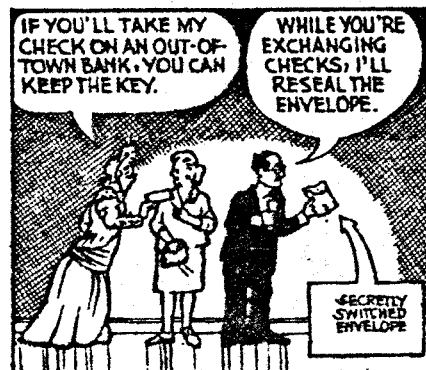
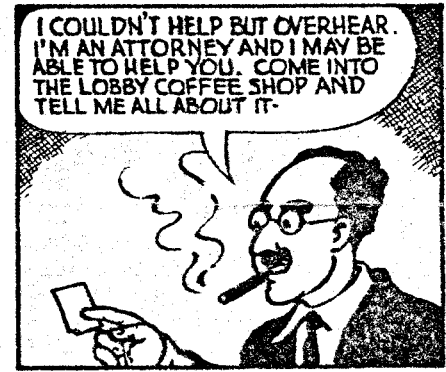
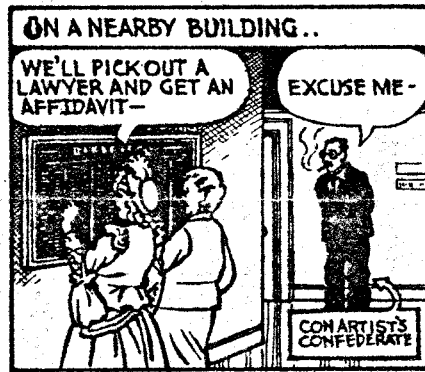
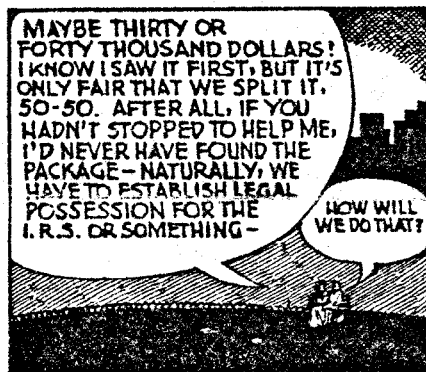
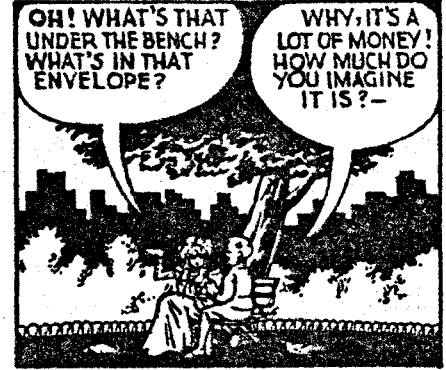
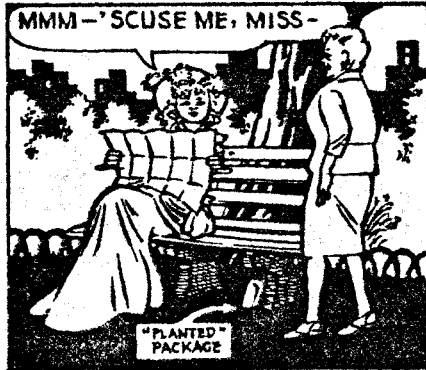


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sion of the publisher. Diplomacy is a board game invented by Alan B. Calhammer, and now manufactured by the Avalon-Hill Company.

## CON, GAMES

by Ron Rosenbaum

(This is the first of a series of articles on con games now being played on the streets of our major cities.)

### The Resume Writing Scam

Perhaps the newest and most ingenious con game is the "resume writing scam," a con game sophisticated enough to take in not just little old ladies but also eager young career men. In fact, the resume writing scam is a perfect example of the con game as a social parable. This one mirrors the dark side of the American success ethic.

Our young Horatio Alger is scanning the classified ads, looking for that "big break" that will reward his "pluck" and years getting that MBA, when he sees this little ad:

RESUME WRITING SERVICE  
No charge unless the resume we do  
gets you the job you want

The young job seeker visits Con Man One, who is disguised as the chief resume writer. He assures the pigeon that it's not always spunk and qualifications that land you on the ladder to the top; sometimes it's the facade you present. He, Con Man One, however, knows all the tricks, the secrets, the special ways of saying things that let the decision makers know that they've got someone who knows the score. The charge is \$250 for writing up the resume, he tells the pigeon, but there will be no charge at all unless it gets you just the kind of job you want. Now, what would that be?

A few days later, the eager young pigeon gets a call from Con Man Two, who poses as a personnel recruiter from the Big Time Corporation from Outoftownsville, and guess what-he's offering the pigeon exactly the kind of job he's looking for. Very good resume, he remarks. Come up to my hotel suite for an interview.

Well to make a long story short, the pigeon is offered the job of his deams. He's given two weeks to relocate, and begins selling his possessions and breaking his lease. Oh, just one hitch, Con Man Two tells the pigeon as they are about to sign the employment contract. The hitch is, the company has been annoyed by certain resume writing services which don't get paid by their customers. That won't happen with you, will it? he asks the mark.

The pigeon confesses he's used a resume writing service. Visibly upset, the recruiter demands that the pigeon run over to the service, pay immediately in cash, and bring him a signed receipt.

Con Men One and Two leave town leave town with something like \$50,000 garnered from 200 eager young job seeking pigeons, who are soon to discover that Big Time Corporation is in fact not willing to pay \$30,000 for someone without experience, no mater how much of a go-getter he is.

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GRAND TOURNAMENT DIPLOMACY

1976 Dhd

Winter 1908

IS CORSICA AT PEACE WITH FRANCE? WILL DOEHRER  
SOON OFFER THE ROMAN CROWN TO MACHIR?

France

H. Jordan Build: none  
Emperor Has: A Gas, F Spa(sc), F Lpl, F MAO, F Mar

Austro-Hungarian Empire

C. Doehrer Build: none, no builds possible  
Kaiser-King Has: A Hol

Holy Roman Empire

C. Doehrer Build: none  
Emperor Has: A Mun, A Ven, A Vie

Deutches Arbeiter Republik

P. McGee Build: none  
Comrade- Has: F Den, A Kie, A Ser, A Ber, F Bul(ec),  
Chairman A Ukr

European Peoples Democratic Republic

P. McGee Build: A Sev, V. Tsao, commander  
Chairman Has: F Bal, A Pru, A Swe, A Sil

Central European Associated Republic

P. McGee Remove: A Gal  
Director Has: none

Confederate States of Eurasia

P. McGee Build: F Tun, J. Machir, Commander; F Nwy,  
President D. Klein, Commander  
Has: A Yor, F Nth, A Rum, A Smy, F Por  
Retreat: F Spa-Por

Madiera

D. Klein Build: none  
Prince Has: F Cly, F Bre

Corsica

J. Machir Remove: F Lyo  
Prince Has: A Apu, F Rom, F Tri, F Adr

Commentary

The Old Guard has got to break up the alliance of the Rebel Princes. If they don't do so soon they will be eliminated and the end game fighting for second, third, and fourth place will go on without them.

This can only be done by offering one of them more than their leader, Phil McGee, can. The most valuable thing they have to offer is the crown of Rome.

Since Chuck Doehrer has two crowns, that of Austria and the HRE, he can part with one and still keep his position in the game. But more importantly, he has little use for the Roman position. Unless he breaks up the rebels, they will soon take Venice from the HRE and he will never be able to build Roman units. He can defect the HRE units to Austria and still have one viable country in the game.

If John Machir were to have the Roman throne, he would be independent of Phil McGee's ability to give him more units, he would be able to raise his own. He could also be in a position to be able to demand the leadership role in the councils of the Old Guard. He could absolutely insist on second place, and be able to take first if he played his position to the fullest.

He also would have the ability to play both sides to his advantage for while, since acceptance of the crown would not necessarily mean that he has left loyalty to "the people."

Only one thing stops this plan: the cohesiveness of the Old Guard. Is Chuck ready to give up a position as the leader of the team?

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### FIRST REGULAR GAME

1976 BE

Fall 1910

#### INCHING ITALO-AUSTRIAN PROGRESS IN GERMANY DEAD HEAT IN MEDITERRANEAN

##### France

B. Normand

Retreat: F Pie-Mar

F Naf (S) F Tun

F Tun (S) F Lyo-Tyr

F Mar-Lyo

F Wes (S) F Lyo-Tyr

A Bur (S) A Mun

F Lyo-Tyr

A Mun (S) German A Kie-Ber

A Gas-Mar

##### Italy

J. Rogowski

A Pie-Mar

F Tyr-H

F Tus-Lyo

F Ion-Tun

A Ukr-War

A War-Sil

F Rom (S) F Tyr

##### England

R. Kelly

A Ruh (S) French A Mun

A Kie-Ber

A Stp (S) A Pru-Liv

A Pru-Liv

A Ber-Pru

F Nwy (S) A Stp

England  
(cont'd) F Bal (S) A Pru-Liv  
F Bot (S) A Pru-Liv  
F Nth (C) A Edi-Den  
A Edi-Den

Austria  
D. Malmquist A Tyo-Mun  
A Gal (S) Italian A War-Sil  
A Mos-Sev  
F Nap (S) Italian F Tyr  
A Boh (S) Italian A War-Sil  
F Aeg-Ion  
A Liv-Mos

Supply Center Chart 1910

France  
Par, Mar, Bre, Spa, Por, Bel, Tun, Mun (8-even)  
Austria  
Bud, Ser, Rum, Mos, Smy, Sev, Ank, Con Nap (9-build 2, only 1 possible)  
Italy  
Rom, Ven, Vie, Tri, Bul, Gre, War (7-even)  
England  
Lon, Lpl, Edi, Den, Swe, Hol, Kie, Nwy, Ber, Stp (10-even)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Since there is to be only one build, and since if made the build can only be an Austrian army in Budapest, we will combine Winter 1910 and Spring 1911 game seasons. Players may presume the above build order in making their orders. You may also make conditional orders for the events of an Austrian NMR for Winter or a decision not to build.

Peace Proposal

There is a proposal for an Austrian-Italian-French-English draw. Please vote on it with your next orders.

Press

(London) Special Announcement! There will be an urgent special meeting of "The Friends Who Came From the Same Point of Origin" on Sept. 5 at location no.7.

SECOND REGULAR GAME

1976 DG

Fall 1908

FRENCH PUSHED BACK IN MEDITERRANEAN, ENGLISH ON HOLIDAY, DO NOTHING, WIN NOT CERTAIN

Austria  
C. Gibson A Bud (S) A Vie  
F Alb-Gre  
A Tri-Tyo  
A Vie (S) A Tri-Tyo

Turkey  
B. Normand  
 F Aeg-Ion  
 A Bul-Rum  
 F Tun (S) F Tyr-Wes  
 F Ion-Tyr  
 F Con-Aeg  
 F Tyr-Wes  
 A Sev (S) A Bul-Rum  
 A Rum-Gal

Italy  
M. Carroll  
 A Ven (S) Austrian A Tri-Tyo  
 F Adr (S) A Ven  
 F Lyo-Spa(sc)

England  
R. Kelly  
 F Iri-Eng  
 A Nwy-Par (impossible)  
 A Mos (S) A War  
 A War (S) A Liv-Pru  
 A Ukr (S) A War  
 A Liv-Pru  
 F Nth-Eng  
 A Kie-Ber  
 F Bal-Ber  
 F Swe-Den  
 F Lon-Eng

France  
J. Machir  
 A Pie-Ven  
 A Mar-H  
 A Sil-Gal  
 A Pru-Sil (surrender)  
 A Tyo (S) A Pie-Ven  
 F Wes-Tun (dislodged)  
 F MAO-Spa(sc)  
 A Boh (S) A Tyo

Supply Center Chart 1908

Austria  
 Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie, Gre (5-build 1)  
Turkey  
 Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Sev, ~~Gre~~, Tun (7-remove 1)  
France  
 Par, Mar, Bre, Spa, Por, Bel, Ber, Mun (8-build 1)  
England  
 Lon, Edi, Lpl, Nwy, Den, Hol, Swe. Stp, Mos, War. Kie (11-even)  
Italy  
 Rom, Nap, Ven (3-even)

Press

(Pestimatum, Sept. 29, 1908) The Intellectual Meritocracy must remind the heads of state of the world, time is short. If you do not now announce the establishment of Intel. Merit. in your respective empires it may be forever too late. Aus.-Hung. will make this birthday anniversary of Britain's great Nelson and clive a national holiday if England proclaims itself an Intel. Meritcy.

### THIRD REGULAR GAME

1976 IL

Winter 1907

#### TURKS AND ALLIES TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH OF ALL

<u>France</u> E. Vesneske	Build: A Par, F Bre Has: F Nth, A Mun, A Mar, A Den, F Eng, F Ska, F Lon, A Pru, F Hel, A Liv, A Boh
<u>England</u> M. Carroll	Build: none, no builds possible Has: F Edi
<u>Germany</u> J. Kador	Build: none Has: F Swe, A War
<u>Turkey</u> J. Rogowski	Remove: A Ukr Retreat: F Eas-Syr, A Sev-Arm Has: A Smy, F Syr, F Con, A Arm, A Stp
<u>Italy</u> M. Berch	Build: A Ven Has: A Vie, A Gal, F Ion, F Eas, A Bud, F Tyr, A Sev, A Alb, F Aeg, A Rum, F Bul(sc)

Note: As the players were notified in a special memorandum, there is now an Italian fleet in the Aegean Sea.

#### Press

(Venice) The Italians' trust of the French alliance is and has been expressed in the non-hostile Italian moves.

(Paris) As of Sept. 3, my address will be Box 6658, Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520. Any lack of communication on my part until mid-September (not assuming that there will be any, but just in case) is due, not to unfriendliness or lack of stationery, but merely to the trials and tribulations of moving and settling-in.

### GRAND TOURNAMENT DIPLOMACY CONT'D

#### Press

I, Prince John of Corsica, call upon my fellow rebel princes to join together under a new banner, formed from the original C.S.E., and bring forth a new and powerful nation. I am willing to commit my four units to the support of a king who can bring peace to the world.

Notice: The players are reminded that they can end the game by a negotiated settlement. It must provide for a final place list including all the players currently holding positions in the game.

However, I suggest that you do not. The end game should be very interesting. I doubt very much that the rebel princes can agree on just who comes in First, Second, Third, and so on.



NOTA BENE

1. Deadline. The deadline for all games is September 15, 1978.

2. C.O.A. Ed Vesneske (effective September 3, 1978)

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3. New Games. We have not yet made new plans concerning future games. However, some consideration is being made to reduce the number of regular games being published.

Tentatively, we have decided to begin a new section of GTD when 1976 Dhd comes to an end.

Any subscriber whose game has ended, and who is not then in a game, will receive a pro rata refund if requested.

4. Houserules reminder. Players in more than one game should submit moves for each game on separate sheets of paper.

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