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Publisher's notes

1. Subscription rates to The Diplomat will be \$.40 starting with the next issue. All current subscriptions will be honored as originally issued. The increase will allow me to use a printer as opposed to the copier. Copier time is becoming more difficult to obtain, and this magazine seems to keep getting longer with more subscriptions.
2. DIPCON is reviewed on the last page of this issue. It was great.
3. WORD SEARCH RESULTS: Congratulations to Allen Jackson and Nelson Heintzman for finding all possible territories on the word search. Heintzman receives 4 free issues. Jackson donates his 4 free issues to David Baker. Six subbers' names are listed here in this paragraph as having sent in a completed puzzle. I received seven puzzles - one without a name. If your name isn't here & you mailed on in - let me know. Some incredibly perceptive persons noted 3 "Kleiman"'s and 2 "Diplomat"'s in the puzzle. There was also one "Insane". Honorable mention: Ben Schilling & Charles Loddell (missed one), JR Baker (missed 2), and Bob Sweeney (missed 3). Lori.
4. New policy: Any player NMRing out of a game will forfeit the rest of his subscription.
5. The following subscribers have NMR insurance (ie, I have their phone number and I will call collect if I receive no orders):
Redmond, Kleiman, Blaylock, Hines, Senn, Chabot, Crosby, Helwig, Jackson, Karmolinski, JR Baker, D Baker.
6. Randolph Smyth's Runestone Poll is out for 1983. The Diplomat averaged a 6.00 on the ten-point scale, but was not ranked as the number of responses was too low. 6.00 fell between #33 and #34. Some others:

1. Europa Express	8.13
2. Diplomacy by Moonlight	8.12
3. Snafu!	7.79
8. Voice of Doom	7.64
11. Diplomacy World	7.32
29. Thirty Miles of Bad Road	6.32

GMs were 1. Doug Beyerlein, 2. John Daly, 3. Bob Gsuch...

STAMP AWARD: This week's most interesting stamp was sent by Nelson Heintzman. The stamp honored Babe Ruth, and best of all, it was uncanceled. Honorable mention goes to Rich Reilly for using the very unique Bighorned Sheep stamp. He argues that this stamp is an excellent stamp because it's common and boring.

BNC NOTE: Please assign a number to the James T Kirk (game start last issue).

STANDBY LIST: Allen Jackson, David Baker, Jeff Hines, Michael Turner (see James T Kirk), John Crosby, Steve Cartier, David Blaylock (see Kissinger), Tim Allen.

1983E - The Kissinger, Spring 1904

AUSTRIA (#18, John Kaufeld?)
ENGLAND (#01, Phil Senn)

FRANCE (#08, Bob Helwig)
GERMANY (#05, David Baker)
ITALY (#02, Randy Karolinski)

RUSSIA (#07, Allen Jackson)
TURKEY (#03, J.R. Baker)

NMR(1). A SER H, A bud H(d,r run,otb), A ALB H, F GRE H.
A lon-YOR, F edi-NTH, F nth-HEL, F bar-NWY, A sto S russian A mos(d,r FIN,OTB),
F den-kie(d,r ska,swe).
A bre-PAR, A gas-BUR, A MAR S A gas-bur, F pic-BRE, A bel-RUH, A HOL-kie.
F BAL S A kie-den, A kie-DEN, A ber-KIE, A MUN S A ber-kie.
F eas-AEG, F ION S F eas-aeq, F nap-TRN, A TRI S A vie-bud, A TRL S A tri, A vie-BUD.
A mos-STP, A war-MOS.
A LVN S russian A mos-stp, A sev-ARM, A ukr-GAL, F bla-CON,
F aeq-ion(d,r say,bui(sc),otb).

GAME NOTES: Summer retreats and Fall 1904 moves are due by 10:00 pm EST, August 13, 1983.
David Blaylock (#23) is asked to submit standby orders for Austria.

Map (The Kissinger)



Press (The Kissinger)

(Smyrnia) "Hell hath no fury like a granny scorned."

(London) The house was divided today by differing viewpoints about the fate of certain territorial gains for the empire. From his chair, Master Senn made a speech supporting a continued attack upon the black power. "Germany is like a man throttled with a heavy gag," he said. "One can see the effect of such a gag... The effort wears out the heart, and Germany knows it. The pressure should not be relaxed until he gives in unconditionally."

(Rome) A stray cat darted down the alley followed by a swaying figure. Dropping the empty wine cask into a nearby can, Cardinal Karaolinski flopped into an empty doorway.

"Why do they not believe me when I say I did not break the window?", moaned the Cardinal. With that, he passed out in a fuming cloud of Chianti.

(Berlin) While recovering from the assassination attempt by the English spy, Chancellor von Baker was visited by two of his alter egos from the alternate universes. The following is an excerpt from their conversation:

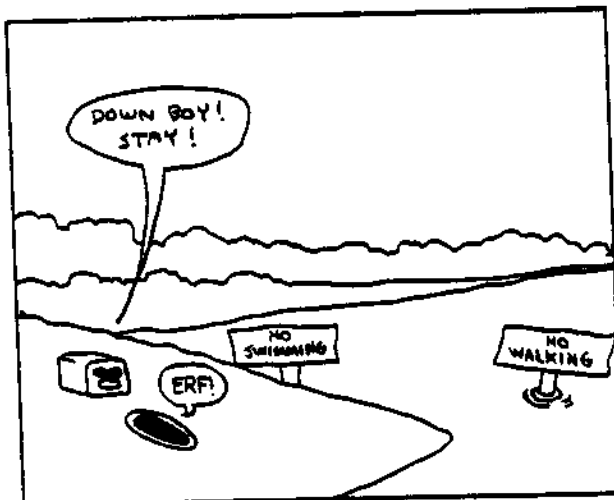
"What a wierd game this is, this game of Diplomacy," Chancellor von Baker said in wonder.

"It's not the game that's wierd, but the diplomats," offered Tsar David I. "You just can't trust them."

"It is a fact well known in the Islamic world that all infidels," said Sultan Dahb Bakr looking meaningfully into the eyes of the other two, "are scions of Satan and can not be trusted. Still, sometimes it is tempting to make a deal with the devil."

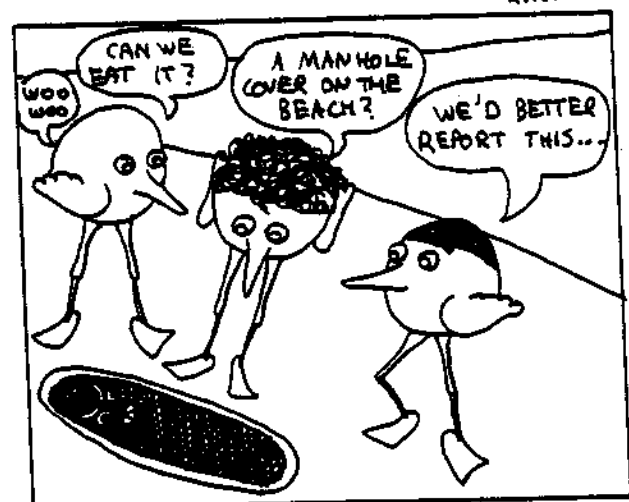
"Yes, and get burned," commented the Chancellor.

ARMY CLYDE



ARRIVING IN MARYLAND, CLYDE CONCEALS HIS BUILD BY DISGUIISING IT AS A MANHOLE COVER.

R.K.



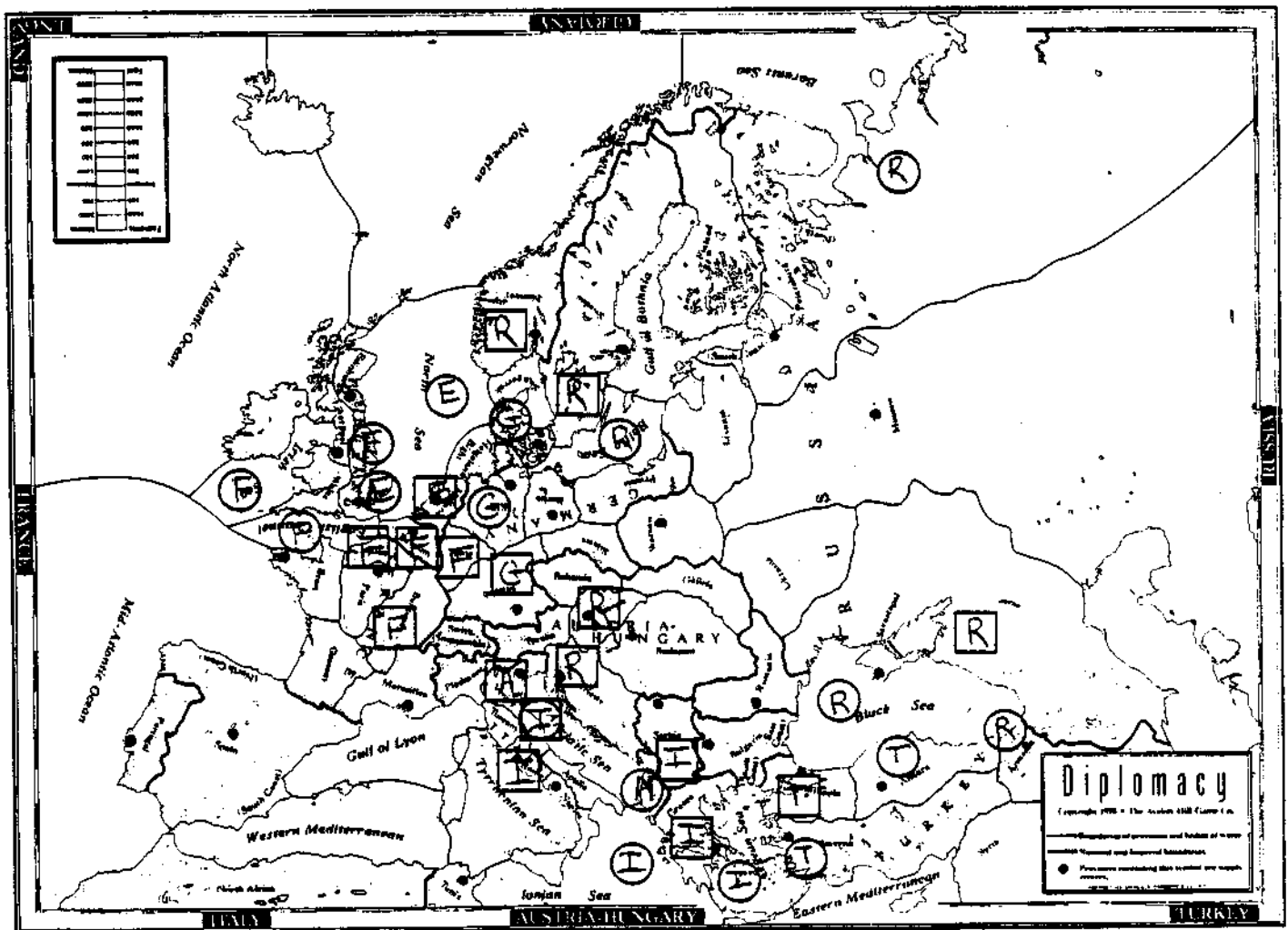
UNKNOWN TO CLYDE, THREE PAIRS OF EYES HAVE WATCHED HIM DEPART...

1983U - The Machiavelli, Spring 1903

- AUSTRIA (#09, Steve Cartier) A ven-ron(d,r tyl, pie, tus, apu, otb), F ALB-ion.
- ENGLAND (#08, Bob Helwig) A HOL-kie, F ska-NTH, F nth-LON.
- FRANCE (#02, Randy Karolinski) A par-BUR, A bur-RUH, A PIC S A bel, A BEL S A bur-ruh, F bre-ENG, F lon-YOR, F eng-IRI.
- GERMANY (#07, Allen Jackson) F KIE S F den, F DEN H, A MUN-ber, A ruh-aun(d, annihilated).
- ITALY (#13, John Crosby) A ROM S F tri-ven, F tri-VEN, A bul-SER, A GRE-alb, F ION S F eas-agg, F eas-REG.
- RUSSIA (#10, Michael Turner) F BLA S F sev-ara, F sev-ARM, A mos-SEV, A VIE S A bud-tri, A bud-TRI, A SWE-ber, F BAL C A swe-ber, A NMY-swe, F STP(nc)-nwy.
- TURKEY (#05, David Baker) F ANK-ara, F SMY-con, A CON-ank.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1903 moves are due by 10:00 pm EST August 13, 1983.

Map (The Machiavelli)



Press (The Machiavelli)

(Moscow) The liberation of the Austrian people has been completed with the signing yesterday of a new Russian-Italian pact. Our victorious armies have rolled past the last feeble resistance and will link with the equally victorious Italian legions.

Diplomatic transactions with the nation of Japan have completely collapsed and Tsar Nicholas has stated in Port Arthur that he believes war to be unavoidable.

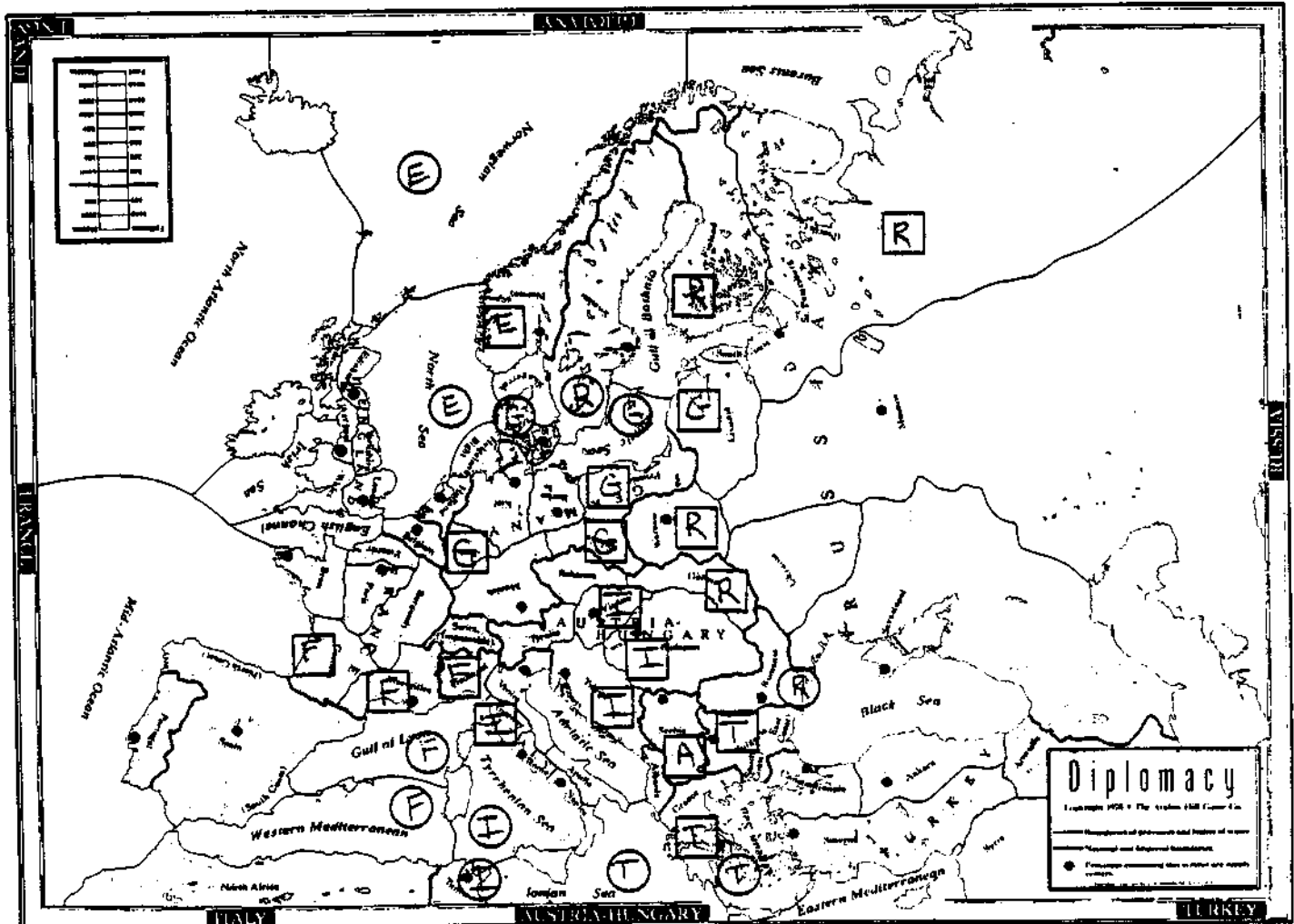
(Paris) Captain Gilyeat laughed at the man tied to the stake. "Ha, you have a reprieve, Mr. Public," said Gilyeat.

"Why do you call me Mr. Public - that's not my name," said the man.

"Because you are no longer a private," came the reply. Gilyeat went into a speech. "We are not sending you to England as previously planned. England is mostly French now and we do not intend to reward you for your crime! We are therefore going to dip you headfirst into a vat of fiddler crabs. Welcome to French army's new 'pinchin' plan'."

(Istanbul) Sultán Dabó Bakr was seen personally training troops for the coming war. Several observers noted the change in morale in the troops so trained. One is said to have been seen running around with his arms out from his sides as if flying. When questioned about it, he said that he was practicing so that he would be ready when Allah gave the power of flight to the faithful in the coming campaign.

Map (Bismarck)



1983AK - The Bismarck, Fall 1902

AUSTRIA (#17, Steve Cartier)	A SER S A bud, A bud S A ser(d, annihilated).
ENGLAND (#24, Bruce Kleinman)	F NTH S A nwy, F NWG S A nwy, A NWY S german F bal-swe(nso).
FRANCE (#21, Rob Schunk)	F mid-WES, A spa-MAR, F LYO S F mid-wes, A ear-PIE, A bur-GAS.
GERMANY (#23, David Blaylock)	A den-LVN, F BAL C A den-lvn, A PRU S A den-lvn, A SIL-war, F kie-DEN, A bel-RUH.
ITALY (#20, Alain Chabot)	F ion-TYN, A tri-BUD, A VIE S A tri-bud, A ven-TRI, A rom-TUS, F TUN S F ion-tyn.
RUSSIA (#05, David Baker)	A STP-nwy, A FIN S F swe, F SWE S A fin, A WAR S A qai, A GAL S A war, F RUM-bul.
TURKEY (#13, John Crosby)	F eas-ION, F AEG-gre, A GRE-ser, A BUL S A gre-ser.

GAME NOTES: Deadline for Winter 1902 is 10:00 pm EST, August 13, 1983.
Please note that Steve Cartier is now playing the Austrian position.

Supply Chart

Austria: SER(1).	Even.
England: LON, LPL, EDI, NWY(4).	Build 1.
France: PAR, BRE, MAR, POR, SPA(5).	Even.
Germany: BEL, HOL, MUN, BER, KIE, DEN(6).	Even.
Italy: ROM, VEN, NAP, TUN, BUD, VIE, TRI(7).	Build 1.
Turkey: ANK, CON, SMY, BUL, GRE(5).	Build 1.
Russia: STP, SEV, MOS, WAR, SWE, RUM(6).	Even.

Press (The Bismarck)

(Berlin) Join the English right to life campaign: Occupy a Russian supply center.

(London) Life seems finally to be returning to normalcy for the brave citizens of this embattled and besieged capital, with resumption today of all-important herring imports. Once again, one may hear the joyous cries of little Cockney lads: 'Ey, git yer kippers 'ere! And the sun will set this evening upon thousands of London cats snoozing peacefully before the kitchen hearth, contented and well-fed for the first time in many weeks.

(Paris) Monsieur le President seemed quite distraught upon hearing that their graces the Lord and Lady Sconces of the UK had been reported missing while on vacation. "It is all my fault," he cried, "they seemed so despondent when a paint spill from our great ship L'Incroyable washed up on the beaches of Dover. I hope that they have not committed irrevocably an act which would sadden us all."

He perked up a bit, however, when an aide commented, "Not to worry, sir. I wouldn't be surprised if they lengthened their vacation for a jaunt into fjord-land. It's said to be quite beautiful, and they would love the fishing."

Meanwhile, L'Incroyable has been reported entering the Mediterranean with a new coat of paint.

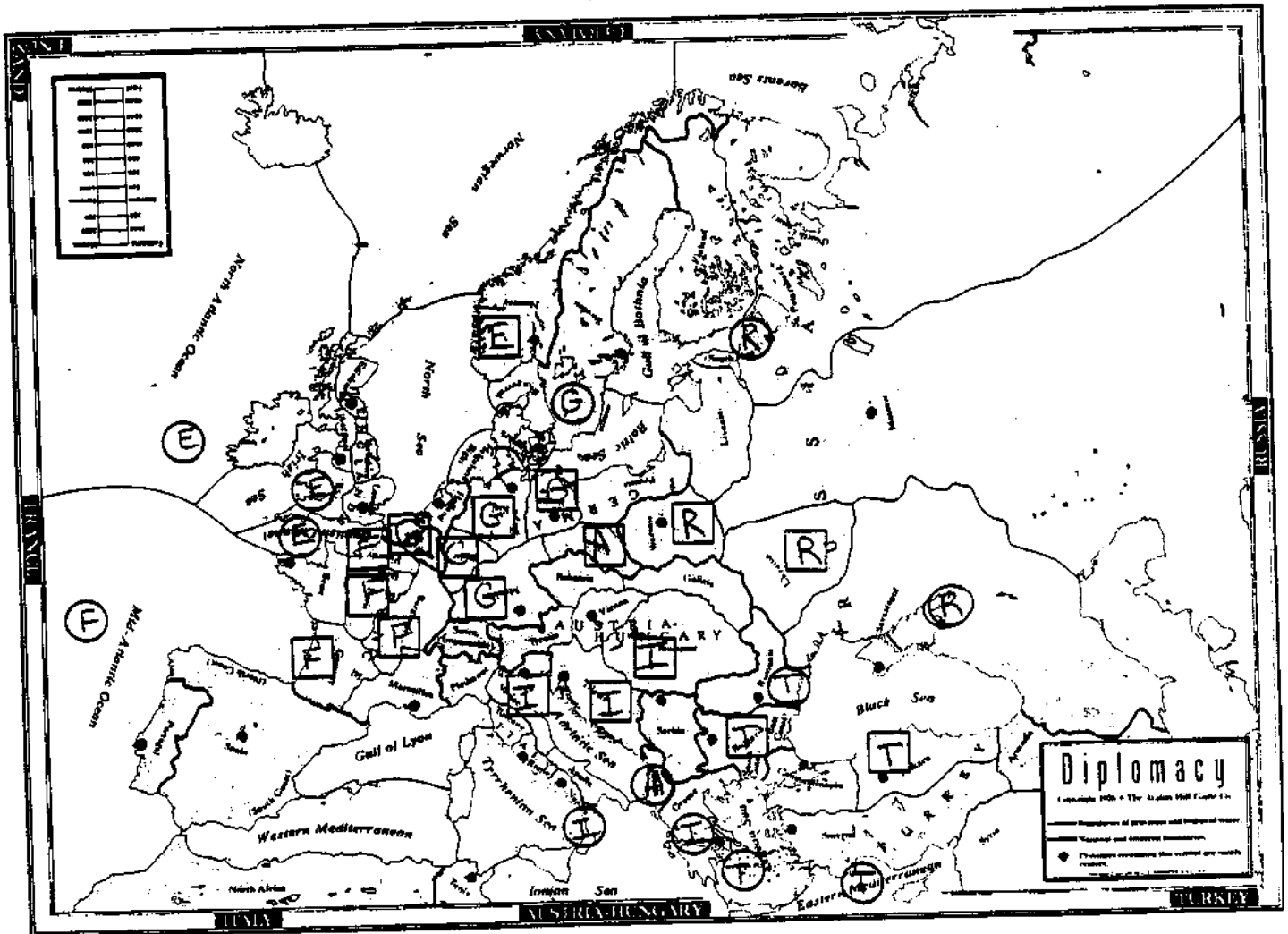
(Russia) Tsar David I ordered bombardments of Berlin, Munich, Kiel, Sweden and London to continue day and night until the Anglo-German alliance is defeated. All armies were ordered to dig in and hold out as long as possible in the hope that the French or Italians would enter the war on the Russian side and relieve the pressure on the German-Russian front. "This is going to be a long war," he said, "Sooner or later, someone will give in to the temptation to stab his partner and take those exposed centers. We must have patience."

1983AL - John Paul Jones, Spring 1902

- AUSTRIA (#03, J.R. Baker) F ALB-ion, A SIL-pru.
- ENGLAND (#26, Rich Reilly) F ion-WAL, F nwg-NAT, A NWY H, F nth-ENG.
- FRANCE (#25, Brian DeLaurentis) F por-MID, A spa-GAS, A bre-PIC, A BUR S A bre-pic, A PAR S A bur.
- GERMANY (#13, John Crosby) A MUN-bur, A KIE-ber, A BER-pru, F den-SWE, A hol-RUH, A BEL S A mun-bur.
- ITALY (#27, David Frick) A VEN-tri, F NAP-ion, A TRI-ser, A vie-BUD, F ion-GRE.
- RUSSIA (#23, David Blaylock) F bot-STP(sc), A gal-WAR, F SEV H, A UKR S F sev.
- TURKEY (#22, Jeff Hines) A arm-ANK, F say-EAS, F RUM H, F con-AEG, A BUL-ser.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1902 moves are due at 10:00 pm EST, August 13, 1983.

Map (John Paul Jones)



Press (The John Paul Jones)

(Constantinople) The Sultan has announced that all press must be censored in order to maintain national security.

(Galacia) Rumors here claim that the Archduke von Baker is really a cleverly disguised Italian spy. The surrender of the Austrian army in Serbia would tend to support this claim.

(London-Moscow) Just because I have an army in Norway doesn't mean I'm going to attack (Although I admit it's tempting...)

(Moscow) Russian sources in Austria claim that Miss Anita Goodlay, who was arrested this winter while trying to flee Austria, was really Archduke von Baker in drag.

(Paris-Berlin) Vous imbécile! Ne comprenez pas votre destin qu'est comme le nez sur votre facade. Vous etes condamner. Votre lutte pour victoire est futile. Bientot, le grand pouvoir d'Europe-Anglais, Francais, Russie, Italie, Autriche, et Turquie reuniraient vaincre votre noir et mauvais existence sur le beau facade d'Europe. Sauvez votre gens beaucoup tourment et peine et admetez maintenant le superiorite de la Francais. Deposez les armes et capitulez.

(France-England) Name your price.

(Indy-France) It might be a bit expensive.

James T Kirk - Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (#30, Charles Laddell)	A bud-SER, F tri-ALB, A VIE-gal.
ENGLAND (#31, Robert Pierce?)	F lon-NTH, F edi-NWG, A lpi-YOR (default orders by house rules).
FRANCE (#16, Nelson Heintzman)	F bre-ENG, A par-BUR, A war S A par-BUR.
GERMANY (#23, David Blaylock)	F kie-DEN, A ber-KIE, A aun-RUH.
ITALY (#09, Steve Cartier)	F nap-ION, A ven-PIE, A rom-APU.
RUSSIA (#13, John Crosby)	F stp(sc)-BOT, F sev-BLA, A WAR-gal, A mos-UKR.
TURKEY (#24, Bruce Kleinman)	A con-BUL, F ank-CON, A SKY H.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1901 moves are due by 10:00 pm EST, August 13, 1983.

Michael Turner (#10) is asked to submit standby orders for England.

Press (Kirk)

(France-Europe) Writing is the name of the game, folks.

(Berlin) Today the new Kaiser, David I, announced the German military occupation of Denmark. This step was taken due to the internal strife in that country. In the Kaiser's opinion, the safety of the German population in Denmark was threatened.

The Kaiser also stated, in a very emotional tone, "The new Reich will take any step necessary to insure the safety of all Germans in or outside Germany."

(France-England) I really can't believe I have received not even one letter from you in 5 weeks. I take it you are not playing the game?

(Indy-France) Hmmm. Very good guess. Hello, Pierce?

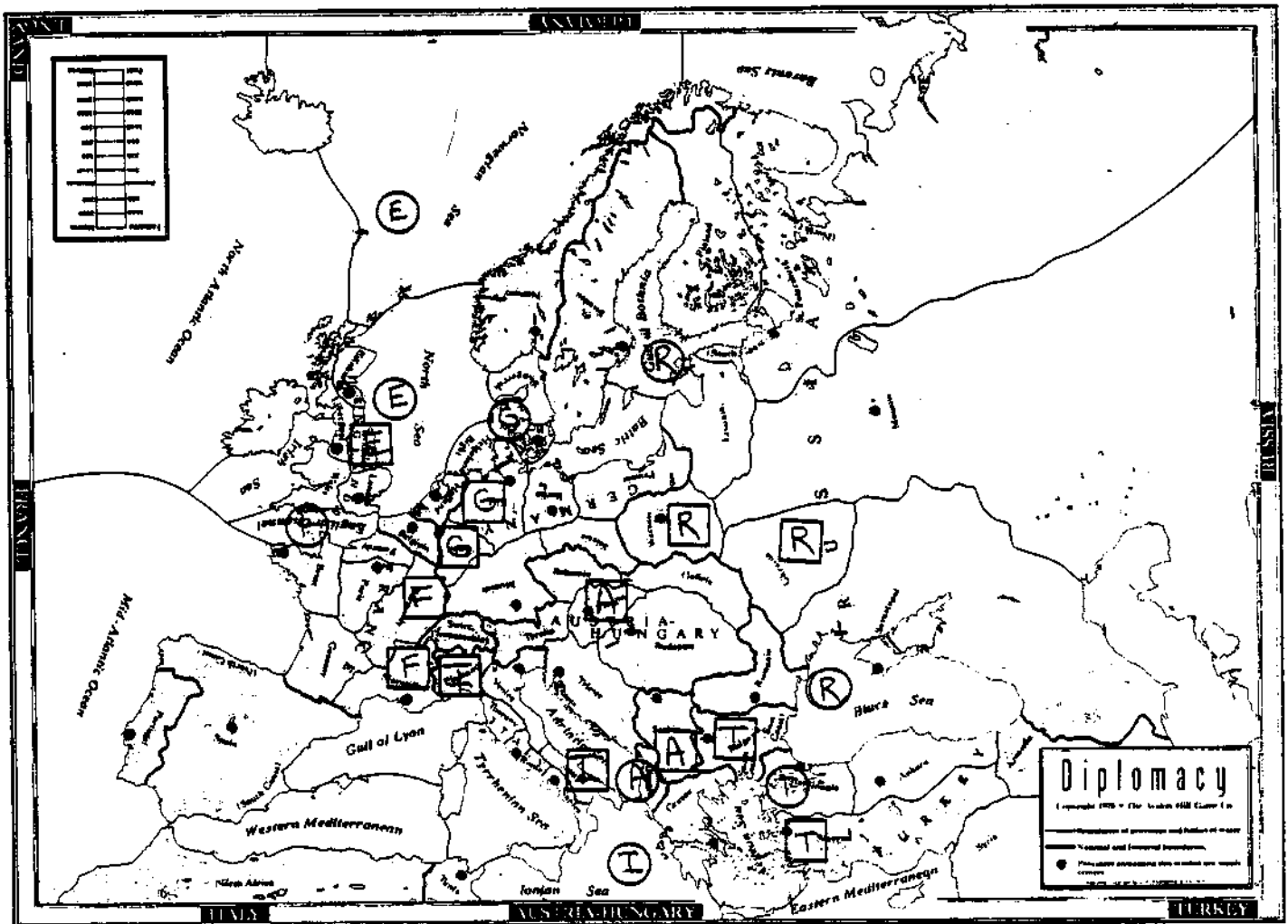
(Paris-Berlin) Sorry about the Bur move, but with only 1 letter from you and none from the Crown, I've suddenly become very, very paranoid. Note where F Bre went, however, comrade.

(Glitsch, France-Constantinople) Would I do or say anything to offend computer programmers? Naw, not me. Although I must admit that the hobby does seem infested with that sort (oops, does that seem a pejorative choice of words).

(Indy-all subbers) pejorative adj. Tending to make or become worse; disparaging; downgrading.

(Indy-Glitsch) Infested? I say, Infested? Certainly BLESSED is a better description! It's a wonder my word processor would allow me to print that press.

Map (Kirk)



The Talleyrand - game openings

Alain Chabot submits M. Talleyrand who was a fantastic diplomat who survived throughout the French Revolution. As foreign affairs minister of a defeated nation, he literally wrote the Peace of Vienna.

- 1) Alain Chabot
- 2) Bob Sweeney
- 3) Steve Knight
- 4) Dirk Sauer (I need a game fee and a preference list)
- 5) John Crosby
- 6) Phil Redmond

Bond, James Bond - game start

Austria (#07, Allen Jackson)	A VIE, A BUD, F TRI.
England (#09, Steve Cartier)	F LON, F EDI, A LPL.
France (#05, David Baker)	A MAR, A PAR, F BRE.
Germany (#xx, Bob Sweeney)	A BER, A MUN, F KIE.
Italy (#03, J.R. Baker)	A ROM, A VEN, F NAP.
Russia (#26, Rich Reilly)	A WAR, A MOS, F SEV, F STP(sc).
Turkey (#xx, Tim Allen)	F ANK, A CON, A SNY.

SAME NOTES: Spring 1901 moves are due with issue 2.14, on September 3, 1983. Also, please note that Allen Jackson and David Baker reside at the same address, and David and JR are indeed brothers. I normally would not allow players with these type of relationships, but interest in this variant has not been overwhelming (and it is free).

DIPCON XVI

(Detroit) The mileage read 32695 when I left 3530 Hyannis Port Drive on Friday. 33363 was the reading as I once again saw home. Mark Luedi (publishes 30 Miles of Bad Road, PO Box 2424, Bloomington, IN 47402) kept me awake for the trip. If anyone owns one of these computers, it can be easily determined that we saw much more than 30 miles of bad road. Anyway, we arrived in MoTown at 5:30 and had the car parked by 6:00. Plenty of time, as the Sunboat tourney didn't start until 6:30.

Now, for those of you that have never heard of Sunboat Diplomacy, allow me to explain the rules of this variant. Simply, it's Diplomacy without diplomacy. In other words, you simply order your units without negotiating. The contest consisted of two 2-hour games. I drew Russia for the first round. Dan Stafford was Austria, Mark Berch was Turkey, John Kador was Germany and Jennifer, Ted and Roger played Italy, France and England. Sorry about the shortage of last names. Well, I was fortunate to play to a 10 center Russia in 1906.

Now, round two of Sunboat quickly proved all of the stories about Kathy Byrne and Italy. It was a colorful game (and I do use the term loosely). D.S. Paiter was Russia, Kathy was Italy, Chuck Kaplan (what a sweet guy) was Austria, Jim Mairnardi was Germany, Dave Carter was France, and Kathy Cuning (what a clever name for a Dip player) was England. I-A played an alliance (which is not really possible in Sunboat), but Kathy #2 was able to play England to 14 centers. Kathy's England was enough for the Best England award for round 2. Oh, my Russia was good enough for best Russia - round 1.

So much for Sunboat. The best part of the Sunboat tourney (and the whole weekend) was the opportunity to meet and in some instances play in a game with some of THE names in the hobby. So many faces now to go with all of those names. I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. /

Well, Saturday, after an evening in Detroit's fascinating Greektown, finally came, and the morning held for us a seminar, featuring Allan Calhaver, inventor of Diplomacy. Discussed was the publisher's handbook, computer GMing, clarity of

orders, and, of course, plastic stars and anchors. Mr. Calhauer, when asked about the use of the plastic pieces, demonstrated his tongue and a downward pointing thumb.

At 3:00, the National Diplomacy tourney began. I drew Turkey (again). Ed Wrobel was Austria, Mark S(?) was Russia, somebody was France, Roger (?) was Germany, Bruce Linsey was Italy and Jim Williams was England. Fun game, as Brux and I put together a Turkish-Italian alliance, which was quite a challenge. You would not believe the number of comments I received because I had 6 armies and 1 fleet as Turkey in 1904. The game ended as a 5-way draw, with my Turkey on top with 14 centers. This brings to mind my biggest complaint about DIPCON. I expected the national tournament to allow me to experience a complete game. We, very unfortunately, had a 6-hour deadline.

The DIPCON society meeting followed round 1. The most important decision made was next year's site for DIPCON. (drum roll, please): DIPCON XVII will be held in Dallas, Texas, in conjunction with Origins '84, on July 5-8. I would very much like to attend.

Sunday, round 2 of the tourney was held. At 9:00 am, I was told to play on board two. I drew Italy. Wow. Brad Wilson was Turkey, Porter Wightman was Austria, Bob Goldsmith was Russia, Jeff Gantzer was England, Joe Lamour was Germany, and Mark Lazelere(sp?) France. Porter and I played a Lepanto opening, knocking out Turkey. Russia was then invaded by Germany, allowing Porter and I to keep the Russian share of Turkey (actually, Brad made some excellent moves at this time, and Porter ended up in an awkward position. I ended up with Austria's and Russia's share of Turkey). Germany and France had aligned in the west, and when Mark (France) jumped on England, I jumped on France. The game ended up as a 3-way draw between Germany, Italy and Austria. I was fortunate to control 10 centers for top position on the board. Adding my two games together was good enough for 3rd place overall, with an award for best Turkey, round 1. Eric Ozog was 2nd and Joyce Singer with the only win, took 1st place. Subber Steve Knight placed 5th in the tourney (and was a pleasure to meet - you see, Steve is currently attacking me in a game in Voice of Doom).

I had hoped that I would be able to meet more of my subscribers at Dipcon, but I definitely realize that geography made the trip impossible for most of you. Now, how do I get to Dallas next summer?

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