

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES

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"Doug, do you take Marie
to be your lawfully wedded person?"

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There are openings in LIAISONS DANGEREUSES for Novice players only. Game fee \$6, \$8 Air Mail, \$11 Foreign Air Mail. Subscriptions are \$2/8, Foreign \$2/5. North American game fees include a subscription, Foreign game fees do not.

Fall 1913 in 1971 EK, Fall 1907 in 1973CI, Fall 1906 in 1974 H, and Spring 1903 in 1974 FW, dependant on any retreats, are due by 4PM on Wednesday Feb. 19, 1975. Phone calls between Noon and Midnight only--312-929-7057--GM Lenard Lakofka, 644 West Briar Place, Chicago, Ill. 60657

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January 27, 1975

Austria, CD/1/ A ALB

England, McCarthy/5/COA; 2243 Rozier Rd., Salem Arms Apt. 17B, Augusta, Ga. 30906

A PAR(S) a mar-BURG, F BRE(S) F MAO-ech, a york-LON

Germany, Keller /17/

A VIE(S) A BUD, A BUD H, A GAL(S) A BUD, A TYO(§)TUR A TRI-ven/NSO/, F NTH(S) F BEL-ech, FCLY(§)f ech-IRI/impossible support/, a mun-RURH, a burg-GAS, f ven-ADR,

A PIC H, f nwg-NAO, F EDIN U, a mos-STP, A KIEL U, a ber-MUN

Turkey, Cleaver/9/

A SER(S) A TRI H, F SEV(S) A RUM H, f end-ION, f aeg-GRE, f wes-SPAS, f ion-TYRR, f tyrr-LYON

The Deadline for the Fall of 1914 is by 4PM on Feb. 19, 1975

England, Shamray/3/ F NWC-nth, a wal-LON, A LVP-york

France, Burkett/5/ F PORT(S) F MAO, F MAO(C)+ A GAS(S) a bel-SPA, a burg-MAR

Italy, Drows/13/ F AEG(S) + A CONS()A BUL, F SMI(§) A CON, A VEN(S)a pied-TYO, A BUL(S)

A SER-rum, f lyon-TUS, f wes-TYRR, f naf-TUN, A BUD-gal, a mar-PIED

Russia, Stevens/13/ A UKR + A SEV (S) A RUM H, A BOH(§)A MUN-tyo, F ECH (C) FRE A bel-

SPA, F NTH(C)A HOL-york, A GAL-vie, f bla-ank, a kiel-BER, A ANK-smy, A NWY H

The deadline for the Fall of 1907 is by 4PM on Wed. Feb. 19, 1975

the draw vote was not unanimous.

Austria, McCarthy/9/2243 Rozier Rd., Salem Arms Apt. 17B, Augusta, Ga. 30906 (Tom)

owns; vie, bud, tri, ser, gre, bul, ven, con, rom

A ROM(S)F APU-nap, A VIE(S)a ven-TYO, a BUD(S)a gal-rum/D+A/, F GRE(S)a ser-BUL,

A CON(§)a ser-BUL

France, Borden/5/4 Huntington Rd., Concord N.H. 03301 owns; bre, mar, par, port, spa(karl)

F ECH+A BURG(S)a pic-BEL, f mao-WES, A MAR H

Germany, ~~Stitt~~ NMR dropped/sub; Don Ditter, 108 Colby Apt., Hoyt Lakes, Minn. 55750

owns; bel, hol, lon, lvp, kiel//A LVP, F LON, f kiel/D+A/, a bel/D+A/

Italy, Weswig/2/2115, NW Elder St., Corvallis, Ore. 97330 (John) owns; nap, tun

F ION(S) F NAP, F NAP(§) F ION

Russia, Jackson, Gary, 933 Altgeld, Chicago, Illinois owns; mos, war, stp, swe, ber, edin, sev,

rum, nwy, ank, smy, mun, den; A SEV(S) F RUM H, F BAL(S)a den-KIEL, A UKR(S)a war-GAL,

A SMI-con, F EDIN H, a mun-~~ion~~, a ber-MUN, f helgo-HOL, f bla-ANK, ASIL(S) amun-BOH

The Deadline for the Fall of 1905 is by 4PM on Wednesday Feb. 19, 1975

1974FN, the Winter of 1902

Austria, Lagerson/19017 Vanowen Reseda Calif. 91335 A TRI/6/agal, abud, fgre, abul, avie

England, Hoffman/1227 Wood St., Deerfield, Ill. 60015 EVEN/4/a edin, f nth, f nwg, a nwy

France, Wolf/13836 W. Montana Ave., New Berlin, Wisc. 53151 F BRE/3/ a spa, f port

Germany, McLendon/Bx 57066, Webster, Tex. 77598 F KIEL, FBER/7/apar, apic, fhol, abel, fden

Italy, Keeping/2308 Sunset Ln., Hudson Kent. 42420 EVEN/5/f lyon, f ion, f mao, amar, agas

Russia, Pieloch/12 Ford St., Gardner Mass. 01440 EVEN/4/ A Mos, a war, a ukr, f swe

Turkey, ~~Wicks~~ resigns; Richard Weeks, 3223 34th Ave S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55406 (FREE)

F CON/4/a arm, a sev, f bla

The Spring of 1903 is due by 4PM on Wednesday Feb. 19, 1975

To keep pace with the HOOSIER ARCHIVES game 1974HW will run on a 6 week schedule beginning with the Winter of 1901 deadline. Spring and Fall moves will be 16 days apart and Winter adjustments will be 7 days apart. Thus Spring and Fall will due on the 17th day after the prior deadline and Winter will be due on the 8th day after the prior deadline. If everyone submits winter adjustments with the Fall moves then the extra deadline time will go toward the next spring move. A winter 1901, etc. will ALWAYS be called for if more than 3 supply centers change hands or if a retreat(s) will add considerable complexity to a Winter season.

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9	Fall Mail 01	12	13	14	15	
16	17	Wint Mail 01	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	Spr Mail 02	1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	Fall Mail 30	26	27	28	29	

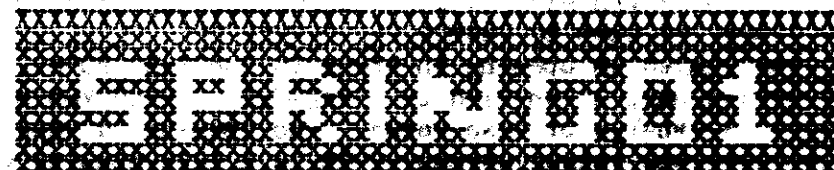
April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	Spr Mail 03	3
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4	Fall Mail 03	7	8	9	10	
11	12	Wint Mail 03	etc.			

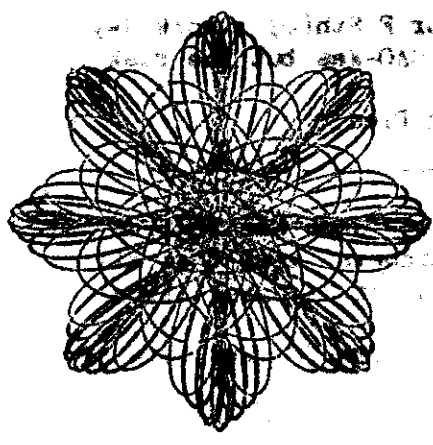
As the recipient of LD may note this page is dated out of sequence with the rest of the magazine. LD will be a triweekly. The demonstration game will be moving at a different pace and thus this page has already been mailed to the players. Their copies of LD may be withheld a few days a few days and they will often receive the prior issue of LD with the pages of the next issue involving their game. Hopefully this will only be my problem in sorting it all out. A slow demonstration game becomes boring and the ability to follow it will fall off from issue to issue.



- Austria, Verheiden
- France, Horton
- Germany, Tilson
- Italy, Birsa
- Russia, Johnson
- Turkey, Pitsch

Note: Moves may be made dependant on retreats and adjustments. Code words and such nonsense will not be allowed or followed by this GM nor does this GM care to be used by players who would employ such trite tactics. This is suppose to be a game for expert players not children learning to play with signal flares. The press for a particular party has been cancelled as being inane.

Analysis follows on page 4
Fall 1901 will be due on Feb. 10, 1975



The Value of a Rating System (Based on Rogues' Gallery 75 in LD 51)

In LD 51 I presented the 'readout' for the performance of the Great Powers in 442 games of Postal Diplomacy. Those statistics can give the new player a insight into past performance of the countries but more importantly, they can give the new player an insight into county weaknesses and strengths.

AUSTRIA has won slightly less than 1/7 of the Postal games ending in a win, which is 'average' performance. But Austria has a poor draw record and a dismal survival record. The statistic 'Survivals minus eliminations' points out the huge # of times Austria is dumped on by her neighbors. Her average elimination figure also demonstrates that Austria is most often eliminated in early and mid game. (The other countries average out to mid-game elimination situations.) These statistics point up Austria's weak central position. She has 3 immediate enemies and a potential 4th enemy in Germany. When a western Victor sweeps east it is often into Austria. For Austria to win she must be involved in the elimination of one of her neighbors in the Opening game, another in Middle game, and usually the 3rd in End game. To play Austria well the player must be a strong negotiator. Some other powers can exist on poorer lines of communication and can fall back on intrinsically stronger tactical positions, Austria, and other central countries, have this same disadvantage. Thus Austria's key to a win usually involves the early destruction of Russia or Turkey and a securing of a major interest in the Balkans, Germany and/or Italy.

ENGLAND's win record is slightly below average. This is remarkable because in earlier analysis England was the 2nd or 3rd strongest country (considering wins only). Her loss of favor in recent years is due mainly to an awareness of her strong position and a Diplomatic effort to limit or destroy by middle game by the other powers. England has the best draw record because there are numerous positions in which England can dominate the north with very few units (or in cooperation with one or more allies). Observe, for example, this important position: F PORT, F MAO, F IRI, P DEN, P STP, P NWY ((P stands for Piece and means that either an army or a fleet may occupy the space, an underlined unit can be replaced by another unit of the same type in another location.)) Those 6 pieces can safely secure 8 centers (Edin, Lon, Lvp, Port, Den, StP, Swe, Nwy) via: F PORT + F IRI(S) F MAO H, P DEN H, P NWY (or F Bar)(S) P STP. This is an introduction to the unbreakable position. There are many unbreakable lines on the board. England can hold this line whenever France and Germany are eliminated (removing the chance of a build in Bre, Kiel or Ber). To secure those centers more pieces are needed. E.g. P BER, P ERI, P KIEL, P BER, F BAL, F NWO but these 6 pieces only hold 3 more centers (total now 11) while 12 are needed. So you must balance the centers needed to hold the position against the number of centers safely secured behind/on the line. A more complex position including 14 pieces: F STP, P NWY, P DEN, F BAL, P BER, A NWS, P KIEL, A BURG, P PORT, F MAO, F ERI, F SPA, P MAR, A GAS holding Port, Spa, Bar, Bre, Mar, Bel, Hol, Kiel, Ber, Den, StP, Lvp, Lon, Edin, Nwy & Swe. England's major advantage is some degree of inaccessability. She is a hard country to crush quickly and her fleets give her the ability to raid coast lines from StP to Spain. For this reason England has been called 'the wicked witch of the west'.

FRANCE has 1/7 of all of the wins in the game, a better than average share of the draws, and the best survival record of any power. Her 'Survival minus Elimination' figure is the largest positive swing in the column. This is due to France's advantages: 1) accessability to the west (England and Germany) and the East (Italy), 2) ability to have a few armies seal her land frontiers (A BEL, A BURG, A PAR, A PIC, P MAR--5 pieces prevent any land intrusion from the East!), and 3) a natural southern defense from the east (P MAR, P PORT, F MAO, P SPA, A GAS, F BRE) seal her southern border from any land or sea penetration via F BRE(S) F MAO, P PORT(S) P SPA, A GAS(S) P MAR. Thus France, with 2 (or 3) builds in 1901 is a very strong country that will be hard to war down and destroy quickly. Therefore, France survives very often or is a pattern in many draws.

survival average. Turkey can go for many game years with just 4 or 5 centers and then explode into the center-rich Balkan/Black Sea area to have 10 or more centers in 2 short years. Turkey has a natural ally in Russia and fair alliance potential with Austria, Italy or England. These latter alliances are only fair because her allies have so much to lose from a Turkish stab that they often do not wish to make the Turkish alliance a strong one.

The report of 442 games, as it appeared in LD51. In that issue a complete list, by Boardman Number, of the games rated was given.

Country	Wins	Points	Dws.	Points	Avg. draw	Sur. Points	Avg. surv.	elim. Points	Surv. -elim.	Wins& Draws	Grand Total
Austria	44	11,440	44	4,038	91.77	103 2,941	28.56	251 -5880	-2938	15,418	12,480
England	45	11,700	66	6,099	92.40	162 4,659	28.75	169 -3280	+1379	17,799	19,178
France	48	12,460	57	5,009	87.87	186 4,865	26.17	151 -3940	+1928	17,489	19,417
Germany	49	12,740	53	4,768	90.09	127 2,763	21.75	213 -4295	-1532	17,515	15,983
Italy	33	8,580	49	4,167	85.04	161 3,867	24.01	199 -3950	- 83	12,747	12,664
Russia	66	17,160	44	4,213	95.75	125 3,406	27.24	207 -4240	- 834	21,373	20,539
Turkey	54	14,040	58	6,107	105.29	156 4,884	31.30	174 -3450	+1444	20,147	21,581

The IDA elections, a recap.

Some comments have already appeared on the poor way in which the IDA elections were just held. It is obvious that only a few persons in the IDA had, at their ready disposal, the files on which members were and were not eligible to run for IDA office. To ask the members to dredge through back copies of the DR to find out when a member joined is ridiculous. The officials in charge of the elections bungled it and no amount of talk will change this fact. The IDA must reform its election laws, there can be no doubt of that. Yet the IDA should not sweep this poor election under the rug and build for better things. The IDA should begin to follow its own rules and the IDA should begin now. Gordon Anderson has made the comment that some persons are running the IDA for their own benefit, that is nonsense and I don't believe it.

Here is what could be done to improve the election procedure.

1) Start earlier in the year. 2) call for nominations (allowing a month) 3) Print nominee statements BUT not the ballot, 4) print the ballot. In this way there is time to campaign and bring out issues and have debate. As things are now run there is not time to debate or refute charges made against you. Electioneering should cease 5 full days before the ballot is mailed and copies of material appearing in the DR should be sent to a candidate's opponent so that it can be debated/refuted in the same issue of the DR. The secretary, the treasurer and the president should all verify candidates before they are asked if they wish to accept nominations. Clean up now, but don't sweep the blunders under the rug!

More below-----

Edi Birsan has asked me to head a Publisher's Handbook project. I accept, of course. I am hoping to gain the help of John Boyer and Don Horton in this project and I will seek their aid. A will attempt to have a finished MS to the council by April 1, 1975.

IDA ELECTIONS-----

When the IDA constitution was written provision was made concerning eligibility of officers because of a past history of dropouts in the hobby. Gil Neiger has produced an excellent magazine but not for the period of time required by the constitution. He is, however, STILL publishing at this moment. Gordon Anderson has produced a professional quality photo-offset zine but he has been, and still is, absent from the magazine market. In my opinion the letter and spirit of the constitution calls for a one year history of publication AND CURRENT production of a magazine. Someone who published months ago but has not published

recently is not in accord with the intent of the eligibility clause of the constitution. It is my opinion that a special election is the only way to settle this problem. In the case of Paul Boymel the rules should be suspended by the Council because Paul has DONE the job required by the constitution.

Calhamer Point Count Rating List update*--434 games rated

Country	C.P.C.R.L. Wins	ROGUES' Wins	C.P.C.R.L. Wins&draws	ROGUES' Wins&draws	**
Austria	43	44	55.300	59.3	
England	45	45	60.550	68.4	
France	51	48	65.234	67.2	
Germany	47	49	61.067	67.3	
Italy	34	33	45.583	49.0	
Russia	64	66	76.050	82.2	
Turkey	54	54	70.217	77.4	

*Source; DIPLOMACY WORLD V.1, #6, Buchanan

**corrected so comparison with CPCR.L possible (Win+Draw Points/260)

Top Boards

1	Edi Birsan	13.200	8/9	Walt Buchanan	6.500
2	Andy Phillips	12.517	9/8	Mike Rocamora	6.500
3	Doug Beyerlein	11.400	10	Genc Prosnitz	6.450
4	Brenton VerPloeg	8.500	11	Len Lakofka	5.783
5	John Smythe	8.333	12	Tom Eller	5.533
6/7	John Beshara	7.200	13	Randy Bytwerk	5.500
7/6	Lewis Pulsipher	7.200	14	Hal Naus	5.167

Items of Interest

A huge listing of players of Diplomacy (over 1200 names) is available under the title of DIPLOMACY GENEUS from Paul Boymel, 3001 Veasey Terr. NW, #1014, Washington DC 20008 for \$1 US & Canada.

The 1974 IDA HANDBOOK is still available from John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr., Carlisle Pa. 17013 for \$3 (\$2 to IDA members--join for \$2 to Walt Buchanan, RR3, Lebanon Ind. 46052).

Numerous articles and an account of a complete game of Diplomacy.

GRAUSTARK, publishing for 11½ years has openings for players @\$10. Experienced players should look into this one. Two week deadlines keep the game going at a rapid rate and therefore may be too fast for novice players. John Boardman, 234 E.19th, Brooklyn, NY 11226

Other game openings;

John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, Pa. 17013 \$8

Paul Wood, 24613 Harmon Court, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080

Jim Benes, 16 W 450 Moneysuckle #112, Hinsdale, Ill. 60521

John Leeden, 4910 20th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2T, 5A6

Don Horton, 16 Jordan Court, Sacramento, Calif. 95826

Robert Lipton, Bx 360, Layayette College, Easton Pa. 18042 DW, VI#6 source

A possible insured game?

We have all been upset with poor postal services, NMRs from allies (and enemies), dropouts and late magazines. If I can reestablish my publication regularity I would be interested if anyone would like to play in an "insured game". Enclosed with each magazine will be a stamped self-addressed post card to me. If I do not receive your card in 10 days I'll remail the game results to you. All moves to me (other than the pilot post card) should include a stamped self-addressed post card to you. This shows if I got your moves. If I do not receive your moves you would be dropped at once and a new player named. This is reasonable because if I am publishing regularly then you could anticipate the arrival of LD and act accordingly if it did not arrive within 5 days of its scheduled arrival. The Gamefee for such a game would be \$6+post card fee which would be billed to you at intervals. If anyone thinks this, or modification of this system, is workable please send your comments.