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next deadline: monday, january 7, 1985 (phone 6pm CST 1/6)

standby list: 1st level: Dodge, Russell, Stafford
2nd level: Bishop, K Brown, Ehli, Ellis, Gautron, Iverson, Johnston,
Mark Keller, Tighe, Wall

game openings: 1w deadlines, \$6--Masche--pd, Chen--pd, K Brown, Laster, R Anderson--pd
Mallia--pd (Only one more needed to start)
2w deadlines, \$9--Bishop

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Thus comes a slightly different and slightly late issue of Big Hits. This is being mailed a couple days late thanks to finals and the GRE. (Imagine wasting 8 hours of your life filling in little dots with a pencil...) The xerox printing is a bit of an experiment; it's more expensive, but with such a small print run mimeo may not be worth the trouble. The print of the game reports is reduced somewhat, but not as much as in digest zines. Let me know if you hurt your eyes too much.

The deadline this time is extended to five weeks for the holidays.

I was late mailing some issues last time; some nonplayers got their Oct. and Nov. issues only last week. I could apologize, but I won't.

I suppose winter has officially arrived here. We've had snow on the ground for a week and the temperature has gone below zero a couple of nights. We already have half our Christmas stuff done, since anything mailed to Germany had to be in the mail a week ago to make it in time. Meanwhile we now have a car with a diesel engine and front wheel drive, so won't see us stuck this winter. We also found a good deal on matching down jackets. Things like that can make the cold season a lot more comfortable. But both Frauke and I have been looking forward to winter. I guess you have to like it if you live up here. You have to trade in your bicycle for a bus pass, and you have to listen to the weather forecasts a bit, but if you don't decide to hole up and hibernate for four months and just decide to keep on living life, winter can be a lot of fun.

The Erkcon we were planning to have will be somewhat later than April. We'll probably be gone, and spring may not be here by then anyway. But we would like to have a con some weekend next spring or early summer. Memorial Day, perhaps?? We'll have to check with the crew in Madison.

May you find peace, joy, & love

this holiday season.

Scott & Frauke

82HM NEBRASKA SPRING 1912 ANOTHER SKIPS OUT ON THE PARTY

winter...AUS bld A VIE; FRA A pic r PAR, F mid r GAS; GER bld A KIE, A BER; ITA rem A ven; TUR A rum r BUL, bld F SMY.
AUSTRIA(Frueh) A bud-SER; A ser-BUL(S A GRE); A vie-BUD; A TRI S ger A ven.
FRANCE(Tighe) A PAR-bre(§ F GAS); A spa-POR; F tus-PIE; F tys-WES; A pie-MAR.
GERMANY(Wall) A pic-BRE(S F ENG); F MID-gas; F IRI-mid; A BUR-par; A kie-HOL; A ber-MUN; A mun-TYO; A sil-BOH;
A VEN § ita A rom(OTM); A RUM S aus A ser-bul; A UKR & A GAL S A rum; A SEV-rum; F NTH is still bored.
ITALY(Iverson) A ROM-ven.
RUSSIA(Givan) Out.
TURKEY(Michael K) F smy-AEG; A ANK-arm; F CON S A bul; F NAP H; A bul h(d,ann).

FALL 1912 is due JANUARY 7, 1985. The concession to G failed ly,ln,3nvr. Note we have a new French player.
press

RUS-TUR: If I'm still in the game, thanks. If not, thanks even more. We'll meet again, Ask James.

RUS-GER: Right, Jumper? I sure won't miss you. My time will come, though, won't it?

FRENCH STANDBY: It's 1912?! What are all these people doing here?

83AV MENSA 18 BAD BRAIN SPRING 1909 IS IT SOUP YET?

winter...ITA bld F NAP; RUS bld F STP/NC.
FRANCE(K Brown) F NWG-nwy(S F BAR); F NAT-nwg; F nth-SKA; F lon-NTH(S F ENG); A bel-BUR; A KIE & A RUH S A mun;
A mun § A kie(d,ann).
GERMANY(Reges) F DEN H.
ITALY(Michael K) A rom-APU; F ADR-tri(S F VEN); F NAP-ion.
RUSSIA(R Brown) A tyo-MUN(S A BER & A BOH & A SIL); F NWY H(S F STP/NC & A FIN); A SWE S ger F den; A FRU S A ber;
A TRI H(S A VIE); F bla-CON.
TURKEY(Mark K) F eas-ION(S F AEG & F GRE); F BUL/SC & A ANK H.

FALL 1909 is due JANUARY 7, 1985. The R/F/T draw failed ly,ln. A R/F draw is proposed. Not voting is no.

PRESS (Thanks to Carl Russell for the unneeded standby orders.)

RUSSIA: The silence in this game is deafening!

FRANCE-RUSSIA: I wholeheartedly agree. I have not voted against any draws which have been proposed in this game, and I do not intend to vote against this one. I thought this game was headed in the direction of an F/R draw 2 years ago, and I am still of that opinion.

TURKEY-WORLD: I voted yes on the R/F/T draw.

FRANCE-WORLD: Please vote yes to this draw proposal.

TURKEY-RUSSIA: We will have a line in place before he will. If France doesn't want the draw, he may not get any piece of it.

83HL EXPRESSO LOVE SPRING 1906 HOW MANY FRIENDS DOES RUSSIA HAVE?

ENGLAND(Masche) F nwy-NTH.
FRANCE(Tallman) F bre-ENG; F nth-HOL(S F BEL); F lon-YOR; A BUR S F bel; A MAR S A bur; F spa/sc-MID;
F LVP questions Russia's intentions.
GERMANY(Ellis) A ruh-MUN; A EDI-den(S A KIE); A mun-SIL; F hol § fre F nth(OTM)(d,ann).
ITALY(Johnston) F adr-VEN(S A ROM).
RUSSIA(Meinel) F NWG S eng F nwy-nth; F stp/nc-NWY; F CLY H; F den-HEL; A war-FRU; A mos-WAR; A swe-DEN; A tri-VIE;
A sev-UKR; A TYO § fre A bur-mun(NSO); F gre § ita F eas-ion(NSU)(d,ann);
A ven § tur A apu-rom(NSO)(d...).
TURKEY(Givan) A ser-BUL; F alb-GRE(S F ION); F eas-AEG; A APU S ita F adr-ven.

FALL 1906 is due JANUARY 7, 1985. Only two players voted on the two proposals, so they fail. Note the (finally) correct address for Michael Masche. (The two votes were 2y for R, ly,ln for R/F).

press

TUR-FRA: Let's set us up a DMZ. Like GOL, Wes, Naf.

KRAUT-TSAR: Sorry, James, but I couldn't stand you taking my Denmark. After all, them Danish women are the Best. ((But what them Gerwomen??)) ((I had to say that...)) ((She was looking right at me...))

TUR-GER: I'm trading in my shark teeth for bear claws. I'm going to have the biggest bear claw necklace in Nebraska.

Huggy would have been proud.

BRITISH GOV'T IN EXILE-FRANCE: The inevitable elimination of French tyranny merely illustrates that enlightened cooperation among nations will eventually destroy brute aggression and ignorance.

TUR-GRE: That's the way Grant took Richmond. In case you wondered.

ELLIS-TALLMAN: You'd better have kept your word, or else, or else...

BERLIN-ANKARA: C'mon Evans! You have to join the resistance! No more Russian advisors ordering my units! No more puppet-ship. We shall triumph!

84HS TWIST & SHOUT FALL 1901 LOST UNDER THE COUCH...

I had a problem with one player's orders, so this is delayed for a few days. You should have the results in less than a week.