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Game 1966AQ

Spring 1965

RUSSIA OCCUPIES SWEDEN AND WESTERN AUSTRIA
 BORDER CLASHES BUT NO VICTORIES ELSEWHERE
 CZAR KAISER AND SULTAN TO MEET IN GENEVA

The moves:

RUSSIA (Reinsel): Fleet Gulf of Bothnia supports army Norway to Sweden.
 Fleet Rumania stands. Army Norway to Sweden. Army St.
Petersburg to Norway. Army Bohemia to Tyrolia. Army Vienna supports army
 Bohemia to Tyrolia. Army Trieste supports army Bohemia to Tyrolia. Army
 Warsaw to Galicia. Army Budapest supports army Trieste.

FRANCE (Thompson): Fleet Marseilles to Gulf of Lyon. Army Liverpool to
 Edinburgh. Army Burgundy supports army Belgium. Army
 Belgium supports army Burgundy. Army Paris supports army Burgundy. Army
 Picardy supports army Belgium. Fleet London to the North Sea. Fleet
 English Channel supports army Belgium.

TURKEY (Greene): Fleet Ionian Sea to Tyrrhenian Sea. Fleet Greece to
 Albania. Fleet Eastern Mediterranean to Ionian Sea.
 Fleet Aegean Sea supports Fleet Eastern Mediterranean to Ionian Sea.
 Army Albania to Serbia. Army Bulgaria supports army Albania to Serbia.

GERMANY (Nelson): Army Holland to Edinburgh. Fleet North Sea Convoys
 army Holland to Edinburgh. Fleet Denmark supports fleet
 North Sea. Army Ruhr supports army Munich. Army Munich supports army
 Ruhr.

ITALY (Goldman): Fleet Tyrrhenian Sea stands. Fleet Naples to Apulia.
 Fleet Adriatic to Trieste. Army Venice to Tyrolia.

ENGLAND (Long): Fleet Skagerrak to Norway. Fleet Sweden supports fleet
 Skagerrak to Norway.

Underlined moves do not succeed. The English fleet in Sweden is dislodged
 and has the Baltic and Finland open for retreat.

With only one retreat there seems no point on calling a summer
 move. The deadline for Fall moves is therefore set at Friday 31 March
 1967. The English retreat is to be submitted at the same time. All other
 powers may make their Fall moves conditional on the direction of that
 retreat.

PRESS RELEASES

Salonika, 1 March. The Sultan expressed surprise over the French actions,
 and went on to say, "The Turkish people will watch and wait, but we find
 the recent action of the French highly displeasing."
 St. Petersburg, 10 March. Members of the press were today informed that

that Czar Reinsel had invited the Sultan of Turkey to visit St. Petersburg, and also to visit the two Russian fronts. The Czar also informed the Sultan that Russia was prepared to help Turkey construct a naval base in Albania to help fight the Italians.

Athens, 15 March. The Sultan arrived here today on his tour. He called for a meeting of the Czar, the Kaiser, and himself, to meet in Geneva shortly, to discuss the world situation.

St. Petersburg, 18 March. An army order from the Czar to his troops was made public today. It strictly enjoined all commanders to see that none of their troops transgress on any German territory.

Geneva, 20 March. According to word received here, Czar Reinsel has requested the French not to intervene in a war between Italy and Turkey.

Kalamai, 1 April. The Sultan asked his honorable friend, the Russian bear, to move into the rich Po valley and beyond as soon as possible.

Ankara, 3 April. The Duke of Greenwich announced today that a serious crop failure had taken place in Syria and forewarned of a possible famine this fall.

The Duke also said, "Admiral Fanos is in complete independence of our GHQ now that he is beyond our physical communication. Any actions he may take in the Ionian are completely supported by the Turkish government, however."

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Game 1966AV

Spring 1904

RUSSIA REGAINS CAPITAL OF EASTERN CHRISTENDOM
ITALY STAKES CLAIM TO ADRIATIC COAST
GERMANS SEIZE RIGA GREETED BY BALTIC BROTHERS

The moves:

GERMANY (Shagrin): Army Berlin to Prussia. Army Silesia supports army Berlin to Prussia. Army Ruhr to Munich. Army Gascony supports English fleet Mid-Atlantic Ocean to Spain (south coast). Army Burgundy supports ITALIAN fleet Marseilles. Army Sweden to Livonia. Fleet Kiel to Denmark.

RUSSIA (Zelazny): Fleet Gulf of Bothnia to St. Petersburg (south coast). Army Warsaw hold. Army Galicia to Rumania. Army Ankara to Constantinople. Fleet Bulgaria (south coast) supports army Ankara to Constantinople. Fleet Black Sea supports army Ankara to Constantinople. Army Sevastopol to Armenia.

ENGLAND (Wells): Fleet Mid-Atlantic Ocean to Spain (south coast). Fleet English Channel to Mid-Atlantic Ocean. Fleet North Sea to Norway. Fleet Baltic convoys GERMAN Army Sweden to Livonia. Fleet Norwegian Sea to Barents Sea. Army Norway to Finland.

AUSTRIA (Munroe): Army Greece to Bulgaria. Army Trieste to Vienna. Army Apulia to Trieste. Fleet Adriatic convoys army Apulia to Trieste. Army Budapest supports army Trieste to Vienna.

ITALY (Francis): Fleet Tunis to Ionian Sea. Fleet Marseilles supports GERMAN Army Gascony to Spain. Army Rome to Venice.

Army Venice to Trieste. Army Tyrolia supports army Venice to Trieste.

TURKEY (Lebling): No moves received. Fleet Constantinople stands. Army Smyrna stands.

FRANCE (Birsan): Army Piedmont to Tuscany. Army Spain to Marseilles.

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French army in Spain is routed and has only Portugal open for retreat. The Turkish fleet in Constantinople is dislodged and, having received no orders, is removed from the board. Deadline for moves for Fall 1904 is Friday, 31 March 1967.

PRESS RELEASES

St. Petersburg, 26 March. (Russkoe Znamia) An orderly evacuation of north Russia has begun under cover of the Imperial North Fleet's useless guns. Rumours are thick concerning a lack of ammunition due to the excessive gunnery practice during the past year.

Moscow, 1 April. (Russkoe Znamia) Peace between Germany and Russia! Well it would be nice "In". Think it over - after all there will soon be another land power.

Madrid, 15 Apr. (APF) French exiles have taken over the country with the following result on the Spanish scene: Gibraltar has been levelled, Spanish Wine is up 15 points on Wall street, French War bonds have dropped five points on the world market. Next week, hopefully, a report from Italy, another haven to French exiles.

Taurida, 4 May. (Russkoe Znamia) The final thrust into Turkey was heralded by the concentrated fire of the Russian fleets in a rolling carpet of destruction preceding the advance of a Russian Army. Due to the immense clouds of dust raised, initial reports have not yet been releases.

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GAMES AVAILABLE

It never fails. Whenever a list of Diplomacy magazines is published widespread changes occur within a week. Therefore the list appearing on pages 10, 11, and 12, of the last issue requires the amendments given below.

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BARODIA (1), Jim Sanders, Room 3K4, 601 West 110th St., New York, NY, 10025. This carries no games. It is an occasional publication, designed to carry material which doesn't conveniently fit into Euralia. This first issue summarizes the replies to a questionnaire which Jim sent out some months ago. The questionnaire asked the various gamesmasters how they handled the situations which are more or less ambiguous in the rulebook.

AMEND

BIG BROTHER, Charles H. Reinsel, 120 8th Ave., Clarion, Penna, 16214. The editor has told me that, if enough interest is shown, he will change the game previously announced as for gamesmasters only to a game with general admission. Fee \$4.

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CEREBRAL NEBULAE, edited by a triumvirate, Greg Long, 3526 SW 112, Seattle, Wash., 98146, editor and gamesmaster, Bill Stewart, treasurer and gamesmaster, and Douglas Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, Wash., 98116. Both regular and variant games are promised. Fee \$2, and there is a complicated pay-as-you-go scheme.

AMEND

EREWHON, Capt. R. C. Walker, EV3129356, TUSLOG, Det #183, APO, NYC, 09254. Sample maps of a new 9-man variant, based on the Peloponesian War have recently been sent out. Those interested should write the editor. Note that all correspondence must be by Air Mail.

DELETE

MARSOVIA. This publication is no longer published. Its game has been taken over by ADAG.

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XENOLOGIC, Lawrence Peery, 5834 Estelle St., San Diego, Calif., 92115. Fee \$2 for regular games, \$3 for variants. There are a few openings, fee gratis, for those who have not played Postal Diplomacy before.

Next week's entries will be given in forthcoming issues of BROB.

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MISCELLANEOUS RULE QUESTIONS

In the series of items on rule ambiguities appearing in BROB a definite statement, as to how this magazine would rule, was made in the majority of cases. However, there were several where the question was left open, and Mr. Calhaver's views were asked for. Lest I again be caught, as I was in the case of Boardman's Rule, without having stated how I would rule prior to a case actually arising in a BROB game, I list all such below, with a ruling for each case.

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Cutting One's Own Throat.

Example: Turkey plays: Army Rumania to Serbia
Army Bulgaria supports Rumania to Serbia
Army Constantinople to Bulgaria.

Does the last of these orders cut the support of the Bulgarian army or not? This question was broached in BROB #46, where it was pointed out that the set of moves never made tactical sense, but that it sometimes appears, none-the-less, due to hasty compiling of moves. In a letter in the following issue, Charles Reinsel stated that in his opinion the support should not be cut. That was also the opinion of Rod Walker, in Erewhon, and of John Boardman in Graustark #112. Don Miller ruled similarly in Diplomania #14/15. Although my personal feeling is not overly sympathetic toward a player who makes a blunder of this type, BROB will go along with the ruling of the gamesmasters mentioned. Such

unanimity is unique; let's not spoil it. In BROB, therefore, a supporting unit, attacked by a unit belonging to the same power, will not have its support thereby cut.

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Simultaneous support and attack on the same foreign unit.

In BROB #52 the question was raised whether it is legal for a power to simultaneously support and attack the same foreign unit. For instance, may France order

Army Bohemia to Munich
Army Burgundy support GERMAN Army Munich

on the same move turn: The item indicated the circumstances in which such a set of moves might, occasionally, be advantageous to a player. The only comment I have seen on the question is by Charles Wells in Lonely Mountain #32, who believes that it should be allowed. That is also my own opinion, as there appears to be nothing in the rulebook prohibiting the move. In BROB, the set of moves is legal.

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Can a Unit Cut Support Given to Itself?

The example given in BROB #52 was as follows:

Silesia
GERMANY: Army -- / -- supports RUSSIAN Army Warsaw.

RUSSIA: Army Warsaw to Silesia.

TURKEY: Army Moscow to Warsaw. Army Ukraine supports army Moscow to Warsaw.

The question is, does the Russian army in Warsaw continue to have the benefit of the German support in withstanding the Turkish attack.

The rulebook states: "If a unit ordered to support in a given province is attacked from a different province the unit disregards its order to support."

The underlining here corresponds with the use of italics in the rulebook. Note that here, the unit ordered to support (the German army in Silesia) was not attacked from a different province but from the one which it was supporting. Therefore, there is no indication in the rulebook that the support is cut.

Although not technically "cut", according to the rulebook, I feel that the support is still not good. Note that for support to be effective, even though not nullified by a "cut" from the side, one of two conditions must be satisfied:

1. The orders of the supported unit and the supporting one must correspond. Army Ruhr supports army Berlin to Kiel is not effective if army Berlin is, in fact, ordered to Munich instead of to Kiel.
2. The one exception to the above condition, explicitly laid down

in the rulebook, is that a force not ordered may be supported in place.

The army in Warsaw, in our example, fulfills neither of these conditons; the support from Silesia is, therefore, not valid, although it is not, technically speaking, "cut". This is, in essence, the position taken by Charles Wells in Lonely Mountain, #32.

SEALED BAG

RUSS JONES, R.R.#2, Nanaimo, B. C., Canada.; I'd like to ask a question about Diplomacy. We were wondering if support supplied in the following way is allowable. Suppose that Russia has Army Norway, Fleet North Sea, and Fleet Norwegian Sea. England has Fleet English Channel, Fleet North Atlantic, and Army Edinburgh. ((To successfully attack Edinburgh)) against the English moves, Fleet North Atlantic to Norwegian Sea, Army Edinburgh stands, Fleet English Channel to the North Sea, could Russia send Fleet Norwegian Sea to Edinburgh, supported by the army convoyed by the North Sea Fleet. This seems reasonable unless the North Sea is taken or Norway attacked.

((+(This is the convoy of support question. The suggestion, as far as organized Postal Diplomacy is concerned, was first raised by Conrad von Metzke, in Costaguana Vol 1, #18. There was some discussion of it in succeeding issues of that journal, especially #20. The idea has not received much support, since it is not provided for in the rulebook. See Graustark, #112, where Boardman rules against it.

Of course, in many magazines the idea is pointless whether legal or not. Many Diplomacy Journals, including this one, use Brannen's Rule. According to it, for the purpose of support and support cutting, a convoyed army is considered to come from the position of the (last) convoying fleet, rather than from its province of origin. So that an action which would cut the support of the Fleet in the North Sea would also cut the support of an army convoyed by it, in your example. It is therefore pointless to tie up two forces, both a fleet and an army, to do what the fleet alone could do quite as effectively. jamcc)+))

We also heard from:

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Why do committee edited 'zines, like the new Cerebral Nebulae, always appoint a treasurer? It must be a very frustrating job, counting what isn't there.

BROBDINGNAG reports on Postal Diplomacy games 1966AQ and 1966AV. It is published and edited by John McCallum, Ralston, Alberta. The price is ten cents a copy.