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Standing By: Hard Job, High Rewards

When a player resigns or drops out of a game, the GM has two choices: declare civil disorder (CD) or find a replacement. Most British zines have a "no-standby" policy, but North American GMs usually maintain a list of volunteers to step into the shoes of the departing player.

This policy does have its critics, who complain that replacement players disrupt the game. They say that alliances have to be renegotiated and cite examples where a player's game-long ally drops out and is replaced by someone who decides to stab instead of keep the commitments of the former government.

No one can deny that this has happened. But it happens in real-life diplomacy, too. Does the Islamic Republic of Iran continue the policies of the Shah? And to say that it is bad to have to keep negotiating is to forget the name of the game.

Most countries are left leaderless when the fortunes of war do not go well, and the novice Kaiser simply drops out, unaware of the problems left behind. Even seasoned players may leave a game when outside pressures force a reduction in hobby involvement.

In the ideal case, the original player submits a set of orders along with the resignation, and may suggest a temporary or permanent replacement, depending on the GM's house rules.

Occasionally this will leave the new player the bonanza of a 12-center France, for example. More often the standby gets the "impossible" position discarded by the abdicating monarch.

The throwaway positions offer the replacement a valuable chance to hone end-game tactics without a large emotional investment. The minor power can become a puppet to a stronger, but benevolent, neighbor, or become the important balance of power in a major realignment of the alliance structure. In very desperate cases, the standby may try the unexpected, and get satisfactory results. (A good example of this technique was used by Dave Grabar in 1981A here.)

The choice from among these options is usually dictated by the short period of negotiation before orders are due. The activist standby player will take the initiative and write to all the other remaining players, seeking advice, making proposals, and generally trying to begin influencing the game's outcome. The old-timers are also wise to contact the standby, since the original player may or may not continue in the game. If the standby does become the replacement, relations with the new government may have already been established.

Volunteering for a standby list is an excellent way to get mid-game and end-game experience, but it can also be dangerous. Potential replacement players should be aware of the number of standby lists they've joined. It is easy to pick up a handful of game commitments in a short period of time. This may lead to burnout, signaled by only a half-hearted attempt to maintain these commitments.



"Er, would you repeat your orders? I was dreaming of a white Christmas."

LSD Standby Policy

Every GM is grateful to the people who volunteer to take up the reins of government when the previous leadership breaks down. LSD readers may join the volunteers on the standby list, and find themselves in a game free of charge.

In response to several questions, LSD will expand on its house rules concerning standby policy.

In selecting standbys, LSD considers several factors and then makes a selection from among the available candidates.

The factors include geographic distribution of the players in the game. LSD tries to avoid a concentration of players from any given area.

Longevity on the standby list is another factor. So is the number of games the potential replacement is already playing in LSD. Novices have a higher priority.

Finally, player preferences are taken into account. A player's wish not to play in a game with a certain player or as a certain power will be respected.

Since the replacement player becomes eligible for all prizes for game finishes, a player who drops out of a game for any reason forfeits his game fees.

In some cases, when the number of supply centers is quite small, the GM may optionally declare civil disorder to exist in the country left leaderless. This is usually the case where a replacement is not likely to influence the game's progress significantly.

Standbys are asked to inform LSD if they become unable to stay on the list, to keep it up-to-date. Standbys who actually become replacement players come off the list automatically, but may rejoin at any time.

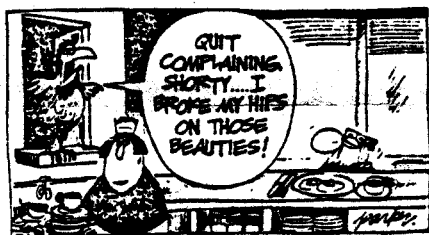
Finally, volunteers are asked to be patient. Last month it was not necessary to call for standbys at all. This month five NMRs give five hopefuls a shot at picking up the pieces.

STANDBY LIST: Donaldson, Fritz, Füs, Hancock, Hartman, Henry, Jewett, Johnson, Kador, King, Langley, Larzelere, McLendon, McPherrin, Mills, Nichols, Olsen, Pierce, Pond, Ridenour, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stevens, Tatsch, Williams, & Woodson.

★ ROUNDUP

of Texas & International News

HOAXES vs. FAKES vs. FRAUDS. Diplomacy brings out the best and the worst in its players. It's not surprising that deception within the framework of the game sometimes overflows into associated areas. Thus, fake zines have enjoyed recent popularity. Fraudulent GMing practices are roundly condemned, however. Somewhat grayer is the middle ground between fakery and fraud, the area of hoaxes. They range from amusing (Silver Shamrock National Dip Tourney) to the despicable. The recent letter recently sent to some publishers concerning the alleged death of Marion Bates deserves contempt, as it shows contempt for the feelings of a respected hobby member and his family. In truth, Marion is suffering from a life-threatening illness. The letter, attributed to his brother Tim, suggested that players and readers should send their requests for fee refunds, which only adds the proverbial insult to the injury. As so many are fond of saying, this hobby should be mainly fun. The perpetrator of this hoax has gone beyond the limits of humor, though. I understand that Al Pearson was able to get a definite identification of the typewriter used to produce the letter and has forwarded all the evidence to Marion. I hope Marion exposes the person responsible, and soon. And I hope that the jokers in this hobby think a bit about consequences before they act.



GALACTIC DIPLOMACY FEDERATION. Not content with the North American Diplomacy Federation, which was too limited in scope, Al Pearson has proposed a new association composed of some of the most important posts in the hobby. They include Al as Fairyland Numbers Custodian (in charge of all Dip-related children's games), John Caruso, the Intellectual Numbers Custodian (for Mastermind games), and Steve Heinowski, the Davey Jones Numbers Custodian (for Wooden Ships and Iron Men games). Also invited to join are Jack Masters as Hobby Fake Custodian, Dick Martin as Hobby Zine Title Custodian, yours truly as Hobby Mascot Custodian (I accept, ever so humbly), and Ieapo Stabbo as Hobby Alien Custodian (he qualifies the group as "Galactic"). Al publishes the funzine JUST AMONG FRIENDS, and the last issue (#10) included rules and map for Dip Candy Land. One game's already underway, but write to

Rte. 1, Box 177B5, Kearneysville, WV 25430, to find out if there are more openings. One final note, Al and Dick Martin of SILLY SOBRIQUET (26 Orchard Way N., Rockville, MD 20854) are cosponsoring a Hobby Insect/Vegetable Election. If you want to know more about this insanity, write them, not me. (Oh, Caruso, what have we come to?)

NUMBERS GAME. BLACK FROG #43 was devoted mainly to an updating of the Calhamer Point Count standings. Jack Masters listed some 200 players who have claimed at least a portion of a win since 1977HA, showing their CPC totals. The modern-era top ten is headed by Lee Kendter, Sr. who has amassed 4 1/6 points in that period. (Sole winners get 1 full point, players in a 2-way draw each get 1/2; players in a 3-way draw each get 1/3; players in a 4-way, 5-way, or 6-way draw each get 1/6 point. This is Jack's slightly modified system for easier bookkeeping.) The top ten looks like this:

1.	Lee Kendter, Sr.	4 1/6
2.	John Caruso	4
	Dave Crockett	4
4.	Steve McLendon	3 1/3
	Bob Sergeant	3 1/3
6.	Bill Hart	3
	Eric Verheiden	3
8.	Leland Harmon	2 2/3
	John Michalski	2 2/3
10.	Rick Kassel	2 1/2

Jack also included stats based on the "Old" CPC and on Steve McLendon's DragonsTeeth Ratings. It is particularly interesting to me to see that Ron Kelly has an all-time CPC rating of 33 11/20, almost twice that of his nearest rival. Send two first class stamps to Jack at 25711 No. Vista Fwys. Dr., Valencia, CA 91355, and ask for a sample of this special issue. His subzine EAST OF EDEN will have a game opening in September. Grab it up!

CONDITIONAL ORDERS. A couple of questions about conditional orders and press have prompted a brief review of its practice here in LSD. Conditional orders are common when a combination of retreats, builds, and spring orders are due on the same turn. If the permutations are too complex a request for separation of seasons is appropriate. Otherwise the player may submit several sets of orders, designating each one with the condition (e.g., "If Russia retreats to Ska...; if Russia retreats to Bal...; etc."). Players are warned to include the term "otherwise" with one set of orders, to cover any overlooked possibilities. IMPORTANT: Adjustments (builds and removals) may be conditional upon autumn retreats; moves may be conditional upon retreats or adjustments; press may be conditional upon retreats, adjustments, or the success or failure of a specific move (e.g., "If Italy A Rom-Ven succeeds..."), but not on something which requires a judgement call ("If Turkey stabs me...").

GRAY PRESS BUREAU. To further clarify press policy, let me restate a couple of definitions. White press originates from datelines within a player's empire. Thus, in spring 1901 Turkey can use his home SCs, plus Armenia and Syria as white press datelines. He can also use Bulgaria, since he cannot

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Heart O'Texas Orphanage

Victory has a hundred
fathers, but defeat is
an orphan.

--Count Galeazzo Ciano



1979 HS

Armadillo

S 1908

ARCHDUKE LARZLO ASSASSINATED!
GIR ENCIRCLE VACATIONING FRENCH

♣ The GIR draw was defeated, but see below.

♣ AUTUMN 1907: England dsb dislodged F Edi.
WINTER 1907: England removes F Eng "and joins
German A Lon" [?]; Germany builds F Kie; Italy
builds F Rom; Russia builds F Stp(nc), A Mos, &
F Sev.

AUSTRIA (Mark Larzelere): A Gre dies [ann].
FRANCE (Larry Boudon?): NMR! F MID, F LYO,
F WES, A MAR, A GAS, & A PAR all hold.
GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): A DEN-Swe, F Kie-HOL,
F Pic-ENG, F LON s F Pic-Eng, A Bur-PIC,
A BEL s A Bur-Pic, A Ruh-BUR, A MUN s
A Ruh-Bur.
ITALY (John Koehler): A Alb-GRE, A SER s
A Alb-Gre, A Tri-BUD, F Rom-TUS, A PIE s
F Rom-Tus, F Ion-TUN, F TRH s F Ion-Tun.
RUSSIA (John Daly): F Sev-BLA, A Smy-ARM,
F Con-SMY, F BUL(sc) s Italian A Ser-Gre,
A RUM s F Bul, A UKR s A Rum, A Mos-WAR,
F Stp(nc)-BAR, A NWY-Swe, F Nwg-NAT,
A Edi-LPL, F Wal-IRI.

♣ The GIR draw has been proposed again. NVR = yes.

♣ Will Ted Füg; 2324 Fernwood, Ann Arbor, MI
48104, please submit standby orders for
France?

♣ COA: Doug Tatsch; 2008 Robin Hood Trail,
Austin, TX 78703

♣ PRESS--

IRELAND: King Edward VII of England expressed his
deep sorrow at the Russian slobs who invaded England.
The Russian representatives of his nephew the Tsar
were very cruel in their ransack of England. Mean-
while, in London, the King's nephew Kaiser Wilhelm II
of Germany accepted the caretakership of London from
his cousin George, Prince of Wales. Wilhelm said that
he promised to hold London against the Russians for
the sake of his grandmother, Queen Victoria, who died
in 1901. Wilhelm also has incorporated the English
home guard into his army defending London. Local
townsfolk, gathered to hear Wilhelm speak, cheered
him for his pledge and cried "God save Wilhelm!"
King Edward VII now rests with his Queen Alixandra
in Dublin.

BERLIN: The Kaiser hereby announces his public
support for a GIR draw and pleads with all nations to
accept this framework for peace, so that the slaughter
may be brought to an end. We affirm our comrade-
ship with our Italian and Russian brethren and hope
the Frogs see that there is nothing to be gained from
spilling more Gallic blood. Peace now.



1979 HT

Bluebonnet

F 1908

LEGIONNAIRES EXPEL TURKS FROM TUN;
ITALIAN OSTRICH STRATEGY SUCCEEDS

♣ Both draw proposals failed.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): F BAR h, F NTH h,
F TUS-Trh, F LYO s F Tus-Trh, A Naf-TUN,
F WES s A Naf-Tun, A PIE-Tus, A MAR-Pie.
GERMANY (Dick Martin): F NWY s French F Bar-Stp
[nso], A SWE s F Nwy, A BER-SIL, A MUN s
A Ber-SIL, A KIE-Ber, F BAL s A Kie-Ber,
A Tyo-BOH, A DEN s Russian F Ska-Moon [nso].
ITALY (Tony Auxder): A ROM s A Nap, A NAP s
A Rom, F Sic s Turkish F Ion-Black Hole [nsu].
RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): F SKA-Nwy, A STP s
F Ska-Nwy, A Boh-VIE, A SIL-Ber, A PRU s
A Sil-Ber, A LVN s A Stp, F RUM h.
TURKEY (Charles Cunningham): A Tri-VEN, F ADR
& F APU s A Tri-Ven, A Ser-TRI, A Bul-GRE,
A Con-BUL, F TRH s F Tun, F Tun s F Trh
[dsi, ann], F ION s F Trh.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1908 adjustments:

F: Home, Iberia, England, TUN	9/build 1
G: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, Swe, Nwy	8/even
I: Rome, Nap	2/even
R: Home, Rum, Bud, Vie	7/even
T: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven, Tun	8/even [1 ann]

♣ PRESS--

CONSTANTINOPLE: This morning in audience the
Sultan continued to rail against the stubbornness of
his Italian subjects who are fiercely resisting the im-
position of the Ottoman administration on the peninsula.
He declared that his only daughter will be kept locked
away, shut off from human society as a covenant with
Allah of his resolve, until the will of the Italian re-
sistors is broken. It is rumored in the city that the
foreign advisor who recommended the Italian campaign
in the first place, Mikhail Francois Di'Napoli, has been
executed at the direction of the Sultan himself. The
Sultan's increasing frustration was made clear last
week when he ordered the tongue of his press secre-
tary, Gustafa Khalil, cut out as a warning to govern-
ment officials not to talk to the press. Consequently,
the rumor of Di'Napoli's death would not be confirmed
or denied by palace sources. However, immediately
after the Sultan's public audience this morning, a
group of disgruntled lower government officials, speak-
ing from a secret hideaway outside the city, and from
behind iron masks and through voice-disguising equip-
ment, accused the Minister of War of poisoning the
Sultan's mind over the Italian issue, causing his ob-
session.

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STARS OF THE MONTH: Two sharp LSD fans,
Garry Hamlin & Dick Martin, submitted this star,
for which they may receive the legendary arma-
dillo bumpersticker or a free issue. Thanks!

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be prevented from occupying it that season. He may use Greece (or Athens) as a gray press dateline, and so can everyone else. In fall 1901, however, only the owning player can dateline a press release Greece, and it would be considered white. Typical gray press datelines that anyone can always use might be Iceland, Tierra del Fuego, Majorca, Cairo, and other non-provinces. Grey Press Bureau (an ad hoc solution to the problem of whether to publish several releases from one or more players in 81AU last issue) is a fall-back dateline for the GM to use to tag press which deserves printing, but which might be misinterpreted as to its intended gray origin. Players are welcome to use it also. Any more questions?

PRECESSION. The astute players among you may have noticed that LSD datelines have been coming a little earlier each month. I have set them at 4-week intervals in order to create some slack which will be taken up during the holiday mail slowdown, when deadlines will be spaced at 5-week or 6-week intervals.

DIPLOMACY-BY-PHONE. Although the telephone is my least favorite mode of communication, I will accept phone orders. Please check the house rules and note that the phone deadline is 10 pm the night before the mail deadline. I have two phone lines, please use my office phone (512/451-8929) in order to avoid speaking to someone who will not take your orders. I will try to place a collect call to players with NMR insurance if their orders do not arrive by mail on deadline day. You may refuse the charges and call me back if you want to save a little money. Do not rely on this mechanism. I don't guarantee to keep trying to reach

you, so you may NMR anyway. By the way, I can almost always be reached here mornings. Afternoons and evenings are more chancy.

PLUG. If you're looking for a bargain, send a couple of stamps to Steven Duke, Rt. 3 Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville, TN 37160. His dipzine THE SCHEMER carried fee-free games of Diplomacy, Origins, and Machiavelli. The last issue (#3) has an article by Daphne Fritz, wife of the French President in LSD's Cactus game, exposing some of his idiosyncracies. Hobby news, letters, and other articles by Steve round out the contents. Try it, you'll like it.

MAILING LIST: Add Jeff Noto, Box 13988, Univ. Station, Gainesville, FL 32604, and Whitt Pond, 8033 Gessner Dr. #143, Austin, TX 78753. Also please note that the Hollywood Ellises are better known as Jonathan & Cynthia.

SUBS EXPIRING. This issue or next: Arnett, Cartier (?), Baumeister, Guerrier, Cunningham, Dittar, Fisher, Hancock, Hartman, Henry, Kador, Lawniczak, Leeder, Linsey, Luedi, McPherran, Michalski, Morton, Nichols, Peacock, Reynolds, Sergeant, Smith, Stafford, Startzel, Suitor. Whew! I hope most of you will be around to receive #13, the gala 1st Anniversary Issue. I have plans for 16 pages, maybe more if I can afford it and have enough material to print. Y'all come back, y'hear!!

NMR INSURANCE. Albrecht, Boudon, Cunningham, Daly, Ditter, Fritz, Giddings, Hail, Hamlin, Henry, King, Koehler, Kuhn, Luedi, Martin, Mayes, Peacock, Pierce, Porteny, Reed, Sampson, Scheffler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Smith, Stephens, Tatsch, & Williams.



More BLUEBONNET Press

KG-ROME: "Whew" is right!

GERMANY-RUSSIA & TURKEY: I can only assume from your non-communication that you have no desire to win or share in the draw. Is my assumption correct? There is no chance I will vote for a draw before hearing from both of you. I'm enjoying myself, why should I end this?

ROM-CON: We will accept your terms if you really want to surrender the entire Med to a 2-center Italy, but your units must all retreat to home centers or oth. **LSD-ROM:** There is no such thing as a retreat off the board in LSD. Units can be disbanded, though. (I just had to intrude myself into this press.)

MUNICH: Push 'em back, push 'em back, waaaaa back! **TUNIS:** General Khazhrum Khalope, commander of the Turkish forces in the Mediterranean, issued a statement today that he is concerned over the stepped-up French activity in the area. His statement made clear that Turkish forces in the area will not be deployed

any further to the west and did not object to French forces patrolling the waters of the western Mediterranean area. But he did issue a stern warning to the French government to keep its units out of Italy and let the Sultan's forces do the job there they came there to do. "To otherwise interfere with Turkish goals on the peninsula," he said, "will only have the gravest of consequences for the balance of power in the Mediterranean Sea."

KG-RUSSIAN F SKA: Okay, live. See if I care! But this is your last season. Enjoy it while you can.

ROME-EUROPE: The Turks apparently have siezed several pieces of what they seem to think are high-technology apparati (during their occupation of Naples). It appears General Ali Dum-Dum thinks a flush toilet is a defensive weapon, so he loaded his ships down with them as he fled Naples.

KIEL: Not bad! Only four units move last turn: 3 by the good guys and only 1 by the eastern steam-roller. It looks good for our side!



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Cactus

F 1904

AUSTRIA SUCCUMBS AS EASTERN FEVER
SPREADS WESTWARD ACROSS CONTINENT

AUSTRIA (Steve Cartier): F APU s Russian A Tri-Ven.
[nso].

ENGLAND (David Pierce): F Nth-ENG, F BEL s
F Nth-Eng, F NAT-Mid, F IRI s F Nat-Mid.

FRANCE (Gregg Fritz): F MID s F Bre, F BRE s F Mid,
A PIC-Bel, A BUR s A Pic-Bel, A GAS s A Bur.

GERMANY (Charles Cunningham): A MUN-Ber, A KIE
s A Mun-Ber, A RUH-Mun, F Den-Bal [ds], ret
to Ska, Hel, or dsb], A HOL s English F Bel.

ITALY (James Lawniczak): F Ion-Apu [ds], ret to
Alb, Adr, Nap, Trh, or dsb], F TUN-Ion,
A TYO-Tri, A VEN s A Tyo-Tri.

RUSSIA (Bob Sergeant): F NWY h, F Bal-DEN,
A SWE s F Bal-Den, A SIL-Ber, A PRU s
A SIL-Ber, A WAR-SIL, A VIE-Tyo, A TRI s
Austrian F APU-Ven [nso], A SER s A TRI,
F RUM h.

TURKEY (Bern Sampson): A CON s A Bul, A BUL s
F Gre, F GRE & F AEG s F Eas-Ion, F Eas-ION.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1904 adjustments:

A: Tri	0/out
E: Home, Bel	4/even
F: Home, Spa, Por	5/even
G: Home, Den, Hol	4/remove 1
I: Home, Tun	4/even
R: Home, Rum, Ser, Bud, Vie,	
TRI, DEN, Swe, Nwy	12/build 2
T: Home, Bul, Gre	5/even

♣ Thanks to Steve for sticking with it despite the difficulty of fighting all three neighbors. You can have your \$1.50 NMR fee back or three issues of LSD added to your sub. Let me know which you prefer. And you might consider joining the standby list.

♣ An EGR draw has been proposed. Votes will be tabulated before winter adjustments. NVR = yes.

♣ COA: Gregory N. Fritz, 3710 E. Lasalle St. #3206, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

♣ PRESS--

ITALY-GM: Are you absolutely certain that there are six other players in this game? I have a suspicious feeling that this is all a set-up; Bob Sergeant is submitting six sets of moves and I am submitting one.

LSD-ITALY: I don't think Bob could do better even if he were sending in six sets of orders.

PAR-ION: The President will not lower himself to your level and resort to mudslinging, but will instead

offer a bit of much needed advice: GROW UP!

LON-WORLD: Wanted. Personification of Solomon to mediate three-way conflict. Outcome must be acceptable to all.

ITALY-ENGLAND: Personally, I find French communication interesting and understandable. He has always done what he says. Why can't you make up and put some pressure on Russia and give us at least a .01% chance of saving this game?

LON-MOS: I have not been stabbed, but you did the next best thing. Although I definitely feel tricked, I will keep my part of the agreement.

PAR-WORLD: It is obvious from last season's press that the leader of England is ill-equipped to handle his job as King. His true colors were displayed when the pressures of the last few seasons overcame him and caused him to ruthlessly attack the President and his wife. When your country is falling down around your ears it is normal for one of lesser abilities to blame others for their own misfortunes. It is for this reason that the President of France appeals to the leaders of the world to abolish the Englishman from the European Council of Foreign and Domestic Affairs and also demands that the present ruler of England be removed from his position of power and his country be placed under the jurisdiction of the Council.

ITALY-FRANCE: I realize that you have done nothing in your moves to bring about the situation that now confronts us. However, your diplomacy has been so pro-Russian that I can't believe that Sergeant has not had a hand in it.

ITALY-AUSTRIA: Your motivation escapes me. You have chosen certain death simply to aid Russia.

Either Sergeant has indeed been submitting six sets of moves or you are the second worst diplomacy player I have ever seen.

ITALY-TURKEY: Where did you learn to play Diplomacy? I can't imagine that you are or have ever been a threat to win any game you have ever entered. Second place, maybe, if you play really well and are incredibly lucky.

PAR-MUN: The President wishes to express his feelings of sadness that the French and the Germans were unable to establish any type of alliance over the years. Since the Kaiser opted to establish ties with the ill-fated English instead of the French it is with a good conscience that the President states it is time for the Germans to take their medicine.

ITALY-GERMANY: Why is it that all the other players in this game think that we have an alliance, when in truth and fact I have received but one letter from you since the start of the game?

ITALY-RUSSIA: A well-played game, sir.

PAR-LSD: You wanted press--you got it!

LSD-PAR: Merci!

OLAF EL VIKINGO





1980 KG

Derrick

S 1904

KAISER DOC PUTS TEETH IN DEFENSE;
ZAP TAKES EAST EDGE, LOOKS WEST

♣ AUTUMN 1903: England ret dislodged F Eng-Lon;
France dsb dislodged A Mun; Turkey ret dislodged
F Rum-Bla, dsb dislodged A Smy.

♣ WINTER 1903: Austria NBR, will play 1 short;
France builds F Bre; Italy builds F Nap; Turkey
removes A Ank.

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): NMR! A VIE, A BUD,
A SER, A RUM, A BUL, & F SMY all hold.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): F Cly-NAT, F Bar-NWG,
A Nwy-STP, F Lon-ENG, F NTH s F Lon-ENG,
A HOL-Bel.

FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): F Mid-IRI, F Eng s
F Mid-Iri [dsi, ret to Wal, Bre, or dsb],
A Par-PIO, A BEL s German A Kie-Hol [nso],
A BUR s A Bel, F Bre-MID.

GERMANY (Al Giddings): A Kie-RUH, A MUN s
A Kie-Ruh, A SIL s A Mun, F Bal-KIE, F DEN s
F Bal-Kie.

ITALY (Mark Luedi): F Nap-TRN, A Ven-PIE, F EAS
s Austrian F Smy, F Gre-AEG, A Syr-ARM.

RUSSIA (David Pierce): F SEV-Bla, A UKR-Sev,
A Gal-UKR.

TURKEY (Mike Henry): A CON s Italian A Syr-Smy
[nso], F BLA s A Con.

♣ COA: Mark Luedi [What, again?], PO Box 986;
Chesterton, IN 46304.

♣ Will John Kador, 20 Hilltop Road, Silver Spring, MD
20910 please submit standby orders for Austria?

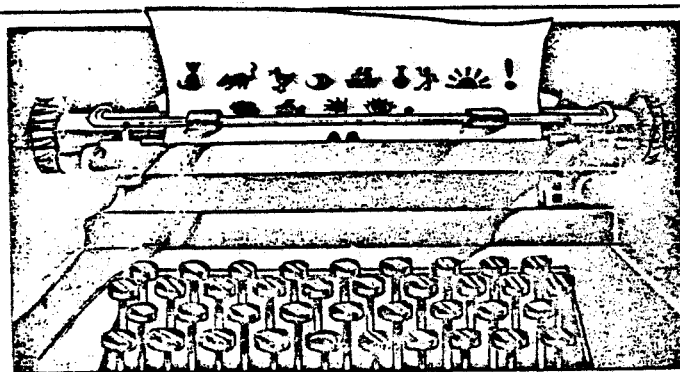
♣ PRESS--

GERMANY-NEIGHBORS: I wouldn't exactly call 1903
an uneventful year. Is anyone still interested in a
little Diplomacy? Or shall we draw for countries and
turn this into a gunboat game?

LSD: For general info, Gunboat Dip is a variant in
which the players do not know each other's identity,
and therefore can conduct diplomacy only through
their orders. Vern Schaller is currently conducting
a 7-game Gunboat Tournament, which is close to
completion. When it's over LSD will report on it.
MOS-PAR: If you want a suicide run on Germany, it
is yours.

FRANCE: Due to temporary remodelling in the palace,
Mssr. Le President regrets the temporary lack of
communication.

MOS-CON [or is it LON?]: Good & faithful friend!
It appears I can no longer be of assistance. Before
I am destroyed, I must do what I can to hinder my
western neighbors.



Bern Sampson eat your heart out!



♣ MORE PRESS (?)--

Dear Momzy,

I guezz zinze ze newspaperz have all gone on
ztrike, I'll jutz have to write you myzself. With my
luck ze port ofize will go on ztrike too. That Prime
Minizter Loudini, Mama, that man'z mean--you'd better
be careful. The whole lot of them, they're a zunch
of zizziez, but mean onez. They don't like me at all!
And all thozze foreign typez keep coming around, all
gone to college too, and profezzionalz! (Exzept Bobby,
he never told me what he waz.) I'm zcared that they
think about me zometimez. I keep having theze night-
marez about them.

*Guezz what? We're moving north! I can zay
goodbye to Zyria. I can already zmeell the Ruzzkiez
from here. Iz it going to be cold? Commander
Quaalude zayz the Turkz are almozt all gone. Maybe
I'll be coming home zoon. Will you wave to me in the
parade? You will, won't you Mama? He alzo zayz I'm
going to be decorated for my gallantry and all that
other bullzhit. I can hardly zwait! It'll zbe like
Chriztmaz! Commander Quaalude haz to ztay with
his zhipz; I'll mizz him, he'z a good friend.

Ze troopz are ready to go, zo I muzt zay goodbye.
Give my love to Poopzy and Fido, and Father, too,
God zest his zoul.

Hugz and kizzez, you zoving zon,

El Zappo

Dear Zon,

Your letter brought tearz and heart attackz
to the whole family. I've enclozed zome cookiez I
made from your old Aunt Zophie'z rezipez, I hope you
like them. Please be careful! You're zo far from
home, and I don't know what I'd do if anything hap-
pened. Alzo, remember to wazh you underwear. I
can't afford to buy zix pairz for you every two weekz!
It zhouldn't be too cold where you're going, but you
can't be too careful. Make zure Teddy ztays warm,
too, and I'm zure everything will be fine. Don't play
with the bearz, though.

I'm afraid poor Fido hazn't moved in two months,
won't even eat anything I give him. Poopzy, I'm zure
you'll be glad to hear, iz ztill zitting in your chair,
ztill raizing a ztink. Zhe'z ztarting to grow her fur
back. I notized how fuzzy zhe looked jutz the other
day! All your brotherz and zizterz zend their love.
I'm afraid I'm getting a little too old to catch them
anymore, but don't you go worrying about your dear
mother. That remindz me: zome of your Tunizian
friendz were by the other night. I hope you don't
intend hanging around with thozze people! They
talked and drezz zo dirty, worze even than your zib-
lingz. They zaid they'd come back after you return
from the eazt, but I hope they never return. The
government's been having a lot of trouble with them,
you know, in fact everything in the capital iz topzy-
turvy theze dayz.

Don't worry about thozze foreignerz, none of them
iz zmarker than my dear boy, oh no. Oh No! I jutz
let the ztewed mize boil over. You father zendz hiz
bleezingz and please eat more than pizza and beer.
Take care, zon!

Love, Momzy

1981 A **Enchanted Rock** F 1903ITALIAN STAB, GERMAN SCRAMBLE
DEAL SETBACK TO FRITZ THE J

♣ A WAR-Boh should have been underlined as impossible last season. I don't believe any of the players were misled, as the adjudication of other moves was unaffected.

AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): F Aeg-CON, A BUL s
F Aeg-Con, F Ion-AEG, A Tri-TYO, A RUM-SEV,
A GAL-Rum, A Mun s English A Hol-Kie [ds],
ret to Boh or dsb].
ENGLAND (Dave Grabar): A RUH-Hol, F BEL s
A Ruh-Hol, F NTH-EDI.
FRANCE (William Owen): A BUR-Bel, A Bre-SPA,
F MID c A Bre-Spa, A Mar-PIE, F Iri-ENG,
A LPL s Russian F Nwg-EDI.
GERMANY (Tom Hancock): A KIE-Ruh, A Ber-MUN,
A SIL s A Ber-Mun, A HOL s French A Bur-Bel.
ITALY (Guy Hall): A Tyo-VIE, A Pie-VEN,
F Trh-NAP, F Wes-TUN.
RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): F ANK h, F SEV-Rum,
A WAR-Gal, A Stp-MOS, F Nwg-EDI,
A Nwy-SWE, F Ska-NWY.
TURKEY (Mark Johnson): A ARM s Austrian
A Rum-Sev [nso], A SYR s Austrian F Aeg-Smy
[nso].

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1903 adjustments:

A: Tri, Bud, Vie, Ser, Rum, Bul,	
CON, Mun, Gre	7/even
E: Lon, Lpl, Edi, BEL	2/remove 1
F: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Lpl	6/even
G: Ber, Kie, Hol, Den, MUN	5/build 1
I: Home, Tun, VIE	5/build 1
R: Home, Swe, Nwy, EDI, Rum,	
Con, ANK	8/even
T: Smy, Ank	1/remove 1

♣ PRESS--

MARSEILLES: Bitter fighting along the mountain peaks has been reported with no quarter given nor asked.

PARIS: A Welsh government of liberation was formed today to take care of running the new Welsh nation upon its release from the English yoke.

LONDON: It seems as though peace is buried deep in the abyss of the French mind. I find it necessary to dig it out. Would you like peace? If not, you will surely die!

PAR-LON: It is never too late to talk, so write, already!

ROME: Head of State D'Annuncio today issued public apologies for the invasion of French waters and the massing of troops in the Piedmont. It appears that Italian cartographers hired to guide the troops held their compasses upside down and marched off in the wrong direction.

PAR-ITALY: Payback is a bitch!

NEW ALAMO, REP. OF TEXAS: The Italian ambassador, having lunch with the French ambassador, shot himself in the head over salad this afternoon when he was informed of the Italian Army's advance into France. His aide remarked, "How unnecessary, now that D'Annuncio has apologized and sent the troops off to fight the scourge of Eastern Europe.

PAR-HUNGARY: (or is it Austria?) How long have you had this problem of talking to yourself? When are you going to stab Italy? Is your war on Russia the real thing? Have you stopped talking to Germany? What is the meaning of life? Why is grass green?

VENICE: The commander and chief of the only Tyrolian army unilaterally annexed the Tyrolian Alps

of Austria and the Principality of Liechtenstein to Italy, and expects soon to occupy and annex Vienna and Trieste, and free his friend Fritz the "J" from lockup.

PAR-ANK: Hang in there, baby!

PAR-MOS: Oops, wrong capital!

PAR-STP: Sham war, perhaps?

PAR-BER: You're going to have a hard time recovering from your error of allying with England. Good luck!

BER-PAR: You're welcome!

NAPLES: Residents of this slummy port began to flee the expected Hungarian fleet attack, which the Italian government predicted will occur shortly. In a surprise move the Naples legation of the Pest government reported the new Emperor of the Italian-Hungarian eternal treaty of friendship requiring the swarthy pests to STAY OUT of the Ionian Sea.

BER-LON: Sorry, due to heavy pressure from the President and the Tsar, I had no choice!

GENEVA: The League of American States ambassador issued a statement today which read in part, "This great or world war must come to an end! We propose that the three great powers come to an agreement and impose a just peace upon the maverick, unstable rulers of the central area.

The PUZZLER

MYSTERY SOLVED

Don Tinker's brainteaser baffled everyone, and no wonder. Here's his solution:

"The dead man was both blind and the shortest man in the world. He depended on his position as World's Shortest Man for employment with a traveling circus. The man responsible for his death was the world's 2nd shortest man, who for three consecutive weeks sawed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch off the victim's white cane. The victim, believing he was growing, took his own life, leaving his murderer as the World's Shortest Man."

MONEY PROBLEM

A two-part puzzler from Ted Füss has to do with making your dollars go farther. The first problem is to distribute 44 one-dollar bills among 9 pockets, being sure to put a different amount in each pocket. That's not too hard, but if you can figure that one out, try part two: distribute \$35 in the same manner. Get a free issue of LSD for the best answer(s). Oh, and by the way, Ted, please send me the answer to the last one, and I'll send you a freebie.

TONGUE TWISTER

It is traditional in LSD to have a little something for everyone. For those who are baffled by the type of puzzler printed above, we offer a tongue twister. Can you say the following phrase 3 times slowly?

I See A Cat.

I will leave it to your imagination as to who inspired this challenge.

REMEMBER, vote for your fave five in Mark Larzelere's dipzine poll: 522 W. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843.

81 B

Friendship

F 1903



POPE PAUL THE GOOD EXPANDS PAPAL
REALM, TAKES NEW NAME: THE RICH

AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): A Bud-RUM, A GAL &
A SER s A Bud-Rum, A Tri-BUD, F GRE-Bul(sc).
ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): F Nth-NWY, F NWG &
A FIN s F Nth-Nwy, F ENG-Bre.
FRANCE (Arturo Guajardo): A BRE-Gas, F GAS-Mid.
GERMANY (George Cunningham): A PIC & A PAR s
English F Lon-Bre [nsu], F BEL-Eng, A Bur-MUN,
A Kie-BER, F BAL h, A SWE s English F Nth-Nwy.
ITALY (Paul Goodrich): F Spa(sc)-POR, A Mar-SPA,
F MID s A Mar-Spa, F Apu-ADR, A Ven-TRI.
RUSSIA (Don Scheitler): A Sil-WAR, A UKR-Sev,
F Nwy h [dsl, ret to Ska or dsb], F BAR &
A STP s F Nwy.
TURKEY (Mike Drews?): NMR! F SEV, A ARM,
F AEG, and A BUL all hold.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1903 adjustments:

A: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, RUM 5/even
E: Home, Nwy, Bre 4/even [1 ann]
F: BRE, Par, Spa 1/remove 1
G: Home, Den, Swe, Hol, Bel, PAR 8/build 1
I: Home, Tun, Mar, SPA, POR, TRI 8/build 3
R: Stp, War, Mos, Rum, Sev 3/remove 2
T: Home, Bul, SEV 5/build 1

♣ Will Jeff Noto; Box 13988, Univ. Station,
Gainesville, FL 32604; please submit standby
orders for Turkey?

♣ PRESS--

LONDON-EUROPE: For I have heard the whispering
of many, Terror on every side! Denounce him; yes,
let us denounce him. All my trusted friends, watch-
ing for my fall say; Perhaps he will be deceived so
that we may prevail against him and take our revenge
on him. But the Lord is with me like a dread
champion; therefore my persecutors will stumble and
not prevail. They will be utterly ashamed, because
they have failed, with an everlasting disgrace that
will not be forgotten. (Jeremiah 20:11,12).

BORDEAUX-EUROPE: Goodbye fool world!

MOS-BRE: Leaving so soon? Hold on, I may be right
behind you.

LON-MOS: How long can you hold your door shut?

BORDEAUX-ROME: Now remember, you promised me
Sophia Loren for this.

LON-ANK: Well done ol' chap! Hope you have a jolly
good time in Sevastopol, and remember, death to the
Russian scum.

LON-MOS: For unprovoked they have hidden a net
for me, unprovoked they have dug a pit to trap me.
May destruction unforeseen come on him; may the net
which he hid catch him, may he crash headlong into
it!!! (Psalm 35:7,8).

BORDEAUX-LSD: Do I get my sub credit now?

LSD: Not so fast!

ENGLISH HOOLIGAN-DASHING FRENCHMAN: Hey,
come on, go attack one of the other hooligans.

LAFAYETTE (FINLAND)-BREST: I'm stuck up here
in the snow.

EX-PARIS RADIO READER: Over and out?

LON-BER: Danke!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DEADLINE for all LSD games:

21 August 1981



1981 P

Gulf Coast

S 1903

FRENCH, TURKS ENTER ITALIAN WATER;
GERMAN GOVERNMENT BANKRUPT

♣ Last season's SC chart failed to credit Turkey's
capture of Greece. Therefore Turkey may build 1
and Austria must remove 2 units.

♣ AUTUMN 1902: Austria dsb F Gre; German NRR,
GM disbands dislodged A Mun.

♣ WINTER 1902: Austria removes A Ven; England
builds F Lon; Germany NBR, plays 2 short; Italy
removes F Nap; Russia builds A War, A Mos;
Turkey builds F Smy.

AUSTRIA (Robert Jewett): A VIE s A Tri, A Tri s
A Vie [dsl, ret to Alb or dsb], A Tyo-BOH.

ENGLAND (John Mayes): F Lon-ENG, F NTH s
F Lon-Eng, A HOL s German F Bel, F HEL s
A Hol, F NWY s F Nth.

FRANCE (Luis Porteny): A Mun-BER, A Bur-MUN,
A RUH s A Bur-Mun, A Mar-GAS, F Wes-TRH,
FLYO s F Lyo-Trh [imp].

GERMANY (Gary Van Wie?) NMR! F BEL & A DEN h.

ITALY (Don Ditter): F Ion-TUN, A Apu-VEN,
A ROM s A Apu-Ven.

RUSSIA (Garry Hamlin): F Con-AEG, A GAL-Vie,
A BUD s Turkish A Ser-Tri, A War-SIL,
A Mos-LVN, A STP h, F SWE s German A Den,
F BAL s German A Kie [nsu].

TURKEY (James Williams): F Gre-ION, F EAS s
F Gre-Ion, F SMY s Russian F Con-Aeg,
A Bul-GRE, A Ser-TRI.

♣ Not only has Van Wie NMRed again, his subscription
has expired. He was notified of the expiration, so I
must assume he has lost interest in the game. If he
sends a check & orders he may retain the position,
but he won't get this issue until I see some \$\$\$. Will
Jim Ridenour, 13 Summer St., Bradford, PA 16701,
please assume the German position?

♣ PRESS--

ANK-LON: You talkin' to me?

PAR-LON: Lack of communication and non-response
to letters is harmful to alliances.

PARIS PRESS: The French Government, worried with
the Austrian invasion of Italy, has been forced to
send naval forces toward Italian waters. It was said
that Paris is conscious of the prevailing non-aggression
pact between Italy and France. Nevertheless, aware
of the present Italian weak position in the war taking
place in Europe, and ignoring Austria's intentions,
France has been forced to take this action.

LONDON TIMES: English authorities were dismayed
yesterday when the Turkish Envoy, Bani-Tuna, re-
quested that the Turkish Embassy be "flooded with
pure spring water." An English bobby, Sgt. Anglo
Saxon, who patrols Embassy Row, was asked about
the Turkish request. His reply: "What?"

WORLD PRESS: The Belgian Resistance has been
intensifying its preparation for the expulsion of the
German invading forces. Rumors have arisen about
French weapons cargos being introduced to Belgium
through the Picardy and Burgundy borders. In a
secret press conference, the Belgian Resistance chief
said that he is grateful for the French assistance and
that the Belgian people will remain loyal to the French
Government.



1981 CE Independence F 1901

FRENCH "DEVILS" SNEEK INTO WALES;
SULTANESS SETS SWIMMING SOIREE

AUSTRIA (Len Blasol): F TRI-Ven, A VIE-Gal,
A SER s Turkish A Bul-Rum.
ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): F Nwg-NWY, F NTH-Bel,
A Yor-LON.
FRANCE (Jim Meinel): F Eng-WAL, A PIC-Bel,
A Spa-POR.
GERMANY (Don Scheffler): A MUN-Tyo, A Kie-HOL,
F DEN-Nth.
ITALY (Doug Tatsch): A VEN-Tyo, A ROM-Ven,
F Ion-TUN.
RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): F Bot-SWE, F SEV-Rum,
A WAR-Gal, A Mos-Fin [nsu], A STP u, h.
TURKEY (Cindy Seelke): F Ank-BLA, A Bul-RUM,
A Con-BUL.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1901 adjustments:

A: Home, SER	4/build 1
E: Home, NWY	4/build 1
F: Home, POR,	4/build 1
G: Home, DEN, HOL	5/build 2
I: Home, TUN	4/build 1
R: Home, SWE	5/build 1
T: Home, BUL, RUM	5/build 2

♣ Winter adjustments are due by next deadline:
Friday, August 21. Spring 1902 orders are due
one month later. Thereafter seasons will be
separated upon two player requests.

♣ COA: Doug Tatsch; 2008 Robin Hood Trail,
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♣ PRESS--

ROME: Because of persistent rumors of foreign interest in the Tyo/Ven sector, army units were again ordered into this area as a protective/defensive move.

VIE-ROM: Just keeping you honest.

MUN-ROM: How can you expect me to ally with you against either France or Austria when you have written me just twice in ten weeks?

ENGLAND-FRANCE: The English Secret Service has discovered that your Minister of War is really an escaped Nazi war criminal from 40+ years in the future. There he headed the special German group, the STP. We have discovered the meaning of this 3-letter symbol. It stands for Slick Tongue Puke. As this is a futuristic term, we cannot be sure we have the proper translation, so maybe your people can figure it out.

PARIS: The French Internal Police announced the roundup and arrest of all British agents operating within French borders. When queried on how that stunning accomplishment was engineered, Inspector R. replied, "It was quite easy really, all we did was arrest everyone who had cars with license plates with HMS. These English are very stuffy about protocol."

MARSEILLES: Rioting shipworkers seized the town hall late last week and are holding the Deputy Minister of War hostage in order to dramatize their demands for more jobs. Because of the war in the North, the President could not use regular army forces to quell the rioting, but instead he attempted to portray the shipworkers as "misguided young fools goaded on by pro-British factions".

OUTSKIRTS OF LINCOLNSHIRE: Three bobbies on a weekend outing discovered the remains of what appear to have been the battleship Bordeaux, thought to be have been somewhere in the Channel. When questioned the bobbies stated that they knew it was the Bordeaux because what other ship would carry wine with vintage

dates giving only the hour, or issue white flags to its crew with the label Made on the Magineau Ligne?

FRANCE-EUROPE: Now that the yammering of those English hounds has subsided perhaps we can get on with the business of making Europe the world's most livable continent?

LON-PAR: You sneaky devil.

CON-LON: We are horrified and outraged at the threatening maneuvers France is carrying on so close to your shores! And after you sent that lovely fabric for the curtains, too. Although Our armed forces are engaged elsewhere, valiantly defending Our own borders, Our thoughts are with you, and the Patriarch will offer Mass for you next Sunday.

PAR-ANK: The French President was so disappointed the Royal Palace wasn't done in late 18th-century French furnishings. He hopes you'll reconsider your choice from the same old ottomans you've been using for what seems like ages.

CON-PAR: Not tonight, dear--I have a headache.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: My correspondence with Germany leads me to conclude that his father (or mother) was Hans Christian Anderson because much (if not all) of what he says is fairy tales. All this bunk he has been mumbling about his anti-French feelings. It's my guess that the Kaiser slips over the line to the local French house of you-know-what and has his you-know-what you-know-what! Bet you didn't know that!

MUN-PAR: I hear and obey.

CON-BER: Tonight at 8:00 will be fine. Your palace or mine?

MUN-LON: You are hardly in a position to send threatening letters to anyone. You are either very brave or very foolish.

VIENNA: The Kaiser urges all free peoples to fall upon the Tsar and deliver him dead or alive!

LON-RUSSIA: What was that you said about Austria offering you Turkey in exchange for Germany?

ANK-MOS: We were glad to hear that your move to the Black Sea was purely defensive. Our move to the Black Sea was also defensive. Now, can we demilitarize the Black Sea before you try to defend your way into Constantinople?

RUSSIA-WORLD: I am sorry for the delay that may have occurred in answering letters in the last couple of weeks, but we have been vacationing. Part of the vacation was spent in the Island Park area of the Targhee National Forest which is just west of Yellowstone Park.

ANK-SEV: But the pool's not finished yet!

MUN-STP: You hit 'em high, and we'll hit 'em low.

BELGIUM-GERMANY (GPB): Free us from the onslaught of French hatred, murder, and repression. Allermane est Patrie!

BUL-SER: Thanks for your offer to help. If We need anything, We'll let you know.

CRETE-ITALY: Germany's compunction to pound away at Tyrolia will go on forever until it's clear he has an alternative. Our spies on this island relate the story that he'd jump into France with just the slightest opportunity to help you out on a joint mission of butchery, rape, destruction, and related nasties in France.

VATICAN STATE DEPARTMENT: Italian foreign policy advisors are rumored to be up in arms over the Pope's continued preoccupation with domestic affairs to the veritable exclusion of foreign affairs. As one Vatican official was quoted, "It's a justa damned shame, ya know whatta mean? I mean, here's a this guy--the Pope, for Chrissakes--anna he can'ta even getta his own housa inna order, ya know? Tha whole international scene isa justa goin' downa tubes, anna there he is--worried abouta crime ina tha streets, tha plight ofa tha poor, shit likea that. I dunno....Anybody lookin' fora gooda, relatively unaused foreigna minister?



81AU **Horned Toad** W 1901

**FRENCH GENERALS HIBERNATE WHILE
OTHER EUROPEANS EXPAND MILITARY**

AUSTRIA (Ted Kuhn): Builds A VIE & A BUD; also has A GAL, A SER, & F GRE (5).
ENGLAND (Allen King): Builds F LON; also has F NTH, F NWG, & A NWY (4).
FRANCE (James Woodson?): NBR! Has F NWG, F NTH, & A NWY (3) [will play 2 short].
GERMANY (Bill Quinn): Builds F BER & A MUN; also has F DEN, A HOL, & A SIL (5).
ITALY (John Koehler): Builds F ROM; also has F ION, A TUN, & A PIE (4).
RUSSIA (Rich Reed): Builds A MOS; also has A STP, A WAR, F BOT, F RUM.
TURKEY (Richard Sowter): Builds F SMY; also has F AEG, A CON, & A BUL (4).

♣ PRESS--

LON-PAR: The English Government wishes to express its warmest thanks for your sympathy note regarding the unfortunate death of Queen Victoria. Long Live the King!

LSD: I get it.

LON-MOS: Word arrived today that First Ass't Secretary was unable to establish direct contact during a recent visit to California (stop) Most unfortunate as she is far lovelier than this writer (stop).

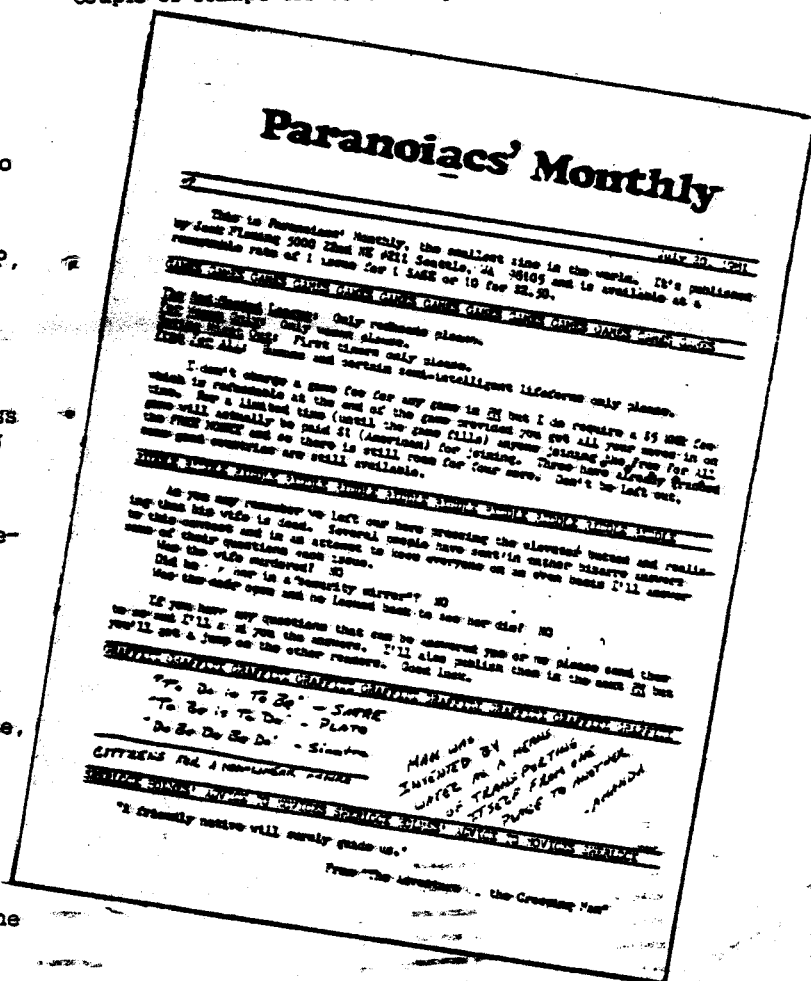
WAR-SIL: My savage Cossack hordes have been alerted, and are even now saddling their wild asses, or getting their wild asses into the saddle, or something threatening. The only problem is that I don't know if they are threatening you or me. In any case, you can be sure that at least one of us is in big trouble now.

LON-BER: Embassy in Holland reports that the crowds were indeed enthusiastic.

ROME-ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: A State of War officially exists with the French Government. Any assist from peace-loving nations would be welcomed.

LON-CON: Great rewards come to those who seek the way of peace.

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