

Lies, Deceit and Mefarionz SCHEMES

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Here we are with yet another issue of the finest Diplomacy zine to come out of the city of Pasadena. (At least until a second one comes along.) I hope that I'm not the one reading and in case someone else is reading this this is LDNS. LDNS, published every four weeks, is dedicated to the promotion of postal Diplomacy play.

Game openings: NONE. All LDNS games are filled and there will be no openings for a while. The two games announced last issue have filled. More on that inside. Even if you don't play or are a standby waiting your turn you can still receive LDNS for the ridiculously ~~high average outrageous~~ low price of \$4 for 10 issues.

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I'd advise all of you who are truly interested in F-T-F Diplomacy to read the newest book on the market on FTF strategy. It's "How to Win at FTF Diplomacy" by Woody Hayes. Especially good is the chapter on what to do after the stab entitled, "A Good Right Cross is the Best Revenge."

Rob't Sacks has asked me to announce the openings (7 players) for "Parlement" in his zine HANSARD (subaine of The Flying Orphan). Anyone interested should contact Rob't at 4861 Broadway 5-V, NYC, NY 10034. The cost is \$3 plus sub.

The DVC Variant Awards Panel is soliciting noninations for the following awards: 1) Outstanding Publication (exclusively or in major part) For Variants; 2) Outstanding Variant GM; 3) Outstanding Variant Design; 4) Outstanding Article on Variants; 5) General Contribution to Variants (may be for events prior to 1978). You may nominate two for each of the above satagories. Finally, Special Award (may be for events prior to 1978) (Nominate only one.) Also you may ask to be appointed to fill any vacant seat on the Variant Awards Panel by so designating such at the bottom of you list.

After you've done all that, sign it and mail it to Raymond E. Hauer, Secretary, Variants Awards Panel, 162-10 87th Road, Jamacia, NY 11432.

Another zine which rates right up there with LDNS is Konrad Baumeister's Egnog. Konrad's into variants and if you are this would be one of the better zines to look at. You can get a sample copy for a stamp. Sub rate is \$3.50 for 10 issues. Contact him at 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales, Corners, WI 53130. Recommended.

1977-HA DEMO Fall 1903

We will now demonstrate multiple resignations!

AUS (C. Reges) A Tyro-Tri; A Bud S A Ser; A Ser S A Bud.

ENG (B. Sergeant) RESIGNS F Lvp-Irs; A Lon-York; F Eng S F Lvp-Irs; F Nth S F Eng; F Swe H.

FRA (J. Diehl) RESIGNS A Bre-Pic; F MAO-Bre; A Par-Bre /nsu/ has A Pic; F Irs-Lvp (F NAO S).

GER (L. Kendter Sr.) A Bur-Mar; A Ruh-Bur (A Bel S); A Kiel-Mun; A Sil-Mun; F Bal S RUS F Both-Lvn /nso/.

ITA (C. Spiekerman) A Ven S Aus A Tyro-Tri;; A Apu S A Ven; F Ion H /d/;
F Tyrr S F Ion /nsu/ has F Nap.
 RUS (L. Harmon) A War-Sil; A Mos-Lvn (F Both S); A Tri-Vie (A Gal S);
F Rum C ENG F Lyon-War /???.
 TUR (J. Powers) A Alb-Ser (A Bul S); F Aeg-Ion (F Gre & F EMed S).

Italian F Ion ret Tun, Adr, Tyrr, or OTB.

Supply Chart:

AUS	Tri Vie Bud	SER	Has	3	Even
ENG	Home Nwy	Swe	"	5	Even
FRA	Bre Par Mix	Port Spa	"	4	-1
GER	Home Hol	Den Bel MAR	"	7	+1
ITA	Home	Tun	"	4	Even
RUS	Home Rum	Sil VIE	"	6	Even
TUR	Home	Bul Gre	"	5	Even

Konrad Baumeister will assume the English position.

Rich Holton will assume the French position.

Analysis:

A waiting game was prevalent throughout 1901. Positional evidence suggested a tentative E/G vs F lineup, and R/T vs A/I. In 1902, the former alliance materialized, however Italy struck at Austria. Meanwhile Turkey continued to build fleets in preparation for a post-Austria push west.

In 1903, Germany set up France for a (second?) stab and Italy finally saw Turkey coming and reacted by rejoining Austria. The two resignations in the west may cause a shakeup there, however, it is almost certainly too late to help Austria or Italy against R/T.

Fall 1903

The two simultaneous resignations in the west certainly come as a bit of a surprise, and threaten to throw a monkey-wrench into the German game plan. France has no reasonable option but to try for an English alliance or go down fighting.

England has two, not unreasonable options. By going with Germany, he stands to gain StP, perhaps three French centers (albeit not immediately) and crucial access to the Mediterranean. Germany remains a threat of course, however, these can be minimized by a prohibition on German fleet-building, two or three fleets on permanent station in the north and a continued healthy Russia.

Attacking Germany with France and Russia is not bad either. Several German centers are vulnerable and ready-made allies in France and Russia are available. Furthermore, England probably stands to gain the most. There are some negatives, however: Short-term disengagement of Anglo-French forces may be tricky. Longer-term, England may be squeezed between a westward pushing Russia and a resurgent France.

In the east, Russia almost certainly made a tactical mistake by not sending A Tri-Bud rather than Vie. The effect is to slow down the land attack against Austria where Russia stands to make the best near term gains. Reconsideration of the Turkish alliance is a bit late, as Turkey could probably hold off all comers until western help arrived.

GM Notes: While any time a game is disrupted by NMR's or resignations it always tends to hurt the game I hope that that will not happen here. It is unfortunate that both players had to resign but I feel that under the circumstances they had little choice. Diplomacy is meant to be a fun game and when it ceases to be that it's time to bow out. Onward.

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We here at the LDNS Publications wish Mark Matuschak a speedy recovery from his spleen operation. I understand that Mark is up and about again and we hope he stays that way. Say Mark, what to join the LDNS football team?

To ORCON We Will Go,
To ORCON We Will Go...

Two Saturday's ago Pat and I packed up the trusty ol' van to trek off to Orange County to attend the ORCON. Actually it wasn't all that easy. The night before we had a FTF game with some local players and some not so local. Jack Powers, his wife Teresa and their kids came over to the friendly Diplomacy flop house. Also on hand was David Hard, Tom Mirti and a newcomer to postal Diplomacy, Ramon Garcia. Seeing how the game went on to 3 in the morning 8 o'clock came awful early and while Pat was up and ready to go, this slob was busy checking his eyelids for holes. Pat loves to go to these conventions. Where else can she go where's there 50 guys for every girl?

But the convention was fairly good, all things being considered. Pat and I got in free, pushing our Diplomacy World weight around. After walking around the campus and the convention site we settled down to check out the Diplomacy Tournament.

The first round was fairly good sized. I hate to admit it but it appeared larger than the DipCon last June. I may be mistaken but I counted eight boards. Not too shabby. I spent most of my time at one table with some fellows that I knew of through this zine. Dave Grabar and Ron Brown (both Dippy publishers) were at this table and gained a draw for their efforts. Who says that there's no honor among thieves? The second round (the final round) began right after the first round ended. At the same time a second Dippy Tournament began. This time I decided to test my lies in advance of some future postal plays. Tom Sherwood (France) and myself (England) feeling that since we both knew each other and since we knew none of the other players decided to ally together. Yep, you guessed it. The game ended in a two-way draw, me and Austria. What can I say? The final round was on Sunday which I couldn't make. You'll find that when you get as old as I you can't stay out too often. Too much excitement and all that.

Where was Pat all this time? I haven't the foggiest. She claims to have been with Tom's wife watching a movie. I believe that about as much as I believe France's move to Wales was a defensive one.

All in all the convention was a super one. My hats off to the Orange County gamers for a job well done.

RULES Chapter 2

Two issues back I started this article on rules and how much they differ from zine to zine. Continuing along that same line, here is chapter two.

The next group of question didn't really deal with the moves as much as with orders and special problems. The GM's were asked what would they do if a player asked for a separation between Spring and Fall. Not too many of the GM's were as hard-nosed as I was in this matter. Most said that they would delay the game and slap the player's wrist. Some indicated that they would go along with the Fall season and try to contact the "guilty" party. The question broke down as to who to be fair to. Is it fair to delay the game for the other six (and possibly upset the balance of the game) or should the GM be fair to the lone player. It's a question that each must answer in his own way.

Another question dealt with the possibility that the player mislabeled the country on his orders or if he put down the wrong season. Surprisingly most of the GM's would accept the wrong season but some would not accept the wrong country. (While 90% said that they would accept them but if they didn't be held responsible if they missed one.) I agree but I am much more leary of the wrong season rather than the wrong country. I can tell you in my sleep whose playing what country in which game but I would probably not catch a set of orders with the wrong season.

Lastly the GM's were asked about the ambiguity of the abbreviation NOR. Here again the GM's were split right down the ol' middle. Half said that they wouldn't accept the abbreviation Nor for anything while the other half said that if the Nor could only mean one space they would accept it. I'm in the latter group.

While the questionnaire provided no real surprises it did uncover some very simple questions that had two separate answers, both correct. You can classify the GM's into two separate and distinct categories, strick and lonient. I'm in the latter group by a large part. My feeling is that you paid for a game not a life and death battle to the finish.

While we're talking about GM'ing after I GM'd the FTF game at ORCCON I will never again complain about the orders you guys send in. You cannot imagine some of the orders I had to decipher. Terrible. Now if Pat can only get you guys to make your press legible!

Dallas or Pittsburg?

I'm typing this before the Dallas SuperBowl game so I have no positive idea as to the outcome but we all know that Dallas will be on top tomorrow evening. All of us, that is, except Bob Gallagher. Seems he's under the delusion that the Steelers may squeek this one out. As a side bet to the game Bob and I have agreed to write an article, praising the winner (I write it if pittsburg should cheat and win, he writes it as DALLAS wins). Get typing Bob.

Personaliy Profile: Fred Davis.

((Fred sent me a copy of his bio that was in the MENSA newsletter. Here is the copy.))

FRED DAVIS, JR. 2. 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207. 3. June 1, 1930.
4. Married. 5. Legal Assistant, Social Security Administration. 6. 1964. 7. Yes
8. No, but I read Isolated M. 9. I was Membership Chairman of Md. Mensa for 9 years,
& Lec Sec for two. 9a. Yes, we've had some Mensa parties here. 10a. 1968. 10b. 1968.
11. Two. 12. From a fellow Md. Mensan. 13. Monopoly, Scrabble, all sorts of games
with my son, Kevin. 14. Politics, Astronomy, Science Fiction, Mass transit, Travel,
ZPG, ecology. 15. You get the greatest pen pals playing Diplomacy.

Thanx Fred. Pat and I sat down and made up questions for your answers. I'd reprint them but most of them were too risque for this family publication.

DIPLOMACY WORLD

No, this isn't Diplomacy World, but it is a place for me to tell you where it stands. The next issue of DW will be taken to the printers on or about Feb 15th. All in all it looks pretty good. It is a combination of two different editors, Conrad von Metzke and myself. The major problem being one of money.

The reaction of the publisher's has been fairly positive regarding them being charged for DW. They'll make out in the long run and most of them realize it.

DW is looking for a couple things:

1. I need someone who is going to the DipCon Convention this year who is willing to write an article on the con.
2. I also need someone to be the DW staff photographer to take pictures at the con.
3. I need ideas for cartoons. You don't have to draw them, just sketch out the ideas.
4. Lastly I need an artist to do some of the cartoons.

Any and all help will be more than appreciated. Give me your talents and I'll put you to work.

1978 - IR BEGINS . . . FINALLY

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AUS (D. Pilant) A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb; A Vie-Gal.
ENG (Chisholm) NMR neutral orders used: F Edi-Nwg; F Lon-Nth; A Lvp-Edi.
FRA (Hardisty) F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur (A Mar S).
GER (Beardsley) A Mun-Ruhr; A Ber-Kiel; F Kiel-Hel.
ITA (Gallagher) A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion.
RUS (Johnson) F Sev-Rum; F StP(sc)-Both; A War-Gal; A Mos-StP.
TUR (Don Ditter) A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con; A Smy-Ank.

Fall 01 orders are due noon, Feb. 17th.

Will John Morris (1616 Farnborn St, Crofton, MD 21114) please standby for Eng.

Press:

Russia: A silent Austria gathers no centers but many enemies.

Paris: Those who do not write must pay the price.

Berlin: Otto von Beardsley, war hero known as the IRON HANDS (from his baseball playing days), has assumed control of the Free Peoples Dictatorship of Germany. He wishes all world leaders luck and peace...until 1902 when all hell will break loose. Then may the best conniver win!

Berlin: Chancellor Helmut Hoff-auss today decried the total lack of world communication going on. Upon ordering the troops he asked, "Vere do ve go from herr?" Still awaiting word from Britain, der chancellor sent out the fleet to find what where the boys in Blue were headed. When asked about his past differences with Tsar Stanislaus Johnsonovitch, Hoff-auss replied, "Oh, he's a svell fellow, I just got a 'Dear Filthy Swine' letter from him!" Helmutt also got a rumor that the 'Black Foot' has re-emerged.

Roma: (Please hum "The Theme from Da Gawdfodder II") We zoom in on the humble 217 room cottage of Roberto Gallagheri, "Da Gawdfodder". Two men are seated in the 4th floor gameroom. It is "Da Gawdfodder" and the new Pope, John Phillip Sousa I.

Da Gawdfodder: "Well, John - if I may call you John?"

Pope John Phillip Sousa I: "You may call me Pope John Phillip Sousa I."

D.G.(to save Jerry time?) ((You really think Jerry types this, eh? -PJ)): "Well, John, as I see things, an expansion by our country will allow us to start more Bingo games and be able to buy Pasadena."

P.J.P.S.I: "I agree, but where do we make this expansion? The airways have been silent. Our neighbors do not write to us. Do you think they want a bigger cut from the numbers action?"

D.G.: "I'm not sure. Perhaps we should watch world events before I send out the dreaded "Black Foot."

P.J.P.S.I: "That is acceptable. In the meantime we can prepare for the future. I will contact Sister Patrica, the collector, to begin making appeals for donations and you alert "The Inforcer" to be at the ready. We must be able to move as fast as the collection basket is passed."

D.G.: "Fine! Until we meet once again, I bow to your Holiness. However I must ask something of you before you go. Are you positive that Sister Patricia is a nun? I know they are permitted to wear 'civilian' clothes, but that bikini she had on at the beach party was just a trife senuous. Will you check her out for me?"

P.J.P.S.I.: "I'll see what I can find out."

Well sports fans, what an interesting conversation. Why does "Da Gawdfodder" refuse to call the Pope by his chosen name? Why have certain countries not written to Italy? Who is "The Inforcer"? What is Sister Patrica's real occupation and why, if she is a nun, does she wear a swimming suit that folds

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into a matchbox size carrying case? For the answer to these and other unasked questions be sure to buy next month's issue.

1978 CE Fall 1904

AUS (S. Johnson) A Alb-Gre.
 ENG (C. Hardisty) A Lon H; F Bar-StP; FSka-Swe (F Nwy & F Den S);
A Ber S FRE A Bur-Mun; A Kiel S A Ber; A Edi-Hol (F Nth C).
 FRA (L. Kendter, Sr.) F Ion-Nap (F Tyrr S); F WMed-Tun; A Tyro S ITA A Tri;
 A Pied S A Tyro; A Mun-Boh; A Bur-Mun.
 ITA (K. Peterson) A Ven-Tyro (A Tri S, /annih/); A Tus-Ven; F Nap-Rom.
 RUS (L. Harmon) A Bud-Tri (A Vic S); A Bul-Ser (A Rum S); F Blk-Bul(ec);
 A Mos-StP (A Fin S); A Sil-Ber (F Bal S); A Arm-Sev.
 TUR (C. Eichelberger) A Smy-Con; F Gre H (A Ser S, /annih/).

Supply Chart:

AUS	S&X	0	cut
ENG	Home, Bel, Den, Hol, Kiel, Ber, Nwy, SWE	10	+1
FRA	Home, Port, Spa, Tun, Mun, NLP	8	+1
ITA	Ven, Rom, XXX XXX	2	-1
RUS	Home S&X Bud, Ank, Rum, Vie, XXX TRI, SER, BUL	11	+1
TUR	Smy S&X Gre, CON	3	+1

Winter 04 and Spring 05 orders are due noon Sat, Feb. 17. Separation will be granted by player request.

Press:

Tuscany Tribune: Free to good home - one very used Pope. Will eat anything but caviar.
 (London to Moscow) Why not give up now and save yourself from Lord Stumblebum.
 (England to Albania) The demise of the mighty Red War Machine will be surely missed. Stan may your next game be better.

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1978 AS Draw Falls: Ger A Lvn ret OTB

Winter 04/Spring 05

AUS (J. Powers) Builds F Tri A Vie
 A Tun-Apu (F Ion C); A Tyro-Ven (F Tri S); A Vie-Tyro; A Gal H; A Smy H;
 A Bul H; F EMed-Aeg.
 ENG (J. Poore) Builds F Lvp F Nwy-Ska;
F MAO-Port; F Lvp-Irs; F StP H; A Bre-Gas; F Nth S GER F Swe-Den/nso/.
 FRA (T. Watson) Remove A Gas
 F Por H.
 GER (L. Harmon) Builds A Mun, F Kiel
 A Par H; A Bel-Hol; A Mun-Kiel; A Ber-Kiel; F Kiel-Den (FSweS /d/);
A Sil-War.
 ITA (S. Johnson) A Mar-Pied; A Pie-Tus; F Aeg-Bul(sc); F Spa(sc)-WMed;
 F Tyrr-Nap.
 RUS (D. Brownell) F Ank-Con; A Den-Swe (F Bal S); A Lvn-Pru (A War S).
 TUR (Diehl) NMR Has A Smy.

Ger F Swe ret Both, Fin, Ska, OTB.

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Press: 1978 AS

London to whoever proposed the I/G/T draw: (I know it wasn't Germany). Alrite you bratchnras (that's debrased Russian for something that is not printed in a family publication). Cheap trick there. I would like to know who proposed that, as soon as possible if you please. I have a fair idea as to who is the culprit, at least I've narrowed the possibilities down to two, one in the I/G/T draw, one not. I have a great hate for three, four, or more - way draws. In my opinion, a draw of more than two people indicates the possibility of a situation similar to the "KARMA League" mentioned in a DW of the past. It is possible for two of the three to gang-up on the third, alliances could change. Sure, a game could last forever, as happened in 1984, but if someone sets-up, and two people go through with the two against one, then a two-way draw is almost inevitable, or someone could win outright. But a three-way draw is ludacrist. Also, I'm quite mad for being left out. After all, I've got as much as Italy, more than Turkey (my apologies Jim, us Minnesota fans should stick together, especially since the Vikes didn't make it to Miami), and have been the loyal ally of Germany. It won't work folks, we're sticking it out.

London to Berlin: It can't snow in Denmark during the summer.

Italy: We will avenge ourselves on Austria or die in the attempt. Jack you've cut your own throat, too.

Berlin to London: You proved you're a back-stabbing rat but what else?

Munich: Shocked by the English attack the German people appeal to all nations to help them destroy the English dogs.

Berlin - Austria: If you're not already allied with the English swine lets discuss an alliance. I lost your address so please write.

Paris: (Last call): Berlin, you will really get it now. First it'll be little things; "proving a point" indeed. Next he'll swarm over you, and that'll be it, old man. "No offense intended." What a joke!

Brest: Send me my two dollars in Francs. Bye, all!

(Somewhere in the Tyrolian Forest) As the Archduke strolled through the Great Yellow Forrest. "Hey You!" Suddenly the quiet is broken. "Archy baby, it's me, the Gypsy."

"Oh no, not again" he said. "Yes me. Say how you'd like my moves."

"Well I honestly don't agree with them. You know Italy was a dependable ally."

"Dependalbe?" she said raising one eyebrow. "Well, let me give you something to depend on. You hit that clown or you are gone."

"I'm gone if I hit him so what's the difference."

She just smiled and chuckled.

Then boarded a small cart hidden behind some weeds then rode off.

"And what if I knock him down to one and yet give him a piece of the draw anyway. I've done it before and I'll do it again." he screamed as the cart rolled off.

"Oh well Italy did say it was France or me and now France is gone. I guess it was just written in the stars."

"I wouldn't say that" came a voice from the tree.

"What? Who's there?" asked the Duke.

"Just me. Something old, something new, something borrowed, something..."

"Enough of this riddle" he quipped, "What be your purpose here?"

He smiled from ear to ear and smugly snarled, "To see if the bees are really red and black"

The Archduke smiled and said, "only the stinger my friend, only the stinger."

"True Archy, but did you notice that after the bee leaves its stinger the area turns blue then the bee goes off to die" came the reply with one eyebrow raised.

"Hum! Hadn't thought of that. But now that you mentioned it. . ."

1977-KX Fall 1907

Ger A Mar ret Pied

Ita A Boh ret Vie.

AUS (D. Hard) A Rom H; F Alb-Tri; A Ukr-Rum (A Gal & A Bud S).

ENG (L. Harmon) F Tun-Ion; A Mar H (F Lyon S); F Nth-Hel; F Lon-Nth;
A Gas S FRE A Par; F Irs-Eng (F MAO S); A Den-Kiel; A Mos S AUS A Ukr-
Sev/nso/.

FRA (C. Rages) F Bre-Eng; A Par S GER A Pied-Mar/nso/.

GER (K. Peterson) A Bur-Bel (A Pic S); A Kie-Hol; A Mun-Kiel; A Sil S A War;
A War S AUS A Ukr-Mos/nso/; A Boh-Mun; A Pied-Tyrr.

ITA (R. Kelly) A Vie-Tyrr; A Tyrr-Ven; F Nap-Tyrr.

RUS (C.D.) A Sev

TUR (T. Long) F EMed-Ion (F Aeg S); A Ser-Bud (A Rum S); F Blk S A Rum.

Supply Chart:

AUS ~~XXX~~ Bud Tri ~~XXX~~ ROM has 3 Remove 2

ENG Home Nwy Swe StP Mos Por Tun Spa DEN MaR has 12 build 2

FRA Par Bre has 2 even

GER Home Bel ~~XXX~~ Hol War ~~XXX~~ has 6 remove 2

ITA ~~XXX~~ Nap VEN Smy VIE has 4 Build 1

Rus Sev

TUR Con Ank Bul Gre Rum SER has 6 build 1

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Press:

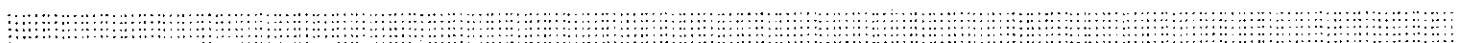
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Brest: Send me my two-bucks in Francs. Bye all!

Berlin to London: You proved you're a back-stabbing rat, but what else?

MUNICH: Shocked by the English attack the German people appeal to all nations to help them destroy the English dogs.

Berlin to Austria: If you are not already allied with the English swine lets discuss an alliance. I lost your address so please write.



1977-HW Winter 1909 Spring 1910

German A Mos and F Edi ret OTB.

AUS (T. Sherwood) Builds A Bud, A Mar H (F Lyon S); F Nap-Tyrr;
A Boh-Mun (A Tyrr S); A Vie-Boh; A War-Pru (A Sil S); A Ukr-War;
A Sev S TUR A Mos; A Bul H; A Bud-Gal.

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

GER (C. Spiekerman) Builds A Ber A Gas-Mar (A Bur S); A Lvn-War
(A Pru S /annih/); A Mun H (A Kiel & A Ber S); A Bel hates Austrians (H);
F Den S F Nth; F Nth H /d/.

ITA (D. Ditter) F Tun-Tyrr.

TUR (D. Hard) Builds A Ank F Ion S AUS F Nap-Tyrr; F Gre H; A Con H;
A Mos S AUS A War-Lvn /nso/; A Ank-Arm.

German F Nth ret Nwy, Ska, Yonk Hel Hol or OTB

Fall 1910 orders are due noon Saturday Feb 17th.

Press:

Berlin: Another new army was created in Berlin from the shattered remains of the Mos and Edi massacre. The troops were sent out into battle with

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the motto "Don't shoot until your sure their Austrians!"

MUNICH: As the Austrian army sieging Munich grows larger and larger, the beleaguered garrison remains undaunted. Vowing never to let the despised Austrians to enter the beer capital of the world.

RIGA: "Let the Turks freczâ in Russia, I'm going south," stated General Mendekoff to puzzled reporters.

STOCKTON: Seeing my position crumble before my eyes, I've decided to change my reason for playing from, personal gain to revenge. I call on all nations of Europe to band against the barbaric Austrian ~~slavs~~ slavs.

Pasadena to Stockton: I have a note here from France and Russia saying that they'd be more than happy to come to your aide.

1978-LK Fall 1905

Ita F Spa ret WMed Turk F Sev ret Arn

AUS (L. Harmon) A Bud-Tri (A Vie & A Ser S); A Bul-Run; A Sev-Run; F Tun H; F Tyrr-Rom.

ENG (D Hard) F MAO-Port.

FRA (S. Shields) A Yor-Edi; F Eng-Nth /d/; F Lvp-NAO; A Gas-Bre; A Spa-Port; A Mar-Spa.

GER (C. Hardisty) A Mos H; A Sil H; A Nwy H; F Bal-Swe; F Bel-Eng (F Nth S); A Bur-Par (A Pic S); A Tyro S RUS A Tri-Ven; F Nwg S Rus F Cly-Edi.

ITA (M. Bailes) F WMed-Tun; F Lyon-Tyrr; A Ven-Rom; A Pied-Tyro.

RUS (B. Gallagher) A Tri-Ven /d/; F Cly-Edi

TUR (R. Kelly) F Arm H; A Ank S A Con; F Smy S A Con; A Con S F Smy.

French F Eng ret Lon, Wal, Irs, OTB.

Russian A Tri ret Alb or OTB.

Supply Chart:

AUS	Bud	TRI	Vie	Gre	Rum	Ser	Bul	Nap	TUN	SEV	has	10	+3*
ENG	MAO											0	out
FRA	Bre	MAO	Mar	Port	Lvp	Lon	SPA					6	even
GER	Home	Hol	Den	War	StP	Mos	Nwy	Bel	SWE	PAR		12	+2
ITA	Ven	Rom	MAO	SP								2	-2
RUS	MAO	MAO	EDI									1	-1
TUR	Home	MAO										3	-1

*No room to build 3, room for only 1.

Winter 1905/Spring 1906 orders are due noon Febuary 17th. Separation will be granted upon request.

Press:

BRUGERSTEIN: Plans are being made in this small kingdom to receive the soon to be exiled government of Russia. Troops of the Royal Guard are being mobilized for an invasion into the center of Mother Russia. A buildup of troops will take place in the Vurstan Valley and the invasion will begin as soon as the long awaited supply of sling-shot bands arrive.

BRUGERSTEIN (again); The big day has come and gone and once again the Pitzborg Schtealertz have beatten the Dullutz Cowhips in Supper Bawl #13. The final score was Schtealertz - 24, Cowhips - 10. Go you Schtealertz!!! ((The above press is to be disregarded as being too silly for LDNS. The above game was rigged. The official Supper Bawl will be held in Pitzborg on Sunday evening after Roger Starbuck, Too Tall Jon'es and company do to Pitzborg what Bud did to Tri!--JHJ.))

Russian press release (from who knows where?); Let's see how long everyone can keep Russia in the game. This would really be a 'neat' thing

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AK Con't

to do, especially for me. However, by the time you read this, I could already be no more!

RESCUE: We had a very good Christmas and expect to spend a very drunk New Year. (Just ask Callo about my health later.)

1977-KC Winter 1907/Spring 1908

Error: Aus F Blk-Ank succeeded. Turkey loses Ank and is out.
Aus gains Ank, has 13, but still no room to build.

French F Eng ret Irs French A Bur ret Gas German A Gal ret War.
AUS (S. Shields) A Pied-Tyro (A Ven S); A Gal-Vie (A Bud & A Tri S);
A Ser-Run (A Bul S); F Ank-Blk; A Con-Ank; A Smy-Con; F Reg-Ion.
FRA (J. Caruso) F Irs-Lvp; F York-Nth; A Par-Bur (A Pic S); A Gas-Mar.
GER (C. Reges) Builds A Ber & F Kiel F Kiel-Hel; F Nwg-Edi; A Ber-Sil;
A Boh-Gal (A War S); A Vie-Bud /d/; A Tyro-Vie /d/; A Mun-Bur (A BelS);
A Bur-Gas; F Lon-Nth; F Wal-Lon; F Eng-Pic; A Sev-Run (A Ukr S).

German A Vie ret Boh or OTB. German A Tyro ret Boh, Mun or OTB.

Fall 1908 orders are due noon February 17th.

John Machir, let me know how you want the two bucks.

Press:

France to Austria: There is still time for LIP. My position is faltering. The German assault has been temporarily halted, but we French are so outnumbered that we need our Austrian cousins. I will fight to the bitter end.

France to Turkey: If asking ridiculous questions is a waste of time, ignore them. You know, the same way you ignored my letters. But they must have had some effect. After all, didn't you finally write something to me (as little as it was). Regardless, nice game anyway.

France to Germany: Beware of the rock.

Whitestone to Pasadena: Sorry Jerry. All of my moves can't be novelties or collectors items. I sometimes get zonked too. Ouch, does it hurt. Oh yes, go Rams go.

Pasadena to Whitestone: Yeah, speaking of ouch and of the Rams, wasn't that game something? It's giving a whole new dimension to Pop Warner football. If Dallas does half as good against Pittsburg as the Rams did against Dallas I may never be able to show my face in public again.

BERLIN: Crippling blow, balogna. And you can't be with Turkey anymore. He'll be gone, down and out.

Munich to Budapest: Well played, your taking of Galicia. Giving up the Black Sea for spring was a mistake though.

1978-HP Winter 1902

AUS (C. Eichelberger) Removes F Alb and A Gal.

ENG (Dave Ditter) Builds A Edi.

FRA (T. Powers) Builds (where els?) F Bre and F Mär.

GER (S. Johnson) Builds F Kiel

ITA (J. Machir) Builds F Nap

RUS (R. Price) even TUR (T. Sherwood) even

Fall 1902 orders are due noon Feb 17th.

Press: (Fra-Ita) F Mar is heading for the MLO. Don't worry. Why get into an unnecessary and senseless battle.

1978-80 FI Spring 1904

AUS (Roger Birmingham) A Vie S TUR A Ser-Bud /nso/.
 ENG (D. Rohde) F Kiel-Hel; A Hol-Kiel (F Den S); A Lon-Hol (F Nth C);
F Edi-Cly; A Lvp-York.
 FRA (E. Verheiden) F Bre-Eng; F MAO-Eng; A Bur-Mun (A Ruh S); A Pic-Bur;
A Bel S A Ruhr.
 GER (R. Berkeley) A Sil-War (A Pru S).
 ITA (B. Sergeant) A Ven-Tyro; F Ion-Gre (F Alb S); A Tri-Ser; F Nap-Ion.
 RUS (S. McLendon) F Swe-Nwy; A Bud S ITA A Tri-Ser; A Gal-Run; F Sev-Arn;
A War H (A Mos S).
 TUR (M. Morrison) A Run-Gal; A Con-Run (F Blk C & A Bul S); F Gre H /d/;
A Ser S A US A Vie-Bud /nso/ /annih/; A Sny-Arn.

Turkish A Ser annih. Turkish F Gre ret Reg or OTB.

Fall 1904 orders are due noon Sat Feb 17th.

Press:

Eastern Front: Chancellor Berkley has wisely allowed Army 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 Ally as well.

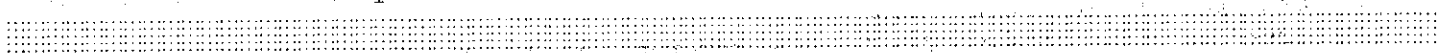
Our Gallant Eastern Armies are continuing their glorious offense with our Austrian cousins. Russia has (due to severe losses suffered in Central Europe) now lost the Balkans and will soon have its filthy country occupied by advancing Turkish forces. Huzzah Huzzah? Onward Brave Turkey!

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 and 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 Russia/Italy and we shall fight them to the last French/Liney soldier able to stop a Russian bullet.



1977-IS ENDS. AUSTRIAN ARMIES PROVE TOO MUCH SO EUROPE CONCEEDS.

GM: Jerry Jones Zine: LDNS

A) Jim Bumpas (WFO8) E) Dave Bunke F) Dennis Agosta (RFO4); Craig Reges.
 G) Bob Hartwig Jr. I) Andy Cook (DFO7); Carl Eichelberger. R) Russell Fox (RS01); Dave Ditter (RS06). T) Bob Beardsley (RFO4); Ron Kelly.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AUS	4	6	7	9	10	10	12	14 (win)
ENG	5	5	5	6	7	7	7	8
FRA	5	5	6	6	6	8	8	7
GER	5	6	5	5	5	3	3	1
ITA	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	4
RUS	5	4	4	2	1	0		
TUR	4	3	3	2	1	1	0	

End game statements are welcomed.

THE LDNS TOP TWENTY

This is based on a rating system that is used solely for LDNS. It is based only on games that are passed 1903 (Fall) Well there's no time like the present to get on with who are the creeps of the crop.

(numbers in parenthesis' are the number last rating time.)

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| 1. Jim Bumpas (#3) | 15.50 | 11. Steve McLendon | 7.00 |
| 2. Dave Rohde | 9.67 | 12. Marck Morrison | 7.00 |
| 3. Leland Harmon (#4) | 9.27 | 13. Eric Verheiden | 7.00 |
| 4. Lee Kendter Sr. | 8.97 | 14. Craig Reges | 6.22 |
| 5. Tom Sherwood (#8) | 8.67 | 15. Tim Long (#10) | 5.71 |
| 6. Cliff Hardisty | 8.40 | 16. Chuck Spiekerman (#6) | 5.45 |
| 7. John Morris (#7) | 8.40 | 17. John Caruso | 5.43 |
| 8. Jack Powers | 8.17 | 18. Bob Sergeant | 5.33 |
| 9. Steve Shields (#2) | 7.56 | 19. Dave Fugihara | 5.33 |
| 10. Dave Dunke | 7.00 | 20. Roger Bermingham (#9) | 5.07 |

In case anyone's interested, the number one last time (andy tomcufcik) finished 22nd.

A Note to All from Pat and Jerry.

This is an open letter of apology to all the subscribers and traders of LDNS. It has been brought to our attention that LDNS is not up to the quality that you've grown accustomed to. In the last few weeks LDNS has been termed warehousey and not as humorous as it was. This may be true.

In the last month or so we've been putting in anywhere from 50-75 hours a week on Diplomacy oriented items. So something had to give. We are hoping that as soon as we can catch up with everything that we started LDNS can return to the high standards that we had set for it when we started. LDNS is a family zine with it's major emphasis on providing smooth running games for all the players. We feel we have done just that. In the last three issues we've had but three or four NMRs out of 30+ games. That is a record that speaks for itself. Not only are our games high in their interest level, but we have more than our fair share of female, as well as male, players and friends. This is something that we can't give up very easily and were not going to. So here are a few things that you can do to make our job easier and hence allow us more time to dedicate to articles in the zine.

First, orders: They need not be on separate sheets of paper but please allow room so BJ can tear them apart. Be sure to put the game number and season, for that will help Pat when she's misfiling the orders.

Second, press: While we enjoy good press as much as anyone from time to time we will find it necessary to shorten some of the excessively long press. Also, if you want to be a real big help to us make your press a little more legible. Some of your handwriting is as bad as my typing.

Third, articles: If you want to get on our super good side, write something for LDNS. This would mean more to us than anything you could do for us right now. Any subject, personality profiles, or whatever you can think of will be accepted with open arms.

LDNS has always been your zine, typed and printed by us. We want to keep it that way. Maybe in a couple of months when we're past this peak of work we'll be able to look back and say, "f#@s#**". Bear with us.

THANK,

Pat & Jerry
"Me, too" -BJ

NEW GAME STARTS LDNS-13 1979-??

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TUR Ramon Garcia 1131 E. Elk Ave. #21, Glendale, CA 91205

The best of luck to all. Go to your corners and come out lying.

THE ANDY MEIER INVATIONAL started (almost!!!)

Andy, I show only six people for this game. Carl Eichelberger, Cliff Hardisty, Leland Harmon, Steve McLendon, Bob Berkely and yourself. Who is the seventh?

If there is no seventh then anyone out there looking for a game, this may be your last chance!!! (Andy, if you can't find a seventh by next issue I'll find a local GM and I'll be your seventh. Heaven forbid!!!)

.....The games that were ordered from Bob Gallagher's ad (last issue) will be mailed 3rd class. So if you haven't received them yet just give them a little more time.....

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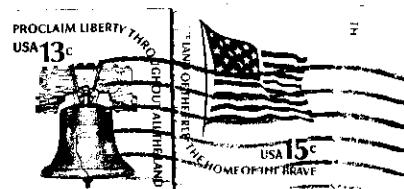
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