

# WHY ME ?

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Game openings: None at the present. As soon as something in here ends I will again have an opening. The lone exception to this is the 3rd "blind" game that Karl Schuetz will guest GM. I have two definites so far for this so that leaves 5 spots. Gamefee is \$3.00. If the situation changes after I adjudicate the games I'll put a notice elsewhere. (I type this page ahead of time so I don't know the games results yet)

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The BRUCE LINSEY affair...A final (hopefully) comment

I have received a bit of mail on my statements about Bruce last issue. Some of it was pro, some of it con, most of it mixed (saying we were both wrong). Well, I don't wish to escalate or continue this feud with Bruce, so I am not printing any of the letters. (sorry). The only thing I have to say is this; I admit that I may have over-reacted to the situation, and I might have been a bit strong in my language. But, I still firmly believe that Bruce was wrong in printing such a serious charge about my son, especially without discussing it with him before he printed it.

Some people also asked why I was so upset over it since Bruce attacked my son, not me. You people may not realize it but my son and I are constantly being confused with each other in our games. It seems that a sizeable portion of the hobby doesn't know that there are 2 of us. You ought to see some of the letters we get !! Thus, I also saw this as partially being an attack on my reputation also.

This is the last of this you'll hear from me. If Bruce wishes to continue escalating it--so be it. I don't intend to.

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Articles.... I am still in need of more articles for this 'zine. I hope that those of you who promised me something will really come thru. I have received a couple of items. JOHN KADOR sent me a lengthy one which starts in this issue. (see Pages 8 & 9). It will be concluded in the next issue. I also have decided to print a letter or two that I received if I have enough room. If you people like the idea of a page set aside for letters, let me know. I prefer brief letters however so that I can get more than one in per issue. So no full pages please. Articles will be paid for at the rate of 3 free issues for a full page or more. Letters will not receive sub credit. (after all, it's giving you a place to state your views--right ?)

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Plugs: New 'zines.

OVERBRIGHT by Peter Schwaninger, 1628-F Spartan Village, East Lansing, MI 48823. All peter has done so far is run a couple of local games. However, I think he would run some regular games if he got enough response. Why not drop him a line and ask him. (enclose an SSAE or a 15¢ stamp) Tell him I sent you.

TORPEDO by Bernard Sampson, 123 Sixth St., Middlesex, NJ 08854. Bernie is not new to GMing having guest GMed for Claw & Fang. Subs are 12 / \$5 and gamefees are \$4.00. I just attacked Bernie in a new game so I owe him this plug !

ANDROMEDA by Steve Shaddix, 5486 Butano Way, Rocklin, CA 95677. I did not receive a sample of this one, but Steve asked me for a plug. I'd ask for a sample before sending any money. Steve informs me that he has openings in Diplomacy and several wargames.

BLIND GAMES 1 & 2 are both due on Sept 18th, 1980 (a thursday)

W'05 & Spr '06 are due in #1. W '03 & Spr '04 are due in #2.

Press: Blind #1

Turkey: An open letter to Germany and the world. By the time you read this I should be out of the game unless I/A make a stupid mistake.

They haven't so far so I guess I will soon say goodby.

Vienna to Rome: I concur. Which direction?

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Blind #2 press

Austria: Really Jack, give me a little break! First you double cross me and zap me; well thats one thing but this Ive never played Diplomacy before and can we still be friends bit is going too far. Stabs are a fact of life in dippy. Let's just say that I've learned a little bit about your character (and skill perhaps) and will judiciously apply that knowledge in any future encounters.

Adr(Ausrian Govt in exile) to the world; Good luck y'all, except Jack of course.

Palazo Venicia: Ha ha ha. The frogmen emulate our Duke D'aosta or Russia's Marshall Budenny. No sooner are we talked into stumbling in upon Austria than the Frenchies do the same into Piedmont! Good thing theyre really sneaking up on Warsaw by way of Munich, and with a fleet yet!

Taranto: What this game needs is a good shot of Black press. How about some rumors at least? Or a discussion page--THAT'S an idea! Let me suggst some topics. How about 1. does Steve only have 2 fleets in the West-central Med? 2 Is Turkey still in the game? 3 is the PM a pseudonym for Bruce Linsey? 4 Would anyone mind if I had Curtiss Gibson write in my behalf? (( I would, LK)). 5. Should you all submit something to force out my drivel? 6 Does Steve McLendon REALLY eat raw caterpillars? 7 would it be so bad, really, if Italy gained a center from someone out there this year? 8 How many typos can Lee make in 2 press items (( 1, 962 John. I type the press fast and I make LOTS of mistakes when I type fast!))

1979C GAME ENDS IN RUSSIAN VICTORY ! FALL 1910

England(Fleming) F StPsc-Fin, F Nwg-Bar, F Swe-Den, F Ska-Nwy,

F Pru-Ber, A Hol(s)A Bel, A Bel(s)A Hol

Germany(Frost) A Bre-Par

Italy(Kelly) A Tus-Rom, A Bur-Pic, F Mid-Eng

Russia(Hart) A Fin-Swe, A Nwy(s)A Fin-Swe, A Den(s)A Fin-Swe, F Bar(s)

A Nwy, A Sil-Ber, A Kie(s)A Den, A Ruh-Bur, A Mun(s)A Ruh-Bur,

A Pie-Ven, A Ven-Rom, A Rom-Nap, F Sev-Bla, A Ukr-Sev, F Con-Smy, A Ank(s)F Con-Smy, F Bulec-Con, A Gre-H

Turkey(Michalski) A Mar-Gas, A Arm & F Aeg applaud the games end(H)

Supply Centers

England: Home, Bel, Hol, Swe, ~~Kie~~, ~~Nwy~~, StP 7

Germany: Par, Bre 2

Italy: Tun, Spa, Mar 3

Russia: Mos, Sev, War, ~~Sil~~, Rum, Bud, Vie, Mun,

Tri, Ven, Ber, Gre, Ank, Smy, Den, Rom,

Ser, CON, KIE, Nwy, NAP 20 WINS !

Turkey: ~~Nap~~, Bul, For, ~~Con~~ 2

A hearty congratulations to Bill Hart for his victory. I'd also like to thank those of you who hung in till the end, especially the stand-bys. The end-game chart will be published next issue as will any statements (brief please) that you may wish to make. If you do wish to make a statement I'd appreciate as early as possible . (I like to type that kind of thing ahead of time)

1979 AD Separation of seasons. ( 3 requests) Winter 1908 only  
 Austria(Cooper) Builds A Vie, A Bud  
 England(Schuetz) F Nwy ret to Nwg. Can't build, plays 1 short  
 France(Callahan?) NMR GM removes A Ruh, F Naf, F Hel, F Bal  
 Germany(Loewenstern) Can't build, plays 1 short  
 Italy(Hart) Builds F Nap, A Ven, A Rom  
 Russia(Kador) Removes A Fin  
 Turkey(Schaller) Removes A Arm

DEADLINE for Spring 1909 is Sept 19th, 1980. A draw between Aus/Ita has been proposed. Not voting will count as a YES vote. If Fra misses again it will go into C.D.

1978 HR Fall 1911 Not much change in status

Austria(McLendon) A Mun(s) Rus A Pru-Ber (dis/ann), A Boh & A Tyr(s)A Mun, F Mid-Por(dis-Eng, Iri, Gas, Naf, Wes, OTB), F Wes-Spasc, F Lyo(s)F Wes-Spasc, A Pie-Mar, A Tri-Ven, F Adr-Ion, A Vie-H, A Ser-H, A Bul-Gre, A Con-Bul, A Smy-H  
 England(Hart) F Bot-Swe, F Nth-Nwy, F NAO(s)Fra F Bre-Mid  
 France(Hyatt) F Bre-Mid, F Nwg(s)Eng F Nth-Nwy, A Por-Spa, F Spasc-Lyo (dis/ann), A Mar(s)A Por-Spa, A Bur & A Ruh & A Kie(s)A Ber-Mun, A Ber-Mun, A Den(s)Eng F Bot-Swe

Russia(Kovalcik) A Pru-Ber, A Sil(s)A Pru-Ber, A Fin-StP, A War-Liv, F Nwy(s)F Swe, A Swe(s)F Nwy, (dis-Fin, otb), F Ska(s)F Nwy

DEADLINE for Winter 1911 and Spring 1912 is Sept 19th, 1980

A 4 way draw is proposed. Not voting is a YES vote. The concession to Austria failed, 3 yes-1 no.

Supply centers.

Austria: Home, Gre, Ser, Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun, Bul, Con, Smy, Ank, ~~Wap~~, SPA 14 even (bld 1 as 1 ann)

England: Home, SWE 4 build 1

France: Home, Por, ~~Spa~~, Bel, ~~Bel~~, Hol, Kie, Den, MUN 9 (even, 1ann)

Russia: Home, Nwy, ~~Swe~~, Rum, BER 7 even

1980 AN Fall 1902 Everyone jockeys for position (well almost)

Austria(Brawner) A Ser-Rum, A Bud(s)A Ser-Rum, A Vie-Gal, F Tri-H

England(Ditter) F Nth-Lon, A Wal(s)F Nth-Lon, F Nwg-NAO, F Lvp(s)

F Nwg-NAO

France(Masters) A Spa-Mar, A Gas(s)A Spa-Mar, A Par-Bur, F Eng-Bel,

F Mid-Iri

Germany(Sergeant) F Hol-Bel, A Ruh(s)F Hol-Bel, A Bur(s)F Hol-Bel,

A Mun(s)A Bur, F Den-Nth

Italy(Ledder) A Tun-Gre, F Ion(c)A Tun-Gre, F Apu-Adr, A Ven-H

Russia(McLendon) A Rum(s)Aus A Ser-Bul(nso)(dis-Ukr, otb), A Sev(s)

A Rum, F Bla-Con, A Arm-Smy, F Swe-H, A Liv-War

Turkey(Blank/Crockett) A Bul(s)Aus A Ser-Rum, A Con(s)F Ank, F Ank-H

F Aeg-Smy

DEADLINE for Winter '02 and Spring '03 is Sept 19th, 1980

Supply Centers

Austria: Home, Ser, RUM 5 build 1

England: Home, Nwy 4 even

France: Home, Por, Spa 5 even

Germany: Home, Den, Hol, BEL 6 build 1

Italy: Home, Tun, GRE 5 build 1

Russia: Home, ~~Rum~~, Swe 5 remove 1

Turkey: Home, ~~Gre~~, BUL 4 even

I have still not heard from Walter Blank so I assume Dave Crockett will continue to send orders, right Dave ?

1979 KQ Fall 1904 England out before Austria  
 Austria(CD) A Vie-H (dis-otb), A Bud-H  
 England(Costikyan) NMR F Cly-H  
 France(Hart) F Mid-NAO, F Lvp(s)F Mid-NAO, A Bel-H, A Bur & F Eng (s)  
 A Bel, A Mar-H, F Spasc(s)A Mar  
 Germany(Perlmutter) A Boh-Vie, A Mun-H, A Wal-Lon, F Hel-Den, F Hol-H,  
 F Nth-Edi  
 Italy(Cartier) A Tri(s)Ger A Boh-Vie, F Naf-Mid, A Ven-Tus, A Pie-Mar,  
 F Lyo(s)A Pie-Mar  
 Russia(Townsend) Error time; Last season the Russian order F Nwg-Nth  
 should have been F Nwg-NAO. All concerned were notified.  
 F NAO-Lvp (dis-Iri, otb), F Nwg(s)Ger F Nth-Edi, A War-Ukr,  
 A Gal(s)A Rum, A Rum(s)F Sev, F Sev(s)A Rum  
 Turkey(Aucott) A Arm-Smy, F Bla(s)A Arm-Smy(imp), A Bul(s)A Ser-Rum,  
A Ser-Rum, F Tyrs-Wes, F Ion-Tyrs  
 DEADLINE for Winter '04 and Spring '05 is Sept 19th, 1980 (see note\*)

## Supply Centers

Austria: <del>Vie</del> , Bud	1 remove 1 (A vie otb)
England: <del>Edi</del>	0 out
France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Lvp	7 even
Germany: Home, Hol, Den, Lon, EDI, VIE	8 build 2
Italy: Home, Tun, Tri	5 even
Russia: Home, Rum, Swe, Nwy	7 even
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser	6 even
Press: Berlin: Ho, hum.	

Ankara-Berlin: I'm not thinking what you're thinking-I'm doing it!  
 Tyrs-Spa-Looking forward to an Atlantic vacation next year.  
 Con-Rom-I like Aucott too.

Rome: King Umberto the fool has successfully negotiated his now-famous tennis court treaty wherein Italy becomes a Crown Colony of Sicily. "We need their protection", he said. He then left immediately for Paris where he will study the cooking of Frenchmen. "Ven de'r cooked, ve feed dem to the halfalumps," he chortled.

\* A F-G-T draw has been proposed. Not voting is a YES vote. \*

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 1979V Fall 1909 Some centers actually change hands !

Austria(Tucker) F Aeg-Ion, A Tri-H, A Gal-H, A Sil(s)Rus A Ber,  
A Tyr-Mun, A Boh(s)A Tyr-Mun (see COA)  
 France(Bunke) F Nwg-Nwy, F Den-Bal, F Swe(s)F Den-unrepor-  
 ted last turn), A Fin-StP, F Eng-Nth, A Kie-Ber, A Hol-Kie,  
A Mun(s)A Kie-Ber, A Ruh & A Bur(s)A Mun, A Mar-Pie, F Lyo-  
Tyrs, F Wes-Tun, F Naf(s)F Wes-Tun  
 Italy(Fritter) A Smy-H, F Tun(s)F Tyrs(dis-ann), F Tyrs(s)F Tun,  
 A Pie-H, A Vie(s)A Pie, F Tus(s)F Tyrs  
 Russia(Blau) F StPnc(s)A Nwy, F Bar(s)A Nwy, A Nwy-H, F Ank-Con,  
F Bal(s)A Ber(dis-Liv, Bot, OTB), A Ber(s)A War-Pru, A War-Pru  
 See COA for Russia.

DEADLINE for Winter 1909 and Spring 1910 is Sept 19th, 1980  
 Draw proposals: 1) 4 way. 2) F-A-R. 3) Concession to France. Not  
 voting is a YES vote. The concession takes precedence over the other  
 two. Then the 4 way, then the 3 way. PLEASE vote on all 3.

## Supply centers

Austria: Home, Ser, Rum, Bul	6 even
France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Lvp,Edi, Lon, Kie, Mun, Den, Swe, TUN	15 build 1
Italy: Home, <del>Tyr</del> , Smy, Gre, <del>Edi</del>	5 even (1 ann)
Russia: Home, Nwy, Ank, Ber, CON	8 build 1
COA Aus: 329 Thomas Jefferson, Rolla, MO	65401
COA Rus: 341 Hastings Hall, Cambridge, MA	02138 As of 9/1/80

1979 HD Winter 1905 Eng Bld F Lon. Fra Rem F Den, A Hol.  
Ger Bld A Mun. Rus A Gal ret to Boh, rem F Bla. Tur Bld  
F Ank.

Spring 1906 Lots of nso again! ( see 1980 A last ish)  
Austria(Hyatt) A War (s)Ger A Mos-Ukr  
England(Schleinkofer) F Swe-Nwy, F Nth-Nwy, F Bel(s) Ger A Kie-Hol(nso  
F Mid(s)A Gas-Spa, F Lon-Eng, F Por(s)F Mid, A Gas-Spa,  
A Lvp-Edi  
France(Pierce) F Nwg-Nwy  
Germany(Howe) F Den-Hel, A Bur-Mar, A Gal-Boh, A Mun(s)A Gal-Boh,  
A Kie(s)A Mun, A Mos-Ukr, A Liv-Mos  
Italy(Hardisty) F Wes-Mid, F Lyo & A Mar(s)Tur F Spa, A Pie(s)A Mar,  
A Nap-Rom, A Tyr(s)Rus A Boh-Mun(nso), A Vie(s)Tur A Bud-Gal  
(nso)  
Russia(Conner) A Boh-Sil, A Ukr(s)Aus A War-Mos (nso)(Dis-Gal, otb)  
Turkey(Fritter) F Ank-Bla, F Con(s)F Ank-Bla, A Arm-Sev, A Bud(s)A Rum.  
F Bulsc-H, F Tyrs-Tun, F Spasc-H

DEADLINE for fall '06 is Sept 19th, 1980

Press: Kiev: After moving his capitol to this city, the demented Tsar  
Mikhal the Catatonic invited the Turkish Navy to visit southern ports  
of call in Crimea. Joining the ranks of other dispossed European heads  
of state, his last comment before returning to his natural state of  
mental oblivion was, "What, me worry?"

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1980 AE Winter '02 Aus bld A Bud. Eng Bld A Edi. Ger rem A Tyr,  
A Ber ret Sil. ((Eng only was entitled to one bld))

Spring 1903 Russia in trouble-can he survive?

Austria(Fraunces)F Bulsc-Aeg, A Rum-H, A Ser & A Bud(s)A Rum,  
A Vie-Gal, A Tri-Ven  
England(Conner) A Edi-Den, F Nth(c)A Edi-Den, F Swe(s)A Edi-Den,  
A Fin-StP, F F Nwy(s)A Fin-StP, F Bel-Hol  
France(Ditter) F Lyo-Tyrs, F Wes(s)F Lyo-Tyrs, F Naf-Tun, A Pie-Tus,  
A Gas-Bur  
Germany(Hardisty) A Kie-Ber, F Bal & A Mun(s)A Kie-Ber, A Sil-war  
Italy(Tucker) F Ion(s)F Tyrs, A Boh-Vie, A Ven-Tri, F Tyrs-H  
Russia(Prost) A StP-Mos(dis-Liv, otb), A Gal-War, A Pru-War, F Ber-  
-Bal(dis/ann)

Turkey(Turner) A Ukr-Mos, A Sev(s)A Ukr-Mos, F Aeg-Bulsc, F Bla-Con

DEADLINE for Fall '03 is Sept 19th, 1980

Press: Turkey to Austria: I won't give up without a fight and this is  
one battle I don'tintend to lose!

Constantinople to Budapest: By the time Thanksgiving rolls around you  
won't have enough armies to devour this Turkey!

Turkey to Italy: Hang in there!

London: Now that the summer olympics are over, and the boycott judged  
to be successful, the British Government have agreed to take military  
action against the Russian capitol. Prime Minister Hedfeathers dispat-  
ched troops to Denmark and Holland as well, in order to bolster the  
wekened defenses of the Kaiser.

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Grand Diplomacy Tour.....Vern Schaller

The problem as stated in the last issue of Why Me? was to determine  
how soon, interms of game year, you could acheive an 18 center win if  
every other power starts the game in Civil Disorder. My best results  
for each of the powers is as follows: Russia: 1903, Germany, Austria,  
France: 1904, Italy Turkey England:1905. If you can better these, I  
would be interested in hearing from you as to how you did it. For those  
of you who may care to challenge me in terms of how I acheived these  
results, let me say that I do not plan to answer any individual letters  
but I will respond in some fashion if enough interest is shown. Next on  
the agenda, an analysis of twp front wars in regular Diplomacy.

1979 CP Fall 1906 Russia builds 4 !  
 Austria(Counselman) F Wes-Lyo, A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Tus, F Ion-Aeg,  
 F Alb-Gre, A Tyr(s)A Ven-Pie, A Mun(s)Fra A Hol-Kie(nso,  
 A Boh-Gal, A Rum-Sev, A Ser-Bud  
 England(Beyerlein) A Yor-H, F Nth-Nwg, F Hel-Nth  
 France(Kelley?)NMR A Pic, F Mid, F Mar, F Spasc, All H, A Pie dis/ann  
 A Hol-Dis to Bel, oth  
 Germany(Cooper) F Liv-StPsc  
 Russia(Mercer) F Smy-Aeg, A Gal-Rum, F Bulec(s)A Gal-Rum, A Con(s)  
 F Bul, A StP-Liv, A Ruh-Hol, F Kie(s)A Ruh-Hol, A Den-H,  
F Ska-Nth, A Nwy-H

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 Standby for France: Al Rodriguez, 2613 S. Eye, Bakersfield, CA 93304  
 DRAW PROPOSALS: 1) A-R, 2) F-R-A-, 3) R-F-A-E Not voting on these  
 counts as a YES vote. If all pass, 1 takes precedence over 2 etc.  
 Press: Moscow-Paris: Don't press your luck. I made you an offer and  
 received no response. If it should happen again my reaction will be a  
 lot worse than it was this time. Keep that in mind !  
 Moscow to London-Good move! Now that you have listened I shall move  
 no farther unless provoked by you. Keep your isle.

## Supply Centers

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, ~~XXX~~, Rom, Nap, Tun, ~~XXX~~, Ven, ~~XXX~~, Mun, SEV  
 11 build 1 (was short)  
 England: Home, ~~XXX~~ 3 even  
 France: Home, Spa, For, ~~XXX~~ 5 remove 1 or 6 even if  
 A Hol ret to Bel  
 Germany: Bel 1 even or out if Fra ret  
 Russia: StP, Mos, War, ~~XXX~~, Swe, Nwy, Ank, Ber, Smy, Den, KIE, CON,  
 RUM, BUL, HOL 14 build 4 (can't)

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 1980 CB THREE NMR's, but only one center changes hands !!

Fall 1902

Austria(Cummings) F Gre(s)A Ser-Bul, A Ser-Bul, A Tri-Ser, A Tyr-Tri  
A Vie-Tri  
 England(Ronderos) NMR F Nth, A Lon, F Nwy, all H F Eng dis- Iri, Wal  
 Pic, OTB  
 France(Ragsdale) F Bre-Eng, F Mid(s)F Bre-Eng, A Pic-Par, A Mar-Bur,  
 A Gas(s)A Mar-Bur  
 Germany(Kelley?)NMR A Den, A Ber, F Hol, A Bel, A Ruh, all Hold,  
A Bur dis-Pic, Mun, OTB  
 Italy(Tucker) F Wes-Tyrs, F Tyrs-Ion, A Ven(s)A Pie, A Pie(s)A Ven  
 Russia(Wilson) F Rum-Bla, A Arm-Smy, A Ukr-Rum, A Sev(s)A Ukr-Rum,  
A War-Ukr, F Swe-H

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STANDBYS

England: Fred Hyatt, 400 State St., Brooklyn, NY 11217  
 Germany: Ron Kelly, 6038 Richmond Hwy, Apt 314, Alexandria, VA 22303  
 Turkey: Bill Hart, 312 Dunhagen Pl., Cary, NC 27511  
 C.O.A. Denise Tucker, 248B Wolpers Hall, UMC, Columbia, MO 65211

Supply Centers

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, BUL 6 build 1  
 England: Home, Nwy 4 even  
 France: Home, Spa, For 5 even  
 Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Bel 6 even  
 Italy: Home, Tun 4 even  
 Russia: Home, Swe, Rum 6 even  
 Turkey: Home, ~~XXX~~ 3 even (1 ann)

Press: Rome Daily Press: Due to the timely importing of much needed  
 coal from the coalfields of Normandy, The Pope has advised the Presi-  
 dent to renew diplomatic ties with those hasty Frenchmen. The pope  
 also stated that at least Frenchies know the difference between a  
 Boy and A girl. ((more on next page))

Rome-StPete: You screwball! I bet you need help to just put your pants on !!!

Paris to the world: Does anyone know how to say Hari Kari in French? Has anyone got a short, sharp, sword ?

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 1980 A Waht a screwy bunch. Does anybody know what's happening?  
 Austria(Parker) F Tri-Adr, A Bud-Tri, A Vie & A Ser(s)A Bud-Tri  
 England(Van Meter) F Eng-Bre, F Nth(c)A Lon-Bel, A Lon-Bel,  
 F Nwy(s)Ger F Den-Swe ((SEE C.O.A.))  
 France(Schiwautz)F Mid(c)A Gas-Por, F Bel(s)Eng F Nth-Hol(nso)(Dis-  
 Pic, Eng, OTB)A Gas-Por, A Bur(s)Ita A Tyr-Mun,A Ruh-Kie  
 Germany(Collins)(RESIGNS) F Den-Swe, A Hol(s)Eng A Lon-Bel, A Mun-H,  
 A Sil(s)A Mun, F Kie-Ber  
 Italy(Arnott) A Tyr-Mun, A Ven-Tri, F Adr(s)A Ven-Tri, F Ion-H (dis-  
 Nap, Apu, Alb, Tyrs, Tun, Eas, OTB)  
 Russia(Callahan?)NMR F Swe-H(dis-Ska, Bal, Bot, Fin, OTB), A Pru-H,  
 A Gal-H, A Ukr-H, A Sev-H (dis-Mos, OTB)  
 Turkey(Hardisty) A Rum-Sev, F Bla & A Arm(s)A Rum-Sev, F Bulec-Rum,  
 F Gre-Ion, F Aeg(s)F Gre-Ion

DEADLINE for Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 is Sept 19th, 1980 (see \*\*)  
 Will Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Dr., Paoli. PA 19301 take over Ger?  
 Russia Standby: Phil Cooper, 19 Dahlgren Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11228  
 Supply Centers

Austria: Home, Ser	4 even
England: Home, Nwy, BEL, BRE	6 build 2
France: <del>Par</del> , Par, Mar, Spa, POR, <del>Spa</del> , KIE	5 even
Germany: Mun, Ber, <del>Kie</del> , Hol, Den, SWE	5 even
Italy: Home, Tun	4 even
Russia: Mos, StP, War, <del>Sey</del> , <del>Sye</del>	3 remove 2
Turkey: Home, Bul, Rum, Gre, SEV	7 build 1

\*\* this is a rather complex season, but if you want a seperation TWO of you will have to ask for it.

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 1978FL Fall 1906

Ger A Tyo(ret)-Boh, Ita F Tyr(ret)-Nap  
 Austria(Mooney)F Ion(sup)ITA F Nap-Tyr, F Gre(sup)A Con-Bul, A Tyo-Boh, A Vie(sup)A Rum-Gal, A Bud(sup)A Rum-Gal, A Ukr-Mos, A Sev(sup)  
 A Ukr-Mos, A Con-Bul, A Rum-Gal  
 England(Tucker)NMR F Bar-U, F Nwg-U, F Nth-U, F Lon-U, A Nwy-U,  
 A Mos-U  
 France(Kelley)NMR F Mid-U, F Lyo-U, A Mar-U, A Bre-U, A Bel-U, F Tyr-  
 U(Dis, ret-Wes, Naf, Tus, OTB)  
 Germany(Kendter, Jr) F Den-Swe, A Mun-Tyo, A Boh-Gal, A Sil(sup)  
 A Boh-Gal, A Pru-H, A War(sup)Eng A Mos  
 Italy(Conner)F Nap-Tyr, F Smy-Con, A Tun-H, A Pie-H, A Ven-Rom  
 Turkey(Mainardi)F Aeg-Con  
 Russia(Watson) No units on board  
 Austria--Home, Ser, Bul, Gre, Rum, Con, Ank, Sev 10 Build 1  
 England--Home, Nwy, Stp, Mos 6 Even  
 France--Home, Bel, Por, Spa 6 Even  
 Germany--Home, Hol, Den, Swe, War 7 Build 1  
 Italy--Home Tun, Smy 5 Even  
 Russia--~~War~~ 0 Out!  
 Turkey--~~Sey~~ 0 Out!

The standby for England is--John Kador, 20 Hilltop Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The standby for France is--Bill Schiwautz, 1342 N. Crecent Hght. Blvd Apt #3, West Hollywood, CA 90046. Deadline for the winter 1906/spring 1907 moves is September 13, 1980 to Art Schleinkofer, 3108 E. St., Phila., PA 19134.

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Mr. Blalock, please."

"Speaking."

"Whitney J. Blalock, the publisher of Garbage in, Garbage Out?"

"This is Blalock! What's your name and what's your game?"

"Mr. Blalock, I am not a participant in the belligerent manipulation of symbolic soldiery your bellicose publication takes for its object."

"Who is this?"

"Forgive me for not introducing myself. My name is Ellis DeFamatory III, of Straus, Straus, Taylor, and Tort."

"What are you guys, a department store. Listen I already have aluminum...."

"Mr. Blalock, I am an attorney representing Mr. Clarence DeWitt, one of your subscribers, I beleive."

"DeWitt? You mean Elmo Vincent. I just dropped him from the 'zine. It's in my house rules. I have every right..."

Mr. Blalock, may I continue? This is more serious than you realize." Go on".

"You will receive tomorrow morning a notice of legal action against you as publisher of Garbage In, Garbage Out. Mr. DeWitt is bringing action against you for defamation. In a number of recent issues, you have published false and misleading material which has caused my client untold hardship. He has been stabbed in every postal game in which he participates and he has been unable to secure alliances. Moreover, his own publishing venture has been irreparably damaged. For these reasons and others, he is seeking \$1,000 in compensatory damages and \$10,000 in punative damages. Have a good day, Mr. Blalock. We will see you in court."

"Hell! Why didn't I stick with Risk?"

## II

"Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye. All having business before this court, come forth, give your attention and you shall be heard. God save these United States and this honorable Court. Clarence DeWitt versus Whitney Blalock and the Blalock Press."

"Plaintiff ready".

"Defendant ready."

"Plaintiff may proceed with his opening statement. "

"Thank you, your honor. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, this is a simple case of libel. In a sense, also, it is a case of theft. We will show how the defendant stole my client's good name and besmirched his reputation. As Shakesperare put it:

Who steals my purse steals trash,  
But he that filches from me my good name  
robs me of that which not enriches him,  
and makes me poor indeed.

"We will show that Clarence DeWitt, a publisher of a Diplomacy magazine, a publisher little different than dozens of other publishers, was maliciously and consciously singled out and defamed by the defendant, Whitney Blalock, to ridicule my client and cause him to be estranged from the hobby he loves. We will demonstrate that, as a direct consequence of these malicious falsehoods, my client has been injured in his calling, his reputation has been recklessly tarnished, and he has been shunned by the Diplomacy community. For these reasons and others, we beleive that damages are in order. Both to compensate Mr. DeWitt for his suffering and loss of income, but also to deter other publishers from irresponsibly defaming innocent individuals.

"Mr. Blalock, if you still insist on defending yourself, are you ready with your opening statement?"

"Thank you, your honor. My opening statement is brief: everything I published is true. I will rest my defense on the absolute truth of everything I have published.



"Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you god?"

"I do."

"Please be seated and state your name for the record."

"Whitney Jay Blalock."

"Mr Blalock, tell me, how long have you been involved with the Diplomacy hobby?"

"About eight years now. Right about now it seems longer."

"At this time, in what way are you involved with the hobby?"

"Right now I publish a Diplomacy magazine called Garbage In, Garbage Out. I'm up to issue 48 already and last year I came in .....

"Thank you, Mr Blalock. Is the plaintiff, Mr. DeWitt, a subscriber?"

"He was."

"Did his subscription lapse?"

"No. I kicked him out of the magazine."

"And the remainder of his subscription?"

"It was forfeit. By my house rules, a player removed for cause--in this case, deception of the GM--forfeits all monies."

"What was the alleged deception on which you based this rather precipitous action?"

"He insisted on using an alias. I'm convinced that Mr DeWitt is a notorious publisher called Elmo Vincent. For players, aliases are permissible, but as GM, I insisted on the truth. When he refused to satisfy me, I had no choice but to remove him from all games and drop him from the mailing list."

"But in point of fact, Mr Blalock, you took it upon yourself to do considerably more than separate Mr DeWitt from your publication, did you not?"

"What exactly do you mean?"

"Mr Blalock, I show you this issue of Garbage in Garbage out, marked Exhibit C. May I ask you to read from the top of page 2?"

"Very well: A necessary warning to all. To those who aren't already aware of it, that is. In the interest of the hobby, I must immediately condemn the actions of Elmo Vincent, alias Clarence DeWitt, as a GM, as a publisher, and as a human being. I'm not going to cite all the evidence I've seen right now, but "DeWitt" is a thief who has been known to steal people's sub money, and is a dishonest GM as well, having also falsified the orders of players in his 'zine and played in his own games under various fronts. Under no circumstances should a player who wants to play in a fair game sign up for one in which DeWitt will be the GM, nor is it a wise decision to send him any money for any reason whatsoever. Unless, that is, you would like to see a crook at work. It's sickening to have to print this, but the hobby must need to be warned before more people are suckered into sending him any money. And since I'm sending this to between 600 and 700 people, of which 200 are brand new to the hobby, I felt it essential to say something now."

"Quite a number of charges there, Mr Blalock. Let's see if we can boil this down. You have accused my client of theft, dishonesty, incompetence not only in his official duties but as a human being as well. Is that a fair summary?"

"Yes."

"Very well, then, will you now cite all the evidence you neglected to publish in support of your extraordinary charges?"

"There's a lot of evidence. Be specific."

"You call my client a thief."

"Yes, one of my subscribers, Ken Romney, was burned by DeWitt. He wrote a long letter, in issue 39, I believe."

"Yes, I have it right here. Please read the salient points."

"In spite of the fact that I chose not to continue in any games in DeWitt's zine, I did want to continue to receive the 'zine, and therefore I did not request a refund of the balance of my sub. ((more/over)

However, DeWitt-Vincent then cut off my sub, and never sent me another copy of his 'zine, nor did he refund my sub balance. Thus, in effect, he stole the balance of my sub money. Thus, in addition to being a liar and dishonest GM, he is also a THIEF!"

"That's all very interesting, but where's the evidence?"

"That's it!"

"That's it?! Your honor, would you inform the defendant that what he has just quoted may be another libel but it is certainly not evidence."

"Mr. Blalock, I reiterate my conviction that you should retain counsel. Have you not heard of the old adage which states that a man who represents himself has a fool for a client?"

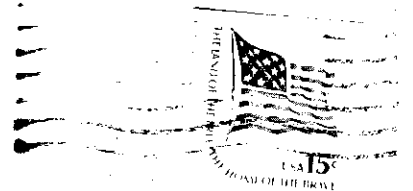
"That's very witty, your honor, but, no, the truth will be my defense."

"All right. Plaintiff's counsel may continue."

"Thank you, your honor. Mr. Blalock, we have Mr. Romney in the court right now. If you stand down, I will call Ken Romney to the stand."

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