

Politesse

The Dale City newsletter of face-to-face and telephone Diplomacy, serving the vibrant ethnic neighborhoods of Baltimore, the secret halls of power of the nation's capital, the quaint old town of Fredericksburg and all the suburban sprawl in between, with inroads into the medium South and areas north of the Mason-Dixon Line May '83

GREETINGS

You are one of a select group receiving Politesse this month. You have done something admirable- perhaps sent a check to the editor, or played in a Myers game, or proffered your classy Dipzine, or maybe just patted us on the back. What's important is that you're out there. Those not receiving Politesse are receiving Not Politesse, a mere shadow of the real thing. If someone offers to trade their Not Politesse for your Politesse, DO NOT AGREE!! It would be a bad deal.

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WANNAHAVAGAME?

Always on the look-out for startling innovations, your PoliEditor has combined two columns, Wannagame and Havagame. This is it. We are interested in hosting an invitational Dip game, to be dubbed "The Aging Hippy Game." Participants must meet three criteria: one, be at least 30 years of age, two, have once scrawled "Clapton is God!" or "Hendrix Lives!" on a notebook cover or wall of a school or public washroom before the age of 25, three, have owned a black-light poster depicting paradise sometime between 1966 and 1973. No controlled substances will be permitted and participants are requested to bathe before the game. Period garb is optional. The editor qualifies and will play. Need 6 more. No date set. When can you play?

We are also interested in playing WWII and Struggle for Hegemony in Europe, DipVariants invented by Lew Pulsipher. These can accomodate fewer than 7. We have rules and maps. The Hippy game could be one of these variants if everyone agrees.

PHONAGAME

Have one more signed for the phone game: Myers, Sagrans and Vessey. Need 4 more in DC metro calling area. This is a great idea. Let's do it! It's faster than a play-by-mail game and less taxing than a marathon ftf game. No fee except postage. Moves will be weekly, called into Arlington, with adjudications mailed out the same day. Summaries of play will appear in Politesse.

Politesse carries announcements of upcoming ftf and telephone games, names and addresses of DipEnthusiasts seeking to play, reports of completed games and other items of Diplomatic interest. Additional subscribers are eagerly sought. For a fully adjustable PoliSub, send any amount of money to Ed Wrobel, 3932 N. Forestdale Avenue, Dale City, VA 22193, (703)670-3489. Specify number of issues bought.

MARYFLEAS & VARIBOARDS

There will be fleamarket space available at MaryCon, so bring your unwanted games, Dipzines and wooden blocks. No dealers, please. There will also be a display of interesting DipVariant boards. Fred Davis is bringing part of the North American Variant Bank- East; Glen Taylor will have his Youngstown board which will be used in a variant tourney at DipCon; and awesome Dick Martin will unveil his Superboard.

Speaking of MaryCon, register today, if you haven't. We have registrants from South Carolina, North Carolina, southern Virginia and Pennsylvania, and inquiries from New York and other dangerous places. Let's have some locals!

HAVAGAME

Need some hosts for late June and any time in July. How about a backyard Myers game?

HADAGAME

Myers game 4/83F (The Irregular Game) was held April 9 at the home of Mike Plitman in Woodbridge, VA. This was the first Myers game to be declared irregular. There were three reasons for this: one, no end-game statements were submitted and you know how that irritates the editor; two, the editor was assigned Italy before he arrived, allegedly two minutes late; three, Plitman was voted back into the game as France after he was eliminated as Russia which wasn't so bad except that he toadied to England for the rest of the game. So the moral is don't mess with the Myers Number Custodian.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	
A Peter Ansoff	5	6	7	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8*	
E Mike Joyce	5	6	8	9	12	12	13	15	15	15	15*	*5-way
F Glenn Anderson	5	5	5	6	2	1	2	2	2	2	2*	draw in
G Doug Byrnes	5	5	5	6	2	1	0					Sp 12
I Ed Wrobel	4	4	4	4	5	6	3	2	2	2	2*	
R Mike Plitman	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	0				
T Earl Eaton	3	4	5	7	6	6	7	7	7	7	7*	

Plitman came in as France in Fall 09.

A serious note of thanks to Mike for hosting a game so close (he lives in a suburb of Dale City), to the Presearchers (and ex-Presearcher) for an interesting game and their continuing support of Politesse and MaryCon, and to Baltimore Byrnes for plugging Politesse.

WANNAGAME

Doug Byrnes, 2911 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore 21223, (301)566-4477, almost any weekend, prefer Balto, DC ok.

Wylie Wilson, 1010 25th St. NW, #106, DC 20037.

Sean Vessey, 2623-102 Windbreak Dr. Alexandria 22306, (703)768-1285. Within 2-3 hours of DC. Also play-by-phone.

GOTTALETTER

Got the latest Politesse. That title bugs me. It makes me think that there should be a dish named "politesse." You know, Chicken Politesse, or Shark Politesse, or something. Oh well, perhaps. I've always wanted to do a Dippy cookbook. I started to last year and it got waylaid. I was going to base it on various national holidays and ethnic menus for each of the great powers....Much better issue. Isn't there anybody in your group that's cute? God what an ugly bunch!! Say, perhaps we should try to organize some kind of PBM play-off game for all the winners of all the local FTF cons this year; sort of a national championship. What do you think? If you have a FTF game winner (no draws) at MaryCon, let me know. Perhaps I can sneak him into the playoffs next year here. Let him play Switzerland or some such.

Larry Peery
San Diego, CA

Eat politesse? Shudder. A great diplomatic threat when all else fails: "Eat politesse, English pig-dog!" Surely The Fool and his Loebach are not included in your assessment of those portrayed last issue? Blame the lousy photocopy and not the subjects, please. Will certainly keep you informed of the MaryCon results. Hear that potential MaryConers, a chance for glory! -ed.

On the subject of my playing in a FTF game, my time is very limited. A couple games a year is my maximum. Therefore, the only games I would want to show up for are good ones, i.e., games that have seven players who know how to play and are willing to play more than a couple of hours. Most games I've played in have been destroyed by some wimp who has to leave in 3 hours. I'm not trying to sound elitist. I'm not that good a player. All I expect from others is to show up and play when they have agreed to.

Charles Byrne
Annandale, VA

Amen. From last issue, you know that we share your sentiments. You are not at all elitist; your concerns are shared by many. Certainly there are enough committed players out there to support a game or two a month, eh? -ed.

Read your statement about cutting off non-paying subscribers. Gave it some thought. Decided Politesse is almost better than nothing at all....Am sending cash for MaryCon in Fredericksburg. Hope to meet you and friends there.

Randall Senn
Alexandria, VA

Playest thou the knave, good Randall? Nay, thy cash speaks otherwise. 'Tis the fool's livery thou dost assume. A fine jest indeed! The noble Politesse to be nearly preferred to dark nothingness!!! Hahahaha! Wait til the queen hears that one....oh, clever Randall, we shall anticipate your wit and charm in person. In passing, let us say that Politesse may still be obtained gratis. Only the truly undeserving received Not Politesse.

DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

The following obituary is reprinted from Fred Davis' Bushwacker of August, 1982. This is to provide some background on the Miller Award. The award will be presented at DipCon to honor an individual who has made a significant contribution to the hobby. The nominees are listed on the next page along with brief descriptions of their contributions. We encourage you to take part in this worthwhile endeavor by voting. Contributions to fund the award are also needed. Ballots go to Larry Peery (p. 5); money to Fred Davis (p. 6).

We deeply regret having to report that Don Miller died from cancer in May 1982. Don was one of the founders of the Diplomacy Variant sub-hobby. Among his variant designs were some of the earliest recorded games, such as "3 x 3 Teams with Wild Card Player," "Indianomacy," and "Hypereconomic Dip I and II." Don was the first person to classify these variants in an orderly manner. When this classification system was adopted for issuing designators for Postal games, they were called Miller Numbers in his honor. Even though the original classification system was replaced with a revised one in January 1981, the designators by universal agreement continued to be called Miller Numbers.

Don was one of the most prolific publishers in the late 1960's and early 1970's. He published DIPLOMANIA as a general zine. With 40 and 50 page issues, this filled the place in the hobby later occupied by DIPLOMACY WORLD. (My first Diplomacy article appeared in DIPLOMANIA around December 1968). He also ran Postal games in a couple of other zines, one of which was called DIPLOPHOBIA. In addition, he published a general wargaming zine called THE GAMESMAN on a semi-annual basis, plus a monthly newsletter called THE GAMESLETTER. The GAMESLETTER carried news on all sorts of games, with emphasis on Chess, plus a complete bibliography of current wargaming zines, listing the subject matter of their most recent issues. THE GAMESMAN carried longer, more detailed articles on various games, including some obscure ones which he rescued from forgotten sources. On top of all this, Don also published a science fiction fanzine, and an annual summary of the SF scene.

Eye trouble forced Don to abandon many of his publications in the mid-70's, but he continued to publish THE GAMESMAN when health and time permitted. He printed my "Landwehr" wargame in Issue #7, in April 1976. There was a two-year delay before the appearance of #8, and his last production, GAMESMAN #9, came out in October 1980. At no time was there any deterioration in the quality of his writing, nor any hint of the progressively more severe handicaps he was battling against. Indeed, copies of the last three issues of THE GAMESMAN ought to be in the library of anyone interested in Chess or Naval History. I have no idea as to whether any additional copies may be available.

Don is survived by his wife, Stella Miller, and two grown children. Cards may be sent to the family at: 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, Md. 20906.

NOMINEES FOR THE 1983 DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

MARK BERCH (Alexandria, Va)

For service as chief organizer for DIPCON XV and Tournament Director, including designing the scoring system and organizing the panel discussion; for publication of DIPLOMACY DIGEST which has reprinted many fine articles from the past for new audiences; for production of special publications such as the "LEXICON OF DIPLOMACY;" and Ombudsman services to the hobby.

KATHY BYRNE (Flushing, New York)

For service on the U.S. Orphans Service during 1981-1982; for hosting numerous "Byrnecons" for FTF Diplomacy play in New York; and for making everyone in the hobby aware of the fact that Diplomacy, both Postal and FTF, is not restricted to the enjoyment of those of the male gender.

DON DITTER (Florida, New York)

For service as Boardman Number Custodian during 1981-1983; the assigning of Boardman Numbers to new sections of postal Diplomacy in North America; compiled statistics on completed games; and arranged for their publication in EVERYTHING, the official record of the Boardman Number Custodian.

LEE KENDTER, SR. (Philadelphia, Pa)

For service as Miller Number Custodian during 1983; the assigning of Miller Numbers for postal variant Diplomacy games; compiling statistics on completed games; and for past service as Boardman Number Custodian and Ombudsman services to the hobby.

ROD WALKER (Encinitas, Ca)

For service as President of the North American Diplomacy Federation; editor of DIPLOMACY WORLD from 1981 to present; and Custodian of the North American Variant Bank; and for past service as Boardman Number and Miller Number Custodian, designer of the ARDA Catalogue for Variants.

DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD SAMPLE BALLOT

I vote for:

_____ Mark Berch

_____ Lee Kendter, Sr.

_____ Kathy Byrne

_____ Rod Walker

_____ Don Ditter

Return to: Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 by 4 July 1983.
The source of each ballot must be identified. Either sign it or enclose it in an envelope with a return address. Facile ballots, such as postcards, are OK as long as they are identified as to who is sending them.

_____/Signature/

_____/Address/

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL DIPZINE

If you play Dip by mail, the BaltoWash area has a plethora of fine zines for you. Why buy a slick package from the west coast, a tediouzine from the midwest or pages of controversy from New York. You can get all that and more right at home (at half the mail time). The following zines are herein described in their pubber's own words. We recomend BW for variant play (Fred's just getting ready to start a game and is open to suggestions), DD for DipHistory and interesting spelling of common werds, and GMAW for good clean fun.

BUSHWACKER, by Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207. Phone: (301) 747-7248. The third oldest continuously published Diplomacy zine in North America (141 issues to date). Fred runs Variant games exclusively, mostly of his own design, or adaptions of other peoples' designs which Fred considers improve their playability. BUSH also contains bits of hobby news and occasional articles on astronomy, science fiction, politics and book and movie reviews, as these occur to him and as space permits.

Players may sign up for a flat \$8.00 Game Fee, with no sub or NMR charges. Standbys are welcomed for each individual Variant for a flat \$4.00 Fee. These fees include the cost of the rules and maps for your game. Subs are 12 issues for \$4.00. If you're interested in Variants, this may be the zine for you. Published monthly.

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DIPLOMACY DIGEST is unusual, in that it runs no games. Instead it has articles on every aspect of the game and hobby. These are usually grouped into themes, such as Italy, hobby history, GMing, philosophies of stabbing, publishing, large scale alliances, losing, personalities, etc. All issues are 11-12 pages, printed via photo-offset, and the zine is nearly 6 years old (Mark L Perch, 492 Naylor Pl Alexandria, VA ~~22304~~ 22304. Subs are 10/\$4.00)

GIVE ME A WEAPON, Konrad Baumeister. Appears every four weeks, reproduction by spirit, subscriptions 10/\$4.50. No Diplomacy openings at the moment, but perhaps by November. Could use standby players, though. Regular features include editor's vain attempts at humor through various articles including the "Agate Man" serial, anonymous 'zine reviews, occasional beer and music reviews, and submissions from the masses. Lately this even means mass members Wrobel, Dupont, J. Martin and others. Serious subjects covered, but not too seriously. GMAW does its best to be a reader's 'zine. Are you a reader? (Ed's. note: Konrad will be summering at 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corner's, WI 53130.)

NOTHING
TO DO
WITH
DIPLOMACY:

WANTED: players for multi-player, play-by-mail, hand-moderated, non-diplomatic, strategic-level exploration/conquest games.

Currently available:

CULTURES IN CONTACT: "Outreach" variant; \$1.00/turn

CULTURES IN CONFLICT I: "Stellar Conquest" variant; \$0.50/turn

CULTURES IN CONFLICT II: more players; more strategic options; new, 3-dimensional map generated for each playing; \$2.00 setup, \$1.00/turn

THE NEW FRONTIER: "Starforce:Alpha Centauri" variant; \$1.00/turn

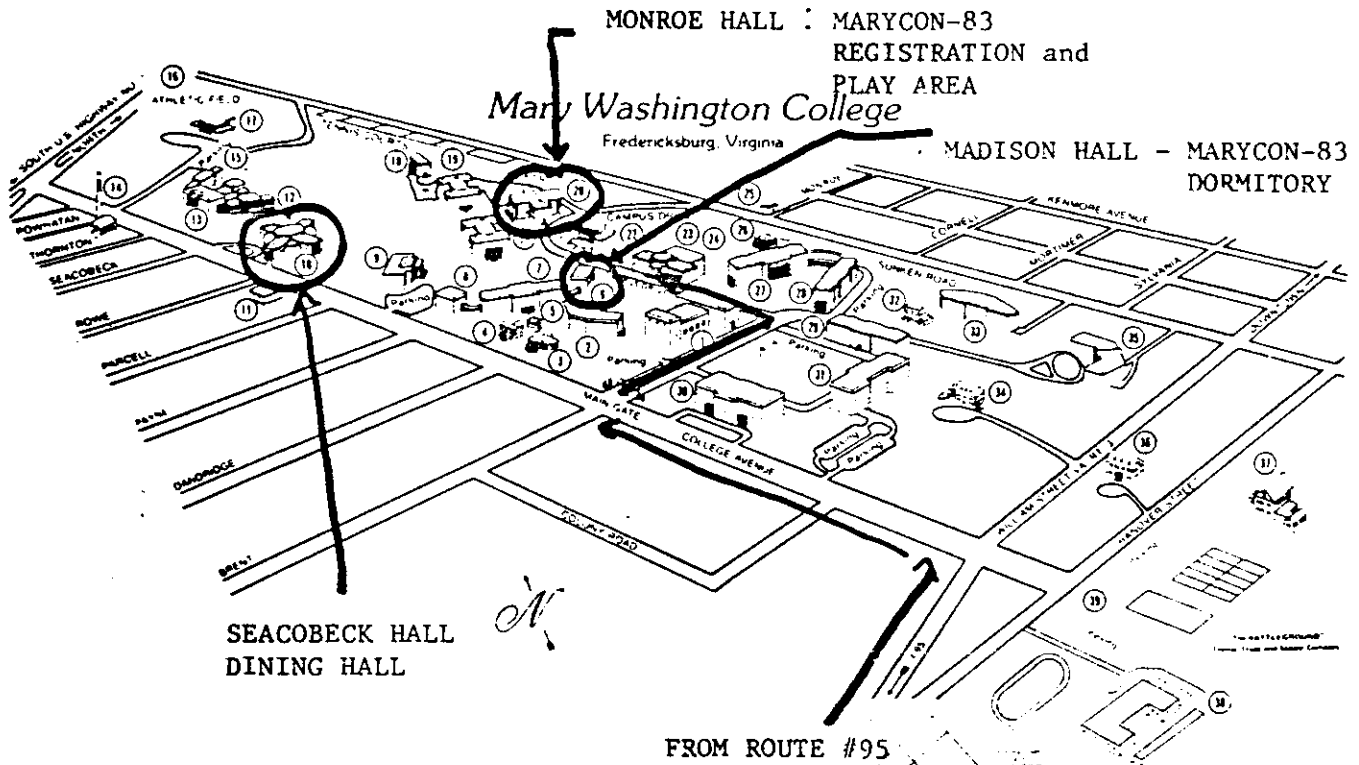
SHOOTOUT AT THE SF CORRAL: "Warpwar" variant; \$0.50/turn

I'm also interested in hearing from people who CM such games (by hand or computer), because I'd like to do some playing. Wire Paladin, San Fr-- oops! write to Bill Salvatore at 2841 Summerfield Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22042. No calls please.

Mary Con-83

DIRECTIONS TO MARYCON-83

From Route #95 -- get off at Fredericksburg/Culpeper Exit (Route #3/ Williams Street). Drive east on Route #3/Williams Street to College Avenue (4th traffic light) and turn left. Drive to Campus Drive (next light) and turn right. Follow map to Monroe Hall. Go to Room 102.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Saturday, June 4, 1983

- 9:00-11:00 -- Registration, Monroe Hall, Room 102
- 11:00-12:00 -- Orientation, Monroe Hall, Room 104
- 12:00- 1:00 -- Lunch, Seacobeck Hall
- 1:00- 5:00 -- Round #1, Monroe Hall
- 5:00- 6:00 -- Dinner, Seacobeck Hall
- 6:00- -- Finish Round #1

Sunday, June 5, 1983

- 7:30- 8:30 -- Breakfast, Seacobeck Hall
- 9:00-12:00 -- Round #2, Monroe Hall
- 12:00- 1:00 -- Lunch
- 1:00- -- Finish Round #2, Awards and Beer Blast

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

- 1) Mary Washington College will supply all bedding & towels, etc.
- 2) Your payment covers a bed only; you will be put up in a single room unless otherwise requested.
- 3) Pre-paid meal plan covers - one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner. Lunch on Sunday will be additional.
- 4) MaryCon should be over by mid to late afternoon on June 5th.

Thank you for coming. It is shaping up to be an excellent con. Spread the word!

Jeff Breidenstein
P. O. Box 4791 - College Station
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22402

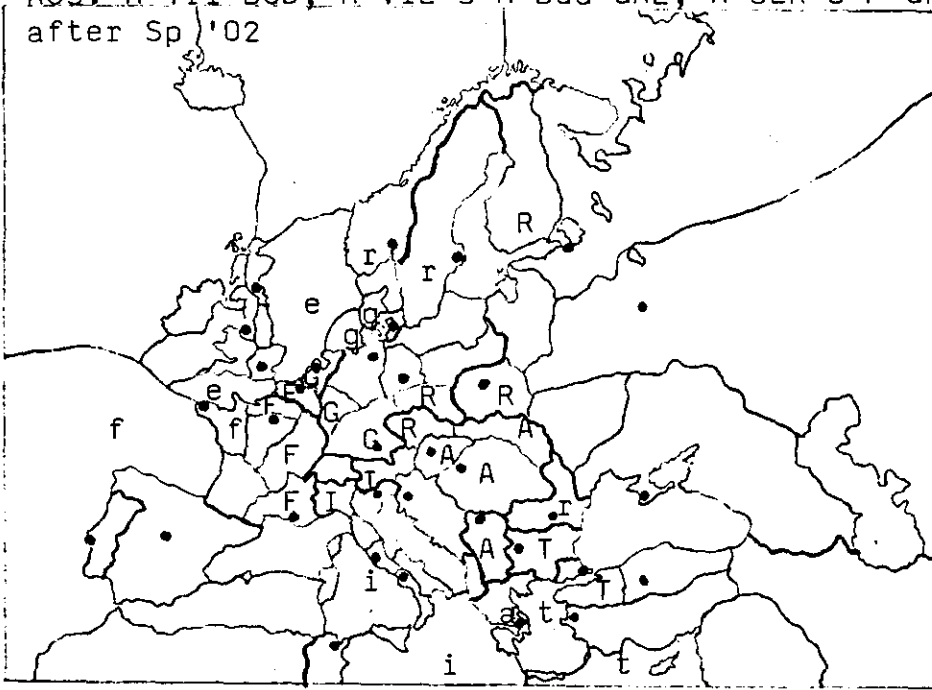


SUCH A FOOL'S GAME!!

We left the fool's game last issue just after W '01. Scandinavia had been Russified, England had been calcified and Italian armies were poised at the Alps. Let's listen in:

F/I	I: expected F Mar F: no, feared an Eng move to Brest; Gas & Par will move north; a 7 ctr Rus and 4 ctr Tur are co-operating I: knew about R/T; so I didn't attack Aus F: I'll talk to Ger; try to lock Rus out of the Eng sweepstakes	G/I	I: will you clear out Eng first? G: I'm taking Bel; worried about R/T I: R/T is my primary concern but it can be held G: maybe Rus will turn on Tur or Aus & Tur will settle their differences
F/G	F: the Belgians speak French G: some speak Flemish which is like Dutch which is like German (anti-Aus tactics)	F/I	F: it's war if... I: no problems as long as you go north
R/T	E: things are rapidly disintegrating; hope somebody else gets eaten before me	G/R	R: A War-Sil okay? want to move A Mos-War G: I would consider that a hostile move R: I want to move south; get two on Gal; make it look like an attack on you; it would really set him up for next turn
E/I	I: going back to Ion; anti-R/T Fra may give us some I'll switch fronts, don't have much choice		G: go to Boh instead; you have good position on Aus anyway R: I know. I don't want to antagonize you. I'll make the move; you'll see next turn.
E/G	E: look at Rus! I'll take Brest, Belgium G: okay		G: can't afford to bounce you ***
A/R	R: will vacate Gal A: will shore up my Ita defenses		Foolish Thoughts: He's mad that trust in the tameness of a wolf, a horse's health, a boy's love, or a whore's oath. -Willy the Shake
G/I	I: suspect F/G and will throw a monkey wrench in; don't worry about A Tyo G: I'm anti-French		

AUS: A Tri-BUD, A VIE S A Bud-GAL, A SER S F GRE H,
after Sp '02



ENG: F ENG S & F NTH C
A Yor-BEL
FRA: F BRE S F Por-MID.
A Spa-MAR, A Par-PIC,
A Gas-BUR
GER: F DEN-Nth, F Kie-HEL
A HOL-Bel, A Mun-RUH,
A Ber-MUN
ITA: F Tun-ION, F Rom-TYN
A PIE H, A Ven-Boh (NSU)
A TYO unordered
RUS: A Nwy-FIN, F SWE S
F Stp-NWY, A War-SIL,
A Mos-WAR, A Gal-BOH,
F RUM S Tur A Bul
TUR: F Smy-EAS, F AEG S
A BUL-Gre, A CON-Bul
In AEFGIRT order, the
players are Huffman,
Thrall, Cannon, Myers,
Nicholson, Byrnes, Jones

Before F '02

F(publicly):Ger, we must elim
Eng! I feel so
sorry for Eng...

A/G

A:he'll be upset...

E :I will go down
fighting.

F/G

G:A Sil & Boh are after you
A: I'll take care of it
F:must have a fake war
G:just don't support me into

A/R A:will go anti-Ger
if you want

R:you have 3 on Rum

A:won't take it; will
block Tur with Ita.

Survival is the pri-
mary aim of Austrian
politics; I can't up-
set either you or Tur
but as long as Ita is
in the Ion, Tur is
trapped

I/R

I:you & Tur are moving
if I use Tyo to sup you into
Mun, I want something

R: I'll sup you into Mun

I: this turn?

R: yes, for sup into Vie next
turn

A/F/R F:hey, Ita; oops, you
all look the same;
must be the beards

G/R

R: I told Ita I would sup
Tyo to Mun; you sup Boh
to Tyo

A/R A:if I went for Rum,
there would be too
big a chance of los-
ing Gre

G: no

R: Ita's tight with Aus

F/G G: I only need one sup-
port; I'm cutting Nth
myself

F/I

F:how about A Pie withdrawing?

I: I'll give it a thought

F: "I'll give it a thought"

G/R R:scout's honor, I'm
anti-Aus; I'm worried
about Aus

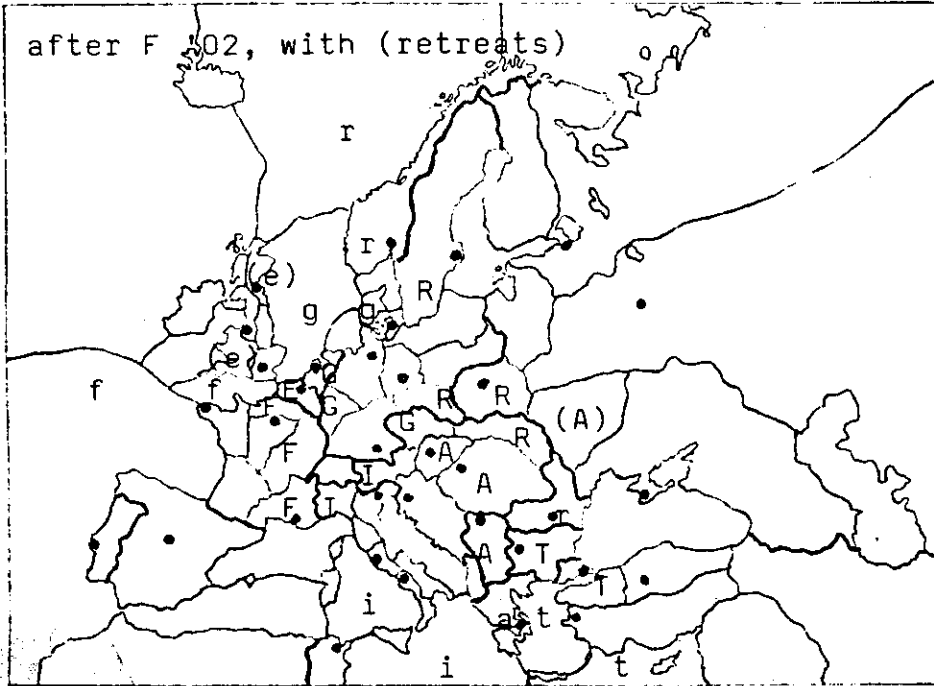
A/G G:go for Rum; you can
get it; take the
risk! Must stop Rus
from overrunning

Foolish Thoughts: Fools had ne'er less
grace in a year, For wise men are
grown foppish; They know not how their
wits to wear, Their manners are so
apish. -LEAR, Act I

One DCer has asked
about a ride to.....

Mary Con-83

Can anyone help? Call
Ed if you need or can
supply a ride to MaryCon.



- AUS: A SER S F GRE H,
A GAL S A BUD-Rum, A VIE H
- ENG: A BEL S F NTH-Hoi
F ENG S A BEL
- FRA: F MID S F Bre-ENG,
A PIC MS A BUR,
A MAR S A BUR
- GER: A HOL S A RUH-Bel
F DEN S F Hel-NTH,
A Mun-BOH
- ITA: F TYN S F ION, F ION
S Aus F GRE, A PIE S A TYO,
A TYO S Ger A Mun-BOH
- RUS: A WAR & SIL S A Boh-GAL
F RUM S Tur A BUL, A Fin-
SWE, F Nwy-NRG, F Swe-NWY
- TUR: A CON S A Gre (imp)
F AEG S F EAS-Ion,
A BUL S Rus F Bul (imp)

WINTER ADJUSTMENTS: All
even except England- F Lon

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