



SOMETIMES TAKING TIME OUT FROM LEISURE ACTIVITIES TO DO THIS REALLY TEES ME OFF QUITE A BIT

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THIS IS ONCE AGAIN PUT OUT ON DEADLINE NIGHT ONCE UPON A TIME I USED TO PLAN AHEAD BEFORE I PUBLISHED

COLONIA STRATEGY

by Gene Prosnitz

In this article, I will explore and discuss the differences in strategy between Colonia, and regular Diplomacy.

One of the most striking differences is that Colonia is a low tension game. Home centers, especially in the colonies, are farther apart than in regular Diplomacy. In Colonia, almost 3/4 of the supply centers start off as neutral (90 out of 125), as opposed to approx. 1/3 neutral centers in regular Diplomacy.

The first year or two of Colonia often merely involves acquiring neutral centers, with a minimum of conflict. The player who delays his commitments, and jumps into either side of a war started by others, will often have the edge.

Because of the vast size of the board, closely fought tactical engagements involving numerous pieces are less common in Colonia; global strategy becomes more important than detailed tactical decisions.

In view of the global nature of Colonia, players should negotiate with almost everybody who they are not actively at war with. In regular Diplomacy, England may say: "I have nothing to talk to Turkey about." This approach is usually not true in Colonia. A Colonia player must pay close attention to events all over the board. For example, the Ottoman is usually not involved in the Americas; however, the relationship between England, Netherlands and Spain in Central America may have an important bearing on Ottoman strategy in the Indian Ocean.

In regular Diplomacy the general rule in the earlier stages is to try and avoid war with more than one power. In Colonia, it is often reasonable to voluntarily declare war on two or three powers, who you are fighting in different sections of the board.

On the other hand, because of the large scale, long-term global strategic considerations, the concept of stabbing your ally for one or two centers

is less likely to be correct in Colonia.

Also, in regular Diplomacy, an alliance frequently breaks up because, after conquering one enemy, the "allies" have nowhere else to go except at each other's throats. In Colonia, this is less true. There are no state-mate lines, and a three-way alliance can reasonably late the entire game.

In most Colonial areas, the abundance of neutral centers makes it tactically wise to expand outward; i.e. grab the center closest to you the first year, and the one or two further out the second year. In regular Diplomacy, the opposite strategy is usually best.

For example: In a regular game, Turkey, given a choice of Greece or Bulgaria the first year, will probably take Greece, on the theory that he can easily get Bulgaria in 1902. By contrast, in Colonia, Netherlands would probably do better to take Nizam the first year, and expand to Mahratta and Khandash the second year. It is too difficult to backtrack, and at the same time defend the outer possessions.

In deciding whom to ally with and whom to attack, the effect on other areas of the board must be considered. For example, suppose Spain is contemplating an attack on Portugal. He may be able to clobber Portugal in North America, but must consider the fact that his attack will seriously jeopardize his Pacific positions.

It is for this reason that countries which are not present all over the board lack diplomatic leverage. France has a reasonably strong military position in North America and Africa, and a respectable military position in Europe. However, France's lack of a Far Eastern base severely weakens France's diplomatic leverage, making less likely the possibility of trading off assistance in one area for help in another area.

For the same reason China, which is the only power with no colonies, is severely hampered by its lack of diplomatic leverage outside of the Far East. The fact that Russia and the Ottoman can cooperate in Europe (and occasionally in Africa as well) is one of the reasons why Russo-Turkish are more common than either Russo-Chinese or Chinese-Turkish alliances.

The strategic question of where to build is not given sufficient attention by most players in Colonia. It is often correct to withhold builds for future years. Taking all your builds immediately, in the early stages, will often leave a Western Power overloaded in Europe, with too few units in the colonies. The fact that you can only make one build at a time in a colonial section of the board, makes Colonia radically different from regular Diplomacy in this respect.

In the mid-game, it may also be correct to save builds, and not build in an area where you are either overly strong or hopelessly weak, in order to be able to build twice, in two successive years, in a critical colonial area. In Home Office 197902h, Russia is allied with Austria and Ottoman, and owns all of China. In one year, Russia obtained five builds. By postponing builds, Russia was able to build, in effect, two units in Brazil, two in Vladivostok, and one in St. Pete.

A related strategic question involves the decision of whether to abandon a weak area, and concentrate on your strong areas. It is often better strategy to retreat a dislodged unit off the board in an area where you are hopelessly outgunned, in order to take more builds elsewhere. In Home Office 02h, Russia adopted this strategy when attacked by France and Spain in Africa, refused to fight a losing war in Africa, but built up to a 21 unit position in South America and Eurasia.

The decision to abandon a weak area may run against the grain, since it may mean rewarding a stabber. However, it is often the soundest policy.

Thanks for an interesting article, Gene! How's work going?

I hope that Gene will have more on strategy in Colonia sometime soon..

AN EXPLANATION IS IN ORDER

Last issue was late by about three weeks. What I had freid to do was to put out an issue before I went on vacation to Germany for three weeks, so that you wouldn't be bored by a long deadline. So I worked like hell to adjudicate (nearly everything was in a Fall season, too) and type everything up on time, missing a few hours of sleep along the way. Well, I was finished. So I went about to runoff the material, the last step (even the address labels had been finished beforehand) and...the machine screwed up. The fluid pump was slightly off, but enough to make the pages I ran off look like they were pulled from the floor of a garage after a heavy day. So I didn't have the time to fix it, and ended up going to Germany without having sent out the stuff. When I got back I fixed what was wrong and sent most everything out fairly quickly, marking a new deadline on the side, which I guess everybody saw. And here we are. So, sorry about last issue. Hope it won't happen again.

By the way, I'm pressured for time again. If this doesn't get run off tomorrow, then it won't be again until next Friday, so excuse me if the typing isn't up to par. (Par is pretty bad anyway, but...) At least nobody missed moves.

THE NEXT DEADLINE

...is June 12, 1980 for everything. Don't miss it, please. Thanks. The phone deadline, as always, is the day before that; June 11, 1980. Goodie.

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1978Jew -- Winter 1909/Spring 1910 -- All proposals fail

NOBIG THINGS HAPENING AS CHINA MOVES TO ANNINILATE JAPAN ENTIRELY

AUSTRIA(Hyatt): Eld F Tri, A Vic, A Bud. A Pie H, A Tus S A Pie, F Ion-Tun, F Alg-Wes, F Tyn S F Wes-Lyo, F Wes-Lyo, D Tri-Adr, A Mos H, A Mun-Eur, A Boh-Mun, A Sax S A Boh-Mun, A Pos S A Ber, A Ber S A Sax, A War H, A Vic⁹ tyl, A Bud-Gal/impossible/

CHINA(Cooper): Eld F Can, F Pek. F Pek-Yel, F Can-ECS, F ECS-SPC, F SPO-SPOBB, A Hon S ITALIAN F Osa-Fuj, F Kyo S F SoJ, F SoJ C A Vla-Sak, A Vla-Sak, A Sib S A Skg, A Skg S A Sib, A Tib & A Nep S A Cal, A Cal S ENGLISH F Bob-Mad, A Bum S A Cal, A Tha S A Bum, F SCS-Cal, F Jav S F SCS-Cal, F Cal S F Jav, F And S ENGLISH F BOB/nso/, F GoS-Ber

ENGLAND(Kluge): F Nwy R Nwg, Eld F Lvp. F Lvp-Iri, F Eng-Lon, F Edi-Nth, F Nwg S F Edi-Nth, A Bel S F Hol, E Hol S A Fel, F Mog-CoA, F Bob-Mad

FRANCE(Stimmel): Rem F Lyo, F Mid-Spa(nc), A Mar-Spa, A Cas-Par

GERMANY(Charnley): Rem A Ruh & A Kie. A Par S AUSTRIAN A Mun-Eur, A Nwy-Fin, A Swe S A Nwy-Fin, F Nth-Lon/R Nwy, Dan, Hel, Yar, OTB/, F Ska-Nth

ITALY(Schuetz): F TIm-TImOBB, F Osa-Fuj

JAPAN(Cheek): Rem F Hir. F Tok S F Kar-NPO, F Kar-NPO

TURKEY(Kandtar Sr): Rem A Sev. F EIO-WIO, F Cay H, F Mad H, A Dec S F Mad, A Del S A Dec, F Ara-Som, A Sin-Raj, A Oms S A Tur, A Tur S A Oms, F Fen-Lon, F Eas-Suez, A Fin S GERMAN A Nwy/s/, A StP S GERMAN A Nwy/nso/, A Lvn S A StP, A Mos S A StP

Shame about those Turks in Finland, isn't it? And it looks like another player might be going about this year...in any case, the deadline for Fall 1910 is 6-12-80. I have it on good trust that this game will go on for a while, yet. There have been no proposals for this time around. Take a rest.

I may do some commentary if some page or other is left over this issue, but I don't know as yet. Propaganda meanwhile:

GERMANY TO ENGLAND AND THE REST OF THE WORLD: I have repeatedly tried to explain why I did what I did. I have had my attempts called stupid and ridiculous among other things. I have been serious all the way along. I was in a situation where I did not have all the addresses; I had to act the turn I entered the game or it wouldn't work, so I did. I've tried my best to explain my actions. All I seem to get are vindictive comments and actions. I'm tired of it! I hope this game ends soon so I can be done with it!

PEKING: Emperor Cooper proclaimed his let a thousand "Flowers of Evil" bloom campaign.

JAPAN TO POLITICIAN: There is no record of the emperor having "Sold His Soul for Rock & Roll."

ITALY TO KONRAD: Regarding Osaka, "It Crawled Into My Hand, Honest!"

JAPAN: The revolting Fu Manché was contacted and offered the full support of Japan.

CHINA TO FRANCE: All matters relating to Japan must be sent through Peking, or else!

SPAIN: Short-wave radio receives the following broadcast from Japan's Prime Minister Churchill Cheek.

"We will never surrender. We will continue to fight on the beaches, on the streets of Tokyo, and inside of our volcano craters. Gorilla forces will fight on in the Philippines, in Mongolia's deserts, and in Tibet's mountains. IF there are earth cracks caused by earthquakes you'll find our underground forces fighting inside of them"

LONDON: Come on, folks, we know who will be here to the end, so let's get this to a finish.

IN THE FUTURE THEOPHATILDONN HAVETO GO OUT TO ANOVIBETONIGHT THIS WILL BE DONE BY TOMORROW

1979Pjc --- Aa³ --- Atlantica III --- December 1870.

POWERS GEARING UP FOR NEXT YEAR WARNED ABOUT FROZEN AREAS!

ENGLAND(Hooton): Bld A Lon. Also has F Green, F Lyp, F Lee, F Wal, F Bel, F Nth (Orders on file for January)

FRANCE(Cheek): (A Mar-Bar worked last time) Even. Has F Azon F Ere, F Por, F Spa(sc), A Mun, A Bur, A Swi (Orders on file)

GERMANY(Lipscomb): Even. Has A Ruh, A Bar, F Bal, F Kis, A Pic, F Atlantic

ITALY(Cooper): Bld F Nap. Also has F SouthAt, F Can, F Eng, F Mor, F Tyn, A Tyl, A Sil (Orders on file)

CANADA(Chamley): Bld F WAI, A Tor. Also has A Min, A Chi, E Pal, F Wat, F Nfld, F Grand, F Ire (Orders on file)

C.S.A.(Davis): Even. Has F Mca, A Chi, A Ten, F Bar, F Car (Orders on file)

U.S.A.(Disorder): Reg F Iri & A Geo. Has F Ric, A Ken, A Ala/Yuk, F L.I.S., F Bos (No orders...)

January 1971 (or 1871 if you like) See June 12, 1960. Orders for next on file. Press follows:

FRANCE TO GERMANY: See mistakes in August 1870 moves, virtual certainty of losing Morocco in Oct 1870, and only 50% chance of taking Venice in Nov 1870, your lukewarm support and the picture should become clearer. By the way thanks for finding Atlantis for me!

FRANCE TO ITALY: Maybe that's why they call it Dip "Con"

ITALY TO FRANCE: Give until it hurts, and then give some more!

NEW YORK: The city of New York has stopped the I Love New York campaign, it is working too well!

THE TIMES: Papulo Pigletti, in charge of Scandinavian affairs, was asked to justify the continued presence of English troops in Scandinavia and the

Countries. Mr. Pigletti, a recent defector from the Italian Diplomatic Corps, summarized the situation:

"As you know, the Kaiser has been taking tremendous losses there due to guerilla action. We are merely there to help the Imperial German Army quell these civil disturbances."

It is rumored that Mr. Pigletti's nominations for the new post for Trans-Atlantic affairs will be withdrawn due to his alleged plan to raid the American city Pittsburgh for certain liquid consumables. The other nominee is T. Pax-Truehart, who hopes to thaw out the Arctic negotiations by spring.

(POLITICIAN): COA for Dave Hooton, to 87 Essex St, Melrose, MA 02176.

19783fn -- Winter 1755

There were errors last time. The result is that France and Russia would exchange Dakar and Volta, and France gains Dakar, instead of Volta. The supported move (R) from Dak-Vol should succeed, and, Dakar, being open, is then taken by the French from Senegal. The French army Vol must retreat to Sen. The S.C. total remains unchanged. Also, the proposal to concede the game went "NO." No new proposal has been made.

AUSTRIA(Kluge): Eld F Florida. Also has A Missouri, A Louisiana, F Texas.

A Galicia, A Poland, A Bavaria, A Silesia, F Bosnia, A Budapest, A Trieste

CHINA(Stimmel): Even. Has A Khandesh, A Nizan, A Nepal (Orders on file)

ENGLAND(Hyatt): F Verde Passage R Gulf of Belem. Eld F Surinam, F Edinburg, F Angola, F Cape Colony, F Malaya. Also has F Gulf of Teuantepec, A Mexico, A California, F Gulf of Mexico, F Cuba, A Jungle, A Recife, F Shile, F Channel, F Ireland, F London, F North Sea, F Norwegian Sea, F SW Atlantic, F Brazil, F Mid-Atlantic, A Congo, A Natal, A Mozambique, A Katanga, A Fezan, F West Indian Ocean, F Ceylon, F South China Sea, F Cambodia, A Bangal, A Burma, A Cochin

FRANCE(Kendter Sr): A Volta R Senegal, Eld F Quebec & F Bordeaux. Also has A Ontario, A Manitoba, A Virginia, A Dakar, F Lisbon, F Bya of Biscay, A Leon, A Toulon, A Hague, A Antwerp. (A Timbuktu NRR, R OTB -- France will play 1 short)

OTTOMANS(Prosnitz): Rem A Circars. Has A Istanbul, F Ismir, F Jerusalem(wc), A Egypt, A Baghdad, F Goa

POTUGAL(~~Cooper~~ CD): NMR, Rem A Manitoba, A Texas, F Coral. Has A Yukon, F Tahiti, F Sea of Bismarck

RUSSIA(Schuetz): F Iwo R Micronesia. Also has F Bahia, A Argentina, A Ghana, A Timbuktu, A Volta, A Shahr, F Verde Passage, F Canaries, F Azores, F East Atlantic, A Saxony, A Hanover, F Denmark, F Sweden, A Finland, A Lithuania, F Ural, A Caucasus, A Rumania, A Persia, A Afghanistan, A Yunnan, A Canton, A Szechuan, F Tonkin Gulf, F Formosa Straits, F Sea of Okhotsk, F East China Sea, F North Pacific

SPAIN(Cooper): Eld F Hawaii, F Manila, F Australia, F Somalia, F Valencia (plays 2 short). Also has A Lagos, F Gibraltar, A Madrid, F Ionian, F Gre, F Persian Gulf, F Arabian Sea, F Malagasy, F Red Sea, A Uganda, F Malanesia, F Iwo Jima, F West Pacific, F Timor Sea, F New Zealand, F Samoa, F Fiji

Peggy Gemignani told me that she was dropping out. She has also moved to California, by the way, but I couldn't read her return address at all (she wrote it out herself). Disorder will take care of her last three units.

Spring 1756 due June 12, 1980. Russian orders will need to be changed.

Thanks to Gaze for taking over the Ottomans. Press this time..

NEW DELHI: Emperor of China angered by excessive speculation in commodity futures market has ordered those investing in hog futures to take actual

delivery. OINK! OINK!

Emperor of China and India has ordered a course in ethics to be taught in all schools.

Teacher: Do you know the difference between right and wrong?

Pupil: YES!

Teacher: Would you give an example of "wrong"?

Pupil: Wrong is when a campaign contribution to the Emperor is made and a favor is given in return.

Teacher: The answer book doesn't have anything like that in it.

Emperor of China usually votes for those endorsed by his favorite movie stars. He cannot vote until Miss Piggy endorses somebody this year. Will it be Carter, Reagan or Anderson?

NEPAL: In this lovely mountain setting Nero and Napoleon are playing PIV for two-player Colonia championship. They will start with two countries each, chosen by lot, and then play a second game, reversing the countries. Highest total for both games wins.

EARTHWISE STUPID ONE-LINE PRESS SERVICE: Player who tries to pay for 'zine sub by writing articles no longer owes complete dinner, but only a quick lunch.

CHINA: Missionaries introduce basketball, baseball, and football, into India and China. Emperor opines that they will be good participant sports, but that few spectators will have the patience to watch a complete game.

MADRID: As you recall from our last dispatch, the devilishly clever and devious (but still all-around great guy) Prince Philip was caught with both hands in the proverbial Russo-Portuguese cookie-jar. We pick up the action at that point:

Tsar: This is all your fault, Spud! You and this refugee from sanity got us up like a bunch of pigeons.

Bobby: Goo goo!

Philip: Caution Schuetszki. It would be very easy to grab those centers of yours in Algeria and Siberia.

Tsar: Idiot! Those aren't centers.

Philip: Well I guess it won't be so easy then.

Spud: Oh blow it out the Volga Schuetszki!

Lee: I'd like to give you both a piece of my mind.

Peg: Careful, Lee, there may not be enough to go around.

Philip (still held out the window): Bamba away!

Peg: Philip, don't you take anything seriously?

Philip: Certainly, my Iberian vixen. I believe in life, liberty and the happiness of pursuit.

Lee: I believe in liberty, equality and fraternity.

Tsar: I believe in cavalry, infantry and artillery.

Bobby: I believe in snap, crackle and pop.

Spud: I believe in Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and Spanish stability.

Peg: I believe I'll throw up.

Philip: Sorry Peg, but nobody ever said it'd be all bright lights and autographs.

Peg: But Philip, how can you fight the whole world?

Philip: There's only one world, right?

Suddenly, the door swings open and a messenger announces: Oh Night Prince of Darkness! The navy fulfilled its mission and Paula Pats and Dirty Bertie now sleep with the fishes!

Philip: Bats! Perhaps it would have been kinder to have killed them instead of sentencing them to live with English wives.

Spud: Say what!

Philip: I propose we pay them the highest tribute.

Tsart: No! You can't mean...

Philip: Yes! A moment of soberness!

Peg: Philip, don't you ever think of defeat?

Philip: (Handing her back her purse, watch, passport and chastity belt): It's not defeat, but de-hands!

Peg: Say Philip, I've been meaning to ask why you're lying on the floor. Are you drunk?

Tsart: Nonsense! You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on.

Philip (back at the window): Bombs away!

...to be continued...

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You guys are lucky as hell that I didn't go out to a movie tonight, like I thought I was going to do, and put this off. I'm getting lazier, but just as long as it's for a cause...see, I never go to movies alone...
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1980Ecv -- Youngstown IV -- Fall 1901

AUSTRIA(Phil Paulson): A Ser-Gra, A Rum S A Vie-Gal/R Clu, OTB/, A Vie-Gal, F Tri-Ven

CHINA(Dupont): A IMO-Omc, A Sig-VN, F Cen-SCS

ENGLAND(Cooper): F Iri-Ire, F Nth-Nwy, F Nwg-Bar, F Tha(ec) H

FRANCE(Gene Paulson): A Bur-Bel, A Mar-Spa, F Mid-Mor, F SCS-Dor

GERMANY(Hyatt): F Dan-Swe, A Ric-Hol, A Ruh-Bel, A Sax-Sil

INDIAN(Kluge): A Afg-Ira, F WIO-Cey, A Bum H

ITALY(Cheek): A Apu-Ren, F Ion C A Apu-Pen, A Ven-Tri, F Gal-Eth

JAPAN("Colombo"): F SPO-Phi, F Osa-EGS, F Kyo-SoJ

RUSSIA(Prosnitz): F Bot-Swe, A Ukr-Rum, A War-Gal, F Sev S A UKr-Rum, F Wla-Kor, A Sib-Man

TURKEY(Charnley): A Arn-Ira, F Ank-Blu, A Eul-Gre, A Jor-Egy

Center Chart for 1901: AUS: Home4, Ser: 5, Bld 1. CHI: Home3, Omc, VN: 5, Bld 2. ENG: Home4, Nwy, Ire, Tha: 7, Bld 3. FRA: Home4, Dor, Spa, Mar: 7, Bld 3. GER: Home4, Dan, Hol: 6, Bld 2. IND: Home3, Cey, Bur: 5, Bld 2. ITA: Home4, Eth, Pen: 6, Bld 2. JAP: Home3, Phi: 4, Bld 1. RUS: Home6, Rum, Man, Kor: 9, Bld 3. TUR: Home4, Bel, Egy: 6, Bld 2.

Winter 1901 due June 12, 1980.

We have a sigg problem. You see, there exists no such person as "Salvatore Colombo," at least not in the Diplomacy hobby. Victor Ricci fessed up to me and to some others in the game that he had played in the Colombo name. His letter runs as follows: Sorry about the confusion. Salvatore Colombo is a fictitious person created by me, Victor Ricci. The purpose of this joke was to get around the cross-game alliances that occur when playing uncountable games with a certain bunch of people. I tried to have mymail forwarded from my friend's home on Grand Street to my house on Eastern Parkway, but it didn't work. Some was returned to senders with both addresses, which blew the joke (since they recognized it)....

Now, if Victor was playing another position in the game, he'd be thrown out on his ear, minus his sub and game money. But in this case I'll let it pass. From now on, Victor will be playing under his real name, and you can address mail to 135 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11238. Also, Victor has just told me he might want to get out of this game soon, so I'm looking for a replacement player for the position. Any takers? On to the press:

BERLIN TO ST. PETERSBURG: Your threats about what will happen to Germany

if Denmark is ordered to Sweden are interesting. Now, let's see you make good on those threats! You should know by now that I cannot be intimidated or bullied!

MOSCOW TO BERLIN: Thanks for allowing me to enter Sweden.

INDIA(A.F.T.A.): Had a meeting in Constantinople. It's goal is to rid Turkey from the horrible influences that have invaded Asia. A.F.T.I. (Asia For The Indians).

ITALY TO AUSTRIA: Has anybody seen Austria, I can't find him.

AUSTRIA TO THE WORLD: The Arch-Duke of Austro-Hungary declares war on Turkey, Germany, Russia, Italy and that bastard brother France. If you're coming, prepare to jump big!

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY NEWS SERVICE: The following script is for press releases to his neighbors: "Have mercy on me. I beg on bended knees, please don't attack me!"

AUSTRIA TO FRANCE: Don't forget "We are family"!

FRANCE TO ITALY: No I am not my brother's keeper!

ITALY TO RUSSIA: Maybe I'll have better luck next time!

FRANCE: 1) Kluge's apostrophe to Hyatt's 1st law: "Do unto others before they do unto you.

2) Cheek's prefix to Prosnitz's 2nd law: Always take things on Blind Faith! Also watch out for Sabotage!

3) Paulson's Fifth Law: I'll never like in Philadelphia, honest!

JAPAN: AFTA (Asia for the Asians) held its second meeting today in Tokyo. It came out with an ultimatum to those foreign devils. "Out of Asia by sundown or certain death to the blue eyes!"

POLITICIAN: Fine, but they say that the sun never sets on the British Empire, so are they exempt?

VIENNA TO MOSCOW: Your press not only is in bad taste, but you are making a big mistake by attacking Austria at this time!

PARIS TO BERLIN: Oh, did you want BELGIUM?

LONDON: Prime Minister Philip has been located in Belgium. After hearing that the Germans were coming to drink up all his beer, he closed the border to Rheinland. The Kaiser comments could not be put in print.

TURKEY TO INDIA: You have me very confused by your move. What is Queen's Pawn four to King Five?

MOSCOW TO BERLIN: Your move to Sweden was a very unfriendly act! I may have to slap your hands.

FRANCE TO GERMANY: Here's your birthday present.

PEKING TO VIENNA: China, not having heard as much as a lie out of Austria-Hungary, joins with the concert of powers in stating that a state of war exists, 2) asks where is A-H?, and 3) urges all powers to do the same, principally the 2nd.

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: One more misstep like that and it's all over.

JAPAN TO INDIA: But you promised me sexual favors!!

LONDON TO PARIS: War is declared.

AUSTRIA TO WORLD: Where am I?

PEKING: The emperor reiterates his statement that a postal strike is imminent; if not in this decade, in the next, but sooner or later.

POLITICIAN: We are unfortunately in complete agreement there.

PARIS: Due to the overwhelmingly favorable response to the Laws of Diplomacy, Volume I, the French Government is pleased to announce the publication of Volume II. Excerpts follow:

1) Prosnitz's Fourth Law of Diplomacy: It's always your ally's fault.

2) Paulson's (P) First Law of Diplomacy: It is morally wrong to allow suckers to keep their centers.

- 3) Paulson's (E) Law of Negotiation: Speak softly and own a big, mean Doberman.
- 4) Cooper's Law of Allies: A good ally is someone who'd marry Bo Derek for her money.
- 5) Hyatt's Second Law of Diplomacy: When your opponent is down, kick him.
- 6) Kluge's Corollary to Hyatt's Second Law: The ally who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone he can blame it on.
- 7) Hyatt's Third LAW of Diplomacy: If two wrongs don't make a right, try three.
- 8) Cooper's commentary on Hyatt's Third Law: No good deed ever goes unpunished.

POLITICIAN: And there we go. The press is among the most enjoyable I've typed in two years; keep it up! Winter 1901 only due June 12, 1980.

1978Rjc --- Swiss Diplomacy II --- Winter 1907/Spring 1908

WAR ENDS IN CONCESSION TO AUSTRIA AND ENGLAND --- GAME OVER

AUSTRIA(Cooper): A War-Ukr, A Sil-Mun, A Bar S ENGLISH F Bal-Kie, A Boh & A Tyl S A Sil-Mun, A Cro S A Tyl, F Ven-Adr, F Apu S F Ven-Adr, A Ser-Bul, F Eas-Aeg, F Grs S F Eas-Aeg, A Syr-Smy, A Con S A Syr-Smy
 ENGLAND(Schuetz): Eld F Edi, F Edi-Nth, F Nth-Hel, F Bot-Swe, F Bal-Kie, A Hol S F Bal-Kie, A Bur-Ruh/d/, A Par-Gas, F EngpBel, F Mid S F Par-Gas, F Sir-Ion, F Por S F Mid
 GERMANY(Davis): F Swe-Nwy, A Mun-Bar/a/, A Kie S A Mun-Bar/d/, A Ruh-Sel
 SWITZERLAND(Tulp): F Ion-Adr, F Aeg-Ion, F Nap S F Aeg-Ion, F Hun S F Aeg-Ion, A Bul-Ser, A Swa-Zur, A Gen-Bur, A Sav S A Gen-Bur, F Gas-Gas, A Mar S F Gas-Gastile, F Sat-And

All players have OK'd the two way draw between Austria and England, played by Phil Cooper and Karl Schuetz respectively, while the concession proposal to Austria was defeated. The game thus ends now. First the propaganda for the last time, and then the supply center chart for the game with player statistics to be recorded in Lord of Hosts, published by good old Greg Costikyan, LNC these days.

KIEL: The Dawn Patrol of Jasta 1, flying Fokker E III's, took off this morning on what was described as a suicide mission. "This may be the end of Germany, but our pilots will be remembered forever," said Count von Glocken. At that moment, an American motion picture producer named Howard Hughes arrived with a large crew, including a stunning blonde, and began to shoot scenes of the airdome.

And that's it for this time, say bye. Here go the statistics.

Game: 1978Rjc, Swiss Diplomacy II. Designer: Fred C. Davis Jr. 'Zings: EGGNOG (to F04), POLITICIAN. GM: Konrad Baumeister. Austria: Phil Cooper (draw S08). England: Karl Schuetz (Draw S08). France: Fred Wiedeneyer (res S02), Dave Hooton (out F04). Germany: Fred Davis. Italy: Boh Kluge (out F06). Russia: Floyd Lightsey (out F05). Switzerland: Russell Tulp. Turkey: Steve Greenberg (out F04).

Supply Center Chart

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
Austria	3	5	7	9	12	12	13	13	draw
England	3	5	6	6	7	10	10	12	draw
France	3	4	3	3	-	-	-	-	
Germany	3	5	6	7	9	7	5	4	

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	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Italy	3	4	4	2	2	1	-	-
Russia	4	6	4	3	1	-	-	-
Switzerland	3	4	6	7	8	9	11	11
Turkey	3	4	4	2	-	-	-	-

I would love to print up any game-end statements anybody in the game would like to send in to print. Anybody who played in the game is eligible to tell us what went on inside the thing; not just the survivors. I'd appreciate their being here by June 10, 1980, so that I can squeeze them into this coming issue. I have to admit that the game was never dull... whenever it looked like the alliances were firmly set, another dagger appeared out of nowhere and it started all over again.

Congratulations to Karl and Phil for terrific play; you deserved the two-way draw. Congratulations also to the other survivors, Fred and Russell; if this game-year had been played out maybe Fred wouldn't be here to tell about it...

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ABOUT PHONE CALLS ON DEADLINE NIGHT

Tonight I had to spend more time on the phone than I was typing the 'zine! Six Diplomacy players called up, five of them to find out what happened in their game. I have nothing against telling you what happened, and in fact I enjoy talking to all of you, but maybe you people could wait until the day after the deadline? See, besides the Dippo players I also had to call a girl to make a date for tomorrow, had a call from a friend of mine and it took us 25 minutes of thinking about what we were going to do this weekend; golf, tennis, canoeing, or whatever. Those last two items were things I had to do tonight, but giving the results of the games by phone could have waited until tomorrow night. (In this case I won't be here then, but Bill or somebody else could tell you, too...)

At least you're anxious to know what happened in the games, and that makes me happy. Keep up the good play, too... I have noticed that missed calls are virtually non-existent in EGGNOG and POLITICIAN, and am very proud of that.

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