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Yes, here we are again, this time in mimeo, which is very easy to make here since the department copier is machine operated, i.e. motor, not muscles. This is a big help. I realized too late, like five minutes ago, that I stated last issue that I was losing my method of reproduction which could have serious implications from my biological sciences point of view. I hope that none of you misunderstood. Very weak humor here. Well, the name of the zine in your hot little hands is Against The Odds, and it is published by none other than Craig A. Reges, who resides at 1501 Higgins Hall, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, 61455, telephone number of (309)-295-7176. Call late. We play diplomacy here, among other things, and Diplomacy is copyrighted by Avalon Hill Game Co., and was invented by the sacred Allan B. Calhamer, the post office's lifelong friend. I am not Buddy Tretick as almost countless no one has asserted.

First, news for novices

As most of you should know, I am the Novice Project Director (down on your knees) I have been charged with the production of the novice project (brilliant deduction there) and as such have readied a handbook that will hopefully introduce the novices among you to the hobby of Diplomacy. The project is almost complete except for a few items, such as running it off and typing up the final couple pages or so, which will be done by the end of this weekend, god willing, and then run off on Monday, along with the zine itself. I will be giving, yes giving, at no charge these away to all interested parties, so feel free to request one and I will ship you one without delay. (Of course, if you sent along a SASE, I won't bitch about it either you know.)..Oops! Well, unfortunately, I have no, zero, nil correction fluid so what I type is what you get. Those pages that I have run off so far have looked very good so I expect the zine itself to continue its previous high standards (screw you, John Leeder!)

Also, please remember that I have the novice game, with no gamefee required available, with 6 people signed up so won't someone out there please sign up.

Also, all publishers please note!! One of the things that is supposed to be included in the packet is a complete-as-possible listing of game openings. I would therefore recommend that all of you submit your game openings to me please. Also, I would ~~publix~~ like to have all publishers publish an advertisement of this service. I am sponsored by the IDA/NA, International Diplomacy Assc. of North America, dues for which are two dollars and should be sent to Bill Young, P.O. Box 907, Clearfield, Pa., 16830. You will receive the newsletter Diplomacy Review as well as other benefits. I encourage all of you to join.

About John Leeder....

Lest anybody get the idea that I have a grudge against John, I don't. John held the NA zine and GM pole recently and I didn't place as high, as I might have wanted but of course that is not John's fault. 14 people voted for ATO and we averaged 6.36 or 24th on the list. I finished above some and below some others that I think could have gone either way. As a GM. I got a 7.42, or 23th, so I am a lot better GM than publisher. Oh, well, what I wish all of you would do is that if there is an aspect of this magazine you would like to see improved, please write and tell me about it. I want to hear from you. But, John, couldn't you have cheated a little and put me on top

Letter excerpt from Rod Walker.....

((Rod is responding to my accusation of his being the Easter Bunny.))

"However did you find out that I was the Easter Bunny? So much the worse for you. Don;t mind if your eggs taste a little funny next year; just eat them all up, there's a good boy."

About the Boardman Number Custodian

Last report is that we still do not have one, since Dennis Agosta is getting the numbers and Cal White still has them, is doing nothing with them. He is supposedly going to transfer them to Agosta as soon as he collates the material. Hopefully, that means that he is putting out a last issue but I doubt it. There must be almost 200 games waiting for numbers by now. Too bad Cal was not as good a BNC as he was at cashing checks. He never seemed to have any trouble with those.

And as for me.....

Well, my diplomacy has really slipped up lately as I have not had time to really work on it as much as I have in the past but I think that I am getting my act together now so things will improve. I actually spend a lot less time in actually getting to and from my classes since it is a five minute walk to Waggoner Hall, where all my classes are (as well as my office, and my mailbox are; the office door says "Mr. C. Reges" on it; I'm so important!) But the professors around here have this silly idea that since you are a grad student, you need to do more work. I haven't quite adjusted to writing letters in my room where all this activity outside or downstairs etc. is going on. My roommate is from Rockford, Ill., and is 27. An awful lot of people on this floor are over 25 (maybe 8 out of 54) which is ~~xxxxxxx~~ quite a few when you think about it. About 15%. Naturally there is a certain amount of weirdness that you might expect on campus but the big difference between here and U of I is that everybody is so darn friendly! Smile at somebody here and they smile back. Smile at a girl at Circle and she screams rape. Oh, well, Of Course I am not interested in such shamelessness. But this is a very nice school and I am glad that I am here. There also have good reproduction facilities for this zine. Some of you may have noticed the new typewriter. I have now got a new electric, a Royal. The worst thing is that the sports reporting and the newspaper reporting is much harder to come by. I didn't find out till 6 days later that Lyman Bostock had his head blowed off in Gary last week. (Hope the bastard who shot him gets his \_\_\_\_\_ chopped off.) But so it goes..

Zine News

John Michalski writes that his award winning zine, Brutus Bulletin, has a game opening for a 10-day deadline game! Calls will be accepted this time (in John's zine so far, calls are NOT accepted for his 2-weekers,) and separations other than Winter, 1901 require a majority vote. John is at ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ (Let's try again) Rt. 10 Box 526Q, Moore, Ok., 73165. Guaranteed satisfaction!

Konrad Baumeister is finally moving out of the pages of The Podunk News and into his own zine, Eggnog. Many variants run, write for a sample at 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, 53130.

Do you know how much more readily your sample requests are answered if you include an SASE?? By the way, many people are receiving copies of MY zine very late because you sent your request to White Pines and I've been here since August 26th, and haven't seen them till about September 24th, and I waited for the most current issue. Everybody, I think, sent me an SASE, for which I am very grateful. Thanks very much!

The new Boardman Number Custodians home address will be Dennis Agosta, 14 Shadyside Ave., Dumont, N.J., 07628. (Great, now we have a BNC on the Shadyside.)

Finally, before we get to the games, let me announce the game opening are available and that the fees are as usual, \$2.00+a refundable \$2.00 deposit for one or less NMRs. Let's fill another game, OK? And donot forget that novice game!!!! On to the GAMES!!!!!!

1975W Fall, 1911 "The Good 'Ol' Game  
England nears victory as centers fall, one year left????

England/14/Shields F Naf S F MAO-WMed, F MAO-WMed, F Spa(sc) S F Mar  
F Mar S F Spa(sc), A Bur-Par, F EncC-Bre, F Nat-Mao, F Nth-Eng  
F Lvn-Bal, A Pru-Lvn, A BER-Rru, A Sil-War, A Mun-Burg, F gob-Swe  
Italy/7/Silko A Gas-Par, F Lyon S F Tun-WMed, F Tun-WMed, F Ion-Tun,  
F Ven-Tri, A Tri-Tyo, A Vie S A Tri-Typ  
Russia/3/Foster A Sev S A Gal-Rum, A Ukr S A Gal-RUM, A Gal-Rum/d/r to  
Boh, Pru OTB  
Turkey/9/Michal F Adr H, F Gre-Aeg, F Alb-Ion, A Ser-Bud, A Bud-Gal, A Arm-Sev  
A Bul S A Rum, A Rum S A Bud-Gal

Centers: England: Home, Nwy, Den, Bre, Bel, Par, Hol, Kiel, Swe, Ber, Spa,  
Mun, MAR, WAR, PORT 17, Build Three

Italy: Home, Tun, ~~Mar~~, ~~Port~~, Tri, Vie Six, Remove One

Russia: ~~Mar~~, Mos, ~~XXX~~, Sev, St. Pete 3, EVEN or build o  
one if A Gal R OTB.

Turkey: Home, ~~Sev~~, Gre, Bul, Ser, Rum, Bud Nine, remove

(Players please note: Last year, England owned Port but was not<sup>one</sup>  
credited with it. I have now done so. Last year, England played one short.)

Winter, 1911 and Spring 1912, due October 25, Noon by mail and  
October 24, midnight, by phone.

COA: Colin Foster, 5631 S. Pecos, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119.

Press: Russia to London: Some gentlemen have the guts to declare war and the  
fortitude to carry it through. Some must find some weak excuse to allay their  
guilt feelings because they are so lily-livered they cannot live with their t  
true inner aggressions. I suggest you withdraw and repeat the operation in a  
manner befitting the pride and honour of the nation you are representing so  
that future generations of your offspring may hold their heads proud and  
high ~~xx~~ rather than slinking around the backwaters of the Thames as you must do.

1978AH Winter, 1903 NMRs hit game as two requests for separation arrive.  
Austria/6/Alan (James, 10511 Inwood Ave. Silver Spring, Md., 20902) NMR!! NBR!!  
will play one short. Has A Tus, A Ser, A Ven, A Bud, F Nap  
England/3/~~Bob~~/Price (Charles M., SSC Staff, ~~XXX~~ ET-A School (A-1), Great Lakes,  
Ill., 60088) Has F Nwg, Hel, EngC, (GM Retreats F Nth-Hel per Just"s right  
hand rule)

Frande/5, 1 short/Oaklyn Build Army Munich (imp) Has F Bre, Mar A Par, A Gas  
(Bernie, 13412 Brackley Terrace, Silver Spring, Md., 20904)

Germany/6/Tomcufcik Even. Has F Bel, Nth A Hol, Ruhr, Pic, Burg  
(Andy, 48 Dearborn Dr. Old Tappan, N.J., 07675)

Italy/2/Rowland (Alan, Box 2173 Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., 18042)  
Has A Rome, F Naples

Russia/8/Caruso (John, 12-39 148th St., Whitestone, Ny., 11357) Build A Sev  
Has A Sev, Vie, Fin, Rum F St. Pnc, Nwy, Arm, Blk

Turkey/4/Kelly Even (Ron, 6038 Richmond Highway #314, Alexandria, VA., 22302)  
Has A Bul, Sny F Con, Ank

Will Bill Frank, 732 Hialeah Dr., Racine, Wis, 53402 Please Standby for Austria?

Press: Paris: The president released a communique to the French peasants today  
which read, "Move the Army Gascony to Burgundy, and the Fleet in Brest to  
Picardy. Hold with the Army Paris and Fleet Marseilles. That should hold the  
Germans forever....that is, until the Austrians take Munich." So let it be w  
written, so let it be done.

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I would like to express my thanks to Ron Kelly for the articles he  
sent me, which will be in apt included here if I have space. Also thanks to  
Arturo Guajardo for the letterheads he sent me. It really is too bad I can't  
use them but I will save them, rest assured.

1976 BH Fall, 1910 Austria out to get drunk? France and Italy Roll.

Austria/2/Jones A Bud H (Unordered) A Vie Drinks A Bud /d/ r to Boh, Gal,OTB  
 France/11/Mahler F Nwg-Norway, F Bar S F Nwg-Norway, F Nth-Ska, F Nat-Nwg  
 F EngC S F Lon-Nth, F Lon-Nth, A Pic-Bel, A Hol S A Kiel, A Ruhr-Mun1  
 A Burg and A Kiel S A Ruhr-Munich  
 Germany/5/Tomcufcik A Munich-Kiel, F Den and A Ber S A Mun-Kiel  
F Ska-Nth, A Sil-Mun  
 Italy/11/Boyer A Tyr S A Tri-Vie, A Tri-Vie, A Ven-Tri, A Ser-Bud, A Alb-Ser  
 A Ank-Arm, F Ion H, F Bulsc H, F Smy-Aeg, F Blk-Rum, A Apu-Ven  
 Russia/5/Caruso A Ukr-Rum, A Rum-Ser, A Sev S A Ukr-Rum, F Nwy-St.P(nc)  
 F Baltic S Ger F Den-Kiel (NSO)

Note: French A Kiel /d/rbo Ruhr, OTB

CENTERS: Austria: ~~1/1~~, Bud 1, remove one  
 France: Home, SPa, Port, Bel, Lvp, Lon, ~~Kiel~~, Edi, Hol, Nwy, MUN 12, Build ONE  
 Germany: Ber, ~~Nwy~~, Den, Swer ~~Nwy~~, KIEL 4, remove one  
 Italy: Home, Smy, Ank Con, Bul, Gre, Tun, Tri, Ser, VIE 12, build 1  
 Russia: Home Rum EVEN

Winter, 1910 and Spring, 1911 due Oct. 25, by mail, noon and Oct. 24  
 midnight, by phone.

1978 ATO#2 Spring, 1902 NMRs again, and I am sad to say that there  
 were a lot of them this issue. The East Sleeps!

Austria/5/Tomcufcik (Andy, 48 Dearborn Dr., Old Tappan, N.J., 07675) A Vie-Boh  
 A Bud-Gal, A Tri-Ser. Aser- Gre, F Gre-Aeg  
 England/4/Cozzi F Edi-Nth, F Nwy Holds, F EngC-Irish Sea, A Wales Holds  
 (Larry, Rt. 1, Box 81, Solon Springs, Wi., 54873)  
 France/5/Buc# (Bill, 320 E. Bishop St., Bellafonte, Pa., 16823) A Spa-Port  
 F MAO S F Bre-EngC, F Bre-EngC, A Bel Holds F MarHolds  
 Germany/4/Harmon (Leland, 1802 X Ave. LaGrande. Ore., 97850) A Kiel-Ber  
 A Mun S A Kiel-Ber, F Den-Swe, A Hol S Austrian A Rome-Moscow (IMP)  
 Italy/4/McArdle (John, 712 Linden Ct. W., Itasca, Ill., 60143) A Pied-Tyr,  
 A Tus-Ven, F Tun-Ion, F Nap S F Tun-Ion  
 Russia/5/Dortch (Roland, 33 Sadowski Dr., Old Bridge, N.J., 08857) NMR!!!!  
 All Units Hold. Has F Sev, Rum, GoB, A War, Ukr A Ber/d/ r to Sil  
 Pru or OTB  
 Turkey/4/Moraitus (Anna, 2954 W. Belle Plaine, Chicago, Ill., 60618) NMR!!  
 Has F Smy, Bla A Bul, Con ALL units HOLD!!!!

Fall, 1902 due by Oct. 25, Noon by mail and Oct. 24, midnight by phone.

Will Eric Verheiden, 200 S Azusa Ave. #2, Azusa Ca., 91702 standby for Russia,  
 please?

Will Curtis Gibson, c/o A-1, 176 Lexington, N.Y., N.Y., 10016 please standby  
 for Turkey?

Press: FRANCE appreciates the diplomatic efforts made by all countries this  
 season. England, if you were true to your build, My attack is unnecessary and  
 will be corrected in Fall, 1902, Italy, if you were true to your conversation  
 I shall be ture to mine. Germany, thanks for your assistance, may our peace  
 last. Russia, if your efforts against Germany don;t cease, dire consequences  
 will ensue.

Now that pope John Paul I has died, will the next Pope be called  
 Pope George Ringo I? Sorry about that but I xouldn't resist.

I really hate it when I run out of things to say down here. Your press could  
 have filled thâs space.

((What a great start!!)) A Letter from Kevin Mooney.....

"Craig, I think you should know that Marck Morrison was the one who got married, and not I. For a while I was considering calling the FBI and letting them take care of you for making such a mistake. However, then I figured that they would be all tied up investigating the Claw and Fang incident. So I've decided to let you slide. Best, Kevin"

ATO #3 Spring, 1902 Russians asleep at the switch! I am getting tired of writing addresses!!!!So.....

Austria/5/Mooney (Kevin, 216 Charles St., Westfield, N.J., 07090) A ser-Rum

A Bud S A Ser-Rum, A Tri-Ser, A Vie-Gal, F Gre H

England/4/Foster (Note COA:, Colin, 5631 S Pecos, Las Vegas, Nev., 89119)

F Eng-Bel, F Edi-Nth, A York H, F Nwy Holds

France/5/Rowland F Bre S F Port-Mao, F Port-MAO, F Mar-Spa(sc), A Bur-Bel

A Spa-Gas, Alan, OBox 2173 Lafayette College, Easton. Pa., 18042)

Germany/Kendter, Jr. (Lee, ~~KXXX~~ 4347 Bemmer St., Phila., Pa., 19135)

A Hol S Fre A Burg-Bel, A Mun S A Kiel, A Kiel S F Swe-Den, F Swe-Den

Italy/4/Morrison (Marck, P.O. Box 1014, Greenfield, Mass., 03101)

F Ion-EMed, F Nap-Ion, A Tun H, A Ven H

Russia/5/Otvos NMR!!! All units hold! Has A Ber, Mos, Ukr F Baltic, Sev

Turkey/4/Mainardi (Tom, 1403 Lawrence, Havertown, Pa., 19083)

A Arm-Sev, F Ank-Blk, F Con S F Ank-Blk, A Bul S Aus A Ser-Rum

Fall, 1902 due Oct. 25, noon by mail and Oct 24, midnight, by Phone.

Press: Project Unicorn: The Little Assassin-He walked silently past a guard and climbed the trellis. From the balcony, he looked back. The French security posed one major problem-how to keep from laughing. He grinned from ear to ear. Then, chuckling inwardly, he returned to his task. The French doors were open and the room beyond uninhabited. As he entered the room he heard sounds from an open door on the right wall. He loaded his weapon and moved to the door. He burst through the opening and in the first instant saw his target: the Duke of Rowland, Defender of the brew, King of France. He was sitting in a bathtub with its head, ugh, suds (soap suds that is) spilling over. There was a keg of beer near the tub and the Frenchman held a draft. The assassin let go. The shot gun blast caught the Duke full in the face. He coughed and sputtered, but it was too late.. He realized it was over. The smoke cleared but the French leader didn't notice. He was blown away, stoned. Reefer had won. The assassin took a hit himself and left as deftly as he had entered.

NEXT: How to kill a Russian Ghost.

Germany-Russia--Suicide is painless...(Take the hint, back off from Germany.)

Mario's Pizzeria, Bar and Grill, Santa Vit's, Italy: "Well, well, well," said the Prime-Fanatic, "The turks built in Constantinople. Well, why don't we help them with Russia. We'll land in Syria!"

Ankara: The Sultan announced from his summer home in Antioch yesterday that the Turkish Government and the entire Turkish people are committed in the war against Russia. He also said that he will support his german ally in his fight to eradicate the Russian plague from his soil.

Ato two man number one Gibson vs. Rowland

Gibson

F: A Spa-Port, A Bel S RUS F Kiel-Hol, A Par-Bur, F ENG-Wal, F Pic-EngC

R: F Kiel-Hol, A StP-Mos, A War S A St.P-Mos, A Rum-Ser, F SevS TUR F Bla-Rum

T: F Bla-Rum, F Smy-Aeg, A Con S A Bul, A Bul S A Rum-Ser

Rowland

A: A Gal-War, A Mos S Eng F Nwy-St.Pnc, A Bud-Ser, A Ser-Gre, F Gre-Aeg

E: A Wal-Lon, F NAO-MAO, F Nth-EngC, F Nwy-St.Pnc

G: A Mun-Burg, A Den S A Ber-Kiel, A Hol-Bel, F Swe-Nwy

(Two-Man #1 Continued)

~~XXXXXXXX~~: Russ A St.P /d/ r to Lvn, fin, otb;  
 Ger A Hol r to Ruhr, otb, Aus A Ser r to Alb, Tri, otb  
 Centers: A: Home, ~~St.P~~, Gre, MOS 6, build one  
 E: Home, Nwy, ST.P 5, Build one  
 G: Home, Swe, ~~Nth~~, DEN 5, EVEN  
 F: Home, Bel, Spa, PORT 6, build one  
 R: War, ~~St.P~~, Sev, ~~Nth~~, ~~Nth~~, HOL, SER X 4, remove one  
 T: Smy, Con, Bul, Ank, RUM 5, Build one  
 Neutral: Italy and Tun

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England/10/Rowland F Nth-Den, F Nwy-St.Pnc F Swe S F Nth-Den, F Nth-Den  
 F WMed-Tun, F Tun-IOn, F Tyrr S F Tun-Ion, F Edi-Nth, F Lon-EngC, A Pied-Tyr  
A Tyr-Boh

Germany/6/~~Nth~~ Civil Disorder/ All units hold. Has A Mun and A Par. Other  
 dislodged units are annihilated otb.

Italy/4/Frank A Bud H F Nap-Adr, F Adr-Tri

Russia/8/Jones A Pru-Ber, F Bal S A Pru-Ber, A War-Sil, A Gal S A War-Sil  
A Vie-Boh, F Hel S A Kiel-Hol, A Kiel-Hol, A Kiel-Hol, F Den-Swe /d/ r to Ska,  
 Bal, otb

Turkey/6/Silko A Ser-Tri, F Ion-Apu, F Alb S A Ser-Tri, F EMed-Ion, F Gre-Aeg  
~~A~~ Bul=Gre T

Winter, 1909 due ~~Sept~~ Oct. 25, noon by mail or Oct 24, by ~~mail~~ Phone.

Centers: England: Home, Mar, Nwy, Port, Bre, Spa, Tun, Swe, St.P, DEN 12, build  
 Germany: Kiel, ~~St.P~~, Mun, Par, Ber, ~~Nth~~  
 Italy: Home ~~Tyr~~, BUD 4, build one, was one short  
 Russia/8/~~Jones~~ ~~St.P~~, Mos, Sev, War, ~~Nth~~, Rum, Vie, ~~Nth~~, Ber, Hol 7, remove 1  
 Turkey: Home, Gre, Bul, Ser, TRI 7, build one  
 Press:

Roma: The Italian Prime Minister, while motoring on vacation, not to  
 be confused with the English holiday, in the south of Albania during the Winter  
 of 1909 was waved over to the side by a small man wearing a Turban and concealing  
 a scimitar. He offered to bury the hatchet, so to speak, between Italy and T  
 Turkey. The Prime Minister, being a good sort agreed and at the person's  
 suggestion changed Italy's orders for Spring to reflect a neutral posture to T  
 Turkey. But what did the turkey do, you ask? He buried the scimitar in Italy!!!

ATO Two-Man #3 Steve McLendon vs. Bob Sargeant Spring, 1901

McLendon:

E: F Lon-EngC, F Edi-Nth, A Lvp-Yor  
 G: A BEr-Pru, A Mun-Ruhr, F Kiel-Hol  
 I: A Ven-Tyo, A Rome-Ven, F Nap-Ion

Sargeant

F: E Bre-EngC, A Par-Burg, (A MAR S)  
 A: A Vie-Tyr, F Tri-Ven, A Bud-Ser  
 T: F Ank-Blk, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con

ATO Two-Man #2 Jerry H. Jones vs. Eric Verheiden Spring, 1901

Jones:

G: F Kiel-Hol, A Mun-Ruhr, A Ber-Kiel  
 A: F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Gal  
 T: A Con-Bul, E Ank-Con, A Smy-Arm

Verheiden:

E: A Lvp-Edi, F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nwg  
 F: F Bre-MAO, A Par-Burg, A Mar-Pied  
 R: F St.Pete(sc)-GoB  
 F Sev-Black Sea  
 A Mos-Ukr, A War-Sil

I find it hard to believe that there were no conflicts in this game  
 but so it goes.



ATO #4 Game begins with no conflicts too. Will it become a trend?  
 Thanks to all of you for your prompt submission of orders.

Austria/3/Caruso A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb  
 England/3/Harmon F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nwg, A Lvp-York  
 France/3/Frank A Mar S A Par-Bur, A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mao  
 Germany/3/Oaklyn F Kiel-Den, A Ber-Kiel, A Mun-Ruhr  
 Italy/3/Holton A Ven Holds, A rome-Apu, F Nap-Ion  
 Russia/4/Trojan F St.Psc-GoB, A Mos-Sev, A War-Ukr, F Sev-Blk  
 Turkey/3/Smith A Con-Bul, A Smy-Ank, F Ank-Con  
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 There are game openings available in this zone, and we have one player signed  
 up for ATO #5. Subscriptions are 10/\$3.50. I hope you will subscribe if you  
 like it or even if you don't for that matter.

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