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THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION presents

CONVOY'S AREN'T A PUZZLEMENT

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Part 1

To resolve Pandin's Paradox and eliminate ambiguities in the convoy order, it is necessary to expand Section XII, Paragraph 5 of the 1971 Diplomacy Rulebook. Essentially, that paragraph states: "A convoyed army's attack may not protect any of its convoying fleets."

1. ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel, F Eng C A Lon-Bel, F Nth S A Lon-Bel

FRANCE: F Bel-Eng, F Bre S F Bel-Eng

Since France is attacking the English Channel with support and the English Channel is not supported, F Eng is dislodged and A Lon is not allowed to move.

2. ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel, F Eng C A Lon-Bel, F Nth S A Lon-Bel

FRANCE: F Bre-Eng, F Bel S F Bre-Eng

For the same reason, the adjudication is identical. Without the rule of Section XII, Paragraph 5, it is not sufficiently clear that A Lon failed to reach Belgium, thus cutting the support of F Bel and preventing F Bre-Eng from succeeding.

To understand the adjudication of convoy orders, it is essential to grasp the significance of whether or not a convoyed army is allowed to move; and when the army is allowed to move, whether or not it is permitted to cut support.

3. ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel, F Eng C A Lon-Bel, F Nth S F Eng

FRANCE: F Bre-Eng, F Bel S F Bre-Eng

England's convoying fleet is validly supported, protecting it from France's supported attack with or without the convoy. What is relevant in this example is that A Lon does move, but since it is made explicit by Section XII, Paragraph 5, that F Bel is "supporting a fleet which is attacking...the convoying fleet" of the attacking convoyed army, "that support is not cut."

4. ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel, F Eng C A Lon-Bel, F Nth S A Lon-Bel, F Wal S F Eng

FRANCE: F Bel-Eng, F Bre S F Bel-Eng

This example is adjudicated in the same manner as if F Eng were attacking F Bel with support. It is a standoff because the two countries are equally supported. In Example 1 F Eng is dislodged, so this example cannot be adjudicated in any other manner. The convoying army is not ordained by the Rulebook with Extraordinary prerogatives.

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5. ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel, F Eng C A Lon-Bel, F Nth S A Lon-Bel, F Wal S F Eng  
 FRANCE: F Bre-Eng, F Bel S F Bre-Eng

Here the convoy succeeds and F Bel is dislodged. Nevertheless, the support of F Bel is valid according to Section XII, Paragraph 5, even though Section X states that a dislodged unit cannot give support. Mr. Calhmer affirms that he did intend Paragraph 5 of section XII to be an exception to Section X.

6. ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel, F Nth C A Lon-Bel, F Eng S A Lon-Bel, F Wal S F Eng  
 FRANCE: F Bel-Eng, F Bre S F Bel-Eng

Again the convoy succeeds and F Bel is dislodged, but note that the support of F Eng is not cut by the attack of F Bel.

7. ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel, F Nth C A Lon-Bel, F Eng S A Lon-Bel, F Wal S F Eng  
 FRANCE: F Bre-Eng, F Bel S F Bre-Eng

All moving units fail and the support of F Eng and F Bel is cut. The last four examples involve a guessing situation between the combatants. If England convoys via F Eng, France must attack with F Bel; if England convoys via F Nth, France must attack with F Bre.

## Part 2

The adjudication problem of the paradox discovered by Anthony Pandin is attributed to a flaw or omission in the logic of the rules. Each of the rules changes hitherto proposed to resolve the paradox is unacceptable, either being completely arbitrary, not conforming to the logic and intent of the Rulebook, or severely limiting the tactical flexibility of Diplomacy. My proposal for solving any paradox withstands each of the preceding objections; most importantly, it does not affect the adjudications of any other convoy orders:

If a convoyed army's attack would affect the position of any of its convoying fleets, the army may not move.

In particular, this rule extends and clarifies the basic concept of Section XII, Paragraph 5, in that it not only prevents a convoyed attack from protecting the convoying fleets but also prevents it from harming them as well, because a convoyed army's attack may not cause the dislodgement of any of its convoying fleets. Whenever the convoying fleets cannot be dislodged, my rule does not apply.

Under this proposed rule, the adjudication of Pandin's Paradox is:

ENGLAND: A Wal-Bel, F Eng C A Wal-Bel, F Lon S F Eng

GERMANY: F Hol-Nth, F Bel S F Hol-Nth

RUSSIA: A Nwy-Lon, F Nth C A Nwy-Lon

FRANCE: F Mid-Eng, F Bre S F Mid-Eng

A Wal-Bel does not move because if the convoyed A Wal is allowed to cut the support of F Bel, F Nth is not dislodged and A Nwy cuts the support of F Lon, which would dislodge England's F Eng. If the convoy of A Nwy is considered first, A Nwy still



charge publishers for the right to reprint or publish TDA-sponsored articles. As far as I know, even Mr. Walker could have published the articles merely by asking for them!

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For any publisher who might seriously consider following Mr. Walker's example and reprinting copyrighted material without waiting for permission, I have heard that legal proceedings will be started by the author of "The Boardman Numbers" against Mr. Walker.

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Other game openings will be published if the Gamesmasters would only tell me about them....

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"Spring 1907"

TDA #2

R-10

ENGLAND (Verheiden):

F Nat-Cly  
A Liv (S) F Nat-Cly  
F Iri-Eng  
F Nth-Nrg  
F Den (S) F Kie  
F Kie holds  
A Yor-Edi

FRANCE (Holmes):

F Cly-Nat  
F Mid (S) F Cly-Nat  
F Bre (S) F Mid  
F Mar-Spa (sc)  
A Hol holds  
A Bel (S) A Hol  
A Ruh-Mun  
A Mun-Boh

TURKEY (Lariton):

F Bla-Bul (ec)  
A Con (S) F Bla-Bul (ec)  
A Smy (S) A Con

ITALY (Hyatt):

A Ven (S) A Tri  
A Rom-Apu  
A Stri (S) A Ser  
A Ser (S) A Bul  
A Bul (S) F Aeg-Con  
F Nap-Ion  
F Gre (S) A Bul  
F Aeg-Con

RUSSIA (Ripperda):

A Vie-Tyr  
A Bud-Tri  
A Rum (S) TURKISH F Bla-Bul (ec)  
A Sev-Ukr  
A Ukr-Gal  
A War-Sil  
A Mos-War  
F Ber (S) ENGLISH F Kie

Underlined moves do not succeed.

The "Fall 1907" moves are due 13 May 1975.



"Spring 1907"

TDA #4

R-12

ENGLAND (Cleaveland):

F Nth (S) F Den  
F Den (S) RUSSIAN F Nwy-Swe

FRANCE (Roter):

A Bel (S) A Ruh  
A Ruh (S) A Bel  
A Bur (S) A Ruh  
F Tyr-Wes  
F Lon holds  
F Eng (S) A Bel  
F Bre-Mid

GERMANY (Ayres):

A Kie-Ruh  
A Hol (S) A Kie-Ruh  
A Mun (S) A Kie-Ruh  
F Bal-Den

ITALY (Sidor):

A Tri-Ser  
A Bud (S) A Tri-Ser  
A Rom-Ven  
F Tun-Ion  
F Nap (S) F Tun-Ion  
F Ven-Tri  
F Adr (S) F Ven-Tri

TURKEY (Smith): NMR

A Arm  
A Ser [Dislodged]  
F Gre  
F Rum [Dislodged]  
F Aeg

RUSSIA (Stehle):

A Mos (S) A Sev  
A War-Sil  
A Ukr-Rum  
A Gal (S) A Ukr-Rum  
A Sev (S) A Ukr-Rum  
F Nwy-Swe  
F Liv-Cly

Underlined moves do not succeed.

The retreats of the dislodged units and the "Fall 1907" moves are due 13 May 1975.







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TDA #8

R-16

AUSTRIA (Brooks):

A Vie-Tri  
A Bud-Ser  
F Tri-Alb

FRANCE (George):

A Par-Gas  
A Mar-Spa  
F Bre-Mid

ITALY (Doyle):

A Rom-Apu  
A Ven holds  
F Nap-Ion

ENGLAND (Holmes):

A Liv-Yor  
F Edi-Nrg  
F Lon-Nth

GERMANY (Lischett):

A Ber-Kie  
A Mun-Ruh  
F Kie-Bal

RUSSIA (Treso):

F StP (sc)-Bot  
F Sev-Bla  
A Mos-StP  
A War-Skr

TURKEY (Crtiz):

A Con-Bul  
A Smy-Con  
F Ank-Bla

Underlined moves do not succeed. All players note: Houserule 9 and Sample Ruling 3 have been eliminated for this game. If any player needs a copy of the Houserules, let me know in writing.

"Fall 1901" moves are due 13 May 1975.

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Deadline for all games is 13 May 1975. Publication date is 17 May 1975.  
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To be sure that your moves are received before the deadline, please send them to my Post Office box if they are sent within a week of the deadline -- the mail service tends to be more regular than home delivery during the summer.

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