

# ATLANTIS

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"Winter 1902"

1970AJ

R-2

RUSSIA (Gaylord): Mos, War, StP, ~~Bel~~, ~~Rum~~, Swe. (4) No change.

TURKEY (Berlin): Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Sev, Rum. (6) Builds F Smy, A Con, A Ank.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lichtenstein): Bud, Vie, Tri, Gre, Ser. (5) No change.

ITALY (Gygax): Nap, Rom, Ven, Mar, Tun. (5) No change.

FRANCE (Inzer): Bre, Par, ~~Bel~~, Spa. (3) /No removal received; GM removes F Spa./

GERMANY (MacDonald): Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol. (4) /F Bel not retreated; annihilated/  
Builds F Kie, A Ber.

ENGLAND (Lakofka): Edi, Liv, Lon, Den, Nor, Bel. (6) Builds F Lon.

"Spring 1903" moves are due 9 February 1971, to Christopher Schleicher, 5122 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60630.

1970C

Last issue, in the adjudication for the 1970C moves, for France (Peter Comber) the notation "/moves received after adjudication/" appeared. This is exactly what happened. Peter's moves arrived after I had adjudicated and reported the moves to the players. In his moves he wrote:

"I am sorry the moves are late, but I did not receive "Atlantis until Dec 29th or 30th, past the deadline date. Since I was preoccupied by the holidays I could

only get to them now. I hope I will not be penalized since it was not my fault."

What obviously happened was that the U.S. Post Office did not deliver the adjudication and deadline notice that I sent Peter early in December. The Post Office has done this to me many times, so I know how Peter feels. The problem I face is, do I accept the moves that Peter sent in? Granted, it is not his fault they did not get in. I'm sure that he would have sent in his moves in plenty of time had not the Post Office did its usual miserable job. But the moves for that season have already gone out. What I think my dilemma is is this: There are several things open to me. 1) I can ignore the problem, and call for the "Winter 1904" adjustments as scheduled; or, 2) Add Peter's moves to those I already have, and adjudicate as if they were received on time; or, 3) Ask for new "Fall 1904" moves from all the players.

What I will do depends on you, the players in 1970C. You have until the next deadline date, 9 February 1971, to write me with your opinions and suggestions. You can have me do any of the three things I suggested above, or ask me to do something else. I will print the suggestions I receive, without identifying the authors, and try to abide by the players' wishes.

It's up to you players. Just remember that what happened to Peter could also happen to you. If I don't get anything, I'll make my own decision.

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R-3

The new game, R-3 is now open. I have one player signed up so far, and several people that express interest. So there are about 4 or 5 openings left to fill before play can begin.

If you are interested, send your name and address, along with game fee (\$4/\$3 for IFW or NFFE GB) and a list of countries you prefer, numbered 1-7. I will give you first choice wherever possible.

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PRESS RELEASES  
1970C

Berlin; December 1, 1904:

Becker--you ~~ask~~/ask. What are you trying to put an army in Denmark for? (as if I didn't know....)

Peery--DING BAT!

St. Peerigrad; 23 December 1904:

Following a special meeting here of the Supreme War Council the Czar today ordered the armies of Russia to prepare to repel the German invaders who have made some inroads into northern Ryssia. The Czar also ordered the armies to carry the war into Germany itself and announced no mercy would be shown to the Germans.

The Czar announced that the Government is willing to consider allowing the English forces currently in northern Russia to remain there without opposition provided the English refrain from using them against Russian forces. The Czar also once again called on the French to rise and turn against the German warmongers.

St. Peerigrad; 25 December 1904:

The Government, acting through the Duma and Royal Council, today approved a measure dissolving the Russian Empire and reconstituting it as the Greater Peerian

Empire, to be ruled by the former Grand Duke Alexi Babinski, Prince of Peerijavo. The Grand Duke has chosen to reign under the title of Peerimaximus I, Emperor of Emperors, King of Kings, Prince of Peace, etc. The Emperor's possessions will include Russia, Austria, and Turkey, and any additional areas which may be added to the Empire from time to time. The Emperor's first act after taking control of the Empire was to announce that the Empire would soon sign a treaty with Italy granting it special trading and other privileges with the Empire.

St. Peerigrad; 26 December 1904:

A large banner appeared over the Cathedral of St. John the Stagalite today. It said: "EAT YOUR HEART OUT, JOHN!" Analysts are unsure just what the sign means.

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PRESS RELEASES  
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/From the translations of Patrick Albermarion./

After the meeting in the main hall, in which Lumberman had been placed under the spell of the four Rings, Gygax and Leomund conferred on what to do next.

"With Lumberman partially under our spell how shall we proceed?" asked Leomund.

"I fear only the merging of the power of all four Rings coupled with the 'Seman' of Roddy Wacker could again allow us to enforce our spell or add to it. Lumberman will no longer have the will to wield the Silmaril versus Morgoth, but to let him steal it and bring it to us no best of all, to destroy it, will require further enforcement. Of course our main plan may still work. I did not realize the power the four Rings, plus the Seman, could wield.

"We could of course, keep the Seman and attempt to mold it ourselves, but only the power of the Six Colors or the white with a few colors could offset and win over the Silmaril if Morgoth himself used it. Alas, two colors are destroyed, and the white -- which must be held by the old man we saw -- is beyond our reach."

"Could we use the four with the Seman and bid the holder of the white to join us?" queried Leomund.

"It could be done," said Gygax, "but we would also activate the Silmaril, and that could be deadly! Yet if we sought the ring without using the Seman, it might be possible."

"Then let us try" Leomund began, "for to allow the chance for total victory to slip by would be folly. Our first plan is brilliant, but, as you know, it could easily fail."

Von Fluffy and Trevanion were summoned before the King. Both were as screwed up as before, singing and generally being clumsy in their own fashion. When Leomund held the ring up and began the incantation von Fluffy quickly responded and challenged Leomund's power. Von Fluffy wielded the ring well in this state, and Leomund had to act rapidly to overtake and offset him. Trevanion then began to use his ring, but the effort barely succeeded, causing a jolt to run through his body, knocking him unconscious. Von Fluffy screamed, "only I shall have the power of the Rings, only I!", and holding Leomund at bay sprang to gain Trevanion's ring while he was unconscious. However, Gygax was more rapid, and a blue flash stunned the fleet von Fluffy and threw him back. Coupled together, Leomund and Gygax merged their power, and von Fluffy, fight as he would, was overcome.

As he lay there, stunned, Gygax removed the ring from his finger; then he

did the same with Trevanion's Ring. He gave the Green to Leomund while slipping the Purple on his own finger. At once both Gygax and Leomund sensed the existence of not only the White, but the Yellow and Orange also! Both Rings sought to find the most powerful color, Red, but could not. As they held the power at bay, von Fluffy recovered in a state of frenzy. He scratched and clawed his hand in search of the Ring, and suddenly ran about the room uncontrollably. He paused, his eyes gleamed, and he fell to the floor dead. Trevanion gasped for breath and came back to consciousness. He was rational for a few minutes and told them how his father died when he lost the Green, and how he, like von Fluffy, was not strong enough to wield its power. He had contacted von Fluffy and the Orange, but being so weak, was unable to stay his own rising insanity or save them from theirs. Von Fluffy as too far under its spell, and the possessor of the Orange -- Dum Moeller had held it for so long that his memory and will were wiped like a clean slate. To lose the Ring was to find death.

Leomund grasped the Green and prepared to give it back to Trevanion, but Gygax cautioned that it might mean his death too.

"Who holds the Yellow? Do you know?", asked Gygax anxiously.

"No, but it is in Mordor, perhaps Morgoth himself...."

Trevanion fell to the floor and passed away.

"So there is more to this than meets the eye."

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Mr. John Beshara has just written me, offering his services to players in ATLANTIS who might have questions concerning tactics or strategy. John has long been recognized as an authority in this field, writing for a number of Diplomacy magazines, GRAUSTARK and most (if not all) of Rod Walker's 'zines. I consider this an excellent way for any player to gain a confidential, personal, expert opinion about a game in progress, or Diplomacy in general. I would especially urge newcomers to the Diplomacy world to take advantage of this generous offer.

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I would like to extend my personal thanks to John for this offer.

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