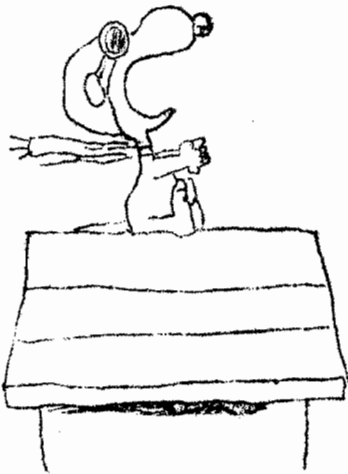
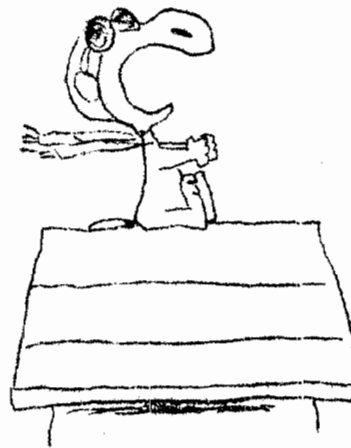


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"That's right, Smythe, if France puts a fleet in the Channel it's WAR!"



"Okay, Nelson, but don't build any fleets in St. Petersburg."



"That's right, Koning, Germany gives me Denmark, or else!"



"I wonder if I can order 'F North Sea convoy Doghouse to Norway'?"

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sTab, a magazine of postal diplomacy (a fiendish system by which it takes two or three weeks rather than 15 minutes to find out who you can trust), is edited once every three weeks by John Koning. Subscriptions are ten issues for one dollar, and trades are welcomed with all other diplomacy magazines except SIC. Subscribe for yourself and see why I have to hid it from my mother (\$1 to Bob Lake, Apt. 904, 35 Esterbrook Ave., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.)

Larry Peery, editor of Xenogogic (magazine of light-hearted Diplomacy, opinions, and Chas. Schultz cribbings), has approached a number of gamesmasters for support in what I consider a worthwhile endeavor. Larry is seeking to set up a rating system based, not on statistical records, but on the opinions of players in the game. His plan is to contact players and gamesmasters and have them rate a designated list of players on various facets of Diplomacy skill. I am not advertising Larry's project to encourage you to write him about it... he'll see that you're contacted. I'm mentioning it to urge and remind you torrespond. If you do not, the rating will loose its value, and it's to good an idea for that. So, PLEASE, fill out and return the forms he passes to you.

sTab #II

"Spring 1909"

EARL THOMPSON

ENGLAND: F Helg-Nth; F Nth-Eng; F Nwg (S) F Helg-Nth

JOHN SMYTHE

FRANCE: F Bel (S) A Ruh-Hol; A Ruh-Hol; A Bur-Mun' A Par-Pic;

F Mar-Pie; F Tyrr-Tus; A Rom-Apu; A Tri-Ven

ITALY: A Nap-Apu; F Tun-Ion

DEREK NELSON

AUSTRIA: A Ven-Pie; A Apu-Rom; A Vie-Tri

RUSSIA: F Alb (S) A-H A Vie-Tri; A Boh-Tyr; A Fin (S) F StP(nc)-Nwy; A Nwy-Swe; A Den (S) A Hol-Kie; F StP(nc)--Nwy;

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F Bal (C) TURKISH A Swe-Ber; A Kie-Ruhr; A Mun (S) A Kie-Ruhr; A Hol-Kie; A War-Sil
 TURKEY: A Swe-Ber; A Con-Ven; F Aeg, F Ion & F Adr (C) A Con-Ven;
 F EMed (S) F Ion

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Army Trieste may retreat to either Serbia or Budapest. This retreat must be in by THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th. Other players may of course make their moves conditional upon the direction of this retreat.

 DEADLINE FOR "SUMMER 1909" RETREAT IS THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 1967
 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1909" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1967

LONDON An underground editor, Mr. John Koning, was captured, caught red-handed (with an edited press release submitted by the English Government). He was tried, found guilty, sentenced to death, and executed on the spot by his captors. Let all future would-be editors take notice. Justice is swift.

LIVERPOOL France will soon die for her bellicose attitude toward England. If France had acted with honor, she would have prevailed.

GENEVA (DWE) Mildly discomfited by his recent execution in London, Mr. J.G. Koning today resumed his duties as editor of sTab. "Damn these English," he exclaimed, "I can't understand them. They submit two press releases saying essentially the same thing, and then when we print one of them complain that it is an edited version of the other. I could, of course, have printed 'The French offer of alliance is too late. Late in 1907, with her fleet in the English Channel, France killed any chance of an alliance with England.' instead of the report in sTab 38, but that, after all, was my choice. I hope these Englishmen won't take offense at this report," he concluded, "because I wouldn't care to be executed again this year. I mean, I know our policy is 'Anything to Please a Customer,' but that is carrying things a bit too far, I think."

sTab #III

"Spring 1903"

28 October 1967

ROLAND TZUDIKER

ENGLAND: F Yor (S) F Eng-Nth; F Pic-Bre; A Nwy-hold; F Eng-Nth
 ITALY: F WMed-Lyon; A Tus-Rom
 TURKEY: A Ser-Tri; A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Gre (S) A Con-Bul;
 F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Ion

JOHN McCALLUM

FRANCE: F Bel (S) GERMAN F Nth; F Por-Spa(sc); A Pie-Tus; A Rom (S)
 A Pie-Tus; F Lyon-Tyrr
 GERMANY: A Ruh (S) FRENCH F Bel; A Hol-Yor; F Nth (C) A Hol-Yor;
 F Den (S) F Nth; F Ber-Pru; A Sil-War

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AUSTRIA: A Tri (S) A Vie; A Vie (S) A Tri; F Ven-hold

LARRY PEERY

RUSSIA: F StP-Both; A Fin-StP; F Swe-Bal; A Bud (S) TURK A Ser-Tri; A Rum-Gal; F Bla-hold; A War-hold ((unordered))

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Italian army Tuscany is annihilated. Please note that there is no German Army in Warsaw, as was reported in sTab 37 & 38. It is in Silesia. In sTab 37, the German move "A Sil-War" should be underlined. ((Thanks, John McCallum))

Play of France-German-Austria is taken over by John McCallum, "A Qtrs," S.E.S., Ralston, Alberta, Canada. Welcome, John.

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1903" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1967

ST. PEERIGRAD Dr. Peter H. Olmes, Professor of Astronomical Politics, and current lecturer under the William Lawrence memorial Chair in international relations at the University of St. Peerigrad, today delivered his first major address of the Fall term. The subject, the Total Depravity of Economics, was attended by most of the faculty and student body of the world-famous school. In his remarks Dr. Olmes considered several cases of economists turned politician-statesmen and used them to illustrate the these that economists had no place in the international community, particularly in the area of diplomatic relations. Olmes referred first to the precedent breaking appointment of Bangs Leslie Tapscott to be head of the U.S. Disarmament Agency under the administration of President Harry "Mud-slinging" Walker shortly after the end of World War III. Tapscott had no success in bringing the world's fifty-six nuclear powers to any disarmament agreement. Tapscott was fired by Walker shortly after the accusation that he had sold America's defense secrets to the Republic of Grand Sevastapol and the Maldive Islands. Olmes then referred to Dr. John Kastlereagh Galbraith, economist turned politician, and his failure when he was appointed Chancellor of the University of Big Roch in 1974. Olmes historic conclusion was utterly simple, utterly without refute, and utterly unutterable. Said the whiz: "There is no doubt that economists do make terrible diplomats. In fact, no right-thinking person would have ever anything to do with economics or economists. Economics is a bunch of hooley!"

GENEVA (DWE) The International Institute for Economic Research announced, shortly after the precedent breaking speech of Dr. Peter H. Olmes, that it was in concurrence with the sentiments expressed by Dr. Olmes. "Economics is a bunch of hooley!" stated IIER Chairman Paul A. Simple on. "That's why we're retracting the quarter billion dollar research grant we made last year to the University of St. Peerigrad."

ST. PEERIGRAD (10 April 1903) His Imperial Majesty's War Minister, Count Vassily Lating, today answered certain critics within the Imperial Duma who of late have been exceedingly critical of the current war effort. In reply to charges

that there existed a "credibility gap" between the War Office and the General Staff Lating said: "This is absurd. Our computers have shown beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are fully aware of every possibility and eventuality in the war. Cost effectiveness studies have demonstrated that by limiting each soldier to four bullets per day we can save approximately three hundred million rubles per month. The current expenditure of about 34,000 ruble to kill one enemy is outrageous. The enemy is fully aware of our determination to push on with the war, inspite of gamesmasters, disappearing players, and the inconsistencies of the hot winds blowing out of the American Urals (commonly referred to as Rockies)." In regard to charges of over-rulings of military leaders by civilian officials in the War Ministry Lating said: "We have the fullest confidence in our Marshals. Marshal de Tassigny has been appointed as ambassador to Siam, Marshal Federenko has been appointed as ambassador to the International Confederation of Filibusters and Marshal Grecko is in charge of the Imperial Wardrobe. The current Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Marshal Hitikiticho, is expected to be named a member of the Czar's Cabinet in a few weeks."

THE QUADRAGON (or the "Square House") The Imperial House Cavalry Regiment under the command of Captain Horst Snezzle, today put down a major riot at the headquarters of the War Ministry. No one was hurt in the rioting, although the "do not walk on the grass" signs outside the Quadragon were reportedly destroyed. A very few rioters did manage to enter the Quadragon when guards were detracted by the passing of the new Portuguese Ambassadors in St. Petersburg, the beautiful, young, and charming Fanny St. Claire, but they were swiftly ejected by the War Minister's secretarial staff, who reportedly were in the middle of a crap game.

TORONTO Ryerson College's President Derek Nelson, recipient of the IIER's new quarter billion dollar grant, has indicated that the purpose of the grant is to start a new party. Traditionally a conservative in political matters, Nelson was asked about his plans for the new party. "Well," he said, "I thought we'd start by filling lake Erie with Red Cap, then..." And so it went.

--- Tab #IV

--- "Winter 1903"

--- 28 October 1907

JOHN McCALLUM

ITALY: Remove Fleet North Atlantic, Army Rome

DEREK NELSON

AUSTRIA: Build Army Vienna, Army Budapest

JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: No move received. Could have built one.

--- DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1904" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1907 ---

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Game 1966I

"Winter 1909"

28 October 1967

TURKEY AND GERMANY EXPAND
FRENCH LIMERICKS DRAW REPLY

ENGLAND: Removes Fleet Skaggerak, Army St. Petersburg (Cartier)

GERMANY: Build Army Berlin (Naus)

TURKEY: Build Army Smyrna (Davidson)

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DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1910" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1967

PARIS Diplomacy as a way of life,
Implies a life of constant strife
Our allies we suspect
'Til they all defect
And gently insert the knife.

CONSTANTINOPLE The Turks have come 'tis true
But alas not to France, so don't be blue
And perchance Queen Tzudiker will get her due
For promising things which can't be true.

"Autumn, Winter 1904, Game III"

TURKISH FLEET LOST IN STORM
CALIPH'S NAVY SHORTHANDED

AUTUMN 1904: FRANCE: A Venice retreats to Tuscany
TURKEY: No retreat submitted. GM removes F Ionian

WINTER 1904:

ENGLAND: Build Fleet London (Zelazny)

FRANCE: Build Army Paris, Army Marseilles (Turner)

AUSTRIA: No build received. Could have built two; now has four (Francis) fewer pieces than centers.

RUSSIA: No more centers. Remove(last) Army Livonia (Castora)

TURKEY: No move received. Could have built one, for annihilated (Shagrin) Fleet Ionian.

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1905" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1967

PARIS At the Annual Winter Fertility Festival and Imperial Orgy (not to be confused with the Perpetual Parisian Royal Rousing, which is, as its name implies, perpetual) His Imperious Majesty Louis Robert II made an unerpected and dramatic announcement. Halting the Midnight Ball and Dawning Bedding Louis revealed to the assembled nobles and other decadents that He has become engaged to Princess Matilda of England, or, in French, Princess Mathilde.

His Majesty also called upon the assembled nobles to do their duty to help destroy France's enemies in the current conflagration. Everyone, naturally enough, took this as a call to continue to do what comes naturally. "What better way to serve one's country?" inquired Countess Pilsudski, a Russian emigree, as she gently pushed away Henri l'Hardi, Duc D'Artois with the comment: "Not now, silly." A reporter's question as to why the duke is called "the Bold" brought forth a gentle snicker from the countess.

VERSAILLES Marshal le Tournier, newly-appointed Foreign Minister and Chief of Staff, today condemned the Austrian seizure of Venice as being an "intolerable act of aggression against the French monarchy." He vowed total war against the Hapsburg Huns unless the territory is returned to France along with "appropriate acts of contrition in view of Austria's seemingly unquenchable thirst for ill-gotten gains." The Marshall also expressed great sympathy for Turkey's enlightened efforts at restoring the Balkans to its normal and appropriate condition of semi-anarchy under Ottoman dominion. He called the Austrian hegemony over the Balkans a "useless attempt to civilize the uncivilizable."

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"Fall 1914, Game II"

28 October 1967

ENGLISH TAKE WESTERN MED.

TURKISH MARINES LAND IN ALGIERS

ENGLAND: A StP (S) A Lvn; A Lvn-hold; A Pru (S) A Sil; A Ber (S)
(McCallum) A Sil; A Sil (S) FRENCH A Mun; F Mid-WMed; F Eng-Mid;

FRANCE: A Kie (S) A Mun; F Mar-Lyon; A Mun-hold; F Spa(sc) (S)
(Reinsel) ENGLISH F Mid-WMed; F Bre (S) english F Eng-Mid; F Por (S)
F Spa; A Gas-Mar; A Bur (S) A Gas-Mar; A Par-Gas;
F Lvp-Iri

TURKEY: F Tun (S) WMed-Naf; F WMed-Naf; F Lyon (S) A Pie-Mar;
(Smythe) A Pie-Mar; F Tus (S) F Lyon; F Ion-Tyrr; F Tyrr-WMed;
A Nap-Rom; A Tri-Vie; A Rum-Bud; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh (S)
A Tyr-Mun; A Gal (S) A War; A Mos (S) A War; A Ukr (S)
A War; A War (S) A Mos; A Sev (S) A Mos

Underlined moves do not succeed. NOTE In 1912 I erroneously permitted Turkey to build two, when she should only have built one. I am therefore cancelling the Turkish build in 1913 (F Con), since leaving it on the board would give Turkey 18 pieces and only 17

centers. I suspect, however, that either way it would not make much difference.

-----"Fall 1905, Game III"-----

TWO LARGEST POWERS IMMOBILE
ITALY, RUSSIA CLEAN UP; TURKEY CLEANED OUT

SUMMER 1905: GERMANY: A Berlin retreats to Kiel
TURKEY: A Smyrna retreats to Armenia

FALL 1905:

ENGLAND: No moves received. F's Mid, Bel, Nth, Ska, Bar; A's Nwy, (Pournelle) Edi, Ruh,-- stand

FRANCE: A Bur-Par
(Reinsel)

GERMANY: A Kie (S) A Mun; A Mun-hold; F Bal-Den
(Latimer)

ITALY: F Tyrr-WMed; A Ven-Pie; A Gas-Bre; F Spa(sc)-Mid;
(Clark) F Por (S) F Spa-Mid; A Pie-Mar

AUSTRIA: No moves received. F's Smy, Alb; A's Ank, Con, Bul,
(Smythe) Rum, Ber, Sil, Boh, Tyr -- stand

RUSSIA: A StP-Nwy; A Fin (S) A StP-Nwy; F Swe (S) A StP-Nwy;
(Nelson) F Sev-Rum

TURKEY: No move received. A Arm-stand
(Tzudiker)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The English Fleet Mid-Atlantic and the English Army Norway are annihilated.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1905" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1967

ARMENIA My diplomacy experience has been
That competition is very keen
Some beat me with skill
Other used a knife for the kill
So VICTORY I have never seen.

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BUILDS

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Bel, Hol, ~~Por~~, ~~Br~~ ((5)) Remove ONE
FRANCE: Par ((1)) No change
GERMANY: ~~Br~~, Kie, Den, ~~Swe~~, Mun ((3)) No change
ITALY: Nap, Ven, Tun, Spa, Mar, Rom, Por, Bre ((8)) Build TWO
AUSTRIA: Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul, Con, Ank, Ber, Smy
((11)) Build ONE
RUSSIA: War, Mos, StP, Sev, Swe, Nwy ((6)) Build TWO
TURKEY: ~~Smy~~ ((OUT)) Remove Army Armenia

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Game 1965R

"Spring 1912, A"

28 October 1967

FRENCH TAKE EDINBURGH TURKISH COMMAND DISAPPEARS AGAIN

NOTE: The Russian build for "Winter 1911" was F StP (north coast)-- the French player was informed.

FRANCE: A Lvp (S) F Yor-Edi; A Bel-Hol; A Ruh-Bur; A Bur-Mar;
(Reinsel) F Nat-Nwg; F Yor-Edi; F Lon-Nth; F Mar-Lyon; F Tun (S)
F Ion-Tyrr; F Ion-Tyrr

RUSSIA: F Nth-Eng; F Nwg-Nat; F Nwy-Nth; F Bar-Nwg; F StP(nc)-
(Miller) Nwy; A Edi-Yor; F Helg (S) F Nwy-Nth; A Den (S) A Kie;
A Kie (S) A Mun-Ruh; A Ber (S) A Sil-Mun; A Pru-Sil;
A Sil-Mun; A Mun-Ruh; A Boh (S) A Sil-Mun

TURKEY: No moves received. F's Tus, Rom, Apu, Gre, Smy; A's Pie,
(Chalker) Ven, Tyr, Tri, Nap -- stand

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian Army Edinburgh is re-treated to Clyde. The Russian player has until 9 November 1967 to exercise his option to remove rather than retreat.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1912" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1967

- "Spring 1909, Game D" -

FRENCH MERCENARIES GUT VIENNA FIVE TURKISH CORPS SLAUGHTERED

FRANCE: A Mar-Pie; A Ven (S) GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; A Tyr-Vie; F Tun
(Miller) (S) F Ion; F Ion-hold; F Tyrr (S) F Ion; F Apu (S) F Ion;
F Adr-Tri; F Eng (C) A Wal-Pic; A Wal-Pic; A Edi-Lvp

GERMANY: A Mun-Tyr; A Gal-Bud; A War-Ukr; A Mos (S) A War-Ukr;
(Huff) A Lvn-War; A StP (S) A Mos; A Pru (S) A Lvn-War; A Boh
(S) FRENCH A Tyr-Vie; A Ber-Sil; A Bel-Ruh; F Nth-Den

TURKEY: A Sev (S) A Ukr; A Ukr (S) A Rum-Gal; A Rum-Gal; A Bud
(Reinsel) (S) A Vie; A Vie (S) A Rum-Gal; A Tri (S) A Vie;
A Ser (S) A Tri; F Alb (S) A Tri; F Gre (S) F EMed-Ion;
F Aeg (S) F EMed-Ion; F EMed-Ion

Underlined moves do not succeed. *Turk A Vie - destroyed*

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1909" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1967

NOTE: In sTab #38 I neglected to note that France builds Army Marseilles. This has caused enough confusion that Mike Hakulin, the French player, has not yet submitted his Spring 1905 orders. Since the disclosure of the existence of this army may affect the Austrian moves and (conceivably) the German, I will postpone the deadline for "Spring 1 05" until SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1967 or until I have heard from the French, German, and Austrian players (in the latter two cases, a mention that you have read this announcement, but do not wish to change your moves would be sufficient, if that is the case), whichever comes first. If this can be done speedily, the moves will be sent out by carbon and the game returned to its regular schedule. Your co-operation is appreciated.

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ON THE SUBJECT OF MISSED MOVES There were nine cases of missed moves in this issue, not counting Mike Hakulin's (mentioned above), and Dick Schultz's (replace by John McCallum in sTab III). This is particularly bad when one realizes that only 38 moves were to be submitted for this issue. In other words, nearly one-fourth of the positions in sTab games were inactive this time. What is the matter? Now, I realize that there are extenuating circumstances in some cases, but surely not in all nine! I could, of course, just let the whole thing pass. This is, in effect what I do anyway, since I do not believe in replacing inactive players (except under the special circumstances noted last issue). But I cannot help being just a little turned off about the whole thing.

Jim MacKenzie discussed this some time ago, in regard to 1964D. It was Jim's contention that when a player sees he is beaten he may as well resign, as he would do in chess, rather than prolong the agony. Chess, however, is a two man game, and when one man resigns the game is over, for his opponent has won. Diplomacy, however, is not a two man game, and when one player stops moving, the game is not usually over. What Jim's argument ignored was that although a player is not likely to win himself in some cases, he may still have a great influence on who does win. Please, guys, be sports enough to play your countries out. jgk

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