

Opening Shot

Here's hoping this issue won't be as fouled up as the last Situation Normal: All Fouled Up! As most of you noted, last issue was mangled by the printing process. The photo reduction was poor to begin with and then Maniwaki's number one photo-copier was out of order and we had to go with number two. The poor girl running the machine was nearly in tears as copies came out either too faint to read or wrinkled. All I could do at that point was either begin again or hope that everyone could at least read his game reports. To begin again would have cost a week plus another \$80.00. Apologies all round. This issue will be printed entirely in Ottawa where there are several good machines, should one fail to work.

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Mike Mazzer, M#16	(page 6)

I was somewhat disappointed to be acclaimed Co-ordinator of the CDO last month. I would feel better about the future of the hobby if there were some opposition for such posts. I trust a few young energetic types will be fighting for the job when my term ends.

Congratulations to Randolph Smyth on his acclamation to the post of Ombudsman. Randolph now holds the post in both the CDO and NADF.

This month I am pleased to have a guest article by Tom Swider. He calls it "Operation Sea Lion" and it's on the mechanics of a French-German alliance structure.

And, as for page twenty...well, we tried something different. Have no idea how it will turn out, but nothing ventured...

And, seeing as I have some space, a word about the telephone. Some people out West forget that the East is ahead of them. It may be only ten pm out there, but here we're likely to be in bed. When you call late you wake up Ann, who needs all the rest she can get these days, and disturb all the neighbours on our party line. If this doesn't stop, there's going to be a petition, headed by Ann, circulated through the neighbourhood to stop my hobby activities. More than one person is guilty, so no need to be embarrassed. Just check the time before you call.

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SNAFU! is a zine devoted to the postal play of Diplomacy and its variants. It is a game invented by Allan Calhmer, made in Canada by House of Games Corp., Bramalea, Ontario.

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Hobby News

First off, good news for players who transferred here from INFIDEL. Apparently Clive Tonge is willing to refund any money he owes you. Write Clive at: 2402 Edenhurst Dr., Mississauga, Ontario, L5A 2K9. Remind him how much he owes you when you write--at least approximately, if you can't remember the exact amount.

Despite the rumours to the contrary, Nick Russon is still producing THE CEPHEIDS, AKA the CDO Novice Package. If you are new to postal Diplomacy write Nick at: Box 403, Station A, Mississauga, Ontario, L5A 3A2. Novices will also want to get SUPERNOVA, the NADF novice package, available at no cost to newcomers from Bruce Linsey, 24A Quarry Dr., Albany, NY 12205.

As the new Co-ordinator of the Canadian Diplomacy Organization (you can call me "Godfather" if you wish), I've been trying to clear up a few questions. Yes, all recipients of Canadian zines are members of the CDO, though the holders of the posts of Co-ordinator and Ombudsman must be Canadian residents. I am also hoping someone will step forward to produce a French language novice package. Any takers? I am also looking for guidelines to determine when a zine has folded so games can be rehoused as soon as possible, but without Andy Lischett wasting his time. I'm open to suggestions. I think that we can forget about THE NATIONAL, the CDO publication, at least for the time being. Postage costs what they are it seems an unnecessary expense. The five Canadian zines can keep everyone informed.

Here's the current list of CDO officers and publishers:

Co-ordinator: Ronald J. Brown (address on page one).
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 RUNESTONE & BATOCHÉ. John Leeder (address above). Also publishes LORD OF HOSTS as Miller Number Custodian.
 POL SI FIE. Randolph Smyth (address above). Also NADF Ombudsman.
 SNAFU! Ronald James Brown (address on page one). Also publishes DIPLOMAG, the Mensa group's newsletter.

Other Zines

Apparently Bern Sampson is planning to fold TORPEDO. However, he will continue to run his games by flyers. This is because of changing job demands and he hopes to be able to re-start TORPEDO after he's settled. I certainly hope so, as I really enjoyed TORPEDO and I'm going to miss it.

Allen Wells is also planning to cut back on his work in DOT HAPPY. He will continue, but in a warehouse format. Again, I am sad about this, as Allen is a fine writer.

But, good news for those of you who miss BRUTUS BULLETIN. John Michalski is back! He is writing a subzine for IRKSOME (which, if you recall, began as a subzine of BB). So, write Scott Hanson, 701 - 15th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Subs: 10/\$4.50 to see what John "Maddog" Michalski is up to. Be sure to draw a peace sign on your envelope.

DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT, by Eric Ozog, 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, IL 60651. Subs: 10/\$6. is worth taking a look at. Eric has been around the hobby for a long time. His latest issue (#38) was devoted to exposing another Bernie "Tretiak" Oaklyn attempt to misrepresent himself in the hobby. (I penned my house rule #8 with Oaklyn specifically in mind, if anyone was curious.)

And, if anyone is wondering, Glenn Overby's JIHAD! is still alive. All copies of #19 mailed to Canada last November were lost by the post office. Then #20 was delayed because Glenn's furnace died and he had to move out for a few weeks. It should be in the mails now as I write.

Rules

II: OBJECT OF THE GAME (Part One)

"As soon as one Great Power controls 18 Supply Centres, it is said to have 'gained control of Europe,' and the player representing that Great Power is the winner."

Well, that's one way to win--and the surest. A player who intends to win a game (some don't) should keep that goal in mind from the beginning of the game and roughly map out the 18 centres he intends to capture. He should make early plans to break through any potential stalemate lines. (To find a stalemate line, draw a reasonably straight line through Switzerland. There are others, but these are the most common. A stalemate line is any area which contains enough supply centres to maintain an unbreakable defensive position.)

If Turkey, for example, intends to include France in his conquered territory by game's end, he'll have to develop fleets in the Western Med early. If he intends to include Germany, he'll have to get by the stalemate line running through Munich before it gets set up. And so on, for every power.

Note that such a win cannot occur in the Spring. The rules say you must control 18 centres and you can establish that only in the Fall, after all retreats. However, games which end by concession or draws can end in any season.

On the average, games end in 1909. Some end as early as 1905, or potentially earlier, and some go on well into the 1920's. I don't know if any have lasted until 1930, but if someone knows of such a game, let me know.

History

ALBANIA

Today the most extreme of Communistic countries, Albania developed out of a loose confederation of shepherding communities in the fifteenth century. The Ottomans took over control after an unsuccessful revolt and converted the area to Islam. It wasn't until the Napoleonic Wars that the Balkan peoples experienced a rise in nationalism and were able to begin to throw out the Ottoman rulers. Throughout the nineteenth century there were isolated revolts against the Ottomans in Albania, but, though Europe recognized Albania as an independant power in 1912, no national government of any consequence was formed until after World War I.

Between the wars the Balkans experienced great economic difficulties, but Albania did manage to get some trade with Italy. Both Fascists, backed by Italy, and Communists, backed by Russia, vied for control of the Balkans against a background of increasing political unrest. When Albania's King Zog's regime collapsed in 1939, Italy took over direct administrative control of the country. During World War II resistance groups in Albania were generally Communists. When Italy capitulated in 1943, the Allies put large supplies of arms into the hands of these resistance groups, leaving the Communists in a strong position following the war.

Yugoslavia sent troops and advisors into Albania in January, 1946 to establish a revolutionary government. But, during the quarrels between Tito and Stalin (1948), Albania broke with Yugoslavia and evicted all Yugoslav advisors. And when it looked as though Yugoslavia and the USSR were coming to terms after Stalin's death, Albania broke relations with Russia, throwing out its advisors and joining an alliance with China. Albania is still quite isolated from the rest of Europe, but is gradually building up an industrial base.

Travel

THE DESERT ANGEL (UTAH)

What can one say about the great deserts I crossed heading towards Salt Lake City? There was just a gradual cessation of vegetation of any type, great flat basins of dry earth and sand stretched between low mountain ranges of red rock, dust devils swirling along beside me--all was dun, tan, and rusty colours. Clouds would build up behind mountains, then swoop down across the plains, black and ominous, but no rain fell. Wind constantly buffeted the car.

I stopped for lunch at a roadside diner. It was just a room in someone's home with two formica tables graced with plastic covered chairs patched with peeling masking tape, worn linoleum on the floor, a counter with three rickety wooden stools. I sat at the counter and ordered a hamburger as the wind howled outside. The heavy tough-looking woman who served me didn't respond to any attempt at friendliness. A state patrol car pulled up and two burly troopers, wearing tan cowboy hats, stomped in. They sat at a table and ordered their lunch. They were discussing just where the H "Belle" was. ("La Belle Province" was on

my licence plate.) The waitress was included in their conversation, but I was ignored. They finally decided it was some place "out East." I spoke up and told them it was in Canada, but they ignored that, one of them giving a dirty look as though to say, "Butt out. What do you know?"

At one point that mid-afternoon I picked up a Mac truck as a tailgater. He bore down on me as I zipped along, never taking the opportunities to pass when they presented themselves. The highway was banked with piles of earth on either side, so that I could not see anything of the country, as though I were in a gully. I saw a Volkswagon parked beside the road up ahead and could make out a figure standing on the bank overlooking the highway. The truck filled my rear view mirror. He was so close I could almost make out the brand of cigaret in the driver's mouth. As I drew near the Volkswagon I could see it was a girl, her hands raised to her face as though she were looking through binoculars. Then, in the split second I passed, I could see she was stark naked, young and apparently pretty. I suffered a few moments' confusion, but the truck was inches from my rear bumper. I had no choice but to keep going full out until I finally shook him at a traffic light in the next town, about twenty miles up the highway.

I stopped to camp just south of Salt Lake City. I kept asking myself if I could have imagined it. But unless she was wearing a tan coloured shirt and shorts, skin tight, with nipples and a black patch painted on them....But...I wasn't sure, and am still not, if that angel of the desert wasn't some kind of hallucination. It's one of those things I'll never know the answer to.

1980 IC - Mensa 12:

AUTUMN, 1906: GER: A Mun R Ruh*.

WINTER, 1906: GER: B A Ber. TUR: B A Ank.

SPRING, 1907: STANDOFF IN MARSEILLES; GERMANY REGAINS MUNICH!

AUS (Sharon Poppe): A Gal* S A Boh - Sil*; A Tyr* S TUR A Mun;
A Tri - Vie*; F Tyr* H.

ENG (Charles Byrne): F Spa (nc)* - Mar; F Por* S F MAO* - Spa (sc); F Eng* S F NAO*- MAO; F Nwg* H; A StP* - Mos; A Nwy* - StP.

GER (Rick Young): A Gas* S ENG F Spa (sc) - Mar; A Mar - Bur*;
F Kie* H; F Bal* H; A Ruh* S & A Ber* S A Sil - Mun*;
A Pru* S A War*.

ITA (Darryl Phillips): A Ven* - Pie; A Pie* - Mar; A Tus* H.

TUR (Dan Wilson): F WMed* - Spa (sc); F Naf* S F Tun* - WMed;
F Lyo* S ITA A Pie - Mar; A Ank - Arm*; A Ukr* S A Mos* - War;
A Sev* - Mos; A Mun § AUS A Boh - Sil /d/ (R: Boh, OTB).

SUMMER RETREAT and FALL, 1907 due Saturday, 27 March, 1982.

NOTE: Dan Wilson, PO Box 18826, San Antonio, TX 78218.

PRESS

Rio de Janiero: Go get him, Dan! That knifeman Byrne is a thorn in my memory's side. (Nothing personal, I just crave revenge.)

Mensa 16

SPRING, 1901: TURKS, RUSSIANS CLASH IN BLACK SEA; FRENCH, GERMANS ARGUE OVER BURGUNDY; ENGLAND WAITS.

AUS (Walter Compton): A Vie - Bud*; A Bud - Ser*; F Tri - Alb*.

ENG (Steve Geislinger): NMR. A Lvp*; F Edi*; F Lon*.

FRA (Robert Young): A Par* - Bur; A Mar - Gas*; F Bre - MAO*.

GER (Windy Windblad): A Mun* - Bur; F Kie - Hol*; A Ber - Kie*.

ITA (Keith Sesler): F Nap - Tyr*; A Rom - Ven*; A Ven - Pie*.

RUS (Dave Lincoln): F StP (sc) - Bot*; A War - Gal*; A Mos - Ukr*; F Sev* - Bla.

TUR (Paula Marie Dodge): A Con - Bul*; A Smy - Con*; F Ank* - Bla.

FALL, 1901 due Saturday, 27 March, 1982.

NOTES: Will Mike Mazzer, 1338B Harvard St., Santa Monica, CA 90404 please submit standby orders for England? Steve took out a sub, but I haven't seen hide nor hair of his orders. And, welcome aboard Situation Normal: All Fouled Up! I suggest you allow at least a full week for your orders to arrive. In fact, two weeks would be safer. Sometimes the post office gets things here in two or three days, but you can't count on it. Don't forget the possibility of NMR insurance.

PRESS

Austria: Who is the emperor of Austria?

Bourse

SPRING, 1901: FRANG STRONG, LIRA SOFT IN MODERATE TRADING.

	Gr	L	Fr	DM	L	R	TP	US\$
Mithrill Industries (Kelowna)	500	1000	3000	1000	1000	1000	500	0.00
Japan Industries Ltd (Osaka)	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000.00
Viking Investment Consortium	1300	1000	1300	1300	1000	1000	1100	0.00
Otonabee Industries, Ltd.	1000	1000	1500	1300	1000	1000	1200	0.00
Darryl Phillips	800	1000	1100	1000	1000	1000	1000	1100.00
Roy Smith	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000.00
Shoestring Brokers of America	2500	1500	1000	500	500	1000	1000	0.00
Total Purchases:	1800	500	2900	600			300	
Total Sales:	700			500	500		500	
Net Purchases:	+1100	+500	+2900	+100	-500		-200	
Old CMP:	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Adjustments:	+.11	+.05	+.29	+.01	-.05		-.02	
New CMP:	1.11	1.05	1.29	1.01	.95	1.00	.98	

NOTES: Currencies are arranged in alphabetical order by country. Investment groups are arranged in alphabetical order by the players' names. They are: Blair Cusack (MI), Pete Gaughan (JILT), Jan Jensen (VIC), Rob Lowes (OIL), Darryl Phillips, Roy Smith, and Dan Wilson (SBA). New to the group is Rob Lowes, 655 Parkhill Rd. W #204, Peterborough, Ont. K9J 6N7. Because of the nature of the game, I must assume that a failure to submit new orders is an order to "stand pat" and so will not phone those with NMR insurance (unless they make a specific request that I do for this game). Also, remember deadlines will always be before regular game deadlines as, in future, I will have a lot of arithmetic to do. The "New CMP" is what you're buying and selling at next season. If it happens that someone submits orders for more purchases than they have funds for, I will reduce all purchase orders equally until we reach the amount of US\$ you have on account. Please be careful with your arithmetic.

Fall, 1901 due Wednesday, 24 March, 1982.

PRESS

Osaka: Nihon Kagirino Koogyoo, which translates as Japan Industries, Ltd. (JILT), has opened operations at its new Osaka headquarters. Executive Vice-President Yoshitaka Sakakibara read this statement on behalf of the firm's forty-five employees: "Watakushitachi wa issho dipulomasi no kanada-jin ni waraimasu. Zuibun okashii desu ne!"

1981 W - North 1

SPRING, 1904: ENGLAND AND RUSSIA MEETING NEW OPPOSITION?

AUS (Bob Olsen): A Mun - Kie*; A Bud* S TUR F Bul (ec) → Rum (NSO); A Gre - Ser*; F Aeg - Gre*.

ENG (Errol Platt): F MAO § F Bre*; F Bre § F MAO (F MAO /d/, R: NAO, Iri, NAF, OTB); F Eng* C & F Bel* S A Lon - Pic*; F Nth* S & A Hol* S F Bel.

FRA (Bruce Poppe): F Por* S ITA F WMed - MAO; F Gas - Spa (nc)*; A Bur - Gas*; A Pic - Bre /d/ (R: Par, Bur, OTB).

ITA (Bill Young): A Vie* - Boh; A Tri - Tyr*; A Ruh* S AUS A Mun - Kie; F WMed - MAO*; F Ion - Tun*; F Nap - Tyr*.

RUS (Garvin Boyle): F Kie - Bal*; F StP (sc) - Bot*; A Mos - Ukr*; A Sev* H; F Rum* S TUR A Con - Bul; A War - Gal*; A Pru* - Ber; A Sil* - Boh; A Ber* - Kie.

TUR (Steve Hutton): F Bul (ec) - Bla*; A Con - Bul*; A Ank* S A Smy - Arm*.

SUMMER RETREAT and FALL, 1904 due Saturday, 27 March, 1982.

PRESS

Austria - Russia: Back off, big guy. I'd hate to hurt you.

Budapest - Moscow: All thanks for the offer of intervention but I've got things well in hand, thanks.

Archduke - Tsar ((Austria)): Hey, was that a stab of England or something? I wonder if he saw it coming?

Wichita ((Austria)): How come there's no Germany? That leaves five people for me to do my begging at.

1981 KA - North 2

WINTER, 1901: EVERYONE WANTS TO GO SAILING.

AUS (Nelson Millar): even. Has: A Rum, F Alb, A Vie.

ENG (Lori Jensen): B F Lon. Has: F Nth, A Nwy, F Bar.

FRA (Jack Jung): B F Bre, F Mar, A Par. Has: A Spa, A Bel, F Por.

GER (Blair Cusack): B F Kie, A Ber. Has: F Den, A Mun, A Hol.

ITA (Dan Wilson): B F Rom. Has: A Bud, F Ion, A Nap.

RUS (Pete Gaughan): even. Has: F Sev, A Ukr, A War, F Bot.

TUR (George Mills): B F Smy. Has: A Bul, F Bla, A Arm.

SPRING, 1902 due Saturday, 27 March, 1982.

NOTE: Dan Wilson's new abode: PO Box 18826, San Antonio, TX 78218. I have Spring orders on hand from Russia, Germany, and France.

PRESS

Austria to Italy: The Emperor of Austria realizes that the Holy Roman Emperor must have very few friends. Therefore, he has given the Italian leader's name, address, and description to a fine group of Italian youth known as the Red Brigade. They seemed very anxious to meet their leader. I hope they find you soon, very soon.

North 3

Spring, 1901 is due 27 February. Your game report should be along in about a week. At this date I have orders on hand from most of you. Bonne chance!

1979 HA - Orphan 1

SUMMER, 1909: AUS: A Tyr R Tri*; FRA: F Gre R Ion*.

FALL, 1909: ENGLISH SWITCH SIDES! ITALY GAINS WHILE GERMANY FADES AWAY! AUSTRIAN FLEET DESTROYED!

AUS (Nelson Millar): A Tri - Tyr*; F Alb - Adr /A/; A Bud* - Tri; A Gre* H.

ENG (Dave Carter): F Hel - Den*.

FRA (Tom Swider): F Ion* S F Adr - Alb*; F Spa (sc) - MAO*; A Tyr - Boh /d/ (R: Pie, OTB); A Bur - Mun*; F Nwg* § F Eng* - Nth; A Ruh* S & A Hol* S & F Den § A Mun - Kie*; (F Den /d/, R: Bai, Ska, OTB); A Pic - Bur*.

GER (Bern Sampson): A Ber* S A Kie - Mun /A/.

ITA (Dan Wilson): A Smy* S F Con*; F Con § F Aeg - Bul (sc)*; A Ven* - Tri.

RUS (George Mills): A Ank* S F Bla* - Con; A Ser* S AUS A Gre; A Boh* S & A Vie* S AUS A Tri - Tyr; F Nwy* - Nth; F Bar* - Nwg; A Swe* S ENG F Hel - Den.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART: WINTER, 1909.

AUS (4-4, build one because of /A/): Tri, ~~BULGARIA~~, Bud, Rum, GREECE.

ENG (1-2, build one): Edi, DENMARK.

FRA (12-12, even): home, Spa, Por, Lvp, Lon, Bel, Tun, Hol, Mun, ~~GREECE~~, KIEL.

GER (3-1, even because of /A/s): Berlin, ~~KIEL~~, ~~DENMARK~~.

ITA (4-6, build two): home, Smy, CONSTANTINOPIE, BULGARIA.

RUS (8-9, build one): home, Nwy, Ser, Vie, Swe, ANKARA.

TUR (2-0, out): ~~CONSTANTINOPIE~~, ~~ANKARA~~.

AUTUMN, 1909 and WINTER, 1909 ONLY due Saturday, 27 March.

NOTES: Dan Wilson's COA: PO Box 18826, San Antonio, TX 78218. Both the French-Russian draw and the concession to France failed to pass. We now have another proposed concession to France and a proposed Austrian-Russian-French-Italian draw. Please vote with next orders. No vote received counts as "Yes."

PRESS

Germany - Edinburgh: Your master will take Edinburgh at his convenience. If you think otherwise, you've got frostbite of the brain. Stick it to him now, get some satisfaction and save some time and postage.

Tom's Toadie - Chief Toad ((England)): Sorry Tom, you were Terrific but Rotten Ronnie made me a better toadie officer.

England - Germany: There! I have attacked France! What happens next? Smiling ain't gonna get me any more builds?

Trusting Tom to Stupid Sampson: If I have it my way, my "toadies" will not die; you, on the other hand, will become another statistic in EVERYTHING.

France - Austria: Still attacking me, huh? Well, aren't you afraid of catching warts?

Austria - France: Zoology Lesson: Certain toads, when roughly treated, excrete a poison which is lethal to humans and French emperors.

Thrillesville ((France)): Hey you guys, why delay the inevitable? I could have taken out my allies, but didn't because we are united as one large nation. Russia is still working against Germany, so you guys ain't got a chance.

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OPENING SHOT, Continued

Further, the deadline for telephoning in orders is always ten pm the night before the stated deadline. This is because once I get the mail Saturday morning I begin the adjudications. It takes me all day, then all day Sunday is spent putting it all together. In general, it's a lousy time to call me about anything, as I'm usually so involved in what I'm doing, I'd probably have to stop and think if you asked me my name.

So, watch the telephone, eh? I love hearing from you, but not after ten or when I'm putting SNAFU! together.

1979 AE - Orphan 2.

SPRING, 1906: FRANCE PUSHES DEEPER INTO GERMANY, AUSTRIA LIKEWISE INTO ITALY; ENGLAND GRABS SCANDINAVIA!

- AUS (Dan MacLellan): A Apu* S A Ven - Rom*; F Adr* S A Tri - Ven*; A Gal - Sil*; A Bud - Tri*; A Vie* H.
- ENG (Bob Acheson): F Nth* S F Ska - Den*; A Nwy* S A Fin - Swe*
- FRA (John Davies): F MAO* - WMed; F Eng* - MAO; A Spa* H; A Bur - Mun*; A Par - Bur*; A Kie* - Ber; A Hol* - Kie.
- GER (George Mills): F Hel* - Hol; A Mun - Ruh (NSU); A Sil - Ber /d/ (R: Pru, Boh, OTB); A Tyr* U.
- ITA (Windy Windblad?): NMR. A Mar*; A Pie*; A Rom /d/ (R: Nap, OTB).
- RUS (Jan Jensen): F Swe H /d/ (R: Bot, Bal, OTB).
- TUR (Dave Carter): F Tyr - Lyo*; F Tun* - WMed; F Ion - Tyr*; F Aeg - Ion*; F Smy - Aeg*; A War* S AUS A Gal - Sil; A Mos* S A StP*; A StP S ENG A Tro (???) ; A Ank - Arm*.
- SUMMER RETREATS and FALL, 1906 due Saturday, 27 March, 1982.

NOTES: If Windy fails to submit Summer and Fall orders for Italy, a state of Civil Disorder will be declared. We have a proposal for a draw between Turkey and Austria. Please vote with your next orders. As this is the first vote, no vote received will count as "No."

1978 O - Orphan 3

SUMMER, 1908: GER: A Mun R Tyr*.

FALL, 1908: ENGLAND GAINING WHILE GERMANY MOVES AGAINST TURK!

- ENG (Dan MacLellan): F Nth - Ska*; F Eng - Nth*; F Nwg* S A Nwy*; F WMed* S F Naf - Tun*; F Pie* H; A Bur* S A Mun*; A Bel* S A Kie* (IMP); A Hol - Ruh*; A Edi* H.
- GER (Bern Sampson): A Ven* S A Tyr* - Tri; A Vie* S A Tri* - Bud; A Ber - Sil*; A StP - Lvn*; A Fin - StP*; F Den* S F Swe*; F Swe S F Den.
- TUR (Wayne Norton): A Ukr - Mos*; A Rum* S A Ser* - Bud; A Bul* - Ser; F Sev - Bla*; A Arm - Sev*; F Adr* - Tri; F Tus - Tyr*; F Tun H /A/; F Aeg - Ion*.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART: WINTER, 1908

- ENG (13-14, build one): home, Bre, Spa, Por, Par, ~~Denmark~~, Bel, Hol, Mar, Kie, Nwy, MUNICH, TUNIS.
- GER (9-9, even): Ber, ~~Munich~~, Swe, War, StP, Vie, Bud, Tri, ~~Moscow~~, DENMARK, VENICE.
- TUR (11-11, build two, as short): home, Bul, Gre, Sev, Nap, Rum, Ser, ~~Tunis~~, Rom, MOSCOW.
- WINTER, 1908 and SPRING, 1909 due Saturday, 27 March, 1982.

NOTES: Last Winter I forgot to list Denmark as an English centre, but the supply centre count was right. Sorry. The English-Turk draw failed to pass. It has been proposed again and we have a proposed concession to England. Please vote with next orders. No vote received will count as "Yes." Just noticed I didn't list ITA above. It's: (1-0, out): White. (If anyone was wondering.)

PRESS

Germany to a Turkey: I never bluff. It's second place for you. England to Turkey: Sorry about Tunis. Just trying to balance our builds. I still want the E-T draw.

1980 AM - Orphan 4

SUMMER, 1904: AUS: F Ion R Alb*.

FALL, 1904: MISORDERED RUSSIAN FLEET SINKS; ENGLAND INVADES GERMANY; ITALY & AUSTRIA IN FIERCE FIGHTING!

AUS (Alain Martine): F Alb* - Adr; A Vie* § & A Ser* S A Bud*-Tri.

ENG (Jan Jensen): F Hel* S & F Bal* S A Den -- Kie*; F Nth* - Hol; F Wal* - Lon; A StP* H; F Ska - Den*.

FRA (Pete Gaughan): A Pic - Bre*; A Par - Bur*; A Bur - Mar*; A Tyr* - Vie; F WMed* U.

GER (Claude Gautron): F Eng* - Lon; A Bel* S A Hol*; A Mun* S & A Hol* § A Kie /d/ (R: Ruh, Ber, OTB); A Kie § A Mun.

ITA (Bob Albrecht): F Adr* § & A Ven* S A Tri*; F Nap* - Ion; A Tri § F Ion* - Alb.

RUS (Dave Carter): F Sev* S A Bla (NSU); F Bla § A Rum* (F Bla /A/); A Lvn* - StP.

TUR (Rob Lowes): A Bul* S RUS A Rum - Ser (NSO); A Con* S A Bul: F Ank* S F Arm - Bla*.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART: WINTER, 1904

AUS (4-4, even): Bud, Vie, Ser, Gre.

ENG (7-8, build one): home, Nwy, Swe, StP, Den, KIEL.

GER (5-4, disband one): Ber, Mun, ~~Kiel~~, Hol, Bel.

ITA (5-5, even): home, Tun, Tri.

RUS (4-4, build one because of /A/): War, Mos, Sev, Rum.

TUR (4-4, even): home, Bul.

AUTUMN RETREAT, WINTER, 1904 and SPRING, 1905 due 27 March.

NOTE: Pete Gaughan's address is 2629 Portland #304A, Los Angeles, CA 90007. For some reason, I gave his old address last month.

PRESS

Constantinople: The new Sultan will entertain all visiting heads of state, especially ones with concrete proposals of mutual help.

Cock-a-doodle doo (FBI) ((Italy)): The French government has requested censure of itself by the other Great Powers due to tactical errors made by that nation. The army and navy offer no excuses, saying only, "Monsieur, ve goofed!"

London to Picardy: "Sometimes the best laid plans...." Really, Pete, there are no time limits on promises. Your impatience has now led you into making a large mistake. Qué sera, sera, or something like that.

London to Ankara: Welcome to the game. Good luck.

Rome: Dear Austria...

Berlin to Moscow ((Italy)): Boy are you lucky?!?!?

London to Livonia: Sorry about that, Dave.

London to Berlin: Sorry. No cigar.

Berlin to Paris: You can be sure that England never keeps her promises--just look at what happened in Livonia!

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AUTUMN, 1903: FRA: A Bre R OTB.

WINTER, 1903: AUS: B F Tri; ENG: B F Lvp; FRA: D F WMed;
GER: B A Ber.

SPRING, 1904: TURKISH ARMY WIPED OUT; GERMANY, RUSSIA GOING AT IT; ENGLISH TAKE MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE.

AUS (Mark Keller): F Ion - Tun*; F Adr - Ion*; F Tri - Adr*;
A Ven - Tyr*; A Nap - Rom*; A Ser* S & A Gre* S A Rum -
Bul*; A Gal* - Rum.

ENG (John Horn): F Lvp - Iri*; A Bel - Pic*; F Nth* H; F MAO -
WMed*; F Bre* S F Eng - MAO*.

FRA (John Davies): A Par* H; A Mar § A Por - Spa* (A Mar /d/,
R: Gas, Pie, OTB).

GER (Claude Gautron): A Bur* S A Spa - Mar*; A Ber* S A Ruh -
Mun*; F Kie* - Den.

RUS (Steve Colombo): F Sev* - Bla; F Den* - Kie; A Sil* - Mun;
A War* S A Ukr*; A Mos* H.

TUR (Lori Jensen): A Bul § F Bla* - Rum (A Bul /A/); A Con* S
A Bul; F Ank* - Bla.

SUMMER RETREAT and FALL, 1904 due Saturday, 27 March, 1982.

NOTE: Please correct Mark Keller's address to: 9536 Shumway Dr.
Orangevale, CA 95662.

PRESS

London to World: My address is 4340 Wagman Street, Oak Forest,
Illinois, 60452. What's yours?

Austrian Empire to Turkish Rabble: Your unprovoked attack on
our Rumanian colony will not go unpunished!

Berlin to London: From our point of view, there's no worse
plight than being white!

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"They arranged all their women and girls side by side, and themselves stood behind singing in unison. Suddenly all the women and girls proceeded to cast off their mantles of skins and stripped themselves naked, showing their privities, but retaining their ornaments of matachias, which are beads and braided cords made of porcupine quills, dyed of various colours....They do not stir from one spot when they dance, but make certain gestures and motions of the body, first lifting up one foot and then the other, and stamping upon the ground." (Samuel de Champlain, describing an Algonquin "tabagie" 1602)

1602

SPAIN: F Antilles R Hispaniola.

1604

AZTECS (Chip Charnley): A Missouri - Texas; A Central America - Mexico; A Cartagena - Panama; A Venezuela - Cartagena.

ENGLAND (Fred Davis): A Iroquois - Ohio; F Florida - Louisiana; A Delaware S F Bermuda - Iroquois; F Atl - Shelf.

FRANCE (George Mills): A Nova Scotia S F St. Lawrence - Québec (ec); A Huron - Saskatchewan; F Atl S F Atl - Bermuda.

PORTUGAL (Steve Hutton): A Paraguay - Matto Grosso; A Amazon H; F South Pacific - Chile; F Antilles S F Atl - Hispaniola; F Delta - Atl.

SPAIN (Dan Wilson): F Hispaniola - Cuba; F Jamaica H/ A Jamaica disembarks Mexico.

SUPPLY CENTRES

AZT (4-6, build two): Mexico, Peru, California, Cartagena.
TEXAS, PANAMA.

ENG (5-7, build two): 3 home, Virginia, DELAWARE, OHIO,
LOUISIANA.

FRE (5-6, build one): 3 home, Québec, NOVA SCOTIA, SASKATCH.

POR (6-8, build two): 3 home, Brazil, La Plata, ANTILLES,
MATTO GROSSO, CHILE.

SPA (6-5, has two builds due): 3 home, Jamaica, *Antilles*, CUBA.

1608 (Winter) ONLY due Saturday, 27 March, 1982.

NOTES: Thanks to Tom Swider for unneeded standby orders. I had a request that the next winter-spring season be split and I concur that it's probably a good idea at this point. Note Dan Wilson's COA: PO Box 18826, San Antonio, TX 78218.

PRESS

London: Hurricane winds tend to blow sailing ships in many different directions. The best remedy is to communicate with your neighbors for weather forecasts and other news.

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Kid asks his father, "Dad, if you ate a can of beans and I ate a can of beans, how old would we be?"

"I dunno!"

"You'd be fartty and I'd be fartty-two!"

From The Diplomatic Pouch

OPERATION SEA LION: The German-French Alliance

by Tom Swider

Time providing, I'll be submitting a series of DIPLOMACY articles on the topic of strange alliances and openings. Believe it or not, these ideas work both in theory and during the game. If you try any of the following, I'd like to hear how the game resulted.

The western sphere of influence is an interesting one since its actions are the most directly affected by the other spheres, as in the case of which way Russia heads. His actions, for example, directly influence those of Germany and England. In the west, the usual outcome of the conflicts show either a German or French elimination; in face to face games there is a possibility of a triple western alliance forming.

But what of an attack on England? Players discard this possibility due to Britain's natural defenses. "Operation Sea Lion" to my knowledge is an original plan. I have used this opening strategy with an ally, usually as the German player, and I have been delighted with its results. "OSL" is unique in the fact that Russia and England will not be able to cooperate once the trap is sprung.

The format of "Operation Sea Lion" is as follows.

SPRING, 1901

GER: F Kie - Den*; A Ber - Kie*; A Mun - Ruh*.
 FRA: F Bre - Eng*; A Par - Pic*; A Mar - Spa*.
 ENG: F Lon - Nth*; F Edi - Nwg*; A Lvp - Yor*.
 RUS: F StP (sc) - Bot*; A Mos - StP*...

During the Spring negotiations Germany insists upon Russia moving his A Moscow north, using Sweden as a bargaining tool. France, obviously, must say anything to keep England from moving south into the Channel.

The Fall moves are contingent on whether Russia and, more importantly, England moved as predicted. Should Russia fail to move north, France may wish to consider hitting London and hope to catch the British trying to outwit him. Germany will also have to assist in the fall of England, but for no more than a year. Russia's failure to move north will result in England receiving a build and so it will not be ripe for the pickings yet.

FALL, 1901

GER: F Den - Nth*; A Kie - Den*; A Ruh - Hol*.
 FRA: F Eng* S GER F Den - Nth; A Pic - Bel*; A Mar - Spa*.
 ENG: A Yor - Lon*; F Nth S F Nwg* - Nwy (F Nth /d/)
 RUS: A StP* - Nwy; F Bot - Swe*...

England is forced onto the defensive due to the French fleet in the Channel. Of course, England will move as illustrated in taking Norway, since the true intentions of the German player are well disguised. F Den - Nth is the last move England will suspect Germany of taking. England will get a build only if he moves to Norway from the North, supported by F Nwg (an unorthodox move). Russia, at this point, is not England's idea

of a good ally. Russia will begin to see the end of his problems in the north, or so he thinks...

England's F Nth will probably retreat to Yor or Edi to defend the homeland.

The members of the alliance each get two builds. Germany will want to build F Kie and A Mun to convince Russia of his plans to invade England. France will want to raise two fleets. Negotiations with Italy here are vital for France's invasion of England. Use the F Mar to fend off Italian attacks if need be, but try to sue for peace and get your revenge later.

From this point on, the "divide and conquer" strategy will come into play. Because of the standoff in Norway, England will probably not negotiate with the Tsar who deprived him of his only hope for building. Russia, still unaware of the upcoming attack, remains faithful to the sneaky Kaiser.

SPRING, 1902

GER: F Nth - Ska*; A Den* - Swe; F Kie - Bal*; A Hol - Kie*; A Mun - Sil*.

FRA: F Mar - Spa*(sc)*; A Spa - Por*; F Eng - Iri*; F Bre - Eng*; A Bel - Pic*. (If ENG got a build, the move F Eng - MAO or F Eng - Wal should be tried.)

Things should work out well, since England can't oppose the advancing French fleets (since Germany occupies the North Sea). Russia will find himself outnumbered, with Germany bringing three units against Sweden. Germany has the advantage of surprise, and with Sweden to fall and Warsaw threatened, Russia will have to pull back his defenses to fend off the German attacks. Since Russia built in the south (StP was occupied by a unit), and was assured of a calm northern front, the Tsar possibly decided to head towards Turkey and Austria. Germany may find several friends (fiends?) willing to help him tackle Russia.

Fall 1902 sees the fall of Sweden; France picks up Portugal and moves his invasion force north. If the Irish Sea was open he can, in the Fall, support a convoy into Wales, while F Spa (sc) advances to the MAO. This allows for the A Por to be convoyed into Liverpool. England should fall easily, considering you have more armies in Britain than he does and you can contest him in the waters.

After two or three years, the spoils should look something like this: GER: home, Hol, Den, Swe, Nwy, StP, War (9)
FRA: home, Spa, Por, Bel, Lon, Edi, Lvp (9)

Both powers can now steamroller the rest of Europe. Germany has footholds in the east via Russia. This advantage is not gained with the popular E/F alliance; also, Germany's builds will be closer to the front being fought for. Since France required only a few fleets, her ability to switch to the Italian front will be quicker, with new fleets being built in Marseilles. Army-Fleet and supply centre balance is maintained between Germany and France, thus making a stab more difficult, or, in the minds of the vicious and compulsive blood-sucking player, more of a challenge.

With Operation Sea Lion, felling England is not that difficult. Of course you must use your skills in charm (lying), but that is the prerequisite for successful play of any country. Try it; you'll like it.

Letters

First off, a few letters in reaction to Pete Gaughan's question last month on how to reconcile the play of simulation war games with Christianity. Dennis Duncan tried to come to grips with this question, rather well, I thought, as the following exerpts show:

"I play war games, chess, etc. mostly for the sake of competition...the same reasons I fence and do Judo. I believe that it is impossible to fully enjoy activities where thinking is a minor part. I have discovered that most war gamers are fairly smart and very competitive. Some people regard chess as a sport, as I do; I regard my games as a sport...exercise for a part of the body. Exercise which is needed to keep the whole person as healthy as possible.

"Backgammon originally started out as a simulation to teach younger members of the tribe infiltration tactics and to show that is far better to travel in groups. Similarly, it is possible to evaluate history (both past, present, and future) via the mechanism of a simulation. As most of us cannot afford a large enough computer to do an adequate job of simulation, the board games are an excellent vehicle for exploration. As an accurate historical simulation of the First World War, DIPLOMACY isn't all that great; as a simulation of the formation and sundering of various alliances, it is quite adequate.

"I do not see where religion will enter into the playing of simulations, nor do I understand the reasons why it should even be considered. This is play, enjoyment pure and simple. Are children to be chastized because they play 'cops and robbers' and regularly have 'shoot-outs'? We know that this is fantasy and, what is more, the children know it. They are more than able to separate their fantasy roles and the real world. At least the great majority of them are. Should these attitudes carry over into the real world, of course such play should be stopped for those children, not for all children.

"With Mr. Gaughan's deep committment to the Christian ethos, it is obvious that his playing of DIPLOMACY doesn't make him a liar and a cheat in the every day life he leads."

From Dave Carter: "You cannot reconcile religion with a simulation war game! You cannot reconcile religion with anything if you look at religion logically. The Bible is a history book that is far too heavily overemphasized."

Before getting to the religion angle, let's look at the game. All games are based on hunting and killing or reenacting the struggle between good and evil. A game a chess and a ritual dance are similar in their human atavistic meaning. Humans seem to need to direct and control the killing instinct and games provide an admirable release mechanism. Games also help us to create order, and control seemingly random events much like ancient rituals designed to gain control over the spirits that threatened us with chaos at every turn. In my own case, the moment of pulling the trigger of a rifle gives me the same rush of emotion as ordering a carefully prepared stab in DIPLOMACY. There must be a connection at a deep level. I will stick to shooting rodents and playing DIPLOMACY and hopefully avoiding harming my fellow humans.

On the subject of religion, raised above, Dennis Duncan further asked: "What are your views on the current creationist fooforaw?"

First, thank God the USA has a constitution separating the state and religion so that those screwballs can be kept out of classrooms. Harsh language, I know, but the creationists are destroying both religion and science. If you believe in God, then you must allow that he gave us brains and reason to use, not to bury under superstition. From what I've seen of the creationists' arguments, they will violate basic logic and reason, ignore data they disagree with, and twist quotations out of context in an attempt to legitimize their beliefs that detract from the glory of creation, making God look like a second rate magician. The universe is a stupendous event made more wonderful by the discoveries of science. In my view, to deny evolution is to deny God.

I'm afraid I must disagree with Dave Carter's comments. The Bible is anything but historical. History, as we understand it, is a recent development beyond the grasp of Jewish writers who compiled myths, poems, ritual laws, and oral traditions into what we know as the Bible. That is not to suggest that the Bible is not divinely inspired, if you will. But so are the Vedas, Upanishads, the Koran, the I Ching, the writings of Lao Tsu, of St. Augustine, of Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, and whoever. Man has always tried to come to terms with himself, the universe, and God. Why should the writings of one small group be elevated above the others equally sincere, intelligent, and "inspired"?

Let's change the subject for now. John Michalski wrote to take swipes at a Canadian pubber who I promised not to mention any more, and ends: "...and now I read you ran away from home, turned hippie, took a degree in Comparative Religions, and now are a Dip pubber! Wow! I guess Steve Colombo and Bill LaFosse are the only normal Canadian hobbiests around....Is it the cold? Would you believe we haven't had one snow, or rain, or ice storm here all winter? And Feb. 1st is spring here! We did have one heavy fog with some misting--does that count?"

Yeah, I guess being a Dippy pubber is kind of weird. It can't be the weather, as so few Canadians are involved in that perversion. As for the rest, looks pretty normal to me. Dennis Duncan also mentioned the weather:

"As you probably already know, the prairies have been hit with rather brutal weather. For two weeks the highest temperature noted was -28, the lowest -45, the mean temperature (pun intended) was -34 degrees Celsius. Too cold to make the car work, so I was walking 'across the tundra, mile after mile, trudging across the tundra'...to quote ole' Frank Zappa, in his 'Yellow Snow' song. Plugged the old car in for two hours before going anywhere...made for efficient planning of excursions to do the shopping. I, for one, am getting 'cabin fever' (although the fencing helps) and am waiting for warm weather; anything around zero will do just fine, thank you!"

Well Dennis, Dave Carter has some advice for you: "I have a perfect system for starting a car. It's called a 'wife.' While Julie cannot drive, she can start the car, and she does so

every winter morning. Sometimes I get up and help her clear the snow off, just to show I'm willing." And: "I never tried turning my lights on for 30 seconds before starting my car! Wouldn't trying to start the car have the same effect on the electrical system and, who knows, the car may start anyway?"

Probably. I saw that on one of those consumer advice shows and they swore it made a great difference. A battery loses 1% efficiency for every degree Celsius below zero. So, at -40° you've got only about 60% efficiency. Headlights draw less power than a starter and so would be more gentle on the electrical system at waking it up and warming the battery. I ran into another bit of advice for cold starts: I had suggested using a 60 watt bulb to keep the block warm if you don't have a block heater. Apparently Christmas tree lights work well and have the advantage that you can drape them around the block and battery. Of course your car will look like a UFO in the dark, especially if you have flashing bulbs. Does Julie make house calls?

Two more comments on my house rules. Dave Carter writes: "Countries going into CD should be entirely at the discretion of the GM, but I would hesitate to put a two-centre country into CD and I doubt if I would ever put a three-centre country into CD." Tom Swider adds: "As a GM, I put a power in CD if it has less than three units. I feel three is a good cut-off point since that is the minimum number of units a country can have to capture an occupied centre while protecting the rest from a single strength attack."

Okay, I'm 90% convinced. Still, it does depend on the season, the number of other powers left in the game, how late in the game it is, where attacking units are, etc. I can't see how there can be one hard and fast rule, unless you always call for standbys, even with zero centres (that's possible), or never call for standbys. Perhaps I should change the rule to make the numbers and years I gave the outer limits beyond which I must call for standbys (as they read now), but leaving it to my discretion below those figures. Any other comments?

Battle Stations

New Subbers: Paula Marie Dodge, 002A814, c/o IBM Corp, Owego, NY 13827. Gary Ferguson, PO Box 338, Maniwaki, Québec. Steve Geislinger, 4345 Lamar St. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Dave Lincoln, 2216 Kings Forest Rd., Conyers, GA 30208. Eric Ozog, 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, IL 60651. Paul G. Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208. Keith Sesler, 400 Bidwell, Albion, MI 49224. Robert Young, 49 - 16 Annandale, Little Neck, NY 11326. (Total: 82)

NMR Insurance: Add: Dan Wilson, Dennis Duncan, Bob Albrecht, Doug Millstone, Tom Swider.

Standbys: Add: Walter Compton (M,N,O), Bob Albrecht (O.V), Gary Ferguson (N,O), Paul Rauterberg (N,O).

Complete update next month.

Stats

Of the 26 completed games reported in EVERYTHING #51 (Jan. 82), Germany, Russia, and Turkey won most often (3 each). Next was England, France, and Italy with two each and Austria with only one.

Austria had the dubious honour of being eliminated by 1905 in 14 games (5 times by 1903). Italy and Russia are next at four each. Then we have England and Germany at three, Turkey twice, and France only once.

Quiz

Errol Platt knows his trivia: he was the only one to get both parts of last month's quiz. Mark Keller, Dave Carter, and Dennis Duncan all got part A, but not B.

A: "All in the Family" is based on "Till Death Do Us Part" and "Three's Company" is based on "Man About the House" both of which originated on British television. Errol thinks they are both produced by Thames Productions and he may be right. "Man About the House" is, but I saw only one episode of "Till Death Do Us Part" and didn't notice who produced it.

B: Both Ernest Hemmingway and Pierre Berton worked for the Toronto Daily Star. Hemmingway, when he lived in Toronto, used to frequent the area between Yonge St and the Toronto General Hospital, north of Queen Street. (He may have lived on Elm St., but I'm not sure.) That area was still "Bohemian" when I was a teenager, just before the hippy explosion in Yorkville.

This month, both parts are similar.

A) What did Amber Reeves have in common with Rebecca West?

B) What did these women have in common: Marilyn Taylor and Beverly McKittrick.

Parting Shot

...and another one bites the dust! The trouble with digest format is your page numbers have to be multiples of four. As I was pasting this one together it was apparent I was headed for 18 pages. I kept waffling on whether to cut back two pages or fill two more. Well, I guess these things are bound to happen. The last two issues hit 20 pages dead on. Guess I was just lucky.

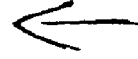
Coming up soon, expect a warehouse issue or two (just game reports). Things are going to be pretty hectic around the beginning of June. That's when I get to grade hundreds of exams and get the garden planted. Also, junior will be arriving (probably at three some morning). He's just rarin' to get at this here world, kickin' up a storm in there.

Weather's been beautiful lately, thanks. Two weeks now of sunshine and above freezing during the day. Still lots of snow on the ground, but the end is in sight.

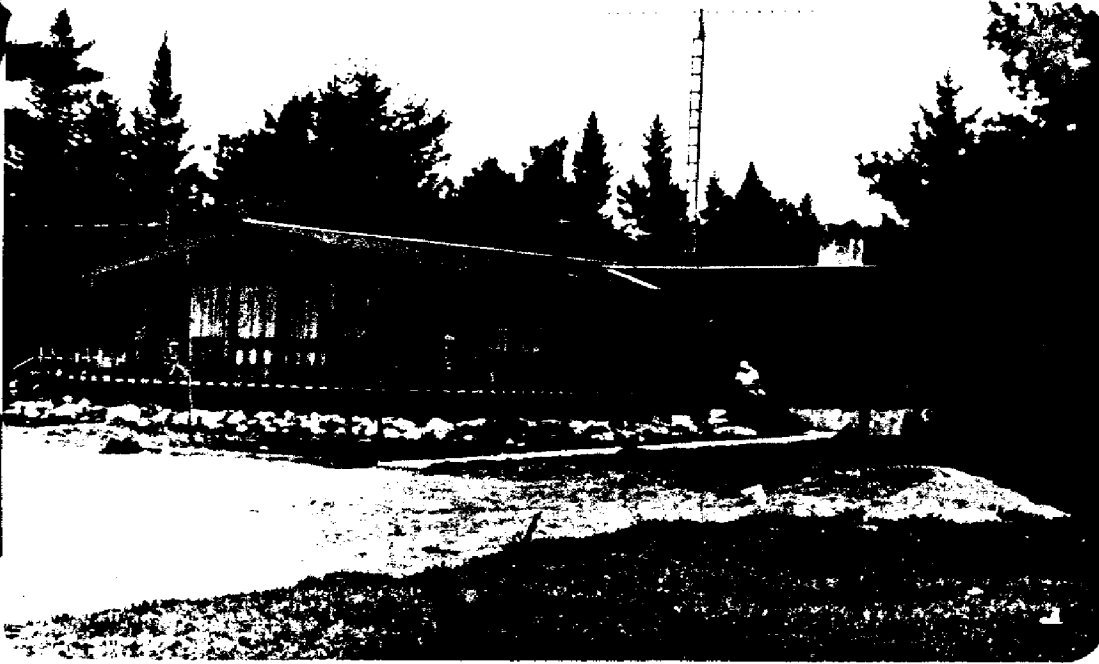
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