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This issue of CLAW & FANG is dedicated to Smokey the bear. After 27 plus years of serving as a national symbol, Smokey is being retired from his home in the National Zoo in Washington D.C. and is being returned to his native New Mexico. Smokey Jr., is not his biological successor but will keep up the tradition of public service that Smokey epitomized.

1974 GV

FALL 1903

## ITALIAN PRESIDENT WENCHES WHILE TURKISH ARMY WENCHES

- ENGLAND (Lee Kendter): (5) F Nwy-Swe /d/ R(NwgS, Bar, OTB)\*, F NthS\* S GERMAN F Den, F Bre\*-MidA, F MAO\*-Por, A Pic\*-Bre CENTERS: Home, ~~NyZ~~, ~~BzZ~~, BRE (4) Remove 1
- FRANCE (Terry Lachcik): (5, 3 short) F Spa(sc)\*-Por, A Mar\*-Spa  
CENTERS: ~~VzZ~~, ~~VzZ~~, Mar, Spa, Por (3) No room to build, will be 1 short.
- GERMANY (John Weswig): (5) F Den\* S ENGLISH F Nwy-Swe, A Bur-Bel\*, A Ber\*-Mun, A Par\* S ENGLISH A Pic-Bre, A Sil-Mun /d/ R(Bch, OTB)\*  
CENTERS: Home, Hol, Den, BEL, PAR (7) Build 2
- ITALY (Frank McIlvaine): (5) F Adr\* S F IonS, F Ion\* H, A Apu\* S F IonS, A Ven\* S A Tri, A Tri S TURKISH A Gal-Vie NSO /d/ R(Alb, OTB)\* CENTERS: Home, Tun, ~~VzZ~~ (4) Rmv 1
- RUSSIA (Michael Hanagan): (8) F Aeg\* S TURKISH F EMed-Ion, F Bal\* S A Swe, A War-Sil\*, A Lvn-Pru\*, A Tyro\*-Ven, A Vie\* S TURKISH A Bud-Tri, A Swe\* S A StP-Nwy, A StP-Nwy\* CENTERS: Home, Vie, ~~VzZ~~, Con, Swe, NWY (8) Even
- COA TURKEY (Charles Neal): (6) F Alb-Gre\*, F EMed\*-Ion, A Con-Bul\*, A Ser\* S A Bud-Tri, A Bud-Tri\*, A Gal\* S RUSSIAN A War-Sil  
CENTERS: Ank, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, ~~VzZ~~, BUD (8) Build 2

Winter 1903 adjustments are due at 1900 hours Friday, May 16. Change of address for Charles Neal as of May 15; 1809 Pace Ave., Mt. Vernon, Ill 62364

PRESS

ROME: The cabinet of Italy cooled its heels at the presidential palace. Mario Romano was occupied with the Austrian wench as he put it "questioning" them. Finally, they were admitted. "Mr. President" said the Secretary of State "Our first army has been surrounded. We are facing a major battle by sea in the Ionian Sea, and our allies the French have lost Paris." Mario seemed unimpressed and said "The first army will hold out, I am sure." Suddenly a soldier handed the Secretary of State a message. He looked it over and said "Our last wild plan has been set, our last bit of shuttle diplomacy has been attempted. If we fail in this diplomatic overture we shall be crushed sooner or later." "Let it be later!" said the Secretary of the Navy "One thing is for sure, we will hold the Ionian Sea to the last ship!" Mario dismissed them and asked for another wench to "question".

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ATTENTION PLAYERS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA!: The Fangmaster will be flying down for the Memorial Day weekend. We would like to put together a face-to-face game in West L.A. on Sunday, May 25th. If interested and wish to reserve a spot give Peter Shamray a call at 474-6121.

As the Great K'DOO Bird often says: K'DOO!

1975AA (Mensa three) GERMAN PEACE MISSION TO SWEDEN REBUFFED

AUSTRIA (William E Young)(5): F Gre - Aeg\*; F Tri - Alb\*; A Vie - Gal\*;  
A Ser\* S RUS A Rum - Bul; A Bud\* S A Ser

ENGLAND (Michael O Kane)(4): F Lon - Eng\*; F Nth - Hel\*; F Wng - Nth\*;  
A Wwy\* - Swe

CCA FRANCE (John P Koenig)(4): A Pic - Bel\*; A Par\* - Bur; A Spa\* - Mar;  
F Por\* - Spa(sc)

GERMANY (Ted R Crowley)(5): A Den\* - Swe; F Kie\* - Den; A Mun - Bur\*;  
A Ruh\* S A Mun - Bur; F Hol\* H dered

ITALY (Frank Kirchner)(5): A Mar - Cas\*; A Pie\* - Mar; F Rom - Tus\*;  
F Nap - Tyr\*; F Tun - WMed\*

RUSSIA (Michael D Ward)(6): F Swe - Bal\*; F StP(nc)\* - Wwy; A Mos - Liv\*;  
A Ukr\* - Sev; F Sev - Bja\*; A Rum - Bul //d//

FINLAND (Stephen C Locke)(4): A Bul\* S F Bla - Rum; A Arm\* - Sev;  
F Bla - Bur\*; F Con\* S A Bul

NOTE: Russian A Rum - Bul did not cut Bulgaria's support for the attack against Rumania (See rule X, 1971 edition).

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1901 ORDERS: No later than 2200hrs EST 27 May 1975 at 3118  
Lamar Dr, Lexington KY 40502. Winter will be a short deadline (see below).

CCA (FRANCE): c/o ARCO Base Camp; Prudhoe Bay; PO Box 60048; Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

John advises that airmail should be used. He also requests that "France" not appear on letters addressed to him, and that players not name their Diplomacy countries in their return addresses.

The vote on scheduling was not what we would call decisive. Two people voted in favor of three seasons per game year, two in favor of two seasons, and one in favor of a short winter deadline. Two did not vote.

This time we will have a short deadline for winter, as we have been requested to change our deadline to the middle of the month. Winter orders will be due in June 1975. Thereafter we will normally have two deadlines per game year (Summer/Fall and Autumn/Winter/Spring) unless someone in the game requests a separate Spring move in a particular year.

From the "London Times":

"Despite the war in the south, the Prime minister today announced a mission of peace throughout Europe. The present schedule includes visits to Paris, Rome, Constantinople, Moscow, Vienna, and Munich. Mr. Disraeli will be accompanied by Mr. Cromwell, Lord Nelson and Mr. Chamberlain."

MUNICH - excerpts from a press conference at foreign ministry:

Question: "Herr Bratwurst, we hear our boys are fighting in Sweden. Doesn't this conflict with the treaty of 1896?"

Bratwurst: "Der treaty of '96 says nuttin about Sveden!"

Q: "Does this mean we are at war?"

B: "Var? Vat var? Dere is border disputes between Russian und English up in Norway. So ve are sending / impartial observers to insure der peace. Dis is no var. Und ve send a minimum complement of FODC people to maintain postal services, etc. Dis is no var here!"

Q: "Some of our readers may not be familiar with the FODC."

B: "Der Panzer Overseas Demolishing Corps is a humanitarian agency subsidized by public contributions und affiliated mit der Boy Troopers, der SS, der Campfire Frauleins, der Society for Improved Eugenics..."

"Dis is no var here, boy!"

Q: "Now, about Belgium..."

## 1974 HZ

GAMEMASTER: John M. Weswig, 2115 NW Elder St., Corvallis, OR 97330  
 SPRING 1902

## FISHING TRIPS FAIL; GERMANS BLESS FRENCH ARMY??

AUSTRIA (Burt Labelle-5): A Ser\* S A Gre-Bul, A Gre\*-Bul, F Alb\*-Ion, F Tri\*-Alb,  
A Vie\*-Tri

ENGLAND (Steve Peluso-4): F Nwg-Bar\*, A Nwy\*-Fin, F Nth-Ska\*, F Edi\*-Nth

FRANCE (Dave Forte-5): A Mar\* S A Par-Bur, A Par-Bur\*, F Eng\* S A Bel, A Bel\* S  
A Mun-Ruh, A Hun-Ruh /d\*/

GERMANY (Michael Ward-4): F Den\*-Nth, A Hol\*-Bel, A Ber\* S A Ruh-Mun, A Ruh-Mun\*

ITALY (Tim Tilson-3): F Tyr\*-Ion, A Apu-Nap\*, A Ven-Pie\*

RUSSIA (David Truman-6): A StP\*-Fin, A Mos\*-StP, A War-Sil\*, A Sev\* S F Rum,  
F Swe\* S GERMAN F Den-Ska /NSO/, F Rum\* S AUSTRIAN F Gre-Bul(sc) /NSU/

TURKEY (William Clumm-4): A Bul\*-H, A Con\* S A Bul, F Bla\* S A Bul, F Smy-Aeg\*

Fall 1902 orders due at 1900 hours PDT on Tuesday, 27 May 75, to GM John M. Weswig.  
 Orders may be made conditional on French retreat or the weather.

## PRESS

VIENNA: Fishing? A 40,000 ton ship with 15" guns? Fishing?

MAZAMA: It isn't fighting, but, there again, it isn't fishing either.

## 1974 J

SUMMER 1909: TURKEY: F MAO R NAfr, F Gas R OTB

## FALL 1909

## TURKISH SMOKE COVERS AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA (David Scott): (5) A Ven S TURKISH A Tri-Tyro NSO /d/ R (Tus, Rome, Apu, OTB)\*,  
A Vie S TURKISH A Gal-Boh NSO /d/ annihilated, A Rome-Nap\*, A Mos-War /d/ annihil.,  
A Pie\* S TURKISH F Mar NSO CENTERS: ~~NAfr~~, ~~NAfr~~, ~~NAfr~~, Rome, ~~NAfr~~, NAP (2) Remove 1

ENGLAND (Jeff Topper): (5) F Bre\* S F Iri-MAO, F Nwy\* H, F MAO\*-WestM, F Iri\*-MAO,  
 F EngC\*S F Iri-MAO CENTERS: Home, Nwy, Bre (5) Even

FRANCE (C.D.): (1, 1 short) CENTER: ~~NAfr~~ (0) out

GERMANY (Gary Sokolitsky): (9) F Bal-Lvn\*, A Boh\* S A Sil, A Sil\* S A War, A Bur-Mar\*,  
A StP-Mos\*, A Gas\*-Spa, A Par\* S A Bur (Impossible support--Bur ordered to move.)

A Tyro\*-Ven, A War\* S A StP-Mos

CENTERS: Home, Bel, Swe, Hol, Den, StP, War, MOS, PAR, MAR (12) Build 3

TURKEY (Bill Stafford): (14, 1 short) F Bla\* H, F Por\* S F Mar-Spa(sc), F Mar-Spa(sc)\*,  
 F NAfr\* S F Tyrr-WMed, F Tyrr-WMed\*, F Adr\* S A Tri-Ven, A Rum-Gal\*, A Gal-Vie\*,  
 A Sev\* S A Ukr, A Ser-Tri\*, A Bud\* S A Gal-Vie, A Tri-Ven\*, A Ukr\* S A Rum-Gal

CENTERS: Home, Bul, Sev, Gre, ~~NAfr~~, Tun, Spa, Por, ~~NAfr~~, Ser, Rum, Tri, VIE, BUD,  
 VEN (15) Build 2

Winter 1909 adjustments are due Friday, May 16 at 1900 hours. There has been  
 a call for a vote on a four-way draw.

## 1975 V

GAMEMASTER: Dave Forte, Apt 4A, 601 W. 113th St., New York, N.Y. 10025

## FALL 1901 Revisited

The German move F Den-Swe should have succeeded. This does not change the number  
 of supply centers owned; Germany has Swe and not Den.

## WINTER 1901

AUSTRIA: Build A Vie, A Bud ENGLAND: Build F Lon FRANCE: Build A Bre, F Mar

GERMANY: Build A Kiel, A Ber ITALY: Build F Nap TURKEY: + F Con, F Smy, A Ank

RUSSIA: Requests to commission one small army in Armenia--Request denied. Even

## PRESS

WARSAWIA: Prince Andrej Sawecjewski graciously accepts the capitulation of the  
 foreign powers and offers to open the Grand Military Schools to a limited number of  
 English and German Officers. "If they wish to cope with the modern world, they will  
 need education," he said. "We cannot turn them into Mensa people but we might be  
 able to teach them to dress themselves and eat with spoons instead of their fingers."

Spring 1902 orders are due to Dave on May 10th. Dave wishes to remind everyone  
 to be sure and sign and date your orders.

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AUTUMN 1908: ITALY NRR A Tus R OTB, TURKEY A Gal R Sil  
FALL 1908

THREE POWERS DOWN TO ONE CENTER EACH. TURKEY UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE. (MAY REPLACE PRESSED DUCK ON MENU).

AUSTRIA (C.D.): (1) A Tri\* H CENTER: Tri (1) Even

ENGLAND (Bob Wartenburg): (11) F Hel\* C A Lon-Kiel, F Bal\* C A Den-Ber, F Both-Swe\*, F NthS\* C A Lon-Kiel, A Den-Ber\*, A Pru\*-Sil, A StP-Mos\*, A War\* S A Mos-Ukr, A Lon-Kiel\*, A Mos-Ukr\*, A Lvn\* S A StP-Mos

CENTERS: Home, Den, Kiel, Hol, Swe, Nwy, Ber, StP, Mos, WAR (12) Build 1

FRANCE (Sid Jolly): (8) F Naf\*-Tun, F VMed\* S F Lyon-Tyrr, F Lyon\*-Tyrr, F Tus-Rome\*, A Pied\* S A Ven, A Ven\* S AUSTRIAN A Tri, A Gal\*-Rum, A Tyro\*-Mun

CENTERS: Home, Spa, Por, Bel, Mun, Ven, ROME (9) Build 1

ITALY (Tony Zahn?): (2, 1 short) NMR F Tun\* H CENTER: ~~NMR~~, Tun (1) Even

RUSSIA (Jeff Barber): (2, 1 short): A Vie\* S AUSTRIAN A Tri CENTER: ~~Vie~~, Vie (1) Even

TURKEY (David Reynolds): F Bla\*-Rum, F Apu\* S ITALIAN A Rome-Ven NSO, F Ion\*S F Tyrr, F Tyrr\* S ITALIAN F Tun, F Adu\* S ITALIAN A Rome-Ven NSO, A Ser\* S A Bud, A Bud\* H, A Sev\*-Mos, A Ukr-War /d/ annihilated, A Sil\*-Mun (10)

CENTERS: Home, Bul, Sev, Rum, Nap, ~~Vie~~, Gre, Ser, BUD (10) Build 1

Winter 1908 adjustments due 1900 hours, Friday, May 16.

PRESS

CONSTANTINOPLE: J. Islamic Hordes today drew attention to the growing problem of over-population in the Balkans. Austrian refugees, displaced White Russians, undisciplined French conscripts, and English do-gooders were straining the sincere efforts of the Italo-Turkish alliance to maintain peace in the area. "If people keep on coming here," he said, "we may just decide to go elsewhere."

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SPRING 1906

FRENCH FINALLY GET AN ARMY INTO BURGUNDY

FRANCE (David Reynolds): (10, 1 short) F Edi\*-Nwgs, F Hol-Hel\*, F Lvp-NAO\*, F Lon\* S F Eng-NthS, F Tyrr\* S ITALIAN F Nap-Ion, F EngC-NthS\*, A Par-Bur\*, A Bel-Hol\*, A Ruhr\* S A Par-Bur

GERMANY (John Torrey): (10) F Nwy\*-Nwgs, F Den-Bal\*, A War-Ukr\*, A Sil\* S A Gal, A Kiel\* H, A Mun\* S A Kiel, A Gal\* S A War-Ukr, A Mos\* S A War-Ukr, A Swe-Den\*, A Bud-Rum /d/ R(Tri, Vie, OTB)\*

ITALY (Gary Leppert): (6) F Aeg\* S F EMed-Smy, F Nap-Ion\*, F EMed\*-Smy, A Vie-Tyro\*, A Alb\* S A Tri-Ser, A Tri-Ser\*

TURKEY (David Ayres): (8) F Bla-Con\*, F Gre\*-Aeg, A Bul\*-Gre, A Smy\* H, A Sev\* S A Rum, A Rum\* S A Ser-Bud, A Ser-Bud\*, A Ukr-Gal /d/ annihilated

Fall 1906 orders are due at 1900 hours, Friday, May 16. There has been a call for a vote on a 4-way draw. Vote must be unanimous.

PRESS

PARIS: Merde! Quel imbecile de France-player! Par exemple, quel individu de Fang-mastaire! Sut alors! Pack up the troubles in the vieux keet-bag, und smuile smuile! The Army of Burgundy may die, but it nevaire surrenders.

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GAME OPENINGS

There is just one opening left in the game that David Forte is going to GM.

In the last issue we announced the opening of a Diplomacy Bourse to be GMed by Paul and Scott Hightower. I would like to urge all of you to join in on the fun. Playing Bourse gives you a chance to bet on the outcome of a game. If, for example, the Diplomacy game were announced with Joe Snook playing Italy you might want to sell all your Lire while it still had a little value. But, if on the other hand, Bruce Schlickbernd were playing Italy you might think Italy had a good chance and you might try to buy up all the Lire before the price goes up.....then when Bruce bombs out and the Lire becomes worthless...well, you can't win them all, even in the stock market. Game fee is \$1.00 with prizes to the top three winners. Play is continuous and any number can play but we would like to get 20-25 people. Send your dollar to Scott and Paul Hightower, 3118 Lamar Dr., Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

## THE DIPLOMAT'S OTHER TABLE

## Cherry/Blueberry Cheesecake

Almost every dessert lover rates cheesecake high on his (or her) favorite list. Here is a cheesecake recipe that is not only delicious but is easy to make. It can be cut into 15 nice sized portions or even 18 fair sized servings. Since it uses canned fruit pie mix it can be either cherry or blueberry. (I presume other flavors could be used but I haven't tried any others.)

## Ingredients

## The Crumby Bottom:

$1\frac{1}{2}$  cups graham cracker crumbs  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb margarine (melted)

## The Cheesy Middle:

2 8 oz pkg. cream cheese  
4 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
2 tsp vanilla extract

## The Fruity Top:

1 21 oz can blueberry or cherry pie mix

## Step By Step Directions

Step 1. Two or three hours before you actually plan to make the cheese cake, take the cream cheese out of the refrigerator to soften.

Step 2. Making the bottom. Put a  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb of margarine in a sauce pan on the stove to melt. Then with a rolling pin crush enough graham crackers for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of crumbs. I find it easiest to roll them on a piece of wax paper then using the paper to pour them into a measuring cup. My brand of graham crackers has three packs in a package and one pack makes  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of crushed crumbs (don't eat any). In a bowl stir together the graham cracker crumbs and the sugar. Add the melted margarine and mix well with a fork. Using the fork pat the mixture onto the bottom of a 9x13x2 baking dish (or two 8x8x2 backing dishes).

Step 3. Making the cheesy middle. Turn on the oven and set at  $375^{\circ}$ . Using the large bowl of an electric mixer, beat the softened cream cheese until it is smooth. Then beat in the eggs, sugar and vanilla extract. Beat at medium speed until fluffy. Pour the mixture onto the crumbs and with a rubber scraper level it. Put into the preheated oven and bake for 30 minutes. When done it should be a light brown on top. Don't worry if it has big puffs in it. When it cools it will be level. Remove from the oven and put on a cake rack to cool for 30 minutes to 1 hr.

Step 4. Pour the pie topping over the baked cheese mixture. With a spoon or rubber scraper distribute the pie mix evenly. Refrigerate overnight or for several hours.

Step 5. When serving, cut into desired number of squares with a knife. Carefully remove squares with a spatula. Top each square with whipped cream (my favorite) or other topping.

If the cheesecake is not consumed at one sitting, it will keep very well for several days in the refrigerator.

## THE EXPERIENCES OF A NOVICE GERMANY

by Tom McCloud

Part Two: The Turk and the Pesky Devil or How to Reverse a Hopeless Position when your Enemy's Position is Worse

1973BM was my first postal Diplomacy game. I drew Germany. Part one of this series covered the German opening, an attack on Russia, and its natural result. By the summer of 1902 Germany was under attack by Russia, England, France, and Italy. Austria-Hungary was supporting Russia against Turkey, and Turkey was Germany's sole remaining ally.

Steve Hall had Russia, and I wrote him a letter conceding the game. But Steve Jones, playing Turkey, pointed out something that I had entirely overlooked. A Turkish army, dislodged from Rumania, had a clear retreat into Ukraina.

That gave Jones (Turkey) a very good fighting chance. So what if I had utterly lost, at least with the German army in Warsaw I could help my one faithful ally. I wrote back to Steve Hall explaining why I could not give up after all, and entered into the second phase of the game.

More letters were exchanged. A note came from Terry Paul (Austria-Hungary) calmly explaining his support of Russia as a move of "convenience". A note went back asking him to turn around and now support Turkey. A card came from Keith Thompson (England) asking for help against France. I sent a note to Roger Downing (France) offering help against England. Then one of the key letters of the game arrived. It was from Steve Hall responding to my earlier letter of capitulation. He was very sympathetic, especially since HE had faced annihilation a few weeks before. He cautiously expressed willingness to accept my offer of help. I had to reply that I had recommitted to work with Steve Jones--but that I would write Turkey and discuss realignment. I did, and Jones, somewhat to my surprise, accepted. Steve Hall confirmed the triple alliance and we moved into the Fall of 1902.

But it didn't work. Germany still had four units, Turkey had four units, and between us we occupied Warsaw, Sevastopol, Ukraina, the Black Sea, and Silesia. Russia could not afford to trust us, and Steve Hall's letter of acceptance was a deception. I've never blamed him for it. Not only could we have nearly finished him if we had betrayed him, but also he would have betrayed his long standing alliance with England (Keith Thompson). After all, he had no reason to trust us.

We kept our word to the letter. Turkey convoyed Sev-Con, and ordered Ukr-Run, Germany ordered War-Gal. Russia ordered Gal-War (his distrust backfired here, the German army was left in Warsaw), and supported England into Kiel. Oh well.

A note came from Terry Paul (Austria-Hungary) stating that Turkey and he would now work together against Russia and Italy.

Spring 1903; either Terry Paul got his orders crossed, or something else happened. He supported a Turkish order that Turkey did not give. Turkey and Germany did succeed in stopping all of Russia's moves, and got the German fleet into the Gulf of Bothnia.

Correspondence: a letter came from Steve Hall. He claimed that he and Turkey were allied and since my avowed goal was to help Turkey, would I now work with Russia? I checked with Steve Jones, he said yes they did have an alliance, so I replied to Steve Hall that I would indeed work with Russia. It was the same alliance that had failed a year before, but now Steve Hall could accept it.

First of all, by keeping our word the year before we had established a basis for trust. Second, the Russian position was no longer so perilous that he could not dare to trust us. Third, since Germany had lost all of its western units, an alliance with Germany would no longer betray England.

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The Fall 1903 moves came out, and the triple alliance was established. It has proven a very successful alliance. We are finishing 1909 and the alliance is still strong. Steve Hall finally did stab Keith Thompson in 1907 and has since taken commanding lead of the game. It is a tribute to his diplomacy that Steve Jones and I are quite prepared to help him win. But England does have Russia stopped in the North, so it could still come to a tie. You'll know by the time you read this. (Steve Hall won in 1911...Ed.)

### WHY BOTHER WITH A SADDLEPOINT?

by John M. Weswig

Recently CLAW & FANG has inflicted upon its readers articles trying to apply game theory as it applies to a two-person zero-sum situation to the game of Diplomacy. While this is all fine and good, any person trying to use it is most likely going to be quite disappointed. It doesn't apply, except as another consideration of minor importance, to Diplomacy.

The problems applying game theory are many, and begin with the very basics: "two-person zero-sum." In the first place, Diplomacy is not two-person, even in the simplest situations. Players must always consider the actions of others, and the effect their actions will have on the attitudes of others. Further, although there are only 34 supply centers and if one person gains, another will lose one, there are 41 other spaces and many tactical considerations which are not zero-sum. How does one compare the gain by Germany of Par with the other possible gain of Pic, Gas, and Bur?

Game theory also requires that all parties be both rational and similarly inclined as to objectives. With Diplomacy players being human (in most cases), we can pretty well forget about both of these requirements being met. I have known few "rational" people, and none of them play Diplomacy. Further, objectives vary from person to person. Given the situation just above, one player might rate the gain of Par as 1 and the other option as 0, while another player might rate the gain of Par also as 1 but rate the other gain as  $2\frac{1}{2}$  (1 each for Par, Bre, and Mar, with a deduction for time). In effect, most of the time players will be playing with two different matrices.

Having attempted to reduce the value of game theory to Diplomacy, I want to state that IF you know your opponent it can be worthwhile to at least consider situations with a good matrix of some sort in mind. However, as I said above, people are generally not rational and are likely to do the stupidest things sometimes. Further, if you get to be known for being rational (or nearly so), your luck will drop off drastically. It can be most rewarding sometimes to gamble it all, knowing that your opponents are expecting a rational move.

The saddlepoints described in the previous articles are interesting, but it is my opinion that almost every situation in a Diplomacy game will be one without a saddlepoint, because two matrices are being used and people aren't rational.

1975N

GAMEMASTER: Doug McMullin, Box 26 Moor Rd, RR #2, Courtenay, B.C. Canada V9N 5M9

WINTER 1901

AUSTRIA: Build A Bud      ENGLAND: Build F Edi      FRANCE: Build A Mar, A Par  
GERMANY: Build A Kiel, A Ber      RUSSIA: Build A Mos, A Sev  
ITALY: NBR Will be 2 short this year      TURKEY: Build F Smy

Spring 1902 orders are due in Courtenay on May 9. Change of address for Charles Neal (Germany) 1809 Pace Ave., Mt. Vernon, Ill 62864 (Eff May 15). Standby orders for Italy are requested from Steve Peluso, 955 Westcott, Apt 1, Houston, Tex 77007.

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SUMMER 1906: AUSTRIA: NMR A Boh R OTB TURKEY: F Smy R Syr

FALL 1906

ENGLISH FLEET IN MID-ATLANTIC CALLS FOR MORE SUPPORT. FANGMASTER CALLS FOR MORE COMMUNICATIONS AS AUSTRIA NMRs AND TURKEY REPLACED.

AUSTRIA (Eric Verheiden?): (6, 1 short) F Smy H /d/ R(EMed, Aeg, OTB)\*, A Bul\* H A Gal H /c/ R(Vie, Bud, OTB)\*, A Ukr\* H, A Rum H /d/ R(Ser, Bud, OTB)\*

CENTERS: Tri(?), Bud, Gre, Ser, ~~W/A~~, Bil (5 or 4 depending on Italy's retreat)E or ENGLAND (Scott Hightower): (7) F EngC\* S F MAO, F Nwy-StP(nc)\*, F Bre\* S F MAO, -1

F MLC\* S GERMAN A Gas-Spa, F Iri\* S F MAO, F NAO\* S F MAO, A Mos\* S GERMAN A War CENTERS: Home, Nwy, StP, Bre, Mos (7) Even

FRANCE (David Reynolds): (2) F Por\* S F Spa(sc), F Spa(sc)\* / ITALIAN F WMed-MAO CENTERS: Por, Spa (2) Even

GERMANY (Bruce Schlickbernd): (9) F Swe\* H, A Sil-Gal\*, A Ber-Pru\*, A Mun\* S

A Boh-Tyro, A Boh-Tyro\*, A War\* S A Sil-Gal, A Pic-Bur\*, A Bur-Ruhr\*, A Gas\*-Spa CENTERS: Home, Den, Hol, Bel, Par, War, Swe (9) Even

ITALY (Jool Klein): (6) F WMed\*-MAO, F Aeg-Con\*, F Lyon\* S A Mar, F Naf\* S F WMed-MAO, A Tyro S AUSTRIAN A Gal-Boh NSO /d/ R(Vie, Tri, Ven, OTB)\*, A Mar\* S FRENCH F Spa(sc)

CENTERS: Home, Tun, Vie, Mar, CON, TRI(?) (7 or 8 depending on retreat) +1 or +2 TURKEY (David Ayres): (4) F Bla\* S A Sev-Rum, F Syr\* S A Con-Smy,

A Con-Smy\*, A Sev-Rum\* Centers: ~~W/A~~, Ank, Smy, Sev, RUM (4) Even

Winter 1906 adjustments are due Friday, May 16 at 1900 hours. Will Steve Brooks, 49608 Ave C, Great Falls, Mont 59405 submit standby orders for Austria?

PRESS

VIENNA (Vic Munich): Erica der Hymen's face grew a brilliant shade of scarlet. "WHAT?!" she exploded at last, "The Huns have invaded?"

A minister advanced cautiously, hoping not to get in the way of the Empress' imperial wrath. He failed. Erica pummeled him on the head, then ripped his thick eyeglasses from the heretofore secure position that they had occupied upon the minister's prodigious proboscis, and dashed them to the floor. "Well, worm," she managed to gasp around the man's leg that she was busily probing with well-honed dentures, "I have no patience--speak!"

The man looked at his gnawed leg. "My doctor will certainly have some patients. Uh, the Huns have sent an army led by the lecherous Dansk Whoreton into Tyrolia. We were fortunate inasmuch as the first thing that they ran into was a flock of Italian women scouring the country. Even the Germans have some tase and naturally fled lest they be contaminated..."

"I don't like ethnic jokes," interjected Erica.

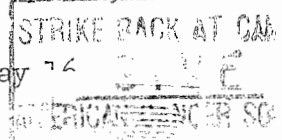
"Umm, well, they finally skulked into Bohemia, where they are busy raping the populace. However, once they are finished there, they will not be content until they reach Vienna itself."

Erica made a vulgar gesture in the general direction of Munich. "'Horney' Whoreton must be dealt with. The situation is grave; we must call out the guard."

She brushed the protesters aside with a swipe from her battleaxe. "Captain, send for the Royal Mensapause Guard!"

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