

Murdering Ministers

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MURDERING MINISTERS is a game designed to the play of postal DIPLOMACY. Subscriptions are 12 for \$5.50 (50¢ each if purchased in smaller increments). There are Game Cappings rules that require for details. It is published by Bob Brewer 1528 N. Service Hwy., Portland, OR 97201. In 1981, it was the most popular game in the hobby. Mike Mills has selected the results of the balloting for the first annual Award Awards (1982). The total number of ballots received was 77. The results here are given with the ranking and the number of votes received, with the total number of other votes below:

BEST GAME (other than DIPLOMACY?)
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(12 votes among 8 other sines)

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MORE STUFF

BEST GM -

- 1) John Daly (BOSS OF BAR) (4) 2) Bob Arnett (RUSS-O) (3) Bruce Linsey (VOICE OF BOSS) (3) Andy Lischett (CHERRYBONE) (3) Bob Sergeant (ST. GEORGE & THE DRAGON) (3) ((TIE))

(20 votes among 13 other GMs)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE -

- 1) John Daly (3) 2) Kathy Byrne (BY) Don Ditter (2) Michael Mills (2) Rod Walker (2) ((TIE))

The winner of the best sing for Hobby News, there do you think I got these results? That's right, John Caruso's WILSONVILLE. Congratulations to all the winners listed above, however enjoy to receive and the number of votes received are given below:

Steve Hubton, 704 Brant St., London, Ontario, CANADA N5Y 3W1 is starting up a new Canadian Dipaine entitled NO FLICKS ALLOWED (something about moving around a lot). (Steve has been involved in the hobby for some time and will be continuing by picking up 3 or 4 orphans from Francois Goulet's WILSONVILLE. My dealings with Goulet left me with a mild (well, maybe not-so-mild) dislike for the guy and his irresponsible fold comes as no surprise. I'm glad to see Steve starting up a new sine flicking as one of these WILSONVILLE may see WILSONVILLE (all with S).

A new ratings system that I've never heard of before has been introduced by my subscriber Dan Stafford. The latest KATHY'S KONNER (soon to jump from subsine to full fledged sinehood?) has the most recent update for this ratings system as "The Influential Player Rankings" (I) and covers the last 10 years of completed games and includes WILSONVILLE numbers from 1977-1982, as reported in WILSONVILLE #s 47-53 inclusive. The Rankings: (as of 9/1/82)

Rank	Name ((TIE)) (C)	1000 TO 10000 (C)	100 TO 1000 (C)	10 TO 100 (C)	1 TO 10 (C)
1.	Jack Masters	6.3	12	2	5
2.	Kathy Byrne	6.0	12	2	5
3.	Lee Kendler Sr.	5.8	12	2	5
4.	John Caruso	4.7	12	2	5
5.	Eric Verheiden	4.4	12	2	5
6.	Ron Kelly	4.4	12	2	5
7.	Arturo Goulet	4.4	12	2	5
8.	Bob Sergeant	4.2	12	2	5
9.	Bill Hart	4.0	12	2	5
10.	Eric Kirchner	3.5	12	2	5
11.	Ron MH Brown (AMM)	3.5	12	2	5
12.	Bill Becker	3.2	12	2	5
13.	Steve Melendon	3.2	12	2	5
14.	Dick Martin	3.1	12	2	5
15.	Paul Pearson	2.8	12	2	5
16.	Al Pearson	2.8	12	2	5
17.	Leland Harmon	2.5	12	2	5
18.	Dan Stafford	2.5	12	2	5
19.	H.D. Bassett	2.5	12	2	5
20.	Paul Rauterberg	2.4	12	2	5

STILL MORE STUFF		IPR	# of Wins&Draws	#of Wins
Rank	Name			
21.	Dave Ditter	2.3	...5	1
22.	William Schiwautz	2.3	6	1
23.	Rick Kassel	2.3	3	2
24.	Randolph Smyth	2.3	3	2
25.	Karl Schuetz	2.3	3	2
26.	Jack Fleming	2.2	3	2
27.	Don Ditter	2.0	5	1
28.	Gary Howe	2.0	4	1
29.	Kerry Blant	2.0	3	1
30.	John Kador	2.0	3	1
31.	Robert Kraus	2.0	2	2
32.	Jack Frost	2.0	2	2
33.	Bill Bryg	2.0	2	2
34.	John Zipper	2.0	2	2
35.	John Vogel	2.0	2	2
36.	Stan Johnson	2.0	2	2
37.	☒ Dave Crockett	2.0	2	2
38.	Bob Osuch	1.9	4	1
39.	Mark Berch	1.9	4	1
40.	Phil Cooper	1.8	6	1

Dan's System adds points on the basis of:

- Win = 1.0
- 2 Way = .5
- 3 Way = .3
- 4 Way = .2
- 5 Way = .1
- 6 Way = .0 (tie breaker)
- 7 Way = nothing.

Thanks to Kathy Byrne's KATHY'S KORNER for the info!

GAME OPENINGS

REGULAR ♠ DIPLOMACY - It looks as though there will be game openings for some time. The next game is starting with this issue; three are signed up for the next game. If you want to be one of the next four in MM-17, you need to pay a \$6.00 gamefee; a refundable \$3.00 NMR Deposit; and maintain a subscription to MM. Preference Lists are accepted; Houseules available on request.

MACHIAVELLI - I just got eliminated from MACH No. 51, so I guess I'm ready to try my hand at GMing one of these babies. Same fees, requisites, etc. as above. This one will start as soon as 5-6 are signed up!

MURD'RING MINISTERS STANDBY LIST

The following folks have volunteered to be on the call for standby orders: Larry McCloud, Dan Gorham, Jim Gray, Al Pearson, Jim Bumpas, Ron Kelly, George Cunningham, Steve Arnawoodian, Mike Coburn, Jerry Lucas, Scott Hanson, and Jack Masters. Did I leave anyone off who would like to be on? Is anyone on who wants off? Please let me know. Thanks to all of you!!

THE GAMES!!!

MM-16 EUROPE REARMS AS NEW GAME BEGINS! WINTER 1900

- Austria - Al Rodriguez, 2112 Roosevelt, Bakersfield, CA 93304.
 - England - Mike Cannon, 13801 Wisteria Dr., Germantown, MD 20767.
 - France - Dan Stafford, 215 Delhi Apt. D, Columbus, OH 43202.
 - Germany - Eric Ozog, 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, IL 60651.
 - Italy - Kevin Torkelson, PO Box 428, Weyauwega, WI 54983.
 - Russia - Phil Lahue, 12 Maple St., Sanford, ME 04073.
 - Turkey - Jerry H. Jones, 1854 Wagner St., Pasadena, CA 91107.
- Spring 1901 issue on October 29, 1982. Good luck to all!

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1980KZ SUMMER 1909 German A Sil-r-BER

1980KZ FALL 1909 FRANCE ELIMINATED AS TURK DRAWS VERY NEAR A WIN!

- England (Kelly): A STP-H; F Den-BAL; F SWE-s-F Den-Bal; A KIE-Ber; F Nth-BEL; A HOL-s-F Nth-Bel; F Eng-BRE; F Iri-NAT.
- France (Sperdakos): NMR! F Bel-H/d/.
- Germany (Pearson): A Lvn-s-English A StP-Mos/NSO/-/a/; A Ber-Mun/a/; A BUR-s-A Ber-Mun; A CAS-Mar;
- Italy (Hugh): A Mun-BER; A Pie-MAR; F LYO-s-A Pie-Mar; A SPA-s-A Pie-Mar.
- Turkey (Masters): A Mos-LVN; A WAR-s-A Mos-Lvn; A Sev-MOS; A SIL & A PRU-s-Italian
A Mun-Ber; A Tya-MUN; A BOH-s-A Tya-Mun; A Tri-TYA; A Ser-TRI;
F Adr-APU; F Tys-TUS; F Aeg-ION; F Wes-MID; F NAF & F POR-s-
F Wes-Mid.

Winter 1909 AND Spring 1910 due October 29, 1982.

1980KZ 1909 Supply Center Chart

England- Home, Nwy, Hol, Den, StP, Kie, SWE, BEL, BRE.....	(11)+3
France- Spa, Por, Pie	(0) 0 OUT
Germany- Por, Spa, Par, Pie	(1)-1
Italy- Rom, Ven, Mar, Mun, BER, SPA.....	(5)+1
Turkey- Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, Mos, Gre, Ser, Bud, Tri, Vie, War, Tun, Nap, MUN, POR.....	(17)+2

1980KZ Press-

- GERMANY-WORLD: I'm sure I sent in moves. I'll bet Ron is just pissed over 1980AP.
- ITALY-GERMANY: Sorry Al, but Jack has me over a barrel and I'm puppetized.
- AL-RB: Ron, it's bad when I'm trying to throw the game to England, and I don't even know which Kelly ~~xxx~~ he is.
- RB-AL: He's the Ron Kelly who's swarming all over your (used to be) supply centers!
- SULTAN-ITALIAN PUPPET: OK, you have one more year to see if you can improve your position by a couple of supply centers. But you best turn down any and all builds this winter . . . or you are dead.
- ITALY-TURKEY: I didn't screw up this time, Boss, I wrote the moves down just as you typed them. I'm a good puppet, huh?

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1982CO WINTER 1901

- Austria- Builds A VIE, A TRI
- England- Builds F LON, F LPL
- France- Builds F BRE, A PAR
- Germany- Builds A MUN, A KIE
- Italy- Builds F NAP
- Russia- NBRI*
- Turkey- Builds F SMY

Spring 1902 due October 29, 1982.

*Would Mike Coburn, 5201 Demeret #28, Bakersfield, CA 93309 please submit standby orders for Russia?

1982CO Press begins on the next page . . .

1982CO Press-

KANSAS YANKEE-KENTUCKY KERNEL: It appears that my faith in the South and its people is to be rewarded. I didn't think they could possibly be as low-down as that one sample I was introduced to.
FRANCE-ENGLAND: Are you truly a ~~member~~ friend?

LONDON-GM: I'm taking time out from the Feud to do some original research. When I write, I shall have got Gary Coughlin face-to-face, and will far better be able to despise him than I do at the moment. By the way, do chitlins vacuum up out of the carpet, or should I throw the carpet away when I have the house fumigated? (A sneak preview of what is to come).

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: May I marry your daughter than ~~with~~ vacation in Northern Europe. ~~Make a~~ quick decision as there ~~are~~ many mail ~~is~~ waiting. (We'll let you visit us any time).

AUSTRIA-FRANCE: My daughter thanks you for your inquiry, but is puzzled by your inability to spell her name. She suggests you look it up in the Tournament results from PeeriCon II. It's quite easy to find, she says, just ahead of your own.

LONDON-PARIS: ~~It's~~ ~~impossible~~ ~~to~~ ~~find~~ ~~her~~ ~~name~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~results~~ ~~in~~ ~~trying~~ ~~to~~ ~~grab~~ ~~three~~ ~~dots~~ ~~above~~ ~~my~~ ~~selfish~~ ~~interests~~. Where's your sense of priorities, man?

FRANCE-ITALY: I only really had time for one quick beer in Munich before I had to hit the road -- I can recommend it to you ~~highly~~!!

1981AY FALL 1906 ALLIANCES SHIFT AS FRENCH PRESIDENT WINGER ON ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH!

Austria (Jacobs): F Alb-ION; A Nor-WAY; F Nap-ROM; A Ser-FRI; A Bul-VIE; A GAL-UKR; A HUM-s-Turkish A Gra-SEV.

England (Gray): F NAT-NWG; F Iri-NAT; F Mid-ENG; F Eng-NTH; A PIC-Brs; F NWY-s-P Eng-Nth/a/-r-Bar, StP9nc), OTB.

France (Winger): FRI; A TURK; A CAS; F SWK(SEC)-N.

Germany (Albrecht): A SWE-IAW; A HUN; A UKR; A POL; A Tys-CEE; A GER-SUR; A BEL-N; A RUS-s; A Bul; P Nth-ROM; P Ser-NAT; F SEA-s-F Swo-Nwy.

Russia (M. Beck): P ANK-ANK.

Turkey (McCloud): A Bul-ANK; P BIA-c-A Bul-ank; A Gra-BUL; A ANK-SEV; F Voe-MID.

Winter 1906 AND Spring 1907 and October 29, 1902.

*SWS-DE Swiss Ambassador, 602 Haddon Office, Lansdale, PA 1906 please submit standby orders for France?

1981AY 1906 Standby Order Chart

Austria	Home, Ven, Rus, Nap	(2)
England	Home, SWE, IRI, MID, ENG, NTH, PIC, BR, NWY, S-P, ANK, SEV, ROM, NAT, SWK, CAS, TURK, FRI	(5)
France	Mar, Par, SWE, IRI, MID, ENG, NTH, PIC, BR, NWY, S-P, ANK, SEV, ROM, NAT, SWK, CAS, TURK, FRI	(5)
Germany	Home, Den, Hol, Sve, War, StP, Mos, BEL, NWY	(11)
Russia	Sec, ANK, ANK	(1)
Turkey	Con, Sev, Gre, Tur, ANK, Sev, BUL, ANK	(2)

1981AY Press-

ICELAND (PP): German troop movements in the Baltic area have raised concern in this area regarding an imminent attack on the British homeland. British forces in Scandinavia are particularly at peril. Rumors among diplomatic circles have it that English emissaries are holding secret discussions with a major European country regarding a mutual defense pact.

BERLIN: Was that a declaration of war that I read in the Paris press last Spring?

AUSTRIA-FRANCE: I hammered this morning and it woke all my neighbors up. Watch out when you use Phillips' ~~vacuum~~ ~~cleaner~~, they have a hell on both ends.

KIEL: The German Admiralty is quite confused. Before then, they see the open sea. The sea is so open that they have decided to sail forth to see what is so interesting on the other side of the sea that the English Admiralty sailed forth to see at the edge of the sea. And, if Sally is that interesting, the German Admiralty may have the opportunity to have Sally and the Sea.

AUSTRIA-GERMANY: I didn't expect a threat letter from you. I thought you were a better player than that.

