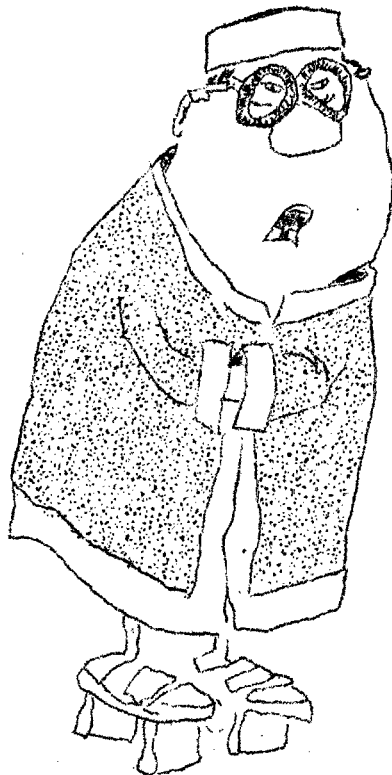
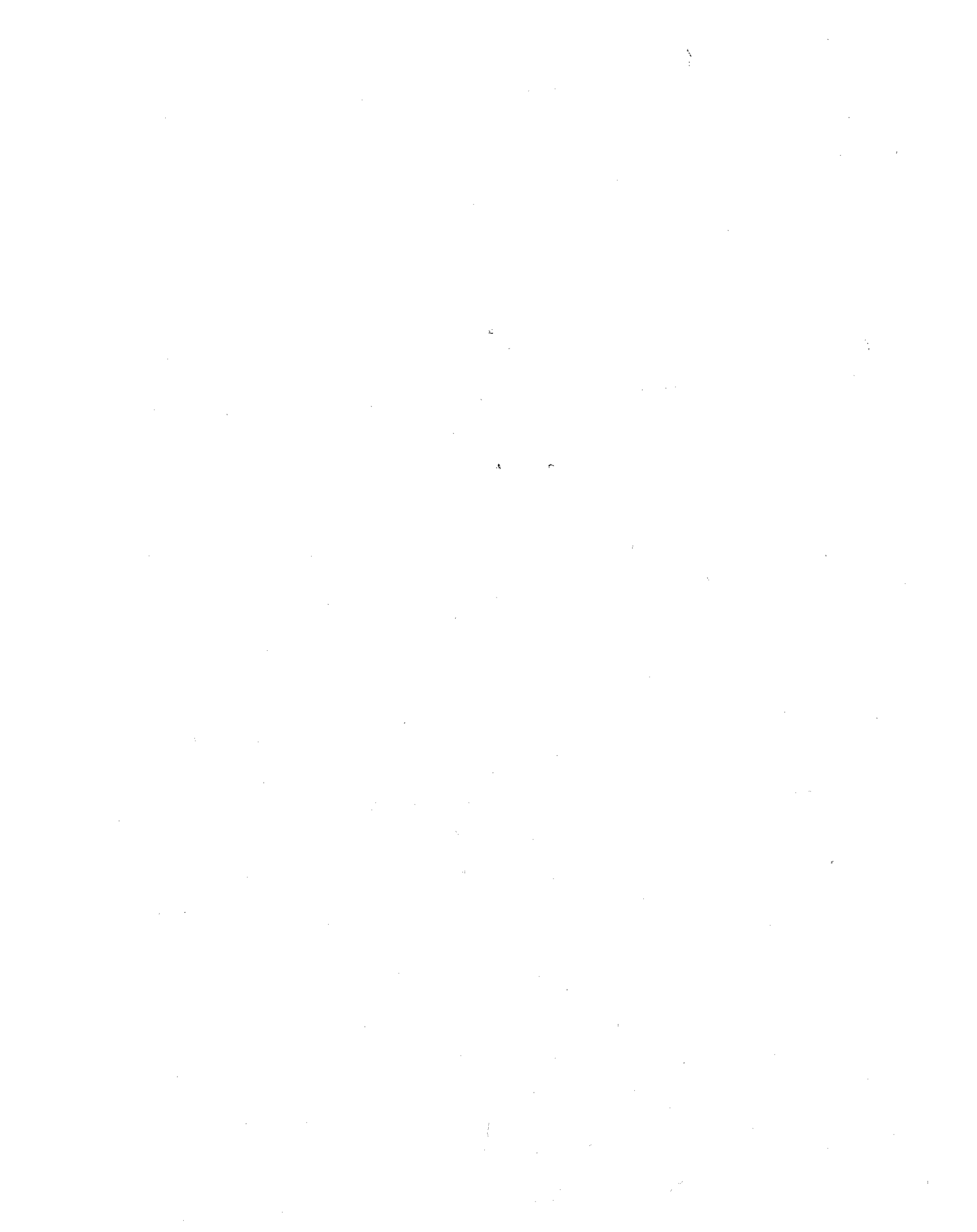


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# STAB 15



"It is often said, he who prays Diplomacy without expecting to be stabbed is foolish. But he who expects to be stabbed, and prays anyway is no less foolish."



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sTab is the infrequently bi-weekly journal of the YUDC, currently chronicling Games 1964D, 1965E, 1965U, 1966I, and several two man games. Next issue will see the beginning of a novel three-way game between John Smythe, Derek Nelson, and Earl Thompson. Subscriptions are the usual 10 for \$1.

Players in all games will note that next issue's deadline falls several days after the usual Saturday pub date. I plan to attend the MidWestcon the weekend of the 25th, and there's no need to have your moves rushed in only to sit around for two days. Perhaps some of you will be in Cincinnati that weekend. We'll see.

sTab I

"Fall 1906"

11 June 1966

LATIMER:

ENGLAND: F Lon-Eng; F Iri (S) F Lon-Eng; F Liv-NoAt; F N.S. (C)  
A Nor-Bel; A Nor-Bel  
RUSSIA: A Hol (S) ENGLISH A Nor-Bel; F Bal-Kiel; A Sil (S) A Kie-  
Mun; A Ber (S) A Kiel-Mun; A Kiel-Mun; A Sev-Rum; A Tri  
(S) A Gal-Bud; A Gal-Bud; A Vie-Tyr; F EMed-Ion; F Aeg  
(S) AUSTRIAN F Gre  
AUSTRIA: F Gre (S) RUSSIAN F Aeg

KONING:

FRANCE: A Ruhr-Hol; A Bel (S) A Ruhr-Hol; F Eng-N.S.; A Bur-Ruhr  
F Bre-Eng; F Mid (S) F Bre-Eng  
ITALY: A Ser (S) A Ven-Tri; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr-Vie; A Mun-Kiel;  
F Apu-Nap; F Ion-hold

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian Army Trieste retreats to Albania. The Italian Army Munich retreats to Bohemia.

Since the only build this time goes to Russia, Latimer may submit his "Winter 1906" and "Spring 1907" moves simultaneously, though on separate slips of paper.

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BUILDS: LATIMER:

ENGLAND: Lon, Liv, Edi, Den, Nor ((5)) No change  
RUSSIA: StP, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Bud, Vie, Ber, Mun, Kiel,  
Swe, Hol ((12)) Build ONE  
AUSTRIA: Gre ((1)) No change

## KONING:

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Bel, ~~NY~~ ((6)) No change  
 ITALY: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Tri, Ser ((6)) No change

○ MASSIF<sup>no</sup> 26 ○

Game 1965E

"Fall 1908"

11 June 1966

ENGLAND BARRED FROM RAISING ARMY  
 SMYTHE-KONING CONFLICT IMMINENT

ENGLAND (Smythe): Build not permitted\*  
 FRANCE (Root): Builds Army Paris, Army Marseilles  
 AUSTRIA (Nelson): Removes Army Serbia  
 TURKEY (MacKenzie): Builds Fleet Constantinople

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\*England actually had no build coming this time. I inadvertantly listed Moscow twice in the tally of English supply centres in sTab #14. England possesses on 13 centers. I noticed the error when I totaled the centers listed for each nation (E-14, F-12, A-2, T-7) and found they totaled 35. Sorry.

Game 1966I

"Winter 1901"

11 June 1966

G A M E S M A S T E R ' S E R R O R S C O N T I N U E  
 READERSHIP UP IN ARMS

FRANCE (Tzudiker): Build A Paris  
 GERMANY (Lake): Builds A Berlin, A Munich, A Kiel  
 ITALY (Wells): Build Fleet Naples  
 AUSTRIA (von Metzke): Builds F Trieste, A Budapest  
 RUSSIA (Goldman): Removes F Black Sea, F Bothnia  
 TURKEY (Davidson): Builds F Ankara, F Smyrna

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 DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1902" ORDERS IS 28 JUNE 1966 (TUES)  
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My apologies, once again, to all players in this game. Last issue must have been produced in a fog of some sort. England had no build move coming for "Winter 1901," so though I'd lost Cartier's letter I had not lost his move. Oh, well...

Perhaps the Trantor players will fare better. Onward...



casian when reporters finally managed to locate the Italian government, which, as all know, has been "missing, presumed dead" for the past nine years. Baron Bari or Arzi, who has just returned after creating a considerable stir in the USA, has assumed control of the government in Rome. He is a capable and well-known lecher around town, and in a spare moment he agreed to brief us on the progress of the war.

With a map of Europe, a pointer, a top hat, and two aides he briskly set to work (after a drink all around). The quotes are his.

"As I understand our strategic military policy," he said, "it is based upon the attainment of certain important objectives which will have a decisive influence on the conflict. Take for example I Army Group," he said, pointing to the unit in Scandinavia, "which has a job of supreme importance, namely the location and detention of Santa Claus. We have a bit further north to go yet, but think of the effect on morale in enemy countries once we secure of objective. The children will complain to their mothers who will complain to their husbands, and when they lay down their weapons we will release St. Nick." He favoured us with his best campaign smile, forgetting we have no votes.

"To proceed. You'll note we have a large number of fleets in the east surrounding Turkey. We are drawing a cordon sanitaire (sanitary napkin to you) around the area to prevent The Mule threatening our rear. A secondary consideration is that the fleets won't come home anyway... they seem to like Balkan beer and Turkish harems quite a bit." He smiled bravely as if it were no account.

"However, our remaining two armies are still somewhat under our control. IV Army is guarding Piedmont against the Piedmontese, or at least it was last I heard. III Army is somewhere in Great Britain looking for that nefarious and scheming criminal subversive, Boardman, who has come to Europe to protest the war. Our forces are under the temporary command of the American Emperor, Smythe by name, who is directing the search." He smiled again and shrugged, "This sort of thing goes on in Diplomacy all the time..."

Someone asked him what had happened to the II Army. He looked crest-fallen. "I don't really know; it disappeared about 1904 and hasn't been seen since."

I broke in and reminded him he had yet to mention the fleet in Spain. He looked puzzled and turned to an aide: "Do we have a fleet in Spain?" The aide whispered something, then "Oh, I see. Sorry, Gentlemen, that's not ours. It was raised by public conscription by the Mafia and is under their orders."

Finally, it was asked what the over-all policy of the Italian Government was in this war. He answered quickly. "Peace and plenty. Plenty of loot and a bigger piece of Europe, that is. Actually, what we do depends on how much the Austrians pay me."

And with that the press conference was over. Thank God.

INSTANT PRESS RELEASE Radio communication from I Army Denmark:

"Oh, boy! Did we ever get wiped. They're mopping us up with a blotter. Now I know what Custer felt like at the Little Big Horn!"

BRESCHAU (1 January 1913) In some ways, very little seems to have changed since my last New Year's Day in the Grand Ducal palace of Breschau, seven years ago. Once more I am the guest of Rudolf Franz Maria von Soyecourt-Breschau, an Austrian officer and titular Grand Duke of this vest-pocket dukedom. Once more Austria-Hungary is in alliance with Turkey, battling against the English and French. Once more, German soil knows the feet of occupying armies.

But in the intervening years the map of Europe has changed profoundly. The alliance with Turkey was violently ruptured, and then reconstituted as a triple "Alliance of Desperation" against an overwhelming English power. This palace, sacked by Turks during the Turkish campaign of 1906, has been rebuilt at Turkish expense under the terms of the treaty which established the "Alliance of Desperation." And a second Austro-Turkish break appears likely, as the "Alliance of Desperation" plays "odd-man-out."

The Grand Duke, not a full colonel, explained it to me this way during last night's festivities: "The English government -- if there is an English government -- shows no interest in pursuing the war. Liverpool has been abandoned to our fleets, and Germany to our armies."

"I can understand why Austria-Hungary is working with Italy against the English," I said to him, "but what will Turkey get out of the alliance?"

The Grand Duke lowered his voice so that nearby Turkish officers could not hear. "Nothing," he whispered. "Under a secret codicil to the Austro-Italian treaty, we get St. Petersburg and Berlin, and they get Turkey itself. I only hope we can trust the Italian fleets to withdraw from our rear after they have completed the conquest of Turkey."

KIEL (17 February 1913) Few greater contrasts could be imagined than that between the busy beehive of military activity in Breschau, and the idle backwater which is Kiel. Before the war, this harbor city was a major center of the German fleet. Then, after the collapse of the German Empire, it became the center of English naval activity in Baltic and North Sea waters. Now, with all armed forces departed, it is a run-down seaside slum.

The only authority to be found in all northwestern Germany is the British military governor, a certain Francis Orts. Orts, reputedly an illegitimate half-brother of Admiral Lord Rokesle, was a remittance man in Tonga before the war. The hope of using his family connections to raise himself in the army brought him home. When the English Fourth Fleet took Kiel from the French in 1905, the Admiral obtained the military governorship for Orts, who has resided here ever since.

Orts now gets drunk on German schnapps instead of native beer, and the girls accumulated around him are blonde Germans instead of dusky Tongans, but in other aspects his way of life is much the same as it was in the South Pacific. When an Italian army passed through last spring on its way to Denmark, Orts spent the time holed up in a naval warehouse with three Fräuleins and a diverted shipment of H.M. Navy's grog.

The governor's indolence has spread downward, through the tiny

English colony of fifth-rate colonial administrators and others who couldn't be trusted on the front lines, and to the German population. Since the desertion of the Kaiser and the collapse in turn of France and England, a state of dreary unreality has settled over this corner of Europe. No one cares who wins or loses the war, and the only response to the news of the approach of a new army is the move of the local women to put on their old clothes.

-- James Branch Water  
Lichfield Times-Despatch

Winter 1904, Game III

R U S S I A N F L E E T S D I S M A N T L E D I N N O R T H  
R E V O L U T I O N A R Y C O M M I T T E E D I S A P P E A R S

- ENGLAND (McCallum): Builds Army Edinburgh
- ITALY (Wells): Army Piedmont retreats to Tuscany.
- RUSSIA (Boardman): ~~No moves received.~~ Gamesmaster removes Fleet Baltic and Fleet Barents.
- TURKEY (Snythe): Builds Army Constantinople

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Jack Chalker (Barad-Dur; 5111 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21207) is seeking players for a 9-man version of Diplomacy. This 9-man version, Jack says, is played exactly like 7-man, except that several new zones have been added (Iceland, Crete, Tripoli, etc.) along with a few new supply centers and, of course, 2 new Powers -- the Kingdom of Scandinavia and the Holy Islamic Kingdoms of the Barbary Coast. There is also the possibility of arming the neutrals. Write Chalker if you're interested.

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