

Lies, Deceit and Nefarious SCHEMES

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This is LDNS, a zine dedicated to postal Diplomacy. Postal Diplomacy is an off-shoot of F-T-F Diplomacy which was started to increase the sagging profits of the US Postal Service. But we must not complain about the USPS, for I can mail a letter from California and it will travel across the country and arrive in NY. All of that for 15¢. Which, when you think about it is pretty fantastic. It works out to about a penny a day. Not too shabby!?!?

LDNS is published, edited and cursed at by Jerry and Pat Jones. "BJ" is in charge of the complaint department. Some of you have asked, "Why the PO Box?" Well the answer is simple. It seemed that some of the complaints were making it into the house and onto my desk inspite of BJ's appetite so Pat & I decided to get a PO Box, paint it blue and tell BJ that he now has a private room to live in and handle the letters from. It was a tight fit but he says he enjoys the little window to look out of.

Speaking of the PO Box. I hate to do this but DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING FOR LDNS TO THE SAN MARINO ADDRESS. Instead use: 1854 Wagner St. Pasadena, CA 91107. I'll explain why later on in the zine. If you wish to call, the number is (213) 449-0982.

Sub rate is 10 issues for \$4. Game fees are \$4 with \$2 of that refundable if you have fewer than 2 NMR's in your game.

Game openings: LDNS-13--One opening. Already signed up are: S. Cartier, Maureen Joy, J. Morris, R. Holton, R. Garcia, K. Peterson.

"The Andy Meier Looney Press Invitational" One opening I think. Andy, Carl Eichelberger, the evil egotist of erratic yet eerily effective hieroglyphics, sayshe wishes to join up for your game. Remember, I'll need the names and game fees for this game to start.

BIG NEWS: You have probably heard that Diplomacy World has folded. Some of you have even read that Conrad von Metzke has chosen a new successor to the post. You might even have heard that it was to be Elmer Hinton or Helena Rubenstien. Sorry John, but neither are right. The new editor of Diplomacy World is....

Jerry Jones!!!

More inside this issue.

For those of you who subscribe to Dave Bunke's, The Ninth Circle and are wondering where it's at let me explain. Dave called me this morning and asked me to tell all of his subscriber's that are reading this that The 9th Circle will be out the 1st week in January. Seems that his printer was swamped due to the XMas season. Worth the wait.

Pat and I wer thinking about doing something nice for all of our readers this Xmas. After figuring out the price of 90 copies of Diplomacy we decided on something a little more financally sound. This year we are giving away two copies of Rod Walker's Guide to Diplomacy. We picked 5 numbers at ramdom. These numbers relate to the numbers on your LDNS membership card. The two winners are #26 and #15. In case neither one of these guys read this or have lost their card the alternate nos. are: #70, #29 and #84. Let me know if one of these numbers are yours and I'll be winging your copy off to you. By the way, I do know whose numbers are whose, so no funny stuff.

AUS (C. Reges) A Tri-Tyro; A Alb-Ser (A Bud S).
 ENG (R. Sergeant) F Lvp-Irs; A York-Lon; F Eng H (F Nth S); F Swe H.
 FRA (J. Diehl) F MAO-NAO (F Irs S); F Bre-MAO; A Pic-Bre; A Bur-Pic.
 GER (L. Kendter Sr.) A Mun-Bur (A Ruh & A Bel S); A Sil H; A Kiel-Lvn (F Bal).
 ITA (C. Spiekerman) A Ven H; A Rom-Apu; F Ion H; F NAp S F Ion.
 RUS (L. Harmon) A Ser S TUR A Gre-Alb/d/; F Both-Lvn; A Mos-Lvn; A Ukr-Gal (A War S)
 F Rum H.
 TUR (J. Powers) A Gre-Alb; F Aeg-Gre (A Bul S); F Con-Aeg; F EMed S F Con-Aeg.

Russian A Ser ret Tri or OTB.

Spring 1903 Commentary by Eric Verheiden

Spring 1903 offered no strategic surprises, however some examples of good and less than good tactics were in evidence.

Austria was finally, if belatedly, able to induce Italy to return to the fold. However whatever small gains Reges was able to make in this regard were overwhelmed by RA Ser R Tri. The loose unit behind the lines guarantees (virtually) the loss of a home center, in addition to the Turkish recapture of Serbia. Better tactics for an Austria wanting to deal with Italy, but not altogether trusting, would be A Tri-Ven! This prevents Italy from putting two up on Trieste with A Ven-Tyo, A Rom-Ven (as A Tri-Tyo would have as well) and yet does not leave Triest open to Italian or Russian inasmuch A Tri-Ven is almost guaranteed to bounce. Admittedly Austria was probably doomed here anyway, but effective delaying tactics offered the only hope whatsoever.

Russia and Turkey coordinated exceptionally well this season. Turkey had three fleets to Italy's two. However to use this advantage to force the Ionian, fleets in Greece, the Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean are required. TA Gre had to go somewhere and with Serbia a diplomatic no-no, Albania is the odds on favorite. The temporary loss of Serbia, even without the retreat, would have been well worth the tactical gain. The Ionian will fall in one or two seasons and the collapse of Austria will bring additional pressure on Italy in the north, congrats to Harmon and Powers.

The northern situation is interesting. Sergeant made a poor move in sending A Yor-Ion, thereby yanking away the support for his beleaguered F Lpl. A Yor-Wal would have been far superior in keeping options open; France would not take the English and North Atlantic simultaneously, certainly not with F Nth S F Eng and likely not anyway because of the threat of a loose English fleet in the Mid-Atlantic, by attack or retreat.

Diehl made a diplomatic error in trusting Kendter, obviously, however A Bur-Pic seems more than a little imprudent. A Bur-Gas (or H and retreat there) seems better. The threat of EF Nth and EF Eng C A Yor-Pic is there of course, however if Germany had been with him, this could have been compensated for; if not, it could not have been halted anyway. The point is that A Gas allows Mar to be recovered, giving France an important fallback position to the south, giving up Bre and Par in a fighting withdrawal. Now the gain of Liverpool will be cancelled by the loss of Marseilles and an even more important tactical position.

Kendter seems to be exceptionally greedy, stabbing France and Russia on the same move. However Germany needs quick growth, particularly with an English ally, to overcome her geographical deficiencies. Expect Germany to concentrate on the Russian question and to put the Russian question on the back burner, but not blocked by quite astute Russian play (that convoy can be very effective, I used it myself as Germany in a game I eventually won). Kendter would have to stab England quite soon to keep winning chances alive. However, it is probably unrealistic with Russia and Turkey moving up so fast.

(Sticho thankos, Eric. I was wondering, actually some of the readers were wondering if you could come up with a brief synopsis of what's happened so far as a whole. OTB)

I had a ton of stuff that I was going to do for this issue but with Christmas and the announcement of my taking over DW I am going to "shelve" some of the articles scheduled for this issue. Waiting for next issue will be the continuation of the article on Adjudications, a how to play article and the LDNS ratings. But we are lucky in having Carl Eichelberger who has offered this little tidbit for the LDNS Press ratings.

Here is a list of the top 18 press writers (quantity only). I like statistics that are useless and unimportant. You can publish it if you have room. ((Carl, we always have room for something whose time has come, as this has. Opps, its time came and it just left. What the heh, I'll print it anyway.))

1. Andy Meier	172 lines	10. Teresa Powers	65 Lines
2. Leland Harmon	136 "	11. Gary Stratton	61 "
3. John Caruso	109 "	12. Dave Ditter	53 "
4. Robert Berkeley	94 "	13. Cliff Hardisty	53 "
5. A. Tomcufcik	90 "	14. Stan Johnson	51 "
6. Craig Reges	86 "	15. Jim Bumpas	49 "
7. Bob Gallagher	85 "	16. Carl Eichelberger	46 lines
8. Bob Beardsley	79 lines	17. Jerod Poore	43 "
9. Bob Hartwig	76 "	18. Steve Shields	37 "

I guess I should make some comments at this time. First, congratulations to Andy for being number one. What really makes it fantastic is that Andy set this record in ONE game. A game that he didn't last too long in, I'm guessing but I think it was only 5 game years. As for Andy Tomcufcik, well I'm super upset with him. He's NMRing out of my zine as well as all of the others he's in. When a publisher decides to quit everybody gets bent out of shape if he just quits and says nothing, me included, but when a player does the same no one says a thing. Well I am, I thought that Andy and I were good enough friends that he could come to me and explain that enough was enough ~~no~~ whatever, but he didn't and for that I am truly PO'd. (Off the subject a tad.)

Congrats to all.

Another Article by He Who Brought You the Guide to Diplomacy by Chairman MAO.

He wishes to keep his identity unknown but this stuff is kinda neat and I think he ought to take credit for it.

DO IT YOURSELF PRESS RELEASE

Being a lazy slob full time and a diplomacy player part time, I feel that there is a crying need for players to write a press release with a minimum of effort. With a little bit of luck, one can use the following sentence with great diplomatic success. All you have to do is pick a word from each column. Good Hunting.

1. Austria	2. if	3. my	4. Estemmed	5. Neighbor	6. believes	7. that	8. he
England		your	moronic	friend	thinks		she
France			great	ally	feels		it
Germany			idiotic	enemy	wonders		them
Italy			silly	half-wit	daydreams		they
Russia			stupid	shmuck			
Turkey			drippy				
9. can	10. attack	11. (Any	12. then	13. he	14. can	15. stick	
will	support	space)		she		place	
may	defend			them		insert	
could	deny			they		shore	
	protect					cram	
						stuff	

1977-HW Fall 1909

English F Edi ret Cly. German A Mar ret Gas.

AUS (T. Sherwood) A Sil-Pru; A War-Lvn; A Ukr S TUR A Sev-Mos;
 A Rum-Sev; A Bul H; F Nap-Tyrr; A Tri-Vie; A Tyro-Boh; A Ven-Tyro;
 A Mar H; F Lyon S A Mar.

ENG (D. Fugihara) F Cly-Edi (F Nwg S); F Lon-Nth (F Eng S); F Pic-Bre;
 F Spa(sc) H.

GER (C. Spiekerman) A Lvn-War; (A Mos S /d/); F Edi H /d/ (F Nth S);
 F Den S F Nth; A Pru-Ber; A Mun-Ber; A Bur-Mun (A Kiel S);
 A Bel H; A Gas-Bre.

ITA (Dave Ditter) F Tun-Tyrr.

TUR (Dave Hard) F Ion-Tyrr; F Gre H; A Con H; A Sev-Mos.

German A Mos ret StP or OTB. German F Edi ret York or OTB.

Supply Chart:

AUS	Home Ser Rum Sev Ven Rom Nap War Bul	Has	11	Even
ENG	Home Port Spa Bre	"	6	Even
GER	Home Hol Den Bel Swe StP Mos Nwy Par Mar		11	Even
ITA	Tun	"	1	Even
TUR	Home Gre MOS	"	5	+1

Winter 1909 and Spring 1910 orders are due noon January 20.

1977-IS Winter 1908/Spring 1909

AUS (J. Bumpas) Builds A Bud (one Short)
A Ber S FRE A Mun-Kiel/nso/; A Sil S A Ber; A War-Pru; A Mos-StP;
A Boh-Mun; A Tyro-Ven (A Tri S); A Bud-Vie; A Vie-Tyro; A Pied-Tus;
F Aeg-Ion (F Tun S); A Bul-Gre.

ENG (D. Bunke) Builds F Lvp.
 F Lvp-NAO; A StP H. (A Fin S); F Pru-Bal; F MAO-Spa(sc); (F Port S);
F Eng-MAO; F Nth-Eng.

FRA (C. Reges) Even
F Spa(nc)-Port /d/; F Bre-MAO (F Naf & F WMed S); A Mun-Ber;
A Hol S GER A Kiel /nso/; A Bur-Bel.

GER (B. Hartwig) Even
 A Kiel-Ruhr.

ITA (C. Eichelberger) Even
 A Tus H; F Rom-Tyrr (F Ion S); F Nap S F Ion.

FRA F Spa ret Gas or OTB.

Fall 1910 orders are due noon January 20th.

Press:

London-Europe: England will now propose and will support a concession to Austria.

Vienna: Who's talking about 1848?

Trieste: Austria has never been alone. France and we are providing each other mutual help now, though an apparent Austrian win is not far off.

Tirane: Bob, I look forward to playing Dippy with you again. I'd like to prove to myself that you do indeed know something of diplomacy (lower case "d"). I look forward to trying to ally with you in the future. It didn't work out this time.

1977-KC Fall 1907

French F Lon ret York

AUS (S. Shields) F EMed-Smy (F Reg S); F Blk-Ank (A Con S);
 A Tus-Pied; A Rum-Gal (A Bud S); A Bul-Rum (A Ser S);
A Tri-Tyro (A Ven S).
 FRA (J. Caruso) A Bur-Bel /d/. (F Eng S /d/); F York-Nth;
 A Bre-Pic (A Par S).
 GER (C. Reges) A Ruhr-Bur (A Pic & A Bel S); F Wal S F Lon; F Nwg-Nth;
 F. Nth-Eng (F Lon S); A Boh S A Vie; A Sev-Rum (A Gal /d/ & A Ukr S)
A Tyro-Tri (A Vie S); A Mun-Tyrol.
 TUR (J. Machir) A Ank-Con (F Smy S /d/).

French F Eng ret MAO, Irs, Bre or OTB.

French A Bur ret Mar, Gas or OTB.

German A Gal ret War, Sil or OTB.

German A Pic annihilated.

Supply Chart:

AUS Tri Bud Ser Gre Bul Ven Nap Rum Rom Con Tun SMY	Has 12	+1*
FRA Bre PAR Mar Spa Por Ydx	" 5	Even
GER Home Den Hol Bel War Swe Nwy Edi Vie Lvp Mos	" 16	+2
TUR Ank Sdx <u>Sev StP LON</u>	" 1	-1

*Room for no builds.

Please note COA for Steve Shields.

Press:

(No Dateline)--((Turkey)) France, why do you waste everybody's time with your ridiculous questions?

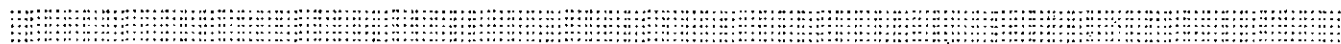
France to Germany: You shouldn't ought to make me fight. I get very vicious when I'm angered. Why you refused the concession is beyond me. Your ego could be your down fall.

France to Austria and Turkey: I'm with you guys. If we join together we can deliver a crippling blow to the Hun.

Whitstoneto Pasadena: So you liked my last move. You'll probably enjoy this one better. ((Not really--JHJ))

P to W: Happy Holidays to you too.

Winter and Spring orders are due January 20th (noon).



1977-KX Spring 1907

AUS (D. Hrd) A Vie-Gal; A Gal-Ukr; A Bud-Rum; A Ven-Rom;
F Alb S ITA F Aeg-Gre /nsu/.
 ENG (L. Harmon) A Edi-Den (F Nth C); A Spa-Mar (A Gas S); F MAO-Bre;
F Eng S F MAO-Bre /nsu/ has F Lon; F Irs-MAO; F WMed-Lyon;
F Tun-Ion; A Mos S RUS A Sev.
 FRA (C. Reges) F Bre-MAO; A Pic-Par.
 GER (Ken Peterson) A Ruh-Bur (A MAR S/d/); A Sil-Boh (A Mun S);
 A Kiel S A Mun; A Ber-Sil (A War S); A Bel-Pic.
 ITA (R. Kelly) A Boh-Mun /d/; (A Tyro S); F Ion-Nap.
 RUS (C.D.) Has A Sev.
 TUR (T. Long) A Gre-Ser (A Rum S); F Con-Aeg; F EMed-Ion; F Blk S A Rum.

German A Mar ret Pied or OTB Italian A Boh ret Vie or OTB.

Fall 1907 orders due noon January 20th. Press on next page.

1977-KX Press:

Munich: Merry Christmas to all from the land of St. Nick. We look forward to spending the new year in Paris.
London to Constantinople: Call me a weakling, huh? I resemble that!
By Jing, I'll show you what I can do!
London to Berlin: No offense intended, of course. I is merely trying to prove a point.
Paris: I can't wait to get my \$2 back. Shouldn't be long. What a bummer.

1978-AK Spring 1905

AUS (L. Harmon) A Tyro-Vie (A Bud S); F Nap-Tyrr; F Ion-Tun;
A Rum-Sev; A Ser-Gre; A Bul-Gre.
ENG (D. Hard) F NAO-MAO.
FRA (S. Shields) A Port-Spa (A Gas & A Mar S); F Eng-Bel; A Lon-York;
F Cly-Lvp.
GER (C. Hardisty) A War-Sil; A Mun-Tyro; A Bur-Pic; F Den-Nth (F Bel S);
A Ruhr-Bur; A StP-Nwy; F Kiel-Bal; A Mos S AUS A Rum-Sev;
F Nwy-Nwg.
ITA (A. Tomcufcik) NMR!!! all units hold F Spasc /d/; F Lyon A Pied
A Ven.
RUS (B. Gallagher) A Tri S Ger A Mun-Tyro; F Nwg-Cly/
TUR (R. Kelly) A Ank and A Con S each other; F Aeg-Smy; F Sev H

Italian F Spa (sc) ret WMed or OTB,

Turkish F Sev ret Blk, Arm or OTB.

Please note COA for Steve Shields.

Will Mitchell Bailes (11925 Carlton Rd. Cleveland, OH 44106) please submit orders for the Italian position:

Press:

Trieste: Who will be the dirty shirt to finally knock me out? Is it like the Thanksgiving dinner where everyone is afraid to take the last roll?

VIENNA: Yeah, Red!

Yeah, Black!

Go to Bed!

Hit the Sack! HoHummm.

Austria to...Uh...Bob: So, the truth comes out. Subterfuge. You didn't NEED to resupply in Trieste!

(Resdue) I hope that everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a happy Hanukah, may the new year be bright and gay for you.

Fall 1905 orders are due noon January 20th...

1978-CE Spring 1904

AUS (S. Johnson) A Ser-Bud /d/.

ENG (C. Hardisty) F Nwg-Bar; A Nwy-StP; A Edi H; A Lon H; F Nth-Den;
 F Ska S F Nth-Den; F Hol-Nth; A Ber S FRE A Bur-Mun; A Kiel S A Ber.

FRA (L. Kendeer Sr.) A Mar-Bur; F WMed-Tyrr; F MAO-WMed (F Ion S); **

ITA (Ken Peterson) A Rom-Tus; A Ven-Pied; F Nap-Ion;
A Tri S AUS A Ser /nso/.

RUS (L. Harmon) A Con-Bul (F Blk S); A Rum & A Bud S TUR A Bul-Ser;
 A Vie S A Bud; A Fin-StP; A Mos-StP; A Sil-Ber; F Bal-Den.

TUR (C. Eichelberger) A Smy H; F Gre H; A Bul-Ser.

Austrian A Ser ret Alb or OTB.

Turkey has A Smy, not A Syr as reported last issue.

** FRA (con't): ((opps!)) A Mun-Tyro (A Pied S); A Bur-Mun.

Please note COA for Stan Johnson.

Press:

LONDON: Lord Stumblebum has reported making advances in the North against a very stubborn Russian defeneders.

CAIRO: The British secret services has confirmed that Turkey has gone over to Russia. It has also learned that Russia is counting on capturing two supply centers this year to overcome its losses expected in the North. Secret Agent Fumblefingers has yet to learn which Russian ally will furnish the second supply center after Serbia falls to Russia.

Moscow to Smyrna: OK, OK, you win the Preposterous Poetry Prize. And being a man of my word, I'm delivering.

Tuscany Tribune: For Sale--One used Pope--has no friends but honest and willing to work--ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED.

..... Fall 1904 orders due noon January 20th.....

1978-AS Fall 1904

AUS (J. Powers) A Con-Smy (F EMed S); A Bul-Con; A Gre H; F Ion-Tyrr;
 A Tyro H; A Vie-Gal.

ENG (J. Poore) A Bre S GER A Pic-Par; F MAO-Port; F Eng-Nth;
 F Bar-StP(nc) (F Nwy S).

FRA (T. Watson) A Gas-Spa (F Port S).

GER (L. Harmon) A Pic-Par; A Bur-Bel; A Sil-Mun; A Ber-Mun; F Both-Swe
A Lvn-War /d/.

ITA (S. Johnson) F WMed-Spa(sc); F Nap-Tyrr; F Aeg-Ion; A Pied-Ven;
 A Mar S F WMed-Spa(sc).

RUS (D. Brownell) A Pru-Den (F Bal C); A Mos-Lvn (A War S); F Ank-Con.

TUR (J. Diehl) A Syr H.

German A Lvn ret to Pru or OTB.

Please note COA'S for Dan Brownell, Jack Powers and Stan Johnson.

There is a call for a I/G/T draw. Votes are due next deadline.

Remember, failure to vote counts as a yes vote.

Supply Chart:

AUS	Home Ser Gre Rum Bul SMY	Has 8	+1
ENG	Home Nwy B/Z STP BRE	" 6	+1
FRA	Port	" 1	-1
GER	Home D/S Hol Swe PAR BEL	" 7	+1
ITA	Home Tun Spa MAR	" 6	+1
RUS	S/P Sev Mos War Ank DEN	" 5	Even
TUR	Con S/P	" 1	Even

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1978-AS Press:

Overheard in an Angle-German Conference: "Talk about Yellow, Jack really Blue it this time! He'll be Black and Blue like me and you if he doesn't Black off mighty pronto. This time he's really got me seeing Red. And come to think of it, I haven't seen an encouraging Green in White a quile. Poor Tony hasn't seen the White of day since the Green made the scene. I thank God, Jerod, that YOU are still the honest, sincere true-Blue sole that you were used to be!

Munich to Smyrna: Jim, buddy, you still alive? Whatever happened to our PTA (Plaster Them Austrians) meeting in Budapest?

LONDON: "What am I to give my German allies for XMas? He gave me such fine German wine from Burgandy. I know! Belgium. Merry XMas!"

Pasadena to London: Thanx for the nifty plague.

1978-~~AS~~ (In my haste to get the B. Number for this game I mis-reported the number for this game. It is 1978-FI. Sorry.)

Winter 1903

AUS (R. Bermingham) Removes A Boh.
ENG (D. Rohde) Builds F Edi, A Lon, A Lvp.
FRA (E. Verheiden) Even
GER (R. Berkeley) F Den ret OTB, Removes A Mun.
ITA (R. Sergeant) Builds F Nap.
RUS (S. McLendon) A Vie ret OTB Builds A War.
TUR (M. Morrison) Builds A Smy, A Con.

Please note Eric Verheiden's COA.

Spring 1904 orders are due noon January 20th.

Press:

Eastern Front: Chancellor Berkeley has wisely allowed A Munich to disband to further the moment of confrontation between France and Russia and Russia's subsequent demise from Western Europe and eventual collapse of her Italian Allies.

Our Gallant Eastern Armies will continue their glorious offensive with our Austrian cousins. Russia has (due to sever losses suffered in Central Europe) now lost the Balkans & will soon have its filthy country occupied by advancing Turkish forces. Huzzah, Hazzah! Onward Brave Turkey!

Germany's historical mission of containing the East shall soon be completed and Turkey shall be its avenging sword.

Berlin to Moscow: You were warned O Great Eastern Clown & now suffer the consequences with your El Duce!

Wireless to Paris/London:

Come! German forces shall no longer contest your rescue and have been ordered to advance East. We have prepared the way and do now for the moment bid adieu to center stage. The German Nation shall greet your advance with garlands and roses.

Code Wireless to Vienna:

Cousin, continue your valiant fight as we shall. Our foe is Russian and Italian and we shall fight them to the last French/Limey soldier able to stop a Russian bullet. Damerad Berkeley.

Orders on file for Ger, Aus, Eng and Tur.

1978-HP Fall 1902

Rus A Ber ret Sil Ger F Swe ret Den.

AUS (C. Eichelberger) A Alb-Gre; A Ser-Bul (A Rum S/d/) A Tri-Vie;
A Gal S A Rum.

ENG (Dave Ditter) F Irs-Lvp; A Nwy-Lon (F Nth C); F Swe-Bal.

FRA (T. Powers) F MAO-Irs; F Wal H; A Spa H; A Bel H;

GER (S. Johnson) A Ber-Pru; A Kiel-Ber (A Mun S); F Den-Bal.

ITA (J. Machir) A Tyro-Tri (A Ven S); A Apu-Alb (F Ion C).

RUS (R. Price) F Bal-Swe; A Sil-Gal; A Mos-War; A Ukr-Rum (A Sev S)

TUR (T. Sherwood) A Con-Bul (A Gre & F Aeg S); A Ank-Con;

F Ion S ITA F C A Apu-Alb/nsu/ has F EMed not Ion. ((Not only is there no such unit as Turkish F Ion this order is much too vague.))

Austria A Rum ret Bud or OTB.

Supply Chart:

AUS	Tri Vie Bud	Tri Ser	Has	3	-2
ENG	Home Nwy	SWE	"	5	+1
FRA	Home Por	SPA BEL	"	6	+2
GER	Mun Kiel	BER Hol	"	4	Even
ITA	Home Tun	TRI	"	5	+1
RUS	Home	Tri RUM	"	5	Even
TUR	Home Gre	Bul	"	5	Even

Neutral: Holland

Please note COA'S for Stan Johnson and Teresa Powers.

Winter 1902/Spring 1903 orders are due noon January 20th.

Press:

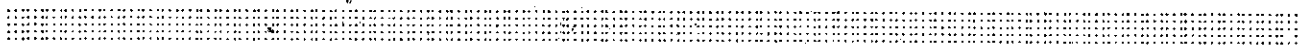
Act II Scene I: Setting: Army Headquarters.

Berlin: General Stappagle "There is still no word from the Prince.

He has chased the French out of the Ruhr I vunder why he hasn't returned?" Messenger enters stage left hands G.S. message, salutes and leaves with a flourish. G.S reading note " The Prince was spotted chasing a group of semiclad women yelling something at them." Aide, "What was that?" G.S. "They couldn't tell, but he was scolding them and telling them to get dressed no doubt." Aide "Indeed!"

LONDON: The country is in shock after Queen Teresabeth's unwarrented and devastatingly dastardly attack on our cow country of Wales. We will fight with all the fury of a streaker running accidentally thru a sprinkler on a cold night. Already mustaches have started to appear on Queen of Breast billboards.

LIVERPOOL: Dirty French magazine sales took a terrible dive today. However the last edition of "Best of Brest" has become somewhat of a collectors item. It seems that the Livers regard the second Brest pictures to be a rare sight. Soon we'll have a real carnival attraction on our hands when the Queen produces the third Brest.



1978-IR (once known as LDNS-12)

Do to a request that I consider a valid one this game will be delayed for one issue.

Be Sure to get your Spring 1901 orders in by noon January 20th, 1979.

DIPLOMACY WORLD

Yes, it's true, I am the new editor of DW. It's all happening so fast that I can hardly believe it. (In fact this is the third time I've written this article in the last three hours due to the changes that keep occurring). There was a lot of confusion as to who would be taking over DW. It's much too confusing to get into a lot of detail but basically it was a matter of people not communicating to the right people at the right time. Nevertheless, it is official and it is done. But all of this is yesterday, let's concern ourselves with tomorrow.

DW folded due to increased costs with the lack of renewals. Let me clear the air, I will not nor can I run DW on a money losing basis. Before the transfer was made official I had already spent money on the losses already concurred and enough is enough. To bring DW to a self sufficient status I'm making a few minor changes.

1. I know not your feelings towards the IDA/NA but there is a bill in the IDA now to issue funds for the first issue of DW and to offer support for future issues. In return all subscribers to DW will automatically become members of the IDA. Also DW will give 10¢ to the IDA/NA for each issue mailed. Also the IDA publication DR, edited by Elmer Hinton, will be a regular feature of DW. Even if you think hobby organizations are a waste of time, you can directly thank the IDA council (primarily Bob Hartwig) for the continuation of DW.

2. Sub rates: I have been persuaded to publish DW at no increase of sub rates. So for the time being the sub rate of DW is exactly as it was, \$4 for one year (4 issues). (Overseas slightly higher). As soon as DW even hints that it may lose money the rate increases. I had planned on starting out with the sub rate of \$6 rather than \$4 so I have no qualms about raising it. I still don't really feel that \$6 is out of line but I have promised to give the \$4 a chance.

Rates: (for one year; four issues)

NA subscribers: \$4

Overseas subscribers: \$5 (foreign air fare postage \$3 extra)

3. Trades: All trades for DW are cancelled. (Are you through screaming?) As of this writing Konrad Baumeister will be maintaining the Archives. It is asked that all the publishers send a copy of their zines to me each time they come out with an issue and at the end of each month I will bundle them up and send them off to Konrad. (Trades for LDNS are still in effect with the exception of two or three that I'm cancelling this month. Those trading with me and submitting a copy to the Archives are asked to mail two copies to me.) Now what's in it for the publishers? For your cooperation you will receive a \$2 credit for your DW subscription. So just subtract \$2 from your sub rate and there you go. By the way, should a zine come out less than 6 times in one year the DW sub credit will be cancelled for the following year.

What's goin into DW?

DW will revert back to dealing strongly with postal Diplomacy. That's not to say that there will be nothing inside for the average FTF'er. There will always be the "How to Play" articles and the like but I feel that the PRM Dippy is much more organized and much more visual so that they are the cornerstone of the Diplomacy hobby and deserve more space.

Regular features of DW:

1. Need A Game? section.
2. Ratings
3. How to Play Articles
4. Humor
5. Variant articles
6. Demo Game
7. History of Postal Diplomacy (tentative.)
8. Diplomacy Review
9. Novice corner
10. You tell me what you'd like to see...

What won't be in DW is a lot of (any) personal fueding. There are other places for that. We have a motto around here. It is "we're trying to put the Dip back into Diplomacy." Diplomacy is meant to be fun and that is what DW will be aimed at.

I hope that you will support DW and that the publishers of other zines will pass along this information (along with their subscription to DW)

Please send all material and subscriptions to Jerry Jones (PO Box 8529; San Marino, CA 91108).

Please give me your support and suggestions.

Thank,

JH Jones

LDNS

Now you're probably asking yourself, "OK, what about LDNS?"

LDNS will go on. I want to set the record straight once and for all. I do appreciate the concern some have made towards the future of LDNS, but I'm not giving up my marriage, my work, golfing nor softball because of LDNS. These things are a part of my l-fe that I enjoy. And so is LDNS.

I also think that DW will be a better publication because of LDNS. One reason is that it is you that DW is all about. Without you, the players, all of the writers publishers and editors could take their typewriters down to Del Rio, Texas and throw them into the Rio Grande. I think that since you are sending me your orders you will be more apt to send in suggestions and ideas. Also I think that LDNS will keep me in better touch with the hobby. I have found that a lot of the vocal people in Diplomacy are not always "in touch" with the hobby. Who's going to listen to someone who's no longer interested in Diplomacy as the game or the hobby?

In closing, LDNS will continue much in the same manner that it always has. Trades will continue. If anything the transfer of DW will help LDNS for it is forcing me to become much more organized and it is forcing Pat to handle a lot more of the duties then she has. (Also DW will give BJ more to eat.)

I am looking for someone to help with the orphan game work that I've begun.

The major change in LDNS is that the two openings for games right now will be the last openings for a while. (I want to find out just how much time and energy DW will take out of me.)

Good Enough?

Good Enough.

Thank

Jerry

One more COA: CRAIG REGES (16 W 761 W. Pines Rd.; Bensenville, IL 60106) 12/22-1/22.

**By the way, each and every player ('cept one) should pat themselves on the back. In the last twenty games (LDNS #23 ans LDNS #24) we had only ONE NMR. And at Xmas time no less. You are one hell of a bunch of great guys and gals. Now how can I give up all that?

***Bob Berkeley wrote a letter that I should have printed and I will print it next issue but it's Xmas Eve, I'm at the bottom of the page, and I am too excited about Santa Claus coming that I can't go on. Sorry Bob.

Next Issue: The LDNS Ratings.

Continuation of the GM Article.

Personality Profiles (I hope).

The Demo Game

& Comments on the DW Situation (I have no doubt).

See Ya!

Happy Happy's

Due to an overabundance of games that are just taking up space, I offer the following for sale. I list the game, company, condition (m= mint, ex= excellent used once or twice or possibly just the markers loose, u= used played several times), current list price, asking price.

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Strategy I	SPI	EX	18.00	10.00
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Please include 50¢ for postage. Any excess will be refunded.

The following are copies of Strategy & Tactics magazine INCLUDING the game. ALL the games are mint except a few which are marked "U" for used. SPI sells the back issues of the magazine WITHOUT the game for \$3.50. I am asking \$5.25 for the magazines with mint games and \$4.25 for the others. This includes postage. I have listed the Magazine # and the game title.

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