

Opening Shot

Super thanks to Ann for a new master page. No thanks to me, though, as I keep using the original pages so every few months she has to make new ones. Her column has a name now: "meANNderings." Unfortunately, end game statements squeezed it out this issue. Next time, for sure.

I feel this issue is a watershed. Many, if not the majority, of zines fold before they get to #30, so we've passed that hurdle. 1980 IC, the game that started this, is being wrapped up this time. SNAFU! won't be the same, for me, without it. And, the battle against costs is working. A lot of material was cut this

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time, including all my articles, Ann's article, many letters, and some press. It's not so much the cost of printing, as I can always defer paying that, but, rather, postage. Until I am working again, I simply cannot absorb the costs of mailing issues larger than 20 pages.

I feel positive about the job search though. I just received my Ontario Teaching Certificate, which broadens the opportunities considerably. And, the Ontario Department of Education just announced a \$15,000,000 program to get

personal computers into classrooms. And, how many of us artay-fartsy types are there who can work with computers? School boards are notoriously slow to hire, but, I have a feeling I've made a few right decisions in the past year.

It might interest you to know that passions cooled in the Québec teachers' strike while they went back to arbitration. However, two of the three laws used against teachers were declared by the courts to be unconstitutional. The third law, the one which imposed penalties for defying the first two, is still being spoiled as I write, by a curious twist of logic. The Parti Québécois has a long history of passing unconstitutional laws. Witness their first legislation: Bill 101 which is an odiously racist law. Some Americans wondered why I left my job in Québec: just think of me as a political refugee.

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

SNAFU! is published by Ronald J. Brown, 1200 Summerville Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 8G4. Tel: 613: 722-5059 (before 10 pm).

Subscriptions: 10 for: \$8.00 in N.A., \$10.00 US overseas. There are no regular game openings at present.

Well, there's still Diplomacy. On March 6, I was pleased to have a few local players over for a face-to-face. Among those gathered were Garvin Boyle, Nelson Millar, Steve Berrigan, Pierre Touchette, and Bruce Poppe. Yes, Bruce drove all the way from Exton, PA. However, the game had been arranged with seven players before Bruce decided to come, so he went off to sight-see with Ann.

Lots of fun. Steve was Austria to my Italy, and we pulled off a Key Lepanto. Nelson (England), Pierre (France), Steve and myself shared a four-way draw. Christopher had fun too, crawling about the floor chewing on shoes. He was fascinated by the game and kept wanting to see what was going on. I kept urging him to eat the blue pieces, but he hasn't learned his colours yet. Some day, though.... Pictures next issue.

Hobby News

Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 is accepting nominations for the Don Miller Memorial Award. This will be given to the person who has made the most significant contribution to the hobby in the past few years. Send your nominations to Larry by May 1st, with a few sentences stating why your choice should receive this award.

Sed to report that Don Ditter will be stepping aside as BNC. He is looking for a volunteer to take over this vital hobby function. The job involves receiving virtually every zine in North America, checking each for game starts and finishes. Game finishes must be checked for irregularities. Of course, the key part of the job is assigning Boardman Numbers—quickly and efficiently. A lot of record-keeping is necessary. If you feel qualified, write Don at 63 South Main Street, Florida, NY 10921. Don will be missed.

On a related topic, Bill Quinn, who publishes the BNC newsletter, EVERYTHING, is creating a data base so that he can call up all game starts and finishes by name. He is working his way back through former EVERYTHINGS. For \$1.00 he will send you the records for three names. There's nothing KGB-like about this, as the stats are already in EVERYTHING; it just makes it easier to check out a player's record. What an ideal way to keep track of drop outs though! Anyhow, Bill's address is: 1225 Ridgecrest, Orlando, FL 32806.

Speaking of the CDO, keep those letters regarding the Co-ordinator's job flowing. The one I've received in the past two months since I announced my intention to retire is not going to overburden my filing system. What happened to all the people complaining about an "in-group" running the hobby?

John Caruso, 160 - 02 43rd Ave., Flushing, NY 11358 is collecting ideas for a Code of Ethics for GMs. If you have any relevant comments, please send them to John soon.

Larry Peery, PO Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 is also putting together a Code of Ethics for Publishers. It is too late for submissions now, but this should be released soon.

Oh, before I forget, if interested in attending this year's DipCon in Detroit, John Caruso should have details available soon. It will be held July 15 - 17. Some Americans are expressing dismay that some housing will be in Windsor. Suffer!

Other Zines

Two new zines have lots of game openings. WEISMARK DIP-PRESS, by Anwyl of Weismark, E-6 Pinewood Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6C 2V1 has openings in two regular games, BLOWUP, and 1st Imperialisme. Anwyl is the first one outside of SNAFU! to offer BLOWUP. One notable feature of WD-P is that Anwyl does not have a telephone and so the games will be run postally.

MIDLIFE CRISIS, by Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208, has just begun with openings in three regular games. Paul has been involved in the hobby for ten years, so this should be a good one.

If you want to get into an international game, John Marsden, 14 East Ascent, St. Leonards, Hastings, TN38 ODS, England, is trying to fill one in his zine, ODE. Ake Jonsson, Gruvvågen 26, S-981 35 Kiruna, Sweden is also trying to fill an international game to be run by flyer. Apparently Ake is an old-timer in the European hobby.

Notre amis francophones ont une "zine" encore. C'est QUINNIPIQUE par Claude Gautron, 620 rue St-Jean Baptiste, Winnipeg, Man R2H 2Y1. Il a besoin de "standbys" et songe de commencer un jeu quand il y aurait assez d'intérêt. Pierre Touchette, 1, rue Georges, Masson, PQ JOX 2H0 voudrait écouter des joueurs français aussi.

1980 IC - Mensa 12

AND WE END AGAIN...

The Austria-England draw was challenged over the issue of NVR = "Yes." In response to the fact that only one player had voted in favour of this draw, I polled the players to get their opinions on whether the draw should stand or we should carry on with the game. The end result of this poll was two in favour of the draw, two in favour of continuing, and one no response. In a flyer to players last issue I said the two against continuing had to take precedence, as we cannot force players to continue if they have accepted a game ending. Near-unanimity wasn't there.

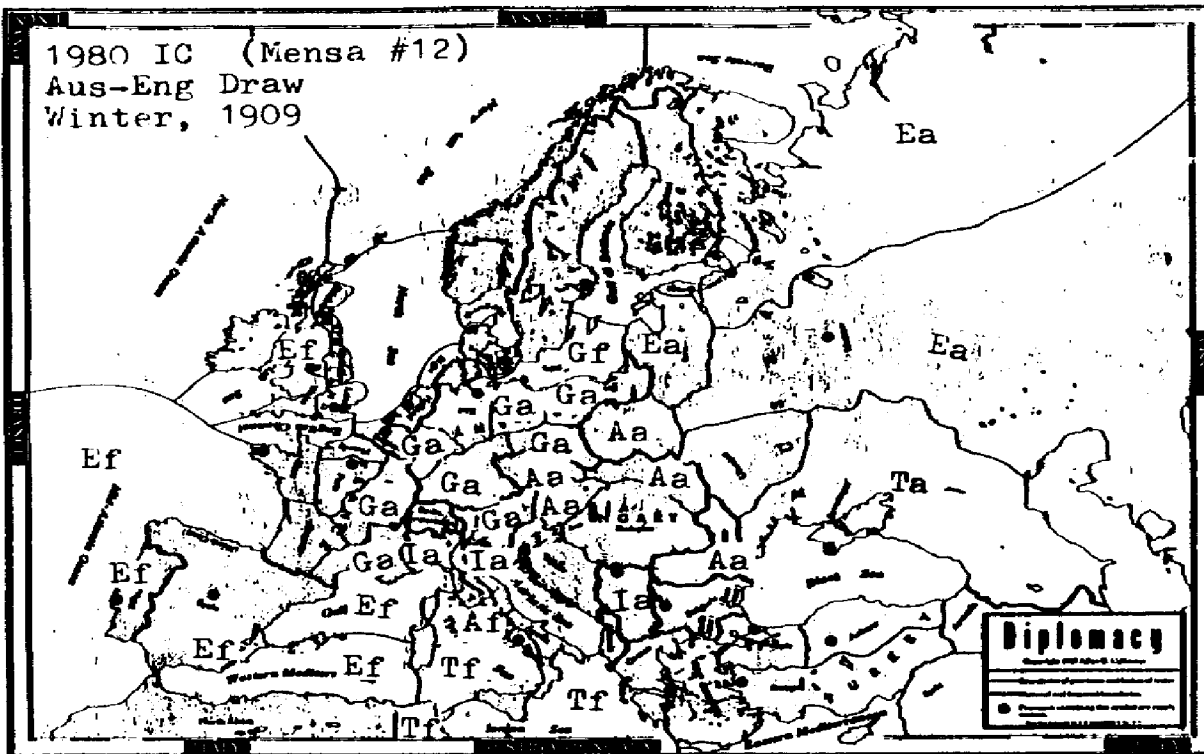
Then there was an appeal to Ed Bapple to overrule the ending. Ed decided that the poll results should decide the issue. This was accepted by the protester, and so the game ends with Austria and England sharing a draw.

I hope that those who habitually neglect to vote on draw and concession proposals in other games will take careful note of what happened here and mend their ways.

The Statistics: zine: SNAFU! GM: Ronald Brown

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
AUS:	4	5	6*	6	6	5	6	7	6	Sharon Poppe(Lewis) DRAW
ENG:	5	6	5	7	8	8	9	8	9	Charles Byrne DRAW
FRA:	2	0	-							Pete Gaughan (Out FO2)
GER:	6	7	8	8	9	9	8	9	8	Rick Young
ITA:	4	5	6	5	3	3	3	3	4*	Darryl Phillips
RUS:	6	5	3	0	-					Joe Marshall (Dro FO2); Charles
TUR:	5	5	6	8	8	9	8	7#	6#	Dan Wilson //Letcher (Out FO4)

* = 1 short # = 2 short



END GAME STATEMENTS

Charles Byrne, England, Draw, Winter, 1909

The game certainly had a surprise ending. I guess that the prospect of a long, drawn out coalition-type war didn't appeal to most of the players, at least once Germany and I crossed the stalemate lines. I don't know why Germany allowed the England-Austria draw. I voted for it simply because a two-way draw suited me fine, and that's what I expected out of this game. I certainly didn't expect it to pass.

I find it ironic that it is Austria that shares a win with me, however. I was quite disappointed in her game. Everyone else in the game communicated with me much more often than she did. More often than not the communication came to nothing, but at least everyone else was in there pitching. After several attempts to get any kind of response from Austria, I just gave up on her. Heck, I probably got three times the information or comments from France than I got from Austria, and he was knocked out in 1902! (Is that a record, by the way?)

I was quite impressed with everyone else in the game. Germany stabbed me three or four times in a row, and still kept me on his side for the rest of the game. He must be a genius. Turkey played very well. The only thing that kept me from accepting one of his many proposals was that I thought he played too well, and had his eastern allies too much under his control. Italy was a rookie, had been dealt Italy, and still had the balance of power until right at the end.

This was the first postal game of Diplomacy that I have finished that wasn't declared irregular. I enjoyed it, even though it's left me with a severe case of paranoia. It's also nice to share a win in my first game, but the playing is the fun thing. Winning doesn't mean that much. Thanks to all who played, and lots of thanks to Ron Brown, who GMs almost as good as he stabs. (Nobody GMs as good as he stabs!)

Pete Gaughan, France, Out F02

Okay, so in my first postal game I was the first player eliminated. Izzat so bad? After all, I don't think any of the other players ever found out it was my first.

Charles deserves something for stabbing me so fast, but even after eight game years I can't decide between hanging and electrocution. It certainly was fun (and educational) to sit back and hurl press releases at everybody else from Rio.

The only notable thing about this game (from my "outsider's" view) was the failure of Rick Young to build his Germany into a winning power. He looked right through the draw vote, but I really expected him to stick with England AND go for the win —guess he couldn't find a diplomatic way to do both.

Thank you, Ron. Sorry we had to buttin and screw up your life, but good publishers are ~~abstained into~~ it made, not born.

Rick Young, Germany, Survives

To Charles and Sharon: Congratulations on your joint win and your outstandingly executed stab. It was so unexpected and so well disguised that I actually thought it was an accident. I guess I'll go to Bolivia and write letters to Rio de Janeiro about what might have been.

Ronald Brown, GM

First I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this game. When we began in July of 1980 I was a virtual novice to the hobby. Charles and Rick had no more experience than I did and the rest were all new. Somehow we all managed to hang together without violating any rules. We had only one drop out and no resignations.

The game itself settled into an English-German alliance versus an Austrian-Turkish alliance fairly early; the west eliminating France and the east taking out Russia. Italy was caught in the middle, straddling the stalemate line between the two alliances. In Fall, 1908 the east started falling apart when Austria grabbed centres from Italy and Turkey, and Italy took one from Austria. If we had continued I am sure that England and Germany would have eventually won out, provided they stuck together. Austria had some very difficult choices to make towards the end as she apparently needed new partners, but whichever former enemies she managed to ally with, the other was in a strong enough position to make any new advances difficult.

Now that I can give my opinion, I think that at the point the game ended, a four-way, of A, E, G, T; a three-way of A, E, G; or a concession to England and Germany would have been appropriate. Germany had the strongest position on the board and should have been part of any game end.

On Austria (Sharon Poppe): considering that Austria is the most difficult country to play well, Sharon did a remarkable job. (Sorry, Sharon, it was the luck of the draw.) For much of the game she had "puppeted" to Turkey, but that is a reasonable way to handle such a situation. She started to work out her own policy towards the end when she took a few centres from Turkey, but, with Germany crowding her and Italy being a thorn in her side, an all-out attack on Turkey was impossible. The draw must have come as a surprise to Sharon who probably saw no realistic way out of her predicament.

On England (Charles Byrne): who apparently engineered the rapid downfall of France (no, I don't think it's a record), a fine and reliable player. I can't recall a single instance of Charles writing a illegal order or missing an opportunity to advance his cause.

On France (Pete Gaughan): Pete showed remarkable staying power and never gave up, even when he had no centres left. His press releases from Rio showed a lively and continuing interest in the game. There's no shame in being eliminated when you're attacked by three other powers.

On Germany (Rick Young): a superb player who managed to win with Germany in Mensa #11, and could have at least been part of a two-way draw here. Playing a central power demands a lot of flexibility and Rick managed to be a position to do well either by continuing in an alliance with England or benefit from a new alliance with Austria. He always seemed to have the option of switching direction.

On Italy (Darryl Phillips): Darryl had the double misfortune of being dealt Italy and then have the game divide into an East-West conflict. The fact that he survived until the end shows a talent that should do him well in other games. He couldn't hope to grow the way the game developed, with England-Germany pressing from one side and Austria-Turkey from the other. But he kept on keeping on.

On Russia (Charles Letcher): thanks to our only standby who came in to try to rescue a hopeless situation in Russia. At least he stretched out Russia's elimination by a season or two.

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1982 I - Mensa 16

AUTUMN, 1904: ENG: F Swe R OTB; F Nth R Yor.
FRA: A Gas R Bre.

WINTER, 1904: AFTER ALL THE FUSS, ONLY TWO NEW ARMIES.

ENG (Mike Mazzer): even. Has: F Ska, F Yor, A Lvp.

FRA (Robert Young): even. Has: A Bre, A Par, A Spa, F MAO,
F Por.

GER (Windy Windblad): B A Mun & has: A Den, A Pic, A Gas,
F Hol.

ITA (Keith Sesler): B A Ven & has: A Ser, A Pie, A Mar, F Iyo,
F WMed.

RUS (Dave Lincoln): even. Has: A Swe, A StP, A Wer, A Gal,
F Nth, F Nwy, F Bal, F Bla.

TUR (Paula Dodge): even. Has: A Alb, A Gre, F Naf, F Tun,
F Ion, F Aeg.

Spring, 1905 due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTES: I have spring orders on hand from England. Scott Hanson is still in a standing-by state for Turkey.

Regarding the "forged orders" I was so upset about last month, I think I can piece together the story now. Part of it was learned from a letter from Windy Windblad, and part from a "Not for Print" letter, so let's call him Player X.

Last month Windy sent three players cards with his orders, or parts of them, already signed, inviting them to fill in blanks he had left for them. This is okay and occasionally happens. However, the set Windy sent to Player X was set up in such a way that Windy knew I would be suspicious and reject them. Player X was unaware of this; presumably he has not seen Windy's "regular" format for orders. The differences were glaring to me—and Windy was counting on that. Player X naturally took advantage of his good fortune, scribbled in a few changes, and remailed the card.

The only "error" X made was in not counter-signing the orders or indicating to me how he came to be in possession of an odd-looking set of orders from Windy. Otherwise, what he did was quite acceptable—and I am satisfied that he was an innocent dupe of a hoax Windy had set up.

Which brings up the problem of what to do about Windy. He writes: "To make it more explicit, to take the full blame for myself, thereby exonerating any other culpable parties, I instigated the false set of orders. No one else is to blame. I didn't realize it was such a serious act! Back in the late 60's such things (with my little contact with Dippy) seemed relatively commonplace....Hope I will be forgiven any indiscretion, and all suspicion will be removed from others."

Well, it could have been serious. What if I had accepted that set of orders? Or what if I found out who sent them by other means? In light of Windy's honesty in trying to clear up the confusion, I conclude there was no sinister intent and that what Windy did amounted to "Confusion of the GM" rather than "deception." I've given Windy a new player code and strongly urged him not to reveal it to anyone. I hope this ends the matter and that there will be no further attempts to involve me in the play of the game.

PRESS

Russia to Turkey: We aren't losing interest, are we?

Russia to Germany: "Dense Macabre"? I just do what I'm told.

Bourse (82 I)

WINTER, 1904: MINE ACTIVE AGAIN, AIDS IN DRIVING DOWN POUND AND FRANC. ROUBLE STILL VERY STRONG.

	US\$	£	Fr	DM	L	R	Tp
MI (Cusack)	0.04	0	2350	550	1000	1700	1485
JILT (Gaughan)	2691.58	1	1	501	1400	2001	1401
VIC (Jensen)	66.62	600	0	2000	2000	2000	1200
OIL (Lowes)	10.60	60	0	2435	1990	3000	1110
MINE (Phillips)	21.50	200	500	1300	1500	1000	2850
CRAP (Smith)	8355.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchases		0	0	300	980	400	350
Sales		1000	1000	1000	493	500	1000
Net Change		-1000	-1000	-700	+487	-100	-650
Old CMP		.72	.71	1.17	1.29	1.67	1.27
Net Change		-.10	-.10	-.07	+.04	-.01	-.06
New CMP		.62	.61	1.10	1.33	1.66	1.21

Spring, 1905 due Tuesday, 26 April, 1983.

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FALL, 1908: ONLY THREE UNITS MOVE AS BRITS RETAKE DENMARK.

AUS (Bob Olsen): A Gal* - Boh; A Ser - Bud*; A Rum* - Ukr;
F WMed* S ITA F MAO.

ENG (Errol Platt): F NAO* S & F Eng* S F Iri* - MAO; A Gas*
S A Bur*; A Bur S & A Bre* S A Gas; A Bel* - Hol;
F Nth - Den*.

ITA (Bill Young): F Por* S & F Spa (sc)* S F MAO*; F Rom -
Tus*; A Pie* S A Mar*; A Ven* S A Tyr*; A Tyr S & A Vie*
S AUS A Gal - Boh.

RUS (Garvin Boyle): A Kie* - Hol; A Mun* S & A Sil* S A Boh*;
A War* S & A Mos* S A Ukr*.

TUR (Steve Hutton): F Ion* S ITA F Rom - Tyr (NSO); A Arm* S
A Sev*; F Bla* S & A Bul* S AUS A Rum (NSO).

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1908

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

ENG (8 - 9, Build 1): home, Nwy, Bel, Hol, Par, Bre, DENMARK.

ITA (9 - 9, even): home, Tun, Vie, Tri, Spa, Mar, Por.

RUS (8 - 7, even): Mos, War, StP, Germany, Swe, ~~Denmark~~.

TUR (5 - 5, even): home, Bul, Sev.

Winter, 1908 AND Spring, 1909 due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTES: Both E-R-I-T and A-E-R-I-T draws were defeated and both are repropesed. I have a request for a perpetual "No" vote to all draws, but I can't accept that, as it puts the onus for remembering intentions on me. However, I thought you might like to know there is strong opposition to these draws from more than one quarter. No vote received = "Yes."

I assume in the case of revised orders that the original press no longer applies, unless you state "press as is," or something along those lines.

1981 KA - North 2

SUMMER, 1905: RUS: A Ukr R Mos, A Gal R War.

FALL, 1905: RUSSIA SAVES ENGLISH ARMY! TURKEY PROPS UP ITALY.

AUS (Nelson Millar): A Ukr* S TUR A Rum - Gal; F Ven* H; A Vie*
S A Tri* - Tyr; A Bud* S A Vie.

ENG (Jan Jensen): A Nwy* H.

FRA (Jack Jung): F Eng - MAO*; F MAO - Naf*; F WMed* S F Lyo*
- Tyr; A Mar* - Pie; A Tus* S A Pie* - Ven.

GER (Blair Cusack): F Swe* S & F Nwg* C A Edi* - Nwy; A Boh* S
A Tyr*; A Tyr S FRA A Pie - Ven; A Gal - Rum /d/ (R: War,
Sil, OTB); A Pru* - Lvn.

ITA (CD): A Rom*, F Tyr*.

RUS (Pete Gaughan): F Bot* - Swe; A Mos* S A War - Lvn*.

TUR (Paul Rauterberg): A Sev* S AUS A Ukr; A Rum - Gal*; F Bla*
S A Sev; F Aeg* S F EMed - Ion*; F Apu* S AUS F Ven;
F Tun* S ITA F Tyr.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1905

AUS (6 - 6, will be 1 short): home, Ser, Rum, Ven.

ENG (1 - 1, even): Nwy.

FRA (7 - 7, even): home, Bel, Spa, Por, Lon.

GER (8 - 8 or 9, even or build 1): home, Den, Hol, Lvp, Edi, Swe, (WARSAW?).

ITA (2 - 2, even): Rome, Naples.

RUS (3 - 3 or 2, even or disband 1): Mos, StP, (Warsaw?)

TUR (7 - 7, even): home, Bul, Gre, Tun, Sev.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1905 AND Spring, 1906 due 29 April.

NOTES: We have a proposal for a draw of France, Germany, Turkey, and Austria. No Vote Received = "No."

PRESS

Moscow to Ankara: Would it help if I promised not to shoot your grandmother?

Ankara to Paris: The dead hand of Italy still retains a grip on your jugular. A good rule of thumb is to always discuss specifics when you are otherwise approaching an impasse. Otherwise, the finger of fate will poke you in the ribs.

Moscow to Berlin: Forget it. I'm going to shoot yours regardless.

Moscow to Vienna: Why did you stop playing like your grandmother?

1982 J - North 3

AUTUMN, 1904: RUS: F Kie R OTB; GER: A Vie R OTB.

WINTER, 1904: AUS: B A Bud; ENG: B F Lon; TUR: B F Smy.

SPRING, 1905: RUSSIAN AND FRENCH UNITS IN RETREAT. ENGLAND SEARCHES FOR ST. PETE'S CANAL.

AUS (Nelson Millar): A Tri* - Ven; A Bud* S & A Vie* S TUR
A Rum - Gal.

ENG (Doug Millstone): F Nth* S F Eng - Bel*; F Lon - Eng*;
F Nwy - Ska*; A Swe* - Den; F StP (nc)* - StP (sc)(IMP!)

FRA (Darryl Phillips): A Pic* S ENG F Eng - Bel; F Spa (sc)* - Lyo;
F WMed H /d/ (R: MAO, Naf, OTB); A Mar* MS A Pie*.

GER (Martin Taylor): F Hol* - Bel; A Den* H; F Bal* C A Kie -
Lvn*; A Ber - Sil*; A Pru* - War.

ITA (Roy Smith): A Tus* - Ven; F Tyr* S F Tun - WMed*; F Lyo* - Spa (sc).

RUS (Bob Olsen): A Wer* & A Gal; A Gal & A War /d/ (R: Ukr, Boh, OTB).

TUR (Dennis Duncan): F Smy - Aeg*; F Ion* H; A Sev* S & F Bla*
C A Arm - Rum*; A Rum - Gal*; A Bul - Gre*.

Summer Retreats and Fall, 1905 due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTES: We have a proposed concession to Russia. No Vote Received = "No."

I received a request to reprint a "Hagar" cartoon as an item of press. Sorry, I respect copyright laws and cannot reprint anything owned by someone else without their permission. I know

most publishers violate copyright laws, but after several years of trying to teach kids the ethics of writing (plagiarism and copyrights), it would be hypocritical of me to start defying the laws, even in a small way, in my publication.

Additionally, some press items were cut as I judged them to be irrelevant to the game.

PRESS

Russia to Italy: I agree, the press in this game is the pits. Maybe if you would just not write anymore there would be an improvement....

Ibn-Abdullah-Duncan to Papa George Ringo II: DRIVEL!?!?! You simply do not understand good writing. (Then again, maybe you do.)

Russia to Board: If I am not eliminated by the end of this year I will be terribly, terribly upset. And you all know what happens when I get upset—I throw tantrums, I throw flower pots, I throw centers to the Sultan.

Germany to Russia: Your fleet, careening with reckless abandon through the Fatherland, resulted in the loss of many innocent lives. Berlin hospitals are filled with numerous injured children and their distraught parents. The Russian Czar must prepare to meet the consequences.

Russia to Austria: I understand that you have been chosen to be the centerfold for the first issue of the new magazine formed by the merger of Penthouse and Dog's World. Congratulations, you are now Pup Pet of the Month!

Germany to Austria: So I accidentally blundered into one of your centres earlier. Is this any reason for you to get nasty? Not that I want to call in old debts, but just who taught you how to play golf anyway?

Turkey to Russia, I: And a big 6502 to you too, good buddy. (Another in-joke.)

Turkey to Russia, II: Mark, Who?

1983 Q - North 4

SPRING, 1901: LETTERS WITH "JUST PROTECTING MYSELF" MESSAGES
JAM EUROPEAN MAILBOXES. FRANCE PLAYS TURTLE.

AUS (Bob Acheson): F Tri - Alb*; A Bud - Ser*; A Vie - Tri*.

ENG (Paul Watson): F Lon - Nth*; A Edi - Nwg*; A Lvp - Yor*.

FRA (Scott Marley): NMR! F Bre*, A Par*, A Mar*.

GER (Keith Sesler): A Mun - Bur*; F Kie - Den*; A Ber - Kie*.

ITA (Dennis Duncan): A Ven - Pie*; A Rom - Ven*; F Nap - Ion*.

RUS (Steve Berrigan): F StP (sc) - Bot*; F Sev - Bla*; A Mos - Sev*; A War - Ukr*.

TUR (James Keeley): A Con - Bul*; F Ank - Con*; A Smy* H.

FALL, 1901 due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTES: Will Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangeville, CA 95662 please submit standby orders for France. Thanks Mark.

Please note Bob Acheson's COA below. Also, I don't understand this, but everything I sent to Paul Watson's address was returned by the post office. However, he knew he was England in

this game from other players. So, how come the post office delivered their mail and not mine? The address below is the return address on Paul's latest letter, so, hope it works better than the other one.

Bob Acheson, 958 Coxwell Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4C 3G3.
 Paul Watson, RR 5, Stony Plain, Alta T0E 2G0.
 Scott Marley, 12682 Swidler Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705.
 Keith Sesler, PO Box 158, Fraser, MI 48026.
 Dennis Duncan, PO Box 1733, Saskatoon, Sask, S7K 2L4.
 Steve Berrigan, 100 Leacock Dr., Kanata, Ont. K2K 1S6.
 James Keeley, 310 - 4004 19th St. NW, Calgary, Alta, T2L 2B6.

PRESS

Italy: Premier Duncanini would like to thank all the Heads of State of Europe for their kind suggestions and comments. It was a real pleasure to converse with so many intelligent and urbane gentlemen. Even the threats were phrased in the most Diplomatic fashion. In fact, they provided the most information gathered by these communications.

It is, of course, undiplomatic to the extreme to actually name these persons who were so ungracious as to actually threaten the Italian State. How much of this is simply machismo and posturing remains to be determined.

However, the Italian Nation is noted for its friendliness towards all who wish to maintain friendly relations. We will make no unfriendly gestures or acts unless to reciprocate those unwise enough to wish us ill. Whatever could be accomplished by that?

1979 AE - Orphan 2

SUMMER, 1910: FRA: A Gas R Bur /A/

FALL, 1910: TURKS CLOSE IN ON ENGLAND MID FLURRY OF NSO's, NSU's, DOUBLE ORDERS, AND GM ERRORS.

AUS (Dan MacLellan): A Gas* S A Par*; A Mar* S A Mun - Bur*; A Pie* - Tyr; A Rom - Ven*; F Tyr* H; A Sil* S A Tyr* - Mun; A Alb* H; A Bud* H.

ENG (Bob Acheson): F Swe* S A Nwy* - Fin; A Den* S FRA A Kie (NSO); F Nth* - Nwy; F Pic* S FRA A Bre (NSU); F Eng* - MAO.

FRA (John Davies): F NAO* - MAO; A Bre - Par (NSU); A Bel* - Bur; A Ruh* S A Kie* - Mun.

TUR (Dave Carter): A Ber* S AUS A Sil - Mun (NSO); F WMed* S & F Spa (sc)* S F Naf - MAO*; F Por* S F Spa (sc): F MAO - Iri*; F Tun* H; F Con* H; F EMed* H; F EMed - Ion; F Tun - Ion; A StP* S A Fin*; A Mos* S A StP.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1910

AUS (11-12, build 1): home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Italy, Mun, Mar, PAR.

ENG (6-6, even): home, Nwy, Swe, Den.

FRA (5-4, even): Paris, Bre, Bel, Kie, Hol.

TUR (12-12, even): home, Bul, Russia, Tun, Spa, Ber, Por.

Winter, 1910 and Spring, 1911 due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTES: Please read all of this.

The four-way A-E-F-T draw was defeated. We have a proposed two-way draw of Austria and Turkey. No Vote Received = "Yes."

Last time, the Turkish A Berlin was unordered and I overlooked mentioning it. The Turkish F Naf was ordered (S F Spa (sc) - MAO), and somehow I missed it. Neither error changed anything and those involved noticed the errors.

Now, the French A Gascony cannot retreat to Burgundy, as Burgundy was left vacant by a standoff. It could appear to be in error, as John subsequently gave orders for an army in Brest (the only legal retreat the A Gas had); however, I have to go with what a player wrote and can't second guess him. Same for the Turkish double orders (technically, neither order succeeds, but nothing changed anyhow).

Please note Bob Acheson's temporary COA. (I don't know how long he'll be there before returning to the land of lupins.)

Player Addresses, 1979 AE

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Bob Acheson, 958 Coxwell Ave., Toronto, Ont M4C 3G3

John Davies, Box 968, Port Hardy, BC VON 2P0

Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave., Willowdale, Ont M2N 1Z9

PRESS

London: England repropose a two-way T/A draw and votes yes for it.

1980 AM - Orphan 4

SUMMER, 1909: FRA: A Mar R Pie.

FALL, 1909: ITALY AND FRANCE GOING, GOING...

ENG (Jan Jensen): A Nwy* S A StP*; F Bal* S & A Kie* S F Ber*;
A Ruh* S A Bur* - Mun; F Bel - Eng*; F Nth* H; A Mar* H;
F WMed* S ITA F Tyr; F MAO* S F Lyo - Spa (sc)*.

FRA (Pete Gaughan): A Pie* S A Ven*; A Por* H.

ITA (Bob Albrecht): F Tun* S F Tyr*.

RUS (Dave Carter): A Mos* S A Lvn*; A Lvn S A Pru*; A Pru S
A Sil* - Ber; A Boh* S A Tyr* - Mun; A Mun* - Ruh;
A War* U.

TUR (Rob Lowes): F Rom - Tus*; A Apu* S F Nap - Rom*; F Ion -
Nap*; F Adr* S F EMed - Ion*; A Alb* H.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1909

ENG (13 - 15, build 2): home, Nwy, Swe, StP, Den, Kie, Hol,
Bel, Bre, Ber, Par, MARSEILLES, SPAIN.

FRA (4 - 2, disband 1, as 1 /A/): ~~Marseilles~~, Spain, Ven, Por.

ITA (2 - 1, disband 1): ~~Rome~~, Tunis.

RUS (8 - 8, even): Mos, War, Sev, Austria, Rum, Mun.

TUR (7 - 8, build 1): home, Bul, Ser, Gre, Nap, ROME.

Winter, 1909 AND Spring, 1910 due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTES: A couple of errors from last month. The English A Kiel was not double-ordered. A Kie* H should have read A Ruh* H. It was my error in transcription. Needless-to-say, England had an army in Ruhr which was not mentioned in the game report. I can't see that it was important enough to reissue a corrected game report, as that army was there the previous move. Besides,

I couldn't figure out what the error was until this deadline was almost here. Guess I have to pay closer attention to un-ordered units. We've had a plague of 'em lately.

Now, the Russia-Turkey-France draw was defeated. We have three proposals for next turn: 1) A concession to Italy; 2) A concession to England; 3) An England-Turkey-Russia draw. Please remember to vote.

Bob Albrecht now has a regular address. It is: #1001 1239 12 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta. T3C 3R8. Well, it's about as "regular" as western addresses get. Can't you guys think of any street names out there? Like Diefenbaker Drive? Clark Crescent?

May I humbly suggest that some of you re-read the house rules regarding press? No black, grey, yellow, pink, or any other coloured press allowed. (I got two pages worth this month from two different players and none of it was datelined from their home countries.)

PRESS

Russia: Methinks that the venerable Mr. Lowes has a good idea there in the three-way draw. Ron will be announcing my acceptance. ((Sorry, I forgot. Dave voted for the draw.))

1980 HM - Orphan 5

SUMMER, 1908: AUS: F Con R Ank.

FALL, 1908: GERMANY IN POSSESSION OF HOMELAND AGAIN! AUSTRIAN ARMY ANNIHILATED IN SILESIAN SLAUGHTER.

AUS (Mark Keller): F WMed* S GER A Mar - Spa (NSO); F Lyo* S & F Tun* S F WMed; F Tyr - Ion*; F Ank* & A Bul* - Con; A Pie* - Mar; A Tyr* - Boh; A Sil - Boh /A/; A Vie - Gal*; A Gal - Ukr*; A Gre* - Bul.

ENG (John Horn): F Por* S F Spa (sc)*; F Spa (sc) S GER A Mar; F Naf* S & F Eng* S F MAO*; A Ruh* S GER A Mun; A Lvn* S RUS A War; A StP* S A Lvn; F Bar - Nwg*; F MAO S F Naf.

GER (Claude Gautron): F Bal - Pru*; A Mun* S A Ber - Sil*; A Bur* S A Mar*; A Mar & ENG F Spa (sc).

RUS (Steve Berrigan): A Mos* MS A War*; F Rum* H.

TUR (Pierre Touchette): F Con* & A Smy* - Ank.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1908

AUS (12 - 11, even because of /A/): home, Ser, Gre, ~~Rumania~~, Italy, Tun, Bul, ~~Constantinople~~; ANKARA.

ENG (9 - 9, even): home, Nwy, Bel, Bre, Spa, Por, StP.

GER (7 - 8, has 3 builds due, room for 2): Kie, Ber, Hol, Den, Mar, Par, Swe, MUNICH.

RUS (4 - 4, build 1 because of /A/): Mos, War, Sev, ~~Munich~~, RUMANIA.

TUR (2 - 2, even): ~~Ankara~~, Smyrna, CONSTANTINOPEL.

Winter, 1908 AND Spring, 1909 due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTE: The five-way draw of all survivors was defeated.

PRESS

Russia to World: Anyone out there care to deal with a 4 (?), 3 (?), 2 (?) power mercenary for hire?

London to Vienna: Desist, warmonger, or face the consequences!

1976 CX - Orphan 6

END GAME STATEMENTSSteve Berrigan, England, Draw

There really isn't much to be said about this game. It dragged on needlessly and actually should have been declared a draw long ago. Positions didn't really change much from 1910 when Eric, Steve, and I took over France, Russia, and England respectively. There was a lot of action around Munich, Berlin, Prussia, and Livonia, and the Italian sector. However, this was largely due to lack of co-operation among the Western allies. Simply put, we couldn't break through Russian lines and Russia couldn't break through our lines. Congrats to Steve Hutton on a steady, well-played game and John Davies (for at least parachuting in at the last moment for the draw.)

Ronald Brown, GM

I've already said pretty well I can say too. It might interest players to know that when François announced his first fold (September, 1981), this was the only game I offered to take over from him. So, it may have been that this game would have ended about a year ago. Everyone seems to agree this game went on long past player interest in it (see the letter section for another comment on that).

Someone asked (I forget who) what I meant by an "unstable stalemate line" last month. Well, in the usual stalemate line, neither side can move. In this game, a few centres could be exchanged, but not held, so that there was some fluctuating in the numbers of centres in the stats, but no real breakthroughs possible—unless, of course, someone could take advantage of NMRs.

There's a lesson for standbys: John Davies won a third of a Calhmer point for submitting orders for two seasons. Congrats to Steve H and Steve B. Glad to finish this off for you.

1983 R - Seven Nations

Because some of you missed the discussions prior to game-start, I'll use this space to update everyone.

This game was proposed by John Leeder in RUNESTONE. He had five players signed up when he decided to fold, so I took over finding the remaining players.

The main idea is that no two players may live in the same country. Axel Halfmeier will be in the USA for about a year, but that is okay.

Deadlines will be ten weeks (minimum). Seasons will be combined as follows: Spring and Summer Retreats; Fall, Autumn Retreats, and Winter Adjustments. I will follow my house rules for unordered removals in the Winter, and Just's Right Hand Rule for any unordered retreats. Retreats, Builds, and Removals may be conditional on events in the prior season.

We now have four standbys. They are:

Gerry Van Alkemade, PO Box 36, Psychico, Athens, Greece.

Ake Jonnson, Gruvvägen 26, S-981 35 Kiruna, Sweden.

John Marsden, 14 East Ascent, St. Leonards, Hastings, TN33 ODS, United Kingdom.

Bill Young, PO 907, Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830, USA.

They will be assigned in that order, unless there is a conflict with the "seven nations" aspect. With such a high interest I will be willing to open a second "seven nations" with deadlines alternating with this one. If interested, let me know. First right of refusal will go to people on this list.

Players, please remember you will not be able to contact Randolph Smyth (Austria) directly until July. Until then, you can send letters to me to forward to him.

Mail appears to take one to two weeks to get here from Europe, so please mail a set at least three weeks before the deadline —just to make sure. Spring, 1901 is due 29 April, 1983.

1981 Qwc02 - Variant 1

(Conquest of the New World II)

"We got from them a few Cocoa-nuts but they would not part with any of their Armes which they held in constant readiness. Little was wanting to make them attack us, however our embarqueing probably disconcerted their scheme...."

(James Cook, August, 1774, New Hebrides)

1638

FRA: Disband F Maine; POR: Build two F's Atl.

1640

AZTECS (Chip Charnley): A Delaware* S & A Hudson* S ENG A Nova Scotia - Québec; A Mexico - Pueblo*; A Texas* S A Central America - Mexico*; A Panama - Central America /A/.

ENGLAND (Fred Davis): A Nova Scotia - Québec*; F Bay of Fundy - Nova Scotia*; F Bermuda*S F Bay of Fundy (?); F Bahama* - Antilles; A Louisiana* H.

FRANCE (Rick Young): A Québec - Huron*; F St Lawrence - Atl*.

PORTUGAL (Steve Hutton): F Atl - Hispaniola*; F Atl* - Antilles; F Gulf - Cuba*; F Central Pacific - North Pacific*; F South Pacific - Central Pacific*; A Peru - Bolivia*; A Venezuela - Amazon Delta*; F Jamaica* - Central America (ec); F Caribbean* S F Cartagena (nc) - Panama (ec)*.

1642 (Fall) due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTES: The three-way draw of Aztecs, England, and Portugal is proposed again. Please vote, as No Vote Received = "Yes."

Seeing as this game will apparently end fairly soon, maybe some of you have ideas on how this game can be improved? I suggested to Fred last summer that perhaps it needs more spaces, and supply centres, to "thicken" the continents. Fred just wrote to say he thought it needed centres in Africa, Pacific, and Australia. I think we're agreed that the present map is too "narrow." The question of passage across the Panama for fleets has also been discussed. That would create another route to the west coast for fleets, but might be devastating for the Indians. Your ideas?

PRESS

Williamsburg: The First Families of Virginia have signed a treaty of alliance with the Noble Redmen. 'Tis better to go down fighting than to abjectly surrender to the lords of Lisbon.

1983 Brn16 - Variant 2 (Blowup)

FALL, 1901: TWO MORE EXPLOSIONS ROCK EUROPE! LEADERS BLAME THE CIA! RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA AT WAR!

AUS (Bruce Poppe): A Bud* S A Sev - Rum*; A Alb - Ser*.
 ENG (Steve Hutton): F Nwg* - Nwy; F Eng - Bel*; F Iri* - MAO.
 FRA (Mark Keller): F MAO* - Bre; A Gas* - Bre.
 GER (Keith Sesler): F Bal - Den*; A Kie - Hol*.
 ITA (Dave Lincoln): F Ion - Gre*; F Tyr - Tun /A/; F Adr* - Ion.
 RUS (Nelson Millar): A Gal - Vie*; A Rum & TUR F Con - Bul (sc); /d/ (R: Sev, Ukr, Gal, OTB); A Nwy* H; A StP - Fin*.
 TUR (Dave Carter): F Con - Bul (sc) /A/; F Ank - Con*; F EMed* - Ion.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1901

AUS (4, build 1): Tri, Bud, *Vienna*, RUMANIA, SERBIA.
 ENG (4, build 1): home, BELGIUM.
 FRA (3, build 1): home.
 GER (5, build 3): home, DENMARK, HOLLAND.
 ITA (4, build 2): home, GREECE.
 RUS (6, build 2): home, VIENNA, NORWAY.
 TUR (3, build 1): home.

Autumn Retreat, and Winter, 1901 ONLY due Fri., 29 April, 1983.

PRESS

Turkey: After deliberating for many hours over my spring move and then writing to every player in the game and carefully writing out my orders in triplicate and sending them to Ron from different mail depots...I still end up screwing up!! If Bulgaria is mined I could just SCREAM!!!

France to England: You're in dangerous waters.

Italy to France: Stay out of Mediterranean waters and your coast will be clear.

Austria: The Grand Duke was startled to learn of recent blunders in the Great Holy War Against the Footstools, er, Ottomans. He was heard to exclaim, "You put it WHERE?"

Italy to Turkey: Is silence always golden?

Turkey to Italy: Am returning diplomats on luxury liner sailing from Eastern Med to Ionian. Please allow passage to Naples to return them safely...providing I don't get lost again and make a left turn to Egypt.

Germany to World: The Kaiser wishes to announce that the saboteurs responsible for the sinking of half the German navy confessed all while being played alive. Remarked one of the deceased in between screams of agony, "We did it all for Mother Russia!"

An outraged populace is demanding all-out war, but the Kaiser, being an eminently reasonable and peace-loving man, says that he will be willing to forgive and forget if the head of the Tsar is delivered to him on a silver platter so that it may be placed on one of the impaling spears projecting from the palace walls. He also requests that all female members of the Russian royal family be transported to Berlin so that they may be used to serve the desires of the palace guard, and that all other Russian royalty be put to death at once in any cruel and painful way that the Russian people see fit. (The Kaiser is not choosy.)

(Woolworth II-D)

PRE-SPRING, 1901: PUBLIC FIGURES SURROUNDED BY SECRET ENEMIES.

AUSTRIA: ???

BALKANS: ???

ENGLAND: Steve Hutton, 11 Nealon Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4K 1Y8

FRANCE: Keith Sesler, PO Box 158, Fraser, MI 48026

GERMANY: ???

ITALY: ???

RUSSIA: ???

SCANDINAVIA: Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave., Willowdale, Ont.
M2N 1Z9

SPAIN: Bob Albrecht, #1001, 1239 12 Ave. SW, Calgary, Alta
T3C 3R8

TURKEY: Nelson Millar, 327 Wilfred Leblanc, Maniwaki, PQ
J9E 1X7

Spring, 1901 due Friday, 29 April, 1983.

NOTES: After May 1st, Steve's address will be: 103 Dunbar Rd. S., Waterloo, Ontario N2L 2E4.

Assigning the powers took about as much time as a regular adjudication. Glad I don't have to do that too often!

Don't forget that some powers have "choice" beginning positions to be revealed with the spring orders.

Because an NMR would reveal your secret power, I will need an anonymous secret power standby. This could be someone in my local telephone exchange who would keep track of the game. If someone NMRed, I could call him and ask for orders for such and such a power. Or, it could be someone I could depend on to send orders for all the secret powers in good time every month. Any volunteers?

A few suggestions. An irony in this game is that the secret powers have to negotiate publically (through press). So, please keep your press releases short and to the point because I intend to cut any that wander on for pages in order to give room to everyone else.

In playing this game I discovered it takes a lot of the fun out of it when people reveal their secret powers. That's up to you, of course, but it's a better game if the secret powers remain that way. I hope to see some press wars, or real battles, between a player's public and secret power so I can have a few giggles. Have fun, guys!

TO _____ ONLY: Your Secret Power is: _____

Letters

Rob Lowes (Peterborough, Ontario) sends some great news: "The baby did arrive—Feb 28th. An 8 1/2 lb baby girl. We named her Clarice Marie. They've been back home for five days and things are going pretty good."

That's wonderful, Rob. She sounds like a big healthy girl. I noticed your comment in SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS about miracles. Wait until later. When Christopher was learning to stand, it didn't matter how often he hit his head so hard it knocked him silly, he'd get right up and try again. The drive to autonomy in children is astounding. Now he is almost talking and walking: really delightful. Hope Clarice is as bright and beautiful as he is.

This note arrived on the cover of the final issue of DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT, pubbed by Eric Ozog (Chicago, Illinois): "I never told you before, but I really liked the picture of your child on the cover of SNAFU! When I have a kid or kids someday, I want them to smile like that."

I hope your kids smile like that too. With an elf for a father, they ought to. Sad about DBM, but all good things come to an end.

Speaking of DIPLOMACY—well, this is a Dip zine, after all—Bill Young (Clearfield, Pennsylvania) writes: "I'm with you 100% on insisting that anyone who neglects to vote re a draw proposal should be counted as voting affirmative. Lacking adequate interest to either read the full report or bother to vote, he has no reason to complain about termination of the game."

"Along the same lines, several years ago I had an article published in COMMAND in which I argued that GM errors were part of the game and that the players had the primary responsibility to detect GM errors. Any player who neglects to spot a GM error should suffer the consequences rather than a game be delayed."

On a connected topic, John Marsden (Hastings, UK), writes: "Looking at the 76CX stats, I must say that if I had been François Guerrier I'd have tried to wrap the game up in 1910 when the three major players in his new orphan didn't wish to continue. Putting in replacements for 29 units surely makes it a completely different game?"

Letters continue, next page

1980 IC CONTINUED

On Turkey (Dan Wilson): the brains behind the early growth of Austria and Turkey. Dan's enthusiasm was unbounded until changes in his life-style (ie., being released from prison) caught up with him and he started missing deadlines. I don't know how much further the Turkish-Austrian alliance could have gotten, but England and Germany certainly would have been slowed down if Dan had continued to play as he did in the early game. Dan has now apparently dropped out of the hobby altogether. I don't know where he is or what he's up to, but I'll never forget the "gentle giant" I met last summer. A rare generous and warm human being.

Guess that's it. I'll miss ya, but, hopefully, we'll meet in other games, other times. Best to all.

A few quotable quotes this month. Cathy Byrne writes: "You should kill Dave Carter." Dave writes: "I just want to be a pain!!!" Keep it up, Dave, and I may follow Kathy's advice.

Bob Olsen, revisited: "Can I have one of those games where you win by default?"

Nope! You gotta find your own games where the other players keep NMRing. There seems to be enough of them around. Hell, I'm not proud and don't mind at all winning because all my enemies are too lazy to send in orders in time.

Here's something for the adventurous among you to file away for future reference. Gerry Van Alkemade, PO Box 36, Psychico, Athens, Greece writes: "You may mention to your readers that Dip players have a standing invite to free lodgings with bath and breakfast in Athens—whenever I'm home. Can't guarantee a bed, but plenty of floor space."

Thanks, Gerry. Hope some of our finest do take you up on your invitation. We'd like to get there some day, but Christopher, and any brothers and sisters that happen along, will have to age a few years first.

Battle Stations

Expiring Subscriptions: At #30 (this issue): Charles Byrna, Paula Dodge, Scott Hanson, Charles Letcher, Rick Young.

At #31: Mike Mazzer.

At #32: Dave Carter, Blair Cusack, Pete Gaughan, Andy Mischett, Dan MacLellen.

The Dippy Baby Boom Congrats to Rob Lowes (see p. 18).

Upcoming: Doug Millstone (April); Frej Wasastjerna (April); Dave Carter (June); Nelson Millar (August).

Parting Shot

Whew! The hard part to putting this together is the back strain. That, and having to cut items. I had to get tough on some press writers. I have a rather old-fashioned attitude in that regard. I was brought up to believe that press releases were supposed to parody real press releases. My first GM, Don Horton, cut everything that wasn't just so—and now I'm finding I'm having to do that out of necessity.

Letters! I cut a whole page of compliments that people have sent. Thanks, peoples! Also a couple of pages on western alienation and related topics. Well, maybe next time. We're in a period of overlapping games ending and beginning and that takes a lot of space.

One thing I'd like to sort out before the next game begins is what to do about Spring, 1901 NMRs. They have occurred in nearly every game I've begun, but yet other NMRs don't happen too often. I have had lots of suggestions, but none of them are satisfactory. One thing I soundly reject is any system where the GM makes the moves, whether they are called "neutral" orders, or whatever. Ideas?

Meanwhile, hope you have a Peaceful Easter and a Happy Passover. And, when spring comes, can DipCon be far behind?

Ron