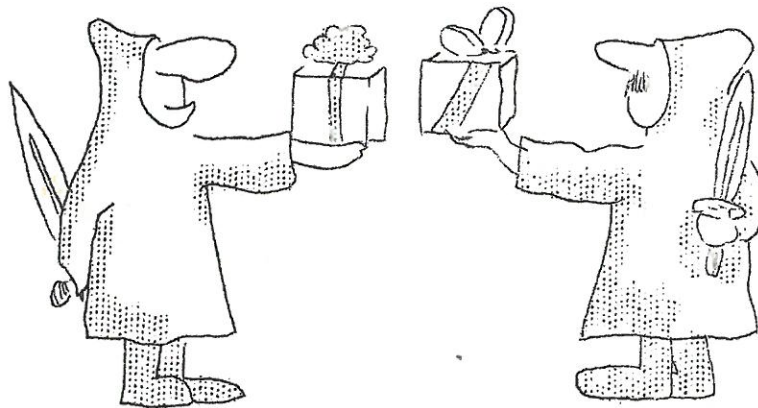


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I'll be in Maryland for the holidays, that is, from 12/20 until 1/6. Moves should still be sent to Burton House, but if something really urgent comes up, I can be reached there: 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852. Phone is (301) 887-4718. It might be a good idea to call person-to-person, as I expect to be moving around a lot these two weeks.

Sorry about the mimeo quality last issue. The stencils were left over from before the summer and apparently had dried out or something. Things should be better this issue. One thing, though: Why can't Smith-Corona make their capitals come out? If you look through back issues, you will find that invariably the worst reproduction comes with capital letters. Very strange.

Diplomacy got a good plug in Boston After Dark, a "social life" tabloid put out up here. "Still the favorite for would-be Machiavellis," was the verdict. "A great Christmas gift."

One final word on the MIT Sanctuary: "There was a time when MIT students could handle this sort of thing.... Can you imagine a bunch of feds glued together with Kodak 940?"---Jerry Lettvin

I was going to write a Diplomacy-style parody of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" but I couldn't figure out a way to fit in one. ---or is it organes?

And a note from Cole Harrison: "I cannot help pointing out that if the Left respected the Establishment it would not be able to respect itself and would instantly collapse. A Left that respected the Establishment could only work within it and become part of it. The Left may respect individuals who identify themselves with the Establishment, but only in seeing them as possible converts in the early stage of revolution. The more reasonable Establishment types will be the first to see the logic of the Left and join it. Some people like D.H. Lawrence have said they have a kind of respect for stubbornness. I have none and I hope no one has respect for mine."

More on the Post Office from Ed Halle next time, and if I have some spare time at home, you might see the personal rating lists again. And if you're really lucky, you get to listen to me blab about winning another game of two.

They're reorganizing student government at Tech. There will be a referendum in January on a new governmental structure. One of the proposals, called TANG (Toward A New Government) is super-participatory democracy, sponsored by such diverse groups as the SDS, the YAF, and the PSU. Democracy at MIT? It's possible.

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Regular Diplomatic
Spring, 1903

EMERGENCY RECAPTURES MUNICH
BLACK SEA
MARCH 11, 1903 CONTINUED

England (McLeod): F Mid-Bre, A Sic (S) F Mid-re, F Eng (S) F Mid-Bre, F Mth-Bwy, A Swe-Lwy

France (Reinsel): A Mun (S) A Mar-Bur, A Bar (S) A Bre-Pic, A Bre-Pic, A Mar-Bur, F Spa (SC)-Por, A Tyo (S) A Mun

Germany (Welsh): A Bur-Mun, A Ruh, A Kie, A Ser (S) A Bur-Mun, F Den-Balt

Italy (Moning): F Ion-Alb, F Acr (S) F Ion-Alb, A Ven (S) Tri /sic/, A Apu (S) A Ven

Austria (Grayson): A Tri-Vie, A Bud (S) A Tri-Vie, A Ser (S) Bud

Russia (Bird): A Vie-Bud, F Bla-Ank, F Bal-Kie, A StP-Mos, A Rusk-Gal

Turkey (Schelz): F Con (S) F Ank-Bla, F Ank-Bla, A Sev (A), A Arm (S) A Sev, F Bul (SC) (L), A Gre-Alb

There are four retreats: England: A Sic, France: A Mun, Russia: A Vienna, F Black Sea

The deadline for these summer, 1903 retreats is Wednesday, January 8, 1969. I would hope that you will submit Fall, 1903 moves at the same time, as the retreats are for the most part reasonably simple. It is only their number that is causing the extra season. Note COA's and phone numbers in the roster.

London--As everyone knows, Spring is the time when all loyal Englishmen go on pilgrimages. The M has in the past gone to Canterbury where he sits in solitude for several hours, gloating over his escape from his advisors. This year, however, the M has initiated plans for a pilgrimage by himself and the English armed forces to Marseilles (via Paris and Iberia).

Budapest--The Imperial-Royal Press Agency joyously announced that Dr. Frankenstein was back from the Transylvanian Alps. He stated that his work was finished there, and his newly completed weapon could be produced by his assistants now.

"We are sorry," said he, "that while we were there for these past two years the government had been left in the hands of the Royal Family; but now we can again take over the running of the country. One of our first acts will be the recovery of the bodies of the Royal family, which implies that we will recapture the Imperial City of Vienna. Then, we will see the use and importance of our work in mountains.

"For two years, we didn't worry about the death all about us, for we were concerned with LIFE. We didn't go out killing people--just defended our own frontiers--and now we can see the results: We have the secret of life, and our armies, currently being produced in the laboratories, will be almost invincible. A soldier shot or stabbed will not be killed, he we must admit that if torn to bits,

eaten alive or burnt to a crisp, he will not be of much value in battle. And although our sailors cannot be drowned, our fleets can still be destroyed as fighting units. We are working on it.

"Another thing that needs attention is the signal Corps. The carrier bats we are using are, simply, inadequate. Messages didn't get through to our field commanders, or back to headquarters. The Post Office isn't much good either, even though they issue some nice commemorative stamps that we like to collect. This may be solvable too."

Constantinople--There is great rejoicing in the city as the Russian naval threat has been eliminated.

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GDC Regular Diplomacy
 Summer, Fall, 1902

MIDDLEAN GOVERNMENT
 AUSTRO-TURKISH WAR MOVING
 WESTERN ALLIANCE BREMS BUILDING

Summer, 1902: Italy (Johnson): /NMR/ A Tyo /A/

Fall, 1902:

England (Ceyerlein): A Nwy-StP, F Par (S) A Nwy-StP, F Ing-Lwy,
 F Ath (S) F Lwg-Lwy

France (Halle): F Lyo-Wes, F Spa (SC)-Por, A Gas-Spa, F
 A Pie-Tus

Germany (Goldstein): A Hol (H), A Mun (H), A War-Mos,
 F Bal-Swe, F Den (S) F Bal-Swe

Italy (Johnson): /NMR/ A Ven (E) /A/, F Tyn (F)

Austria (Harrison): F Ion-Tap, A Tyo-Wen, A Tri (S) A Tyn (F)
 A Vie-Bob, A Bud-Rum

Russia (Rebane): A Ukr-Mos, A Swe (E), F Both (S) A Swe

Turkey (Weyant): A Sev (S) GER A War-Mos, A Rum-Ser, F Bla-Rum,
 A Bul (S) A Rum-Ser

Supply Centers Held after Fall, 1902:

England: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Lwy, StP (5) /Builds one/
France: Bre, Par, Mar, Bel, Spa, Por (6) /Builds one/
Germany: Ser, Mun, Rie, Hol, Den, War, Mos (7) /Builds one/
Italy: Lon, Tyn, ~~Mab~~, ~~Wax~~ (2) /Builds one, was short/
Austria: Vie, Bud, Tri, Bre, ~~Wax~~, Ven, Nap (6) /Builds one/
Russia: ~~Wax~~, ~~Wax~~, ~~Wax~~, Swe (1) /removes two/
Turkey: Con, Ank, Smy, Rum, Bul, Sev, Ser (7) /Builds three/ !!

The deadline for these Winter, 1902 moves is Wednesday, January 2, 1969. Please note the Coa for Mike Goldstein, and for Bill Weyant in the roster.

Versailles--In his annual state of the Empire message, King Eduard has indicated that while there has been no setback to French war aims, save a temporary delay in Italy, he is not at all satisfied with the European situation. Addressing the Chamber of Deputies from the Throne, His Majesty indicated He felt that "Too many power vacuums are opening up, and we of France cannot fill them all." His Majesty descended from the Throne and left Versailles to spend a weekend of meditation in the Spanish countryside.

A Moravian Peasant--Just who does this Johnson character think he is anyway?

An Alpine Peasant--Just who does this Goldstein character think he is, anyway?

A Thessalonian Peasant--Just who does this Weyant character think he is anyway?

Vienna--I dunno, boss. But I sure aim to find out.

Vienna--Et tu Weyant, Goldstein, Johnson, Nebane, and possibly Kalle?

Vienna--The Empire serves notice on the IPU that postal rates between The Empire and Germany and Turkey have been raised uniformly by three crowns, and between the Empire and France by one crown.

Zion--Serve the Lord with gladness, all ye hands: Come before his presence with thanksgiving and show thyself glad in Him with psalms.

Tiranë--We shall overcome. Albania for the Albanians!

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Economic Diplomacy

ITALIAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS GO
UNNOTICED BY GEN. GAIN DELAYED
TO STRAIGHTEN OUT MISTAKES

It seems that the Italians were in Agricultural debt last season (note their balance). As a result one of the Italian Corps in Serbia should have been removed. Also, there is an Italian naval yard in Naples--accordingly the Italian balance should be decreased by four credits. Also, the Carthaginian balance should be four credits larger. Italy's balance should be: 39,57, and Carthage's should be 18,12.

There have been several questions which should be answered before the Fall moves:

If there is no naval yard to support fleets, they are given one move in which to find a new one. That is, if (for example) all the English naval yards were captured, England would have until the end of the Fall, 1921 moves to get a new navy yards to support them.

The stickiest question concerns the cutting of support. Suppose you have one corps attacking a province in which units are supporting actions in two different provinces: For example: C Gre (s) C Tri-Alb, C Gre,(S) C Con-Bul, and then for some other power: C Ser-Gre.

Which of the two supports should be cut? I propose to use a modification of Just's (in)famous right-hand rule: First priority goes to supports which are into provinces which border on the province of the attacking unit (as both are in the example I gave). If there is more than one such support (as in the example) the rightmost one is cut (in this case, that of the C supporting the move into Bulgaria). If none of the supports is into a contiguous province, then the rightmost is cut as above. I'm surprised that this problem has not come up previously, and we're lucky to catch it before it has actually occurred.

The deadline (revised) for Spring, 1921 moves is set at January 8, 1969. You may if you wish keep the moves that you had already submitted. Sorry for the delay.

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Indian Diplomacy
Fall, 1609

SHOSHONI, IROQUOIS RACE INTO
MIDWEST POWER VACUUMS
GM MAKES A MODEST SUGGESTION

Shoshoni (Miller): W 2 (H), W 22 (H), W 29 (S), W 49, W 49 (S) W 49, W 48 (S) W 80, W 47-86, W 80 (H), W 86-85, W 84-81, W 81-82, W 83 (S) W 81-82, W 87-97, W 96 (S) W 87-97, W 89-87, W 98 (S) W 87-97, W 101-102

Iroquois (Brooks): W 56 (S) W 71-67, W 87-115, W 59-71, W 59-61, W 60-62, W 74 (S) W 71-67, W 71-67, W 73 (S) W 74, W 72-50, W 77-76, W 78 (H), W 79 (S) W 72-50, W 50-24, W 51 (S) W 50-24, W 52-19, W 19, W 3 (S) W 18-19

Apache (---): W's 82, 97, 99 Hold /W's 82, 97 /A//

Muskogean (Latimer?): W's 106, 108, 109, 110, 65, 68, 75 (H)
no moves received.

Supply centers held after Fall, 1609:

Iroquois-- 10, 11, 12, 14, 61, 15, 69, 70, 71, 74, 64, 56, 54, 52, 66, 50, 18, 3, 115, for nineteen. May build two units.

Apache-- ~~22~~, ~~23~~, ~~27~~, 99. For one.

Muskogean--108, 109, 110, 113, 114, ~~22~~, ~~23~~ For five. Remove the

Shoshoni-- 44, 45, 47, 87, 88, 96, 101, 80, 49, 29, 38, 35, 2, 20, 22, 21, 82, 83, 97, for nineteen. May build three.

Okay, guys. it's clearly a battle between Iroquois and Shoshoni. Now, the way you have been fighting indicates that you may be going for a draw. If so, I am willing to declare one. If not, you may fight, but if you are going for a draw there is no sense in prolonging the game. You have no opposition.

Deadline for Winter, 1609 builds is January 8, 1969.

Recommended reading: 1913: An End and A Beginning, by Virginia Cowles, Harper & Row

The year 1913 in the major capitals of Europe, plus New York.

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