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Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them
greatly and they will show themselves great.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Boy, old Ralph sure was naive. But then again, he never played
Diplomacy.

This is THE DOGS OF WAR, a zine for the play of postal Diplomacy.
DOGS is published every twenty-four days by John Daly and wife, Betty,
who probably won't be helping with this issue, and little Stephen, who
definitely won't be helping with this issue if I can possibly keep him
occupied with something else. Our address is Route 2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell,
NC 28138. The phone number is (704) 857-1555. Subscriptions are ten
issues for \$3.50.

Another busy month for yours truly. (I always thought "yours truly"
was a dumb expression, but it seemed to fit there.) The new house is
coming along nicely. The basement walls were finished just in time to
start worrying whether or not hurricane Diana would blow or wash them over,
but the hurricane was a fizzle in this part of the state. The new kid
is standing, using anything available to pull himself to his feet. We've
had to move everything we own at least four feet off the floor, which will
work until Stephen learns to stack the furniture for climbing.

Really nothing new to report. My home life is hectic, which is old
news. I'm completely out of touch with the hobby, so I can't tell you
much of what's going on there. I have read one interesting hobby item
that I'll pass along for your entertainment and amusement. A while ago
a zine publisher by the name of Bill Highfield disappeared, taking his
zine with him, and a game I was playing in was thus abandoned. Always
in the mood for revenge, I toyed with the idea of contacting the Postal
Service to complain of this case of mail fraud. And since Bill was a
Naval ROTC candidate, I considered contacting the people running the
program where he was going to school to see what trouble I could cause
there. Well, a complaint to the Postal Service on such a small problem
wouldn't have amounted to anything, so I ruled that out. And since my
brother had been through ROTC I knew how seriously they would react to
my complaint; they may even have thrown him out of the program if they
felt his fold showed a lack of character or constituted a crime. I wanted
to cause Bill some aggravation, not ruin his life, so I ruled out that
idea, too. Now, another publisher has written to Bill's ROTC superiors
and I'm dying to know the outcome. If anybody hears anything, let me
know so I can pass it along.

JOKE TIME

A man goes to heaven and is asked by St. Peter, "Were you faithful to
your wife on earth?" The man responds that he resisted all temptation and
never once cheated on his wife, and is rewarded with a Cadillac. The man
thanks St. Peter and drives off in his new car.

Another man steps up and is asked the same question. He admits to
having an affair or two. That's not too bad, so St. Peter rewards him
with a little Datsun to drive.

A third man isn't so lucky. He tells St. Peter that he fooled around
on his wife alot, and is then given a bicycle to ride.

JOKE TIME CONTINUED

Later on, as the third man is riding his bicycle around heaven, he comes upon the first man, who is sitting in his Cadillac crying. The third man says to the first, "You should be the happiest person up here - you've done better than any of us." "Yeah," says the first man, "but I just saw my wife and she was on a skateboard!"

DIPLOMACY DIARY

By Stan Johnson

Do you ever read end game reports? In games other than ones you've been in? You should, you could learn alot. Some endgame reports give a concise explanation of what's happened in the game: major deals or important pieces of correspondence; reasons why certain alliances came about and others did not; why some alliances succeeded and others did not; and, perhaps most importantly, the game plan of the player - both at the start and as he is forced to redevelop it as the game progresses to meet the changing contingencies of actual game play. Of course, all this is slanted from a particular player's viewpoint; that's why it's important to have as many players as possible submit end game statements. A game that has taken several years to complete should not be treated like a fart in a windstorm when it is completed. It should undergo a careful analysis by the GM and the players.

Unfortunately, right now good endgame reports are rare. However, most of the good ones are done by the persons who won, and they are obviously the ones you could learn the most from.

But I do not want to give the impression that Diplomacy players do not send in endgame reports because they are poor sport losers. I think it's because over the passage of time, you tend to forget exactly what happened except in a general sense. Personally, I wait until after the GM has published the endgame stats so I can use them to refresh and aid my memory.

What I have begun and urge all serious players to consider is keeping a Diplomacy Diary for each game you are in. You could date it by seasons. Things you could list are all correspondence received, who from and any essential message, also your reaction; i.e. S'01 - GER: Give me all your centers - I think he's either got great alliances or is a jerk. You might note whether you expressed your feelings to Germany in return. You could list what you're trying to achieve. How? Why? Those are questions it never hurts to ask yourself in Diplomacy. Don't just say, "S'01 - I decide to attack France." Say why that's what you decided. All told, all the necessary information will hardly ever be more than a few lines. I'm sure that besides being useful for endgame reports, a serious Dipper will find a Diplomacy Diary an invaluable game tool, and the novice even more so.

((That's really not a bad idea if you have the time and inclination. For the games I GMed I would draw a map for each season to use when I wrote my endgame report. Laziness has stopped that for now, but I hope to start it again when I'm settled in the new house.

((A good endgame statement can be enjoyed by everyone, not just the people in the game. I like to see what goes through a person's mind as they make their decisions during the course of a game. Unless you have a good memory, you'll need something like a Diplomacy Diary to remember what has happened to you as you've tried to conquer Europe.

((Thanks, Stan, for passing along this idea.))

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AUSTRIA TAKES SOME REVENGE

SPRING 1908

- ENGLAND (Mike Cannon - 13801 Wisteria Drive, Germantown, MD 20874):
f lon-ENG; a BEL s GERMAN a mun-bur (nso); f NWY hold;
f NTH s f nwy; f edi-NWG.
- FRANCE (Earl Anderson - 5 Pine View Terrace, Taylors, SC 29687):
a bur*s a par-pic; a par-PIC; a MAR hold; f por-MID.
- GERMANY (Greg Doyle - 18 Longmeadow Drive, Canton, MA 02021):
a ruh-BUR; a MUN s a ruh-bur; f KIE-bal; a DEN s ENGLISH f nwy-
swe (nso); a HOL (unordered) hold.
- ITALY (Fred Hyatt - 60 Grandview Place, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043):
a tyo-TRI; a VEN s a tyo-tri; a tri-ALE; f nap-ION; f TUN s f nap-
ion.
- AUSTRIA (Mark Rowell - 322 Curtner, #C, Palo Alto, CA 94306):
a ser-BUL; f GRE s a ser-bul; a BUD-rum.
- RUSSIA (Jim Grosch - 16 Kennar Drive, Budd Lake, NJ 07828):
a RUM s TURKISH a bul-ser; f SEV s a rum; a STP-nwy; f BOT-bal;
a war-GAL; a VIE-bud.
- TURKEY (Perry Suitor - 426 West Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331):
a bul*ser; a CON-bul; f ANK-con; f smy-AEG.

The French A Bur must retreat to Par, Gas or otb. The Turkish
A Bul is annihilated. Fall moves are due on Wednesday, October 17

SWITZERLAND to WORLD: How boring, one three-way against another three-
way; surely you could come up with something better.

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RUSSIA PULLS BACK IN THE EAST
France MissesWINTER 1907
SPRING 1908

- FRANCE (Eric Kane - Box 2028 Alumni Memorial Residence, Johns Hopkins,
Baltimore, MD 21218): Even; NMR! f LPL hold; a YOR hold;
f BRE hold.
- GERMANY (Perry Richwine - 611 Beechwood Street, Emmaus, PA 18049):
a bur-MAR; a GAS s a bur-mar; a ruh-BUR; f MID-wes; f ENG-mid.
- ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura - 476 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139):
Build A Ven, F Rom and F Nap; a mar*s f wes-spa(sc); a smy-ARM;
a BUL hold; a SER s a bul; a BUD s a vie; a VIE hold; a VEN hold;
a TRI s a vie; f rom-TUS; a PIE s a mar; f CON s a bul;
f ANK s a smy-arm; f nap-TYH; f NAE-wes; f wes-SPA(sc); f POR s
f wes-spa(sc).
- RUSSIA (Dan Stafford - 1643 Granite Way Lane, Columbus, OH 43229):
Remove F Bla; a sev-MOS; a UKR s f rum-sev; f rum-SEV;
a BOH s a gal; a GAL hold; a TYO-pie; a mun-SIL; f EDI-vor;
f NAT s GERMAN f eng-mid; f TRI s GERMAN f eng-mid.

The Italian A Mar is annihilated. Note that Italy had three builds
instead of the two I reported last time. When I found out about the
error there wasn't enough time to contact everyone and it didn't seem
important enough to delay the season. Eric probably just forgot about
this game in the big move to school, so no standby will be called.
Fall moves are due at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17. Please vote
on an I/R and a G/I/R draw. Press is below and on the bottom of the
next page.

ROME to WORLD: All right you guys, I'm satisfied. Are we agreed upon
a 3 way draw? I know victory is beyond my grasp.

FRANCE (Ben Schilling): a BUR s GERMAN a mun (otm); f PIE hold;
a tus-ROM; f ANK s RUSSIAN a smy-con; f TYH s a tus-rom;
 a TUN hold; f LYO s f tyh.

GERMANY (Eric Diamond): a WAR-gal; a SIL s a war-gal; a BOH s a war-gal;
a TYO-vie; a MUN-tyo; a PRU-war; f nwy-BAR; f NWG hold;
 f swe-NWY; f NTH hold; a stp-LVA; a fin-STP.

AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): a ven-TRI; a VIE s a gal; a BUD s a vie;
a SER s a ven-tri; a RUM s a gal; a UKR s a gal; a GAL s a vie;
f con*ank; f AEG-con; f ION s f nap-tyh; f NAP-tyh.

RUSSIA (Jake Walters): a mos-SEV; a lva-MOS; a smy-CON.

The Austrian F Con must retreat to Bul(sc), Bul(ec), Bla or otb.
 The supply center chart is below.

F - home, spa, por, tun, ank, rom, lpl	(8) build 1
G - home, hol, den, bel, lpl, lon, edi, nwy, swe, war, stp	(13) build 1
A - home, ser, gre, bul, ven, rum, nap, lpl , st	(9) remove 2
R - mos, smy, con, sev, ank	(4) build "1"

Note that Russia can't build. The retreat and Winter orders are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29. Spring moves will then be due at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17. Please vote on an A/F/G draw and an F/G draw.

PARIS: Sorry for not writing sooner, but I feel it will only get worse.

AUSTRIA to FRANCE: I officially hand Italy over to you. You are a fool if you stick with Germany until the end. Demand a F/G draw now (which I proposed and would agree to) and if Germany vetoes it, attack him. Better sooner than later since you would have me on your side now. At least think about it. Act before Germany becomes completely invulnerable.

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: So what was gained in the stab? We knew France would never abandon Germany, and now Germany will gain a victory. At the worst we had a 4 way draw, which isn't much I agree. If you had a chance for the win, I'd agree with your moves, but all you've done is end the boredom and crown the Kraut king.

AN ARTICLE FROM THE LOCAL PAPER

A complaint about barking dogs in Rockwell was answered by Rowan County Deputy Lee Frick. Frick reported that he went to a home on Salisbury Street in Rockwell and asked the owner of two dogs to keep them quiet. The dog owner told Frick that she had been out twice and told them to be quiet. However, Frick said that in his opinion the reason they didn't was because they were Mexican chihuahuas and didn't understand English. ((Small town America is alive and well.))

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ROME to MOSCOW: I officially extend an offer to renew our old alliance. Will pull back this turn.

STP: Don't forget to vote in the Diplomacy Players' and Marco Polls!

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TURKEY TAKES THE MID AND HIS 16TH

FALL 1915

FRANCE (John Michalski): f POR s TURKISH f naf-mid; a BRE hold;
a PAR s TURKISH a gas-bur.

GERMANY (Ken Iverson): a RUH-bur.

RUSSIA (Ed Menders): f mid*s FRENCH f por-spa(sc) (nso); f IRI s f mid;
f eng-LON; f bel-ENG; f nwy-NWG; a hol-BEL; a KIE-ruh;
a BOH s a mun-tyo; a mun-TYO; a bud*tri; a war-GAL; a RUM-sev;
a UKR s a rum-sev; a SIL s a war-gal; a MOS s a rum-sev.

TURKEY (Dan Stafford): f BLA s a sev-rum; a BUL s a sev-rum; a SEV-rum;
a gre-SER; a tyo*boh; f adr-VEN; a ARM-sev; f naf-MID; a gas-BUR;
a VIE s a tri-bud; a tri-BUD; f AEG hold; f LYO s f spa(sc).

The R/F draw failed. Russia must retreat F Mid to Nat, Gas or otb.
Turkey must retreat A Tyo to Pie, Tri or otb. The Russian A Bud is
annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

F - bre, por, <u>par</u> , lpl	(3) even
G - stp	(0) out
R - stp, mos, war, rum, ber, nwy, edi, lpl, den, swe, kie, mun, hol, bel, lon, lpl	(15) build 1
T - home, bul, ser, gre, tri, tun, rom, nap, ven, sev, mar, spa, vie, <u>bud</u>	(16) build 1

All orders are due at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17. Please
vote on an R/T draw, an R/F/T draw and a concession to Russia.

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TURKEY STYMIES I/R ATTACK

FALL 1902

ENGLAND (Stan Johnson): a LON-lpl (imp); f IRI s f eng-mid; f ENG-mid;
f nth*den.

FRANCE (Vincent Manna): a BUR s a bel; f mid-NAT; f SPA(sc)-mid;
f BRE s f spa(sc)-mid; a BEL (unordered) hold; a GAS (u) hold.

GERMANY (Jake Walters): f hel-NTH; f HOL s f hel-nth; a DEN hold;
a mun-RUH; a boh-MUN.

ITALY (Paul Grosch): a TRI-ser; a VIE s RUSSIAN a gal-bud; a VEN-tri;
f ion-GRE; f tun-ION.

AUSTRIA (Terry Richwine): f ADR-ven; a bud*vie; a ALB-tri.

RUSSIA (Doug Baker): f ARM-bla; a gal-BUD; a rum*s ITALIAN a tri-ser;
f SWE s f nwy; f NWY s f swe; a UKR hold.

TURKEY (Steve Cooley): a ank-RUM; f BLA c a ank-rum; a SER s a ank-rum;
a BUL s a ank-rum.

England must retreat F Nth to Nwg, Edi, Yor, Ska or otb. Russia
must retreat A Rum to Sev, Gal or otb. Austria's A Bud is annihilated.

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

Retreats and Winter orders are due SOON: 9/29. Spring will be due
10/17. Paul Grosch has a new address: P.O.Box 736, Ruston, LA 71273-0736
(last 4 digits are important). I'm squeeze out of room so I'll have to
hold your press for next time. Sorry!

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FRANCE MAKES HIS MOVE

FALL 1910

Following Spring moves Russia retreated F Ion-Eas. All proposals failed.

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): f ion-GRE; f NTH-bel; a bur-RUH; f mid-ENG; f wes-MID; f tun-WES; f NAP-apu; a ROM s a ven; a PIE s a ven; a VEN hold.

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): a mun-BUR; f HOL-bel; f NWY-nth; f swe-DEN; a LVA s a war; a PRU s a war; a WAR s a sil-gal; a sil-GAL; a BOH s a sil-gal; a MOS s a war; a SPP s a mos.

ITALY (Stephen Lee): NMR!; f APU hold.

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): a tyo-VIE; a vie-BUD; a TRI s a tyo-vie; a gal*s a ukr-rum; a ukr-RUM.

RUSSIA (Steve Knight): a SEV-mos; f ADR s AUSTRIAN a tri; f eas-SMY.

Austria must retreat A Gal to Ukr or otb. The supply center chart is below.

- F - home, spa, por, lpl, lon, edi, tun, rom, nap, ven, (13) build 3
gre
- G - home, bel, hol, den, swe, nwy, stp, war, mos (11) even
- I - smy, ~~gre~~ (1) even
- A - home, ser, rum, ~~sm~~ (5) even
- R - sev, ank, bul, con, ~~sm~~ (4) "build 1"

Note that Russia can't build. The retreat, Winter and Spring orders are due together at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17. Please vote on an F/G draw with your next orders.

FRANCE to GERMANY: Maybe I'm just paranoid, but I can't go for one season without hearing anything from an II center ally.

FRANCE to ITALY: Go away.

THE SEVASTOPOL CUTLERY VENDOR: Knives for sale! Knives for sale! Get 'em while they're still unstained! Knives for sale! You, there - you, the gentleman in black, how about this beauty here? Got a sharp edge, doesn't she? No? Well, how about your friend in the light blue there? C'mon, lads, don't be bashful... Knives for sale!

GM to SEV CUT VEN: Looks like you found a customer.

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— Your sub has expired.

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