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About The Cover

This issue's cover comes from a clip art disk that I have kicking around. Presumably it depicts the bounty of the New World which is personified (the New World that is) by the pretty young woman surrounding all of the produce.

Which is appropriate to virtually nothing that is found in this issue, but since what I had planned to put in this issue was squeezed out by space limitations (and the fact that it was a real bear to write), there isn't a lot that IS appropriate for this issue's cover.

What this cover is appropriate to is the current fascination in my computer gaming life, Sid Meier's **Colonization**. Of course **Colonization** doesn't fit on my computer (the only games that I can buy for this machine are found in a bargain bin at Office Depot), but it does run on Greg's. So far I appear to be doing relatively well on the game...in spite of myself. Of course I am playing at the simplest level.

The game is reminiscent of Meier's previous effort **Civilization** and another game, **Masters Of Orion**. You have a choice of four colonizing powers: England, Spain, France and Holland (what, no Portugal??) Basically you sail onto the screen, attempt to set up a colony, trade with the Indians, fight wars with the Indians and other Europeans, and eventually try to declare independence, at which time the King tries to beat you down. The key is trade: goods to the Indians and finished products to the Mother Country.

A couple of things irritate me about the game. First, each European nation is given a specific pattern of behaviour to which it adheres. The Dutch always trade, the Spanish always fight the Indians, and the British always push Indians out of the way when they become inconvenient. Those are strategies that you as the player should adhere to if you want to succeed. The rule book tends to be Amero-centric and politically correct as regards the native peoples. The Europeans are portrayed as oppressors, constantly increasing taxes. If you look at the historical record of the American Revolution it simply isn't true. As to political correctness, the rule book tends to portray the native people as being "all good" and the Europeans as being "all bad".

Still **Colonization** does a nice job of handling the mechanics of discovery. Certainly it does a better job of it than any past or present board game. It wasn't fun "finding" the Pacific or looting the Inca Empire when they are printed on the map, as they were in **Conquistador** and **New World**. On the whole I rather like **Colonization**.

Terrorism - Large and Small

On the morning of April 19, 1995 a massive car bomb exploded outside a US federal office building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The bomb, estimated at over 1,000 kilograms of explosives, shattered the building. The various emergency services responded promptly, but rescue efforts were hampered initially by fears that there was a second bomb, and later by the threat of falling debris. Children in a day-care center on the second floor of the building were among the dead. For days the search for the missing continued amongst the rubble of the building. All the while people asked WHY. WHY kill children? WHY this building? WHY Oklahoma City? Most incomprehensible of all, **Why did they do this?**

The attack was apparently the work of an extreme right wing group (or individual) as a blow against the "oppression" of overlarge government and regulation. Logically (if you can use such a term for an act that defies logic) the Federal building in Oklahoma City was an ideal target. It housed the business side of government, the group that was the product and the instrument of "government oppression", the bureaucracy. Whatever; while specific motives may vary, the method, and the "justification" do not.

To even partially comprehend a terrorist's actions you have to understand that they invariably feel that what they are doing is for the greater good of some oppressed group. When Paul Hill killed an abortion doctor in Florida, he justified his actions by saying that he was doing it to "save the unborn". Palestinian terrorists act against Israel in the name of the Palestinian masses, while the IRA acted on behalf of the oppressed Catholic minority of Northern Ireland. The fact that most of the people in the groups that the terrorists are "acting for" decry their actions is beside the point. It is beside the point because the terrorist believes his actions are justified; for him that's all that counts. Psychologists sometime speak of something known as "Doubling", in which a person willfully develops a second personality, often supported by the group dynamic, into which he channels his fanatical belief in a cause. It is within this second personality that the person is able to commit acts which the rational personality would decry if it weren't for a cause

he believed in. If one were to ask Paul Hill about the Oklahoma City bombing he would probably be vocal in attacking the perpetrators, whereas if he were asked about a bombing of an abortion clinic in which doctors and clients were killed, he would be supportive, even congratulatory.

The method of the terrorist is comprehensible as well. His job is described in his name; creating terror. He is saying to his target group "Be afraid of me and my organization. We will not leave you alone until you give us what we want." The terrorist relies on the fears of individuals to force governments to change policy, or even to change governments. Attacking legislators may work, but better affect is to attack individuals, civilians. The terrorist is saying that so long as this overnment or this policy is in effect you aren't safe. Some of you may remember a line from a Monty Python sketch: "No one expects the Spanish Inquisition". A terrorist act is like the Spanish Inquisition. They strike without warning, without apparent reason and then recede into the background. That is what they depend on, their ability to strike fear into people comes from being able to attack at any time, whenever and wherever they are least expected.

That is why Oklahoma City. The building that was bombed would be classified by the military as a "soft" target. It was easily approached, had minimal security. You could leave the truck with the bomb outside and simply walk away, certain that it would be there when it was time to blow. It would be hard to do something similar in New York or Boston or (especially) Washington DC, where there are precautions against such an event. The important point however is that no one ever expected that someone would set of a bomb in Oklahoma City...until it was done. It could just have easily been Pueblo Colorado, or Memphis Tennessee, or a host of other centers across the United States. Because there was a bomb in Oklahoma City there will always be a fear that there will be a next time, and next time the bomb might be here. Even the vague threat of a bomb will create that fear. Fear is what the terrorist counts on, feeds on, and uses to advance his cause. And because he believes in his fanatic's

heart that his cause at least is just, whatever methods advance that cause are in turn valid. Even when they kill toddlers.

And what of Canada? We've had terrorism in the past. During the early 1960's the Front du Liberation du Quebec (FLQ) blew up mail boxes and other symbols of "English" domination, including a statue of General Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham. Later an FLQ group kidnapped British trade commissioner, James Cross, and Quebec Employment Minister Pierre Laporte. They killed Laporte, but Cross was eventually freed. Why kidnap them? They were easy to get at, they symbolized the "oppression" that the group was fighting against, and the kidnappings created fear which the kidnappers hoped would lead to their demands being accepted. During the 1980's there were a couple of incidents of international terrorism within Canada. A Turkish diplomat and his driver were murdered in Ottawa. A group of Armenian separatists seized control of the Turkish embassy in Ottawa, but were persuaded to surrender. Friends of those men threatened to blow up the Toronto subway system. That at least was a bluff. During the Gulf War, security at government installations was increased because of the threat that the enemy (Iraq or its Palestinian allies) would act against us. It didn't happen. Still Canada remains a gigantic soft target. Even the Canadian Parliament could be attacked as easily as the building in Oklahoma City; there are parking spaces available to the public within feet of the building. The situation around other public buildings is just as bad. The saving grace, we think, is that Canada is liked and respected by most of the world. We don't take sides (with the exception of the Gulf War) in international disputes, rather we're the guys in the middle trying to keep the sides apart. And we may be right in that belief. Still, on April 20, 1995 a pipe bomb blew up under a wheel chair ramp at the Legislative Building in Charlottetown Prince Edward Island. There were injuries, although no one was killed, but it reminded Canadians of one fact. We may not be a target for external enemies, but we have plenty of nuts of our own to worry about.

Another tragedy, although not one as massive and shocking as the Oklahoma City bombing is the death of Iqbal Masih, age 12, in Pakistan. Iqbal Masih didn't

have a happy life. At the age of 4 his parents sold him to a carpet factory for the equivalent of \$16. In the factory he spent his work day chained to a loom, earning a daily "wage" of 1 rupee a day (about 3 cents Canadian). Although Pakistan has a law banning the practice of bonded child labour, an estimate 6 million children continue to work in brick making plants, on farms, as servants, and in carpet factories. Carpet factories like small children; they're cheap, they don't complain, and their small hands tie tight knots. The tighter the knots, the more valuable the carpet. Two years ago, Iqbal contacted Pakistan's Bonded Labor Liberation Front. They helped him escape the factory. In November 1994 he addressed an international labour conference in Sweden where he spoke about the conditions facing child workers. In December he received the Reebok Youth in Action Award, valued at \$15,000 which he wanted to use for school. He had a standing offer of a full scholarship from Brandeis University. In April 1995, Iqbal Masih was shot to death while riding his bicycle in his village near the city of Lahore, apparently at the instigation of the "Carpet Mafia".

I called this article **Terrorism - Large and Small** because I came to the conclusion that the murder of Iqbal Masih is as much an act of terrorism as Oklahoma City. Other child workers might not speak out because they remember what became of one who did.

It isn't just Pakistan. Thinking of getting your kid the latest Power Rangers figure? Before you buy that or any other toy, take a look at the country of manufacture on the box. Many popular toys made for American companies are in fact manufactured in Southeast Asia and China, often in appalling conditions. The major names subcontract manufacturing to Asian factories (to maintain an arms length relationship). A fire last year in one of these factories killed over 200 young women. Casualties were so high because management locked the fire doors to prevent employees from stealing the toys.

The same company has plants in China employing hundreds of young women. Managers like young women because they are easier to control. Although legally they must be 16 years old to work in these factories, many appear to be under

age. Workers live in company owned dormitories, and both factories and dormitories are guarded by Chinese police hired by the company. Safety equipment, such as masks in the paint booths, is not provided. Workers in these plants often work 24 hour shifts, and in one case a 36 hour shift was reported. Emergency exits are still locked to prevent theft. Wages average \$2 a day, regardless of the length of the work day. According to reports, conditions in some toy factories in China are worse. All make toys for the North American and European markets. A fire in a Chinese factory took 86 lives, again because emergency exits were locked to prevent the theft of toys by workers, some of whom should probably be playing with toys, not making them.

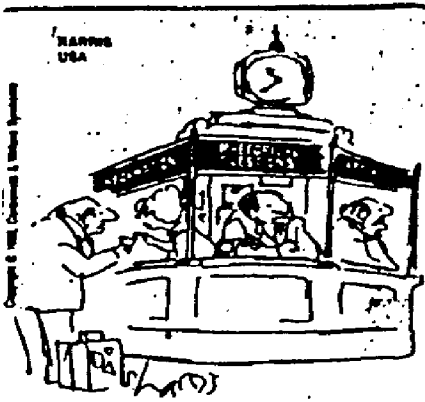
While the French elections are over, an incident during the elections has gotten quite a bit of notice in Europe although it received hardly any mention in North America. During a rally for Jean Marie la Penne's right wing party The National Front, a group of skinheads attacked a Moroccan immigrant, and threw him into the river Seine, where he drowned. La Penne set himself up as something of a kingmaker in the run-off election that chose Gaullist Jacques Chirac as President of France, and Chirac's own policy is anti-immigrant, although not as virulent as la Penne's. In recent years the media have reported incidents of this kind in the reunited Germany, with the media speculating about the rise of neo-Nazism. When a similar incident occurs in France however, the North American media apparently choose not to notice.

So if it got so little notice in North America, how did I find out? If you are Canadian, and a bit of a night owl (as I am) you'll be interested in the latest service from the CBC Radio. For years the CBC signed off at 1 am, with programming starting again at 6 am. This was a shame since most of the CBC's transmitters are 50,000 watt clear channel stations. Now however, the CBC is using in the 1 am to 6 am time slot for a service they're calling CBC Overnight. Except it isn't the CBC, it is a number of international services usually heard only on shortwave. The package is provided by a company called World Radio Network (which if you are interested and have the capability is found on the Galaxy 5 satellite). WRN provides pro-

grams from Radio France International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Sweden, the BBC World Service, Radio Deutsche Welle, and ABC Australia. It is well worth listening to, since it gives a different perspective. And since a very good portable short wave receiver will set you back up to \$300 Canadian, this a good alternative, although you can get an even wider range of viewpoints with your own shortwave set.

Now that the snow has been gone for a few weeks, and most of the sand that the city spreads on it has been swept up, I'm riding my bicycle again. I've been riding more since last year's transit strike, for a couple of reasons. Riding my bike downtown is great exercise, and a round trip downtown costs \$1.05 each way on the bus. I don't mind this in the winter, but during the summer it seems a bit wasteful, especially since I can get downtown from my home in the same amount of time that the bus takes. One thing I have learned (have really always known) is that cyclists are third class citizens. Cars treat you as if you have no right to be on the road, and pedestrians (and the cops) yell if you ride on the sidewalk. Cars are the worst though. When I go downtown, I use 22nd Street; three lanes no on-street parking. I stay as far to the right as possible without banging my pedals on the sidewalk, so I occupy at most two and a half feet in one lane. Nevertheless cars as cars pull around me I get the infamous "look". Teenagers pull alongside and honk their horns. I do wear a helmet. I've been hit by a car while riding a bicycle (when I was 8). Trust me, it ain't fun, and is not something I want to do again.

Last issue I mentioned my efforts at losing weight. I'm down to 165. The first five pounds were easy. The second five have been real tough. Still, I have gained a new incentive. I usually like to dress up for our bowling banquet, since I'm on the executive and am on stage for the trophy presentation. This year I tried on my favorite blue blazer. Too tight. Second favorite blazer (lighter blue), also too tight. Finally I tried on my grey suit. I could just get it on, but when I did, I bore a striking resemblance to a penguin (the back of the jacket stuck out like a tail). I ended up wearing a sweater to the banquet and along with a renewed desire to lose those last 10 pounds!



The Nut Hutch

Christopher Gesell, Winnipeg Manitoba: ((BM: Christopher sent this letter before the last issue went to bed. In fact he wrote it before I wrote my own piece on the Turbot dispute. I decided to hold it until this issue, hoping for more reaction and a resolution to the dispute.))

You should receive plenty of letters concerning the Turbot situation. What do you think of Canada's reaction to the Spanish. I personally think what Canada did was necessary. I can't see any reasonable defense the Spanish could offer against the evidence we have against them. The undersized fishing mesh in their nets, the undersized catch of fish, the double logs, the hidden cache of banned fish.

((BM: I agree with you, what was done was necessary. Even though it could be called international vigilantism, I think it qualified as necessary action given that no one else seemed interested in enforcing internationally agreed upon quotas. Of course a couple of things helped the Canadian cause, mostly that the Spanish and Portuguese fishing fleets are generally loathed for their practices, even by their EU partners.))

It makes me extremely mad to continually hear the Spanish (others also) say that Canada used force to capture the Estai. How else were we supposed to stop the fishing ships? Until warning shots were fired I believe the Spanish had no intentions of stopping and letting their ships be boarded. If we hadn't used force how could anyone prove the Spanish were using illegal fishing practices?

I don't see how the EU can back the Spanish after having them kicked out of European waters. At least we have gained some support in Britain to stop ridiculous sanctions against Canada.

((BM: The actions that Canada took had the great virtue of having worked. The British support you mentioned is only

part of the favorable international reaction that followed the arrest of the Estai. The Irish and the South Africans also arrested Spanish trawlers in their waters. Still the British reaction is slightly ironic for those with a long memory. During the late 1960's and early 1970's it was the British who were the "bad" guys, fishing off the coast of Iceland. The Icelanders had set up a 200 mile fishing limit which the British declared illegal. To protect their trawlers, the British sent frigates and destroyers to the fishing grounds to "protect" them from Icelandic fisheries patrol boats. Eventually the Icelanders won their point, even though their actions were illegal under international law.))

Steven McKinnon, Albany New York: I hope you don't mind, but I photocopied pp. 8-12 of MALOC #20 and sent it to Dave Wang. He's kind enough to publish my STrek ramblings every month in *Metamorphosis*, and I know he'd enjoy your pieces.

((BM: Don't mind at all. I'd like to know what he thinks of my effort. The *Trek Tech* piece was something I wrote about a year ago, just when Apple brought out first PDA's. One of these days they may even work the bugs out of the blasted things. Of course the fact that I wrote about them doesn't necessarily mean that I endorse them...))

I am particularly pleased to see the British reaction to the Canada/Spain conflict re. fishing. While the argument is deadly serious to Canadians and Spaniards alike, I can't help find the British stance amusing.

The conflict probably saw staunch anti-EEC politicians in the back-bars and clubs wringing their hands with glee over yet another chance to put it to the Continentals, with the further camouflage of defending a member of the Commonwealth.

((BM: I think there are two different aspects to the British reaction. There was a very definite grass roots reaction in the fishing ports; not surprising given their fears about a renewed Spanish presence in European waters. This was helped by the active support given by the press, starting with the *Telegraph*, which is owned by Canadian press baron Conrad Black. (Black would probably like a real peerage. Unfortunately to do that he'd have to give up his Canadian citizenship which would also mean having to pay

taxes at the British rate! So in spite of being one of the richest men in Britain, he'll probably stay a Canadian.)))

((The other reaction, among the anti-EEC types, is expected too, but it didn't hurt that it was a Commonwealth country involved. It gave them the opportunity to give rabble-rousing speeches about two world wars and the like that probably had an effect on the reaction of the man on the street who otherwise could have cared less about the Grand Banks fisheries.))

So much for the pleasant nature of Candiennes. I recently bought Sarah McLachlan's "The Freedom Sessions", a CD+MM. It is an 8 track studio reworking of the recent "Fumbling Towards Ecstasy" album. The "MM" is videos, pictures and interviews with McLachlan, including some comments on towns she hit on her last tour.

((BM: I assume that "MM" means "Multi-Media" as in CD-ROM. I don't really keep up with popular music; my tastes are some of the easy classics and early jazz, especially the big band period. Still, any regular listener to CBC Radio can't help but hear Canadian artists including Sarah McLachlan. I do know, for instance, that she has been on the cutting edge in using computer media in promoting her career. One of these days I will have to do some exploring of the record store shelves to suggest some Canadian music types. Of course it will probably reflect my own tastes...))

With regards to Winnipeg, she lamented the closure of the Blue Note, and then said something on the order of... "other than that, there's nothing to say about Winnipeg except it's cold and there's nothing to do there." This from a native of the all-exciting Maritime Provinces!

Still, with McLachlan being the second nicest person alive (Bonnie Hunt is first), perhaps Winnipeg is boring. As a Jets fan, I have an affinity for the place, though I've never been there and likely never will. The closest I ever came was watching the Moncton Hawks, then the Jet's AHL affiliate, play in Troy.

((BM: Winnipeg boring. Hmm. I'm sure Paul and Chris would disagree. For myself, I'm afraid I haven't spent that much time in Winnipeg. The last time was about four years ago. I've spent a lot more time in Edmonton, a city I enjoy as much as I

enjoy any large city (not that much) and which I don't find boring. As for Winnipeg, well it has a pretty good symphony and the world famous Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and in the summer the Winnipeg Folk Festival. I suspect most cities are boring if you don't know where to find the exciting bits.))

((As to the Jets, I've been a Jets fan since they picked up a guy I went to school with, Morris Lukowich. He had been with the Houston Aeros of the WHA until the Aeros folded. Like a lot of people in Saskatoon I was an Aeros fan because Gordie Howe and his sons were playing there.))

If I was wondering if some might misconstrue my press regarding the French, I can always take shelter in the lee of Greg Borisko. As a fellow Bruins fan (well, Adam Oates fan, he was at RPI ((BM: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)) when I was a freshman) I, too, will savour the absence of Montreal in the playoffs. But I wonder if he's watching the same NHL as the rest of us.

Turgeon has scored a point a game in Montreal, and almost salvaged their season. And while Vernon & Osgood may garner raves for their performances, Detroit's D is not soft. In fact, I'll bet they win the Jennings trophy for fewest goals. GK's alone do not such a mark acquire.

((BM: Not quite, only second best. But you are right that you need solid defense to strengthen the goal keeping Greg looks at the NHL through Black and Gold glasses. Indeed he wanted to go to Boston to see a game at The Gardens. The only thing that stopped him was a lack of cash.))

Mike Gonsalves, Dubois Pennsylvania: Brent, your zine is one of the best reading zines in the hobby and I look forward to it for its insight on Canada, an area the American press shamefully neglects.

It is a shame that the quality of the games does not keep up. Every GM makes mistakes and some times the mistakes can't be fixed. When they impact on the results of the game, then there is a real problem. I hope to finish out **Niobe** despite the earlier problems. I do wish to resign from **Shearwater**, final moves submitted below. Also, please remove me from your standby list.

((BM: Mike, I fully understand your

decision to resign from **Shearwater** and to remove yourself from my standby list and presumably not to sign up for future games, at least until I prove to you that my GMing ability has improved, if I am ever able to do so. Since I began running Diplomacy games I have endeavoured to improve the quality of my GMing. Unfortunately, I fear that I have had only limited success (if any), but I will continue to try.

((As to my comments on the specific situation, please see the press for **Shearwater**.)

Harry Andruschak, Torrance California: Received MALOC-20. Frankly I have never had much interest in spectator sports, and this includes baseball. Right now my mind is more on terrorism. The Post Office HAS been the target of terrorist attacks in the past. After Oklahoma City, we are more likely to be a future target. Folks at the Post Office are jumpy.

HOW jumpy? Last Sunday at work, a clerk put a package on a mail truck then heard a hissing sound from inside. We had a bomb alert called, and the building was evacuated for 90 minutes. False alarm, just a battery powered air compressor that started to work after being bumped around in handling.

((BM: The jumpiness is understandable, especially with the UniBomber at large as well and sending his packages through the mail. As I've said in this issue's editorial, the primary goal of a terrorist is to make people nervous so they'll demand that policies or governments change. The real scary part is that they think that what they're doing is justified!))

Love my new computer. Love playing SIM CITY 2000. The motto of this game should be that power corrupts, and absolute power is kinda neat.

((BM: Jerry Pournelle, SF writer, computer columnist, old-time Dip player and friend of Conrad von Metzke, had an interesting criticism of the original SIM CITY. He said that it had been created by a group of people who were basically anti-automobile, which led to a pro-rail bias. How, asked JP, do you move garbage (even if you are recycling) if you don't have garbage trucks, or roads for them to operate on?))

John McLaurin, Huntsville Ontario: I read with interest your little one pager

about British submariners. I have read many books about submarines, including "U-Boat War" by Lothar-Gunther Buchhiem, which is one of the best for that history that you could hope to read.

I saw your title and thought you might have something about WWII, but I see you haven't gone that far yet. It must be hard to find books about first Great War British submarine activities. You may have heard of it already, but I will mention that there was a book published by Boston Mills Press about the battle of the St Lawrence (U-Boats east coast operations in the river I presume). I have not seen this book, just the title (I forget what it is) in a list of deleted titles which they were selling off. This was about five years ago, and now you have reminded me of it. I could kick myself for not trying to get a copy then, at which time I didn't have a lot of money to throw around. By the way, we lost the battle.

((BM: And how. The Battle of the St. Lawrence took place in the Gulf of St. Lawrence (to picture the area, draw a line from northern Cape Breton Island to southwest Newfoundland) in 1942. Several U-Boats penetrated into the river far to the west of Anticosti Island and several merchant ships and warships were torpedoed there. The escort forces in the area consisted of armed yachts, motor torpedo boats and some minesweepers, no match for the experienced U-Boat men.

((The information on the British submariners comes from another Boston Mills book, **Canada's Submariners**. About a dozen Canadian officers served aboard British subs during World War I and in the immediate aftermath. Sadly, the existing official naval history does a very poor job of covering Canadian officers with the Royal Navy during both wars. Hopefully, the History Directorate of the Department of Defense will exist long enough to produce the long promised new official history of the Navy.))

One book that I do have is **The Wonder Book of the Navy**, printed in the middle thirties. This is a children's book that was given to my father in 1935 for Christmas (if I can believe the inscription in the front). It has some interesting information although it is geared for kids (which could qualify it as adult level these days). Also interesting is that it reveals that the British still thought a lot of battleships,

and as with most navies, were not totally aware of the full power of naval aviation.

((BM: The book sounds great. You have to remember that interest in the Royal Navy was quite high, both in Britain and in the Commonwealth/Empire. Especially in coastal areas, boys (primarily) looked for the ships the way train enthusiasts look for locomotives. Then too, the material was accessible. Boys could buy Jane's **Fighting Ships** if they were careful with their spending money. It isn't surprising that the British thought more of Battleships than aircraft. In hindsight it is apparent, but even the Japanese were building big battleships in the pre-war period. Aircraft could scout, but the battleships would be the striking arm. The power of aircraft, and the vulnerability of battleships only became apparent with the British attack on the Italian fleet at Taranto, in 1941. That in turn inspired the Japanese to try the attack on Pearl Harbor.))

Paul Hesse: Hamburg Germany: I must say I appreciate your zine even more in Europe. I don't know if it's the Canadian perspective of the English language, it was well done.

((BM: We aim to please. I don't know if you have access to a shortwave (probably not) but you should be able to get a good dose of home over Radio Canada International. Also, Canadian Forces Network has a 100 watt FM transmitter out of Brunsum Netherlands at 91.5 MHz to serve the base at Lahr. Of course none of this is of much use if you're on an immersion program or something similar.))

Well, I heard through the Grapevine, that the Jets will be moving. I don't know if you care, but it will be a sad day. The NHL has forgotten, or chosen to ignore, its roots, and since the strike didn't save us, I think it's over for many Canadian franchises. Something has to be done or we will lose all sporting nationalism. Maybe a bit pessimistic, but the CFL isn't doing so well either.

((BM: Was that a Don Cherry joke??? Actually, since you wrote a lot of things have gone on. First there was a ground swell of popular support against the team moving. This inspired a new group to come forward, headed by Izzy Asper, who owns TV networks in Canada, Chile, Australia, and is trying to get a licence for the

new TV network in Britain. Asper wanted popular support, and people were breaking piggy banks to give money to save the Jets. He also wanted \$110 million from governments to build a new stadium. The city and province came across with \$37 million each, and Lloyd Axworthy persuaded the federal cabinet to come across with \$20 million in infrastructure money for the stadium. Unfortunately the Asper group didn't get it's offer in before Barry Shenkarow's deadline at noon on May 18, and it was less than was "needed". Shenkarow then said he had a "moral and legal obligation" to complete the deal with the Minnesota group. Then today (May 21) the deal with the Minnesota group fell apart. Apparently the province of Manitoba played their trump card. The province had an agreement to underwrite the team's debt until 1997. However, if the team moved before then, Shenkarow had to pay back the money. that was the deal breaker. The Jets will be in Winnipeg for at least another year, by which time maybe the Asper group will have put together more funds.))

((Of course, in terms of the larger picture you are right. There's talking about the Nordiques moving to Denver (a new rumour is that in July the NHL will announce a new expansion to Atlanta and Denver), and there is interest in the New Jersey Devils from a group in Nashville. Sad to say the roots of the NHL is about the last thing on their minds. Let's admit once and for all that the NHL (and all sports really) is a business. The NHL is more interested in that TV contract with FOX and all the marketing possibilities in the USA (Did you know that the "official" beer of the NHL is Bud Ice? Personally I think that Molson has done more for the league.). Winnipeg doesn't sell well in the USA. The fact that when Minnesota (and Denver, and Atlanta) had NHL teams they couldn't draw flies apparently means nothing to Head Office in New York. It seems that Canada is an inconvenience to their marketing plans. What they aren't going to realize until the small market teams in Canada are gone is that having those teams is an incentive for Canadian kids to play the game. Get rid of the team they've cheered for all their lives, and they may not be so interested in playing the game. How many big league players are coming out of Brooklyn these days?))

The Games

New Gamestart: Armentieres

This is Regular Diplomacy, with preference lists (P). Entry is restricted to people who are currently playing less than 2 games in **Making Love In A Canoe** (Regular or Gunboat). Price is \$4 with the usual discount for first timers. Signed up so far are:

Morry Veer
Brian Wansleben
Philip O'Reilly
Gerry Paulson (P)
Dan Gavrilovic

New Gamestart: Colonial Diplomacy to be run by Morry Veer

Morry and I have been working out the details on this, and I think we've got a pretty fair handle on the matter, so here goes:

- Deadline is the Friday before the normal MALOC deadline. This is a strict deadline.
 - Gamefee is \$4 (Canadian) payable to Brent McKee.
 - **No Preference Lists Will Be Accepted.** Country selection will be done by random draw.
 - A copy of the sections of the Colonial rules differing from normal Diplomacy is included in the game fee; A complete set of rules costs \$4 (payable to Morry) to cover shipping and handling. Maps are included in both.
 - Morry will offer a free copy of the Colonial rules booklet plus maps to anyone willing to Standby for Colonial. The game will not start with less than 2 standbys.
- For information, contact: **Morry Veer, 10700 E. Dartmouth Avenue, Apt II 209, Denver Colorado.** (Although this may change in the near future).

The Company Of Adventurers: (My standby list) Bob Acheson, Cal White, John McLaurin, Andy York, Greg Borisko, Eric Young, Steve McKinnon, Brian Wansleben, Glenn McMaster. If you want on or off the list please let me know. Also, if you want on the Colonial Diplomacy standby list please let me know.

New Gamestart: Facts In Five Modified.

A while ago, when the Facts In Five game **Acadia** ended I mentioned that I had an idea for a modified version of the game that I'd like to try but I had to work some of the kinks out first. Well there are still a couple of problems (that I know of) but I figured I might as well unveil the idea and see if anyone bites.

The usual rules of Facts In Five will apply except as modified below. That is there will be five players, five categories, and five letters. Each player tries to come up with answers starting with each letter in each category. The number of correct answers in each category and for each letter will be added up and squared. People's names are ruled on the Family name rather than the given name, although GM's decision is final. Please, no reference books. The game runs for five rounds.

Here are the modifications. Each player (this idea works best with five and I won't start until I get them) submits a category for the next turn, as does the GM. Each player gives answers for the GM's category and for the categories of the four other players but NOT his own category. Categories must be submitted each turn: you can't send in five at the start of the game. This adds (I hope) a bit of strategy to the choice of categories. Players should send the GM the name of a reference book (in English) that has information needed to adjudicate your category, especially if it is an obscure one. In the event of dropouts the GM will submit additional categories.

A couple of ideas that I'd like some comments on. First: Should players get bonus points, based on how successful their categories are based on $(P*L)-X$, where there P is the four players, L is the five letters per round, and X is the number of correct responses (i.e. if there are 17 correct answers out of 20 possible, the category scores 3 points for the player). Second: Should these points be used, either in conjunction with the bonus points or if the points aren't used for scoring, to determine who is the best category creator. Third: Should restrictions be placed on the type of categories.

So, let me know what you think and if you are interested in playing. It is **FREE!!!!**

Diplomacy World Revival

((BM: The following comes from Doug Kent (actually I am reprinting it verbatim from the most recent *Perelandra*)).))

"I've posted the following to the Diplomacy sections on Internet, AOL, and Compu-serve today. I would like to get feedback from you.

"Let's start at the headline and work our way back: I am taking over as editor of **Diplomacy World**, effective immediately. I'm going to make a go of it, even though a few former editors supposedly want to fold **Diplomacy World** for good.

"Some of you may know me from my participation in the play-by mail Diplomacy hobby and the CompuServe Dip hobby. I've been a publisher of Dip zines for over 6 years.

"Back in late 1993, David Hood passed on the editorship of **Diplomacy World** to Jack McHugh. I agreed to handle the publication side of the zine (copying, mailing, subscription records). Since then, only two issues of **DW** have been produced. The first was almost entirely composed of material left over from David Hood's tenure.

"This weekend, Larry Peery called me to discuss the fate of **DW**. Larry is credited with saving **DW** from death in the 1980's - taking it over when no one else wanted it, and producing regular and quality issues for some time. Anyway, Larry felt that the thing to do was officially kill off **DW**, and give current subscribers the choice of back issues or a refund.

"At first I agreed.

"Now, a few days later, I've taken a fresh look at the situation and have done an about face. I can't agree to let **DW** die without first making an honest effort at breathing life back into it. And that's where you people come in - life.

"If **DW** is to survive, I need support in the form of articles. Some of you may have already submitted articles to Jack McHugh for publication - but I don't have that material. I only have one of those articles - a really nice one by David Smith on teaching his students Dip that I plan to put in next issue.

"If you've submitted material to Jack, PLEASE, submit it to me now. If you haven't, why not consider it? Articles can be on any Diplomacy related topic: strategy, conventions, hobby news, statistics, personal anecdotes, contests, fiction or nonfiction, cartoons, variant design or review or strategy, and anything else you can imagine. Contributions receive a free issue for every article published.

"I can promise you one thing - if **DW** is to survive, it must remain on a regular schedule... something I've been a stickler about when it comes to my own zines (My own zine **Maniac's Paradise** has always been regarded as one of the fastest and most reliable places to play Dip).

"Submissions can be sent to me numerous ways: by email (preferably to my CompuServe address 73567.1414@compuserve.com), by fax to 214-750-5892, or on disk (in ASCII or Word Perfect format) or on paper to 6151 Royalton Drive, Dallas TX 75230. Articles can be any length - from 1/2 page on up!

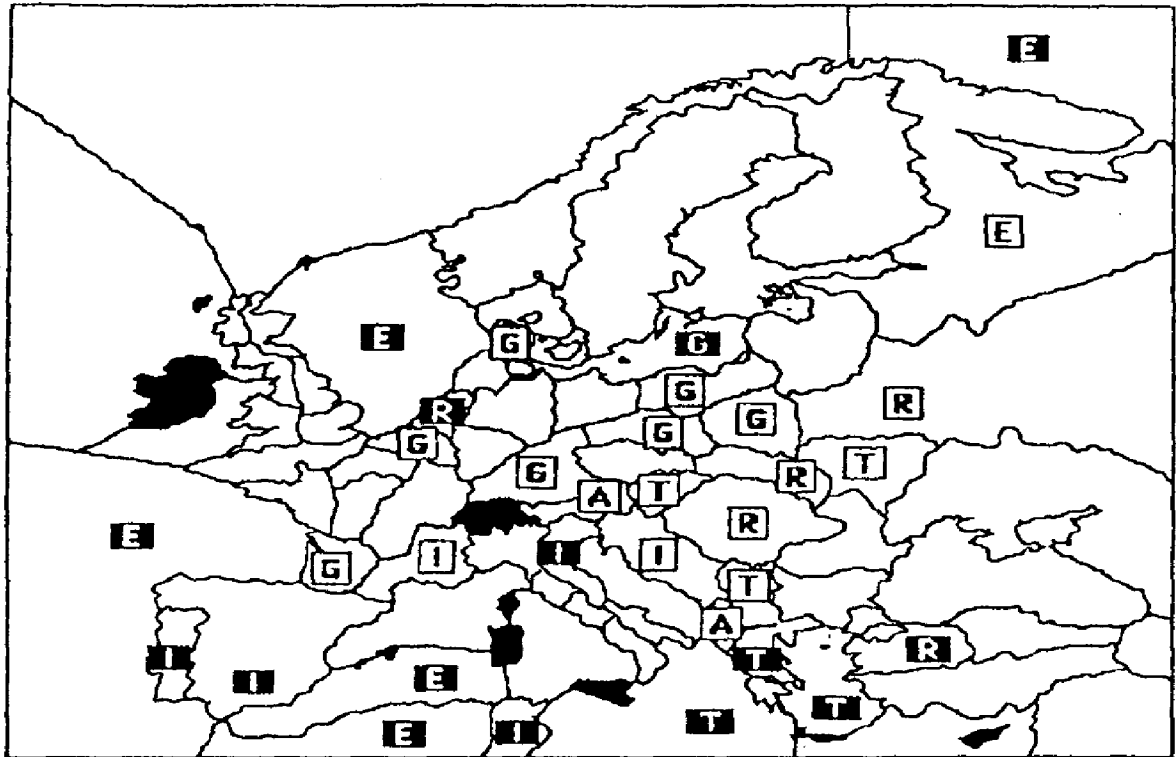
"I also understand that there has been some work on creating a **DW**-type zine for the Web. To that I can only say - the more the merrier! I am exploring possibilities of making **DW** available for download in the near future as well.

"If the support isn't there for **DW**, then I can only resign myself to agree with Larry Peery and fold the zine for good. I'd hate to see that happen! Please support **DW**!"

S To which all I (BM) can add is that if any Diplomacy zine deserves to survive it is **Diplomacy World** (even though I have never been a subscriber). Traditionally, **DW** has been the repository of the collected wisdom and wit of the Diplomacy hobby. I won't say that it would be a tragedy if it were to disappear, but it would be a significant loss. I mean once you lose something like this it is very hard, maybe even impossible, to get it back. We sometimes forget that for this sort of project to be successful you don't just need subscribers, you need writers as well. So if you've ever thought about doing some writing about strategy and tactics (or just about anything else) maybe this is the time to do something about it. I've got a few ideas that I might just send in. And who knows, Doug might even be desperate enough to print them!

Auf Wiederseh'n Österreich-Ungarn

1993 CB
Niobe
Fall 1905



Retreats

Austria retreats A Vie-Tyr

Russia retreats F Kie-Hol

Austria: Glenn McMaster, RR #1, Troy, Ontario, Canada, LOR 2B0

A ALB-Ser, A TYR s Italian A Tri-Vie (NSO).

England: Vance Copeland, 52 Steeles Avenue, Hornby, Ontario, Canada, LOP 1EO

F Eng-MAO, A Nwy-STP, F Nwg-NTH, F StP (nc)-BAR, F NAF s F MaO-WMed,

F MaO-WMED.

France: Paul Hesse NO UNITS!

Germany: Mike Gonsalves, 530 Treasure Lake, Dubois, Pennsylvania, USA, 15801

A Bur-MUN, A Par-GAS, F Den-BAL, A Pic-BEL, A SIL s A War, A WAR s A Sil,

A Ber-PRU, A KIE H.

Italy: Andrew York, P.O. Box 2307, Universal City, Texas, 78148-1307

A TRI s Austrian A Alb-Ser, A MAR H, F Wes-SPA (sc), F POR H, F Ion-Tun,

F VEN s A Tri.

Russia: Fred Wiedemeyer, 4311 - 76 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 2H7

A BUD s Turkish A Bul-Ser, A GAL-Sil, F HOL H, F Bla-CON, A MOS s A Sev-Ukr.

Turkey: Christopher Gessell, 628 Furby Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2W2

A VIE-Tri, F AEG s F EmS-Ion, A Bul-SER, F GRE-Alb, A Sev-UKR, F EmS-ION.

Press:

France (heading for exile)-The French and the World: As I retreat to the Ottoman Empire, I have but one thing to say to my enemies. "You're stuck with Jacques Chirac," and there's no turning back now.

Supply Centers

Austria: -vie, -ser 0 Remove 2 OUT! (Thanks Glenn)

England: Lon, Edi, Lvp, Nwy, Swe, StP 6 Even

France: -por 0 Even (due to annihilation) OUT! (Thanks Paul)

Germany: Mun, Ber, Bel, Den, War, Bre, Par, -hol, +KIE 8 Even

Italy: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Mar, Spa, +POR, +TRI 8 Build 2

Russia: Mos, Sev, Rum, Bud, -kie, +HOL, +CON 6 Build 1

Turkey: Ank, Smy, Gre, Bul, -tri, -con, +VIE, +SER 6 Even

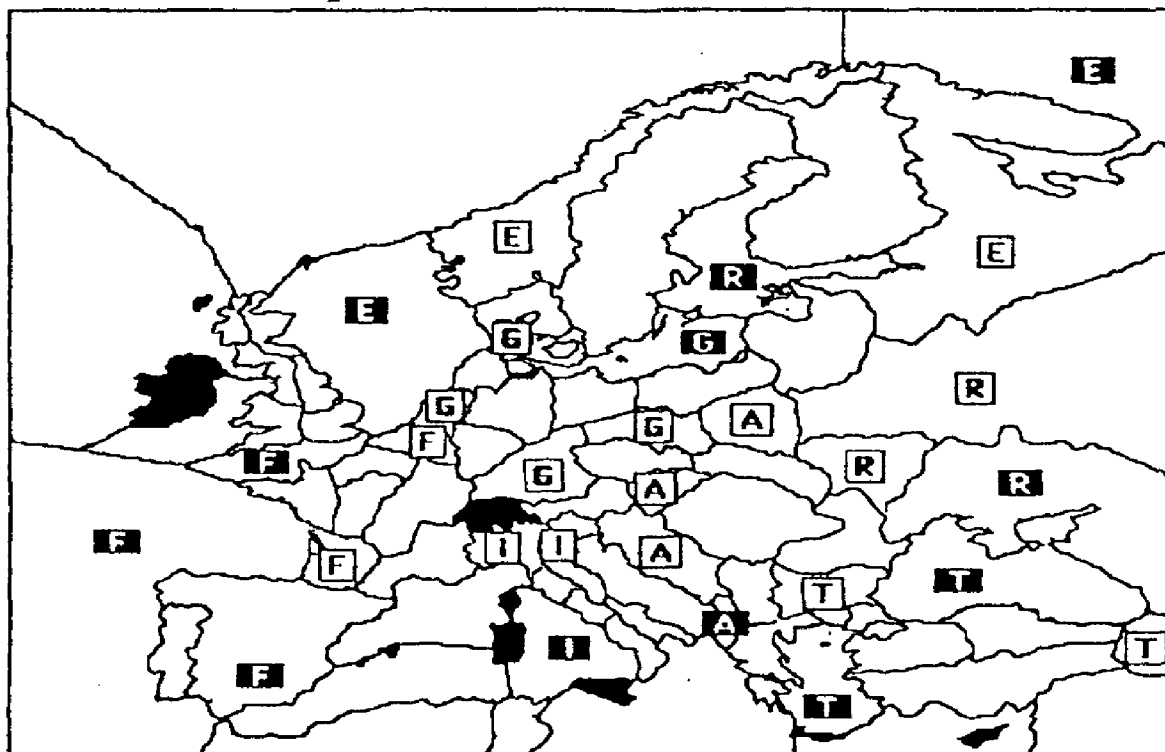
GM: Brent McKee, 901 Avenue T North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7L 3B9

Telephone (306) 382-0710

Deadline for Fall 1905 is JUNE 30, 1995.

France Remembers Napoleon

Hochelaga
1994 AJrb32
Gunboat
Diplomacy
No Press
Spring 1902



Austria: () A TRI-Ser, A WAR-Mos, F ALB-Tri, A VIE s F Alb-Tri.

England: () F NTH c A Edi-Nwy, F BAR s A Nwy-STP, A Nwy-STP, A Edi-NWY.

France: () A BEL s German F Hol (NSU), A Spa-GAS, F Por-MAO, F Bre-ENG, F Mar-SPA (sc).

Germany: () A HOL s English F Nth (IMP), A MUN s A Ber-Sil, F Den-BAL, A Ber-SIL, A Kie-DEN.

Italy: () A VEN s A Tyr-Pie, A Tyr-PIE, F Ion-TYS.

Russia: () F GOB-STP (sc), A Sev-MOS, A UKR s A Sev-Mos, F Rum-SEV.

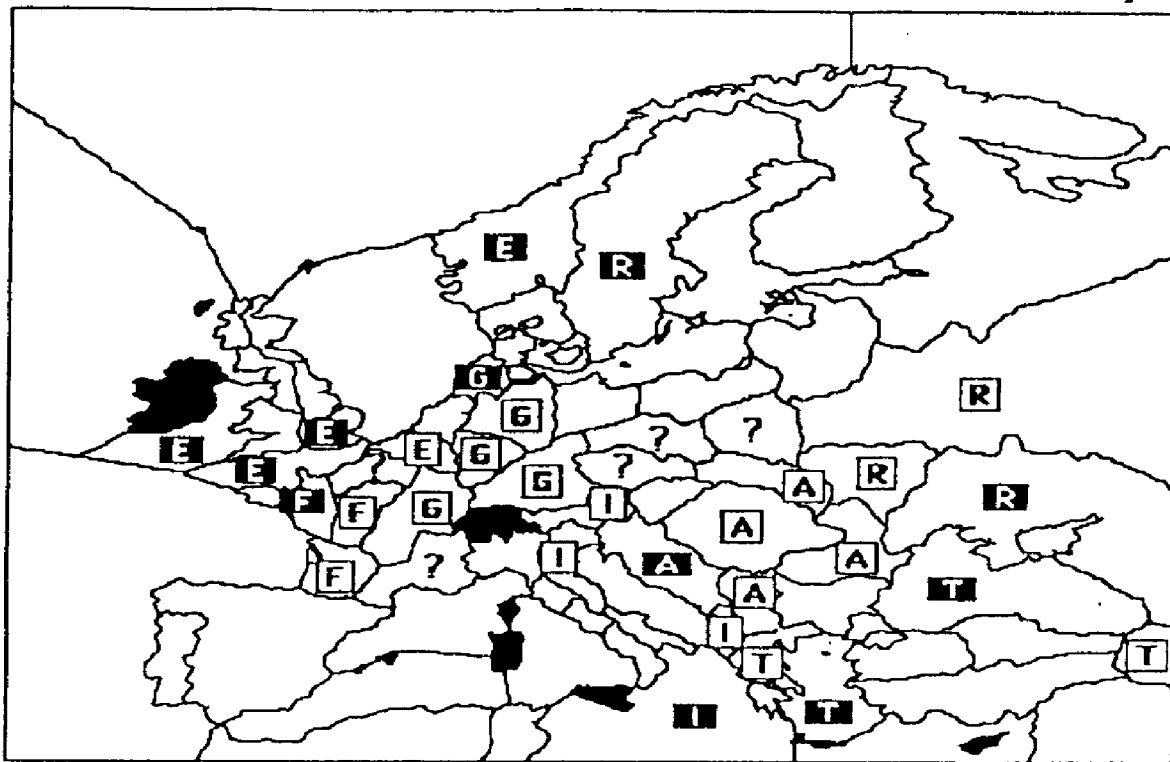
Turkey: () A BUL-Ser, A ARM-Bul, F BLA c A Arm-Bul, F Con-AEG.

GM: Brent McKee, 901 Avenue T North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7L 3B9
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Thank you
for the unneeded orders for Italy.
Deadline for Spring 1902 is **JUNE 30, 1995.**

Alliance Structure Clears (As If It Wasn't Before!)

1994 CF
Rainbow
Regular
Diplomacy
Spring 1992



Austria: Paul Hesse / C.O. Coerdts / Gersonweg 13 / 21035, Hamburg / Germany.
(Temporary)

**A RUM s Turkish A Arm-Sev, A SER s Turkish A Bul-Gre, F TRI H, A Vie-GAL,
A BUD s A Vie-Gal.**

England: COA: Dan Gavrilovic 59 Deerfield Road, Scarborough Ontario, M1K 4X2,
Canada.

F ENG-MaO, F NWY H, A BEL s Ger A Ruh-Bur, F LON-Eng, F Lvp-IRI.

France: Bob Sorfleet 3420 Albion Road, Ottawa Ontario, K1V 8W3, Canada.

A Bur H (D, retreat Pic, Mar, OTB), A Spa-GAS, F BRE-MaO, A PAR s A Bur.

Germany: Fred Weidemeyer 4311 76th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 2H7, Canada.

A Den-KIE, A Ruh-BUR, F Hol-HEL, A Kie-RUH, A MUN s A Ruh-Bur.

Italy: Steve McKinnon, 240 Sheridan, Albany New York 12210.

A Tun-ALB, A Ven-TYR, F ION c A Tun-Alb, A Rom-VEN.

Russia: COA: Melinda Holley, 1823 Enslow Boulevard, Huntington West Virginia,
25727, USA.

**F SWE H, A Gal-Rum (D, retreat War, Sil, Boh, OTB), F SEV s A Gal-Rum, A UKR s F Sev,
A MOS s F Sev.**

Turkey: James Byers 214 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7H 3V3, Canada.

A Bul-GRE, A ARM-Sev, F BLA s A Arm-Sev, F Con-AEG.

GM: Brent McKee, 901 Avenue T North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7L 3B9

Telephone (306) 382-0710

Press:

Italy reports: having seen the film *Scorned*, yet another straight-to-video effort of Ms. Tweed. And here's some shocking news: she took her clothes off.

Toon Town replies: I just saw her in an episode of the UPN series *Marker*. And here's some shocking news: she didn't take her clothes off!

Can-Babe: Sara McLachlan, even if she can't say anything nice about Winnipeg.

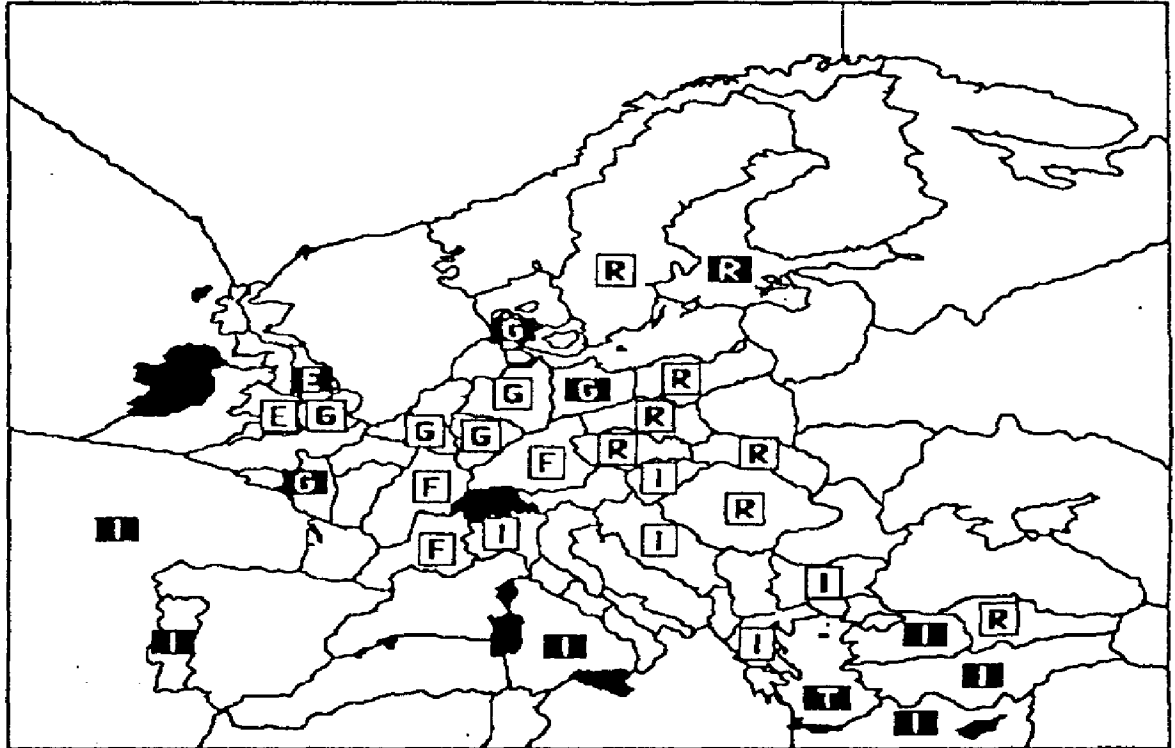
Italy continues: Of course, it must be hard to find clothes when you are 14 ft. 6 in. as is Ms. Tweed. And when you're married to legendary tongue-man Gene Simmons, well...

Italy on being French: Well, that would mean being from France, of just acting in a Gallic manner, to wit: losing every war since the Revolution. Badly. Getting eliminated from the World Cup by losing at home to Israel, the well-known secret superpower of

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Bye Bye Turkiye

1993 HCrb32
Shearwater
Gunboat Dip,
with press
Fall 1907



Retreats

Russia retreats F Bal-GoB

England: Thomas Tank Engine () F YOR-Lon, A Lvp-WAL.

France: Starman () A BUR-Bel, A Ber-MUN, A Gas-MAR.

Germany: Swamp Fox II () F Pic-BRE, A LON-Yor, A BEL-Bur, A RUH-Mun, F Bal-BER, A KIE s F Bal-Ber, F DEN-Swe.

Italy: Ghost Rider II () NMR!! A VIE H, A GRE H, F MAO H, F CON H, A BUL H, F SMY H, A TRI H, F POR H, F EAS H, A PIE H, F TYS H.

Russia: Wildcat () A Rum-BUD, A BOH s French A Ber-Mun, A GAL s A Pru-Ber (IMP), A PRU-Ber, F GOB s A Nwy-Swe, A Ank H, A SIL-Bud (IMP), A Nwy-SWE.

Turkey: Data () F Aeg-Gre.

GM: Brent McKee, 901 Avenue T North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7L 3B9

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In order to get allow for replcements to take over their positions smoothly, next turn will be a split season. Deadline for Winter 1907 ONLY is **JUNE 30, 1995**.

Will please replace the German player.

Will please submit standby orders for Italy.

Supply Centers

England: Lvp, Edi 2 Even

France: Par, Mar, -ber, -por, +MUN 3 Even due to Annihilataion

Germany: Kie, -mun, +BER, Hol, Den, Bel, Lon, Bre, -swe 7 Even (due to compoded GM error)

Italy: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul, Spa, Smy, +POR, +CON 13 Build 2

Russia: StP, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Nwy, Bud, +SWE, +ANK 7 Build 1 (due to GM error)

Turkey: -con, -ank 0 OUT!

Press:

Germany-France: Now I know why you call yourself Starman. It references the vast empty spaces that surrounds stars and inside your skull.

Swamp Fox 2 -All: I am resigning from this game due to GM erros. The correction notice I received last turn was itself wrong, leading to the misorders of last season. Since the game was not delayed, there is no way to fix the mistake and the German

Shearwater Press Continued

position has been badly damaged.

GM-Swamp Fox II: First of all, let me state that I understand your decision to resign. I did make an error in producing the map, by placing an army in Munich rather than in the Ruhr, and I did give the incorrect game name in the letter that I wrote to you. It did cost you. I should have delayed the game. However with respect, I do feel that at least some part of the blame belongs to you. It was you after all who chose to base his orders on the map rather than the adjudication. When I sent you the correction note, in which I had written the game name **Hochelaga** instead of **Shearwater**, you were the one who chose not to contact me, if only to let me know that you thought I had contacted a person in the wrong game. Further the situation I outlined in the letter ("When I made up the map for **Hochelaga** last time I incorrectly placed an Army in Munich rather than Ruhr. Thus Munich is open for a build.") didn't apply to Hochelaga, it only applied to Shearwater. So, do I admit to blame on this? Yes, in fact I will even shoulder the lion's share of it, but you should at least realize that the fault was not entirely mine.

Swamp Fox 2 - Swamp Fox 3: Some quick notes: Italy is your best friend here, Russia is the major threat and a good player the Frenchman doesn't have a clue. Taking him out would be a mercy killing. Good Luck.

Starman-Ghost Rider II: Thanks for all your wonderful kindness and support Now I know how Stalin felt when Hitler attacked in 1941, the South Vietnamese in 1975, and every other honourable person that has been stabbed in the back by low down slime suckers like yourself. I have more respected for lizards - which I absolutely despise! I know backstabbing is part of the game but usually there's a reason beyond spite, especially when I've always co-operated. Arrivaderci!!

Rainbow Press Continues

Italy on being French: Well, that would mean being from France, of just acting in a Gallic manner, to wit: losing every war since the Revolution. Badly. Getting eliminated from the World Cup by losing at home to Israel, the well-known secret superpower of soccer, among others. Pretending not to speak English merely to cause annoyance in others.

USA 1, Canada 0: goal scored by, believe it or not, MTV. As commercial TV in the States proves once more its commitment to larger profit over admirable programming and smaller profit, ABC plans to drop "My So-Called Life", but MTV shows all 19 episodes. their best move since starting "Beavis & Butthead". Canadians on the 'net have been begging for tapes of the show.

Appeal to Goal Judge: 1. MuchMusic is now showing "Beavis & Butthead" (a show I feel is lacking in the essentials of animation, namely good drawings and continuity from frame to frame), and 2. Canada has the CBC which has never worried about a commitment to larger profit over admirable programming.

USA 1, Canada 1: At least le Bloc Quebecois haven't blown up any daycare centers.

USA2, Canada 1: So whose idea was it to have two teams called Roughriders (Rough Riders) in the same sports league?

Next Dip game why not call the countries Austria-Hungary, Austria Hun Gary, Austrianhun Gary, Aus Tria-Hun Gary, and the Rough Hungarians?

Toon Town: Yes, but what about the other two?

Italy Sings: "Peace in the struggle for Peace. Comfort on the way to Comfort."

England-Russia: I'm doing my bit for the Russian war effort - I'm not taking St. Pete's. Of course, should you request that it come under English protection...

Aus-Italy: Thanks for the condolences regarding the Jets

Please Note the COAs for Melinda Holley and Dan Gavrilovic.

Deadline for Spring 1902 (in this game ONLY) is mail delivery on **JULY 5, 1995** If you are phoning in your orders, the effective deadline is Sunday **JULY 2, 1995** as I am not available on Monday nights (don't call). **THIS DEADLINE IS FIRM.**

The Coming Of Total War

When the Canadian Navy was created, it was decided that the prime units would be Cruisers. Then as now, Canada was a trading nation, and Canada had a substantial merchant fleet owned by companies like the Allan Line, Canadian Steamship, the Hudson's Bay Company, and Canadian Pacific. It was felt that the greatest menace to commerce would come from surface raiders; destroyers and torpedo boats near the enemy coast, cruisers on the high seas. While the great battle fleets faced each other, waiting for the decisive encounter that Admiral Jackie Fisher called "Armageddon", cruisers would prey on enemy trade and try to protect their own. By building a cruiser based fleet, Canada would contribute to the defense of her own trade. In the event Canada's modern cruisers were never built, and the exploits of the two that were transferred to Canada are, or at least should be relegated to the field of trivia. At the same time Germany's geographical position restricted the use of cruisers, while other surface raiders had difficulty reaching the Atlantic. Germany did not abandon the idea of attacking commerce, they just chose a different weapon, the Submarine. At first there was complacency over the submarine threat to Canada, both in Ottawa and at the Admiralty. Two major events changed this, and put Canada in the Anti-Submarine Warfare business, a mission which continues today.

The first was the sinking of the *Lusitania* in 1915. History paints the *Lusitania* as an innocent victim, and the Germans as having perpetrated a massive crime. While almost 1,200 people died when the liner was sunk, some disturbing facts are commonly left out. Passengers were warned by the German Embassy that if they chose to take passage through the zone of war which included the British Isles on a ship "flying the flag of Great Britain or of any of her allies", they did so at their own risk. The justification was that the British starvation policy, a blockade against "contraband" interpreted so that nothing got through to Germany. While the *Lusitania* was a passenger ship, she was carrying over six million rounds of rifle ammunition, 1,250 cases of shrapnel, and several thousand pounds of an explosive called pyroxylin. Had this been known, the *Lusitania* would probably not have been allowed to sail. There is also a persistent rumour that the *Lusitania* carried defensive guns in two cabins which were reportedly kept locked throughout the voyage. British ships had sailed under false colours before to avoid attack. A previous captain of the *Lusitania* had flown the American flag to indicate, he claimed, that Americans were aboard.

The sinking of the *Lusitania* was a case of bad. The ship could make 25 knots but her wartime speed was 21 knots to save fuel. She was unescorted, but the naval ships at Queenstown Ireland were all slower than the *Lusitania*. She could still outrun a U-boat, but she encountered fog as she neared the Irish Coast and was forced to reduce speed further. She had just emerged when she was attacked. The success of the attack amazed even Captain Schweiger of the U-20. Earlier in the patrol he had sunk two smaller steamers and needed two torpedoes for each. He had only one torpedo for this target. Survivor reports clearly describe two explosions; a smaller one, the torpedo, and a larger secondary explosion. This was either the ships boilers, or more likely the explosives stowed below. This secondary explosion sank the *Lusitania*.

The sinking of the *Lusitania* was a turning point in the war, in a number of ways. It indicated that the Germans would use of their submarine force to attack merchant ships without warning and impose a blockade on Britain as harsh as the one imposed on Germany. The submarine would be a weapon of economic warfare.

The second event was the arrival of the submarine *Deutschland* in Chesapeake Bay in 1916. The submarine wasn't a warship, she was a cargo sub, carrying a load of chemicals and dyes to the USA, and taking rubber and other necessities to Germany. The *Deutschland* had evaded the British blockade of Germany at one end and the blockade of the American ports at the other. To the British and Canadians, the *Deutschland* represented an ominous technological breakthrough. Until the arrival of the *Deutschland* in America, the British believed that no submarine could cross the Atlantic and return without a support ship, and opposed suggestions by the Canadian government to build or acquire warships to protect the Atlantic coast. With the cruise of the *Deutschland*, it seemed the only thing protecting Canada's east coast was American neutrality, and the German fear of accidentally sink an American ship.

The Only (Cheap) Way To Fly

So you say you want to go to France for World Dipcon V, but you can't afford the air fare? Well, you do have a choice, and it's more comfortable than travelling by cattle boat. The following column ran in the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix (August 13, 1994). If you live in the right place, you can take advantage of these fares. For me, they aren't much use. From Saskatoon it is a \$400 flight to Toronto or Vancouver. When combined with the courier fare, that makes it almost worth paying full fare. Still, some of you might find this useful. All prices mentioned in the article are in Canadian dollars.

High-flying Couriers Save A Bundle On Vacations

by Felicity Munn

Like most first time air couriers, Sue Morgan was a tiny bit nervous about the whole thing when she booked a courier flight a few years back.

But like other onboard couriers before and since, she found it went off without a hitch.

"It was all really above board and it ran smoothly," Morgan recalls. "Everything was planned. There were no surprises."

"It's a good way to travel - unless you're the type who can't travel with just hand luggage."

By travelling as a courier, the Vancouver resident paid roughly \$375 to fly roundtrip on Air Canada between Vancouver and London.

At the time, she says, the lowest discount fare available from the airline on that route was \$750 to \$800.

That's why people travel as air couriers. It's one of the cheapest ways to fly overseas.

Huge companies like Federal Express have their own planes and full-time employees.

But many smaller firms use commercial airlines as their planes and freelancers - the general public - as their onboard couriers.

Sending packages by air as somebody's baggage is faster, safer, and more economical for these companies than sending it by freight.

As an onboard courier, your checked baggage allowance is given over to the company's shipment.

In return, the courier company pays a portion of your airfare.

You fly in coach class on a regularly scheduled flight on a major airline.

The length of stay is a set period, usually a week, 10 days, or two weeks.

The first thing people always want to know about courier travel is whether it's legal. It is

Richard Cropp, a Vancouver travel consultant and writer who publishes a directory of courier companies worldwide, explains that couriers carry packages overseas that require urgent delivery, usually business documents.

In any event, the courier doesn't take the courier bag through customs. A company employee gets the bag from the carousel and goes through customs with it.

"I've never heard about a problem," Cropp says. "In fact, the courier companies are more worried that you might try to smuggle something that will hold up their shipment."

From Canada, courier flights are currently available between Vancouver and London or Hong Kong, Toronto and London; and Montreal and London or Paris.

A Montreal courier company was charging \$375 for Montreal-Paris roundtrip in July, taxes included. The lowest advance-purchase fare on scheduled airlines on that route was \$798 for July travel, plus \$50 in taxes. The best advance purchase fare from charter airlines ran around \$620, including taxes.

From Vancouver to Hong Kong roundtrip, the courier fare in July was \$770, compared with the lowest discount fare of \$1,560 on scheduled carriers.

But in courier travel as in most travel, the best deals are the last minute ones.

"The courier companies have no choice," says Mark Field, author of *The Courier Air Travel Handbook*. "They have to have someone on that flight so they can ship material.

"They're even willing to give a ticket away free if they have too."

But Canadians intent on going places other than Hong Kong, Paris or London must first get to a U.S. gateway city like New York or Los Angeles.

They therefore need to be realistic about whether they can go at the last minute,

Cropp says.

"You should be able to easily get to a gateway city that the courier company uses.

"If it costs \$500 for a last minute commercial flight just to get you to where the courier departs from, the trip is not going to be incredibly cheap."

Cropp advises shopping around and weighing the options.

Contact several companies to see what fares are available, and keep an eye on non-courier travel specials too.

"There are tour operators out there that offer some very good prices and some of their last minute deals get down to couriers' listed prices."

Facts on travelling as an onboard courier:

Where you can go: From Canada - London, Paris, Hong Kong. From U.S. - other European cities, Asia, Australia, South America.

Tickets: Roundtrip Courier is given ticket just before flight.

Savings: Roughly 30 to 70 percent of airline discount fares.

Catch: Courier restricted to carry-on luggage.

Another Catch: Tickets are non-refundable, non-transferable.

Bookings: Companies encourage reserving several months ahead.

Payment: Required within days of reserving.

One At A Time: Usually only one courier seat per destination per day. Travel companions can try for seats on consecutive days.

The Courier Air Travel Handbook (distributed in Canada by Ulysses Books and Maps) costs \$14.95 and is in most bookstores.

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A Little Bit Of This And A Little Bit of That

I'm not a rampant foodie. There are people in the hobby who are; Iain Bowen springs to mind. On the other hand my ability in the kitchen does extend beyond popping a frozen pizza into the oven or a TV dinner into the microwave. (Did you know that the TV dinner got its name not because you were supposed to sit in front of the TV to eat it, but because the tray was shaped like a TV. True.) For most people today the key thing is making it fast, which is why TV dinners and take out pizzas are so popular. I recently bought a cookbook that is part of the answer. The book is **Peasant's Choice: More of the Best from The Urban Peasant** by James Barber who has a nationally popular cooking show. Most of the dishes in this book can be done in under half an hour. Recently I tried these recipes. Both serve 2 people.

Chicken Dianne

1/2 cup ground Almonds	2 Tbsp Parmesan Cheese
Salt & Pepper	2 Chicken Breast fillets
2 Tbsp Olive Oil	

Preheat oven to 375

Mix the ground Almonds, Parmesan Cheese, Salt and Pepper together. Brush the Chicken Breasts with Olive Oil and cover each with the Almond mixture. Lay on a greased baking sheet and cook for 25 minutes.

(Be careful with the salt and pepper. Heating improves the flavour of the Almonds. I served this with plain boiled rice topped with a chopped stir-fried Red Pepper.)

(I also served this with plain white rice. The taste of curry powder is strengthened by heating it in a dry frying pan.)

Indonesian Fish

4 Tbsp/ 60 mL grated coconut	1 Tbsp/15mL curry powder
Salt & Pepper	4 sole Fillets or any white fish (3/4 lb)
2 eggs, beaten	4 Tbsp/60 mL oil

2 Bananas, peeled, halved & halved again lengthwise

Mix the coconut, curry powder, salt and pepper together in a flat dish. Dip each fish fillet in the egg and then the coconut mixture. Heat the oil in a frypan over medium-high heat and sauté fish on both sides until lightly browned (2 to 3 minutes each side). Remove to a warmed plate, add a little extra oil to the frypan if necessary and sauté the bananas quickly on both sides. Arrange around fish and serve with lemon wedges.

The Card Race

One of the interesting trends in the games industry today are games that combine card collecting with game playing. The result is generically known as the "Customizable Card Game". **Magic: The Gathering** is the best known system, the creators of which are smiling all the way to the bank, but there are others out there. There will certainly be more as card companies and games companies smell big profits.

Interestingly enough, Avalon Hill really created some of the earliest card games to appeal to board gamers. There was the **Up Front** system, **Naval War**, and **Enemy in Sight**. The difference between those games (and the reason AH isn't raking in all that dough) is that the guys in the Ivory Tower in Baltimore didn't make their games open ended. You couldn't buy new soldiers, or cards, to make your **Up Front** squads better, you had to use the dull old Orders Of Battles provided with the game. Boring!

It took me a while to realize what these customizable games remind me of. In fact it wasn't until I bought my own set, the **Star Trek: The Next Generation** game, that I figured it out. I bought a starter deck and a booster pack as a Christmas present for my brother, and since you have to have someone to play against, I also a starter deck and a booster pack for myself. That's when it hit me. When I opened my starter deck I suddenly realized that what I was participating in was a model for the arms race. It was a stunning realization. Put simply, I and my regular opponent both want to win. Our decks are pretty much evenly matched. To win, I need to improve my fighting deck, so I buy a new booster pack which (hopefully) contains something that I need. The balance of power is upset because I have a bigger arsenal to choose from than he has. It will remain upset until my opponent is able improve his forces (the cards he uses in the game). Moreover, I would be foolish to challenge an opponent with more cards than I have because he has a better selection of cards to draw his fighting deck from. Unless I want to be Iraq fighting the United States I have to improve my deck, which means spending more money, which makes the arms, errr card suppliers richer. They are the ones who really win, in either situation.

The following cartoon is submitted in honour of the current Baby Boom within the North American Hobby, specifically the Lescos (son Carl Frederick Manuel, born Feb. 15, 1995) the Gaughans, and the Ozogs (projects still in development)

