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"Tactical skill and cunning aren't the only factors to consider in Diplomacy... reputation is important, too. I may not be the best strategist, but since those first few no one has dared to double-cross me!"

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I'm not sure who this issue's cover is by (not having worked it out yet). Tune in next time to find out.

Editorial

TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT, OR SOME SIMILAR CONTAINER A commentary on a squabble current in several d-----y magazines, in which names have been disfigured to protect the innocent, the guilty, the indifferent, and the editor of this fanzine (J--n K----g).

There is a many-cornered argument abroad in several d-----y fanzines that would be highly amusing if it were not so annoying. It started, I suppose, because the editor of a world famous d-----y fanzine (which shall remain nameless) pursued his right to affix to his letters and magazines stickers bearing slogans expressing his views on Viet Nam, War, Politics, Freedom, and other issues (which shall remain nameless). These stickers have never bothered me. They have often amused me, occasionally intrigued me, and once in a while caused me to nod in enthusiastic agreement. Nor has the editor concerned annoyed me, even when I have disagreed with him. He has not objected when, in response to his "Disarmed nuts kill no Presidents!" sticker, I affixed to a letter a large fluorescent red-and-black bumper sticker carrying the slogan "Register Communists, Not Firearms" (courtesy NRA). He has not protested when I have referred to him humorously in "press releases" in this fanzine. He has in general treated any interchange between us, or between him and my partner in crime J--n S-----e (would be world ruler), as the good-natured bantering it was. Nonetheless, everyone is not so amiable about opposed viewpoints.

The loudest objection to this New Yorker's outspokenness came from the editor of a Pennsylvania d-----y fanzine, B-g B-----r, who said, in essence, "Stop affixing these un-American slogans to my mail or I shall break off contact with you. They are embarrassing to me!" Of course, he neglected to send a copy of his fanzine

to the one person this editorial outburst was aimed at, but that was doubtlessly an _____ (which shall remain nameless).

A reaction to this action came from the many-named editor of a San Diego d-----y fanzine called C-----a, who objected to the Pennsylvanian's objection, swore to affix leftist slogans to all letters mailed to him, and offered to resign if necessary from the game in B-g B-----r, and accept this editor's resignation in his own magazine.

Unfortunately, as is his wont, the Pennsylvania editor responded by offering to sue the San Diegan, turn his mail over to the FBI, and do other assorted unpleasant things. Resignations were, of course, exchanged.

The latest episode in this little travesty has been a lengthy rebuttal in C-----a, fortunately somewhat more calm and level-headed than the original mention there. Who knows where it will end? More important, when?

Now look, my friends -- for I consider all of you that -- each of us has the right to express our opinions, stand up for them, and speak out for them with all our energy. And, each of us has the right to refuse to be subjected to any interchange/expression that annoys or embarrasses us. Fine... agreed... ok? Then please, if you must object to each other's actions, do so quietly, logically, privately, and with as much finesse as you can muster. I can't object to these arguments/feuds in d-----y zines because they spoil the game, or for any such petty reason. I object to them purely because they involve much unpleasantness among people whom I like and regard as friends, and more important because the more public they are made, the more people they involve. Fandom has enough feuds and lawsuits... let's keep this branch of the microcosm uncluttered by such godawful otiosity.

TWO MAN GAME

In sTab #11 I published a six-man game played during the YUDC's visit to Scarborough last November. It had concluded early (in "Fall 1905") and I asked if anyone would be interested in seeing it through to a finish. The game had been remarkable in that the alliances set in 1901 (France-Germany-Italy vs. England-Russia-Austria) had held throughout the game, and the match could thus be finished by two players as a tactical game. James Latimer took up the challenge, and will play England, Russia, and Austria. I will play France and Italy (Germany has been eliminated).

At the end of the "Fall 1905" maneuvers, each side held the following supply centers:

LATIMER:	ENGLAND:	Lon, Liv, Edi, Den, Nor	((5))
	RUSSIA:	StP, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Bud, Vie, Ber, Mun, Kiel, Swe	((11))
	AUSTRIA:	Gre	((1))
KONING:	FRANCE:	Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Port, Bel, Hol	((7))
	GERMANY:		((0))
	ITALY:	Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Tri, Ser	((6))

At the conclusion of "Fall 1905" maneuvers, each side had the following forces:

LATIMER: ENGLAND: F Wal, F Lon, F N.S., A Nor
 RUSSIA: F Bal, F Bla, F Aeg, A Bud, A Vie, A Mun, A Sil,
 A Kiel, A Swe
 AUSTRIA: A Tyr, A Alb, F Gre

KONING: FRANCE: F Iri, F Eng, F Bre, A Hol, A Bel, A Ruhr, A Bur
 ITALY: F Apu, F Ion, A Ven, A Ser, A Boh.

The "Winter 1905" moves, the first made in this game by the new players, are as follows:

LATIMER	KONING
ENGLAND: Build F Liverpool	ITALY: Build A Rome
RUSSIA: Build A Sevastapol	
	A Warsaw
AUSTRIA: Remove A Tyrolia	
	A Albania

Both players and observers should remember that this game is played under the Scarborough-YUDC six-man variation, in which Bulgaria exists as a province, though not as a supply center.

 DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1906" MOVES IS SATURDAY, 21 MAY 1966

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"Winter 1912, Game I"

7 May 1966

T U R K I S H D E S E R T S T. P E T E R S B U R G
 P O W E R V A C U U M I N N O R T H

ITALY: Builds Fleet Naples
 (Nelson)

AUSTRIA: Builds Fleet Trieste, Army Vienna
 (McCallum)

TURKEY: Removes Army St. Petersburg

 DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1913" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 21 MAY 1966

ST. PETERSBURG (DWE) St. Petersburg, historic capital of Russia, has seen dark days in this last decade, but the inhabitants fear the worst may be yet to come. After the death and subsequent exile of Tsar James Thomas St. Petersburg has been occupied by waves of English and Turkish forces. Now, it

stands virtually empty. Empty of English forces, empty of Turkish soldiers, empty almost of inhabitants, so bad have conditions become there. Those who live in the once-proud capital of all the Russias are now little more than leaden eyed sheep, awaiting their new (or old) masters. 1913 will be a hard year for much of Europe, but the level of misery will be much the same as 1912's in St. Petersburg... change is almost inconceivable.

- - - - - "Spring 1904, Game II" - - - - -

R U S S I A C R U M B L E S U N D E R D U A L A T T A C K

FRENCH STOPPED IN MED

ENGLAND: F Eng (S) F N.S.; F N.S. (C) A Edin-Nor; A Edin-Nor;
(McCallum) A StP-Mos; A Fin-StP; F Swe-hold

FRANCE: A Bel-Ruhr; A Bur (S) A Bel-Ruhr; A Pic-Bel; A Mar-Pied;
(Davidson, F WMed-Tyrr; F Lyon (S) F WMed-Tyrr
for Reinsel)

GERMANY: A Den-Kiel; F Helg-Den; F Hol-Bel; A Mun-Bur; A Tyr-Vie
(Clark)

ITALY: A Tri-hold; A Pied-Mar; F Rom-Tyrr; F Tun (S) F Rom-
(Root) Tyrr; F Adr-Ion

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Tri
(Nelson)

RUSSIA: F Both-Bal; F Ber-StP; A Gal-Ukr; A Vie-Gal
(Boardman)

TURKEY: A Gre-Ser; A Ser-Bud; A Rum-Ukr; A Con-Bul; A Ank-Sev;
(Smythe) F Bla (C) A Ank-Sev; F Aeg-hold

Underlined moves do not succeed. In a phone conversation today, Jock Root, the Italian player, requested that I soon find a substitute for him, since time considerations demand that he drop out of 1965U. When first begun, Trantor II had listed as alternate player Charles Wells. If Charles would either send in a set of "Fall 1904" moves for Italy, or let me know that he is unavailable so that I can get another replacement, I would appreciate it. If necessary, Root can play through "Fall 1904," but no longer.

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MOSCOW: The Russian Anarchist Republic, newly established in Moscow after being forced to flee from St. Petersburg by goat-back in the dead of winter, has announced a Remnants Sale. The following items will be disposed of to the highest bidder:

Job lot of two dozen ex-Tsars. Suitable as headwaiters, conversation pieces, taxi drivers, or romantic period pieces. Offered

for sale in order of their tenure of the Russian throne. Twenty per cent discount for entire batch.

One fleet, frozen in the ice of the Barents Sea. The ice is thrown in free.

One solemn treaty with the Ottoman Empire. Reduced for fast clearance on account of arrack stains. Not guaranteed.

One letter from the Austro-Hungarian Emperor, dated 1901 and refusing a treaty of alliance. Interesting curio explaining much presently happening in the Balkans.

Two armies, lost somewhere in Austria. One is believed to be fortified in a Konditorei on the Wiener Ring, and the other is chasing vampires in the Karpathian Alps. Discount for damages.

One monastery in Magadan. (St. Ivan Yurodivi's.) Suitable for conversion into motion picture studio, resort hotel, museum, or gravel pit. May be disassembled for transportation and reconstruction elsewhere. Monks not included.

Black Sea resort town named Yalta. Amazing discount for clearance before the Turks arrive. Just the place to meet your friends and make plans.

Original text of "Letter of the Cossacks to Mohammed IV." Must be out of the country before people arrive who might possible take offense at it. Any offer accepted.

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Game 1965E

"Summer 1908"

7 May 1966

A U S T R I A N F O R C E S L E A V E T R I E S T E

V A C A T I O N I N S C E N I C S E R B I A

AUSTRIA: Army Trieste retreats to Serbia
(Nelson)

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1908" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 7 MAY 1966

LONDON (DWE) Today, for the first time in 8 years, the man reputed to be the real controlling force in English foreign policy, was "at home" to a member of the press. John W. Smythe, or "Mr. Smythe" as his few friends call him, agreed to admit a reporter from our venerable journal and answer one question for him concerning the world situation as he sees it.

Preparing a question for "Smythe the Inscrutable" (so called because of his evasive manner, downward slanting eyes, and habit of appearing in public with a paper bag casually pulled down over his

head, as well as for his disconcerting habit of laughing at all the wrong places in books, plays, jokes, and public executions) is no mean task, and when at length our staff of experts finished compiling The Question it was some thirty-two pages in length and covered a myriad of topics.

I presented the Question to Smythe in his book-lined study. He examined it carefully with his downward-slanting eyes and then stepping onto the window sill and grasping a vine clinging to the outer wall said "True..." As I joyously took down this definite reply, however, he turned once more and, smiling benignly, said "...but false!" and was gone.

There is some doubt, now, about what he meant.

Game 1966I

"Fall 1901"

7 May 1966

R U S S I A S W A M P E D O N T W O F R O N T S

GERMANY BIG WINNER

ENGLAND: A Edin-Nor; F Norwe (C) A Edin-Nor; F N.S.-Bel
(Brannan)

FRANCE: F Mid-Spa (SC); A Spa-Mar; A Bur-Bel
(Tzudiker)

GERMANY: A Sil-War; A Ruhr-Hol; F Den-Swe
(Lake)

ITALY: A Pied-hold; A Tus-hold; F Tyrr-Tunis
(Wells)

AUSTRIA: A Ser-Gre; A Bud-Ser; F Alb-Ion
(von Metzke)

RUSSIA: F Both-Swe; F Sev-Bla; A Ukr-Rum; A StP-Nor
(Goldman)

TURKEY: A Bul-Rum; A Arm-Sev; F Ank-Con
(Davidson)

Underlined moves do not succeed.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1901" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 21 MAY 1966

BUILDS: (newly gained centers are underlined,
newly lost are crossed out)

ENGLAND:	Lon, Liv, Edi	((3))	No change
FRANCE:	Par, Bre, Mar, <u>Spa</u>	((4))	Build ONE
GERMANY:	Ber, Kie, Mun, <u>Hol</u> , <u>War</u> , <u>Den</u>	((6))	Build THREE
ITALY:	Nap, Rom, Ven, <u>Tun</u>	((4))	Build ONE
AUSTRIA:	Vic, Bud, Tri, <u>Ser</u> , <u>Gre</u>	((5))	Build TWO
RUSSIA:	Mos, StP, Sev , War	((2))	Remove TWO
TURKEY:	Con, Ank, Smy, <u>Bul</u> , <u>Sev</u>	((5))	Build TWO

PARIS (October 1, 1901) The government of France views with alarm the troop concentration in the Piedmont. Unless the Republic of Italy can demonstrate its peaceful intentions and can alleviate the tension caused by this act, the government of France will assume a "State of War," however undeclared exists, and will act accordingly.

There is no need for these two Catholic Powers to take up arms against each other. The Monarchy of France will send a special envoy to His Holiness as a gesture of peace. This envoy, the renown economist Milton Friedman, hopes that the Pope, Paul VII (nee Samuelson) will receive him and that peace can be restored.

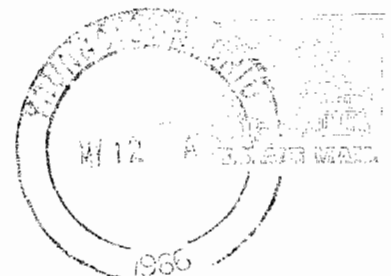
The recent elections have given the middle class Juive (Jewish) party the following representatives in the 3rd Estate: Jacob Vines, Abba Lerner, Moses Abramovitz, and Gary Becker. Other members who may be Jewish are: Gottfried Harberler, Charles Kindleberger, Fritz Machlup, Bella Balassa, Martin Bromfenbrenner, Laurenc Klein, Rosenstein Rodan, and Jacob Mincer.

WIEN The Emperor has abrogated his 1900 Treaty with Turkey. When asked why, he burred, "Last year in November my wife was absent. Now that she's back we plan a belated Thanksgiving celebration. We shall not forget our Indian heritage! In 1902 we shall carve Turkey as always. And we have sold Constantinople to the Russians for twenty-four gold pieces. Shriek!"

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