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With this article by Rod Walker, we now only lack an original article on an opening for Turkey to have a new opening for every country! It's a good thing Rod wrote about the Churchill Opening previously. After this article, England needs all the help she can get!

RUSSIA'S NORTHERN OFFENSIVE  
by Rod Walker

Russia has two fronts, distinctly separated, and symbolized by her two distinct naval frontages, Baltic/Barents and Black Sea. Alan Calhauer gave Russia 4 units because of this, and there is a Russian fleet on each front. There are times when Russia may wish to concentrate initially on one front or the other. This article deals with concentration on the north. I want to preface it with some observations of a general nature:

1. I believe that early concentration may unnecessarily antagonize its object. Concentration in the north is usually anti-English, but choosing your enemies before you know which enemies have chosen you is not too bright.
2. Concentrating in the north means ignoring the south. There is then no protection against a Turkish or Austrian stab. It also means an abandonment of the right to sway events in the south, at least immediately.

The decision to concentrate in the north is a weighty one. It should not be made except for compelling reasons. If it needs to be done, however, then "twere best 'twere done quickly," to use the words of Lady Macbeth.

The most common "northern intervention" move is F StP(nc)-Bot, A Nos-StP, followed in Fall by F Bot-Swe, A StP-Nor (hopefully keeping the English out), or A StP-Fin, making things hot for England in S02, even though he will take Norway in 1901. The other army is then used in the south, or if Russia has no immediate ambitions there, hangs around wondering what to do.

but if you are going to intervene in the north, Russia, and abandon your interests in the south for the nonce, then you may as well do so quickly. There is therefore another sequence which offers interesting possibilities. This sequence is:

Spring 1901	Fall 1901	Winter 1901
F StP(nc)-Bot	F Bot C A Lvn-Swe	Build F StP(nc)
A Nos-StP	A StP-Fin	
A War-Lvn	A Lvn-Swe	

This is accompanied, of course, with suitable diplomacy, hopefully inducing both France and Norway to attack the Wicked Witch of the North, England. At the end of 1901, Russia has 4 units poised in Scandinavia. Norway should fall in 1902.

The importance of this position lies, however, not in the fall of Norway, but in its aftermath. Taking Norway from England is one thing; taking anything else is another. If Russian diplomacy has been successful, England may be glad to recognize the fait accompli

in return for Russian non-aggression in the future. In turn, Russia should be glad to grant this. In Spring 1902, he should have moved F. Lot-Dal (on the excuse that he needs to get the fleet out for use against England, a real need if he continues his naval war to the west). He is then in position to launch an attack on Germany. A strong advance into central Europe is far more important to Russian victory than the side show against England (Russia needs to weaken, not destroy, England, at this stage at least).

By the end of 1902 (Russia will probably build A War in W02), the Russian position is good in the north. He dominates Scandinavia, holding a strong defensive position, anchoring his offense there. He has taken, or is threatening, Denmark. He has armies poised to the east and north of Germany.

Again I emphasize, however, that this is possible only when Russia's diplomatic position in the south is so secure that he can afford to devote very minimal attention to that theater. His very weakness in that area, combined with successes in the north, may undermine his position. He must be careful, therefore, to engage in strong and aggressive diplomacy with his southern neighbors, so that while he seeks to dominate the north, he does not lose the south.

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#### DIPCON V

DIPCON V will take place in Chicago on July 22-23rd. If present plans materialize (and they are virtually firmed up now), this DIPCON will be a quantum jump from anything seen in the past with significant coast-to-coast representation. DIPCON V will be sponsored by the IFW and, in addition to time and place, the following plans are definite.

The DIPCON will be held in one of Chicago's finest downtown hotels and yet will be moderately priced due to a convention discount secured by IFW. (A further discount will be available for members of IFW and the N3FCBDD.) The highlight of the convention will be a banquet held on Sunday evening (the 23rd), featuring Allan B. Calhauer as the main speaker. The DIPCON will officially open on the morning of the 22nd (Saturday) and the two days of intensive activities will include lectures, a demonstration game for novices, meetings for specific purposes, and, of course, FTF games galore.

A flyer will be sent out very shortly in Hoosier Archives giving final plans. In the meantime, if you are interested in participating in this DIPCON, write: Len Lakofka, 1806 N. Richmond, Chicago, Illinois 60647. This is not an event to be missed!