

the Dragon

and

the Lamb



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 issues. A \$2.50 deposit is also required (refunded if the player does not
 drop his position).

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Alas, gentlemen, the best laid plans sometimes get stuck in the goo. The second flight of Columbia was rescheduled right in the middle of this rag's deadlines. So I am trying my best to get this out amidst all the activity. The week before launch has really been hectic.

Congratulations go to Jack Masters for his second win in D&L, this time as Germany in 1979HK. There are six players signed up for our next regular game. As soon as we get one more that one will get underway.

Now, for Succedaneum, we also have six players signed up. If this game is not filled by next issue then we'll forget it. Hey, Mark, here is an excellent chance to play in your own variant. Players currently signed up are Larry McCloud, Jimmie Johnson, Dan Barnett, Lanny Myers, Kevin Kozlowski, and James Goode. If this game cannot be filled, but you would like to play in a regular game anyway, please let me know.

I have finally finished the ULTIMA game. When I first started playing it, I didn't even know that it had an end result (Temple of Apshai did not), and the rulebook didn't say. You have to figure it out for yourself. But you pick up clues during the course of play on each of the various continents. Many things in the rules are intentionally left out, which makes the game a more realistic "adventure" game. And at the end there appears a message to write to the California Pacific Computer Co at a specified address and inform them that you have indeed solved the mysteries of ULTIMA.

Having done that, I next went on to COMPUTER BISMARCK, put out by Strategic Simulations Inc. (SSI). CB pits the british naval fleet against the Bismarck and Prince Eugen + four U-Boat wolfpacks. The German forces are trying to get to the British convoys (merchant ships), the British trying to prevent them from doing so. It can be either a 2-player game or you (the British) can play against the computer who commands the German fleet.

It is a "search" game--the British have to find the Bismarck and PE before they can break out into the convoy-rich North Atlantic, and the Germans have to find the British convoys in order to sink them. The German wolfpacks are already in the North Atlantic, so the British must get their destroyer escorts over to them before the U-Boats find them.

Playing against the computer is fine to start out, just to learn the game itself and to learn strategy. But I can now beat the computer regularly. But I did have to go through a learning process. Once I cornered the Bismarck with a task force of four cruisers--2 light and 2 heavy. Although I did a lot of damage to the Bismarck, it sank three of my cruisers and heavily damaged the fourth before I had to withdraw.

The game can take anywhere from 1-7 hours to play. And, as I mentioned, playing against the computer is fine to start out, but the game is much better as a 2-player game. The designer should have given the German forces another battleship for the single player version (the Tirpitz would not have been an unrealistic addition).

AND, guys, I have finally discovered the source of the error in the printer subroutine of the Diplomacy program! Yessir, I finally cornered that little boger. You know, the one that would seemingly repeat an order printed earlier and leave out the order for one of your units. So that won't be happening any more.

- AUSTRIA (BERCH) : F GRE-H, a ser (s) f ene, A TRI-H, A VIE (S) A TRI
- ENGLAND (KURUCZ) : F ENG (S) FRENCH F PIC-BRE, f nth-rwa, F NWY-SRE, A BEL-PIC, F NAT-MID
- FRANCE (AFFLERBACH) : A BUR-RYGAS, F MID-POR, F PIC-BRE, a spa-man, A GAS-PAR
- GERMANY (T.ITALO) : A MUN-SIL, a rum-man, A DEN (S) ENGLISH F NWY-SRE, F KIE-HOL, F BER-PRU
- ITALY (MYERS) : a boh-s-h-e, f rom-lyo, A TYU-UEN, F TUN-NES, f ion-ene, a al-ban
- RUSSIA (MACKECHNIE) : A ARM-ANK, a bul-con, A ROM-BUD, f swe-mukh/fin/ska, aob, otb), F BLA (S) A ARM-ANK, a st-rome
- TURKEY (CARSON) : F GEG D A CON-BRE, a rom-ene, f ank-con(anni).

SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1981

- AUSTRIA: (4) VIE, bud, GRE, SER, (TRII) EVEN
- ENGLAND: (6) LON, EDI, LPL, NWY, BEL, (SWE) +1
- FRANCE: (5) PAR, BRE, MAR, SPA, (POR) +1
- GERMANY: (5) MUN, BER, KIE, DEN, HOL EVEN
- ITALY: (4) UEN, ROM, NAP, tri, TUN -1
- RUSSIA: (6) STP, WAR, MOS, SEU, ROM, swe, (ANK), (BUL), (BUD) +2
- TURKEY: (2) CON, ank, SMY, bul EVEN

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Deadline for WINTER, 1982 and SPRING, 1983 is SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

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- AUSTRIA (PYFROM) : f bul(sc)-aes, a ene-bul, A TRI (S) A UEN, a vie-boh, A UEN-H, A BUD-SER
- ENGLAND (GILMORE) : F HEL (S) F NTH-HOL, f den-kie, A YOR-LON, f nth-hol, f edi-nth
- FRANCE (PORTENY) : A MAR (S) A PAR-BUR, A SPA-GAS, A PIC-BEL, F ENG (S) A PIC-BEL, A PAR-BUR
- GERMANY (DITTER) : A RUH (S) F HOL, f hol (s) a kie, f ber-bal, A MUN (S) A KIE, a kie (s) f hol
- ITALY (TOHNSEND) : a boh-vie, a rom-ven, f eas-aes, F ROM (S) A ROM-UEN
- RUSSIA (A. ITALO) : a arm-ank, a sev-arm, F BLA (S) A ARM-ANK, a pru-ber, f swe-bal
- TURKEY (DYER) : a ank (s) f smy, F CON (S) A ANK, f smy (s) a ank(imp)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1983

- AUSTRIA: (7) TRI, VIE, bul, GRE, SER, BUL, (TRII) +1
- ENGLAND: (5) LON, EDI, LPL, NWY, DEN EVEN
- FRANCE: (6) PAR, BRE, MAR, SPA, POR, (BEL) +1

GERMANY:(4)MUN,KIE,BER,HOL,be1 -1

ITALY:(3)ven,ROM,NAP,TUN -1

RUSSIA:(6)STP,WAR,MOS,SEU,SHE,RUM +1

TURKEY:(3)CON,ANK,SHY EVEN

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Deadline for WINTER,1903 and SPRING,1904 is SATURDAY,NOVEMBER-28.

1900CM SABRETOOTH FALL,1908

FRANCE (HOOD) : F TUN (S) F NAP-ION, f nap-ton, A EDI-H, A BUR-H, F TYR (S) F NAP-ION, F LON-H, A PAR-PIC, f rom-nap, F LYO-H, A TUS (S) A PIE-UEN, a pie-ven

GERMANY (OLSEN) : a ber (s) russian a sil(otm), A RUH (S) A MUN, F DEN-H, F NTH-HOL, a mun (s) french a pie-tyo(nso)

RUSSIA (COOPER) : F SHE (S) GERMAN F DEN, A NHY-STP, a mos-ukr(r/war,lun,otb), a sil-gal, A WAR-UKR

TURKEY (A.ITALO) : F APU (S) F ION, F ION-H, F TRI (S) F UEN, F REG (S) F ION, f ven (s) f apu, A UKR-MOS, A SEU (S) A UKR-MOS, a vie (s) a gal(otm), a gal-war, F GRE (S) F ION, a boh-sil

SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1909

FRANCE:(11)PAR,BRE,WAR,POR,SPA,LPL,TUN,LON,NAP,EDI,ROM EVEN

GERMANY:(6)MUN,BER,KIE,DEN,HOL,BEL +1

ITALY:(0)ven OUT

RUSSIA:(4)mos,STP,SHE,NHY,WAR -1

TURKEY:(13)CON,ANK,SHY,BUL,GRE,SER,BUD,VIE,TRI,RUM,SEU,[UEN],[HOS] +2

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Deadline for WINTER,1908 and SPRING,1909 is SATURDAY,NOVEMBER-28.

1900AJ RINGHRAITH SPRING,1909

ENGLAND (DYER) : a par-bur, a gas (s) a par-bur, F BRE (S) GERMAN F NAT-MID, F IRI (S) GERMAN F NAT-MID, F WAL-ENG

FRANCE (GREENWOOD) : NBR! PLAYS 2 SHORT, a bur-par, a spa-gas, a war (s) a spa-gas(nsu), a ruh-mun(nsu)

GERMANY (LEW) : A HOL-BEL, F NAT-MID, A KIE (S) A MUN, A MUN (S) RUSSIAN A BOH

ITALY (MERCER) : BUILDS F NAP, A TYO (S) A VIE-BOH, a vie-boh, A BUD (S) TURKISH A GAL, f naf-mid, f mid-ges(r/por,otb), A VEN-PIE, F NAP-TYR

RUSSIA (AFFLERBACH) : A LUN-WAR, A MOS-SEU, A WAR-SIL, A UKR (S) A MOS-SEU, F NTH (S) GERMAN A HOL-BEL, a boh (s) a war-sil

TURKEY (ROGERS) : NBR! A ARM-H, F BLA-H, a sev-h(anni), F LYO-H, A SER-H, A GAL-H, F WES-H, A RUM-H

Will James Goode, 1221 Madison Ave, #c, Clarksville, TN 37040 please submit standby orders for Turkey.

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Deadline for FALL,1909 is SATURDAY,NOVEMBER-28.

- ENGLAND (MERCER) : F LYO-TUS, F NAF-TUN, F TYR (S) F ROM-NAP, F WES (S) F NAF-TUN, F GAS-MID, A SPA-H, A HAL-YDR, f iri-ens, F ROM-NAP
- GERMANY (MASTERS) : F NTH-EDI, F SKA-NHY, f bel-ens, A MAR-H, A BUD (S) A RUM-SER, A GAL (S) A BOH-VIE, a sev-ark, A RUM-SER, A BUR (S) A MAR, A DEN-SWE, A BOH-VIE, a pie-ven, a two-tri
- ITALY (MCPHERREN) : a vie-tri(ami), F EAS (S) F TUN-ION, F TUN-ION
- TURKEY (SLAUGHTER) : F REG-SMY, F GRE-BUL(sc), f ion-tun(r/ere,alb,adr,ees,otb), F APU (S) F VEN, f ven (s) a tri, a tri (s) a ser, a ser (s) a tri(r/ere,otb), a ark-sev,

SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1912

ENGLAND:(8) LON, LPL, edi, swe, nws, BRE, SPA, POR, ROM, [TUN], [NAP] -1

GERMANY:(19) MUN, BER, KIE, DEN, HOL, STP, HAR, MOS, BEL, PAR, SEV, RUM, MAR, [EDI], [NHY], [BUD], [SER], [SWE], [VIE] +6

ITALY:(8) nap, tun, vie OUT

TURKEY:(7) CON, ANK, SMY, BUL, GRE, ser, bud, TRI, VEN -1

1979HK, the Dragon and the Lamb (McLendon), A-John Vielmann (dro S05), cd, E-Chris Ward (res S04), Keith Mercer, F-Lee Kendter, Jr (out F11), G-John Masters (Wins F12), I-Victor Clark (dro F03), David Perlmutter (dro S06), Roscoe McPherrren (out F12), R-Bill Thompson (out F08), T-Fred Hyatt (res F09), Dan Mathias (dro S11), Rick Slaughter.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	
AUSTRIA	5	5	5	3	1	-							
ENGLAND	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	8	9	8	
FRANCE	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	3	1	-		
GERMANY	4	5	5	6	6	6	7	9	11	12	13	19	WINS
ITALY	4	6	5	6	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	-	
RUSSIA	4	5	5	4	3	2	1	-					
TURKEY	4	3	4	5	5	7	8	9	9	9	9	7	

Any player endgame statements are due by Saturday, December 5.

Press:

Mun-Lon: Blame it on your friend Kathy Byrne, she showed me how to do this in 1981C.



- AUSTRIA (cd) : A Mba, F GoM, A Rum r/OTB, A Tex-H(r/OTB), F Cub-H, F Cal-H, A Bos-H(r/OTB)
- CHINA (McPherrren) : A Ura-Mos, A Tur-Per, A Oms (S) A Tur-Per, A Skg-Afg, A Uzb (S) A Skg-Afg, A Kas-Pun, A Mah (S) A Kas-Pun, A Nep-Kas, A Bgl-H, A Bma-H, F Eio-BoB, F And (S) F Eio-BoB, F MyS-Eio, F Tim-AuB, F Jav-Tim, F Dav-Arf, F Mnl + F Arn + F Wpc (S) F Dav-Arf, F Scs + F Mic (S) F Wpc, F Poly-Gua, F SoC-Sib, F Npc (S) F SoC-Sib
- ENGLAND (Kendter, Jr) : F Col(wc)-Ecu, A Mns-Azn, A Bol-Peru, A Fez (S) F Nig, F Nig (S) F Kam, F Kam (S) F Nig(nsu), F Bar-Nwg, F Ire + F Eng(r/Bri, Lon, Ndy, Fnd, OTB) (S) F Iri-Eat(nso), F Iri-H(u/o), F Gab-H(u/o, r/Kam, OTB)

FRANCE (Hyatt) : A Ont-Yuk, A Mba (S) A Ont-Yuk, A Lou-Tex, A Vir-Lou, A Mis (S) A Lou-Tex, F CoM-Mex(ec), F Bhs-Cub, A Azo-H, F Eat-Far, F Bis (S) F Can-Eat, A Vie-Bud, A Tri (S) A Vie-Bud, A Bav (S) A Ven-Vie, A Bur-Sss, A Ven-Vie, F Pps(ec)-H, F Nap-H, F Can-Eat, F Tun-Tyr, A Tbk-Num, A Tau-Tun(nsu), A Gha-Tbk, A Tog (S) A Ben-Nig, A Ben-Nig, A Lag-H, A Lis-H, A Num-H(u/o)

NETHERLANDS (Grailey) : F Nth-Nwy, F Swe (S) F Nth-Nwy, A Den-Han, F Hag-Eng, F Awp (S) F Hag-Eng, F Kal-Sea, A Tan-Uga, A Zam (S) F Nat-Moz, F Nat-Moz, A Ang-Gab, A Con (S) A Ang-Gab, A Bah (S) French F Mao-Ric(nso), F Vza-Win, F Sur (S) F Vza Win, F Arg-H, A Lit-Pol

OTTOMANS (Prosnitz) : F Wio r/BoB, F Gre-Bos, F Adr (S) F Gre-Bos, F Bla-Cri, A Rum + A Kie (S) F Bla-Cri, F Lib-Ion, A Per-H, A Sin + F ArS (S) A Per, A Pei-Kha, A Niz-Goa, F BoB-Goa, F MoC-SmS, F Som (S) F MoC-SmS

PORTUGAL (Cooper) : F Npc r/Epc, F Peru-Ecu, A Ore-H, F GoB (S) French F Can-Eat, F Win (S) French F Bhs-Cub(r/Car,Wat,OTB), F Arf-Wpc(r/WeD,Cor,OTB), F Gui + F Tar (S) F Arf-Wpc, F Epc (S) F Haw, F Mel-Gua, F Cor-Aus, F Haw-H, F Die (S) F Wio, F Wio (S) F Die, F SmS-Mgy, F Mgy-Sio

RUSSIA (cd) : A Pgy-H, A Kaz-H, A Cri-H(r/OTB), A StP-H

SPAIN (cd) : A Eth-H, A Ken-H

SUPPLY CENTER CHART-----1757

Austria	: (3) Ad, Tex, Mex , Hon, Cal, Cub, Ad, Mba	EVEN
China	: (27) Pek, Sian, Wuh, Amo, Bma, Skg, Ctn, Tai, Tib, Bgl, Siam, Cam, Mah, Mya, Mnl, Bor, Kor, Jap, Sum, Mon, Man, Via, Oms, Iwo, Jav, <u>Mos, Afg</u>	+3(was 1 sh)
England	: (6) Lon, Edi, Ecu, Mig, Mfg , Col, Kam, Ad, Bhs, Kie , Ire	-5
France	: (35) Par, Tou, Bdx, Que, Dak, Mas, Sav, Pps, Gha, Ont, Vol, Tbk, Tau, Val, Tun, Ifn, Moc, Ohl, Mad, Nap, Vir, Fla, Lis, Lou, Lag, Azo, Bav, Tog, Vie, <u>Tex, Mex, Bud, Tri, Mba, Nig</u>	+6
Netherlands	: (21) Awp, Hag, Sur, Han, Den, Blm, Vza, Pol, Moz, Cpc, Nat, Uga, Ang, Zam, Con, Bah, Bzl, <u>Nwy, Swe, Gab, Arg</u>	+5(was 1 sh)
Ottomans	: (18) Izm, Ist, Jer, Bag, Mig , Per, Gre, Oma, Egy, Yem, Kha, Gua, Niz, Goa, Cey, Som, <u>Cri, Kie, Rum</u>	+3(1 anni)
Portugal	: (15) Ala, Aus, Fji, Ore, Zea, Sam, Van, Tah, Mgy, Tar, Gui, Die, Peru, Wak, Haw	EVEN
Russia	: (1) Mba, StP, Kie, Gxi	-2(-A Pgy, Kaz)
Spain	: (2) Eth, Ken	EVEN

The proposed 2-way draw was defeated. Using the Fall, 1757 sc count, the vote was 54 FOR, 68 AGAINST. CD powers were not counted. We now have a call for a concession to France. Please vote on this for next time.

Deadline for Winter, 1757 and Spring, 1758 orders is Saturday, December 5.

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R U N E S T O N E

FALL, 1913

WHERE'S RUSSIA?

FRANCE (Kendter): F Mid S F Por-Spa(sc), F Por-Spa(sc), F Bre S F Mid, A Mar S F Por-Spa(sc), A Gas S A Mar.

GERMANY (Kurucz): A Ruh S A Mun, A Mun S A Sil, A Sil S A War, A War S A Gal-Ukr, A Gal-Ukr, F Eng S French F Mid, F Nwg-Cly, F Nat S F Iri-Lvp, A Wal S F Iri-Lvp, F Iri-Lvp.

RUSSIA (Lew): NMR. A StP H, A Lvn H, A Mos H.

TURKEY (Beyerlein): A Gal r Bud, F NAF-Mid, A Pie-Mar,
 A Spa S A Pie-Mar, F Wes S A Spa, F Lyo S A Spa,
 F Lvp H(anni), A Sev-Mos, A Ukr S A Sev-Mos(anni),
 A Bul-Rum, F Bla S A Bul-Rum, A Arm-Sev, A Bud-Gal,
 A Boh S A Bud-Gal, A Vie S A Boh, A Tyc-Mun,
 F Aeg-Ion.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART -----1913

France: (4) Bre, Par, Mar, Por, ~~Lyp~~ -1
 Germany: (11) Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel, Den, Lon, Edi, Nwy, War, Lvp +1
 Russia: (3) Swe, StP, Mos even
 Turkey: (16) Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, Rum, Gre, Ser, Bud, Sev, Tri, Rom, +2
 Tun, Nap, Ven, Vie, Spa

Both of the proposed draws were defeated. There will be no standby called for the 3-center Russian position.

Deadline for Spring, 1914 orders is Tuesday, ~~November 17~~ ^{DEC 1} to: Jeff Richmond, 3111 Scenic Lake Drive #33, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.
 Phone: 313-971-7793.



1980T ATLANTIC FALL 1908

RUSSIA TRAMPLES THROUGH BALKANS!

ENGLAND (Henry) : A Fin-StP, A Nwy S A Fin-StP, F Bar S A Fin-StP.
 FRANCE (Montonaro) : A Den S Russian F Bal-Swe, F Hol-Nth, A Liv-Yor,
 F Edi S F Hol-Nth, F Wal-Eng, F Eng-MAO, A Pic-Bel,
 F Mar-spa(sc), F Col-wes, F Tun-Tyr, A Pie-Ven,
 A Tyr-Tri.
 ITALY (Kurucz) : Retreats a Tyr-Boh. F Lon-Nth, F wes-spa(sc),
 A Tus-Ven, A Boh-Mun, A Bud-Tri (r/Vie, oth),
 F Rom-Tyr, F Nap S F Rom-Tyr, F Ion S F Rom-Tyr,
 F Gre-Hold.
 RUSSIA (Ezzio) : F Bal-Swe, A StP-Hold (r/Liv, oth), A Smy-Hold,
 A Arm-Ank, A Mos S A StP-Hold, F Con-Aeg, A Rum-Bud,
 A Ser S A Rum-Bud, A Gal S A Rum-Bud, A Bul-unordered.

----- 1908 Supply Center Chart -----

England: Nwy, ~~Den~~, ~~StP~~, StP. -1 (2)
 France : Home, Bel, Hol, Spa, Por, ~~Mun~~, Tun, Even (12)
 Kie, Liv, Edi, Den.
 Italy : Home, Tri, Vie, ~~Bud~~, ~~StP~~, Gre, Lon, -1 (8)
Mun.
 Russia : Mos, War, Sev, ~~StP~~, Ank, Smy, Con, +2 (12)
 Rum, Bul, Ber, Bud, Ser, Swe.

----- 1980T PRESS -----

Old Russian Proverbs: Quick to anger, slow to comprehend.
 A man's curses say more about his vices than his biographies.

Ezzio-Henry: I guess you didn't like feeling as foolish as you looked in Fall 1907. Smile, kid, everyone else is.

Bolshevik Free Press: (St. Pete) Health authorities predicted that the dreaded English which has ravaged this coastal town since the turn of the century will return in full force this winter. The commissioner of public health said there was nothing he could do until the army stopped the autumnal visits by Krazed King Henry and his entourage to local houses.

FLASH!: Today the blood thirsty French people declared a holiday and sacrificed 23 young Italian virgins in peoples square. The young victims went to their deaths willingly, as they were heard shouting ("what's the use, what's the use!!?") The French President was pleased when told that 48 more Italian virgins were being readied. It has also been rumored that the Paris Game Co. is planning to market a new game called "Remove-A-Brest" inwhich players race to be the first to rape, plunder, and do murder all over the Italian countryside.

G.M.-Players: As everyone was quick to point out to me I was mistaken in listing the French F Hol-Nth as a working move for it was blocked by the Italian F Lon-Nth.

C.O.A.: Peter Kurucz Phone: (813) 596-3930
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Winter 1908 and Spring 1909 moves are due Tuesday, ~~November 17~~, 1981. p2c 1.

Send Moves to: Patrick Carson Phone: (904) 734-4121
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Stetson University
DeLand, Florida 32720

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France to whom it may concern: "In our job it's no good cutting any old throat. You've got to cut the right one."--from The Bridge Over the River Kwai by Pierre Boulle.

Berlin-Vienna: Beware of "white lies".

Rome to anybody who wants to listen: Did I hear somebody say a two-front war was unsustainable?

Parliament Poop: In Vodkatown last week Dips star Erik Estradski socked it to another English cameraman after being caught leaving The Original Studio 54, a disco reputed to be an Austrian hangout. Could it be splitsville with the Italians?

COA: Lanny Myers, 1377 K St NW, Suite 552, Washington,DC 20005.

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Turkey-Germany: I don't think this game is stale at all. It is just about to get interesting.

Both draw proposals were defeated. The game continues.

-----1980AJ PRESS-----

Germany-France: In response to your recent inquiry: the German portion of the English/German alliance is so inept because the German player is in too many games to devote the time necessary to remain ept. You have so many men left after taking blow after blow because your allies Italy and Turkey are helping you in your defense. This game doesn't end because nobody has 18 centers and we haven't voted for a draw. Feel free to mail further questions to me at 3120 W.79th Ave, Anchorage,AK 99502.

We have a proposal for a 6-way draw. Please vote on this for next time.

-----1979KI PRESS-----

No press. The 4-way draw was defeated, so the game marches on.

THE BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL

by Doug Beyerlein

The Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP) is a rating of the top currently-active postal Diplomacy players by the Diplomacy community. This poll is conducted in the same manner as the AP and UPI collegiate sports polls. Votes are solicited, collected, and tabulated, and the scores of the top 14 players are published on an annual basis.

I started the BPP in the spring of 1971. Between 1971 and 1975 a total of eight BPPs were conducted. The top players in these polls were the best players in the hobby during that period. They included John Saythe, John Beshara, Brenton Ver Floeg, Edl Rirsan, Michael Rocamora, and Walt Buchanan. The poll was discontinued in 1975 when my activities as Boardman Number Custodian resulted in the lack of free time to conduct future polls.

I have decided to now restart the BPP. Rod Walker, the new editor of DIPLOMACY WORLD, suggested the idea and has secured first rights to the results. All others may obtain a copy of the results for a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The results of BPP #9 will be distributed on 31 March 1982.

To participate in the ninth BPP make a list of the top 14 currently-active postal Diplomacy players playing in regular games. The list should be based on personal experience, games observed, reputation, ratings, etc.

List the players from number one to number 14. Sign the list and send it to Doug Beyerlein, 640 College, Menlo Park, CA 94025. The deadline for BPP #9 is 15 February 1982.

Scoring will be conducted as follows: a first place listing is 20 points, 2nd - 17, 3rd - 15, 4th - 13, 5th - 11, 6th - 9, 7th - 8, 8th - 7, 9th - 6, 10th - 5, 11th - 4, 12th - 3, 13th - 2, 14th - 1. Points will be summed to determine rankings.

LETTERS

From Mark "they don't wanna hurt us" Berch:

The reasoning that you display in #57 and #58 would, if followed by both sides, lead us inevitably into total bankruptcy or a nuclear war which probably will destroy the species of man.

Modern weapons systems comes in scores of types. Each side has so many areas in which to prepare them. Unless one side has an utterly commanding lead, there will always be categories where each side has a lead of some sort, and that lead may be lengthening as time goes on. That you are doing, in effect, is taking those areas where the U.S. is substantially behind, and (optionally) getting weaker and proclaiming that those are the only areas worth discussing. It is certainly true that the Russians are ahead of us in tanks. They have more than we do, they have stationed more than we in the most sensitive area --- Europe --- and their lead continues to widen. Therefore, you reason, we must spend and spend and spend. I don't agree. I do not think that it is valid to just select and isolate the areas of our weakness. We can NEVER get parity-or-being-ahead-of-the-Russians in all important areas. NEVER. There are too many areas. The mere attempt to do so will force the Russians to redouble their efforts, since that state of affairs translates to them into equal-or-behind in all areas, which is just as unacceptable to them as it is to us.

You cannot discuss tank superiority in Europe without also discussing anti-tank technology as well. According to what I read, our anti-tank weapons are qualitatively better than theirs. And if we station the neutron missiles in Europe, something that I do not necessarily oppose, then their tank superiority may be of little value to them (except for use against their "allies"). From what I understand the neutron bomb is primarily an anti-tank weapon. I do not mean to say that the tank area is the only one where they lead us. They are ahead in chemical/biological weapons and other areas. But if you single out for discussion only those areas where we are behind you utterly distort the comparison. And you ensure that there will always be reasons to step up spending.

The problem is that the Russians can and do think the same way as you. Of course, they look at the reverse items. Take the aircraft carrier (ac). The ac is the most powerful naval weapon system ever created. Also, is the most effective offensive naval weapon ever created, when it comes to attacking other than other sea vessels or coastal targets. We used acs with great effect in the Viet Nam war. Indeed, an ac group (i.e. ac plus associated ships such as anti-subs) is so formidable that it cannot be attacked by any other naval group except another ac group. We have 13. The Russians have 2. The Navy has been pushing Congress hard to build another. This of course means that the Russians are seriously behind, and surely that is a great spur to their own militarists. Whether they respond by building more ac's, or choose some other area will depend on political factors within the USSR, how good they think they can make ac's and the like. In some other areas, there is probably nothing they can do to catch up (for example, our military bases are much more widely dispersed than theirs, and there's probably zilch they can do about that --- except compensate in some other area).

Thus each side gets on an endless treadmill. You --- and your counterpart Steve McLenski --- point relentlessly to your areas of weakness, real or imagined, and take no comfort from those areas of superiority. So long as there are any major deficiencies, neither side can say, "We are Secure", and so we spend ourselves into oblivion. Since WW III the economies of the USSR, USA and England have done poorly relative to Germany, and Japan. The latter group had two things in common with each other which the other 3 lack. They have had loose monetary policy, and they have spent smaller amounts of ~~tax~~ of their GNP on military matters.

You say in #57 that under detente that the Russians keep building weapons and we can't, with a similar crack in #58. This is utter nonsense. Detente has very little to do with rate of weapons production, it has more to do with attitudes. Even SALT's do not prevent weapons growth, it just slows it. And we most certainly have kept building weapons. We have been, in the late 70s and early 80s been upgrading the Polaris/poiseiden subs to the Trident sub just as one example. The Russians are not believed to have anything like it.

It is not true that if I were a politician, "our defense effort would go practically to zero." But it would look very different. Our defense systems are supposed to defend the US, its vital interests and its treaty allies. Period. But we have burdened it with so much else. John Michalski sees the

military as a vehicle for permitting young males to discharge their "duty" obligations, and would like to see it used as a mechanism to keep people from marrying at ages he doesn't approve of. All too many congressmen view a good weapon system as one that is built in their district. Top brass fight for those systems which will advance their careers or reputations. Politicians running for president use the whole business as a technique for getting elected (e.g. Kennedy's "missile gap"). In all this the legitimate needs of the defense establishment --- and of others who seek money from the federal pie are lost. The last president who showed the ability to handle the military industrial complex was Eisenhower. Carter made a half-hearted attempt, which in some ways is worse than nothing.

I would raise sharply the men/machine ratio in terms of how the \$\$ is spent. There is an incredible waste involved in pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into technical training of one person --- and then paying so little that he leaves, depriving the military of the long term use of the skills it has taught him. As for machinery, I would shift away from these mega systems that cost tens of billions and more toward upkeep and the mundane. Did you see Patrick Colon's letter in MOD --- where he complains of having to drive 20 year old trucks? But you can't promote your career in getting better trucks.

Here's another example. Consider the unmanned plane, sometimes called a "drone" (tho actually, drones are just one type of such planes). These have uses far beyond taking pictures (which can often be done better by satellites). The one country which more than any other relies on the efficacy of its airforce is without doubt Israel. And the one western country that relies more on drones than any other is: Israel. They have learned that these planes are a very cheap and reliable weapon. In one attack on Egypt, they sent in a sorty of drones, with special electronic devices to make them look (to radar) larger than they actually are. The Egyptians fired away. Then, when the missile batteries were being reloaded, the real planes made their run. Recently, over Lebanon, two drones were shot down. The PLO cheered. So did the Israelis, I'm sure. No pilot was lost. But the plane, in its final seconds, broadcast valuable information about the electronics of the missile that was to destroy it. Drones are cheap, require little testing, and don't have to be particularly reliable. In the 70s, the Air Force has shown virtually no interest in drones. You see, they're not glamorous. And they tend to demigrate the role of the pilot.

What I would not spend \$\$ on is the MX. New missiles to go in "hardened" silos. Bullshit. When it suits the needs of the military or some politician, those silos will suddenly become "vulnerable" or "obsolete", and we'll have to build newer, hardened ones. Just as the Minuteman silos have become obsolete. The Russians have never fired a missile over the pole, with its peculiar weather and magnetic fields --- not to mention any jamming tricks we've got up our sleeves. But now, our military tells us that the Russians know that they can knock these all out. The Russians may well be able to say to themselves that they can stop practically all the manned nuclear bombers. But not the Minutemen. And the Tridents --- forget it. A single trident sub has a colossal amount of punch. There is no way they can be confident of knocking them all out. Beyond maintenance, I would spend nothing on our "nuclear retaliation" forces. The money belongs elsewhere. But no, Reagan thinks he has to try to scare the shit out of the Russians. We've got enuf to clobber them, and they know it, and we know they know it.

But no: Reagan wants more. So you can kiss off your Halley's Comet probe. In fact you can kiss off practically everything except the Skylab, the Space telescope, and maybe Voyager. You see, we just gotta have a new bomber, the B-1, so that when Stealth comes around, it'll have something to replace. And what about that monstrosity, the XM-1 tank. Yessir, biggest is always bestest, so we got a tank that is so heavy that even our biggest plane can fly them one at a time, which greatly reduces their usefulness.

The Chinese were the earliest masters of the art of warfare to leave books on the subject, and some of them are used today in War Colleges. One of their principles is "He who tries to be strong everywhere becomes in stead weak everywhere." It is still true today. It is arrogance to think that we can be strong everywhere, in all categories dominating the Russians, or even equal. We cannot. And if we strive to gain the commanding lead, to be truly #1, we will engender the same response in the Soviets that would be engendered in us if the Russians were #1: Unrelenting arms buildup.

//The reasoning I displayed in #57 and #57 would, if followed by both sides, lead us inevitably into total bankruptcy or a nuclear war which probably will destroy the species of man? My whole contention all along has been that the Soviets are already following that policy. They have been for the past 17 years. Ever since the end of the Vietnam war over 10 years ago, the US defense budget has gotten smaller and smaller every year. The Soviets, on the other hand, have continued to spend, every single year without slowup, 20% of their GNP on the military. I fail to see how anyone, including you, can put pen to paper and expound on the philosophy that the Soviets are only trying to keep pace with us. The Soviets have made it no secret (nay, they have even boasted) that they will rule the world.

Lenin himself put it most directly: "The communists must be prepared to make every sacrifice and, if necessary, even resort to all sorts of cunning, schemes and stratagems to employ illegal methods, to evade and conceal the truth...The practical part of communist policy is to incite one (enemy) against another...We communists must use one country against another...My words were calculated to evoke hatred, aversion, and contempt...not to convince but to break up the ranks of the opponent, not to correct an opponent's mistake but to destroy him, to wipe his organization off the face of the earth. This formulation is indeed of such a nature as to evoke the worst thoughts, the worst suspicions about the opponent."

That party line has been echoed by every Soviet leader since--Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev--right on down the line. How can you dispute what is self-espoused Soviet policy? You are doing now what the entire world was doing in the 1930s--making excuses, reasons, and "overlooking" the tremendous military buildup in both Germany and Japan. Some people learn from history, others are fools and watch while it is repeated.

Sure. I point out our weaknesses. That's because I can't find that many areas where the US has an advantage. The Soviets outnumber us in bombers, they outnumber us in deliverable warheads, the Soviet navy is 50% larger than ours. The only area in the nuclear field where we still enjoy some advantage is in SLBMs (submarine launched ballistic missiles). In conventional weapons, you can forget it. There is no area where we have superiority.

Even though the Soviets have more deliverable warheads than we do, up to now we have had the advantage of greater accuracy. We can deliver a missile within one mile of its intended target. Accuracy of Soviet missiles had been 2-3 miles. Well, now you can forget all that. The Soviets' new SS-19 missiles has an accuracy of 0.5 miles. It is just now going into production. Used to be, the Soviets had to target two missiles to every one of our silos. With the SS-19, one per silo will do the trick. This is what is meant by "first strike capability".

Yes, the neutron bomb is primarily an anti-tank weapon. But are any of them deployed? Anywhere? Only 2 weeks ago did Reagan give the go-ahead to even start producing them. You've mentioned a weapon that hasn't even been produced yet and just glossed over the 30,000 Soviet tanks already deployed and ready to go in Europe.

You also mentioned the Trident submarine. A potent machine, true. But the final Trident will not be delivered until the end of this decade. The Russians have nothing like it? Look again, my dear sap. The Soviets have just unveiled their newest. It is twice the size of the Trident.

I will agree with you that military readiness and lack of trained personnel is one of our biggest weaknesses. Reagan is taking action on this front also. Effective Oct. 1, military personnel received a long-needed 18% pay increase. Another increase will come next fiscal year. This should at least help alleviate the mass exodus of trained military personnel into higher paying jobs in industry.

Neville Chamberlain, meet Mark Berch. By the way, why not wipe the dust off your wallet and spring for a new typewriter.//

From Jim Benes:

When I last wrote to you, I described my trip to Czechoslovakia, and I mentioned the curiosity of the people, and my embarrassment when the matter of the attempted assassination of the President entered the discussion.

You, apparently, seemed to think that this was some form of political interrogation or one-upsmanship because in your reply in D&L you printed a series of questions that you shot back at Soviet citizens when they questioned you about America.

In the interests of accuracy, I'd like to point out that the people with whom I talked in Czechoslovakia were by-and-large friendly and by-and-large starved for information. They wanted to hear first-hand from an American about problems that they hear described by their own untrustworthy media.

Were the people you encountered in the Soviet Union hostile to you? We may have had an interesting contrast of experiences.

//The everyday people I encountered in the Soviet Union were just as you described about Czechs--friendly, curious, and an insatiable appetite for information about the West. They were just overjoyed about anything I brought them as gifts, whether it be bluejeans, records, books, anything. We didn't talk much about the Soviet Union. I didn't ask any questions because I could see for myself most of what I wanted to know.

But there were times I ran into "arrogant" Russians. You know, the Communism-will-engulf-the-world-and-I-am-a-Communist type. I was just reacting to your statement that you were embarrassed by some of the questions asked. Only by travelling abroad can the average everyday American get a true picture of indeed how lucky he really is.

For all of our imperfections, our petty gripes about taxes, crime, civil rights, and on and on ad nauseum, if there is a better place on this planet it is truly well hidden, for I haven't found it yet.//

And again, from Marcus "play it again" Berch:

I do not agree with your reading of IX, 6. What seems "just plain common sense" to me is that words have the same meaning wherever they are used. If "order" means "legal order" in VIII, it means the same elsewhere. To argue otherwise means total confusion. People will say: "Yes, but a XII,1 convoy is not the same as a XIV,5 convoy", support "given" is not the same thing as support "received", IX, 3 support is not the same as IX,1 support, and so forth. I think people are entitled to assume that the words support, move, space, convoy etc have exactly the same meaning wherever they appear.

Incidentally, I did not mean to imply that VIII is the only place where you'd run into trouble by not assuming the word legal. You have the same problem with X, where your reading would permit F For-Wth to cut the support given by F Nth to another move. There are other places as well.

If you allow pieces that have not been legally ordered to be treated as if they had been ordered, then problems can arise. Suppose a player has F Gas and F Mid. The enemy is doing F Wse S F Naf-Mid. He does F Gas S F Mid, F Eng-~~XX~~Bre. Now, do you consider F Mid to have been un-ordered, with a non-existent F Eng ordered, or do you consider that he did order F Mid, but just severely botched it? Don't try to draw inferences from what F ~~XX~~ Gas did --- I can wipe that out by making F Gas the unit of another player.

//I remain unconvinced. Again I ask the question, "Does my ruling contradict any other Rules?" You didn't point out any instance where it would and, being the patent lawyer that you are, I must assume you did not. My ruling is entirely consistent with the rest of the rulebook.

Your hypothetical situation is easily enough adjudicated:

Player X: F Gas (S) F Mid, F Eng-Bre(ns), F Mid-H(u/o)

Player Y: F Wse (S) F Naf-Mid, F Naf-Mid

What was so tuff about that one??//

From Jeff Richmond:

My opinion is that the rulebook isn't explicit on the matter you have been discussing with Mark Berch, and that either interpretation can be fairly well supported. I would not quarrel with a GM no matter how he ruled on the situation, as long as he was consistent about it. But I do feel that a GM who takes the trouble to compile a set of houserules should see to it that this situation is covered in them.

The bigdome bosses at our company have decided that we should get into the small computer field. As a result, we have bought a number of Apples. Naturally, I've been having a good time playing all the games we managed to get hold of. But, I've been quite unimpressed by the quality of the games I've seen so far. None of them are as good as some of the games we have on our big computers. The other game fanatics and myself are therefore quite interested in getting a copy of ULTIMA. We have not been able to find it anywhere. Would you help us? If you'll make us a copy of the disk or buy us a copy of the game, we'll pay you for the expenses. We'd really appreciate it.

//In my 4½ years of GMing, I have never had to rule on that particular situation (the one Mark and I have been quibbling over). What a GM puts in his Houserules is his own affair, but personally I see no need to publish "telephone book" sized set of Houserules to cover every imaginable situation. Those that are controversial (and by controversial, I don't mean chit-chat between myself and Mark. By definition, Mark and I disagree on just about everything), I try to include in the Houserules of D&L. (Just watch, some of my clown players will get together and spring this on me with their next orders).

I'm not surprised that ULTIMA is not available in Michigan. As I mentioned, it came out only a few months ago. It is copy protected, and I've been too busy playing it to sit down and figure out the code. But I'll be more than happy to purchase one for you. It costs \$39.95 plus about \$2 tax.

It requires 48K of memory and at least one disk drive. It's ideal for two disk drives, but one will do (I only have one and it's no problem). As I mentioned earlier, Computer Bismarck is a good 2-player game, although I think it's overpriced (\$59.95). It should cost about half that.

I can, however, copy AH's Midway, Nukewar, and North Atlantic Convoy Raider should you be interested in those. The only one I would suggest is Midway--the other two are rather dull.//

Since I have some filler here...As I mentioned last issue I have started playing D&D. Friday is the highlight of my week (that's when we play). My character is an elf fighter/magic user, and he just made it to the second level.

Lets see, we also have a dwarf fighter, a ranger, a cleric, and a fighter/illusionist in our party. Although the fighter/illusionist (gnome) is no longer that. She found a magic bow (on some trogs we had dispatched) and took custody. It was an elven bow, and overnight it changed her into a half-elf. So now she is a fighter/magic user.

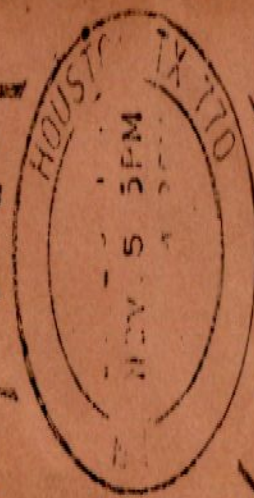
After playing 5 or 6 times I finally "persuaded" Connye to come and watch. She agreed--clawing, kicking, and scratching all the way. But now she WANTS to play! So you guys remember--on Friday nights (remember it especially on deadline weekends) no one will be here should you need to phone in your orders. And we play until about 4:00 ayem, so I don't get out of bed until about 12-1 Saturday afternoon.

And, YES, another Star Trek movie is in the works. They haven't written the script yet, but it's definitely on. Leonard Nemoj has requested that Spock be killed in this movie. Seems he's bound and determined to get rid of the Spock shadow. But I'll lay you 10-1 the producers don't go for it. Spock is a major drawing card.

Time to wrap it up gang. Launch is in two days.

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