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1981 B LONE STAR DIPLOMAT (Mike Conner).

A: Art Schlienkofer (dro S09), Bob Olsen. E: Bryan Jurkowski. F: Al Villanueva (dro W01), Arturo Guajardo (out S04). G: George Cunningham (win F09). I: Paul Goodrich. R: Don Scheifler (out F05). T: Mike Drews.

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G	5	7	8	9	12	13	13	14	19
I	4	5	8	8	6	5	3	2	1
R	6	5	3	3	0	-	-	-	5
T	4	4	2	5	6	7	7	7	7



*played one short

ENDGAME STATEMENTS

Austria: Bob Olsen

I think this was one of my very best games, and I am conspicuously proud of my performance in this one. When first called to stand by for Austria my first thought was, "Gee, I thought Mike had forgiven me for that little incident." However, I soon learned that the opportunities for strategic masterstrokes and tactical subtleties were virtually unlimited in this game. I made plans to send a threatening letter to hapless George Cunningham, but then, due to an odd stroke

of bad luck, the season I entered the game it ended. Hmmm. If this happened FTF I would check my mouthwash, but in this case I think it will be more convenient to blame the incident on Gary Coughlan.

England: Bryan Jurkowski

Congratulations to George on a fine game. His early phoning got me to commit myself in 1901. I would have liked to attack him with Russia, but the Tsar passed my letters back to George. In the end I was just a puppet hoping to survive. All in all, I am glad to end this game. Thanks to the rest of the players and of course to Mike, who did a good GMing job.

Germany: George Cunningham

This was a good game for me from the very beginning. I had good relations with everybody on the board, especially Bryan Jurkowski. I had good offers from everybody, including France, but I thought I could sneak into Burgundy in Spring 1901. Italy moved to Pie and England moved to the Channel, so France wasn't long for the game.

I think the key to my success in this game was the effort I made to maintain good communication throughout the game, particularly with England.

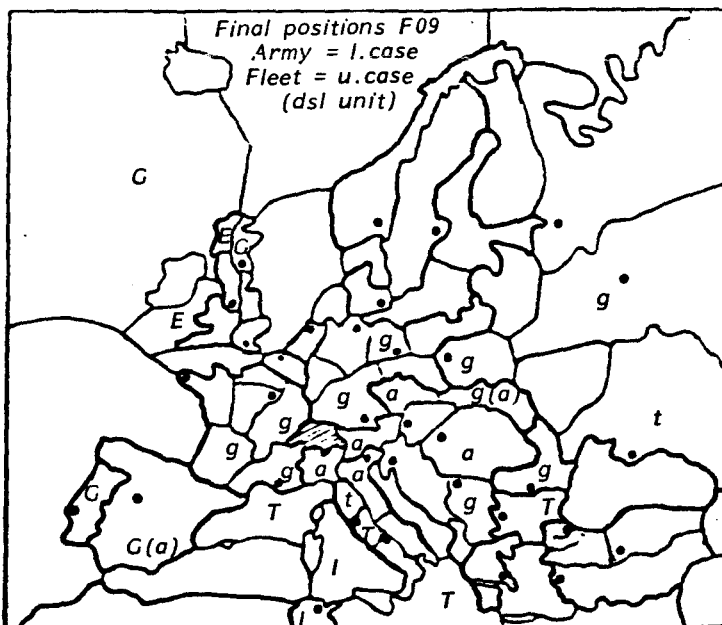
After France was disposed of, I was torn as to which way to go next, after England or Russia. When Don Schiefler invaded my territory, I knew he couldn't be trusted. I then combined with England to crush Russia.

All along I was maintaining good relations with Italy. I had planned from the start to stab England eventually, as this gives Germany a secure corner position with England neutralized. Italy went along with this, and we agreed to attack England. Unfortunately Italy NMRed on the crucial move, and he was never a very effective force after that. I screwed up my moves on the turn of the stab (!) by not ordering my F Bel-Eng. I was planning to convoy armies to England itself, but this was made impossible by that incredible blunder. This one mistake nearly cost me the game.

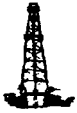
After the stab, I gained centers but got bogged down in a costly war with England while the other powers (Austria and Turkey) united against me.

Fortunately for me, Austria (Art Schleincofer) and Turkey (Mike Drews) did not mend fences with England after my stab. They called him a fool (or words to that effect) for trusting me. This offended Bryan and opened the door for me to sign a peace treaty with him. At this point my growth had stopped for several seasons at 14 SCs.

I promised Bryan my bonus issues of LSD if he helped me win. I think this was fair. Of all the players in the game, I'm the only one who wrote to him regularly. At least this way he got something out of it.



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1980 KG **Derrick** S 1910**KAISER FACES INEVITABLE; SIDES WITH AUSTRIA IN FINAL PUSH TOWARD 18**

§ *Autumn 1909: Germany disbands dsl A Kie; Italy retreats dsl F Ion-Eas; Russia NRR, GM disbands dsl A Stp.*

§ *Winter 1909: France builds A Bre; Germany builds A Mun; Italy removes A Mar; Austria builds A Vie, A Bud, & F Tri.*

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): A RUH-Hol (F NTH s & F Kie s), F DEN s F Kie, F Nwy-SWE, A EDI h.

FRANCE (Larry McCloud): A Bre-PIC, A Par-BUR, F Por-MID.

GERMANY (Al Giddings): F Nwg-CLY, F LON-Nth, A MUN & A HOL s Austrian A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Mark Luedi): F Nap-ION (F TUN & F TRH & F EAS s).

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): A Stp-FIN, A Lvn-STP, A War-PRU, A BER-Kie, A SIL-Ber, A Vie-TYO (A BOH s), A Bud-GAL, F Ion-Nap [dsl, ann], (A ROM & A APU s), A TUS s A Rom, F ALB-Ion (F AEG s), F Tri-ADR, A GRE & A SMY h.

§ **PRESS--**

TUNIZIA: Italian sailors, exhausted and weary of war, have been sent on their final mission.

TUNIZIA-KAISER: Hey, Al! When do we get to meet Dixie?

KAISER-EL ZAPPO: Hope we meet again. Your press was unique, and I'll miss 1980KG. Hope you had as much fun as I did. Let's meet again. Looking forward to the endgame statements.

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Once I had England on my side, the rest was fairly easy. I wrote postcards to Paul Goodrich of Italy suggesting moves to help stymie Austria and Turkey. He NMRed several times, and it is a wonder he wasn't crushed by A-T. The resistance he put up, amazingly enough, bought me the time I needed to win the game. I guess I was the only one writing to him, because he generally did what I asked. If A-T had approached him as a friend instead of trying to eliminate him, the game could have had a different ending.

At this point I thought I had the game pretty much in the bag. Austria and Turkey must have thought so too, for they NMRed on the next two turns. Surprisingly, I jumped from 14 to 19 SCs in one turn! And I had only one space open for a build!

I'd like to say a few more things before I close. First of all, I'd like to thank the other players in the game who played well and wrote good letters. This is the best played game I have ever been in, and I am sad to see it's over. My special thanks to Bryan Jurkowski, a good sport and a very genuine person. We talked on the phone several times, and I was always impressed with his warmth and sincerity. I only wish that I could have been as good a friend to him as he was to me.

My final thanks go to Mike Conner. He did a fine job of GMing this game, even though he went through some personal difficulties. Hats off to Mike for publishing the finest looking zine in the hobby!

Russia: Don Scheifler

Oh, what a rough education! This was my first postal game, and my dismal play did nothing to hide the fact.

In the South my attitude towards my neighbors changed from season to season, even hour to hour. Finally Austria and Turkey realized my incompetence and turned solidly to oppose me. I also gained an immediate enemy in England through lack of communication. Why didn't I write? I didn't yet realize the effects silence can have. Landing my last army in Clyde before elimination was a small victory in itself, and I enjoyed the press exchanges with Bryan. Congratulations to all for a good game.

★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News

FREE LSD. As I promised last issue, since this one is a warehouse, it comes at no cost to subbers. In fact, because it seems likely that LSD will take this form again (and again?), I'm considering changing the way I keep track of subs. Here's what I'm thinking about: Sub balances would be doubled, and each issue like this one would be considered a "single", and each issue of eight or more pages would become a "double". Thus, subs would cost \$6.50 for twenty issues. I hope to type up a new set of mail labels by next time, and they should reflect all the recent resubs and bonuses awarded for game finishes, as well as the new system. I know some of you are wondering if LSD is preparing to fold. The answer is yes, but I don't plan for that to happen for another year or so. I want to finish the games now running, and I will start one more, the "M" game, probably by the end of spring, when Derrick and Independence come to a close. It's hard to predict what the future will hold, but right now, I don't foresee a resurgence of my interest in publishing. I would like to play in a game or two, but I won't even consider joining a new game for six months or so. Life is too complicated right now to take on more responsibilities.

LONGHORN POSTPONED. Because I didn't have the current address for one player (John Mayes, 8017 Gessner Dr. #143, Austin, TX 78753), negotiations could not include him. Spring 1901 moves will appear in LSD#27.

LSD-25. Did anyone notice the number of the last issue?

LISTS. Waiting for "M" game: Luedi, Fritz, Tatsch, and Woodson. Standing by: Auxier, Beyerlein, Finley, Fuss, Kador, King, Koehler, Milewski, Nichols, Noto, Pierce, Pond, Quinn, Ragsdale, Scheifler, Sergeant, Tatsch, Woodson, and last but by no means least, Gallagher. I think there may be some changes which I have not incorporated here, so please remind me again of your intentions.



DEADLINE for all LSD games:

May 25, 1983

1981 CE Independence F 1907

LIMEYS LEAVE WAR AFTER LENGTHY DEFENSE; AUSTRIA, FRANCE NEXT?

- § Summer 1907: Austria retreats dsl A Tri-Tyo.
- § The draw proposal failed. A Russian-Turkish draw is proposed. Vote with your W07/S08 orders. As always, even though it goes without saying, NVR = yes.

ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): F CLY-Lpl.
 FRANCE (Jim Meinel): A Bur-PAR (A GAS s), F BRE s Italian F Spa(sc)-Mid [nso].
 GERMANY (Don Scheifler): F WAL-Lpl (A Yor s' [nsu]), A EDI u, h, F ENG-Nth, A Kie-DEN, A Sil-MUN, A BOH s Austrian A Tyo-Vie, A Par h [dsl, ret to Pic or dsb], A Bel-BUR.
 ITALY (Doug Tatsch): A Ven-TRI, F Spa(sc)-POR, A Mar-SPA, A Pie-MAR, F Ion h [dsl, ret to Nap, Apu, Tun, or dsb] (F TRH s).
 AUSTRIA (Len Blasiol): F ADR s Italian A Ven-Tri, A TYO-Vie.
 RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): A War-SIL (A PRU s), A BUD-Vie (A GAL s), A SEV h, F Nwy-NTH (F SKA s).
 TURKEY (Mike Blanchard): A Tri-Ven [dsl, ann], F Aeg-ION (F EAS & F ALB s), A GRE s F Alb, A Bul-SER, F Bla-CON.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1907 adjustments:

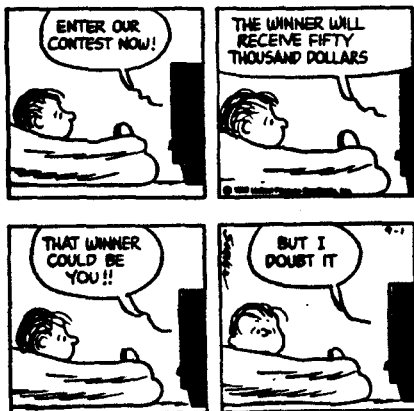
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I: Home, Tun, Mar, Spa, POR, TRI	8/build 2
A: Vie, Tri	1/remove 1
R: Home, Nwy, Swe, Bud	7/even
T: Home, Rum, Bul, Gre, Ser	7/even

§ Thanks to Joe Gallagher for extraordinary defense of Britain's honor. Give that man 3 freebies.

§ PRESS--

ANKARA-ENGLAND: The Turkish Emir wishes to express his great sorrow at the fall of England and His Imperial Majesty. He only wishes that he could have offered some support rather than condolences.

Peanuts



MOS-VIE: Aw, c'mon. If you don't like lawyers, why would you want "Nixon for President"? The last time Nixon was president he created quite a few jobs for lawyers.

VIENNA: Now I lay me down to sleep....

ROM-VIE: You may or may not make it through this season; the German's silence does not bode well for you. I will be sorry to see you go, since that will leave me next on the endangered list. Good luck to you.

ROM-ANK: Glad you like the letters, but a lot of good they're doing me. I've already been about as specific as I can be with you: I've vowed non-aggression and given you a blueprint for avoiding war with me. The results of my efforts are on the board for all to see. The initiative is yours, so back off, Turkey!

ROM-BER: I've got a better dialog going with the Turk than with you. Since he's a scheming, expansionistic, God-less infidel with whom I am currently at war, something is obviously wrong here. Since we are both menaced by the R-T juggernaut, shouldn't we be communicating more?

PAR-BER: Hmm, what's this I see? A couple of your home centers occupied? Tsk, tsk, gee, isn't that too bad. And with me still around with two units of my own. I believe the Kaiser has made a grave error in turning on the French.



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JALAPEÑO

S 1903

BORDER TENSIONS ROCK A-I PACT; KAISER ATTACKED BY FORMER ALLIES

ENGLAND (David Pierce): F Edi-NWG, A Lon-BEL (F NTH c, A HOL s), F Bre-MID, F Bel-PIC, A Par-BUR.
 GERMANY (Terry Sutor): A Mun-RUH, (A Bur s [dsl, ret to Mun or dsb]), A Swe-NWY, A Ber-KIE (F HEL s).
 ITALY (Greg Fritz): F ION h (F NAP s), A VEN h, A Mar-PIE, F Spa(sc)-MAR, A Gas s English A Par-Bur.
 AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): F GRE s Turkish F Aeg-Ion, A War-PRU, A Gal-SIL (A BOH s), A Vie-TYO (A TRI s).
 TURKEY (Jim Lawniczak): A Sev-MOS (A UKR s), F AEG-Ion, F Smy-EAS, F CON-Aeg.
 RUSSIA (CD): F BAL h, A Mos h [dsl, ann].

§ PRESS--

AUSTRIA-GERMANY: Yes, I guess this does mean our non-aggression treaty is off.

AUSTRIA-GM: Nice to have you back.

GM-ARCHDUKE: Danke.

AUSTRIA-POPE: Welcome back. In honor of your re-joining us I thought I would prepare a place for you to stay--so I have taken Tyo. Why don't you prepare a nice place for me in Ven?

AUSTRIA-KAISER: I am truly sorry for having to invade your noble Fatherland. But I have little other place to go. Besides, if I wait too long, E-I will have you all to themselves. Which is what they planned from the start. Con't say I didn't warn you.

BERLIN: In a move considered ahead of its time, the German Imperial Navy sent fleets of U-boats to attack any English shipping that they can find.

W

King Ranch

W 1901

AUSTRIA LOOKS VULNERABLE; OTHER EUROPEANS ENGAGE IN ARMS BUILDUP

- ENGLAND (Don Scheffler): Builds F EDI, F LON; also has F NWG, F DEN, & A NWY (5).
- FRANCE (Rob Landeros): [retreats dsl A Bur-Par]. Builds A MAR, F BRE; also has A PAR, A SPA, & F POR (5).
- GERMANY (Paul Milewski): Builds A MUN; also has A RUH, A BUR, & F BEL (4).
- ITALY (Bill Quinn): Builds A VEN & F ROM; also has F ION, A GRE, & A SER (5).
- AUSTRIA (Whitt Pond): Removes F Alb; has A GAL & A BUD (2).
- RUSSIA (Fred Winter): Builds A STP & A MOS; also has A WAR, A UKR, F RUM, & F SWE (6).
- TURKEY (Seth Owen): Builds A ANK; also has A SMY, A SER, & F CON (4).

§ COA: 1LT William S. Owen, FAOBC 5-83, OFF STU BN USAFAS, Ft. Sill, OK 73503 until June 16.

§ PRESS--

BERLIN-WORLD: Roll dice. Attacker back two. Reduce movement factor by half due to out of supply. Whoopee!

BER-PAR: C'est la guerre? Das ist der Krieg!
 BERLIN-RANDOM STOCHASTIC VARIABLE: Are you by any chance the same chance I chanced to meet when I take my chances?
 ROME: Pope Guido blessed the new flagship of the 1st Roman Flotilla as he christened it "El Tubbo". Tragedy struck soon afterward when Capt. Sanducci pulled the stopper out of his bathtub, only to find that water quickly rushed in. Next the watertight screen doors were closed only to fail to maintain integrity in their first real emergency. Luckily, the plumber arrived in time to save the sinking ship.
 VENICE: Pope Guido rallied the new Evangelical Order of Holy Priests in Olive Drab before they set out to convert the remnants of the unholy Vlad. Their first mission is to the court of Franz the Feeble, said to be a Vlad worshiper.
 GENEVA: Word is spreading amongst diplomatic circles regarding the apparent paralysis suffered by the Turkish Ambassador. The Austrian Ambassador sent his condolences, but unfortunately the bomb blew up before the flowers were delivered.
 BUD-MOS: We will be the spike upon which the Russian armies will bleed to death.
 BUD-BER: The Austro-Hungarian Foreign Ministry protests recent German insinuations concerning Emperor Franz's marksmanship and wishes to remind Berlin that the Emperor still holds the world's record for the number of bystanders shot at the Stuttgart Invitational Moose Hunt.

Garfield



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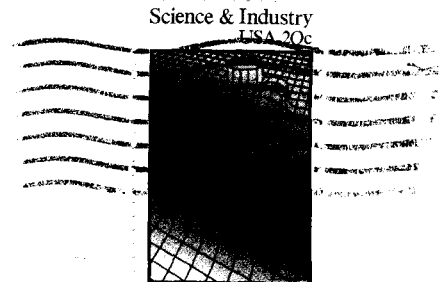
Game Openings: \$12.00. None available at present.

Standbys: Wanted. Sub credit for standbys who play to the end of game or elimination.

Awards: Winners get 10 complimentary issues of LSD or equivalent prize, 2-way drawees get 7 issues, all other survivors get 5 issues, & eliminated players get 3.

Contributions: LSD will give sub credit to readers whose contributions are printed. Original articles and cartoons, etc. are wanted.

Alan B. Calhamer invented DIPLOMACY®, which first appeared commercially in 1959 in essentially its present form. The Avalon Hill Game Company now owns the copyright and publishes the game.



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