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Dispatchio di Machiavelli

All hail, thou princes! Enter unto this domain, and you shall find pleasure amongst the conflicts of mind and body recounted within. And if good fortune should befall you, there shall be a widening and deepening of your understanding of the tactics and strategies of diplomacy.

Regarding the questions on the recommencement of this publication's second Colonia contest, the proposition to begin the game anew was rejected; thus inside are included the Fall 1750 adjudications together with the 1750 Supply Center Chart. From this point on the Staff has decided, and I have concurred, that the decision of whether or not to recommence a contest again will be decided by the Staff, bearing in mind the circumstances warranting such a step. The reasons which the Staff was presented concerning the restart of the game, holiday season mail slumps and player-casting changes, were carefully reviewed, but the Staff decided, as apparently most of the princes involved felt, that no recommencement was necessitated.

A note to those princes who value The Master Machiavellian highly enough to choose to continue their relationship with this publication: the resubscription rate is ten issues for two dollars and thirty cents. Due to numerous administrative requirements, no "double-subscriptions" for twenty issues for four dollars and sixty cents will be accepted; those princes who have resubscribed with twice the acceptable amount will discover the balance in accompaniment to this issue.

All princes engaged in diplomatic conflict within the pages of this periodical are reminded that it is the responsibility of each contestant to ensure that his orders are received on time and by the correct GamesMaster. Both time and accuracy are lost when players in numerous games dispatch orders for all contests to one or the other GamesMaster when both should be informed separately. This responsibility is owed not only to this publication or to the player himself, but to his gaming associates, as well.

A new feature in The Master Machiavellian is witnessing inception in this issue, an in-depth series of articles covering "real-world" diplomacy in action. The first of these series, by our managing editor, Michael G. Homeier, covers the diplomatic sparring which ensued during the troubled years of the 1930's and the events leading up to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe in 1939. It is hoped that these articles, on a subject inherently of interest to players of Diplomacy, will promote discussion and increased understanding of the whys and where-fors of the game itself.

May your diplomatic conjugations be filled with the complimentary essences of the lion and of the fox, of force and of fraud. Farewell --

Niccolò Machiavelli

SUBBERS NOTE: All correspondence replies are mailed on weekends; wait unavoidable. Of course, with our school loads...!

The Master Machiarellian is a game of postal Diplomacy, its variants, and other wargames. Subs are 10/\$2.30 ONLY. There are no game openings at present, but standbys for Colonia I, Diplomacy, and Colonia II are solicited. Diplomacy, /c/ Games Research Inc., Box 13N, Boston MA 02118, was invented by Allan Calhaver. Please make all checks, money orders, etc. payable to our treasurer, Michael Homeier.

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GAMES SECTION

1975Ufh (Colonia I) FRANCE MISSES OUT AS Winter 1751
Please don't be THE NAME OF THE DAY

- AUSTRIA (Stephens): No change possible. (has 10) See below.
- ENGLAND (Schultz): Builds F Aus, F Vic, F Lyp (has 13).
- FRANCE (Lucero): NERI Has 10, four shore. Tut, tut! Wait! F Eat not /r/ GM
/r/ OTB.
- NETHERLANDS (Hyatt): Builds F Jav, A Sur, A Cpc (has 14).
- BYZANTIUM (Greenwell): Builds F Izm (has 11).
- PORTUGAL (Stimbel): Builds F Lis, F Lag, F Mac (has 12). Ooops! - A Ang /r/ OTB,
A Sze /r/ Bma. See below.
- RUSSIA (Schuath): Builds F Amu, F Ptd(sc) (has 12).
- SPAIN (Gagnani): Builds F Mex(ac), F Nnl, A Val (has 12).

The deadline has come and gone, and Terry's missed the boat ... in four games! That won't happen again, I'm sure. Sorry, Terry! Note on Austria: Ron has moved, and in case last ish's COA was illegible due to postal competency, here is his new address - 1044 St. 16th St. #2, Lincoln NE 68508. Note on Portugal: I goofed lastish by listing "Azo" twice, so, as Bob noted, Portugal builds only two (plus one for the /r/ OTB). Spring 1752 orders due 3:00 pm 25 March 1976 at 238 N. Bowling Green Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Oh, by the way, in last season's adjudications I forgot to underline AU F Ion-Aeg with OT F Cnp-Aeg; second thing I've forgotten to underline! Oh well, at least I had it that way on my adjudications sheet... Also, Portugal's center is Bha, not Gha (wrg key!)

1975Ufh Press: ((Printed exactly as received))

CLUJ: "Because of heavy rains here, forresters returned to the Transylvanian and Bessarabian forests to cut more rails for shipment to central storage stations for use in building railroads of logs similar to early American corduroy roads hence the term 'rail road station'. How about that for a feeble attempt at recovering from an anachronism?"

ROME: "The Pope declared today that he was Catholic but declined to make an affirmative statement regarding his scatological activities in sylvan glades with members of the genus Ursus. Gani Austriani Pressi est peurile."

BRENTWOOD: "A grim warning was wafted to the citadel at the foot of the Mountain of Barad-Bowling Green to the effect that, 'Players: clean up your press or the Staff will clean it out!' The warning was accompanied by sinister rumblings from the puissant Stronghold of Darkness located at the mountain's peak."

SOFIA: "As the Austrian host gathered themselves before the besieged city, they were startled to see Ferdinand I outside the walls of the city. With walking stick in hand he calmly drew a line in the dust. While the Austrian host thundered he completed his circle around the city. "Pass over that, if you dare," he chuckled, and with that he walked through the Austrian lines and re-

1975Ufh Press (continued):

turned to Constantinople."

SAVOY: "Oh help, help, help -- The French bloated tyrants are holding the whole nation prisoner in Rigatoni factories. Send the White Knight to Fight the French Blight!"

CONSTANTINOPLE: "Ferdinio I notes that since he and his wife have no children, that he can not recognize Frederick III. As for 'Djakarta report', well, Court officials had investigated and the 'Pretender' was none other than Omar the Lip, a small time crook who has been granted asylum in von Richer's harem!"

NAPLES: "King Virillo, recovered from his recent migraine and injured pride, has been waxing his mustache, oiling his hair and grooming his macho in anticipation of a state visit by the Spanish Queen. Virillo was heard to say, 'La Donna Di Spagna esta buona e bella, bella, bella -- zomba yally nella!'"

LISBON: "Rumours heard here are that Spanish armada is in Mediterranean for purposes of bringing the suitor, King Virillo of Naples, to Spain. It is believed that he will bring Naples into Spanish Empire as part of HIS dowry."

BUDAPEST: "While I got nicht bad vill for der Frogs, Ich will conquer and wanquish der heatnosicher Islammers mit der harems (leer) und der filthy degenerate habits (leer, leer) und der orgaes (triple leer) und ... und ... all der rest!" (gasp, King Lear) stated Archduke Felix here."

CONSTANTINOPLE: "Reliable reports indicate the French Ambassador Count de Grasse has left the capital. Apparently Ferdinio returned from Sofia with a couple of toad's legs. De Grasse took a fancy to them and the good Ferdinio was quick to oblige him. After dinner, de Grasse asked our Emperor where he gotten the 'frog's legs'. To which, Ferdinio replied, 'Theywere just some toad's legs he had gotten off of Felix.' When last seen de Grasse was heard to mutter 'Sacre bleu! Sacre bleu!' (Actually, he looked more green than blue!)"

VIENNA: "'Ve got der doldrums today mit every ready to stomp und main der poor prostrate empire,' bemoaned the Emperor.

"'Vell, munchy-yummy-huggy-squeezems, just always remember dot a shpoonful uv der medicine helps der sugar go down und for every sky of blue mit der cloud und der silver lining der is a shterm und drang,' cooed the empress sympathetically.

"'Gott in himmel, Shutzen sie up, bitte mit dot big cooey-bird cow-oink-moo-pig trash vich you are always injecting into der affairs uf shtat!' shouted the ill-tempered imperial crown-bearer in a characteristic venting of spleen that brought applause from peasants around the palace who were looking for cake as there was no bread to be had in all of Vienna."

1975Ufh NOTE: I have Sp'52 orders from Byzantium, Austria, and England.

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1975BKfh (Colonia II) IBERIAN UPROAR CONTINUES (Finally!) Fall 1750 AS WORLD SITUATION RAPIDLY DETERIORATES TOWARD WAR

AUSTRIA(Hyatt): F Adr-Nap; A Sax-Psa; A Bav H/r Sss, Vie, Pra, Sax, OTB/; A Mor-Pol; A Ken-Tan; A Col H.

ENGLAND(Scheutz): F Cor-Fij; F Nth-Nwy; F Eng-cat; F Iri-Par; A Kan-Con; A Lou H.

FRANCE(Stimmel): F Bby-Leo; A Tou-Sav; A Sav-Pps; A Ont-Mta; A Sen-Vol; A Niz-Mah.

NETHERLANDS(Fox): F Hel-Den; F Mls-Bao; A Rhi-Bav; A Han S A Rhi-Bav; A Kal-Zam; A Ama-Ecu. ((!))

OTTOMANS(Stephens): F Bla C A Rom-Arm; A Rom-Arm; A Par-Afg; A Jer-Egy; A Arm-Per; A Ara-Oma.

PORTUGAL(~~Reich~~ Reich): F Can-Azo; A Lag-Hue; A Opo S A Lag-Hue; A Sze-Coc; A Ngo-Bol; A Con H. Please see below.

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1975BKfh (cont.)

RUSSIA (Norris): F Wpc-Cal; F GoB-Swe; A Sib-Amu; A Van-Ore; A Kie S A Cri; A Cri H
SPAIN (Pepper?): NMR. SOU. F Wpc-Tar; F SoC C A Cad-Mrc; A Cad-Mrc;
A Mad-Arg; A Sah-Dak; A Tex-Lou.

At last the game recommences! Needless to say its been quite an ordeal for me! I haven't heard from Vic Ricci since #17, and haven't seen an order from him, so, as per House Rules, he's out. Jon Reich has offered to take over, although he GMs the Dippy games. As in many other zines, I can ensure that the game continues fairly and Jon receives no advantage, so there should be no problem to include him in the game. Just don't send any orders to Jon, or he'll read 'em! Pepper NMRed again (for the umpteenth time -- at least I never got his orders!), so will Rick Kitching, Box 1573, Huntsville, Ontario POA 1K0 submit standby moves for Spain? Many thanks, Rick, for this ish's (I used them for Spain, hence the SOU (Standby Orders Used)). Winter 1750 builds as per below Chart due 3.00 pm 25 March at 238 N. Bowling Green, L.A. 90049.

1975BKfh 1750 Supply Center Chart

AUSTRIA: Vie, Fra, Bud, Tri, Som, Nap, Psa, Pol, Tan, Col, Zed (10). Blds 4.
ENGLAND: Lon, Etl, Lyp, Vir, Nig, Aus, Lou, Nwy, Kam, Flj (10). Builds 4.
FRANCE: Bor, Per, Tou, Que, Poy, Mta, Vol, Mah, Sav, Pps, Wax (10). Blds 4.
NETHERLANDS: Hag, Utr, Ant, Sur, Cpc, Jav, Beo, Zam, Den, Bav, Ecu (11). + 5.
OTTOMANS: Sof, Ism, Dam, Bag, Jer, Cnp, Egy, Oma, Per, Afg (10). Builds 4.
PORTUGAL: Lag, Lis, Opo, Bra, Ang, Mac, Bol, Azo, Con, Coc (10). Builds 4.
RUSSIA: Ptd, Mos, Kie, Irk, Haw, Ala, Ore, Cal, Cri, Swe, Amu (11). Blds 5.
SPAIN: Mad, Cad, Val, Mex, Ifn, Mal, Tex, Dak, Mrc, Tar (10). Builds 4.

1975BKfh Truant Player Chart

Hyatt - 0 Scheutz - 0 Stimmel - 0 Fox - 0
Stephans - 0 Ricci - 2 ((OUT)) Norris - 0 Pepper - 2 ((see note))

((note: just informed Pepper sent moves to Jon, so even though his orders were not used for Spain this time, if Jon Pepper gets 'em in on time next time, OK))
((Not a word of final decision from Ricci, either...))

1975BKfh Press:

SOFIA: "Sofia. Sofia. Sofia." ((At least its to the point!))

DAMASCUS: //Censored//

NEJD: //Censored//

BAGHDAD: "The Wazir announced today that there was a need for new writers as the latest Ottoman press, if evidence of the empire's best, is in sore need of better ((and clearer)) lines. However, he promised to employ the services of the Randy Think Tank to come up with some new laws next year."

MOSCOW: "It was reported to Czar ((Tsar!)) Stefan I ((in Russian Stepan Parvviy)) that a fleet of Turkish junks had been sighted off the coast of Crimea, and that they and a mob of Saracens in Romania were making threatening movements toward that southern province of the Empire. The Czar, often surreptitiously referred to as Stefan the Stupid, flew into a rage: 'If the carpets of my new Winter palace are soiled by Ottoman feet, heads will roll!' he screamed as the messenger made a hasty retreat."

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1975Ufh Truant Player Chart

Stephans - 0 Scheutz - 1 Lucero - 1 Hyatt - 0
Greenwell - 0 Stimmel - 0 Schnaath - 0 Gemignani - 0

1975BKfh Press (cont.)

LISBON, 19 August 1750: "His Royal Highness Prince Jonathan Reich announced that the attempted takeover of his government has been put down. The Prince has taken control of the Government after his Uncle King Ferdinand IV was murdered by the rebels. Although he is only 17 the rest of the Government and the majority of the people support him. The official coronation of the Prince will take place on 1 January 1751. The heads of state of all of the European countries are invited to attend. As his first official act the Prince pardoned all of his subjects who were in debtors prison and cut by 50% (to 75%) the sentences of others. This pardon did not apply to the two rebel leaders, Koening and Chumbler, who were executed yesterday for murder, treason, sedition, and jaywalking."

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Before getting on to the Diplomacy games, GM Jon Reich has a few announcements: "First of all, players must get their orders in on time. Second place, please send me only Diplomacy orders. I am in a Colonia game now and any such orders I get I will read. Also, don't send any Diplomacy orders to Mike. It confuses things too much to make things cheaper. If you don't have any press send a post card. It costs 9¢ instead of 13¢. Last of all no phone orders at all. It is too hard for me to handle, and you guys in Canada who send telegrams, if you send preliminary orders early you may not need a telegram. Allow about one week for letters to reach me. Good luck to all in your games. Jon Reich, Diplomacy GM."

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1974HO ANGLO-GERMAN CONFLICT BUILDS AS Spring 1906
AUSTRIA HITS ITALY, TURKEY HITS NOBODY, AND RUSSIA GETS HIT

- AUSTRIA(Kissner): F Gre-Ion; A Ven-Rom; A Tri-Ven; A Gal-Rum; A Bud & A Gal-Rum; A Ser & A Gal-Rum.
- ENGLAND(Zimmermann): F Nth C A Edi-Den; A Edi-Den; F Sw & A Edi-Den; F Eng C A Lon-Pic; A Lon-Pic; F Bel & A Lon-Pic; A Hol-Kie; F Mid-Bra.
- FRANCE(CD): A Por /h/. ((Who said, "As France Goes"??))
- GERMANY(Fujihara): F Bal-Kie; A Boh-Mun; A Bur-Ruh; A Gas-Bur; A Mar H; A Liv-Mos; A War & A Liv-Mos; A StP & A Liv-Mos.
- ITALY(Ferguson): F Wes-Tyr; F Spa(sc) /h/; A Pic-Ven.
- RUSSIA(Swabeck): A Bul & A Con/nsu/; A Mos H/r Ukr, OTB; A Rum /h/r OTB.
- TURKEY(Lucero): NMI. F Smy /h/; F Bla /h/; F Ag /h/; A Bul /h/; A Sev /h/.

Too bad for Terry's NMI. Again, this is why we ask for prelim orders! Fall 1906 orders (plus retreats) due 3.00pm 25 March 1976 at 1443 Jonesboro Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90049. Looks like Russia's had it ...

TRUANTS: Kissner - 1; Zimmermann - 0; Fujihara - 0; Ferguson - 2; Swabeck - 2; Lucero - 1.

1974HO Press:

ROME, 1 March '06: "Due to dissatisfaction with the old regime of King Gus I, the Austrian army today established a new Italian monarchy under the leadership of King Ignuts Schnozzeldorf I. The King promised his new subjects closer relations with Austria-Hungary and a free weekend pass to the Vatican City to the lucky winner of the new state lottery to be held every six months."

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AUSTRIA AND ENGLAND IN TROUBLE;
RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION IN SHAMBLES

Spring 1901

AUSTRIA(Adam): F Tri-Alb; A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Ser.
ENGLAND(Diehl): F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; A Liv-Yor.
FRANCE(Fujihara): F Bre-Eng; A Par-Pic; A Mar-Spa.
GERMANY(Cooper): F Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Sil.
ITALY(Dittmar): F Nap-Ion; A Rom-Ven; A Ven-Tri.
RUSSIA(van den Boogard): F StP(sc)-Bot; F Sev-Bla; A Mos-War; A War-Gal.
TURKEY(Ritching): F Ank-Bla; A Con-Bul; A Smy-Con.

Thank goodness (and thank YOU, players) no NMRs! Fall 1901 orders due 3.00 pm 25 March 1976 at 1443 Jonesboro Dr., L.A. CA 90049. No truants yet.

1976M Press:

BERLIN: "The German government would like it to be known that it has no malice toward its Italian friends, and wishes that its policy of peaceful non-aggression will be reciprocated."

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1975GG MOBILIZATION CONTINUES EXCEPT IN TURKEY Winter 1902

AUSTRIA(Bourne): Blds A Vie, A Bud. ENGLAND(Diehl): Builds F Lvp.
FRANCE(Pepper): NBR. SBU* = Blds F Mar, A Par. GERMANY(Fox): No change poss.
ITALY(Lucero): No change possible. RUSSIA(Dunn): Builds A Sev, A Mos be-
TURKEY(Parker): NBR. One short ((again)) cause R F Rum OTB.

Bill Adam does it again! Thanks for the standby builds (hence the SBU - standby builds us-!!) Jon Pepper: we've just about had it! Spring 1903 moves due 3.00 pm 25 March 1976 at 1443 Jonesboro Dr., L.A. CA 90049. No press for 1975GG was received. Just when we said all was going smoothly!...

1975GG Truants: Bourne-1; Diehl-0; Pepper-3; Fox-0; Lucero-0; Dunn-2; Parker-1.

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1975AV BRITISH LION NOW PUSSYCAT Spring 1904
AS FRANCE MAKES OVERTURES INTO MeD

AUSTRIA(Lucero): NMR. F Emd, A Vie, A Bud, A Bul /h/; A Rum /h/r OTB.
ENGLAND(Behnen): NMR. F Nth /h/r Bel, Hol, Nrg, Edi, Yor, OTB; A Lvp /h/r
Yor, Edi, Ciy, OTB.
FRANCE(Carter): F Iri S A Wal-Lvp; A Wal-Lvp; F Eng-Nth; F Lon S F Eng-Nth;
F Spa(sc)-Lyo; A Por-Spa; A Bur-Mar.
GERMANY(Swabeck): F Bal-Ska; A Hol-Kie; A Den-Kie; A Mun H; A Ber H; A Swa H.
ITALY(Weswig): F Tun H; F Nap-Ion; F Ion-Cas; F Reg S AU A Bul-Con/nso/;
A Arm-Ank; A Ser S AU A Rum.
RUSSIA(Fox): F Nwy H; A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S A Gal-Rum; A Sev S A Gal-Rum; A Lvn/h/.
TURKEY(Pepper): A Con S A Smy; A Smy S A Ank; A Ank S A Smy.

Terry's NMR was no doubt an oversight, but about Gary's I'm not so sure. He seemed to feel he didn't lose any centers or units; we did. Any comments from the rest of you? Are we wrong or right? We contend we are correct. Summer retreats and Fall moves due 3.00pm at 1443 Jonesboro Dr., L.A. CA 90049. On the tie prop, one yes, three no, three no vote, so fails. TRUANTS: Lucero - 1; Behnen - 1; Carter - 1; Swabeck - 0; Weswig - 0; Fox - 0; Pepper - 2.

1975AV Press:

PARIS: "Wiley Carter awoke from his L.S.D. trance ((AHENM! Must we?!)), blinked twice and called for his valet. 'James, I know the answer at last,

DIPLOMACY IN ACTION
ONE: The Inter-War Period 1925-1939
by Michael George Homer

Part One - Rhineland to Anschluss

//Most readers will no doubt be familiar with the course of events at the conclusion of the First World War, the dooming of the League of Nations, the Allies' slashing of each other's militaries, the imposition of democracy on an ill-prepared and bitter adversary, and the harsh restrictions of the Treaty of Versailles. Barrie Pitt, Peter Young, and Winston Churchill have all published extensive writings dealing with the rise of Naziism, and Fascism, in Europe in the Inter-War Years, and any good encyclopedia can ice the cake. The following article begins in the 1920's, when the damage of the Versailles "Diktat" had been done and Germany was once more on the ascendancy...//

THE RHINELAND. One of the conditions most strenuously pursued by the French at the conclusion of World War I called for the annexation of the Rhineland to France as a buffer against future German aggression. As such a move would be contrary to the ideals propounded by America's Wilson and supported by Britain's Lloyd George concerning racial and ethnic minorities being freed from alien domination, the French settled for a demilitarization of the Rhineland with total and lasting German disarmament coupled with a promise by America and Britain to guarantee their aid to France in the future, should by some miracle Germany should rise anew from the shambles it was mired in.

As the years passed and economic boom grew, the Allies became less and less firm in their resolve to prevent German military recovery. The French suddenly lost their Anglo-American defense guarantee in the Ruhr Dispute, and the Allied stranglehold on Germany was released. Indeed, so weak had the Allies' will to "keep the lid" on Germany become that no one was surprised when in 1925 in the Locarno Treaty, the Allies agreed to terminate their occupation of the Rhineland by 1930 if the Germans guaranteed never to militarize it, and true to the treaty terms, the last Allied occupation troops left that year.

Adolf Hitler, German Chancellor in 1933, declared publicly his intent to abide by the terms of the Locarno Treaty, although he was in actuality fervently preparing for the remilitarization of the Rhineland whenever the Allies first presented him with a suitable excuse to do so. This excuse came in March 1935, when it was announced in Paris and Moscow that a mutual aid pact between France and the Soviet Union had been agreed to and that this pact was to be sent for formal ratification by both governments within a year.

Fourteen days after the announcement of the preliminary Franco-Soviet agreement, Hitler abolished the military restraints of the Versailles "Diktat", proclaiming conscription for an enlarged Wehrmacht (Army) and authorizing the establishment of the German Luftwaffe air force. He followed these brazenly unlawful (by the terms of the Versailles Treaty) moves with a speech to the Reichstag on 21 March, where Hitler soothingly stated that any fears of German aggression were unfounded.

But on 21 November he announced in an audience with the French ambassador to Germany, Francois-Poncet, that the conditions of the Locarno Treaty would be voided by the formal ratification of the Franco-Soviet aid pact. Francois-Poncet immediately warned the French government of the German intent to re-occupy the Rhineland, but his warning fell on deaf ears.

Pending the Pact's ratification, Hitler ordered the German General Staff, known as Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, to prepare plans for the Rhineland coup. As the German Army was at this time no match for that of the French alone, Generalfeldmarschall Werner von Blomberg, German War Minister, gave orders that if the French opposed the Rhineland move, the German troops were to pull back.

On 27 February 1936 the Franco-Soviet Pact was ratified. One week later, German troops entered the Rhineland to wild enthusiasm from the German civilian populace. There was no opposition from Paris or London. Hitler had won

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...and his hesitation provided him with valuable knowledge concerning the probable reactions of his adversaries. And the stage was now set for Hitler's first major international coup -- Austria.

THE ANSCHLUSS. A Nazi takeover of Austria had always been an integral part of Hitler's program to unite the Germanic peoples, but the considerable Austrian support for the Führer had slumped dramatically after the suppression of the ill-timed Nazi coup in Vienna in July of 1934 during which the Austrian Chancellor, Dollfuss, was assassinated. Dollfuss was succeeded by an unknown, Schuschnigg, who was determined to maintain Austrian independence.

Unfortunately for all Austrian democrats, Austria's position deteriorated rapidly after 1936. In that year Austria lost the patronage of both France, because of internal difficulties, and Italy, due to the Axis "Nazi-Fascist Accord." Meanwhile, Hitler was renewing German pressure for unification with Austria, and as the strength of the German Wehrmacht grew, so did Austria's isolation.

In February of 1938 Hitler met Schuschnigg at Berchtesgaden. While the Austrian Chancellor remained adamant on continued Austrian independence, Hitler stated that if the Austrian Nazi Movement was not legalized immediately and given a major role in the government, the German Army would invade and impose these conditions by force. The ultimatum was out.

In an attempt to thwart Hitler's plans without the support of Italy or France, Schuschnigg held a plebiscite to determine Austria's future. The German dictator's response to this move was immediate and devastating.

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1975 NY Press (cont.):

"...God is on our side! How goes the war?" James smiled, "Fine, sir, the English pig dogs have lost another fleet, Liverpool is ours and we have moved to protect ourselves against the Italians." "Good, all is well then?" "We did miss our moves last turn sir." Wiley drained a bottle of scotch and commented, "Well, at least with ~~Wiley~~ on our side how can we lose?" "Any commands sir?" Wiley smiled a death grin, "Behnen, nothing more." (This should in no way reflect any disregard for any laws existing in the United States of America, just a lack of understanding)." (??)

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ODDS AND ENDS

Well, apparently it's official: Diplomacy has been sold by GRI to Avalon Hill. Future events and the effect on the hobby should prove most interesting. Next ish will be some plugs. In Colonia 1976 touches Right Fred?



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