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## I MET MY WIFE AT DIPCON

It was 1974 and DipCon time. I was flying from San Francisco to Chicago to attend my fourth DipCon, and little did I know that by the end of the weekend I was to meet my future wife. ¶I had attended the 1971 DipCon in San Diego and the next two in Chicago and know (or thought I knew) pretty much what to expect: endless gaming with an all-male crew. What women I had met at DipCons, or at any wargame gathering for that matter, were always a player's girlfriend or wife brought along to watch, bored, while boys of all ages play with their wooden blocks. Single, eligible women at a Dipcon? Impossible! ¶Saturday morning arrived, and I eagerly headed down from my hotel room to the tournament area. The crowd was assembling. Allan Calhmer, Edi Birsan, Walt Buchanan, Len Lakofka, Jeff Key, John Boyer, and many, many more were sharpening their trusty knives. It was going to be a tough tournament. ¶In addition to all of these crazed stabbers in search of a stabbee, there were a few women. Carol Buchanan was there with son, Prince William, and there was a very good-looking woman chatting with a couple of players. Must be someone's girlfriend. Oh well, a DipCon is hardly the place to look for romance, especially when blood is about to flow. ¶Game One of the three-round tournament was about to begin: Doug Beyerlein--England, Marie Cockrell--France, Rich Swies--Germany, Len Lakofka--Italy, Don Pitsch--Russia, and so on. This woman whom I had earlier noticed was now playing France to my England. Interesting. But at the same time it was upsetting to note that France, Germany, Italy, and Russia were all from Chicago. Well, to make a short story shorter, Marie Cockrell knew how to play Diplomacy, and together we participated in a 5-way draw. I was impressed. ¶Round Two placed me in an all-male game, fighting it out with the likes of Allan Calhmer, John Boyer, and Warren Wyman. Sigh, no Marie. ¶Next it was Sunday and time for Game Three. And then it happened. There are times in one's life when everything falls neatly into place, and important decisions become obvious and without doubt. They feel right. And that is what happened on that Sunday in August. Marie was assigned to play Turkey, and I was Austria, and a sixth sense told me that wasn't chance. An alliance was about to form that would outlast and expand beyond the realm of Diplomacy. ¶The game broke half-way through for what later proved to be a two-hour lunch. During this break Marie and I discussed many things and found that we had much in common. In addition to Diplomacy, we both enjoyed hiking, bicycling, and tennis (and still do). And our work is fairly similar in that we both work with computers. Right then I knew that Marie was the right woman for me. ¶I returned to California after the DipCon with that idea and yet knew that the odds were against this potential relationship reaching fruition. But there was a chance, and it was worth taking. So I started up a correspondence with Marie, and it grew and developed until the meaning was clear: we were in love. ¶She flew out at Thanksgiving time for a visit. Everything fell naturally into place, and on Thanksgiving Day I proposed. ¶We were married at the North Park College chapel in Chicago on 26 April 1975. Walt Buchanan was the Best Man, and Len Lakofka caught the garter. ¶And we have lived happily ever after.

## A Love Story by Doug Beyerlein



## Hamlin, Williams Get Valentine



1981 P Gulf Coast F 1905

LEADERS OPT FOR LOVE AND PEACE,  
CONCEDE JOINT WIN TO SULTAN, TSAR

\* Congratulations to Garry Hamlin (Russia) and Jim Williams (Turkey) for winning the draw. Players who wish to write end-game statements should send them in by Monday, March 8th for next issue's wrapup.

# ★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News

**J-GAME TO OPEN.** With the completion of Gulf Coast, LSD has room for a new game. The gamestart will be announced next issue. Milewski has already paid. I need a confirmation in the form of a \$10 gamefee from Ellis, Fritz, Suitor, Gallagher, Winter, and Smith by 27 February. If someone from this list cannot play, Pond and Mayes are the next in line for the Austinite spot reserved for Ellis. Precedence for the other places: Luedi, Lawniczak, Pierce, and Drews. If you want to join this list for the K-game, which probably won't open for six months at least, drop me a card. Meanwhile, the lineup for this game looks promising!

**PLAYER POLL RESULTS.** Although the top five finishers in John Caruso's poll have been known for some time, I only recently found out through John Daly's DOGS OF WAR that I had tied for 8th place! Why Caruso kept this secret, I can't guess, but I'm flattered (and somewhat amazed) to have ranked so high. I hope this doesn't mean that my allies will stab me now! Here are the top 24 placeholders, as reported by Daly:

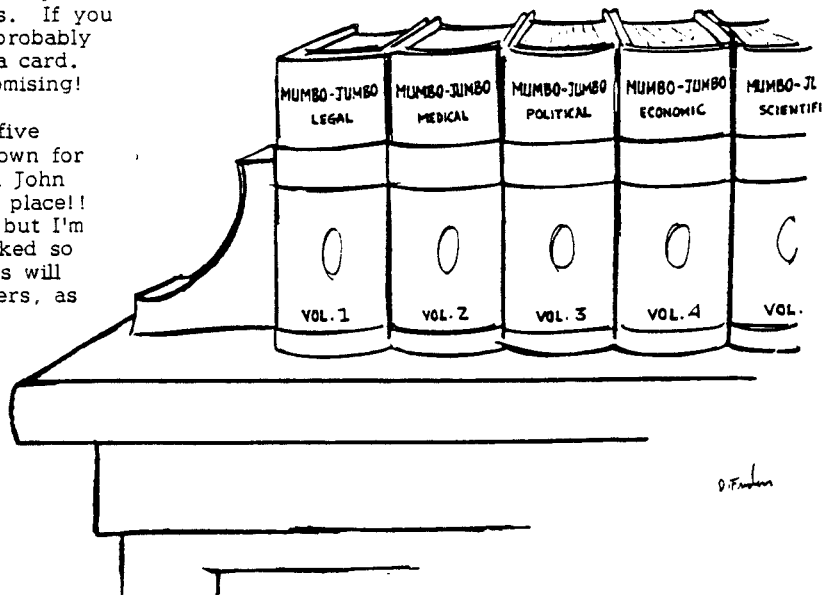
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| 1. Byrne          | 13. Carter    |
| 2. Brown (Calif.) | 13. Heinowski |
| 3. Masters        | 13. Olsen     |
| 4. Ditter         | 18. Kuzinski  |
| 5. Caruso         | 18. Langley   |
| 6. Kendter, Sr.   | 18. Grabar    |
| 7. Guajardo       | 18. Mainardi  |
| 8. Lee            | 18. Ragsdale  |
| 8. Zipper         | 18. Rodriguez |
| 8. Conner         | 24. Fassio    |
| 8. Fleming        | 24. Stafford  |
| 8. Smythe         | 24. Walters   |
| 13. Hart          | 24. Kevern    |
| 13. Wells         | 24. Osuch     |

In the other divisions of the poll, the top three known finishers for Best Variant Player are Fred Hyatt, John Caruso, and Dave Grabar. Best Diplomacy Writers saw Gary Coughlan, Kathy Byrne, and Jack Masters finish 1-2-3.

**DIGEST BOOM.** More and more publishers are shifting to photocopy reduction in the production of their zines. It makes good economic sense. Roughly twice as much material can be printed in the same space that way. Also, photocopying can yield much more legible results than the old-fashioned ditto or (ugh!) mimeograph, and offers wider scope for graphics. Most of the zines using reduction have taken up the "digest" format pioneered by DIPLOMACY DIGEST (Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304) In simplest form, the pubber fills an 8½"x11" sheet with typing, and this becomes the reduced page. Actually, more can be accommodated without sacrificing legibility, but this requires some cut and paste. Three zines, LSD, GWMM, & LIBERTERREAN, use reduction with a full-sized page, the latter on 11"x17" sheets, folded, like a magazine. For well-executed examples of the digest style, send stamps to EUROPA EXPRESS (Coughlan's address in letters column), SNAFU (Ron Ronald J. Brown, R.R.#1, Brennan's Hill, Low, Quebec J0X 2C0), JUST AMONG FRIENDS (Al Pearson, PO Box 898, Charlestown, WV 25414).

☞ NOTE: New zipcode is 78722

**CARTOGRAPHIC NOTE.** Thanks to Steve Langley for the map which LSD ran in the last issue to show the final positions in the Cactus game. I wish I had space to print one with each game report, but squeezing eight or nine games into ten pages doesn't leave much room. Perhaps when the game load diminishes a little.



**PLUG-OF-THE-MONTH.** Always highly ranked on my personal top ten list, THE VOICE OF DOOM recently announced game openings. But be warned: pubber Brux Linsey is one of the strictest GMs in the hobby, and he has long and detailed houserules. If you are not careless about writing orders, are punctual and reliable, and want to play in a controversial zine, then send Bruce a couple of stamps for a sample of the last issue. It was a goodie, with articles, a variant offering, a lively letters column, a tough logic puzzle, Doomie of the Year results (winner--Garry Hamlin) and nomination "speeches, hobby news, and of course, games.

**STANDBY LIST.** Auxier, Beyerlein, Donaldson, Fritz, Fûß, Hartman, Henry, Jewett, Kador, King, Larzelere, Milewski, Nichols, Pierce, Pond, Reed, Ridenour, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stephens, Tatsch, C. Williams, & Woodson. On or off--ask!

**NMR INSURANCE.** Albrecht, Blanchard, Daly, Ellis, Fritz, Fûß, Gallagher, Giddings, Hail, King, Koehler, Kuhn, Luedi, Martin, Peacock, Pierce, Reed, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Smith, Stafford, Stephens, Tatsch, & Woodson.

**MAILING LIST.** Welcome to Ed Wrobel, 6 Randall Ave., Baltimore, MD 21208, and Ron Landeros, whose address I seem to have mislaid. Can anyone quickly fill me in so I can send him this issue of LSD?

## Post Office of Texas

Dear Former Diplomacy Game Player in BLACK FROG:

Yes "former" is correct because BF will be no more. I made a decision in mid-December to get out of the "hobby" and to no longer publish BF. I made the decision somewhat tentative at the time, subject to changing my mind--after all I had a lot of time and money at stake in the hobby to be leaving it cold. But the longer I live with the decision to quit the happier I am about it.

To most of you, I feel that I owe nothing and could care less about you or your game. But to a very few others I feel a certain debt of friendship and because of this will keep an obligation to complete the games started in BLACK FROG/EAST OF EDEN.

There will be differences. Publication of adjudications will be by letter and not in a 'zine. There will be limitations on the amount of press from any one player in any one season. Turn-around time (the time interval between deadline and publication of adjudication) will probably never again be as prompt in the future as it was in the past. Neutral orders by computer [sic] for NMR's will not be used in the future (I have already destroyed the programs and used the seven mini-discs they were on for other purposes).

Oh yes, the games do belong to the players and you are welcome to rehouse them anywhere else to your liking at any time you want. In fact, if any one player in any game objects to my continuation as GM--then I am simply not going to continue as GM.

Sincerely, Jack Masters  
25711 North Vista Fairways  
Valencia, CA 91355

*I was delighted to see that you will continue to GM my game (80HU), as well as 80HR. Several in another BF game have asked me to adopt it, but each says they'd prefer you to be their GM. I have agreed to the adoption if they can't convince you, but I support their desire to play under your GMing.*

*Now I'd better get busy and revive my diplomatic efforts in that game--it's a goodie! Thanks for the welcome news, Jack.*

Dear Mike,

The "violence" quote did indeed come from Azimov, although I do not know that he originated it. I'm not even sure that it was an exact quote. The source volumes for the quote are Azimov's "Foundation" trilogy. I thought it was an appropriate caption for the cartoon that Bob drew, and so had him include it.

I have often amused myself with the logical progression. "Violence is the last resort of the incompetent." --> "Non-violence is the last resort of the competent." --> "Violence is not the last resort of the competent." --> Whatever.

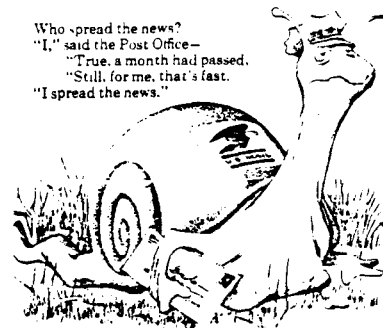
Congratulations on completion of a game in LSD. I'm just starting a game in MAGUS, and I already am running into player difficulties. I suspect your game fee may have had a bit to do with the staying power of the entrants. A lesson to ponder.

Steve Langley  
2154 Fairfield Rd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815

*How about "Non-violence is the first resort of the competent"?*

*I hope that my \$10 gamefee + sub encourages a high level of participation from the players, reduces*

Who spread the news?  
"I," said the Post Office--  
"True, a month had passed."  
"Still, for me, that's fast."  
"I spread the news."



*somewhat the demand for games here, and helps cover costs. Actually, players in Cactus only paid \$4.50-- what a bargain!!*

*For those who may not know, Steve's MAGUS is one of the components of the zine COAT OF ARMS. Send him a couple of stamps for a sample (this is a plug).*

Dear Mike,

Your last issue [#15] was very good, however I think Guy was on something when he wrote his article. I don't recall your "stabbing" anyone, at least in the game sense. Of course, since I was on the other side of the table I can't rule out the literal sense of the expression.

I would like Guy to explain how you stab someone with a steam roller.

The only complaint I have was the title bestowed upon me in my closing ("John Mayes, Turkey"). I don't recall whether I closed with that or not. If I did, perhaps it's a Freudian slip. Please let the record show that I close with "John Mayes, Turkish player". I'll let the players in the Gulf Coast game pronounce me a Turkey; I'll not confess to the fact.

John Mayes (LSD recipient)  
8017 Gessner Dr. #123  
Austin, TX 78753

Dear Mike,

I'm at work on a break so I thought I'd write you. It's been a while!

Bobby Stephens called me and mentioned the Aggie WarCon, too. I just can't do it. I'm saving my bux for insurance, some needed clothes, and for ChicagoCon in May and Baltimore in July.

Do you think you could make one of those? Michalski is talking about going to Chicago, too.

LSD, as always, looks so professional. I liked your letter column this time, although you have had it in a few issues before this last one. Could it be a regular feature? I think your readers would like it. I know I would.

Gary Coughlan  
4614 Martha Cole Lane  
Memphis, TN 38118

*Well, as it turned out I didn't make it to WarCon either! The combination of bad weather conditions and a couple of last-minute "rush" translation jobs kept me chained to the typewriter in Austin that weekend. I heard from Mike Blanchard that he got stabbed in the first (qualifying) round, and don't know what anyone else did.*

*I hope to make Chicago or Baltimore, but it's hard to say whether I'll be able to afford it. I'm saving my bux for a car, stereo, and computer.*

*The letters column looks like it will be a permanent feature of LSD. It's an easy way to answer some of the mail that I don't seem to find time to do on an individual basis, and it's a change from the articles*

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# Heart O' Texas Orphanage

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



1979 HS **Armadillo** F 1910

**FRENCH EMPIRE REDUCED TO EXILE COLONY IN LISBON; HOPE FAILS**

\* Summer 1910: France retreats dislodged F Mid-Por.

FRANCE (Ted Füß): F POR h, A PAR h [dsl, ann].  
GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): A DEN-Swe, A Gas-PAR, (A BUR & A PIC s), A MUN s A Bur, A BER s A Mun, F ENG s F Bre, F BRE & F NTH s F Eng.  
ITALY (John Koehler): A GRE h, A Tyo-PIE, A Tri-TYO (A VIE s), F WES & A MAR s Russian F Mid-Spa(nc), F TRH s F Wes, F LYO s A Mar, F NAF s Russian F Iri-Mid.  
RUSSIA (John Daly): F Mid-SPA(sc), F Iri-MID, A EDI h, A NWY-Swe, F NWG-Nwy, A Mos-STP, A Sev-MOS, A WAR-Gal, A UKR-Gal, F Bla-BUL(ec), F AEG-Ion, F EAS-Ion.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

F: Par, Mar, Spa, Por 1/even [2 ann,  
G: Home, Den, Swe, Hol, Bel, played 1 short]  
Lon, Bre, PAR 10/build 1  
I: Home, Austria, Tun, Ser, Gre 9/even  
Gre, MAR 10/build 1  
R: Home, Turkey, Rum, Bul, 13/build 1  
Nwy, Edi, Lpl, SPA

\* A G-I-R draw has been proposed. Votes will be tabulated before winter adjustments. NVR = yes.

\* PRESS--

**BERLIN:** The Kaiser announced the fall of Paris today as besieging German armies finally crushed all remaining resistance. With all her home centers occupied by foreign forces and only a single naval unit left besieged in Iberia, France no longer exists as a viable political entity. The German people once more call for a humanitarian end to the hostilities and request a G-I-R draw.

**BER-ROM:** Thanks for the note, and I accede to the Pope's fair judgement about Iberia. It is immaterial to the outcome, anyway.

**BER-MOS:** My respects and compliments to the Tsar. The triumph over France owes as much to the solid Russian support in the north as to the German armies in the field. My thanks and gratitude.

**ROM-PAR:** Two letter to you returned by the Post Office. Where are you?

**BERLIN-TED:** I tried to get a note to you, but the Post Office refused to cooperate. I am sorry that circumstances did not permit you a better role in this game, but the issue was all but decided by the time you took over the French position. Granted, the outcome of some kind of G-I-R conflict would have been interesting, but Koehler, Daly, & I have been through too much together and our positions are too equal. A G-I-R draw under such circumstances is inevitable. I regret being an instrument in your demise and I salute France's fallen warriors. May we meet under more equal and more favorable conditions in the future. Good luck.

**LSD-TED:** I too have had trouble getting mail to you. I suggest you file a complaint--see Gary Coughlan about this matter.

**ROM-MUN & MOS:** Let's everybody keep honest. We've got a good thing going!



1979 HT **Bluebonnet** S 1911

**KING GERBIL BLASÉ ABOUT POSSIBLE CONCESSION BY EXHAUSTED POWERS**

\* Autumn 1910: Russia retreats dislodged A Stp-Mos.

\* Winter 1910: Germany NBR, plays 1 short; Russia removes F Rum [SC chart note should have indicated a Russian removal]; Turkey builds F Smy.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): A PIE-Ven, A MAR-Pie, F Trh-ROM (A TUS s), F Lyo-TRH, F Ion-Apu, [dsl, ret to Alb, Nap, or dsb], F TUN-Ion, F Nth-ENG, F NWG h.

GERMANY (Dick Martin?): NMR! A TYO, A VIE, A BOH, A SIL, A LVN, A SWE, A STP, F BAL, & F BAR all hold.

ITALY (Tony Auxier): A Rom-Ven [dsl, ret to Nap or dsb] (A APU s).

RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): A Mos-UKR, A Lvn-MOS (A WAR s), A GAL s A War, A BUD s A Gal.

TURKEY (Cynthia Ellis): F Adr-ION (F AEG s), F Smy-EAS, A VEN h (A TRI s), A SER s A Tri, A GRE h (A BUL s).

\* A concession to Germany has been proposed. Will Martin be around to accept (if it passes), or will Doug Beyerlein, who is requested to submit standby orders for Germany. His address: 640 College Ave. Menlo Park, CA 94025.

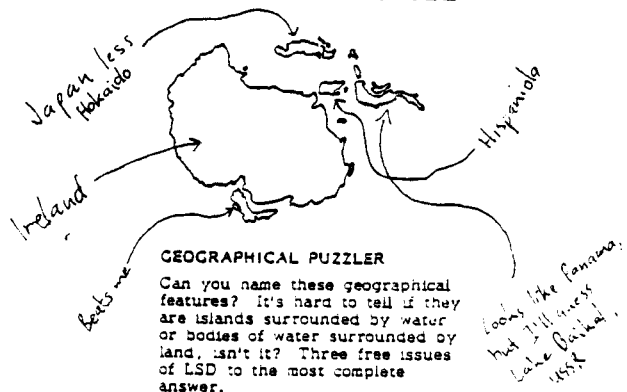
\* If France and Italy both attempt a retreat to Nap, both units are annihilated.

\*PRESS--

MOS-BER: Uncle!

POPE-KING G: Hope you can think of some press to write. My mind is too fuzzed up from all of this snow. Seems more like StP than Rom around here.

## The PUZZLER



**CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR:** John Michalski does get a consolation prize for his imaginative answers. Turn to page 6 for a look at the winning entry.

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and game reports. It is also an extremely flexible design element--expandable or contractable, depending on space availability. Also, it puts more names into print, which is a good way to increase participation. You should know that. EUROPA EXPRESS is full of personalities!

Dear Mike,

Gee! I guess I miss a lot of things by coming back to Indiana: moderate winters, economic vitality, fun at Conner's, etc. At least with Bobby Stephen's description, I won't get blown away if ever I meet you.

I kaputtet my way up to Detroit a few weeks ago [the letter is dated 16 Dec 81] for their WinterCon. Glenn and Jeri Overby were nothing like what I expected. I'm still not over the shock of it. I also met Marion Bates (and actually shared a hotel room with him and one Tom Monaghaun (sp?), a pretty alright guy), who is really a character, Ben Schilling, momentarily, and a few others whose names I can't remember. We won't talk about what happened in the Diplomacy tournament (none of the aforementioned were involved), other than I was glad I didn't make the second round, because I really got to check out a lot of the other things happening at the Con.

Also got to play "Ace of Aces" for the first time, "Powerplay"--yucko, "Cosmic Encounter", also for the first time, managing to get two 2-way draws in two games, including one with Marion, who'd never won at it before, and "Hoax", something new from Eon Products, which is an excellent psychological little game, but not worth the \$10 pricetag, but very fast-paced and challenging, for ages 5-∞. A most interesting day-and-a-half!

I wish I could say I'll come visit you sometime, but there's a certain problem with some certain Texas law enforcement agencies, i.e., my ass is grass in Texas. (!) [?] It would definitely be a covert operation. I had planned on going down this fall, but things just didn't go together. Please send some economic vitality with future issues of LSD.

Mark Luedi  
PO Box 986  
Chesterton, IN 46304

Sorry it took so long to get to your letter. It got mislaid during the recent move. Now that you have our attention, could you elaborate on that last paragraph. I'll not print it if you want (with apologies to other readers, but pubbing has its privileges!).

Mike,

I'm not sure of the preposition "C" or the case form of the words, but your Russian in last issue means "Since/from/with/to the New Year", I believe. I will have to check the last few issues. I hadn't noticed the Cyrillic before. I am rusty (my Russian), but hopefully I was in the right ballpark.

Tony Auxier  
Route 3  
McLeansboro, IL 62859

Russian lesson of the month: Russians usually omit the first two words "Поздравляю вас...", which mean "I congratulate y'all...". The preposition "с" plus instrumental case gives "...with the New Year", or in Cyrillic "с Новым Годом". The official Soviet holiday is New Year's, but most Russians also observe Christmas. The appropriate greeting for that day is "...с Рождеством Христовым", literally, "with the birth of Christ".

Exerpts from two "noats":

It was kind of sad to hear of your...separation --but then, often times it's probably just as well. Sometimes enough is too much. We almost split a few times, some years back, but now the last year or two have been better. Ever since she got her big house, decided on quitting work, and knew BB was winding down, more or less!

WarCon seems unlikely. I'm still reeling from the cost of MWCon, and that was only a 9-hour drive. Austin alone is 9 hours easy, since that's what it took me twice a week my last few months in service at Bergstrom, "commuting" to here each weekend. College Station would add another hour, I'd guess. That's 2 days on the road for perhaps 1½ days there. No, unless I had some others interested in going, the strains don't seem to match the lure. Maybe some other time.

John Michalski  
Rt. 10, Box 526Q  
Moore, OK 73165

You ought to take a look at a road map, John. If you take IH45 out of Dallas until the Madisonville exit onto US190, you'd reach College Station in under nine (I'm using your timescale, not necessarily mine. I usually drive at 55, or the average speed of the traffic, if it's drastically different from that).

How's this for a proposition: You decide when you want to spend the time on the road (Hell, fly! It's not that much more expensive.) and I'll set up JohnCon in your honor here on Ashwood Road. Bring a friend, if you want.

Thanks for the sympathetic words. From you and many others who have shared the experience of a not-so-perfect relationship. Most of them are not perfect, and it can be disillusioning to find that out.

I was divorced once before, ten years ago, to be more precise. Compared to that, this is Disneyland! Cindy and I still see each other ("date"?) often, since we are still best friends, odd as that may sound. Although I would have preferred a different scenario, for the most part, I am in a pretty positive state of mind, wondering what's in the old crystal ball.





1980 KG **Derrick** S 1906

KAISER OUTGUESSED; F & I STANDOFF  
IN PYRENNES; R-A HOSTILITIES END

- \* Last issues SC chart should have shown 5 supply centers for France, hence a removal; Italy, which took Mar from France, is then at 8 and builds 2.
- \* Winter 1905: France removes F Mid; Italy builds F Nap & A Rom; Austria builds A Bud.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): A BEL h, F Nwy-SWE, F Lon-NTH (F EDI s), F NAT u, h.  
 FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): A PAR-Bur, A GAS-Mar, (F SPA(sc) s), F WES-Lyo, F ENG's English A Bel.  
 GERMANY (Al Giddings): F Nth-Bel [dsl, ret to Yor, Nwy, Nwy, Ska, Hel, or dsb] (A HOL s), A BUR s English A Bel-Pic [nso], A RUH s A Bur, A Bur-MUN, F Ska-DEN.  
 ITALY (Mark Luedi): A Ven-ROM, A Rom-NAP, F Nap-TRH, F LYO-Spa(sc) (A MAR s), F Aeg-ION, F Con-AEG, A Ank-SMY.  
 AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): A BUD-Gal, A UKR-Gal, A Sev-ARM (F BLA s), A BUL h (A GRE s), A TYO h, A Tri-SER.  
 RUSSIA (David Pierce): A Pru-BER (A SIL s).

\* PRESS--

GERMANY-RUSSIA: If you are in Berlin, may a camel leave a sacred sacrifice on your front lawn. If you have withdrawn instead, then never mind that last message.

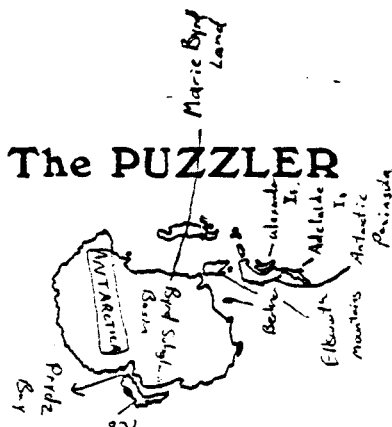
GERMANY-ENGLAND: Code name flora. Lily pad Belgique. Sverige rose. Third phase nix.... Frankrike all go. Sector fyra ensam.

GERMANY-FRANCE: How come you never write to me anymore, Bobby? I tried leaving France last turn. Now I've decided to stay...even though the Russian "Skit ansikte" (get your Swedish lexicon out for that one, Coughlan) vacations in the Homeland.

ROMA: The Tunizian national regime has been unseated in a daring and imaginative coup led by the Plumbers' Union. By replacing all commodes in government buildings with oversized units, the plumbers have succeeded in flushing the Tunizians out of power. Quickly elected to lead the new government is Signor Goodwrench, who has reevaluated the aggressive foreign policy practiced by the ousted Tuniz fanatics. However, the new president announced an all-out war against plagerism. Meanwhile, in Turkey, El Zappo has been arrested by Reynolds Wrap salesmen. "Zats! Zoiled again!" were his only words. Indications from the new government are that El Zappo will be sent to the French.

ROM-PAR: I hope you had the sense to scrawl "Remove F Wes" on your orders.

DON TINKER wins 3 issues of LSD for the most correct map. Neither player could identify Enderby Land, shown at the bottom. The absence of the ice cap probably fooled everyone except Don. Good show!



1981 A **Enchanted Rock** S 1906

GERMANY CROSSES MAGINOT LINE;  
AUSTRIA SUFFERS FOUR RETREATS

- \* Autumn 1905: Germany retreats dsl A Vie-Tyo.
- \* Winter 1905: Italy builds F Nap; Russia builds A War & F Stp(nc).

FRANCE (William Owen): A BEL h, A Lon-BRE (F ENG c), A Tus-MAR (F LYO c), A Naf-TUN, (F WES s).  
 GERMANY (Jeff Noto): A Tyo-VIE (A TRI s), A HOL-Bel, A Mun-BUR (A RUH s), A Ber-MUN.  
 ITALY (Guy Hail): F Nap-TRH (F ROM s), F Adr-VEN, A Ser-GRE (F ION s).  
 AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): A Vie-Tri [dsl, ret to Boh or dsb], (A Bud s [dsl, ret to Ser or dsb]), A Arm-Sev [dsl, ret to Syr, Smy, or dsb], F CON-Bul(ec) (F Gre s [dsl, ret to Alb, Aeg, or dsb]), A ANK-Con.  
 RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): F BUL(sc)-Con, A Sev-ARM (F BLA s), A Gal-BUD (A RUM s), A War-GAL, F Stp(nc)-NWY, A Yor-LON (F NTH s), F Lpl-WAL.

\* A G-I-R draw has been proposed. No kidding! Votes will be tabulated before summer retreats. NVR = yes.

\* PRESS--

PARIS-WESTERN EUROPE: Note well: as the Russian power grows we squabble amongst ourselves, not unlike the others in 1980IZ. Let's work together before it's too late.

GER-FRA: Hey, how come no letters? If you had written to me, you wouldn't be in danger of losing two centers to me.

NAP-PAR: It isn't hard to last until the end of the game when you hide in Portugal and attack only the weakest of your enemies. At least Fred was ahead when I attacked him.

NEW ALAMO: The President of France retired to the sunny Gulf Coast today. When asked why he was in America when he should be leading his armies, he replied, "My armies should be able to handle Italians, but I wouldn't want to put the Republic in danger by leading them myself."

NAP-STP: Do try and dispose of this Austrian menace soon, my life in the game may depend on it.  
 MUN-MOS: Is it true that you used to be a Linsey today? What happened?

NAP-BER: Please don't do that again. I need you, Russia needs you, and Austria & France want you to NMR so they can win. There is still a lot of play left in this game if Noto is crowned Kaiser.

ROME: The Pope welcomes the crowning of a new Kaiser and wistfully hopes the new King and Commander of Protestant Germany can continue to ally with the Catholics of Italy and Eastern Churches of Russia.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: Sorry, Fred, but I see more benefit for me in jumping on the I/R bandwagon.

TIRANE: The psychiatrist of Italian President D'Annuncio today defected to the Icelandic consulate here in Albania yesterday. Today Dr. Major Maetto read a statement to the press. Text follows:

"D'Annuncio, President of the Italian Republic, is insane. Many years ago he contracted syphilis in Turkey and is now in the tertiary stages of the disease. Expect him to go completely around the bend if the changes in the map of Europe become too much for his enfeebled brain to understand!"



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## Friendship

S 1906

TURKS SACK ROME; POPE SEEKS AID;  
GERMANY FORTIFIES NORTH FRONTIER

\* *GM apologizes to the Tsar. His convoy A Stp-CLY succeeded last season, but to little avail. He was still eliminated. England's F Cly-EDI also succeeded.*

\* *Autumn 1905: Italy retreats dislodged F Nap-Trh.*

\* *Winter 1905: Germany builds A Mun, F Ber, & F Kie; Italy removes F Mid; Austria builds A Bud, Turkey builds A Smy.*

ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): F NTH-Eng, F NWY-Nth, A Fin-Stp [ds], ann], F Edi-NWG.  
GERMANY (George Cunningham): A BUR-Bel, F BEL-Eng, A Bre-PIC, A Sil-WAR, A War-UKR, A Stp-FIN (A SWE s), F BOT s A Swe, A Mos-STP, F Kie-DEN, F Ber-KIE, A Mun-SIL.  
ITALY (Paul Goodrich): F TRH-Nap, A VEN-Rom, A PIE-Ven, F TUN-Ion (F ADR s), F Wes-TUN.  
AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): A TRI-Ven, A SER-Tri, A Vie-TYO, A Bud-VIE, A GAL h, F GRE s Turkish F Aeg-Ion.  
TURKEY (Mike Drews): A APU-Rom (F NAP s), F ION-Adr, F AEG-Ion, A Smy-ARM, A BUL h.

\* *Note that the battle for the Ionian was a standoff due to two equally supported attacks on that space. The Turkish order F Ion-Adr had no effect on the adjudication.*

\* *Thanks to Paul Milewski for submitting standby orders, even though they were not needed.*

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ENGLAND-PAST RUSSIAN: I miss you already, but wherever you are, keep a spot open. I'll be there soon.

ENGLAND-TURKEY & AUSTRIA: If you two stick together you have a real good chance of winning this one. But only if you stick together and apply some pressure on the German. All of the Kaiser's former friends (see what happens if you're one of his friends) are pulling for you.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: No hard feelings. It is only a game.

ENGLAND-EUROPE: Today the English people started preparing for the upcoming onslaught by the Kaiser's wicked forces. All children have been removed to America, and mothers-in-law have been put on the front lines. Beans have been given out to all people weighing more than 200 pounds in an effort to use the gas against the Germans. Cow dung has been placed over all the beaches which are expected to be invaded. Thousands of people from India with leprosy have been brought to Great Britain and now also line the beaches with a cheerful welcome for the Kaiser's troops. Even some armadillos with leprosy have been imported from Texas to give the beaches a special touch. (note: The armadillo is the only animal besides man that can have leprosy.) Even the King himself is helping in the defense preparation by eating dozens of prunes and then running down to the beaches to leave a gift for the Kaiser's troops. All of England will be ready when the invasion comes. England asks for the prayers of all the peoples of the world, especially that the winds will blow the right way for this great nation.



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## Independence

S 1904

KAISER DON ADVANCES ON ANTWERP;  
POPE SEEKS SUN; A-T PACT FIRMED

\* *Autumn 1903: Russia retreats dislodged A Gal-Boh.*

\* *Winter 1903: England removes F Pic & F Ska; Germany builds A Kie; Russia builds A Stp; Turkey builds F Smy.*

ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): F LVP h.  
FRANCE (Jim Meinel): F NAT-Mid, F SPA(sc)-Mid, F Eng-BRE, A Bel-PIC, A MAR-Bur.  
GERMANY (Don Scheifler): A MUN-Bur, A Kie-RUH, A Hol-BEL (F NTH s), A Lon-YOR, F DEN-Swe, A SIL s Russian A Boh-Gal.  
ITALY (Doug Tatsch): A Ven-PIE, A Par-GAS, F Wes-LYO, F ADR-APU, F ION defiantly spits at the Turkish ultimatum (h) [ds], ret to Alb, Nap, Trh, Tun, Eas, or dsb.  
AUSTRIA (Len Blasiol): F Tri-ADR, A Ser-TRI, A GAL h (A VIE s).  
RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): A BOH-Gal, A MOS-Ukr, (A WAR s), A STP-Mos, F NWY-Swe.  
TURKEY (Mike Blanchard): A RUM s & A UKR s Austrian A Gal, A SEV s A Ukr, F Bla-CON, F Aeg-ION (F GRE s), F Smy-AEG.

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ROME-WORLD: The unintended evolution of Gunboat Diplomacy as the basis of Italian foreign policy is at an end--as may well be the existence of the Italian nation in the near future. An untimely and protracted illness since the New Year prevented renewed diplomatic contacts this season. This was unfortunate, not only for Italy, but also for the other "have-not" nations, because of the alarming immediacy of the danger from certain sectors. My apologies to France and Germany for not acknowledging your eloquent, reasonable, and intelligent letters and my regrets to Russia and Austria for my tardiness in helping plan an effective anti-infidel association. I hope and pray the situation is not irretrievable. Diplomatic contacts will be made immediately once the extent of this season's damages have been assessed.

ROM-ANK: Thanks for your letter as well, but rather than letting you out into the Med without a fight, I would just as soon you take a flying leap into the Bosphorus!

VIENNA: Mama said there'd be days like this...

ROM-VIE: Pax it is--and has been in my mind since spring '03. Now, let's do some planning on mutual survival.

ROM-MOS: We haven't talked in a while. How about the three of us (A/I/R) working something out to combat you-know-who?

PARIS: Marshall Romaforevi, touted in the Italian press as the "Roman Hannibal" after crossing the Alps to capture Mar by surprise and then brilliantly maneuvering his army into Par without opposition, has decided to evacuate Par and check out the R&R opportunities in Gas. Leading his unvanquished troops south, the general was quoted as saying, "Par is overrated as a cultural and recreational center--the wine tastes of vinegar, the women are all ugly as sin, and that architectural phallic symbol the Frogs are all so proud of is a blight on the skyline of a singularly unimpressive shantytown. If the reportedly sunny clime of Gas is a disappointing, we may leave France altogether.

# Sense of Omission

## Part III. Asseverate the Positive

by Ben Teague

In the first two parts of this series, I illustrated some blunders of our linguistic forebears--borrowing halves of natural word-pairs and adopting affixed words without taking the roots alone. Another major class of words that got lost in earlier stages of our language's history is the Lost Positives.

These missing words first came to my attention when a friend invited me to join the Society for the Restoration of Lost Positives, a sort of idea-in-the-mind-of-God group looking for them and pushing their use. He pointed out two of the Society's early successes, *ept* and *couth*. Impressed with their work, I said I would be delighted to join. Evidently, *delighted* was the wrong word to use, for my friend never mentioned SRLP again. Still, I feel that several years' dedicated work has toned for that slip, and I now propose to show you the principles and results of the Society's work.

A *negative* is a word containing some formal element that expresses denial, privation or nonexistence. The *de-* in *denial* and the *non-* in *nonexistence* make these words negatives; *privation*, in spite of its meaning, is not formally a negative.

A *positive* is a word obtained by a certain treatment of a negative: removing or inverting that part of the word that made it a negative. *Ungrateful* has the positive *grateful* by deletion; *heedless* has the positive *heedful* by inversion.

Finally, a *lost positive* is a positive that does not exist in contemporary English, through the negative does. *Couth* was lost for a time; dictionaries do not yet recognize the restoration of *ept*; and *effable* is still in the developmental stage.

Many of the lost positive cause no trouble. From *exempt* we get *empt* "subject to an obligation"; from *abominate*, *ominate* "not to mind much"; from *defenestrate*, *fenestrate* "throw in through a window" (the dictionary gives *fenestrate*, but with a quite different meaning); from *disburse*, *burse* "refuse to pay"; from *impecunious*, *pecunious* "rich"; from *unkempt*, *kempt* "combed, tidy"; from *ruthless*, *ruthful* "full of sorrow, causing sorrow" (in some dictionaries as an archaism) and so on. Surely I need laborate further.

There are, however, some refinements to the search. First English has many hidden negatives, or *cryptonegatives*, and thus lacks many hidden lost positives. I'll start with *claim* (from *exclaim*) "to cry, but not out". *Undulate* gives *dulate* "move in a straight line". *Cimate* "leave mostly untouched" comes, of course, from *decimate*. *Distinctive* yields *tinctive* "pretty much like the rest", while *impetigo* yields *petigo* "absence of contagious skin disease; healthy complexion".

Lost positives often make the best definitions of other lost positives. For instance, *plain* "make unclear; lucidate"; *cernment* "criminating taste". To *falcate* means "leave the money in the till; scold".

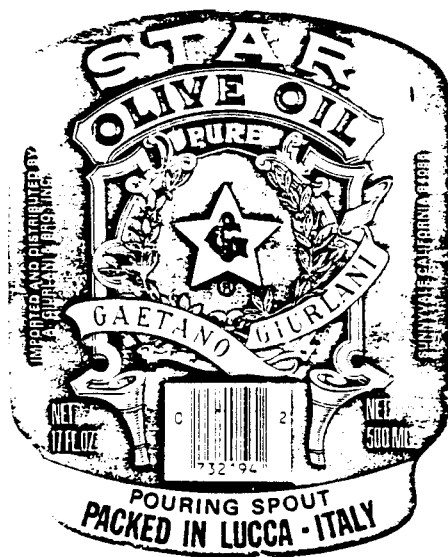
Many of the definitions may strike you as wishy-washy or dull. Then what about *pepsia* "chronic good digestion" and *comfiture* "satisfaction with the latest turn of events", *aster* "catastrophe narrowly averted", and *pology* "statement denying repentance or regret"?

Careful work with lost positives reveals, as you might have pected, numerous puns. *Dicate* comes from both *abdicate* and *dedicate* and means "stay on the throne; continue to accept responsibility" and "apply oneself less than diligently". From *intricate* and *extricate* we get *tricate* "not very complicated; free of toils" and "leave in the toils". Here is a hard

one: *precate* "not curse or condemn; veigh" and "keep one's disapproval to oneself; fail to protest".

Finally, lost positives lend themselves to complete, connected utterances, if not to coherent ones. "Hausted ecutives of the company, having erted every fort in the firm pectation of an uberant piration, ulted over the asperating climax." "Gruntled airport officials viewed the aster with may." "The theory of the Panding Iverse predicts that the tance between galaxies will continue to crease." "The still-toothful agenarian hibitionist chalantly took a dictory position in the terchange, but we soon plained to him why this would have a verse fect on his tax emption."

Truly the restatement of lost positives is a goal serving of our every fort, something that we can all say to chieve. In so doing, we will vigerate our languate and prove our lives. From a merely superb strument we will vise the most traordinary artifact ever agined by the mind of man.



STARS OF THE MONTH: Starred labels caught the eyes of Joe Gallagher and Don Tinker. Imagine how much trouble it was to remove the labels whole! Don offered to bring me the (full) bottle the next time he was in Texas. I'll have to stock up on Lone Star for his visit, whenever that'll be.



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ENGLAND (Allen King): A Nwy-POR (F NTH, F ENG, and F MID c), F Lpl-IRI, F Stp(nc)-NWY.

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GERMANY (Bill Quinn): A Mun-BUR, A Ruh-BEL, A Bur-GAS, A Pru-LVN, F Swe-BOT, F Bal-KIE, A WAR s Austrian A Gal-Ukr [nso].

ITALY (John Koehler): A Alb-Ser [dsl, ann], A TYO-Tri, F Trh-ROM.

AUSTRIA (Ted Kuhn): A VIE-Tyo, F Tri-ALB (A SER s), A Rum s A Ser [dsl, ret to Bud or dsb], A GAL s A Rum, A VEN-Tri.

RUSSIA (Rich Reed): A UKR-Gal, F SEV s Turkish A Bul-Rum.

TURKEY (Glenn Sherrill): A Bul-RUM, A Con-BUL, F Gre-ION, A Smy-GRE (F AEG c).

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**FRONT LINE TROOPS REPORT:** On the Eastern Front The 3rd Munich Army overran French positions sending the 1st French Army retreating toward Paris. Casualties were light on both sides, and French forces are believed regrouping for a defensive stand. The 1st Kiel Army covered rearguard actions, insured continuous supply lines, and provided critical reinforcements. ¶In the West victorious units of the 1st Munich Army, supported by the 2nd Munich Army, entered Warsaw in the name of the Kaiser. All units of the Russian defenders were captured or destroyed except for the fierce Wild-assed Cossacks' Brigade. They reportedly fought through surrounding troops and successfully retreated to Moscow. ¶In the final assaults the Austrian 2nd Budapest Army provided the weight of numbers to crush final resistance. Austrian and German soldiers met on the battlefield as allies to fight side-by-side against the Tsar. After the battle German and Austrian officials met to vow that war would never break out between our nations, and to agree on a mutual aid pact. Reportedly, full accord was reached.

**ITALY-AUSTRIA:** Hello, your royal scum! Now see how real men fight and die!

**VIE-ROM:** I may have taken Venice but you were stabbing me for 2 years in the Aegean campaign. Where were you?

**LIECHTENSTEIN:** Political analysts are baffled by sudden changes in the situation in the West, as the three Great Powers all changed from their previous neutrality. French forces moved against British-held Belgium while combined Anglo-German forces moved west and south against the new Parisian monarchy. ¶In the East nothing major has changed. While continuing in his policy of talking to and getting the inside story of any army in the nearby Tyrolian Mts. a local reporter talked to both men and officers of the Italian group there now. While many would guess that they are headed either south or east against its A-H foes, the newsman seemed to indicate that this may not be true. The possibility of an attack north is not gone.

**PAR-LON:** My life is in your hands.

**LON-PAR:** Is Paris burning? I'm developing a ravenous appetite for frog legs and scorched telegraph wire insulation.

**BER-LON:** You did promise me all of Russia in exchange for my assistance. Just in case, I'm taking Belgium into protective custody.

**ICELAND-ENGLAND:** From here it looks like Germany is playing you for a fool.

**WAR-MOS:** Who's discouraged? Eventually came pretty fast for you. I don't think you'll be around next year. You did put up a good fight.

**BERLIN:** Kaiser Wilhelm extends warmest thanks for the generous support provided by Kaiser Franz-Joseph. Austria has iyr our undying gratitude and our unending support. ¶Relations with England are on again as the invasion of France got off to a good start. However the STP-NWY situation remains unresolved. Negotiations are in progress.

**ROME-WORLD:** The valiant sailors fo the remaining Italian fleet are in a hard-fought battle to save His Holiness and the King in the besieged Eternal City; any aid would be welcomed.

**MOAB-LSD:** Be it ever so humble...

**LSD-MOAB:** ...there's no place like mailbox?

**SARDINIA-PARIS:** England has made the "choice that had to be made." It's your turn now. Join the "Beleaguered Nations Cooperative" in our struggle against the A/G/E triple alliance. Strength through unity!

**SARDINIA-PARIS:** Now you know your true enemies. Join the other victims of aggression in the noble fight for survival.

**LYONS:** Frenchmen in the German-occupied Alsace-Lorraine have organized into an underground group, dedicated to waylaying any occupation troops or supplies.

**LON-ROM:** I do as I am told, old chap; now if you would just tell me something to do. Hang on. A great storm comes from the west.

**FRONT LINE TROOPS REPORT:** The Eastern Front continues to go well as Russian resistance collapses. A WAR continues the A-G assistance program. In the West heavy fighting and resistance is being encouraged by the 3rd Munich Army attempting to join English allies in Iberia.



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