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Avoid suspicion: When you're walking through your neighbor's melon patch, don't tie your shoe.

Hindustani Proverb

This is THE DOGS OF WAR, a zine for the play of postal Diplomacy. DOGS is published every twenty-four days by John and Betty Daly at Rt. 2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell, NC 28138. Subscriptions are ten issues for \$3.50.

DOGS#21, our latest game, filled quickly. The players, their positions and their addresses are shown below.

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FRANCE: Eric Kane - 109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck, NY 11024.

GERMANY: Terry Richwine - 611 Beechwood Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.

ITALY: Ichiro Matsumura - 2588 Tekonsha Trail, Okemos, MI 48864.

AUSTRIA: Stan Johnson - 10 Pine Street, Edison, NJ 08817.

RUSSIA: Dan Stafford - 1643 Granite Way Lane, Columbus, OH 43229.

TURKEY: Guy Hail - 1103B Lorrain, Austin, TX 78703.

I don't know for sure if this will be our last game, but I wanted to mention the possibility. With the new kid on the way there's no telling what will happen to my free time. I'm a little new at this father-to-be business.

Bern Sampson (5364 Red Lake, Columbia, MD 21045) has come up with a new player rating system called STARS that he plans to publish four times a year. The system will rate only games from the past five years in order to remain current. Points will be cumulative, with a win worth one point, a two-way draw worth half a point, and so on. According to STARS, I am tied as the 60th best player in North America with a total of 1.33 points. Hot diggidy. The only DOGS players to make the top ten were Dan Stafford (5th with 3.67 pts.) and Greg Haskew (7th with 3.50 pts). If you're curious about where you fell in the top 100, you can sub to STARS for \$2.00 for four issues.

I wish someone would come up with a rating system that used average performance rather than total performance in evaluating players. Those people who only play in a few games always get shorted on these cumulative point systems.

The preceding was an irresponsible editorial remark and as such has no place in this zine.

Oh, never mind. Monty Python reruns are back on the local PBS channel and they have a strange effect on me. It's not my fault. Really.

Or maybe I feel so good because of the results of the latest RUNESTONE poll. The Seventh Annual North American Zine Poll placed DOGS ninth (!) with 7.41 points. A fluke, maybe, but probably due to happy subscribers and a lack of zero-slinging political enemies. The Sixth North American GM Poll placed me second with a score of 9.55. That really makes me feel good! I appreciate your support and you can be sure that I'll do my best to make sure I never let any of you down!

SWEET SUMMER FARE?

Toasted termite tidbits, caterpillar crunchies or french-fried flies? Whether we willingly choose such insect grub, most of us inadvertently eat hundreds of insect fragments every day. The Food & Drug Administration allows up to 20 drosophila fly eggs in a glass of tomato juice and 75 insect pieces in a two ounce serving of cocoa. Frozen broccoli may have up to 60 aphids, thrips or mites per serving. "It's impossible to eliminate all insects from food," says Cornell University entomologist Ed Raffensperger.

Roasted termites are sought after treats for many Africans; steamed giant waterbugs are prized in Laos, as are toasted stinkbugs in Mexico. Ants are served with sauce in Brazil and with curry in Thailand, and crickets are seasoned and steamed in banana leaves in Indonesia. Commonly eaten insects include bees, caterpillars, cicadas, flies, grubs, lice and silkworms.

Though most Americans cringe at the thought of eating such fare, we don't think twice about devouring an ordinary hotdog, whose ingredients may include bull or hog scrotum, brains, lips, eyes, snouts, tail meat and stomachs. "Our aversion to certain foods is dictated by customs and habits," Raffensperger asserts. "Many insects are delicious and are higher in protein, calories and fat than equivalent amounts of beef." ((From OMNI magazine, as reprinted in FORBES.))



WOULD YOU BUY A ZINE FROM THIS MAN?

The fellow at left is Mike Cannon, who I had the pleasure of meeting at Marycon '83. Mike plans to start a Dip zine at the end of September called EMBASSY ROW. Anyone who would like the first two issues free need only drop Mike a note at 13801 Wisteria Drive, Germantown, MD 20874. The zine will run with five week deadlines.

Mike has been subbing to DOGS for a while now and is a steady, reliable player. Besides, he's a nice guy. And he's given the task of publishing alot of thought. All of that makes me think EMBASSY ROW will be worth checking out. What the heck - the price is right!

AND NOW THE NEWS

Clark Admits Wrong Gunboat Targets

WASHINGTON — National Security adviser William Clark revealed today he had sent two U.S. aircraft carriers, a battleship and their flotillas to the wrong address.

"A slip of the tongue, heh, heh," chuckled the homespun Clark. "We were supposed to blockade Nigeria, not Nicaragua. Shucks, those little countries are all alike, aren't they?"

Castro Quits, Runs Out of Words

HAVANA — Cuban leader Fidel Castro resigned today, saying he was "bored with making rambling speeches nobody listens to."

Castro said he had an offer from George Steinbrenner to manage the Yanquis, and another from Yasser Arafat to join him in a hair-styling salon.

'Too Shy to Run,' Says Jesse Jackson

WASHINGTON — Civil-rights activist Jesse Jackson said today he will not run for president in 1984 because he shuns the publicity.

"I'm a shy, modest person who hates the limelight," said Jackson. "Running for president would mean I'd have to talk a great deal on television. Time might put my picture on its cover. I say let somebody more deserving run."

1982IL

EUROPE CHOOSES UP SIDES
The Action Accelerates

WINTER 1904
SPRING 1905

Following Fall moves Italy retreated A Rom to Nap.

- ENGLAND (Porter Wightman): Removed F Nwg; f EDI s RUSSIAN f nwy-nwg(nso)
- FRANCE (Ben Schilling): Built F Mar; a PIE-tyo; a NAF-tun; a par-BUR;
f mar-LYO; a ROM hold; f WES s a naf-tun.
- GERMANY (Eric Diamond): Built F Kie; a MUN-boh; a BER-sil; f kie-BAL;
a YOR-nwy; f NTH c a yor-nwy; f DEN s f nth; f LON-yor;
a LPL s f lon-yor.
- ITALY (Terry Richwine): Removed A Nap; a TUN hopes it's quick & painless;
f TYH s a tun.
- AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): Even; a VEN s a tyo; a TYO s a vie-boh;
a VIE-boh; a tri-APU; a RUM s a bul; a BUL s a rum;
f ION s ITALIAN a tun; f ADR c a tri-apu.
- RUSSIA (Jake Walters): Even; a fin-SWE; f NWY s a fin-swe; a mos-STP;
a lva-PRU; a WAR s a lva-pru; a SIL-mun; f SEV hold; a CON hold;
a smy-ARM.

The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8.

ENGLAND: In the Navy you live like a king and die like a rat. DING
DONG the wicked witches are dead. RATS.

GERMANY to GM: What do you mean, "Russia smells a rat"? Shouldn't
that have been "Germany smells two rats"?

GM to GERMANY: Sorry, I guess you're right. I knew there was a rat in
there somewhere, and Jake and Ben are such nice guys that I thought
it must be you.

ITALY: Former A Rom removes its thumb from its nose.

1982CQ

A TURKISH ARMY LANDS IN SPAIN
Germany Takes Vienna

WINTER 1907
SPRING 1908

Following Fall moves Russia retreated F Kie-Ber.

- FRANCE (John Michalski): Built A Bre; f ENG s f mid; f MID s f spa(sc);
a GAS-mar; f spa(sc)*s a gas-mar; a bre-PAR; a FIN-stp.
- GERMANY (Ken Iverson): Even; a BUR-ruh; a KIE s a bur-ruh; a hol-BEL;
f hel-HOL; f SWE-bal; f NWY s FRENCH a fin-stp; a gal-VIE.
- ITALY (Stan Johnson): Removed A Nap; f ION-aeg.
- LAUREL (Ed Menders): Built A War; a STP-nwy; a MOS-stp; a war-GAL;
a LVA s a mos-stp; a SIL s a mun; a MUN s a ruh-bur; a RUH-bur;
a MAR-gas; f BER-bal; f LYO s TURKISH a rom-spa.
- HARDY (Dan Stafford): Built A Con and F Smy; f TYH c a rom-spa;
f WES c a rom-spa; a rom-SPA; f APU hold; f AEG-ion; f SMY-aeg;
a con-BUL; a tyo-TRI; a BUD hold; f NAF-mid.

The French F Spa(sc) must retreat to Por or otb. The retreat and
Fall moves are due at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8. Please vote
on a G-R-T draw and an R-T draw with your Fall orders. Press follows.

TURKEY to FRANCE and GERMANY: You fought the good fight guys, but
it's all over now!

AMOS to ANDY: Shouldn't be too long now.

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LETTERS

From Steve Knight:

Betty, love the letter column! I'll check out the geneology stuff sometime when I'm able; who knows...? Maybe we're long lost cousins or something.

((Maybe so, but it's bound to be a very distant relationship. My people have been in this area for as far back as anyone knows. Thanks for the kind words on the column!))

From Kathy Byrne:

Betty, congrats on the baby! When Woody told me quite a while ago, he told me it was a secret and I shouldn't tell John or you I knew. Don't worry, Woody didn't tell more than three hundred people!

I vote for Steve Knight's names "Going to the Dogs" or "Daly Living" -- they were great.

As for Diplomacy, we really aren't mean to each other - we just lie, cheat, stab and steal (each others' centers). Where else can you do all that and not go to jail! It's a challenge and I can prove it right now: there is a guy in the slammer for some crime and what is he doing - using his cell block in Arizona's state pen to make and sell (illegally) wooden blocks for Dip addicts. That's a true story, ask Fred Davis.

Well, take care and I hope you keep up your column!

Long live bikini underwear!

((Fred Davis doesn't play Diplomacy, so I guess he can be believed. And Fred now says that Avalon Hill is going back to wooden pieces after their new plastic pieces bombed out. That should put one Arizona con out of business.

((The baby wasn't really a big secret. John just didn't want to tell anybody about it until he was sure. (He's hard to convince). But after we went to the doctor together and John heard the baby's heartbeat, he figured that was proof enough!))

From John Caruso:

Betty, can you imagine a second John Caruso? I never said I wanted a toady - so why did Steve Knight agree with me? Hasn't he ever hears of the Mark Berch Syndrome? That being that everyone must always disagree with John Caruso.

I can't believe you didn't realize what Mr. Daly Sir would do once he was outside your guiding hand. The boxer shorts are only the crust of the iceberg. Why, Woody, who stayed with him at Marycon, has pictures of John with socks on his ears, using a razor to shave his armpits and using toothpaste as soap to make his body very shiney and sparkling clean, free of decay. Bye.

((Mark Berch may have a point - I have to disagree with your description of John at Marycon. Steve only agreed with you because he heard that you were the Godfather of Diplomacy and he wanted to get in good with you.))

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ITALY to ANDY: I guess I'll just have to keep bruising your knuckles with my nose till you give up! (or kill me).

AMOS to ITALY: I suspect that after this year you won't have to worry about Turkey and your aching back.

ITALY to AMOS: Well, son, it's lookin' like your fats on the fire now, too; and just what are you going to do about it?

1982N

FRANCE BATTENS DOWN THE HATCHES
As His Attackers Provide Him With A BreatherWINTER 1910
SPRING 1911

Following Fall moves Germany retreated A Kie to Ruh and France retreated F Wal to Eng. The proposal for an E/F/R draw failed.

ENGLAND (David Blaylock): Built A Edi and F Lon; NMR! a EDI, f LON, f KIE, f BER, f NAT, f IRI, f WAL and f LPL hold.

FRANCE (Terry Richwine): Built A Par and A Mar; a par-GAS; a mar-PIE; f eng-MID; f mid-WES; a BRE hold; a BUR s GERMAN a mun; a hol-RUH; a BEL s a hol-ruh; a tyo-TRI; f ADR s f ion; f TYH s f ion; f ION hold.

GERMANY (Neil Daly): Removed A Ruh; a MUN hold.

AUSTRIA (Tim Burton): Even; a SER s RUSSIAN f alb-tri (nso).

RUSSIA (Stan Johnson): Built A War; a war-GAL; a lva-WAR; a vie-TYO; a BOH s a vie-tyo; a SIL s GERMAN a mun; a BUL s f aeg-gre; a BUD s AUSTRIAN a ser-tri (nso); a GRE-ser; f CON-aeg; f AEG-gre; f EAS s f con-aeg; f ALB s AUSTRIAN a ser-tri (nso).

The deadline for Fall orders is 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8. I don't think Dave will miss again, but just in case, I'm asking Stephen Lee (23690 Doane Creek, Sheridan, OR 97378) to send in standby English orders. Press follows.

MA'S COW to GAY PAREE: Now not only is the shoe on the other foot; it's about to be shoved up your rear orifice.

GERMANY to MA'S COW: There is a slight possibility you didn't receive my letters, very slight. Maybe you should call yourself Ma's Bull. (You asked for it).

1983Z

PARANOIA STRIKES DEEP
And These Moves Won't Help You Sleep Any BetterWINTER 1902
SPRING 1903

Following Fall moves Turkey removed the dislodged F Con.

ENGLAND (Tom Thornsens): Built F Lon; f swe-FIN; a NWY s f swe-fin; f den-SWE; a yor-LPL; f LON-wal; f NTH-eng.

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): Even; a pic-WAL; f ENG c a pic-wal; f IRI s a pic-wal; a MAR hold; a bur-PAR.

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): Even; a BEL hold; f HOL-nth; f kie-DEN; a ber-KIE a mun-SIL.

ITALY (Paul Grosch): Built F Nap; f AEG-smy; a GRE hold; f ION s f gre; a pie-VEN; f nap-TYH.

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): Built A Vie; a VIE hold; a BUD s a ser; a SER s a bul; a BUL s a con; a CON s ITALIAN f aeg-smy; f tri-ALB.

RUSSIA (David Blaylock): Removed A Ukr; NMR! a STP, a RUM, f BAL, f BLA and f ARM hold.

TURKEY (Tim Burton): Built A Smy; a ANK-con; a SMY s a ank-con.

Fall moves are due at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8. David probably won't miss again, but just in case, I'm asking Al Ross (6125 Honeysuckle Lane, Charlotte, NC 28212) to send in standby Russian moves.

DEUTSHLAND to ENGLISH: I'm sorry, but I didn't trust you.

Following Fall moves Austria retreated A Tri to Alb and Germany retreated A Gal-Boh. The proposals failed.

FRANCE (Dan Stafford): Built F Bre; f NWG s f edi-nth; f YOR s f edi-nth
f EDI-nth; f bre-ENG; a BEL s a bur; a PIC s a bur; a BUR s a bel
a TYO s a tri; a TRI s a apu-alb; f ION c a apu-alb; a apu-ALB;
f AEG-gre; f EAS-aeg; f wes-TYH.

GERMANY (Mark Rowell): Built A Ber; f STP(nc) hold; f NWY s f den-nth;
f DEN-nth; f HOL s f den-nth; a RUH s a mun; a MUN s a ruh;
a ber-SIL; a sil-WAR; a boh-GAL; a war-UKR; a rum-BUD;
a sev-ARM; a smy*s a sev-arm; a VIE s a rum-bud.

ITALY (Porter Wightman): Even; f con-SMY.

AUSTRIA (Stan Johnson): Removed A Gre; a ANK s ITALIAN f con-smy;
a alb*gre; a gal-RUM; a bud*s a gal-rum; a SER s a gal-rum.

The German A Smy must retreat to Syr or otb. The Austrian A Bud and A Alb are annihilated. The retreat and Fall moves are due together at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8. Please vote on an F/G draw with your next set of orders. Press follows.

DEATH OF A FOOL (Act I, Scene III): The scene opens in the wine cellar of the German Royal Palace. A group of hard and mean looking men are engaged in a heated conversation. "We simply must do something!" the tallest exclaims. "Germany simply cannot follow this disastrous course of action any longer; the fate of all Europe is at stake."

"If only Ruppert were here," another cried. "He knew how to handle these French deviates."

"Yes, his alliance with Italy and Austria had the bastards stymied. That's why Stabfast had him murdered. He knew the King's brother was mentally unfit. It was easy for that devil Stabfast to bend his weak mind to his evil sway."

"But what do we do?" another queried.

"It's simple. Royal or not, King or not, Marked Dumbell must die, and the sooner the better. And then can come our reckoning with Devil Stabfast. He has alot to account for."

Fade.

ANOTHER LETTER

From Stan Johnson:

I was shocked to hear you say DOGS#21 might be your last game. Heaven forbid! I hoped you were the new improved Boardman. I promise to start coming to conventions if you keep DOGS going.

((That sounds like a good deal. Keep in mind that even if I started no new games, I would still be publishing for two years just to finish the games that are already running. Does that mean I'll be seeing you at Marycon next year?))

THE STANDBY LIST

I had to tap into the standby list this issue for the first time in a long while and I discovered it's long overdue for a checkup. So, let me know if you want on or off: Dan Gorham, Steve Heinowski, Robert Jewett, Stan Johnson, Steve Knight, Stephen Lee, Ken Iverson, Al Ross, Norm Schwartz, and Rod Walker.

Following Spring moves Turkey retreated F Ion-Mas.

ENGLAND (Tim Burton): f swe*den; f nth-LON; f EDI-clly.

FRANCE (Jim Grosch): a DEN s RUSSIAN f nwy-swe; a KIE s a den; a PIC-bel
a HOL-bel; f CLY-edi; f eng-NTH; f bre-ENG; f mid-NAT;
f SPA(sc) s a mar; a MAR s f spa(sc).

ITALY (Mark Rowell): a apu-VEN; f tyh-NAP; f TUN s AUSTRIAN f ion (otm).

AUSTRIA (Steve Knight): a LVA s RUSSIAN a war-mos; a SIL hold; a GAL-ukr
a vie-BUD; a RUM-sev; a BUL-con; a ser-GRE; a ALB s a ser-gre;
f ION-aeg.

RUSSIA (Brent Adams): f nwy-SWE; a fin-STP; a war-MOS.

TURKEY (Jake Walters): a mos* s RUSSIAN a war; a UKR s RUSSIAN a war(otm)
a SEV-rum; a gre*con; f AEG c a gre-con; f EAS-ion.

England must retreat F Swe to Ska, Bot, Bal or otm. Turkey's
A Gre and A Mos are annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

E - edi, lon, spa	(2) remove 1
F - home, spa, por, bel, kie, hol, den, lpl	(10) even
I - ven, rom, tun, <u>nap</u>	(4) build 1
A - home, ser, ber, mun, rum, bul, <u>gre</u> , spa	(9) even
R - stp, war, nwy, <u>swe</u> , <u>mos</u>	(5) build "2"
T - home, sev, spa , spa	(4) even

Note that Russia only has room for one build. The retreat, Winter
orders and Spring moves will be due together at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday,
September 8. Press follows.

NO DATELINE: Death to the Austrian pigs! Russia and Turkey shall
assure a victory for the French.

ROME to PEANUT GALLERY: I'm not complaining, although I guess it may
have sounded like it. I'm just amazed I made it this far. In fact,
if someone would arrange to convoy a Russian unit into my area I
would appreciate it. That way I could say I had fought everybody.

JOKE TIME

A man walked into a jewelry store to do a little brousing around.
Like many jewelry stores, this one had a large display of fancy, windup
clocks. The man noticed that none of the clocks were running. Out of
curiosity, he asked the sales clerk why this was so. The salesman
responded, "We will wind no time before it sells."

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

"What's Your Excuse?" is the invention of a Texan named Mason
Zelazny. Invented for people who sometimes need a good excuse for
not being where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be
there, "What's Your Excuse" is a custom pay-phone booth offering a
choice of 14 taped background sounds to enhance whatever tall story
the caller thinks he can get way with. The customer puts a dollar into
the machine before starting a call, and selects a soundtrack. The most
popular ones spice up such time-honored excused as the traffic jam, auto
trouble at a service station and being delayed in an airport or restaur-
ant. But the booth offers some exotic excuses, like battle noises,
jail house noises and sounds of a cattle drive.

The next time you try to call in late moves explaining that you're
stuck in a cattle drive, don't forget to tell me how you found a phone
booth on the open range!

1982HB

ITALY PACKS 'EM IN

FALL 1908

Following Spring moves Turkey retreated F Nap to Apu.

ENGLAND (Blaine Fowers): NMR! a STP, a DEN, a YOR, a HOL, f NTH, f HEL, f SKA and f BAL hold; f mos*hold.

FRANCE (Dave Marshall): f MID hold; a bel-BUR; a PIE hold; f LYO s a pie; a tus-ROM; a NAP s a tus-rom; f TYH s a nap; f TUN-ion.

GERMANY (Neil Daly): a MUN s a kie; a BER s a kie; a KIE s a ber; a WAR s RUSSIAN a sev-mos.

AUSTRIA (Norm Schwartz): f alb-ADR; a ven-TUS; a TYO s a tri-ven; a tri-VEN; a bud-GAL; a rum-SEV; a UKR s RUSSIAN a sev-mos; a boh-SIL.

RUSSIA (Stephen Lee): a sev-MOS.

TURKEY (Dan Gorham): f ION-nap; f APU s f ion-nap; f AEG-ion; f con-BLA.

The English A Mos retreats to Lva. The supply center chart is below.

E - home, nwy, swe, stp, den, hol, mos	(8) remove 1
F - home, spa, bel, por, tun, rom, <u>nap</u>	(9) build 1
G - home, war	(4) even
A - home, ser, gre, ven, bul, rum, <u>sev</u>	(9) build 1
R - <u>mos</u> , st	(1) even
T - home, st	(3) remove 1

Winter moves are due with the Spring moves at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8. Dave Marshall has resigned his French position. Taking his place will be Robert Jewett (101 Cooper Lane, Stafford, VA 22554). I don't expect Blaine to miss again since he's having so much fun squashing my little brother, so no standby will be called. Note that Neil will be out of town until the end of August. Press follows.

RUSSIA: We vote no to the alleged Austrian unit in Rumania, not to mention any rumor of a unit in Sevastopole.

GERMANY to ENGLAND: Don't you think we could talk this over?

LITTLE DRUNK GUY (BLEEDING) to VERY UNHAPPY LARGE GUY (WITH CLENCHED FISTS): Don't you think we could talk this over?

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