# THE DOGS OF WAR

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Adversity causes some men to break, others to break records.

William A. Ward

Those who break leave the hobby in shame, while those who battle adversity have a claim to fame.

This is THE DOGS OF WAR, a zine for the play of postal Diplomacy. DOGS is published every twenty-four days by John Daly and his old pal Betty at Rt. 2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell, NC 28138. Our phone number is (704) 857-1555. The sub fee is ten issues for \$3.50.

With the filling of DOGS#20, there won't be any game opennings for a few months. Anyone who wants to get into the next game can let me know now to reserve a spot. And if you'd like to cancel your sub until that game starts, that's fine. Anything to save you a couple of bucks.

I suspect alot of you don't notice anything in this zine except your own games - that's all you look at after you tear the staples out with your teeth. Only one person asked me why last issue was dated 2/28/56. But more on that later in the new (and hopefully regular) letter column.

Besides the letter column, this issue will contain the 1981AK endgame statements, a couple of pictures of DOGS players, the usual jokes, the games (of course), and, as soon as I break out the tiny typewriter, we can have a look at the latest edition of...

# DAN STAFFORD'S INFLUENTIAL PLAYER RANKINGS

|      | -               |     |                        |                |      |                 |     |                        |              |
|------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|----------------|------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|--------------|
| Rank | Name            | IPR | # Of Wins<br>And Draws | # Of  <br>Wins | Rank | Name            | IPR | # Of Wins<br>And Draws | # Of<br>Wins |
|      |                 |     | And Draws              | WIIIS          |      |                 |     |                        |              |
| 1    | Lee Kendter Sr  | 9.1 | 16                     | 7              | 21.  | Steve McClendon | 3.7 | 7                      | 3            |
| 2.   | Kathy Byrne     | 7.9 | 11                     | 6              | 22.  | Tom Ripper      | 3.6 | 5                      | 3            |
| 3.   |                 | 7.3 | 10                     | 6              | 23.  | John Kador      | 3.5 | 6                      | 2            |
|      | Don Ditter      | 5.7 | 10                     | 4              | 24.  | Walter Blank    | 3.5 | 5                      | 3            |
| 4.   |                 | 5.0 | . 10                   | 2              | 25.  | Greg Haskew     | 3.5 | 4                      | 3            |
| 5.   | John Caruso     | 4.8 | 8                      | 4              | 26.  | H D Bassett     | 3.5 | 4                      | 3            |
| 6.   | Ron Brown (USA) |     | 7                      | 4              | 27.  | John Michalski  | 3.4 | 9                      | 1            |
| 7.   | Bill Hart       | 4.8 | 12                     | 2              | 28.  | Paul Rauterberg |     | 7                      | 2            |
| 8.   | Eric Verheiden  | 4.7 | 13                     |                | 29.  | Dave Ditter     | 3.3 | 6                      | 2            |
| 9.   | Dan Stafford    | 4.6 | 1                      | 3              |      |                 |     | 5                      | 3            |
| 10.  | Ron Kelly       | 4.5 | 10                     | 3              | 30.  | Fred Townsend   | 3.3 | ,                      | 2            |
| .11. | Arturo Guajardo | 4.4 | 8                      | 2              | 31.  | Blair Cusak     | 3.3 | 4                      | 3            |
| 12.  | Bob Sergeant    | 4.4 | 7                      | 4              | 32.  | John Kevern     | 3.2 | 7                      | i            |
| 13.  | Dick Martin     | 4.3 | 8                      | 3              | 33.  | Gene Boggess    | 3.0 | 6                      | ì            |
| 14.  | Stan Johnson    | 4.3 | 6                      | 3              | 34.  | Dan McLellan    | 3.0 | 6                      | 1            |
|      | Rick Kassel     | 4.1 | 6                      | 3              | 35.  | Bill Bryg       | 3.0 | 3                      | 3            |
| 15.  |                 | 4.0 | 8                      | 2              | 36.  | Eldon Nichol    | 3.0 | 3                      | 3            |
| 16.  | Eric Kirchner   |     | · ·                    | 3              | 37.  | Dave Crockett   | 3.0 | . 3                    | 3            |
| 17.  | Bob Osuch       | 3.9 | 6                      |                |      | _               | 2.9 | 5                      | 2            |
| 18.  | Tom Thornsen    | 3.9 | 6                      | 3              | 38.  | Mark Berch      |     |                        | 2            |
| 19.  | Dave Carter     | 3.8 | 9                      | 1              | 39.  | Al Pearson      | 2.8 | 4                      | 1            |
| 20.  | Bill Becker     | 3.8 | 6                      | 2              | 40.  | Doug Landon     | 2.7 | 5                      | 1            |

This rating is made up of games from 1977 to 1982. Points are accumulated as follows: win=1.0; 2-way draw=0.5; 3-way draw=0.3; 4-way draw=0.2; 5-way draw=0.1; 6-way draw=0 (tie breaker); 7-way draw=nothing. Thanks, Dan, for sending this in. One of these years I'll make the list!

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#### 1981AK ENDGAME STATEMENTS

GAMEMASTER (John Daly): This game got off to an aggressive start. In S'Ol France took the Channel, Russia entered Galicia, Germany and Italy bounced in Tyrolia, and Russia and Turkey bounced in the Black Sea. Things calmed down in F'Ol when France moved F Eng-Bel instead of attacking England and Russia used A Gal to support herself into Rum rather than attack Austria. Italy passed on taking Tunis and instead sent F Ion-Aeg while allowing Germany to slip an army into Tyrolia.

Spring 1902 saw the alliances form. England and Germany joined together to hold back Russia and France. Austria and Germany attacked Italy, while Russia, Austria and Italy attacked Turkey.

By 1903 the action shifted. Italy left the attack on Turkey in order to defend his homeland and was able to stop the A-G advance down the peninsula. Germany abandoned England, a-lowing Russia to grab Norway. As France continued his attack on England, Germany was able to take Belgium and then Burgundy. Then in 1904 Austria and Germany attacked Russia just as Russia attacked Austria.

In 1905 England was able to retake Norway as A-G advanced against Russia, and Italy collapsed with an NMR.

By 1908 Russia had fallen under a combined A-E-G attack as France struggled to defend himself against E-G. Then in F'08 Austria attacked England in Moscow, starting the A vs. E-G war that was to last the remainder of the game. Austria was able to remain on good terms with France, and with France choosing to harass England and Germany rather than fight Austria, Austria went on to win the game.

1981AK was begun on March 27, 1981 and ended on February 28, 1983 with a win for Jim Grosch's Austria. The high point of the game for me was watching the skilled trio of Grosch, Burton and Byrne jockeying for position set up the big stabs of 1904. Only one standby was used during the game and I thank the players for their dedication. Congratulations to Jim Grosch on the win.

RUSSIA (Kathy Byrne): My mistake in this game was trusting Burton over Grosch! Jim played a fine game and even after I was out of it I was cheering him on to victory all the way! Congrats to Jim - a fine game!

The real reason I am writing this, however, is to say that this game opened up a lost line of communication between myself and Stan Johnson — something I am very grateful for! Stan had some real problems with me as a friend, and I will always remember this game as the game that got Stan and I together again as friends. For that, I thank you, John. Friends are alot more important than games.

((See - Diplomacy is good for something.))



Tom Thornsen

#### PICTURE TIME



Kathy Byrne and Norm Schwartz

From John Caruso (3/1/83):

Betty's Box? If Betty does do a column, and you should try to encourage her to do so even if it's a half page recipe section, you should call it something like Babbling Betty or Betty's Babbling or Bake With Betty.

Your attempt at humor (??) was refreshing and a welcome change. I hope you try to do more of the same in the future. I especially liked the humorous picture section.

Take care and keep up the good work.

((Thanks. I'd love to get Betty to do a column, but she says she wouldn't have the slightest idea what to talk about. If she were friendly with most of the hobby, like Kathy is, then maybe she could do something like Kathy's Korner. But then again, if Betty got to know the people in our hobby too well she might do something like Daph Fritz and run off with one of them. Maybe it's best if I keep her away from you guys.

On the subject of putting more of my attempts at humor in the zine, I'm at a disadvantage because most of my readers don't know who Woody is, and that knocks out half of the available funny material in the hobby. Maybe I could try Steve Heinowski's trick and invent a "Faz", who I could then pick on without a complaint. But I'll probably just stick with Joke Time and hope for the best.))

From Steve Knight (3/21/83):

About your objective for DOGS in relation to the three types in the hobby: I can't speak for anyone else, but I have always enjoyed receiving DOGS even when I wasn't involved in a DOGS game, and I'm sure I won't drop my sub just because I don't happen to be playing in a DOGS game at the time. Part of it is due, I suppose, to the fact that I'm a people-watcher. I love reading press, watching how people handle feuds, the effect that happenings on the boards have on someone's public face. Of course, it's not all purely disinterested observation; one is able to pick up dos and don'ts in how to deal with different personalities. For my money, DOGS is an extremely pleasant zine to pick up this sort of ambience. I always look forward to receiving it, but maybe just because I have eclectic tastes in zines, huh? After all, although I do like "reading" zines (e.g., VOICE OF DOOM) a lot, it's nice to be able to find in DOGS a place where I can sit back and enjoy watching people play a game without the extra mental dissection of the hobby--which I do enjoy, but from which I need an occasional break--that takes place elsewhere.

Hmm...guess this turned into a fan letter. Oh, well--just wanted to let you know that there's at least one out here who subscribes for reasons in addition to playing, and appreciates the work that goes into the zine as a whole. Keep up the good work, John.

((Nothing wrong with a fan letter, that's for sure. This one made my day when it arrived. It's also nice to hear that somebody is getting more out of the zine than I thought. Maybe simplicity is good, after all.

((By the way, I offer players a sub suspension while thay wait for their next game to start because I have alot of players who aren't employed and who could use the extra couple of bucks saved. I'm glad you think DOGS is worth the price even without playing in it.

((Thanks for the kind words.))

#### JUST A REMINDER

THE DOGS OF WAR and the IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL postcards are in the mail to the players on the day after the deadline. If yours is late, let me know right away, because it's probably lost.

# ANOTHER 1981AK ENDGAME STATEMENT

AUSTRIA (Jim Grosch): It's a good thing that I was new to postal Diplomac when I started this game two years ago, or I would have been too frightened by the field of players. I was neighbors with two of the best Diplomacy players around (Tim and Kathy) and the notorious Stan Johnson was nearby. Lucky for me these names meant nothing to me when I

started this game.

The game started horribly for me. John lost my preference list, so I got Austria (which was seventh on my list). Not only that, Germany, Italy and Russia all attacked me in SO1. Fortunately, Germany and Italy bounced each other in Tyrolia, and I was able to ally with Russia. This alliance lasted until Turkey was taken care of, at which time I felt I was about to be in the middle of an Italy-Russia squeeze. Tim (Germany) also saw this coming, and he probably feared a very strong Russia at his Therefore, he and I got together and started attacking the Czar, who, feeling she was stabbed by Tim, proceeded to throw all her forces at him. This gave me a golden opportunity to become the dominant force in the game, and I was also in a good position to stab Germany whever I felt like it (he had only one unit guarding two of his Italian centers). At this time we were both still allied with England, who had played a major roll in the conquest of Russia. Tim and I decided that a three-way draw was not what we wanted, so I stabbed England, only to be stabbed by Germany. This move was almost expected and I welcomed it for sclving my dilemma about whether to stab my game-long ally. Germany's stab was only enough to slow me down, but it definitely sealed the alliances: Germany and England vs. France vs. Austria. My next concern was to keep France from joining G & E. As E & F had been at war all game long (on and off, but mostly on), this task was not impossible. In the end, Stan and I allied (after a few false starts) and I was able to achieve 18 supply centers. The above account was how I perceived the game (in general terms) and is not necessarily the way things were.

In many Diplomacy games one makes a few enemies, and in a game where a person wins, he often makes six enemies. However, I feel that I have made several good friendships in this game and look forward to meeting these players in future games. I would particularly like to thank John for an excellent GMing job, as well as Phil, Kathy, Tim,

Brent, and Stan for not dropping out.

((What you said about me losing your preference list bothers me. I checked my files and I still have it, but I can't figure out why I stuck you with Austria when it wasn't one of your top three choices. Under the circumstances, though, I don't figure you're too upset, eh?))

## MORE LETTER COLUMN

From Porter Wightman (March 15, 1983):

Is there any significance to the date 2/28/56 or was that a typo in DOGS#50? Don't tell me - that's Betty's birthdate. Right? The secret is out!

((No, that's when I was born. When the deadline for DOGS#50 hit on my birthday I couldn't resist altering the date the way I did.

((The funny thing about getting older is how time passes more quickly. That's supposed to have something to do with the fact that as one gets older, each passing year is a smaller percentage of one's total life so it doesn't seem to last as long as past years did. I dare not give away Betty's age, but let's just say her years are passing much more quickly than my own!))

Following Spring moves Russia retreated A Nwy to Fin and England retreated F Den to Nth.

- EFGLAND (Tim Burton): f BAR s f nwy; f nth-DEN; f NWY hold; f NAF-tun; f SKA-swe.
- FRANCE (Jim Grosch): f SPA(sc)-wes; f LYO-tyh; f WES-tun; a MAR-pie; a BUR s a ruh; a RUH s a kie; a KIE s ENGLISH f nth-den.
- ITALY (Mark Rowell): f TYH-wes; f TUN s f tyh-wes; f TUS s AUSTRIAN f ion-tyh; a PIE-mar; a GRE hold.
- AUSTRIA (Steve Knight): a BER s a mun; a BOH s a mun; a MUN s a ber; a bud-SER; a ukr-MOS; f ION-tyh.
- RUSSIA (Bill Highfield): a FIN-stp; f den\*kie; f SWE s a stp-nwy; a mos\*sev; a STP-nwy.
- TURKEY (Jake Walters): a SEV s AUSTRIAN a ukr-mos; a rum-UKR; a con-RUM; f BLA c a con-rum; a ank-ARM; f aeg-BUL(sc).

Russia must retreat F Den to Hel, Bal or otb and A Mos to Lva, War or otb. The supply center chart follows.

E - home, hol, den, nwy
F - home, spa, por, bel, kie
I - home, tun, gre
A - home, ser, ber, mun, mos
R - stp, war, swe, nwy, mos
T - home, sev, bul, rum

(6) build 1
(7) even
(5) even
(7) build 1
(3) remove 2
(6) even

The retreats and Winter orders are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. Spring moves will then be due at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday April 17. Press follows.

MOSCOW to WORLD: Sorry I'm not writing but with NROTC, work, school and my zine, I'm busy as hell. Note that I wouldn't write to that sleeze ball limey even if I could.

1981HV

ENGLAND TAKES CONSTANTINOPLE
Tim Can't Be Stopped

WINTER 1909 SPRING 1910

- ENGLAND (Tim Burton): Built A Lpl, A Edi and F Lon; a edi-NWY; a lpl-EDI; f lon-ENG; f NTH c a edi-nwy; f BAR s a edi-nwy; a swe-FIN; a DEN-kie; f BAL s a ber; a BER s a bur-mun; a RUH s a bur-mun; a bur-MUN; f mid-SPA(sc); f TYH-lyo; f MAR-lyo; f ion-EAS; f aeg-CON.
- ITALY (Jake Walters): Even; f TUS s a rom; a ROM s f nap; f NAP s a rom.
- RUSSIA (Norm Schwartz): Even; a STP hold; a SEV hold; a ukr-MOS; a war-LVA; a bud-GAL; a mun\*kie; a tyo-BOH; a pie-TYO; a rum-BUL; a SER s a rum-bul; a GRE s a rum-bul.
- TURKEY (Bill Highfield): Even; a SIL-mun; f BLA s a bul; a ARM-sev; a bul\*s "Jake Walters".

Russia's A Mun and Turkey's A Bul are annihilated. Please vote on an E-R draw and a E-I-R-T draw with your next moves, which are due at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 17. Press follows and is continued on the bottom of the next page.

ENGLAND to GUY HAIL: I publicly apologize and ask your complete forgiveness in mentioning your name last issue in my press. I inadvertently confused yourself with Dave Manuel (same country, same game - Italy in 1981AK). I am very sorry. (5) Following Fall moves Germany retreated A Rum-Bul. The proposals for a concession to Germany and an F-G-I-A draw both failed.

- FRANCE (Dan Stafford): Even; f nat-IRI; f EDI s f nwg-cly; f nwg-CLY; f nth-NwG; a PIC s a bel; a BEL hold; a PAR s a bur; a PIE s a ven; a BUR s ITALIAN a tyo-mun (nso); a VEN s AUSTRIAN a tri-tyo (nso); f ADR s f ion; f ION hold.
- GERMANY (Mark Rowell): Even; f bar-NWY; a nwy-STP; a stp-MOS; f LPL hold; f SKA s f bar-nwy; f DEN hold; f HEL s a hol; a RUH s a mun; a MUN s a ruh; a HOL s a ruh; a bul\*rum; a sev-UKR; a SIL-gal.
- ITALY (Porter Wightman): Even; a TYO-ven; f AEG s f eas-ion; f EAS-ion.
- AUSTRIA (Stan Johnson): Build A Bud; a TRI s AUSTRIAN a tyo-ven; a GRE s a rum-bul; a SER s a rum-bul; a rum-BUL; a bud-RUM; a GAL s a bud-rum.

The German A Bul must retreat to Con or otb. Please vote on a concession to Austria and the F-G-I-A draw with your Fall moves, which are due with the retreat at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 17. Press follows.

- ZURICH: The Italian delegation to the Swiss peace talks were reported to be adamant in their position that Italy be included in any post war planning council.
- TYROLIA: The Italian government in exile here has noted with approval the French acceptance of Italy's right to exist in a post war Europe. This only brings more consternation to the government's highest officials when this position is juxtaposed with French refusal to allow Italians into Italy.
- AEGEAN: Italian Admiral Saggino Sargasso, in an interview granted to the Dutch popular weekly UNOVERSIGHTELIKEBOCHT, was quoted as saying that the campaign to regain Italy could well go on forever. The Admiral said the forces facing one another are so even that they will even rust at the same rate. Only diplomatic initiative will be able to break the deadlock.
- SMYRNA to PARIS: Support to Mun may well be appreciated, in the future, after Italians are back in Italy. We want Italy. We want Italy. We want Italy. We want Italy, and not just to win the world cup!!
- VIENNA: Austria declares the Balkans to be rightfully Austrian. No German or French presence will be tolerated!

# MORE 1981HV PRESS

ANKARA to SCUMBAG LIMEY AGAIN: No, I refuse to withdraw my accurate statement of 48.5. You can go screw! As for my play, I know it's far from perfect - I simply do not have the time! I know it's tough for mental midgets like you to understand, but some people just have priorities. Diplomacy just isn't one of them! As for your ethics, I couldn't care less about your feelings, I'm right. Hell, if you want to take that statement seriously, go ahead. You must really be a shitty player if you can't even recognise when someone is trying to make you mad. What an ass...

MOSCOW to WORLD: Anyone for a four way draw?

Following Fall moves Austria retreated A Tri of the board.

- ENGLAND (Larry McCloud): No Build Received; f LON-wal; f lpl\*s f lon-wal
- FRANCE (John Michalski): Removed F Spa(sc); f CLY s a wal-lpl; a wal-LPL f IRI-wal; f ENG s a bur-bel; a bur-BEL.
- GERMANY (Ken Iverson): Built A Ber; a bel-PIC; a kie-DEN; <u>f NTH-eng</u>; f nwg-EDI; f nwy-STP(nc); <u>a MUN s ITALIAN a tyo</u> (otm); a sil\*s a mun; a ber-PRU.
- ITALY (Bill Highfield): Even; a tyo-VEN; a boh-TYO; f NAP-tyh; f TUN-tyh.
- RUSSIA (Ed Menders): Built F Stp(sc) and A Mos; f stp(sc)-BOT; f aeg-ION; a fin-SWE; a mos-LVA; a gal-SIL; a WAR s a gal-sil; a TRI s a vie; a VIE hold.
- TURKEY (Dan Stafford): Built F Con and F Smy; f ion-ADR; a ser-ALB; a bul-SER; f GRE s RUSSIAN f aeg-ion; f con-AEG; f smy-EAS.

Germany must retreat A Sil to Boh, Ber or otb. The English F Lpl is annihilated. Please vote on an R-T alliance with your Fall orders, which are due at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 17. Press follows.

- FRANCE to OLD ITALY: Notice how supply side theory is proven here.

  R & T are on the side that has the supply of dots. R & T are
  starting to roll. Soon their new units will trickle down across our
  frontiers, unless the socialist Huns get there first. Let's vote
  on R-T now and join DOGS#21.
- FRANCE to TURKEY: The fakes are of limited circulation and print run. If I can find a full time job some day soon, I'll include you on the print run. I hope you and Ed will include me in the draw!
- FRANCE to GERMANY: You should have worked with me instead of against me. Now you're dogmeat for Russia. Too bad.
- GERMANY to FRANCE: Read your mail more carefully. I gave you no last minute threat. I have put up with your vocalizing long enough. No more Mr. Nice Guy.
- GERMANY to RUSSIA: The Swedish banana has just been peeled.
- ROME to FRANCE: HELP!!!! SEND FLEETS AND ARMIES or the R-T will crush me!
- ROME to GERMANY: I'm sorry (sniff, sniff) I'll never hurt you again if you help me now (sob, sob).
- RUSSIA to TURKEY: Let us go. PHANTOM AUSTRIAN to PARIS: Sorry...
- RUSSIA to FRANCE: Help is on the way.
- RUSSIA to ITALY: No war here. PHANTOM AUSTRIAN to ROME: Sorrier...
- RUSSIA to ENGLAND: Why no build? PHANTOM AUSTRIAN to LONDON: Sorriest ..
- RUSSIA to GERMANY: No response?
- PHANTOM AUSTRIAN to MOSCOW: Shouldn't be too long now.
- PHANTOM AUSTRIAN to CONSTANTINOPLE: Looks like clear sailing all the way to the Atlantic, hmm?
- PHANTOM AUSTRIAN to BERLIN: Better watch out, I hear the Czar a marchin.
- PHANTOM AUSTRIAN to VIENNA: So long, city of my dreams. No longer do the birds sing and the children play in sweet innocence.

- NGLAND (Porter Wightman): f nwy-BAR; f edi-NWG; f lpl-CLY; a bel-NWY; f NTH c a bel-nwy.
- FRANCE (Ben Schilling): a BUR s ENGLISH a bel (otm); a MAR s a bur; a par-PIC; a spa-GAS; f por-MID.
- GERMANY (Eric Diamond): <u>a MUN-bur</u>; <u>a RUH-bel</u>; <u>a HOL-bel</u>; f kie-HEL; <u>f DEN-nth</u>.
- ITALY (Terry Richwine): a ven-PIE; f ion\*aeg; f NAP-ion; a TUN hold.
- AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): a SER s a bud-rum; a bud-RUM; a vie-BUD; a TRI s a vie-bud; f gre-ION.
- RUSSIA (Jake Walters): a rum\*ank; f BLA c a rum-ank; a GAL-rum; a sev-ARM; f SWE s ENGLISH f nth-den (nso); a STP hold.
- TURKEY (Ed Menders): a BUL s AUSTRIAN a bud-rum; a CON-ank; f smy-EAS; f AEG s AUSTRIAN f gre-ion.
- Italy must retreat F Ion to Adr, Alb, Apu, Tyh or otb. Russia must retreat A Rum to Sev, Ukr or otb. The retreats are due with the Fall moves at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 17. Press follows.
  - LONDON to LOW COUNTRIES: Walloons, Flems and Brusselers all; greetings from the King of England As you no doubt see from the orders given the OEF all efforts are being made to avoid bloodshed in your fair country.
  - BERLIN to PARIS: I don't care how many armies you have, you still can't put more than one of them in Burgundy.
  - BERLIN to MOSCOW: Don't bother me and I won't bother you.
  - MOSCOW to BERLIN: Sorry, there are too many forces against you. Your appeal touches me, but reality must win in the end.
  - ROME to PARIS: Just a defensive move. Besides, I hate to order two units to hold in the same move.
  - ROME to NORTH OF THE CANADIAN BORDER: Everybody wanted a piece, not a peace.
  - TURKEY to ITALY: No vulture here on my borders. I await your letter.
  - TURKEY to RUSSIA: England has assured me of assistance as long as a Russian fleet remains in the Black Sea.
  - TURKEY to AUSTRIA: I don't blame you for mistrusting your boarders.
  - TURKEY to WORLD: The Turkish government wishes to express thanks to each government for welcoming me to the game, especially England.

## THE 1983 NORTH AMERICAN ZINE AND GM POLL

Yes, gang, it's that time of the year again when we get to "grade" the zines and gamemasters in the hobby. And this year there's an added category for subzines. To vote for a zine or subzine you must have received at least two issues of it since April 1982 and to vote for a gamemaster you must have played at least two turns under him or her since April 1982. Breaking these rules could cause your whole ballot to be thrown out. As in the past, rate each of your zines, subzines and GMs separately on a scale from 0 to 10 (whole numbers only) with zero being the pits and ten being excellence. Send your ballots for this newlynamed Runestone Poll to Randolph Smyth at 212 Aberdeen St. SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada T1A OR1 before July 4, 1983.

Following Spring moves Russia retreated A Rum to Sev.

- MIGHAND (Blaine Fowers): NMR! a MOS, a EDI, f BAR, f NWG, f NWY and f LON hold.
- FRANCE (Dave Marshall): f TUN hold; f WES s f tun; a spa-TUS; a gas-MAR; f LYO c a spa-tus; a BEL hold.
- GERMANY (John Banke): NMR! f NTH, f DEN, a WAR, a SIL, a BOH and a MUN hold.
- AUSTRIA (Norm Schwartz): a ven-TYO; a ROM s f ion-nap; f ION-nap; a SER s a bul; a GAL s a bud-vie; a bud-VIE; a BUL s a rum; a rum\*s a gal.
- RUSSIA (Stephen Lee): a sev-RUM; a UKR s a sev-rum; f BLA s a sev-rum.
- TURKEY (Dan Gorham): f TYH-rom; f NAP s f tyh-rom; f EAS-ion; a con-SMY; f ank-CON.

Austria must retreat A Rum to Bud or otb. The supply center chart is below.

| E - home, nwy, F - home, spa, G - home, den, A - home, ser, R - sev, rum, T - home, nan | bel, por,<br>hol, war<br>gre, ven, | tun | (7)<br>(6)<br>(8)<br>(2) | build<br>build<br>even<br>even<br>remove | 1 |
|---|------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|--|---|
| T - home, nap,  | tun                                |     |                          | remove                                   |   |

The Austrian retreat and the Winter orders are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. Spring moves will then be due at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 17. Standing by for Germany will be brother Neil (Kelly C 114B(1), SUNY, Stoneybrook, NY 11794). Standing by for England will be Brent Adams (8052 Arbor Drive, Nashville, TN 37221). Press follows.

VIENNA to BERLIN: Subtle, aren't you?

VIENNA to LONDON: Subtle, isn't he?

VIENNA to PARIS: He is subtle, isn't he?

VIENNA to WHAT'S LEFT OF SEVESTOPOL: You don't deserve any press.

VIENNA to CONSTANTINOPLE: Neither do you.

VLADISLOVSTOK to THE ONCE RUSSIAN PEOPLE: Don't be blue...that's what the sea and sky do.

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: "Oh those not-so-white Russian lies blues." Very clever, but on this side of the Urals, we call those not so white lies, well read ones!

### DIPCON XVI NEWS

This year's big Diplomacy hobby convention, DIPCON, will be held in conjunction with Origins '83 in Detroit, Michigan from July 15-17. John Caruso (160-02 43rd Ave., Flushing, NY 11358) has announced the schedule for the Dipcon events: July 15 Friday 6:30pm - A tournament of at least two rounds of a Diplomacy variant called "Gunboat" where there is no negotiating; July 16 Saturday 3:00pm - The first round of the regular Diplomacy tournament; July 17 Sunday 9:00am - The second round of the regular Diplomacy tournament. Ben Schilling reports that the address to request Origins info is: Origins '83; MDG; P.O. Box 656, Wyandotte, MI 48192. Ben says if you attended Origins '82 or any recent MDG con, you should get a flyer some time in April. (Too early to tell if I can go.)

Following Fall moves France retreated F Aeg-Bul(sc).

- MGLAND (David Blaylock): Built F Lon; f nwy-NTH; f bar-NWY; f swe-BAL; f lon-ENG: f den-HEL: f ska-DEN.
- FRANCE (Terry Richwine): Built A Par, F Mar and F Bre; f bre-MID; a par-BUR; a bur-RUH; a BEL s a bur-ruh; f mar-LYO; a vie-TRI; a TYO s a vie-tri; a VEN s a vie-tri; f ADR s a vie-tri; f ION-alb; f TYH-ion; f bul(sc)-GRE.
- GERMANY (John Banke): GM removed A Gal and A Ruh; NMR! a KIE, a MUN, a BER and a SIL hold.
- AUSTRIA (Tim Burton): Removed F Gre; a tri\*hold; a BUD s a tri; a SER s a tri; f ALB s a tri.
- RUSSIA (Stan Johnson): Removed F Bot; a CON s f aeg-bul(sc); a sev-RUM; a STP hold; a LVA s a stp; a war-GAL; a mos-UKR; f aeg-BUL(sc); f smy-AEG.

The Austrian A Tri is annihilated. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, April 17. Standing by for Germany will be brother Neil (Kelly C 114B(1), SUNY, Stoneybrook, NY 11794). Press follows.

MOSCOW to BERLIN: "Hoist by his own petard" seems an apt description of your position. Personally I think it could not have happened to a more deserving guy. I generally don't say I told you so, but in your case, turkey bait, I'll make an exception.

## SOME LAST MINUTE 1982IL PRESS

- AUSTRIA to ITALY and RUSSIA: I hate to do this, but I can't let myself be stabbed again.
- AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: Too bad we are on different fronts. We need a bridge over troubled Walters. ((Groan))
- AUSTRIA to TURKEY: The fair breeze blew, the white foam flew/I hope you supported F Gre/We were the first that ever burst/Into that silent sea/Alone, alone, all, all alone/Alone upon a wide, wide sea/Yet there was a report of Turkish support/From the moment we left Gre. Slightly modified Rime of the

((Sorry, gang. No room left for a joke. Ancient Mariner Breaks your hearts, doesn't it.))

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Next deadlines: 4/3 & 4/17

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