

# THE DOGS OF WAR

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Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

Oscar Wilde

This is THE DOGS OF WAR, a zine for the play of postal Diplomacy and the #18 zine on Fred Davis's list of his favorite zines that he receives (all eighteen of them). That's not so bad, I suppose, compared to DOGS' twenty-fifth finish in the RUNESTONE Poll, which isn't so bad either considering the stiff competition out there and the fact that, hey, I know it ain't the best zine in the world. But I digress. DOGS is published every twenty-four days by John and Betty (she's helping with this issue) Daly at Route 2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell, NC 28138. Our phone number is (704) 857-1555. The sub fee is ten issues for \$3.50.

I think you guys have me figured out. Like most folks, I enjoy doing what I do well and I do well at what I enjoy doing. Coming in 1st in this year's RUNESTONE Gamemaster Poll makes me feel on top of the world. I know: the Poll isn't really accurate because of grudge votes and less than 100% participation, but who am I to argue? The Poll is still a great source of inspiration for me. I feel like a Miss America, though you won't be seeing any "compromising" photos of me in PENTHOUSE, unless Guccione gets hold of a picture my "friend" took after I backed my pickup into a ditch in front of his house. But never mind that.

Speaking of Miss America, don't you just know Bert Parks got a big chuckle over the recent scandal. Nothing like that ever happened when he was running the show.

Things are still hectic around here. If you've ever had a house built you have a good idea what I'm going through. And if you've ever tried to do the contracting work yourself then you know exactly what I'm going through. I should have known better than to take on the project: everyone I talked to who had a contractor build their house said it was so aggravating that they'd never do it again; and those few people who built their homes the way I'm doing it only groan when I ask them about it. Maybe I'm slow, but I ran into the same type of thing when I wanted to start publishing a zine and look at how much fun that turned out to be. Actually, contracting a house has its ups and downs just like publishing does. The downs come quickly to mind: I nearly get thrown out of the Building Inspector's office whenever I go down there to ask a question; things always take longer to do than I plan; the sides of the hole for my basement keep caving in on top of the forms for my footings; and - my favorite near disaster - a neighbor came over to check if all the month's work I've done so far was level, and he reported that I was off by a foot. Thank goodness he was reading his telescope-looking gadget wrong. Otherwise I would have moved the 500 cubic yards of dirt now sitting in piles around the hole that will be my basement back into that hole with me underneath it all. (Don't worry about house-building bringing out my suicidal tendencies - Betty has orders, upon my demise, to pack all my DOGS stuff up and send it to John Caruso to take care of.) So much for the "downs" of home building. The "ups" are harder to think of. I guess, like publishing, I enjoy most the feeling of satisfaction I get from doing the job. And, also like publishing, it's nice not to have a boss standing over your shoulder telling you what to do and when to do it. Freedom! Too bad freedom is so scary for us insecure types.

The proposals for a G/I/R draw and an F/G/I/R draw both failed.

FRANCE (Eric Kane): f BRE s GERMAN a par-gas; a YOR s f lvp;  
f LVP "holds and preys."

GERMANY (Terry Richwine): a par-GAS; a BUR-mar; f MID-spa(sc);  
f ENG-mid; a RUH-bur.

ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura): a SMY s f con-ank; a BUL s f aeg-con;  
a SER s a bul; a BUD s a tri-vie; a tri-VIE; a tyo-TRI; a ven-PIE;  
a MAR s f gas-spa(nc); f aeg-CON; f con-ANK; f tyh-WES;  
f NAF s f tyh-wes; f spa(nc)-POR; f gas\*spa(nc).

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): f BLA-ank; a mos-SEV; f RUM hold; a UKR s f rum;  
a GAL s f rum; a BOH s a vie-tyo; a MUN s a vie-tyo; a vie-TYO;  
f nth-EDI; f IRI s GERMAN f eng-mid; f NAF s GERMAN f eng-mid.

The Italian F Gas is annihilated. The supply center chart is shown below.

F - lpl, lon, bre, <del>adi</del>	(3) even
G - kie, hol, den, par, bel	(5) even
I - home, tri, gre, ser, tun, bul, smy, con, mar, spa, pof, bud, ank, vie, <del>tie</del>	(16) build 2
R - home, swe, nwy, rum, mun, ber, edi, <del>ank</del> , <del>tie</del>	(10) remove 1

Winter and Spring moves are due together at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17. Please vote again on the F/G/I/R and G/I/R draws. Press follows.

ITALY to WORLD: Do not expect to beat me into submission. I will never vote for any draw that includes France. This is not because I don't think that Eric deserves anything or because I have a grudge against him; it's just another way of conducting Diplomacy - The Asshole Strategy.

ITALY to RUSSIA: If you stabbed France as you said you would, I will return Ankara, pull back and renew our former alliance.

THE ROMAN "PUN OF A BEACH" BOYS: (Sung to the tune of Barbra Ann)

--BARBARIAN--

Barb Barb Barb, Barb Barbari-Ann  
Barb Barb Barb, Barb Barbari-Ann  
Barbari-Ann,  
Don't take my land.  
Barbari-Ann.  
You've got me rocking and retreating,  
Rocking and retreating,  
Barbarian, Barb, Barb Barb, Barbari-Ann.  
Went into France  
Looking for my chance  
The Barbarians got together  
And kicked me in the pants.  
Barbari-Ann Barb, Barb, Barb Barb Barbari-Ann.  
You've got me rocking and retreating,  
Rocking and retreating,  
Barbarian, Barb, Barb Barb Barbari-Ann.  
Already feeling pain  
As my fleets rounded Spain.  
The Barbarians got together  
Never made it to Ukraine.  
(Refrain)

(Press continues on p.3)

ONE MORE BIT OF 1983CV PRESS

MacDUFF to WORLD: "Hold, enough!"

1982IL

AUSTRIA HANDLES THE SQUEEZE  
Will it Ever End?

WINTER 1911  
SPRING 1912

Following Fall moves, Austria retreated A Gal to Bud. All the proposals failed. I expect everyone got the error notice I sent out: Germany took St. Pete. Careless mistake on my part. Sorry for the inconvenience.

FRANCE (Ben Schilling): Build F Mar; a pie-TUS; a BUR s GERMAN a mun (ot a TUN hold; f mar-PIE; f LYO s f tyh; f TYH s a pie-tus; f con-ANK.

GERMANY (Eric Diamond): Build A Ber and A Kie; a mun-TYO; a kie-MUN; a BOH s a mun-tyo; a ber-SIL; a WAR s a ber-sil; a PRU s a war; a gal\*s a boh; f MTH hold; f NWG s f nwy; f NWY s a stp; a FIN s a stp; f bot-SWE; a STP s RUSSIAN a mos.

AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): Even; a sev-RUM; a UKR s a sil-gal; a BUD s a tyo-vie; a sil-GAL; a tyo-VIE; a gre-SER; a tus-VEN; f bul(sc)-COM; f ION-tyh; f NAP s f ion (otm); f AEG s f bul(sc)-con.

RUSSIA (Jake Walters): Remove F Bar; a SMY s FRENCH f con (otm); a LVA s a mos; a MOS s a lva.

The German A Gal is annihilated. Fall moves are due at 1:00pm on Monday, September 17. Press follows.

PARIS to VIENNA: I thought that Germany would have to move West (not East) to stab France...

MUNICH to VIENNA: I appreciate your proposal. And to show my good faith, I will arrive in Vienna personally to cement our bonds.

AUSTRIA to GM: What if two draws pass simultaneously? I know that won't happen in this case.

GM to AUSTRIA: Lucky for me that has never happened before in one of my games, so I've never had to worry about it. Obviously, the game can't end with more than one proposal passing. I would have to look at the kinds of proposals passed in case of a tie and count the one containing the fewest number of players. If the only choice I had was between proposals containing an equal number of players, then I would have to scrap them all and keep the game going. In that case I would announce what happened so everyone would know.

HI THERE - ME AGAIN

I don't know why the first page wrinkled the way it did. It was run through the Xerox, as usual, but something must have gone wrong. Right now I don't know what the wrinkle will do to the mimeo'd page 2. I hope it doesn't turn out too bad. Betty ran my copies for me this time so it's all her fault. She's fired again.

Working on the new house is forcing me to spend less time with the zine. That's only temporary and when the house is finished things should be better than they've ever been, since I'll have a whole room set aside for DOGS. Living in a mobile home means that the typewriter stays under the bed between issues; that makes it tough to use in a moment of inspiration.

1983Z

FRANCE & GERMANY HAVE THEIR WAY WITH EUROPE  
The Russian Navy Has Its Hands FullWINTER 1909  
SPRING 1910

Following Fall moves France retreated A Ven to Tus and Germany retreated A Sil to Pru. The proposal for a G/F draw failed.

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): Build F Bre; f tyh-ION; f NAP s f tyh-ion; f TUN s f tyh-ion; f WES hold; a ROM-apu; a tus-VEN; a PIE s a tus-ven; a tyo\*s a tus-ven; a BUR s GERMAN a mun; f bre-MID; f NPH-bel.

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): Build A Ber; a MOS s a war; a LVA s a war; a PRU s a war; a WAR s a ber-sil; a ber-SIL; a STP s a mos; f SWE hold; f NWY-nth; f HOL-bel; a kie-MUN; a mun-BOH.

ITALY (Stephen Lee): Can't build; f APU s AUSTRIAN a ven (otm).

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): Even; a UKR-war; a gal-VIE; a sil-GAL; a ven-TYO; a TRI s a ven-tyo.

RUSSIA (Steve Knight): Can't build; a SEV-mos; f ADR s f ion; f ion\*s ITALIAN f apu.

The Russian F Ion must retreat to Alb, Gre, Aeg, Was or otb. The French A Tyo is annihilated. The retreats are due with the Fall moves at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17. Please vote on a concession to France and an F/G draw. Press follows.

SEVASTOPOL to VIENNA and APULIA: Sorry about that, guys. Small consolation that what I was intending to order wouldn't have changed the outcome any.

GM to VIENNA: Maybe also only a small consolation, but I received your orders on the day after the deadline after I had already mailed the zine.

1982CQ

BENTER BE CAREFUL, GUYS  
French Come Home To ParisWINTER 1914  
SPRING 1915

Following Fall moves Russia retreated A Vie-Bud and Turkey retreated F Mid-Wes. The Proposals for a concession to Russia and an R/T draw failed.

FRANCE (John Michalski): Built A Bre; a BRE s a gas-par; f POR-spa (sc); a gas-PAR.

GERMANY (Ken Iverson): GM removed A Pic and A Bur; a RUH s RUSSIAN a kie-mun.

RUSSIA (Ed Menders): Built A Mos, A War and F Stp(nc); f IRI s f mid; f MID s FRENCH f por-spa(sc); f ENG s f mid; f nth-BEL; f stp(nc)-NWY; a bel-HOL; a hol-KIE; a mun-BOH; a kie-MUN; a ber-SIL; a MOS-sev; a gal-RUM; a UKR s a gal-rum; a WAR-gal; a BUD s a gal-rum.

TURKEY (Dan Stafford): Built A Con, A Smy and A Ank; a mar-GAS; f SPA(sc) s f naf-mid; f WES s f spa(sc); f LYO s f spa(sc); f NAP-mid; a TYO-mun; a VIE-gal; a TRI-bud; f AEG c a smy-gre; a smy-GRE; a con-BUL; a ank-ARM; f BLA s a sev; a SEV hold; f alb-ADR.

The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17. Please vote again on the R/T draw.

ENGLAND (Stan Johnson): Build F Lpl; f lpl-IRI; a nwy-LON; f ENG-mid  
f NTH c a nwy-lon.

FRANCE (Vincent Manna): Build F Bre, F Mar and A Par; f mar-SPA(sc);  
a spa-GAS; f por-MID; f BRE s f por-mid; a par-BUR;  
a BEL s a par-bur.

GERMANY (Jake Walters): Build F Kie and A Ber; f kie-HEL; a mun-BOH;  
f HOL s f kie-hel; a ber-MUN; a DEN hold.

ITALY (Paul Grosch): Build A Ven and F Nap; a VEN s a tri; a tyo-VIE;  
f nap-ION; f TUN s f nap-ion; a TRI "salutes" the Turkish a bul.

AUSTRIA (Terry Richwine): Even; f alb-ADR; a vie\*gal; a ser-ALB.

RUSSIA (Doug Baker): Build F Stp(nc) and A War; F stp(nc)-NWY;  
a war-UKR; f sev-ARM; a GAL s ITALIAN a tyo-vie;  
a RUM s TURKISH a bul-ser; f SWE (unordered) hold.

TURKEY (Steve Cooley): Build A Con; a bul-SER; a con-BUL;  
f BLA s a con-bul; a ANK boycotts.

Austria must retreat A Vie to Bud or oth. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17. Press follows.

ENGLAND to TURKEY: Don't flaunt your ignorance; it's called the English Channel because it's got Englishers in it.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: You've made a big mistake, mein fiend.

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Two of these three people failed to conquer England. Which one succeeded? Adolph Hitler, Phillip II of Spain, Vince Manna.

FRANCE to ITALY: Il costruzione siede bene con mi. Sguardo, se noi due mantenimento il Piemonte, dell'ovest il Mediterraneo e Golfo del Leone aperto di truppe, Vi e niente aver paura circa.

GM to PAUL: You comprende that? I think Vince just insulted your ancestral heritage, or something.

TURKEY to ENGLAND: The whole world watches as you stand alone against the invaders from the continent. This is truly Britain's darkest hour.

GM to TURKEY: I think the whole world is the invaders from the continent.

TURKEY to FRANCE: Vince, are you there?

TURKEY to GERMANY: Jake?

GM to JAKE: You'd better get your shop steward and meet me in my office. We're going to have to discuss a verbal warning for failure to correspond.

#### PLAYER NOTES

Don't forget that I'm not spending my time at home these days - don't wait until the last day to phone your orders in. Somebody did that this time and got lucky that the building inspector showed up before lunch so that I could get home before the 1:00 p.m. deadline.

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Steve,  
Thanks for the quotes. I couldn't announce your low vote, otherwise allies could demand of their partners that they have me announce their votes and anonymity would be lost.

1984CD

SEPARATION REQUESTED OVERWHELMINGLY

WIREMAIL 1901

ENGLAND (Mike Cannon): Build F Edi and F Lon; Has a BEL, f NHH, f NHH, f EDI, f LON.

FRANCE (Earl Anderson): Build A Par; Has a BUR, a MAR, a PAR, f POR.

GERMANY (Greg Doyle): Build A Mun and F Kie; Has a RUH, a HOL, a MUH, f DEN, f KIE.

ITALY (Fred Hyatt): Build F Nap and A Ven; Has a TYO, a TRI, a VEN, f TUN, f NAP.

AUSTRIA (Mark Rowell): Even; Has a SER, a BUD, f GRE.

RUSSIA (Jim Grosch): Build A Stp and A War; Has a VIE, a RUM, a STP, a WAR, f SEV, f BOT.

TURKEY (Terry Suitor): Build F Smy; Has a BUL, a CON, f ANK, f SMY.

Spring moves are due at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17. A bit of press follows.

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: No hard feelings because I think I dug my own grave on this one. Thanks for the lesson.

#### MURPHY'S LAW

You remember the old Murphy's Law (If anything can go wrong, it will). Now that I'm in the construction business, I've run across a few other laws along the same lines....

SCOTT'S FIRST LAW: No matter what goes wrong it will probably look right.

SCOTT'S SECOND LAW: When an error has been detected and corrected, it will be found to have been correct in the first place.

PINAGLE'S FOURTH LAW: Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it only makes it worse.

SIMON'S LAW: Everything put together falls apart sooner or later.

ZYMURGY'S FIRST LAW OF EVOLVING SYSTEMS DYNAMICS: Once you open a can of worms, the only way to recan them is to use a larger can.

HARTLEY'S FIRST LAW: You can lead a horse to water, but if you can get him to float on his back, you've got something.

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