

FROBOZZ

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We nearly have enough players for the new game. I am hopeful that it will begin next issue. Signed up are Terry Ross, Steve Langley, Hugh Christie, Len Kay, and Pete Kurucz. Vince Springer and Greg Drake have also expressed a desire to play, but they live in the same city and so cannot be placed in the same game. If Springer confirms that he wants to play and pays the requisite fees, he will be given a position. Otherwise, Drake will get to play in this game.

Standby pool for regular Diplomacy: Harris, Rauterberg, Holley, Fleming, Kay, Jensen, Henry, Townsend, Howard Christie, Plummer, Peters. For WWIIb: Peacher. I could use some more standbys for WWIIb. Standbys receive free maps and rules. Any volunteers?

1984AT Endgame Statement

Pete Kurucz (Italy): The conflict started out very well-defined in the southeast and remained so throughout the game. Russia and Turkey launched a well-coordinated attack on Austria (Rusnak) at the very beginning and then invited me to join in with a generous offer of Trieste. It became clear to me that if I went along with that deal, they would have so much momentum in sweeping through Austria that it wouldn't be too difficult to choose the next victim. So I threw my lot with Austria, and we managed to turn the tide back, however slowly. This worried me in that we were so locked into the battle with R/T that a strong western country could have given us a lot of trouble.

My early policy of staying out of western affairs went by the wayside as France was crumbling from the blows of England and Germany. It looked like whoever was to come out on top in the west was going to be in contention for a win. As Germany (Riley) was getting more and more successful against England and France, I tried to convince E and F to end their feuding and face Germany together, but to no avail. Fortunately, I was on good speaking terms with the German (until about 1906) and was able to maneuver around the unappetizing issue of stabbing Austria, while Rusnak and I slowly built up a stalemate line that made a draw appear to be forced. I was amazed yet thankful that Riley didn't go for the win. Apparently, it would have been much more trouble than it would have been worth to fight both I and A. Thanks go to the guys who stuck it out to the bitter end and made this a real challenge, and to Jeff who, as usual, did an outstanding job running the game.

Thanks for the kind words, Pete. It's a pleasure serving players like you. I've been GMing games for you for about four years, and you've never missed a move or forced me to call you. If only all players were so reliable...

The Bulletin Board

Diplomacy World subscribers have probably heard by now that DW is "bankrupt", as Larry Peery puts it. DW will be folded unless the hobby is willing to donate money and services to keep it alive. If you would like to help DW or obtain more information on the situation, contact Larry Peery, P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. Questions, articles, and suggestions may also be directed to Kathy Byrne, 29-10 164th St., Flushing, NY 11358.

Larry Peery has completed publication of the *Black and Blue Book*, a list of over a thousand hobbyists' names, addresses, phone numbers, and more. If you would like a copy, send \$5.00 to Larry, address above.

Chuff Afflerbach publishes *Bread and Circuses*, devoted to the play of S.P.Q.R. I don't know too much about this game, other than it is set in the days of the Roman Empire. However, Chuff will send a rulebook to anyone who may be interested in being a standby. Chuff can be contacted at 5632 Oakgrove, Oakland, CA 94618.

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Puzzle Challenge

Here is the solution to last month's puzzle:

C	O	A	T	S		C	R	A	N	E		E	A	S	E	D
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To solve this puzzle, you must place a *different* positive integer in each box in the diagram. This must be done so that the sum of the numbers in each row equals the number printed to the left of that row, and the sum of the numbers in each column equals the number above that column. Deadline for solutions is October 18, 1985.

This is your next challenge:

	123	128	166			66	42	29
114						36		
128						53		
153						29		
			123	88	53			
		128						
			111					
			107			83		
	114	101					7	15
104						36		
77						10		
106						34		

♠ A K J
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 5
♣ 6 5

♠
♥ Q J 8 5 4 3
♦ A J 4
♣ K Q J 9

♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5 4
♥ A 10 9
♦ K
♣ 7 4

West deals

Neither side vulnerable

Open Room auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wolff	Garozzo	Hamman	Belladonna
1♥	Double	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mosca	Rubin	Lauria	Becker
2♥	Pass	3♠	3♠
Pass	4♥	Double	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Last month's bridge puzzle was an actual deal, played in the finals of the 1983 Bermuda Bowl, the world championship of bridge. It was Italy versus the United States; the auctions were very different at the two tables, due to the differences between the Italian and American bidding systems. Nevertheless, the contract was the same at both tables, four spades by South. The defense was also the same at both tables. West led the club king, which East overtook to return his singleton heart. In the Closed Room, Becker, the U.S. declarer, played the ten of hearts at trick two. Mosca played the jack to force out dummy's king. Becker continued with two rounds of trump but could not afford a third, for this would remove the last entry to dummy's diamond queen. Instead, he led a diamond. Mosca won the ace and gave his partner a heart ruff. The defense quickly followed with a club trick. Down one. In the Open Room, Belladonna won trick two in his hand with the ace. But for some reason, he drew only one round of trump before playing diamonds. Wolff grabbed the ace, gave Hamman a heart ruff, regained the lead in clubs, and gave another ruff. Down two. Incredibly, both experts missed a straightforward line to guarantee the contract. All South need do is win East's heart lead in hand with the ace, and draw three rounds of trump before leading the diamond king. East has no more trumps with which to ruff hearts, and dummy still has the king of hearts as an entry to the good diamond queen. So, there is no way for the defense to prevent South from winning seven spade tricks, two hearts and a diamond.

Puzzle Champions

The diagramless crossword was solved by Steve Langley, Chuff Afflerbach, Len Kay, Joel Peacher, and Pete Kurucz. Partial solutions were received from Bruce Linsey and Jim Lawniczak. The bridge puzzle was suggested by Jim Lawniczak. Thanks, Jim. Correct answers were received from Fred Townsend, Steve Langley, Pat Jensen, Jack Brawner, and of course Jim Lawniczak. Had any of these people been sitting in for Belladonna on this hand, Italy would have won yet another world championship. Here are the top ten Puzzle Champions:

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| 1. Jim Lawniczak - 576 points | 6. Joel Peacher - 200 points |
| 2. Chuff Afflerbach - 465 points | 7. Lu Henry - 172 points |
| 3. Len Kay - 425 points | 8. Steve Langley - 150 points |
| 4. Bruce Linsey - 277 points | 9. Jack Brawner - 130 points |
| 5. Pat Jensen - 225 points | 10. Bruce McIntyre - 125 points |

1984AU

Ragnarok

Summer, 1908

Ita: A rom r NAP.

Fall, 1908

AUSTRIA (Early) A TRI-tyo, A vic S A TRI-tyo(d,r bud,otb), A bud-GAL, A RUM S A bud-GAL, F GRE-ion, A VEN S A ROM, A ROM S A VEN.

ENGLAND (Ross) F TUN S F lyo-TYN, F lyo-TYN, F swe-DEN, F NTH S F swe-DEN, F wal-ENG, F eng-BRE, F MID S F eng-BRE, F SPA(SC) S French A MAR, A mos-WAR, A SEV H, A UKR S A mos-WAR.

FRANCE (Harris?) NMR. A MAR H.

GERMANY (Petersen) A GAS-mar, A BUR S A GAS-mar, A pic-BEL, A TYO-tri, A gal-VIE, A BOH S A gal-VIE, A SIL-gal, A MUN-tyo, F den h(d,r ska,hel,kie,bal,otb).

ITALY (Townsend) A NAP-rom, F tyn-tun(d,r tus,wes,otb), F ION S F tyn-tun.

TURKEY (Rauterberg) F con-AEG, A smy-CON, A ARM H.

Deadline for Spring, 1909 is 9PM EDT Friday, October 18, 1985. No standby will be called for France. I thank Stan Plummer for submitting standby orders, though they were not needed.

1984AU supply center chart - 1908

AUSTRIA	tri,bud,ser,bul,rum,ven, y i e ,GRE,ROM.....	8, +1
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,nwy,swe,stp,por,mos,tun,sev,spa,DEN,BRE,WAR.....	14, +3
FRANCE	mar.....	1, even
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun, d e n ,hol,bel, w a r , b r e ,par,VIE.....	7, -2
ITALY	r o m ,nap, g r e	1, -2
TURKEY	ank,smy,con.....	3, even

PRESS — London to world: Someone had to make this game interesting before Ann Arbor declared a draw on account of boredom.

London to Ann Arbor: I hope you appreciate the efforts of a few of us to keep this zine as "thrill-packed" as you have told us it is.

Ann Arbor to London: I do appreciate it, but I don't recall claiming that *Frobozz* is thrill-packed. Superbly edited by a modest publisher, perhaps, but not necessarily thrill-packed.

Vienna to Berlin: Who are you? Hopefully Plummer! It would really make my day to get rid of Petersen.

GM to Vienna: Do you know what irritates me? It's the misuse of simple words such as "hopefully". You are obviously in need of an English tutor.

Vienna to GM: I forgot to ask, who died and made YOU the ultimate authority on the English Language? Huh? Huh?

GM to Vienna: Don't get so upset. I was only trying to be helpful.

Berlin to Europe: A ragged band of peasants, identifying themselves as the Austrian Army, made a meager attempt on Hitler's life last season. They managed to paralyze the Wehrmacht for a short time, but full order has been restored. Unfortunately (for the Austrians), the last remnants of Balkan strength was sapped in the abortive attempt. The end approaches...

London to world: Her Majesty is pleased to announce the inauguration of the BBC as the official government broadcasting station.

BBC to the people of occupied France: This morning, Her Majesty is pleased to announce that naval forces of the British Empire in full cooperation with the valiant remaining Free French Forces under the command of General Mark "Charles De Gaulle" Harris have landed on the beaches of Normandy and have begun the liberation of France. Stay tuned for instructions and coordination of uprisings against the Hun.

Vienna to Rome: Give it up! You're history!

Vienna to London: Sorry I didn't have time to respond. Next time I will for sure.

Vienna to Berlin: If I close my eyes and reopen them, will you go away?

Aus: A kie r BER.

Fall, 1908

AUSTRIA (*Browner*) F GRE S Russian F AEG-ion, A tri-SER, A MUN S A ber-KIE, A ruh-HOL, A BUR-bel, A ber-KIE, A boh-SIL, A TYO-ven, A VIE-tri, A BUD-tri.

ENGLAND (*Early*) F mid-GAS, F EDI S F NTH, F ENG S A hol-BEL, A hol-BEL, A kie-hol(d,r ruh.otb), F NTH H(U).

ITALY (*Sheffield*) A tus-PIE, A MAR S A tus-PIE, A VEN S A tus-PIE, F ION H, F NAP S F ION, F ADR S F ION, A PAR H.

RUSSIA (*Jensen*) F bel-nth(d,r pic.otb), F SKA S F bel-nth, F HEL S Austrian A ruh-HOL, A DEN S Austrian A ber-KIE, A fin-NWY, F bla-ARM, A SMY H, A WAR smiles, F AEG-ion, F EAS S F AEG-ion, F nwy-NWG.

Deadline for Spring, 1909 is 9PM EDT Friday, October 18, 1985. An A-R draw is proposed.

1984CB supply center chart - 1908

AUSTRIA	vie,bud,ser,gre,rum,bul,mun,ber,tri,kie,HOL.....	11, +1
ENGLAND	lon,bel,por, Ø edi,bre.....	5, -1
ITALY	rom,nap,ven,tun,mar,spa,par.....	7, even
RUSSIA	stp,mos,sev,nwy,ank,con,smv,lvp,den,swe,war.....	11, even

PRESS — England to Italy: Let's just forget it. The center ratio is 21:13 against us, and it's about to be worse. Let's get this game over with and start a new one. Austria and Russia deserve this game. We did the best we could. Frankly, I'm sick of this game.

1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Summer, 1903

Ita: F ion r TYN.

Fall, 1903

AUSTRIA (*Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711*) A tri-VEN, A vic-GAL, A BUD S A vic-GAL, A SER-rum.

ENGLAND (*Paul Milewski, Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103*) F ENG-bel, A lvp-EDI, F mid-POR, F adr S Italian A ven(nsu).

FRANCE (*Russ MacKechnie resigns*) F TUN watches the smoke rise from Paris and Marseilles, F bre-PIC, A par-gas(d,r bre.otb), A mar-bur(d,r spa.otb), F wes-MID.

GERMANY (*Fred Townsend, 1715 N. Mohawk, Chicago, IL 60614*) F NTH-eng, F DEN-nth, A HOL-bel, A GAS S A pic-PAR, A BUR S Italian A pic-MAR, A pic-PAR.

ITALY (*Pat Jensen, 712 Minnesota Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007*) F TYN-tun, F rom-NAP, A ALB-gre, A pic-MAR.

RUSSIA (*Howard Christie, P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17846*) F bar-NWG, F NWY S F bar-NWG, A SWE S F NWY, A boh-VIE, A gal-bud(d,r ukr,war,sil,boh.otb), A RUM S A gal-bud, F SEV S A RUM.

TURKEY (*Stan Plummer, HHC — FMMC, LSU/MFO, Sinai, APO, NY 09677*) A BUL-ser, A GRE S A BUL-ser, F ion-ADR, F AEG S F eas-ION, F cas-ION.

Deadline for Spring, 1904 is 9PM EDT Friday, October 18, 1985. Will Mark Fruch, 4729 Morganford #6, St. Louis, MO 63116 please take over as France.

1985V supply center chart - 1903

AUSTRIA	Ø tri,ser,bud,VEN.....	4, even
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,POR.....	4, +1
FRANCE	Ø bre, Ø spa, Ø TUN.....	3, -2
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun,den,hol,bel,PAR.....	7, +1
ITALY	rom,nap, Ø , Ø MAR.....	3, -1
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war,sev,swe,rum,nwy,VIE.....	8, +1
TURKEY	con,ank,smv,bul,gre.....	5, even

PRESS — Austria to Turkey: Hey, what are you looking for girls for? I thought you were married! Tsk tsk.

Austria to Russia: Feel free to send me some whores. you can keep their houses.

Dale to Jeff: Speaking of same, do you know why girls and jello are alike? They both wiggle when you eat them.

Jeff to Dale: I wouldn't know. I haven't eaten any jello lately.

Turkey to Austria: So you're a big kid. A kid is still a kid, no matter the size.

Austria to Italy: Sorry about Venice. But if you're slashing your wrists, here's my machete.

England to Italy: Since you persist in ordering a unit that does not exist, I am inclined to give you the benefit of the doubt and assume your behavior is intended to confuse the enemy. Please allow me to join you.

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WWIIIB

Winter, 2002

AUSTRALIA (*Russ Rusnak, 16 W. 536 Honeysuckle Rose #105, Hinsdale, IL 60521*) A manchuria r NORTH KOREA. Removes A northern territory, A celebes. Has A THAILAND, F GULF OF SIAM, F SUMATRA, F JAVA, F TIMOR SEA, F WESTERN AUSTRALIA, F GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT, F GALAPAGOS SEA, F SOUTH PACIFIC, F CENTRAL PACIFIC, F GULF OF PANAMA, A BURMA, A TIBET, A NORTH KOREA, A KAMCHATKA, A SZECHWAN, F BERING SEA, F CUBA.

BRAZIL (*Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208*) Builds A MATO GROSSO, A BELEM. Also has F PORTUGAL, A LA PAMPA, A BOLIVIA, F NEW ENGLAND, A DIXIE, F GREENLAND, A TEXAS, A MEXICO, A HAITI, F CARIBBEAN SEA, A INCA, A NAPO, A ECUADOR, F BERMUDA TRIANGLE, F MOUTH OF THE AMAZON, A BAHIA, F SYRIA.

CANADA (*Jim Petersen, 614 Fountain, Albert Lea, MN 56007*) A new england r ONTARIO, A france r otb. Has F QUEBEC(NC), A ONTARIO, A OHIO VALLEY, A CALIFORNIA, A OREGON, F ICELAND, F NORTH ATLANTIC, F NORWEGIAN SEA, F EGYPT.

UofSA (*Jack Brawner, 6011 7th St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705*) Builds F TRANSVAAL, A MOZAMBIQUE. Also has A CHILE, F DRAKE PASSAGE, F SANTA CRUZ, A MADRAS, F EAST INDIAN, F MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL, F WEST INDIAN, F SE ATLANTIC, F PRADESH, F BAY OF BENGAL, A BANGLADESH, A KASHMIR, F RUMANIA, F ITALY, F SOUTH INDIAN.

USSR (*Russ MacKechnie resigns*) Even. Has A MANCHURIA, A SIBERIA, A INNER MONGOLIA, A TSINGHAI, A KAZAK.

WARSAW PACT (*Pat Jensen, 712 Minnesota Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007*) A yugoslavia r AUSTRIA. Also has A RUSSIA, F BALTIC SEA, F SWEDEN, A CZECHOSLAVAKIA, A HUNGARY.

WAF (*Neil Kiersz, 108 Humphrey Rd., Great Valley, NY 14741*) NBR. Plays two short. Has A FRANCE, F WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, A YUGOSLAVIA, A UKRAINA, A GEORGIA, F LIBYA, F CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F MID ATLANTIC, F FALKLAND SOUND, A URUGUAY, F GULF OF GUINEA, F SW ATLANTIC, F MOROCCO.

Deadline for Spring, 2003 is 9PM EDT Friday, October 18, 1985. A separation of seasons is granted. The proposed draws were defeated. An A-B-UofSA-WAF draw and a 7-way draw are again proposed. Will Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711 please take over the USSR position. Will Joel Peacher, 507 E. 2nd St., Rolla, MO 65401 please submit standby orders for WAF.

PRESS — Warsaw Pact: Mass demonstrations are expected in all territories controlled by Warsaw Pact. WP leaders ask all countries to call off their attacks so that peaceful riots may occur.

South Africa to Brazil: The only thing you just accomplished was to ensure that if I am ever in a position in which I must decide whether you or Rusnak wins the game, that it won't be you.

1985AC

Saint Cleve

Winter, 1901

AUSTRIA (*Joel Peacher, 507 E. 2nd St., Rolla, MO 65401*) Builds A BUD, F TRI. Also has A GRE, A SER, F ALB.

ENGLAND (*Harris?*) NBR. Plays one short. Has A NWY, F NWG, F NTH.

FRANCE (*Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711*) Builds A MAR. Also has F SPA(SC), A PIC, A BUR.

GERMANY (*Matt Chen, 403 Evergreen Ct. W., Urbana, IL 61801*) Builds A MUN, F KIE. Also has A HOL, A RUH, F DEN.

ITALY (*Melinda Holley, P.O. Box 2793, Huntington, WV 25727*) Even. Has A PIE, A VEN, F NAP.

RUSSIA (*Bruce Geryk, 414 Bishop House, Shoreland Hall, 5454 South Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60615*) Builds F STP(NC), F SEV. Also has F SWE, A FIN, A UKR, F RUM.

TURKEY (*Lee Kendler, 4347 Benner St., Philadelphia, PA 19135*) Builds F SMY. Also has A BUL, F CON, A ANK.

Deadline for Spring, 1902 is 9PM EDT Friday, October 18, 1985. One incredulous player has asked me to confirm that last season's Italian orders were correct as printed. Yes, they were. Will Matt Fleming, 4290 Chateau de Ville #C, St. Louis, MO 63129 please standby for England. Note the COA for Bruce Geryk.

PRESS — Italy to board: Do not, repeat, do not write Dip orders while under the influence of novocaine. They will make no sense whatsoever.

Italy to France: Suicide? Hey, I don't even know where I'm going! That's suicide enough.

Italy to GM: Now — for my next amazing trick...

Italy to world: Sorry for not writing, guys. Personal stuff interfered. I'll do better.

St. Petersburg to the world-at-large: The Imperial Russian Government wishes to announce the establishment of a consulate at the University of Chicago, United States of America. We would have set one up in England, but the people there kept throwing bricks at our ambassador. Funny chaps... can't imagine why they do that.

Fra: A mun r RUH, F bel r PIC.

Fall, 1908

ENGLAND (Joel Peacher, 507 E. 2nd St., Rolla, MO 65401) A yor-LVP.

FRANCE (James Petersen, 614 Fountain, Albert Lea, MN 56007) F mid-ENG, F CLY-nwg, A EDI H, F eng-LON, A bre-GAS, A BUR S A RUH-bel, A RUH-bel, F PIC S A RUH-bel.

GERMANY (Lu Henry) F NTH-den.

ITALY (Neil Kiersz, 108 Humphrey Rd., Great Valley, NY 14741) NMR. F TUN H, F NAP H, F ADR H, A ROM H.

RUSSIA (Doug Baker, 1222 Jefferson Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007) A ber-KIE, F HOL S F BEL, F BEL H, A MUN-bur, A BOH-mun, F BAL S A ber-KIE, F swe-NWY, A TYO S A BOH-mun, A DEN H, F RUM H, F BAR-nwg.

TURKEY (Mark Harris, 2813 Naples, Garland, TX 75040) NMR. A TRI H, A ALB H, A BUD H, F TYN H, F AEG F F GRE H, F ION H, A SMY H.

Deadline for Spring, 1909 is 9PM EDT Friday, October 18, 1985. An F-I-R-T draw is proposed. I thank Marc Peters for submitting standby orders, though they were not needed. Thanks also go to Lu Henry for playing out his standby position. Will Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208 please standby for Italy. Will Melinda Holley, P.O. Box 2793, Huntington, WV 25727 please standby for Turkey.

1984CC supply center chart - 1908

ENGLAND	χφλ, LVP.....	1, even
FRANCE	par, bre, mar, spa, por, χγφ, edi, πλφ, βελ, LON.....	7, -1
GERMANY	den.....	0, out
ITALY	rom, nap, ven, tun.....	4, even
RUSSIA	stp, mos, sev, swe, nwy, war, kie, rum, vie, hol, ber, BEL, MUN, DEN.....	14, +3
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, bul, gre, ser, bud, tri.....	8, even

Your sub has expired. Please renew.

X I have orders on file for you in WWIIIb

Please standby in

Dear Russ -

You were the only one to comment on Doug's sub balance. I returned it to him a few weeks ago. Riley told me specifically that he wanted to remain a standby for WWIIIb, then failed to submit orders. So much for him...

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