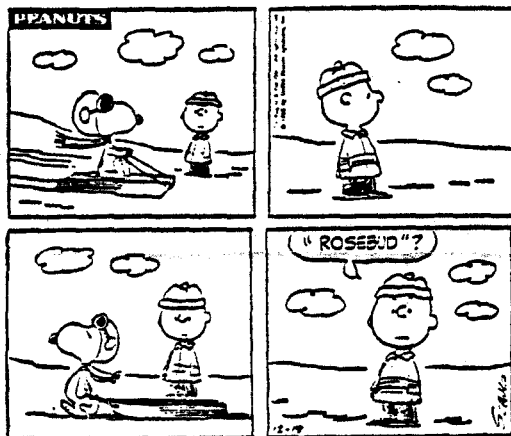


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LoneStarCon Recapped

CONNERCON COMMENTS by "Travis"

Everything you will read here is true! Bobby Stephens and Mike Blanchard of Dallas drove down to Austin to attend ConnerCon. They had planned on leaving together but decided to meet at the intersection of 35W & 35E, north of Waco, and race to Austin from there. Stephens cut Mike off in 5 pm traffic in Temple-Belton and sped through Temple at 110 mph. The Belton police pulled him over and took him to the local pokey. Bobby called Mike Conner to bail him out, and Conner and I mugged a few drunks and street people along Guadalupe to raise the cash. Thank God we bailed out Bobby before his record arrived from Huntsville!

I never really met John Michalski even though we both were at St. Louis once, but I hear his is unemployed nowadays. He and Steve McLendon, both of whom are beating my (standby) Germany's position to little corporals in an APPALING GREED game, devised an ingenious way to raise dollars. Michalski needs the money to stay alive, and Steve wants an IBM personal computer, 128K! The two of them have been designing androids for several months now and have invented their 13th series, which I believe to be near perfect.

Three models of the Mike series were at ConnerCon: the Blanchard unit, the Conner unit, and the Whitty unit. All three showed a masterful command of persuasive English and played tactically near perfect. John and Steve plan to enter them at DipCon along with a few other Mike units and clean up on the line at Vegas when their seven android players make top board!

Congratulations, M & Mc, on the Conner unit: in addition to near-flawless face-to-face playing, he has exceptional editing and typing capabilities. Plan on manufacturing any more?

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EYES UPON: 80IZ - LSD's 1st Game Finish



1981 IZ

Cactus

F 1906

FIRST RUSSIAN WIN FOR SERGEANT STUNS ENTIRE DIPLOMACY HOBBY

- The draw proposal was defeated.
- The French order F Por-MID last season was mistakenly underlined, but actually succeeds.

ENGLAND (David Pierce): F Iri-LVP, F Bel h [ds], ann], F ENG s F Bel, F LON s F Eng.

FRANCE (Greg Fritz): F BRE-Eng (F MID s), A Pic-BEL (A RUH s), A Gas-BUR, F Spa(sc)-MAR.

GERMANY (Charles Cunningham): A Mun h [ds], ann].

ITALY (James Lawniczak): F TRH-Ion, (F TUN & F NAP s), A APU h.

RUSSIA (Bob Sergeant): F Nth-EDI, F Nwy-NTH, A HOL h (F HEL s), A Sil-MUN (A KIE & A BER & A BOH s), A TRI-Ser, A VIE-Tri, A Tyo-VEN (A PIE s), F RUM h, F BAL s A Kie.

TURKEY (Bern Sampson): F ION h (F GRE & F AEG s), A BUL-Ser, A CON-Bul.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Bel	2/remove 1 [1 ann]
F: Home, Por, Spa, Mun, BEL	6/even
G: Hol	0/out
I: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun	3/remove 1
R: Home, Austria, Scandia, Rum, Ser, Ber, Kie, MUN, EDI, VEN, HOL	18/build 4
T: Home, Bul, Gre	5/even

- One player has already submitted an endgame statement; the rest of you are encouraged to send in your comments. All statements will be printed in next month's issue along with the SC recap.
- Congratulations to Bob Sergeant for his first postal victory as Russia! And thanks to all the players for playing this one out. Your bonus issues will be credited to your subs unless you chose a more exotic means of reward, like the cash equivalent or perhaps the bumpersticker equivalent.
- PRESS (Last Edition)--

TURKEY-TWO STOOGES (E&F): If you two were more interested in playing the game than in fighting each other, you wouldn't be in this predicament.

ITALY: I'm not sure that adhering to the letter rather than the spirit of an agreement really wins steadfast support. I do agree, however, that Turkey makes a good "ally"--he accepted a totally subordinate role, didn't even ask for Serbia, so that his friend could have all the spoils of the Austrian campaign,

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★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News

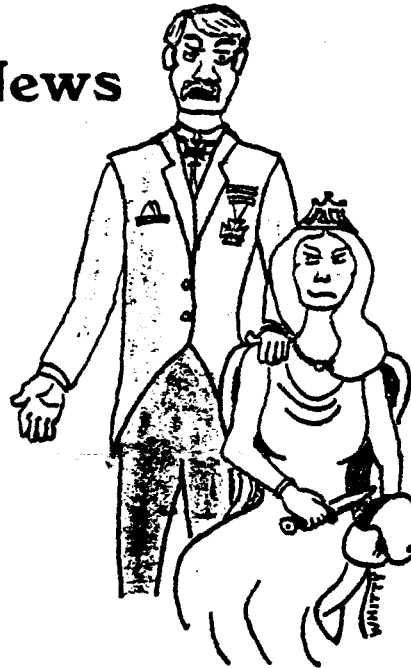
BAD NEWS DEPARTMENT. I will be changing my address in the very near future. Unfortunately, my wife will not be accompanying me. After trying to work out our problems, with professional counseling and on our own, we have decided it is time to set up separate households. Neither of us are happy about this development, but then, we weren't too happy as things stood. Until you get notice of my new address, you can still reach me at 3214 Beverly Road. However, to reach me by phone, use my office number only: 451-8929.

PLUGS. Space is tight in this issue, but I have to put in a few words for Doug Beyerlein's CALIFORNIA REPORTS. CR is devoted solely to the use of computers in the postal Diplomacy hobby. Word processing, adjudication, and statistics banks are some of the projected areas of discussion. Best of all, it's yours for SASEs. Write to Doug at the address elsewhere on this page. ¶If you haven't seen the ZINE OF LISTS, you're missing out on some of the year's best chuckles. Al Pearson's trivia send-up is a must, so send a couple of stamps to Box 898, Charles Town, WV 25414 and ask nicely to see ZOL and Al's funzine JUST AMONG FRIENDS. ¶John Leeder is the new Miller Number Custodian and publisher of the MNC zine LORD OF HOSTS. LOH promises more than dry statistics, however. Articles on various aspects of the variant hobby will appear prominently, and we may even get John to publish some new variants. Write for a sample to 121 19th Ave. NE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2E 1N9. ¶As long as we're talking variants, we have to mention Fred Davis's excellent BUSHWACKER. A 10-player expansion of the regular Diplomacy game (called 1885-II is about to begin, and there are openings in Glenn Overby's Woolworth II. Also being considered is Clue Diplomacy, which combines the board game with postal Dippy. Game fees include the cost of your subs. Check it out: 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207.

OLD MAN INFLATION STRIKES AGAIN. Beginning January 1, 1982, subfees will increase to \$6.50 for ten issues. If you want to get in under the old rate, send your \$\$\$\$\$\$ (six of 'em) right away. Game fees will remain at the present \$10 level.

BACK ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE. LSD#3-14 are available at the single issue price (soon to be 65¢) as long as supplies last. Send check or postage stamps --no cash. Or ask me to deduct it from your current subscription.

NOT JUST ANOTHER PLUG. If you haven't seen the new multi-editor zine COAT OF ARMS, you ought to run to the post office with a request for a sample. COA consists of three zines in one: Tom Mainardi's BERSAGLIERI, Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian's DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, and Steve Langley's IT'S MY NICKEL (some of these names may be changed in the near future, so don't be alarmed if your sample has different looking components). Write to Tom at 1403 Lawrence Rd., Havertown, PA 19083, and be sure to send two or three stamps. All sorts of game openings, 2-week and 4-week games, Dip Battleship, and others are available.



I'm sorry, darling, but when I promised you Paris in the springtime, I wasn't talking about our honeymoon!

WAITING LIST. The following people have indicated interest in a new game in LSD. They are listed in order of precedence. C. Ellis, Reed, G. Fritz, Milewski (gamefee paid), Suitor, Pond, Gallagher, Luedi, Mayes, Winter, Smith, Lawniczak. Only one Austinite is permitted in each game, so Pond and Mayes might have a longer wait. I don't expect the game to start for several months until one more current game (besides Cactus) winds up.

STANDBY LIST. This need updating, so if you want off the list, please let me know. You're automatically dropped from the list if you are placed in a game, or if you drop out of another game. In the former case, you may ask to rejoin the ranks of standbys; in the latter, no way, Hosea! Auxier, Beyerlein, Donaldson, Fritz, Grabar, Hancock, Hartman, Henry, Jewett, Kador, King, Larzelere, Nichols, Olsen, Pierce, Pond, Reed, Ridenour, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stephens, Tatsch, C. Williams, & Woodson. Also Milewski & Noto.

NMR INSURANCE. This may also be outdated. Let me know. Albrecht, Daly, Ditter, Fritz, Gallagher, Giddings, Hail, Hamlin, King, Koehler, Kuhn, Luedi, Martin, Mayes, Peacock, Pierce, Reed, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Smith, Stephens, Tatsch, Williams, and Woodson. Also Ellis & Blanchard. Anyone else?

MAILING LIST. Add Doug & Marie Beyerlein, 640 College Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, and look for his article in an upcoming issue of LSD for a glimpse of a special bit of hobby history.

SUBS EXPIRING. The number on your mailing label indicates the last issue of LSD which you have coming to you. I usually circle it in red ink if your sub has expired or will soon do so. Since I'm such a nice guy, I give delinquent subbers a grace issue, so deadbeats can get a free issue before I cut them off.



Heart O' Texas Orphanage

Victory has a hundred fathers, but defeat is an orphan.
--Count Galeazzo Ciano



1979 HS **Armadillo** F 1909

**TSAR RELAXES AS POPE & KAISER
BACK FRANCE INTO CORNER**



1979 HT **Bluebonnet** S 1910

**POPE ANTONIO REHEELS ITALIAN BOOT
WHILE AMI ADVANCES INTO IONIAN**

° Draw proposals fail.

° Summer 1909: Germany retreats dsl A Pic-Bel.

FRANCE (Ted FÜß): A Pic-Bur [dsl, ann],
F MID-Gas, F Spa(sc)-MAR, A PAR s A Pic-Bur.
 GERMANY (Doug Tatch): A BUR-Gas, A RUH-Bur
(A MUN s), A Bel-PIC (F BRE s), F ENG s F Bre,
F NTH s F Eng, A DEN-Swe, A Tyo u, h [dsl,
ret to Boh or dsb].
 ITALY (John Koehler): A Ven-TYO (A PIE & A TRI s),
A Bud-VIE, F Tun-NAF (F WES s), F Trh-GOL,
F Nap-TRH, F GRE u, h.
 RUSSIA (John Daly): F IRI-Mid, F Cly-NAT,
A EDI h, A NWY-Swe, F NWG-Nwy, A WAR-Gal,
A UKR-Gal, F AEG-Bul, A RUM-Bul, A SEV-Rum
F Bul(ec)-BLA, F EAS h.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

F: Par, Mar, Spa, Por 4/plays 1 short,
 [no place to build]
 G: Home, Hol, Bel, Den, Swe,
 Lon, Bre 9/even
 I: Home, Tun, Austria, Ser, Gre 9/even
 R: Home, Nwy, Edi, Lpl, Rum,
 Bul, Turkey 12/even

PRESS--

FRANCE: What a bunch of pansies! I want to see you guys slug it out! Who ever heard of a decent Dip game ending in a 3- or 4-way draw? Germany's only goal is to get me out of the game, so he can have his draw instead of getting beaten. But I suspect I'm not the only one vetoing the draw proposals!
 FRANCE-I&R: Don't pass up this chance!



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and for reasons unknown to me, he was willing to spend an entire game throwing fleets at the Ionian. I'd recommend him for an ally too. Personally, I consider a true alliance one where both partners intend to and do benefit.
 TURKEY-ITALY: I've given you what you wanted, but I'm afraid it's a case of too little, too late. If it weren't for the two dummies to your west, we could have established something earlier.
 TURKEY-LSD: The insultin' Sultan votes YES to the Russian concession.
 LSD-INSULTING: We apologize to you for last month's slip-up. Imagine, listing both you and Bob as Russia!
 TURKEY-RUSSIA: I'm not trying to prevent you from winning, I'm only trying to get a lock on second place. The final outcome has never been in doubt.



° Draw proposal fails.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): A Naf-SPA (F WES c),
F Trh-ION (F TUN s), F Lyo-TRH, A TUS-Ven
(A PIE s), F NTH & F NWG h.
 GERMANY (Dick Martin): A SIL-Gal (A VIE s),
A MUN-Sil, A Tyo-BOH, A Ber-PRU (F BAL s),
F Nwy-BAR, A DEN-Nwy [imp], A Swe-FIN.
 ITALY (Tony Auxier): A Rom-APU (A NAP s).
 RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): A Pru-WAR (A LVN s &
A GAD s), A BUD s A Gal, A STP & F RUM h.
 TURKEY (Cynthia Ellis): A Bul-SER (A GRE s),
A Con-BUL, A TRI s A Ven, A VEN s A Tri,
F ADR s A Tri, F Apu s A Ven [dsl, ann],
F Ion s F Apu [dsl, ret to Alb, Aeg, Eas, or dsb].

° PRESS--

KG-LSD: "Boohooaha"? Did I say that?
 LSD-KG: I forget.
 GERMANY-RUSSIA: You know, if you guess correctly all three times, I could be stopped this turn. Of course, that is three guesses, and only for one turn. You have any better ideas for me? No, I thought not.
 VATICAN-EUROPE: The new international army under Papal control has begun its first maneuvers. The exercise is to take place in Apulia and involves Italian, Turkish, and Swiss units.
 KG-POPE ANTONIO: Onward to victory!
 KG-FRANCE: Onward to victory!
 BER-CON: Hello? Anybody home?
 KG-OTHER SEPARATION REQUESTER: Thanks, I needed that!
 GENEVA-EUROPE: The Pope has announced the failure of his peace initiative. The continued refusal of Britain and Austria-Hungary to even attend the meetings is responsible for the lack of results.
 KG-POPE ANTONIO: Que seray, seray...you live to fight another day.
 KG-LSD: Of course, this way seems easier. Then again, how many changes have I made from my original conditions for this situation? Yeah, I guess you're right....
 MUN-MOS: If you ever NMR, please do it now.
 KG-LSD: Oh, I got the Italian invitation, but there was no room in the class by the time I replied. My units all ended up taking the correspondence course. I think it's a very good course, as you shall see.
 KING GERBIL: How about that? After all that time attacking that Russian F Ska, all it took was an attack on Vie to get rid of it. Hmm...if I take Bud, will the A Stp go away?
 LSD-KG: First you gotta take Bud....

Deadline for all LSD games:
 JANUARY 8, 1982



More Than You Want to Know About LoneStarCon

The View from Beverly Road

Bobby Stephens arrived a couple of hours later than I expected, right in the middle of our Friday night ritual viewing of "Dallas". [I know, I once said I hadn't become hooked, but my wife Cindy forces me to watch it now.] He claimed that an uncooperative Korean client created the delay. Turned out that Bobby was up on the plot better than I, and we had brief chats during commercials.

After "Dallas" was over, Cindy and my son Robby went to bed, since they wanted to get an early start for a weekend in Houston. I introduced Bobby to my office and zinefiles. We compared notes on various hobby personalities, feuds, and our current diplomatic endeavors until about 1:00 am, when I crashed. I think Bobby stayed up later, reading back issues of DIPLOMACY WORLD.

Cindy and Robby left Saturday morning about 7:00, whereupon I turned over and slept another hour or so. I fired up the coffeepot and read the newspaper until Bobby woke up. After some bacon and eggs, I felt a little more human, and by 9:30 people began to show up for the first round of LoneStarCon.

Soon after ten we were ready to begin the first game. The draw installed Allen King as the Prime Minister of England, while Guy Hail and Bruce Miller headed the other western powers of France and Germany. John Sartin got stuck in the middle as Italy, while Bobby S., Mike Whitty, and Dale Harger took on the reins of power in Austria, Russia, and Turkey, respectively.

I had to settle for the position of secretary and GM, since no one else showed up until mid-afternoon. Hmmp! The main reason I organized the minicon was to get a chance to play, but I did my gracious host number with a smile.

I'll leave the description of the game to someone else, since I spent most of the time typing up the moves after they'd been read. I got way behind in the afternoon when I had to go out for some film for my camera and pick up Libby Hail when she got off work. It looked pretty wild, and ended up in a 6-way draw, which included Dale despite the fact he'd been eliminated as Turkey, then filled in for Russia when Mike had to leave, whereupon he was wiped out there as well. I guess the others felt sorry for him. At least he was persistent. Oh, and Bruce also resigned from a promising German position just as Mike Blanchard showed up to take over. I thought that was going to be my entree into the game, but the fates were against my playing Dippy on Saturday.

The draw was declared about 5:30, and everyone left except Guy, Libby, Bobby, and me. After a lengthy post-mortem, we decided to go to Milto's for pizza.

Back to Beverly Road then for another game. After considering several alternatives we settled on "Extinction", an ecology-based multiplayer game of interpecies competition. The Hails and I had played it, but were rusty. At least that's why I think Bobby won. Actually, it's one of those games with

a spinner and therefore a large element of chance. Beginner's luck.

The Hails left around 10:30, and Bobby and I exchanged impressions of the day's personalities and events. We both retired with reading material, since I hadn't time to read the day's mail until then. The "revived" PASSCHENDAELE, some letters, and DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT AND CHEESECAKE, the latter two brought by Guy, were my bedside reading material. Bobby chuckled himself to sleep as he read Al Pearson's trivia sendup THE ZINE OF LISTS.

I slept late Sunday morning. I awoke to the airs of feline opera: Caruso and his sister Caspia were singing for their breakfast. I knew if I didn't get up, Caruso's next tactic would be to sit on my head.

After feeding the critters, starting up the coffee, and a long read through the Sunday papers, Bobby and I decided it might be time to hustle up a few players for a short game in the afternoon. After quite a few phone calls, we had the requisite seven players and finally got started about 2:00.

We played a modified Woodrow Wilson Diplomacy. After the first 20-minute round of introductory secret diplomacy, the players took their seats around the dining room table. From then on diplomacy was conducted entirely at the table, either aloud or by means of frantically scribbled notes passed back and forth. We limited these diplomacy periods to ten minutes each. In this way we were able to cover five gameyears in 3½ hours! This timesaving mode of play strikes me as promising for tournament play. Most of the players managed to communicate fairly thoroughly, but the medium forced us to be concise and to the point.

For LoneStarCon-II I lucked out and drew France. Whitt Pond played my game-long ally England. Doug Tatsch played Germany with a sprained wrist--he's a lefty, by the way. We also had a good relationship until the last year of our game when he began to

grow a little too rapidly. I knifed him. Austria was supposed to help, but Bobby was guiding this nation for the second time in two days. Since he didn't want Germany to go down quite so fast, he held back. Guy Hail played his favorite country, Italy, and surprised everyone when he and Bobby gave up builds in 1901 in order to get fleets

into position for a Lepanto. The poor victim was Sultan John Mayes, who put up a valiant fight but never quite recovered from the bold T&A attack. Paul Bearden played Russia and got imbroiled in a Scandinavian war against E&G, my opening-game allies. This made him vulnerable to southern opportunism, so Russia was the first to be wiped out. Italy followed soon after, as I had built up a sizable Mediterranean flotilla and had put Tunis under seige. With a fleet in the Eastern Med, Guy offered his help against Austria in exchange for my leaving Tunis unmolested, a reasonable offer, but I had decided to turn on Germany

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SC Chart for LSCor-I

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
E	4	5	5	4	4	6	7
F	5	5	5	4	4	3	3
G	5	6	7	9	11	10	10*
I	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
A	6	6	7	8	8	8	9
R	5	5	5	4	3	3	1
T	4	4	2	2	1	1	0

*11 units on the board!

SC Chart for LSC-II

	01	02	03	04	05
A	4	5	7	8	9
E	4	4	5	5	5
F	5	5	6	8	9
G	5	6	7	8	7
I	3	4	2	-	-
R	5	4	2	1	-
T	4	5	5	4	4

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by then. Therefore I was not interested in hurting Austria, who also had a lot to gain from an anti-German campaign. So Guy bit the dust.

Whitt and Bobby had to leave for Dallas, so we ended the game at 5:30 or so. After a round of good-bys and an award ceremony (Bobby Stephens took the trophy bumpersticker for Best Overall), everyone quickly disappeared into the sunset.

Caruso and I decided it had been great fun, and we are looking forward to the next LoneStarCon, say next fall?

LONESTAR COMMENTS by Guy Hail

Quite a few of us played Diplomacy at Mike Conner's house last weekend (Nov. 14-15); everyone was very friendly.

Bobby Stephens of Dallas was nothing like I'd pictured, and he played well as Austria from 6 in 1901 to 10 or 11 in 1908. Mike Blanchard of Dallas took over for the departing Bruce Miller of Austin, who had viciously stabbed me (France) in 1904, and Mike played Germany to 10 or 12 by game's end. Dave Harger (Turkey), Allen King (England), John Sartin (Italy), and Mike Whitty (Russia), all of Austin, also all played well.

As the day wore on we had a few player changes when Mike W. gave Russia to Dave after Dave's Turkey had been eliminated. We resolved a six-way draw in 1908 with E, G, & A doing well (8, 10, and 9, I believe), with Italy (6?), France (2), and Russia (0) not as well off.

After Diplomacy and pizza, Libby, who had been at work until 5 pm, and Mike Conner, who kept the game record, which I hope he will print in LSD (it'll show you, Eric Ozog, I ain't so nice), and was the GM, Bobby Stephens, and I played Extinction, a favorite of Libby's and mine. Libby and Mike conceded victory to Bobby Stephens long after I had been eliminated by developers.

On Sunday we played a late morning game of Diplomacy with Conner as France, Stephens as Austria, Whitt Pond as England, Doug Tatsch as Germany, Paul Bearden as Russia, John Mayes as Turkey, and myself as Italy. Libby was playing soccer Sunday afternoon and couldn't play. It was a fun game, and I finally got to Lepanto, but as in two previous games, Conner-Tatsch defeated everyone, and then Conner stabbed him for the win.

I gave up a build in 1901 to move F Ion-EAS, and Austria moved F Alb-ION. Russia went into civil disorder, out of the game psychologically defeated, but no one took Moscow for a while!

The game ended with places according to centers held. We played the game in an unusual manner: to help speed the negotiations along, after the initial Diplomacy period all of the negotiation was conducted by passed notes!

Thanks for hosting, Mike.

LONESTARCON--AN AUSTRIAN VIEW

by Bobby Stephens

Early Saturday morning (early by Austin time, that is), Game I got underway. As luck would have it, I drew Austria. I immediately checked the TV schedule to see which teams were playing football that afternoon, as I expected an early exit. I mean I was the only out-of-towner playing with six Austinites.

Rather than a boring season-by-season or year-by-year recap, I'll select a few highlights and comment on them.

The initial negotiations decided my course for me. My Turkish adversary bluntly told me he wanted Bul, Gre, and Ser. That's it! No compromise. I talked

with Russia, and after telling him the R-T is the strongest alliance on the board, and I wouldn't hold it against him to ally with Turkey, I suggested why not try something different. He agreed, and as a result, Turkey was first out.

I got lucky and got three W'01 builds. As such I made Italy my puppet. We worked well together the entire game. We even had a fake stab by Italy on Austria in 1907, I think, and we were strong at the end. John is a very good player. He quickly realized where his future lay, and after deciding to puppet he never failed me. I only wish I could have done more for him.

1904 saw Germany (played brilliantly by Bruce Miller, and later by Mike Blanchard) stab both F & E, breaking up the western triple, followed by an equally super stab by England (Allen King) against six in 1906. This stab actually saved the game, preventing a German victory.

The game ended in a six-way draw, and I generally had a great time. My lone disappointment in the game was my failure to get France (played inflexibly by Guy Hail) to fight Germany, even after Germany took center after center from him.

Oh yes, I almost forgot. In replaying the game, I discovered a German Flying Dutchman. It went undetected. Good work, Mike B.

The second game was strange in deed. After a twenty-minute initial negotiation period, all negotiations were done at the table, either orally or by note. Paper flew fast and furious. It was great fun.

Once again, I drew Austria. R-T attacked me, but lack of communication and a lack of interest on the Russian's part saved me. Russia went CD, and Turkey and I had an uneasy truce the rest of the way.

No truly memorable moments in this game. Again, a draw with Austria tied for most units.

So all-in-all, I did well. I definitely got Best Austria. I'm looking forward now to WarCon where I hope to draw another country. Maybe Italy this time.

LSC-1: ENGLAND SINGS by Allen King

When blood runs cold. Yes, that's how it felt when I realized my ally had betrayed me and stabbed not only me, but also our other ally, France. Even though I anticipated the stab on the move it was made, thus thwarting Germany's immediate aims, the stab prepared the way for the fall of France and eventually of England.

As I am a novice to Diplomacy, it was almost the first time I had been in a position of dealing with an effective stab, and I must say, it wasn't a pleasant feeling at all. So, for those other novice players who will eventually experience the same sensation in their own way, I offer the following advice:

- 1) The stab may literally be a bolt from the blue, and it will have a momentary stunning effect on many players, as it did on me. But remember--don't panic. This can really throw some players into a frenzy, if they sense you are totally disoriented. I cried loud and long inside, but remained calm outside.
- 2) Don't swear vengeance (unless you know you can bully the stabber), but instead, keep talking! I would suggest even continuing a dialog with the trespasser and his present allies, if time permits. I always (well, almost) will make time to talk with my ex-ally (the stabber).
- 3) Look carefully for flaws, strategic or tactical, in the stabber's new alliance, and use them in

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subsequent discussions or to stab back. Look first, then talk. But make sure you are over your internal panic before you talk.

4) Dangle tantalizing promises of vassalhood in exchange for life and turning on the stabber's new ally. Do the same for the new ally. But be careful and plan your pitch carefully in this regard. It could look like panic, which will draw the sharks for certain.

5) Finally, poison your ex-ally or get him drunk enough that a more reasonable sort must take his place. A game of Diplomacy is worth that quick trip to the convenience store for a six-pack or wine!

Oh, what about me, you say?! Well, as fortune sometimes does, she smiled. Germany's representative left almost immediately after the stab, and a good friend of mine happened along to take his place. Although he took one more center from me, I was able to turn the tables on him and stabbed him for three centers. When the game ended, I was happily allied with...yeah, you guessed it: Germany. And I had grown to a respectable 7 units and eliminated Russia. But Ghod, did my blood run cold!

LSC-I: VIEW FROM THE EAST by Dale Harger

First, Mike Conner's taste in art is above average, which is rare. Excellent taste in art is, in non-Aristotelian nondescript terms, accidental.

Second, my first experience as a Turk was exciting, not so enlightening, however. There are still many things I cannot figure out: Why does vodka rot the brain? What did the Austrian do for the Russian and the Italian? Would Bob Marley have made a good Dip player? And just exactly what religion are Turks?

Face-to-face Dip certainly has a flair all its own. Occasional free moments are spent speculating on the psychology of a puppet and watching Conner scurrying back and forth to the typewriter.

Germany was played superbly. From a southern viewpoint he seemed to choreograph beautifully with F-E-A. Guy as France was expanding methodically until Bruce's departure crippled his plans a bit.

The real shiners of the game were John, Mike W., and I, who displayed good sportsmanship. And even I diplomated Russia's being included in the declared draw, even though she had no units. You're welcome, Mike.

LSC-I: RUSSIAN RECOLLECTIONS by Mike Whitty

I didn't win this game, but I had a lot of fun. Imbibing a quart of Almadén Riesling (pretty good for a domestic white) didn't help my strategic planning, but it sure made losing a lot more enjoyable. I drew Russia, and since I play Ivan in my postal game, it gave me a little confidence. However, I followed a different strategy, picked the wrong ally, and was down to the Grand Duchy of Petrograd and Norway when I left. Sest Levi's, as the Frenchies say.

Bobby Stephens and I got along well from the beginning. I was interested in experimenting with an A-R alliance. We cooperated for a while against Turkey, but as the E-G alliance started working on me, Bobby seemed to lose interest in me as a full ally. Not that I blame him. If I had been able to suicide effectively against my enemies, I would have wanted him to pick up my centers (sort of like leaving everything to him in my will).

I never trust anyone with a Texas accent worse than my own. Hence, I did not trust Allen King, and for good reason. His rapid attack "over the top" almost took me by surprise. However, I was able to hold off against him, and Germany, not England, was

the big winner in the A-G alliance.

I will join in the chorus of those FTF players who say "Guy Hail is too much of a Mr. Nice Guy to play." He missed several excellent opportunities to stab his western allies, including the unstoppable Mid-Iri-Lpi "back-door" stab.

Bruce Miller seemed rather quiet, but he definitely got the better of his louder English ally. I predict that he would be a formidable opponent in a postal game. John Sartin and Dale Harger had not played much before, but they showed enough common sense to hold on for a while against tough odds.

Overall, the game was one of the best FTF games I've seen. It was certainly better than another boring Texas Longhorn victory, which was my alternative for the afternoon.

LSC-I: THE VICE-KAISER SPEAKS by Mike Blanchard

The German Chancellor would like to extend his heartfelt appreciation to the French government, who even though stabbed by the preceding German government, continued to be a valuable ally. I must admit that this is probably because if he didn't he would not have continued all all. Although the war was settled as a draw the German/England and French(?) alliance clearly had the upper hand and would have smashed the Austrian/Italian alliance if time had but permitted.

While it may have appeared that the German left flank was somewhat weak, it would have quickly stabilized along the Mos-War-Mun line.

The A/I left flank, however, was on the verge of collapse. The French fleets were in good position and the Austrian and Italian did not have sufficient naval power to be able to prevent our breaking through and rolling them back, taking supply centers as we went.

At least that was the plan, but we all know what they say about the best laid plans.

LSC-II: NOTES FROM ENGLAND (VIA TURKEY)

by Whitt Pond

Dear Mike,

Whitt sent this commentary to me from Dallas since he didn't have your address there.

I agree with everything he said. I only wish Guy would have yelled "Banzai!" Perhaps I would have had more warning.

Thanx for the chance to play.

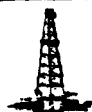
--John Mayes
(Turkey)

The game had two limiting factors: first, there was no GameMaster, and second, two of the players said in advance they had to leave at 5:30 for Dallas, adding a certain element of pressure on the game.

In retrospect there were 3 very strong players, 2 average players, and 2 weak players. The game was determined more by this factor than by any other. France & Austria-Hungary tied with 9 centers, followed by Germany with 7, England with 5, and Turkey with 4. The time limit determined the end of the game, rather than an agreed draw, in fall 1905.

The weak-player countries, Russia and Italy, were crippled by fall 1902, each for different reasons. Russia was done in by strategic paralysis and excessive hesitation, waiting far too long to see "how things would develop". Even after being crippled, Russia was reluctant to seek alliance with anyone and hence was attacked by everyone. Italy, on the other hand, was done in by strategic grandstanding and a total lack of caution. In throwing everything it had against

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1980 KG **Derrick** S 1905A-H YEARNs FOR YALTA; EL ZAPPO
ANNEXES ANATOLIA; G&I FOOL FRANCE

◦ Correction: England has F Cly, not Edi.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): F Nao-LPL (F CLY s),
F Nth-NWY, A BEL-Pic (F ENG s [dsl, ret to Iri,
Bre, or dsb]).

FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): F Lpl-Nao [dsl, ret to
Iri, Wal, or dsb], F Wal-ENG (F MID s),
A PIC-Bur, A Bur-Mar [dsl, ret to Par, Gas, or
dsb], F Mar-SPA (sc).

GERMANY (Al Giddings): A Mun-BUR (A RUH s),
F Hol-NTH, F Den-SKA, A Ber-KIE, A SIL h.

ITALY (Mark Luedi): A Pie-MAR (F LYO s),
A VEN-Tri, F AEG s Turkish A Bul [otm],
F Smy-CON (A ANK s).

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): A Gre-BUL (A SER s &
F Con s [dsl, ret to Bla or dsb]), A Gal-UKR
(A RUM s), A BUD s A Rum, A TRI h.

RUSSIA (David Pierce): F SEV-Rum, A War-PRU,
A Ukr-WAR.

TURKEY (Mike Henry): A Bul-Ser [dsl, ann].

◦ Thanks and 3 free issues to Mike Henry for his
valiant defense of the doomed Ottoman Empire.

◦ Note that if France and England both attempt to
retreat to Iri, both units are annihilated.

◦ PRESS--

NORTH AFRICA (GRAY PRESS BUREAU): Rumors
have it that the French government was rebuffed in
its attempt to establish a contingency "government-in-
exile" in Casablanca. An unidentified mufti proclaimed
that it is Allah's will that El Zappo will liberate the
North African peoples. Throughout the region medical
authorities are frantically stockpiling mountains of
antibiotics in anticipation of the inevitable epidemic
which accompanies the greeting of Italian forces. It
is widely known that the Turks were unprepared for
this onslaught and their demise is commonly ascribed
to this single factor.

PAR-ROM: Zo, thiz iz how you zhow truzt for your
friendz? Zit on it!

PAR-BUL: Thanks! I'll need all of the luck I can
get.

BOBBY-AL: Did you like my article in the FROG?
HERR DOKTOR-THE "IMPOSTER" MR. STEPHENS:
Nice trick you played on the "Hash". Why not just
confess to everyone. Some people actually think I
wrote that article.

MOSCOW-WORLD: What is Connecticut? If such a
place exists, I have never been there and currently
have not plans to ever go there.

FRANCE-EUROPE: Would anyone out there like an
ally?

GERMANY-FRANCE: OK. I give in. Let's go get
him!

FRANCE: I wonder if I play things just right if I
can get Austria on my borders too. What do I need
to do, Ned?

GERMANY-RUSSIA: Someone tried to play a trick on
the old Kaiser. A third party informed me of this,
almost too late. Measures are being taken to dis-
member the guilty party in the near future. Care
to help?

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Turkey at the start, Italy left itself completely at the
mercy of its neighbors. It was partitioned in one
magnificent swoop by France, Austria, and Germany.

The average-player countries, England and Tur-
key, were never threatened with elimination, but were
contained at opposite ends of the board. England's
expansion was inhibited by its failure to establish it-
self as the dominant power in Scandinavia after Russia
collapsed. Turkey's expansion was inhibited by its
inability to capitalize on Russia's collapse, due primar-
ily to its need to defend itself against the completely
suicidal attack it was receiving from Italy.

The strong-player countries, France, Germany,
and Austria, were in dominant positions by fall 1904.
Aside from the fact that they were limited by time,
these countries were also limited since they were being
played by three strong players who knew each other
and knew how strong a player each was. Thus, no
one was ever willing to let another obtain any lead.
Also, none were willing to trust each other enough to
form the winning alliance. If any two of these three
had formed a firm alliance even as late as fall 1903,
they would have been the decisive winners under the
circumstances.

I would definitely say France did the best.
Austria benefitted from the collapse of Russia and
Italy, but was unable to deal with Turkey and thus
was forever having to use its forces to keep Turkey
bottled up. Germany attempted to backstab England,
a move which proved premature in that Germany had
no alliance with France and was unable to crush Eng-
land by itself, so Germany had to guard itself from a
thenceforth hostile and pro-French England. Both
Germany and Austria-Hungary had setbacks due to
improperly written orders, a problem which France
never had. France, on the other hand, was very
secure in that it had no hostile neighbors behind it to
deal with and had not made any enemies up to that
point in the game.

And that's the way it was in Austin on 15 Nov-
ember 1981. This is Whitt Pond, as England, saying
"Good night."

A VISIT WITH R. MICHAEL CONNER by Bobby Stephens

Greetings, fellow LSD readers. As most of you
know, LoneStarCon was recently held in our glorious
state capital of Austin. For some unknown reason
(madness, surely!) our esteemed pubber invited me to
stay with him over that weekend.

The weekend was great fun, and after the smoke
has blown away, Mike asked me to write a short com-
mentary on the games. I've decided to treat my fellow
LSD readers to a small glimpse of R. Michael Conner,
translator, Dip player, pubber, and all around PGOB.

When I arrived late Friday evening, I was greeted
by a gray-haired, bushy-mustached guy. I said,
"Hello, Mr. Conner. Is Mike home?" It was Mike!
Well, I met his son Robby and his wife Cindy,
and we sat down to watch "Dallas". After that, wife
and son to bed, Mike and I got into a Dip con (short
for Diplomacy conversation).

He showed me his office and how he puts LSD to-
gether. Mike is very proud of LSD and rightly so.
It is the most professional-looking zine out, and it is
one of my top 3 favorites.

We talked about games, zines, people, semi-people,
and who knows what. Mike is a very intelligent guy,
and I doubt he has a single enemy in the world, much
less the hobby. I knew we would hit it off when he
said I should make myself at home, as he didn't want
to host me all weekend. My kind of guy.

So, Mike, thank you for inviting me. I hope we
can do it again soon, up in Big D, maybe? And
finally, I hope you didn't mind too much that I
brought my monkey along. I just couldn't leave him
alone for the weekend at my house. I'll pay for the
drapes.

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1981 A **Enchanted Rock** S 1906

FRITZ THE J SQUEEZED BY RUSSIAN, GERMAN (AND ITALIAN) PRESSURE

- Autumn 1905: England NRR, GM removes dsl F Bel; Russia retreats dsl F Con-Aeg; Austria retreats dsl A Tri-Ser and A Sev-Arm.
- Winter 1905: France builds F Mar; Germany builds A Kie; Italy removes A Gal; Russia builds A War.

ENGLAND (Dave Grabar?): NMR! F BEL u, h.
FRANCE (William Owen): A Lon-NAF (F ENG & F MID c), A YOR-Lon, Pie-TUS, F Mar-LYO, A BUR s English F Bel.

GERMANY (Tom Hancock): A HOL-Bel (A RUH s), A KIE & A MUN h, A Boh-VIE (A TRI s).

ITALY (Guy Hall): A Ven-ALB (F ADR c), F Tun-ION (F TRH s).

AUSTRIA (Fred Winters): A Rum-Sev (dsl, ann), A SER-Tri, A ARM s A Rum-Sev, A Con-ANK, F Smy-CON, A Vie-GAL (A BUD s), F GRE-Ion.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): A Ukr-RUM (A SEV & F BLA s), A WAR-Gal, F Aeg-BUL(sc), F Cly-LPL (A EDI 9); F NTH-Lon.

◦ COA: William Owen, 105 Pierce St. Apt. 1, New Bedford, MA 02740.

◦ No standby will be called for England.

◦ PRESS--

ROME: Medical Masters at the Modern Medical Academy today announced the discovery of a new strain of "pendulumitis" which a visiting team of French doctors inadvertently contracted. Apparently the new Parisian strain of this disease causes Frenchmen to dash alternately back and forth between the Mediterranean and Atlantic and causes the French government to renege on their promise to withdraw from Italy.

TIRANE: The President of the Republic of Italy was arrested here today on a mistress-gathering expedition. When asked, "Why Albania?" he replied, "If it's good enough for the Sultan, it's good enough for me."

NEW ALAMO: The Sultan, finding the Texas climate agreeable to his health, and to his harem, renounced any claim to the Turkish throne, saying "Whoever can keep it, can have it, as far as I'm concerned. They may find it more trouble that it's worth." Meanwhile, the English monarch remains in seclusion. Rumors fly that he is planning to return to Europe, vowing to play an important role in who eventually triumphs.



81 B **Friendship** S 1905

ITALY BREAKS OFF WEST WAR, FACES REJECTION IN EAST

◦ Winter 1904: Germany builds A Mun.

ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): F Lvp-CLY, F Swe-NWY (F NTH & A FIN s).

GERMANY (George Cunningham): A War-MOS, (A LVN s), A Pru-WAR, A Mun-SIL, A Den-SWE, F BOT-Stp(sc), F BEL & A BRE h, A Par-BUR.

ITALY (Paul Goodrich): F NAP-Rom, A VEN-Rom, F Nat-MID, F ADR-Ion, F TUN-Trh, A Mar-PIE, F Mid-WES, A Tri-Vie (dsl, ret to Tyo, Alb, or dsb).

AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): F GRE s Turkish F Aeg-Ion, A Bud-TRI (A SER s), A RUM s A Ser, A GAL-Vie.

RUSSIA (Don Scheifler): F Bar-NWG, A STP-Nwy, F NWY-Nth (dsl, ret to Ska, Bar, or dsb).

TURKEY (Mike Drews): F ION-Trh, F AEG-Ion, A APU-Ven, F Bla-CON, A BUL h.

COA: Bryan Jurkowski will be at 5633 W. Allerton Ave., Greenfield, WI 53220 from December 10 until January 7, when he will return to his present address.

◦ PRESS--

ENGLAND-STP: Today English troops once again marched into Norway freeing it from the hands of the Tsar. Once again Norway is free and in the hands of her rightful protector.

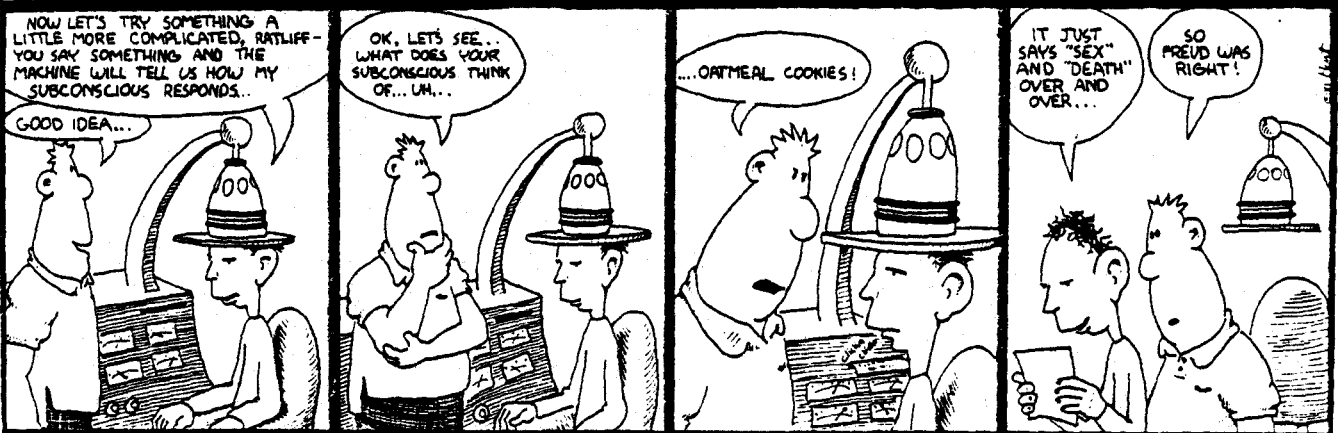
RUSSIA (what's left)-ENGLAND: Don't worry, I'm just coming for a visit. Moscow's being redecorated, so I thought I'd travel a bit. I hear I may get to meet the Pope, and perhaps the Kaiser, too. Why don't we all sit down and discuss what to put on your tombstone?

LON-TURKEY: Death to the Italian hordes! Free Rome from the oppression of the Pope.

ANKARA WORLD DAILY: After several meetings between the Sultan of Turkey and the Austrian monarch, the future plans for the invasion of Italy were finally agreed upon. The Sultan offered to attack Venice, thus allowing Austria to regain Trieste. In his closing speech, the Sultan was quoted as saying, "Let us liberate Trieste from its oppressors and return it to its rightful owners!" After the final meeting the Sultan was also quoted as saying "My men have never had pasta. It should be an enjoyable treat for them."

LON-ROM: The day will come when you shall get yours. From the looks of things it doesn't seem far off, either. You may take Liverpool in the fall, but in the end it will cost you.

FLORIAN



81AU **Horned Toad** F 1903A-G CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRANCE FIRMS;
TSAR, POPE DECLINE, BUT STILL FIGHT

◦ *Correction: The Turkish attack F Aeg-GRE last spring succeeds. The Austrian F Gre is dislodged,*

◦ *Summer 1903: Austria disbands dislodged F Gre; Italy retreats dsl F Lyo-Trh.*

ENGLAND (Allen King): F STP(nc) h, F Eng-MID, F Bel-ENG, A NWY-Bel (F NTH c).

FRANCE (James Woodson): A Bur-Bel [dsl, ret to Par, Gas, or dsb], A Bre-PIC, A Mar-PIE, F Spa(sc)-WES, F LYO-Trh.

GERMANY (Bill Quinn): A Mun-BUR (A RUH s), A SU-WAR (A PRU s), F Fin-SWE (F BAL s).

ITALY (John Koehler): A Tun-ALB (F ION c), F TRH-Rom, A Pie-TYO.

AUSTRIA (Ted Kuhn): A VEN-Rom, F TRI-Ven, A GAL s German A SU-War, A SER s A Rum, A RUM s A Ser.

RUSSIA (Rich Reed): F SEV-Rum, A War h [dsl, ret to Lvn, Ukr, or dsb], A MOS s A War.

TURKEY (Glenn Sherrill): F Eas-AEG, F GRE s Italian A Tun-Alb, A BUL s Russian F Sev-Rum, A CON s A Bul.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Home, Nwy, Bel, STP	6/build 1
F: Home, Spa, Par	5/even
G: Home, Den, Swe, Hol, WAR	7/build 1
I: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	3/remove 1
A: Home, Ser, Rum, Gre, VEN	6/build 1 [1 dsb]
R: Sev, Mos, War, Stp	2/remove 1 [1 ann]
T: Home, Bul, GRE	5/build 1

◦ COA: Glenn Sherrill will be reached at 6929 Camelia Dr., Winton, CA 95388 until early February, and will then return to his tiny post office box in Moab.

◦ COA²: James Woodson will be at 5680 Dorothy Way, San Diego, CA 92115 from 16 Dec 81 until 2 January 1982, whereupon he returns to good old Sanford Hall.

◦ PRESS--

LON-BER: Is Paris burning or will those flames consume the Emerald Isle?

BERLIN: Kaiser Wilhelm met this past season with General Capetain to discuss active cooperating between Imperial Germañy and the renewed French Republic. The rulers were reported to have sampled fine vintage wine while deciding future courses regarding England, Italy, and Austria. Full accord was reached and the rulers returned to their capitals.

PARIS: Ice storms and snow hit the French capital and virtually shut the city down for a day. One high official in the new government of Jacques I, who is known to be a California native, was seen counting the days until Christmas vacation.

ITALY-WORLD: While Austria shall die a thousand deaths, Italy shall suffer only one. We will remain noble and humane even in defeat.

LON-PAR: Before you tear down the telegraph wires in disgust, I must say that a choice had to be made. My friendship with Italy and Germany necessitated the move as your early NMR and NBR caused me great concern about your long-term reliability as an ally. Since I don't know what the Kaiser will do this turn, it may be that you will have the last laugh over the aforementioned telegraph wire, and I may be expelling, however temporarily, both French and German diplomats.

LON-ROM: I may be slow, but I'll be in time. Hold on.

FRONT LINE TROOPS REPORT: The 2nd Munich Army reported several hundred casualties in spring's unsuccessful attack on Warsaw. Furthermore, the English reinforcements failed to arrive in time for the fall attack. The High Command is speculating on the possibility that England signed a separate peace agreement with the Tsar. Rumor is that a radical re-assessment of deployment is in store.

LIECHTENSTEIN-ANDORRA: Huh? Do you mean to occupy all of the cryptographers on the continent? Luckily our have deciphered your messages and must report that the Tsar and Kaiser would not be caught dead in a bath or anything else Turkish.

LSD-LIECH: I say "Huh?" too!

RADIO FREE ANDORRA-LSD: Well! If you're going to get nasty, I stop trying to raise the entertainment level of this game.

LSD-RFA: Oops, so sorry! Far be it from me to stifle creativity!

MOS-LSD: Superb magazine. Next game I'm in will be different. (I'll do worse?)

LSD-MOS: Huh? Thanks, I think.

LON-SILENT TSAR: We shall see if your ploy to wedge Germany and England apart has succeeded. If it has, then you have my grudging, but eternal admiration even if it cost you your soul to drive the wedge.

MOS-LON: It was a good fight. Would have been better if I'd won.

MOS-BER: Don't be discouraged. You'll get Warsaw eventually. I just didn't want to make it too easy for you.

LIECHTENSTEIN: Rumors persist that a top secret meeting was held last month here between representatives of Franz-Joseph and Edward VII. Although they are totally unsubstantiated, neither government had made any move to discourage the scuttlebut.

LSD-TOADS: Good going, you guys! Just because of the holiday season, and because of the continuing good press, all press writers for this season will get a free issue of LSD. Keep up the good work.



1981 P

Gulf Coast

S 1905

ISLAM EXTENDS SWAY TO APPENINES;
WHITE ARMY MASSES IN GERMANY

◦ *Autumn 1904: France retreats dsl A Bre-Gas; Italy retreats A Ven-Tus.*

◦ *Winter 1904: England builds F Lon; France removes F Nap & A Kie; Italy removes A Tus; Russia builds A Mos; Turkey builds F Smy & F Ank.*

ENGLAND (John Mayes): F Mid s F Bre [otm; dsl, ret to Wes, Naf, Nao, Tri, Gas, or dsb], F Bre-Pic [dsl, ann], F Lon-ENG, A BEL s F Hol, F HOL & F NTH s A Bel, F NWY s F Nth.

FRANCE (Steve McLendon): F Spa(sc)-MID (F POR s), A Gas-BRE (A PIC s), A RUH-Bel (A BUR s).

ITALY (Don Ditter): F Tun-TRH, A Rom-APU.

RUSSIA (Garry Hamlin): F Aeg-ION, A Stp-FIN, A Mos-STP, A Ber-KIE (F DEN & A MUN s), A Pru-BER, F SWE s F Den, A TYO s A Mun, A Gal-BOH, A War-SIL.

TURKEY (Jim Williams): F Trh-ROM (A VEN s), F Apu-STP, F ADR s Russian F Aeg-Ion, A ALB h, F Con-AEG, F Smy-EAS, F Ank-CON

◦ PRESS--

IOWA-MEXICO: Adios, Amigo! Too bad you had to go. We would have had such fun!

ANK-PAR: Welcome to the game! Just don't rock the boat. Be nice and vote for the draw next year, just

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1981 CE Independence S 1903

SULTANATE EMBRACES BLACK SEA;
BRITANNIA NOT QUITE SO HAILE

- Autumn 1902: France retreats F Lpl-Nat.
- Winter 1902: England disbands F Wal; France builds F Bre; Germany builds A Ber; Italy builds F Nap; Turkey builds F Smy.

ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): F Eng-Lon [dsl, ret to Iri, Pic, or dsb], F SKA-Nth, F LPL h.
 FRANCE (Jim Meinel): A Spa-MAR, F NAO-Lpl, F Bre-ENG (F MID s), A BEL n.
 GERMANY (Don Scheffler): A BER-Mun, A TYO-Mun, A Edi-YOR, F NTH-Lon, F DEN h (A KIE s).
 ITALY (Doug Tatsch): F ION s Austrian A Gre [otm], A VEN h (F ADR s), A Mar-BUR, F Nap-TRH.
 AUSTRIA (Len Blasiol): A Gre-SER, A Gal-War [dsl, ret to Boh, Bud, or dsb], F TRI h (A VIE s).
 RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): F Swe-NWY, F Sev h [dsl, ann], A MOS s F Sev, A Sil-GAL (A WAR s).
 TURKEY (Mike Blanchard): A UKR-Mos, A Arm-SEV (F BLA s), A Ser-RUM, F Aeg-BUL(sc), F Smy-AEG.

◦ PRESS--

VIENNA: As a demonstration of the well documented Austrian desire for peace with our Italian neighbors, the Government announced a reversal of the unfortunate "Keep-em-honest" policy made necessary by events.
LON-AUSTRIA: It's clear the trike seats should have been sent to Budapest.
ENGLAND: The English King has announced that it was time to take a small vacation and requests the presence of the French Prime Minister and Kaiser on his favorite ship, the Titanic.
VIENNA: News from the Russian front! In desperate hand-to-hoof combat yesterday, the 3633rd Messkit Repair Battalion annihilated the pride of the Tsar's army: the Guards Troop of the Imperial Troika Brigade! Bravo!
LON-RUSSIA: This is a fine kettle of fish....
LON-PARIS: I hope you build defensively. Let me

take care of myself up north and you do the same with my best wishes in the south.
LON-GERMANY: There's only one thing I hate worse than a stab like yours, and that's an NMRer, so don't think I will relax for a second. May the Kaiser crap in his hat, pull it over his ears, and call it curls!
NOLA: Best wishes to all hands for the Holidays. But seriously, folks....



"We've got to give the appearance of changing direction without giving the appearance of changing principles in a way that won't be dismissed as cosmetic."

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like everyone else will.
TRIESTE TATTLER: Sources close to the Tsar admitted today the impending marriage of the Tsarevich to the Turkish Princess Hassan Ben La'ad. According to papers leaked to the press last week in Zurich, the marriage had been planned since spring 1901, though it was necessary to wait until both parties reached puberty before making the arrangement final. Both royal families intend that the offspring of this union shall consolidate the rule of Europe and establish a new age of Metternich.
TURKEY-RUSSIA: Does the bride have to wear white?
LON-MOS: And?

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