

Lone Star Diplomat

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Prickly Recollections From Cactus Vets

GAME SUMMARY

1980IZ LONE STAR DIPLOMAT (Conner).
A: Steve Cartier (out W04). E: David Pierce.
F: Greg Fritz. G: Charles Cunningham (out F06).
I: James Lawniczak. R: Bob Sergeant (win F06).
T: Bern Sampson.

	01	02	03	04	05	06
A	4	2	1	-	-	-
E	4	4	4	4	4	2
F	5	5	5	5	6	6
G	4	5	5	4	1	-
I	4	6	4	4	4	3
R	6	8	10	12	14	18
T	4	4	5	5	5	5



ENDGAME STATEMENTS

ENGLAND: David Pierce

My play as England in this game illustrates the stupidity of paying more attention to the form of communications from other players than their content. The initial confusion over which Fritz would be playing France left a bad taste in my mouth. This was compounded by the tone of the communications from both of them, which I found to be demanding and demeaning. When both Germany and Italy offered assistance against France, I moved aggressively against France from S'01 onward.

When the German and Italian support failed to materialize, I should have graciously accepted France's offer to disengage. However, every time I received a letter from France, I found myself getting mad at the way it was written and hanging in for one more season to see if the still-promised German or Italian support might materialize.

When Germany finally got off the dime the situation was really irretrievable. I felt that if I disengaged with France to turn on a growing Russia, France would immediately move on my home centers. Consequently, I began making greater and greater concessions to Russia, hoping to come out of the game ahead of France without breaking my agreements with Germany. With the exception of his final set of moves, Russia did live up to the letter of our agreements, if not their intent. When Russia supported France into Munich, the additional French center turned the tide, and the struggle with France was over.

My congratulations to Sergeant for the win. He was able to capitalize on every opportunity and still keep a consolidated opposition to his advances from forming.

My congratulations also to Greg Fritz. He played an outstanding game as France and proved to be a formidable and talented opponent. I hope that in the next game we end up in together I'll have enough smarts to respond positively to an offer of friendship if he makes one.

FRANCE: Greg Fritz

This was a most peculiar game. I do not want to detract from Bob's superior play, but I want to express my disappointment with the way Russia was allowed to walk away with this victory without even an attempt to stop him.

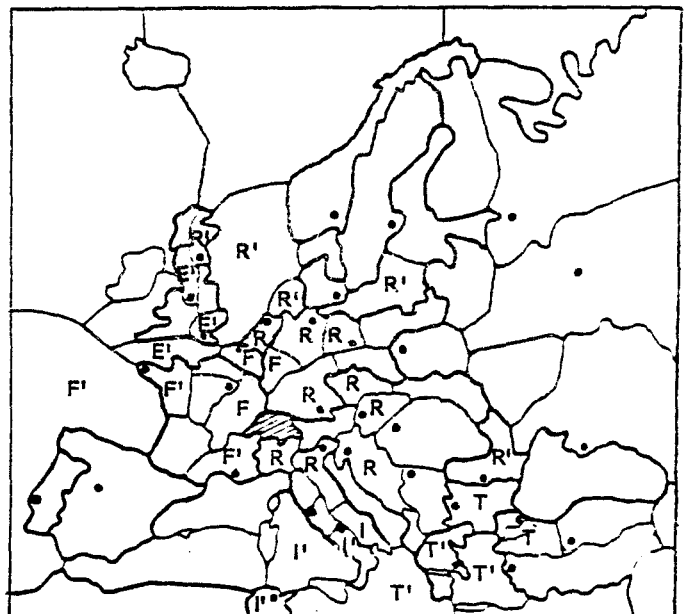
From my point of view as France, the game began in a very auspicious way. Out of the blue, England decided he didn't like me and was going to wipe me out. It is only by his deficiency of skills that I survived his onslaught. Germany didn't write at all, to speak of, (to me or anyone, for that matter), and I decided to make my initial attack against him.

With an agreement of nonaggression between Italy and me, I thought I was in good position to expand. Well, it wasn't long before Germany and England began their unending attacks against me, which were to last throughout the game. It was that very fact that won the game for Russia. Germany and England were so preoccupied with my destruction that they let Russia walk all over them without even a struggle. I am sure Bob's diplomacy had a lot to do with that, but just to let someone take your country over without a battle is ridiculous.

What about Turkey? Sorry, Bern, but I don't think you could fight your way out of a wet paper bag, and this is why Bob probably thinks you are a good ally. You, too, probably never thought about fighting back. But why? He didn't take your home country. I saw that you actually won a game as Turkey, but I think somebody did it for you.

Italy was the only person to stay faithful to France the entire game. He constantly tried to get the rest of us to mount a counterattack against

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Position of units at end of Fall 1906 movements

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Russia from '03 on, but no one would do anything because of two maniacs obsessed with self-destruction.

Finally, I come to my relationship with Russia. At first we basically stayed in touch and exchanged information. Besides Jim, Bob stayed in constant contact throughout. When it became apparent that Russia was a shoe-in to win the game, my attitude became, "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em". From then on, the rest is history.

This is a short synopsis from my point of view. I hope I didn't offend anyone, as I play for fun, and Diplomacy is only a game. (I wish I could win!)

ITALY: James Lawniczak

I did not play very well in this game, and I paid the price. My normal philosophy is to establish reliability in the beginning of the game by keeping all my agreements and by moving as I indicate. However, in a fit of madness, I deviated from that standard and learned why I had developed the reliability philosophy in the first place.

In S'01 I moved Ven-Tyo, Rom-Ven (no surprise to anyone), but then I assured Austria I was going to move Tyo-Boh, Ven-Tyo. I intended to keep my word (I had even submitted that written order, but in a fit of madness and greed, I called in Tyo-Vie, Ven-Tri. I discovered that one cannot do well in diplomacy by giving in to short-term greed and overlooking long-term results.

Austria did keep me from taking any of his home centers in 1901. I did take Tri in '02, but then I made my second mistake: I submitted the order F Ion s Italian A Smy-Gre, even though I really (believe it or not) wanted and intended to support Turkey. From then on, Austria used all his power against me (even though I genuinely offered to call off my attack against him), and Turkey didn't trust me.

That left me with Russia, who played a very strong game, and who had no need or interest in allying with me. Nonetheless, Russia would apparently make promises and then break them, insisting that the literal language of the promise was not sufficient to require the intended action.

For example, Bob would write, as part of a long letter indicating an agreement that Italy ought to have Ser, while Russia contented itself with Bud and Vie, that the Russian A Bud "could" support Italian A Tri-Ser. Now to me the intent is clear: Russia is agreeing to support A Tri-Ser. But after Russia gobbled up Ser itself, the Russian response was that there had been no specific promise, and thus no stab. In my opinion, if the intent is clear, and it surely was here, then failure to come through is a stab. I guess the others in the game didn't see it that way though, since they all viewed Bob as an unflinching ally, even though he was in the process of gobbling up all available centers.

What was Turkey doing in the Balkans, you may ask. The amazing answer: nothing. I still cannot understand why he totally deferred to Russia there, content with his 5 centers throughout the game. Turkey did indeed make it to Ion, but got no further. I did manage, after the game was hopeless, to make some good technical moves against both Austria and Turkey.

I did try to set up a 5-way draw at a time when Bob could have been stopped by concentrated effort, but really only one of the other players was interested. They were all fighting their own petty battles, which they can explain in their endgame statements.

No standbys were needed in the game, a first

for me. France was a very good ally and a solid tactical player. Amazingly enough, he faced an E/G alliance throughout the game and held them off completely. Once Russia attacked Germany (as E/G could easily have anticipated if they only had thought about it), France even made gains. Austria played well; he just got caught up in a Turkish vendetta, my error, and Russia's taking advantage of all the above. Germany never really got into the swing of the game. England and Turkey seemed overly concerned with their attacks on France and me, respectively, and were unable to adapt to the rest of the game.

TURKEY: Bern Sampson

An endgame statement? I'd like to state that I was really happy to see this game end. This has to be the easiest game that Bob ever had. Right from the start, it seemed that everyone was falling over backwards trying to help him win, myself included.

I began innocently enough, with a game-length, race-to-the-win Russo-Turk alliance. Little did I know that while Bob would be racing, I would be floundering. Being a true diplomat, I also formed a game-length alliance with Italy. Although this sealed Austria's fate, it definitely would have caused me problems when Austria fell. However, I was saved from this embarrassing situation when Italy stabbed me on two successive turns: first with misordered support, then supporting Austria against me. Jim later stated that his miswritten support was really a mistake. Well, to begin with, I don't believe in miswritten orders. And secondly, if an ally has trouble writing orders, it's time to look for a new ally. In any event, Italy had indeed stabbed me, leaving me with my lone Russian ally.

Bob was having a fairly easy time in the north and east while I was tied up with Italy. Germany and Austria never posed a serious threat, while England and France soon became involved in a bitter war, totally ignoring the growing Russian threat to their east. An equitable division of Austrian centers was planned between Bob and me, but since I couldn't move in that direction (I was stalemated in the Med with Jim) I conceded the centers to Bob.

Jim was constantly trying to get me to stab Bob to prevent his win. This would have been suicidal without Anglo-French support, and as I said before, they were involved in a bitter war and completely ignored Russia. In spite, Jim threw all of his units against me, which helped Bob's cause even more.

If England and France were willing to unite against Russia, this game might have had a different outcome. Of course, I wouldn't have stabbed my game-length Russian ally, but an early EFI alliance would have proved quite formidable.

In any event, Bob's win as Russia was quite impressive, and I'd like to congratulate him on his first Russian victory. Also, I'd like to thank Mike Conner for an excellently run game.

GM: Mike Conner

Cactus was the first game originally begun in LSD and fittingly the first to conclude. But it was memorable for several other reasons.

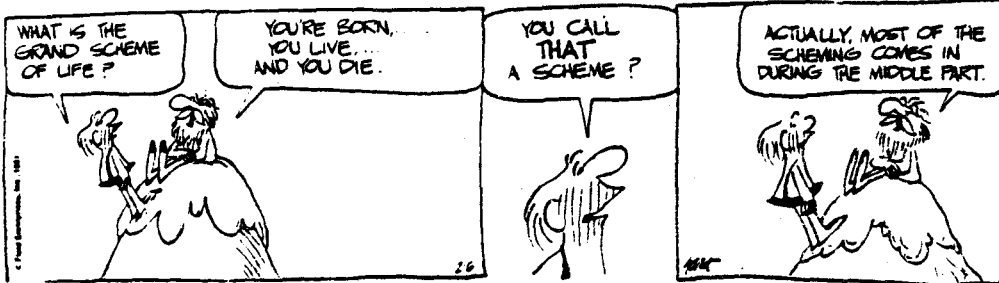
Perhaps because it was a relatively short game, only one player NMRed, and none of the original players dropped out. This made the game flow smoothly. In fact, after the first-year separation of seasons, the game proceeded without a single delay. Thanks, guys!



★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News

B.C.

by Johnny Bart



BLACK FROG, WHERE ART THOU? It has been more than a month since I last spoke to Jack Masters, just before the deadline of the game I play ("Pestilence" or 1980HU) in his zine. At that time he was pretty depressed by all the criticism he had received. He told me he didn't know if he would be publishing another issue. Well, whether or not he deserved all the flak for being the best or the worst faker in the hobby, he has been a top-notch GM, reliable, and concerned about his players. It is totally out of character for him simply to drop out without a word to those who have continued to plug away at his games. Because of a host of personal crises (which certainly give one a perspective on Diplomacy activities), I have not found time to investigate, but I would like to know if anyone has any information about Jack's intentions for the future. For myself, I hope he decides to keep this hobby, and I hope to hear from him soon.

ABOUT THAT DELAY. In order to reduce the number of NMRs from around 12 to a mere 2, I extended the deadline for orders four days. This allowed forwarded mail to reach me before I adjudicated the games. The next deadline is five weeks after the last, so there should be enough time to carry on with negotiations before the next orders are due.

WARCON ALMOST HERE. No thanks to the folks at A&M, I just found out that WARCON'82 will be held February 5-7 there. I presume that like last year, the Diplomacy tournament will begin Saturday morning. I will be there, as will Allen King, Mike Blanchard, and probably others from this area whom I haven't talked to yet.

BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL. You still have several weeks to vote for the top 14 currently active postal Diplomacy players. Send your list to Doug Beyerlein (640 College, Menlo Park CA 94025) by 15 February 1982. Results will appear in the spring issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD.

PLUG. Speaking of DW, issue #29 just appeared, and it's bigger (44 pages now) and better. This issue has a variant called PIG Diplomacy, a dippy crossword puzzle contest, articles, cartoons, and more. One of the few Diplomacy publications I can recommend without qualification, DIPLOMACY WORLD is available from its editor, Rod Walker ("Alcala", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024), for the measly sum of \$6.00 for four quarterly issues.

GARAGE SALE. Gene Boggess, who has been publishing a zine called THE SWAMP since 1977 (Star Route, Box 220-6, Columbus, MS 39701), sent me a two-page list of wargames and back issues of several gaming magazines which he wants to sell. It's been a couple of months since the list was printed, so he might have reduced the prices on the remaining items. It would certainly be worth a SASE to find out.

WEATHER WOES. As I type this there is about 1½" of snow on the ground outside my 2nd-story window. When an event this rare occurs in Austin, it's wise to stay home and avoid all the crazy drivers who have neither the equipment nor the experience to drive safely. The plumbers just turned the water in the building back on, having repaired a burst waterpipe (not the kind you smoke) which ran up the outside (!) of the building. From the newscasts, it seems that most of the continent is experiencing record-breaking weather, most of it much more serious than what we have to put up with. In a couple of days we are just as likely to have sunny days with temperatures in the neighborhood of 70°. Soon, I hope!

BACK ISSUES. Due to the underwhelming response to the offer in last month's Roundup column, we are having a 50%-off clearance sale of back issues of LSD. Issues #3-15 are available at the rate of 2 for 65¢. Send check or postage stamps--no cash, please--or ask me to adjust your subscription.

STANDBY LIST. Auxier, Beyerlein, Donaldson, Fritz, Füß, Hancock, Hartman, Henry, Jewett, Kador, King, Larzelere, Milewski, Nichols, Noto, Pierce, Pond, Reed, Ridenour, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stephens, Tatsch, C. Williams, and Woodson. Your name comes off the list when you become a replacement for an NMRing player or when you drop out of a game here or if you ask me nicely.

NMR INSURANCE. Let me know if I've forgotten anyone: Albrecht, Blanchard, Daly, Ditter, Ellis, Fritz, Füß, Gallagher, Giddings, Hail, Hamlin, King, Koenler, Kuhn, Luedi, Martin, Mayes, Peacock, Reed, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Smith, Stafford, Stephens, Tatsch, Williams, and Woodson.

MAILING LIST. Add Eric Kane (109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck NY 11024), who publishes ANDUIN, which was plugged here several issues ago.



Heart O' Texas Orphanage

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

--Count Galeazzo Ciano



1979 HS **Armadillo** S 1910

KAISER LAYS SEIGE TO PARIS AS
RUSSIA & ITALY EDGE APART

Autumn 1909: Germany disbands dislodged A Tyo.

Winter 1909: Germany builds A Ber.

Please note that the Italian unit in Greece is an army, not a fleet, as erroneously reported here last time.

FRANCE (Ted Füz): F Mid-Eng [dsl, ret to Por or dsb],
F Mar-Spa(sc) [dsl, ann], A PAR-Bre.

GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): A Ruh-BUR (A MUN s),
A BER s A Mun, A Bur-GAS (F BRE s),
F ENG s F Bre, F NTH s F Eng, A PIC-Par,
A DEN-Swe.

ITALY (John Koehler): F NAF s Russian F Nat-Mid,
F WES-Spa(sc), A Pie-MAR (F LYO s),
F TRH-Wes, A VIE s A Tyo, A TRI & A TYO s
A Vie, A GRE h.

RUSSIA (John Daly): F Nat-MID (F IRI s), A EDI h,
A NWY-Swe, F NWG-Nwy, A WAR-Gal,
A UKR-Gal, A Rum-SEV, F BLA-Bul(oc),
F AEG-Bul(sc), F EAS h, A Sev-MOS.

PRESS--

FRANCE-RUSSIA & ITALY: Hello? Is anybody there?
It only costs 13¢ to send a postcard!

ROME: The king extends his sincere apologies to the Kaiser in regards to the misunderstanding in Tyrolia last year. In other news, it was announced today that the invasion of France had at last begun with joint operations by the three great powers. "It must be a proud moment for the Tsar," the king was heard to say, "such men of peace are rare in these troubled times."



1979 HT **Bluebonnet** F 1910

GERMANY SHATTERS FROZEN RUSSIAN
DEFENSE, TAKES NORTHERN CAPITAL

Summer 1910: Turkey retreats dislodged F Ion-Aeg.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): A Spa-MAR, A PIE-Tyo,
A TUS-Rom, F TRH-Rom, F NWG & F NTH h,
F Wes-LYO, F ION s Italian A Apu, F TUN s
F Ion.

GERMANY (Dick Martin): A Fin-STP (F BAR s),
A Den-SWE, F BAL-Lvn, A PRU-War (A SIL s),
A Mun-TYO (A VIE s), A BOH s A Vie.

ITALY (Tony Auxier): A Nap-ROM (A APU s).

RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): A BUD s A Gal, A WAR s
A Gal, A GAL s A War, A LVN s A War,

A Stp s A Lvn [dsl, ret to Mos or dsb], F RUM h.
TURKEY (Cynthia Ellis): A VEN & A SER s A Tri,
A TRI & F ADR s A Ven, A BUL s A Ser,
A GRE s A Bul, F AEG h.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

F: Home, Iberia, England, Tun	9/even
G: Home, Scandia, Bel, Hol, Vie, STP	10/build 1
I: Rom, Nap	2/even
R: Sev, War, Mos, Rum, Bud, Stp	5/even (1 ann)
T: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven	8/build 1 (1 ann)

PRESS--

VATICAN-CON: The Pope was most pleased with the performance of the Turkish units in the new "International Army of the Vatican".

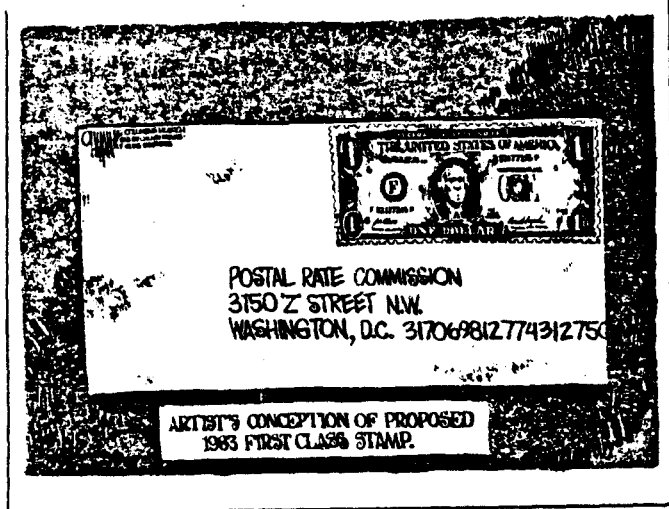
KG: Gunboat Dip really can be fun. It's just not what I expected, that's all.

POPE-KING GERBIL: Que seroot, seroot, we reheeled the boot.

BERLIN: Sigh. Better luck next year.



Post Office of Texas



Several recent letters have addressed technical aspects of the production of LONE STAR DIPLOMAT, and we share them and the responses with the general readership, in case anyone out there is planning to begin publishing in 1982.

Mike,

Thanks for the sample copy of LSD. I found it very interesting reading and have decided to sub. Also, you can add me to your standby list.

I remember seeing the first issue of LSD when you first started publishing a year ago. I decided not to subscribe at that time because the zine looked too good. I didn't think that you would be able to maintain that high quality and would quickly lose interest in publishing. I was definitely wrong. I would certainly like to know your secret for such a professional printing job.

Doug Beyerlein
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

It's no great secret. Basically it's due to a good typewriter (IBM Electronic 50), a light table and rubber cement, and a Xerox 9400 for reproduction. I cut and paste the original material on an 11"x14" sheet of non-photo grid paper, get a 26% reduction for the master copy, which I clean up with an eraser and liberal amounts of Liquid Paper, and let the machine do the repro and collation. There are a number of other zines which probably use similar techniques. But thanks for the nice words.

Thanks also for the article submission. It will appear next month in LSD's valentine issue.

Mike,

The arrival of issue #14 of LONE STAR DIPLOMAT has served to jog my memory that I owe you a reply to your note. I'm happy to hear that you like my hieroglyphic illustrations. They were a helluva lot of work to do, but well worth the effort when the finished copy is published. As a more-or-less amateur student of the ancient Egyptian language, my attention is immediately drawn to illos containing hieroglyphics; so I will remember the cartoon you published in LSD issue #4 (what I remember most is trying to translate it). By the way, my first hieroglyphic illustration was published in Conrad von Metzke's zine: K.35,

back in 1974...so I've been doing these for quite some time.

How do you do the illustrations in LSD? If I were to submit an illustration to LSD, in what medium would it have to be rendered? Pen & ink? On bond paper? Felt-tipped pen? Almost all of my illustrations have been done using ditto stencils, because it's the only medium in which I can use different colours.

As far as our Battleship game is concerned, I think you're doing extremely well, considering that you took over a "less than optimum" position. You've sent...or soon will...all my capital ships to the bottom, and all this when you're outgunned almost 2-1. Next time, I WANT TO BE YOUR ALLY!!!

Best wishes and happy stabbing,

Ralph Morton
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Ottawa, Ont. K1Y 1Z6

Black ink on white paper reproduces best by the Xerox process I use. Also, large areas of solid black tend to "gray out", so they should be avoided. Black-and-white photos with high contrast also do well, but anything else is chancey.

For those who don't read Andy Lischett's CHEESECAKE, Ralph won the Battleship game carried there, by an embarrassingly large margin.

Thanks for writing.

Mike,

First of all, thanks for printing my article. I'm glad you enjoyed it. Maybe now you'll get a whole series of college football articles from around the country.

I would also like to inform everybody about something that only I noticed about the article. Your editing is excellent. There were several lines that were left out of the article. However, it didn't take anything away from it. In fact, it probably improved it. You definitely have the expert's touch in this area. Thanks again.

I am trying to start a campaign to teach a lesson to Brad Wilson, who owes about \$100 in sub refunds. He has also been dropped in a couple of games where he traded his defunct zine in order to play. I know of at least one case where the GM had no choice but to declare civil disorder.

With all this in mind, I am asking that all hobby publishers take some action until Brad decides to give everyone back their money. First, if Brad submits something to your zine for publication, don't put it in. If Brad is not a subscriber to your zine and he sends you a sub check, send it back to him. If Brad already subs to your rag, cancel his sub (with a refund, of course), or don't let him renew it.

This may seem quite severe, but remember what Brad has done. He is a deceitful, lying, inconsiderate thief. There is no place for someone like him in the hobby. If he refunds the money, I'll be the first to forgive him. But until then, let's keep him out of the hobby.

Jeff Noto
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Thanks for your compliments. Unfortunately I didn't keep your original manuscript, and I don't remember the changes you mention. I usually limit my editorial blue pencil to spelling, grammar, and other minor changes. Sometimes space limitations will tempt me to omit a word or phrase here and there, so maybe this is what happened. When time permits, I try to

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1980 KG **Derrick** F 1905

TROUBLE BETWEEN EL ZAPPO AND
DUAL MONARCH: RIFT OR RUSE?

Summer 1905: England retreats dsl F Eng-Lon;
France ret dsl F Lpl-Iri, A Bur-Gas; Austria ret
dsl A Con-Bla.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): F LON-Nth, F NWY-Swe,
F Ciy-EDI, F Lpl-NAO, A BEL h.
FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): F Mid-WES (F SPA(sc) s),
A GAS s F Spa(sc), F ENG s English A Bel,
F Iri-MID, A Pic-PAR.
GERMANY (Al Giddings): A BUR-Bel (A RUH s,
F NTH s), A Kie-HOL, A Sil-BER, F SKA-Swe.
ITALY (Mark Luedi): A MAR h (F LYO s), A VEN h,
A ANK-Arm, F CON h (F AEG s)
AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): A Ser-GRE (A BUL s),
F BLA s A Bul, A Rum-SEV (A UKR s),
A Tri-TYO, A Bud-TRI.
RUSSIA (David Pierce): F Sev-Arm [dsl, ann],
A War-SIL (A PRU s).

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Edi, Lon, Nwy, Stp, Bel 5/even
F: Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Lpl 6/even
G: Home, Den, Swe, Hol 6/even

See below for rest of chart

PRESS--

ZANKARA ZORTH AZRIKA: Ze it znown zhat zhe
zeverant El Zappo iz a Zen Buddhizt. It'z eztra-
ordizarily zodd zhat it iz Alzah'z zwill zhat El Zappo
ziberate zhe zeoplez of Zorth Azrika considering thiz
zfact.

ZANKARA-KITTY HAWK: Zhave you boyz inzented
zowered zflight zyet? I'd zike zo zmake a zeverzation
zo zfly zomewhere, Zoma perzapz, even Zpain; jutz zo
long az I get zout of thiz plazel!

I: Home, Tun, Smy, Ank, CON 7/build 1
A: Home, Ser, Rum, BUL, CON, Gre, SEV 8/build 1
R: Mos, War, Sev 2/even (1 ann)
T: Bul 0/out



1981 A **Enchanted Rock** F 1905

AUSTRIA LOSES BALKAN HOLDINGS;
ENGLISH MONARCH DIES IN EXILE

ENGLAND (CD): F Bel h [dsl, ann].
FRANCE (William Owen): F Mid-WES, F LYO h,
A Bur-BEL (F ENG s), A Yor-LON, A NAF-Tun,
A TUS-Ven.
GERMANY (Tom Hancock?): NMR! A HOL & A RUH
& A BER & A MUN & A TRI h, A Vie h [dsl, ret
to Tyo, Boh or dsb].
ITALY (Guy Hall): F ADR-Ven, F ION-Tun,
F Trh-ROM, A Alb-SER.
AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): A Ser-Tri [dsl, ann],
A Gal-VIE (A BUD s), F GRE-Ion, F CON-Bul(sc),
A ANK-Con, A ARM-Ank.
RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): F BUL(sc) h (F BLA s),
A RUM s Italian A Alb-Ser, A SEV s A Rum,
A War-GAL, F LPL h, A Edi-YOR (F NTH s).

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Bel 0/out
F: Home, Por, Spa, Lpl, Lon, BEL 7/even
G: Home, Hol, Den, Tri 6/even
I: Home, Tun, SER 5/build 1
A: Vie, Bud, Ser, Rum, Bul, Gre, Smy, Con, ANK 6/even (2 ann)
R: Home, Swe, Nwy, Edi, LPL, Ank, BUL, RUM 10/build 2

Will Jeff Noto (1001 SW 16th Ave. #22,
Gainesville, FL 32601) please submit standby
orders for Germany?

Please note the correct date for this season.

PRESS--

NEW ALAMO: Texas Rangers entered the residence of
of the secluded English monarch after neighbors re-
ported no activity for several days. They found all
inside dead, apparently a massive murder-suicide.
The only clue as to a motive was found pinned to the
King's lapel. A hastily scrawled note read: "A
thousand deaths to France and a million curses on
whoever holds London, Liverpool, and Edinburgh!"
NAPLES: The Italian government, newly established
at this great port city, wires Paris for peace terms.
PAR-ROM: Sorry to break our understanding, but
circumstances dictate I move south at this time.
You've made your allies too strong for me to handle.
It's too bad you never managed to forge a lasting
alliance with one of your neighbors (either one).
Your actions have helped Russia immensely. I imagine
you take some satisfaction in bringing Austria down,
but the only gainers are Germany (who's looking for
second place) and Russia. I expect to last longer
than you, as a matter of fact I'm quite sure I'll still
be around when Russia wins. You won't.
ITALY-ALL: Back to telepathic Diplomacy? Saves on
phone bills, I know.
PARIS-WORLD: Gee, suddenly no one is talking to
me! Is it something I ate? Seriously, even if you all
(R, G, I) plan on grinding me up, it can hardly hurt
to keep the lines of communication open.
PARIS: The government announced new conscription
laws to fill the ranks in the fall of so many enemies.

C HAROLD JORDAN!

81 B Friendship F 1905



GERMANY SQUEEZES OUT RUSSIA,
ASSUMES COMMANDING LEAD

Summer 1905: Italy NRR! GM disbands dislodged
A Tri. Russia retreats dislodged F Nwy-Bar.

ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): A FIN-Stp (F Nwy s),
F NTH s F Nwy, F CLY-Edi.
GERMANY (George Cunningham): A Lvn-STP (A MOS
& F BOT s), A BUR-Mun, A SIL-Mun, A WAR &
A BRE h, A SWE s Russian F Bar-Nwy [nso],
F BEL u, h.
ITALY (Paul Goodrich?): NMR! F MID & F TUN &
F ADR & A VEN & A PIE h, F Nap h [dsl, ret to
Trh, Rom, or dsb], F WES also h.
AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): A Gal-VIE (A TRI s),
A SER s A Tri, A Rum-GAL, F GRE s Turkish
F Aeg-Ion.
RUSSIA (Don Scheifler): A Stp-Cly [dsl, ann]
(F BAR & F NWG c).
TURKEY (Mike Drews): F Ion-NAP (A APU s),
F Aeg-ION, F Con-AEG, A BUL h.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Home, Nwy, Swe	4/even
G: Home, Den, SWE, War, MOS, STP, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre	12/build 3
I: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun, Tri, Mar, Pcr, Spa	6/remove 1 (1 ann)
A: Vie, Bud, TRI, Ser, Gre, Rum	6/build 1
R: Stp, Mos, Nwy	0/out
T: Home, Sev, Bui, NAP	6/build 1

Thanks, farewell, and 3 free issues of LSD go to
Don Scheifler for his hard work in this game.

Will Paul Milewski (PO Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103)
please submit standby orders for Italy?

PRESS--

RUSSIA: In one final effort to humiliate the enemy,
the last Russian army, beaten and bloody, is crossing
the high seas on already sinking ships. It is hoped
these men will die on English soil, for they surely
won't live there.

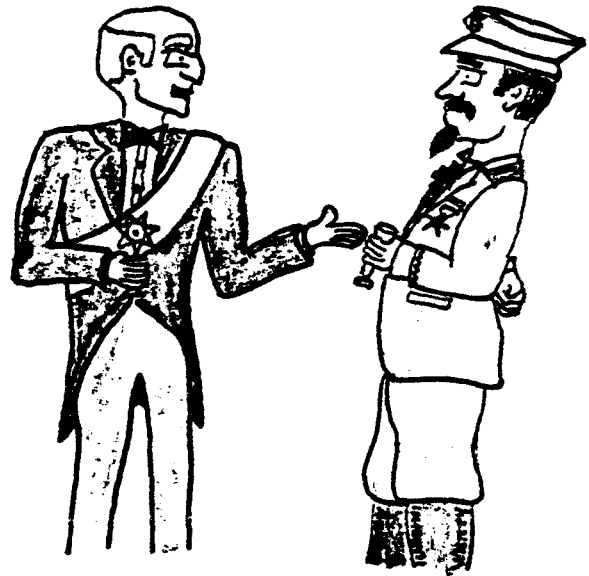
BERLIN FREE PRESS: The Kaiser today announced
the successful capture of St.Petersburg. To the
jubilant throngs of Berliners, he stated that Germany
"is going to continue to seek our place in the snow-
filled lands of the North."

LON-ROM: The Pope withdraws to fight at home. He
must have seen the light.

GERMANY-ENGLAND: The Kaiser is becoming annoyed
by Her Majesty's increasing strident territorial demands.
It would be wise to remember a quote from Shakespeare,
King Lear: "Mend your speech a little, lest you may
mar your fortunes."

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: Somebody's knocking. Should I
let him in? Lord, it's the Devil. Would you look at
him?

DON: Goodbye everybody!



... And so the Kaiser tells me,
"I'll give you Belgium for Bohemia and
Princess Caroline!"...



1981 P Gulf Coast F 1905

ANGLO-FRENCH DISCORD CONTINUES
DESPITE GROWING EASTERN THREAT

Summer 1905: England retreats dsl F Mid-Nat.

ENGLAND (John Mayes): F Nwy h [dsl, ret to Bar,
Nwg, or dsb], A BEL h (F NTH & F HOL s),
F NAT-Iri, F ENG-Iri.
FRANCE (Steve McLendon): A RUH-Bel (A BUR &
A PIC s), F Por-SPA(sc), A BRE h, F MID-Iri.
ITALY (Don Ditter): A APU-Rom, F Trh-TUN.
RUSSIA (Gary Hamlin): F Ion-TRH, A Tyo-PIE,
A Boh-TYO, A MUN h (A SIL s), A KIE h
(A BER s), F DEN h, A Stp-NWY (F SWE &
A FIN s).
TURKEY (Jim Williams): F ROM s F Nap, F NAP &
A VEN s F Rom, F ADR-Apu, A ALB-Tun [imp],
F Aeg-GRE, F Con-AEG, F EAS h.

A Russian-Turkish conceded draw has been pro-
posed. Vote will be tallied before the winter
adjustments are carried out. Remember, NVR = yes.

PRESS--

STP-LON: I share your weariness of this massacre.
Vote for the Russo-Turkish draw, and we'll end this
once and for all.

LONDON TIMES: Today Prime Minister Sir J. L. Mayes
has ordered all English citizens to begin learning
conversational Russian. The instructorship for all
ministers has been offered to the Turkish Diplomat
Arup Mu Ouver, but we at the Times doubt that the
Turk will take the job since he is a deaf mute.

BUDAPEST BUSYBODY: Russian officials violently
denied today that the upcoming wedding between the
Tsarevitch and Turkish Princess Hassen Ben La'ad is
slated to be performed in the nude. Officially admit-
ting the rumors were due to difficulties in establishing
the cut and color of the bridal gown, Russian officials
conceded that there must be a better solution.

MIDLAND-ALTOONA: I waited as long as I could be-
fore sending in moves, in hope of hearing from you.
Hope these are satisfactory.



DEADLINE
for all LSD games:
12 February 1982

Sense of Omission

Part II. What Affix We're In!

by Ben Teague

In my first piece I showed how the shapers of our language went wrong in neglecting to borrow paired words in pairs. Now let me direct your attention to another of their failings: borrowing affixed words but leaving behind the bare roots.

For example, we say of gelatin, tapioca and aspic that they *congeal*. But suppose one of us puts a whole egg into the hot oven and the egg explodes. What becomes of the pieces of egg--do they *congeal*? No, for the prefix *con-* "together" no longer applies to the egg. Our language misses the mark, for we lack the obvious and proper term and cannot say "The egg *geals*."

If we now try to clean the oven by *abrading* the egg particles from the surface, we may fail--as may our language again, since English does not have the unaffixed form *rade* "scrape at something without getting it off".

At this point we may wish to scrape off our acquaintance, so that he or she ceases to be a *comrade* and becomes--or would become, had we language adequate to describe such a person--a *rade*. (There seems to be a little confusion here, but I assure you that the analysis in its broad outlines is perfectly correct. Those are just two different words that look the same.)

Here are some more examples of words that we have with affixes but not without.

Rebellion. The Whisky *Rebellion* of 1794 clearly should have been called a *Bellion*, since it was the first such protest in the United States.

Doctor. We so badly need a verb to go with this noun that we have used the noun itself: "I *doctor*, you *doctor*, he/she/it *doctors*," and so on. Would *doct* not serve better?

Presume, assume, consume, resume, subsume. Here is a whole family of affixed words, but does English use *sume* by itself? It does not. If it did, we could "*sume* Item 4 on the agenda" or use the word to denote "take something to be true when we know perfectly well that it is".

Transcend. The affixless form *scend* could provide us with a highflown word for "climb", or we might use it to express a fine distinction: "He *scended* his limitations."

Resplendent. Take off the affixes at either end, and you have *splend*. Obviously this means "shine for the first time; burst into glitter".

There is a hidden benefit in removing the affixes from such borrowed words--we can now attach new ones. Some examples:

Sump- (from *sume*) + *ex-* + *-tion* = *exsumption* "act of refusing to accept or consider a known fact".

Doct + *dys* + *-ification* = *dysdoctification*, "an incorrect or fault cure; state of having been incorrectly or faultily cured".

Scend + *cis-* (Latin, "on the same side") + *ent* = *ciscendent* "not quite surpassing others of the same kind; barely co-eminent".

Bellion + *anti* = *antibellion* "action taken to put down the first uprising in a given area".

The reader can continue the exercise; it will soon become apparent how much more affluent our language would have been if our forebears had only been quicker on the uptake. In my third and last article I will expose the scandal of the English language: the lost positives.

The PUZZLER



GEOGRAPHICAL PUZZLER

Can you name these geographical features? It's hard to tell if they are islands surrounded by water or bodies of water surrounded by land, isn't it? Three free issues of LSD to the most complete answer.

STAR OF THE MONTH: Dick Martin

Dick gets the famous Armadillo bumper sticker for submitting this copy of a State Department summary of a recent US-USSR treaty.

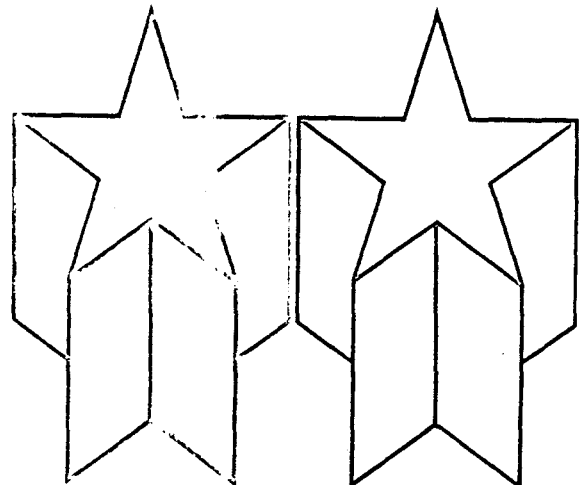
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81AU **Horned Toad** W 1903

EUROPEAN LEADERS SPEND HOLIDAYS RAISING, DISBANDING MILITARY UNITS

Autumn 1903: France retreats A Bur-Par; Russia retreats A War-Ukr.

Several players requested that only the winter season be published this time around. So be it.

ENGLAND (Allen King): Builds F LPL; also has F MID, F ENG, F NTH, F STP(nc), & A Nwy (6).
 FRANCE (James Woodson): Has A PAR, A PIC, A PIE, F LYO, & F WES (5).
 GERMANY (Bill Quinn): Builds A MUN; also has A BUR, A RUH, A WAR, A PRU, F BAL, & F SWE. & F SWE (7).
 ITALY (John Koehler): Disbands F Ion; has A TYO, A ALB, & F TRH (3).
 AUSTRIA (Ted Kuhn): Builds A VIE; also has A GAL, A RUM, A SER, A VEN, & F ADR (6).
 RUSSIA (Rich Reed): Disbands A Mos; has A UKR & F SEV (2).
 TURKEY (Glenn Sherrill): Build A SMY; also has A CON, A BUL, F AEG, & F GRE (5).

PRESS--

LSD-TOADS: Due to the potentially sensitive nature of the press, I will hold it until spring, unless you cancel it, replace it, or add to it.



1981 CE **Independence** F 1903

SULTAN, KAISER GAIN GROUND AS OTHER POWERS PLAY MUSICAL DOTS

Summer 1903: England retreats dsl F Eng-Pic; Austria retreats dsl A Gal-Bud.

ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): F PIC-Bre, F SKA-Swe, F LPL h.
 FRANCE (Jim Meinel): A BEL-Pic, F ENG-Bre, F NAT-Lpl, F Mid-SPA(sc), A MAR h.
 GERMANY (Don Scheifler): A Yor-LON (F NTH s), F DEN-Swe, A Kie-HOL, A Ber-SIL, A Tyo-MUN.
 ITALY (Doug Tatsch): A Bur-PAR, F Trh-WES, F ION-Gre, F ADR-Ion, A VEN prays (h).
 AUSTRIA (Len Blasio): A Bud-GAL (A VIE s), F TRI h (A SER s).
 RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): A WAR-Ukr (A MOS s, A Gal s (dsl, ret to Boh or dsb)), F NWY-Swe.
 TURKEY (Mike Blanchard): A SEV-Mos (A UKR s), A RUM s A Ukr, F BLA s A Rum, F Bul(sc)-GRE (F AEG s).

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Lpl, Lon, Nwy 1/remove 2
 F: Bre, MAR, Par, Por, Spa, Bel 5/even
 G: Home, Den, Hol, Edi, LON 7/build 1
 I: Home, Tun, Mar, PAR 5/even
 A: Home, SER, Gre 4/even
 R: Stp, Mos, War, Sev, Swe, NWY 5/build 1 (1 ann)
 T: Home, Bul, Rum, Ser, GRE, SEV 7/build 1

PRESS--

BREST (Gov't-in-Exile)-ROME: Have a nice time in Paris--though you'll be cursed the moment you set foot in our fair and beloved city. We have broken all of our bottles of wine, our women will not make love to you, and the Eiffel Tower has been booby-trapped. It will be a hard pull but the French people will never rest until the weine of Italian pig-soldiers have been driven off of French soil. Vive la France!

ENGLAND-ITALY: Why haven't we coordinated this better?

MARSEILLES: General B ___ received thousands of cheering Frenchmen as he entered the gates of the port city of Marseilles. His brilliant military maneuvers against the invading Italian forces have resulted in complete encirclement of the invading forces, leaving them totally cut off from their homeland.

VIE-ROM: We should have tried it this way from the beginning. Pax?

PAR-MOS: I suppose better late than never.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Hope you don't mind the return stab, what's fair is unfair.

FRENCH PRESIDENT (BREST): "...the Franco-German juggernaut that swept the English villains off the board will now turn on the oppressive regimes of the Italians and Russians and crush them in turn for their perfidy and disrespect for the Tricolor. French forces are at this moment moving to occupy Rome, as it only seems fair since those Wops have taken Paris."

TURKEY-FRANCE: It appears that you have a sudden need to relocate your capital. I hope the move is a temporary one.

TURKEY-BUDAPEST: The Turkish emissary would like to make it clear that he is fully aware of the Austrian plans and is making every effort to preempt them.

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send the author an advance copy of the galley for proofreading purposes. Anyway, I'm glad you were happy with the results.

I don't know much about the Brad Wilson case except what I read in response to your similar letters in EE, VoD, and other zines. The only thing I "lost" was a couple of issues of LSD when he folded and I let our "trade" continue for a while. I understand that some, if not all, subs have been refunded by Dick Martin and John Caruso. This type of problem keeps cropping up, and I doubt that any agreement among the motley crew of dippy publishers to take uniform measures. Personally, I would not refuse anyone the right to read LSD, but I might not be so liberal about people who want to play in a game here. For example, I don't cancel subs of NMRing players, but they'll never be in another game in LSD.

Dear Mike,

...One idea before I go. This thing has long been bugging me. There are so many people out there that I know nothing about. How about something like a "Meet the People"? This would be a pamphlet with a picture and a description of the person. What do you think?

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Sounds like a good idea for a special project. You ought to confer with Gary Coughlan. He has been publishing pictures of hobby members in EUROPA EXPRESS (4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118) and reportedly has a large collection of photos. Maybe he has something like this in mind already.

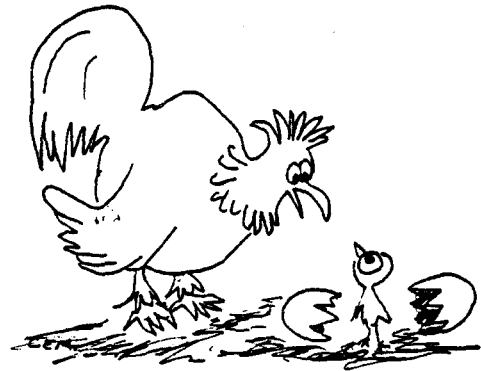
Dear Mike,

I wanted to reply to James Woodson's letter in LSD#14, but could not track down the quote he referred to or a remark made by Isaac Asimov in an

F&SF essay about how he prefers plain, dull sentences to poetic striking phrases. I planned to juxtapose the whole quote and its author with Asimov's remark to show how Isaac is too shallow a mind to conceive of such a quote. But "Violence is the last resort of the incompetent" was not in any reference works on quotations I have access to.

I also planned to describe California's "independence", but can't find my notes. Suffice to say Californian independence was short-lived (less than one month), confined to a band of American fanatics who appointed each other into the new government's positions, and it ended in a sorry state, when after the government never functioned, the land was annexed to the United States in the Mexican War settlement.

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Just take my word for it, kid. This is where it's at.

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