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Diplomacy is trying to convince someone that "Yes" is not the proper answer to the question, "Have I ever lied to you before?"

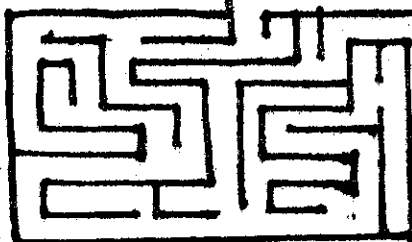
Those of you who pay attention to return addresses will already have noticed that I am now at my new home. You may ignore the next sentence. For those of you who were too eager to find out what happened in your game, I am at my new address. It is listed below with my new phone number. This phone number will not be given out by information, so if you lose it, be sure to mail your moves in plenty of time.

There is an enclosure in some copies of this zine. Cliff Mann, Germany of the Basilisk, has asked me to send each of you not in his game a copy. I am doing so. He tells me that his first game is filled already, and that your Dragonmaster is once again playing England. I seem to have an affinity for that country. Charlie Spiegel is also looking for players. If you are reading this, Charlie, put me down as a certainty. If you're not reading this, call me.

And I myself could use standby players. The price of a sub gets you a standby position, or if you are in another game, you can standby free. Randy Rauscher has volunteered to standby. Randy, please submit standby moves for The Basilisk. I ask standbys to submit moves for all the countries in the game for which they are standing by. That way every country is guaranteed movement every season. Marty Gilchrist and Ron Kelly are supposed to be standing by, but I have heard nothing from them. If Harry Drews takes over the Italian position in Medusa, I will need a standby for Medusa and Cyclops. Any takers?

And if you folks don't supply me with some press, I will have to open another game to get it. So please write !!!

And at the end of this maze of words is.....



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SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

The Standby - or  
Why pay your money if you don't play the game.

One thing a Gamesmaster had better prepare for when he fills his first game is that at least one, and probably more of the original seven players is not going to finish the game. A roster of people willing to take over what is almost certainly a losing position is vitally necessary if the game is not to be hopelessly fouled up.

I have been guilty of dropping out of two games, both variants. They sounded interesting to play; they were not. I sent the GM a letter of resignation so that he could find a replacement before the next set of moves were due. Neither was a losing position. The game was simply not fun to play for me.

However I have not resigned from any regular game that I am in although I have three losing positions, and possibly more. I knew what Diplomacy was like to play before I signed up for my first game. I enjoy playing. In one game, only two people have ever written me. One has dropped out, and the other has evidently broken his hand because he can't seem to hold a pen long enough to write again. You know what's going to happen to me in that game; I know what's going to happen. But the game is still fun to play. I am indulging in heavily sarcastic press and since I have no agreements with anyone, I am free to attack as I please. Since I know I am going to get wiped, I am not even wasting time defending. But the idea of dropping is not a valid one.

Too many people play this game to win. Now I know the rules say that is the objective, but it's really not. The point of this game is to have fun. And fun can be had from any position, even if it is a losing one. If you find yourself in a losing position all the time, then unless your tastes run to masochism, perhaps you ought to find another game to play. I think most of us have had the experience of picking up centers that were not really earned, but were gained because someone dropped, and standby moves were not available. Most GM's do not ask for standby moves until someone has missed once. I ask for standby moves so that every country is assured of moving every season. Any moves at all, even if they are made without diplomacy, are better than no moves at all. And I, for one, would rather beat a player because I out-smarted him or out-guessed him than because he didn't send in moves.

I will play a position to the last piece. For those who doubt that, look at 1975GV in DIMAN, where my Turkey is getting absolutely wiped by Gary Cohen's France and Larry Bresslour's Germany. But I am still fighting. When they beat me (and that's when, not if) they will know that they have earned the win. They simply played better diplomatically and tactically; they did not get any unearned centers. I think they will feel happier with the result than if I had simply quit after I was attacked.

The point to all this (yes, Virginia, there is a point) is if you find for personal reasons you must resign, send the GM a note saying so with the last set of moves you submit. But quitting because you can't win is not fair to the other players, and by your agreeing to play in the first place, I think you owe them the satisfaction of an earned win.

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EN GARDE

And for a change, let's start with....

1976 R Medusa Fall, 1902

FRANCE STAVES OFF ATTACKERS \* TURKEY BEGINS TO CRUMBLE



Medusa

- Austria(McArdle) A SRB S Rus A rum-BUL, F GRE S Rus A rum-BUL, A tyo-VEN, A TRI S A tyo-VEN, F ADR S A tyo-VEN
- England(Rittel) F ST.P(nc) S F NWY, F NWY S Ger A den-SWE, F ENG C A WAL-bre, A WAL-bre
- France(Happel) F LYO-spa(sc), A GAS-bur, A MAR S A GAS-bur A par-PIC, F MAO-bre
- Germany(Cohen) A BEL-bur, A MUN S A BEL-bur, F HOL-bel, A den-SWE, A pru-LVN, A SIL-war
- Italy(Stephens)NMR(standbys by Harry Drews, P.O. Box 282, Kitchener, Ont., Canada N2G 3X9) A pie-TYO, A ven(d..r tus, pie, apu, rome, otb) S A pie-TYO, F WES-spa(sc), F TYN-lyo
- Russia(Rauscher) A rum-BUL, F ARM-ank, F BLA S F ARM-ank, A ukr-WAR, A MOS S A ukr-WAR, F swe-den & PRAYS( D.. r ska, bal, fin, gob, otb)
- Turkey(Nurse) A ANK H, F CON S A ANK, A bul-gre(d..a) F SMY H

Russia must retreat the F dislodged from Sweden; Italy must retreat from Venice; the Turkish army in Bulgaria is annihilated. Underlined orders do not succeed. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. If Italy misses again Harry Drews will take over the position. Dittmar has been replaced by Nurse, whose movements are as follows: until 7/10- 477 Glasgow St., Kitchener, Ont N2M 2N3; 7/10-7/30 - Chantier MCP, Blasimon - 33540, Sauveterre de Guyenne, France; 8/2-8/20 - 33 Hollins Walk, Reading, Berkshire, England, and then back to Kitchener, Early in Sep-Apt.903, 60 Pavane Linkway, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 1A2. Spring moves will be due with Winter builds and may be conditional upon them. I believe Harry Drews has all your addresses and a copy of my House Rules; if not, please advise.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1902 Medusa 1976R

AUSTRIA:	bud, gre, srb, vie, tri, VEN.....6,	builds 1
ENGLAND:	edi, lvp, lon, nwy, ST.P.....5,	builds 1
FRANCE:	bre, mar, par, por, spa.....5,	even
GERMANY:	bel, ber, den, hol, kiel, mun, SWE....7,	builds 1
ITALY:	nap, rome, tun, <del>ven</del> .....3,	removes 1 or even if ven r OTB
RUSSIA:	mos, rum, <del>rum</del> , sev, <del>sev</del> , war, BUL.....5,	removes 1 or even if swe r OTB
TURKEY:	ank, <del>ank</del> , con, smy.....3,	even, 1 annihilated
		34, total

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 DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1902, and SPRING, 1903 IS AUGUST 7, 1976 3:00PM CDT  
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And we continue with....

1976BA

The Basliak

Spring, 1902

Austria(Hessel) A VIE H, A bud-TRI, A tri-ALB, F gre-AEG,  
 A SRB S Russ A rum-BUL  
 England(Rogowski) F lvp-IRI, F edi-NTH, F bel-PIC, F nwy-SWE,  
 A LON H  
 France(McLendon) A SPA-gas, A PAR S A SPA-gas, F MAO-wei  
 Germany(Mann II) A BUR-gas, A MUN-bur, A BER-mun, F HOL H,  
 A DEN S Eng F nwy-SWE  
 Italy(Brendlinger) F TUN-wei, F hap-TYN, F rome-TUS, A VEN H,  
 A MAR S Ger A BUR-gas  
 Russia(Anderson) A rum-BUL, F BLA-con, A sev-ARM, A ukr-MOS,  
 A mos-LVN, F Swe h(d..r ska, bal, gob, fin,  
otb)  
 Turkey(Rittel) A bul(d..a) S Rus F BLA-rum(nso), A arm-SMY,  
F CON S A bul, F ANK H



The Basliak

Russia must retreat the fleet from Sweden; the Turkish A Bulgaria is annihilated. Underlined orders do not succeed. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. Orders may be conditional on the Russian retreat.

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And finally....



1976BM

Cyclops

Winter, 1901

AUSTRIA(Muchnik) builds A VIE, A BUD. Has A VIE, A BUD, A TRI, A SRB,  
 F GRE  
 ENGLAND(Deehrer) builds F LON. Has F LON, F NRG, F SKA, A NWY  
 FRANCE( Levy) BUILDS A PAR, F BRE, F MAR. Has A PAR, A BEL, A SPA, F BRE,  
 F MAR, F POR  
 GERMANY(Gemignani) builds A MUN, F KIEL. Has A MUN, A TYO, A DEN, F KIEL,  
 F HOL  
 ITALY(Gordon) builds F NAP. Has F ANP, F TUN, A VEN, A ROME  
 RUSSIA(Bresslour) builds F ST.P(nc), A MOS. Has F ST.P(nc), F SWE, F BLA,  
 A MOS, A RUM, A ARM  
 TURKEY(Spiegel) builds A SMY. Has A SMY, A BUL, A ANK, F CON

Since most of you didn't re-affirm your builds, I used your conditional builds. Any complaints about my interpretation of your conditions should be sent by return mail.

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 DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1902 MOVES IS AUGUST 7, 1976, 3:00PM CDT  
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 Thought for today: "Every Diplomacy player needs a hobby."  
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1976R - Medusan Press

(via Paris)...And now the words of secret agent Alan d'Coors, exactly as he wrote them in his personal journal 74 years ago...

I have just been landed on the island, Blue Smango. Jacques and Enri left the ship before I, and they should be advancing along the Jessamine and Henry Peninsulas. I watch the ocean. Just now, the sun sets like a cherry into cream; waves effervesce upon the sand. I am alone on the shore of the Peytona Bay, hidden in a rocky cleft, trying deperately to organise my thoughts.

The key...General Gusset said that the key to victory over the Smanganese was the "Gasogene." It is a legend only! It appears in the Canon of Watson, and the good doctor always spoke of it reverently; but why are the last messages of the landing parties alike? "Beware of the Gasogene!" Is it actually a machine? Or is it a beast? Or a chemical?

Hush! A sound! There are footsteps on the beach.....

....That was Alan d'Coors day...74 years ago... ON THIS DAY.

1976 BA - Basiliskian Press

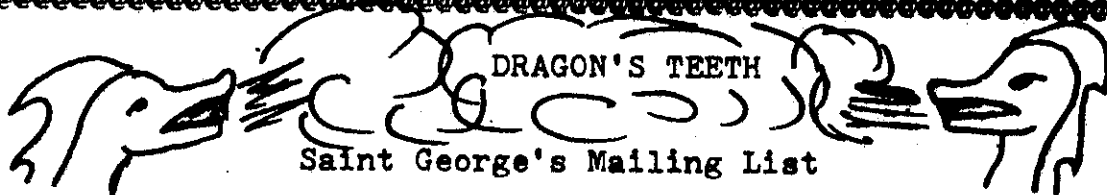
Vienna (20 March, 1902, SHFP): King Rudolph's Royal Carriage was bombarded with eggs today as it made its way through the streets of this gloomy former Imperial Capital. While the colorful flags which bedecked the streets danced in the light Spring breezes, the starkly morose and moody atmosphere of Vienna set a contrast which underlined the deep splits which exist in the Empire. Precisely why the Emperor, who since His succession to the throne has boldly favored His Hungarian crown more than the Hapsburg mantle itself, chose this city --which knows him as the man who moved the capital to Budapest--to proclaim a war in concert with the Slavic Russians against the Turks is decidedly unclear. However, if it was thought that this war would serve to tie together the seemingly unraveling strands which compose the Hapsburg Empire, that conjecture was clearly proven wrong today.

Despite the restive nature of the populace, the Emperor insisted on personally addressing a crowd somewhere to make the Proclamation concerning the Declaration of War against the Ottoman Empire. But even with Rudolph at His most conciliatory--sources close to the Royal Party allow that He had even intended not to deliver the whole speech to the German-speaking Austrian crowd in Hungarian, as is His normal practice, but instead to lapse into Yiddish towards the end--the tenor of the gathered throng was nasty and brutish, and none of the speech could be heard over the tumult and the cries of "Sic ihm, Dreksie", the slogan of the protestors. The address of the normally valuable Emperor had to be cut by nearly 4/5th as He was able to continue for only forty minutes before the unruliness obviously threatened to get out of hand.

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1976BM Cyclopsian Press

London - The Lord Protector of the Commonwealth told saddened throngs here today that all of England regrets the crushing of two tiny democracies under the heels and keels of Franco-Prussian forces. He announced that Belgian and Dutch governments-in-exile have asked permission to establish headquarters in London.

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MINSTREL'S LAY

The Moonman - Chapter Six



"Ofttimes, to the surprise of many, a situation which appears simple on the surface is, in fact, exactly what it seems."  
Moonman - "Orthodox Earthian Thought"

We had arrived without incident at the commune run by Reverend Sing and his Church of Faith And Kindred Emotions. Mace had gone with the Reverend to settle Moonman in his temporary quarters. I was being given a tour of the grounds by one of Sing's converts, Sister Artificia, who seemed to be dressed solely in a plastic raincoat.

"This is our rose garden," said the Sister. "Isn't it beautiful? Every rose in it is perfect."

I stooped to smell the roses and stood up in surprise. "This rose is plastic!"

"Well, of course. They all are. Sing teaches us that things are what they are meant to be. A real rose is designed to attract insects so it can be pollinated. This rose is designed to be perfect and look beautiful, which it does."

I turned around bewildered and noticed a group of raincoat-clad people digging in the orchard. "I see you are planting new trees in the orchard."

"No, Counselor," replied Sister Artificia, "they are un-planting trees. We have finally received our shipment of articial fruit trees, so the brothers and sisters are digging up the real ones to be burnt at the mid-year Unnatural Ceremony."

"I don't understand any of this."

"Well, of course you don't. You're still a non-believer. Let me take you to the Chapel. Perhaps you will begin to see the light."

Sister Artificia led me over the astro-turf to a styro-foam building. It was very dim in the building. Most of the bulbs had burned out. I was beginning to think this was the problem of Sister Artificia too. I saw none of the usual decoration of a chapel. I was expecting at least a "plastic Jesus". I thought it would fit in with the place. Then I noticed an unpleasant smell coming from the front of the chapel. I approached the altar and the smell grew stronger. I gaped in disbelief at what I saw there. "I don't believe it. That looks exactly like...."

"Say it, Counselor. It sums up Reverend Sing's entire teaching. It's a pile of shit."

"So is Reverend Sing's teaching!"

"Of course! Now you begin to see the whole meaning to everything. That's a pile of shit. Religion is a pile of shit. The world's a pile of shit!"

Sister Artificia was beginning to get a strange gleam in her eyes.

"But don't you realize Reverend Sing is a fake? This whole religion of his is a fake!"

"Of course! Everything in the world is fake! Even I am fake. I used to be Brother Artificio. Want to see my scars?"

As "Sister" Artificia began to unbutton her raincoat, I began to yell, "Mace, Moonman, we've got to get out of here!"

NEXT ISSUE....ON THE ROAD AGAIN

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1976BA - Basiliskian Press

Vienna(continued)

Meanwhile, amid wide rumors of some sort of anti-government move, Austrian leaders continued to meet among themselves. While ominous reports that foreign diplomats opposed to the war had gathered secretly in Vienna were denied by an Imperial spokesman, former Foreign Minister Count von Beust did arrive here from the countryside, terming the Declaration a "grave development", and is meeting with associates to discuss the situation.

Berlin Star - Jan 1, 1902

reported by Hans Glötz; released by Lt.Col. Bruno Kimmel

There were many changes during the last few days of the fall campaign, but the major event took place when Lt. Col. Mark Müller, Commander of the new Western front, second-guessed a letter from the French government and changed the orders of the "First Composite Army" to support the Italians to Marseilles, rather than attacking Paris. As a reward for his effort in reducing the French threat, the Colonel was promoted to Lt. General and was made Field Marshall for the Western front.

As to the promotion, the Chancellor was sad to lose his top man to a field command, but the new Field Marshall assured the Chancellor that his replacement as aide to the Chancellor, Lt.Col. Bruno Kimmel, could more than handle the job of bodyguard and aide. Since he, Bruno, is also head of the special forces, the "G.B.K.", it would be child's play. (Also it was rumored that Bruno and Mark are cousins.)

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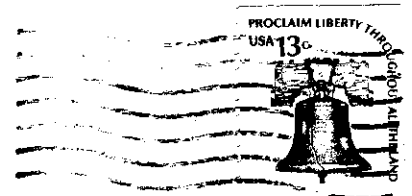
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