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Deceit
& NEUTRIOUS
SCHEMES

#9

I didn't think that we would ever get started and I am beginning to still have my doubts. So without further ado LDNS is on the air bringing you the best in Diplomacy* entertainment. If it isn't the best, don't tell me, just let me live in my own dream world. This issue is dedicated to Jim Bumpas who has given me some super ideas on printing techniques. (This being the first page I don't know how well they will work but Thanx to Jim for spending the time.)

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I wish now to take the opportunity to welcome some new subscribers to LDNS. Since last issue we have added David Hansen, Cliff Hardisty, Robert Lipton, John Michalski and Ron Kelly. (Guess we're moving up to the big time now.) LDNS has had only one NMR in its entire history, at least only one where the moves never came in, and since Ron joined we have had two in this issue alone. As far as I know Ron is only taking over standby positions and when he signed up I assumed it would be quite a while before he was able to get an opening but if this is any sign of things to come maybe not as long as I thought.

On a serious side for a moment. It has been brought to my attention that Gary Kilbride is ailing. I know not of what is wrong but I wish to send out hopes for a speedy recovery to Gary on behalf of the subscribers of LDNS. Get well soon, Gary.

All The News That's Fit to Print (or All That I Know About)

IDA-NA: Diplomacy Review was sent out the first part of January and in it was the ballots for the Offices for 1978. There was a mix up on getting this issue out to the newer members. It is understood by me that these issues should be out now and that the date for casting the ballots will be delayed. So the opportunity to help the organization be what it should be is there so vote because if you don't and the organization doesn't change you have no one to blame but yourself.

Variant Awards: Robert Sacks (4861 Broadway 5-V; NY, NY 10034) has asked me to publish the Nomination Ballot for Variant Awards. Due to space limitations I sincerely hope that this will suffice. You should list one or two nominees for each of these categories: 1) OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION (exclusively or in major part) FOR VARIANTS. 2) OUTSTANDING VARIANT GAMEMASTER. 3) OUTSTANDING VARIANT DESIGN. 4) OUTSTANDING ARTICLE ON VARIANTS. 5) GENERAL CONTRIBUTION TO VARIANTS (may be for events prior to 1977). 6) SPECIAL AWARD (may also be for events prior to 1977) (For this special award there should be only one nominee.) It is extremely nice to be recognized by one's peers so if you are interested in variants take the time to send this off to Robert.

More on Variants: Robert Sacks (address above) is looking for people to work on recategorization and playtesting variants. Also if anyone would be interested in a variant organization, Robert would like to know.

1978 Census: Andy Cook has completed 1/3 of the census and with any luck should be completed sometime in April or May. Prices are tentatively set at One or two dollars. Make no requests now please, but rather wait for the official announcement.

That's all I have for right now but I am happy to see that some are beginning to take advantage of this space. If you know of any news that is pertinent to Dippy drop me a line on it so we can pass the word on to all.

*Diplomacy is a game invented by Alan Calhamer and is copyrighted by Avalon Hill.

Here is a letter from Bob Beardsley, publisher of Brouhaha (which came today and I must say Bob, INTERESTING!!!) In case you haven't seen it it is printed on one sheet of paper measuring 14" X 18" and as I sit here covered from head to toe with black ink (and I'm not even half th rough) he makes me sick knowing he only had to do two pages. Bob is most definately a pioneer.

Jerry:

I read your article on rating game zines with great interest. I would like to add my own viewpoints to what you said.

First, I would say a publisher does owe something to his subbers. No "yesses or noes" about it. If an offer is made (to run games) and money is accepted (when you sub and pay game fees), then you deserve the service promised. The amount of money rendered or the pubber's losses or profits has nothing to do with responsibility, and that's the issue. The pubber has a responsibility to his subbers because he promised a service (symbolized by his acceptance of money in return for his promise).

My stance on pubber responsiibility may seem harsh but I feel there are many publishers who openly or secretly feel the same way. Infact, the good publishers are the responsible one, right? Jerry Jones is one of these.

Bob Beardsley
Publisher of Brouhaha

((Like I said earlier in the zine, it is always a good feeling to be complimented by ones peers. Thanx, Bob.--JHJ))

HOW TO PLAY by John Caruso

This is a general discription in how to play Diplomacy. Or should I say, my idea of how it should be played. First and most important, find out what country you are and whom your opponents are. When you write, write to all of your neighboring countries. Also write to anyone else you think may be of great assistance to you. Feel as many players out as possible. Of course, everyone will probably lie between their teeth in 1901, but by 1902 you will know where you stand. When this is established, create your game plan and play it out to the end. Most players play a conservative game. No one likes to make enemies or take unnecessary chances. But if you're in trouble, taking a chance may help your position, or even gain you an ally or friend. At least it will gain you respect from your opponents. But don't take a foolish chance. Only a reasonable one. High risk moves are also a good idea if you have a strong alliance and want to eliminate an opponent more quickly. But don't forget to always keep your mind and eyes open to all ideas and theaters on the board.

I have found most players in general are methodical. What I mean by this is that they will move A-B, then B-C, then C-D etc., with X,Y, & Z supporting it. This is what I consider conservative. It's not a bad way to play, but if intending to accomplish something, speed is usually of importance. A gambling move would be viewed as A-D with X,Y, & Z going elsewhere.

There are other items which are good to follow when performing diplomatic functions. Unless you intend to commit Hari-Kari, answer all letters. Try to be approxamately truthful. This way, if you're in need of that player later you can go back and say "See, I've never lied to you yet!" If you've lied to him you will not be able to sway him, unless he's stupid or simple.

Also, don't pass on too much information. You may even be able to bargain for a SC or a cease fire for some vital information, though I've never seen it come true in a game yet. Usually, if you keep feeding true information, you make friends. If you're allied strongly, anything goes. Letter exchanges, phone calls, and common support and intermingled units.

Well that's how I wiew "How To Play Diplomacy." You can take it or leave it for what its worth.

ALL PLAYERS READ AND HEED--

In the future all press will be handled thusly:

- a.) All press with a dateline will fall into two classed. One from the player owned countries and ones from neutrals. Both will be printed (possibly shortened) and obsene material removed. The ones with Neutral datelines will indicate origin. (i.e. Gibraltar-via Russia)
 - b.) Switzerland may be used without source of origin being indicated but press may be omitted at my discession if it may prove, in my opinion misleading. (i.e.--Switzaerland: Informed sources have indicated that the English fleet are going to stab the French in the back.)
 - c.) No dateline will be treated the same.
- Play it safe if press is important and use a home (or any owned) country or city.

Golly, Buffalo Bob, what time is it? I'm not sure Howdy, let's ask the kids in the peanut gallery...

"SAY KIDS, WHAT TIME IS IT?"

"ITS GAME TIME!!!"

1977-HW "The West Coast Game"
Fall 1903

Autumn retreat: Ger A War-Mos

AUSTRIA (SHERWOOD) 6 A Ukr-Sev; A Ser-Bul; A Rum & F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Tri-Ser; A Gal S GER A Sil-War
 ENGLAND (FUGIHARA) 4 F Gas-Bre(annih); A Pic S F Gas-Bre; F Nth-Eng; F Lon S F Nth-Eng.
 FRANCE (BROWNELL) 5 A Spa-Gas; A Mar S A Spa-Gas; A Bre-Par; F Eng-Bre /d/ ret Irs, Wal or OTB; F MAO S F Eng-Bre.
 GERMANY (SPIEKERMAN) 3 A Bur-Gas; A Bel-Bur; A Ruh S A Bel-Bur; A Kie-Hol F Both-StP(sc); A Sil-War; A Mos S A Sil-War; F Bal-Lvn.
 ITALY (DAVE DITTER) 4 F EMed-Smy; A Syr S F EMed-Smy; F Ion-Aeg; A Ven S AUS A Tri-Tyr(nso).
 RUSSIA (HOYLMAN) 2 NMR Units hold A Lvn A War
 TURKEY (HARD) 5 A Sev-Arm; F Aeg-EMed; F Smy S F Aeg-EMed (annih); F Con-Aeg; A Bul H (annih).

Now that was a heavy-duty season!!!

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

	Has	Adjustment
AUS Home, Ser, Gre, Rum, SEV,BUL	3	+2
ENG Home, Nwy	4	+1
FRA Home, Por, Spa	5	0
GER Home, Hol, Dem, Bel, Swe, War, MOS, STP	10	+2
ITA Home, Tun, SMY	5	+1
RUS Syr, Mos	0	Out
TUR Con, Ank, Syr, Ser, Bal	2	-1

If requested a separation of season will be granted upon request, otherwise Winter/Spr '04 is due Noon Saturday Feb 18.

1977-IS "The Publishers Game"
Winter '02

SEPARATION OF SEASONS

AUS (J. BUMPAS--LIBERTERREAN) 6 Builds A Vie; A Bud has A Tyr, Ser, Rum F Bul(sc)
 ENG (D. BUNKE--THE NINTH CIRCLE) 5 No change has A Nwy F Nwg, Nth, StP, Ska
 FRA (D. AGOSTA--COMMAND) 5 No change A Par, Gas F WMed. Naf, Tyrr
 GER (B. HARTWIG--THE PODUNK NEWS) 6 Builds A Ber has A Bel, Ruh, Sil F Bal, Den
 ITA (A. COOK--SUICIDE) 5 Builds F Rom, F Nap has A Pied, F Gre, Tun
 RUS (DAVE DITTER) 4 Removes A Swe has A Fin, Mos F Both, Sev
 TUR (B. BEARDSLEY--BROUHAHA) 3 No change A Smy F Con, Ank

Orders on file for A, E, F, R, T.

Press:

Korbach--No press allowed: Lady Joan's Shields Lord Hartwig from saying anything.

ANKARA: Will someone please inform the Sultan of the whereabouts of the book entitled "Italian War Tactics Made Simple" is? It was stolen from the Sultans personal library of books of Tragic Comedy. Also missing is "1,001 Ways To Cook Your Goose." There was a great opportunity, Andy, why did you play it the way you did?

PASADENA--Don't worry Bob, I doubt if they are stolen. I am pretty sure that all of the pages were colored in anyway.

ROME--No Comment.

SWITZERLAND--Burgandy is beautiful this time of year, right Fritz?

All new orders or changes in orders are due to me noon Saturday, Feb 18

1977-IA
Spr '03

THIS IS JOHN CAMERON SWAYZEE FOR ITALY. WE HAVE STRAPPED THE ITALIAN TO THE BOTTOM OF AN AUSTRIAN MOUNTAIN CLIMBER AND AFTER A GRULLING SEASON WE SEE HE'S STILL AROUND WHICH JUST PROVES ITALY CAN TAKE A LICKING AND KEEP ON TICKING.

AUS (TOMCUFCIK) 5 A Tyr-Ven; F Tri S A Tyr-Ven; A Gal H; A Ser S TUR A Rum; F Gre-Ion.
 ENG (BERMINGHAM) 4 F Nwg-Nwy; F Nth S F Nwg-Nwy; A Swe H; F Ska S A Swe
 FRA (MORRIS) 6 A Bel-Ruh; A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Bur; A Pic-Bel; F Bre-MAO
 F Eng S ENG F Nth.
 GER (DIEHL) 5 F Den-Nth; F Hel S F Den-Nth; F Dal-Den; A Kiel S F Dal-Den;
A Hol-Ruhr.
 ITA (ROGOWSKI) 4 A Ven-Tyr; F Tyrr S F EMed-Ion; F EMed-Ion; A Tun H
 RUS (POORE) 5 A Sil-War; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev-Blk; F Both-Fin; A Nwy S F Pot-
Fin.
 TUR (REGES) 5 F Blk C A Bul-Arm; A Bul-Arm; A Rum S AUS A Gal; F Aeg-EMed;
 F Smy S F Aeg-EMed.

I failed to show that the ITALIAN A Ven must retreat to Apu, Tus, Pied or OTB.

Press:

GALICIA--Thousands of grateful Galicians filled the streets today to thank Emperor Tomcufcik and his "Agressive Austrian Army" for liberating their territory, thus ending a bitter two year struggle for the province. "It is about time," the Emperor said, "That all nations of Europe unite to rid the continent of the 'Rotten Russians' and their 'Ridiculous Ruler.'"

VENICE--After spending six rugged winter months in the Austrian Alps, the Austrian 1st Army stormed into the city today for a brief vacation. "We had heard Venice was beautiful in the Spring" General Nemchek said, "But after seeing this lovely town, I don't think we'll ever leave."

ROMA BARRETTA REPORTING--What well known Potentate of a polyglot empire has just cut his own throat?

Fall '03 is due noon Saturday, Feb 18

1977-KC

Fall '02

Autumn TUR F Blk ret Ank

AUS (SHIELDS) 5 A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr; F Gre-Aeg; A Ser S A Bul; A Bul S RUSS F Blk-Con
 ENG (DIEHL) 4 F Nth-Eng; A Wal-Lvp; F Lon S F Nth-Eng; F Eng-Wal
 FRA (CARUSO) 4 F Dre-Eng; F MAO S F Dre-Eng; A Spa H; A Mar-Pied.
 GER (REGES) 6 A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; A Ruh-Mun; A Bel H; F Bal-Both; F Den-Swe.
 ITA (MUETH) 4 A Tyr-Ven; A Pied-Mar; F Tyrr-Lyon; F WMed-MAO.
 RUS (EICHEBERGER) 5 A Mos-Wag; F StP(sc)-Lvn; A Sev-Ukr; F Blk-Con; F Rum-Sov
 TUR (MACHIR) 3 A Con H; F Ank S A Con; A Arm-Smy

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

	Has	Adjustments
AUS Home, Ser, Gre, BUL	6	+1
ENG Home, Nwy	4	0
FRA Home, Por, SPA	5	+1
GER Home, Den, Hol, Bel, WAR, SWE	8	+2
ITA Home, Tun	4	0
RUS StP, Mos, Sev, WAR , Rum	4	-1
TUR Home, WAR	3	0

Last issue Turkish A Con H was omitted.

Press:

Berlin to Moscow: This is only the beginning. Idiot Austrians had better not aid the Russian scum or they too will feel my wrath!

Roses are red
 Violets are blue
 Czar, you should know
 That the Reich will cream you.

Winter '03/Spring '03 are due noon Saturday February 18

Well I think that that I'll take a break now and see what's on TV. Before I do here are some highlights of this week's TV viewing that I'm sure you won't want to miss.

SUNDAY: 60 MINUTES--Dan Rather takes you on a behind the scenes interview with some of Diplomacy's better known publisher's. See your favorites at work and at play. Some very interesting footage of them at home. Shot on location at Camarillo and Bellevue State Hospitals.

MONDAY: MONDAY NIGHT DIPLOMACY--Howard Cosell GM's this weeks game. This will prove to be an exciting game for the winner will be entitled to go to the Dippy Superbowl. Don't miss all the attention and excitement especially when Mean Joe Green tears off Howard's nose for not moving his fleet because he failed to list which coast.

TUESDAY: HAPPY DAYS--Richie and Potsie ally together and get The Fonz out of the game by 1902. After the game Fonzie shows Richie a new place to keep his armies between games.

LAVERNE & SHIRLEY--The girls invite the boys over for a friend game but the game is shortened when Squiggy eats Germany and Austria thinking they were licorice.

WEDNESDAY: EIGHT IS ENOUGH--This is the continuation a last week's episode. The Bradfords spend another hour arguing over who will GM.

CHARLIES ANGELS--Farrah Fawcett NMR's out and a new comer, Cheryl Ladd is asked to assume her position.

BARETTA--This is the last episode...The bird wins the game.

THURSDAY: POLICE WOMAN--Sgt. Pepper is hot on the trail of a mass murderer. Six people are found dead with knives in their backs. The only clue is each holds a black wooden block.

FRIDAY: CHICO AND THE MAN--The alliance of Ed and Chico don't prove to be enough against Sandford and Son but neither seem to be powerful enough to stop the "Three's Company" team.

SATURDAY: LOVE BOAT--The crew and passengers show a new way of making alliances. (There will be a programing announcement that this may not be suitable for younger viewer's.)

Well, that's the highlights for this week. Consult your local guide for times and channels.

DON'T WASTE THAT MOVE!

Seeing as many games that I do I am amazed at the many moves that fail and all the while there is another unit that could have made the move go through but it was ordered to hold.

One of the first things I was told when I started playing was to never have a unit hold. Of course I do on occasion but very rarely. Seldom are you so spread out that a unit holding can't do something.

One of the obvious things it can do is support a unit into another space. Even if that unit is getting support elsewhere one more unit helping couldn't hurt. It can support another unit supporting another unit.

But something else it can do is create dissention without making a move. Suppose you are Austria and you wish to create some dissention between Russia and Turkey. You plan to have A Ser H. Why not have A Ser S Rus A Rum-Bul? Even though it will be an NSO you have created a mistrust between the two countries and you still have for all intents and purposes held. Who knows maybe the next turn the Russian will ask for that support again and you have made an ally without lifting a pen. It wouldn't happen every time but no harm in trying.

So remember when you start to write your orders and you begin to print the "Big H", look around and be sure that there is nothing else that he can do.

THE RULE THAT I HATE!!!

X. CUTTING SUPPORT If a unit ordered to support in a given space is attacked from a space different from the one into which it is giving support,... then its support is cut.

That says nothing about a supported unit giving support. I have always felt that a unit which is support better then by what he is being attacked by would be able to not have his support cut. Using the assumption that a strong unit even though it was attacked by a weaker force would be able to complete its mission. For example if F Nth S A Swe-Nwy and F Eng, F Nwg, F Edi S F Nth all it takes is a F Dep-Nth to cut the support.

My complaining won't change anything. I could always make it a variant but I thought I'd bring it up and give you something to tell me I'm wrong about.

1977-KX
Fall '01

- AUS (HARD) 3 A Bud-Tri; A Ser-Tri; F Alb-Gre.
- ENG (HARMON) 3 F Nth-Nwy; F Edi-Nth; A Lvp-Yor
- FRA (REGES) 3 F MAO-Por; A Dur-Mun; A Mar-Spa
- GER (PETERSON) 3 A Mun-Dur; F Hol-Bel; A Kiel-Den.
- ITA (DIEHL) 3 F Ion-Tun; A Pied-Tyr; A Ven S A Pied-Tyr
- RUS (KILBRIDE) 4 NMR Phantom moves: F Doth-Swe*; A Gal, A Ukr, F Sev H.
- TUR (LONG) 3 A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Ank-Blk

*Russian move to Swe is allow since there could be no contest over the control of Sweden with any other major power. If Swe were owned by a major power or could have been taken by a major power I would have not allow that move by the Phantom. I hope that is clear to everyone.

FRENCH F Bre-MAO was not in all of the issues, last ime and the involved parties were notified.

SUPPLY CHART	Has	Adjustments
AUS Home, SER, GRE	5	+2
ENG Home, NWY	4	+1
FRA Home, POR, SPA	5	+2
GER Home, BEL, DEN	5	+2
ITA Home, TUN	4	+1
RUS Home, SWE	5	+1
TUR Home, BUL, RUM	5	+2

Neutral: Holland

STANDBY FOR RUSSIA; Will Gary Stratton 135 Elmira Loop 15E; Brooklyn, NY 11239 please submit moves for Russia? I have read that Gary Kilbride is sick and giving up some or all of his games so this may be perminate.

Press:

LONDON: The King truly is a very odd fellow. He can't abbreviate Norwegian! Also, our now humble King would like to know it you-all out there are ready for lesson No. two about the ~~Royal~~ Rotton Navy.

Cognac: German Spikeheads that do not answer diplomatic mail are not fit for this game.

Players please note Ken Petersons zip code should be 22186.

Winter 1901 is due Saturday Feb 18

Up-To-Date-As-I-Know-Of-It-Know-Standby-List

David Hard, Ron Kelly, John Morris, David Mueth, Steve Shields, Gary Stratton, Andy Tomcufcik, and Tony Watson.

AND MORE NEWS:

1977 Diplomacy Handbook: Available from Greg Costikyan, Box 865, Brown Univ. Providence, RI 02912, for \$2.00, \$1.50 for IDN-NA members.

Personal Notes From Your Beloved Editor to YOU!

Good Luck

I thought that I would take advantage of this final page to show who are running for what in the IDA-NA upcoming (or past) elections.

For President: Bob Hartwig
Roger Oliver
Greg Costikyan

For Periodicals Editor: Alan Moon
Jerry Jones

For Treasurer: Bill Young
Doug Beyerlein

US Rep: Andy Cook

For Ombudsman: Craig Reges
David Funke

Can Rep: Cal White
Ron Wileman

For Special Projects: Konrad Baumeister

These are in no order and I'm not going to indicate my preference for it is too late to sway anyone and no reason to upset anyone who I might be working with. For you see I am one of those who joined the IDA-NA last year and never got this issue of Diplomacy Review which means that I can't even vote for myself and avoid a possible shutout.

When I signed up for PE my biggest fear would be that I would be running against someone of a defeatist attitude or someone who was more interested in full-filling some deep desire to be important and then not do the job. I was afraid that should I lose to someone like that I would feel that I had really let the hobby down. I am happy to say that that has not happened. Alan is as good as you'll find and I will be confident that the job will get done with either selection. In fact there is but one of all the candidates that I don't think will do the job to the best of their ability so all in all this looks like an outstanding start.

All I ask is that you don't condemn the IDA-NA too harshly until we see what they do this year. With the caliber of people involved if this group doesn't make it work it probably never will. Give it a chance, you have nothing to lose.

As some of you may know it is cold back East and mail delivery is terrible due to weather conditions, not that its that good normally, but there were a lot of moves that weren't received here and I had call quite a few for move. Should the weather not clear up and this gets to you slowly and there are a lot of delayed moves the zine may be a week late next issue. But DON'T COUNT on it. Get your moves in on time and you'll have nothing to worry about but if more than 30% of the moves aren't in I may grant a delay, but please, please don't expect it to happen.

Well I've done my part and now it's up to the Postal Service. Good Luck, --

THANK,

Jerry H. Jones
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