

CHEESECAKE

May 1, 1981
#23

1976-CJ *Out of the trenches by Mothers Day!* (three way draw passes)

SUPPLY CENTERS

ENGLAND (Robert Acheson) Controls home, Mos, StP, War, Nwy, Por, Bre, Spa, Tun (11).

GERMANY (Randolph Smyth) Controls home plus Austria, Den, Hol, Bel, Par, Mar, Swe (12).

TURKEY (Fred Winter) Controls home plus Italy, Bul, Ser, Rum, Gre, Sev (11).

The three way draw passed. Congrats to all.

As you can see from the incomplete history below, I don't know what happened before 1909. Robert is the only survivor from CUM GRANO SALIS, but I don't know how long he was there. If anyone can help with earlier history, I'll print it when I get it.

Mud-slinging, foot-kissing, back-biting, sour-grapes, or any other sort of endgame statements are due June 5th. "To" means including.

AUSTRIA: ?

ENGLAND: ? to F'09; Robert Acheson to the end.

FRANCE : ?

GERMANY: ? to S'09; Cecil Nurse to F'09; Randolph Smyth to the end.

ITALY : ? to S'09; David Hansen to S'11; Tom Kissner to W'16.

RUSSIA : ? to F'09; David Steele to W'12.

TURKEY : ? to S'09; Bert van den Boogaard to F'10; civil disorder to S'11;

John Kelley to F'15; Fred Winter to the end.

'ZINE : ? to S'09; CUM GRANO SALIS to F'09; CHEESECAKE to the end.

GM : ? to F'09; Andy Lischett to the end.

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	
AUSTRIA:											
ENGLAND:	8	9	9	10	11	11	11	13	12	11	Draw Winter 1918
FRANCE :											
GERMANY:	7	7	8	10	10	9	9	12	11	12	Draw Winter 1918
ITALY :	5	5	4	4	3	4	3	0			
RUSSIA :	6	4	4	0							
TURKEY :	8	9	9	10	10	10	11	9	11	11	Draw Winter 1918

1977-AI Fall 1912

AUSTRIA (Pete Keltch) A Mos holds, A Pru-War, A Lvn S A Pru-War, A Boh-Gal, A Vie S A Boh-Gal, A Tyo holds (dislodged, retreat Boh or OTB), A Alb-Tri, A Ser S A Alb-Tri, F Adr-ALb, A Gre holds, A Bul S A Gre, A Con holds, A Smy holds.
ENGLAND (Francois Cuerrier?) NMR; F Wes holds, A Gas holds, F Eng holds, A Bel holds, A Mun holds, A Sil holds, F Kie holds, F Ber holds, F Bal holds, F Nwy holds, F Fin holds, F StP(nc) holds.
ITALY (Ron Kelly) A Bur S ENGLISH A Mun, A Pie-Tyo, A Ven S A Pie-Tyo, A Rom S A Ven, A Nap S A Ven (impossible), F Apu-Adr, F Ion S F Apu-Adr, F Aeg-Con.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUSTRIA (13): Home plus Turkey, Ser, War, Sev, Bul, Mos, Rum, Gre - even.
ENGLAND (13): Home plus Germany, Nwy, Swe, Den, Hol, Bel, Bre, StP - took StP - may build one.
ITALY (8): Home, Spa, Tun, Mar, Por, Par - even.
RUSSIA (0): Lost StP - out!

PRESS PRINCE REGENT TO ARMY COMMANDERS IN PRUSSIA AND TYROLIA: Do not retreat one millimeter. Victory or Death!

Will Greg Fritz (826 Florida, Vallejo, California 94590) please standby for England?

Winter 1912 and Spring 1913 orders are due June 5.

1979-IH Fall 1907

ENGLAND (Doug Karnes) F Iri-MID, F ENG-Bre, F NTH-Eng, A Bel-BUR, A MUN S A Bel-BUR, A RUH S A MUN, F Kie-HOL, F Bal-KIE, F BER holds, F STP(nc) holds, F NWY S S STP(nc).
FRANCE (Keith Mercer) A PAR-Bre, A UKR-Mos, A Boh-SIL, A Tri holds (annihilated), A TYO S A Tri, A VEN S A Tri, F ION holds, F ADR S F ION, F APU S F ION, F TYR S F ION, F Tun-WES.
RUSSIA (Pete Fuchs) A Gal-WAR, A MOS S TURKISH A SEV-Ukr (NSO), A VIE S TURKISH F Alb-TRI.
TURKEY (Bob Kluge) Retreat F Adr-ALB; F Alb-TRI, A SER S F Alb-TRI, A BUD S F Alb-TRI, F EAS-Ion, F GRE S F EAS-Ion, F AEG S F EAS-Ion, A BUL holds, A Rum-GAL, A SEV-Mos.

SUPPLY CENTERS

ENGLAND (12): Home plus Germany, Bel, HOL, Den, NWY, Swe, STP - took MUN - may build one.
FRANCE (9): Home plus Italy, Por, Spa, Tun - lost Mun, Tri - must remove one.
RUSSIA (3): MOS, WAR, VIE - even.
TURKEY (10): Home, BUL, GRE, SER, Rum, BUD, SEV, TRI - took TRI - may build one.

PRESS MOSCOW: In a rare address to the nation the Czar denounced the French traitors and proclaimed his utmost support for his stout-hearted Turkish neighbors in their battle with the western warmongers.

The F-E and F-E-T draws have failed to pass. F-E-T has been re-re-reproposed. Votes, Winter '07, and Spring '08 are due June 5.

1979-IA Spring 1905

ENGLAND (Dave Carter) F MID S FRENCH F SPA(sc)-Wes (NSO), F Hol-NTH, A KIE S FRENCH A Bur-MUN, F HEL S A KIE, F Den-BAL, A Lpl-YOR, A LON S A Lpl-YOR.

FRANCE (Mark Lew) F SPA(sc) S ENGLISH F MID, F Mar-LYO, A Gas-MAR, A Bur-MUN, A RUH S A Bur-MUN, A Pic-BRE.

GERMANY (Paul Rauterberg) A Mun holds (dislodged, retreat Boh or OTB), A BER S A Mun.

ITALY (Doug Warfel) F NAf-TUN, F Wes-TYR, F Pie-TUS, A Ven-ROM, A Tyo-TRI, A VIE S A BUD, A BUD S RUSSIAN A UKR-Rum (NSO).

RUSSIA (Keith Sherwood) A GAL S TURKISH A RUM-Bud (NSO), A SIL S A GAL, A UKR S A GAL, A MOS S A UKR.

TURKEY (Russ Pugh) F Ion-NAP, F Smy-EAS, F Con-AEG, A SER-Bud, A RUM S A SER-Bud, A BUL S A RUM, A SEV S A RUM, F BLA S A SEV.

CHOCK-FULL-O'PRESS ENGLAND: At least a G/R draw makes more sense than I/T. I must, however, vote against it.

ENGLAND - GERMANY: Hell, I never wanted Munich. I only wanted all your other territories. There's not much point in giving it to the Italians since the Turk will soon be taking his s/c's. As for my friends? Russia and France are definitely on my 'Birthday Invite List'.

PARIS TO GM: You shouldn't have told everyone that I colored the pictures. Now they'll find out that I'm only six years old. Besides, I used my own crayons; I don't care what you say, but English are blue, not green-yellow. Why no fleets?

GM TO PARIS: I couldn't think of any.

LUANDA: Don't believe the press you read. McLeod is not in Novosibirsk at all; we kidnapped him in the South Atlantic and he's being tortured. Ransom is bargainable.

GERMANY TO RUSSIA: If you had dedicated our draw to John Lennon, instead of to John Kelley (whom I have never met), it would surely have passed. With the usual apologies to Mr. Lennon, I offer you...

INSTANT ENGLISH

English fleets are gonna get you, gonna knock you right in the head.
Better get your act together, pretty soon St.Pete will be bled.

What on earth are you gonna do,
when Germany no longer stands between him and you?
Why worry about Turkey, who has naught
to fear from you and me?

So we'll all, drag on! No one stabbing anyone! And we'll all,
lose, one. Boy, sometimes we all are dumb...

GERMANY TO TURKEY: I haven't heard much from you lately. Your attacks on Russia are only helping the English cause, for they will surely pick up the Cossack spoils before you can win them. Carter's getting this one on a silver platter. Pity.

MUNICH TO PARIS: Your facts regarding the affair between General Johann Gauss and Italian Marshall Alessandro Felici are a bit off the mark. The two are indeed queer as three dollar bills, but only for business reasons. You see, they are male prostitutes working out of Corsica. Their pimp, Louis de Bourbon, is a Marseilles low-life who keeps his boys on a string without really supporting them adequately. They sell themselves to all comers.

BERLIN TO THE PORTE: Do not abandon us, oh mighty Sultan! We have many friends, but few allies.

1979-IA Continued

GOV'T COLLAPSE (ROMAN TIMES): Following the disintegration of the alliance with Turkey, Prime Minister Gioletti announced his resignation. In a prepared statement, Gioletti denounced "the malevolent intransigence of forces of radicalism in Constantinople whose provocative machinations are designed to usurp Italian sovereignty. We will combat the neo-Hapsburgs until we have driven them back into the desolation of Arabia."

Immediately after his audience with the Emperor, Prime Minister General Cadorna called a meeting of the Imperial War Committee to prepare to carry the fight to Constantinople.

NEW CRUSADE (PISA POST-DISPATCH): At the Vatican this morning the Pope called on the Continental powers to join forces to combat the "assault from the East. The Almighty cannot allow the instrument of Satan to gain a foothold in Europe."

AGREEMENT REACHED (LE MONDE): At the conclusion of a private meeting with Italy's foreign minister the Duke of Aosta, President Lew announced "France's solidarity with Italy." The President has been trying to remain neutral in European affairs, but the rise of Turkish militarism has become a great concern to France, hence the policy change.

TOTAL SUPPORT (BERLIN TAGEBLATT): In a speech to the Reichstag Baron von Holstein, the German Chancellor declared unmitigated support for Italy in her war with Turkey. Von Holstein said, "We have always received unqualified support and must reciprocate."

OTTOMANS ATTACKED (LONDON DAILY MAIL): Prime Minister Sir David Carter today asked Turkey to close its embassy and placed an embargo on Turkish goods. The actions follow the execution of Sir Edgar Lenfield in Constantinople and Turkey's sweep westward.

HELP DENIED (MOSCOW HERALD): The Czar today denied Russian complicity in the escape of Franz-Josef from prison. His Majesty produced evidence which clearly proved that the Porte was responsible for the escape of the tyrant. "Apparently the change of government in Turkey has brought Hapsburg sympathizers to power. The danger is unparalleled in modern times."

NEW CZAR SPEAKS (ST. PETE SENTINAL): We now publish part two of our candid interview with the new Czar. Asked where his favorite correspondence emanated from, he said, "Italy -- His stuff is funny in a sick sort of way. He actually wants me to believe the crap he writes." Asked to elaborate, the Czar showed off a recent letter sent this season. Its opening line is 'Although extremely late to realize the folly of working with Turkey, I am willing to admit my mistake...'. And it just goes on like that! He says all I have to do is help him into Germany and then he'll turn. Well he said that last season too, it was then, and is still now, just a load of crap." The Czar went on to warn all nations to be extremely wary whenever reading Italian lies sent as correspondence.

ST. PETE TO TURKEY: You're full of it too, you know, but I'm willing to try and work something out with you.

ST. PETE TO GERMANY: Please don't be long. Please don't you be very long. Please don't be long, or I may be asleep.

RATS RELEASED (IMPERIAL INQUIRER): In an effort to make life in Sevastople more uncomfortable for the Turks, Russian spies unleashed thousands of rats into the city from the sewers hoping it would drive the horrified Turks out. Unfortunately, it weren't the Turks that were horrified, but the rats; they turned tail and ran when they caught sight of the Turks.

More 1979-IA

RISE OF MANIACAL SULTAN (SILESIAN SNITCH): We are proud to start a multi-part report on the rise to power of the Turkish Sultan. This month's report finds the future tyrant a scant three years old, playing with his 27 brothers. His father was looking over all his children trying to pick his successor when he saw the little fellow poking the eyes out of kittens with a needle. He knew he had found his heir.

COUP ROCKS CAPITAL! (ALEPPO GLOBE & MAIL): In a daring daylight raid, forces of long-time opposition leader Tizlat Bey seized the Porte, crushing the short-lived interim regime of Kiamil Pasha. Simultaneously, minions of Tizlat seized control of major cities throughout Anatolia and the Hejaz. This morning the former radical leader's party seemed to be firmly in control, however fighting continues in the outlying viyayets. A rally is scheduled for noon today at the Blue Mosque where Tizlat is expected to address the nation on his new foreign policy and planned internal reforms. Loyal Muslims are invited to attend.

Fall 1905 orders are due June 5th.

1981-AL... nee CICATRIX Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (Francois Cuerrier?) NMR; A BUD holds, A VIE holds, F TRI holds.

ENGLAND (Tim Burton) F Edi-NRG, A Lpl-EDI, F Lon-NTH.

FRANCE (Ken Iverson) A Par-BUR, A MAR S A Par-BUR, F Bre-MID.

GERMANY (Stan Casella) F Kie-HOL, A Ber-KIE, A MUN-Sil.

ITALY (Bruce "Fish Bonne Femme" Calder) F Nap-ION, A Rom-APU, A VEN holds.

RUSSIA (Keith Mercer) F StP(sc)-BOT, A WAR-Sil, A Mos-UKR, F Sev-RUM.

TURKEY (David Hicks) A SMY holds, A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON.

PRESS MOSCOW TO VIENNA: Sorry I haven't written, but I heard you couldn't comprehend English or Russian.

ITALY -WORLD: One should never enter into a war unprepared. It is best to first make ready the instruments of conflict before entering a war unprepared.

NO DATELINE: The "Daily Scimitar" reports the appointment of Secretary of Peace David C. Hicks. Appointment was announced only three days after the assassination of S.O.P. I.M.D. Seesed. Turkish Intelligence Control (TIC) have no suspects but suspect international espionage.

Secretary of Commerce, Pharnum Fartle, announced the opening of a new enterprise in Byzantium this week, "Fre Farkle's Fancy Fake Fur Factory". International trade is desired.

Nobody asked for an extension, which is unfortunate for those who NMRed. I hope you will all continue, since it's crummy to stick a standby with a position in 1901.

The standby (please) for Austria is Charlie Letcher (3325 Sepulveda Blvd. Apt. #3, Los Angeles, California 90034).

CICATRIX was misspelled last time, but Lee Kendter has efficiently replaced it with 1981-AL. Nice initials.

The Fall 1901 orders are due June 5.

1979-CG Fall 1905

ENGLAND (Mike Conner) F Bar-NRG, F Edi-CLY, F Nth-ENG, F Ska-NTH, F DEN S GERMAN
A KIE (not holding), A BEL holds.

FRANCE (Clive Tonge?) NMR; A PIE holds, A MUN holds, A RUH holds, A PIC holds,
A BRE holds, F IRI holds.

GERMANY (Al Rodriguez) Retreat A Ruh-HOL; A HOL-Ruh, A KIE-Mun.

ITALY (Francois Cuerrier?) NMR; F ION holds, F GRE holds, F AEG holds, A SER holds,
A BUD holds, A TRI holds, A TYO holds, A VEN holds, F TUS holds.

RUSSIA (Trevor Baillie?) NMT; A BUL holds, A RUM holds, F SEV holds, A GAL holds,
F BAL holds, F NWY holds, F SWE holds, A STP holds.

TURKEY (Gary Coughlan) A Con-SMY, F Bla-CON, F EAS-Aeg.

SUPPLY CENTERS

ENGLAND (5): Home, BEL, DEN - lost Hol - must remove one.

FRANCE (6): Home, Por, Spa, MUN - even.

GERMANY (3): Ber, KIE, HOL - took HOL - may build one.

ITALY (9): Home plus Austria, Tun, GRE, SER - even.

RUSSIA (8): Home, RUM, NWY, SWE, BUL - even.

TURKEY (3): Home - even.

PRESS TURKEY TO FRANCE: The Sultan sure could use another Infidel on his side
right now!

TURKEY TO ITALY: Did you know that the Treaty of London (a.k.a. "Shoddy Bill
of Goods") that England and France sold you to enter the war on their side has
been cancelled!?! That's right! Those dirty dogs abrogated the section on allowing
Italy a foothold in Anatolia! I'll bet you're steamed! I would be! (Imagine you
only get the Dodecanese while France is to get Syria and England is to get Iraq
as mandates! The unfairness of it all really galls the Sultan)

TURKEY TO RUSSIA: I hope you wake up before it is too late for you. Italy is
now unopposed on the continent --- he will win.

TURKEY TO ENGLAND: I've never felt so alone. And here I always thought that the
Wicked Witch of the West died last! (But even I have to admit that Francois looks
real fetching in his "dorothy" dress!)

TURKEY TO THE WATER RAT: One of our supervisors just transferred from Chicago.
She said that N. Davlin Ct. was one of the more cruddy areas of Chicago. Is this
true? (snicker, snort, hyork!!!)

WATER RAT TO THE TURKEY: Apparently she was transferred to Memphis because
she's an expert on cruddy.

LONDON: Reports have reached the capital that a small swarm of bees are nearing
the western British Isles. Stocks of pesticides are presently low in the port of
Liverpool, but officials are confident that the bee plague will be short-lived
and cause only temporary damage.

WATER RAT TO KIEL: I found your long lost press. It is...

KIEL: Contrary to popular belief, the Kaiser will not abdicate all of his
numerous thrones, just most of them.

Will Keith Kendall (320 Crockett, RPI, Troy, New York 12181) please standby for
France, and Mike Drews (203 N. 18th, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904) for Italy,
and Dick Martin (26 Orchard Way N., Rockville, Maryland 20854) for Russia?

Winter '05 and Spring '06 orders are due June 5th. They may be contingent upon
who's who.

1980-M Winter 1903 only, by request

AUSTRIA (Jack Fleming) Build F TRI; has As WAR, GAL, UKR, RUM, BUL, Fs ION, AEG, TRI.

ENGLAND (Garry Fairbairn) Build A EDI; has A EDI, Fs STP(nc), NWY, ENG.

FRANCE (Barry Hickey) Build A BRE; has As MAR, PIC, SPA, BRE, Fs LPL, TUS.

GERMANY (Robert Goldberg) Build F KIE; has As BUR, BEL, HOL, Fs SKA, DEN, KIE.

ITALY (John Davies) Has As PIE, TUN, Fs WES, LYO.

RUSSIA (Glenn Overby) Retreat A War-OTB; build F SEV; has Fs ANK, BLA, SWE, SEV.

TURKEY (John Shea) Build A SMY; has A SMY, F CON.

PRESS GERMANY - ITALY & ENGLAND: I can't help but think that France is a little angry about all these militants in his country. I feel sort of bad about the whole thing, but then, when you've got friends, nothing can get you down and keep you there.

BERLIN - CONSTANTINOPLE: What do you think about that silly notion of "the balance of power". I guess not much, huh?

MUNICH - LONDON: All is well down here, though I wouldn't mind a song if you please!

SMYRNA: Wow, are we on a roll now. Gosh, two whole supply centers, and a neat new army to go along with our super duper navy. Gee, we're really gonna sock it to 'em now. That's what I call prosperity.

CONSTANTINOPLE - BUDAPEST: Was it something I said? Or can't you afford an 18 cent stamp? Come on now, I don't smell that bad.

A REVELATION FROM SMYRNA: Okay. It's 1904, right? Well, then, right about now Japan should be invading Russia, right? Obviously, Russia can't waste its precious troops defending pointless little cities like Moscow and Sevastopol when the future of Manchuria is on the line, so Russia is automatically out of the game, right? And since I thought this up, Turkey takes over Russia's supply centers, right? Right?

Spring '03 is due June 5th, right?

1980-AR Winter 1904 & Spring 1905

FRANCE (Don Tinker) Build F MAR; A Yor-WAL, F Iri-MID, F Lpl-IRI, F Mar-LYO, A Spa-MAR, A TUN holds, F WES S A TUN, A TYO holds.

GERMANY (Mike Conner) Build A KIE, A BER; F STP(nc) holds, A Pru-LVN, F BOT S A Pru-LVN, F EDI holds, A Ber-SIL, A MUN S A Ber-SIL, A Kie-BER, A GAL-Ukr, A Vie-Gal (dislodged, may retreat to Boh or OTB).

ITALY (Mike Mills) Remove F Rom; F Tyr-NAP, A APU S A VEN, A VEN S A APU.

RUSSIA (Eric Verheiden) Retreat F StP(sc)-OTB; build A MOS; A Sil-WAR, A MOS S A Sil-WAR, A RUM-Ukr, F SEV-Rum, A BUD S TURKISH A Tri-VIE.

TURKEY (James Woodson) Build A CON; A Con-BUL, F AEG S A Con-BUL, A Tri-VIE, F Adr-TRI, F ION-Tun, F ALB-Ion, A SER S RUSSIAN A BUD.

PRESS DELCASSE: Apologies were extended to the Kaiser due to the inadvertant insult in last season's PRESS. The "New Hebridean pirates" referred to in no way was meant to mean the German fleet in Scapa Flow, but rather referred to the now defunct British forces.

Don Tinker has a new address... Department of Biochemistry, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St' John's, Newfoundland A1B 3X9.

There is a proposal for a five way draw. Please vote with your Fall 1905 orders, which are due June 5.

1979-KK Fall 1906

AUSTRIA (Pete Fuchs) A TYO S RUSSIAN A MUN, A PIE holds, A VEN S A PIE, F TYR holds, F ROM S F TYR, F ION S F TYR, A Gal-RUM, A BUL-Con, F AEG-Smy.

ENGLAND (Doug Karnes) F Eng-MID, F Nth-ENG, F Nwy-NTH, F Bal-BER, A KIE S F Bal-BER, F DEN S A KIE, A Bel-RUH, A STP holds, F BAR S A STP.

FRANCE (Don Tinker) A NAF S ITALIAN F TUN, F Tus-LYO, F WES S F Tus-LYO, A MAR-Pie, A BUR-Mun, A HOL S ENGLISH A Bel-RUH.

GERMANY (Trevor Baillie?) NMR; retreat A War-OTB.

ITALY (Eric Verheiden) F TUN S FRENCH F Tus-Tyr (NSO).

RUSSIA (Dave Rue) F ANK holds, F BLA-Sev, A MOS S A WAR, A WAR S A MOS, A MUN S A Ber, A Ber S A MUN (dislodged, retreat to Pru, Sil, or OTB).

TURKEY (Pete Ashley) Retreat F Ank-ARM; A SMY-Con, F ARM-Sev.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUSTRIA (10): Home plus Italy, Ser, Gre, BUL, RUM - took RUM - may build one.

ENGLAND (10): Home, Bel, Nwy, STP, Swe, DEN, KIE, BER - took BER - may build one.

FRANCE (6): Home, Por, Spa, HOL - even.

GERMANY (0): Lost War - out.

ITALY (1): TUN - even.

RUSSIA (6): MOS, Sev, WAR, MUN, Con, ANK - lost Rum, Ber; took ANK, WAR - even.

TURKEY (1): SMY - lost Ank - must remove one.

PRESS FUCHS - FRANCE: Press! you want press? I'll press the life right out of that miserable trespassing fleet.

RUSSIA - ENGLAND: Why don't you stab him like you promised? Or isn't he as inept as you bragged?

FRANCE TO ITALY: Naval Commander Jean Marc Brisebois reports that your wife is safe and happy in Spezia. Also that she is wild in bed.

AUSTRIA TO RUSSIA: Sorry Dave but I had nowhere else to expand to and the situation was awfully tempting. Now be nice and roll over and play dead!

ENG - FRANCE: Your naval support is on its way.

LON - TUNIS: The English people have voted to help you win back your country. Hope we're not too late.

TUNIS: The Italian government-in-exile has taken refuge in Tunisia and hopes the remainder of the war will be quiet so as to allow for long naps. Wake me when its over.

Don Tinker has a new address. Department of Biochemistry, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 3X9.

Winter '06 & Spring '07 are due June '05.

NEW GAME

Six people are signed up for a new game, and as soon as a geographically suitable seventh signs up, it will begin. (Tentatively named MOPAR.)

MONEY

Please don't send money. Recently I've gotten a number of unsolicited checks for \$1.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$9.00, and \$15.00 (!), and it really hurts to have to send them back.

Dave Carter donated \$3.00, and when I refunded it he said if he'd known I was going to return it, he'd have donated more.

NEW 'ZINE

SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS... Dave Carter... 118 Horsham Ave., Willowdale, Ontario M2N 1Z9... not pretentious... not digest size... not expensive... not from California...

RE-TREAD 'ZINE

XENOGOGIC... The Institute for Diplomatic Studies... Box 8416,, San Diego, California 92102... pretentious... digest size... expensive... from California...

EXPLANATION

The plug for SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS was written (as it appears) a week before I saw XENOGOGIC. It is coincidence that one is everything that the other is not.

Furthermore, no I do not despise XENOGOGIC (it's just a bit wordy), and no I do not despise digest 'zines (I just like this format better), and yes, of course, I despise California.

BATTLESHIP Ralph Morton vs Mike Conner

Ralph's shots

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	3	1	3	3	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	3
2	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	3
3	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	3
4	4	4	4		1	2	2	1		4	4	4
5	5	4		5		1	1		5		4	5
6	5	4	6		5	2	2	5			4	5
7			6		2	3	3	2				
8			6			4	4					
9	6	6	6	6	6	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
10	6	6	6	6	6	4	4					
11												
12												

Mike's shots

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	1											1
2			5									
3	5		1		5					1	6	
4		5	5			2		6	2			
5			5	2	1		2	1	6		6	
6	5	5			2	1	1		2	6		
7				2		1	1	2			6	
8	4	4	2		2	2	2	4	2			
9			4	1	4	2	3	2	1	4		
10			4	4	2	3	3	3	3	5	4	
11		1		4	3	3		3		3	1	
12	1			5	3		3					1

Mike's ship status
 Round 1 2 3 4 5 6
 AC 3 hits sunk
 B 1 hit 1 hit sunk
 C
 D
 S sunk
 S

Ralph's ship status
 Round 1 2 3 4 5 6
 AC
 B 2 hits
 C 1 hit sunk
 D 1 hit
 S
 S

However shall I fit in Round 7? Oh well, we will see next time, when Ralph gets 13 more shots, and Mike gets 6 more.

ON THE VALUE OF TACTICAL PLAY
by "The Silver Fox"

Diplomacy players as a whole seem to have underestimated the value of sound tactical play. Most articles I've read addressing the relative merits of the various aspects of play talk of three facets - diplomacy, tactical play, and frequency of communication - and conclude that diplomacy is the most important aspect. Hogwash! It just ain't so.

In order for me to convince you, let's start by defining our terms. Frequency of correspondence is simply how often you write. By tactical ability I mean the ability to assess the capabilities, strengths, and weaknesses of any situation on the board, the ability to foresee the most likely situations a few years hence, and the ability and tendency to fully investigate the more interesting permutations and combinations. By diplomacy I mean the ability to influence another player's actions as a result of how you presented your message and the way in which what you said relates to the truth. In other words, given the same knowledge and the same intent, the difference in the effectiveness of the resulting letter that two players in that situation would initiate represents their difference in diplomatic ability.

These definitions are far from perfect, but my intent is to point out the true limitations as to what should be called diplomacy. For instance, the assessment as to what alliance structure would be most beneficial at any point in time I put in the category of tactical ability.

Now we are discussing the relative importance of diplomacy, tactical ability, and frequency of correspondence. These three facets are obviously closely inter-related; that is, a complete absence of any one of the three destroys your ability to influence the other players regardless of how well you handle the other two facets. Therefore to address their relative merits you must assume a certain degree of all three and study the relative impact of increasing each.

So conjure up in your mind three average postal Diplomacy players who are equal in each of these facets. Player #1 increases the frequency of his correspondence. By writing more frequently than the average player he may achieve his desired objective of "proving" his sincerity. He wishes the recipient to feel that he is getting more letters and hence more interest than the other players. The writer's self-interest is no less well concealed, the tactical suggestions and analysis no better; only a perceived greater interest in having the recipient cooperate with him. The recipient will not consider him more capable or less likely to stab sometime later in the game. He may consider him more likely to keep his immediate promised orders and hence the likelihood of the recipient accepting the suggested cooperation is increased as hoped for.

Player #2 improves his diplomacy skill by getting an advanced degree in psychology, buying some more IQ at the supermarket, and spending 5 hours composing each letter. His letters now sound convincing as hell and pull all the right heart strings. He presents a rosy picture of your future if you follow his suggestions.

Player #3 concentrates on improving his tactical play. He spends his 5 hours studying each likely variation several seasons ahead and as a result grasps additional insights not recognized by Players 1 & 2. Hence he understands the impact of each possible move better than Players 1 & 2 which provides two key advantages: A) He suggests the best possible set of moves for him for his opponents. Players 1 & 2 on the other hand may succeed in convincing a player to do something only to discover flaws in the plan later. B) He can thoroughly lay out the long term plan in his letter which may be taken as a sign of sincerity and may also point out flaws in plans suggested by other players. Player #2's persuasion will all be for nought if Player #3's analysis reveals flaws in the plan.

If you were receiving letters from these players and had a choice, who would you join? Other things being equal I think you would go with Player #3.

Which indicates that tactical play is more important than diplomacy or frequency of communication.

QED.

DECIMATION Tim Burton vs James Woodson

Tim's shots

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1										1		
2			1								2	1
3						1				2		
4											1	2
5				1		4	3		1	2		
6						4					2	
7		1		3	4	3	1		2			2
8	4	3	4	4	3	4		2		1	2	
9	3	4	3	1	4	3	2	3	2			1
10		4	4	3	4	3	4	1		2	2	
11		3	1		3			2				2
12		4		3	4	1	3		2		1	

James' shots

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1				3				2				2
2				2				3	4			
3		2		4		2		4	3	4	2	
4				3			3	4	2			
5	1	1	1	1				3				
6	1	1	1	1		3	4	2	4	3		2
7	1	1	1	1		2						4
8	1	1	1	1	4				2			3
9		4			3						4	
10		3			2		3				2	
11		2			4		2				3	
12		4			3				2		4	

James' ship status

Round 1 2 3 4
 AC 2 hits SUNK!
 B 1 hit 1 hit
 C 1 hit
 D sunk
 S
 S

Tim's ship status

Round 1 2 3 4
 AC 1 hit 2 hits SUNK!
 B 1 hit
 C 1 hit 1 hit SUNK!
 D 1 hit
 S sunk
 S

PRESS DULUTH (MINNESOTA MARITIME PRESS): Reports of a heated battle between the IRS Lindbergh and an enemy carrier group are as yet inconclusive. However, a Navy spokesman predicted that the enemy carrier will be sunk soon. Secretary Torp met with the President in a private strategy session on Sunday night. On his way out he commented, "I have complete faith in my advisors".

For Round 5 James gets 9 shots, while Tim gets 7.

MISC.

Fred Winter, who publishes PROSPECTUS, has moved from Chicago to 2625 El Rancho Dr., Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. Once again CHEESECAKE is the only Diplomacy 'zine from the World's Greatest City.

ADDRESS OF THE MONTH

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CONTEST

The first person to correctly punctuate the following story will win a case of A-1 Steak Sauce. No purchase necessary.

A B C D PUPPIES
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RUNESTONE POLL ANNOUNCEMENT

The following announcements are from John Leeder. Send your votes to him at 121 19th Ave. NE., Calgary, Alberta T2E 1N9.

The Fourth Annual North American Gamesmaster Poll: You may participate if, at any time in the period beginning 1st April 1980, you played in a postal game of Diplomacy (regular or variant) for long enough, in your assessment, to gain some estimation of the quality of GMing service provided. Rate each gamesmaster under whom you played by name on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being total incompetence, 10 perfection). No fractions, please. Rate only GMs in whose games you have been an active player during the specified period.

Only ballots which follow the above specifications will be accepted. Also, as a help to me in tabulating results, please list GMs in alphabetical order by surname.

The Fifth Annual North American 'Zine Poll: You may participate if, at any time in the period beginning 1st April 1980, you received at least one publication substantially devoted to Diplomacy (including genzines, house organs of Diplomacy organizations, etc.) Please rate only publications of which you saw enough copies to be able to form an assessment of the overall quality of the publication. Rate each publication on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being total worthlessness, 10 being perfection). No fractions, please. Please endeavour to base your rating on the quality of the 'zine itself (as you assess it) rather than on extraneous factors such as hobby feuds, the publisher's personality, etc. Subzines should be rated separately to their parent 'zines.

Sign your ballot and indicate one way in which you participated in the hobby during the poll period (in order to establish eligibility). All votes will be kept confidential. Only ballots which follow the above specifications will be accepted. Please list 'zines in alphabetical order to help me in tabulation. "Zines currently defunct should be rated if they were active during the poll period.

Deadlines for both polls will be June 30, 1981. Tabulation will be done as soon thereafter as circumstances permit.

HOBBY MASCOT

The official (?) Diplomacy Hobby Mascot is Jack Master's dog Brux, who received twelve votes. Bob the Moe got one vote, which is only interesting because it wasn't mine.

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