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STALEMATE IN THE SOUTH  
CADDO AND MUSKHOGEAN ESTIVATE

BLACKFEET LOSE GROUND  
SHOSHONI BEGIN INVASION

APACHE (Mockus): W 97-83, W 82 S W 97-83, W 87-89, W 96-87, W 99-98

BLACKFT (Gemignani): W 25-21, W 33-30, W 28-29 (Dislodged: may retreat to 27, 33, 26)

DAKOTA (Hoheisel): W 56-54, W 52 S W 56-54, W 23-22, W 79-72, W 80-50

ILLINOIS (Huff): W 72-50, W 54 S W 72-50, W 70-57, W 69-70 (W 54 Disl., R-51, 53, or 55)

IROQUOIS (Brooks): W 11-12, W 12-15, W 15-6, W 16-17, W 61-60, W 14 builds canoe fleet

CADDO (Latimer): W 74-67, W 75 S W 109-110, W 109-110, W 110-112

MUSKHOGEAN (Nelson): W 66-67, W 113-112, W 115-113, W 114 S W 115-118

SHOSHONI (Miller): W 45 holds, W 47 S W 29, W 30-28, W 29 S W 30-28, W 38-37

DEADLINE for SUMMER, 1602 retreats and Fall, 1602 moves (which may be made conditional upon the retreats): Saturday, June 3, 1967.

\*\*\*There will continue to be three weeks between issues of Glock, instead of the two weeks proposed last issue, as several players objected to the change.

\*\*\*Various things have conspired to make this issue later than I had hoped, such as twelve hours of work last Saturday, and painting, etc. Gnish.

Propaganda, defying tradition, appears on page one this issue!!:

IROQUOIS: Agitprop Dept. is on vacation.

HOPI: To whom it may concern: A communication has been received (or rather stolen) from the Nakota //\*\*Yes, Nakota\*\*// stating a proposed alliance of all tribes west of the great river against the "Dogs of the woods" the Iroquios. We renounce this proposition and make it known to all of the double dealing of the "allies" of the plains.

POTAWATAMI TIMES-DISPATCH: A communication has been delivered from a representative of the Potawatami Confederation stating that a condition of war exists between the two nations, Lenni Lenape and Potawatami. This state of war shall last until all prisoners taken in a recent raid into Potawatami territory are released. Allowat Sakima replied that the prisoners will be released when the chief scout of the Lenni Lenape is freed from "those lousy, sniveling idiots."

(More excitement, threats, etc: page 2)

NAVAJO: In a nasty letter to the Editor of the Daily Hogan, Dr. Smiling Eagle, head of the Radical student body of Northwestern South Navajo stated that the editor of Glockoria was a //\*\* \*\*// who doesn't know how to spell Navajo. He demanded that the said editor be fired for his obvious discrimination against the letter "j" and the Spanish language. //\*\*Just be thankful I don't pub this rag in Sindarin, Doc\*\*//

NOTICE to Dakota and Shoshoni: There are two ways to be respected in Diplomacy: Win or make it disasterous for anyone to defeat you. Get ready for disaster.

BLACKFOOT: Uh-oh, he is here too. Hi, Al--Now the vulture gang is all here. Me take scalp and you will learn to stop picking on me.

No more shall Shoshoni steal our friends' lands. No more shall sioux steal Buffalo from our people. The spirits who appeared to the Muskogean have given Blackfoot and Caddo much power, many burning-sticks, talk-boxes. No more shall Santee and Sisseton burn our lodges. The Gorrthenay tell us the vultures are as good as dead. The stick-that-burns shall avenge our warriors.

GORRTHENAY: "Sometimes I wonder about our foreign policy. The Glocks are aiding the Iroquois League. On Turivon the war goes badly, and even behind the Mist we help the wrong barbarians."

PARHAN: The Glocks are not helping the Iroquois: They're helping the Spanish.

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## =KRIEGSPIELS=

\*\*\*\*\*I am contemplating running a game of Super Economic Diplomacy. (Note that I say contemplating.) As the game stands, it competes favorably with Super-Dip in complexity, taking approximately two pages of orders, one IBM computer and a staff of bookkeepers to play. (Its verisimilitude is frightening) In any event, I am engaged in simplifying the game somewhat and reducing it to a set of tables and intelligible rules. The game was invented by Fritz Muhlhauser, who professed to be able to play it. (I note at this juncture that it took the Washington Gamesmen about an hour to play one season of it) (Fritz can play it, no doubt, but Fritz is Fritz.) It is a fascinating game, however, and if nothing else I will publish the rules.

\*\*\*\*I get the feeling that '66 was the boom year for Diplomacy, and that things will definitely cool off now. Only nine games have been started so far this year, and of those three have been team or five-man or like that.

\*\*\*\*Notice that Smythe has won again (in W'nW) and again as Italy (he is the only person to have won with Italy, and he has done it twice). Jim Latimer is about to win in Diplomania, as Russia, making him the fourth Washington area player to join the list of aspirants (as John McCallum calls one game winners). It has become obvious that the close proximity to the Pentagon and the CIA has an effect on us. I wish some of it would effect me. (But how to explain Youngstown? I have never been taught to think of Ohio as a land of intrigue....)

\*\*\*\*It occurs to me that the Iroquois have yet to have a move fail. I doubt such a thing is possible in regular Diplomacy

\*\*\*\*It said in the paper the other day that a three-dee chess set of the type seen on Star Trek is going to be marketed as promo for the show. From the brief glimpses of it on the show it looks more like Super-Economic Diplomacy..... Anyway, Spöck always loses. (He's getting a girl this fall, right down to the pointy ears, and that might help his game.)

Here the newest Rate-of-Change Ratings, including all completed games up to 1965M, which was won by John Smythe (playing Italy). The personal ratings will be held over until the next issue, when there will undoubtedly will have been several other games completed. As far as personal ratings go, suffice it to say that in spite of his win, Smythe is still only in second place: behind Banks Mebane, the winner of (or one of the winners of) 1965T. Mebanes rating is high because he has been in two completed games, doing extremely well in both of them. Smythe has not done too well in the two non-victories he has been in.

The Power ratings after 1965M:

Turkey	585.7 (down 132.1)
England	268.1 (down 87.5)
Austria-Hungary	75.8 (up 61.9)
Italy	66.9 (up 148.1)
France	-42.1 (down 4.1)
Germany	-99.5 (up .7)
Russia	-146.6 (down 71.1)

Russia is now on the bottom for the first time since 1964C. England continues her downward slope, as Austria recovers from a three game slump and France keeps her slump alive with her third straight lowering of points.

Following is table of the averages by this rating system after each game, up through 1965M.

After Game:	Eng	Fra	Ger	Ita	A-H	Rus	Tur	Top Ranked
63B	-600.0	-187.5	-55.5	-600.0	666.7	1222.2	-500.0	Rus
64A	-436.4	451.7	-327.7	-436.4	166.7	325.4	727.3	Tur
64B	-252.5	449.3	-181.4	-364.1	574.1	-116.4	410.8	A-H
65A	-86.2	295.2	-155.5	-398.7	280.5	-66.5	765.6	Tur
65I	-143.9	150.5	14.5	61.0	204.4	-53.1	556.5	Tur
64C	155.6	99.8	-113.0	-4.7	70.4	-211.0	617.6	Tur
65L	62.0	37.9	161.1	-75.4	-25.4	61.2	481.7	Tur
66D	384.6	-2.5	66.0	-159.4	-40.1	-8.9	600.1	Tur
64D	341.8	-16.1	11.0	-107.3	131.0	-95.8	533.4	Tur
65E	475.8	21.8	-32.9	-156.7	99.7	-153.8	543.7	Tur
65S	409.9	-14.2	-54.7	-51.4	69.7	-212.6	644.6	Tur
65T	356.0	-38.0	-100.2	-81.2	13.9	-75.5	717.9	Tur
65M	268.1	-42.1	-99.5	66.9	75.8	-146.6	585.7	Tur

A few comments about this table. There have only been three powers which have never been ranked last: France, Austria, and Turkey. There have only been two times when Turkey has not been ranked first. The Turkish lead has ranged from about 450 points ( $\frac{1}{2}$  a center per year) to only about 75 points (about a fifteenth of a center), in '64C and '65E respectively.

A table may be made, giving one point for a victory, 2 for a second, etc.:

Turkey	19	Germany	63
Austria	41	Russia	65
England-France	47	Italy	78

As can be seen from the table, there are three groups in the ratings. There is Turkey, there is Austria-England-France, and There is Germany-Russia-Italy. Turkey is on top for reasons which have been dealt with at great length elsewhere. England is high for much the same reasons as Turkey, and France has of course, an extremely strong offensive position. Germany, Italy and Russia all have very poor offensive positions (Russia's trouble actually closer to being a poor defensive position), and so there are no surprises in that list .....

Except Austria. One may enumerate the various reasons why Turkey and England do so well: A position on the edge of the board, good potential for the building of fleets, easily defensible position (neither can be conquered without fleets), simplicity of alliance-potential, etc., etc. The only point that can be given in favor of Austria is that it is close to the Balkans, and is therefore close to potential supply centers. Aside from that there is little to rejoice about.

I think the secret of Austria lies in the fact that the country is flexible, and by playing Austria flexibly, with an eye towards domination of Italy or the Balkans comes success. Austria has more potential enemies (and allies) than any other nation. This produces the problem of sorting out allies and enemies, but it also gives the power the great flexibility I mentioned. The only point of policy that a player of Austria must keep in mind is control of the Balkans, although Austria has done well even without such control.

Diplomacy is the art of being devious and flexible, and so Austria, which can be flexible, can do well. It is only the vast magnitude of her failures which makes Austria shunned. Only a diplomat can play Austria well.

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