

*Life Visits
the Planet Atzor*

**Nebraska students war & intrigue
in imaginary world of their own**

Stern, stately and splendiferous, Emperor Frederick II of the United Kingdom of Atzor sat in the throne room of his imperial palace on Friday night a few weeks ago, and with his empress, Catherine, accepted the homage of Atzor's lesser potentates. Their levee marked the fifth anniversary of the signing of the covenant of the League of Nations of Atzor. Everything went smoothly. One or two monarchs tossed off declarations of war, but no major conflicts originated. Homemade cookies were served.

Atzor is a planet, situated in the gravitational system of the star Myra, which in turn is situated in the inventive brain of Frederick Lee Pelton, a 19-year-old sophomore at the University of Nebraska. In 1934, when young Pelton began dreaming up his imaginary world, Atzor had only two countries: Ocixem (Mexico spelled backward) and Yenamerq (free inversion of Germany). Then two more were added. In 1937 Pelton created a surrealist kingdom named A-26-Z. Today Atzor's continents contain ten countries, each governed by a Lincoln, Neb. boy or girl with a good imagination and willingness to activate Frederick Pelton's dream.

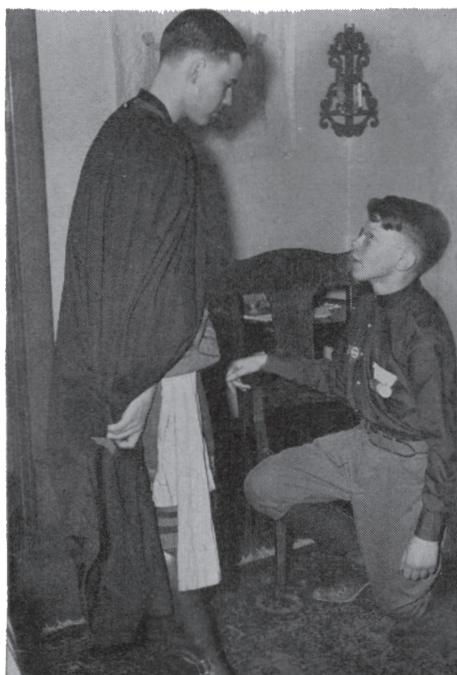
As time passed Atzor's vividness did not fade. Year by year its fabric grew richer and more complex. Countries and cities were carefully mapped, genealogies compiled, postal and passport systems set up, armies and fleets expanded, wars fought, boundaries changed, history made. Princes, peers and prime ministers were acquired until over 400 boys and girls participated in the Atzorian fancy. Some moved away and continued their association by mail. Entrance into college did not divert the more serious dreamers. It simply helped them to augment the variety of Atzorian life with such matters as international law, trade balances and inflation.

Here you see assembled in court dress the major sovereigns of Atzor. To them Atzor is incomparably more real, more absorbing than Lincoln, Neb. Their parents sometimes wonder how it all will end.



Their Majesties, Emperor Frederick II & Empress Catherine of United Kingdom of Atzor hold court in imperial palace at 1448 E Street, Lincoln, Neb. Hardware on em-

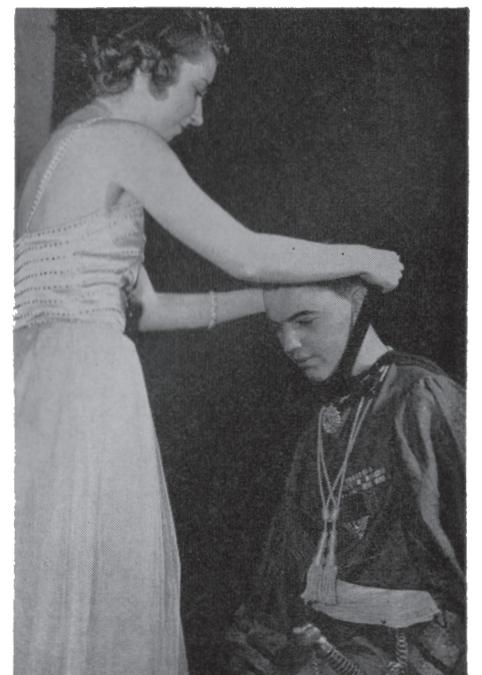
peror's chest includes decorations for Sutharian campaign, battles of Sveeka, Oskolov etc. He is a U. of Nebraska sophomore named Pelton. His consort: Ruth Holland, a junior.



Col. Marshal Manfred von Peshawar of Sarawak kneels, as befits a minor dictator, before Emperor Riki of Pö. There is some talk of war.



Potentates of Atzor attend court of Frederick and Catherine. Some govern vast populous domains heavy with armament; others lord it over pip-squeak principalities riddled with fiscal woes. All are absolute monarchs. There is no democracy in Atzor.



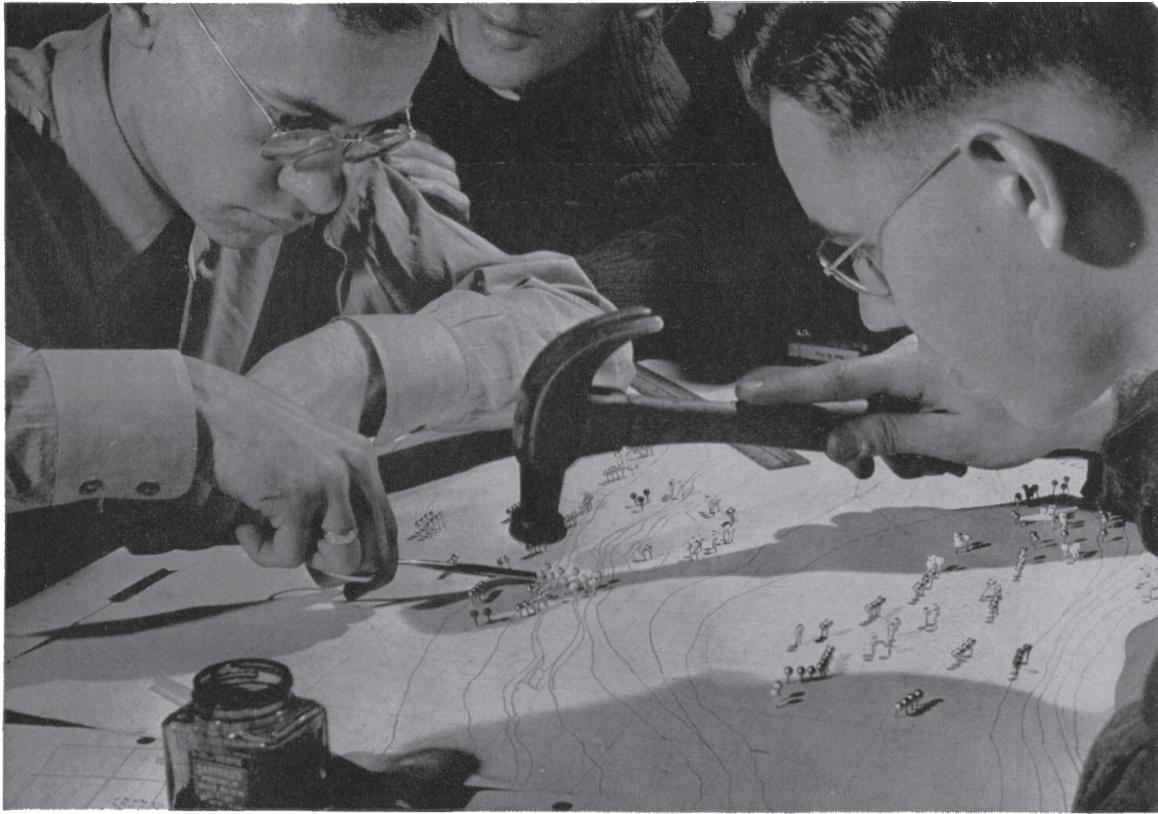
The Order of Juliana of Pö is bestowed by Empress Juliana upon Emperor Riki of Pö in honor of their "marriage." Riki is No. 2 man in Atzor.



Empress Juliana and Emperor Mery-Ra of Melchor enter Frederick's throne room. To non-Atzorians they are Rae-Hope Quimby, 18, and Dick Putney, 19, sophomores at the university. Their dominion is at war with Sarawak.

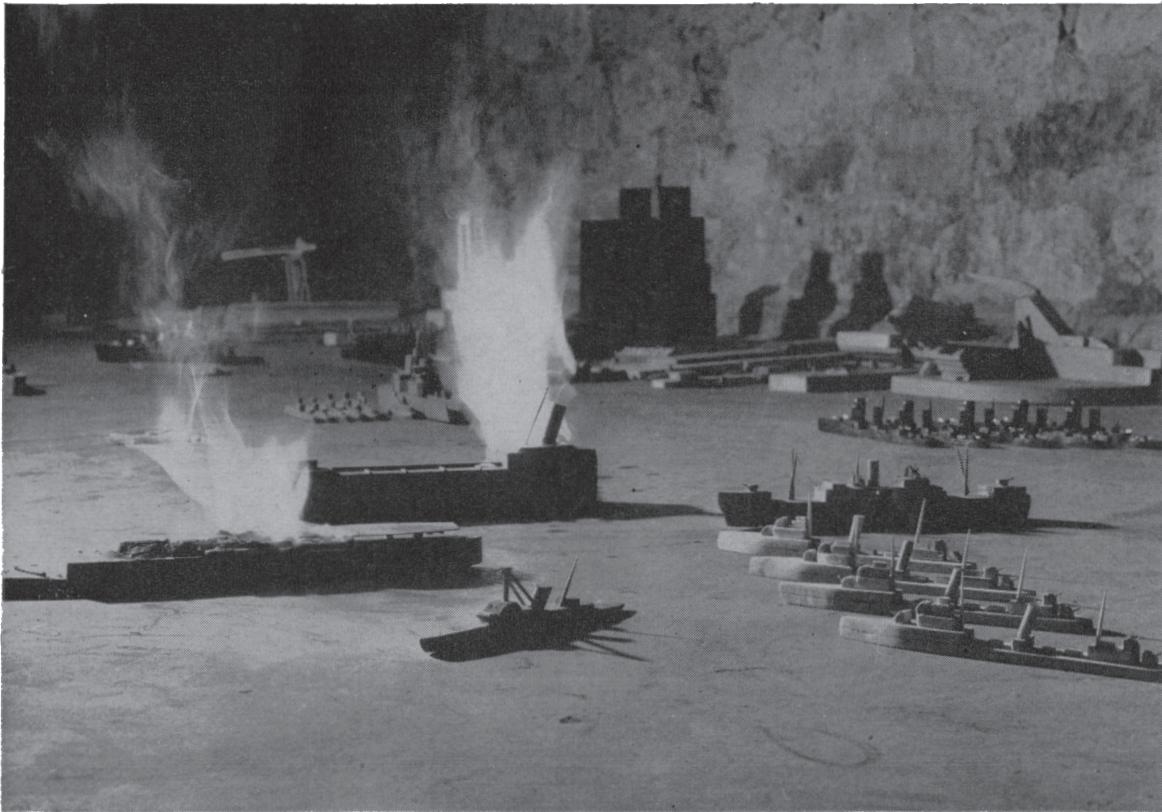


Emperor Franz Joseph and Empress Maria Theresa of Österreich arrive at court. Outside Atzor they are Dwight Moell, 19, a sophomore; and Nancy Mauck, 20, a junior. Some day the Emperor expects to practice medicine.



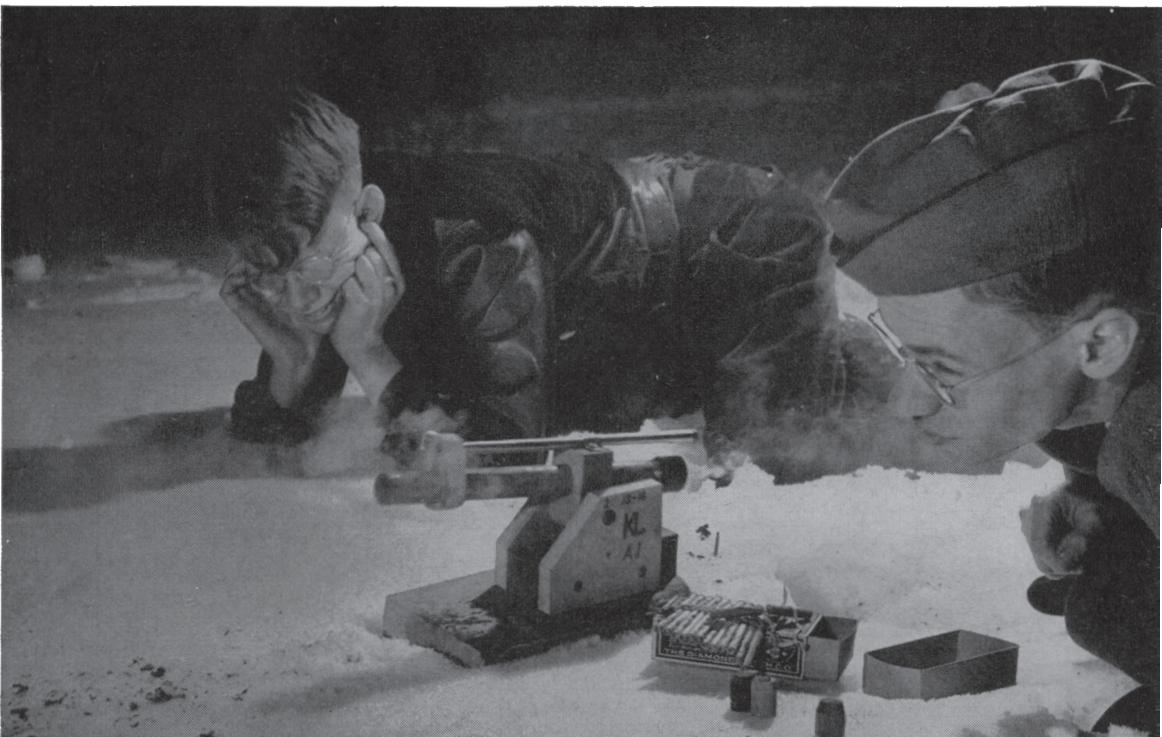
War is the favorite pastime of Atzorians. Contour lines indicate topography of battlefield. Pins denote batteries, tank corps, infantry divisions. Each bel-

ligerent announces his maneuver, then estimates distance to objective. Umpires measure and if guess is only a millimeter off, the assault has failed.

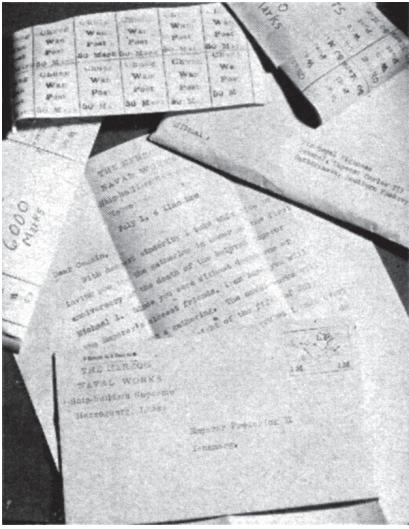


Naval conflict is waged according to Fletcher Pratt. But Atzorians complicate the game by staging night raids in blacked-out basement, actually firing ships.

Here you see a carrier and tanker burning while attacking destroyers close in. Below: war outdoors involves miniature cannon and matchstick men.



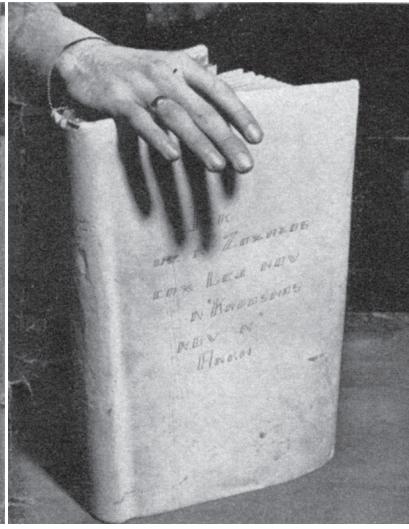
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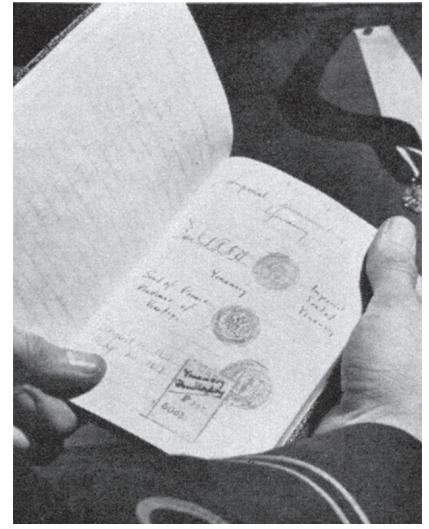
Atzorian Mail is carried at rate of penny per letter. Each ruler designs own stamps, delivers mail himself, keeps postal revenues.



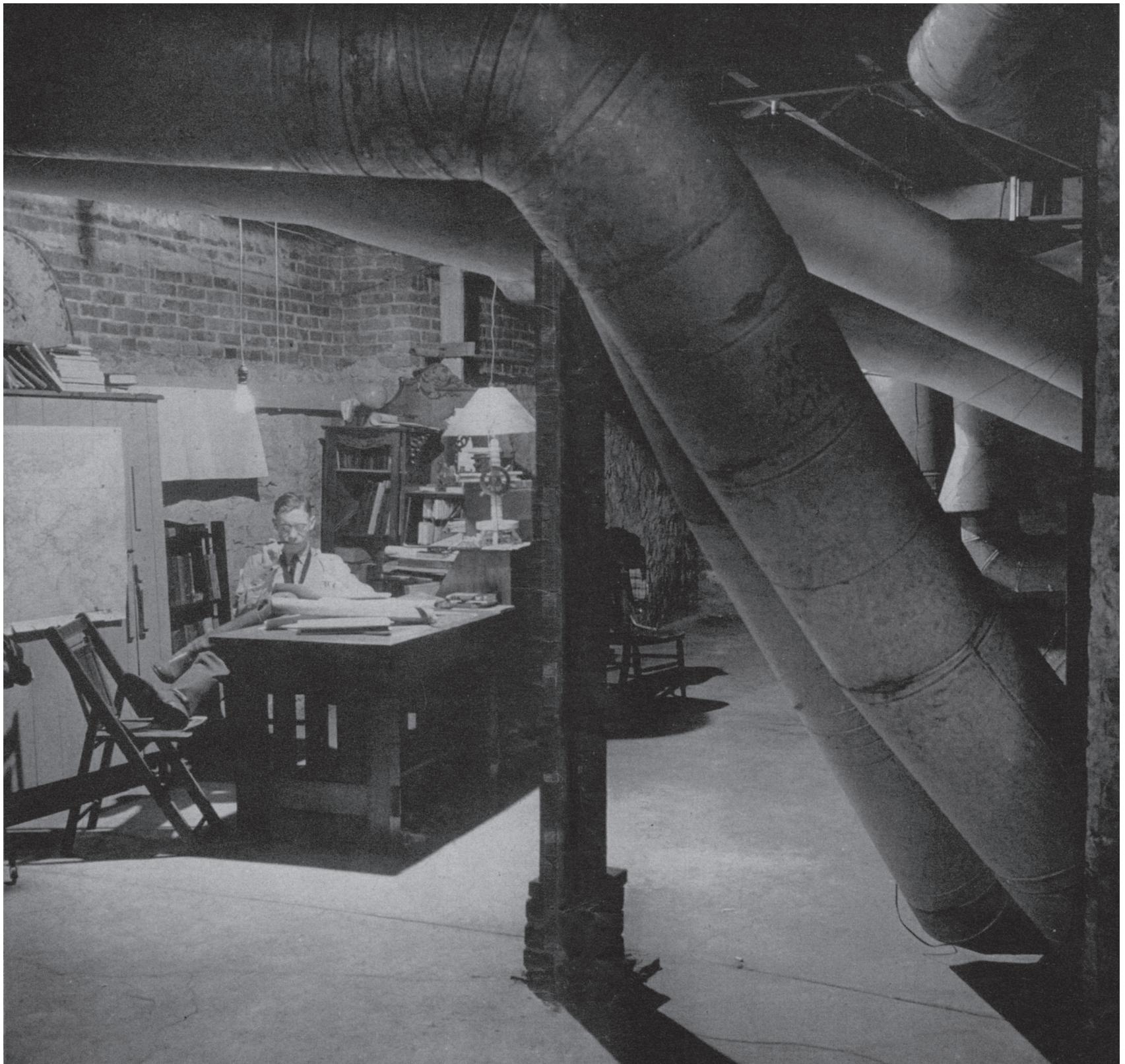
Currency is issued by each ruler in marks, pesos, etc. Exchange is uniform: 1,000,000 units to U.S. penny.



Official language of Atzor is "Samarkandian," compiled in this dictionary. Only brightest Atzorians use it.



Official passport of the imperial government of Yenamer permits bearer to travel in Yenamer's territories and possessions.



Dictator Pelton's private Berchtesgaden is the basement of his home. Here planetary policy is formulated, wars incited and declared, monarchs made and broken. Statesman, cartographer, linguist, fiscal expert, military and naval tactician, 19-

year-old Lee Pelton has few interests not connected with Atzor. One is archaeology. Another is occult science. On the shelves beside him, among other volumes, are books on Confucian theology, anatomy, quantitative analysis and *Mein Kampf*.