

Ich bin ein Bitburger.

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next deadline: wednesday, june 12, 1985 (phone 6/11 9pm)

standby list: top: Dodge, Wall. next: Bishop, K Brown, Ellis, Gautron, Iverson, Johnston, Mark Keller, Reges, Russell, Stafford, Tighe

game openings: 2w deadlines: Bishop, Sherwood, Bakken, Masche (\$10 new subbers/\$6 old)
law deadlines: Wall-pd, Ellis (\$6.50 new subbers/\$3.50 old)

sub balance change:
Laster now 2.00, add to phone list

Well, we made it back. We were in Europe for 39 days, we saw the sun five times, I was sick for a week, we spent 45 minutes getting married in a 700 year old church, 2 weeks getting ready for the wedding, 5 hours picking out a dress, 1 week recovering from the wedding, 4 days in Amsterdam, 3 days in Berlin, 1 1/2 hours in Denmark, we took only 2 rolls of pictures, ate about 15 cakes and 35 cups of coffee, tasted about 30 brands of beer and two types of cognac, saw about 30 relatives, went to one gaming convention which we nearly didn't find, drove 140 km/hr on the autobahn, got 18 dishtowels as wedding presents, rode on 7 trains, 6 planes, and visited Bahnhof Zoo.

It was a very fulfilling trip. I really got to know Frauke's parents, and was delighted to have them meet my parents, who flew over for the wedding. I also had the chance to meet Frauke's grandmother and two aunts in East Germany; Frauke's mother was the only one of her family to make it to the west after the war. She had grown up on a farm which is now in "territory under Polish administration." Frauke's father was in the SS during the war and spent time working in a coal mine in France as a POW before being released on account of tuberculosis.

Of course, that was all 40 years ago; exactly 40 years. It was interesting to be in Germany for the 40th anniversary of the end of the war. All of Frauke's relatives in the west are old enough to have lived through it, and Frauke gets very exasperated with their feelings that they were the main victims of it all. They won't even talk about the rise of the Nazi to power or the fact they started the war. In the local paper, there were a couple letters printed about the "international Jewish conspiracy" still blaming Germany for the war and such stuff. (I guess in a sense Hitler's Final Solution worked...there are no Jews left in Germany to contradict such shit.) I used to think that I could not judge anyone who had lived under the Nazis; after all I don't know how I would react in a similar situation. But when people seem to feel accused by just hearing about the war...you have to wonder what it is they're feeling guilty about. As for Reagan's visit to Bitburg, the reaction in Germany was quite divided right down political lines. I don't think it did anything to "reconcile" as planned; it either angered or opened old wounds. Germans have to deal with their feelings about the war themselves; no American, not even the President, can take any of that away. No ceremony, even without SS graves, could have achieved what Reagan and Kohl had in mind.

Many of you have asked about the wedding. German weddings are smaller affairs than ones in America, and ours was small even for Germany. We had the ceremony not so much for the two of us as for Frauke's family. They are so far away that we thought it was a good idea to make a special effort to include them. Frauke's parents made it more elaborate than we would have preferred, but they were very happy with it and that's the important thing.

Here sideways are game results from last season. New results are on the back.

BIG HITS OF MID-AMERICA (volume 3) GAME RESULTS #4 MARCH 30, 1985

Once again, I remind you that I'm doing these game results on the run. All press is held over until the next deadline. There is no way to contact me about these games until I return from Germany on May 9. (Since we're flying Pan Am, even that date is in question.) My mail is being held for me, so it is most important that you date your orders this season. The deadline for all games is MAY 11, 1985.

834V MENSA XVIII BAD BRAIN FALL 1910 Next season due is WINTER 1910/SPRING 1911

retreats: FRE A kie r HOL.
FRANCE(K Brown) F LYO-tyo; F NAP-tun(d F WES); A PIE-tyo; A hol-xie(S A RUH & F HEL);
GERMANY(Reges) A BUR-mun; F nvg-wy(d,r nat,cky,edi); F SKA-den(S F NTH).
ITALY(michael K) F DEN f rus A kie.
RUSSIA(R Brown) A TRI f fre A pie-tyo; F VEN f fre A pie-tyo(lmp); F AUR S A tri;
TURKEY(Mark K) F NAP-tyo.
1910 supply centers
F home spa por bel edi hol lon kie lvp 11
G den 1
I home tri 4
R home run nvy bar swe bud ser vie mun 12
T home gre bul tun 6
all powers are even except RUS bld 1

83HL EXPRESSO LOVE FALL 1907
RUSSIA WINNI
ENGLAND(Masche)
FRANCE(Tallman)
F eng-ERS.
next: F YOR, F BEL, F HOL,
A BUR, F GLY H, F nch,
F wes, A ruh d...
A kie-ruh(d...)
A mun f A kie-ruh(d...)
F aka-NTH(S F EDI & F NWT); F NMG S F edi; A ber-xie(S A DEN);
A sil-tyo(S A BOR); A prr-ERS; A gal-vie; A tri-tyo; A pie-WAR.
F tun-WES(S F TTS); F ion-TUN; F eas-ION; A gre-SER; F con-LEG; A NAP H.

84HS TWIST & SHOUT WINTER 1902
Next season due is SPRING 1903
Orders on hand from A,E,F,I,T
AUSTRIA(Masche) Rem A bud; has A VIE, F ALB.
ENGLAND(Johnston) Even; has F SWE, A LON, F LVP, F NTH.
FRANCE(Blocher) Even; has F MID, A BEL, A PIC, F ENO, A SPA.
GERMANY(Bishop) Bld A MUN, F KIE; also has F DEN, A RUH, A HOL, A PAR.
ITALY(Ellis) Bld F NAP; also has F AUR, F APU, A TRI, A TIO.
RUSSIA(Tighe) Even; has F NWT, A STP, A RUH, A GUL, A SER, A SEV, F BIA.
TURKEY(Holley) Bld F CON; also has F GRE, A BUL, F AEG, A SMY.

8577 AMERICAN DREAM FALL 1901 Next season is WINTER 1901; SPRING 1902 only if all seven of you send in orders.
AUSTRIA(Chen) A ser-TRI(S A VIE); F alb-GRE.
ENGLAND(Laster) A YOR-hol(C F NTH); A XER-helf-nvj-NW.
FRANCE(Mallia) F mid-POR; A SPA H; A bur-BEL.
GERMANY(Bakken) F DEN H; A ruh-TUN; A KIE-hol.
ITALY(Masche) F ion-TUN; A ven-TIO; A tyo-ROH.
RUSSIA(Anderson) F bot-SWE; A UKR-rum; A war-GAL; F sev-BIA.
TURKEY(K Brown) A BUL-rum; A arm-SEV; F ank-CON.
n-hol ser rum

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	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
A	3	2	1	0	-	-	-
E	4	4	3	1	1	1	2
F	4	5	5	7	8	8	6
G	4	3	5	5	5	3	0
I	6	6	6	5	2	0	-
R	6	7	8	10	13	13	18
T	4	5	5	6	5	8	8

AUSTRIA: Jaff Noto (out F'04)
 ENGLAND: Michael Masche (sur F'07)
 FRANCE: Terry Tallman (sur F'07)
 GERMANY: Jaff Ellis (out F'07)
 ITALY: Dan Falter (res F'04); Matt Johnston (out F'06)
 RUSSIA: Jim Meinel (WIN F'07)
 TURKEY: Evans Givan (sur F'07)

This game plus one I played in Appalling Greed have convinced me that Jim Meinel is a superior postal Diplomacy player. He never had any real opposition in this game even after he emerged as the leader. Congratulations to Jim, and thanks to the rest of you for a good time. This is one of the few postal games where noone dropped out. You can be proud of yourselves for that. Of course, Jim won the game so fast that noone had the chance to NMR out.

83Krn16 blow-up BAADER-MEINHOF SPRING 1906

winter: AUS bld A VIE, A BUD, A TRI; ENG bld F EDI, A LON.

AUSTRIA(Iverson): A war-SIL; A lvn-FRU; A mos-LVN;
 A rum-GAL; A mun-BUR; A boh-MUN; A ven-VYB(arm);
 A vie-VYB(arm); A TRI-ven; A bud-VIE.
 ENGLAND(Gautron): F edi-NTH(S F NWG); F STP/NC H(S F NWY);
 F hol-BEL; F kie-DEN; A LON H.
 FRANCE(Stafford): F NAF-mid; A PIE-ven; F lyo-VYB(arm);
 F WES S F lyo-eps.
 ITALY(Russell): F POR-mid; F rom-nap(d,ann).
 RUSSIA(Brown): A ber-KIE; A sil-BER; F den-BAL.
 TURKEY(Davis): A GRE-bul; A CON-bul; F ion-TUN; F aeg-ION;
 F tys-ROM(S F NAF); A ALB H.

FALL 1906 is due JUNE 19, 1985. Another rules question has come up: are mines laid before or after units are removed in winter seasons? Can a mine be laid in a space as a unit is removed the same season? The rules only say that mines are laid in the winter season. I'll rule that a mine can be placed in a space where a unit has just been removed. That way a mine could be in any empty space. Ron Brown asks what you people think of offering the choice of one mine or two disarm orders each winter. Disarms are such a hit or miss affair. I won't change the rules in the middle of this game, we just want to know what you think.

press

BURGUNDY-PARIS: To mine is fine, but to not mine is divine! Now for that wine!

TURKEY-WORLD: We are trying to save civilization, not destroy it, with our moves toward Rome and Bulgaria. All churches and schools will remain open. All we ask is that the people in these areas voluntarily flock to our banner and he help us raise new armies and fleets to defeat the Frankish foe. Italy, Greece and Turkey were once part of the same glorious empire. We seek to restore those conditions of yore.

DUBLIN-RUSSIA: So, you wish "Austria weren't so greedy." The rest of us wish that you weren't so stupid.

83AV MENSA 18 BAD BRAIN SPRING 1911

winter: FRA F nwg r EDI; RUS bld F STP/SC

FRANCE(K Brown): F hel-DEN(S F SKA & F NTH & A KIE);
 F EDI S F nth; A RUH S A kie; A BUR-mun; A PIE-tyo;
 F lyo-tys; F NAF-tun(S F WES).
 GERMANY(Regees): F den r rus A ber-kie(d,r bal,OTB).
 ITALY(Michael K): A TRI r F ven; F VEN S F ADR r A tri;
 F nap-ROM.
 RUSSIA(R Brown): F stp/sc-BOT; F nwg-MAT; F NWY S A swe;
 A FIN S F nwy; A SWE S ger F den; A BER-kie(S A MUN);
 A SIL S A mun; A SER-tri(S A BUD & A TYO);
 A VIE S A tyo.
 TURKEY(Mark K): F ion-NAF(S A APU); F TYS-wes(S F TUN);
 F aeg-ION; F ALB-adr.

FALL 1911 is due JUNE 12, 1985.

press

RUSSIA-ITALY: I had to bite my tongue to keep from saying I told you so when you attacked Trieste.

RUSSIA-FRANCE: I told you so.

AUSTRIA(Masche): A vie-BOH; F alb-ION(d,ann).
 ENGLAND(Johnston): F SWE-nwy; F lyp-TRI; F nth-ENG; A LON H.
 FRANCE(Bloescher): F mid-GAS; A bel-BUR; A pic-BRE; F ENG H;
 A spa-MAR.
 GERMANY(Bishop): nmr; A MUN, F KIE, F DEN, A RUH, A HOL,
 A PAR H.
 ITALY(Ellis): F nap-ION(S F APU); A tyo-VIE(S A TRI);
 F ADR S A tri.
 RUSSIA(Tighe): F NWY-swe; A stp-FIN; A gal-BUD(S A RUM);
 A sev-MOS; F bla-CON; A SER S tur F gre-alb.
 TURKEY(Holley): F con-AEG; F gre-ALB; F aeg-EAS; A SMY H;
 A BUL S rus A ser.

FALL 1903 is due JUNE 12, 1985. Would JAMES WALL, 1805 University Ave #5, Madison WI 53705 please standby for Germany.

press

RUS-GER: Have I made one too many Warner Robins' jokes?

TIGHE-MASCHE: Hey, I like your style; plead, beg, toady, suck up, and then make an all-out attack. It rarely works, but it's fun to try.

ITALY-TURKEY: Oh oh mother, oh mother dear please listen and don't devour me. Oh woman please have mercy, let this poor boy be...

CHEAP RUMOUR DEPT: Scott and Frauke will soon adopt an East German lass from the relatively accomodating communist government. ((And pigs will fly...))

85U AMERICANSKI DREAMSKI WINTER 1901

AUSTRIA(Chen): Bld A BUD; A TRI, A VIE, F GRE.
 ENGLAND(Lester): Bld F LON; A YOR, F NTH, F NWY.
 FRANCE(Mallia): Bld A PAR, F MAR, F BRE; A BEL, A SPA, F POR.
 GERMANY(Bakken): nmr; F DEN, A MUN, A KIE (1 short).
 ITALY(Masche): Bld F NAP; F TUN, A TYO, A BOH.
 RUSSIA(Anderson): Even; A UKR, F SWE, A GAL, F BLA.
 TURKEY(K Brown): Bld F ANK, A SMY; A BUL, A SEV, F CON.

SPRING 1902 is due JUNE 12, 1985. Orders are on hand from A.P.R.T. For the rest of the game, I will usually ask for winter builds and spring moves at the same time, unless 1/3 the players ask for separate seasons or there are an unusual number of adjustments. Would PAULA DODGE, PO Box 2510, Manassas VA 22110 please standby for Germany.

press((by the way I will allow conditional press; that is, 'use this press only if my move to Bur works' press))

first is press from Fall '01

GER-ITA: I see you're getting into the true Madlad tradition: lie and stab.

HOLLAND-WORLD: With the German war machine breathing down our necks, we feel that the only road for our poor, undefended country is to follow the example of our Belgian brothers and beg England for help. England, that beautiful isle, the only country that truly understands and wishes to preserve the rights of the oppressed, we ask, we beg, we plead. Please free us from the horrors of war. Station a protective garrison here as soon as possible.

ATHENS-VIE: The Grecian peoples welcome your assistance in advancing into the new century.

HIS MOST AUGUST MAJESTY, KING OF ENGLAND-HOLLAND: We are not deaf to your pleas. We will grant your boon, and with a wave of the Most Royal Handkerchief we now send our brave boys to battle for you, you poor, oppressed, defenseless souls.

BER-LON: Sorry about Belgium. Or am I?

HIS MOST ROYAL AUGUST MAJESTY-BELGIUM: We understand your position, small neighbor and brother. Yet, we cannot protect all the helpless denizens of this war-ridden continent at once. The English Shield is only so large. Therefore, we have seen fit to delegate your charge to our cousin across the Channel, the French monarch, who we hope will heed the English example and be benevolent while our own priceless young men sail off to protect your sister country, Holland.
 MAD-MINN: Have fun in Germany. (This ought to be worth a few brownie points—having the GM visit a country!)

now Winter 1901 press

RUS-TUR: Hey, what are you doing? I'm a nice guy! When I walk into a room babies smile and dogs wag their tails!

Now for the ~~old~~ news: the two of us are going to start publishing a real zine again. It's been a year since we quit IRKSOME!, and we're getting the itch again. The new zine will be smaller and much more serious than the old zine, with a lot of politics and an international audience. The games will run separately in BIG HITS. The new zine starts in June or July.

This is a late final reminder about MinnCon. You're all welcome to be with us for Memorial Day weekend. Please call us if you intend to come. It looks like we'll have a small but very lively crowd.