

StabBack

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This is STABBACK, a monthly journal of Diplomacy and other Diplomacy variants. These variants are 1939 III and Final Conflict III. 1939 III is a five player game of World War II. Subscriptions are 10/4.00. Game Fee is for all games, \$5.00 + subscription. STABBACK is edited and published by: Howard R. Christie, P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17846
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IF YOU GET STABBED, STABBACK!!!!!!!!!!

Welcome to the eighth issue of STABBACK. The purpose of this zine is for the playing of postal Diplomacy. I am running four regular games of Diplomacy, one game of 1939 III. Game turns will run every 21 days, rain, snow or shine. If you need a copy of the house rules, just send a S.A.S.E. The next issue of STABBACK will be published in January. The deadline for all game turns is December, 28 1984.

At this moment I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like everyone to send in their orders by the US Post Office. I probably will not be home to get them here at the house. So I would like everyone to keep that in mind. Since it is the holidays, I will be accepting any orders through the mail as long as they are postmarked by December 28, 1984.

STANDBIES:

If your name appears below you are on STABBACK's stand by list. If you want on or off, just let me know. Any player that plays out a stand-by position will receive Three free issues to STABBACK.

EARLY, TURNER, SMITH, MCKINNON, YOUNG, BRUCK, COOPER, SCHEMBARI, HUBSHER, CHRISTIE, BRUMBAUGH, CLOUGH

INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE

The International Subscription Exchange is a new & revived hobby service being provided by Steve Knight, 11905 Wintertur Ln. Apt. 103, Reston VA 22091 (in conjunction with Doug Rowling, 194 Hawkhead Rd., Paisley PA2 7B5, Renfrewshire, Scotland). In essence, each ISE custodian sets up a credit account in the currency of his own country. If you want to sub to zines in the United Kingdom, contact Steve, who will set them up for you, and you pay him in US\$. This will be balanced by subs to U.S. zines set up by Doug and paid for in Pounds. For more details, write Steve for a copy of ISE Operatioal Intent, which will tell you how to subscribe to U.K. zines. You will need to know which ones you want & how much they are. THE ZINE REGISTER is a good guide, but so is the U.K. equivalent, TWENTY TEARS ON, which is 25p + postage, from Mark Billeness, 20 Winifred Rd., Coulsdon, Surrey, CR3 3JA.

BACK ISSUES

Back Issues of Rod Walker's Dipzines from the 1970's are still available from the source. (Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024) If you are intrested in nostalgia and all that, or having your own library of impossibly out-of-date (but still interesting) stuff, send Rod an SASE & ask for RUDDIGORE 3 (catalogue of the said stuff). I feel that this is a good way to see how our hobby has grown over the years and that it is very intersting.

GAME OPENINGS

I know and you know that STABBACK doesn't have any game openings at this time, but if you are looking for one I know right where to send you. Game openigs are contained, in detail, in PONTEVEDRIA, a bimonthly publication which is also continuously updated between issues. For a copy of this listing, just send a SASE to Rod Walker (1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024) Rod usually list between 2 or 3 dozen GM's with game openings, so you'll have plenty to chose from.

AUSTRIA (James Early): a gal-WAR; a bud-GAL; a GRE-bul; a TRI s aa .
tyl; a TYL s aa tri; f nap*hold

ENGLAND (Phil Cooper): a BRE s ga par; f mid-WES; f iri-MID; f nao
-NWG; f fin-STP(sc); f ENG s ea bre

FRANCE (Jay Brumbaugh): a BUR-par; a GAS-mar

GERMANY (Andy Clough): a PAR-hold; a pic-BEL; a ber-SIL; a war*mos;
a MUN sga ber-sil; a KIE: s ga mun; f GOB s ef fin-stp(sc)

ITALY (James Young): a PIE-mar; a TUS-pie; a ROM s if ion-nap; f ion
-NAP

RUSSIA (Bob Smith): a MOS s rf stp(sc); f stp(sc)*hold

TURKEY (Steven McKinnon): a UNK s aa gal-war; a SEV-mos; a BUL-gre;
f eas-ION; f AEG s tf eas-ion; f BLA-hold

The Austrian F NAP must RT to TYH,APU or off the board. The German A WAR must RT to PRU,LIV or OTB. The Russian F STP(sc) must RT to LIV or OTB. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Spring 1903 orders will be due by 9:00 PM on Friday, December 28. The supply center chart is shown below:

A - home, gre, par , ser, war	(6) Even
E - home, bre, nwy, swe, stp	(7) Build 1
F - par , por	(1) Remove 1
G - home, bel, hol, den, par , par	(7) Even
I - home, mar, tun	5(0) Build 1
R - par , mos	(1) Remove 1
T - home, bul, rum, sev	(6) Even

PRESS:

TURKEY-ALL: I hope you didn't pick on any poor defenseless turkey this Thanksgiving.

GERMANY-ITALY: Which Kaiser's head are you asking for? Please be more specific.

GERMANY-TURKEY: There is Norway I'm going to allow you to kiel my sense of (bad) humor. And Ukraine bet that I mean this Syria-sly.

VIENNA-GERMANY: Sorry!!

VIENNA-ROME: Okay are you happy now? I'm surrendering naples, and I'm letting you occupy Venice. Are we friends now? Quit attacking me!!!

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SEPERATION REQUESTED

WINTER 1902

England retreated Army PIC-BEL. France retreated Fleet MID-SPN(sc).
Russia retreated Fleet RUM and Army NWY OTB.

AUSTRIA (Eric Jurgelit): NMR!!!! Even, has a gal; a rum, a bud, f alb.
ENGLAND (James Early): Even, has a bel; f mid, f iri, f nwg. f nwy.
FRANCE (Robert Smith): Even, has a mar, a pic, a par, f gol, f spn(sc).
GERMANY (Phil Cooper): Even, has a bur; a ruh, a mun, a sil, f den.
ITALY (Kevin Turner): Built f nap, has a pie, a tun, f tyh, f nap
RUSSIA (Jay hubsher): Built a sev, has a sev, a unk, a war, f gob.
TURKEY (Jamie Young): Built a con, has a con, a ser, a bul, f ion,
f eas.

Would Andy Clough please send in stand by orders for Austria.
Andy's address is 11033 Barman Ave., Culver city, CA 90230. Spring
1903 orders are due by 9:00 PM on Friday, December 28.

PRESS:

ENGLAND-TURKEY & FRANCE: Actually, the North Alantic is a terrible
place to be this time of year, being so
cold and nasty. Plus my F IRI can keep
French Fleets out of LPL forever! My
fleet MID is just dying to vist Portugal!

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Pray that you pop one of your northern units for
your sake. If you don't, I just might quit attacking
France and bring all my forces over to you. How would
you like that? NYAH!!!!

ENGLAND-AUSTRIA-ESPANA: Congratulations! It will be interesting
to see which unit Russia pops!!!

ENGLAND-GERMANY: It's time to do some serious whompin!!!!

ENGLAND-TURKEY: Yo momma!

ENGLAND-ITALY: Are you still alive? WRITE!!!!

AUSTRIA (Doug King): a VIE-bud; a TRI-bud; a rum*bul; a bud-SER;
a ALB s f gre; f gre*s aa rum-bul; BUILT A TRI

ENGLAND (Chris Bruck): a HOL-hold; a LON-hold; f edn-NWG; f nth-
HEL; f eng-NTH; f NWY-ska; f STP(nc)-nwy; BUILT A LON, F EDN

FRANCE (Steven McKinnon): a SPN-por; a PIC-bur; a BUR-ruh; f BRE-
pic; EVEN

GERMANY (Hugh Christie): a MUN-ruh; a sil-BER; a ber-KIE; a kie-
DEN; f SWE-ska; EVEN

ITALY (Greg Doyle): a VEN-hold; a pie-MAR; f GOL s ia pie-mar;
f MID-por; EVEN

RUSSIA (Willis Beaver): a war-~~███~~^{Link}; a gal-RUM; f SEV s ra gal-rum;
RETREAT F RUM-SEV, REMOVE F BAL, A PRU

TURKEY (Pete Satirstein): a CON-bul; a bul-GRE; f AEG s ta bul-
gre; f ION s ta bul-gre; EVEN

The Austrian Fleet GRE and the Army RUM must retreat off the board. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. The deadline for Fall 1903 moves is Friday, December 28. Fred Hyatt has resigned from the German position. He has appointed Hugh Christie (43 E. Houston Ave., Montgomery, PA 17752) to take the German position.

PRESS:

KAISER KING-POPE GREG: There's a name for people like you.

AUSTRIA-GM: I hope I'm the one who won the picture contest. (at least I gave you the right answer)

GM-AUSTRIA: You are correct.

KAISER KING-KING CHRIS: Would you believe I've gotten two letters in the last two months.

AUSTRIA-TURKEY: "From the halls of Montazuma to the shores of Italy..."

FRANCE-ITALY: Mercy! By the way, what's this Alison Doyle's address, it seems I may soon be out of a job as a diplomat. Perhaps we could make a deal, if you'll just let me live long enough.

AUSTRIA (Micheal Perry): Built a tri, bud. Has a tri; a bud, a vie,
a ser, f gre.

ENGLAND (Hugh Christie): Built f lon. Has a nwy; f lon, f nth, f nwg.

FRANCE (Paul Schembari): Built f bre, mar. Has a bur; a spn, f bre,
f mar, f por.

GERMANY (Chris Downs): Built a mun, f kie. Has a mun; a hol, a ruh,
f kie, f den.

ITALY (Phil Cooper): Built f nap. Has a tyl; a tun, f ion, f nap.

RUSSIA(Jay Brumbaugh): Built a mos. Has a mos; a war, a sev, f rum,
f gob.

TURKEY (Chris Bruck): Built f con, Has a bul; a arm, f bla, f con.

Would Jay Brumbaugh please send in orders for Russia. Fred Hyatt has resigned from the Russia postion and is giving it to Jay Brumbaugh. Jay's address is 1534 Bluegrass Cove, Germantown. TN 38138. The deadline for Spring 1902 orders is on Friday, December 28.

1939 III

ENGLAND (Chris Bruck): a egy-LIB; a wal-BEL; f ENG c ea wal-bel;
f NTH s ea wal-bel

FRANCE (James Early): a PIC-bel; a mar-SPN; a MOR s fa mar-spn;
f mid-POR

GERMANY (Hugh Christie): a POL s ga ber-cze; a ber-CZE; a ruh-HOL;
f jut-NWY

ITALY (James Young): a aus-YUG; a VEN s ia aus-yug; a caf-TUN; f ion-GRE

RUSSIA (Phil Cooper): a vol-PER; a unk-RUM; f BLA s ra unk-rum; f gob-BA

The Spanish Army and the Yugoslavian Army retreats off the board. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit postions. The Winter 1939 builds and 1940 Spring moves will be due at 9:00 PM on Friday, December 28. The supply center chart is shown below:

THE RUNESTONE POLL, 1985

Randolph Smyth has handed to Brux Linsey the task of running the Runestone Poll. The following was taken from a xerox that Brux sent to me. I would like to see all the subscribers to STABBACK participating in the Runestone Poll, as I recommend participating in all legitimate polls.

Brux Linsey is hereby soliciting ideas from the hobby on how the poll might be best run, and will provide a forum for discussion in ECHO of DOOM. By and large, Brux Linsey doesn't want to alter the format of the poll much from the way it's been run in the past. Those changes that are made, I hope to make transparent to the voters; that is, the balloting procedure should remain the same, or nearly so, to the way it's been always done. Within that framework, then I offer the following preliminary suggestions/comments/questions. Nothing is yet carved in stone; all hobby members are welcomed to join discussion.

1. I think the poll would be improved by including non-North American zines and GM's. It would be interesting to see how the DENVER GLONTS and NMR's of Britain stack up against the EUROPA EXPRESSES and DIPLOMACY DIGESTS of North American. Additionally, this would give further publicity to the hobby outside of North American. Plus I have European contacts to get the Poll publicized in Europe.

The only negative I can think of is that obviously some North American zines will score lower than they would have, due to the inclusion of extra zines.

2. Should I keep the subzine poll, or scrap it? My own feeling is fairly neutral on this; I tend to think of subzines as just a part of their host zines, and therefore a factor in that rating. To rate them seperately has always seemed a bit rudundant to me, but I'll proably let the people who care to speak up help me make that final decision on this point.
3. Shall I allow people to vote for zines they don't receive? GM's they haven't played under? Their own zines? My tendency, for reasons already discussed in VD; is to say yes to all of these.
4. Unless there is an unexpected number of objections, I will keep Randolph's provision for lopping off the top and bottom 8% of the votes, rounded down. This is a good procedure for weeding out grudge votes. Even better from a statiscal stand-point would be to count only votes within a standard deviation of the mean for each zine. However, this procedure would be as easy for some hobbyists to follow.
5. I will try to do a preference matrix, and then adjust the results to range from 0 to 10. If I am successful at this, my inclination would be to generate one final list by combining the averaging scores with the preference matrix scores.

THE RUNESTONE POLL, 1985 CONT.

6. As you can see, I'm enthusiastic about the project, and I ask that publishers give it further publicity. I promise through and prompt.

If you want to send in any comments to Brux, you can find him at the following address: Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., APT 3, Dalton, MA 01226.

MORE 1984CO PRESS:

VIENNA-CONSTANTINOPLE: Let me remind you that the anti-bad-pun, he is in Vienna. Also, silence is golden, but not in this game. I'd appreciate it if you'd write regularly, like a good ally should.

VIENNA-LONDON: Get ready.

VIENNA-ROME: Thank you, sir, may I have another?

VIENNA: Will the bloodshed never end?

WHITE (GERMANY)

8. NXN (CH)

9. Q-N5

BLACK(AUSTRIA)

BXN

N-Q2

1939 III CONT.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

E - home, lib, bel	(6) Build 2
F - home, por, spn, mor	(7) Build 3
G - home, pol, hol, nwy	(7) Build 3
I - rom, ven, nap, lib, tun, yug, gre	(6) Build 2
R - Home, rum, bal	(6) Build 2

PRESS:

FRANCE-ENGLAND: You sir, are meat for moving to the channel!!!

FRANCE-ITALY: And you sir, are also meat if you moved to Mor or Naf!!
(You have enough enemies. I wouldn't try to make anymore.)

FRANCE-MILLVILLE: Can you build in your african center?

MILLVILLE-FRANCE: Yes, you can build in your countries home african supply center.

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MALAGUENA

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MALAGUENA is a subzine devoted to the playing of Final Conflict III and the discussion of virtually everything, especially FC and Diplomacy. MALAGUENA is edited and published by James Early, 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, TX 77504. Phone #: (713) 941-6364.

Hello... Hello again! Welcome to the second issue of my totally awesome subzine! Well, there hasn't been too terribly much communication in this subzine (or in STABBACK, for that matter), so there isn't much to say here. The first FC game is now in progress, and the second is slowly filling. I hope to have it off the ground by next issue. Getting right down to the games...

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YYZ 2100

WINTER 2100

AUSTRALIA: Doug King
BRAZIL: Dan Young
CHINA : Jamie Young
PAN-ARAB LEAGUE: Michael Cox
RUSSIA: Jim Petersen
SOUTH AFRICA: Phil Cooper
UNITED STATES: Howard Christie

PROPOSALS: Game be run on two week deadlines ((I highly discourage this, as it would give the players almost no time to negotiate. This is not a gunboat variant! However, if a majority of you vote "yes" on this, then I will change it.)) *Don't forget to vote!!*

GAME NOTES: Game fee still due from Christie and both Youngs. Get this in to me, guys!

Spring 2101 orders are due December 13, 1984 at 10:00 P.M. Central time. Also due are preliminary game statements (introductions) from everyone. If you don't know what I'm talking about, see Diplomacy World #37 or the last page of the rules that I sent you. Get these in, because I'd hate to have to make them up! (Heh,heh!)

GAME 2

This game is filling slowly, and should be ready by next issue. The following people are signed up: Perry, Brumbaugh,

Bollinger, Jensen, and Clough. I need two more ~~suckers~~ players. Won't you please volunteer? Game fee (1 dollar) is due from everyone except Clough. Cough it up, folks! I want to start this game.

Standby List: Brumbaugh, Bruck, Cooper. More needed, thank you.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA CONTEST:

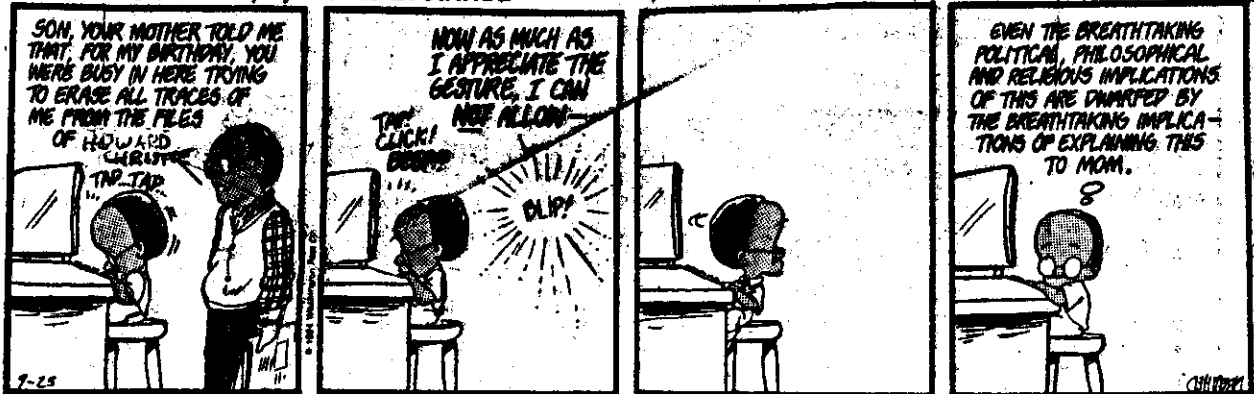
1. "MALAGUENA" is simply the name of a song that I played in marching band. No big deal, right? Well, I like both the name and the song. The name has a nice ring to it, don't you think?
2. "YYZ" is the name of a great song by Rush. ('nuff said!)
3. None other than yours truly! Actually, that's not a very good picture of me at all.

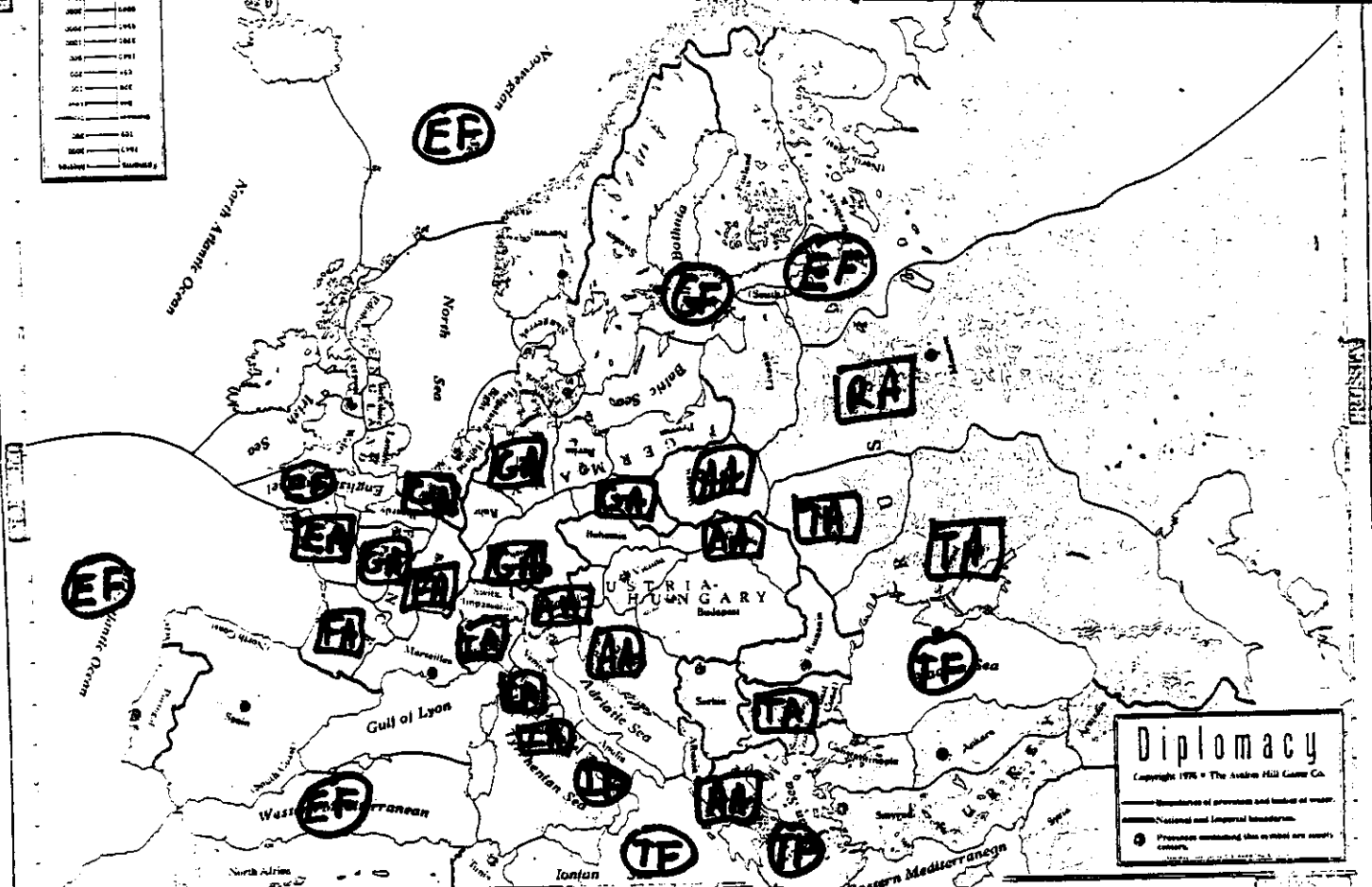
PLUG OF THE MONTH

Diplomacy World and Erehwon by Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024. In addition to being a genius and an expert on Diplomacy and other games (FC included), Rod is a nice man. DW is the hobby's premier publication, and by far the most professional-looking zine around. DW is a must for anyone who is serious about the hobby, and I cannot recommend it enough. It is currently my favorite zine. Erehwon is also supposed to be excellent, but I've never seen it. Maybe Rod will send me a sample some day (Hint, hint). DW is also where I got FC in the first place.

Now it is time to say good night. What a shame! Next issue I promise to have some articles, and more contests. And maybe even some humor. So be there, or be nuked!!

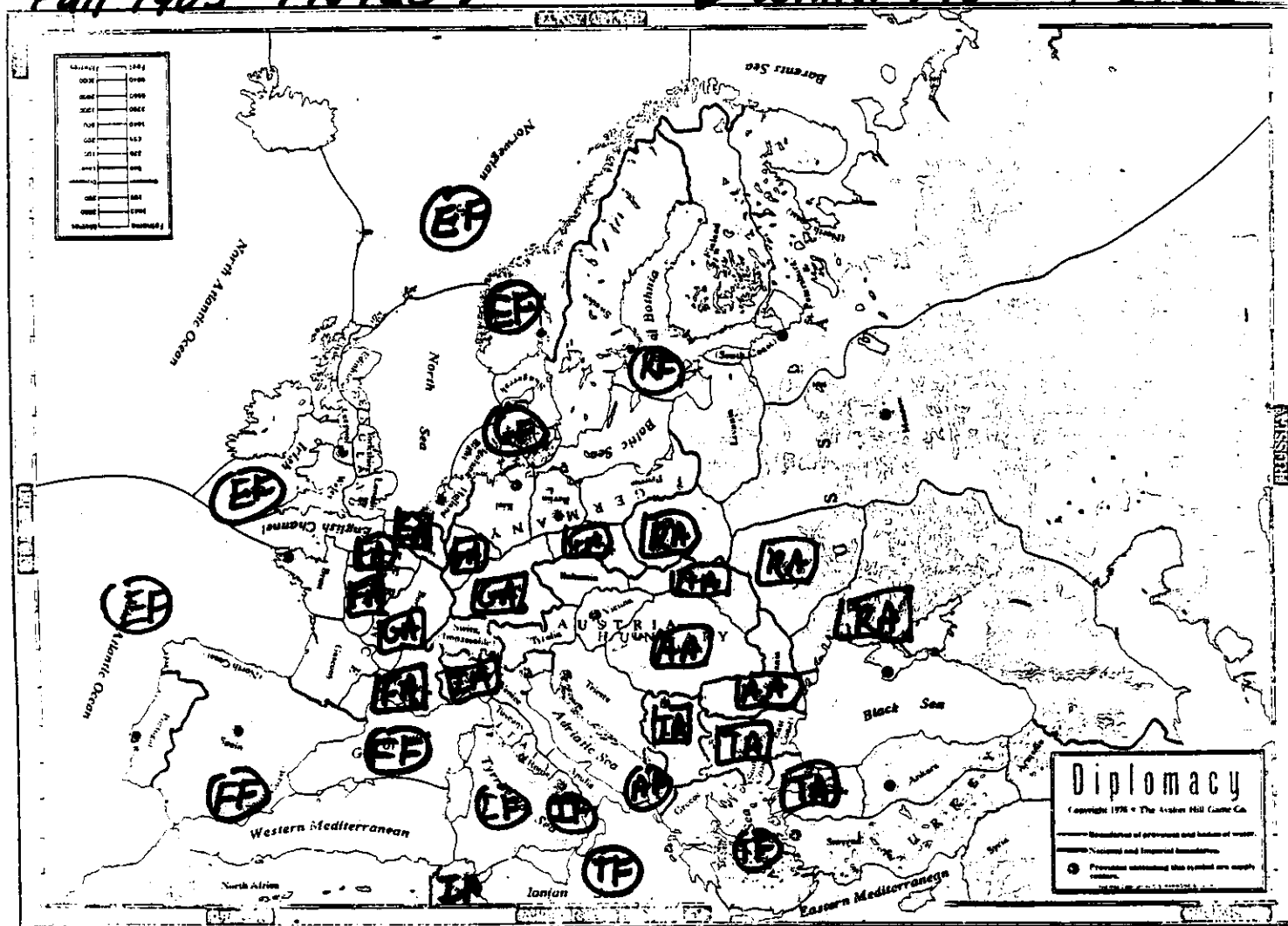
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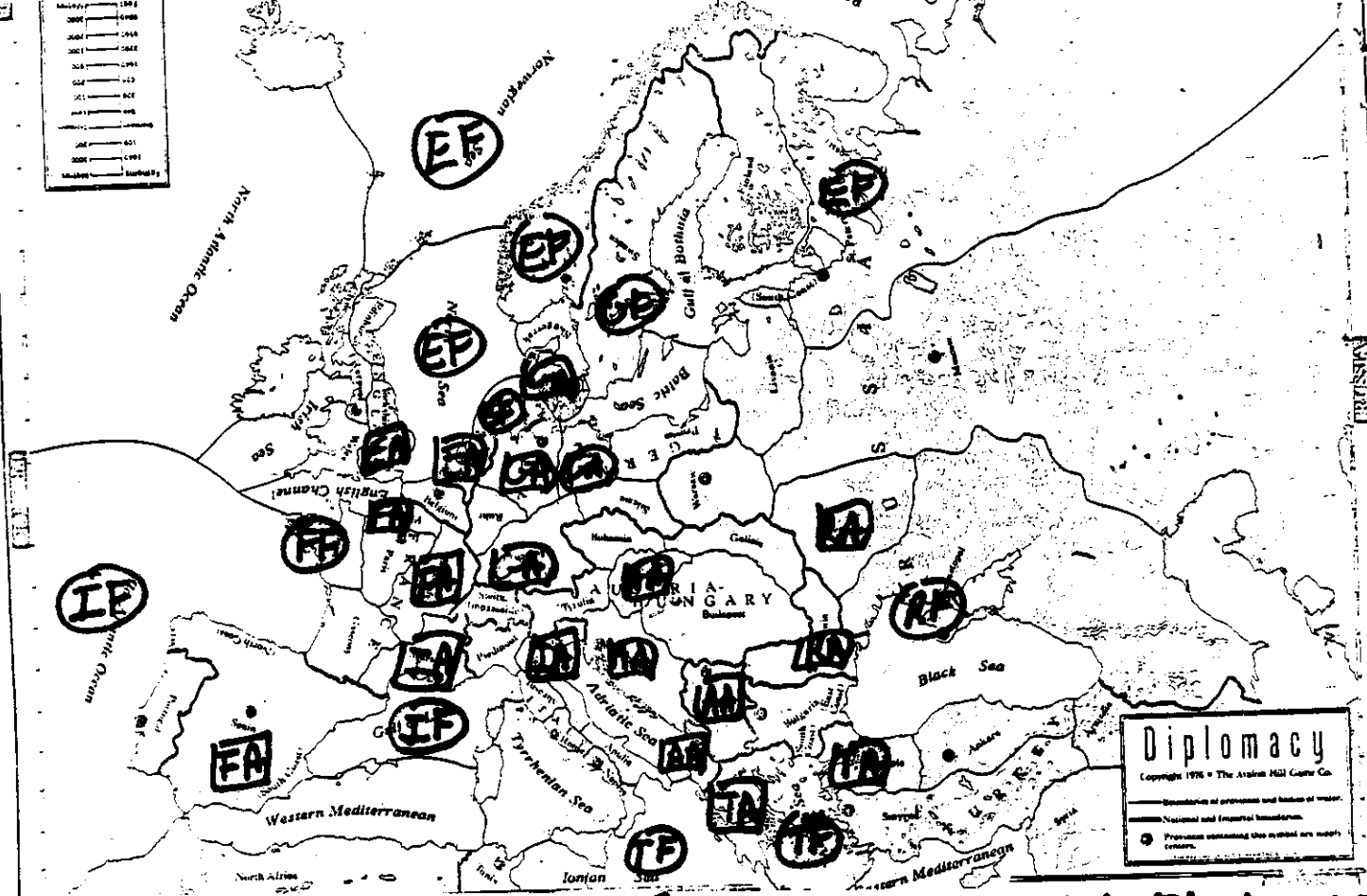




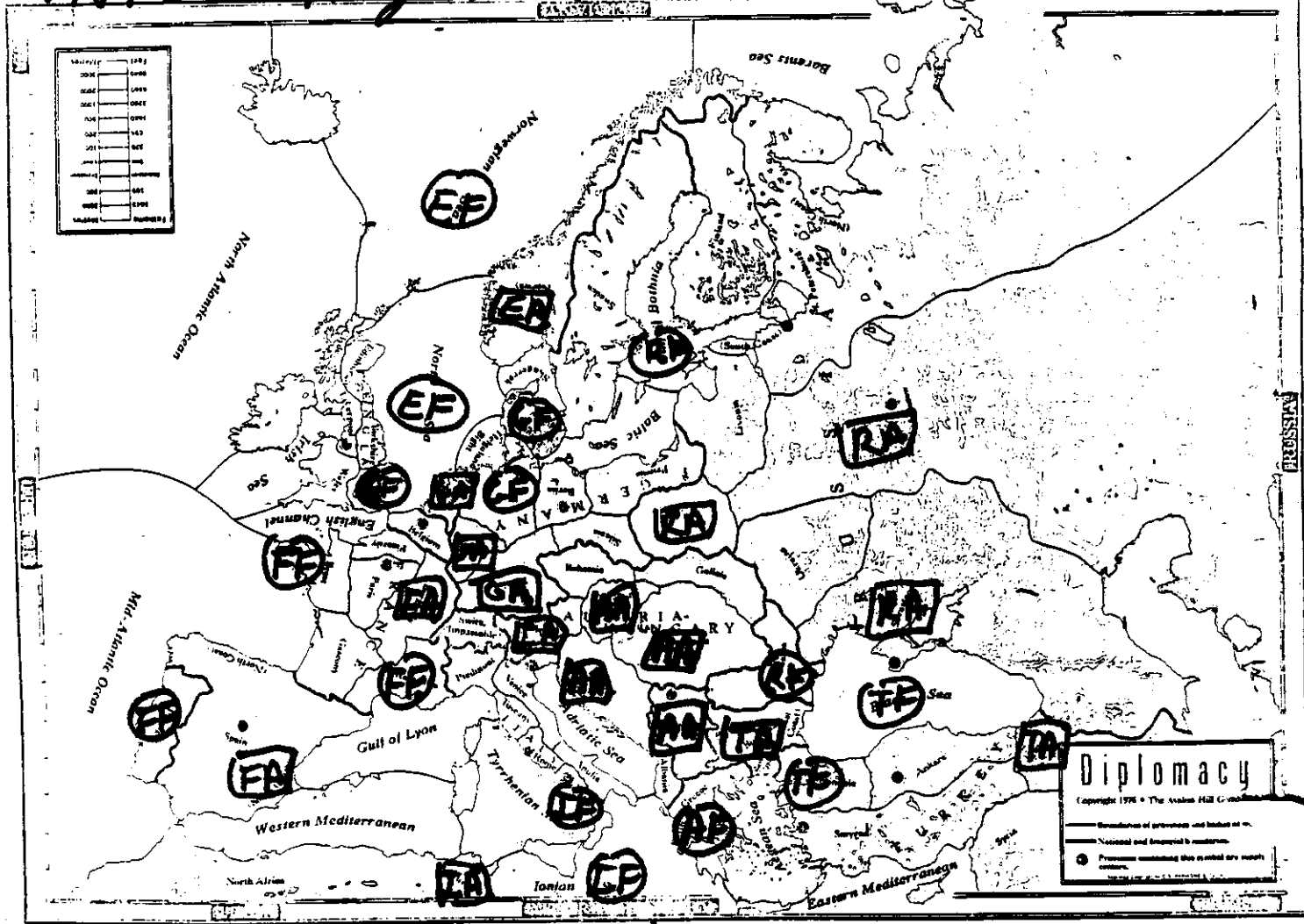
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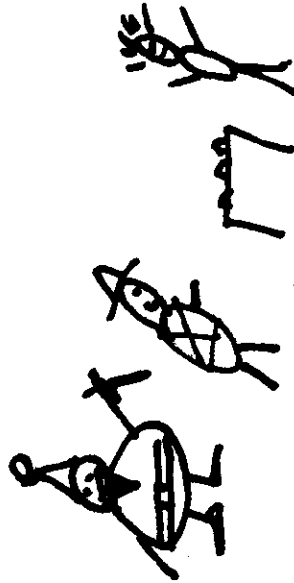
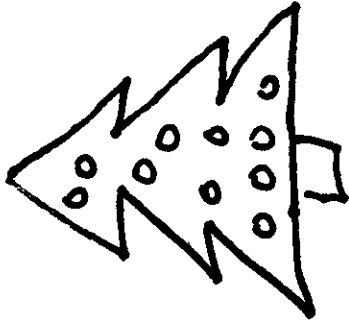
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