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The successful man's destiny is determined, in large measure, by what he is able to get other people to do.

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The latest issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD contains an article on the new (1983) rulebook for Diplomacy. There have been some changes in the rules concerning convoys and I would like to discuss them. Rule XII.4 now reads: "MORE THAN ONE CONVOY ROUTE. If the orders as written permit more than one route by which the convoyed army could proceed from its source to its destination, the order is not void on account of this ambiguity; and the army is not prevented from moving due to dislodgement of fleets, unless all of the routes are disrupted." The old rule stated that a convoy would fail if the convoying army was given more than one convoy route. I've never seen it happen, but with the old rule a player could mess up an opponent's convoy simply by writing orders to convoy the same army by a different route. The new rule prevents this, but now a player can insure the success of his convoy by giving it two or more routes, and an opponent would have to disrupt all routes to stop the convoy.

Rule XII.6 has also been changed: "BOTH A CONVOY ROUTE AND AN OVERLAND ROUTE. If an army could arrive at its destination either overland or by convoy, one route must be considered and the other disregarded, depending upon intent as shown by the totality of the orders written by the player governing the army." Without this rule, a player's move of A Bel-Hol could be made to fail by an opponent ordering F Nth C A Bel-Hol and then "accidentally" also writing F Nth hold. This double-ordering disrupts the only convoy route, but with the new rule the gamemaster can assume that the convoy wasn't wanted by the player so it becomes irrelevant.

Maybe you don't think this stuff is too big a deal. But imagine a case where a clever player provides an "unwanted convoy" under the old rules. The gamemaster is stuck: strictly following the old rules, the clever player gets away with his plan to stop his opponent's moves, but the other guy swears he's been cheated. That's the stuff that arbitrations are made of, and arbitrations can disrupt a game.

Another rule change involves a situation I discussed back in DOGS#58. Rule XII.5 now reads: "A CONVOYED ATTACK DOES NOT CUT CERTAIN SUPPORTS. If a convoyed army attacks a fleet which is supporting an action in a body of water; and that body of water contains a convoying fleet, that support is not cut." That rule provides this adjudication:

FRANCE: A Tun-Rom; F Tyh C A Tun-Rom (dislodged); A Tus S A Tun-Rom.

ITALY: F Ion-Tyh; F Rom S F Ion-Tyh

Actually, this is the same way things turned out under the old rule;

the new rule is really just a change in the wording of the old rule intended to clarify things. But there's still a problem that the 1983 rules don't address. I'll let Rod Walker take over from here....

#### THE CONVOYED STAND-OFF

It has been stated in DOGS OF WAR (#58, p. 7) that this is the correct adjudication of the following orders:

- A. FRANCE: A Tun-Rom, F Tyn C A Tun-Rom (dislodged), A Tus S A Tun-Rom.  
ITALY: F Rom-Tyn, F Ion S F Rom-Tyn.

Not so. This situation is a standoff...or at least it is arguably one. And that is how I rule it; so that John's suggestion of hobby unanimity on this point is at least a wee bit in error.

To understand how a standoff could occur here, we must first turn to a variant of this situation, the one which appeared first in John's example in DOW 58:

- B. FRANCE: A Tun-Rom, F Tyn C A Tun-Rom, A Tus S A Tun-Rom  
ITALY: F Ion-Tyn, F Rom S F Ion-Rom.

In this situation, one must rule that F Tyn is dislodged and the convoy disrupted. John cites as the reason, "that the convoying army is unable to protect the convoying fleet". For reasons detailed in DIPLOMACY WORLD #35, this language is no longer valid as a reference to the Rulebook. However, regardless of the language, the point is, why is the ruling made in that way?

The question of how to rule on this situation arose early in hobby history. What do you do when a convoyed attack is attacking a space which contains a fleet which is in turn supporting an attack on one of the convoying fleets? At that time, debate centered on the concept of where the attack was coming from, as a means to determine whether support was cut. In the above situation, for instance, was the attack coming from Tun (in which case the support of F Rom is cut) or from Tyn (in which case it is not unless it is dislodged...but in those days it was possible to rule that the support of a dislodged unit was still valid).

Steve Cartier (who then played and published mostly under his well-known nom de guerre "Dan Brannan") proposed a ruling to solve the problem. That was, "a convoyed attack comes from the direction of the last convoying fleet". This solved the problem...the support of F Rom was not cut. The problem first appeared in something like the form of "B" above, but without the support of A Tus. Here, clearly, F Tyn was dislodged, and the attack Tun-Rom would have failed anyway. With the support of A Tus added, the situation is more complicated, but the general ruling is still, F Tyn is dislodged.

What we have here is a particular situation, but do we have a general ruling? My contention is that we do. The Rulebook wording about "does not protect the convoying fleet" was adopted in 1970 for the 1971 edition as a way of giving effect to the particular situation but avoiding the larger implications of the ruling that lay behind it. (It's no secret, I'm sure, that Allan Calhamer does not like Brannan's Rule.) The new wording, that "a convoyed attack does not cut certain supports", is in fact weaker than the old one, and neither wording in any way negates Brannan's Rule.

So now we turn to situation "A". Now the convoyed army is not attacking a supporting fleet, but one that is attacking back. That is, it is attacking the fleet that is convoying the army. But the convoyed attack...the army, that is...is coming from the direction of the convoying fleet. We then have two attacks (Tyn-Rom and Rom-Tyn) each with one valid support. What is the result when you have two units, each trying to enter the space of the other and each equally well supported? A stand-off. And that's how this situation ("A") should be ruled.

I do not expect this interpretation of the game to be popular. It never

has been. However, I do wish to make the point that there is an alternative to the ruling presented (for situation "A") in DOGS OF WAR (and many places elsewhere). And, further, it should be clear that this ruling has a sound basis within the Rules as well as general game philosophy...and that is more particularly true under the rulebook text which is now the official one.

I may be, for all I know, a minority of 1 within the hobby. I know of no one else who espouses this ruling...despite its venerable and credible antecedents in 16 years of hobby history. And here I am, still crusading for it. I hope there are others who, yet, will join this minority who see Brannan's Rule as a simple but elegant solution to convoy problems.

((Well, hopefully I'll never see situation "A" in a DOGS game so I won't have to worry about it. But until Avalon Hill addresses the problem in the next rulebook, I'll stick with my original ruling that the French F Tyh is dislodged. I like to be in the majority. (Except in my job where the Equal Employment Opportunity people make me wish I was a black female).))

((As for the new rules I discussed earlier, they will be adopted immediately for all DOGS games, mainly because I think they are more fair than the rules they replace.))

#### ENDGAME WRAPUP

1981IA:THE DOGS OF WAR (Daly)

	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	
A -	4	3	3	4	4	6	5	6	7	7	7	5	2*	0	
E -	4	3	1	0	-										
F -	5	6	7	8	9	11	14	12	12	13	13	14	16	18	WINS!
G -	6	6	7	8	11	11	11	13	12	12	13	14	15	16	
I -	5	5	6	6	7	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1*	0	
R -	6	6	6	5	0	-									
T -	4	5	4	3	3	3	1	0	-						* denotes played one short

A: Stan Johnson (out F14). E: Harold Carter (out F04). F: Dan Stafford (win F14). G: Mark Rowell. I: Porter Wightman (out F14). R: Terry Suitor (out F05). T: Peter McDonald (out F08).

John Daly (Gamemaster): 1981IA (DOGS#13) began on September 18, 1981 and ended on October 26, 1983 with a win for Dan Stafford's France. Despite the length of the game, no standbys were used. That's more amazing than anything else that happened. Congratulations to Dan on the win and to Mark for doing so well. Thanks to Stan and Porter for staying with the fight.

Dan Stafford (France): My basic strategy when entering into a new Dip game is to form a strong alliance on my side of the board, preferably one that doesn't leave a strong "corner" power at my back, while discouraging the formation of any strong alliance on the other side of the board. And although I probably shouldn't take all of the credit, this game stands as a shining example of the superiority of that strategic approach.

In the west I found the German player very cooperative, so I dedicated myself to a campaign against England with my favorite opening: F Mid-Eng; A Mar-Spa; A Par-Gas.

The east played along without any "help" from me: Turkey hit Russia and Italy stabbed Austria in 1901. In 1902 it got even better: both R and T decided to attack Austria while continuing to fight each other! Unfortunately, Italy supported Turkey into Greece, and it began to look

as if a power-to-be-reckoned-with might actually emerge from that mess. But that was easily remedied when Turkey built a fleet. I was able to convince Italy of the threat from the east and in 1903 he turned on the Turk. Perfect! That move insured that all the eastern powers would outlive England.

With England virtually gone, in 1904 Phase II began - Germany turned east against Russia while I did the same against Italy. Both attacks were well set-up so that by the end of 1905 Russia was out and Italy was on the ropes.

1906 saw further advances by F/G into Eastern Europe, but it wasn't until 1907 that there were any political changes - I moved on Munich in that year. Had I made it, I should have been able to push on to a win (at that point the center count was 11 to 11), but Mark saw it coming and bounced me. My offensive peaked out 14. In 1908 all the remaining players (A-I-G) rallied against me, Germany cleverly slipping a fleet behind my lines.

I knew I would be able to hold in the south for a while, but Mark could force his way through in the north. Had the A/I/G alliance held up, I could have been eliminated in time.

But Germany was making all the gains so I was able to convince Stan (Austria) to move on Germany in the south. Mark immediately let up on me which led to a reformation of our alliance (but I had gained Bel' in the initial stab which I never gave back, while he did disband the fleet behind my lines in Lpl!)

From then on we worked toward a 17-17 draw as we moved to finish A&I. But at the last conceivable moment a chance to grab the 18th was presented and, alas, weak person that I am, I could not resist it.

Now that the game is over, will you, John, confirm that I did vote yes on the F/G draw every time that it was proposed except on the last turn?

((If you say so, but actions speak louder than draw proposals!))

Stan Johnson (Austria): This was an interesting game. I was attacked by Germany and Russia, then stabbed by Italy and Turkey, yet lived to tell the tale. Italy and I formed a good working relationship that carried me thru most of the game. I came out from under his wing when he suggested giving up the game to F-G. I temporarily drove a wedge thru their alliance but my seizure of Rumania sent Germany back into the French camp. Mark disappointed me by throwing the game. I thought Porter Wightman and Dan Stafford played especially good games.

Terry Suitor (Russia): You could easily subtitle this game, How Not To Play The East, considering what happened. This game started out to me with an easily seen attack by Turkey upon me, however I moved badly and it left me in a poor position the rest of the game. Also a mistake in a letter to Austria had him moving to Gal, expecting a bounce that never came. Despite the poor start, I was able to turn Austria to the south, while getting Italian and German help for invading Austria. However, everything unraveled here, as Italy decided to be much more independent leaving me in a quite poor position with two enemies and only a single German unit for support. After a short time of stalemate on the Eastern front, France and Germany turned east, with Germany grabbing all of the north. Germany then offered me survival, which I accepted, but then missed a move which saw me eliminated.

Despite my poor showing, I can say that it was a very good learning experience. Next time I get into a game, I will try for a better alliance, and spend more time on the game. Congratulations to Dan for a well earned win, and to all the other players, except Turkey, for making it an enjoyable game, and to John for his usual superb GMing.

## TWO LAST 1981IA ENDGAME STATEMENTS

Porter Wightman (Italy): So its over for me. By the time you read this it will be over for you, too. This game started out fairly well for me. Johnson's reputation was quickly established and much of the early diplomacy centered around what to do about him. I ended up attacking him because he was extremely vague in reply to my third and fourth letters which had details for an assault on Turkey.

It turned out that trying to deal with McDonald was nigh on impossible. He was abusive and demanding; generally a real TURKEY. Therefore I allied with Stan and put McDonald out of the game. The time I had wasted allied with McDonald, however, gave France and Germany the time they needed to dispose of their chosen target, England, and deploy in our direction before we could swing around to defend. My only hope at this point was that F/G would break up. This never materialized. As I write this it looks like an F/G draw. I guess it was Stan who was always vetoing the draws because I voted for them every time I remembered there was a proposal.

Congratulations to Mark, for staying with the game through what seemed like a dozen address changes, to Sleaze for his usual sleazy success, and to John for the great GMing. To Stan, too bad we couldn't ally when we could have been on the offensive. I think you need to do something about your early game letter writing - unless of course you had plans for my immediate demise that didn't pan out. To England, wherever you are, I think you might do better if you wrote. To Terry, you seemed okay to me, but I still don't understand all the badmouthing I heard about you from ALL sources in the game. To Peter, good riddance Captain, Esq., Sir or whatever your fertile imagination has for a title these days.

I wrote scores of letters in this game and I lost. I even got scores of letters in this game, too. Maybe I've found the secret! Don't write, don't worry about not hearing from your allies. Just propose draws and call people up at 6:00am their time as I did in my game in HOOF & MOUTH. I got a four way draw that way. I wrote four letters and received one the whole time I played that game! In this game I wrote 22 letters to A, 7 to E, 14 to F, 15 to G, 13 to R, and 11 to T. I received 34 from A, 2 from E, 14 from F, 15 from G, 15 from R, and 15 from T. Ah well, better luck next time, right?

Mark Rowell (Germany): Dan, congratulations - you deserved the win. I played a lousy game diplomatically and was lucky to finish the game in the running. I should have listened to you in the end, Stan, but you are not any easier to deal with than Dan is. Porter, I am really sorry we ended up on opposite sides of the fence, perhaps if we had worked closely early things would have turned out better for both of us.

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IT'S ALL OVER

FALL 1910

The proposal for an E/F draw has passed unanimously. Congratulations to Blaine Fowers and Brent Adams on their fine finishes.

The endgame stats will be printed next issue along with any endgame statements you may want to send in.

### A LETTER TO JOHN MICHALSKI FROM MARK ROWELL

Turkey, huh? This sure is a tough hobby. People you have never played against call you names. On the other hand my memory could have failed me. If so, you sure made a big impression on me!

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TEMPORARY DEADLOCK

WINTER 1900  
SPRING 1907

Nothing A Little Good Guessing Can't Undo

FRANCE (Ben Schilling): Even; a BUR s GERMAN a ber-mun; a PIE-ven;  
a NAF-tun; f WES s f lyo-tyh; f LYO-tyh.

GERMANY (Eric Diamond): Build A Ber; a MUN-sil; a BER-mun; f SKA-swe;  
a RUH s a ber-mun; a DEN s f ska-swe; a EDI-nwy; f lpl-CLY;  
f NTH c a edi-nwy; f BAL-bot.

ITALY (Terry Richwine): Even; a TUN hold; f ROM s AUSTRIAN f nap-tyh  
(nso).

AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): Even; a SIL s a boh; a BOH s a sil;  
a TYO s a apu-ven; a ven-TUS; a TRI s a tyo; a rum-BUL;  
a apu-VEN; f NAP s f ion-tyh; f ION-tyh.

RUSSIA (Jake Walters): Build F Stp(sc); f STP(sc)-bot; a MOS-stp;  
f NWY s a swe; a SWE s f nwy; a FIN s a swe; a WAR s a pru;  
a PRU s AUSTRIAN a sil; a CON hold; f AEG-ion.

Fall moves are due at 1:00 p.m. on December 28. Press follows.  
GERMANY to RUSSIA: Draw...Hah! I have not yet begun to fight.

FORMER TURKEY Ben, when I left this game four years ago you had the  
same position.

FORMER TURKEY to GERMANY: Go get them, Eric.

PARIS to GM: There was another fellow who had the nerve to act on  
what he thought was best. Perhaps you've heard of him. His name  
was Adolph Hitler.

GM to PARIS: Yeah, but Adolph was wrong.

ANONYMOUS REPUBLICAN: Forsake Bonzo Reagan; forget George Bush;  
forgive "I'm not a crook" Nixon; support Stassen in '84. (I have a  
weakness for underdogs).

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FRANCE & GERMANY GUESS CORRECTLY  
RUSSIA & TURKEY DEALT SETBACKS

WINTER 1909  
SPRING 1910

Following Fall moves Germany retreated F Nwy-Ska. All proposals  
failed.

FRANCE (John Michalski): Build F Bre; f bre-MID; f ENG s f bre-mid;  
f mid-POR; f spa(sc)-MAR; a GAS s f spa(sc)-mar.

GERMANY (Ken Iverson): Even; f SKA s f bal-swe; f BAL-swe;  
a BUR s FRENCH f spa(sc)-mar; a KIE s a tyo-mun; a RUH s a tyo-  
mun; a tyo-MUN; f HOL s a kie.

RUSSIA (Ed Menders): Build F Stp(nc) and A War; f STP(nc)-nwy;  
a NWY-swe; a FIN s a nwy-swe; a PRU s f ber; a war-SIL;  
a sil-BOH; a mun\*bur; a vie-TYO; f BER hold; f LYO s TURKISH  
a tus-spa.

TURKEY (Dan Stafford): Even; f WES c a tus-spa; f NAF-mid; a mar\*gas;  
a PIE-mar; a tus-SPA; f apu-VEN; a TRI s RUSSIAN a vie-tyo;  
f TYH c a tus-spa; f ION (unordered) hold; f AEG (unordered)  
hold; f CON (unordered) hold; a SER (unordered) hold.

The Turkish A Mar and the German A Mun are annihilated. Please  
vote on an R/T and an F/G/R/T draw with your Fall moves, which are due  
at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28. Press is on the middle of  
the next page.

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AUSTRIA GOES DOWN FIGHTING

FALL 1902

ENGLAND (Al Ross): f NTH-lon; f nwg-CLY; f SKA-nwy; a den\*swe.

FRANCE (Eric Kane): a PIC-lon; f ENG c a pic-lon; f mid-IRI; a GAS s a bur; a BUR s GERMAN a bel.

GERMANY (Terry Richwine): f bal-DEN; a KIE s f bal-den; a ruh-MUN; a BEL hold; f HOL-nth.

ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura): a VEN-tri; a tri-SER; a GRE s a tri-ser; f tyh-TUN; f ION s a gre.

AUSTRIA (Stan Johnson): a rum\*bud; f ALB-tri.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): a BUD s ITALIAN a tri-ser; a UKR s f sev-rum; f sev-RUM; a war-GAL; f NWY-ska; f SWE s f nwy-ska.

TURKEY (Guy Hail): a ser\*s RUSSIAN a ukr-rum (nso); a ANK hold; f BLA s f con-bul(sc); f con-BUL(sc).

The following units are annihilated: England's A Den, Austria's A Rum and Turkey's A Ser. The supply center chart is below.

E - home, <del>xxx</del>	(3) even
F - home, spa, por	(5) even
G - home, bel, hol, <u>den</u>	(6) build 1
I - home, tri, gre, <u>ser</u> , <u>tun</u>	(7) build 2
A - <del>xxx</del> , <del>xxx</del> , <del>xxx</del>	(0) remove 1
R - home, swe, vie, <u>nwy</u> , <u>rum</u> , <u>bud</u>	(9) build 3
T - home, bul	(4) build 1

Winter orders are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. Spring moves will then be due at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28. Press follows.

PARIS to LONDON: Somehow, I always feel so guilty whenever I do something like this, please don't be too mad with me. Sheesh, I'm such a heel!

GERMANY: The Kaiser is happy to announce the dawn of an era of French-German cooperation. (Of course, if he moved against Bel this move, he's a pig.)

ITALY to SERBIA: Sorry about the attack but too many of our medical students were in potential danger. Our marines had to be called in. From the halls of Matsumura to the shores of Italy...

WEST to EAST: Hey, what gives?! Who's allied to who???

EAST to WEST: We might ask the same thing!

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FRANCE to GERMANY: Can't afford to write back much, but we're agreeable. Thanks.

RUSSIA to TURKEY: Congratulations on the 1981IA game.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: Sorry, Ken, can't do it. France is running out of centers to give you. Shouldn't be too long now.

ROCKWELL: Just noticed that I missed a draw proposal. Please vote on an F/G/R/T draw, an R/T draw and a G/R/T draw.

LETTERS

From Steve Knight:

Not oodles to say here, as the deadline approacheth, but I hope you're doing well.

Stop me if you've heard this one: Sam and Gladys Carrot were walking along the street one day, when suddenly Gladys slipped through a grating in the sidewalk, knocking her unconscious. An ambulance was quickly summoned and Gladys was rushed to surgery, where a team of doctors labored to revive her while Sam paced up and down the waiting room. After several long hours, the chief surgeon came out of the operating room. "I have some good news and some bad news for you, Mr. Carrot. The good news is that Gladys will live. The bad news is that I'm afraid she'll be a vegetable all her life."

How's that for blatant? Take care.

((That's blatant all right.))

From Terry Suitor:

Yes, I am still alive if you're wondering what happened to me. I have enjoyed the past few issues, your letter columns seem to be almost as important as the game results. Anyway, keep up the good zine. I have a joke that seems somewhat relevant, namely: What do you call E.T.'s pregnant sister? E.Z.!

((Thanks for the letter. Good to hear from you again.))

From John Caruso:

I guess I can understand why you haven't written - between work, farming and making babies - but a note on the outside of the zine. Not even that!

Are you going to be in NY over Thanksgiving? We are having a Turkey Con - we are going to serve "Olsen", with apples, baked potatoes, hush puppies (all farmer types love hush puppies). You are welcome to come, as are any DOGS subbers. Others promising to attend, besides Bob Olsen, are Mike Mazzer, Pat Conlon, Jim Bob Burges, James Woodsen, Tom Swider, Mike Barno, Pat Pakel, Jeff Bohner, Carl Russell, Bruce Linsey, and a Grouch named Jim Makue, plus others too numerous to mention, plus the regulars. Oh, can't forget to mention Don Ditter, Lee Kendter Sr., and Robert Sacks. It should be fun. We may even get a MW surprise!

Take care, best wishes and hope to see you sometime soon.

((I won't be able to make it up to NY, but anyone else who's interested can call John at (212) 353-9695. He and Kathy live in Flushing on Long Island, a few miles from Shea Stadium. When John and Kathy hold a con, it's usually worth attending. Maybe somebody who goes can find out what an MW surprise is.))

From Kathy Byrne:

Dear Dong (oops, I forgot the Ding),  
Dear Ding Dong (now that sounds better),

I have another complaint. It was very nice of you to print the Player Poll ballot after we forced you to do it. Now may I ask why you didn't vote? I suggest you do so or I'll ask Larry Peery to run a poll about you!

As for your story about the "L's" being in with the "M's", why not use my alphabetical order - Martin is under "C" for Crud, Bob Olsen is under "H" for Honey, John Michalski is under "T" for Toots, and you really luck out - you're under "D" for Ding Dong!

Don't bother thanking me for all the helpful hints, you need all the help you can get!

((I don't know why I put up with this abuse.))

## LISTING OF LOST GAMES

The following games have been "lost" by the BNC. That is, there is no present notion if or where these games are being run. If you can fill in any of the blank spaces regarding these games, that would be a great help both to the BNC and the Orphan Service. If you recognize any of these, please contact Kathy Byrne (160-02 43rd Ave, Flushing, NY 11358) if the game has been finished or totally abandoned by players and GM alike; or Scott Hanson (233 Oak Grove, #306, Minneapolis, MN 55403) or Dick Martin (26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854) if there is any hope of restarting an orphan. If the game still happens to be running, or has ended with a final chart and all the usual amenities, please contact Kathy with that info. Thanks.

The number of "lost" games may surprise you, it surprised me. Following is a listing, by year, of lost games. First is the Boardman number, followed by the year the game began in, and then the original GM. Thanks for any leads this may help turn up go to Don Ditter, who compiled the original version of this list.

<u>BN 1978</u>	<u>ZEEN</u>	<u>GM</u>
N	Arrakis	Hayward
x	Claw & Fang	Weswig
ch	Claw & Fang	Forte
fa	Claw & Fang	Baumeister
hc	Claw & Fang	Weswig
b	Cum Grand Salis	Parkanyi
d	Cum Grand Salis	Parkanyi
kb	General Stab	Dumas
kn	Le Front	Oaklyn
am	Master Machiavellian	Kershaw
ai	Mixumaxu Gazette	Lipton
cy	Mixumaxu Gazette	Lipton
kp	Mixumaxu Gazette	Lipton
fe	Non Sequitur	Jarvinen
cv	Pink Dragon	Van Caem
iq	Pink Dragon	Palter
hi	Podunk News	Hartwig
hx	Ruritania	Watson
hm	Stratosphere	Fabry
hb	Suicide	Cook
fh	Vanguard	Hill
al	Wargamer's Tabloid	Evans
ad	Warmonger	Callahan
ck	Warmonger	Moon
ij	Warmonger (abandoned?)	Rowland
1979ah	Against the Odds	Reges
ch	Arrakis	Head
q	Brouhaha	White
x	Claw & Fang	McMillie
cx	Claw & Fang	Lowenstern
aj	The Diplomat	Stapel
am	The Diplomat	Stapel
ay	The Diplomat	Kypanides
cc	General Stab	Dumas
kj	General Stab	Dumas
cy	Havoc	Gottesman
it	Havoc	Gottesman

<u>BN 1979</u>	<u>ZEEN</u>	<u>GM</u>
j, p	LDNS	Jones
ap	Passchendaele	Cuerrier
i	Warmonger	Rowland
1980ai	C. A. B.	La Breche
hu, kj	Black Frog	Masters
aa	Claw & Fang	Horton
lc	Gregory Dick	Dick
iq	Invasion	Schnier
hn	(no zeen)	Lazaro
cp	Le Front	Oaklyn
ld	Plague Times	Bates
h	Ruritania	Watson
lg, lh, li,		
lj, lk	Tel Amifar Journal	Stewart
ht	Tetracuspid	Blasland
kf	(no zeen)	Tyler
1981ar	Born to Dip (abandoned?)	Wilson
cb	(no zeen)	Dick
iw, iy	Field of Fire	Fry
kg	Le Front	Stafford
ca	Plague Times	Bates
m	White Duke	Shaddix
hb	xerox internet	Woods

That's all I have at the moment. If possible, it would be nice to see this list reprinted a few times rather than the latest rating system (hint hint). Maybe it'll do some good, who knows?

Some of these games look like they may just have been lost in a fold, like Tel Amifar Journal. Some never got off the ground, like 81AR. A few probably ended, but the BNC just didn't get a copy for one reason or another. Others were just plain overlooked when the endgame reports were run. Whatever the reason, we don't know what happened to these games. Please help us out! Thanks. --DM

1983Z

AUSTRIA & ITALY MIX IT UP  
Germany & France Roll On

WINTER 1904  
SPRING 1905

Following Fall moves Germany retreated A Sil to Pru and Austria retreated A Tyo to Ven. The Russian F Swe and the English F Lon were removed because no retreats were received.

ENGLAND (Tom Thorsen): Even; f edi-NWG; a nwy\*hold.

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): Built F Mar; a tyo-PIE; f MAR s a tyo-pie; a SPA s f mar; f WES hold; f lon-NTH; f ENG s f lon-nth; a lpl-CLY.

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): Built A Ber; f nth-NWY; f SKA s f nth-nwy; a swe-FIN; f bal-SWE; a pru-LVA; a hol-RUH; a BER s a mun; a MUN s a ber.

ITALY (Bob Smith): Removed A Smy; a pie\*mar; f LYO s a pie-mar; f TYH-wes; f aeg-GRE.

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): Built A Bud; a ven-TYO; a TRI s a ven-tyo; a vie-BOH; a GAL s a vie-boh; a bud-VIE; a ser-ALB; a bul-SER; f gre-ION.

RUSSIA (David Blaylock): Plays one short; NMR! a SIL, a STP, f RUM and f ANK hold.

Italy must retreat A Pie to Tus, Ven or otb. The English A Nwy is annihilated. The deadline for Fall orders is 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28. Standing by for David will be Dan Gorham (800 South Euclid St., Fullerton, CA 92632). Press follows.

FRANCE to GERMANY: Just a precautionary measure. If you keep your armies away from me, I'll keep my fleets away from you.

VIENNA to PARIS: How can I achieve a five-way draw in checkers?

1982N

CAN RUSSIA BE STOPPED?  
As England Misses

WINTER 1912  
SPRING 1913

Following Fall moves France retreated A Tyo to Ven.

ENGLAND (David Blaylock): NBR! NMR! f NWY, a HOL, f KIE, f BER, f NTH, f ENG, f MID, and f POR hold.

FRANCE (Terry Richwine): Removed A Bre and A Par; f tyh-NAP; f naf-TUN; f lyo-TYH; a PIE s f apu-ven; a ven-ROM; f APU-ven; a bel-RUH; a BUR s a bel-ruh; a gas-MAR.

RUSSIA (Stan Johnson): Built F Stp(nc); a rum-GAL; a bud-VIE; a ser-BUD; a vie-BOH; a MUN-ruh; a TYO s a tri-ven; a TRI-ven; a gal-SIL; a lva-PRU; f alb-ADR; f ION s f alb-adr; f con-AEG; f EAS s f ion; f gre-ALB; f STP(nc)-nwy.

The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28. Standing by for David will be Stephen Lee (23690 Doane Creek, Sheridan, OR 97378). Press follows.

PARIS to LONDON: We've got to get organized.

#### PLAYER NOTES

Will the holiday season upon us I'm extending the next deadline by a couple of weeks to give us some time to spend on non-diplomatic pursuits. I also want to avoid any problems with the postal service being slow this time of year. Since this is the last issue before the holidays hit, let me wish everybody season's greetings. Have a happy holiday!

FRANCE (Jim Grosch): f nwg-BAR; f nth-SKA; a DEN-swe; a RUH s a kie;  
a KIE s AUSTRIAN a ber; a MAR hold; f eng-NTH; a EDI hold;  
f nat-NWG; f MID s f wes; f LYO s f wes; f WES s ITALIAN f tun.

ITALY (Mark Rowell): f ion-EAS; a TUS hold; f nap-ION; f TUN hold.

AUSTRIA (Steve Knight): a BER s a sil-mun; a tri-TYO; a ALB hold;  
a gal-BOH; a RUM s RUSSIAN a ukr-sev (nso); a sil-MUN;  
a ser-TRI; a BUL-con; f GRE s TURKISH f eas-aeg.

RUSSIA (Brent Adams): a UKR s a mos-sev; a MOS-sev; f SWE-den;  
a NWY hold; a STP s a nwy.

TURKEY (Jake Walters): f eas-AEG; f CON s f eas-aeg; a SEV hold;  
a ARM s a sev.

F - home, spa, por, bel, kie, hol, den, lpl, edi, lon	(12) even
I - home, tun	(4) even
A - home, ser, ber, mun, rum, bul, gre	(9) even
R - stp, war, mos, swe, nwy	(5) even
T - home, sev	(4) even

Here's something you don't see every day. No Winter will be needed, so the deadline for Spring moves is 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28. Press follows.

BUDAPEST to ROCKWELL: "Steve Knight Returns." I like it. It's catchy; me and Douglas MacArthur. If you ever tire of being a redneck, and decide to look for a job as a press secretary....

ROCKWELL to BUDAPEST: Betty doesn't let me press secretaries.

BUDAPEST THEATRE PERFORMS ROBERT BOLT'S A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:

Rich: Why, do you suspect me of it?

More: I shall begin to.

DONE RUN OUT OF ROOM

So Betty's letter column will be held over until next issue. It's just as well - I needed to show her who was boss around here anyway.

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