

## Opening Shot

The issue I put together a year ago this weekend was the only one, in almost three years, to be mailed late. The reason was that Christopher decided to join the world right in the middle of putting together that issue. Naturally, I wasn't in a frame of mind suitable for adjudicating, typing, and pasting. I tried, picking away at it piece by piece and, eventually, everything got to the mailman on Friday. Anyhow, hard to believe he's already a year old, on the verge of walking and talking, but, there you are.

If you notice a change this issue, it's because Ann's boss kindly consented to let me learn how to use their XEROX 860 word processor on the weekends and evenings. So, I practiced, naturally enough, on this issue, processing whatever I could before the deadline. Great fun, these machines. Ann deserves a real vote of thanks and appreciation, as, right after supper every night I've been anxious to rush off to the office "just for an hour or two." Men and their toys, eh? Could be worse. I could be rushing off to do some other less constructive things.

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STANDBY ORDERS REQUESTED FROM:  
James Briggs, 1982 J (page 6)

Larry Peery recently ran a poll which I've found to be really useful in terms of the analysis and feedback. I am delighted with Snaful's placement and show of support from the few of you who knew about this poll and voted. Of the 37 zines listed, Snaful placed tied for 7th place. The poll results were broken up into categories which told me what some of you think. In the following categories, Snaful placed in the top 10: Scheduling (tied 2nd), Communication (2nd), Editing (tied 3rd), Gamesmastering (tied 8th), Reproduction (tied 9th), Houserules (2nd), and Entertainment Value (tied 10th). I placed middling in Useful Material (16th) and Source of Stimulation (14th). In two areas I was second from the last: one was Price, the other Variety of Games.

So, you seem to be pleased with the areas that are important to me. I would like a

better score as a Gamesmaster, as that's what this is all about, but, it's up to me to get rid of the typos and oversights which, unfortunately, seem to occur too often. I have no complaints about anything else, except I'm baffled by the very low rating for Variety of Games. Virtually all the zines ahead of Snaful run only Diplomacy and offer nothing else. If there are variants you guys would like to play, try me, as I enjoy them. But I have a feeling that isn't what the voters had in mind, though what they were thinking of is beyond me.

Anyhow, thanks for the support and feedback. Appreciate it.

Now, don't forget the Runestone Poll coming up soon. I'm going to try to put together a ballot and complete rules for you this issue or next. (The deadline isn't until July, so we've lots of time.)

SNAFU! is a zine devoted to the postal play of DIPLOMACY and its variants. The original board game, invented by Allan Calhmer, is produced in Canada by Waddington's House of Games in Bramalea, Ontario.

SNAFU! is published by Ronald J. Brown, 1200 Summerville Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1Z 8G4. Telephone: 613: 722-5059 (Before 10 pm Eastern Time.)

Subscriptions: 10 for \$8.00 in Canada or the USA, \$US10.00 overseas.

See the Battlestations section for any game openings.

## Hobby News

The Canadian Diplomacy Organization has a new Co-ordinator. Only one qualified person submitted his name for consideration (see the Letter section for some submissions from unqualified individuals), and that is: **Anwyl of Weismark**. Yes, that is a pseudonym, but, I know Anwyl's "real" identity and have met and spoken with him. He is a friend of Dave Carter's, new to the postal hobby though he has been an active gamer for some time, and is publishing **Weismark Dip-Press**. I have every confidence in Anwyl.

Anyhow, the date of transfer of the Co-ordinatorship has not been settled upon as I write. I assume it will be a date agreeable to Anwyl and myself some time this summer. I've already filled him in pretty much on what's been going on--which isn't much, really. After the stormy Summer of '82 things settled down into a quiet end of tenure for me.

Here's a review of what I've done. The most noticeable was the fold of **Passchendale**. François was given a couple of deadlines to meet after his players began complaining of extremely long delays (like six months between issues). He responded in a very disagreeable manner, but, eventually, gave up and dropped out. Andy Lischett did a great job of rehousing the games with a minimum of delay once the issue was settled.

I also was forced to "fire" our Novice Package Director, Nick Russon, as his mail was being returned by the post office as "undeliverable." God knows how many potential newcomers we lost. I asked Bruce Linsey to take this post over and have been very pleased with the quick and efficient way he has been responding to requests for information from novices.

The Waddington's connection was very poor, as their contact with the hobby was Nick Russon. They were rather hostile, or indifferent, to my first approaches to them. Finally, a personal visit to their offices straightened things out. They began forwarding questions regarding rules to me and giving my name and address to persons inquiring about postal Diplomacy. I secured their permission to rewrite the flyer to be included in game sets and sent that off to them. I am uncertain if they did, in fact, print up the new flyer as promised.

I had hoped to see a revitalization of the francophone element in the hobby. The new Waddington's flyer is fully bilingual, but I have had no responses to that. Claude Gautron has begun a French-language zine to carry on one of John Leeder's games and Pierre Touchette is considering a zine. But, I understand that both of them are having problems mustering enough forces to begin a game.

There is the continuing problem of what to do about the **Infidel** account. I never wanted this money to begin with, but it was thrust upon me. I've managed to get rid of some of it to a few people who had outstanding accounts with Russon and Tonge, and to Bruce Linsey to help pay for **Supernova** and Fred Davis for the **Miller Memorial Trophy**. Most of it will go to Anwyl. Let him figure it out.

Can't think of much else at the moment. Oh, I toyed with the idea of rewriting the CDO constitution, or of merging the CDO with the NADF. The only one who had anything to say, really, was Rod Walker, who, as President of the NADF, didn't think a merger would benefit the hobby. I gave up on the **National** as a waste of time and money. (The **National** is supposed to be the official publication of the CDO.) I did make some contacts with the European hobby, but not because the CDO constitution said I was supposed to, but because I was interested in an international game. Frankly, I think that if we're going to take that constitution seriously, it will have to be rewritten and adopted properly. (The present one was adopted by a vote of 2 for, 0 against, and 200 or so absentions.)

Well, good luck to Anwyl. Oh, his address, so you can start hounding him is: Weismark Publishing, E-6 Pinewood Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M6C 2V1. You can't telephone him. (I'm starting to feel less hassled already!)

Other news: For information about **Origins 83**, write: Origins 83, PO 656, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192 or John Caruso, 160-02 43 Ave., Flushing, NY 11358.

John Farewell has set up a "Games Exchange" for those interested in buying or selling war games. If you wish to sell, list your games with John. If you wish to buy, John will send you a list of those with the games you're interested in. You can get further information by writing: The Game Exchange, c/o John Farewell, 61 Midland Ave., Stamford, CT 06906.

## Other Zines

A couple of "must see" zines lately. One is **Diplomacy World No. 33**. Besides being an excellent "overview" of the postal hobby, it contains the first article I was ever paid for. (I've been published in other professional or semi-professional publications before, but they were always broke.) \$8.00 for 4 in the USA, \$10.00 in Canada. Write, Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024 and ask your sub to begin with No. 33. You don't have to get it just to read what I have to say. There are many articles on **Diplomacy**, a demo game with commentary, hobby news, and the most complete listing of game openings in the hobby.



Ralph Morton



Bruce Poppe

Larry Peery's **Xenogenic** for April, 1983 will likely become a collector's item. Seventy-six pages including discussion on hobby ethics and a detailed analysis of a recent poll, as well as articles on Beethoven, gays in **Diplomacy**, and assorted topics. Write Larry at PO Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102, including \$2.00 US for that issue.

Mark Keller is publishing a new zine on computers and **Diplomacy**, called **The Two Faces of Tomorrow**. If you have a home computer and are interested in sharing ideas on how to apply it to **Diplomacy** write Mark at 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. Subs are on a cost basis.

Interested in variants? **Bushwacker**, by Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207 has openings in "Pride of Armies," a variant with a map modified to give greater emphasis to armies over fleets. Fred can also use standbys for other variants. Game fees: \$8.00 (this includes a sub for the length of the game); Standby fees: \$4.00 (also a flat rate); or subs: 12 issues for \$4.00.

Mike Mills, 26 Laurel Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974 is looking for players for **SPQR**, a complex conflict game of his design set in Imperial Rome. Subs to **Emhain Macha** are 10¢/4 pages plus postage.



Nelson Millery

## 1982 I - Mensa 16

SPRING, 1905: FRENCH AND GERMAN ARMIES ANNIHILATED. RUSSIA AND TURKEY ADVANCE BY SEA AND LAND.

ENG (Mike Mazzer): A Lvp\* H; F Yor\* S F Ska - Nth\*.

FRA (Robert Young): F Por\* S F MAO /d/ (R: Spa, Eng, Iri, OTB);  
F MAO \$ & A Bre\* S A Spa - Gas\*; A Par - Bur /A/.

GER (Windy Windblad): F Hol\* S RUS F Nwg - Nth (NSO); A Den -  
Kie /A/; A Mun\* - Bur; A Pic\* S A Gas - Per\*.

ITA (Keith Sesler): F NAO\* S & F WMed\* S TUR F Naf - MAO;  
F Lyo\* S A Pie\* - Mar; A Ven - Tyr\*; A Ser H /d/ (R: Bul,  
Rum, Bud, Tri, OTB); A Mar\* - Bur.

RUS (Dave Lincoln): F Nwy - Nwg\*; A StP - Nwy\*; A Swe\* S F Nth  
- Den\*; F Bal\* - Kie; A War - Sil\*; A Gal - Boh\*; F Bla -  
Con\*.

TUR (Paula Dodge): F Naf - MAO\*; F Tun - Naf\*; F Ion - Tyr\*;  
F Aeg - Ion\*; A Alb\* S A Gre - Ser\*.

Summer Retreats and Fall, 1905 due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

PRESS

Russia to Turkey: I found out in 1901 how that Canadian mail system can zap you when you least expect it.

Italy to Turkey: I hope these support orders work this time.

## Bourse (82 I)

SPRING, 1905: ONLY VIC BACKS POUND AS MOST CURRENCIES SLIP.

	US\$	£	Fr	DM	L	R	Tp
MI (Cusack)	0.04	0	2350	550	1000	1700	1485
JILT (Gaughan)	3844.78	0	0	500	1400	1600	1000
VIC (Jensen)	66.62	600	0	2000	2000	2000	1200
OIL (Loves)	1995.60	0	0	1935	1990	2500	610
MINE (Phillips)	106.50	0	1000	300	1300	1000	2850
CRAP (Smith)	8355.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchases		0	500	0	0	0	0
Sales		261	1	501	200	401	901
Net Change		-261	+499	-501	-200	-401	-901
Old CMP		.62	.61	1.10	1.33	1.66	1.21
Net Change		-.02	+.04	-.05	-.02	-.04	-.09
New CMP		.60	.65	1.05	1.31	1.62	1.12

Fall, 1905 due Tuesday, 31 May, 1983.

NOTES: In answer to enquiries: yes, new companies can join the Bourse at any time. They get 1000 units of each currency and only \$500 US to begin. Rules on request. Press is also welcomed.

SPACE FILLER

I rarely have one of these to do. It's been over a year since my last "space filler." May as well tell you what's coming up in future issues. We have lots more pictures to fit in where possible. Also, an article by Bill Young on game master errors. There's quite a backlog of letters from Dennis Duncan as well. Mainly, we just expect to keep "snafuing" along.

## 1981 W - North 1

WINTER, 1908: ENG: B F Lon.

SPRING, 1909: TWO FLEETS SAIL WHILE ARMIES REMAIN DEADLOCKED.

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

ENG (Errol Platt): F Lon - Nth\*; F NAO\* S & F Eng\* S F Iri\* -  
MAO; A Gas\* - Spa; A Bur\* - Mar; A Bel\* H; A Den\* - Kie  
(NSU); A Bre\* H; F Den\* U.

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

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

TUR (Steve Hutton): A Sev\* S AUS A Rum - Ukr (NSO); A Arm\* S &  
F Bla\* S A Sev; F Ion\* H; A Bul\* U.

Fall, 1909 due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

NOTES: Both draws were again defeated. Steve Hutton has moved  
to 103 Dunbar Rd. S, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 2E4.

PRESS

Austria to England: I've seen fake wars before, but yours is...  
boring.

Moscow to London: What are you doing in Denmark?

Austria to England: I got the zine late, after we talked, so  
that's why I didn't know what you were talking about.

## 1981 KA - North 2

AUTUMN, 1905: GER: A Gal R Sil.

WINTER, 1905: All even.

SPRING, 1906: RUSSIA OFFERS WARSAW TO GERMANY, BUT TURKEY  
TAKES IT INSTEAD.

AUS (Nelson Millar): F Ven\* H; A Tri\* - Tyr; A Vie\* S TUR A Gal  
- Boh (NSO); A Bud\* - Gal; A Ukr\* S RUS A Mos - War (NSO).

ENG (Jan Jensen): NMR. A Nwy /d/ (R: Fin, StP, OTB).

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

GER (Blair Cusack): F Nwg\* C & F Swe\* S A Edi - Nwy\*; A Sil\* -  
Gal; A Pru\* - Lvn; A Tyr\* S A Boh\* - Vie; A Mun\* U.

ITA (CD): A Rom\*; F Tyr /A/.

RUS (Pete Gaughan): F Bot\* H; A Lvn\* S & A Mos S GER A Pru -  
War (NSO).

TUR (Paul Rauterberg): A Sev\* - Mos; A Gal - War\*; F Bla\* - Sev;  
F Aeg - Gre\*; F Apu\* S AUS F Ven; F Ion\* S F Tun - Tyr\*.

Summer Retreat and Fall, 1906 due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

NOTES: Pete Gaughan has moved to 12024 Penford Dr., La Miranda,  
CA 90633.

The F-G-T-A draw was defeated and is repropoed. No vote received = "Yes."

Germany built A Mun in 1904, ordered it in Spring, 1905, but has not ordered it since. I neglected to mention it last turn.

### PRESS

Austria to France: If your obsession with Venice is that maniacal, then maybe I'll let you have it (someday).

## 1982 J - North 3

SUMMER, 1905: FRA: F WMed R MAO; RUS: A Gal R Boh.

FALL, 1905: GERMANY IN TROUBLE, BUT NOT AS BADLY AS RUSSIA.  
SIESTA TIME IN ROME? TURK HEADS NORTH AND WEST  
WHILE ENGLAND GETS THE LOWLANDS.

AUS (Nelson Millar): A Vie\* - Bud; A Bud\* - Gal; A Tri - Ven\*.

ENG (Doug Millstone): F Eng\* S F Bel\*; F Bel S F Nth - Hol\*;  
A Swe\* S F Ska\* - Den; F StP (nc)\* H.

FRA (Darryl Phillips): A Pic - Bre\*; A Pie\* MS A Mar\*; F MAO\*  
S F Spa (sc)\*.

GER (Martin Taylor): F Hol - Nth /d/ (R: KiE, Hel, OTB);  
F Bal\* S A Den\*; A Pru\* S A Sil\* - War; A Lvn\* S TUR  
A Sev - Mos.

ITA (Roy Smith): NMR! A Tus\*, F Lyo\*, F WMed\*, F Tyr\*.

RUS (Bob Olsen): A Boh\* MS A War\*.

TUR (Dennis Duncan): F Aeg\* S F Ion\*; F Ion C A Gre - Apu\*;  
A Rum\* S F Bla - Sev\*; A Sev - Mos\*; A Gal\* S GER A Sil  
- War.

### SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1905

AUS (4 - 5, build 1, still 1 short): home, Serbia, VENICE.

ENG (6 - 8, build 2): home, Swe, StP, Nwy, BELGIUM, HOLLAND.

FRA (5 - 5, even): home, Spain, Portugal.

GER (6 - 4, disband 2): home, ~~HOLLAND~~, Denmark, ~~Belgium~~.

ITA (4 - 3, disband 1): Rome, Naples, ~~Venice~~, Tunis.

RUS (2 - 1, disband 1): ~~Moscow~~, Warsaw.

TUR (7 - 8, build 1): home, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, MOSCOW.

Autumn, Retreats and Winter, 1905 ONLY due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

NOTES: With so many builds and removals due, it seemed better to separate the seasons. The concession to Russia, surprisingly, was defeated.

Will James Briggs, PO Box 6243, El Paso, Texas 79906 please submit standby orders for Italy? I'll send James the addresses.

### PRESS

Austria to Russia: As Pet Pup of the month, the Emperor's first duty will be to lift his hind leg and relieve himself on an inanimate Russian object (namely the Tsar). He will then remind the moistened monarch that invasion of Austrian soil gets you soiled by an Austrian.

Paris to London: The Prime Minister wishes to acknowledge receipt of your letter. He has no message at this time as he sees no crises arising.

Turkey to England: You sure that "Winston" isn't one of your names?

Paris to Constantinople: The Prime Minister also wishes to acknowledge receipt of your letter. He has no specific proposals at this time but feels that things are going well in the world.

Austria to Germany: Super Pup will then give a repeat performance of his Russian tour in Munich (using a Kaiser hydrant).

Ibn Abdullāh Duncan to President Roosevelt: Rumor hath it that Russia will be reduced to impotence this turn and all Bolsheviki will be imprisoned. Now, about that gold you promised us....

Paris to Moscow: The Prime Minister just wishes to say hello.

## 1983 Q - North 4

FALL, 1901: ITALY RAIDS MARSEILLES; GERMANY BOUNCES THREE COUNTRIES; RUSSIA INTO ARMENIA!

AUS (Bob Acheson): A Ser\* S F Alb - Gre\*; A Tri\* H.

ENG (Paul Watson): F Nth\* C A Yor\* - Bel; F Nwg - Nwy\*.

FRA (Scott Marley): A Par\* - Bur; A Mar - Spa\*; F Bre - MAO\*.

GER (Keith Sesler): A Bur\* - Bel; A Kie - Hol\*; F Den\* - Swe.

ITA (Dennis Duncan): A Pie - Mar\*; A Ven\* H; F Ion - Tun\*.

RUS (Steve Berrigan): F Bot\* - Swe; F Bla\* S A Ukr - Rum\*; A Sev - Arm\*.

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

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1901

AUS (3 - 5, build 2): home, SERBIA, GREECE.

ENG (3 - 4, build 1): home, NORWAY.

FRA (3 - 3, even): Brest, Paris, ~~Marseilles~~, SPAIN.

GER (3 - 5, build 2): home, DENMARK, HOLLAND.

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

RUS (4 - 5, build 1): home, RUMANIA.

TUR (3 - 4, build 1): home, BULGARIA.

Neutral: Sweden, Belgium, Portugal.

Winter, 1901 ONLY due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

NOTES: Thanks to Mark Keller for unneeded standby orders. I have Winter, 1901 orders on hand for Austria.

### PRESS

Germany (from Burgundy): Whoops! I wouldn't have gone here if I didn't think that I was going to be bounced out.

Italy: Ah, Scott, this is Army Piedmont with the wake-up call you wanted; hopefully you will get a build out of this and I can go back to Piedmont with the Bersaglieri.

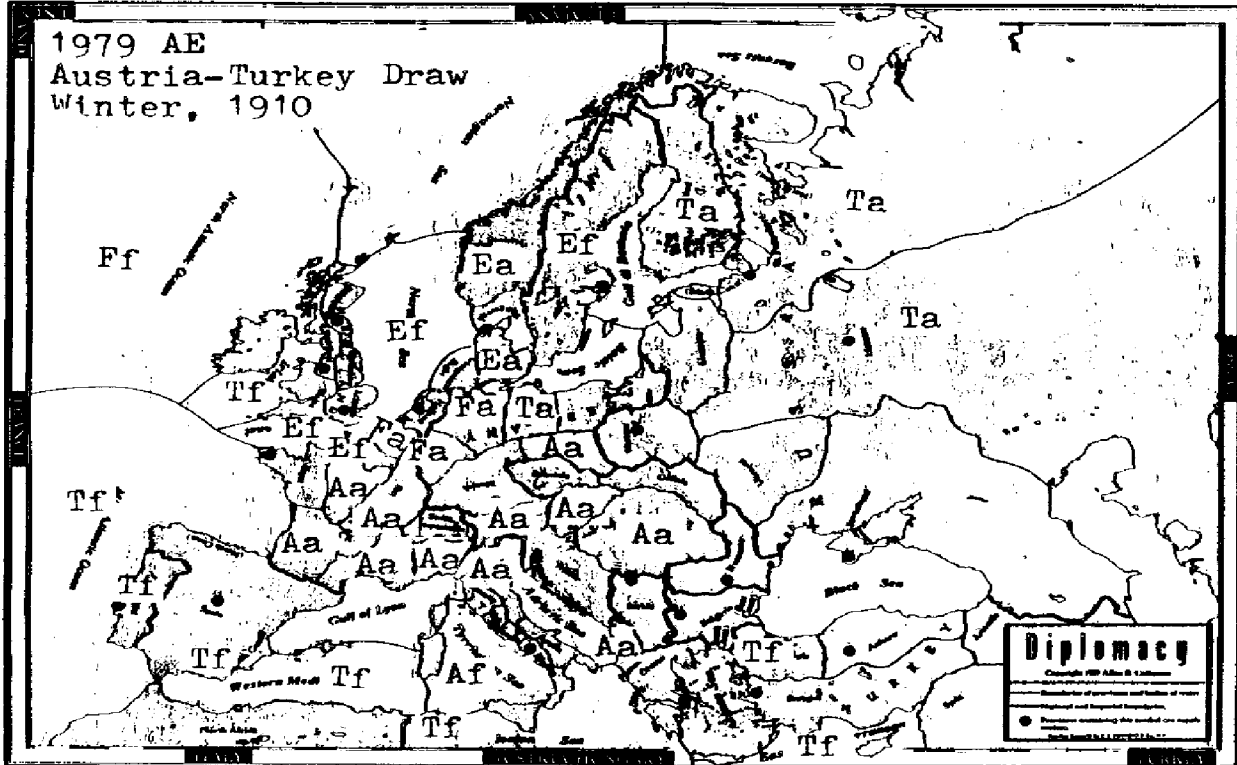
Germany to France: I hope this isn't going to be 1980 AY all over again.

## 1979 AE - Orphan 2

WINTER, 1910: TURKEY AND AUSTRIA SHARE VICTORY AS PEACE SETTLES OVER EUROPE.

The draw passed, with all players voting for it. The last item is that Austria built A Vienna.

Congratulations to Dan and Dave. End game statements welcomed for next issue, but I'd appreciate getting them as soon as possible.

THE STATISTICS

1979AE

Zines: ARRAKIS (to FO1); INFIDEL! (to FO3); SNAFU! (to end)  
 GMs: Doug Hayward (to SO1); ? Head (to FO1); Nick Russon (to FO3); Ronald Brown (to end)

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
Austria	5	5	6	6	7	9	10	11	11	12	DRAW
England	4	4	4	5	4	6	5	6	6	6	
France	4	4	4	6	7	9	9	6	5	4	
Germany	5	6	5	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	
Italy	5	5	6	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Russia	6	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Turkey	4	5	6	7	9	9	9	11	12	12	DRAW

Austria: Dan MacLellan (DRAW)

England: Bob Acheson (survives)

France: Gord Valgaraon (Res FO1); John Davies (survives)

Germany: Ken Wilkie (Dro FO3); Ron Kelly (Dro FO5); George Mills (Res SO8); CD (Out FO8)

Italy: Blair Cusack (Dro SO3); Kathy Lynch (Res WO5); Windy Windblad (Out WO6)

Russia: Chris George (Res FO1); Jan Jensen (Out WO6)

Turkey: John McConville (Dro FO1); Dave Carter (DRAW)



1980 AM - Orphan 4

WINTER, 1909: ENG: B F Lon, A Edi; FRA: D A Pie; ITA: D F Tun; TUR: B F Smy.

SPRING, 1910: FRENCH ARMY ANNIHILATED. TURKEY, ENGLAND TO BATTLE FOR MEDITERRANEAN?

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

FRA (Pete Gaughan): A Por - Spa /A/; A Ven\* S TUR F Tus - Pie (NSO).

ITA (Bob Albrecht): F Tyr - Tun /d/ (R: Tus, OTB).

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

TUR (Rob Lowes): F Smy - Aeg\*; F Ion\* - Tun; F Nap\* S F Rom - Tyr\*; F Tus - Lyo\*; A Apu - Rom\*; F Adr\* - Ion; A Alb\* H.

Summer Retreat and Fall, 1910 due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

NOTES: All proposed draws and concessions were defeated. Pete Gaughan has moved to: 12024 Penford Dr., La Miranda, CA 90633.

PRESS

Tunis ((Italy)): If this sees print, then not only has our generous GM allowed it to be considered "press," but some moron has voted against the draw proposals. Wake up and smell the petro-chemical effluviants. Obviously ETR are gridlocked and your strenuous efforts will avail you not.

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1980 HM - Orphan 5

WINTER, 1908: GER: B A Ber & A Kie; RUS: B A Sev.

SPRING, 1909: DEFENCES HOLD--FOR NOW, BUT GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN MOVEMENTS MAY CHANGE THINGS.

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

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 - Bel\*; F Nwg - Nth\*; F MAO S F Naf; A Lvn\* S RUS A War; A StP\* S A Lvn.

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

RUS (Steve Berrigan): A War\* MS A Mos\*; A Sev\* S F Rum\*.

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

Fall, 1909 due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

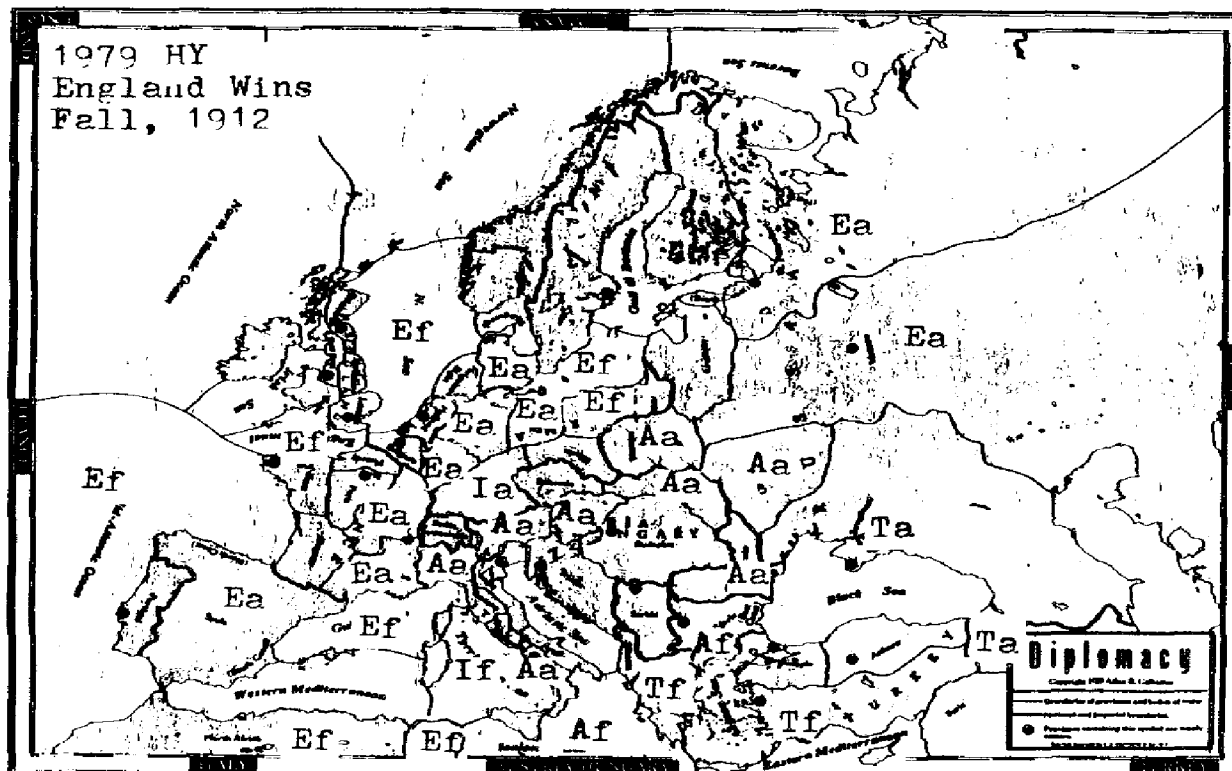
NOTE: We have a proposal for a draw of Austria and England. Please vote, as No Vote Received = "Yes."

PRESS

London to Vienna: Getting desperate, aren't you?

London to Constantinople: Help is on the way.

## 1979 HY



## The Statistics

Zines: Passchendaele (to F 10); Snafu! (to end)

GMs: François Cuerrier (to F 10); Nelson Millar (to end)

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	
Austria	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	11	10	
England	5	5	7	9	11	12	15	14	13	15	17	18	Wins!
France	5	5	5	5	6	6	4	3	4	3	0	0	
Germany	5	4	4	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Italy	4	6	6	6	5	4	3	4	4	2	2	1	
Russia	5	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Turkey	4	3	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	

Austria: Mike Carrol (Dro W09), Deane Sperdakos (Dro W10); Jack Jung (second)

England: Bob Francis (Dro W09), Gary Fairburn (Res S10); Peter Ashley (Wins)

France: James Clarke (Dro F09); Dave Carter (Out F11)

Germany: Bruce Schneier (Dro F02); Jan Jensen (Dro F06); Eric Ozog (Out ?07)

Italy: Steve Hutton (fourth)

Russia: Barry Hickey (Out ?07)

Turkey: Bob Acheson (third)

## Endgame Statements

Peter Ashley (England)

My only regret for 79 HY is that after 5 1/2 years in the hobby, while I've had my share of draws, this is my first win. And a standby position at that. Walking into a position with 13 centers is the kind of thing standbys dream of, and while the units were a mess, three of the next six centers were virtually "internal" centers held by France, and no effective opposition arose to face the English. Poor Jung might have been able to turn it into a game if Turkey had joined him, but

## 1983 R - Seven Nations

SPRING, 1901: ANOTHER WORLD WAR! WILL ITALY AND AUSTRIA REMAIN NEUTRAL? BATTLES IN BLACK SEA! ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN MERRI-GO-ROUND. REVISIONISTS IN RUSSIA?

AUS (Randolph Smyth): F Tri - Alb\*; A Vie - Tri\*; A Bud - Ser\*.  
 ENG (Richard Gee): F Edi - Nth\*; F Lon - Eng\*; A Lvp - Yor\*.  
 FRA (Axel Halfmeier): F Bre - MAO\*; A Mar\* S A Par - Bur\*.  
 GER (Roland Bakker): F Kie - Den\*; A Mun - Ruh\*; A Ber - Kie\*.  
 ITA (Frej Wasastjerna): A Ven\* H; A Rom - Apu\*; F Nap - Ion\*.  
 RUS (Walter Compton): F StP (nc) - Nwy (NSU); F Sev\* - Bla;  
A Mos\* - Sev; A War - Gal\*; F StP (sc)\* U.  
 TUR (Gary Coughlan): F Ank\* - Bla; A Con - Bul\*; A Smy - Arm\*.

Fall, 1901, any retreats, AND Winter, 1901 due 8 July, 1983.

NOTES: I messed up on a couple of addresses. Please correct them as follows: Walter Compton, Apartado 70774, Caracas 1071A, Venezuela. Frej Wasastjerna, Maksлахdentie 14 A, SF-02140 ESPOO 14, Finland. Roland Bakker, de Sillstreet 202, 2593 VC Den Hagg, Netherlands.

Please print, or type, clearly when sending address changes, as, being unfamiliar with European mail systems, I can't judge when something looks right or wrong. Hope I got the Dutch right.

We have two more standbys: Richard Devereux, 8a Sutton Grove, Sutton, SURREY, England SM1 4LT and Sellick Davies, Zadco, LM, PO Box 6808, Abu Dhabi, Union of Arab Emirates. Both need to get subscriptions.

We could easily fill another "seven nations" with the standbys we have. If interested, let me know.

PRESS

Turkey: It has been reliably reported here that the Italian leader is against more power to the "Greens." Could this mean that Trieste will remain free, Frej?

Germany to World: Tenerum un prettig spel toegewenst! This is Dutch for "wishing everybody a nice game!"

Turkey to Russia: Alliance? Ask me, mañana!

England to Board: The Italian Letters, Spring, 1901.

My Dear Turk:

Your secret note arrived via the Legate and is acknowledged. The great democratic peoples of my country are distraught at the prospect of yet another punch-up, but my Council of advisers instruct me to pronounce: 1) Excellent. 2) The elimination of your neighbour is agreed. Superbear has been urged to join in. 3) My War Minister (God help me!) advises that the Great Italiote Democratic Indolent Uniformed Policia (GIDI-UP) will move in the Spring to Tyrolese.

I should add the caution that as the War Minister arrives at the Council seemingly pulling his trousers on, the Giddy-up moves at the most probable.

Your staunch admirer, IL DUKE

PS. My cousin asks, "Howa many browna shirts you wanta?"

PPS. I know we've never agreed since 1054, but can I have Greece...?

Turkey to Germany, France, and England: The Sultan promises faithfully to write the Western devils if he has not done so already!

## 1981 Qwc02 - Variant 1

### (Conquest of the New World II)

"It is the fortune of war to conquer or to be conquered."  
(Atahualpa, King of the Incas, 1533)

1644: PORTUGAL WINS!

AZTECS (Chip Charnley): A Hudson\* - Saskatchewan; A Pueblo - California\*; A Delaware\* H; A Texas\* MS A Mexico (A Mex /d/, R: Pueblo, OTB).

ENGLAND (Fred Davis): F Nova Scotia\* H; A Québec - Maine\*; F Bahama\* S FRENCH F Atl - Antilles; F Bermuda - Atl\*; A Louisiana - Cherokee\*.

FRANCE (Rick Young): A Huron\* - Saskatchewan; F Atl\* - Antilles.

PORTUGAL (Steve Hutton): F Jamaica\* S & F North Pacific\* S F Central Pacific - Mexico (wc)\*; F Panama (ec)\* S F Caribbean - Central America (ec)\*; F Hispaniola\* S F Atl\* - Antilles; F Cuba\* S F Hispaniola; A Bolivia - Paraguay\*; A Amazon\* H.

#### SUPPLY CENTRES (\*Build Centres)

AZT (6 - 4, disband 1): ~~México\*~~, California, Texas, ~~PANAMA~~, Saskatchewan, Delaware.

ENG (5 - 5, even): 1 home\*, Virginia\*, Ohio, Nova Scotia, Louisiana.

FRA (2 - 2, even): 1 home\*, Québec.

POR (10 - 12, build 2): 1 home\*, LaPlata\*, Brazil, Matto Grosso, Chile, Cuba, Jamaica, Antilles, Peru, Cartagena, MEXICO, PANAMA.

NOTES: The three-way draw was defeated. Portugal met the Victory Criteria by owning 11 on-the-board centres. Congratulations to Steve for his inexorable drive towards certain victory. Thanks also to Fred and Chip for their reliability and to Rick for trying to make something of an apparent hopeless standby position.

End game statements welcome for next issue, though I'd appreciate getting them as soon as possible.

#### THE STATISTICS

1981 Qwc02 (Conquest of the New World)  
zine: SNAFU! GM: Ronald Brown

	1590	1600	1610	1620	1630	1640	1650	
Aztecs	2	4	6	7	7	6	4	Chip Charnley
England	4	5	7	6	5	5	5	Fred Davis
France	4	5	6	4	3	2	2	Rick Young*
Portugal	4	6	8	7	8	10	12	Steve Hutton WINS
Spain	4	6\$	5	4	1			Dan Wilson (0 1628)

\*The original French player, George Mills, resigned in 1620.  
\$ = two short. (Spain was eliminated in 1628 as he had no centres left on the board.)

## 1983 Brn16 - Variant 2

## (Blowup)

AUTUMN, 1901: RUS: A Rum R Gal.

WINTER, 1901: REPORTS OF SABOTEURS IN ALL PARTS OF EUROPE DURING UNPRECEDENTED BUILDING BOOM.

AUS (Bruce Poppe): B A Tri & has A Bud, A Ser, A Rum.  
 ENG (Steve Hutton): B F Lon & has F Nwg, F Iri, F Bel.  
 FRA (Mark Keller): B F Bre & has F MAO, A Gas.  
 GER (Keith Sesler): B F Ber, A Mun, A Kie & has F Den, A Hol.  
 ITA (Dave Lincoln): B A Ven, F Nap & has F Gre, F Adr.  
 RUS (Nelson Millar): B A Sev, A War & has A Nwy, A Fin, A Vie, A Gal.  
 TUR (Dave Carter): B F Smy & has F Con, F EMed.

Spring, 1902 due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

NOTES: Steve Hutton is moving back to: 103 Dunbar Rd. S, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 2E4. I have spring '02 orders on hand from France and Turkey.

PRESS

Turkey to Italy: Write? I built three fleets in W '00! That's as good an indicator of my intentions as anything.

Germany to Russia: Watch your step. A mine is now within a stone's throw of you.

Moscow to Germany: The Tsar is deeply hurt by Kaiser Keith's nefarious insinuations. His child-like tantrum is understandable (tolerable), but the Tsar does not wish to enter into a battle of wits with the unarmed German. Congrats on the birth of your son, Adolph, a chip-off-the-old-block, I hear.

Germany to Russia: Hey! You! Get that army out of Vienna this instant!

Austria-Hungary: His Royal Highness, The Grand Duke, expresses his pleasure upon learning of the demise of the Turkish Fleet. "So that's where you put it!" he exclaimed.

The Austrian high command is said to be attempting to persuade the Duke to switch his attention from the seat-cushions to the irrational "Rush-ins," whom they said did not know about the places where angels fear to tread.

Turkey: I may not be bright--but I'm consistent.

Germany to England: It's so nice and peaceful with the North Sea vacant that if it were within my power I'd see to it that no one could ever safely travel there.

Italy to Turkey: A recent report from the EPA (Envoy Protection Agency) warned of a chronic lack of seaworthiness on the part of the Turkish Fleet. A special panel has been appointed by His Wholiness to study the matter further. Until such details have been examined, His Wholiness requests that the Italian Diplomats be allowed to return to the Italian Embassy in Constantinople. It is expected that His Holeness, the Ottoman, will comply.

## 1983 Ecb19 - Variant 3

## (Woolworth II-D)

SPRING, 1901: WAR ERUPTS EVERYWHERE. SECRET LEADERS AGGRESSIVE BUT SOME MAY BE IN TROUBLE ALREADY.

AUS (???): A Bud\* S A Vie - Gal\*; F Tri - Ven\*.

BAL (???): F Gre\* - Ion; A Bul - Rum\*; A Ser\* - Bul.

ENG (Steve Hutton): F Lvp - NAO\*; F Edi - Nth\*; F Lon\* - Eng.

FRA (Keith Sesler): F Bre\* - Eng; A Par - Bur\*; A Mar - Swi\*.

GER (???): F Kie - Hel\*; A Ber - Kie\*; A Mun - Ruh\*.

ITA (???): F Rom - Tyr\*; F Nap\* - Ion; A Ven - Tyr\*.

RUS (???): A StP - Fin\*; A War\* - Gal; A Mos - Ukr\*; F Sev\* - Bla.

SCA (Dave Carter): A Swe - Den\*; F Den - Bal\*; F Nwy - Lap\*.

SPA (Bob Albrecht): A Por - Bas\*; F Mor - WMed\*; F Mad - MAO\*.

TUR (Nelson Millar): F Ank\* - Bla; F Smy - Aeg\*; A Con\* - Bul.

Fall, 1901 due Friday, 3 June, 1983.

NOTES: Steve Hutton has a COA to: 103 Dunbar Rd. S, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 2E4.

I still need a "secret power standby." This could be a local person I could call for orders for a secret power in the event of an NMR, or someone who could send orders for all secret powers every season.

PRESS

Spain to all known powers: Welcome to a fast paced and exciting game. I hope you've all sharpened your scimitars?

Russia to my neighbors: These moves are purely defensive. I don't know what to expect from you so I took no chances. I would be quite willing to work together with any of you; just let me know which country you'd like me to send my forces against.

Scandinavia to Russia: Lapland was supposed to bounce. I'm after Germy so let s/r relations be peaceful.

France to Germany: As long as you leave France alone, I will cause you no trouble.

Turkey to world: His most magnificent Sultan, Ini-bri VIII, would like to throw an orgie to set a Guinness record. To attend you must be 1) a neighbour, 2) known to Ini-bri VIII. PS. Anyone attacking these aforementioned individuals is also invited.

France to Italy: Howdy, neighbor!

Italy to Austria: Two fleets are no threat to you, so what say we can work together?

Paris to Madrid: Marseilles is a lousy place to visit, and you wouldn't want to live there either.

## Travel

### HEADING NORTH!

I sped out of Oakland that morning, seemingly reaching the main highway heading north in no time at all. All morning, I drove north, mountains scratching the horizon on either side. But before I left, I had again gone to the MacDonald's for breakfast. On the way there, an old black woman, looking like a shrivelled prune, barked something at me. I paused, a quizzical expression on my face. "I said 'Good Morning'," she snapped. "Uh, yeah, um, good morning." I was stunned, as almost every old woman I met in a city before has at least cursed at me, or stabbed me with an umbrella or similar weapon. Returning from my plastic repast, I noticed a young black man running towards me, shouting something I couldn't make out. His sandals flapped on the pavement as he drew near. "Hey man," he panted. "Got a cigarette?" I offered him one, and he immediately asked where I was from. I said the magic word, "Canada," and he asked the by-now ritual questions. (How do you cross the border? Is it true the government there gives away free land? Is it true that dope's legal?) I answered him best I could and he asked for another cigarette to tide him over.

By late afternoon, I was nearing Mount Shasta. I decided I would try to find the couple I had met in Lovelock, Nevada, so I turned off the highway towards an incredibly beautiful snow-capped mountain. The road continued right up the side of it, switch-backing up the grade, so I just kept on going. As I neared the snow-line, I spotted small groups of campers. I stopped at one: a collection of vehicles and plastic tents with a cold-looking group huddled round a fire. I asked after my friends, describing their children and van. No one had heard of them, but said there were other groups further up the slope. So I continued. A bearded, rag-tattered fellow was walking up the side of the road, so I stopped to ask him. By now, snow on the ground, it was quite cold and damp. He asked for a lift and I took him on, letting him off near another group--all looking forlorn and lost. When I reached a point where I figured anyone would be insane to camp, because of the all-pervasive damp, I gave up and headed back down, coasting all the way. I kept my eyes peeled for any signs of the superhuman race reportedly living on the mountain, but, alas, I saw no sign of any inhabitation, other than the sad-looking hippies waiting to meet them.

Still later I arrived in a more mountainous region in a down-pour. I stopped at a road-side rest area to get my bearings and noticed a sign. It read: "Black Bart robbed a stage coach on this spot." I could hardly believe it. Why would anyone pay tribute to a criminal? (On another trip, a few years later, I came across a "shrine" to Billy the Kid in Missouri. I still don't understand the American habit of glorifying punks, criminals, and assorted riff-raff. Most countries throw them in jail and forget about them; they don't raise monuments for them and make them out to be heroes in movies.)

I had trouble finding a campground that evening, as they were all filled. However, I finally talked the owner of a trailer camp into letting me pitch my tent on his lawn. It rained all night, but the next morning was bright and clear.

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### 1980 AM CONTINUED

France to England: You slimy Limey, get a clue! You're going to get Portugal and not much else, and 16 units doesn't win this thing. Start negotiating or vote for the draw.

Tunis ((Italy)) to Pirate Ruler of Venice: Well, your trusty rusty blade got a taste of my vitals, but you never did get your thirty pieces of silver. And Army Albania seems to be bent on sending you to the hellish reward you so richly deserve!

Tunis ((Italy)) to Moskva: Anything to say?

## Rules

### RULE VI: The Board and Set (Part One)

Sections one and two of this rule simply describe the playing board and pieces. The set produced by Waddington's House of Games, who own production and distribution rights in Canada, is a one-piece board, with elevations marked on it, and wooden playing pieces. They have assured me, by telephone, that they intend to stick with this "quality" (their word) product. Waddington's cannot ship these sets to U.S. addresses, but there are no laws about private individuals doing this. The complete set costs about \$25.00 CDN these days, and the postage comes to about \$6.00. The exchange rate is about 20%. I mention this as I have already sent several sets to the USA.

Why should this be? Americans are stuck with boards cut into pieces, but, worse, they are stuck with plastic playing pieces. I have seen the British and German sets as well. The British set is atrocious, with garrish purples clashing with yellows and pinks. It is hard to believe that there is a lively and large postal **Diplomacy** hobby in Britain when, to look at their sets, you'd think it was a demented version of **Snakes and Ladders**. The German set, though, is beautiful. It is very similar to the Canadian set (in fact, Waddington's imports their playing pieces from Germany), but the colours are more subdued.

Actually, for postal play one doesn't need a playing set. All you need are a few conference maps and map pins. Waddington's sends out packs of 25 for \$1.00 but, all you really need is a friend with a set and a photocopy machine.



Absolute Proof of the Theory of Evolution  
(Christopher & me, photo by Randolph Smyth)

## Me«Ann»derings

by Ann Fothergill-Brown

### Heaven Can Wait

Ron's editorial on the Christmas story in SNAFU! 26/27 prompted more subscriber reaction (both positive and negative) than any previous article appearing in the 'zine (see "Letters", SNAFU! 28). Some subbers rejected the thesis of Ron's article as un-Christian. In unpublished comments, one reader said that he would no longer contribute to SNAFU!. Later, the same person sent in picayune moves for his game, commenting that he intended to make the adjudication difficult for Ron. Although this column's train of thought was prompted by these letters and actions, I would like to stress that in no way are my comments directed particularly towards any one person.



The reactions I have mentioned seemed, to me, to be all too typical of many of today's self-confessed "Christians". In the rush for heaven, earth and simple humanity appear to get left behind.

It reminded me of the first fundamentalist I ever met. She was a member of the Pentecostal Assemblies, and very devout. We often discussed her beliefs. I wasn't much impressed. Among other things, she introduced me to the concept of "the Rapture" and gave me a "good Christian" novel to read. (That very dull book would have had me believe that the heroine's pre-marital misdemeanors with her boyfriend caused her father's death and the loss of her family's money and home. All was righted, of course, when the boy was "accepted Jesus", located the heroine, and married her.)

On the other hand, I was impressed by the church my fundamentalist friend attended. The congregation there really cared for its members. They ran a nursery for infants, and a Bible class for children, during the services which the adults attended. There was simultaneous sign-language interpretation for the deaf, and a wheelchair section for the disabled. I left thinking that such care for earthly needs also did much for the spirit.

But a later incident reversed my opinion of the kind of "Christianity" my friend professed.

I accepted a lift with her, from Halifax to Montreal, during the Christmas vacation. The second day of the trip, driving down the Trans-Canada in a blinding snowstorm, only one lane of the highway clear, she attempted to pass a sensibly slow-moving car. We spun off into the centre median at about 100 km/hr (65 mph), after barely missing the other car and a signpost. If we'd hit anything harder than a snowbank, I wouldn't be here today.

As we slid off the road, my "Christian" friend was praying loudly for deliverance. If God had a hand in our safety, I suspect He had His own reasons. I certainly wouldn't have expected Divine help after deliberately endangering my own life.

It's that kind of dichotomy between spiritual belief and earthly action which puzzles me. Human life can't be very sacred if it can be endangered simply to gain 20 or 30 minutes during an eight-hour drive. By extension, human intelligence can't be very sacred if scientific thought is totally discarded in favour of creation mythology, or if Jesus' human history is totally ignored in favour of the "incontestable" revelation of the Bible.

I'll skip the prayers in favour of sensible driving, thank you. And if exercising intelligence, common courtesy and concern for my own, as well as others', well-being isn't sufficiently Christian -- well, heaven can wait.

### 1979 HY CONTINUED

Turkey pounded on Austria for the rest of the game and I walked into a victory. This is the third zine for 79 HY, and the other players were probably just as happy to finish the turkey off.

#### **Nelson Millar (Game Master)**

The GM is thankful to all the players for their cooperation in getting this game going again. When I took over in 1910 there were only two real powers: England and Austria. England had the advantage of numbers but I liked Austria's positioning. Unfortunately, the Austrian emperor and the first standby didn't make it in time. When Jack Jung took over, he made a good try, but it was too late. His only chance would have been to get Turkey and Italy to help and something tells me they were anxious to see 1979 HY go into the stats book. Again, from what I saw of the game both Pete and Jack seem to be excellent players. Congrats to Pete and a special thanks to Jack.

#### **Ronald Brown (publisher)**

(Notice how I always manage to get the last word in?) I just wanted to thank Nelson for taking care of this game, and to point out to the players that most goofs were mine, as the typist. Thanks to the players and standbys who saw this one to the end.

## Letters

Let's start off with a couple of suggestions regarding the CDO. First, **Mike Mills** (Sloatsburg, NY): "I read in No. 30 that your recent announcement to leave the CDO's top spot generated only one letter. I would have thought that it would have started a clamor amongst your countrymen, but perhaps it's a sign of the times. There just doesn't seem to be much interest in official organizations no matter what their purpose is.

"May I suggest to you that given the lack of interest, it might be best to disburse any funds and let the CDO go gently into that good night. I suppose that a flame of devotion for the CDO might still burn within you and some other pbmers up there, but why aren't they willing to take on the job?

"...I would gladly volunteer to take the task of making the CDO a viable organization, but alas, I'm a Yank and I do think that the top spot should be filled by someone with direct access to a Canadian mailing address, qui?...Well, I hope that I've in some way added some fuel for thought. At least this will be the second letter about the CDO since your announcement."

Thanks, Mike. I appreciate the concern and willingness to help out. That's partly why I had explored a merger of the CDO and NADF, as there are many excellent people on both sides of the border and they shouldn't be excluded from making their contributions where they are most needed. Canadians are usually pretty touchy about letting Americans get into their organizations because of their tendency to take over (by sheer force of numbers), but when I announced that I intended to seek ways to merge the two organizations, it met with a big yawn on this side of the border.

**Scott Hanson** (Minneapolis, Minnesota): "By the way, I'm running for ~~Commisar~~ ~~Dietator~~ President of the CDO. We all know I'm qualified--but does he live in Canada? Of course: we all know Minnesota is really the "lost province" of Canada. All great Canadian names end in "A"--Canada, Ottawa, Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta, Minnesota. It fits right in. We have Canadian weather. We have Canadian sports--curling and hockey. The biggest sports event in Minnesota is the state high school hockey tournament. We even talk like Canadians. Listen: "oot and aboot." So, you see, I really am Canadian--and am eligible for the job. And my good will will be to hold DipCon 84 in International Falls in January, 1984 where we Canadians can gain control of the hobby. Yes! Today Canada! Tomorrow the world!"

Thanks, Scott, for filling us on on the "Lost Province." We were wondering where we had misplaced it. Do you think you can give us back British Columbia's shoreline while you're at it?

**Steve Hutton** (various locations in Southern Ontario): "What do ex-CDO Co-ordinators do? Write their memoirs? Take trips to China?"

No, I think they spend their time answering questions like yours. However, I must remember to ask Randolph next time I see him.

Back to **Diplomacy!** I've had a couple of questions from new players lately I thought that I should share with everyone, in case others had the same kind of questions. These are from various sources: "May I be excused from the requirement to formally sign my name to my orders? I prefer signing just my first name....Do you accept 'MS' for 'Mutual Support'?...You are my first Canadian GM and I always do my orders based on the model that **Cepheids** offered via Randolph Smyth....Must I put both the game name AND Boardman Number on my orders? I prefer to use just the BN."

My purpose as a GM is not to find ways of invalidating orders and making life miserable for players. I have a set form for orders given in my House Rules, but that's more of a guide to make things easier for me. For example, I am a player in 1982 Q and GM for 1983 Q; I was playing in 1980 AC while GMing 1980 IC, so if you use both the house name and Boardman Number it makes it less likely that I'll stick something in the wrong folder. But, I'm not going to throw out orders on that basis. Same for signing your orders. I prefer that you always use the same format so that it is easier to catch any "funny" orders. As for "MS," I included that with the list of revisions I sent out recently. If I know what an abbreviation means, it's okay with me. Problems arise only when people use abbreviations like "Nor"--which genuinely confuse me.



Thanks, John. Now that I have access to this word processor, I finished up the "story" in the Travel section. Counting the one in this issue, it takes four episodes to finish. Don't know what I'll do after that. I've been thinking of doing character sketches of various people I have met and known (long before I got involved in Diplomacy). Having lived in the slums of both Montréal and Toronto, as well as some isolated Québec towns, I've run into some fascinating personalities in my time.

Pete Gaughan (Los Angeles, California): "Thanks for your continued efficiency. I've been looking nostalgically over the history of Snafu! and I think I should have scored you even higher in the NAZP."

Thanks, Pete. Coming from one who has been with me since the very first issue, that's doubly appreciated.

Errol Platt (Mississauga, Ontario): "I am delighted with Snafu! The progress over the past two years has been quite remarkable. Doug ((Millstone)) agrees that playing games in Snafu! is a joy."

It's a pleasure to run games for people like you and Doug. Don't forget we poor struggling pubbers when you get to Parliament Hill.

## Battle Stations

Waiting for Game Starts: Signed up for another 10-week deadline international game is Gerry Van Alkemade. Preference will go to those on the standby list for the current game, then to others outside of North America.

There are no other game openings at present. I want to wait until I am settled into a new career before taking on more commitments.

Expiring Subscriptions: At #31 (this issue): Mike Mazzer.

At #32: Blair Cusack, Pete Gaughan, Andy Lischett, Dan MacLellan (You can pay any time now, gentlemen.)

At #33: Don Tinker.

The Dirty Baby Boom: Delighted to announce the birth of Sinikka Victoria Wasatjerna on the 6th of April. Both mother and daughter are well. Prej is expected to recover.

Last I heard Doug Millstone was biting his nails, waiting for his overdue little one. Life will never be the same, Doug.

Upcoming: Dave Carter (June); Nelson Millar (August); and Mike Mazzer has a companion for Amanda due in September.

## Parting Shot

Apologies to Dennis Duncan again. I was hoping right up to the bitter end to get some of his comments on life in the West into this issue. Next time, Dennis. Thanks to players. This issue went together very quickly, as I had almost all orders well before the deadline. There's a chance I may not be able to mail non-players' copies for a week or two because of a cash shortage. Please bear with us.

Just discovered I placed second in a competition for a job with the federal government. This means I will get the next available position (which should be in about a month). It's a six-month contract as a computer operator for Energy, Mines, and Resources. Lousy pay, but, it's a start. It will mean shift-work, which means you will not be able to count on being able to phone me. Don't count on NMR Insurance either, if I'm working evenings that week. Far better to mail a set of orders early. It's a lovely summery day. Best to all!

Ron