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You mean I won? I don't even know the rules....

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INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 52

We have a real treat for you this time. Doug Beyerlein, one of the best players of all time, has written an article, presented below, on how to blitz a neighbor at the beginning of the game and therefore become a major power right off. Go to it, sports fans!

THE BLITZ

by Douglas Beyerlein

In issue #6 of Impassable, I wrote an article titled "Options." It demonstrated the strategic gains made possible by first forcing the neighboring powers into conflicts and then choosing the side which will result in the maximum possible benefits. This wait-and-see attitude is just one possible way to play a country opening. In this article I will discuss the other side of the coin: the blitz.

As most people know, the term blitz is an abbreviation for the German word blitzkrieg. Made popular by Germany's early victories in WWII, blitzkrieg means lightning war or a sudden, swift, overwhelming attack. Applying that concept to the game of Diplomacy, we have a strategic plan that can often decide a game's outcome.

The blitz is most formidable in the opening stage of the game, that is, 1901. This is a period when all the major powers are at minimal strength, their frontiers are largely unguarded, and diplomacy and the acceptance of new ideas is at a maximum. Setting up a blitz of a neighboring power can be done in the following manner.

Step 1: Select the victim of the blitz. This has to be a neighboring power to whom you have good access.

Step 2: Conclude an alliance with another power adjacent to the victim. This is the most sensitive and trickiest part of the whole plan. You and your ally must have complete trust in each other—or as much as two Diplomacy players can have. There is no room for hesitation, blunders, or a breakdown in communications if the blitz is to work.

Step 3: Set up the victim with a fake alliance or pledge. This should make him make the necessary moves to cause the blitz to work. This takes a good job of diplomacy while not being too obvious about your real plans. And, of course, if you mention the blitz to some non-involved third power, don't expect it to remain a secret.

Step 4 is the actual movement of units in Spring 1901 which starts the blitz on its forward march. Complete coordination with your ally is the key, assuming the first three steps have gone on schedule.

Step 5 is when the blitz hits in Fall 1901. The victim's defensive position is smashed and all that is left for 1902 is the job of cleaning up the debris and gaining the victim's supply centers.

While the blitz may sound quite easy to perform, there are obvious risks involved. As you are setting up your victim for the blitz, your ally may be just going along to force you into a poor strategic position where an attack from unexpected quarters can catch you

off guard. Also, the blitz forces you into an early commitment while the other powers may be taking a wait-and-see stance. This can result in other previously neutral countries now working for your downfall in terms of their best self-interest. Therefore, the blitz is an all-or-nothing offense. The player that lives by the blitz also can die by it.

Some examples of the blitz follow.

(1) The blitz of England. Assuming that all the diplomacy has gone as planned, Germany and France decide to blitz England. They invite Russia to take Norway. The moves:

- Spring 1901: England: F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nwg, A Liv-Edi
- France: F Bre-Eng, A Par-Pic, A Mar-Spa
- Germany: F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh
- Russia: A Mos-StP

England now sees the stab, but what should he do? Defend London? North Sea? Attack Norway? It is now a guessing game. A good set of moves:

- Fall 1901: France: F Eng (S) German F Den-Nth, A Pic-Bel
- Germany: F Den-Nth, A Kie-Den, A Ruh-Hol
- Russia: A StP-Nwy

No matter how well England guesses, he is doomed and will be lucky to live past 1903. The blitzers now only have to convoy into England for their gains.

(2) The blitz of Turkey. This involved Austria and Russia with Turkey not realizing the blitz is on its way until after the Fall 1901 moves are published. The moves:

- Spring 1901: Austria: A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb
- Russia: F Sev-Rum, A Mos-Sev
- Turkey: A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con

It looks like a Russian-Turkish alliance, but...

- Fall 1901: Austria: A Ser-Bul, F Alb-Gre
- Russia: F Rum (S) Austrian A Ser-Bul, A Sev-Arm
- Turkey: A Bul-Gre, F Con-Aeg

And before Turkey knows what has happened, Russia builds another fleet in Sevastopol and it is all over for Turkey.

There are many other possible blitz situations. And some that can be used as late as 1903 have devastating results. Only ingenuity and the diplomatic skill of the blitzers place a limit on the range and effectiveness of the blitz. The possibilities are as endless as one's imagination.

ARCHIVES PUBLISHERS SURVEY

Since last printed in Koosier Archives #81, this chronological list of when currently active Diplomacy editors started publishing is very much out of date. This is due to many new nine starts this fall, address changes, and the high attrition rate of Diplomacy publishers in general. Also, now that Rod Walker has disappeared from the scene, Conrad von Metzke, John McCallum, Len Lakofka, Fred Winter, and hopefully others, want to develop trades with all publishers so that hopefully we can fill the statistical void that Rod has left.

Note that this time I have listed all publishers in order from the time they started publishing and just footnoted the ones that have had publishing breaks of 3 months or more. Again, you can see the high attrition rate as already a third of the publishers who started only last year have already quit publishing.

1962

- 1. Sep 11¹ Conrad von Metzke, PO Box 8342, San Diego, Cal. 92102

1963

- 2. May 12 John Beardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226

1965

- 3. Oct 15 John McCallum, PO Box 52, Balston, Alberta, Canada T0J 2N0
- 4. Nov Don Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Md. 20906

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1966

5. Feb 22² Charles Reinsel, Box 8342, San Diego, Cal. 92102
6. Mar 1³ Robert Ward, 8665 Florin Road, #176, Sacramento, Cal. 95828
7. Jul 15 Hal Naus, 1011 Barrett Avenue, Chula Vista, Cal. 92011

1967

8. May 1 Larry Peery, PO Box 8416, San Diego, Cal. 92102
9. Nov 29 Eric Just, 1507C Lawton Ave., Lawton, Okla., 73501

1968

10. Feb 2⁴ Buddy Tretick, 11710 Coldstream Drive, Potomac, Md. 20854
11. Aug Robert Johnson, PO Box 134, Whippany, N.J. 07981
12. Aug 19 Larry St. Cyr, 451 Patterson, U. of Mass., Amherst, Mass. 01002

1969

13. May 18 Len Lakofka, 4970 N. Marine Drive, Apt. 525, Chicago, Ill. 60640
14. Jul 2 Don Turnbull, Flat 13, Gilmerton Ct., Trumpington Rd., Cambridge, Eng. CB2 2NG
15. Dec Chris Schleicher, 5122 N. Carmen, Chicago, Ill. 60630

1970

16. Jan 29 Andy Phillips, 128 Oliver Street, Daly City, Cal. 94014
17. Aug 27 Peter Ansoff, Box 5798, Station B. Vanderbilt U., Nashville, Tenn. 37235
18. Oct 23 Bob Van Andel, 749 Thomas Street SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49503
19. Nov Greg Warden, Apt. 2, 911 S. Farragut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

1971

20. Jan 23 Walter Buchanan, R.R. 3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052
21. Feb Michel Feron, Grand-Place 7, B-4280 Hamut, Belgium
22. Apr 20 Lewis Pulsipher, 329 Twin Towers, Albion, Mich. 49224
23. Apr Ray Bowers, 625 Evans, Kirkwood, Mo. 63122
24. May 29 Hartley Patterson, "Finches," 7 Cambridge Rd., Beaconsfield, Bucks, England
25. Jul 21 Tony Pandin, 10406 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44104
26. Sep 22 Stephen Cooper, 3073 S. Buchanan, B-2, Arlington, Va. 22206
27. Sep Michel Liesnard, Av. E. de Meersman, 43, B-1080, Bruxelles, Belgium
28. Oct 4 Bernie Ackerman, %Cheshire Home, 890 Main Rd., Moseley, Natal, Rep. of S. Afr.
29. Oct 22 Herb Barents, 157 State Street, Zeeland, Mich. 49464
30. Nov 20 Stan Wrobel, 7 Poland Village Blvd., Poland, Ohio 44514
31. Dec 3 Brenton Ver Ploeg, 520 Parker, #202, San Francisco, Cal. 94118
32. Dec James Massar, 127 N. Emmons Street, Dannemora, N.Y. 12929

1972

33. Jan 1 Burt Labelle, Forest Park #23, 154 West St., Biddeford, Me. 04005
34. Jan 4 Mark Weidmark, 528 Park Crescent, Pickering, Ontario, Canada
35. Jan 8 Karl Pettis, McDonel Hall, Mich. State U., E. Lansing, Mich. 48823
36. Jan 31 John Piggott, Jesus College, Cambridge, CB5 8RL, England
37. Jan 31 Paul Wood, 24613 Harmon Court, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080
38. Jan Fred Winter, PO Box 604, Madison, Wisc. 53701
39. Feb 7 Edi Birsan, % Pat Verteramo, RD 5, Box 6, Bridge St., Hopewell Jct, N.Y. 12533
40. Feb 17 Joseph Antosiak, 3637 Arden Avenue, Brockfield, Ill. 60513
41. Feb Payton Turpin, 5525 Thunderbird Ln., La Jolla, Cal. 92037
42. Mar 11 John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, Pa. 17013
43. Mar Paul Stone, Box 485, Parksville, British Columbia, Canada
44. Mar Fred Davis, Jr., 5307 Carriage Court, Baltimore, Md. 21229
45. Apr 19 Paul Bond, PO Box 6477, College Station, Texas 77840
46. May 15 Tas Rylie, 1/30 New Beach Road, Davling Point, N.S.W., Australia 2027
47. Jun 3 Graeme Levin, BDC, 19 Broadlands Road, PO Box 4, London, England N6 4DF
48. Jun David Hunt, 217 E. Front Street, Adrian, Mich. 49221
49. Jun 14 Graham Jeffery, 8 Rusholme Rd., London SW15 3JZ, England

50. Jul 15 Rob Nielsen, 17 Turner Street, Greens, N.Y. 13778
 51. Aug 11 Richard Walkardine, Cheriton, 15, Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, UK
 52. Aug 28 Steve Bell, PO Box 1767, Davidson, N.C. 28036
 53. Sep John Lawrey, PO Box 86, Salome, Ariz. 85348
 54. Sep John Leeder, Box 1606, Huntsville, Ontario, Canada
 55. Sep Jim Barber, Knap-8220 Schmidt, Iowa State U., Ames, Iowa 50010
 56. Sep Mark Thomas, 470 Johnston Drive, Watchung, N.J. 07060
 57. Sep Dick Holcombe, 45 Kimberlin Hts. Drive, Oakland, Cal. 94619
 58. Sep 25 Tim Tilson, 200 W. 9th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 49783
 59. Oct Chic Hilliker, 3312 Stoneycrest, Bloomington, Ind. 47401

MISC. TRADERS

60. Ken Borecki, 19 Royal Road, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570
 61. David Dix, 110 Minden Avenue, Oak Hill, W. Va. 25901
 62. Don Lawry, % Panzerfaust, PO Box 1123, Evansville, Ind. 47713
 63. George Phillias, 520B/305 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02193

FOOTNOTES: ¹11 Sep 62 - 30 Jan 63, 1 Apr 65 - 15 Oct 66, 17 Feb 68 - present
²22 Feb 66 - 2 Jan 70, 27 Sep 72 - present
³Mar 28 - 20 Oct 69, 1 Sep 71 - present
⁴2 Feb 68 - Feb 69, 11 Nov 69 - present

 THE CALHAMER POINT COUNT RATING LIST BY COUNTRY
 France (29.367)

2.000	Edi Birsan Lewis Pulsipher	1.000	Ted Holcombe Gary Jones Dave Lebling Don Miller	.583	Hal Naus Larry Peery
1.500	Dan Barrows		Derek Nelson	.333	Charles Turner John Van de Graaf
1.333	Don Berman Charles Reinsel		Jerry Pournelle Peter Rosamilia Tom Rosenbaum	.200	O. L. DeWitt Bruce Gletty George Schelz Sid Witt Pete Wityk
1.200	Gene Prosnitz		John Smythe Bob Strayer Colin Watson Charles Wells Charles Welsh	.167	Mike Goldstein

 NEWS OF THE REALM

1. BOARDMAN NUMBERS. Many newcomers to the hobby have questioned me about these lately. These numbers, probably more than any other single device, help to tie the hobby together. Designed by John Boardman, they are assigned to every regular Diplomacy game. In 1972, for example, the 1st game started was 1972A. After the alphabet is exhausted, we then start again with 1972AA and continue on in the same manner. Last year 1971EM was reached and that record is sure to be broken this year as the hobby continues its rapid expansion. The present custodian of the Boardman Numbers is Conrad von Metake, who assumed the job from Rod Walker. All publishers and players are encouraged to inform Conrad of any game that hasn't been assigned a Boardman Number. In this manner, rating statisticians can keep track of game results. Publishers are also urged to publish supply center charts at the end of each game so that Conrad can keep track of this information as well and make it available to raters.

2. MAINE PUBLISHING VENTURE. In addition to his well established genzine, Antares, Burt Labelle (address above) has just started a gamezine, Pellucidar, with the 1st game already underway. Gamefees are \$5 each and well worth it. Burt has also started an outstanding service for newcomers, a genzine called Andromeda Chronicle which introduces the hobby to novices in the manner of Rod Walker's now-defunct Pontevedria. Good work, Burt!