

Welcomes to Just Among Friends #2. Hopefully it is improved in many ways over the first, though I don't think it was as bad as it might have been. This month has the second half of the article on the Alpine Chicken, more from Lector Cagay, a game start, an orphan restart, and various other good stuff.

I have decided it is the divine right of each publisher to claim the first page of each issue to address issues which he (and possibly only he) has an interest. So from now on the subscribers to JAF will be treated (or have inflicted upon them) the rantings of the publisher.

Of Drivel and Dementia

The first order of business is selecting a motto for this publication; after reviewing several, I have decided on "Diplomacy is saying nice doggy while you look for a large rock." It seems to sum up my past experiences, and it does so in a very realistic manner. So, I say to Kathy Byrne (Hercine of 1980AF), "Kathy, you're such a dear, sweet person (Has anyone out there got a size 8 rock?)."

STOP THE PRESSES.....Last night I typed up this first page and everything from here on to the bottom of the page concerned hobby feuds, either the Oaklyn against the world or the Lindsey versus Caruso/Byrne situation. Today when I got up, ready to type all this over on masters, I just looked at it and said, "Does this have a place in JAF; does this meet my own personal low standards; Is this the traditional satire and goodhearted personal attacks; or is it legitimate, straight reporting of topics of hobby interest?" I came up with "No, No, No, and Yes." So I tossed it in the garbage. There are many other places where you can read about this problem, and I don't really have anything new to add to the discussion. Tossing that stuff away this morning made me feel a whole lot better about this issue of JAF as a cohesive zine.

"Well, you might ask, what burning issue of little importance will Poorens get up on his scabbex about this month? Canadians'! Nothing gripes me like playing in a Dap game with a Canadian or two and having the game delayed because the International Brotherhood of Iceflow Chippers goes out on strike, and the postal employees won't cross the picket line. This time it is the Ice Chippers; last time it was the Amalgamated Union of Geesedown Pluckers; next it might be the Local 108 of the Federation of Female Horse Harness Menders. If any union in Canada goes out on strike, the whole postal system shuts down, or seems so. So here I am, having stabbed an ally or fearing he will stab me, and whom goes the Canadian postal workers. Cripes, even the Alphas rebels have a better postal service than the Canadians." So, I have decided that when I write to get a game start in another zine, I'm going to request that I not be played in a game with Canadians. But I'm tolerant; I respect the Canadians' right to feel the same way if the local Paramutual clerks at Shenendoah Downs go out on strike, and the local postal employes in Jefferson County, Va., decided he will take the day off and not cross the picket line; I'll let the Canadians complain about my postal service then.

Since this is the second issue of the zine, I'd like to thank a few of the "Little people" who had nothing to do with JAF....Billy Barty, Mickey Rooney, Herve Valleshaide, and Chetah the Chimp. But in some seriousness, but not a whole lot, I would like to acknowledge the assistance (either direct or indirect) of the following individuals who now very surely regret whatever they did to encourage me...Dick Martin, for showing me his Dap zine; Ray Henricks, for letting me get my first win, eventhough it was a 15 center Italian standby; Kathy Byrne, for pinning the zine to others and pulling off the famous naval invasion of Austria in 1980AF; John Caruso, who gave me several good suggestions, including "Disregard anything Kathy says;" and Mike Mills, who reviewed several things I had written and said I might be trainable.

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* Game Openings - Sure there are game openings:
#3- Hart, G. Overby, Byrne, Bates, Jones, Mathais, one spot left.
#4- P. Overby, Bates, 5 openings.

* The Standby List - Oh, the time isn't quite as new as it was last issue, and the standby list is up from one. This struggling publisher thanks those who answered the call and have joined this select group: Gene Burgess, Brad Wilson, David Schubert, Keith Mercer, Rich Dunn, Don Swertz, Stax Johnson, and John Caruse.

* For those who need to call the publisher and desire to run up their phone bill, the number is (304) 725-5537. If you call, and I'm not here, please don't try to speak to my wife about Diplomacy; she is sure all Diplomacy players suffer from massive mental problems (Has she been talking to Dr. Cagey?).

* I have been asked if I print letters and articles submitted to JAF. Sure, if they are in reasonably good taste (not like the four articles submitted concerning the sex lives of Dick Martin and Kathy Byrne). Each article printed in JAF gets the author free issues. If things get slow though, I have decided not to print the campaign speeches for sheriff in Jefferson Co., W.Va.; these are much too whimsical for the general public.

* Sample Issues - Once again a large number of people will receive free samples of this size, including about 30 publishers. After this these deadbeats will be cut off, and I'll send issues to players. If someone wants a sample, send a stamp.

* Back Issues - I am proud to announce that there now is a back issue, JAF #1. The previous back issue (JAF #2) has been discovered missing from the National Archives. The loss of the only copy of this one-half page carbon copy issue has created what I call Archivagate, and from now on, the Archives to cut off. If you want a copy of issue 1, thirty cents ought to cover it.

* MONEY - I hate to mention it (not really) but a few individuals still owe me money for the ads they are now playing in, you know, the year end, and if you don't pay up now, so will everyone else. I will be printing the list of names of the individuals who are watching on our behalf in the next issue. Don't let your reputation get any worse than it already is.

(A PAID ADVERTISEMENT)

On page 2 of Issue #39 of Diplomacy Digest publisher Mark Berch states that the first thing experienced pubbers do is count the number of times their name is mentioned in Issue #1 of some size. "That's how we decide when to plug." Well, obviously the publisher of JAF is too cheap to add a mention of the right reverend Mr. Berch and his illustrious publication, or Al doesn't know the ropes enough to decide when to flatter. I, Dr. Ben Cagey, not giving a flip about JAF but wanting my column to be picked up by some worthy size after Pearson runs this one into the ground and has to fold, have paid for this ad. Mark Berch is a swell human; Mark Berch has been known to utter intelligent remarks on occasions; Mark Berch is not a pseudonym for Kathy Byrne; and the AMA voted Diplomacy Digest the best semiannual size in the country (by a vote of 24,857 to 24,864). I hope Mr. Berch has some kind words for Diplomacy Digest in his next issue (5 mentions). And he can let Dr. Ben Cagey sleep easily in the night and all I care

Game Starts

1980IV

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 Germany- Mark Feber, 450 Linne Canal, Apt. B, Venice, Ca. 90291
 Italy- Charles Gansen, PO Box 2984, Culver City, Ca. 90230
 Russia- Bruce Clayton, Box 1411, Mariposa, Ca. 95338
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The Spring 1901 orders are due Nov 28; ok, just call me a nice guy for extending the deadline past the thanksgiving thursday. The players in this game can thank Dave Dyer for paying the game and subscription fees for everyone. A Copy of the JAP house-rules which includes each person's player code is enclosed.

ORPHAN GAMES--

Last month 1978KE was restarted, and this month JAP turns to 1979S. Several problems arose while trying to get this one started. The information I was given indicated the last season was Fall 1903 while subsequent data indicates the last season was Winter 1904. The following is the position of the units as a result of the final season in Havoc.

1979S

Positions - Winter 1904

Austria- A Bud, A Tri, A Alb; owns Tri, Bud, Ser (3).
 England- F Edi; owns Edi (1).
 France- F Bre, F Mar, A Spa, A Tus, A Bel, A Pie, F Lvp; owns Bro, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Lvp, Bel (7).
 Germany- A Kie, F Lon, F Den, A Hol, A Mun, A Tyro; owns Ber, Kie, Min, Hol, Ben, Lon (6).
 Italy- A Rom, F Tyrr, F W. ^{Mia}, A Ven; owns Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun (4).
 Russia- F Nth, F NWY, A Swe, A StP, A Vie, A Boh, F Sev; owns Mos, Sev, StP, War, Swe, Nwy, Vie (7).
 Turkey- F Smy, A Con, F Gre, F Asg, A Rum, A Bul; owns Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Gre (6).

Players

Austria- Dan Falter, Box 72, Cedarhurst, NY 11516
 England- Civil Disorder (CD)
 France- Tim Haffoy, 810 53rd Ave, Oakland, Ca. 94601
 Germany- Gene Boggess, Star Route Box 220-6, Columbus, Miss. 39701
 Italy- Don Seartz, 2549 Glenmary, Apt 2, Louisville, Ky. 40204
 Russia- Bill Hart, 312 Dunhagen Place, Cary, NC 27511
 Turkey- Rich Dunn, 19420 Normandy Park Dr., Seattle, Wash. 98166

The Spring 1905 orders are due Nov. 28. Would one of the players give me a supply chart history of this game so that it can be properly recorded.

 1980HW Fall 1901

Austria(Mercer)- F Alb-Gro, A Vie-Gal, A Bud Ser
 England(Dana)- F Lon-Wal, A Yor-Nwy, F Nth C A Yor Nwy
 France(Wilson)- A Gaz-Mar, A Spa-Mar, F Bre-Ing
 Germany(Thompson)- A Kie-Hol, A Ruh-Bel, F Dan-Swe
 Italy(Swider)- A Pie-Mar, A Rom-Tun, F Tyrr C A Rom-Tun
 Russia(Ceppegge)- F Bet-Swe, F Sev-Rum, A War-Gal, A Ukr S A War Gal
 Turkey(Williams)- A Bul-Rum, F Bla S A Bul-Ion, A Cox-Bul

Supply Center Chart- 1901

Austria- Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gro (5)	Build 2	
England- Edi, Lvp, Lon, Nwy (4)	Build 1	Winter + Spring 1902 orders
France- Bre, Mar, Par, Spa (4)	Build 1	due Nov. 28
Germany- Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Dan, Hol	Build 3	
Italy- Nap, Rom, Vow, Tun (4)	Build 1	
Russia- Mos, Sev, St.P, War (4)	Even	
Turkey- Ank, Cox, Smy, Bul, Rum (5)	Build 2	

Press:

CON to MOS: Apparently the Tsar's postal system is being operated by some dissatisfied serfs and bolsheviks because the Sultan does not receive responses to his communications. Or, is it possible that the Tsar wishes to keep the Sultan guessing as to the intentions of the Mongol Horde?

CON to WORLD: The Sultan of the Ottoman Empire today announced his latest invention. It is a footrest which is soft and the same height as a wingchair. This allows a person to raise his legs and feet to a comfortable level while sitting in his harem. This new invention shall be known as an "ottoman."

The Sultan is planning a worldwide marketing campaign of this item. However, for valued friends he is taking early orders for the greatest invention since fig flavored yogurt. So, any diplomat who wishes to be the first person in his country to own an ottoman, send \$19.95 plus tax to "The Sultan," c/o Tom Williams, 145 S. Franklin Ave, Valley Stream, NY 11580.

BOSNIAN ELAB: The journalistic world was sad to learn of the purge of the editor of the Moscow Daily, who feebly announced to the world the start of the Russian offensive against Austria.

Vacation City: Pope Urbanius Pious laughs at the Gaullic Frog, knowing we'll only get one build. Brad, confess the start of HOBLY and you shall be saved!

WOP to BEAR: Ie'll get through soon...

LONDON: The boy learns as he grows,
 leftists and rightists show their might
 of the various ways soldiers fight
 and Expertise imagines.

LONDON to France: The King hereby declares war on the French Republic. The King moved the 1st fleet of London to the Channel for training exercises when they spotted a French fleet moving in. After radio contact was made, the French returned home.

LONDON to TURKEY: Calling the Sultan, come in! Calling the Sultan, come in!

CLYDE to GIT: Tally wha?

LONDON to VIENNA: Charge boys, and give 'em hell!!

TRIESTE to MOSCOW: The main reason the Austro-Russian War has continued for 12 years is due largely to the fact we have never received any terms of peace from you. As a matter of fact we've never received anything from you except a pain in the buttocks.

TRIESTE: An announcement came out of the capital today notifying the world that all members and persons occupying the Russian embassy were executed this morning in the public square. No reason was given for the executions but that Austria has no room for people governed by a jealous, paranoid, hypocritical greed. These were the words of the Emperor of Austria.

 1980HZ Fall 1901

Austria (Johnson)- A Tyro-Tri, A Tri-Ser, F Alb-Gre
 England (Fleischauer)- NMR, A Edi, F Nth, F Nwg all hold.
 France (Schwartz)- A Bur-Bel, A Mar-Spa, F Eng-Lon
 Germany (Brown)- A Kie-Hel, F Den-Swe, A Mun-H
 Italy (Dumas)- A Ven-H, A Apu S A Ven, F Ion-Tun
 Russia (Greenwood)- A Gal-Vie, A Ukr-Gal, F Bot-Bal, F Rum -H (unordered)
 Turkey (Swartz)- A Arm-Sev, F Bla S A Arm-Sev, A Bul-Rum

Supply Center Chart- 1901

Austria- Bud, Tri, Vip , <u>Gre, Ser</u> (4)	Build 1
England- Edi, Lvp, Lpn (2)	Remove 1
France- Bre, Mar, Par, <u>Lon, Spa, Bel</u> (6)	Build 3
Germany- Ber, Kie, Mun, <u>Hel, Swe</u> (5)	Build 2
Italy- Nap, Rom, Ven, <u>TUN</u> (4)	Build 1
Russia- Mos, St.P , <u>Var, Vie, Rum</u> (5)	Build 1
Turkey- Ank, Con, Smy, <u>Bul, Sev</u> (5)	Build 2

Will Gene Boggess, Star Route Box 220-6, Columbus, Miss 39701 standby for England?
 Winter builds/removals and Spring 1902 orders are due Nov. 28.

Press:

ANKARA to World: I must apologize for my "Dear Relative," ever since his Russian Lanny
 dropped him on his head as a child he has been ODD, to say the least. As a child he
 was always muttering something about being just as good as any "damned Corsican."
 When he was banished from the Sultan's Court, he apparently went off the deep end.
 (General Bas T'Ard???)

MOSCOW: The mail sure dropped off after the first move. Either there will be a lot of
 NMRs, or I have a lot of enemies.

ROME: The Italian Government today reaffirmed its peaceful intentions in a world com-
 pletely enthralled w with the thought of war. It is firmly believed that Italian
 armed forces will be the stabilizing factor on the continent.

BERLIN: The Kaiser today found it necessary to stop Russian Vodka imports into Sweden
 and support the valiant Turks who are defending against Russian Imperialism in the
 South.

VIENNA: Austria apologizes for mistrusting our Italian neighbors. Unreliable information
 from France deceived us. Can Russia Finish what it has started?

SPESP to LONDON: Please pardon the intrusion, I'm just checking to see if rumours of
 intelligent life on the other side of the channel are true or not.

MARSEILLES to ROME: Kill the Austrian Pig! French neutrality is guaranteed.

PARIS to TRIESTE: Kill the Italian Swiss! French neutrality is assured.

PARIS to ANKARA: Mom and Dad have agreed to let you come home for Thanksgiving dinner.
 A special bowl of Alpe is being set up in the weed shed in the back of the house for
 you. However, before you come over you have to go to the Vet and get those little
 crawly things taken out of your hair!

PARIS-MUNICH: Burgundy is new, has always been, and will always continue to be French
 territory. Munich, however, is a debateable point (It is French scunding, isn't it?).

TRIESTE to ANKARA & BERLIN: Your openings were most appreciated by this nation, and
 we hope to see continued action on both of your parts to rid this world of the
 infecting Russian Herd.

 1978KE Winter 1901

Austria- NMR, France- F Spa(sa) r Lye, A Ber r etb, A Hel r etb, builds A Mary
 Italy- Builds A Ven, Russia-Builds A Sev.

1978KE Spring 1906

Fall orders due Nov 28!

- Austria(Norris)- AMR, F Adr, A Bud, A Ser, A Bul all Hold
- England(Haffey)- F Sel-Bag, F Sha-Nth, F Spa(sc) S F Per-MIO, F Per-MIO
- France(Mercer)- F Lye-Spa(sc), A Mar S F Lye-Spa(sc), F MAO S F Lye-Spa(sc), F Lyp-Oly, F Lon-Nth, A Mun-Ruh (d & r Bur, Bek, or otb)
- Germany(Sutton)- F Den-Swe, A Kis-Ruh, F Hcl S English F Sha-Nth, A Ber-Mun, A Sil S A Ber-Mun
- Italy(Schubert)- MCR- A Van, F Ion, F Smy, A Pis, A Tyre, A Gre all Hold
- Russia(Doggers)- A Lye-Swe, A Spa-Len, F Hal C & Joe-Len, F MIO S Austria A Sil-Gon (usc), A Sev-Arm
- Turkey(Civil Disorder)- A Cen-H, A Ank-H

Will Den Swartz, 2549 Glenmary Ave, Apt 2, Louisville, KY 40204 standby for Austria. I will not call for a standby for Italy because Dave submitted a build but no orders, so I think he misinterpreted the restart notice.

Press:

- PARIS to England: Let's make a deal; you give me my old centers and I'll return the favor by allowing you back into your home centers. Otherwise we're prepared for a head to head battle with you.
- PARIS to GERMANY: Munich is yours again. Can we talk peace?
- FRANCE to the WORLD: Anyone out there? I'm willing to listen if someone is willing to talk.

DIPLOMACY DOCTOR by Dr. Ben Cagey, MD

Last month's opening article discussed my background in medicine which prepared me to dedicate my life to the study and practice of Diplomacy medicine. Diplomacy medicine is a rather new field encompassing both mental and physical maladies. This article will address certain involuntary muscle reactions in Diplomacy players which cause either social embarrassment or fistfights depending on the occasion.

The first of these involuntary muscle spasms is the Tyrolis Twitch. This problem gets its name from the province into which the victum is almost forced by his betraying muscles to push an army in 1901. This disease is occasionally found in Austrian players and German players, but most often afflicting Italians. Early symptoms among Italians include a quivering of the voice anytime the mention of Tyrolian neutrality is raised, a slackness of the optical muscles resulting in the player squinting at the province, and a total hearing loss when anyone suggests that A Venice move to Piedmont. Just prior to the onset of this affliction the Italian player's hand will shake. In HTP play, the Italian will usually give a gleeful chuckle when he pushes his army to Tyrolis. In HTP games the orders from the Italian will be nearly illegible due to the involuntary muscle spasms occurring as the player just thinks of moving to Tyrelia. There has never been a case in recorded Diplomacy medical history of England or Turkey suffering from this disease.

A second problem of this sort is the Prussian Palsy; this disease is found solely in German players, manifesting itself as an uncontrollable desire to advance A Berlin to Prussia. This rather bizarre behavior has been linked to an unusual death wish among certain players and a desire to leave the game early. In most cases this is accompanied by A Mun-Sil, but in more pronounced sufferers, it occurs alone. After diligent study by that leading medical authority on German players, Dr. Bjorn Blitz, it has been proven that the Prussian Palsy is not a muscular problem solely, but it is found most frequently in those individuals suffering from manic-depression. Prussian Palsy is grounds for commitment to a mental hospital in the United States and 47 foreign countries.

(NEXT MONTH DR. CAGEY ANSWERS READERS QUESTIONS)

THE ALPINE CHICKEN
Another Look (Part II)

In the last article concerning the Italian opening A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, and F Nap-Ion, the alternatives to the Austrian attack (A Pie-Tyro, A Ven-Tri or A Ven S A Pie-Tyro, and F Ion-Tun) were discussed as they related to the situation in which France was attacked by England or Germany in the opening. As the previous article pointed out, France is attacked in about one-third of the games by one of these northern countries. But what to do the other two-thirds of the time when France is not caught from the North.

There are several alternatives. If France is ruled out as a target, then Italy has three choices: Germany, Turkey, and Austria. An attack from this position into Germany is a delayed attack, but it may well be warranted based on negotiations with France. If France has taken an anti-German stance in the opening and grabbed Burgundy (over one-third of the openings), Italy can continue in the Fall by supporting the A Pie-Tyro with A Ven and taking Tunis. Since Germany is much more worried about a French attack than an end run by Italy, Germany can easily face units in Bur and Tyro in the Spring, 1902. Skillful negotiations with France after the opening moves should be made to cement relations and firm up the attack plans. Even with Italy in Tyro Germany will expect the traditional move against Austria, and with France knocking on the German door, A Tyro can take Munich with French assistance. France is usually willing to aid Italy in this effort because it cements the alliance, and Italy has had difficulty in advancing much farther into Germany. Austria is once again surprised and relieved when the object of the Italian attack turns out to be someone else.

The second alternative is Turkey. Now the two armies in northern Italy are not well placed for an attack on Turkey, but the fleet and the build of the fleet in Naples can be useful. When the two armies hold in the north in the Fall 1901, Austria will be more secure and as Italy sends his two fleets toward Turkey, Austria can easily be convinced to aid in the attack of Turkey. Although this attack will be delayed due to the poor position of Italian fleets, it should definitely be unexpected by Turkey. At worst Turkey has launched his fleets to attack Italy, and the two Italian fleets will be used to close off the Ionians; at best, Turkey will have had time to get bogged down in a fight across the Black Sea with Russia. If Turkey and Russia are slugging it out, the opportunity of a joint attack with Austria can easily survive the delay. If Russia and Turkey have come to an understanding and are advancing on Austria, Italy should in this case join the defense of Austria while alerting England and Germany of the R-T alliance; once Russia is forced to redirect his attention to foreign units in the north, A-I should have an easier time with Turkey.

The last alternative is the attack on Austria. This is the traditional function of the Alpine Chicken, and for this reason it is suggested as a last resort. Austria will be expecting the attack, and in all other cases Italy is able to undertake an assault on a different victim while hopefully gaining Austria's good will by showing the opening to be not anti-Austrian. In a very few cases, Italy will be able to tell Austria that Italian forces will be moving on one of the other targets listed above, and get the Austrian to believe it. In these cases Austria is a klutz and would probably not recognize the attack in time anyway.

So based on this review of the Alpine Chicken, its historical shortcomings, and possible new uses, I would recommend that Italian players strongly consider the use of this opening; a reasonable attack on France can result in over one-third of the games, and in the others, viable alternatives arise as long as most Diplomacy players believe only in the anti-Austrian flavor of this opening. But with all that, as it is seen more and more in this new light, it will become less successful, possibly being replaced by a new opening.

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Time For a couple of quick size plugs....

MURDERING MINISTERS, by Ron Brown, 1528 El Coronado Pl, Berkeley, Ca 94704 has game openings in Dip with a \$3 game fee as well as guest GMed Machiavelli and Wooden Ships. Ron recently stepped up to memos and has a very well written since. I have enough faith in him that I am starting a game with him this month. Definitely worth a look!

PLAGUE TIMES is published by Marion Bates, Box 381, Kalkaska, Mich, 49648; It has openings in Dip, Kingmaker, Third Reich, and Deadman Dip, and while game fees vary, the sub rate is \$6. Very professional publication, with a leading feature "Interview with a Dead General." Not bad at all for a Michigan zine.

JIHAD is the brainchild of Glenn Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park, MI 48030; Glenn's rates are \$6 per year and he has openings in Dip, Kingmaker, Machiavelli, Bercester, A Mighty Fortress, and North America 2020 (a nice variant). Good writing and zed contests (I would like them, I won one); called by some the son of Envoy, well worth the effort to get a hold off.

The Following Space is reserved for special notes

GAME #3 will start next month. Game fee \$200 + \$4.00 sub.

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