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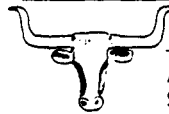
RULEBOOK CHANGES. According to the current issue of DW, Avalon Hill has published a new edition ("2nd Edition/Feb.'82") of the official rulebook for Diplomacy. It contains in Rule XII.4, Rule XII.5, and an added XII.6, which will be observed in all future LSD game adjudications. Briefly, Rule XII.4 permits a convoy to succeed when more than one convoy route has been written and any one route remains undisrupted. (Formerly, the convoy would be thwarted if any possible route was disrupted.) Rule XII.5 seems to prevent a convoyed army from cutting support offered by a beached fleet to an attack on the convoy carrying the army in question. According to Rod Walker's commentary in DW, the new version of the rule does little to improve on the original. We welcome reader comments. Rule XII.6 requires GMs to consider only one route if both a convoy and an overland route are written, depending on the intent of the player owning the army. This rule seems to eliminate the "unwanted convoy" situation, but if the owning player writes both routes, it would probably be impossible to decide his "intent", unless it were to write conflicting orders on purpose.

DIPLOMACY CALENDAR. If you know the approximate date for any 1984 Diplomacy Cons or even local events, send the information to Eric Kane, 109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck, NY 11024. Send him a SASE for a sample copy of his dipzine ANDUIN, if you are interested in game openings in regular Diplomacy and Anarchy, a variant for 17 players with 2 SCs each.

PLUG. The fall issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD is on the newsstands now, and its the best yet. Highlights include an interview with Allan Calhamer, the game's inventor, a discussion of the revised rules, a couple of articles on unorthodox opening moves, Fred Davis' chronology of Diplomacy-related events from 1958 to the present, poll results, a dippy variant called Tugboat, an article on play-by-electronic-mail for computer buffs, news of new and old zines, and more. \$2.50 will get you the 52-page better-than-ever issue, but for only \$8.00 you will receive a year's subscription to the quarterly. Send your \$\$ to Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. As of this writing, your humble editor is in the midst of a move. It began about a month ago when I shifted my office, and has been continuing at a snail's pace since then. Beginning on 15 October all mail should be sent to 2500 Steck Ave., #140, Austin, TX 78758. My new phone number will be 512/467-8870. It hasn't been easy to work, move, and get this issue out, but things should settle down pretty soon.

PUBBER ALERT. If you are involved or interested in zine publishing, you should be aware of HOUSE OF LORDS, published by Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854. It has discussion of the problems and issues facing publishers, and also contains Mark Luedi's GOING STEADY, which is devoted to preparations for a new publisher's handbook.



1983 H

Longhorn

S 1902

ANGLO-FRENCH COOPERATION PUTS
SECOND BRITISH ARMY ON CONTINENT

° *Last season's report showed England with two armies in Lon. That's a no-no. One is really F Nwy. Also, Italy has A Ven, not A Vie.*

ENGLAND (Seth Owen): F Nwy-SKA, F Edi-NWG, A Lon-HOL (A BEL s, F NTH c).
FRANCE (Rick Ragsdale): A BUR-Ruh, F Spa(sc)-MAR, A Por-SPA.
GERMANY (John Mayes): A KIE-Hol (A RUH s), A MUN s A Ruh, F DEN-Nth.
ITALY (Ned Nichols): F Tun-ION, A Pie-TYO (A VEN s).
AUSTRIA (Gregg Fritz): A SER-Bul (F GRE s), F Tri-ADR, A Bud-TRI, A VIE-Tyo.
RUSSIA (Joe Gallagher): A Stp-NWY (F SWE s), F RUM s Austrian F Gre-Bul [nso], A Sev-ARM, A Ukr-SEV, A WAR h.
TURKEY (Mike Cannon): A BUL h (A CON s), F Smy-AEG, F Arm-BLA.

° *COA: Seth Owen, see King Ranch.*

° *Thanks to David Pierce & Bryan Jurkowski for the standby orders, which were fortunately not needed.*

° *PRESS--*

BER-WORLD: In the tradition of the American Indian: "Keep off my Happy Hunning Grounds!"

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: What is this English control of Russian Scandinavia gibberish you are writing about?

You can put that in your French pipe and smoke it.

RUSSIA-ITALY & FRANCE: Hope to see you in the game soon.

WOODEN BLOCKS. Replacement parts for Dippy sets (112 pieces) are available for \$7.00, postage included. They are unpainted, so you can add extra countries for your variant games. Send check or money order to Loring Windblad, PO Box B-43816, Florence, AZ 85232, and allow 6 weeks for delivery. If you want to order pre-painted blocks, they'll cost you \$8.50.

POLLS. The Whitestonia Players Poll and the Marco Poll both have voting deadlines of 22 November 1983. In the former, vote for the top five in two categories: best player & best writer, and send your ballot to John Caruso, 160-02 43rd Ave., 2nd Floor, Flushing, NY 11358. In the latter, vote for the top seven zines, top three subzines, and top five GMs, and send that ballot to Mark Lazelere, 7607 Fontainebleau #2352, New Carrollton, MD 20784.

LISTS. Standbys: Fritz, Jurkowski, Luedi, Pierce, and Smith. M-game: Fritz, Pierce, Luedi, Smith, Koehler (the latter three have paid gamefees), and Tatsch or Mayes (only one eligible). That only leaves one spot for LSDs last game, which will not start until space opens up with the completion of two current games, probably this winter.

Post Office of Texas

Dear Mike,

Just had to write you and get your comments on this, hopefully in the next LSD! I heard the tapes of the Russian pilot in the Korean commercial airline attack and the translation thereof. Did you hear the tapes? If so, could you immediately tell what was being said? Was it an Uzbek accent? (The weak link in the chain of Holy Mother Russia, according to SCTV). And the translator at the UN on Public Radio had the pilot saying "Fiddlesticks". Do the Russians really say that?! Well, I can't wait to hear the answers to these questions! Til later.

Sincerely,
Gary Coughlan

The recording quality was so bad that I could understand little over the air. The Russian phrase was Ёлки палки (pronounced yolky palky), and means literally "branches of a fir tree". Aren't violin bows made from birch? Actually a better translation would have been "Yipes!" Time magazine had a good short article on this matter in the issue devoted to the attack and the diplomatic aftermath, if you want more information on this subject.

Dear Mike,

I was shocked after reading the letter from Whitt Pond in the last issue. I thought his comments were uncalled for and found them very distasteful. I suggest Mister Pond should try his hand at publishing first before he criticizes others. You really don't know how hard it is until you get your feet wet. Mr. Pond should refrain from taking potshots until he knows what he is talking about.

I (and many others) think you are doing a fantastic job with LSD. Although you have basically gone warehouse, LSD has maintained the high quality I have come to expect and enjoy. Even though LSD does not come out as often as it used to, you have always made an effort to keep us informed of any delays in your publishing schedule. As for bad adjudication, everybody makes mistakes. We are all human. Obviously, Mr. Pond is perfect.

I have been with LSD from the very beginning and will stay to the end. LSD is one of my favorite zines, and I am always looking forward to the next issue. Keep up the great work, and don't let letters like Mr. Pond's get to you. There are plenty of us around that believe in you and like what you are doing.

Sincerely,
Gregg Fritz

Dear Mike,

Re Whitt Pond's letter last issue: your reply was great--reasoned and understated. I would have told him to shove it, in about those terms. Hang in there!

Rick Ragsdale

Dear Mike,

I was very sorry that you have decided to make the M-game the last one. Definitely put me on the list! I have really enjoyed LSD, and it is my hope that as you get further along you will decide to keep it going.

You will notice that I have had a COA to Cincinnati, the Queen City. Once known as Porkopolis because of the thriving swine trade, it is now better known as the location of Procter & Gamble's headquarters, that of my new employer. Yes, I have finally finished graduate business school at the U. of Michigan, given Ford Motor Co. my notice, and have embarked on a new career in marketing. I am really

enjoying my new job and the people I work with, although it was painful to leave my good friends in Detroit. The biggest drawback to Cincinnati is that the lush Ohio River Valley is the source of an incredible amount of pollen, which is driving me crazy with allergies.

Your friend by mail,
Jack Smith, 8574 Holiday Hills
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Hi Mike,

It's me again! I got another magazine, and it had a cartoon I thought you'd be interested in seeing. IS THAT WHAT IT MEANS? (What's the English pronunciation?)

Don't forget about the "fiddlesticks" part, either. The transcript appeared in our papers here, so I'm pretty sure the Austin papers had it too, and "fiddlesticks" was definitely in there. I know that the Russians and others adopt certain English words like "Roger" and "Wilco", but "Fiddlesticks"???? Did you catch that Vladimir guy on ABC's Nightline? He's very good. I hate William Safire anyway. Well, til later.

Sincerely,
Gary Coughlan



How's that again, Yuri?

Looking for an authentic Russian swearword to use along with the standard symbols of profanity in this cartoon. Boston Globe cartoonist Paul Szep consulted a Russian-speaking reporter. "I wanted it to look real," Szep explains. It certainly did. Within hours after the cartoon appeared in the Globe's morning edition on May 27, several readers had phoned to complain about Szep's Russian. Calling the obscenity "unacceptable," editorial page editor Martin Nolan suspended the Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist for two weeks without pay, and had the phrase, which means "what the fuck," blacked out in later editions. Szep was also served with an official letter of warning. Although the suspension was later shortened to one week — after Szep submitted a letter of apology to Globe publisher William Taylor — the cartoonist remains under a cloud. The official reprimand was his second (the first was for performing unauthorized outside work): a third gives the Globe grounds for dismissal. "Up until this little fracas, it's been really wonderful," says Szep. "Obviously, I'm going to have to make an effort to keep my nose clean." Johanna Glover

The translation given here is just as poor as the "fiddlesticks" translation. Can anyone come up with a better rendering?

1981 CE Independence S 1909

IONIAN SEE-SAW CONTINUES;
TSAR PRESSES GERMAN CAMPAIGN

- The draw proposal failed. For future reference, you cannot register a standing veto. You must vote no on each proposal as it comes up; otherwise the NVR will always equal yes
- Correction: Russia's A Pru-BER last season was not stood off by the dislodged German unit and therefore succeeded. The supply center chart reflected Germany's capture of Ber, and Germany was notified.
- Autumn 1908: Germany NRR: GM removes dislodged A Mun. Russia retreats dislodged F Hol-Hel.
- Winter 1908: Germany NBR, plays one short. Russia builds F StP(nc). Turkey builds A Con & F Smy.

ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): F Cly-LPL.
FRANCE (Jim Meinel): A BRE s A Par, A PAR s A Bre.
GERMANY (Don Scheifler?): NMR! A Nwy h (dsl, ret to Swe, Fin, or dsb), A EDI & A HOL & A RUH & F LON & F BEL all hold.
ITALY (Doug Tatsch): A Gas-MAR, A BUR-Mun, F Naf-TUN, F Rom-TRH, F Nap-ION (F APU s), A Vie-TRI (F VEN s).
RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): A Mun-KIE, A BOH-Mun, F Stp(nc)-NWY (F NTH s), F Hel-DEN, A Bud-VIE (A GAL s).
TURKEY (Mike Blanchard): A Con-BUL, F Aeg-GRE, F Smy-AEG, A Gre-SER, A Tri h (dsl, ann), F EAS-Ion, F Ion-ADR (F Adr s (nsu)), F ALB u, h.

◦ Will Tony Auxier, Route 3, McLeansboro, IL 62859, please stand by for Germany?

◦ PRESS--

GUESS WHO TO WORLD POWERS: And you didn't believe in the Resurrection. There ain't no free lunch, and there ain't no free centers. PS--puppert for hire.
PAR-GERMANY: I tried to tell you....
ROM-CON: Are you waiting for me to roll over and play dead or what? My defense the past few seasons can be charitably described as inept, yet you have gained nothing. Keep going the way you are and you will eventually break through and capture Ank!
ROM-EUROPE: I am voting for the I-R-T draw for the obvious reason--it's my only chance. Realistically, though, it will be a travesty if this game ends at this point. Either Russia or Turkey should get an outright win. Since the Turk is a vile infidel who has repeatedly blown his opportunities to break through my defenses, I offer Russia my services against the Turk. How about it, Ivan? You get a win, and I get the satisfaction of seeing Mike get his!
PARIS: Wow! This has been some game. I've had 3 COAs since it started, all the original players save the Turk are still here (oh where are you now, Cindy?), and I'm still alive!



1982 AM JALAPEÑO S 1905

ENGLAND BOLSTERS ITALY, GERMANY
ATAINST TURKO-AUSTRIAN MACHINE

- Winter 1904: England builds F Lon. Austria builds A Bud & A Vie. Turkey was even and need not build.
- The draw proposal failed.

ENGLAND (David Pierce): F Lon-NTH, F Ska-SWE, A STP h (F BAR s), A HOL s German A Kie, A BUR-Mun, A BEL-Bur, A EDI h, F Wes-TRH.
GERMANY (Terry Suitor): F Den-BAL, A KIE & A RUH s English A Bur-Mun.
ITALY (Gregg Fritz): A VEN-Apu (F ADR s), A Tyo-Ven (dsl, ann) (A PIE s), F Trh-NAP, F TUN s English F Wes-Trh, F Lyo-WES.
AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): F ALB-Adr, A Vie-TYO (A MUN s, A BOH & A TRI s), A BER & A SIL s A Mun, A BUD s A Tri.
TURKEY (Jim Lawniczak): A CON-Apu (F ION & F AEG c), F EAS s F Ion, F Bla-RUM, A LVN-Stp (A MOS s).

◦ PRESS--

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: There can only be peace after the valiant German armies and their English allies have eliminated all signs of Austrian presence from the Fatherland.
LSD-PEPPERS: Not very impressive this season!

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DEADLINE for LSD games:

17 November 1983

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1982 HU King Ranch S 1903

FRENCH STAB BRITISH! TSAR DEPARTS
GERMANY, EJECTED FROM NORWAY

ENGLAND (Don Scheifler): F Den-SKA, A Swe-NWY
(F NTH & F NWG & F BAR s).
FRANCE (Rob Landeros): F Eng-WAL, F Bre-ENG,
A Par-PIC, A BUR h (A MAR s).
GERMANY (Paul Milewski): A Pic-BEL (A RUH s),
A MUN s Italian A Ven-Tyo, A BER s A Mun.
ITALY (Bill Quinn): F Tun-ION, A Ven-TYO,
A Rom-APU, A SER-Bud (A TRI s), A GRE-Ser,
F AEG-Gre.
AUSTRIA (Ed): A BUD h.
RUSSIA (Fred Winter): A SEV-Arm (F BLA s),
F Nwy-Nth [dst, ann], A Tin-STP, A Sil-GAL.,
A VIE-Bud (A RUM s).
TURKEY (Seth Owen): A BUL h (F CON s),
A SMY-Arm (A ANK s).

° COA: Seth Owen, C Btry 1-80 KA, APO NY 09162.

° PRESS--

CONSTANTINOPLE: For some reason I'm feeling a little claustrophobic.

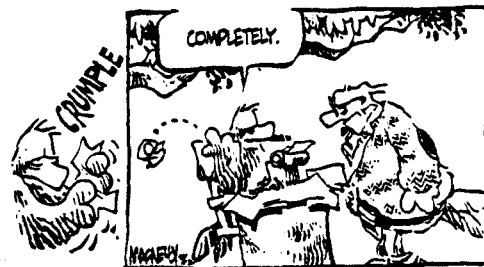
ROME: Anyone want an ally? I promise to write from now on.

KAISER-TSAR: I did not mean to offend you. If you don't subscribe to a policy of attacking everyone, perhaps I should have said "almost" everyone.

GERMANY-EUROPE: There once was a witch whose magic wand had the power to move on its own. She found this so delightful that when the wand failed to move she threw it into a pit of snakes. Afterwards, many brave men would reach into the pit and grab a motionless snake, mistaking it for the magic wand, and

suffer death from snakebite. This became so common that a warning sign was erected nearby. It read: "Beware of Pit Wand".
ASHLAND-AUSTIN: Too bad Mr. Pond will not be around to read this, but isn't it telling that one reason not given for his sub cancellation is that he had just too many red units to keep track of? As for his resignation, who gives a whitt?

Shoe



I'm considering buying a TI Professional Computer in the next month or two. Do you know anything about it or their dot-matrix printer? I can get it wholesale, as they say. What's happening with Calif. Rpts? Best, Mike

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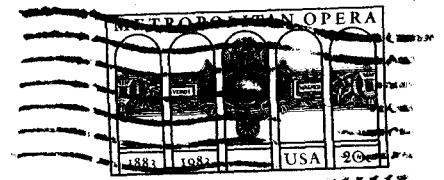
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Alan B. Calhaver invented DIPLOMACY®, which was first published in 1959. The Avalon-Hill Game Company now publishes it.



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