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Success covers a multitude of blunders.

George Bernard Shaw

Welcome once again to THE DOGS OF WAR, a zine for the play of postal Diplomacy. DOGS is published every twenty-four days by John Daly at Route 2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell, NC 28134. My phone number is (704) 857-1555. Subscriptions are available at 10 issues for \$3.50.

I don't feel like talking, so let's jump right in with a Joke Time. Stop me if you've heard this one....

Two guys get in a car crash and find themselves standing before the gates of Heaven. Saint Peter greets them and is about to welcome them in when he discovers that there's been a mistake made somewhere. He tells the men that Heaven is at full occupancy at the moment and that they will have to return to earth to wait for a vacancy. The men aren't happy about this since they went through all the effort of dying already and don't want to have to do it again. So Saint Peter makes a deal with them: if they will go back to earth peacefully, he'll allow them to go back as anything they wish. The men think long and hard about what they'd like to be in their second lives. The first guy decides he'd like to be an eagle. He tells Saint Peter and away he goes. The second guy tells Saint Peter, "Well, I've always wanted to be a stud," and away he goes.

Years later, Saint Peter comes down to retrieve the two men. Standing on the floor of a canyon, Saint Peter looks up admiring the first man, who is now an eagle riding the air currents in splendor. With a snap of saintly fingers, the first man disappears. Then Saint Peter thinks to himself, "I wonder what lumber yard I put that other guy in...."

Okay, now I feel like talking. I read an interesting article in FORBES the other day. We're all the time hearing economic news from our country and around the world, but we get very little information about how our living standards compare with those for other people in other nations. Finding a basis for comparison has been tough; that is, until now. Whether you travel to Chicago, Tokyo, Paris, Duesseldorf or London, there's always one thing you will find: a McDonald's hamburger joint. And world travelers attest that there is little difference between the meals served in McDonald's everywhere. Thus, we have a universal standard against which to judge economic conditions throughout the world: the Big Mac Index. The Index shows the hours of work a bus driver needed to earn the takehome pay to buy Big Macs, small fries and medium Cokes for a family of four.

A Chicago bus driver needed 61 minutes in 1984 to buy a Big Mac dinner for his family. Closest was a Tokyo bus driver at an hour and 15 minutes. Next comes a West German, with an hour and 46 minutes. An Englishman would have to drive his bus 2 hours and 26 minutes for the meal. Lastly, a French bus driver would have to drive 2 hours and 31 minutes. Not too bad. According to the Big Mac Index, Americans have the highest standard of living.

The Index can also be used to compare how living standards have changed around the world between 1979 and 1984. Here, the Japanese are ahead: a bus driver in Tokyo had to work 24 minutes less in '84 than in '79 to buy the meal. Everyone else had to work longer in 1984 than in 1979 to afford the same meal: in Chicago, 4 minutes longer; in Duesseldorf, 6 minutes longer; in London, 25 minutes longer; and in Paris, 40 minutes longer. So, except in Japan, living standards in the Western world are dropping. I just knew there had to be some bad news in here somewhere.

ONE LAST 1982AA ENDGAME STATEMENT

Jim Grosch (France): I pretty much agree with Steve's assessment of the game, except for the "consistently great tactics" part. I believe the end went my way more because it's alot easier to organize an attack when one side has perfect communication (France) and the other side (Austria, Italy and Russia) are separated across the country.

The early game, as I saw it, started with Tim (England) and I allied against Germany (Stephen Lee). Greg was playing an excellent game and I feared an E-A alliance would stop my early growth. Greg and I communicated often, but we never could ally. Then, to my surprise, Steve stepped in after Greg resigned. I opened up communications with him and, at first, it was just promises (I'll hit E if you hit I and vice versa), but eventually the timing was right (and England did have 6 fleets and no armies), so the double stab was executed.

After the stab, it was a race between Austria and myself to see who could get rid of his major enemy (England for me, Turkey for Austria) first. Luck, great tenacity by Jake, and two NMR's helped me finish England off first. After that, I continued to get near 18, while, amazingly, Turkey still hung on. I put pressure on Italy and Russia but never could really aid Jake. At this point, the lack of perfect coordination among A-I-R prevented the alliance from stalemating me. I took a few chances at the end, and thanks to Jake's last unit's attack on Sev, was able to get to 18.

Thanks to all who played, especially Steve, Mark and Jake, and double thanks to John Daly for (1) flawless GMing, and (2) not being home the day of the last deadline when I tried to change my moves.

((Uh, you're welcome.))

AND ONE LAST 1982N ENDGAME STATEMENT

Stan Johnson (Russia): First off let me thank John Daly for another impeccably GMed game. With all the slipshod GMing and pubbing that goes on, John is a stalwart of the hobby and my Diplomacy hero. There isn't much you can count on in life, but I know three or four days after the deadline, DOGS will be there. This reliability maintains higher than average player interest levels in DOGS games. ((Blush.))

The game was a roller coaster for me from the start. This game had more than its share of squirrely players, for sure. First John M. tried to make some wild illegal moves; that finished him quick! Irwin Schroeder was an obvious comet player. Brian Argetsinger came in only to provide me with an opportunity for revenge for a whooping he gave me previously. Lanny Myers was purported to be a good player, but he never showed it. My luck changed when Greg Haskew entered the game. At the time Russia was odd man out and it looked to be a short game for the Czar. Greg, a fine player, quickly sized things up and we had a firm alliance. A heavy work load forced Greg to resign. Luckily another fine player, Tim Burton, took over. However, at this point increased French pressure meant either I had to take Austrian centers or France would, nuff said. Terry played a good game. Early on he looked like a winner, but a premature stab of England cost him. David Blaylock was a good ally, but when he started NMRing I tried to remove him before the inevitable player change. The appointment of Ken justified my fears. I don't think my notes to Ken were ridiculous. When there are only three players, how much can you offer? I have publicly stated too many times that I play to win to reverse policy in mid stream, even if it limits my bargaining power. Ken, sharing a draw hardly counts as whooping me, especially when

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MORE STAN

you consider that when I whooped you, you were wiped out.

The most squirrely player was John Banke. He requested I make an attack, then somehow forgot about it and accused me of stabbing him. I was really pissed. Because of the setup, Neil Daly never had a real chance. He had alot of nerve just to take the spot. Thanks, Neil.

In closing, I must say, if this was Terry's first game, the Diplomacy world had better watch out. Despite our hostilities most of the game, Terry and I kept up a lively correspondence throughout, and I wish him luck in the future.

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STABS AND COUNTERSTABS

SPRING 1901

ENGLAND (Stan Johnson): f lon-ENG; a lpl-YOR; f edi-NTH.

FRANCE (Vincent Manna): a par-BUR; a MAR s a par-bur; f bre-MID.

GERMANY (Jake Walters): a MUN-bur; f kie-HOL; a ber-KIE.

ITALY (Paul Grosch): a ven-TYO; a rom-VEN; f nap-ION.

AUSTRIA (Terry Richwine): a bud-SER; f tri-ALB; a VIE-gal.

RUSSIA (Doug Baker): f stp(sc)-BOT; a WAR-gal; a mos-UKR; f SEV-bla.

TURKEY (Steve Cooley): a con-BUL; f ANK-bla; a smy-ARM.

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Jake Walters reports a change of address to P.O. Box 1064, Brookline, MA 02146. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31. Press follows.

ENGLAND: Why do you think they call it the English Channel?

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LOTS OF POSSIBILITIES FOR NEXT TIME

SPRING 1901

ENGLAND (Mike Cannon): f edi-NWG; f lon-NTH; a lpl-YOR.

FRANCE (Earl Anderson): f bre-MID; a PAR-bur; a mar-SPA.

GERMANY (Greg Doyle): a MUN-bur; a ber-KIE; f kie-DEN.

ITALY (Fred Hyatt): a ven-PIE; a rom-VEN; f nap-TYH.

AUSTRIA (Mark Rowell): a bud-SER; a vie-BUD; f tri-ALB.

RUSSIA (Jim Grosch): a war-GAL; a mos-UKR; f SEV-bla; f stp(sc)-BOT.

TURKEY (Terry Suitor): f ANK-bla; a con-BUL; a smy-CON.

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31. Mark Rowell wants me to report his phone number: (415) 493-3075. Press follows.

GERMANY to EUROPE: Remember how this game started, it's likely to be very different when it ends!!!

TURKEY: The Sultan would like to wish all the players a good game, but since this is war, he can't do that. Instead, may the best player win.

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AUSTRO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE IN TURMOIL
F/G/A/R Draw Fails

WINTER 1910
SPRING 1911

FRANCE (Ben Schilling): Even; a BUR s GERMAN a mun; a MAR hold;
a TUN-tus; f aeg-CON; f TYH c a tun-tus; f WES-tun.

GERMANY (Eric Diamond): Build A Ber; a sil-WAR; a PRU s a sil-war;
a MUN s a ber-sil; a ber-SIL; a RUH s a mun; f bal-BOT;
f SWE s f bal-bot; a nwy-FIN; a den-NWY; f NTH c a den-nwy;
f NWG s a den-nwy.

AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): Build F Tri; a war*s a boh-sil;
a GAL s a war; a rum-SEV; f tri-ALB; a GRE s f bul(sc);
a tyo-PIE; a TUS-rom; f ion-AEG; f NAP-rom; a BOH-sil;
f BUL(sc) s f ion-aeg.

RUSSIA (Jake Walters): Even; a LVA s GERMAN a sil-war; a stp-MOS;
a fin-STP; f bot*s a fin-stp; f BAR s a fin-stp; a con-SMY.

Austria must retreat A War to Ukr or otb. The Russian F Bot is annihilated. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31. Jake has a COA to: P.O. Box 1064, Brookline, MA 02146. Press follows.

GERMANY: Charge!

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: Sorry, I was getting bored. I voted for your FGAR draw proposal but I predict that Germany vetoed it.

1983Z

THE GRIM GET GRIMMER
Concession to G, And F/G Draw Fail

WINTER 1908
SPRING 1909

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): Build A Mar; a pie-VEN; a TUS s a pie-ven;
a mar-PIE; a ROM-apu; f TYH-nap; f WES-tyh; f TUN s f wes-tyh;
f LYO s AUSTRIAN a tyo-pie (nso); a BUR s GERMAN a kie-mun;
f NTH-bel.

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): Even; a KIE-mun; a MUN-tyo; a SIL-gal; a war-MOS;
a PRU-war; a LVA s a war-mos; a STP s a war-mos; f BAL-kie;
f NWY-nth; f HOL-bel.

ITALY (Stephen Lee): Can't build; f APU s f nap; f NAP s RUSSIAN f aeg-ion.

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): Even; a ven* s a tyo; a TYO s a ven;
a BOH-sil; a GAL s a ukr-war; a UKR-war.

RUSSIA (Steve Knight): Build A Sev; a mos*s AUSTRIAN a ukr-war;
a SEV s a mos; f ion-ADR; f aeg-ION.

Austria must retreat A Ven to Tri or otb. Russia's A Mos is annihilated. Please vote on a concession to Germany with your Fall moves, which are due at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31. Press follows.

FRANCE to ITALY: Any plans for setting up a government in exile?

ITALY: The impassability of Switzerland is due to the congested wasteland of twisted metal. This is where I park my dead fleets.

MOTHER RUSSIA: Ohboyohboyohboyohboyohboy - a build! I can actually build a unit! Ohboyohboyohboyohboy!

SMYRNA: Three puppets in search of a thumb.

FRANCE (Eric Kane): f PIC-bre; a LON hold; f cly-LPL.

GERMANY (Terry Richwine): f wal-ENG; f BEL s f wal-eng; a bre-PAR;
a BUR s a bre-par; a kie-RUH.

ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura): a BUL s a ser-rum; a SER-rum; a BUD s a tyo-vie
a TYO-vie; a VEN-tyo; a ple-MAR; a par*pic; a SMY s f aeg-con;
f aeg-CON; f ion-AEG; f wes-MID; f SPA(nc) s f wes-mid;
f GAS s f eng-bre; f eng-BRE; a TRI s a tyo-vie.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): f nat-IRI; f nwg-NAT; f ANK-con; a UKR s f rum;
a GAL-bud; a VIE s a gal-bud; a MUN-tyo; a BOH s a vie;
a sil-WAR; f NTH s GERMAN f wal-eng; f RUM hold.

The Italian A Par is annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

F - lpl, edi, lon, bel	(3) even
G - kie, hol, den, <u>par</u> , <u>bel</u> , lon , bel	(5) even
I - home, tri, gre, ser, tun, bul, smy, con, mar, spa, por, <u>bre</u> , <u>bud</u> , par , bel	(15) build 1
R - home, swe, nwy, rum, ank, mun, ber, vie, bel	(11) even

Winter and Spring orders are due together at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31. Please vote on an R/G/I draw and an F/G/I/R draw. Press follows.

ITALY to WORLD: I know that I can't win. I seriously considered the F/G/I/R but decided against it. I am proposing a R/G/I draw because the three of us deserve something. If France is willing to give up a share of the draw, we can wrap this thing up next turn. Otherwise, assuming the three of you can stick together, this game could go on indefinitely. By the way, I'm impressed with the way the three of you pulled your knives out of each others' backs to gang up on me. If I had known you guys could do that, I don't think I would have done what I did. Such is life.

ST. PETERSBURG to GM: Wow! I can't believe that I let Kane and Richwine write all my orders for this turn. How did they do?

GM to STP: Using the moves they submitted for you would have put you out of the game this turn. So I made up some of my own.

THE INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE

Our very own Steve Knight has gotten together with a friend in Scotland to offer a new service to the postal gaming hobby. Their intent in forming the International Subscription Exchange is to make it easier for American and British gamers to subscribe to each others' zines. Rather than having dozens of players each converting their currency to foreign money and then mailing in individual sub requests overseas, the ISE will centralize the operation to make it simpler and less expensive. This sounds like a worthwhile project. If you think you might like to make use of the ISE, send aSASE to Steve for more details (11905 Winterthur Ln., #103, Reston, VA 22091).

THE INFLUENTIAL PLAYER RANKINGS

Dan Stafford has published the latest IPR info. I don't have room to print it all, so I'll just run down how our DOGS players rated. Among the best 40 players in the hobby, we have Dan Stafford (#3), Stan Johnson (#17), Greg Haskow (#26) and Stephen Lee (#39). Somehow, I didn't rate again. I'm probably #41 and just missed the listing.

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YEP, THERE SURE WAS
Proposals Fail Again

WINTER 1913
SPRING 1914

FRANCE (John Michalski): No Build Received; a GAS-par; f mar*spa(sc);
f SPA(sc)-mid; f POR s f spa(sc)-mid.

GERMANY (Ken Iverson): Removed A Hol; a bel-PIC; a BUR-par; a RUH-bur.

RUSSIA (Ed Menders): Built A War; f NAT s TURKISH f naf-mid;
f IRI s TURKISH f naf-mid; f nth-ENG; f den-NTH; a swe-DEN;
a NWY studies French; a kie-HOL; a ber-KIE; a sil-BER;
a WAR-gal; a UKR-gal; a bud-VIE.

TURKEY (Dan Stafford): Even; f MID-gas; f NAF-mid; f WES-spa(sc);
f LYO s a pie-mar; a pie-MAR; f ven-ADR; f tun-ION; f con-BLA;
a syr-ARM; a tyo-TRI; a BOH-gal; a MUN-bur.

The French F Mar is annihilated. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31. Please vote on a concession to Russia and an R/T draw. Press follows.

BREST: Sorry for the NMR folks. I don't know what happened, late mail or oversight.

GM to BREST: The former. Your card showed up the next day.

RUSSIA to FRANCE: Much silence, could it be that King John XVI has been beheaded as your wife says, "Let them eat cake."

RUSSIA to TURKEY: France needs some cake.

ANKARA to MOSCOW: You left me little choice with your "squeezing" moves. We can still easily achieve the 17-17 if you still want to, as that is what I would prefer.

CAN YOU BELIEVE I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS ABUSE?

I received the following note from Kathy Byrne, our beloved Boardman Number Custodian, when I asked for a number for DOGS#22: "Dear Ding Dong, your new game is 84CD. This is in honor of your brain, which is always in Civil Disorder." Thanks, Kathy.

MILLER'S LAW

You can't tell how deep a puddle is until you step into it.

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If checked:

- Your sub expires with this issue.
- Your shoelaces are untied.

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Next deadline: 7/31

