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Diplomacy is mentioning your name as you are shaking hands with someone you have never heard of before, and noticing that as you release his hand, he counts his fingers.

Yes, OPENINGS STILL ABOUND ! I have one person definitely signed up for the next game, one who has expressed a interest(Andrew Tomcufcik) and a number of other people have expressed interest. If you are reading this at Origins, the person who handed this to you is probably your editor, so why not sign up now. People who are reading this in the privacy of your own homes, remember: this is mailed with the name folded inside so your receiving this is between you, your confessor, and God. And neither of them will tell.

Perhaps I should announce that The Watergate is officially folding. The editor told me so on the phone a week ago. He said he is being transferred.

I have only received one indication of interest in playing a variant, besides Curt Gibson who brought it up. So I don't feel the interest is such that I will be opening a game. I realize good variant zines are getting harder to find. What with Bushwacker's demise and evidently Speculum isn't being published either. Lee Kendter still has two openings in Youngstown(4347 Benner St., Philadelphia, PA 19135) You needn't worry - I'm not signed up for it.

Diplomacy World has announced that it is shifting its emphasis from PBM to FTF. It is no longer going to maintain openings - more about this next issue. Also, I am interested in starting an orphan game service, so that any person who gets a game orphaned can find a new home. I am willing to carry any orphan as an outrider to Saint George if the players are willing to pay 20¢ for the service until I can find a new home for the game. Any publishers who are willing to take orphans are encouraged to get in touch with me.

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1976BA Wrap-up.

We have been promised a commentary from Brad Hessel (the winner) next issue, but in the meantime here is the way the game went, first from the standpoint of the second place finisher....

Russia (Richard Anderson): My opening strategy was to merely "test the waters" for potential allies, and then play it by ear. This was a task which did not prove difficult: Turkey's initial move into Armenia, along with a foul-up in postal communications, pushed me towards an alliance with Austria-Hungary. By the Spring of '02 Turkey was sufficiently worried by Austria's actions to seek my aid. I, of course, wholeheartedly promised it to him. Sorry, Don.

By the end of '02, Germany had decided to break our non-aggression pact. I was lucky enough to second guess his intentions and set myself up in a position to take Berlin. Soon after its fall, nearly everyone else jumped on Germany; his days as a major power had ended.

The West never seemed to come to grips with the reality of the alliance between Austria and myself. While we finished off Turkey and grew in strength, the other powers were bungling around like a bunch of Keystone Kops, constantly trading supply centers and strategic/tactical advantages back and forth. We were certain, though that the West was going to solidify its defense against us and eventually force a draw. With this in mind, Brad (and myself) attempted to bargain with France by offering him a partnership in a three-way draw if he would help us break Germany, Italy and England. I thought Brad was sincere-perhaps he was-but France decided to align himself with the opposition.

By this time the game was becoming tedious and a draw seemed imminent. Then in 1908, Italy missed a move and Germany provided us with some unexpected aid, allowing Austria and me to begin breaking the stalemate line. However, at this point I was beginning to become concerned about a possible stab by Austria. Earlier in the game, Brad had agreed to limit his number of units to a maximum of eight or nine, allowing our two countries to maintain parity and thus achieve a two-way draw. By now, though, Brad had eleven units and appeared willing to build more. Furthermore, I had managed to stretch myself into France, but in doing so, I had become dangerously overextended. I felt that if Brad was going to stab me, he would do it then. He did.

I soon found myself unable to sustain alone the offensive needed to enable me to gain supply centers for my defense of Russian Turkey. After a few more seasons of dawdling around in France, I attempted to organize a containment strategy among France, Germany and myself. I offered France the return of Paris and my speedy withdrawal from his country if he would help stymie Austria's advance. Steve gave me his assurances, but when it came to action: nothing. It was a perfect replay of my dealings with Turkey, except this time I was getting the shaft.

I appealed to Germany who, for a few turns, followed the moves I'd suggested. Yet Cliff refused to write to me (I had no communication with him since 1903. Finally, Germany decided to embark upon some fiasco against England, who by then had fallen into Austria's camp.

Essentially then, I was left to fend for myself. The end was inevitable. My strategy became one of prolonging the game until I was defeated, which came quickly with the fall of Warsaw and Austria's Blitzkrieg through Turkey. (Continued on page 9)

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1976R Medusa Fall, 1913

PEACE BREAKS OUT

Austria(McArdle) F BLA H, A MOS S A LVN, A LVN H, A PRU H, A WAR S A PRU, A BOH S A SIL, A SIL H, A TYO H, A MAR H, A PIE S A MAR  
 England(Kelly) F BAL S German A BER, F SPA(SC) H, F POR S F SPA(SC), A GAS S A BUR, A BUR S A GAS, F IRI S F MAO, F MAO S F SPA(SC), F ENG S F MAO, F BRE S A GAS, A RUH S German A MUN, A FIN S German A STP, F NWY S German A STP  
 Germany(Cohen) A MUN H, A KIE S A MUN, A BER S A MUN, A STP H  
 Italy(Drews) F LYO S Austrian A MAR, F NAF S F WES, F WES H F TYN H, F ION H, A ARM H, A ROM H, A NAP H

MEDUSA

The draw has been accepted at the end of 1913. Comments from the players will be printed next issue. Lacking a commentary, this will be the last issue for John McArdle, Harry Drews, and Gary Cohen; and Don Rittel.

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1976R Medusa 1913

AUSTRIA: ank, bud, mar, mos, rum, srb, sev, tri, vie, war.....10, even  
 ENGLAND: bel, bre, den, edi, hol, lvp, lon, nwy, par, por, spa, swe.....12, even  
 GERMANY: ber, kie, mun, stp..... 4, even  
 ITALY: bul, con, gre, nap, rom, smy, tun, ven..... 8, even

Zine: Saint George and the Dragon GM: Robert Sergeant

1976R

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
A	3	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	8	9	10	10	10	10 Draw
E	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	11	11	10	13	12	12	12 Draw
F	3	5	5	5	4	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	-
G	3	6	7	7	8	8	9*	7	8*	9**	4	4	4	4 Draw
I	3	4	3	3	3	4	5	5	6	6	7	8*	8	8 Draw
R	4	6	5	6	5	4*	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-
T	3	4	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	-	-	-	-

Austria: John J. McArdle, Jr.(Drew F '13)  
 England: Don Rittel(dr S'09), Ron Kelly(Drew F'13)  
 France: Doug Happel(drop S'05), Chip Charnley(drop S'07) CD(out F'08)  
 Germany: Gary Cohen(Drew F'13)  
 Italy: Ron Stephens(drop F'02), Harry Drews(Drew F'13)  
 Russia: Randy Rauscher(drop W'05) CD(out F'08)  
 Turkey: Jad Dittmar(drop S'02), Cecil Nurse (out F'09)

I wish to thank the numerous standbys in this game who made it possible to bring this game to a conclusion. Congratulations to those sharing in the draw. We welcome a commentary from all players and they will be printed next issue. A comentary will extend by one issue the sub for those who would otherwise be ending their sub.

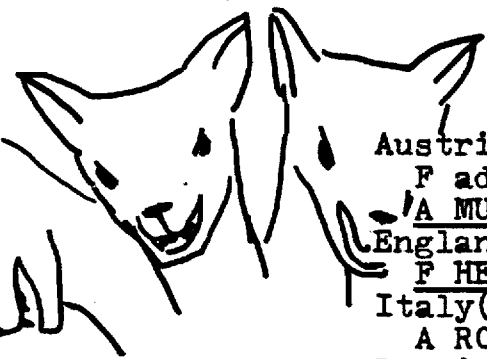
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1977CZ Cerberus Winter, 1906

E: removes A par, I: F adr R TUN, R: builds F STP(NC) only,  
plays 2 short

Spring, 1907

AND IN THE WEST.....



CERBERUS

- Austria(Kehrer) F VEN H, A TYO S F VEN, A TRI S F VEN,  
F adr-APU, F alb-GRE, A gal-BUD, A MUN-bur, A RUH S
- A MUN-bur
- England(Machir) A PIC S Italian A BUR, F EDI-nth, A YOR-edi,  
F HEL-hol, F BEL S F HEL-hol
- Italy(Bunke) A BUR S English F BEL, A PIE-ven, F apu-NAP,  
A ROM S F apu-NAP, F tun-ION, F TYN S F tun-TYN
- Russia(Michalski) A LON praises: French valor, F nth-ENG,  
F DEN S F nwg-NTH, F nwg-NTH, A KIE S F HOL, F HOL S  
F nwg-NTH, A srb-ALB, F AEG-ion, F ion-tyn(d, r adr, eas,  
otb), A fin-NWY, F nat-MAO, A sil-BER, F stp(nc)-BAR

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. The concession to Russia was defeated. There is a new proposal for an Austro-Russian draw. Please vote with your fall orders. Russia must retreat from the Ionian. Fall orders may be made conditional upon this retreat.

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DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1907 IS AUGUST 12, 1978 12 NOON CDT  
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Press-- 1977CZ

St.Petersburg: OK, folks, one more time: You have waged a good fight, and will no doubt continue to do so. However, your dike is cracking and there is no way you can hold it. The whole Atlantic front is open; your line in Italy is touch and go; and the line in France is under pressure. The hope of an Austro-Russian war is a mirage now. It is only a matter of time. So I will once more propose an Austro-Russia draw with you others surviving. That only reflects reality. It will allow you an honorable exit from a well-fought battle. It will give Bob room and time to use on a new and undecided game, unlike this one. So please vote FOR it this time. Should it fail, I myself will oppose future draws: I'll see it right down to 16A, 16R, and maybe 2 for Jim Fiack's Free French fighters. Let's meet again in the NEXT St. George game !((The line is now forming))

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1978?? The Vampire Winter, 1900  
 Austria(James Lawniczak, 809 E. Kingsley #38, Ann Arbor, MI 48104)  
 England(Clyde Hayman, 6 Tulip Rte. 2, Destrehan, LA 70047)  
 France(Roscoe McPherrren, 1006 N. McLean, Bloomington, IL 61701)  
 Germany(Mitchell Bailes, 10300 Westlake Drive, # 304, Bethesda, MD 20034)  
 Italy(Randolph Smyth, 249 First Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1S 2G5)  
 Russia(Oren Phipps, 2280 Desinia Ct., Reston, VA 22091)  
 Turkey(Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598)

The Vampire

This game was announced earlier. A Boardman Number has been requested, but that doesn't seem to mean much nowadays. Until such time as one is granted, please refer to this game as : The Vampire.

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 DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1901 IS AUGUST 12, 1978 12 NOON CDT  
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THE BANSHEE

1978?? The Banshee Fall, 1901  
 ONE DOWN  
 Austria(Mann) NMR A GAL H, A BUD H, F ALE H  
 England(Hessel) F nwg-NWY, F NTH C A edi-BEL, A edi-BEL  
 France( Kendter, Jr.) A BUR S English A vor-bel(nsu),  
 A SPA H, F mao-POR  
 Germany(Swords) A RUH-bur, A kie-DEN, F HOL S English  
 A edi-BEL  
 Italy(Machir) A tri-VIE, A ven-TRI, F ion-TUN  
 Russia(Richmond) F gob-SWE, F sev-RUM, A UKR S F sev-RUM,  
 A stp-MOS  
 Turkey(Pyfrom) F ank-BLA, A BUL-rum, A CON-bul

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. No standby will be called for the Austrian position. My apologies to the remaining players. Those who wish, may receive a free game fee in St. George to make up for 1901 of this game. Winter will be held separate.

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 SUPPLY CENTER CHART The Banshee 1901

AUSTRIA:	bud, <del>xxx</del> , <del>xxx</del> .....	1, remove 2
ENGLAND:	edi, lvp, lon, BEL, NWY.....	5, build 2
FRANCE:	bre, mar, par, POR, SPA.....	5, build 2
GERMANY:	ber, kie, mun, DEN, HOL.....	5, build 2
ITALY:	nap, rom, ven, TRI, TUN, VIE.....	6, build 3
RUSSIA:	mos, stp, sev, war, RUM, SWE.....	6, build 2
TURKEY:	ank, con, smy, BUL.....	4, build 1
NEUTRAL:	gre, srb.....	2
		<u>34</u> total

Press is on page 8

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1976JW

The Phoenix

Fall, 1909

ITALY CAN'T BE BOTHERED



The Phoenix

France(Machir) F tun-ION, F TYN S F tun-ION, F wes-TUN,  
 F lye-WES, A PIE S German A VEN, A MAR H, F stp(nc)-BAR,  
A lvn(d, a) S German F ber-PRU, A nwy-STP  
 (John Machir, 2553 Holman Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910)  
 Germany( David Bunke, 5512 Julmar Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238)  
 F nth-NWY, F kie-BAL, F ber-PRU, A mun-SIL, A BOH S A mun-  
 SIL, A TYO S A VEN, A VEN S A tus-ROM, A tus-ROM  
 Italy(Mann?) ~~NRR~~ F tyn R OTB. NMR A GRE H, F ion h(d, r  
nap, adr, aeg, eas, alb, otb), A rom h(d, r nap, otb),  
 F APU H, A TRI H, A VIE H, A RUM H, A SRB H, F CON H,  
 F SMY H  
 Russia(Curt Gibson, %A-1, 176 Lexington Ave., New York,  
 NY 10016) A ber R PRU. A pru-LVN, A WAR S A pru-LVN,  
 A sev-MOS  
 Turkey(Staud) 1750 Sylved Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45238(Gary  
 Staud) NMR F BLA H F ANK H

Underlined orders cannot be carried out CAPS denote final resting place of unit. Craig Reges, 16 W 761 White Pines Rd., Bensenville, IL 60106 is asked to submit standby orders for Italy. Since Cliff has not sent a sub fee, this issue will not be going out to him, so Craig will probably take over the position. No standby will be called for Turkey. Italy must retreat the unit from ion and rom. Winter builds may be made dependant upon this retreat and the identity of the Italian player. There is a proposal for a concession to the Russian Intellectual Meritocracy and one for a French-German draw. The concession to Turkey was defeated.

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1976JW The Phoenix 1909

FRANCE: bel, bre, lvp, lon, mar, par, por, stp, spa,  
 TUN.....10, build 2,  
 1 annihilated  
 GERMANY: den, edi, hel, kie, mun, nwy, swe, ven, ROM..... 9, build 1  
 ITALY: bud, bul, con, gre, nap, ~~pru~~, rum, srb, smy,  
 tri, ~~lyn~~, vie.....10, even, 1 short,  
 1 R OTB  
 RUSSIA: ber, mos, war..... 3, even  
 TURKEY: ank, sev..... 2, even

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 DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1909 & SPRING, 1910 IS August 12, 1978 12 NOON CDT  
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Press 1976JW

Re\*occupied Berlin(not strictly accurate)--It has been reported that in the re-taken German capital, executions of all those sympathetic to the meritocratic occupation forces are being inaugurated immediately. It is expected that two or three people may die out of a population of a few million.

In addition, Curt, the name is pronounced Bunkē (with a long e), so there went the old limerick, eh what ?

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1976IF

Leviathan

Winter, 1908

A: NBR, plays 1 short; F: removes Fwes, F spa(sc), F por;  
G: builds F KIE, A BER, plays 2 short, R: removes F bla

NOT A LOT OF PROGRESS

Spring, 1909

Austria(Nurse) A TYO H, A SEV H, A RUM H, A GAL H, A BUL H,  
A GRE H

France(Gable) F NAT-mao, A MAR-bur, A lvp-YOR, F MAO-gas,  
A EDI S A lvp-YOR

Germany(Berch) F kie-HEL, A ber-KIE, F bel-NTH, A MUN-bur,  
A PAR-gas, A LON-yor, F nth-NWG, A lvn-WAR, F bre-ENG,  
A SIL-mun, A war-UKR, A MOS S A war-UKR

Italy(Beyerlein) A pie-VEN, A tri-ALB, F ion-ADR, F tyn-ION,  
F TUN H, F CON-bul(sc), F smy-AEG

Russia(McLendon) A ARM-sev



Leviathan

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. Ron Kelly, Apt. 314, 6038 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22303 is asked to submit standby orders for Austria. Thanks to Mitch Bailes for standing-by for France although the orders weren't needed.

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DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1909 IS AUGUST 12, 1978 12 NOON CDT

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NOTE----- There is a call for a concession to Germany to take place as of Fall, 1908. Since Spring, 1909 has already taken place, I will amend that to " as of Spring, 1909". Please vote with your Fall orders.

Press 1976IF--

Marseilles: France unceremoniously asks for help.

Rome: Austria, you shouldn't telegraph your stabs. But if you want to play for second place instead of stopping Germany then I will play your game.

This space is also blank - but this time I think you would have noticed even if I hadn't pointed it out. Press could have filled this space. This is your second notice.

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Banshee Press--

Berlin-London: Phase one - completed!!

London, 4 October 1901(SHFP) Russia has accused the Government of aggressive designs in Scandinavia, British sources revealed here today. In a note delivered to the office of Prime Minister Viscount J.A.L. Haldane, by the Russian ambassador, the Tsar's Foreign Minister, Richomski, stated that Russian troop concentrations in the vicinity of the Norwegian border constituted a prudent reaction to English temporizing in negotiations concerning the Scandinavian question, and highly publicized English attempts to maintain cordial relations with both Germany and France in the face of the highly charged situation on the Continent.

While the Russian note apparently reiterated the desire of the Tsarist government for a peaceful settlement, the content appears to fall far short of the Government's demand for a Russian commitment to withdraw from the Norwegian border. However, no official comment from Government spokesmen was forthcoming.

London, 6 October 1901(SHFP)--Viscount J.A.L.Haldane today categorized Russian aspersions upon English intentions as "fanciful" and repeated once again his warning to the Romanov government that English troops would be conveyed to Norway should Russian forces in the Scandinavian sector not be withdrawn.

Speaking before the House, in response to questions from the Opposition, the Prime Minister sardonically explained the Russian justifications for threatening Norway. "In the face of the ominous revelation that no state of war existed between England and either France or Germany, combined with the even more menacing proposal by us of a long-term non-aggression/mutual defense agreement in the Scandinavian area between ourselves and Russia, one can easily understand how the Russian government could have anticipated an attack by us against them. Consider further how the German government has explicitly warned us against attacking the Russians and consider that the Russians are well aware of this fact. In weighing this evil combination of portents, how indeed could the Romanov brain trust avoid the conclusion that an attack from perfidious Albion against them was imminent! What is incredible to me is that the Romanov Empire could, in common prudence, see its way clear to defer an immediate declaration of war and offer us this one last chance to repent our evil ways!"

London, 12 October 1901(SHFP)--The Government today announced plans to convoy English troops to Belgium to occupy that Continental country, apparently in co-operation with the bickering German and French governments. The surprise announcement was terse, with no indication as to the object of the occupation of the territory, which has in recent weeks constituted a point of dispute between Germany and France.

There was no official comment as to the conditions of the occupation or how long it would last. The announcement fueled speculation as to the conclusion of some sort of settlement with the Russian government concerning the Russian troop build-up in Scandinavia, as the new move apparently erased the possibility of English troops occupying Norway.

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1976BA Wrap-up Continued from page 2

Russia: I'd like to make a few observations concerning the game in general. First I do not regret having allied with Brad. I had been out of the hobby quite a while; our correspondence allowed me to significantly improve my strategy and tactics. Indeed his stab put an end to any naivete I might have had regarding long-term alliances. At times it seemed as though Brad had complete control over the direction of the game and was able - through glibness and tactical acumen - to turn potentially disastrous events into strategic victories. As for myself, I let my correspondence with the other countries lag during the middle of the game, thus losing touch with their perceptions of the situation. When I was forced to reforge alliances, I found myself operating from a position of ignorance.

And for a different perspective, here's commentary from the third place finisher....

France(Steve McLendon): They say the more you play, the more you learn, and for me, this was indeed the case in this game, as I was introduced to some pretty shady tactics.

When the game lineup first came out, Cliff(Germany) would call me at 2:00 ayem, roust me out of a sound sleep (naturally) and tell me what a good ally he was going to be. Well, he performed this act several times, convinced me that England was going to the Channel, and I figured that so persistent a fellow would, undoubtedly, be a valuable ally.

Well, the Spring, '01 moves found me in the Channel, Germany in Burgundy, and Italy in Piedmont. It really made me feel choice to realize that I was now No. 1 on the National Sucker's List. Now I don't mind being told lies.((You don't ? Hm)))) On very rare occasions I even tell them myself(cough). But being lied to at 2:00 ayem, now that gets me riled.

So there I was faced with a 3 front war and I thought surely I would be out by 1903. What I did not know was that the German player was a tactical dunce at the beginning of 1903, instead of finishing me off, he launched an assault on Russia ( sounds familiar of 38 years ago, huh?) This got him into trouble with Austria so now he was fighting on three fronts.

By this time England was also in a war with Russia in the north so that took even more pressure off me. I really went into hysterics when I saw that now Germany and England were stabbing each other ! Italy had made good headway in the south, taking Marseilles and Spain, but now Austria attacked Italy from the east. I realized that if the West did not pull itself together and stop its bickering that Austria/Russia would run everybody off the board. So I wrote to England, Italy, and (reluctantly) Germany to form a stalemate line while we still had the units to do so(and we did just barely have enough. They all agreed, the stalemate line was formed and Austria/Russia were stopped cold.

Seeing this, both Austria and Russia wrote and offered me a 3-way draw if I would throw in with them. I told them to get lost. They then wrote to Germany and once again Cliff demonstrated his mental deficiencies. He accepted their proposal and the stalemate line was broken.

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1976BA Wrap-up concluded

France:

Italy was eliminated next, and Germany was down to the eight count, but then Austria and Russia decided to go at each other to see who could win. I threw in with Austria and kicked Russia out of Paris. It is hard to say if Russia would have won had I gone against Austria.

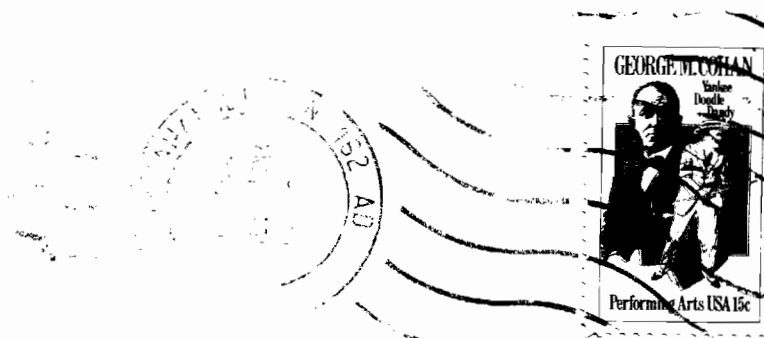
At any rate, Austria did win and I congratulate him on a fine game. Brad kept his word (with me, anyway) and demonstrated sound strategy throughout the game. My one consolation is that I finished third with 5 units while the drip German finished fourth with three. A guy that would be greedy and gullible enough to throw away a draw deserved a worse fate, however.



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