# THE DOGS OF WAR

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The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.

Napoleon Bonaparte

I wonder if he still believed that after his retreat from Moscow. Conquer Europe and people will listen to anything you have to say.

This is THE DOGS OF WAR, a zine for the play of postal Diplomacy. DOGS is published monthly by John Daly at Route 2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell, NC 28138. My phone number is (704) 857-1555. The subfee is ten issues for \$3.50.

Speaking of the subfee, I guess you've heard by now that first class postage is going up to 22¢ early next year. As a patriotic American businessman I will do my part to quell inflation by absorbing the increased stamp rate rather than raise my subfee. (Big deal, right? I'll no doubt be responsible for knocking a few points off the Consumer Price Index.) Actually, I'm surprised the USPS raised their rates before the Postal Workers contract came out of arbitration. If it had waited until after Workers deadline for the contract to be settled, the USPS could have blamed the whole thing on the mean old nasty union. Of course, that excuse is still available for the next rate increase. Don't get me wrong—I'm not a USPS critic. A first class stamp is still a good deal: it sure beats having to buy a seat on an airline to get your letter where it's going.

Cutting the federal budget is the talk of the town. An editorial I saw in the WALL STREET JOURNAL the other day brings up an interesting point: "Which will congressmen and lobbyists scream louder about: a cut in the federal budget of \$30 billion or a cut of \$120 billion? A: They'll scream as loudly as they can about either one. So, if you're going to cut, you may as well cut big. Timid trimming at once fails to placate spenders

you may as well cut big. Find trimming at and leaves the constituency for cutting... unmobilized." People in this country tend to ignore a problem until it reaches disaster proportions. By cutting taxes, Reagan made sure that increasing budget deficits would enable him to attack the size of the federal budget once those deficits got big enough to scare people. His goal is to shrink the federal government's role in our lives and he's going to do it by taking away the money it spends. It's a grand plan, but Reagan seems to be doing it. I'd like to see old Ronny in action on the Dip board.

The house building project is coming along more slowly than I expected. The completion of one part of the job spawns the beginning of several other parts. At the same time, the weather is turning bad. I really expected winter to do me a favor and hold off until next year. Anyway, we'll be finished with it some day.



"Remember me, Mr. Schneider? Kenya. 1947. If you're going to shoot at an elephant, Mr. Schneider, you better be prepared to finish the job."

1982CQ: THE DOGS OF WAR (Daly)

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A: Ernest Hakey (out Fo4). E: Larry McCloud (out F06). F: John Michalski. G: Ken Iverson (out F15). I: Bill Highfield (res S06); Stan Johnson (out F08). R: Ed Menders. T: Dan Stafford (win F16).

GAMEMASTER (John Daly): 1982CQ was started on June 13, 1982 and ended on November 16, 1984. The game was dominated from the beginning by a Russo-Turkish alliance and would have ended alot sooner except for the tough Franco-German defense. When the R/T alliance broke up late in the game, Turkey had the positional advantage over Russia, and with French help he went on to win the game. Congratulations to Dan Stafford on yet another win, and to John Michalski and Ed Menders for surviving until the end.

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RUSSIA ENTERS THE IONIAN As Concession to France Fails

WINTER 1911 SPRING 1912

- FRANCE (Eric Diamond 1700 SW 16th Court, Apt. D29, Gainesville, FL 32608): Build F Bre and A Mar; f nth-HEL; f ENG-nth; f BRE-eng; f BEL s f eng-nth; f nat-NWG; f mid-NAT; a PIE s a tyo; a VEN s a tyo; a TYO s AUSTRIAN a vis-boh (nso); a bur-RUH; a HOL s a bur-ruh; a mar-BUR; a PAR s a mar-bur; f GRE-ion;
- GERMANY (Terry Richwine 611 Beechwood St., Emmaus, PA 18049): Build A Mun; f NWY-nth; f DEN s f nwy-nth; a ber-KIE; a war-SIL; a MUN s a ber-kie; a BOH s a mun; a stp-FIN; a mos-STP; a ukr-MOS.
- AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger 284 Wellington Rd., Webster, NY 14580): a TRI s a vie-tyo; a VIE-tyo; a BUD s a tri; a rum-BUL; a GAL-vie.
- RUSSIA (Steve Knight 11905 Winterthur Lane, #103, Reston, VA 22091):
  Build F Sev; f sev-BLA; a arm-SEV; f ALB s f aeg-ion; f aeg-ION.

Fall moves are due at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. Please vote again on the concession to France.

- RUSSIA to GM: What kind of Scrabble board has "SCRIVALE" on it?
- GM to RUSSIA: My opponent's last letters were i, v, and a and he laid them there.
- GM to WORLD: Eric Diamond is heading home for the holidays until January 1 (41 Riverridge Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32074).

- PRANCE (Ber Schilling 24730 Roosevelt Ct., #315, Farmington Hills, MI 48018): Built A Mar and F Bre; a BEL hold; a TUN hold; a PIE-ven; a VEN-tri; a MAR-pie; f bre-MID; f rom-NAP; f tyh-ICN; f lyo-TYH; f ANK s RUSSIAN a con.
- GERMANY (Eric Diamond 1700 SW 16th Court, Apt. D29, Gainsville, FL 32608): Built A Mun and A Ber; a ukr-SEV; a HOS s a ukr-sev; a gal-RUM; a BUD s a gal-rum; a mun-RUH; a ber-KIE; a VIE s a bud; a boh-TYO; a sil-MUN; a war-UKR; f nat-TRI; f nth-ENG; f nwy-NTH; f bar-NWG; a stp-NWY.
- AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura 476 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139):

  GM removed F Aeg, F Ion and F Nap; a TRI s a ser; a SER s a gre;
  a rum\*s a ser; a GRE s a ser; a ALB s a gre; a BUL s a gre.
- RUSSIA (Jake Walters P.O. Box 1064, Brookline, MA 02146): Couldn't build; a sev\*hold; a CON hold.

The Russian A Sev must retreat to Arm or otb. The Austrian A Rum is annihilated. Please vote on an F/G draw with your Fall moves, which are due at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. Eric Diamond is going home for the holidays until January 1 (41 Riverridge Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32074). Press follows.

AUSTRIA: I'm not voting on any draw unless Germany tells me to.

AUSTRIA to GERMANY: You're a wimp if you don't win this game. This is the object, you know.

ICHIRO to GM: Sorry about the NBR. It was not intentional, since I intended to vacate Trieste. Serbia and Rumania.

GM to ICHIRO: Looks like you'll have things your way after all.

## THE LEGEND OF MISTLETCE

Ever wonder why we kiss under the mistletoe? It's told that the Druids, ancient pagan Irish priests, believed mistletoe was given to the goddess of love, and to show that it was a symbol of love, every woman that passed beneath it was kissed. To the Romans, however, mistletoe was an indication of peace and goodwill.

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Around the New Year, a Celtic priest would cut the mistletoe from the holy oak tree with a golden sickle and catch it in a white cloth, so that it would not touch the ground. There were ceremonies in which kisses beneath the mistletoe symbolized the ending of old grievances. Sprigs of mistletoe were hung over doors for the same symbolic reasons.

The hanging of mistletoe at Christmas and New Year's was one of the many pagan customs carried over into the Christian era, in this case without any specific justification, but simply as a charming custom. In the sixteenth century, the great continental scholar Erasmus wrote of a visit to England: "Wherever you go, everyone welcomes you with a kiss, and the same on bidding farewell...in short, turn where you will, there are kisses, kisses everywhere." It may just be because they were so inclined to kissing anyway that the English preserved the ancient mistletoe tradition when others let it fade.

Today there's a popular belief that a girl kissed under the mistletoe will be married within the year - providing she allow her love only as many kisses as there are berries.

MARCE (Eric Kane): f CLY-edi.

GERMANY (Terry Richwine): a GAS-spa; a MAR s a gas-spa; a BUR s a mar; f ENG-mid; f BRE s f eng-mid; a MUN-tyo.

ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura): a arm-SEV; a RUM s a arm-sev; a SER s a rum; a BUD s a vie; a VIE s a tyo; a TRI s a tyo; a TYO s a vie; a VEN s a tyo; f BLA s a arm-sev; f aeg-ION; f LYO s f spa(sc); f WES s f naf-mid; f naf-MID; f SPA(sc) s f naf-mid;

f POR s f naf-mid.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): NMR! f EDI, f NAT, f WAL, a PIE, a SIL, a BOH, a UKR, a GAL and a MOS hold; a sev\*hold.

The Russian A Sev is annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

F - lon (1) even G - kie, hol, den, par, bel, mar, bre, mun (8) build "2" I - home, tri, gre, ser, tun, bul, smy, con, spa, por, (17) build 2

bud, ank, vie, rum, sev
R - stp, mos, war, swe, nwy, ber, edi, lpl, set, rum, (8) remove 1 nyn

The deadline for Winter and Spring orders is 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. Note that Germany can only build one unit. Standing by for Dan Stafford will be Mark Rowell (322 Curtner, #C, Palo Alto, CA 94306).

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WILL TURKEY BE I/R's UNDOING?

FALL 1903

ENGLAND (Doug Baker): f NWY-swe; f nth-DEN; f SKA s f nth-den; a HOL-kie; f bel-NTH.

FRANCE (Ken Gestiehr): a PIC-par; f MID s a mar-spa; a mar-SPA.

GERMANY (Greg Doyle): NMR! a PAR, a GAS, a KIE, f SWE hold; a mun\*hold; f den\*hold.

ITALY (Fred Hyatt): a tyo-MUN; a SER hold; a GRE-smy; f AEG c a gre-smy; f ion-TYH; f tyh-WES.

AUSTRIA (Mark Rowell): No units.

RUSSIA (Jim Grosch): a STP hold; f bot-BAL; a pru-BER; a bud-RUM; a BOH s ITALIAN a tyo-mun; f bla-CON; a BUL s f bla-con.

TURKEY (Terry Suitor): a conzemy; f ANK-con.

The German F Den and A Mun are annihilated because of the NMR. The Turkish A Con is also annihilated.

E - home, bel, nwy, hol, den (7) build 2 F - bre, mar, por, spa G - kie, par, swe, Nøl, den, ber, mun I - home, tri, tun, gre, mun, ser (4) build 1 (3) remove 1 (8) build 2  $\Lambda = \cancel{x} \cancel{x} \cancel{x}$ ,  $\cancel{x} \cancel{x} \cancel{x}$ (0) out R - home, vie, rum, bud, bul, con, ber (10) build 3 T - ank, smy, con (2) build 1 neutral - ské, spá (0) finally

Winter and Spring orders are due together at 1:00 p.n. on Tuesday, January 15. I'd like to do IRM Winter orders but too many people are

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on the move for the holidays. Terry Suitor will be at 239 N.E. Steiger St., Grants Pass, OR 97526 until January 7. Jim Grosch is moving to 4717 Coppedge Court, Duluth, GA 30136 after January 16. Standing by for Germany will be my brother Neil Daly. He'll be staying at my mother's house down the road, but I forget the address so you can send any correspondence to him through my address. Press follows.

EL CAJON to WORLD: Oh goody! Do I get a six unit Austria or a seven unit Russia? What did John give me in my first appearance in DOGS? What!!! A three unit France with two foreign units. Well!! Merry Christmas to you, too, John.

GM to LITTLE FRENCH GUY: This is how I find out how tough you are.

TURKEY to GERMANY: I started this game by writing to everybody, and I only received one letter from any of the three countries of the west. I don't believe the other two countries of the east received too many more. My question is how many letters did you send to the eastern part of the map? At least I tried to be diplomatic, something you never tried. Oh well, I'm losing and you're winning, so what does that mean.

### COURTROOM HUMOR

The following are excerpts from a book by Bob Terrell and Buck Buchanan entitled, Disorder in the Court.

There is the matter of lawyers who team up with witnesses for lines that would have made Abbott and Costello proud:

Q: "Do you know how he was when alone?"

A: "No, sir, I was never with him when he was alone."

Q: "You say he was cruel to you? What did he do to you?"

A: "He hit me and bit me."

Q: "You say he hit you. What did he hit you with?"

A: "His fist."

Q: "And what did he bite you with?"

Q: "Do you recall approximately the time that you examined the body of Mr. Smythe?"

A: "It was in the evening. The autopsy started around 8:30pm. Q: "And Mr. Smythe was dead at the time, is that correct?"

A: "No. He was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him."

### PLAYER NOTES

Just in case someone has caught me, I must admit that I'm not raising my sub rates for the postal increase because I've raised my game fee for that reason. Really, 2¢ is no big deal. In fact, there will probably be a sub fee decrease soon once I'm down to four games.

Speaking of games, I need another player or two and then we'll be

ready to go. I expect to have it started before the next issue.

This issue will go out on Monday so it should reach you before Christmas. Whatever holiday you celebrate, I wish you the best. I'm basically a pessimist, but I have to admit that things are looking good for the future.

Following Fall moves, England removed the dislodged F Lon.

- JELAMD (Stan Johnson 10 Pine Street, Edison, NJ 08817): Even; f nth-HEL; f LPL-iri.
- FRANCE (Vince Manna 2217 West St., #1, Brooklyn, NY 11204): Even; f mid-SPA(sc); f NAF-mid; a GAS s f mid-spa(sc); a BUR-mun; a mar\*s f mid-spa(sc); f IRI-lpl.
- GERMANY (Jake Walters P.O. Box 1064, Brookline, MA 02146): Build A Ber a ber-PRU; a sil\*mun; a DEN-swe; a hol-KIE; f eng-NTH; f LON s f eng-nth.
- ITALY (Paul Grosch 11083 Mollylea Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815): Build F Nap and F Rom; f rom-TYH; f nap-ION; a tri-TYO; f lyo-HAR; a PIE s f lyo-mar; f WES-mid; f CON s f gre-aeg; f gre-AEG; a ser-GRE.
- RUSSIA (Doug Baker 726 Seward, Evanston, IL 60202): Build. Stp(sc) and A War; <u>f NWY-swe</u>; <u>f NWG-nwy</u>; f stp(sc)-BOT; a war-SIL; a BOH s a war-sil; a rum-GAL; a BUL s ITALIAN f con; f arm-ANK; f BLAs a arm-ank.
- TURKEY (Steve Cooley 3551 Casamia Ave., Palmdale, CA 93550): Even; f ank\*con; f SMY s f ank-con.

The German A Sil must retreat to Ber or otb. The French A Mar and the Turkish F Ank are annihilated. Please vote on an R/I draw with your Fall moves, which are due at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16. Paul Grosch's Address above is temporary for the holidays. Press follows.

- TURKEY to WORLD: The Sultan himself leads the charge into Constantinople. He knows that defeat means a quick death, while success will yield a quick death. How thrilling!
- TURKEY to FRANCE &GERMANY: Conquerors of England? What a shortlived title that will be.
- STEVE to DOUG and PAUL: I'd surrender, but help is on its way. Didn't John tell you this was a "Mongol Hordes" variant?

ENGLAND: Turkey is my only friend in this game and look at the shape he's in.

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