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To be persuasive we must be believable; to be believable we must be credible; to be credible we must be truthful.

Edward R. Murrow

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

The big news this issue is the arrival of Stephen Roy Daly. He was born at 9:17 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, weighing in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. The birth came as quite a surprise. Three days before the baby was born the doctor told Betty that the date was at least two weeks away. So when Betty started having pains on Saturday, we figured it was nothing more than the baby stretching out a little. I went to work at 7:00 p.m. and a half hour later Betty called me to take her to the hospital. We got there at 8:15 p.m. for a hurried, but simple, birth. Betty wanted me present in the delivery room, so I got to see the whole thing. I didn't really want to get involved since I thought my place was to pace around the waiting room, but I'm glad now that I was present at the birth. It was all so overwhelming that I don't feel I can describe it properly. Definitely one of those "ya gotta be there" situations.

I've been giving the future of DOGS a lot of thought. The new, trimmed down version suits me well. And six games aren't too hard to handle, though I'd like to get down to four games eventually. So, I don't see DOGS folding in the near future. In fact, I plan to open up two more games in the spring, which is when a couple of the current games should end. Publishing is enjoyable, but the trick seems to be keeping the work load from getting too heavy. So far, so good.

The following is from a recent issue of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL....

## DEFENSE FROM AUDIO ATTACK

The Startler 5000 is the size of a small box of matches, easily concealed in pocket or purse. It's intended to end that annoying tinny sound leaking from headphones on buses and trains across the country. Push a small button and it produces a depressing jolt of static in the radio abuser's ears. Effective up to 20 feet.

The Samsonite Answerman looks like an ordinary briefcase and, in fact, is until a latch on the handle is pushed, activating a cassette player in the bottom. Now you can stroll up beside someone who has a blaring radio and shorten his/her life by a good 18 months. They'll never know what hit them. The Samsonite Answerman is armed with four terrifying sounds: a truck horn, a barking Doberman, a screaming woman and a 747 on liftoff. The horn seems to work best.

Ye Olde Vigilante Kit affords an old fashioned yet effective way to wage war against public radio playing. It is recommended for use only by those in top physical shape. Ye Olde Vigilante Kit requires two people to operate. One serves as a decoy, distracting the attention of the owner of the offending radio and his/her friends. The second person has all the fun, extracting a ball-peen hammer from Ye Kit along with the Clobberator (Pat. Pending), a combination hedge trimmer and vise. When properly employed, Ye Kit is guaranteed to crush, or at least seriously impair, the looks and performance of any radio of any size in any country.

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RUSSIA BREAKS THROUGH IN THE NORTH  
And F/G Alliance Feels The Pressure

WINTER 1910  
SPRING 1911

Following Fall moves Russia removed A Tyo. All the proposals failed.

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

GERMANY (Ken Iverson): Can't Build; f NTH-nwy; f SWE-den; a KIE-mun; a BUR s a kie-mun; a RUH s a kie-mun; a MUN-ber.

RUSSIA (Ed Menders): Built F Stp(sc); f stp(sc)-BOT; f bar-NWG; f BAL-den; f LYO s TURKISH a spa; a boh-SIL; a BER s a boh-sil; a PRU s a ber; a FIN-swe; a Nwy s a fin-swe.

TURKEY (Dan Stafford): Built A Smy; f AEG c a smy-ven; f ION c a smy-ven; f ADR c a smy-ven; a smy-VEN; a alb-TRI; f NAF-mid; a SPA hold; f WES s a spa; a PIE-mar; a tyo-BOH; f TYH s f wes; f CON (unordered) hold.

Fall orders are due at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20. Please vote on the following draw proposals: F/G/R/T, G/R/T and R/T. Press follows.

MOSCOW: Just a game of tactics now.

MOSCOW to GERMANY and FRANCE: If you don't want Turkey to win then vote for the draw. Otherwise....

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FRANCO-GERMAN ALLIANCE GAINS  
As Ionian Sea And Sweden Fall

WINTER 1907  
SPRING 1908

Following Fall moves Russia retreated F Nwy to Bar. The proposal for an F/G/A/R draw failed.

FRANCE (Ben Schilling): Even; a pie\*ven; a BUR s GERMAN a mun; a naf-TUN; f WES s a naf-tun; f tyh-ION.

GERMANY (Eric Diamond): Build A Kie; a KIE s a ber; a BER s a mun; a MUN s a ber; a RUH s a mun; a nwy-SWE; f SKA s a nwy-swe; a DEN s a nwy-swe; f BAL s a nwy-swe; f nth-NWY; f NWG-bar.

ITALY (Terry Richwine): Even; a tun\*nap; f rom-TYH.

AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): Even; a SIL s "GERMAN a pru"-ber (nsu); a BOH s a sil; a TYO s a ven-pie; a ven-PIE; a TUS s f nap-rom; a bul-GRE; a tri-VEN; f nap-ROM; f ion-NAP.

RUSSIA (Jake Walters): Remove F Aeg; a swe\*nwy; a FIN s a swe-nwy; f BAR s a swe-nwy; a STP s a swe-nwy; a PRU-ber; a LVA-swe; f BOT s a lva-swe; a CON hold.

The French A Pie must retreat to Mar or otb. The Italian A Tun and the Russian A Swe are annihilated. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20. Press follows.

GERMANY to GM: Best wishes for your newest arrival!

GM to GERMANY: Thanks!

GERMANY to RUSSIA: Congratulations on the new baby! I suggest that you keep her far away from Scandinavia, however, where the German blitzkrieg is in full operation.

ITALY: Army Tunis requests a blindfold and a cigarette.



Following Spring moves Russia retreated F Swe-Bot and A Nwy-Fin.  
 proposals all failed.

FRANCE (Jim Grosch): f WES s f naf-tun; f NAF-tun; f pie-LYO; a BUR-mun;  
 a RUH s a kie; a KIE s a den; a DEN s f swe; a NWY s f bar-stp(nc)  
f SWE s f nth-ska; f nth-SKA; f NWG s a nwy; f BAR-stp(nc).

ITALY (Mark Rowell): f TUN hold; f ION s f tun; f EAS-smy; a TUS hold.

AUSTRIA (Steve Knight): a BER s a mun; a MUN s a ber; a sil-WAR;  
 a TYO s a mun; a TRI tries to think of a witty (?) joke order;  
 a RUM hold; a alb-SER; a CON s ITALIAN f eas-smy; f GRE-aeg.

RUSSIA (Brent Adams): a SEV-arm; a MOS s a stp; a STP s a fin;  
 a FIN s f bot-swe; f BOT-swe.

TURKEY (Jake Walters): f AEG-con; f SMY s f aeg-con; a ARM-sev.

F - home, spa, por, bel, kie, hol, den, lpl, edi, lon,	(14) build 2
<u>nwy, swe</u>	
I - home, tun	(4) even
A - home, ser, ber, mun, rum, bul, gre, <u>war, con</u>	(11) build 2
R - stp, mos, <u>sev, <del>war</del>, <del>bot</del>, <del>stp</del></u>	(3) remove 2
T - smy, ank, <u><del>con</del>, <del>sev</del></u>	(2) remove 1

Winter and Spring orders are due together at 1:00 p.m. on Monday,  
 February 20. Please vote on a concession to France and an A/F draw.  
 Press follows.

BUDAPEST to ROCKWELL: Can't take the excitement of waiting for the end?  
 Tension so thick you can cut it with a feather...

ROCKWELL to BUDAPEST: I'm still curious to see how things turn out.

BUDAPEST to MOSCOW: No, tain't a move born of malice; rather, something  
 about a correlation between silence and receptivity to stabs...  
 something like that.

#### SOMETHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW

Ever wonder how the knights of old kept from rusting away? Of  
 course you have! Well, here's the answer...

During the Middle Ages armor consisted of mail - a mesh of inter-  
 locking steel rings. These rings could not possibly be cleaned by hand.  
 Instead, cleaning was done mechanically in a tumbling wooden barrel,  
 partly filled with sawdust, into which the rusty mail was dropped and  
 then rolled around for a half hour or so, until the friction of the rings  
 had rubbed the rust off and the sawdust had absorbed the dirt and grime.  
 After the dirty sawdust had been emptied out and replaced with clean  
 sawdust sprinkled with linseed oil, the mail was given a final spin to  
 acquire a protective film of oil. The sawdust in this last phase acted  
 to keep the rings from grinding each other too thin.

Plate armor, which gradually came into regular use after 1350,  
 presented a different problem. It could easily be cleaned by hand by  
 the knight's squire or page boy. Armor had to be mirror bright, and  
 therefore care had to be taken to rub it only with oily rags, not  
 scratchy abrasives, and to rub only in one direction, to give it a fine  
 luster. Rubbing in circular motion would result in a splotchy shine.  
 This care was rather bothersome on a campaign, of course, and for this  
 reason several methods of rust-proofing were employed. The most  
 spectacular (and expensive) was gilding of the exposed surfaces;  
 another was tinning, which was quite effective, but gave a rather dull

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RUSSIA MISSES A CRITICAL SEASON  
Europe Is A Mess

WINTER 1905  
SPRING 1906

Following Fall moves Russia failed to retreat A Stp so it was removed.

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): Built F Bre; f wes-TUN; a NAF s f wes-tun; f mid-SPA(sc); f bre-MID; f mar-LYO; a PIE s GERMAN a mun-tyo; a edi-BEL; f NTH c a edi-bel. 1700 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Ct., Gainesville, FL 32608

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): Built A Kie; a ber-PRU; a kie-BER; a hol-RUH; a mun-TYO; f swe-BAL; f den-HEL; f NWY hold; a LVA s a stp-mos; a stp-MOS. 13081 Wisteria Dr., Germantown, MD 20874

ITALY (Stephen Lee): Built F Nap; f nap-ION; f gre-AEG; f lyo-WES; f TYH s f lyo-wes. 23690 Dome Creek, Sheridan, OR 97378

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): Removed A Ser; f tun\*s ITALIAN f lyo-wes; a tri-VEN; a tyo\*s a tri-ven; a gal-UKR; a boh-MUN; a bud-GAL; a WAR s RUSSIAN a sil. 284 Wellington Rd, Webster, NY 14580

RUSSIA (David Blaylock): NBR; NMR; f BUL(ec), f CON and a SIL hold.

Austria must retreat A Tyo to Tri, Vie, Boh or otb. The Austrian F Tun is annihilated. The retreat and Fall orders are due at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20. Due to a rash of NMR's, I'm asking Steve Knight (#103, 11905 Winterthur Lane, Reston, VA 22091) to take over for David Blaylock. Press follows.

FRANCE to AUSTRIA: Apparently you and I look for the same thing in an ally: consistency.

FRANCE to ITALY: Consider me a rock and Austria a hard place.

FRANCE to GM: Congrats on the newborn. How many does that make now?

GM to FRANCE: Stephen's the first.

DEUTSCHLAND to ROCKWELL: Congratulations on the new addition to the family!

ROCKWELL to MIKE: Thanks. With all you guys out there wishing the little feller well, how can he lose.

DEUTSCHLAND to AUSTRIAN JUGGERNAUGHT: All right, since you refuse to accept the proposed Ausschluss, we will have to use much stronger methods of coercion.

DEUTSCHLAND to ITALIAN PERSON: Mussolini, where are you?

YOU'VE REALLY READ IT THIS FAR?

gray sheen. The most widely used method was blackening the surface. This could be done simply by painting the surface (before the final polishing that was done for "white" armor) with oil paint, or by smearing the hammer-rough surface with a thick layer of oil, and putting the plate over a fire. The oil burnt into the surface and made a durable black protective coating. This black armor was popular with mercenaries or "free-lance" knights who were unable or unwilling to pay the wages of a squire. This is also one of the reasons why the Black Knight in the romances of chivalry is a loner - he did not need to have a squire to polish his armor because it was already rustproof.

Now aren't you glad you learned all this? The next time you're down at the pub quaffing a few frosty lagers and the topic of conversation turns to rusty knights of old, you'll be able to impress the heck out of everybody.

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ITALY AND RUSSIA ARE SITTING PRETTY

FALL 1903

ENGLAND (Al Ross): NMR! f LPL hold; f SKA hold; f lon\*hold.

FRANCE (Eric Kane): a wal-LON; f ENG s a wal-lon; a bur-MAR; a gas-SPA; f NAT-mid.

GERMANY (Terry Richwine): f NTH-edi; a DEN s ENGLISH f ska-swe (nso); f BER hold; a MUN s f ber; a bel-RUH; f hol-KIE.

ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura): a PIE s FRENCH a gas-mar (nso); a BUL s a gre; a GRE s a bul; f NAF-mid; f tus-LYO; f tyh-WES; f aeg-SMY.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): f SEV s f rum-bla; f rum-BLA; a PRU s a sil-ber; a SIL-ber; a vie-TYO; a gal-BOH; f NWG-edi; f NWY s f swe; f SWE s ENGLISH f ska-den (nso).

TURKEY (Guy Hail): a ank-ARM; f CON s f bla-bul(ec); f bla\*bul(ec).

Turkey must retreat F Bla to Ank or otb. The English F Lon is annihilated because of the NMR. The supply center chart follows.

E - edi, lpl, <del>lpl</del>	(2) even
F - home, spa, por, <u>lon</u>	(6) build 1
G - home, bel, hol, den	(6) even
I - home, tri, gre, ser, tun, <u>bul</u> , <u>smv</u>	(9) build 2
R - home, swe, vie, nwy, rum, bud	(9) even
T - con, ank, <del>ank</del> , <del>ank</del>	(2) remove 1

The deadline for the retreat, Winter and Spring orders is 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20. Press follows.

PARIS to ROME: Nice stab. Let's see how long Uncle Danny leads you along.

PARIS to ST. PETE: How do you do it?

BERLIN to DOCTOR: I have this sharp pain in my back.

DOCTOR to BERLIN: Don't turn your back on the Czar; and never bend over in front of him.

BREST to CON: Hold on, buddy!

BREST to ENGLAND: Sorry things didn't work out, but the situation demanded what I did.

OH YEAH: No standby will be called for Al since I ~~don't~~ think he'll miss again.

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Next deadline: 2/20/84