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STAND-BYS

A few standbys are again needed for next issue's deadline:

1973BU: Kovalcik for Austria

1975G: Kelly for France

1975CS: Kendter for Turkey

New standings, in order: Swies, Cooper, Birsan, Baker, Kador, Crowley, McIlvaine, Fujihara, Keller, McGee, Brooks, McDonough, Kovalcik, Kelly, Kendter

See address list on page 9 covering these stand-bys as well as everyone who gets this gamezine (by luck or by misfortune...)

THOSE NAMES

I am sorry for the lack of material in this issue, but it is important to get those addresses out everynow and then. There is a good backlog of material for printing, but going by the recent poll, I'll be using the following in order of first come, first space: hobby news, an article and then reviews--if space permits! Sigh. Next issue we just might get back to normal! I urge anyone to check out the addresses of those you know as it is important no errors continue--and who knows? You may learn from my list!

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HOBBY NEWS

Well, for once I have taken the time to write down during the past three weeks the bits of information I find interesting from various sources--mostly from other gamezines. I'll get better at this as we go along, let me know if you want a change in emphasis, that is, less of something and more coverage of something else...

**Gil Neiger stepped down for Jeremy Paulson who became the new editor for Cair Paravel (renamed to: Imladris--Son of Pouch). This makes for the third major change for the old The POUCH games. One New Yorker is pretty much like the other and so the changes go on without too much notice to non-New Yorkers, unless, of course, you're a member of the ATNYC!

**One excellent publication is Turnabout, published by Peter Berggren, Davistown Schoolhouse Rd., Orford, NH 03777. Rapidly improving and of note has repudiated TDA. A new guy who is learning all the ropes in this business. Sub is 8/\$2. One game is open at GF of \$2 + sub. This particular game is being included in the 1975-76 Postal Diplomacy Tournament and the \$1 fee is being paid by the GM. A very interesting addition was small pictures (photos reduced) of original issues of various gamezines in the gamezine review section! Now you can tell what it looks like...recommended.

**Ever wonder what IDA does for a living? Here's a listing of special projects and committees compiled by the President of IDA, Edi Birsan: Publication Committee(major publishing jobs such as the 1975 Handbook), Finance Committee, Judicial Committee(clearing up hobby disputes on a voluntary basis), Membership Committee(maintaining, among other things, census of hobby which is now being computerized...), Orphan Games/Insurance (sets up insurance for member games and acts as clearing house for orphans), Calhamer Awards Committee(you know about that one), Tournament Rules Committee(set up to design/study rules for face-toface tournaments), International Subscription Exchange(reported on in last issue), DipCon Selection Committee (choosingsites for the annual convention),

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TACTICS, STRATEGY AND GRAND STRATEGY: A PROBLEM IN DEFINITION

By Ron Stephens



((Another excellent article by Ron Stephens! I like the way this guy writes, and he has "arrived" just in time to replace our aging authors who have apparently lost all of their ideas or energy to write. Welcome to the writers, Ron!))

Any seasoned diplomat will concede the necessity of deliberate obfuscation in the negotiations process. After all, what more certain way is there to unsuccessfully negotiate than to sharply and painfully delineate points of certain conflict and disagreement? However, there are still some areas existent where a great deal of needless obfuscation occurs. This serves only to "muddy" communications and inaccurately convey meaning to another.

Among the most bandied about terms in simulation games and in game magazines and among armchair military theorists are tactics and strategy. I am not interested in the causes for this. Rather, I am interested in providing a basis for usage of the terms and possible application of the concepts embodied. In so doing, perhaps the hobby will in some small way benefit.

One common misconception is that tactics is subordinate to strategy or forms a sub-set that is basically included in strategic considerations. This may often appear to be so but in fact, both tactics and strategy are fairly distinct. Strategy deals with the planning and carrying out of projects which involve movement of forces while tactics deals with the processes of moving or the mere handling of forces.

Strategy is derived from the French "stratégie" which means in essence, "office of general" or "generalship." Thus, strategy should properly be restricted to mean the practice of combining or emphasizing the means which military theory and reality afford for the purpose of planning and directing great military movements and operations, i.e., generalship.

Tactics, on the other hand, is concerned with maneuvers or procedures of movement. It comes from the Latin word "tacticus" and pertains to arrangement or order especially when applied to war.

Both these words are primarily limited to military and battlefield application. They fail to cover the overview of the war, although strategy is often misused in this context. For this larger area, the term grand strategy is most useful.

Grand strategy supercedes strategy. It is the greater or national view of campaigns and battles as a whole which takes into account political, psychological, economic, and social implications as well as the narrower military or strategic considerations. Grand strategy includes the various diplomatic arts which many times have tremendous strategic and, hence, tactical value. The classic example is the power which loses every military engagement yet succeeds in its grand strategy objectives because of skillful negotiations, of having exhausted the enemies' resources, of having created a positive public opinion, of having exhausted an enemies' will to fight, etc.

In Diplomacy, it is my view that tactics are a minor consideration as units are so large in size as to diminish the value of great tactical expertise. Movements do not require great tactical skill. Rather, it is in strategy or the long range planning of movements that a player will be able to attain his objectives. Thus, limited tactical skill is not a very great liability in Diplomacy but a serious deficiency in strategy is invariably disastrous to a player.

Even more devastating is a lack of an adequate grand strategy. Diplomacy is an unique simulation game in that each player occupies a totalitarian leader's position of being solely responsible for and being able to command his own tactics, strategy and grand strategy.

Historically, few of the great military figures had complete control of this operational triad. In democracies and republics, grand strategy is reserved as a governmental prerogative subject to the approbation of the masses. Cromwell's trials with Parliament during the English Civil War, the changing command of the Army of the Potomac during the American Civil War and Epimandondas' problems with the citizenry of Thebes against Sparta serve as illustrations of this.

These same limitations governing formulation of grand strategy are evident in totalitarian regimes also. Belisarius' problems with the Byzantine emperor's jealousy, the Czar's ineptitude in the Russo-Japanese and First World Wars, and Von Moltke's problems with his sovereign amply illustrate this dependency on head of state or popular opinion to fulfill military objectives.

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1970BJ, Summer & Fall 1917 and Vote

CATCHING UP OVER FOR RUSSIA

Vote: Defeated, only 1 yes vote from Ger.

Summer: Ger R A Den-Kie

Fall:

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): A Ukr-Sev, A Rum S A Ukr-Sev, A Gal-War, A Gre-Bul, A Alb-Ser, A Pie-Ven/a/, A Tyr S A Pie-Ven, A Tri S A Pie-Ven, Proposes concession to Russia
GERMANY(Mahler): A Bur-Bel, A Ruh S A Bur-Bel, A Kie-Den, F Hol-Nth, F Hol S A Bur-Bel

ITALY(Phillips): F Adr S A Ven, F Apu S A Ven, A Ven S A Tus-Pie, A Mar S A Tus-Pie, A Tus-Pie, F Tyn-Lyo, F Mid-Gas, A Par-Bur, A Pic S F Bel, F Eng S F Bel, F Bel S Rus F Nth-Hol/nso/

RUSSIA(Kelly): F Nth S Ita F Bel-Hol/nso/, F Nwg S F Nth, F Swe S A Den, A Den S Aus A Tyr-Mun/imp/, A War-Pru, A Liv-War, A Mos S A Liv-War, A Arm-Sev, A Con-Bul

WINTER 1917 and Concession to Russia AND
Spring 1918 Orders are all due Friday,
October 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1917 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev, Gre, ~~Mos~~
(8) Bl, lost 2

Germany: Hom, Hol, ~~Par~~ (4) Rl

Italy: Hom, Tun, Mar, Spa, Por, Bre, Par, Lvp, Bel (11) SP

Russia: StP, Swe, Nwy, Ank, Con, Smy, Edi, Lon, War, Mos, Den (11) Bl, only 1 home center open, will be 1 short 1918.

Press--

Rome (A Tus-Pie): I propose a concession vote to Russia. Ron, I hope that this will make up for the other game. You know the problems with two-way draws.

Rome: The proposal to concede to me is interesting and welcome, but hardly likely to succeed. This game has had more than its share of shifts in the basis of power, and now a chain of events has worked to place onnce-lowly Russia in the ascendant. My position is only mediocre: my failure to anticipate that Mahler would combine his turn on Russia with a stab of Italy, and my typographic mistake (inadvertently changing Ven-Pie to Ven-Tyo when submitting a change of other orders) that allowed Austria into Piedmont both worked to slow my tempo by creating incursions on my position that required and require inordinate force and time to excise. Meanwhile, Germany has

given Russia Denmark and, more importantly, the collapse of Beyerlein tactics and attention (failing to retreat A War and letting A Mos be annihilated) since his marriage has let Russia get his shoulders well off the mat. With room to build and a wide front to advance on a Russian-Italian race to the center of the board would be a close-run thing only if I'm lucky.

1971Dbu, Summer & Fall 1915

AUSTRIANS HOLD OUT IN BUDAPEST WHILE CITY IS BOMBARDED INTO RUINS AND FIRES BREAK OUT:

Summer 1915: Aus R A Sev-Arm; China R A Skg-Tib; Italy R F SAT-SAT-OB

Fall 1915:

AUSTRIA(Tilson): A Arm-Bag, A Tur-Ira, A Clu S A Ser-Bud/r/(Rum, Ukr, OTB), A Rum-Bul, A Ser-Bud, A Con-Smy, A Ank S A Con-Smy, F Bla-Sev, A Nej-Yem

CHINA(Swies): F SAT-SAT OBB/a/, F Cel-Jav, F SPA-Cel, F ECH-SPA, F Can-Sch, F Sia-Joh, A Tha-Bma, A Kan H, A Tib H, A Cal-Dec, A Bma-Cal, A Nep-Del, A Snd S A Del-Afg, A Del-Afg

ENGLAND(C.D.): F Ire H

GERMANY(Proujansky): F Nat-Mid, F Eng S F Nat-Mid, F Nwg-NAT, F Hol-Nth, F Kie-Hol, A Lon H, A Bre H, A Bur-Pic, A Tyo S A Vie, A Vie S A Gal-Clu, A Gal-Clu, A Sil-Gal, A War S A Sil-Gal, A Sev H, A Mos S A Sev, A StP S A Oms, A Oms S A Afg-Tur, A Afg-Tur/r/(Kas, OTB), F Bal H

ITALY(Osmanson): F SAT OBB S F Mid-Sat, F Wes-Mor, F Mid-Sat, A Gre-Ser, A Tri S A Gre-Ser, F Eas-Sue, F Ion-Eas, F Ade-Yem, A Mog-Dan, A Jor-Bag, F Aog-Smy, F Jav S F Eln/r/(Tim, OTB), F Eln S F Jav, F Mac S F Eln, A Spa H, A Ven S A Tri, A Rom-Apu

JAPAN(Drews): A Sib-Oms, A Omo-Skg, A Skg-Tur, F NPa-NPa OBB, F NPa OBB-Mid, F And-Eln, F SPA OBB S F NPa OBB-Mid, F Mal S China F Cel-Jav

AUTUMN & WINTER 1915 Orders are due Friday, October 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1915 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Bud, ~~Clu~~, ~~Sev~~, Bul, Gre, Rum, ~~Sev~~, Ira, Bag, Con, Smy, Ank (9) SP, lost 1

China: Hom, Sai, Bma, Tha, Cal, Vtn, Phi, Del, For, Tok, Joh, ~~Skg~~, Jav (14) Bl, lost 1

England: Ire (1) SP

Germany: Hom, Bel, Den, Hol, Par, Swe, Bre, Edi, Mos, StP, War, Nwy, Oms, Vna, Lvp,

Lon, Sev, Clu (21) B2
 Italy: Hom, Eth, Pen, Egy, Tun, Yem, ~~Sky~~,
~~XX~~, Mor, Mar, Spa, Cey, Mod, ~~XX~~, Tri,
 Ser (16) R1, was 1 short
 Japan: Kyo, Osa, Kor, Kar, Vla, OMO, Bor,
 Man, Skg (9) B1

1972BW, Fall 1918

THE GAME DRAGS.....

Coa: David Davies (see address list)

Note: This GM has watched this game of late to find out what was happening, in detail. Apparently, there is no "life" left in this game. The winning alliance has been winning for the past 10 years and they don't seem to try very imaginatively. The losers have been losing for the past ten years and they have obviously lost interest. So, in the interests of peace, I am going to call for a two-way draw for Russia-Turkey. A game without any Diplomacy left and with very little excitement in tactics, it is not worth keeping. To me, when Italy calls for a concession to himself, when France refuses to move, and when Russia-Turkey moves so damn slowly, this game needs to die a death!

Fall 1918:
 FRANCE(Kelly): F Nwg H, F Nth H, F Hel H,
 A Hol H, A Ruh H, A Bur H, A Mar H, F
 Tus H, F Tyn H
 GERMANY(Davies): A Ber S Rus A Kie, A Swe
 S Rus A Den
 ITALY(Swies): F Tun S Fra F Tyn
 RUSSIA(Knudsen): F Ska S F StP(nc)-Nwy,
 F Bar S F StP(nc)-Nwy, F StP(nc)-Nwy,
 A Pie-Tus, F Aeg-Ion, F Bal S A Kie,
 A Mun S A Kie, A Kie S A Mun, A Sil S A
 Mun, A Den S A Kie
 TURKEY(Abbott): F Eas S Rus F Aeg-Ion, A
 Ser-Tri, F Gre S Rus F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-
 Tyn, F Nap-Rom, F Apu-Nap, A Tyr S Rus
 A Mun, A Ven S F Nap-Rom, A Rom-Apu,
 A Con H

Fall 1918:

FRANCE(Kelly): F Nwg H, F Nth H, F Hel H,
 A Hol H, A Ruh H, A Bur H, A Mar H, F
 Tus H, F Tyn H

GERMANY(Davies): A Ber S Rus A Kie, A Swe
 S Rus A Den

ITALY(Swies): F Tun S Fra F Tyn

RUSSIA(Knudsen): F Ska S F StP(nc)-Nwy,
 F Bar S F StP(nc)-Nwy, F StP(nc)-Nwy,
 A Pie-Tus, F Aeg-Ion, F Bal S A Kie,
 A Mun S A Kie, A Kie S A Mun, A Sil S A
 Mun, A Den S A Kie

TURKEY(Abbott): F Eas S Rus F Aeg-Ion, A
 Ser-Tri, F Gre S Rus F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-
 Tyn, F Nap-Rom, F Apu-Nap, A Tyr S Rus
 A Mun, A Ven S F Nap-Rom, A Rom-Apu,
 A Con H

WINTER 1918 and Vote for 2-way Draw of
 Turkey-Russia are both due Friday, October
 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1918 Supply Center Chart:

France: Hom, Bel, Spa, Por, Hol, Lvp, Lon,
 Edi (10) SP

Italy: Tun (1) SP

Germany: Swe, Ber (2)

Russia: Hom, Nwy, Rum, Bud, Vie, Mun, Den,
 Kie (11) B1, was 1 short

Turkey: Hom, Gre, Bul, Ser, Tri, Ven, Rom,

Nap (10) SP

1973AYec, Autumn & Winter 1728

HO-HUM, NOTHING MUCH HAPPENED!

Autumn 1728: Aus NMR, GM D A Pos; Spain R
 F STy-Sic, gains Sic

Winter 1728:

AUSTRIA(Ball?): NMR, SP

ENGLAND(Hubbard): B A Sco

FRANCE(Drews): B A Tou

OTTOMANS(Osmanson): B A Sin (lost Sic)

POLAND(Swies): SP

RUSSIA(Monahan): SP

SPAIN(Kadlecek): SP (Picked up Sic)

SPRING 1728 Orders due Friday, October 17,
 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1728 Positions:

Austria: A Hol, A Pom, A Mil, A Ven, A Mor,
 A Kra, A Gal; England: F Mid, A Sco, F Sev,
 A Ast, A Den, F Nth, F Ska, A Got, F Chr, F
 Bot, F Bal; France: F STy, F Tun, F Sar, F
 Lyo, A Ara, A Mad, A Swi, F Sav, A Rhi, A
 Net, A Tou; Ottomans: A Vie, A Mol, A Bud,
 F NAd, A Tra, F Nap, A Ser, A Cau, A Sin;
 Poland: A Lit, A Pos, A War; Russia: A Kub,
 A Ast, A Var, F Sto, A Est, A Lap; Spain:
 F NTy, F Sic.

Press--

Warsaw to London: Leave me alone? Pretty
 please? I have enough Austrians to contend
 with and I am in no way a threat to you!

1973BU, Spring 1921

RUSSIA REGAINS MOSCOW IN FIGHT

Note: Austria was phoned, but wasn't home.

Spring 1921:

AUSTRIA(Tonnesen): NMR. A Tyr H, A Boh H/a/
 A Vie H, A Gal H, A Ukr H

ENGLAND(Greenwell): A Spa S Ger A Bur-Mar,
 A Liv-Yor, A StP S Ger A War-Mos/nso/
 F Bot S Ger A Pru-Liv, F Tyn S Ita A Rom-
 Nap/nso/, F Tun S F Tyn, F Naf-Wes, F Iri-
 Mid, F Edi-Nth

GERMANY(Barents): A War S A Pru-Liv, A Sil
 S A Mun-Boh, A Mun-Boh, A Bur-Mar, F
 Lon-Eng, F Wes-Lyo, A Pru-Liv, A Ber S
 A Sil, A Kie-Mun

ITALY(Hulland): A Pie-Mar, A Tus S A Rom,
 A Rom S Tur F Nap

RUSSIA(Hendry): A Liv-Mos, A Sev S A Liv-Mos

TURKEY(Blank): F Nap S F Ion, F Ion S F Nap,
A Con-Bul, F Aeg-S F Ion, F Bla S Rus A
Sev, proposes 6-way draw

FALL 1921 and Vote for 6-way Draw due Friday,
October 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1973Ccz, January 1872

PROSPECTS OF PEACE INCREASES OF LATE! PEACE?

Note: USA goes C.D.

Note: Italy has called for a joint-alliance
after Feb. 1872. This can come true if
Italy and Canada both agree to it, they both
together control 30 supply centers and that
would be that! Funny rules in this game....

January 1872:

CANADA(Monahan): A Gas S Ita A Mar-Bur,

A Ohi-Chi, A Wis S A Ohi-Chi, A Tor-Mon,
F Mon-StL, A NCa boards F Wat, A/F Wat-
GrB, F Hal-Wat, A Mdy-Ken, A Ric S A Mdy-
Ken, F Cha-Ber, F Nwg-Nth, F Edi S F Nwg-
Nth, F Nwy S F Nwg-Nth, A Swe-Den, F Can
H, F Bis H/u/

FRANCE(Greenwell): F Fin(NC)-Kar, F Bel-Hol,
F Mid-Iri, F Por-Spa(SC), F Sat-Can,
F Mag-Jac

GERMANY(Ricci): A Bur-Mun, A Pol-Boh, A
Aus S A Pol-Boh/r/(Pol, Hun, OTB), F Kar
H, A Lon-Bel, F Nth C A Lon-Bel/r/(Hel,
Yor, Eng, OTB), F Hol S A Lon-Bel, F Den
S F Nth, F Ska S F Nth

ITALY(Davis): A Mar-Bur, A Yug-Aus, A Tyr
S A Yug-Aus, F Ion-Ser, F Car-Bah, F His-
Sat, F Mor S Fra F Por-Spa(SC), F Lyo-
Mar, F Tyn-Ion, F Lou-Mag

U.S.A.(C.D.): A Chi H/a/, A Ken H/a/

FEBRUARY 1872 Orders and Alliance Victory
approvals from Italy-Canada both due Friday,
October 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1973CZec, Autumn & Winter 1727

PEACE IN EUROPE IS NOT YET TO BE HAD.....

Autumn: Fra R A Mil-Sav, F Lyo-Bor(sc)

Vote: Defeated.

Winter:

AUSTRIA(Drews): R A Hol, A Rhi

ENGLAND(Kadlecek): SP

FRANCE(Monahan): SP

OTTOMAN EMPIRE(Mahler): B A Con

POLAND(Rocamora): B A War, F Lit

SPAIN(Swies): SP

SPRING 1728 Orders are due Friday, October
17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1727 Positions

Austria: A Han, A Tyr, A Bav; England: F
Iri, F Nwg, F Hel, F Eng, F Arc; France: A
Net, A Ndy, A Rhe, A Tou, F Bor(sc), A Sav;
Ottomans: F Cen, F NTy, F Sar, F Lyo, F STy
F Bar, F Wes, F Bis, A Pap, A Mil, A Bud, A
Vie, A Mor, A Kie, A Con; Poland: A Mos, A
Min, A War, A Kra, A Boh, A Sax, F Lit, A Bra,
A Pom, A Han, F Den, F Chr, F Ska, F Bal, A
Var, A Ang; Spain: A Ast, F Mid, F Gib, F
Gra, F Sev

1974HN, Autumn & Winter 1904

NATIONS OF EUROPE PAUSES DURING SEVERE WINTER

COA: David Davies, see address list

Autumn: Tur R F Smy-Eas

Winter:

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): SP

ENGLAND(Fujihara): B A Edi

FRANCE(McKeon): B A Mar

GERMANY(Keller): SP

ITALY(Tomnesen): SP

RUSSIA(Blank): SP

TURKEY(Davies): R F Eas, A Ank

SPRING 1905 Orders due Friday, October 17,
1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1904 Positions:

Austria: A Smy, F Aeg, A Gre, A Bud, A Tyr;
England: A StP, F Nwy, F Bar, F Bal, A Edi;
France: A Mun, A Gas, F Pie, F Lyo, F Tun,
F Wes, A Mar; Germany: A Kie, A Ruh, F Bot,
F Den; Italy: A Vie, A Ven, F Tyn, F Ion;
Russia: F Con, F Bla, A Sev, A Ber, A Sil,
F Pru, A Liv; Turkey: F Ank

1974HY, Autumn & Fall 1904

AUSTRIANS FLEE TO RUSSIA! ITALY COMPLETES
CONQUEST OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY! TURKEY FALLS!

Autumn: Aus R A Ser-Rum

Fall:

AUSTRIA(Callahan): A Bud-Rum, A Rum-Sev

FRANCE(McLendon): F NAT-Nwg, A Wal H, F

Lon S Ger F Nth, F Mid, A Mar-Spa, A Bur-
Mar, F Lyo S A Bur-Mar

GERMANY(Fanelli): F Nth S Fra F NAT-Nwg,

F Hol-Hel, A Edi H, A Pru-Liv, A Ruh-Mun,
A Mun-Ber, A Kie-Den

ITALY(Kendter): A Vie-Bud, A Ser S A Vie-Bud,
A Gre S A Ser, A Pie-Mar, F Adr-Tri, F
Tyn-Lyo, F Aeg S Rus F Bla-Bul(ec)
RUSSIA(Gallagher): A Arm-Smy, A Ank S A Arm-
Smy, F Bla-Bul(ec), F Con S F Bla-Bul(ec),
A War H, A Swe-Den, F Nwy-Ska, F Nwg-Nwy
TURKEY(Cooper): F Bul(sc) S F Smy-Con/a/,
F Smy-Con/r/(Syr, Eas, OTB)

WINTER 1904 Orders are due Friday, October
17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1904 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: ~~Via~~, ~~Sev~~, Rum, Sev (2) SP
France: Hom, Spa, Lon, Por, Lvp (7) SP
Germany: Hom, Hol, Den, Bel, Edi (7) SP
ITALY: Hom, Tun, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bud (9)
B2
Russia: Mos, StP, War, ~~Sev~~, Swe, Nwy, ~~Ann~~,
Bul, Ank, Con, Smy (9) B1
Turkey: ~~Ann~~ (0) Out!

Press--

Paris: Be it known that France seeks peace
with all nations. The King sincerely believes
in the Fellowship of Man. Come, let us
reason together. (Except you, Russia. DEATH!)

Berlin: Informed sources here say that they
expect the government to issue an ultimatum
to the Czar within the next few days. The
attack on German Denmark and on Silesia last
Spring has prompted this move in which Russian
withdrawal from Scandanavia will be demanded
as the price of German honor. If the con-
ditions of the ultimatum are not met, total
war will be waged against the Russians,
according to highly placed military officials.
"After all," said one marshall, "It was our
borders which were violated in Silesia, not
Russia's. We fee that right, as well as might,
is on our side in this issue."

1974nd1, Fall 1020

EUROPEAN NATIONS ACROSS EUROPE DEMAND PEACE?
WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE ENGLAND AND IRELAND?

ENGLAND(Osmanson): A Mon H, A Str-Der, A
Che H, F CaB S F Dyf-NSG, A Pow-Shr, A
Car H, F Brk S F Bri, F Bri S F Dyf-NSG,
F Dyf-NSG
MUNSTER(Hyatt): F NAT-WM1, F Iat-WIF, A Wic-
Dub, A Plu-Mou, A Tar-Uri, A Mea-Ang, A
Ros-Ern, A Oma S A Don, A Don S A Oma,
F 31B S A Don, F SIS-NSG, F StG S F SIS-
NSG, F SSG S F SIS-NSG, F TrB-Nat
ORKNEY(Sokolitsky): NMR. A Arm H, A Ern H,
F Man H, A Sut H, F Kin H, F Isl H, A Dal
H

SCOTLAND(Fanelli): A Lis H, A Dun H, A Alc-
Dow, F NIS C A Alc-Dow, F DrB S A Alc-Dow

WINTER 1020 Orders due Friday, October 17,
1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1020 Supply Center Chart:

England: Hom, Bue, Mon, Car, Shr, Pow (9) SP
Munster: Hom, Lei, Tua, Mea, Ros, Sli, Tar,
Kil, Wex, Don, Dub, Oma (15) B1
Orkney: Hom, ~~Ann~~, Man (6) R1
Scotland: Hom, Dow (5) SP

1975G, Summer & Fall 1904

FRANCE THROWS AWAY CHANCE TO RECAPTURE PARIS'

Summer 1904: Tur R A Con-Smy

Fall 1904:

AUSTRIA(Hinmon): A Ser S F Tri, A Vie S
F Tri, F Tri H, A Rum S A Bul, F Gre S
A Bul, A Bul S F Gre
ENGLAND(Cooper): A Edi-Nwy, F Nwg C A Edi-
Nwy, F Eng-Bre
FRANCE(Kirk?): N MR. F Bel H, F Mid H, A
Bre H/r/(Pic, OTB), A Gas H, A Mar H
GERMANY(Amer): A Bur-Bel, A Mun H, A Ber-
Kie, F Den H, F Nth S Eng A Edi-Nwy, A
Par S Eng F-Eng-Bre
ITALY(Young): F Ion S Tur A Smy-Gre, F Adr-
Ven, A Ven-Tyr, A Tyr-Boh
RUSSIA(Sabo): F Bal-Swe, F Nwy S F Bal-Swe
/r/(StP(nc), Bar, Ska, OTB), F Con-Smy,
F Ank-Con, A War-Mos, A Ukr-Sev, A ARm S
F Con-Smy
TURKEY(Kendter, Jr.): A Smy-Gre/r/(Syr, OTB),
F Aeg C A Smy-Gre

WINTER 1904 Orders (and Autumn) due Friday,
October 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1904 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum (7) B1,
was 1 short
England: Hom, Bre, Nwy (5) B2
France: ~~Via~~, ~~Sev~~, Mar, Bel, Por, Spa (4) R1,
lost 1
Germany: Hom, Hol, Den, Par (6) SP
Italy: Hom, Tun (4) SP
Russia: Hom, Swe, ~~Ann~~, Ank, Con, Smy (8) B1
Turkey: ~~Ann~~, ~~Sev~~ (0) Out!

1975T, Autumn & Winter 1903

ENGLISH ARMY IS AUGMENTED BY TWO NEW DIVISIONS

Autumn 1903: Ger R F Den-Bal; Rus D A War

Winter 1903:

AUSTRIA(Mahler): B A Tri
ENGLAND(Drews): B A Lon, A Edi
FRANCE(Lawson): SP
GERMANY(Warden): R A Ruh
ITALY(Birsan): SP
RUSSIA(Lakofka): SP
TURKEY(Hulland): SP

SPRING 1904 Orders due October 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1903 Positions:

Austria: A Pie, A Gal, A War, A Sil, F Adr, A Ven, F Gre, A Tri; England: F Den, F Ska, F Swe, F Nth, A StP, A Lon, A Edi; France: F Mid, F Tyn, A Bel, A Hol, A Bur, A Mar; Germany: A Mun, A Kie, F Bal; Italy: F Rom, A Apu, F Nap; Russia: A Mos; Turkey: A Con, A Arm, A Sev, F Aeg, F Ion.

Press--

The Return of the King and the Downfall of BirSauron (#19):

Lord Lenoden bid our three travellers a safe and hasty trip to Lorien Woods, but that was early this morning and many silent and weary miles ago. Finally Howard finds an excuse to break his two companions out of their deep preoccupied thoughts about the future. "Arn and Gene, what's that over in the clearing?" As they go over to investigate Arn says, "Why it appears to be an idol of some sort." AS if on cue, the idol speaks in a deep and sonorous voice, "I am Kovalsick the voice of Besh the Puppeteer. By the munificence of the exalted Besh, you are granted one question." Howard blurts out, "Do you mean one question between all of us or do we get one apiece?" "One apiece," is Kovalsick's terse reply. A mildly disgusted Arn scolds Howard, "Now that you've squandered your own question, please allow me and Gene to use ours to better effect. Kovalsick, what will be of greatest peril to me?" "Beware the rod that walks!" Gene now takes his turn and asks, "What will I discover at my present destination?" "If you've a keen enough eye and a sharp enough wit, the enemy within."

Our three companions rescue their trip, again in silence as Gene and Arn mull over the enigmatic answers of the voice of Besh. Two hours later, however, the silence is broken by Gene, whose sharp eyes have spotted a dark blotch on the horizon, "Yonder lies the noble Woods of Lorien, and all they hold within." Arn notes the pleasure reflected in Howard's face in anticipation of the end

of what has been a rather boring trip for the hobbit. "Howard let me caution you to watch your step in Lorien. It is a fair land, yet contains vast powers. The elves are a long-lived people, and thus some of them have grown callous towards the errors of youth." Gene adds, "If their ruler Walterborn should question you, say only as much as is needful, but no more. He will be far from amused by any of your hobbit impertinence." (to be continued)

1975AF, Autumn & Winter 1903

Autumn 1903: Eng NMR. GM D A Nwy

Winter 1903:

AUSTRIA(Johnson): SP
ENGLAND(Carson): GM R F Ska and F Hel
FRANCE(Carlton): B F Bre
GERMANY(Eddy): B A Mun, F Kie
ITALY(Bettencourt): SP
RUSSIA(Goldston): B F StP(nc), A Mos
TURKEY(Morphy): SP

SPRING 1904 Orders due Friday, October 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1903 Positions:

Austria: F Tri, F Ion, A Ser, A Gre; England: F Nwg; France: A Yor, F Lvp, F Pic, F Wes, A Mar, A Spa, F Bre; Germany: F Bal, F Den, A Bel, A Ruh, A Mun, F Kie; Italy: A Pie, F Lyo, A Ven, F Eas; Russia: A Sev, F Rum, A Bul, A Tyr, F Nwy, F Swe, A Liv, F StP(nc), A Mos; Turkey: F Aeg, A Con, A Ank

1975CS, Fall 1902

NEW GOVERNMENT IN POWER IN COUNTRY OF AUSTRIA

Note: Kevin McGee is the new player for Austria. (Address in list)

Fall 1902:

AUSTRIA(McGee): A Tyr-Mun, F Tri-Ven, A Ser-Bul, F Gre S A Ser-Bul, A Vie H
ENGLAND(Strittmatter): F Nth-Den, A Yor-Liv, F Lon-Wal, F Eng H
FRANCE(Stephens): F Bre-Mid, F Lyo-Wes, F Mid-Iri, A Gas-Bre, A Spa H
GERMANY(McDonald): A Pic-Bel, A Ruh S A Pic-Bel, F Hol-Nth, F Den S F Hol-Nth/r/ (Ska, Hel, Bal, Kie, OTB), A Bur-Mun, A Ber S A Bur-Mun
ITALY(Leahy): A Tun H, F Ion-Aeg, F Nap-Tyn, A Ven H
RUSSIA(Albano): A Arm-Ank, F Bla S A Arm-Ank, A Bul H/r/ (Rum, OTB), A Sil-Ber,

A Nwy H, F Swe S Eng F Nth-Den
 TURKEY(Dalman): NMR, F Aeg H, A Con H,
 F Smy H

AUTUMN & WINTER 1902 Orders due Friday,
 October 17, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1902 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Gre, Bul (6) B1
 England: Hom, Den, ~~Nwy~~, (4) SP
 France: Hom, Spa, Por (5) B1, was 1 short
 Germany: Hom, ~~Den~~, Hol, Bel (5) R1
 Italy: Hom, Tun (4) SP
 Russia: Hom, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Ank (8) B2
 Turkey: ~~Nwy~~, ~~Ank~~, Con, Smy (2) R1, lost 1

Press--

Vienna: In his state of the conflict message today, Emperor McGee shocked the world with his openness. In front of thousands at Austria's change of command ceremony the simple oration was received with a standing ovation. Five simple words uttered as Emperor McGee stepped up to the Office of Commander and Chief, "Austria is willing to talk!"

Paris: If it isn't occupied. Stabbed? Well, that's how the game is played. You pay your money and you take your chances! Remember Haile Selassie? The funny, little man from Ethiopia who said, "Today it is us. Tomorrow it will be you." That was in 1938 so it probably has no parallel today. Thanks for the game, Ted. I hope to be another game with you real soon. Maybe I can install an anti-pope at Vichy, (that or at \$1.98 a pair).

Berlin: The German War Minister was seen speeding back to his summer home in Berlin after a recent encounter with French cuisine in a small village in Burgundy. The only statement given by the minister was, "We went to pillage the village but instead we were raped by the grape." No other explanation was given for his strange behavior.

HOBBY NEWS

Variant Committee, Miller Number Subsidy, Boardman Number Subsidy, Novic Packet Committee(distribution of information to newbloods), etc. It should be added that the latter committee distributed over 200 separate packets of various kinds to newbloods during the past year.

***ERROR! Last issue I reported that Bob Johnson was the British end of the I.S.E., well, that was a typo as it should have been

David Johnson...sorry Dave! Sorry Bob! (Bob is one of Impassable's players and Dave is a subscriber.)

**Item of Interest: Howard Nahler will be running a "Winners' Game for Rising Stars" by Xerox copy. There will be required a \$2 game deposit + sub at postage. This game will be insured by IDA. However, seven challengers have already been invited by Howard (c/o Math Dept., Princeton U., Princeton, NJ 08540) and I was one of the seven. Thanks, but it is not likely for me to enter as I am trying to husband my time for improving Impassable (how many games and various projects does Walter Buchanan partake in besides putting out his famous DW?) But, you can invited yourself and see what happens. There may be vacancies...at least mine.

**It seems that I was incorrect about the consensus on having next year's DipCon at Baltimore's Origins II. However, IDA officials did receive invitations to help them run next year's DipCon tournament, and Origins I was such a success, the site must be seriously considered. At this time of writing there is no real competitive bid....

***SPECIAL BULLETIN: Received from Harry Drews of Canada in a letter/memo on the Canadian P.O. dated Sept. 10th: "It appears that it will be almost certain that a lengthy Canadian Post Office strike will occur on Sept. 16 (probably Oct 2 to 10), or shortly thereafter. The union is adamant in requesting a 71% increase and a 30-hour work week. The Postmaster General is firmly opposed to such nonsense and so is the Canadian public. Therefore, there is a good possibility that the strike could go on for months. Please delay any games in which I am playing--if I N.M.R." Well, I have more than one Canadian player and if worst comes to worst, I'll have to postpone 5 games. Of late, I hear their P.O. may consider rotating strikes, but the situation is, nevertheless serious and can go bad soon....

**The hobby sure is spreading throughout the world! I just received an inquiry from the Canal Zone (Panama). The guy's name is Michael McFadden--treat him nice!

**SPECIAL: From Edi Birsan, President of I.D.A., I received the latest news on the I.S.E. The latest balance is down to \$163.01 largely due to the \$205.00 withdrawal of money entered by Haas (of Switzerland). Haas still leads the amount in I.S.E. with \$83.20. I have a paltry \$2.00! The special news in this paragraph is that the prize money check finally given to Mike Rocamora for his win last year at DipCon VII. has bounced!!

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MAILING LIST....

Sigh, this is the part I hate doing! But, there are 146 people getting Impassable and if they are to know who else is getting it, or to have up-to-date addresses for players and stand-bys, they must have it! So, on with the chore....

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Well, that certainly took plenty of
 space. I cannot put out a larger issue
 this time and so this will definitely put
 a crimp on the space available for everything
 else! And, there is so much to print, sigh!

NEWS

As of his report, there are some \$650.00 in
 prize money still outstanding from this
 year's DipCon VIII in addition to the \$81 for
 last year's DipCon VII. Last, but not
 least, Birsan reprinted Pulsipher's written
 translation of the "DipCon Tapes" (actually,
 at least two people took tape recordings...) covering
 Anderson's comments on his trade-
 marking of the word, DipCon! It is too
 long to print here, but the gist of the
 matter is that Gordon Anderson does have
 ownership of the name, as of this writing
 and future gatherings will have to use a
 different name...I think we may hear more of
 Pulsipher's tapes before long.

**The IDA Elections is again with us. The
 candidates are:

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Some of you may have noticed that my
 name is missing for the first time since
 the inception of I.D.A. As I have been
 doing all along--my actions are to cut down
 my activities to concentrate on Impassable.
 The cutting down process has been a long
 one and just recently reached a level to
 allow me to do Impassable regularly AS IS.

Contrary to my education, I am not a
 type cut out for politicking and fighting
 it out all year in the Council Courier, the
 IDA Council's newsletter. I like to plan
 and to organize--but I don't like to have to
 fight and persuade other people all the time!
 I don't lose my temper and they all respected
 my opinions, but then I'm not a politician.

#end#

The most outstanding examples of historical military leaders who were able to control tactics, strategy and grand strategy and who were able to decisively influence events, can be reduced to three men. Napoleon Bonaparte to a lesser extent and Alexander the Great and Frederick the Great to a larger extent wielded this control.

In Diplomacy each player has the opportunities available to Napoleon, Alexander, and Frederick. With this potential, it seems imperative that an effective player be able to differentiate between tactics, strategy and grand strategy as well as effectively formulate and carryout each.

There is no lack of tactical and strategic talent in play by mail Diplomacy (at least in so far as it is possible to measure tactical ability). Instead, there seems to me to be a dreadful repetition of developments analogous to the Austro-Prussian War of 1866, the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 and the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905. In these cases, the attacker profits not so much from his own expertise in strategy and grand strategy as he does from the graver blunders of the defender. Thus, many games are not determined by good effective grand strategy so much as who's grand strategy has less mistakes in its fulfillment.

(Sorry! To be concluded nextish!)

DIPPYWORLD

Chapter 7:

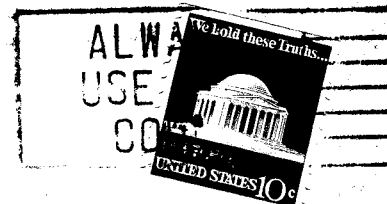
"I'm hungry!" growled the Treetick. His anger aroused the others from their stupor. The biggest of them sitting around the crude fire smashed his fist on the ground, snashed his fangs and replied gruffly, "Why don't you see what's in that food bag we took in battle today?" The hungry Treetick growled again, grabbed the bag, fumbled with its mechanism clumsily before opening the lock, and then saw it was fruit of an orange color. He immediately dropped the bag instantly and looked in fear at the Treeticks around the dancing fire, all their red eyes glowing as if also on fire. "Aarrgghh! It's the deadly fruit of the Devil Bernard! I will die," he screamed. "Nonsense!" said the biggest Treetick, who was their leader, "Don't believe any of that supersition!" Another Treetick added, "I heard if you would cut them into quarters that would break their curse!" The Treetick who dropped the bag replied, "Yeah, but that's only for oraganes, these look like

two oranges to me!" he continued, "If you cut an orange that will kill you for sure!" The leader was getting disgusted with their supersitions and wondered if all of them were true Treeticks or just as lowly as their ancient ancestors of the mountains. An heated argument ensued and for the time being the bag of fruit was forgotten.

Whispering so that the Treeticks wouldn't hear them, Rod asked Peggy how she was. "I was half-killed when those Treeticks threw us down on the ground, and with you in your thick-skinned California orange sitting right on top of me! I'm bruised all over!" Rod was afraid they could hear her and so he hushed, "Quiet!"

"Hey, did I hear a field rat?" asked the hungry Treetick. "I dunno, but you won't be able to catch any in this moonless night," replied another. "Forget eating a rat, we'll have good human food tomorrow when our reinforcements arrives. Throw that bag of fruit into the stream and get rid of it," their leader ordered. The bag was thrown.

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