

# Murdering Ministers

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## STUFF

MURDERING MINISTERS is a gamezine dedicated to postal DIPLOMACY and the play thereof. Other multi-player pbm games can be found within these pages also. See GAME OPENINGS for details. Subscriptions to MM are \$4.00/12 issues, gamefees extra. A sample may be had for a stamp. This publication is sent to invade your mailbox by Ren Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, CA 93304. (805) 834-8409 is the phone if you desire personal communication. And that's the truth.

Want NMR insurance? What is NMR insurance anyway? Well, what it is, is this: NMR insurance will prevent you from NMR'ing in a game. How? If you desire it, I will call you on the telephone collect on the day of the deadline to "collect" your orders. (I like puns even if that wasn't very punny). Of course, I suggest if this happens you refuse the charges, hang up, and dial me direct (saves you big bucks from Ma Bell). But you may certainly accept the charges if you feel like it. If you want this free service, write me and say, "Yes, Ren! Sign me up for this great NMR Insurance today! I understand that no salespersons will call and bother me and that if not completely satisfied, my fee which I didn't have to pay won't be refunded!" Do it today. Currently on this status are Brux Linsey and David Barker. Send me your phone # and state that you want NMR Insurance.

15¢ stamps? Try 20¢ in 1981. That is the word from the good old USPS. Edward McCaffrey, the assistant postmaster general for rates and classification, said, "normal inflationary pressures" make such a rate increase necessary. In case you forgot, the last rate increase occurred in May 1978 when the cost of mailing a first-class letter went from 13¢ to 15¢. If this happens, look for a number of DIPLOMACY zines to have a slight sub rate increase.

By now, most of you have heard of the "\$25,000 National DIPLOMACY Championship" contest that was announced about a month and a half ago. In fact, it is still being plugged by some zines around. However, I remain very skeptical about its authenticity and recommend that a no one rashly send any money to anyone until its veracity has been confirmed. Jerry Jones, since you are named as a regional coordinator, how about something in DW about this?

PACIFICON will once again be held at the Dunfey Hotel in San Mateo, CA during Labor Day Weekend, August 30-September 1. I always must miss this one but you should try not to. More info can be had by writing to PACIFICON, PO Box 5839, San Jose, CA 95150.

I received a "notice" from Robert Sacks back in early January and I must admit I've said nothing about it until now because I don't really understand what it's about. But since it says to please publicize it, here goes. It seems

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that Raymond Heuer is the Director of Orphan Games and the Director or rather the Head of Variant Orphan Rescue Service. The complaint is that the IDA is not subsidizing Mr. Heuer for these services as they apparently had agreed to. If anyone thinks the job hasn't been very well done, they are to contact Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY, NY 10034 no later than May 1, 1980.

If I may be permitted to comment, please. Since when is it a big deal about the IDA not performing? Why the fuss? Is there an IDA or is it just a figment of John Michalaki's Imagination? (John will love THAT!). In other words, who cares? I'll bet Mr. Sacks doesn't get a single reply to his request. But then that's what he wants so he'll have evidence to support the fact that Heuer is doing a great job. Maybe he is, maybe he isn't. But to be honest, although I've heard his name before, I had no idea that there even was a Variant Orphan Rescue Service or that Raymond Heuer is the Director of Orphan Games. Again, who cares?

Speaking of Orphan Game Services -- there is one that I've heard of and that they are doing a great job. Who? The triumvirate with the unmistakable title of THE FLYING DOGS OF RETALIATION, that's who. Dick Martin, Jack Brawner, and John Daly beget the U.S. Orphan Service in January of this year when they decided to scrap their individual plans for this worthwhile project and combine their efforts into TFDOR. The Service is mainly concerned with finding new homes for orphan games of regular DIPLOMACY, but they will also try to place any sort of orphan that is sent to them. If you are ever in a game that suddenly loses its GM, contact Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way N., Rockville, MD 20854. Thank you guys for undertaking this grave service! (Sorry, no more puns).

Have you been looking for a chance to play A MIGHTY FORTRESS? Then look no further, no hearties. Ramon Lazaro, 401 8th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11215 publishes what simply MUST be the best deal in the postal wargaming hobby: TOUCHÉ. It is a historical simulations pbm CLUB gamezine which features games of the Middle Ages. I love it and he even has a liberal sprinkling of Shakespearean quotations! Shades of MM! Membership is restricted so check with Ramon if you're interested. The sub fee is only \$5.00/yr. with NO gamefees. There's even a DIP game now! Check it out. You won't be sorry. Ramon desperately wants players for A MIGHTY FORTRESS. If you're familiar with it, help him and yourself out by joining TOUCHÉ.

I forgot to when I saw him awhile back so now I wish to publicly thank Jack Masters for the All-Purpose DIPLOMACY form letter he sent me. If he'll give me permission, I'll put a similar form letter based on it in the next MM.

Have you ever wanted to know how others discipline their cats? Then try to get ahold of a copy of Vol. #2, Issue # 12 of The TORONTO TELEGRAM published by Bill LaFosse, 126 Bay St. #24, Trenton ONT CANADA K9V-1H8. In case you can't, take heart! Part 2 will be published in the upcoming #13. Bill is not proud of this article. To know why read this excerpt, then decide for yourself:  
"Bill,

I, for years dreamed of buying a new Cadillac. After 4 years of scrimping, I saved enough to purchase one, with a terrible, but bearable monthly payment. After so much effort instilled in achieving my possession, I naturally wanted to take all precautions to ensure its continued beauty and appeal. With this in mind, and my being a bit of a handyman, I decided to apply a coating of aluminum wax to my prize.

(Can't next pg.)

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X "I did the job perfectly, in my own garage. I, upon completion, wheeled my machine into the driveway to dry. I returned, some hours later, to find that my cat had walked all over the hood and roof, before the wax had dried. His paws were mud covered. The wax had since dried and his footprints were permanent. As you know aluminum wax is like another coat of paint on a car, and as difficult to remove. The job of sanding off the damaged sections would cost hundreds of dollars. I was very upset with the cat.

"I cornered him minutes later, behind the bed. I decided that if he XK liked my new car so much I could arrange for him to see it much more. Little drops of crazy glue bind quite well. I applied a drop to each paw and I set him on the hood. It has been some months now, and he is starting to wither, but during the first couple of weeks he was quite a conversation piece."

If you are interested in reading further letters on CAT DISCIPLINE, write to Bill today! (Even if he conceded say that MM was an in ept publication).

Well, guess what all you fans of replication! The one who brought you the sham of the Christmas VOLKERWANDERUNG has struck again! The copy of THE "REAL" VOLKERWANDERUNG which has surely popped up in several mailboxes in the past few days should cause even more of an uproar than the original hoax!

In case you were not on the mailing list and haven't yet seen it, try to get hold of one. An incredible amount of time and effort has been put into an excellent attempt to frame MM's very own Associate Gamesmaster, the honorable Pope Alfredo Alfredo. Of course, he is better known by his alias Alfred Rodriguez. In this copy "Alfred" fesses up to masterminding the entire VOLKER fraud. THE "REAL" VOLKER even has a Bakersfield postmark!

Aha! But therein is the very proof that poor little Alfred has been set up. In fact, the information inside reveals to my deductive Holmes-like mind exactly who has been behind all this deviation.

Whodunnit you ask? Well, I won't say outright at this time (mainly because this is fun) but consider this: Why do you think there are so many references to MM inside? And one last obscure clue: I, as the Tsar of Russia, ordered my forces to bayonet to a man the remnants of his "mad monks" in the vicinity of Berlin at a recent face-to-face game!

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GAME OPENINGS

DIPLOMACY - One final game opening remains in regular DIPLOMACY. This will surely be the last opening in some time. (Got to be! We're running out of room for all these games!) This game will also be featured in Al Rodriguez' subzine and will begin as soon as seven players are signed up. A Subscription to MM must be maintained (\$4.00/12 issues). There is no NMR deposit required, but the gamefee of \$3.00 is!

ORIGINS of WW II - This game will be restricted to five players and will be GGM'd by Kirby Garrett. One signed up so far. \$2.00 gamefee plus maintenance of MM subscription.

That's all for now.

How oft when men are at the point of death  
Have they been merry!

ROMEO AND JULIET

V, iii, 88

OLD GAMES!

1978-80 WINTER 1903

Austria- Builds A VIE  
 England- No adjustments  
 France- No Adj

Germany- No Adj  
 Italy- No Adj  
 Russia- No Adj  
 Turkey- Builds F ANK (plays one short)

1978-80 SPRING 1904

AUSTRIA BECOMES BARRON OF AUSTRIANS!

Austria (Loring): F BLA-s-German A Gal-Rum/ISO/; A Bul-s-A Vie/a/; ~~ADJ~~  
 A Vie-s-A Bul/a/.

England (Cassidy): A Mos-STP; F NTH-Bel; F ION-Spa; F WAL-s-F Lon-Eng; F IRL-s-  
~~XXXXIX~~ F Wal.

France (Partman): F IRI-Wal; F Mid-NAT; F ENG-s-F Pic; F PIC-s-F Eng; A BEL-H;  
 A BUR-Mun.

Germany (Masters): A HOL-Bel; F DEN-s-F Bal; F BAL-s-F Den; A BOH-Mun; A Gal-BUD;  
 A War-GAL.

Italy (Sullivan): A Tri-VIE; A TYA-s-A Tri-H; A Ven-ION; F Nap-ION; F Rom-ALL.

Russia (Dunnott): A SWE-Den; F ROT-Bal.

Turkey (Kowal): F Ank-CON; A Smy-ANK; F GRE-H; A SER-s-German A Gal-Bud;  
 F RUM-Sev; A UKR-Sev.

Fall 1904 orders are due 4/25/80. Thanks to those who submitted standby orders this time which thankfully were not needed.

1979-80 Press-

PARIS: When will the ghost Regis ever leave this game? Five players NMR and two of them got the only builds.

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1979-80 FALL 1902 FRANCE AND RUSSIA RECOVER FROM ECONOMIC RECESSION OF 1901!

Austria (Puckaz): A VEN-H; A TRI-s-A Ven; A VIE-TYA; A Bul-H/c/-r-SEX.OTB;  
 F GRE-s-A Bul.

England (Staley): F Nvg-NWY; F SKA-Den; F NTH-s-F Ska-Lon; A Bel-HOL.

France (Williams): A Gas-MAR; F SPA(s)-s-A Gas-Naz; A Bur-BUR; A Pic-BEL.

Germany (Blank): A Nap-Pic/a/; A Mun-ION; A Bur-MUN; F DEN-H; A KIE-s-F Den.

Italy (Baker): A PIE-TYA; A ROM-Ven; F Nap-IFU; F Rom-ION.

Russia (Toughman): F SWE-H; F Rum-SEV; A MOS-s-F Rum-Sev; A Gal-RUM.

Turkey (Massyand): A Sev-Rum/d/-r-Arm,War,OTB; A Con-BEL; F RLA-s-A Con-Bul;  
 F AEG-s-A Con-Bul.

Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 due 4/25/80.

1902 BUDGET BY COUNTRY (FALL)

|   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| Austria- Bone, Sex, Con, VEN.....         | (6) | +1 |
| England- Lon, Nvy, HOL.....               | (5) | +1 |
| France- Gas, Pic, Spa, Bur, BEL, MAR..... | (6) | +2 |
| Germany- Home, Den, <del>Ad</del> .....   | (4) | 0  |
| Italy- <del>Ad</del> , Rom, Nap, Fun..... | (3) | -1 |
| Russia- STP, War, Mos, Rum, SEV, SWE..... | (6) | +2 |
| Turkey- Rom, Bul, <del>Ad</del> .....     | (4) | 0  |

1979-80 Press-

PARIS: LIBERATION! All French people today rejoice over the return of all French territory to its rightful owners. The people of Nancy bid the German soldiers adieu, and extend the wish that they may never return again.

PARIS-VIENNA: Run, get my vote for Queen of the Hog, 1st April, you.

VIENNA INTERNATIONAL PRESS: In a last ditch attempt to gain Venice Austrian spies crossed the border and kidnapped the Pope. A few days ago the Empress freed the Pope because she had heard messages saying that the Kaiser was walking blindly in the Alps crying, "David, where are you?"

ST.PETERSBURG: The Russian government has ordered the complete restoration of a Rumanian village in which a historic treaty was signed in 1774: "The Treaty of Kuchuk Kainardji".

By this 1774 treaty, Turkey surrendered control of Sevastopol, the Crimea, and the Black Sea to Catherine the Great of Russia.

It is an open secret that the Tsar hopes to have the signing of the second ~~KAINARDJI~~ "Treaty of Kuchuk Kainardji" on the 130th anniversary of the first signing which would be 1904. However, a signing is inescapably inevitable in any case.

In related developments, the Foreign Ministry announced that Russian agents inside Turkey have uncovered amazing facts which may be made public as early as next spring.

PARIS-LONDON: par-a-site (pär-ä-sit) n. 1. Biology. Any organism that grows, feeds, and is sheltered on or in a different organism while contributing nothing to the survival of its host. 2. A person who habitually takes advantage of the generosity of others without making any useful return. 3. A professional dinner guest, especially in ancient Greece. (Old French, from Latin parasitus, from Greek parasitos, originally "fellow guest", later "parasite": para, beside + sitos, grain, food ((see sitology)) ).

Recognize yourself, Darrell? Are you number 1, number 2, or number 3? The answer will appear next month, but I'm sure you'll figure it out by then.

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1979CW SUMMER Adjustments- German F Hol-r-Hel.

1979CW FALL 1904 AUSTRIA SHRINKING AS ENGLISH GIVE HUGE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FRENCH NORTH SEA FLEET:

Austria (Carson): A VIE-s-A Bud; A BUD-s-A Vie; F Gre-Ion/a/; A SER-Gre.  
 England (Hawkins): F NWY-s-French F Lon-Nth; F BAR-s-F Nwy; F EDI-s-French F Lon-Nth;  
 F SKA-s-French F Lon-Nth.  
 France (Lee): F Lon-NTH; F Eng-BEL; F Hol-s-A Ruh-Kie/s/; A RUH-Kie;  
 A BUR-Ruh; A GAS-Bur.  
 Germany (Barker): A Kie-HOL; F HEL-s-A Kie-Hol; A BER-Kie; A MUN-Ruh; F Nth-DEN.  
 Italy (Williams): A TYA-Mun; A TRI-H; F ADR-s-A Tri; F ALB-Ion.  
 Russia (Haehmel): A MOS-Sev; A RUM-Bud; F SWE-Nwy; A STP-s-F Swe-Nwy; F FIN-s-A StP.  
 Turkey (Schilling): F BLA-Rum; A Con-GRE; F AEG-c-A Con-Gre; A BUL-s-A Con-Gre;  
 F SEV-H (unordered).

Winter 1904 AND Spring 1905 due 4/25/80.

1904 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

|  |     |                |
|--|-----|----------------|
| Austria- <del>Vie, Bud, Ser, Gre</del> ..... | (3) | 0              |
| England- Home, Nwy.....                      | (4) | 0              |
| France- Home, Spa, Por, Bel.....             | (6) | +1 (one short) |
| Germany- Home, Hol, Den.....                 | (5) | 0              |
| Italy- Home, Tun, TRI.....                   | (5) | +1             |
| Russia- StP, Mos, War, Swe, Rum.....         | (5) | 0              |
| Turkey- Home, Bul, Sev, GRE.....             | (6) | +1             |

1979CW Press-

MOSCOW-ANKARA: I wasn't born yesterday.



1979AI 1905 Summer Adjustment - Turkish F Con-ANK.

ITALIAN! ENGLISH ENJOY MUNCH BEERS!

Austria (Garrett): A PIE-LEN; A VIE-LYA.  
 England (Masters): F NTH-NWY; F BAL-KIE; A KIE-MUN; A HOI-ROH; A BEL-BUX;  
 F SPA(ec)-s-Austrian A PIE-MAX/NSO; F WES-TUN; F MID-WES;  
 F NAT-MID; F ENG-s-F NAT-MID.  
 France (Rodriguez): A MAR-H; A BUR-s-A MEX; A MUN-H/e; F BRE-PIC.  
 Italy (Mooney): A VEN-s-A LYE-LTI; A ALB-s-A LYE-LTI; A LYE-LTI; F NAP-H/NSU/;  
 F ROM-H (unordered).  
 Russia (Arnett): A NWY-H; A BER-KIE; A SIL-s-English A KIE-MUN; A BOH-LYA;  
 A TRI-LEN/a; A CAL-BUD; A HUM-SER; A SER-CHE; F BUL(ec)-s-  
 F CON; F CON-s-F BUL(ec); A SEV-ARM; F BIA-s-A SEV-ARM.  
 Turkey (Smith): F SMY-CON; F ANK-s-F SMY-CON.  
 Winter 1905 AND Spring 1906 due 4/25/80.

1905 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

|   |      |    |
|---|------|----|
| Austria - VIE, ANK  | (1)  | -1 |
| England - Home, Swe, Den, Bel, Per, Spa, Kie, Hol, Tun, Mun     | (12) | +2 |
| France - Home, Nth  | (3)  | 0  |
| Italy - Ven, Tri, Rom   | (4)  | 0  |
| Russia - Home, Rum, Bud, Ber, Ser, Tlx, Nwy, Bul, Ank, Con, Gre | (12) | +1 |
| Turkey - Smy, Ank   | (2)  | 0  |

1979AI Press-

PARIS-MOSCOW: If you take one of my centers I'll throw the rest to England.  
 PARIS-LONDON: If you take one of my centers I'll throw the rest to Russia.  
 PARIS-VIENNA: If you take one of my centers I'll throw you the rest of them.  
 PARIS-ROME & ANKARA: Too bad you guys can't take any of my centers.  
 CONSTANTINOPLE: F You Turkish dogs!  
 ENGLAND-RUSSIA: It is called the Bruce Linsey syndrome!

1979C FALL 1906 TURKS SINK IN BLACK SEA AS ITALIANS TURN WEST!

Austria (Harley): A CAL-WAR; F CON-ANK.  
 England (Graber): F EAT-CLY; F Lon-WAL; F MID-WES; F NTH-NWY; F ENG-NTH.  
 France (GD): A SPA  
 Germany (Bumpas): A BRE-WAVES at English ships sailing by (H); A PIE-BEL;  
 A BUR-s-A MUN; A MUN-s-A BER; A BER-s-A MUN; F KIE-BAL;  
 F SKE-SWE; F DEN-s-F SKE-SWE.  
 Italy (Haemel): F SMY-CON; F AEG-s-F SMY-CON; F LYS-LYO; F Ion-LYS; A Ven-FIE;  
 A TRI-LEN; A SER-TRI; A LYA-MUN.  
 Russia (Kuzynski): A BUD-RUM; A BUL-RUM; F SEV-BIA; A PRU-WAR; A SIL-s-Italian  
 A LYA-MUN; F BAL-BER; A SWE-DEN/d/-L-FLN, OJB; F NAT-H (unordered)  
 Turkey (Michalski): F BIA-s-Russien A BUL-RUM.  
 Winter 1906 AND Spring 1907 due 4/25/80.

1906 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

|   |      |                       |
|---|------|-----------------------|
| Austria - VIE, ANK                                | (2)  | 0                     |
| England - Home, Nwy, Por                          | (5)  | 0                     |
| France - Spa                                      | (1)  | 0                     |
| Germany - Home, Hol, Bel, Par, Mar, Den, Bre, Swe | (10) | +1 (no room to build) |
| Italy - Home, Tun, Ser, Smy, Tri, Gre, Con        | (9)  | +1                    |
| Russia - Home, Rum, Bud, Bul                      | (7)  | -1                    |
| Turkey - Ank                                      | (0)  | OUT                   |

1977 Press-

USSR: Why does it look like Russia wants to FIGHT at Germany's side.

FRANCE: I think I will stick around just to help you a little.

UK: Turkish Grand Admiral Nag Aswad As Ucar appeals to the English Council, not for a war with the USSR (which he is already getting) but rather, that he promptly liberate Spain. We sure hate to be the first (or only) country of the world ((GLUG, GLUG)).

USSR: PEOPLE-BLACK SEA FLEET: I hope this is good-bye. I am a little tired of having my good moves wasted trying to help you.

FRANCE: The German forces refuse to fight France alone!

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1978 Summer '87 Adjustments- Italian F Tyr-r-GER. 6-Way draw vote fails to carry. 1978 FALL 1987 ANGLO-GERMAN FORCES TIEHIN NOOSE; TURKS GIVE MILLIONS IN FOREIGN AID;

- Australia (P. Kelly): A GAL-s-Russian A War; A RUE-s-A Gal; A VIE-s-A Gal.
- Canada (Nichols): F TIE-Ion; F TIE-s-F Tyr-Ion; F Iyo-GER; F Spa(ac)-I-OR; F IRI-MID; F Nag-WAO; F Nag-TRI; A SIM-Iog; A LIV-s-German; A Sil-War.
- France (Pilat): A Sil-WAR; A PRU-s-A Sil-War; F Den-BAL; A Ber-SIL; A Mun-TYA; A PIE-s-A Mun-Tya; A BOR-Gal.
- Italy (J. Kelley): F MAP-s-A Rom; A ROM-s-F Nap; F TRI-s-A Ven; A VEN-s-F TRI.
- USSR (Necters): A MOS-s-A War; A Wars-A Mos/a/.
- UK (Rodriguez): A UKR-s-Russian A War; A SEV-s-Russian A Mos; A RUM-s-Austrian A Gal; F EAS-Ion; F ABL-s-F Eas-Ion; F Ion-APU; F Alb-ADR.

Notes: 1987 AND Spring 1988 due 4/25/80. (Along with draw votes).

There are several draw proposals. The vote must be unanimous to carry. If more than one carries, the one with the most nations involved will pass. A failure to vote is an automatic "No" vote. There are calls for:

- 1) A-G-T I-T Draw. 2) E-G-T Draw. 3) E-G-A Draw.

1977 WINTER GENERAL CHART

|   |      |    |
|---|------|----|
| Australia- Aus, Ind, Ser.....                       | (3)  | 0  |
| England- Rom, Bel, Wyp, StP, Gre, Spa, Tur, POR.... | (10) | +1 |
| Germany- Rom, Den, Hol, Swe, Par, Mex, WAR....      | (9)  | +1 |
| Italy- Rom, Ven, TRI.....                           | (4)  | 0  |
| Russia- Mos, ...                                    | (1)  | 0  |
| Turkey- Mos, Bul, Rus, Sev, ...                     | (7)  | 0  |

1978 Press-

WESTMINSTER-ST. PETER's: Why puppets for infidels when you could puppet for US? We're true blues, not urine yellows!

ROME-WARSAY: Well, if the normal stalemate rules apply here, you'll have no choice but to be in the draw. Anyway, why not? What's the use of surviving if there's no reward? O'non, participate in the draw.

FRANCE: SEVEN-SEVEN: Afghani Rhod-Rigs left the peace tables in a huff today. "I thought I was here to talk of peace. All the English want to do is sell us more weapons. We Turks are tired of guns; now is the time for better. If this continues it's back to Constantinople!"

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Tut: I have done a thousand dreadful things as willingly as one would kill a fly.

(Note: quote is not a quote from Dave Guthrie's personal diary, but FROM SHAKESPEARE'S "HAMLET" 1, 1, 101)



1979AN 1905 Summer Adjustments- Austrian A Tri-a-VIE

1979AN FALL 1905 AUSTRIANS PUSH INTO GERMANY! IS THE REICH IN TROUBLE!?

Austria (Carson): A Tya-PIE; A Vie-TYA; A Ser-ALB; A Con-BUL; F ION-Tun; A Gal-SIL; A BOH-s-A Gal-Sil; A Bud-GAL; A UKR-s-English A War; A SEV-s-English A Mos/OTM/.

England (Haffey): F Edi-NWG; F Nth-BEL; F ENG-s-F Nth-Bel; A LON-Wal; A MOS-StB; A WAR-s-Austrian A Gal-Sil.

France (Palter): A PAR-H; F Spa9sc)-MID.

Germany (Sulsberger): F Bel-HOL; A BUR-Bel; A FRU-Sil; A MUN-s-A Pru-Sil; A KIE-s-A Mun; A Liv-STP; F Nwy-NTH; F DEN-s-F Nwy-Nth.

Italy (Smyth): A Ven-H/d/-r-Tus,Rom,Apu,OTB; F Tyr-WAP; F TUN-H; F WAL-Lon.

Turkey (Masters): A Tri-VEN; F ADR-s-A Tri-Ven.

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1905 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

|  |      |                           |
|--|------|---------------------------|
| Austria- Home,Cre,Con,Bul,Rum,Ank,Sev,Smy.....                         | (10) | 0                         |
| England- Edi,Lon, <del>SP</del> , <del>MILYEN</del> Bro,Mos,War,BEL... | (6)  | 0                         |
| France- Spa,Por,Mar,PAR.....   | (4)  | +2 only room to build one |
| Germany- Home,Den, <del>NY</del> ,Hol,Swe, <del>W</del> ,Nwy,STP.....  | (8)  | -1                        |
| Italy- <del>Y</del> ,Rom,Nap,Lpl,TUN.....                              | (4)  | 0                         |
| Turkey- <del>T</del> ,Ser,VEN.....                                     | (2)  | 0                         |

1979AN Press-

VIENNA-EUROPE: Due to the unreliability of the Italian government and the instability thereof, his majesty has sadly declared that a state of war exists between the two former friends. Withdrawal of forces from England might change the Emperor's mind, but Italian concessions must be sincere.

LONDON-BERLIN: England and France have decided to have a party in Mun and Kie, but, you are not invited. Sorry.

BERLIN-TRIESTE: Praise the Lord!

BERLIN-PARIS: Like another famous puppet, does your nose grow when you lie?

GENOA-PARIS: Unite with England and you should achieve a major success in survival.

BERLIN-VIENNA & LONDON: I know I'm not wasting any time writing you, but don't you even write each other?

TRIESTE-BERLIN: I think I'll keep the Turk around just so he can bug you.

SUBMARINE 2 Turn One -- DELAYED

I have all orders from the Sub Commanders. The addresses for all will be given now. I think I neglected to say that radio contact would be <sup>held</sup> ~~for~~ until turn One; to simulate the lack of radio use until closing in for ~~combat~~ <sup>combat</sup> (New). The game is delayed until next deadline (\$ 4/25/80) because orders for the Allied Commander haven't come in yet! I'm sure that John Lesch is still interested in playing this game, so I'll merely delay this until MM #19. However, if anyone is interested in taking over John's command in case he for some reason IS dropping out; please let me know and send me your phone number so I can call and give you the information you need to play the Allied position. I'm really excited about this game! It promises to be great. If John drops, or if anyone fails to get moves in after the initial move, all vessels commanded by that player will steer a straight ahead course at present speed (adm depth). PLAYERS: Preferably send your orders on a LOG SHEET. If not, make sure you give ALL needed info; otherwise your orders may be invalid. SUB Radio Frequencies:

|                   |                       |                      |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| James R. Williams | D.S.Palter            | Edward Tucker        | Kirby Garrett    |
| 2500 6th St. SW   | PO Box 156            | 302 Thomas Jefferson | 1040 Hughes St.  |
| Altoona, IA 50009 | Cedarhurst, NXY 11516 | Holla, MO 65401      | Eugene, OR 97402 |

READERS' INTERPERSONAL MATTERS

(The last time I mentioned that John Kelley got himself punched out by a girl. Well, being the fair-minded person that I am, here is John's reply . . .)

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED  
(Being a rebuttal to Ron Brown's  
mistaken claim about me get-  
ting punched out by a female)

by  
John Kelley

I am a student of Tae Kwon Do (a Korean form of Karate; it's more deadly than Karate in some ways.) During that class, at the end of the lesson or thereabouts, we have free non-contact sparring. This means we divide into two long lines, which face each other, and whenever you're across from you spar with for a minute and a half. Being care to make no real contact as you punch and kick. Then we rotate. When the alleged "punch-out" occurred, we were in the midst of non-contact sparring. (I guess someone forgot to tell HER that! Sorry, no more interruptions.)

First, I must demonstrate one TKD technique. It's called the "in-block". It's like this. Flip your left one over so you can see the thumb and knuckles; hold it level w with your left elbow touching your side, so you look like you're going to go around gooseing people. Now pull that arm backwards until the clenched fist reaches where your elbow ~~was~~ did. That's the "chamber" position. The right arm at the moment with its clenched fist, sort of hangs down in front of your groin. Your right knee is bent a little; 60% of your body weight is on it. The other 40% rests on your back leg, which should be straight. To in-block, step back with your right leg which becomes the straight back foot, bend your left knee, leading your hanging right hand, bring your left arm out of chamber bent at a sharp 40 degree angle, straight up as if you're trying to punch someone in the bottom of the jaw, and slam it over to your right so that its position is nearly the same as after your first motion but it's even (the fist) with your right shoulder. (The 40 degree angle will have to open up a bit.) This is one way to block punches. When the incident happened, I made a forward punch (which I won't elaborate now; it's just a punch aimed at the solar plexus (or in case the girl is shorter than you, as was this one, (unintentionally) the tittle area) at her. She elected to block with an in-block. The forward punch brings one a step forward (that's why the back step in the in-block), and she didn't step back an inch, so she got punched by mouth coming across.

Well, I tell you, I was shocked. She hadn't done it on purpose, and was as surprised as were to see a drop of blood from my lips (which bleed very easily) splat onto the floor. Like some sort of tough football player (by coincidence, I was wearing my football sweatshirt at the time), I wiped it off my mouth with the back of my hand, and wiped it on my shirt. Looked like a real S.O.B. out there. It was the same day our instructor got his knuckles all cut up breaking three stacked boards with a punch, so it was a pretty yory lesson.

And that, dear reader, is the story of how I was ( in the Brazilian jargon) punched out by a girl.

((Well, John, I'm glad you cleared up this matter for us. Next time pick on somebody your own size. Let this be a lesson to you!))

(( Many thanks for the feedback on the last issue. Some comments from "I don't like the object method" to "...the point wasn't all that hot..." so "Your last issue was the best." But everyone seemed to be pleased with the content. We'll keep trying!))

Gentlemen -

Just filled the game today so I thought I'd send this out as a separate flyer. The game start will also be in the next Murdering Ministers which should be a day or so behind this. In the future I'll be playing hunt & peck with a typewriter.

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The deadline is 4/25/80, phone orders due the night before; please call before 11 PM (PST). Until we get a Boardman Number please refer to this as TWILIGHT ZINE #1. Best of luck buddies, I'll enjoy hearing your comments and maybe even predications or gut feelings about this game. I only wish I could play too; it should be quite a contest.

Best  
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WOW! WHAT A BK DISASTER!

or

A FEW MISTAKES TO TRY TO AVOID IF YOU WANT  
TO PUBLISH A DIPLOMACY ZINE

I could not, in good conscience, send this issue out to you without a word of explanation. You would not believe what happened. "Everything but the kitchen sink, as they say," to quote my idol Bruce Schlickbernd. Char will probably accuse me of rationalizing my failures (again) but here goes anyway.....

First of all let me begin by apologizing for the terrible quality of print used in this issue. This is ABSOLUTELY the last time you will ever have to strain your eyes so badly trying to read MM. Instead of my usual clear(?) ditto masters I was bailed out of an even longer delay by a friend with a THERMOFAX machine; which got this to you sooner but the quality of the print really sucks. Here's what happened.

I decided one day how nice it would be to print MM offset, done professionally. I am mean, there are several pubbers who print offset and it looks great, right? So I give Char a copy of an old MM and ask her to stop by a couple of print shops for an estimate of a run of 60 copies like the one she had with her. She was told 'X' number of dollars, which seemed a good deal. A friend dropped off my original typed pages at the printer on ~~2/29~~ 2/29 (which was a day or two later than I wanted to have it done but with the extra pages this time it was the best I could do. They (the printer) then confirmed the price that was quoted to Char to my friend but couldn't have it ready until Monday. OK, if that's it, that's it. I stop by Monday PM to pick up the copy and guess what? The girl at the shop tells me the price is more than TEN TIMES the quoted price. Was I surprised. Not only that but there was no way I could pay it! The girl insisted she never quoted the price that BOTH Char and my friend said she did. Result: I walk out of the place with only the original typed sheets and faced with the possibility of re-typing 20 pages onto ditto masters. Fun, huh? Then someone bailed me out with the THERMOFAX. Poor copy but it's here several days to a week earlier than it would have been otherwise.

So that's the whole story. Here it is albeit fairly late. Sorry. This hopefully will never occur again. I hope that you can all read it. If you can't, let me know it. If I have a clearer copy of the pages you find illegible I'll send it. I can just hope you folks understand.

THEREFORE, BECAUSE OF THE LATENESS OF THIS ISSUE, THE NEXT DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 23.

What I want to know is this: how do you guys afford to have your publications printed offset by a professional? I estimate that, using my income from subscription monies, I could afford to print two issues of MM a YEAR, and barely break even on it. My conclusion is that publishers who do print offset either have a contact at a printer who does it for a fraction of what it would cost me; or, these guys lose between 700-1000 dollars a year on their hobby. Pretty staggering. If there's a trick involved, please tell me what it is.

As for me, I'm saving my pennies for a nice machine... ..

REMEMBER!!! THE NEXT DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 23 FOR ALL GAMES! REMEMBER!!!

On the backside of this insert is a Conference Map I hope you can find some use for. Until next time.... ..

Sincerely,

Ken Brown

