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★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News

DELAYS. A combination of factors led to the delay in the publication of this issue of LSD. I spent the holidays in New Mexico with my family on a ski trip. The weather was perfect, the slopes were beautiful, but my luggage did not arrive until the morning we left. When I returned home, I found a pile of mail waiting for me, which included letters pointing out errors in two of the games. I decided to extend the deadlines for those games by a week and notified all the players of the corrections and the new deadline. Thus, you are receiving this issue a week later than planned.

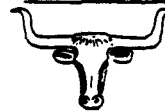
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1984. Despite its ominous sound, I was hoping this year would be a little better than the last, but so far I don't have very much good news on the personal front to report. January began with a deficit of \$1000 in Christmas expenses and lost income (when I don't work, I don't get any \$\$\$). The delivery date on my new Texas Instruments Professional Computer was delayed until at least February. My two roommates and I all got sick (Rod went into the hospital, Purple had to see a doctor, and I, the lucky one, just vegged out in bed). My car, Jane Honda, decided that she needed a new engine, plus work on the clutch and axle, to the tune of \$1500. Finally (I fervently hope), my typer threw a clutch last Friday night, just as I began to type the galleys for LSD. It is now Tuesday afternoon, the IBM repairman just left, and I'm wondering what else will happen. It can only get better, right?

PANDEMONIUM PUBLICATIONS. Rod Walker is a real workhorse. Not only did the latest, and one of the best, issues of DIPLOMACY WORLD arrive last week,

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1983 H Longhorn S 1903

NEW POPE RETAKES VEN, PRAYS FOR ALLY; TSAR HITS SLEEPING TURK

- # Last season's SC chart should have shown Austria's possession of Bud and loss of Gre.
- # Autumn 1902: Italy retreats dsl A Ven-Apu; Russia retreats dsl A Nwy-Stp; Turkey NRR, GM disbands dsl A Bul.
- # Winter 1902: England builds F Edi; France builds F Bre & F Mar; Austria builds A Bud [plays one short].
- # One player only requested separation of winter & spring seasons. We will play on.

ENGLAND (Seth Owen): F EDI-Nth, F Nwy-Stp (inc), (F NWG s), F SKA-Nwy, A BEL s French A Bur-Ruh, A HOL s French A Bur-Ruh.
FRANCE (Rick Ragsdale): A BUR-Ruh, A GAS-Bur, F Lyo-TRH, F Mar-PIE, F Bre-MID.
GERMANY (John Mayes): A KIE-Hol (A RUH s), A MUN s A Ruh, F DEN-Nth.
ITALY (Mark Luedi): A Tyo-VEN (A APU s), F Ion-ADR.
AUSTRIA (Gregg Fritz): F VEN h [dsl, dsb], A Vie-TYO (A TRI s), A Bud-VIE, F BUL(sc) s F Rum-Bla [nso & imp anyway], A SER s A Bul.
RUSSIA (Joe Gallagher): A Arm-SMY (A SYR s), F RUM h, A Ukr-SEV, A STP-Nwy (F SWE s).
TURKEY (Mike Cannon?): NMR! F GRE h, F BLA h, F SMY h [dsl, ret to Can or dsb].

No standby will be called for Turkey. See HR change in Roundup.

PRESS--

LONDON: Happy New Year to everybody.
ITALY-WORLD: Addresses, everyone? The only one I've got is Rick's.
LSD-MARCO: I'll send them to you (but you other guys should write!).
ITALY-FRANCE: I at least hope you'll write me in this game.

1981 CE Independence F 1909



EUROPE BOWS TO RUSSIAN DIPLOMATIC MILITARY PROWESS: PEACE DECLARED!

- # The concession to Russia passed. A summary of the game and player's endgame statements will appear in the next issue of LSD. Well done, Jeff! You receive 20 free issues, and Joe, Jim, Don, Doug, and Mike receive 10 each (or equivalent in cash).

Post Office of Texas

Dear Mike:

To keep you abreast of my latest adventures in the looking glass world of Avalon Hill, today I phoned the toll free phone number 1-800-638-9292 to get my hands on an honest-to-God copy of the new Diplomacy rules. Believe it or not, the operator said the rules were supposed to have been ready the beginning of the year, but are just now being stocked for shipping. I placed an order that I was told would be filled next week (after December 1st).

This may explain why I have not read about the new rules in the Avalon Hill General. On the other hand, why did Diplomacy World jump the gun? If the rules are unavailable for dissemination in the normal way (I will not digress on the subject of artificial dissemination), are they official yet? If not, what about all these conscientious zine publishers who are proceeding on the apparently questionable assumption that the rules changes are official? Has Diplomacy World botched things up? Will Mike Conner manage to print this letter without littering it with typographical errors that have the effect of making me look like a man who suffers the lingering aftereffects of being frightened at a young age by a vicious typewriter keyboard in search of human blood?

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[Note attached to King Ranch orders]:

P.S. Sorry I screwed up my Fall 1903 orders and made your adjudication unnecessarily complicated. In all fairness, however, I was not thrilled by all the typographical errors you made in publishing my letter: makes me look illiterate. I'm insecure enough I worry about my image.

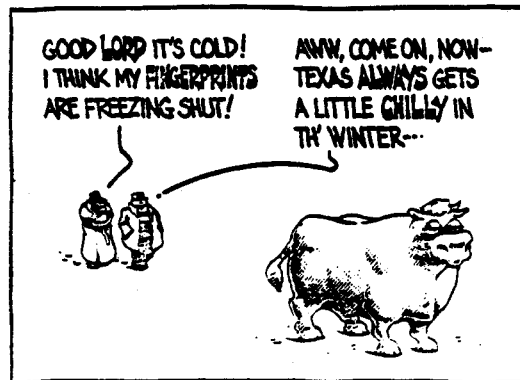
Er, uh, I believe I get the message. I sincerely apologize for my lack of eye-hand coordination at the keyboard, and for my oversight in proofreading. I have taken great pains to reproduce your messages here exactly as you wrote them, although it is hard for me suppress my editor's instincts and forego correcting for minor errors in material sent to me (not to imply that you made any, of course). When reading articles, letters, etc. in other zines, I assume that the typos are the fault of the typist, not the writer, and I hope readers of LSD do the same.

As to the substance of your letters, I find it not a little strange that there is so little response to the new rules and to your concerns. Doesn't anyone else out there care? There was nothing about this matter in the latest DW. Perhaps the article in DW was a spoof. Thanks for your attention to this, Paul. You may get an answer yet!

DEADLINE for all LSD games:

Leap Day

29 February 1984



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but also two issues of his revived Dipzine EREHWON. The latter is available at 10 issues for \$6, and it's full of interesting reading and games. The former is available at 4 quarterly issues for \$10. You can probably get a sampling of both for a SASE sent to 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024.

HOBBY CENSUS. If you did not send Dick Martin a mailing list and want to get a copy of the 1983 Dip Census, send him \$2 for a full-sized copy or \$1 for a reduced-print version (26 N. Orchard Way, Rockville, MD 20854).

RAGING MAIN. James Woodson says he has standby positions for Diplomacy and openings for Rail Baron in his zine, which will be published here in Texas while he attends flight training. RM has trivia contests, lots of games, letters, and more. It costs 65¢ an issue, but you may get a sample for an SASE sent to PO Box 18645, Corpus Christi, TX 78418.

ELECTRIC PENGUIN. John Mirassou, 966 El Rio Dr., San Jose, CA 95125, has started a new zine, which now has cartoons, humor, poetry, and other material, much with a cybernetic connection. He has openings for regular dip at \$2.50 per game. The zine costs 40¢/issue with a minimum order of 7 issues. Send John a couple of stamps for a sample of this digest-sized, reduced-print newcomer.

CHEESECAKE. After almost 15 years, the war has ended. Don Tinker's France & my Germany (12 & 13 units respectively) were conceded a draw by the other players in 1980AR, better known to readers of GM Andy Lischett's fine zine as Desmodromic. I have always enjoyed alliance play, and Don proved to be an impeccable ally, even when I NMRed and our communications temperarily broke down. Thanks to Andy, Don, and the other players for a fine game. It feels strange now not to be playing in a single game in CHEESECAKE. I'm not ready to start another but if you want me Andy, I'll stand by for you.

HOUSERULE CHANGE. Because of the difficulty in fleshing out my standby list, I am forced to give myself the latitude of letting NMRed countries with fewer than four SCs go into CD if the original player NMRs twice. I don't like to do this, since I feel that even one-center powers can have a great effect on the tactical situation and hence on the strategic outcome (Joe Gallagher's England in Independence is an excellent example). If I can find a standby for such a country, of course I will appoint one, but until I get more volunteers, that will be difficult.

STANDBY LIST. Fritz, Pierce, & Woodson. I really need more people for this list. *Please help!*

M-GAME. This game will start when one more current game ends. Nine people have signed up: Fritz, Pierce, Luedi, Smith, Koehler, Tatsch, Mayes, Milewski, and Albrecht. Koehler NMRed out of Longhorn, so he's probably not interested in a new game.

DIPCON. Please make your plans now to attend the next DipCon in Dallas this summer, the first weekend after the Fourth of July. I'm planning to be there, and I don't see why you can't join me.



1982 AM

JALAPEÑO

S 1906

SULTAN'S ABDICATION THREATENS PROSPECTS OF TURKO-AUSTRIAN PACT

Correction: Last season, the typist screwed up Germany's orders. Players were notified and given an extra week to send in revised moves. The correct German orders are these--A Kie-PRU (F BAL c), A Ruh-KIE.

Autumn 1905: Turkey ret dsl F Ion-Apu.

Winter 1905: Italy builds A Rom.

The AEIT draw proposal was not approved, but is repropoed. Vote on it and also on an EI draw. NVR = yes.

ENGLAND (David Pierce): A RUH & A BJR s German
A Kie-Mun, A HOL-Kie, A Stp-LVN (F BOT s),
A Nwy-STP (F BAR s), F Ion-ALB.

GERMANY (Terry Suitor): A KIE-Mun, F BAL-Ber,
A PRU-Sil.

ITALY (Gregg Fritz): A VEN h (A PIE s),
A Rom-APU (F NAP s), F ADR s English
F Ion-Alb, F TUN-ion (F TRH s).

AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): F Alb-Adr [dsl, ret to
Gre or dsb], A TYO & A BOH s A Mun, A BER s
A Mun, A SIL s A Ber, A MUN s A Ber, A TRI s
A Tyo, A VIE s A Tri.

TURKEY (Jim Lawniczak): A Con-BUL, F APU-ION
(F AEG & F EAS s), F Bla-Con [nsu], A MOS u, h,
A Lvn u, h [dsl, ret to War or dsb], F RUM u, h.

James Lawniczak has resigned. Will Jack Smith, address last issue, please take over for Turkey?

PRESS--

AUSTRIA-ITALY: Write, please!

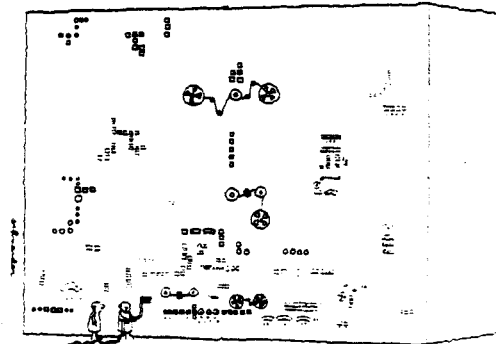
AUSTRIA-JIM: Hope you are still with me, Jim.

TURKEY-ALL: Sorry, everyone, I just don't have any time or enthusiasm to keep up in Diplomacy. Gregg and Bryan, I'll write as soon as I can.

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: It will take you a long, long long time--then we will give it to Italy!

AUSTRIA-EUROPE: A Man taking a survey asked another man, "What do you think of the apathy in America today?" The other man answered, "I don't know, and I don't care!" That's how I feel about this game: I don't care.

LONDON-AUSTRIA: If you're so anxious to end this, why not vote for the EI concession?



I don't like the looks of this. It keeps saying: God only knows

W 1982 HU **King Ranch** S 1904
**KAISER WATCHES ANGLO-FRENCH WAR;
 TSAR FIGHTS TWO-FRONT BATTLE**

Autumn 1903: Russia retreats dsl A Stp-Fin.
Winter 1903: England builds A Lpl, France builds F Bre.

- ENGLAND (Don Scheffler): F STP(nc)-Nwy, A Nwy-Fin, F Nth-YOR (A LPL s), F Ska-NTH, F NAT-Mid.
- FRANCE (Rob Landeros): F Wal-IRI, F BRE-Mid, F Eng-WAL, A LON-Yor, A Mar-GAS, A BUR h.
- GERMANY (Paul Milewski): A MUN-Bur, A BEL-Bur, A Ber-KIE, A Ruh-HOL.
- ITALY (Bill Quinn): A Tri-VIE (A TYO s), A SER-Bud, A GRE-Bul, A Apu-VEN, F Ion-ADR, F Aeg-ION.
- RUSSIA (Fred Winter): A GAL-Vie (A BUD s), A RUM h, A Sev-MOS, F Bla-SEV, A FIN-Nwy.
- TURKEY (Seth Owen): A BUL-Rum, A Smy-ARM, (A ANK s), F Con-SMY.

Thanks to Mark Luedi for the standby orders.

PRESS--

GERMANY-ITALY: Assuming you and France have it worked out, which of you gets Munich?

NEWS FLASH: Italy and France are not allied. In fact, they've never been introduced.

GERMANY-ENGLAND: I know you expect me to go crashing in and save you single-handed by taking Paris, but it isn't that easy.

GERMANY-RUSSIA: Did I ever officially thank you for leaving Silesia?

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GERMANY-FRANCE: Your fall 1903 "A ENG c A Pic-Lon" was highly unorthodox!

LSD-GERMANY: Mea culpa!

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