

# THE DOGS OF WAR

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Every man speaks and writes with intent to be understood, and it can seldom happen but he that understands himself might convey his notions to another, if, content to be understood, he did not seek to be admired; but when once he begins to contrive how his sentiments may be received, not with most ease to the reader, but with most advantage to himself, he then transfers his consideration from words to sounds, from sentences to periods, and as he grows more elegant becomes less intelligible.

Samuel Johnson

Old Sam really knew how to get a point across.

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## HOBBY NOTES

THE GAME EXCHANGE is a new service for players and collectors of games. Its purpose is to put responsible sellers (Peter's brother) in touch with interested buyers. Sounds like a great idea - there are alot of people who have purchased games and never opened them and who would like to get rid of them. For more information you can contact John P. Farewell, 61 Midland Avenue, Stamford, CT 06906.

JOHN MICHALSKI tells me that there will be a face-to-face Diplomacy gathering under the name of "PudgeCon II" at Bob Olsen's place on August 12-14. John says he'll be there, plus other lesser hobby luminaries. You can write to Bob at 6818 Winterberry Circle, Wichita KS 67226 for more info. And you can write to John at Rt. 10, Box 526Q, Moore, OK 73165 to find out what a "hobby luminary" is.

I'LL BE GOING to MARYCON on June 4-5 at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. It's 40 miles south of Washington, D.C. on I-95 and that's as close as I'll be to a major convention this year, so I really can't pass it up. I haven't heard anything about a deadline for registration which means it's probably not too late to sign up if you want to go. Check with Jeff Breidenstein, P.O. Box 4791, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402 for details.

AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT EASTCON (Glassboro, NJ), DIPCON XVI (Detroit, MI), or Randy Ellis's Diplomacy gathering (Overland Park, KS). Ask me for the addresses of the people you need to write to if you want to attend any of these.

## SOMETHING FROM TERRY SUITOR

Terry dropped me a note with a couple of bits of trivia from the book WWII SUPER FACTS. The first pointed out that Hitler had a nephew who served in the U.S. Navy in WWII. The second was a quote: German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop while at a dinner party with Winston Churchill said loudly, "The next war will be different, for we will have the Italians on our side!" Churchill just smiled and answered, "That's only fair - we had them the last time."

SOME THOUGHTS ON DRAW VOTES  
S.E. Johnson III

I was just leafing through another Diplomacy rag when I came across a letter from a player complaining about being done out of a game because he missed a draw vote and his abstention was counted as a vote in favor of the proposal. This is a much too common story. Postal Diplomacy games frequently run a couple of years; to have that much work wiped out by a mistake is heartbreaking. I would like to suggest that responsible GMs adopt a strict set of guidelines that would curb the current widespread abuse of draw and concession votes in the hobby.

No game should end until everyone expresses that opinion in writing. A failure to vote should always be counted as a negative vote rather than a positive one. Too many players suggest too many draws hoping that the one player who would vote against the proposal will forget to vote, allowing the draw to pass.

Draw and concession proposals are used more as a form of harassment than for their correct purpose, which is to end the game. Players are forced to vote on several proposals every turn. Some players call for a concession to one player in an alliance in order to cause suspicion among the allies. This wouldn't happen if the person submitting the proposal didn't remain anonymous. Where did that stupid tradition come from? Respectable GMs require all press to be labeled so the author is identified. Why should someone calling for a vote that could end the game (which is therefore more important than press) be granted this veil of secrecy?

All persons submitting a call for a draw or concession should be required to vote in favor of it. This would greatly reduce the number of needless votes quickly, which would reduce the extra work these votes are now causing GMs and players alike.

The suggested guidelines are summarized below. I advise interested players to let their GMs know their feelings on this issue.

- I. No proposal shall pass unless all remaining players cast a ballot in favor of it.
- II. All persons submitting proposals to be voted on must be identified.
- III. A person submitting a proposal is considered to be voting in favor of the proposal.

((I agree strongly with your first guideline. I forgot to vote on a draw once and it cost me a chance for a good fight when my "no vote received" was counted as a "yes" and the game ended. On the other hand, I picked up a two way draw I didn't deserve because somebody forgot to vote. The reason I count an NVR as a "no" in DOGS, however, is only to protect myself: I don't want a game ending when someone forgets to vote because I don't want to be accused of conveniently losing the negative vote just to finish the game.

((The second and third guidelines are used in some zines, but I decided not to use them in DOGS. I think draw and concession proposals are part of the diplomacy of a game. For example, what better way to point out to the board the danger of a certain alliance than to propose a draw to that alliance? Of course, in that case you wouldn't want to be identified or be forced to vote "yes" to your proposal. Without the second and third guidelines we get alot of frivolous proposals in DOGS games, but I don't mind the extra work and the players are protected from forgetting to vote thanks to your first guideline.))

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FRANCE STABS; AUSTRIA GRABS

FALL 1908

ENGLAND (Tim Burton): f NAF s FRENCH f wes-tun; f bar-NWY; f SKA s f swe; f SWE s f bar-nwy; f stp(nc)\*s f bar-nwy; f NTH s f bar-nwy.

FRANCE (Jim Grosch): a kie-DEN; a ruh-HOL; a BUR-mun; a mar-PIE; f WES-tun; f spa(sc)-MID; f LYO s a mar-pie.

ITALY (Mark Rowell): f TUN hold; f TYH s f tun; f TUS s f tyh; a pie\*mar; a GRE hold.

AUSTRIA (Steve Knight): a LVA s RUSSIAN f nwy-stp(nc); a BER s a mun; a MUN s a ber; a boh-TYO; a RUM hold; f ion-NAP.

RUSSIA (Brent Adams): f nwy-STP(nc); a FIN s f nwy-stp(nc).

TURKEY (Jake Walters): a MOS s RUSSIAN f nwy-stp(nc); a UKR hold; a SEV hold; f AEG hold; a ARM hold; f bul(ec)-CON.

The English F Stp(nc) must retreat to Bar or otb. The Italian A Pie must retreat to Ven or otb. The supply center chart is below.

E - home, nwy, <u>swe</u> , <del>hol</del> , <del>den</del>	(5) remove 1
F - home, spa, por, bel, kie, <u>hol</u> , <u>den</u>	(9) build 2
I - ven, rom, tun, gre, <del>nap</del>	(4) remove 1
A - home, ser, ber, mun, <u>rum</u> , <u>nap</u> , <del>hol</del>	(8) build 2
R - stp, war, <del>sev</del>	(2) even
T - home, sev, bul, <u>mos</u> , <del>tyh</del>	(6) even

The retreats and Winter orders are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Press follows.

SOMEWHERE IN FINLAND: New leaders have emerged after a purge of the exiled Russian government. Officials declared there will be renewed efforts to correct the current situation in Europe and called upon all nations to assist Mother Russia in her hour of need.

1982CQ LEWIS AND CLARK RUN INTO INDIANS WINTER 1905  
The Little Fellers Lose Interest SPRING 1906

Following Fall moves Germany retreated F Stp(nc) to Bar and Russia retreated A Sil to War. The proposal for an E-F-G-I draw failed.

- \* ENGLAND (Larry McCloud): GM removed F Nat; NMR! f LON hold. Rt 10, Box 526Q
- FRANCE (John Michalski): Built F Bre and A Mar; a hol-NWY; f cly-NAT; ~~More, OK~~  
a lpl-WAL; f bel-ENG; f bre-MID; f mid-SPA(sc); a mar-BUR. 73165
- GERMANY (Ken Iverson): Removed A Par; a mun-BER; a SIL-war; a lva\*stp;  
a SWE s RUSSIAN a stp-fin (nso); f NTH c FRENCH a hol-nwy;  
f BAR s FRENCH a hol-nwy; f edi-NWG. 19601 Preston #275, Dallas TX 75252
- ITALY (Bill Highfield): GM removed F Tun; NMR! a APU, a TYO and f NAP hol:
- LEWIS (Ed Menders): Built A Mos; a nwy-STP; a stp-LVA; f bot-BAL; 817C Michelle  
a tyo-gal (nsu, imp); a WAR s a pru; a PRU s a war; a ven-PIE; Santa Barbara  
f tyh-LYO; a MOS s a stp-lva; a VIE (unordered) hold. CA, 93101
- CLARK (Dan Stafford): Built A Con; a alb-VEN; f ADR c a alb-ven;  
a TRI s a alb-ven; f ion-TUN; f gre-ION; f AEG s f gre-ion;  
a con-BUL. 1643 Graniteway Lane, Columbus, OH 43229

\* It's not much, but it could be yours!

The German A Lva is annihilated. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. Dan Stafford has a slight address correction: it's Graniteway Lane, not Graniteway N. Please vote on an F-R-T draw. Standing by for England will be Steve Knight (Box 698, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN 55057). Standing by for Italy will be Stan Johnson (10 Pine St., Edison, NJ 08817). Press is on bottom of p. 4.

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FIGHTING, FIGHTING EVERYWHERE  
Austria Finds Another Friend

WINTER 1902  
SPRING 1903

Following Fall moves England retreated F Nth to Lon.

- ENGLAND (Porter Wightman): Removed F Cly; a nwy\*stp; f BAR s a nwy-stp;  
f NWG-nwy; f LON-nth.
- FRANCE (Ben Schilling): Even; a spa-NAF; f WES c a spa-naf; a PIC s a bur;  
a BUR s a pic; a PIE s AUSTRIAN a tyo-ven.
- GERMANY (Eric Diamond): Built F Kie; a MUN-bur; a hol-EDI; f NTH c a hol-  
edi; f DEN s f nth; f kie-HEL; a bel-HOL.
- ITALY (Terry Richwine): Even; a ven\*hold; a TUN hold; f ADR-ion; f nap-TYH
- AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): Built A Bud; a bul-CON; f ION-adr; a ser-BUL;  
a bud-SER; a tyo-VEN; a TRI s a tyo-ven.
- RUSSIA (Jake Walters): Built A Mos; a arm-SMY; f BLA s AUSTRIAN a bul-con;  
a ANK s AUSTRIAN a bul-con; a RUM s AUSTRIAN a ser-bul; f swe-NWY;  
a STP s f swe-nwy; a MOS s a stp.
- TURKEY (Ed Menders): Removed F Eas; a con\*bul; f AEG s a con-bul.

England must retreat A Nwy to Fin or otb. Italy must retreat A Ven to Tus, Rom, Apu or otb. The Turkish A Con is annihilated. Eric Diamond has a COA: 41 Riverridge Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32074. Press follows.

LONDON: The Prime Minister found his pen, but it seems it was too late!

BERLIN to LONDON: I don't suppose I'll be able to talk my way out of this one.

ROME to WORLD: This game is actually research for my article "How Not To Play Italy."

ROME to CONSTANTINOPLE: Want to ally?

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Excellent stab. I had no idea.

TURKEY to RUSSIA: You have me outmanned and I have no allies.

TURKEY to ENGLAND and ITALY: I may be first, but I don't think I'll be alone very long.

TURKEY to WORLD: I thank everyone but pardon me as I locate a Turkish flag for my casket.

TURKEY to ANKARA: High incidences of herpes have been reported but most of the camels are in good health.

NORTH OF THE CANADIAN BORDER: Each turn it's somebody else's turn to twist in the wind. Who got it this time?

OH YEAH: The deadline is 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4.

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GERMANY to RUSSIA: You could have had me for an ally instead of Mr. Stab. Go get 'im, Mr. Stab!

RUSSIA to ITALY: Interesting how we hear more from you as you weaken.

TURKEY to GERMANY: Players make the top ten on my list by being good! That's why I'll never have to worry about you being there.

## ODD NOTES

Before I forget, let me thank Steve Knight for this issue's quote. Thanks, Steve!

And congratulations go to Tim and Marilyn Burton on the birth last month of their son, Trevor Justin. That's the first boy I've heard of in a long while. Most of us Diplomacy players seem to have girls.

I got lazy and decided not to print my endgame comments on 81HV. Hope nobody was waiting for it. None of the 81HV players had anything to say about the game so I don't think they'll be too upset.

We only had two NMR's affecting one game only slightly this issue. That's not bad, especially with the school year coming to an end. I do appreciate the efforts most of you put into your play. It's no fun to GM a game where it seems that nobody cares what's happening to their countries. Judging by the number of move changes I received in a few of the games there's some real diplomacy going on around here.

Speaking of making move changes, you need to know that when a set of orders gets outdated by a new set I don't print the press on the old set unless specifically told to do so. I would hate to get somebody in trouble by printing press that was intended for a different situation.

The next DOGS game will be announced as soon as one of the current games ends. With the recent change of events in our "mature" games there's no telling when that will be. I won't make the wait too long, though.

Take a good look at your games this issue. I'm sick as a DOG and I keep catching adjudication errors as I'm typing. My powers of concentration aren't up to par. I hope you folks feel better than I do!

## THE LETTER COLUMN

From Stephen Lee (4/20/83):

So that's Tim Burton, eh? I would like to know the source of the photo. I assume it came directly from security at the race-track. It's a good thing the snap-shot was black and white because that sport coat could cause some real cornia problems.

I am continually amazed at just how fast you put out the "Dog". Great job! I've always liked your zine alot. But I've already told you my partiality stems from the green paper and remembrances of the SF Chronicle.

I am trying my luck this year with some tomatoes from a Czech breeder who developed them for a cool-wet climate. Stupice and Elderot are the two I got out of a selection of seven. I've started them indoors under my lite, 1000w metal halide, and they are the wierdest looking suckers I've ever.... I've had brocholli maturing since early March from an overwintered crop of fall planted Purple Sprouting. There's something to be said about our mono-climate. I guess like any gardener I am always pushing the extremes and this year I am planning a massive melon trail with seven varieties that are rumored to be at best marginal for this area. Nothing in the way of cantalope does real well. I'll make my own!

((Yes, that was Tim, and a rare picture it was since he doesn't go to the big Diplomacy conventions. He and I met once in NY so I know I got an accurate picture. I'm still not sure about the one Stan sent in a few issues ago.

((Thanks for the compliments on DOGS. Getting three days off at a time and having my own printing press are very helpful for speed.

((If I lived in the soggy Northwest, I don't think I'd step outside, let alone try gardening. I hear there's a snail problem out there. Once I stepped on one barefoot and had to use a Brillo pad to get it out from between my toes. I thought I'd pass out.

Following Spring moves Austria retreated F Ion to Gre.

ENGLAND (Blaine Fowers): a MOS-sev; a STP-mos; f nwy-SWE; a edi-NWY;  
f BAR hold; f NTH c a edi-nwy; f NWG s f nth.

FRANCE (Dave Marshall): a BEL hold; f MID hold; a PIE reads Death in Venice; f LYO s a pie; a tus-ROM; f TYH s a tus-rom; f TUN s f tyh.

GERMANY (Neil Daly): f HOL hold; f DEN hold; a WAR s a sil-gal; a sil-GAL;  
a BOH s a sil-gal; a MUN s a boh.

AUSTRIA (Norm Schwartz): a VEN hold; a TYO s a ven; a VIE s a gal;  
a gal\*s a bud-rum; a SER s a bud-rum; a BUL s a bud-rum;  
f GRE s a bul; a bud-RUM.

RUSSIA (Stephen Lee): a UKR s AUSTRIAN a gal-war (nso); a rum\*sev.

TURKEY (Dan Gorham): f NAP s f ion; f ION s f eas-aeg; f eas-AEG;  
f CON-bul (ambiguous).

Austria's A Gal and Russia's A Rum are annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

E - home, nwy, swe, stp, mos	(7) even
F - home, spa, bel, por, tun, <u>rom</u>	(8) build 1
G - home, den, hol, war	(6) even
A - home, ser, gre, ven, bul, <u>rum</u> , <del>rom</del>	(8) build 1
R - sev, <del>rum</del>	(1) even
T - home, nap	(4) even

The Winter builds will be due with the Spring orders on Saturday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m. Press follows.

PARIS to BERLIN: If I haven't written you by now, I deserve what I get.

VIENNA to WORLD: Don't anyone out there like me?

RUSSIA: I have only two units and have left three of my home centers open for others to grow with. Yet I am in complete control of this game and have designed the developments that are just about to come down. Soon every player in the game will be in a position to ask for my support. Old alliances will crumble at the mere possibility of my involvement. Russia will rebuild! And since I don't have many units to push around, I have plenty of time to write this crap.

CONSTANTINOPLE to VIENNA: Too bad you stabbed me. Together we could hold off the French and Germans.

FRANCE to GM: Have you noticed that all of Rochester suddenly seems to be fading out of the hobby? Talk about burnout....

GM to FRANCE: Maybe it's just Spring Fever. Winter lasts a long time up there.

#### MORE LETTER COLUMN

((Stupice, Elderot and Purple Sprouting all sound like diseases, not plant varieties. But then again I don't know alot about the subject of gardening. I help plow and sow, but weedking is a pain and I have to call it quits when the time comes to start picking the worms off the tomato plants. And the snakes love to hide in the stringbeans at picking time.

((Odd looking tomato plants, eh? Do they happen to have an odd number of serrated leaves on each branch?))

1982N

RUSSIA AND FRANCE MOVE TOGETHER  
England Scrambles

WINTER 1908  
SPRING 1909

ENGLAND (David Blaylock): Even; f nwy-NWG; f nth-ENG; f hel-NTH;  
f BAL-ber; f DEN-kie; f eng-WAL.

FRANCE (Terry Richwine): Build F Bre; f iri-LPL; f spa(sc)-MID; a bel-HOL;  
a RUH s a bel-hol; a bur-BEL; a tyo-BOH; a ven-TYO; a TRI-vie;  
f ADR-tri; f ION hold; f TYH s f ion; f BRE s f spa(sc)-mid.

GERMANY (Neil Daly): Even; a KIE-hol; a BER-kie; a MUN s a ber-kie;  
a sil\*ber.

AUSTRIA (Tim Burton): Remove F Alb; a bud-VIE; a SER-tri.

RUSSIA (Stan Johnson): Build A War and F Sev; a STP hold; a war-SIL;  
a PRU s a war-sil; a rum-BUL; a ukr-RUM; a SMY hold; f sev-BLA;  
a GAL s AUSTRIAN a bud-vie; f GRE s f bul(sc)-aeg; f bul(sc)-AEG.

The German A Sil is annihilated. The deadline for Fall moves is  
1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. Press follows.

MOSCOW: Russia extends the hand of friendship to the new German  
government and offers the opportunity to join the alliance of nations  
battling French aggression. Russia recognises Germany's right to the  
Ruhr!

1981IA

FRANCE AND GERMANY, TOGETHER AGAIN  
A Battle Brewing In Turkey

WINTER 1910  
SPRING 1911

Following Fall moves Germany removed F Lpl and retreated A Con to  
Ank. All the draw proposals failed.

FRANCE (Dan Stafford): Built F Mar; f iri-ENG; f NWG s f yor-nth;  
f YOR-nth; f lpl-CLY; a PIC s a par-bur; a BEL hold; a pie-TYO;  
a VEN s a pie-tyo; f ion-EAS; f mar-LYO; a bur-MAR; a par-BUR;  
f adr-ION.

GERMANY (Mark Rowell): Even; a mos-SEV; a war-GAL; a SIL s a war-gal;  
a ukr\*s a war-gal; a MUN s FRENCH a pie-tyo; a RUH s a mun;  
a HOL hold; f hel-KIE; f DEN-nth; f NWY-nwg; f STP(nc) hold;  
a ANK-con.

ITALY (Porter Wightman): Removed A Tyo; f con-BLA; f SMY s AUSTRIAN  
a bul-con.

AUSTRIA (Stan Johnson): Built A Vie; a GRE hold; a TRI hold; a gal-UKR;  
a RUM s a gal-ukr; a VIE-gal; a SER s a tri; a bul-CON.

The German A Ukr must retreat to Mos, War or otb. Every possible  
permeatation of the draws including at least two people have been  
proposed. Please vote on them with your Fall moves, which are due at  
1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. There's a slight correction to Dan's  
address: it's Graniteway Lane, not Graniteway N. Press follows.

SMYRNA: The indefatigable Admiral Sargasso was quoted today as saying,  
"Why should we rust when we can hunt ruthless stabbers?"

VIENNA: Austria is determined to resist both German and French  
aggression!

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ALL NEUTRALS FALL

FALL 1901

- ENGLAND (Tom Thorsen): f nwg-NWY; f nth-DEN; a lpl-YOR.
- FRANCE (Eric Diamond): a mar-SPA; f mid-POR; a BUR-bel.
- GERMANY (Mike Cannon): a ruh-BEL; f HOL s a ruh-bel; a kie-MUN.
- ITALY (Paul Grosch): a VEN hold; a apu-TUN; f ION c a apu-tun.
- AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): f TRI-ven; a ser-GRE; a bud-SER.
- RUSSIA (David Blaylock): f bot-SWE; f BLA-bul(ec); a gal-RUM; a UKR s a gal-rum.
- TURKEY (Tim Burton): a BUL s AUSTRIAN a bud-rum (nso); a ank-ARM; f CON-bla.

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. The supply center chart is below.

E - home, <u>nwy</u> , <u>den</u>	(5) build 2
F - home, <u>spa</u> , <u>por</u>	(5) build 2
G - home; <u>bel</u> , <u>hol</u>	(5) build 2
I - home, <u>tun</u>	(4) build 1
A - home, <u>ser</u> , <u>gre</u>	(5) build 2
R - home, <u>swe</u> , <u>rum</u>	(6) build 2
T - home, <u>bul</u>	(4) build 1

The deadline for Winter 1901 and Spring 1902 moves is 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. The seasons will be separated at the request of any player. In case of separation, if you have press for next issue let me know if it should be printed with Winter builds or held until the Spring. Mike Cannon has a COA: 13801 Wisteria Dr., Germantown, MD 20874. Eric Diamond also has a COA: 41 Riverridge Trail; Ormond Beach, FL 32074.

PARIS to WORLD: So much correspondence in the Spring, yet so little in the Fall. Well, I guess there were enough lies made in the Spring to last a full year.

MOSCOW to BERLIN: Extremely happy, for now.

MOSCOW to TURKEY: You have to trust someone.

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A diplomat is a person who convinces his wife that women look fat in fur coats.

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