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The DANISH GAMBIT

At Last, a Tactics Article in LSD!

by Don Scheifler

As a Diplomacy game begins, opening negotiations may cause the German player to fear an alliance between England and France is certain. Perhaps he is too slow in his correspondence, has received sound information on their plans, or just has a very bad feeling from the letters they have sent. If he doesn't act quickly and effectively to break up, or at least slow down this alliance, our Kaiser will be the first to say *auf Wiedersehen!*

Germany has several possibilities for opening moves, each well known. Something they all have in common is the occupation of Denmark during the first two seasons, while trying to protect the French border. At the end of 1901 German lines are stretched. Even with two builds, defense is a guessing game of support: a game Germany eventually loses. Therefore, a smart Kaiser may benefit by completely ignoring Denmark for at least a year. This is actually a minor loss, since by trading it for Belgium, he gains a solid offensive position.

S'01	F'01
A Mun-Ruh	A Ruh-Bel
F Kie-Hol	F Hol s A Ruh-Bel
A Ber-Mun	A Mun-(Bur or Ruh)

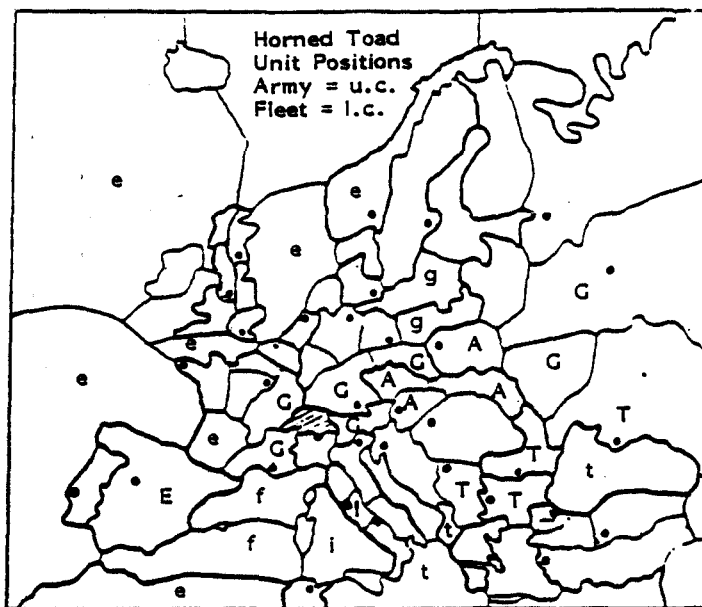
The Danish Gambit accomplishes two important things. First, England's attention is immediately diverted to the north, by offering a wide-open Denmark. The result is that England and Russia quickly become embroiled in a battle for Scandinavia, with little chance for a quick resolution. Second, by taking both Holland and Belgium in the first year, Germany is in a good position to begin negotiations with Italy. With German troops moving into France, Italy is much easier to sway towards a French assault. Thus, our Kaiser is able to sidetrack one enemy, and gain positional advantage to deal with the other.

If the war goes well against France, Germany may move on Scandinavia by allying with either England or Russia. This could be as early as S'02 if Italy has attacked Marseilles and plans to press an offensive against France. Generally it is better to side with the country losing the northern war, as the victor will already be a threat to Germany.

For an experimental Kaiser, planning to use the Danish Gambit from the beginning can be very rewarding. By informing Russia and Italy of German formed. Russia's A Mos-Stp and Italy's A Ven-Pie give the German moves much greater strength to carry an attack into France.

This opening should also be effective in Gunboat Diplomacy. Without negotiations, the chances of a joint E-F attack on Belgium and the possibilities for E-R peace terms virtually disappear.

Normally, every attempt should be made at the start of the game to ally with either France or England. However, if it appears that the E-F juggernaut will arise, the Danish Gambit can be a very effective defense where others fail.



EYES UPON:



81AU Horned Toad S 1905

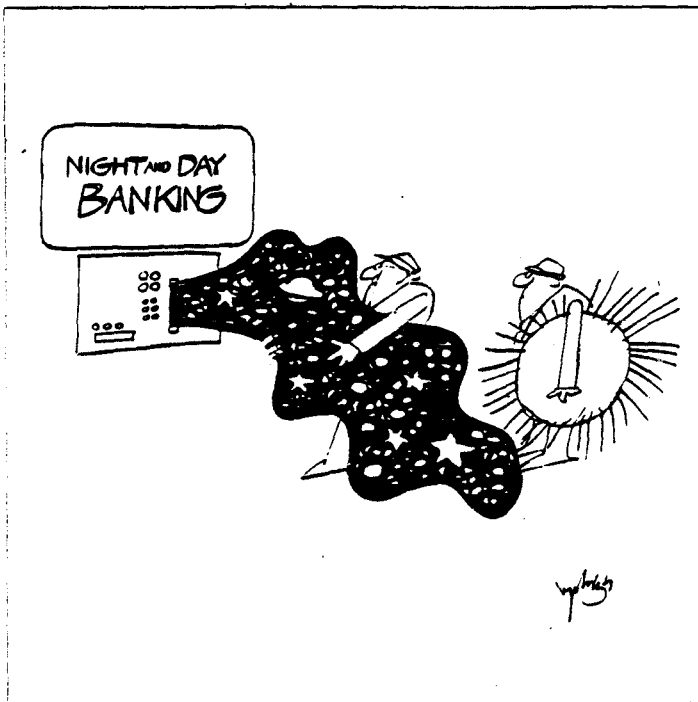
TSAR SUCCUMBS; FRANCE OVERRUN;
BRITISH OCCUPY IBERIA, ALGERIA

ENGLAND (Allen King): A Por-SPA, F Mid-NAF, F Lpi-NAT, F Bre-GAS, F Eng-MID, F Lon-ENG, F NTH h, F NWY h.
FRANCE (James Woodson): F WES-Tun, F Spa(sc)-LYO.
GERMANY (Bill Quinn): A Par-BUR, A Gas-MAR, A Mun-TYO, A Ruh-MUN, A Ber-SIL, A War-UKR (A MOS s), F Bai-PRU, F Bot-BAL.
ITALY (John Koehler): F Rom-TRH, A Nap-ROM, A Boh s German A Mun-Tyo [dsl, ann].
AUSTRIA (Ted Kuhn): A Tyo-BOH (A VIE s), A Gal-WAR, A Bud-GAL.
RUSSIA (Rich Reed): A Ukr-War [dsl, ann].
TURKEY (Glenn Sherrill): A Rum-SEV, A Bul-RUM, (A SER s), A Con-BUL, F ION-Tun, F Gre-ALB, F Ank-BLA.

- !! Last season's recount of holdings listed A BER & A MUN twice. That's a no-no: Germany has nine units, not eleven.
- !! GM Note: Since Russia's unit in the Ukraine was dislodged by the German unit coming from Warsaw, the former's A Ukr-War could not stand off the Austrian A Gal-WAR.
- !! Thanks and three issues of LSD to the stalwart Russian defender, Rich Reed. Best wishes for better luck in your other enterprises, Rich!
- !! See page 10 for Horned Toad press.

★ ROUNDUP

of Texas & International News



DALCON. Hurry or you'll miss this one! Bobby Stephens sent me a flier for the upcoming (weekend of June 4) con to be held in Dallas, but I've lost it. I won't be going, no dough, but if you are interested you could call Bobby at 214/247-1239. If a woman answers, don't hang up, it could be Jean Marie! I hope you don't mind my giving out your unlisted number, Bobby.

LEEDER POLLS. Please don't forget to evaluate the zines you love and hate in John Leeder's GM and Zine Polls. Rate each zine you read on a regular basis and each GM under which you play on a 0-to-10 scale, worst-to-best, indicate the way you're involved in the hobby (for eligibility purposes), and send your ballot to 605 15th St. NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2N 2B1. Help John out by listing zines in alphabetical order. And help out pubbers like me by being as objective as possible. I know that I find the feedback very useful, and the larger the number of people who evaluate each zine, the more valid the results.

PLUG. For some reason, Dick Martin is feeling civic-minded with respect to the institution of Diplomacy (doesn't it seem like an institution to you, sometimes?). He is assuming the burden of a Dip Census and he needs your help if you publish a zine. Send your mailing list to him before the end of June. He will tabulate, collate, and whatever else a censustaker does, and then publish the results. It should be pretty interesting to find out how many postal Dip addicts there are. In the meantime, check out the new, reduced-format RETALIATION, especially if you like spontaneous humor. John Michalski also has a subzine there occasionally, which is reason enough to sample. Send stamps to Dick at his new address (see Bluebonnet) and he'll rush you the latest issue.

MORE PLUGS. One of the authors of DAMN THE TORPEDOS must have a split personality. And it isn't Daphne Fritz. It's her husband Greg (Gregg?), who can't decide how to spell his name. Or maybe it just doesn't matter. At any rate, they have transformed their subzine into a full-fledged zine in its own right. They have plenty of game openings in Diplomacy, a Bourse, and Awful Green Things from Outer Space. They also have a crisp graphic format with plenty of cat cartoons (Caruso enjoyed reading them!). At ten issues for \$5 DtT is certainly worth a sub, but send a couple of stamps to PO Box 512, York, ME 03909 for a sample, and see if you don't agree with me. Rod Walker will probably be happy with a new zine published by an outfit with the name of *δουκιος* (12024 Penford Drive, La Mirada, CA 90007). The zine is called PERELANDRA, a place that doesn't exist, and the pubber is P. J. Gaughan. I saw Vol. 1, No. 0, which was a two-page flyer, but it looks promising. P.J. promises an 8-page digest at the rate of \$5 for ten issues. Since it is just starting up there are plenty of game openings so you should sample this one soon.

FAKES. Gary Coughlan's recent fake WHITESTONIA went right past me. Since John Caruso and I don't trade anymore, we exchange only an occasional issue, but I couldn't figure out why he sent me this one. He didn't. A closer look after reading about the fake in other zines finally clued me in. A pretty good effort, Gary! It really fooled me! It was a little easier to spot DIPLOMACY DIGRESS as a fake (I'm not a total simpleton!), because it was so short and didn't have Mark Berch's trademark center staple. This was such a good fake that I'd be proud to take credit, but I won't. Too many people are doing that already. Is Gary C. responsible for this one too?

WAITING LIST. I thought the \$10 gamefee would discourage folks from playing here, but the waiting list for gameslots is growing, not shrinking! As nearly as I can tell the potential players have the following priority: Milewski (scheduled for Jalapeno, but somehow I slipped up), Pond, Mayes, Drews, Scheifler, Owen, Landeros, Quinn, Winter, Tatsch, Luedi, Nichols, Kovalcik, and Cannon. That's almost enough for two boards! I don't expect the K-game to start for several months, when one of the current LSD games finishes. Then it may be a longer wait for the L-game, since I won't open it until two more games end. That could be sometime in the fall. The \$10 gamefee may be raised somewhat after that time, but those on this list will be guaranteed a slot at the current rate. As an aside, I am quite convinced that the high fee is responsible for the low dropout rate. Indeed, the NMR rate is very low. Whatever the reason, I'm grateful, since it saves everyone a lot of inconvenience.

MAILING LIST. Mike Cannon, 13801 Wisteria Dr., Germantown, MD 20767, is LSD's newest subscriber. Welcome aboard, Mike!

STANDBY LIST. Add Bill Quinn and Larry McCloud to the list of folks slavering to get into an LSD game as a replacement player.

More ROUNDUP--turn the page



Heart O' Texas Orphanage



1979 HT **Bluebonnet** S 1912

KAISER, POPE GIVE 1-2 TO TSAR;
ITALIAN DOMINANCE OF CHURCH FADES

!! Germany was incorrectly listed as having a unit in Tyo. Actually, it's A Boh.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): F Bre-MID, A Mar-PIE, (A VEN s), A TUS s A Ven, A Spa-MAR, F NTH & F NWG h, F TUN-Ion, F Rom-NAP (F TRH s).

GERMANY (Dick Martin): A Mun-RUH, A Gai-Ukr [dsl, ret to Sil or dsb], F NWY s French F Nth, A BOH-Gal (A VIE s), A Sil-WAR (A PRU s), A Lvn-MOS (A STP s), F Bal-LVN.

ITALY (Tony Auxier): A APU-Ven.

RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): A Mos should have gotten American Express [imp; dsl, ret to Sev or dsb], A War-GAL (A UKR & A RUM s, A Bud s [dsl, ret ann]).

TURKEY (Cynthia Ellis): A Ser-BUD (A TRI s), A Gre-BUL, A Alb-SER, F ION h (F EAS s), F Aeg-GRE.

!! COA: Dick Martin: 7400 Columbia Ave. #4, College Park, MD 20740.

!! PRESS--

SOMEWHERE OFF THE COAST OF SOUTHERN ITALY IN A TINY ROWBOAT-BERLIN: I finally lured someone into my capital, but I can't recall what I'm supposed to do now. Have I forgotten anything important?

KG-PALERMO: Alas, I don't have a massive supply of press releases on hand. Maybe I can stir something up.

FROM AFOREMENTIONED ROWBOAT-EUROPE: The Papal Guards were reported to have attempted a mutiny when rumors started that the Emperor of Austria and King of England were coming aboard to waterski. There was talk that Pope Antonio may have to try and walk on water. Pope A is quoted as saying he thinks it may be possible he can walk on the water from the looks and smell of it.

KG-LSD: Was LSD#19 the "separated seasons" issue? Another first for LSD!

TINY BOAT-BERLIN: We have just discovered a slow leak in our boat. It is possible we may only be able to write for another season or so. Hope you are able to find another pen pal or the press is up to you and the Mike.

More ROUNDUP--

FIVE-WEEK DEADLINES. It has been merely a matter of convenience (for me), not a policy change, that LSD games have been running on 5-week deadline intervals recently. Last month I wanted to avoid the weekend of the ChicagoCon (which I was unable to attend, after all). This month I have long-standing plans to be out of town four weekends from the last deadline. Is there anyone out there who prefers the longer intervals? I believe the general consensus is for shorter periods, but I may be mistaken. Anyway, games here will usually run on the basis of 4-week deadlines, and longer periods will be reserved for special reasons.

Post Office of Texas

Dear Mike,

I suspect Michalski is having us on about making fun of violence. Why, I'm sure that John would be the first to admit that violence is fun. Then, too, Guy and I were having fun with an Azimov quote and the ill-logic of its logic. That the subject of the quote was violence is incidental. John's point about the punch in the nose is well taken, an apt demonstration that "violence is the last resort of the incompetent."

Malafrena (by Ursula LeGuin) predates the game, being set in 1825. Orsinia exists down through the ages, from Malafrena through (at a guess) 1930. Malafrena is a provincial part of Orsinia which is a Balkan state.

Islandia (mentioned only by myself, so far) is located somewhere south of South America. It is a utopian society failing to deal with a non-utopian world.

Best, Steve Langley
2154 Fairfield R.
Sacramento, CA 95815

See Rod Walker's letter below for more about Islandia:

Dear Mike:

LSD#19 was fine, as always. I was glad to see the second installment of my "fictional places" article. I would like to update some information in it.

First, PELLENORATH#6 is now out, as well as #5. It is #5 which covers Graustark, Ruritania, and others, and a copy is \$1 from me. PELL#6 covers Utopia, Atlantis, Robinson Crusoe's island, and the "War of the Worlds" (Wells). That is also \$1, although any two or more issues of PELL may be ordered for 80¢ each. In addition, there is PELLENORATHa, which is a bibliographic checklist. It lists works alphabetically by author in terms of one entry per fictional place. Each entry may have one or more works cited. It contains over 550 entries and is being updated in PELL#6 and the upcoming #7. PELL^a is \$2. #7 will cover various Balkan places: right now I plan to cover Poderkagg, Malacia, Orsinia, Calbia, and Hernia. The latter will be a reprint of a fannish item, portions of *Fodor's Guide to Hernia* by Terry Kuch. I don't usually reprint fannish material, but this is too good to pass up. It was originally in a Dipzine, THULCANDRA.

Second, I'd like to thank Steve Langley for his letter. The "Malafrena" which gives Ursula LeGuin's novel its title is the Val Malafrena in Mantayna Province of Orsinia; it is not the name of the country. Islandia appears not only in Wright's novel of the same name, but also in three novels by Mark Saxton: *The Isiar*, *The Two Kingdoms*, and *Chaos in Islandia*. The last is being released this year--May, I believe. Mark is very close to the Wright estate and has access to the whole corpus of the latter's history, geography, etc. of the country (and the Karain Continent, on which it is located).

Orsinia, by the way, also appears in LeGuin's *Orsinian Tales*. People familiar with her work should be cautious about this and *Malafrena*. These are not fantasy nor sf books. They are mainstream fiction set in a fictional place. Orsinia is presently a People's Republic. The *Tales* derives from various periods in Orsinia's history, from the 12th century to the very recent past. But other than the fictional geographical setting, there is not a single element of fantasy in either book. Despite that, if you want

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them, you have to go to the sf section of your bookstore (used copies are plentiful), because Ursula has been typecast by dealers.

Third: a sample of a back issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD is indeed \$2--but a subscription is 4/\$6, or \$1.50 a copy. Subs begin with the next upcoming issue, of course. We think we're worth it.

In my opinion, LSD is one of the finest gamezines in the whole hobby, past or present. I would not hesitate to recommend your zine to anyone. It's a real pleasure to read every issue. I hope to see you in the very top group in the next Leader Poll.

Best, Rod Walker
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LSD can't help being good with contributors like you, Rod. I see it evolving in the direction of a "writer's zine", and I hope to continue to attract the cream of the hobby's writers to help me achieve this. And while I'm on the subject, I only have one piece slated for my next issue. So I'd like to solicit more submissions, or else I'll have to write something myself! Sub credits are always granted for original material printed (I think Rod's sub is knocking on 1984's door as a result of his series of articles!).

Dear Mike,

Despite Rod Walker's contention that the Marx brothers gave us Freedonia, we graduates of 6th-grade Texas history know that Freedonia was the name given to a rebellious section of East Texas around Nacogdoches. These settlers refused to recognize and

support Santa Anna in his bid for power against Bustamante. The rebellion was put down fairly peaceably by other East Texans, but the damage was done. Even though the state of Texas-Coahuila voted in favor of Santa Anna, he was forever suspicious of the American settlers in Texas. This footnote in Texas history became known as the Freedonian Rebellion. Isn't that right, Allen King?

Bill Quinn
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Orlando, FL 32806

Dear Mike,

There are at least four "Grand Fenwick" novels, the other two being *Beware of the Mouse* and *The Mouse on Wall Street*.

Best, Ben Schilling
24730 Roosevelt Ct. #315
Farmington Hill, MI 48018

Dear Mike,

I'm still recovering from the Ozog-Chicago Mini Con (and only one day and night, at that). Multiple stab wounds, you know. Nothing fatal, though. The worst of it was when Eric took my picture while his orders stabbing me were being read. I didn't even have an aggravated expression on my face. (It was closer to disbelief.) Eric's alright, despite what he may say in his zine about my play. The con was definitely well-run and supported a good crowd. I only wish I could've spent more time there--returning knives to their owners, etc.

It's great you have so many comments about felines. I also have a cat: a long-haired grey tiger.

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1980 KG **Derrick** F 1907

ITALY LOSES OUTPOSTS EAST & WEST;
ENGLAND GROWS, BUT LOSES CAPITAL

!! The draw proposal failed.

!! Summer 1907: England ret dsl A Bel-Pic and F Nth-Hel. France ret dsl F Wes-Naf.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): F Hel-DEN (F SWE s), F Nwg-NWY, F Mid-POR, A Pic-BRE.

FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): A BUR-Mar (A GAS s, F SPA(sc) s), F NAF-Wes.

GERMANY (Al Giddings): F Nth-LON, A BEL h, F Den-Swe [dsl, ret to Bal, Ska, Nth, or dsb], A HOL-Kie, A RUH-Kie.

ITALY (Mark Luedi): F WES-Spa(sc) (A MAR s), A PIE s A Mar, F TRH-Wes (F TUN s), F Ion-APU, A VEN bites the dust (h), A Smy-Ank [dsl, ret to Syr or dsb].

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): A WAR h (A GAL s), A Gre-BUL, A Alb-GRE, A Vie-BOH (A TYO s), A Tri-ALB, F Adr-ION, A Ank-SMY (F CON s).

RUSSIA (David Pierce): A SIL-War, A Pru-LVN.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Lon, Edi, Swe, NWY, DEN, Stp, Bel, BRE, POR 7/build 2*
F: Par, Bre, Por, SPA, Lpl 3/remove 1
G: Mun, Kie, Hol, BEL, Den, Nwy, LON 5/even
I: Home, Tun, Mar, Spa, Smy, Con 5/remove 3
A: Home, Balkans, Sev, Mos, Ank, SMY, CON, WAR 13/build 3
R: War, Ber 1/remove 1

*room to build one only.

!! COA: David Pierce (effective June 18), 13521 Pleasant Ln., Burnsville, MN 55337.

!! COA²: Mark Luedi (effective May 27), Rte. 1, Box 351D, Honor, MI 49640.

!! PRESS--

FRANCE: Le pacque is bacque.

GERMANY-FRANCE: As I stated earlier, I'll leave Burgundy. How about leaving Munich alone this time?

GERMANY-ENGLAND: Hey Smitty! You still there? I missed you last turn. I never really intended to take the North Sea; it causes too much of a headache with all the conditional orders. Do me a favor. NMR out or keep mis-ordering your units. Maybe you need a new map? Let me know, and I'll send you one. I'll make one up especially for you!

ROMA-AUSTRIA: What happened, Ned? Run out of short red blocks? I hope you're not about to do anything foolish (and disasterous--for me).

HERR DOKTOR-EL ZAPPO: It looks like we better start preparing our endgame statements. Whatever happened to the good old days when we talked of running amok without any clothes, goosing Anglo and Turkish women while French and Russian hoofers plopped grapes into our mouths. Will we have to settle simply for pleasure brought on solitarily, or worse yet, among our own kind? What has this sinful world come to?

RUSSIAN SURGEON GENERAL-BERLIN & ROME:

Caution: Placing trust in Austrian promises can be hazardous to your health.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: Leave me alone or I'll have Russia kick the hell out of ya.

GERMANY-RUSSIA: Go ahead and do it anyway.

PRUSSIA-LONDON: Thanks for keeping Stp free of the nasty Austrians, but its return to Russian con-



1981 A **Enchanted Rock** W 1906

EUROPE WATCHES AS RUSSIAN CITIES BUSTLE WITH MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

!! Players have requested a separation of seasons, so we have retreats and adjustments only.

!! Autumn 1906: Germany retreats dsl A Vie-Tyo.

!! All proposals were defeated.

FRANCE (William Owen): Has F ENG, A BEL, A PAR, A MAR, F LYO, F WES, A TUN (8).

GERMANY (Jeff Noto): Removes A Bur; has A HOL, A RUH, A MUN, & A TRI (4).

ITALY (Guy Hail): Removes F Adr; has F TRH, F ION, F NAP, & A GRE (4).

AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): Removes A Boh & F Aeg; has F CON, A ARM, A ANK, & A SER (4).

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): Builds F STP(nc), A SEV, A WAR, & A MOS; also has A SYR, F BLA, F BUL(sc), A RUM, A BUD, A VIE, F DEN, F NTH, F IRI, & A LON (14).

!! Please vote on another proposal for a concession to Russia. NVR = yes.

!! COA: Dan Stafford, 2640 Adams Apt. D, Columbus, OH 43202.

!! COA²: Fred C. Winter, 1577 South 3rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204.

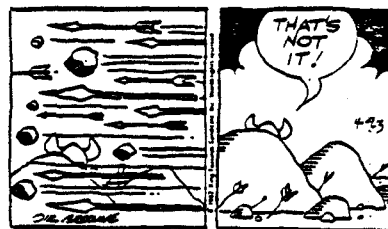
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GERMANY-FRANCE, AUSTRIA, & ITALY: OK, guys! It's time to bury the hatchet (preferably in Dan's back). We may not be able to take away any of his centers, but we can sure as heck keep him from getting four more!

PARIS-EUROPE: Now we see Russia's danger! Is it too late?

GAINESVILLE-COLUMBUS: Is this why you're known as "the Sleaze"?

Hagar the Horrible



troi appears to be mandatory now.

SILESIA-WORLD: By God, Wolfe was right! You can't go home again!

BOBBY-FRIEND(S): As the saying goes, "When you are up to your ass in alligators, it is hard to remember your original objective was to drain the swamp."

STILL
MORE

Places That Don't Exist

THE DIPLOMANIACS CREATE THEIR OWN

by Rod Walker

Not content with the wide range of fictional places available already, Diplomacy players and GMs have over the years created their own. In the instances under discussion here, a considerable body of literature was written for each.

The first, and perhaps the best, was the Grand Duchy of Beaucouillon, created by John Boardman in GRAUSTARK. Beaucouillon was a sort of fantastic Monaco whose profligate ruling family had probably committed every sin known to man plus invented a few new ones. The primary industry of the country centered around its gambling houses. People from all over the world would come to bet on nearly everything, including the outcome of the current war (i.e., the game). Betting odds were posted on each nation each season, which in fact represented the GM's estimate of that country's chance of winning. A large number of segments of a history of Beaucouillon was also published in GRAUSTARK. Numerous press releases came from there, also.

A later Boardman creation was the "Four and One Half Kingdoms" of the Balkan Massif. These include: the Kingdom of Skandalutz, the Temporary Roman Empire, the Pravoslavian Patrimony of Polykarp, the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel, and the People's Republic of Pundschruck. A history of the four-and-one-half kingdoms was printed in several issues of GRAUSTARK in early 1971, with a considerable body of later updating material and a lot of press.

A locale similar to Beaucouillon was my Hitt-al-Gushurr, an Arab sheikhdom which made most of its income from its gambling establishments, notably the "Golden Tent".

Probably near the four-and-one-half kingdoms in the Balkans was Terry Kuch's somewhat earlier (late 60s) Hernia. Terry published the excellent if short-lived zine THULCANDRA. That name itself was taken from a work of fiction, C.S. Lewis' so-called "Ransom" trilogy. The name first appears in *Out of the Silent Planet*. Anyway, Terry published several sections from *Fodor's Guide to Hernia*, which were re-published in EREHWON. Numerous press releases also

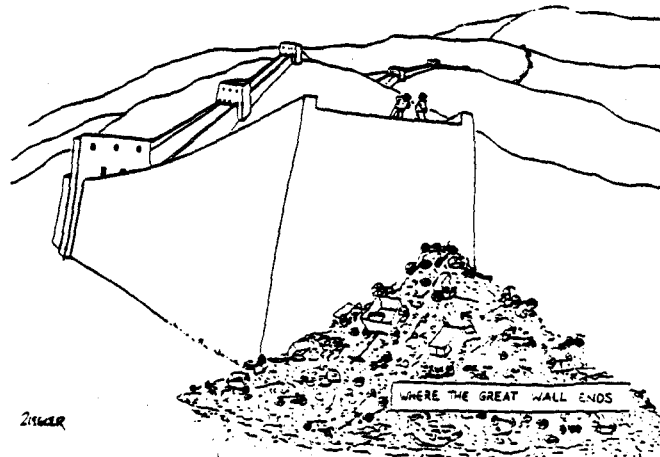
relate to the Duchy and to its ruler, Duke Nosebeard IX (actually, half-ruler: Hernia came out of the war divided as were so many nations, although there is no physical boundary; Hernia is simultaneously a Duchy and a People's Republic).

A strange hybrid is Poderkagg, with which I've been closely identified for years. It was taken from the book *Adrift in a Boneyard*, mentioned in the last article. However, I changed Taylor's Poderkagg to suit myself, including restoring the monarchy in the Person of King Pandemonium V (whose successor, Pandemonium VI is now on the throne). A map of the Kingdom was produced, also showing its detached dependency, the Autocephalous County of Lurch. A complete dynastic chart for the ruling family was produced, and a history of Poderkagg has been written and published, going through about the time of the fall of Constantinople to the Turks. A large body of press releases was also written.

Perhaps the most famous "fictional" country to arise directly from a game and its press releases occurred in 1966AA. Russia had been reduced to Sevastopol in that game and Charles Turner of Walnut Creek, California, took over the position. His state was proclaimed the Grand Empire of Sevastopol, ruled over by the Mad Satirical Monk, A.B. Swensonoff, and his bevy of 666 virgin feather-dancers (so-called because their feathers had not been used before). Usually a one-unit position like this goes under fairly quickly, but this one lasted 11 game-years! The body of press from the Grand Empire, apparently written jointly by several members of the Lafayette Tactics Association, is considerable.

This listing is probably not exhaustive, being partly compiled from memory and without direct access to much of the hobby material published during portions of the 70s. Anyone knowing other examples is more than welcome to write me about them, please.

To add to the 2nd article, we have one more movie: "Penny Princess", in which appears, or is mentioned, Lampedorra.



81 B Friendship S 1906



ROME FALLS TO MUSLIM FANATICS;
KAISER CAPTURES NORTH SEA

ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): F Nwg-EDI, F Nat-NWG,
F Nth-Eng [dsi, ret to Lon, Yor, Hel, or dsb].
GERMANY (George Cunningham): F BEL-Eng,
A PIC-Bel, F Den-NTH (F HOL s), F Swe-SKA,
A Nwy-Edi [imp], A Stp-MOS, A UKR-Sev,
A MUN & A WAR s A SIL, A SIL & A BER s A Mun,
A Fin-STP.
ITALY (Paul Goodrich): F TUN-Ion, (F ADR s),
A Rom-Nap [dsi, ret to Tus or dsb], F TRH s
A Rom-Nap.
AUSTRIA (Art Schleincofer): A GAL-Rum, F GRE s
Turkish F Aeg-Ion, A VEN s Turkish A Apu-Rom,
A Tyo-PIE, A Tri-TYO (A BOH s), A VIE s A Boh.
TURKEY (Mike Drews): A Apu-ROM (F NAP s),
F AEG-Ion, A ARM-Sev, A BUL-Rum.

!! COA: Bryan Jurkowski (effective June 1),
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!! PRESS--

HOLLAND: Members of the Dutch Pollution Abatement Society gathered to discuss the growing pollution problem in the North Sea. It seems the English have continued dumping raw sewage and garbage onto their beaches and into their coastal waters. This has had a terrible effect on North Sea wildlife. Dead fish are showing up on Dutch beaches, killing off the tourist trade. Also, several species of rare seagulls are on the verge of extinction due to English pollution problems.

LON-BER: Take it easy, remember what you said. It's only a game. So you will kill me, big deal. All I want to know is why it is taking you so long. I don't seem to be doing so bad with my three units against your eight.

KAISER-PM JURKOWSKI: As a member of the German Audubon Society, I beseech you to "clean up your act". If you have a quarrel with me or my countrymen, fine. But please, have some consideration for wildlife and the natural beauty that once graced England's shores.

LON-BER: Do you really wonder why the Tsar didn't take up your offer of puppetship?

GERMANY-WORLD: The Kaiser has ordered some pollution abatement vessels into English waters to try to clean up the mess left by the irresponsible English. It looks to be a herculean task, but we'll give it our best effort.

LON-EUROPE: Anyone interested in a stop-Germany alliance should write the English government. Make it quick, the government is going out of business soon.

LON-EUROPE: Don't have much else to do in this game but write some press. Why don't you guys pick up your crayons and join me?

And more letters to the
POST OFFICE of TEXAS--

I've had her about 7 months now, having gotten her the day after Halloween. Well, I kind of misunderstood what I was told; I was under the impression she had been spayed. Now I've got four little cute long-haired kittens to find homes for (anybody wanna kitten?). The cute littleimps are about five weeks old and learning to get into hard-to-reach places, trouble, climbing (especially my legs), and making a lot of unnecessary noise. First class postage paid.

Once again I'm moving for a few months before I move elsewhere. Would you believe I'm moving to Michigan on account of work? I thought not, and I'm having difficulty also. I really didn't expect to hear from them; it was more or less a long shot. (I'll be 2nd pressman for a commercial web printer in Traverse City.) Talk about blind luck!!

In leaving Indiana, however, I've decided not to get on the wrong side of the law like I did in Texas. I'll still be considering this area "home" and hope to visit a lot. (I don't wanna miss any Russ²Cons--what fun. I owe Rusnak one, and I owe Ozog a Big One.) No, I don't want the Indiana blue meanies looking for Mark. The Texas blue meanies are looking for yours truly on account of three (count 'em: 1, 2, 3) arrest warrants out on, once again, yours truly. The dumb *#@!! (@%!) officer wouldn't believe me when I told him I wuz hightailing it from Texas in a week (which I wuz). He just wouldn't believe me. The Lone Star State is big. So in order to stay clear of the law, I'll be staying clear of Texas (more or less). Hopefully, you haven't been expecting some really criminal actions out of me. If you were, you're probably disappointed. But now you know. Just don't tell any blue meanies if I'm ever in Texas.

Yours truly,
Mark Luedi
(see Derrick for address)

How could a cat-man be a criminal? What's the cat's name?

Dear Mike,

Thanks for the mention of Bill Quinn's/my Dippy game. We are now well underway, with F01 moves due on the 20th of May. Bill and all of his six friends are dentists, so I've named the zine PULP AND CROWN. My brother wanted me to call it DRILL, FILL, AND BILL, but I nixed that.

Best, Peter Ansoff
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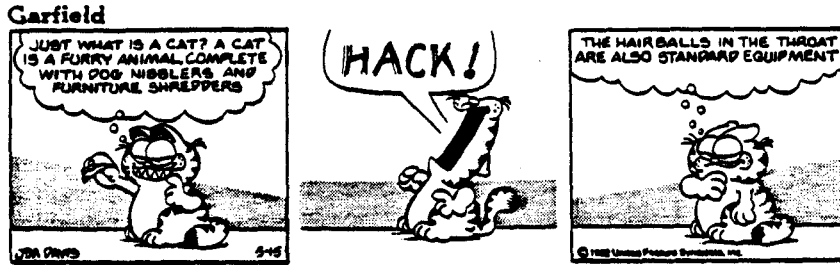


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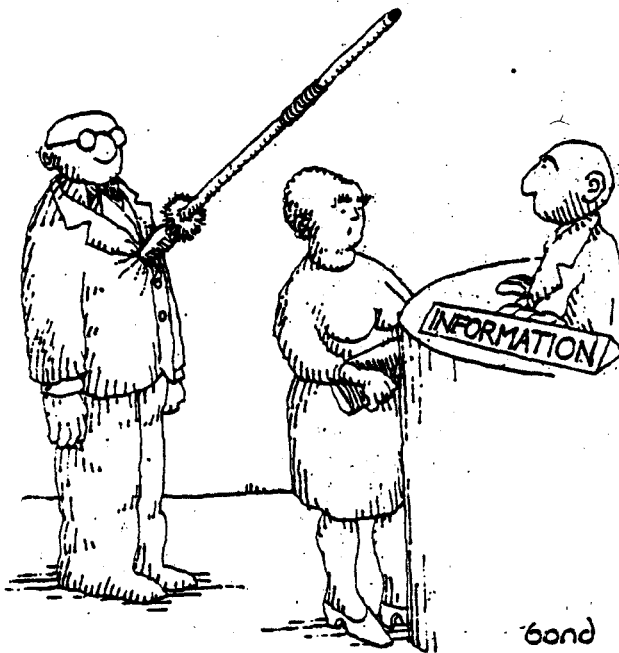


by Sam Hurt





The PUZZLER



Only Whitt Pond submitted a caption, for which he gets a two-issue sub credit to LSD: "Excuse me, but my husband is English, and he wants to know if he should continue to trust Germany in spite of this rather obvious stab."

Joe Gallagher, who originally sent in the cartoon, suggested several captions, too. Unfortunately, I can't locate them just now. If I do so before press time I'll print them here. Sorry, Joe!

A free issue to the first person who can identify the language and translate the motto on this outton.



James Woodson's trivia quiz brought us several good responses. Ben Schilling and Whitt Pond receive a free issue each for honorable mention, and Peter Ansoff's 3-issue-winning answers are printed here:

- 1) The four individuals listed have names or nicknames involving colors: Eric the Red, the Black Prince, the "Red Baron", and William of Orange, respectively. The last may be a bit farfetched, since I'm not sure that the original Dutch meaning of "orange" had anything to do with color.
- 2) The first Queen of England who ruled in her own right was Lady Jane Grey, who ruled for nine days before being deposed (and later beheaded) by Mary I. Mention should be made, however, of Princess Matilda, daughter of Henry I. Henry proclaimed her as heir, but her claim was usurped by Stephen of Bois after Henry's death. Matilda struggled, but failed, to regain the Crown.
- 3) The eldest son of George II was Frederick Lewis, Prince of Wales. He never reigned, because he died in 1751, nine years before his father.
- 4) The "Oxford Parliament" was convened in January 1644 by Charles I. It was intended as a rival to the so-called "Long Parliament", Charles's opponent in the Civil War. It met in Oxford, which along with York was one of Charles's power centers.

There seems to be some minor controversy as to what constitutes queenship. James was looking for the answer of Matilda, and Ben agreed with that answer. But Ben and Whitt consider the first recognized ruling Queen of England to be Mary I. Whitt listed the Queens of England, including James I, "a raging queen".

Finally, according to James the W., the Oxford Parliament met in 1625, in Oxford, because of plague in London.

Whitt Pond's letter this month was just full of goodies. Another freebie for his Trivia questions, and two for the person who answers both correctly: Be careful!

- 1) Identify the following: Traveler, Comanche, Bucephalus, and Incatatus.
- 2) Who said "War is hell"?

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ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): A Lpl h [nsu],
F LPL u, h.
FRANCE (Jim Meinel): F Wes-MID, A Pic-PAR,
A Spa-GAS, F Eng-Bel [dsl, ret to Bre, Iri, or dsb].
GERMANY (Don Scheifler): A Yor-WAL, F Lon-ENG
(F NTH s), A Bel-PIC (A BUR s), A RUH-Bel,
A SIL s Russian A Boh-Gal, A Mun-TYO.
ITALY (Doug Tatsch): A Gas-MAR, A PIE-Ven,
F TRH-Ion, F TUN-Ion, F NAP s Austrian
F Adr-Apu.
AUSTRIA (Len Blasiol): F Adr-APU, A Gal-RUM
(A BUD & A SER s).
RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): A Mos-UKR (A WAR s),
A Boh-GAL, A Stp-MOS, F NWY s German F Nth.
TURKEY (Mike Blanchard): A Ukr-Mos [dsl, ann],
A SEV s A Ukr [otm], A Rum-BUL, F AEG s
A Rum [otm], F Gre-ALB, F Apu-Ven [dsl, ann],
F ION-Tun.

!! GM Note: Although I think I know what Turkey wanted to do with his supports, I have to be very literal when interpreting the orders. Please be quite specific when writing supports and convoys.

!! C'mon, you guise! Just as a favor to me, why don't each of you write two press items for next time? Help me fill up half a page, at least!

!! PRESS--

ENGLAND-FRANCE: I hope you do well, but I believe the W04 removal to be fatal to both of us. Send me orders, and I'll puppet for you as you wish. I am fatalistic over this present situation.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Well played.

FRANCE-GERMANY: Mays the gods dump their bed-pans on your slimy country.

MUN-PAR: Ready or not....

FRANCE-ITALY: Let me get this straight! You want me to support you into Paris? And I "get" to keep Brest? Two words for my fair Italian puke: "kiss off!"

VIENNA: You're right, barrister. The letter was amusing.

MUN-VEN & TRI: There are rumors of treachery afoot. I offer my aid to anyone betrayed. This alliance must stand firm!

FRENCH HQ-BOHEMIA: Munich or Vienna: they are both nice in the spring, either one will do.

BREST-MOSCOW: You better get while the gettings are good in Scandinavia. I can't keep dancing with these Krauts much longer.

MUNICH-VOICE OF EXPERIENCE: It seems no one heard you. Must be a bad case of laryngitis.

!! RESERVED PRESS--

VIENNA: The Kaiser announced today that the Balkans are to be liberated to satisfy the Empire's requirements for lebensraum. (Sorry about that, Mike!)



1982 AM JALAPEÑO S 1901

FRANCE FACES EGI FREE-FOR-ALL;
TSAR'S SOUTHERN STRATEGY STYMIED

ENGLAND (David Pierce): A Lpl-YOR, F Lon-ENG,
F Edi-NTH.
FRANCE (Jonathan Ellis): A Par-PIC, A Mar-SPA,
F Bre-MID.
GERMANY (Terry Suitor): A Ber-KIE, A Mun-BUR,
F Kis-HOL.
ITALY (Greg Fritz): A Ven-PIE, A Rom-VEN,
F Nap-TRH.
AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): A VIE-Gal, A Bud-SER,
F Tri-ALB.
RUSSIA (Joe Gallagher): A WAR-Gal, A Mos-UKR,
F SEV-Bla, F Stp(sc)-BOT.
TURKEY (Jim Lawniczack): A Con-BUL, A Smy-ARM,
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!! PRESS--

ROMA: On the spur of the moment, the Italian army has been transported to Piedmont for an imminent attack on France. It has been rumored that the attack is in retaliation for France's aggression towards Generalissimo Francisco Franco, Italy's favorite son.

ITALY-FRANCE: All bets are off, and anything goes!

ITALY-WORLD: Cactus players, unite!

GERMANY-FRANCE: Is anybody home?

MOSCOW-BUDAPEST: This isn't as bad as it looks. I mean, what covers an alliance better than a spring 1901 stab into neutral territory?

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: Dear Tsar, Please excuse the military maneuvers in Galicia. The untrusting generals who ordered the move will be dealt with accordingly.

If the move succeeds they will be hanged in the morning, and the troops will be withdrawn in the fall. But if the move fails, well, most likely they will be given the highest Austro-Hungarian award: the highly coveted A-H Aardvark.

MOSCOW-ITALY: Your offer of friendship and support is received with open arms. Just please be careful with the tomato sauce, I'll be wearing my new tunic.

A-H EMPEROR-EUROPEAN HEADS (of state, that is): My fellow Europeans--as a sign of my willingness for peace I am sending each of you the most prized possession that any Austrian or Hungarian can have: a aardmadillo. This is a cross between a Austrian aardvark and a Texas armadillo. May this animal bring you lots of luck in this here hot Jalapeño game.

MOSCOW-ANKARA: Greetings, Sultan! May your life be long, your vision broad, and your sights turned toward the West.

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA & TURKEY: Head east!

AUSTRIA-ITALY, GERMANY, ENGLAND, & FRANCE: Head west!

LSD-PEPPERS: Thanks to Boardman Number Custodian Don Ditter, Jalapeño is also known as 1982 AM.

DEADLINE for all LSD games:

June 25, 1982

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!! PRESS--

RUSSIA-WORLD: Faithful friends and foul foes alike mourn the passing of the Tsar. No one mourns him more than the Tsar himself.

ROME: In an apparently bloodless coup arranged by head of the army General Gazpacho and fleet admiral Churezo, a military junta is now in control of the foundering Italian government. In his first action as head of the junta, Gen. Gazpacho dismissed the commander of the northern forces, General Franco Verdi (for those of you who don't speak Italian, that's Frank Green). [If they don't know it, they don't deserve to--LSD] Furthermore, it was reported that due to an inglorious lack of substantial diplomatic efforts on the part of the Austrian crown, Italy has chosen not to support admission of the Dual-Monarchy into the BNC. If the remaining member nations do not follow Italy's lead, it could mean the dissolution of the cooperative.

ROME-TURKEY: I made the first move toward peace as you suggested, and was rebuffed. I cannot wait forever to get back on my feet. Please advise us as to your position vis-a-vis #2 of my press release.

LONDON TO ALL CAPITALS: The recent rumours of a modern battleship being launched by Iceland were squelched this date. The latest armour turned out to be garbage can lids, and the high velocity guns naught but fishing net booms. Indeed, the whole vessel was naught but a tuna boat, but a damned big one, according to informed sources. The name "Major Power" was stenciled neatly on stem and stern.

LON-BER: Seems I get more mail from Iceland than from you these days. Thanks for belaying the new fleet build.

MALTA-EUROPE: What is that green thing sliding about Central Europe? Hasn't anyone the presence of mind to squash it before it multiplies? Maybe it's just a talking turnip or spinach plant gone wild, but it's giving me a migraine.

!! RESERVED PRESS--

LSD-ICELAND: Please excuse me for renaming your new ship. It's actual name is "Yellow Swine", and not "Yellow Submarine" as erroneously reported last time.

LIECHTENSTEIN: Hard Times in Vienna--A critical pork shortage has closed numerous Vienna Sausage factories. In order to prevent economic collapse, the Austrian government is reportedly considering importing vast herds of the famous "Yellow Swine" from Turkey. It is rumored that this economic co-operation could lead to cessation of the fighting in the Balkans.

LUCERNE: In a continuation of his interview, the Kaiser responded to questions about the reason why Germany units on the Russian front have suddenly turned southward: "Oh that's easy. The Sultan shorted us ten kilos on the last shipment of hashish. The German High Command and I decided to send a couple of divisions to make good on the order. You see, international affairs aren't so complicated after all." No wonder Germany is in such confusion.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Turks Steel March on Austria--Exportation of the new Constantinople sausages began today, and the Sultan declared a "Yellow Swine" holiday in honor of the new product.

MUNICH: General Braunfels expressed regret at Austria's tone in recent press releases. In response, allied efforts against Russian tank positions will be launched this spring. Negotiations of specific moves have been on since last February.

SERBIA: Carrying only a spade and bucket, a crack Turkish Swine Squad crossed the border into Budapest today in a daring daylight raid that netted a full inch of Austrian soil. Austrian jokes are now the favorites with the front-line troops: "What do you call an Austrian with an IQ of 175? A village." "Did you hear about the crack team of Austrian surgeons that just completed the first successful appendix transplant?"

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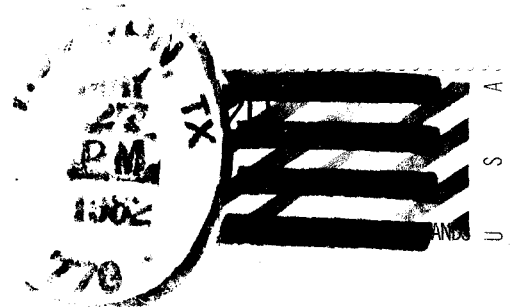
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