

FROBOZZ

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The new game is filled and begins in this issue. There will be no more game openings until one of the ongoing games ends. For the sake of those who are waiting, I hope that this will happen sooner than I guessed last issue.

Standby pool for regular Diplomacy: Kendter, Petersen, Christie, Harris, Rauterberg, Plummer, Peters. For WWIIb: Riley, Kay, Peters. Does anyone want to be added to or deleted from either list?

1985??

Saint Cleve

Winter, 1900

AUSTRIA Joel Peacher, 507 E. 2nd Street, Rolla, MO 65401
ENGLAND Mark Harris, 2813 Naples, Garland, TX 75040
FRANCE Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Drive #3, Madison, WI 53711
GERMANY Matt Chen, 403 Evergreen Ct. W., Urbana, IL 61801
ITALY Melinda Holley, P.O. Box 2793, Huntington, WV 25727
RUSSIA Bruce Geryk, 2751 Woodbine Drive, Pontiac, MI 48054
TURKEY Owen Riley, 2944 S. Juniper St., Philadelphia, PA 19148

Deadline for Spring, 1901 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 26, 1985. Money is due from the following: \$7.50 from Holley; \$4.00 from Geryk, Harris, Peacher, and Riley.

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Arrakis

Winter, 1906

Aus: Builds A BUD. Eng: Builds A LON.
Ger: A stp R LVN; removes F bot. Rus: F swe r SKA; builds A MOS.

Spring, 1907

AUSTRIA (*Brawner*) F GRE-ion, A ALB-tri, A BER S A tyo-MUN, A tyo-MUN, A mun-RUH, A KIE S A mun-RUH, A SIL-war, A VIE S A TRI-tyo, A TRI-tyo, A BUD-tri.
ENGLAND (*Early*) F bre-MID, F ENG C A lon-BEL, A lon-BEL, A HOL-kie, F NTH S German F SWE-den(nso), F EDI S F NTH.
GERMANY (*Sandelin*) F SWE-nwy, A LVN-war(d,r pru.otb).
ITALY (*Sheffield*) F ion-ADR, F tyn-ION, F NAP S F tyn-ION, A PIE-tyo, A VEN S A PIE-tyo, A BUR-mun.
RUSSIA (*Jensen*) F lvp-WAL, A ank-ARM, F smy-EAS, F AEG S F smy-EAS, A NWY-swe, F SKA S F DEN-nth, A mos-LVN, F DEN-nth, A STP S A mos-LVN.

Deadline for Fall, 1907 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 26, 1985.

COA: Keaton Sheffield, 79 Roswell Court N.E., Atlanta, GA 30305.

PRESS - London to St. Petersburg: Aww, am I messing up your chances for a win? Too bad..

Italy: Gee, guys. Nobody answers my letters. Am I in the doggy house?

London to all: Prepare! The mighty English Army is coming to conquer Europe!

London to Rome and German government in exile: Our alliance will work *much* better with more communication.

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Puzzle Challenge

Here is the solution to last issue's puzzle:

I	N	O	C	U	L	A	T	E
M				R				L
P		S	I	N	C	E		E
R	O	T				R		C
E		U				R		T
S		N				O	A	R
S		T	O	W	E	R		O
E				A				D
D	I	V	I	S	I	B	L	E

And your puzzle this month is:

	A	B	C	D	E	
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	
F →		9	9	6		
G →	2	8	9	3	9	
H →	6	3	1	1	8	
I →	1	0	8	1	3	
J →		1	0	4		

$$\begin{aligned} A &= C/380 \\ B &= 100E+1 \\ C &= 380A \\ D &= H-4 \\ E &= I/11 \\ F &= (J/8)+E \\ G &= 111A-32 \\ H &= D+4 \\ I &= J^2-3 \\ J &= (I+3)/J \end{aligned}$$

For a change of pace, here's a number puzzle. Put one digit in each box to form ten numbers reading across and down. The ten numbers must satisfy the equations above right.

♠ Q J 7
♥ A K 6 5 4
♦ J 2
♣ 10 9 5

♠ A K
♥ J 10 9
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A K Q J

I've been getting a mixed reaction to the bridge problems. Some of you tell me you don't play bridge and aren't interested in the problems. But, there are enough of you who like them that I've decided to continue them on a bimonthly basis. This time, you find yourself declaring six notrump after an uneventful auction (you opened two notrump, partner raised to six). West leads the diamond king. How do you propose to make your slam? Deadline for both puzzles is Friday, July 26, 1985.

Puzzle Champions

Last month's puzzle was a real toughie. Only two solutions were received. These were submitted by Jim Lawniczak and Chuff Afflerbach. They each earn 100 points for their correct answers. This month's puzzle is much easier, so I expect to hear from more of you by next time. Here are the current standings:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Jim Lawniczak - 248 points | 3. Len Kay - 100 points | 5. Lu Henry - 72 points |
| 2. Chuff Afflerbach - 200 points | 4. Bruce Linsey - 91 points | 6. Jack Brawner - 50 points |

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Ivanhoe

Endgame statement

Jim Lawniczak (France): This was a game of shifting alliances and dropouts, as a look at the supply center chart will show. I started with an attack on Italy and nonaggression agreements with both England and Germany. The attack on Italy was a success when the original Italian dropped in 1902 and the standby never really came to grips with the attack. By 1903, it seemed I was committed to the F/G alliance against England. But, Russ Rusnak put up a great defense (I may not agree with Russ' style of play, but I can't deny that he is an effective player). Despite the F/G attack and with no allies, England was growing. Then Germany suggested a series of moves that would leave Belgium and Holland open to England. I thought that was crazy and told him so, but he insisted. To be honest, I didn't believe he would really make those moves, but even if he did (and he really did!) I had no intent to allow England to grow to 7 as we attacked him. Thus, I supported England into Holland.

The next phase of the game began with the E/F alliance, which was capable of sweeping the board. However, Rusnak stabbed prematurely, with no chance to win, and I was forced to turn back to stop him. That left the board clear for Austria, who had been biding his time. Austria played well, left me enough units to stop England and then took my centers after England was stopped. I really think his mistake was in taking those centers a bit too soon, as I was committed to the attack on England and might have left even more room for him if given a few game years more.

The game ended in a draw once England and I decided to take the draw rather than let Austria win.

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Ragnarok

Winter, 1906

Aus: Builds A TRI. Eng: Builds A EDI, F LON.
 Ger: Removes F bel. Ita: A ven r ROM; builds F NAP.

Spring, 1907

AUSTRIA (Early) A BUD S A rum, A VIE S A BUD, A TRI S A VIE, A rum S Turkish A sev-ukr(nso)(d,r ser,otb), A VEN-tyo, A PIE S A VEN-tyo, A con-BUL, F AEG S A con-BUL.
 ENGLAND (Ross) F TUN-ion, A UKR S Turkish A sev-RUM, A stp-MOS, A edi-NWY, F NTH C A edi-NWY, F SWE-den, F MID-spa(sc), F ENG-mid, F LON-eng.
 FRANCE (Harris) F LYO S A MAR, A MAR S F LYO(imp).
 GERMANY (Petersen) A GAS-spa, A BRE-gas, A BUR-mar, A ber-SIL, A RUH-mun, A MUN-tyo, F DEN-nth, A BOH S A MUN-tyo, A GAL-bud.
 ITALY (Townsend) A ROM-ven, F nap-TYN, F GRE-ion.
 TURKEY (Rauterberg) A sev-RUM, F bla-CON, A SMY S F bla-CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1907 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 26, 1985. The proposed draw was defeated. The following draws are now proposed: E-G, A-E-G, and G-T.

PRESS - London to world: For those few of you still in communication with Her Majesty, may I suggest that you use my 9-digit zip code, which is: 22314-2519. This actually cuts two days off delivery time of a letter from California and one day off a letter from the Mid-West.

Vienna to London: Indecision? Me? HA! You're one to talk! "Sure, I'll attack Germany... Well, maybe I'd better not... Naaah, I'll go ahead, why not?... No, I think I'll come after you instead." There are four or five centers on the coast of Germany that you could take without lifting a finger. But NOOO... that's too easy! I'll go for Austria instead! Congratulations. I've never seen *stupidity* elevated to an art form until I've seen your play.

Vienna to Peterhead: Are you really Josef Mengele in disguise?

Vienna to Ankara and Rome: I'm being nice. Let's go get some sauerkraut!

London to Vatican: Congratulations on the increased boldness of your recent play. I think it earns you the "Comeback of the Year Award".

Vienna to GM: My brother is an English teacher with a Master's Degree, and he says there is nothing wrong with splitting infinitives.

GM to Vienna: I'm sorry, but I am unimpressed by fancy sheepskins. Anyone can claim that bad grammar is acceptable, but that doesn't make it so.

Vienna to Athens: Start packing your bags.

1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Spring, 1902

AUSTRIA (Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711) A tri-BUD, A VIE S A tri-BUD, F GRE-bul(sc), A SER S F GRE-bul(sc).
 ENGLAND (Early resigns) F lon-ENG, A nwy S German F DEN-swe(nso)(d,a), F NTH S A nwy, F NWG S A nwy.
 FRANCE (Russ MacKechnie, 89-70th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209) A por-SPA, F spa(sc)-WES, F mar-LYO, F bre-MID, A bur-BEL.
 GERMANY (Fred Townsend, 1715 N. Mohawk, Chicago, IL 60614) F kie-HEL, A MUN H, F DEN-nth, A RUH S French A bur-BEL, A HOL S French A bur-BEL.
 ITALY (Pat Jensen, 712 Minnesota Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007) F ION C A tun-ALB, A tun-ALB, A ven-TYO.
 RUSSIA (Howard Christie, P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17846) A mos-UKR, A war-GAL, A bud-RUM, A FIN S F swe-NWY, F STP(NC) S F swe-NWY, F SWE-nwy, F rum-SEV.
 TURKEY (Stan Plummer, 6613 Azalea Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390) A BUL-gre, A CON-bul, F AEG S A BUL-gre, F SMY H.

Deadline for Fall, 1902 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 26, 1985. Pat Jensen is the new player for Italy. Will Paul Milewski, Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103 please take over as England.

PRESS - Austria to Turkey: Boo! Hiss! What's a matter? No guts?

London: Aaaargh! Too many fleets! This Prime Minister is cruising! Please don't let Howard get too powerful, guys!

Germany to England: The bill on your collect long distance call (yes, he called collect) was \$5.16, more than the cost of this game. To then complain about the lack of communication from me is absurd.

Ann Arbor to Germany: Sorry about the omission of your press last time. My only excuse is carelessness.

Paris to Rome: Whatsamattayou?

Vienna: Red Rover - Red Rover, send Italy right over!

Paris to London/Berlin: Beware Russians bearing gifts from the northeast ...

Turkey to world: Sorry about not communicating this season but decided to take a vacation before shipping out.

1984AT

Jack of Diamonds

Summer, 1907

Aus: A rum r GAL. Ger: A lvp r otb(u). Rus: A mos r SEV.

Fall, 1907

AUSTRIA (*Rusnak*) A MOS-sev, A gre-SER, A bud-RUM, A GAL S A bud-RUM, A WAR-sil, A BOH S A WAR-sil.ENGLAND (*MacKechnie*) A WAL-lon, F LVP summons the harpooners and lowers the whaleboats.FRANCE (*cd*) A POR H.GERMANY (*Riley*) F nwg-NAT, F yor-LON, F NTH S F yor-LON, A edi-cly(nsu), A GAS S A BUR-mar, A BUR-mar, A RUH S A MUN, A MUN S A SIL, A SIL S A MUN, A BER S A SIL, F PRU S A BER, A BRE S A GAS.ITALY (*Kurucz*) F mid-SPA(NC), A MAR S F mid-SPA(NC), A PIE S A MAR, A TYO S Austrian A BOH, F bul(sc)-CON, F AEG S F bul(sc)-CON, F EAS-smy.RUSSIA (*Kiersz*) A rum-BUL, F BLA S A rum-BUL, A SEV-rum.TURKEY (*Geryk*) A con S Russian A rum-BUL(d,a), A ANK S A SMY, A SMY S A CON.

Deadline for Spring, 1908 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 26, 1985. The A-G-I draw proposal was defeated and is now repropoed.

1984AT supply center chart - 1907

AUSTRIA	vie, tri, bud, ser, war, rum, MOS.....	7, +1
ENGLAND	lvp , por , LVP.....	1, -1
FRANCE	por , POR.....	1, even
GERMANY	ber, kie, mun, den, par, swe, nwy, hol, bel, edi, lvp , bre, LON.....	12, +1
ITALY	rom, nap, ven, tun, gre, mar, bul , CON, SPA.....	8, +1
RUSSIA	stp, mos , sev, BUL.....	3, even
TURKEY	ank , ank, smy.....	2, even

PRESS - Roman State Dept. to His Kaiserness: It's hard to trust a guy whose first name is "Krazy".

Liverpool to the Berlin Whale: "Towards thee I roll, thou all-destroying but unconquering whale; to the last I grapple with thee; from hell's heart I stab at thee; for hate's sake I spit my last breath at thee... thou damned whale!" (Herman Melville, *Moby Dick*, ch. 135)

England to the Butcher of Ann Arbor: You didn't think you'd escape entirely quote-free, did you? My humblest apologies, Jeff... it's in my blood and there's nothing I can do about it. (Besides, T.S. Eliot said it was OK).

Ann Arbor to England: Well, I guess I'll let it go this time. After all, I realize that you have a secret reason for wanting this quote published. Several of the lines come directly from the last reel of your favorite movie, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*. I'm always happy to help a reticent Trekker come out of the closet.

Vatican PR Dept.: Pope Pete, the Perennial Purveyor of Peace, has decreed that because of the unhealthy state of this great continent, what with all the needless killing and bloodletting, all of Europe should return to a state of brotherhood and harmony. Anyone voting otherwise will be quickly exterminated.

Invisible Turkish Fleet to RAF: Now you see me, now you don't.

1984CC

Silverball

Winter, 1906

Eng: F lvp r NAT; removes F bel. Fra: Builds F BRE, A PAR. Ger: A mun r otb.

Ita: F eas r otb, A vie r TYO; builds F NAP. Rus: Builds F STP(NC), A MOS.

Spring, 1907

ENGLAND (*Peacher*) F NAT-mid, A wal-LON.FRANCE (*Riley*) F lvp-CLY, A EDI S F lvp-CLY, A BUR S A MUN, A MUN S German A ber(otm), F bre-PIC, A PAR S A BUR, F ENG S F bre-PIC, F MID S F ENG.GERMANY (*Henry*) F hol-HEL, A ber-KIE.ITALY (*Kiersz*) F NAP S F ion, F ion S F ADR(d,r apu,tyn,tun,otb), F ADR S A tri, A tri S A TYO-vie(d,r ven,otb), A TYO-vie.RUSSIA (*Baker*) F stp(nc)-NWy, A mos-WAR, F BAL S A pru-BER, F kie-HOL, F NTH S F kie-HOL, A pru-BER, A war-SIL, F bla-RUM, A rum-GAL, A VIE S Turkish A bud-TRI.TURKEY (*Harris*) F AEG S F eas-ION, F smy-EAS, F eas-ION, F GRE S F eas-ION, A ALB S A bud-TRI, A bud-TRI, A SER S A bud-TRI.

Deadline for Fall, 1907 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 26, 1985.

AUSTRALIA (*Rusnak*) F sumatra r bay of bengal(a); builds F NORTHERN TERRITORY, A NEW SOUTH WALES. Also has F CORAL SEA, F GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT, F BERMUDA TRIANGLE, F INCA, F SOUTH PACIFIC, F EAST PACIFIC, F GALAPAGOS SEA, F TIMOR SEA, F JAVA, F GULF OF SIAM, F SEA OF OKHOTSK, A WESTERN AUSTRALIA, A MANCHURIA, A KAMCHATKA, A INNER MONGOLIA, A NEPAL, A BANGLADESH, A BURMA.

BRAZIL (*Rauterberg*) F western mediterranean r EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN; removes A uruguay. Has F MID ATLANTIC, F SPAIN(NC), F NW ATLANTIC, A TEXAS, A DIXIE, A HONDURAS, A PANAMA, A COLOMBIA, A AMAZONAS, A CORDOBA, F BAHIA, F BELEM, A BOLIVIA, A MATO GROSSO, F MOUTH OF THE AMAZON, A PORTO ALEGRE, F EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

CANADA (*Petersen*) Builds A BRITISH COLUMBIA, F ONTARIO. Also has F BARENTS SEA, F BAY OF BISCAY, F ICELAND, A FRANCE, F EGYPT, A QUEBEC, A CALIFORNIA, A OHIO VALLEY.

UofSA (*Brawner*) F bangladesh r bay of bengal(a); builds F MOZAMBIQUE, F ANGOLA. Also has F DRAKE PASSAGE, F SUMATRA, F SOUTH INDIAN, A TRANSVAAL, F MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL, F EAST INDIAN, F ITALY, F WEST INDIAN, A TIBET, A ASSAM, F SANTA CRUZ, A CHILE, F RUMANIA, F PRADESH.

USSR (*MacKechie*) No room to build. Has A TSINGHAI, A SINKIANG, A MONGOLIA, A SIBERIA, A KAZAK.

WARSAW PACT (*Jensen*) Builds A POLAND. Also has A YUGOSLAVIA, A HUNGARY, A RUSSIA, F BALTIC SEA, F NORWAY.

WAF (*Kiersz*) Removes A goias. Has F FALKLAND SOUND, F SE ATLANTIC, A PARAGUAY, F SW ATLANTIC, F CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, F MOROCCO, F TUNISIA, A LIBYA, A UKRAINA, A GEORGIA, A GREECE, F GUINEA.

Deadline for Spring, 2002 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 26, 1985. The proposed draw was defeated. A separation of seasons was granted.

The Thrifty Ant

ONCE UPON A TIME there was an Ant and a Grasshopper. The Ant was a solid citizen who believed in the glorious American virtues of thrift and hard work.

The Grasshopper, on the other hand, was a first-class leech who borrowed every nickel he could lay his feelers on.

You could tell how they would turn out in life when, as young insects, each inherited \$1000 from a maiden ant and a maiden grasshopper respectively. The Ant socked his \$1000 in the bank, thrifty ant that he was. The Grasshopper, however, blithely borrowed another \$3000 from the same bank and bought himself a \$4000 house.

"Are you insane?" cried the horrified Ant. "You have scarcely embarked on life, and you are already head over heels in debt!"

But the irresponsible Grasshopper paid no attention. Through some inexplicable flaw of character, he actually seemed to enjoy owing money. If the brutal truth were known, he was that weakest of creatures: a compulsive borrower.

As luck would have it, the value of his home increased. In several years he was able to sell it for \$8000. After he'd paid back the bank, he was left with \$5000 burning a hole in his pocket.

"Think of your old age and bank it," urged the Ant. "A penny saved is a penny earned." But, no, not that prodigal Grasshopper. Instead, he plunked the \$5000 down on a \$20,000 duplex, again borrowing the balance from the bank.

"You mad fool!" shouted the Ant. "Now you are five times more deeply in debt. Oh, where will it all end?"

"I know, but I just can't stop myself," said the Grasshopper. "Could you lend me a sawbuck until payday?"

Yes, the Grasshopper was incapable of reforming. When he sold his duplex for \$40,000, did he put away a penny of it? No, he borrowed another \$80,000 and bought an apartment house, much to the consternation of the Ant, whose apartment lay therein.

Well, as you might have guessed, the Grasshopper sank to the depths of degradation and finally fell into the motley company of other compulsive borrowers. Together, they went on orgies of borrowing in order to form syndicates in order to borrow more in order to... It was an endless, vicious cycle.

Today, the Ant proudly owes no creature one red cent. In fact, he used his life savings to purchase an annuity that pays him \$78.12 a month. Unfortunately, due to rising costs, the Grasshopper recently had to raise his rent to \$79 a month. So, the Ant's on welfare.

The poor Grasshopper, however, owes millions and millions of dollars to everyone in town. And as he himself was frank to admit at a civic testimonial dinner in his honor the other night:

"It is the glorious American virtues of thrift and hard work that made this country great."

MORAL: Always preach the virtues of thrift and hard work. If some idiots don't save their money, there'll be none for the rest of us to borrow!

Russ -

Thanks for your suggestion about Doug Beyerlein's sub balance. For now, I'm just hanging on to it to see if I get any brilliant ideas, but I'll probably end up doing as you suggest.

As for your subzine, I can't guarantee you more than 2 pages (one sheet, two sides). That could be a tight squeeze for 3 games, but it's up to you. Whatever fits in 2 pages will work as far as I'm concerned.

Best,
Jill

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