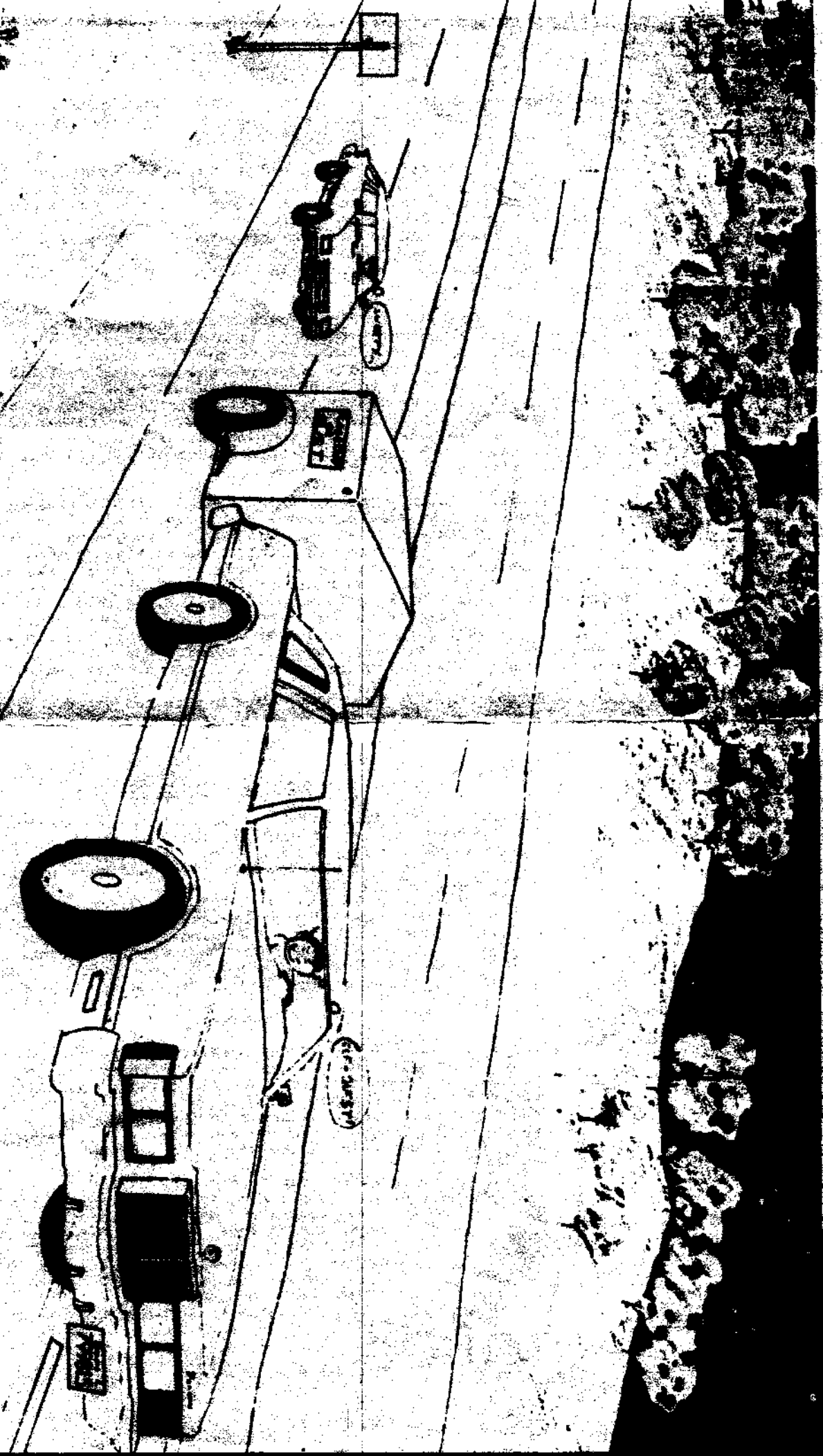


SMITH'S RAMBLINGS 24

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This is a rather small version of CR, hopefully, next issue I will have a job and things will be back to normal again. But right now, money is abit tight and I don't have any income coming in. So CR is a few pages short. This saves on postage as well.

Now where are we. We are in Munds Park, Arizona and no there are no deserts near by. This is Pine country with the San Franscico peaks in the distance. Temperature has already dropped into the 30°F range at night. We use the fire place to stay warm. Munds Park is not a big town. There is a General Store, two gas stations, a restraunt a gift shop and a post office. We even travel 4 miles to take our garabage to the dump. But now we are here atleast. The unpacking is done for now and many things are still in boxes. I never knew I had so many books. Sadly my office space had been reduced quite abit and I miss all the room I had in Chicago, but I will coop - somehow. The worst part was getting here.

There is a new game I wish to design. You are a person who has a tendency to travel across the country and move with all you belongings. Your car is a 81 Plymouth - TC-3 model or a Horizen as some call it. You only have 4 days and 200 dollars to get from Chicago, IL to Munds Park, AZ. Will you make it? Will you go 55 or try to go faster? How will you deal with the hills? Will you go 75 going down the hills and then try to go up the hills and make it at 50, or will you go 55 down the hills and then only go 35 going up the hills. Will you risk driving at night? And if you do drive at night, do you have enough money to pay for the tow charge, to get your car somewhere it can be fixed. Do you have enough money for all your meals, or will you skip a meal just incase your car breaks down along the way. This may sound funny to some of you and Eric and I laughed as we made this up, but it didn't seem funny at the time.

Those of you who know my car, might remember my trips from Seattle to Phoenix and from Phoenix to Chicago. Stopping every day and the same problem - alternator not working. Get it fixed and then the car dies again. Now I'm an expect at alternators now. Eric humors me, when I warn him about my car and the fact that I know it will break down. Things were going good. We made it through Iowa, pretty state, even if there is nothing to do there but grow corn. We were on our way to the Michalski's in Moore, OK. We were about an hour outside of OK city, when Eric had to stop for gas. I turn my car engine on and look - no kick from my alternator. I tell Eric, we look at our watches and say, hell, go for it, we'll make it to John's before the sun goes down. We didn't quite make it. I was driving with parking lights for awhile, but as Eric pulls off the highway, I turn those off. It gives Eric a scare, and I'm not too happy about it myself, but I know the signs too well. My car is living on batteries alone. It gets darker and darker. Long, dirt and patched road to Johns in the Dark. We find it finally and John comes out to tell us we were just in time to see their power get shut off. Candle lit evening. My car is dead and had to be jumped. Finally got it fixed though and we made it to Arizona without any further problems. The GB, game, and how many ways can you hate your car.

GRKNAIRE UPDATE!!!!

You should have the results in your hands in a day or so. It's all done and I would have had it out with CR, but part of it still has to be written. City events alone are at 9 pages. I need to finish some of the things that happen to Torel, Death, Hannibal and Crysilda and then it will be done. All in all a very interesting turn.

Your deadline is; OCTOBER 31, 1986 and who knows what halfings come out then. Don't forget the new format listed in last issue.

COA: James Wall, 514 E. Washington #1, Madison, WI 53703

Karlton Clemons is doing the artwork for all the characters and so if you want to tell him something about how your character dresses then drop him a line. This time I have Ansel. See the sub list for Karlton's address.

MALIN'S STORY

Oh, I can still remember the Duke coming and all the gala. The shops even closed down for a day. Never has it been so good for the merchants and the thieves and I can tell you that there isn't that much difference between the two. And so we praised the Duke and down with the Britaines for the just the day. There was a struggle in the crowd, but not at the Duke. No it was when the Counts of Rousay and Westray went by that there was a fight. Some say it was Malcolm the Grey, who was fighting. I wasn't close by though at the time.

The worst part was the fire on the Church of Libra. Such a sad thing, but many of us are starting to believe in the Libra goddess. Why, I've heard that she killed the man who burned her church. Not really a man though just one of those street punks. Not missed by any.

The most shocking thing is the arrest of Lord Death and just after his father leaves town. I heard some nobles may stick up for the Lord. They claim he is behind all the fires! The Duke left a man behind and he is taking charge of things.

There is someone new making an honest days work besides Thane. Rictath is working not too far from me with the Locksmith. Strange to see those two together. Little Raven has been seen with Zared and Keelan! I wonder how Thane will take that!



Handwritten signature: Ansel

ANSEL

Letter

STEPHAN DORNEMAN: ...Let's see...excerpt from letters, a book review, illustrations...aha! I've got it! Your disguise is useless, for I see what Cathy's Ramblings really is- it's not a Dipzine, it's a fanzine! And you're not a wargamer (everyone knows they aren't any female wargamers), you're an SF fan!! So enclosed is my sub money to your fanzine.

JACK MC HUGH: ...I'm glad I finally found you - a woman who writes as poorly as I do. (I thought you all belonged to some secret society). I was very impressed about the physical quality of it ((CR)) and the lack of typos or grammatical errors. ((sounds of Editor laughing. Yes, the Handwriting is poor, but the grammar and typos are generally bad as well. It's nice to know I can fool some people. Can I use you as a reference when I apply for a job? Stephan, if you like CR, you really should try the British hobby. See my sub list and start with things like - POW - Wallace Nicoll, Mogsey, Bryan Betts, Denver Glont, Glover Rogerson, Trog; Pete Tulk, DDD, Tom Tweedy, Gingwatzim, John Breakwell, or Pig Button, Clive Palmer. Write to them and ask for a sample. POW will really amaze you if you like fanzines. But here in CR we talk about strange things too...like Doctor Who...))

JIM-BOB BURGESS: I enjoyed your exchange with Don about the dear Doctor... may I add some? Since I'm writing and you're not here, you can't stop me anyway. ((Sure I can, there you are stopped. But I need a link, so go ahead.)) Not be be picky, but it's Leela with 2e's and she was the most interesting assistant. They just finished running her episodes in Boston. Rambling some more...Perri is cute, you have to ignore the whining. The obnoxious one is Adric (the spelling of that may be wrong), the boy genius. You know, there's one interesting thing. As a rule, I don't like dogs and more than that I positively despise all dogs on TV (especially the Sat. morning cartoon ones), but (and you know where this is heading) my positively #1 who character is K-9. I jumps up and down and get silly whenever he's on the screen. I show him to my beloved cat and warn her that she had better watch out. If K-9 ever came for a visit, she might be history. My wife Charlotte, of course, is hopelessly in love with Tom Baker. Oh, well, can you get your Who fix in Arizona? ((No, sadly I can't. You don't like dogs? Never visit my house, you would be dead in a few minutes. I love dogs, well, they are all puppies to me! Ok, fair is fair. Adric is cute and thus you have to ignore his obnoxiousness. Besides, Adric gave his life for the Doctor, so do be fair. I'll never like Perri. I kind of wished she was mated with that snake thing or was eaten in that other episode. But she always returns - I wonder if Colin ever gets rid of her. Only the British know for sure, as no one has bought the rights to the later shows yet.))

MICHAEL HOPCROFT: I rather like William Hartnell's Doctor myself. True, he's cutting and arrogant and often treats his companions like mud. But did he ask for companions? And you can see him soften as time goes on (although getting him to admit it is something else again...). Besides, as the story got into great (at about the second season) there was this wonderful, liberating feeling of "hey, we can make anything happen here!" And in those stories you will see Hartnell's sly humor. The first Doctor era was, on the whole, kinder to aliens than most (much of this being the doing of Hartnell himself, who would often ask why the aliens were bad guys).

Of course, I have yet to meet a Doctor I didn't like and that included that great confused period after the first Colin Baker story, THE TWIN DILEMMA. This is the Doctor? That's how he dresses? That's how he treats his companions? Actually, Colin and Hartnell have a lot in common - for instance they're both cutting and arrogant and treat their companions like mud...

I still don't know what it is about William Hartnell you dislike. And how much of the fault belongs to Terry Nation, who can be a numbingly bad TV writer when he wants to be. How else does one explain such a premise of destroying the Earth so it can be piloted through space? or the Slyther? ((I think a lot of the fault goes to the writer. The worst had to be when they were locked in the Tardis and going back to the beginning of time. Why? because the lever was stuck. I couldn't believe I sat up and watched that. I know why they did it, but it didn't make it any better. Oh, if anyone out there is interested in Doctor Who, Michael runs a fanzine called INTERVENTION that's devoted to Doctor Who material. Write to him at 2190 W. Burnside #108, Portland, OR 97210.))

BRYAN BETTS: I see you've been foolish enough to give Breakwell your address - if he really wants to get blown up in London I'm sure it could be arranged ... (he says, tossing a lump of plastic explosive from hand to hand) I wonder where this skill centre of his is, a small bang might cut the local unemployment figures...

((That's Bryan being his typical charming self. He's so soft spoken too, and then he signs me up in a game with Breakwell. Ok, I'll play. I'm crazy I know. Speaking of crazy...))

JOHN BREAKWELL: No unemployment benefits? I get my rent paid and \$31 a week just for having no job. About \$75 a week all in all, which should allow me to get by I wasn't an alcoholic zine editor. I still have debts of \$900 for University, so I'm in trouble.

Over here, the government either pays for you in "Bed and Breakfast" or pays you to be the stuff yourself. Unfortunately, B&B idiots get chucked out after a set time in the country/area. I pay just for my room, etc. so get past this. If I set my mind to this, I could be supported by the state for life. Not well, mind you.

((Amazing. Eric just managed to get a job on campus at minimum wage - that's at \$3.30 hour now. He's working part time. 1:00pm to 5:00pm 5 days a week and goes to school all morning starting at 8:00am. For that he might be able to bring home \$60.00 a week and that's suppose to pay for food and rent. Me? I've been looking for a job. I even got turned down for a job that was only paying \$4.25 an hour. I would have been making a little more than half of what I was making in Chicago, if I had gotten that job. When our money runs out, that's it. Quite a difference, eh?))

LETTERS

LINDA COURTEMANCHE: I loved John Breakwell's comments about my soapbox ravings -- a howl! And as for Del Grande's Dr who remarks; have you seen those Prime Computer commercials featuring the good Doctor, scarf and all? They show the spots at SF cons (I saw them at Boskone), and they are classics. In one, the placidly sensible computer barks, "Marry the girl, Doctor"! ((I hope it wasn't Perri, he was talking about. Oh, never mind.))

JOHN BREAKWELL: There is only one thing more hated by a Brit than a Frenchman and that is an Argie. Press-induced patriotism is a very powerful tool and not to be taken lightly. They're going to build a tunnel across the English channel, but if I had anything to do with it, the tunnel would be one way, England to France only. We don't want their rabies and cheap nick over here. Bigot, moi? Still, Breakwell remains a young fascist who enjoys violence in all it's varied forms. Oops.

BRYAN BETTS: Of course, Tulk is right - if we're to attack anyone it should be France. After all they are the hereditary enemies, and everyone knows that one of the best ways to cut unemployment is a war, preferably in someone else's country and the nearer the better. And where better than France? I shall be writing to the Prime Minister immediately, demanding that she do something to relieve the miseries of unemployment and declares war on France. ((Sounds good to me, but you know you won't be able to use thier air space. Sorry I couldn't help that. I'm so depressed about the governer race here in Arizona. The Republicans had a solid leader in the form of Burton Barr, with a mega ton of past experiance and who do they pick to run agais, "he-man" Carolyn Warner? A bloody used car sales man! I couldn't believe it!! I give up on the brains of the voters.))

JACK MC HUGH: I'd like to make some comments on your letter section. First, the treaty you refer to under Pete Tulk is the Inter-American Defense Treaty of 1947 - more popularly know as the Rio Treaty for Rio Defense Treaty) named after the city of its signing. (I didn't realize British people wrote with an accent till I read your newsletter. It's like listening to Peter Jennings or Alister Cook. ((Somehow, I don't see Breakwell as the Alister Cook type, but carry on...))

Second, I do have a few thought on Libya. I've noticed it has provoked a lively debate in many a zine - see the latest Canadian Diplomat. On the subject of terrorism. Morality, I'd first want to say I usually try to avoid most issues on International Relation because they present sticky therorical problems. (example; we want to change the government of the Soviet Union because it is immoral, so we'll kill 90% of it's people to 'save' the remaining 10%) However, I do not like terrorist activity and do not approve of it, but living in a nation with over 8,000 megatons worth of nuclear weapons prepared to zap everyone, men, woman and children, in a country (or countries) we don't like, I found it difficuld to work up the proper sense of moral and indination over terrorism.

From my own point of view of what Internation relations specialist there is not much difference between the way terrorist and "proper governments" wage war, except, of course scale. (If you don't believe me ask the residents of Hamburg, London, Dresden, Warsaw, Hanoi or any Afghan village.) The Major difference is one of legitination that governments have carried out, which allows them to carry out acts of violence on behalf of the governed. Afterall, the only difference between an IDF (Israeli Defense Force) solder and a Jewish terrorist, is the former has a state and the later doesn't. ((Some interesting points and I can see what you mean when you look at South Africa and Chile, but isn't the state important? I know many people who would say the state isn't important and get rid of government. I'm not ready to bomb anyone and yet, I hate to see Americans or anyone else get attacked or kidnapped while they are abroad. It violates our sense of freedom. I was at the post office the other day, (munds Park has a lot of older retired folk who live here in the summer and go back to Phoenix for the winter.) Anyway, there was an old man and woman talking bout the most recent kidnaping. One said, "They should just stay at home. No one should travel over there any more." "But he was married to one of them too." "Doesn't matter. Just stay home, they don't do that sort of thing here." "Well, they haven't gotten over here yet." And they roll eyes at each other about the horror of it all. Well, let's look at another view point shall we?))

JOHN BREAKWELL: Joe Schell - who is this cretin? Aagh! Let us take the forces during the Vietnam war. The Americans only attacked the enemy soldiers without harming the cicilian at all - agent orange? Never heard of it. The poor guy had someone made a line between large and small scale terrorism and not realised it. The act of terrorism is to frighten the population of the 'enemy' and thereby demoralise the troops and political structure. Wake up, Joe, Your brain has fallen asleep. As to a solution - you bomb the bastards until they give up. Look at past Libyan bombing response. Nothing happened till a week or two ago and then it was nothing drastic. Might can be effective - I'm sure Guadaffi had to change his underwear!

((Amazing.. Did you want to move over here? No, forget I said that. Please you can't have the spare beadroom! I don't care if you are housebroken and make good stew! Help....))

JACK MCHUGH: Does Melinda play games with everyone? So far the only place I haven't seen her is in the Canadian Diplomat.

((Oh no, Robert, it's out! Melinda will soon be raiding your zine too! That's a joke and so it...))

JOHN BREAKWELL: How many San Francisans does it take to change a light bulb? "10" - one to change the bulb and 9 to share the experience.

JACK MCHUGH: Joke: There are three travelers. An Arab, a Hindu and a Limey. They come to a farmers house and ask to stay the night. The farmer says 'sure, but I only have two beds, one of you will have to sleep in the barn with the animals. The Hindu volunteers. Two minutes later there is a knock on the door and it's the Hindu, "I'm sorry, " he says, "but I can not sleep with a cow. It is a sacred animal in my religion." And so the Arab goes out next. Two minutes later there is another knock on the door. Arab can't sleep with the Pig. The Brit goes next. Two minutes later, there is a knock and it's the cow and the pig. ((Sorry Jack, that I shorten the joke. No room))

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And that's it for now. Please let me know if I have something wrong with this list or your address ((that's what I meant to say anyway.)) George, you can give me new labels. Aren't you lucky? Oh, I'm also putting a limit to my list at 80 people. this is to keep me from going crazy. Bye!

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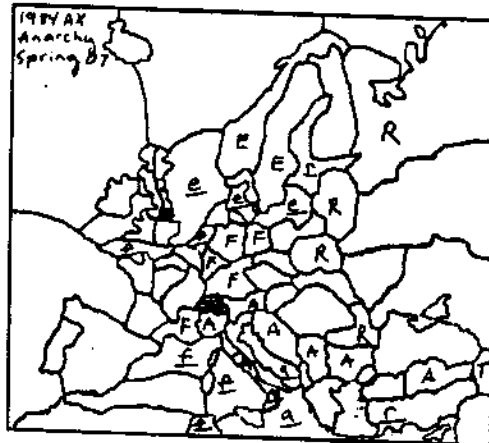
HIERARCHY

Spring 07

The LINES ARE FORMING AND WHAT WILL ENGLAND DO??!!

SPRING 07

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- Russia-Holley: A Rum H, A StP A War-Lvn, A Ukr-War, A War-Lvn,
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A Rom S F Nap, A Ser-Tri, A Gre-Ser, A Bul H,
A Ank S Russian F Con-Smy
- France-Norris: F Tun-Ion, F Tyh S F Tun-Ion, F GOL S F Tyh,
F Mar-Pie, A Bur-Mun, A Ruh S A Bur-Mun, A Kie S
A Bur-Mun, A Ber S: Kie, F Bel-Hol, F MCO-Eng



GAME NOTES: All draws failed as usual. Proposed this time is a F/F Draw. please Vote as NVR = no. Glad to see this game getting active! John be careful of your abbreviations. I do use common sense and use the rules, but just be careful.

PREES:

Smyrna-Mos/Vie: It took you tow long enough to co-ordinate. At this rate I'll be around until 1914. ((Somehow, I don't think you will last that long. But I will miss you!))

Smy-Par: If Cathy had printed your address I would have written you a two page letter. ((I don't believe this. Ok, just for my favorite Canuk - John Norris, 14, Clifford Road, New Barnet, Barnet, Hertfordshire, SN5 5PG England))

London, Reuters: The London Times today carried an exclusive, with pictures, of the construction of what will be the largest electric power plant in modern times. It is being built in Russia, near Kiev, by Polish laborers, with granite brought all the way from Transylvania, and the entire project is under the supervision of English and American engineers.

DEADLINE for Fall 07 is..... October 22, 1986

Regular Dip 1986 CH

Pinewood

Winter 1900

A NUMBER BUT TWO PLAYERS NMR!!! TRY AGAIN!!!

See the next page, orders came in today!!

~~This is very saddening to see. I hoped to have this start right away, but I have two NMR's in Spring 01! If you look in my houserules, issue 22, you will see that I will delay the game in the case of a Spring 01 NMR and call on a standby to take the position. There are different ways of dealing with a Spring 01 NMR and I don't really like any of them, but I feel this is the best way to be fair to the game as a whole. I am moving up your next deadline and will put this game on flier, until it gets caught up with CR. I'm doing this to try to help things move along. If anyone has any problems let me know. Meanwhile, I'll list the addresses again. I have orders for everyone but France and England. If by some wierd chance, I get orders from Brad and David by Friday, I'll adjudicate Spring 01 and send it out to the players and standbys, but somehow I don't think that will happen. Meanwhile, we carry on...~~

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- Russia: Tom Johnston, 3344 Ridge Rd, Apt # 14, Lansing, IL 60438 (COA!)
- France: David Hood (NMR!) Standby: James Nichel, 429 E. Columbia St., Falls Church, VA 22046

And so there you have it again. If you need a copy of my houserules then let me know and I'll send you a copy. Also, James and Jack please send orders ASAP if you want these positions. If I don't hear from you, then I'll have to call in another standby, though I think I can depend on you two.

NMR DEADLINE: Spring 01 is..... October 3, 1986 I'm firm on this deadline as well.
OCT 17, 1986

send your orders to : Cathy Czog, P.O. Box 5225, Munds Park, AZ 86017

Oh, Dan said there may be a Canadian postal strike, so keep your ears open about that.

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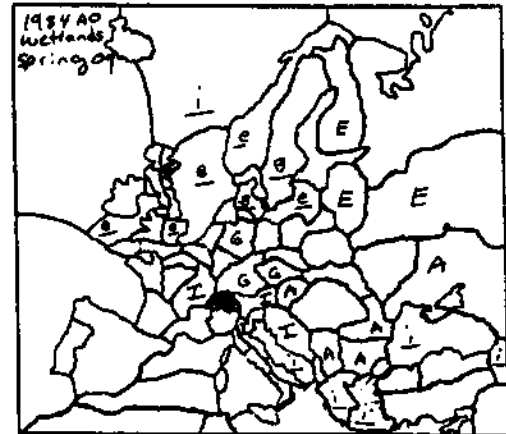
WETLANDS

Spring 09

BUMPING HEADS IN THE NORTH, WHILE AUSTRIA IS SOLD!!

Spring 09:

- Austria-Lucas: A Rum & A Gre-Bul, A Sev & F Rum, A Gre-Bul, A Ser S A Gre-Bul, A Tri-Alb, A Tyr-Tri (dis,ann), A Vie & A Tyr-Tri (dis, ret; Bud, otb)
- England-Holley: A Edi H, A Mos S Austrian A Sev, A StP-Fin, A War-Lvn, F Ber-Bal, F Lvp-Iri, F Lon-Eng, F Nth & F Lon-Eng, F Nwy S Nth
- Italy-Courtemanche: A Mar-Bur, F Eng & F Nwg-Nth, F Nwg-Nth, A Pie-Tyr, F Atr S A Alb-Tri, A Alb-Tri, F Bul(ec)-Rum (dis,ret; Con, otb), F Ala S F Arm-Sev, F Arm-Sev, F Aeg S F Ion-Gre, F Ion-Gre
- Germany-Corbin: F GoB-Swe, F Kie-Den A Hol-Kie, A Mun S Ita A Pie-Tyr, A Boh-Vie



GAME NOTES: I/E draw failed last time with two EWR=no. This time it's the same draw. I/E proposed again. Please remember to vote! Map was missing English F Ber and Italian F Bul(ec).

PRESS:

- Italy-Germany: I smell a rat but which player is hiding a knife? ((Actually, the DM is.))
- Germany-England: So you've actually joined forces with slimey Austria. Well you can't say I didn't try, and it certainly does make the game more interesting.
- Italy-England: Naughty girl, all those fleets says something. I wonder if we'll be able to convoy a fleet from Syria to Moscow?
- Fud-Rom: Want to give me a break?
- Italy-Austria: Point is well-taken. This is not the quickest way to end this game.

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LIVEMOOD

Spring 09

FRANCE LEAVES AND ITALY AND AUSTRIA SQUARE OFF!!

Spring 09:

- France-NMR!: Would the unknown standby please standby for France?
F Lon H, F Eng H, A Lvp H. French supply centers are:
Lon, Lvp and Edi
- England: F NAO-Lvp, F Swe-Nwy
- Germany: A Mun S Italian A Pie-Tyr, A Boh-Gal, F Ska S English F Swe-Nwy, F Den-Nth, F Kie-Hol, A Bel-Ruh, A Bre S A Par-Pic, A Par-Pic
- Italy: F NAO-Eng, F Con Bul(sc), A Arm-Sev, F Gre-Ion, F Ion-Nap, A Rom S F Ion-Nap, A Ven-Spu(dis, ret; Tus, Pie, otb), A Pie-Tyr, A Tri-Vie, F Mar-Spa(sc)
- Austria: A StP-Nwy, A Mos-War, F Bul(sc)-Leg, A Tyr-Ven, F Atr S A Tyr-Ven, A Bud-Tri, A Ser S A Bud-Tri, A Sev-Arm, A Rum-Gal, A Nap-Spu(dis,ann)



GAME NOTES: I'm sorry to see the French player NMR, but I know some of you are happy the french person did. Please be careful when you write which game this is. Remember which country you are!

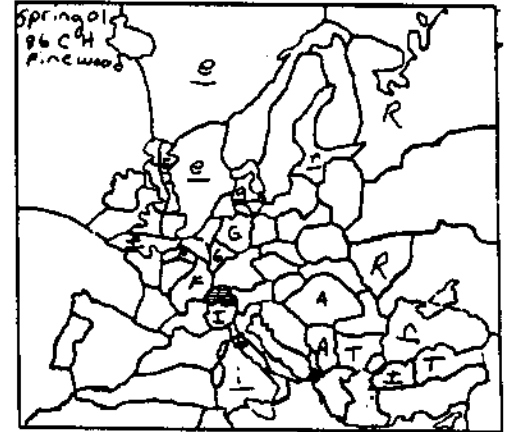
Press:

- Austria-Germany- Instead of splitting my centers with Italy, why don't you take all her Iberian centers? ((Her? Well, I'll have to ask Italy about that...))
- Italy-Germany: The Pope blesses the soldiers of the Kaiser, even though they are probably mostly Lutherans. Fight gallantly and victory shall be yours.
- Germany-Italy: In retrospect, seeing that France made such awful removals, I didn't need that extra fleet, but how did I know Boss lady could be so disorganized?((I'm not! well, just that once...))
- Germany-Boss Lady: Oh thank you, thank you, thank you. ((Stop that groveling, or you'll be next!))
- Italy-Boss Lady: You may have already given it away - there aren't too many people who use dictionaries around here. ((Well, you're right about that. I'm writing my own you know. Somehow I don't think it will catch on, as I change it each day.))
- Austria-DM: You never know, the elf just may like whips. ((What? Let's get back to the game here.))
- Austria-Italy: Slaughter City? Perhaps, I've never slaughtered anyone before.
- Italy-Austria: I'm taking a chance and playing this too carefully. You actually might come out ahead this year, and solidify your position, but somehow I'll get you.

Second try and off at Last!!!!

Spring 01

- France-Hood: F Bre-Eng, A Par-Pic, A Mar-Bur
- Russia-Johnston: F Sev-Blk, F War-Ukr, A Mos-Stp, F Stp(sc)-Gop
- England-Nepherin: F Lon-Nth, F Edi-NWG, A Lvo-Mdi
- Italy-Rush: A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Tus, F Nap-Tyh
- Turkey-Vaporis: F Con-Bul, F Ank-Con, F Smy-Ank
- Austria-Gonsalves: F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud
- Germany-Gavrilovic: F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh



GIVE NOTES: Has anyone told you lot that you have strange names? Makes it hard on a GM. Well, I got David and Brad's orders today - 9/11 and that is why I'm doing this here. Sorry for the pre-jump. CC!!!! Brad Nepherin, 2810 N. 11th St., Apt 4, Sheboygan, WI 53083

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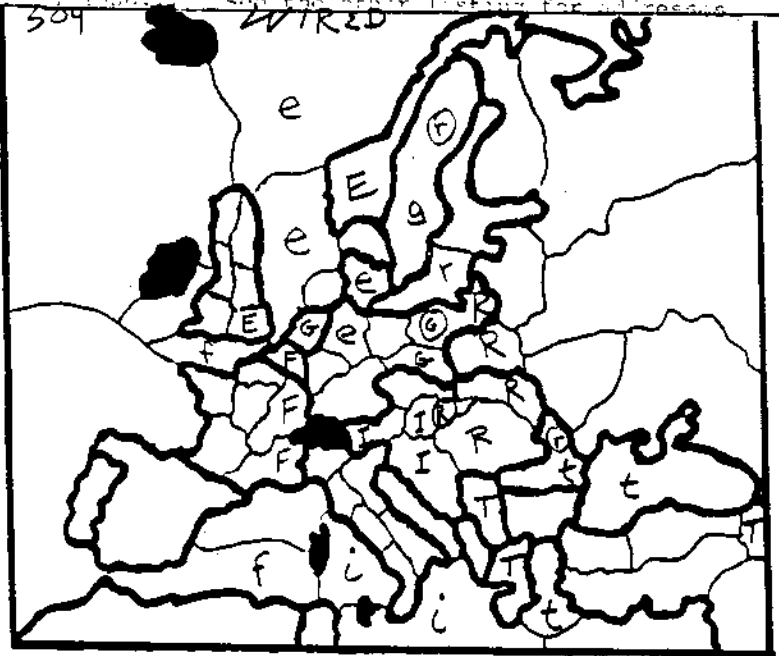
- World: The German Ministry of Tourism in Berlin this morning released its new ad campaign in order to attract tourists for the upcoming season. It read: "Visit us before we visit you."
- Moscow-London: Have no fear; just a precautionary move based on hot info that you're planning a stop in St. Petersburg in 1902. ((I think he might have different plans now.))
- Rome-Moscow: I'm still working on finding other players in Iowa City. I'll let you know.
- Ger-Fra: How would you feel about me having Bel? ((I don't think he would like it much.))
- Italy-France: A bounce in Pie still makes no sense to me unless you are unusually paranoid. Still, I've heard you are quite the Norman Bates.
- Moscow-Budapest: Is it Thanksgiving already? ((Not that's in Nov!! You have to wait.))
- Italy-Austria: See, aren't I a nice guy? No army in Tyrolia. Actually, the Venice army refused to go since the place is worst than North Carolina. ((You mean there are worst places than Iowa?))
- Venice-Sie: Is anybody home?
- Rom-Mos: You're the closest to Iowa besides the English man. Maybe the three of us could get together for Brewskies and Dip.((Steve, if you really want a dip get together, I could let my readers know.))

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- AUTUMN 1903: GERM: F den R BAL
- WINTER 1903: TURK: Build A ANK
ENGL: Build A LON & F EDI
GERM: Remove a bur & f kie
- SPRING 1904: PLAY ON (HE SAID) AND DID THEY EVER!
- RUSSIA(Wheet): A WAR S A lvn-PRU, A GAL-sil,
A HUD S turkish A ser-tri (NSO),
A vie-tyo D (R boh,otb), F rum H D (sev,otb)
F swe & D (R bot,fin,ska,otb) F bot-BAL.
- TURKEY(Bevis): A ank-ARM,
F AEG S A GRE S A SER S & F BLA S F bul/e-RUM.
- ENGLAND(Bowen): F NTH C A lon-NWY, A wal-LON,
F edi-NWG, F hol-KIE, F DEN S German F bal-swe.
- FRANCE(Acheson): F ENG S A pic-BEL, F WES H,
A MAR S A par-BUR, F bal-SWE.
- ITALY(Crosby): F TYN-tun, F ION-tun,
A TYO S A tri-VIE, A alb-TRI.
- GERMANY(Hood): F bal-SWE, A bel-HOL,
A SIL & A pru-war D (R ber,otb).



DEADLINE: Oct. 17 1986

- BER-FAR/MOS: Perhaps some attempt at correspondence on your part may have improved our diplomatic relationship!
- RUS-TUR: May a camel leave a dung heap in the middle of your tent.
- MOS-WORLD The Czar is dead. Long live the Czar. The new Czar promises free caviar in every kitchen.
- MOS-ALL: Looks like the German is getting paid of by the English!
- Ink-Bl: So much for grey press. Hey everybody, all the press on a word processor last tuin was nine.
- Tur-Tur: Some move, purely defensive.
- Eng-Eng: Do you notice any change in 'attitude'.
- Tur-Ita: Don't leave you out. I hope you have enough firepower to carry through with what we've discussed, what with France playing defensive the way he is.
- Tur-Tus: My apologies for any insulting or semi-insulting comments that may have been directed your way. Better luck next time.
- Tur-Ger: Welcome, I do hope my letter arrived.
- Tur-Rus: Welcome, you've inherited a decent position. Well, it was anyway.
- Ink-Rus: I hope you are doing better, whatever it was.

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LIVEWOOD PRESS CONTINUED:

Germany-Austria: I really can't let you take Scandinavia with armies. That would be a disgrace.
Austria-GM: Just ran out of stamps, this ones going to cost. ((If anyone understands that, let me know.))
Germany-Italy: If I made it to the center of Austrian territory, you can be sure that I'll surprise everyone, I'll be sure to be very nasty.
Italy-France: Such is life....((My words, exactly.))
Germany-France: I look forward to your squawking this season. I might even be sympathetic. ((well, you will be after I lose your turns next. Almost lost them this time. Be quicker next year!))
Germany-England: I hope you're going for StP. I almost forgot you were around, I wonder why?

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GUNBOAT DIP 84

WINDYWOOD

Winter 07/ Spring 08

AUSTRIA SLICED UP AND LINES FORM IN THE NORTH!!

WINTER 07:

Russia: A Ser Retreats OTB, build A StP
 Italy: F Wes Retreats to Tyh, Build A Ven
 England: Build F London

Spring 08:

Austria: A Vie-Gal(Dis, ret: Boh, oth). A Bud & A Ser-Rum, A Ser-Rum(dis,ann)
 Germany: A Par-Bur, A Bur-Mar, A Pru-War, A Mun-Tyr, F Lvn-Stp(sc), F Den S English A Swe
 Italy: F Tyh S F Ion-Tun, A Ven-Tyr, F Gol-Mar(dis, ret:Die, Tus, Otb), F Ion-Tun, A Tyr-Vie, A Tri S A Tyr-Vie
 Russia: A Pin-Nwy, A StP S A Pin-Nwy, A Mos S A StP, A War & F Gob-Lvn, A Gal-Bud, A Alb-Ser, A Gre S A Alb-Ser, A Rum & A Gal-Bud, F Gob-Lvn, F Aeg-Bul(sc)
 England: F Med-Gol, F Spa(sc) S F Med-Gol, F Mac-Naf, F Por-Mac, F Bre H, F Lon-Nth, F Bar S F Nwy, F Nwy S A Swe, A Swe H



PRESS:

Germany-England: Let's begin to clear out of France. Your overwhelming fleet advantage should do wonders for the Mediterranean situation.
England-Germany: You are in a position to atke Marsailles on your own. If you move A Bur-Mun, then I will support your A Bur or Gas into Marsailles.
Austria-Germany: A Back rub would be nice, but I'll settle for an attack on tyrolia.
Austria-England: I don't care if Germany is your ally, be give a mean backrub. ((what does that mean?))
Ita-Germany: Life's a bitch, and then you die. ((Oh, I understand now, thanks.))
us-GM: You are so cruel but correct. We, who are about to die salute you. Pass the schnapps Adolf.
Russia-Italy: Austria goes out this turn. Need input on who gets the second build?
Italy, to Russia, with Love: I'm giving away my western centers at a rapid pace, I only hope that I can gain eastern (Aus) centers at an equal or greater pace, until I can stalemate in the West. How about trying a little harder to hit E/G in the north?((Is your question answered?))
MOSCOU-Rome: Southern fleet will dock in Balkan ports. If you need it to assist vs:English incursion into Med.
Russia-Germany: Are you sure you are on the side?
Eng-Ger: If you think you know who I am, gamble and drop me a line. ((Don't do it!! Don't do it!!))
Germany-England: Thanks for the vote of confidence. As my press of last season suggests, I was beginning to become concerned. I hope you stood in Sweden and supported me to stPete. Next, I'll move up to Sweden unless you've suggested otherwise. Good luck.
Russia-Italy: Armies given word to prepare for 08 march on Germany
Ita-Eng: You could have this game if you would only land on the continent (read - Germany)
Mos-London: Go away, then we'll talk.
Rom-Lon: The best defense is a good offense. I'm not sure who said it, but I am sure they weren't talking about Dip. ((Or if they were, they didn't win.))
Eng-Ita: If Russia retreats OTB - you could move into the EME and pick up another much needed build.
Aust-Ita: Of course I was referring to myself. You'll just die a slower, more agonizing death when the time comes. ((Oh, that depends how he plays his cards. I lose orders, remember.))
Germany-Italy: Sure, I see the potential of your army in Tyrolia, but you can't hold everything. I can wait until you have to disband it.
Ita-Rus: How about A Tyr S Rus A Gal-Boh or A War S A Gal-Sil. We'll ger a lot more accomplished if we function as R/I and not R and I.
Germany-Austria: I hope that helped. ((Not really, but what can he say?))
Aust-Italy: Try the ad on the last page of CR #23. Looks like a good dead. ((I printed that for you.))
Eng-GM: Arizona, heat, rocks, desert. I wonder if there's a worse place on earth? ((Have you tried looking out your window lately? Oh, no, another give away!))

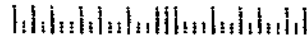
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OCTOBER 17, 1986 to me in the Pinos and the cold.

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GAME OPENINGS: I have none at the moment. I don't know what Dan is planning. I know he had a trip to Europe and that has slowed things down. Maybe next time, there will be more info. Meanwhile if you do want to play in regular dip let me know and if I get enough request, I may start a new game.

STANDBYS: Jim Nickel, Michael Hopcroft, Stephen Dorneman, Richard wheat, Steve Rush, Jack McHugh, David Hood, David Pierce, Robert Greier, John Davies, Jerry Lucas, Robert Acheson, Derwoos Bowen, Jim Burgess, D.S. Palter, Melinda Ann Holley, Jeff Bevis, John Crosby and George Graessle. Thank you all and please let me know if you want on or off this list. Also if you don't want to play in gunboat dip then let me know. Unless, you have told me otherwise, I assume that you will standby for standard and gunboat dip.

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Well, there's a little more space here and so I will take a second and explain the opening. You see we are plagued with spiders here. First there was the Daddy Long legs killer spiders. But I went on a killing rampage and got most of them. Then I was hit with Daddy Long legs. Now I don't mind Daddy Long legs, but when they start to crawl on the typewriter when I'm writing, I've had enough. We killed eight of them the other night. Oh how I hate spiders. So if anyone is mean to me, I will send them dead spiders in the mail. hows that for a different trick. Bye!

NOTES FOR YOU:

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