

## Opening Shot

Here we are again, with another issue chock full of articles, letters, and the latest reports of backstabbing, lying, greed, and downright nastiness, known as Diplomacy. Before we get to all that, I get to ramble on about what I'm up to. I don't know how the big changes coming up in my personal life are going to affect this enterprise, but there'll always be a SNAFU! in some form or other.

First, a few changes. About a month ago, with no prior warning, Saturday mail service ended in Québec. The post office said they took a survey and only 1% was interested in maintaining Saturday service. Hell, they never asked me! So, deadlines are now back to Fridays. That means the deadline for phoned in orders is

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Thursdays at 10 pm (Eastern Standard Time) and the Bourse will be moved back to Tuesday. That's okay, as it frees the entire weekend for putting this all together and there ain't no way I'm going to answer the phone during deadline weekends.

Notice the extra long deadlines this time. I meant to discuss the summer plans with you an issue or two ago, but I forgot. I need a break, for one, and I imagine some of you do, too. Besides, people away on holidays should be able to receive SNAFU! some time during the summer and get off a set of orders.

Sorry to cut the History section again. It, and the Rules article, were already typed up, but, with so many letters and a game ending, space got tight. To make up for it, next month I'll double, or maybe triple, their normal length.

And, all standbys get a summer holiday. This is the first time in over a year I haven't had to call for a standby. Thanks, both to them, and to those who never require them.

Next issue will be the super gala anniversary issue. If we go over thirty pages I'm going to double number it (with costs running around \$150.00 for a twenty pager—including postage, etc. I need to do that with fat issues). If you'd been idly thinking of writing a guest article, now's the time to get it in (preferably, by August 20). I also hope to have lots of pictures taken at the DipCon where I hope to meet many of you.

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

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Now, what I'm up to.

After eight years of teaching, the last seven in Maniwaki, I have taught my last class, marked my last exam, and chewed out someone else's kid for the last time. It was my decision to leave now. At 36, I look ten years down the road and ask what I'll be doing. Teaching English? How bleak! Besides, I doubt my job would last another five years in any case. Not only is the general population of Québec dropping, but the English-speaking population is dropping even faster. Maniwaki itself is in deep trouble, with unemployment now running at about 65% and more layoffs and cutbacks looming.

Québec, generally, is in trouble. The provincial government is verging on bankruptcy and yet we have the highest income taxes in North America. (On Ann and my combined salaries, I estimate we'll save about \$1,000 a year in income taxes alone simply by moving to Ontario. That doesn't include sales tax and gasoline taxes, which are also among the highest on the continent.) Besides, the government is talking about an 18% wage rollback for teachers beginning in January. That's means a strike, and we simply can't afford it. By leaving now I am entitled to receive six months' salary as severance pay. That, plus my pension contributions, should tide us over until we get resettled.

I intend to take a three and a half month course in Ottawa in computer operations, beginning in August. The computer field is the only growth industry in this country and it's thriving in Ottawa (known as "Silicon Valley North"). It's about time I learned how to talk to those machines anyhow. Our lease expires the end of November, so we'll be packing up and moving to the Ottawa area around then.

I'm going to miss teaching, especially, I guess, that nagging adolescent, "Si-ir!" It was something I was good at, though I realize I was not always the best. The first few years were rough and during the last year or so I did not give it my all. But I was comfortable with kids and could handle whatever came up. I became myself over the years as I shed the ghosts of my own teachers.

Most kids passed me by like ghosts seen through a fog, but there were a few outstanding successes and failures. I remember one kid who began his high school career as a "tough guy." After a few years of being dragged to the principal's office every so often, one day I noticed he was sweating and struggling over an essay. I asked him why he was putting so much into it. His answer, "To prove I'm as smart as anyone else." He was hooked and went on to become one of the few I selected to take an advanced extra credit course on Canadian literature outside of regular class time. By the end of the course he was bringing me newspaper cuttings of reviews of Irving Layton's latest opus or a magazine interview with Margaret Atwood, which he could discuss intelligently. I had high hopes for him. The night before the final departmental exam he went out and got drunk. He was still drunk when he arrived in the morning to write the exam and handed in a blank sheet of paper with his name on it.

There was a group of boys in a slow-streamed class who I struggled with for years. They didn't give a shit about school,

which was fair enough I suppose. We tolerated each other. When they graduated they'd hang around local bars, getting into fights, cursing, stinking drunk. Occasionally they'd drop by my apartment for a beer and to pass the time. Though I imagine many people found them intimidating, to put it politely, I enjoyed the company of these "good 'ole boys." Then they were involved in a car accident, killing one, putting the rest in the hospital. As the survivors were bringing the last of them home from his hospital stay, they were all killed in another accident. I still feel bitter about the terrible waste.

I occasionally meet former students who are in law school or pre-medicine and I wonder who these people are. Most kids I taught were from the backwoods with French or Indian accents so thick I doubt they'd be understandable in Toronto, though I got used to it. Probably high school graduation is the most they will ever achieve in white middle class terms. I think of all the girls who got pregnant and took bewildered-looking boys back to the country roads to subsist on pogeey, TV, beer, and more kids just like their parents.

I'll miss Québec as well. Our wedding reception told why. My friends from Maniwaki whooped it up, having a great old time, while my Anglo-Saxon relatives from Ontario sat about sipping beer undecided whether to be annoyed at all the racket or join in the spirit of it all. To the French-Canadian, life is a ball, so let's enjoy it, while the English-Canadian isn't quite sure if it's permitted. Then there's the beauty of the countryside. So many people pay a fortune to visit this area for a week or so out of the year while we have it all the time. One day this spring I saw eight deer on my way to work. We don't have to go to zoos or museums to find out where we live. All I have to listen to are birds and crickets and can rest my eyes on green in summer and white in winter. When I lived in the city I needed tranquillizers to make it from one day to the next. I arrived in Maniwaki with an ulcer, back problems, and vague complaints. But I've learned that I don't need all that.

So, I'll have lots to miss, but change is in order. I have a feeling we won't be living in Québec again, though I can always go back to teaching some day when there's a demand again. Maybe I'll write a book some day....

## Hobby News

Last issue I reported on how pleased I was that, after a four month delay, JIHAD! was back on track. I'm afraid, however, that it just hasn't worked out. After another long delay, Glenn Overby was given to June 30 to get an issue to Kathy Byrne of the U.S. Orphan Rescue Service. I spoke with Kathy on July 6 and she said she still had not received issue #21 (due out May 15) and was in the process of rehousing the games. So, if you are in any games in JIHAD! you should immediately get in touch with Kathy at 160-02 43 Ave., 2nd floor, Flushing, NY 11358. Please supply her with as much information (player addresses, supply centre charts, etc.) as possible. Ed Bapple has taken over control of the two Mensan games, 1981 AQ and 1981 HR, so players in those two games should get in touch with Ed if they haven't heard from him. His address is: 4531 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60630.

Both Kathy and I have been accused of "trying to drive Glenn out of the hobby" and other such nonsense. Nothing could be further from the truth. Kathy has given Glenn chance after chance, tolerating far longer delays and excuses than for other zines, despite considerable pressure from dissatisfied players. There was an attempt to characterize my trying to save JIHAD! as some sort of feud. I don't understand how things get twisted like this and I wish those self-righteous critics who sit on the sidelines jeering would get off their fat butts and do something constructive for the hobby. As for me, I don't ever want to hear another word about JIHAD! I've been working on that case since last November when the problems first began and have spent enough on postage on that subject to pay for another issue of SNAFU! — and that doesn't include all the long distance calls! Case closed.

A year after the fold of INFIDEL! Nick Russon and Clive Tonge are still making news. The big item, I guess, is a letter from Clive which appeared in EUROPA EXPRESS #15 in which he said there was still some \$170. left in INFIDEL!'s account and that he would be sending me this money on June 15. That's the first I heard of it. I immediately sent Clive a letter asking for clarification, but, as yet, have seen neither the money nor has there been a peep out of Clive. If he does send me this money it will be offered again to those burned when INFIDEL! folded and I'll use some for printing the French novice package when I receive that. I guess the remainder will sit in a bank account drawing interest until the CDO finds a use for it.

Once again a letter sent to Nick Russon, the CDO Novice Package Director (English), was returned marked "Unknown." Nick had similar problems in January, February and assured me it was all straightened out with the post office. If no one can get the CDO Novice package, then what's the use of subsidizing it, right? The care and feeding of novices is one of the topics I'll be discussing with NADF peoples in Baltimore. Will have more on that next issue.

By the way, Waddington's doesn't seem to care either. I know of three Diplomacy sets bought recently and none have included the CDO flyer, despite what they told Dave Carter last January. I'm beginning to think we need a complete overhaul of the Waddington connection.

On the lighter side, you'd be amazed at the items which appear in publishers' mail boxes. A horribly mis-spelled form arrived from Kalamazoo lately with no explanation or return address. Apparently, Eric Ozog is about to turn 21 and has never ~~been~~ had a date. "Ladies" (what a quaint expression) are invited to send their stats to Eric. (I suppose that means circumference of ear lobe, the equation describing instep, etc.) He would also like to know if you're an "intellectual." Eric's address is: 1526 N Lawler, Chicago, IL 60651 if you know of anyone who can help him out. The follies of youth...

A note on the Leeder Poll: the deadline for votes has been extended to July 31 so that the results can be released first by DIPLOMACY WORLD. That means it will be September or October before we get the results, instead of late July. I was disappointed when I learned this, as I hoped they could be released at ORIGINS and I wanted to do a complete zine review next issue with the results. Gary Coughlan is so upset about

DIPLOMACY WORLD getting this kind of preferential treatment, he said he's not going to plug any polls which do not make the results available to all on an equal basis. I agree with Gary's sentiments, though I haven't quite decided on such a drastic response.

## Other Zines

Here are the game openings in zines I receive, for those of you who are looking about for a new place to play.

IRKSOME, Scott Hanson, 817 12th Ave. SE #202, Minneapolis, MN 55414. 55¢ per issue. 4 week deadlines, GF \$3.00; 2 week deadlines, GF \$5.00; and a Blind Post Card game, no game fee.

MURD'RING MINISTERS, Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield CA 93304. \$5.50/12, GF: \$6.00, plus \$3.00 NMR deposit.

PERELANDRA, Pete Gaughan, 12024 Penford Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638. \$5./10. GF: \$1.00, plus \$1.00 NMR deposit.

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## 1980 IC - Mensa 12

FALL, 1908: ...AND THE STORM BREAKS!

AUS (Sharon Poppe): A War\* S A Gal - Ukr\*; A Bud - Rum\*; A Vie\* S A Tyr - Boh\*; F Tyr - Rom\*.

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

GER (Rick Young): F Bal\* S ENG A Lvn; A Sil\* S AUS A Tyr - Boh; A Pru\* S A Sil; A Mun\* - Tyr; A Ruh\* S A Ber\* - Mun; A Bur\* S A Gas - Mar\*.

ITA (Darryl Phillips): A Pie\* - Tyr; A Ven - Tri\*; A Tus - Ven\*.

TUR (Dan Wilson): A Mos\* S & A Ukr S AUS A War (A Ukr /A/); A Sev\* S A Mos; A Boh S AUS A Gal - Sil (NSO; A Boh /d/, R: Gal, OTB); F WMed\* S F NAF\* - MAO; F Tun\* S F WMed; F Lyo H /d/ (R: Tus, Tyr, OTB).

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1908

AUS (6 - 7, build 1): Vie, Bud, ~~Triest~~, Ser, Gre, War, ROME, RUMANIA.

ENG (9 - 8, disband 1): home, Nwy, Por, Swe, StP, Spa, Mar.

GER (8 - 9, build 1): home, Den, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre, MARSEILLES

ITA (3 - 3, even): ~~Rome~~, Nap, Ven, TRIEST.

TUR (8 - 7, even because of /A/): home, Bul, ~~Rumania~~, Sev, Tun, Mos.

Autumn Retreats, Winter 1908 AND Spring, 1909 due 27 August.

NOTES: Thanks to Chip Charnley for standing by. The proposed English-German draw was defeated. We have another proposed draw involving Austria, England, Germany, and Turkey. No vote received = "yes." Have a nice summer.

### PRESS

Austria: Yawn! You're right, Rome. It is getting boring. We do need a good stab, but not the one you wanted.

## 1982 I - Mensa 16

FALL, 1902: AUSTRIAN SLAUGHTERED IN SLEEP! GERMANY STAVES OFF ENGLAND AND FRANCE. ITALY HEADS FOR OPEN WATERS WHILE RUSSIA RECOVERS ECONOMIC GROWTH.

- AUS (Walter Compton): NMR! A Bud /A/, A Ser /A/, F Alb\*, A Gre /A/.
- ENG (Mike Mazzer): F Nwy\* - Swe; A Den\* - Kie; F Nth\* - Hol.
- FRA (Robert Young): A Bel § (/A/) ENG F Nth - Hol; A Par\* - Bre; A Mar - Bur\*; F Spa (sc)\* H.
- GER (Windy Windblad): F Hol\* § & A Ruh\* S A Bur - Bel\*; F Pic\* - Bre; A Kie\* - Den.
- ITA (Keith Sesler): F Ion\* S TUR F Aeg - Gre; F WMed - MAO\*; A Vie\* S RUS A Gal - Bud; A Tri\* S TUR A Bul - Ser; A Tyr\* S A Tri.
- RUS (Dave Lincoln): F Swe\* - Nwy; A Gal - Bud\*; A Rum\* S TUR A Bul - Ser; F Sev\* S A Rum.
- TUR (Paula Marie Dodge): F Aeg - Gre\*; A Bul - Ser\*; F Bla\* S A Con - Bul\*.

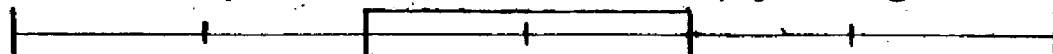
SUPPLY CENTRE CHART: WINTER, 1902

- AUS (4 - 0, Out): *Vienna, Budapest, Serbia, Greece.*
- ENG (3 - 5, build 2): home, NORWAY, DENMARK.
- FRA (4 - 5, build 2 because of /A/): home, Por, SPAIN.
- GER (5 - 5, even): home, ~~Denmark~~, Bel, HOLLAND.
- ITA (5 - 6, build 1): home, Tun, Tri, VIENNA.
- RUS (4 - 7, build 3): home, BUDAPEST, RUMANIA, SWEDEN.
- TUR (4 - 6, build 2): home, Bul, SERBIA, GREECE.

Winter, 1902 AND Spring, 1903 due Friday, 27 August, 1982.

PRESS

London to Berlin: Queen Victoria? We bounced that old battle axe off the throne years ago. England is now ruled by a Pro-Russian, Pro-French, Neo-Marxist, Quasi-Syndicalist, Agrarian Reformed, Libertarian, Humanist, Military Junta. You could have read it in the popular press, except that we've torched all the popular presses. Oh yes, I forgot to mention, the PR, PF, NM, QS, AR, L, H, MJ's new prime minister is madly enamored of Lady Podag the Turk, so we are also Anti-Austrian. Our party is doing quite well in Denmark, you might notice.

OTHER ZINES, Continued

EMHAIN MACHA, Michael Mills, 26 Laurel Rd., Sloatsburgh, NY 10974. Costs (try \$5.00). Diplomacy GF \$2.00. Bourse (no GF), and Senatus Populusque Romanum GF \$2.00 (Rules for a SASE and 50¢ for the map.)

SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS, Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave., Willowdale, Ont. M2N 1Z9. 50¢ per issue. GF: \$2.00. Openings in regular Dip GMed by Barry Hickey.

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### Bourse (82 I)

FALL, 1902: BOTTOM DROPS OUT OF CROWN WHILE POUND RISES  
 DRAMATICALLY. LIRA, MARK STILL FIRM. MARKET  
 COUNTERS RUSSIAN AND TURKISH GROWTH. FRANC SLIPS.

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| Old CMP:         |         | 1.03  | 1.01  | 1.09  | 1.31 | 1.10  | 1.13 | 1.15  |
| Adjustment:      |         | -.19  | +.39  | -.15  | -.04 | +.25  | -.06 | -.12  |
| Game Adjustment: |         | OUT   | +.08  | +.03  | .00  | +.03  | +.15 | +.08  |
| New CMP:         |         | 0.00  | 1.48  | .97   | 1.27 | 1.38  | 1.22 | 1.11  |

Spring, 1903 due Tuesday, 24 August, 1982.

NOTES: Last season OIL held 2000 DM, not 1900 as shown. It didn't affect anything else. I seem to have trouble convincing players that they cannot sell more than 500 units of any currency per turn. It means I have to recalculate their entire purchase order when they overlook this—and that's a nuisance. Part of the game is anticipating who is going to be wiped out. Seeing as there's no need to list crowns any longer, that will give me space to slip in names. I trust you all understand that if seasons are separated in the parent game, your next season will be Winter, 1902 rather than Spring, 1903.

### 1981 W - North 1

SUMMER, 1905: FRA: F MAO R Spa(nc)\*.

FALL, 1905: THIS MAKES FIVE ANNIHILATIONS IN ONE YEAR!

AUS (Bob Olsen): A Bud\* S & A Ser\* S TUR A Bul - Rum; F Gre\* H.

ENG (Errol Platt): F Nth\* S F Bel\*; A Ruh - Bur\*; F Eng\* S  
 F MAO - Bre\*; F Iri\* - MAO.

FRA (Bruce Poppe): F Spa (nc) - Por\*; A Bur - Bel /d/ (R: Mar, Par, OTB); F Gas\* S F Pic - Bre (NSU); A Pic\* U.

ITA (Bill Young): F Bre - Eng /A/; F Naf\* - MAO; F WMed - Spa (sc)\*; A Tus - Pie\*; A Tyr - Boh\*; A Boh - Vie\*.

RUS (Garvin Boyle): A Kie\* S & A Sil\* S A Mun\*; A Mun S ENG  
 A Ruh - Bur; A Gal\* U; A Ukr\* S & A Mos\* S F Rum - Sev\*.

TUR (Steve Hutton): F Bla\* S & A Sev § (/A/) A Bul - Rum\*;  
 A Arm\* S A Sev; A Con - Ank\*.

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#### OTHER ZINES, Continued

And, if you'd like to get into games for free, Ed Bapple is running regular games via flyer. He's desperately in need of standbys for these games and you can't beat the price. His address is: 4531 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60630.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1905

AUS (3 - 3, even): Bud, Ser, Gre.

ENG (7 - 8, build 2 because of /A/): home, Nwy, Bel, Hol, Den, BREST.

FRA (4 - 3, disband 1): Par, Mar, ~~Spain~~, Por.

ITA (8 - 7, build 2 because of /A/s): home, Tun, Vie, Tri, ~~MADRID~~, ~~BREST~~, SPAIN.

RUS (7 - 8, build 1): Mos, War, StP, ~~RUMANIA~~, Swe, Ber, Kie, MUNICH, SEVASTOPOL.

TUR (5 - 5, build 1 because of /A/): home, Bul, ~~SEVASTOPOL~~, RUMANIA.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1905 AND Spring, 1906 due 27 August.

NOTE: Bill Young's new address is: P.O. Box 907, Clearfield, PA 16830. Steve Hutton is at 11 Nealon Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4K 1Y8. He assures me he'll be there at least a week. With such a long break we don't really have to separate seasons, do we?

PRESS

Moscow to Bulgaria: The Turkish army is marching towards which country?

Budapest: We would like to take issue with the press release of the Russian barbarian last season, the one in which he termed Austria and Italy "Turkish Puppets." This is really a very offensive thing to say, but we will indulge our Russian this time, for it is obvious that he does not understand that some

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## 1981 KA - North 2

SPRING, 1903: ENGLAND INVADED ON TWO SIDES. RUSSIA REGAINS A HOME CENTRE. AUSTRIA, GERMANY BOUNCE.

AUS (Nelson Millar): A Tri\* S F Adr\* - Ven; A Bud\* S A Ser - Rum\*.

ENG (Jan Jensen): F Yor - Lon\*; F Lvp\* H; F Nwg - Edi\*; F StP (nc)\* S A Nwy\*.

FRA (Jack Jung): F Iri\* S & F Eng\* C A Bel - Wal\*; A Pie\* S GER A Tyr - Ven; F Lyo\* C A Mar - Tus\*.

GER (Blair Cusack): F Ska\* S F Nth\*; F Nth C A Den - Yor\*; A Mun - Boh\*; A Tyr\* - Ven.

ITA (Dan Wilson): F Tun - WMed\*; F Rom - Tyr\*; A Nap - Rom\*.

RUS (Pete Gaughan): F Swe\* - Nwy; A Mos\* S & A Ukr\* S F Rum - Sev\*.

TUR (George Mills): F Gre - Ion\*; F Con - Aeg\*; F Smy - EMed\*; A Bul S AUS A Bud - Rum (NSO); F Bla\* S A Sev /d/ (R: Arm, OTB).

Summer Retreat and Fall, 1903 due Friday, 27 August, 1982.

NOTE: Thanks to Rob Lowes for unneeded standby orders.



## 1982 J - North 3

SUMMER, 1902: AUS: A Vie R Boh\*.  
RUS: F Swe R Fin\*.

FALL, 1902: AUSTRIA OUTGUESSES ITALY, BUT STILL IN TROUBLE.

AUS (Nelson Millar): A Boh\* S A Bud - Vie\*; F Gre\* S TUR F Aeg - Ion (NSO); A Ser - Tri /d/ (R: Alb, OTB).

ENG (Doug Millstone): A Swe\* - Fin; F Bar\* - StP (nc); F Ska\* - Swe; F Nth\* S GER F Hol - Bel.

FRA (Darryl Phillips): A Pic\* S A Bur\*; A Bur S A Pic; F MAO - Naf; F Spa (sc) - WMed\*; A Gas - Mar\*.

GER (Martin Taylor): A Ruh\* S F Hol - Bel\*; A Mun - Tyr\*; A Ber - Mun\*; A Den\* H.

ITA (Roy Smith): F Ion < Tun\*; A Tri\* S RUS A Rum - Ser; A Vie § RUS A Gal - Bud /d/ (R: Gal, OTB).

RUS (Tom Swider): F Fin\* - StP (sc); F Sev\* S TUR A Bul - Gre (IMP); A Mos\* S F Sev; A Gal - Bud\*; A Rum - Ser\*.

TUR (Dennis Duncan): A Arm\* - Sev; A Bul\* S & F Bla\* S AUS A Ser - Rum (NSO); F Aeg\* S A Bul.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER 1902

AUS (4 - 2, disband 2): Vienna, ~~Triest~~, ~~Budapest~~, ~~Serbia~~, GREECE.

ENG (4 - 5, build 1): home, Nwy, SWEDEN.

FRA (5 - 5, even): home, Spa, Por.

GER (5 - 6, build 1): home, Hol, Den, BELGIUM.

ITA (3 - 5, build 2): home, TRIEST, TUNIS.

RUS (5 - 6, build 1): home, ~~Sweden~~, BUDAPEST, SERBIA.

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

Autumn Retreats, Winter, 1902 AND Spring, 1903 due 27 August.

PRESS

London to "St. Swidersburg": No!!

Austria: The Emperor apologizes for his lack of writing lately, but, now that summer's here, communications will be greatly improved.

Paris: In a move planned to ensure continued shipments of Hungarian goulash, the Prime Minister today dispatched teams of negotiators to Rome, Budapest, and St. Petersburg.

Russia to Germany: The deadliest thing is the wrath of a patient man.

Vatican City: After reading last season's moves, Pope George Ringo proposed a rule change: henceforth, units will not be able to support units of their own nationality, but only foreign units. At the end of the game, victory is determined by whoever has the most points determined thusly: 1 pt. for supporting a foreign unit, 3 pts. for having the order fail because of NSO or NSU, 5 pts. for the supposed recipient of the support order which fails for NSO or NSU, - 1 pt. for

successfully received a support order. In a separate statement, his absurdness awarded to Austria and Turkey the Vatican's Highest award, La Croix du Poulet, with inverted fruit bowl clusters.

Thrillsville ((Russia)): I love all the press to this game. Where's players like Carter and Olsen when you need them?

The Americans to the Canadians ((Russia)): Funny how I seem to be forced into negotiating with only Americans. Not very sporting, playing sectionalism, is it?

## 1979 HA - Orphan 1

AUTUMN, 1910: FRA: F Nth R Bel\*; A Mun R Ruh\*.

WINTER, 1910: TWO REQUESTS FOR THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHES.

AUS (Nelson Millar): Has: A Tyr, A Tri, A Bud, A Ser.

ENG (Dave Carter): Has: A Edi, F Den.

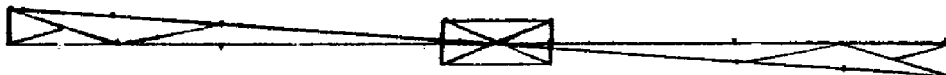
FRA (Tom Swider): B F Bre & Has: F Adr, F WMed, A Wal, F Lvp, F Iri, F Bel, A Mos, A Bur, A Ruh, F Bal, A Ber, A Kie.

ITA (Dan Wilson): D F Aeg. Has: A Ven, A Rom, A Apu, A Smy.

RUS (George Mills): B A StP & Has: A Sil, A Mun, A Vie, A Bul, A Ank, F Con, A Swe, F Nwg, F Nth.

Spring, 1911 due Friday, 27 August, 1982.

NOTES: The concession to France failed to pass. It has been re-proposed and we have a proposed France-Russia draw. Please vote. Some didn't this time and no vote received means "Yes." I have Spring, 1911 orders on hand from Italy, France, England.



### 1981 W, Continued

free and independent peoples can actually form an alliance based on mutual interest and a desire to prevent all Europe from being enslaved by his degenerate hordes. Even as the people of Russia groan under the heel of this insensate tyrant, even so does he think all alliances are conducted in the way of his infamous collaboration with the English bandits. How soon shall he be disabused of this fatuous notion! How soon shall the Russian people breathe free again!

Moscow to grieved women of Italy: Our government wishes to express condolences for your most severe recent loss attributable to the aggressive interventionist policies of your insensitive and uncaring government. We will be sending emissaries to depose this repressive regime and disband the overly-large Italian forces, returning your loved ones to you (those that are left).

Paris: Onward to Dunkirk!

## 1979 AE - Orphan 2

THE MAIL MONSTER STRIKES AGAIN. GAME DELAYED.

I just learned, on the deadline, that John Davies did not receive his last issue of SNAFU! Because he has NMR Insurance, I had called to inquire after his orders. He was a might surprised to discover that a deadline had arrived. I can't do the adjudication until John has at least seen the last game report and had a chance to get his orders in. Unfortunately, I can't reset the deadline for much earlier than the others this time, so, everyone is going to have to wait. I have all the necessary orders from everyone except John, but you can change them by next deadline if you wish. I guess it's okay to reveal that Bob Acheson is still in the game and to thank Paul Rauterberg for his unneeded standby orders.

Please do not overlook draw proposals. If you don't vote, it will count as a "yes" and you may be stuck with a game end you didn't want. We have a proposed draw involving England, France, Austria, and Turkey AND a two-way draw for Turkey and Austria.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1907 AND Spring, 1908 due 27 August.

## 1978 O - Orphan 3

FALL, 1910: AND IT'S ALL OVER, FOLKS!

ENG (Dan MacLellan): F Iri - MAO\*; F Nth\* C A Edi - Nwy\*; A Fin\* S F StP (nc)\*; F Den - Bal\*; F Lyo\* S & F Tun\* S F WMed - Tyr\*; F NAF\* S F Tun; A Swe\* H; A Hol - Ruh\*; A Kie\* H; A Pru\* - Lvn; A Sil\* S GER A War (NSO); A Boh\* S GER A Vie; A Mun - Tyr\*.

GER (Bern Sampson): A Rom\* - Nap; A Vie H /A/; A Mos  $\S$  A War - Ukr\*; A Lvn\*  $\S$  A Mos. (A Mos /d/, R: War, OTB).

TUR (Wayne Norton): A Sev\* S A Ukr - Mos\*; A Bud\* S & A Gal\* S A Tri - Vie\*; F Ven\* S A Ser - Tri\*; F Tyr  $\S$  F Ion\* - Nap; (F Tyr /d/, R: Tus, OTB); F Adr\* - Ion; F Con - Aeg\*.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART: WINTER, 1910

ENG (17 - 18, build 1): home, Bre, Spa, Por, Far, Bel, Hol, Mar, Kie, Nwy, Mun, Tun, Ber, Swe, Den, ST. PETERSBURG.

GER (6 - 2, disband 2 because of /A/'s): War, ~~Stl/Vel/et/sb/rd,~~ ~~Vie/nna,~~ ~~Bud/ape/est,~~ ~~Mos/cow,~~ Rome.

TUR (11 - 14, build 3): home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Nap, Rum, Sev, Tri, Ven, MOSCOW, BUDAPEST, VIENNA.

PRESS

Germany to England: Congratulations on your win. You did a good job of conning Turkey.

Germany to Turkey: Congratulations on your second place finish, although why you'd prefer it over a 3-way draw is beyond me.

ENDGAME STATS FOR 1978 0

?? to ??; INFIDEL! to Spring, 1906; SNAFU! to end.

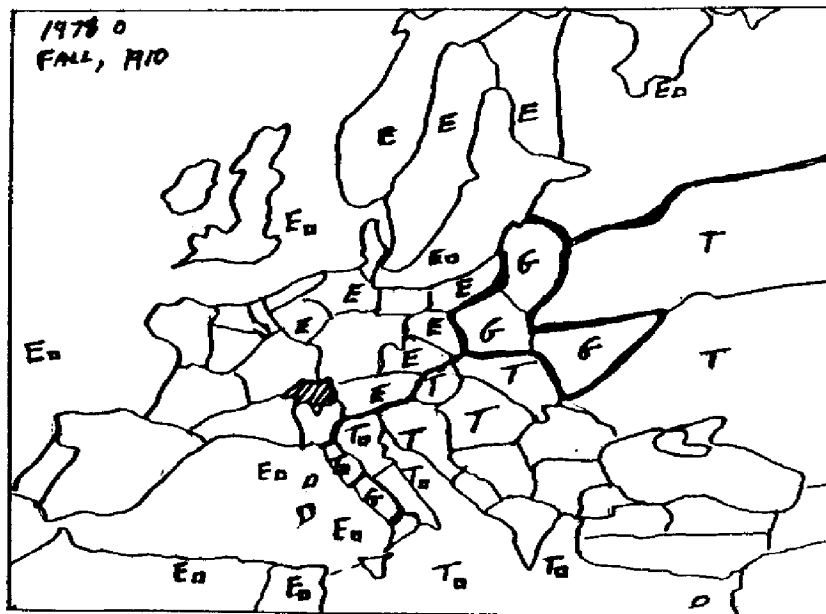
?? to ??; Nick Russon to Sp, 06; Ronald J Brown to end.

- AUS: ??; Dave Grabar (Dro W06); CD (Out F07).
- ENG: ??; Dan MacLellan: WINS, F10.
- FRA: ??.
- GER: ??; Trevor Baillie (Dro W06); Bern Sampson.
- ITA: ??; Clive Tonge (Dro W06); CD (Out S08).
- RUS: ??; Barry Hickey (Dro W06); CD (Out S07).
- TUR: ??; Wayne Norton.

|      | 01 - 04 | 05 | 06 | 07  | 08 | 09 | 10 |
|------|---------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|
| AUS: | ??      | 2  | 1  | 0   | -  |    |    |
| ENG: | ??      | 9  | 11 | 13  | 14 | 17 | 18 |
| FRA: | ??      | 0  | -  |     |    |    |    |
| GER: | ??      | 10 | 10 | 9   | 9  | 6  | 2  |
| ITA: | ??      | 5  | 4  | 1   | 0  | -  |    |
| RUS: | ??      | 3  | 1  | 0   | -  |    |    |
| TUR: | ??      | 5  | 7  | 11* | 11 | 11 | 14 |

\*One short.

NOTES: First, apologies to Dan, Bern, and Wayne, but, after a year of trying, I have been unable to get the complete records for this game from Nick Russon or Clive Tonge. With incomplete records I doubt Don Ditter will recognize the stats or Dan's win. (Players in other games, don't worry; I have the complete records for all the rest.) Seeing as it took three years to



play the first five game years, that there has been at least two changes of zine and GM, if not three, and that none of the remaining players were the original players of record, unless someone can come up with records for the first five game years, I guess we'll never know where this game came from. This is unfortunate as wins in Diplomacy games don't come easily and a 14-centre second spot is nothing to sneeze at.

I do have a few questions I hope players will answer in their endgame statements. First, I was curious to know why England didn't grab the win in 1909. It was certainly there for the taking. Secondly, I was surprised to see Germany side with England rather than with Turkey. Germany could not hope to gain much from a country about to or already occupying his home centres. In 1905 Germany was leading and his fall from grace was due more to England than to Turkey. Judging by the

## 1980 AM - Orphan 4

SUMMER, 1906: FRA: A Bre R Par\*; ITA: F Gre R Ion\*;  
GER: A Bel R Ruh\*, A Mun R Sil\*.

FALL, 1906: AUSTRIA TRIES HARD—TO NO AVAIL! GERMANY CLOBBERED  
AND ENGLAND LEAPS FOR THE STRATOSPHERE.

AUS (Gary Ferguson): A Gal - Vie (NSU); A Vie U /d/ (R: Boh,  
Tyr, OTB).

ENG (Jan Jensen): F MAO - Por\*; F Eng\* S F Bel\*; F Hol\* S  
A Kie\*; F Bal - Pru\*; F Den - Bal\*; A StP\* H; A Bre\* H.

FRA (Pete Gaughan): A Bur\* S A Mun\*; A Par\* S A Mar - Gas\*;  
F Tun H /d/ (R: WMed, Naf, OTB).

GER (Claude Gautron): A Ber\* S A Ruh\* - Mun; A Sil\* S A Ber.

ITA (Bob Albrecht): F Tyr\* S F Ion - Tun\*; A Tri\* S A Alb\* -  
Ser; F Adr\* - Ion.

RUS (Dave Carter): A Rum\* S TUR A Ser; A Bud\* S A Gal - Vie\*;  
A StP H (NSU); A War\* H; A Mos\* U.

TUR (Rob Lowes): A Ser\* S F Gre\*; F Con - Bul (sc)\*; A Smy -  
Con\*; F Gre S F Aeg - Ion\*.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1906

AUS (1 - 0, Out): *VIAAAA*.

ENG (9 - 12, build 3): home, Nwy, Swe, StP, Den, Kie, Hol,  
BELGIUM, BREST, PORTUGAL.

FRA (5 - 4, disband 1): Par, Mar, *Brest*, Spa, *Port*, MUNICH.

GER (3 - 1, disband 2): Ber, *Munich*, *Belgium*.

ITA (6 - 5, even as was 1 short): home, Tun, Tri, *StP*.

RUS (5 - 6, build 1): War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Bud, VIENNA.

TUR (5 - 6, build 1): home, Bul, Ser, GREECE.

Winter, 1906 AND Spring, 1907 due Friday, 27 August, 1982.

NOTES: A typo last month changed Turkey's F Con into an A.  
Please change it back. Bob Albrecht has moved to: 426 Temple-  
view, NE, Calgary, Alta. Thanks to Windy Windblad for un-  
needed standby orders.

PRESS

Turkey to France and Germany: Hang tough together—or you  
hang alone. Help is on the way.

Mini Quiz: Roy Smith wants to know what the following  
numbers have in common: 4, 14, 34, 42, 59, 125, 145, 168,  
175, 181, 190, 200, 207.

The answer is in the Parting Shot, but give it a fair shot  
before you peek. Clue: I'm a real whiz at IQ and programmers'  
tests, but I was stumped. Thanks Roy.

## 1980 HM - Orphan 5

FALL, 1905: STANDOFF AT GIBRALTER. RUSSIA GAINS IN MIDDLE BUT LOSES IN NORTH. TURKEY, AUSTRIA DISAGREE.

AUS (Mark Keller): F WMed\* - Naf; F Lyo\* S F Tyr\* - WMed;  
F Adr\* - Ion; A Pie\* - Mar; A Tyr\* S & A Boh\* S RUS A Ber  
- Mun; A Gre\* S A Rum\* - Bul; A Bul\* - Con.

ENG (John Horn): F Nwg - Bar\*; F Nth\* - Nwy; A Nwy - Fin\*;  
F Por\* S F Spa (sc)\*; F Spa (sc) S GER A Mar; F MAO\* -  
Naf; F Eng\* - MAO.

GER (Claude Gautron): A Mar\* H; A Par - Bur\*; F Den - Swe\*;  
A Kie\* S A Mun /d/ (R: Sil, Ruh, OTB).

RUS (Steve Colombo): A Ber - Mun\*; A Sil - Ber\*; A War - Lvn\*;  
A StP\* - Nwy; F Sev\* - Bla.

TUR (Pierre Touchette): R Aeg\* - Ion; F Bla\* § A Smy\* - Con.  
SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1905.

AUS (11 - 11, build 1, as was short): home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Bul.

ENG (7 - 8, build 1): home, Nwy, Bel, Bre, Spa, PORTUGAL.

FRA (1 - 0, Out): ~~Portugal~~.

GER (7 - 6, will be 1 short): ~~Berlin, Munich~~, Kie, Hol, Den, Mar, Par, SWEDEN.

RUS (5 - 6, build 1): home, ~~Sweden~~, BERLIN, MUNICH.

TUR (3 - 3, even): home.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1905 AND Spring, 1906 due 27 August.

NOTES: The A-E-G draw vote was defeated. Next time no vote received counts as "Yes," so be prepared. Thanks to Jack Jung for unneeded standby orders.

PRESS

Russia to England: Woe is who?

Vienna to London: If we are "woe" what are you?

Constantinople to London: Good luck.

London to Constantinople: We've got them surrounded.

London to Kiel: I hope you picked off Sweden.

Austria to Aegean: Withdraw or die.

London to Vienna: The front door is closed.

London to Moscow: The back door will soon be closed, too, leaving you and your pal the Emperor to stew in your own juices.



Mini-Quiz: Ben Schilling wants to know what Prince Rupert, BC, McGregory, Ont., and Fosterville, NB have in common.

Don't peek at the answer in the Parting Shot until you've at least got out an atlas. Thanks Ben.

## 1981 Qwc02 - Variant 1

## (Conquest of the New World II)

"They are of good nature, and not great whore masters, and are more satisfied than any others than I knewed....The men are fools, but diligent about their work....They are the best huntsmen of all America....They clothe themselves all over with beaver skins....We weare well beloved, and they could not tell what to give us, and they weare so overjoyed that we promised to come again with ships."

(Pierre-Esprit Radisson, describing Cree Indians in 1666)

1616

ENG: F Bermuda R Bay of Fundy; A Delaware R Québec.

FRA: F Virginia R OTB.

1618

AZTECS (Chip Charnley): B A Peru & Has: A Saskatchewan, A California, A Mexico, A Panama, A Cartagena, A Venezuela.

ENGLAND (Fred Davis): D A Northern Seas. Has: F Northern Seas, A Québec, A Ohio, F Bay of Fundy, F Virginia, F Atlantic.

FRANCE (George Mills): D F Bermuda. Has: F St. Lawrence, F Nova Scotia, A Maine, A Delaware.

PORTUGAL (Steve Hutton): D F Atl. Has: F Bahama, F Hispaniola, F Antilles, F Caribbean, A Amazon, A Paraguay, F Chile.

SPAIN (Dan Wilson): D A Atl. Has: F Cuba, A/F Jamaica, F Atl.

1620 (Spring) due Friday, 27 August, 1982.

NOTES: Designated New World Home Centres are: for England: Virginia; for Portugal: La Plata; and for Spain: Cuba. Super thanks to Rick Young for unneeded standby orders, as he had to learn the rules. The Wandering Dippy (Steve Hutton) is temporarily at 11 Nealon Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4K 1Y8. Write quickly before he moves again.

## Travel

### MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

California! The magic name! And here I was swooping down from the mountains! As soon as I stopped the car in Sacramento, I immediately broke out in sweat from every pore. Walking from the car to a restaurant for lunch felt like I was swimming in a hot sea. I guess everything in Sacramento is air conditioned, else how could humans live there?

Towards San Francisco, flowered shrubs filled the median. Low clouds appeared on the horizon, but I wasn't being fooled. Every time I saw clouds on the horizon for the past week or so they turned out to be mountains. I didn't know if there was another range before San Francisco or not, but those were definitely mountains.

They weren't. As the highway spread out into several lanes and huge arteries took off in different directions, it be-

came clear: they were low clouds, shrouding the entire city. Late afternoon and I didn't want to get lost wandering around a huge city, so I took a service road heading north. A service station attendant suggested I take Highway #1 to Point Reyes in Marin County. Highway #1, wound and twisted beside the ocean, up, down and around, just like the roads they use for car chase scenes in movies. It switch-backed to a few hundred feet above the ocean, then would swoop down to sea level, constantly convoluting.

As I neared Point Reyes I stopped to ask a long-bearded fellow who was watching a bird through field glasses if he could direct me to a campground. I followed his directions to a field beside a canal just before the town. I found a secluded spot on the banks of the canal across a clearing from a tent where a car sported Manitoba plates. I was delighted at that discovery, looking forward to swapping stories with some fellow Canucks, all strangers in a strange land together.

As I finished getting the tent up, a female crawled out of the other tent, saw my Québec plates, and came running, squealing out a welcome. She was short, swarthy, and wearing nothing but a T-shirt. Well, if she didn't mind, I didn't. Yes indeed, she was from Winnipeg, but didn't volunteer much more, save that her "old man" was off visiting someone.

Her "old man" turned out to be an incredibly tall and skinny black who showed up shortly. He slapped my hands in some sort of welcome. The girl suggested we go into town for supper and she pulled on some jeans. It was quite cold, so I dug out a jacket I hadn't needed until then. We piled into their car and took off to the town of Point Reyes.



1978 O, Continued

press it appeared as though Germany wanted a three-way draw while Turkey was holding out for a two-way. When the three-way failed to pass, Germany decided to suicide against Turkey, though with England gobbling up his centres and cutting his support orders he couldn't hope to get very far.

In the first season I saw for this game (Fall, 1906), England had already made the moves essential for any English win: he had three fleets working in the Mediterranean and four armies established on Germany's borders (France was already wiped out). He apparently had the good sense to leave northern Russia to the end, instead of getting bogged down there early in the game. Turkey was also in a good position, ready to send armies through Austria and with fleets hassling Italy. However, England was already ahead of him and he simply didn't have enough time to catch up, especially with no opposition to England anywhere. Germany's best bet might have been to patch things up with Turkey while he drove back the English, hoping to grab what he needed to win from Turkey later in the game. So, whatever England had done for the win had been established early in the game.

Dan, Bern, and Wayne can now sign up for any future games in SNAFU! without having to pay game fees. Congratulations to Dan on his win and Wayne for his fine second place. And thanks to all of you for seeing this through to the end. Endgame statements are welcomed for next issue.



## Letters

Let's begin with a protest regarding Canada's borders. Rod Walker writes: "I submit that your answer to question #3 is wrong. Please observe the crude chart at the left-hand bottom of this page. Canada and Russia do not share a common border.

"If we accept the ridiculous 200-mile maritime limit now imposed by nations that don't know any better, there can be no point at which the territories of Canada and the USSR touch.

"If we assume, even more ridiculously, that the territories of nations bordering on the Arctic Ocean extend indefinitely toward the Pole in triangles, so that the areas of Canada and the USSR may in fact come together at the apex, this is still only 'touching' at a point. A point, by definition, has no length, so that there is no 'common border.' My answer, that the nations with which Canada shares a common border are limited to three (US, Denmark, France), is therefore more

correct than any answer including the USSR. N'est-ce pas?"

Boy, did I have fun checking that out with the government. You'd be amazed at how many government departments couldn't give me a simple answer. Finally, I got in touch with the International Boundary Commission. According to a treaty signed in Washington on April 26, 1906, Canada's northern boundary was established as extending to "the frozen ocean."

Apparently there are

no later treaties regarding the north. However, the Canada Map Office (of Energy, Mines, and Resources) said they've been instructed to show Canada's northern boundaries as extending to the North Pole. Canada has drilling and oil exploration activities going on in the Beaufort Sea, beyond what the 1906 treaty had established as Canada's territory.

So, officially, Canada and the USSR do not touch, though unofficially they do. If we accept the unofficial definition, then Canada also borders Norway. I don't buy the argument that a point can't be a border. A man can stand in Canada and shake hands with a man in Russia (if we accept the unofficial border). I'll give Rod another half Brownie point, but Ben Schilling's answers had arrived first.



Rod continues on another point: "If Jamestown and Port Royal claim to be the oldest permanent European settlements in North America, they are manifestly wrong. There are such places as Vera Cruz (1599), Havana (1519), and St. Augustine, Florida (1565)...My answer that each is the first (and now former) capital of a European colony is again more nearly correct."

Fred Davis also wrote: "The oldest city in English North America is St. Augustine, Florida, founded by the Spanish in 1564! Of course, Florida didn't become part of the U.S. until 1819. Apparently we don't count Mexico as being part of North America as there were Spanish settlements down there years earlier than that."

Actually, everyone who answered that question was more "right" than the answer I gave, as they all specified "the oldest English and French settlements" -- something I slid over in my answer. That was a careless slip on my part, as I completely forgot about the Spanish. However, I'm not so wrong, as tourist guides in those towns forget the specification too (I've heard -- though I haven't been to either place). I can't find any reference to them being considered the "capitals" of colonies though. I did expect an argument about the date of settlement of Port Royal as it was abandoned for a year then resettled.

I mentioned Gary Coughlan's feelings about John Leeder giving DIPLOMACY WORLD first rights to the poll's results. From what I've gathered through conversations with other pubbers lately the momentum to boycott future polls which operate this way is gaining ground. Gary gives his reasons:

"What galls me about the Leeder Poll episode is that the latest DIPLOMACY WORLD didn't mention, plug, or publicize the Leeder Poll at all.

"Other zines like your SNAFU!, THE SHOGUN'S SWORD, THE SCHEMER, and WHITESTONIA even carried ballots for the convenience of their subbers, and many other zines have plugged it for months.

Yet, all of the hobby and these zines must be kept in the dark for additional weeks (months?) while the poll results are exclusively given to DIPLOMACY WORLD, a zine which didn't even plug the Leeder Poll. Unfair? You bet!"

Your point about DIPLOMACY WORLD not plugging the Leeder Poll is a good one worth considering. Part of the reason for the success of this poll is the massive support and encouragement it's received from publishers. I suppose John could answer that the poll is his to do with as he pleases, but I think the reason for the feelings of outrage from publishers (I haven't heard complaints from non-publishers--yet) is that they've come to regard the Leeder Poll as a hobby institution and, as such, is as much the responsibility of everyone as Boardman Numbers, Miller Numbers, and Orphans Services. If John Leeder decided he didn't want to run his yearly poll anymore, I feel sure someone would step forward to look after it--and still call it the Leeder Poll. We don't call them Ditter Numbers even if that's the name of the fellow currently looking after John Boardman's original project. This is a tough dilemma to sort out and I hope John reconsiders before next year's poll. We don't need all this divisiveness.

This must be a scoop of sorts, but I got the following note from Julie Carter (who is Dave's car starter): "David told me you and your wife just had your first baby. I'm sure he brought a lot of joy into your home. Do you find that you have had to make a lot of changes since the baby was born? David and I would like to have a baby. I can hardly wait." Dave adds: "I can!"

Hum, first this, then Dave mentions in SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS that he had to move his hobby paraphernalia to the basement as you found another use for the room he was using. Is this a hint of things to come? Yes, though "joy" is an understatement. I think it's fair to say that Ann and I have never been happier (though a bit bleary-eyed at times). Christopher has a beautiful smile and his eyes just drink in new sights, sparkling and glowing with intelligence. I've been lucky that I've been home almost constantly since he was born (teachers never work anyhow). Changes? Yes, your day revolves around his waking and sleeping periods. But he enjoys travelling. As soon as he's strapped into his car seat he drops off to sleep and wakes when we get there. So far he's been to two drive-in movies, a picnic, a going away party (for me), a Christening party (for him), and several long trips to Ottawa or Maniwaki for shopping, etc.

From Martin Taylor: "So you're ready to make the big career change, are you? I kind of envy you — I'm getting tired of teaching too, but lack the energy (nerve?) to quit. Education (public) is geared to the mediocre student — there's no intellectual challenge."

Martin worked with me for several years in Maniwaki before he decided to head for the greener pastures of Alberta. He taught math here, though he's a more varied load out West. We've a fair number of teachers in the hobby and I guess we've all gone (are going) through the same kind of questioning. Personally, I would never have worked up the nerve to quit such a cushy overpaid, underworked position if it hadn't been for three things: Ann, joining Mensa, and postal Diplomacy. Those three have conspired to convince me that I'm capable of doing far more than talking to a handful of disinterested kids three hours a day, 180 days a year (yep, that's what they paid me more than \$25,000 per annum for). The fact that under our current contract (expiring in December) I can get six months' salary just for resigning (to save the job of someone who was going to be laid off) helped as well. I doubt I'll ever get an offer like that again. Any response from the teachers out there to Martin's comment about the challenge?

## Battle Stations

Good Guys: The following are entitled to sign up for new games without having to pay game fees: Pete Gaughan, Charles Letcher, Jan Jensen, Bern Sampson, Dan MacLellan, Wayne Norton, and John Davies.

All other current players are entitled to sign up for any new games for half the stated game fee.

Expiring Subs: With this issue: Dave Carter and John Michalski. At #23-24 (double issue): Steve Colombo, Mike Conner, Please watch the little number on your address label. There's a bunch coming up at #25.

## Quiz

The answers to last month's quiz are: A) Louis Antoine de Bougainville and Captain "Foul Weather" Byron simultaneously founded colonies on the Falkland Islands (in 1764). Both claimed the islands for their respective countries (France and England) unaware of the other's presence. B) England, India, and Yugoslavia have female prime ministers. The reason I said the U.S.A. probably wouldn't is that it would have to change to a parliamentary system first.



NEISON MILLAR PLOTTING TO STAB ME AGAIN—AS ALWAYS!

Claude Gautron was the only one to get Part A, but Rod Walker listed so many things these two had in common, I'll give him the half point. Rod, Darryl Phillips, Errol Platt, and Mark Keller all got B.

George Mills still leads with 4 Brownie Points. Next, with 2 1/2, we have: Dave Carter, Errol Platt, Mark Keller, Darryl Phillips, and Ben Schilling. With 2 points: Bob Acheson, Steve Hutton, Jan Jensen, and Rod Walker.

This month's questions are:

A) What did Babe Ruth and Joe Friday (of "Dragnet") have in common?

B) What do the following dates have in common: Oct. 7, 1582, Sept. 9, 1752, and Feb. 4, 1918?

Have fun!

## Parting Shot

First, the answer to Roy's question (p. 13) is: those are the "A" train's stops in Manhattan. (Guess you gotta live in New York to get that.) The answer to Ben's question (p. 14) is: they are all south of the Canada-US border.

I still need two copies each of SNAFU! #8 - 16 inclusive. A free issue for every two you send me.

Don't forget, with Friday deadlines, telephoned orders have a Thursday night deadline. Thanks to everyone who got their orders in early this time: it makes my job easier. Guest articles are welcomed for next issue, but I'd appreciate having them as soon as possible so I can type them up ahead of time.

Looking forward to meeting a lot of you in Baltimore. Everyone: have a good summer!

Ron