tunnels.

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MONOPOLY GAME AS YOU NEVER KNEW EXISTED

Related to the above story, Allied POWs throughout WW2 were allowed to receive board games, such as the still-popular game of Monopoly, via the International Red Cross. Starting in 1940, an increasing number of British and Canadian airmen survived being shot down over enemy territory and were imprisoned in POW camps in German-occupied Europe. Many wanted to escape, and British authorities wanted to help them – but how? Someone in MI-5 (military intelligence) came up with the bright idea of printing maps on silk, and many airmen flew missions with silk-lined fighter jackets lined with silk-embossed maps that could help them return to neutral countries (there was a well-developed series of ‘safe’ houses to aid Allied military to evade capture). At the time of WW2, only one firm in Britain had the capacity to print on silk – John Waddington Ltd., so even after the Americans became involved in 1942, all silk maps were printed in England and were used by tens of thousands of Allied airmen.

Waddington, by pure co-incidence, happened to be the sole UK supplier of the American board game called Monopoly. As board games could be sent to prisoners of war, MI-5 took over an abandoned workshop on the premises of Waddington’s and began mass-producing silk escape maps keyed to different regions of France, Germany, and Italy. These were then compressed into the interiors of various Monopoly playing pieces. One playing piece was a disguised compass; another became a disguised metal file. Real German, French, and Italian currency was secreted inside bundles of Monopoly money. British, and later, American aircrews were briefed on how to identify ‘rigged’ Monopoly sets (a tiny red dot in the corner of the Free Parking square). Everyone was sworn to secrecy and, absolutely incredibly, no one ever told the Germans. Tens of thousands of these, and regular, Monopoly games were distributed to POW camps all over Europe. More than 35,000 Allied military individuals escaped from captivity during the war, and about a third used Monopoly maps in their escape. If this in itself is not an incredible enough story, the British continued to use rigged Monopoly games until 2007 for any captured British military in various wars – and nobody knew it! Fantastic! Nobody ever told the secret story of Monopoly maps, although tens of thousands of individuals knew the secret! Here’s the ‘kicker’ to make the story complete – no one ever told the American owners of Monopoly about this secret scheme!!! They first learned of it in 2007, when the British honoured Waddington staff publicly for their contribution towards winning the war. There’s a mapping story you’ve never heard!!

SOMETHING NEW OUT OF WASHINGTON

As I write this, the world is still reeling from the images of seditious anti-Americans storming the Capitol building (January 6th) in Washington. For those Americans still excusing this attempted coup for anything other than what it was, wake up! Fortunately, the traitors who participated in this insurrection were largely an incompetent bunch of dictatorial wanna-bees acting irrationally after Trump manipulated them into a frenzy of white privilege disguised as “protecting freedom”. The anti-democratic mob accomplished nothing more than minor vandalism while terrorizing thousands of legislators and staff, but this breaching of security by armed insurgents is the first such invasion of the sanctity of the American legislature since the British popped in briefly in 1813 to punish the Americans for burning York (now Toronto) to the ground the previous year, during the War of 1812. This should be a wake-up call to all Americans as to just how dangerous a demagogue Trump is, but Congress resumed once the building was cleared and confirmed Joe Biden as President. Good for them! Only eight Republican Senators voted against confirming the democratic election last November. Finally, the vast majority of Republican Senators stood up to Trump and repudiated him! Facebook & Twitter finally banned Trump, as did several other social media networks – about time!

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As the implications of the insurrection become clearer, the significance of its threat to democracy comes into focus. It is now evident that three aspects were in play simultaneously. There was an organized elite determined to capture Vice-President Mike Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (the second and third officials in political charge of the country) and execute them. This would have enabled Trump to declare a state of emergency and continue to run the country dictatorially indefinitely, using absolute authority to maintain power. The second aspect is only now becoming clear. A great number of Republican House members who were recently elected were apparently actively enabling the riot leaders by giving tours in advance and by tweeting them to assist them in finding Pence and Pelosi, both of whom were whisked to safety before they could be captured. The third component of the riot consisted of right-wing extremists bent on merely committing as much mayhem as possible to give cover to the leaders seeking to kill. I guess that there would also be a fourth component of deluded individuals caught up in the process, who spent most of their energy on taking pictures of themselves inside the Capitol building to post on social media. All of these idiots are now being identified and rounded up and charged.

Democracy was saved by a hair's breadth. Had the insurgents moved a little quicker, or had not the out-manned and out-gunned security people reacted less valiantly to slow down entry, the coup d'état would have succeeded. It failed. Trump has now been impeached for incitement of insurrection and a growing number of radicals are being arrested as insurgents. 25,000 armed troops guarded the main Capitol buildings for the Biden inauguration, an unprecedented occurrence, and state legislatures around the country were also guarded to thwart any attempt to seize them. Who would have thought, eh? Americans. Love them or hate them, you have to admit, they're interesting.

SOMETHING NEW IN THE WORLD OF MAP PUBLISHING

I recently learned that GM Johnson has acquired the assets of Five Star Maps of Lexington, North Carolina. Five Star is a well-established paper map publisher of mostly town and city street maps of local communities, with 158 titles in print. This move further concentrates control of map publishing of American cities and states into the hands of GM Johnson and Associates, a Vancouver-based cartographic publishing house. There is still an enormous demand for paper maps in North America, Google notwithstanding, and Guy Johnson is evidently comfortable with its future. Details will no doubt follow.

TRAVEL TRIVIA

1. The smallest political entity, geographically, in the world is the Vatican, at 108.7 acres, or 0.44km squared. The next four tiny political entities are Monaco, Gibraltar, San Marino, and Guernsey.
2. Ecuador was known as Quito prior to gaining its independence in 1830, after its indigenous people, the Quitus. The capital city, still called Quito, was founded centuries before the Spanish arrived in 1534.
3. Netherlands has two capitals: Amsterdam, the legal capital, and The Haag, the seat of government.
4. Lake Titicaca, in the Andean mountains, is South America's largest lake; also the highest large navigable lake in the world. It is shared by Bolivia and Peru.
5. The USA does not regard itself as being a colonial power, but the 'empire' of the USA includes Puerto Rico (conquered from Spain), the US Virgin Islands (bought from Denmark), Navassa Island (uninhabited), American Samoa, Baker Island, Guam, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Palmyra Atoll, and Wake Island. Who knew?
6. Reykjavik, in Iceland, is the most northerly capital city in the world, Wellington, New Zealand, is the most southerly.
7. Which 'country' has the lowest birth rate in the world? Can't guess? It's the Holy See, otherwise known as the Vatican, with a birth rate of zero. Wonder why?
8. Quite a few countries are officially bi-lingual, such as Canada and Belgium, or even tri or quatro-lingual officially. India has 15 official languages. Papua New Guinea has no 'official' language, but 715 different linguistic varieties. However, the lingua franca is Melanesian Pidgin.
9. The world's highest waterfall is Angel Falls, in Venezuela (3,212 feet).
10. This one is a bit controversial, but Damascus, Syria, is generally regarded by scholars as being the oldest continuously-occupied city in the world, dating back 5,000 years.

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BONUS: English is the most commonly spoken language in the world, but as a first language, Mandarin takes priority by far (13.69% of the world's population). Spanish is second (5.05%), English third (4.84%), and Hindi fourth at 2.82%. Cantonese, or Wu, is the mother tongue of only 1.21%, mostly in southern China.

WORK IN PROGRESS - all sellers/librarians please note

ITMB, as of the end of January, 2021, has ample inventory of almost all of the titles traditionally carried as part of our publishing line, and we continue to expand our line by developing brand new titles. The following titles are under development, with our best guess as to the future:

Amsterdam and Holland – The city of Amsterdam is one of the most touristic cities in Europe. It is also special to me, as I lived on Singel canal for a summer as a young man and had the opportunity to explore the city in depth. Like many cities, As part of our long-term plan to gradually expand ITMB's coverage of Europe, a new edition of Amsterdam is long overdue. The other side of the sheet is a detailed map of the complete coverage of the country.

Balkans – ITMB has mapped many of the Balkan countries as individual maps that would constitute the region known as the Balkans, but never the region itself. This is in the process of rectification. Lan is in the early stages of preparing a double-sided map showing the entire Balkans region, plus Greece, on one side, and a detailed map of the mountainous interior of the region on the other side. This should be ready for release sometime in 2021.

Burkina Faso and Niger – This title is currently at press. We changed it into **Burkina Faso and West Africa**, a double-sided map that should prove to be more useful for travelers visiting this part of Africa. Niger has already been updated and released as Niger and Nigeria, a more logical combination. Due in March, 2021.

Cape Town and the Garden Route – This is a title we have wanted to do for years. South Africa, as a country, has stumbled badly since ZANU took over the reins of power. However, things seem to be getting better touristically, so we have started developing a new double-sided map of one of the most touristic parts of all of Africa. The city side artwork is almost completed, and we are working on the southern coastline of South Africa at the moment.

Cyprus – This is a popular European travel destination. We spent two weeks here a couple of years ago and felt that ITMB could produce a better map than any we could find. The country has a troubled modern history, and finds itself divided into two semi-hostile portions. The southern two-thirds are what used to be 'British' Cyprus and is now the remaining portion of the EU country called Cyprus. It is prosperous, part of the EU, and very touristically attractive, basically Greek as a population. The northern third is known as Turkish-controlled Cyprus and results from a Turkish invasion over 30 years ago and is predominately Turkish populated. It is an interesting, if somewhat less prosperous, part of the island of Cyprus. One can travel between the two portions. The artwork is currently at press and expected to arrive in March, 2021.

Dubrovnik and the Croatian Coast- We were privileged to participate in a ten-day cruise from Porec to Dubrovnik and found it to be such a wonderful learning experience that we wanted to create the perfect map of this wonderful area. Covid has enabled us time to concentrate on developing new titles, and mapping Dubrovnik has been a real treat. As with all brand new titles, this one will be ready when it is ready, and not a day sooner.

Florence and Northeastern Italy – One of the most-visited cities in Europe is Florence. This second edition map is being developed as a double-sided city and regional map covering all of Tuscany and surrounding provinces. The city itself needs no introduction to map sellers, so all I'll say is that it covers the urban area in excellent detail, showing all attractions. The regional side is still a work in progress, but by its name, should cover from Venice to Milan to below Sienna. Due in mid-2021.

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Georgia and Tbilisi – The Caucasus region has been volatile ever since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1989. ITMB first published a map of the Caucasus region in the mid-1990s, noting various breakaway mini-states/autonomous regions and the fracturing of the region into mutually hostile nation states. As a result, it is very difficult to map a country like Georgia accurately. How does one portray the various autonomous regions? What is the correct border between Georgia and its neighbouring states? How can one prepare a map of Georgia without including parts of Russia, Turkey, and Azerbaijan? One might as well ask 'What is the sound of one hand clapping?' The time has come to prepare a detailed map of Georgia as it is today without unduly combining it with artwork covering neighbouring states as an integral part of the artwork. Thus, Lan is working on a detailed map of the country on one side, and a first-ever detailed map of Tbilisi on the second side. We had planned to visit Georgia in 2019, but delayed the trip due to difficult flight arrangements. Now, of course, we wish we hadn't as it is much more impossible to visit Georgia today than a year ago. ITMB publishes an excellent map of Georgia combined with Armenia, another country we would love to visit. We are not expecting Georgia to be completed before mid-2021.

Maui – I'm not yet sure exactly what Lan is preparing, but it has long been our goal to expand our coverage of the various islands of Hawaii and the Maui/Lanai portion of the state is the only part left unmapped. We already have a map of the State as an entity, with separate maps of Big Island, and Oahu/Honolulu, it is about time that we concentrated on the remaining islands. Details will follow.

Nevada and Northern California – This title will focus on Nevada and add to our growing range of American titles; due in the late spring of 2021.

Russia's Heritage Cities – The current edition is out of inventory and consideration of a fresh edition suspended until travel to the central portion of Russia is more safely accomplished. The heartland of Russia is known as 'the Rus', covering a relatively compact geographic area centred on seven heritage cities – the Golden Ring. Russia has been particularly hard-hit by the virus, so at the moment, travel to that country is extremely risky.

Slovakia and Hungary – Inventory of this title has sold out. We are re-working this title into a brand new double sided map called **Slovakia and Bratislava**, with the country filling one side and an excellent city map being on the opposite side of the sheet. This is at press now and expected in March. Hungary and Budapest was released in 2019.

Solomon Islands – For some unknown reason, this particular map seems to be selling better at the moment than any of our Pacific Ocean island maps. We still have inventory in stock, but Lan is happily re-working this map into a double-sided one with some sort of Pacific Ocean map on the reverse.

Sri Lanka and Southern India – We have run out of copies of the current edition. However, a new edition is available. For now, please order using the old ISBN.

Surinam – This title is out of stock indefinitely. We hope to re-release it in 2021, depending on safe travel provisions.

Wales and Cardiff – Lan is working on a more detailed map of Wales than we have been able to produce to date. I've reviewed the artwork, and it looks pretty good. The reverse side will be a detailed map of Cardiff, the nation's capital, which I haven't yet proofed. No idea when this project will be completed!

NEW RELEASES FOR January, 2021

Ethiopia & Eritrea Travel Reference Map 5th Ed. 20201:900,000/1:915,000 ISBN 9781771292665 UPC 817712926654 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP - The highlands of northeastern Africa consists of two inter-locked countries. Ethiopia is a large, land-locked, country with a southern and eastern desert-like region and a central mountainous area. The capital, Addis Ababa, is a modern city in the central highlands, with good road connections with Dire Dawa and Harar in the east (both very interesting cities), and Gondor and Axum in the north. There are road connections to most surrounding countries (south Sudan being the exception), but the region is politically volatile and border closures may exist. The reverse side portrays Eritrea, theoretically a coastal country, but essentially a mountainous country, with Asmara as its capital. The map also includes an excellent inset map of Djibouti, as well as inset maps of Asmara and of Addis Ababa. Each side also includes a listing of top attractions for the benefit of visitors. **AVAILABLE**

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Everest and Himalaya (or Himalaya and Everest) Travel Reference Map 2nd Ed. 2021 1:90,000/1:1,330,000 on waterproof stone paper \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – The climbing season for Everest begins in May, just about the time that vaccinations against Covid should kick into high gear. Time to start planning that little jaunt you've always wanted to do! Seriously, this is a lovely double-sided map with two attractive covers, so can be displayed either as Everest or Himalaya. The Everest side covers the mountain itself, with base camps and accommodations clearly shown. There are actually several interesting trails one could explore and all are shown; only one leads to the summit. The reverse side shows the entire Himalaya 'knot' that forms the basis for so many mountain chains. The area of coverage includes all of Nepal and Sikkim, a significant portion of Bhutan, most of Tibet, and a bit of northern India. All roads and attractions are shown. The map includes a detailed inset map for Kathmandu and another for the valley region surrounding the city. There are now half a dozen access roads into Nepal, and all are shown. East-west travel is finally available with the completion of Hwy 1401. **AVAILABLE.**

Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island Travel Reference Map 4th Ed. 2020 1:380,000 ISBN 9781771295710 UPC 817712957108 \$12.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – The historic Canadian province of Nova Scotia (New Scotland) was founded by the French as part of Acadia (now centred in New Brunswick). The fortress of Louisbourg, on Cape Breton, was seized by the British, who founded Halifax in 1749. The colony grew rapidly, thanks to the American Revolution, and its many Loyalist settlements are today attractive tourist destinations. The self-governing colony attended the 1775 Philadelphia Convention, but left in disgust over the radicalism expressed by the slave-owning colonies, preferring to remain a loyal colony. As a result of fears that it would be invaded following the American Civil War, NS entered into discussions with other British American colonies, culminating in the founding of Canada as an independent country in 1867. Prince Edward Island followed a similar historical course, joining Canada in 1873. This double-sided map portrays both provinces in excellent detail, noting all major attractions, towns, parks, roads, and ferries. Inset maps of Halifax/Dartmouth and Sydney are included. ITMB also publishes a separate map of PEI showing greater detail. PEI is joined to the mainland by the exceptionally long Confederation Bridge and is a lovely, pastoral, province, home to Anne of Green Gables and to Confederation House. **AVAILABLE**

Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands Travel Reference Map 7th Ed. 2020 1:190,000/1:85,000 on waterproof stone paper \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – The American territories of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands are anomalies in the modern world, neither fish nor fowl, as the saying goes. Although the residents are American citizens, they have no representation in Congress and are not allowed to vote in national elections. Puerto Rico suffered badly in an extreme hurricane three years ago, and is slowly recovering. The US Virgins were also badly damaged, but appear to be back to normal. The lesser-known British Virgin Islands are included on this double-sided map. The BVI is still a British colony, consisting of about 20 islands, capitated in Road Town (inset included). Puerto Rico is a large, rectangular island, capitated by San Juan (inset included) and is a major cruise ship point of origin as well as being home to resort communities all over the main island. Ferries connect to outlying islands. The VI portion was purchased from Denmark in 1917 and retains a colonial European charm. There are three main islands – St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John – and the map includes inset maps of Charlotte Amalie, Cruz Bay, Christiansted, and Frederiksted. Each side of the map sheet includes a listing of top attractions. Ferry routes to the BVI are shown, as well as water connections between the islands. **AVAILABLE**

Shanghai & China Southeast Travel Reference Map 4th Ed. 2020 1:16,000/1:2,500,000 ISBN 9781771297202 UPC 817712972026 \$12.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP - Although Shanghai is not the largest city in China (that record belongs to Chongqing), at 24,000,000 plus people, it is an enormously large urban area. It is one of the best-known of China's mega-cities, situated on the Huangpu River, close to the ocean. The map covers the urban area from the main railway station in the north to the Xuhui area in the south and from East China university campus to the Maglev station in the east. An inset map shows the Maglev route, which by the way is a fascinating trip to take, to Pudong International Airport. The touristic core of Shanghai is portrayed in excellent detail. The Bund, along the riverfront, is well-known, all the streets in the Old Town are shown, as is the main shopping district along Nanking Road. Ferry routes along the river are shown, as well as a good selection of hotels. The various rapid transit lines are also shown. The reverse side of the map portrays most of eastern China, from Beijing to Hong Kong to Xi'an in the west. China is evolving quite rapidly and has constructed a complex series of motorways and super-speed train lines in recent years. These are all shown in very good detail. The map also includes the island of Taiwan, claimed by China, but independent. The regional map covers the area of interest for the vast majority of visitors to China, including two dozen mega-cities of more than 5 million people each. **AVAILABLE**

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