

CATHY'S RAMBLINGS



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This is late and for no other reason than I didn't have the money to print it until payday. That is tomorrow and then this goes to press. Payday - that has such a nice sound to it. Yes, I am working at last. In fact, I started not long after CR went out last issue. I work for an insurance agent as basically a secretary and money collector and general stuff. Lots of commercial account mainly.

We have a puppy now too. She's wandering about the house now looking for her toy that she lost. I looked for it, but I don't know where it is. She's half German Shepard and half Irish Setter. She's very cute and I do love dogs, but I must type this up now and not play with the puppy.

I could go on and tell you all the other things that have been going on. Eric is doing so well in school that even I am amazed. Oh, our puppy found her toy and now she is running about the house. Eric is studying late and thus isn't home, and she is a bit hyper at the moment. There are many other things I want to fit in this issue and so I will cut my little chat part short. Next time I write, there will be snow in the hills. Bye.....

HOBBY NEWS:

THE ZINE REGISTER: Simon Billenness, 630 Victory Blvd, Apt. #6F, Staten Island, NY 10301

The new issue is out now and is available from Simon for \$1.50 an issue. This gives a complete list of all the zines in the North American and some British and a list of hobby services. A must for any one who wants to know what is available in the hobby. Simon wants to change the way he list zines for next issue and is trying to cut down a sub zine listing. Also, if you want to support a worthy hobby service, then Simon needs your money. Next issues deadline is Dec. 31, 1986.

ZINE WITH NO NAME:

I've heard that Martin Le Ferve will not be running this anymore and I read somewhere that they were looking someone to take over the job until "Simon comes back!" This is/was the British version of The Zine Register. If any of the British editors know what is going on, please let me know and I'll pass the information onto my subbers.

HOUSE OF LORDS: Dick Martin, 26 Oxford Way N., Rockville, MD 20854-6128

Dick is starting HOL again and this time with no funds. This is more or less a letter zine for GM's and Publishers to share their views and get ideas from each other. It's also good for anyone who is beginning to publish a zine as a "solvent's view" to the GM's. Many topics are covered in the Dick's zine response. If you are interested in writing something every other issue. There's some good views in this and Dick would like to get some British views as well. He might lower his price for a British editor/ or player.

ONCE UPON A DEADLINE: Bruce Liney, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01276

This is the publishing handbook for anyone wanting to start GMing or Publishing. It comes in two volumes. Book 1 - Publishing is 88 pages long and book 2 Gamesmastering is 104 pages long. If you have the time and interest it's a good read. I found it abit overwhelming and I hardly have the time to sit down and read now to do. There are some good articles though and if want all the facts and don't mind reading all the material, it is worth it for the small price of \$3.00

P.D.O. Auction: John Caruso, 24-10 164th St, Flushing NY, 11358 & Simon Billenness - "see above"

This is the hobby auction held yearly in order raise funds for the hobby services - If you run a hobby service and would like to request for funding then write to John or Simon. If you have something you would like to offer for the auction, then also write to Simon or John. They will take anything: zines, books, photographs, game openings, ect. Just tell them what you have to offer and make a minimum bid if you want. Send this info to Simon or John by NOVEMBER 29, 1986! A bid list will go out to editors after all the items are in. So support the hobby services and give something for the auction!

TERRORISM by Jack McHugh

Generally I think the threat of terrorism has been overblown. No government has ever been brought down solely through terrorist activities. No government will ever step down just because a plane had been hijacked or a car blown up. The bourgeoisie is does the government in power have the support of its people and/or the backing of enough of the countries institutions (usually the armed forces) to stay in power? All the terrorist can do is highlight the fact that there are people who are violently opposed to the current regime.

What bothers me most about the current wave of anti-terrorist activity is that it is being used as an excuse to allow the



US to bully small countries around the world and pretend that this policy solves the problem. A cartoon that I have ripped out of the Daily News of Philadelphia is a good representation of how I think this policy works. We pick on countries we know can't retaliate and that are unpopular (and of course lack a superpower patron) and drop a view bombs on them. We then announce that we've "gotten tough on terrorism."

I don't consider myself a friend of Colonel Qaddafi but I fail to see how picking on him will solve the problem when we all know that three other states are primarily behind the terrorism in the Middle States. Two states, Syria and Iran, support terrorism directly and attempt to use it to support their own foreign policy goals. The third, the USSR, supports it indirectly by supporting the two other states because the Soviets wish to expand their influence. These states, not Libya, are the prime movers behind the Middle East terrorism.

The real question is how far will Russia, Romania, etc. in pursuing real terrorist that have the capacity to put up a real fight and are important in other ways (i.e. strategically, economically, politically, etc., etc.) to the US. Is the US prepared to bomb Syria when we know we need Assad for peace in the Middle East. Will we attack Khomeini (forgive my spelling, I majored in Russian, not Arabic) despite his ability to attack the Saudis and the Soviets insistence that Article 6 of the Iranian-Soviet Friendship Treaty of 1921 gives them the right to intervene in the event of internal unrest or foreign aggression against Iran?

((I asked later about the French and the bombings in Paris.))

What will the French do? First of all, Hell would have to freeze over before the Frogs would ever ask the US for help in anything. ((I'm sure De Gaulle would turn over in his grave if they ever did- he was such an Americaphob (like that last word, I just made it up).))

Another problem that the French have is that they have been openly pro-Arab for decades. I'm sure there is plenty of snickering going on in Washington and Jerusalem over the French predicament. All the years the French have been saying that is only we were more even-handed in the Middle East the Arabs would come around. Additionally the French still have delusions of grandeur - they believe that France should have a military capability equal of the US and USSR, or at least in the ballpark. The thing is the French fool themselves into believing its true until they actually need it; then it is painfully (its practically embarrassing) evident they don't have it. (Don't let that kid stuff in Chad fool you, although the French are good at facing down Qaddafi and getting rid of of Bokassa in the Central African Republic, their forces are no match for a real army like Syria or a big one like Iran.)

The bottom line is if the French are smart - and I think they are- they will do nothing or they will quietly give in (read "negotiate") with the terrorist. I don't believe that they have much of a choice. Even though America got them into this mess, by convincing the French to renge on a deal they had made with a Lebanese terrorist (apparently some Christian terrorist's family is behind all this) the French won't come to the US for help. Privately, I'm sure Ronnie's telling Mitterand to hand tough "for democracy." Mitterand is buying it because he has no choice in the matter.

Personally I'm very happy right now. Do you know why? Because Pat Robertson's running for President. Pat says God told him to do it. Sort of makes you believe that God's a Democrat, doesn't it? ((Actually, all of us more moderate Republicans are rather embarrassed about Pat. What can I say? I won't vote for him.))

LETTERS

JOHN BREAKWELL: AHA! Bryan agrees with me about the damn Froggies. See the Arabs are bombing gay Paris - it's bating people off going to Paris for holidays, just like the Yanks coming to Europe. I'd have thought the sight of heaps of dead Froggies would have been a tourist attraction. ((Has anyone ever told you that you are a very strange person? They have? Oh well...))

DAVID HOOD: Jack McHugh's analysis of state-sponsored violence vs. "illegitimate" violence makes some good points. However, it suffers from the failure of Mr McHugh to realize that not all weapons are bad. He criticizes the present nuclear arsenal for being "terrorist" in nature - when in fact, nuclear weapons have kept the world from experiencing Dresden's or Tokyo's to any large extent. These weapons are not intended to start a war - only to deter one. I fail to see the logic in criticizing nuclear weapons when they have made war as we have known it less thinkable (and thus, less probable.) ((I think it's the fact that they are there that is frightening. There is the threat))

BRYAN BETTS: I guess its a difference of perspective - to your average middle American if its an American terrorist, they're just criminals, if tis a foreign terrorist, then its all part of a plot to undermine life, liberty and the pursuit of Apple pie. Let's face it, the only real difference is that instead of planting time-bombs in Beirut, Belfast or Paris, your average US psychopath buys an Armalite down the hardware store and then machine guns his or her local MacDonalds.

JOHN BREAKWELL: And I thought Bryan Betts was a nice guy. What have I done? What did I say? Luckily for Bryan, I have cut the unemployment figures myself by getting a job as a computer programmer (20 hrs. \$90 before tax, etc. & about \$15 government assistance towards rent). Hopefully I'll be able to convince them I actually know what I'm doing... \$3.30 an hour is what I'd expect for a basic wage. I'd get hit for 29% income tax after about 40 pounds/week. ((Hearing that from you, makes me feel like I'm making the big time. Still you make less in a small town. But nothing like there. Our taxes are lower too. Well, more letter on the next page))

MORE LETTERS

FRANK HUNTER: O the joys of rural life... I believe that every one of us who has moved to the country from the big city has secretly believed, deep in his heart, that the dread plummet of income isn't really going to happen to him. It's always the other fellow who is going to end up taking the fifty percent pay cut.

So you have my sympathy. And my encouragement. I felt the San Francisco Bay Area the moment I finished grad school (actually, even a little before I finished grad school), and I haven't regretted it since. Life is too short to breathe filthy air and sit in endless traffic jams.

((Yes, but we have our Machine Village traffic jam every morning and the wonderful smell of controlled burns from the Forest Department. I will say one thing I was shocked with my job. I was starting out with the same salary I started out with in Chicago and I'm up for a review in two months now. At that time I may get a raise. All in all, I'm not complaining, except I do like it warmer.))

WILLIAM ROBERTS: Right now I've just been in the hospital, which I can't really afford (I seem to be unable to find a job completely), and as a result the government has registered me as temporarily disabled and I am going to be allowed to live on the princely sum of \$230 a month plus food stamps. (That is indeed a princely sum - if your principality happens to be Andorra!) With my rent at \$140 a month and total utility costs of some \$40 a month, I might squeak by. But I have other costs too, costs which have nothing to do with surviving emotionally. Things like club dues, gaming supplies, postage, paper and things like that.

((I know how you feel. For those of you who remember my Seattle days, I was living on about \$300.00 a month. I'm now making \$900.00 a month before taxes and I don't have any extra money. I'm amazed how I survived that. But let's change subjects...))

JOE FINE GRANGE: You want to talk about bad writing? Have you ever seen K-9 and Company? No wonder it was never made into a series. And speaking of specials...did you ever get to see The Five Doctors? They could have done a better job casting companions, if you ask me (it had an older Susan, Sarah Jane, Tegan, and Turlough plus very short appearances by Mike Yates, Liz Shaw, Jamie, Zoe and K-9, not to mention a scene from Shada with the Fourth Doctor and Romana II - although I heard that Tom Baker's real experiences trying to get a punt down the River Cam were more like what happened to Peter Bowles in To The Manor Born, and it ended up as a remake of The Three Doctors more or less. Maybe Tom, Peter and Colin can get together for the 25th anniversary... if the show lasts that long. (Let's hope that the Doctor and the Master don't meet at Reicherback (?) Falls.

By the way...Adric is spelled correctly; however Peri is spelled with one 'r'. Supposedly, she gets the boot (I've heard that the upcoming trial of the Doctor is caused by his breaking the laws of time to prevent Peri's death) after the eighth episode of the next season. ((I haven't seen any of the shows you mentioned. Not even The Three Doctors. Despressing isn't it? Thanks Peri says hey! I can't wait!))

BRYAN BETTS: I was interested to read all the stuff on Dr Who. The most wonderful assistant was of course Nyssa, she of the totally gorgeous legs (and things...) Did you know that her costume was changed from a fluffy skirt thingy with lots of ruffles to a tight pair of trousers 'cos the BBC wanted her legs to boost viewing figures?

The same reason introduced Leela's minimalist costume and Peri's black leather mini. (The latter character is only there because who is incredibly popular in Australia, so the BBC thought an Aussie character a good idea). Adric was totally awful and we all cheered when he went bang! Of course now I'm remembering the good old days at Warwick Uni when we'd spend an entire weekend locked in a darked room watching Who videos non stop.

((Do you that you are a very sick person too? You Cheered!? Now imagine Colin Baker with Adric as an assistant. I knew that would get to you. Yes, I know all about the ladies and thier effects on the male viewing audience. Tegan wore some short and showy outfits too.))

KIM HINTON: I always disdained Dr. Who as childish, low budget, badly written garbage. My opinion is, in fact, unchanged, but I have somehow aquired a liking for it nevertheless. It's a bit fascinating.

I disagree about Hartnell though - he had character - he was a bit crochety and perhaps a bit senile, but his character was 3-dimensional (which is more than can be said for the sets or the scripts). Now Troughton - if you want a whiner - there's your man (and I sue the term loosely). Every time he should have showed strength of character (no, not every time; he had some good scenes he generally showed what amounted to ~~pathos~~ instead, and that doesn't go over well. I'd say that Jamie MacRibbon(?) (Fraser Hines and Zoe Harriot(?) (Wendy Padbury) carried most of those shows (And Padbury is the cutest companion thus far!)

I thought Hartnell was the most credible. Of course Pertwee isn't really given a chance to be credible - the idea of gallivanting around the universe and time, and bumping into problems is one thing - not too incredible I suppose... however, Pertwee has been stuck on earth for three episodes and has repulsed three consecutive incursions (how did we every get along before that!) Not bloody likely! Any idea when he gets the use of the Tardis back?

((Oh, so you've never seen the newer ones? Tom Baker and all that? It gets better. What is a real shock, even more so then the change from Davison to Colin, is going back to #1, after Colin. You do feel as though the sets and scripts are backwards or something. It will get better, believe me.))

MICHAEL HOPKETT: So Kim Hinton doesn't like Troughton, eh? Very well! Regorders at twenty years... seriously, I'm not sure I understand his comments about the Second Doctor's 'petulance'. Sure, his initial response to a dangerous situation is usually to run as fast as he can in the other direction; but that just buys him time to think. When it counts, the Troughton Doctor is just as brave and capable as his successors; as well as setting the pattern for the eccentric Doctors to come.

((Thanks for defending Troughton for me, but then you like them all. I do like Jon Pertwee, but I favor the eccentric Doctors.))

((With the Election day only a few days ahead, I think this article is very good to read now. I also hope that everyone will get out and vote!! I know I'm going to.))

Since you have been advocating public awareness through your enjoyable zine lately, I thought I would add my 'professional' opinion. I published this same basic article about a year ago.

First, I guess I should explain my qualifications for writing such an article. For the past two years I have been working as a legislative aide to a State Representative. I have worked double duty, since the man I work for represents Austin; I get to handle constituent complaints as well as the legislation. I started in the summer of 1984 during a special session called to revamp the educational system, which is quite naturally a volatile issue. During the 1985 session we had bills on mandatory seat belt use, abortion, repeal of the blue laws, and pari-mutuel gambling. Any one of those issues would generate quite a bit of constituent response, but all together they were the cause of over 2500 letters and phone calls. I work with a staff of three and usually one intern from the University.

That is the first thing that you should understand. The job that we ask our elected officials to do is horrendous. They are under paid (I make approximately twice what my boss does), over worked (if they had to read every bill that was filed, they would have to read constantly from the first day of the session to the last, 24 hours a day, and still only able to spend 15 minutes for each bill), and generally are taken for granted. Add to all that the phone calls, visits, and letters, and you have the situation each Representative works with.

As your Representative, they feel obligated to listen to what you have to say, but you need to understand that you cannot monopolize much, if any, of their time. They just don't have it to give. At least half a dozen times I would get a call from someone who wanted to speak to the representative personally. Naturally, he was always busy. Though I would gladly take a message, it was often a week or more before he could return the call. By that time they have called back three times and they are angry. That is all pointless. If the representative does finally talk with that person, he will not be terribly receptive to a 30 second conversation of "I want you to vote for HB485." Furthermore, he never writes those calls down, so it doesn't make it into our official tally, and therefore counts for less. This is the lesson: talk to the staff. The staff will always pass along the message, even if only as a tally of the number of calls in favor and in opposition.

Second, know what you are talking about. Know the number of the bill that you want the Representative to vote on. Calling up to say "vote to protect the environment" is useless. Is a vote for the Water Bond Bill for or against the environment? Also know where the bill is in the process. Unless the bill is before one of his committees, he isn't going to know much about it. When a bill is in committee, contact the committee members. Contact your own member after the bill has been passed by the committee and the entire House (Or Senate) is about to vote on it.

Third, be concise. Long winded, detailed accounts of how and why you hold a particular opinion will rarely do any good. Representatives have lobbyists from both sides of every issue visiting them daily, and they have probably heard all the possible arguments. If you are writing about a little known issue that is highly confusing, like the White Oil controversy, then it is much more effective to ask for an appointment to see the representative in person rather than write or call. Rarely, if ever, will you have a unique and unheard of position or reasoning.

Finally, be carefull how you say things. How well do you react to threats? How would you expect a Representative to react? Never say, "or I won't vote for you!" Equally bad is the implied threat, as in, "I will be watching to see how you vote." or "I am a registered voter." One of the classic lines that I heard this last session was on the mandatory seat belt bill: "If he votes for that bill, I will vote against him even if I have to vote for a damn Republican!" I work for a Republican.

The National Coalition for Abortion Rights sent out postcards for their membership to mail to their representatives. All they said was "I am pro-choice, and I vote!" What a terrible way to make a point! Can any of you Diplomacy players ever see yourself using this tactic with an ally? Every Representative that I talked to resented the implied threat and the tone of those cards. NCAR also sent hangers to all the Representatives. Nice touch. In all fairness, the pro-life group was just as bad, calling anyone who wouldn't vote for the bill a murderer and distribution the propaganda film "Silent Scream". By the end of the session no one wanted to deal with any of these people. Their impact was zilch.

During the Special Session last summer the teacher's groups did the same thing. After 27 days of negotiation, they all told the Lt Governor that they would not support the compromise that had been reached. They were summarily thrown out of his office.

Basically, remember that you are talking to a person. Treat him with respect and understand that he will respond to the same stimuli that you do. One more thing: be aware of the timing of your request. Furr's cafeteria sent out a letter asking that the Representatives vote against a certain union bill. The letter was dated July 4, 1985; the session ended May 29.

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((Thanks Greg! I would like to make one further point about special interest groups. We have been receiving campaign literature on the occasions. Remember that what you read is colored by the group that sends it. Try to find the facts and don't read the name calling. And remember to vote!))

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Published by : D.S. Falter, C/O Bucci Imports Ltd., 929 Central Ave., #3000, Woodmere, NY 11598 - Telephone (516) 295-5855 Home number (emergencies only) (516) 432-6497 //varging and disclaimer - neither my office staff nor my housekeeper are trained GM's. If I get it and can read it I'll use it. However, I expressly take no responsibility for mistranslated, garbled, lost or forgotten messages. This Means You. There are no exceptions - one of my many terminal errors on TPD was to permit any violations of this rule.

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GM'ing style: I GM here as I GM in real life. My inspiration comes from both my personal experience and from Greg Costikyan's ongoing body of work. The GM is the narrator and has an obligation to keep things moving. Travel schedule permitting I will adjudicate as soon as I get a response from anyone the same as when GM'ing in person I will respond to the first player to open his/her/its mouth. The key is travel schedule permitting. If you can send anything before the next deadline (either before or after the next trip) the GM does something to keep the adventure running. Also, do be aware that I tend to make paranoia less deadly than the official West End version. So it goes.

The Establishment of the European Hegemony, 1415-1715: Trade and Exploration in the Age of Renaissance
By J.S. Parry

I am a firm believer that sociology is the key to good roleplaying. To get the proper willful suspension of disbelief, the universe has to be both semiplausible and possess the proper mix of limits and freedom of action. Unbelievable universes produce silliness. No one can take the experience seriously. Unlimited universes produce aimless adventures. Anything is possible and characters repeatedly fiddle through lack of a clear sense of what's expected of them. Universes lacking freedom of action produce Dungen crawls by rules mechanics. Lacking freedom of action, the "best" course is to solve the puzzle presented by a linear adventure.

Now the age of exploration is the defining mythos of the western world. In 1415, the west as we know it was a backward and relatively poor subcontinental extension of the Eurasian Landmass. In 1715, through guile and the use of the water influences on all of the rest. From Cortez and Pizarro to Drake and Magellan... PARRY is one of the best general historians of this transformation. This is one of his Key volumes. If your taste runs to either historical or SF role playing this book is a must start. It gives you the nuts and bolts of how the sea faring powers conquered the globe. It wasn't numbers and definitely wasn't technology. It was the mixture of modern forms of warfare and administration with capitalism, even in its semirestricted mercantilist variety. U.S. students are given a defective view that the big deal was gold and silver from Mexico and Peru. Actually while somewhat slower, say by half a century, the truly vast fortunes came in bulk spice trade from the east. A must read for quest-adventure system creators and probably fun for any enquiring mind.

THE GAME:

Ms Nazi ponders a moment and asks the computer, "Please my Silicon Fuhrer, where are we?" The computer answers instantly, "Why, you know exactly where you are? You are in my main reserve memory area. The one with all of my original backup records. The ones the High Programmers have lost, erased or forgotten. Why did you ask?" Ms. Nazi looks somewhat puzzled, "The better to serve you my Silicon Fuhrer. But why are we here?" The computer answers somewhat more slowly this time: "To help me destroy Alpha Complex. Of course. Just as we failed to do all the time before." Before Ms. Nazi can answer again, a leather uniformed creature with hard plastic on its head roars into the room on a two wheeled vehicle painted black. He's in black too. He comes to a stop in front of them, removes the plastic helmet and says to Ms. Nazi, "You're late for a very important date."

Travel Schedule:

Leaves for Europe 4 Oct., return 13 Oct. Tradeshow mode tentatively scheduled 15 Oct - 15 Nov. This may allow for a transitional issue but probably won't. So if I get nothing before Europe, it's roughly 20 Nov for next issue. Then tradeshow mode again 27 Nov - Dec 20 after which I'm human again until mid January. So it goes.

All of which leaves me with some space to fill. Dan never knows how much space he takes up as I shove everything he sends in. I would like to welcome Mike Dean into these pages as well. His speech goes in on the next page. Mind you Mike, I can be slow on turnaround time too but I hope it won't be too bad. Mike's on the next page and I must go away.....

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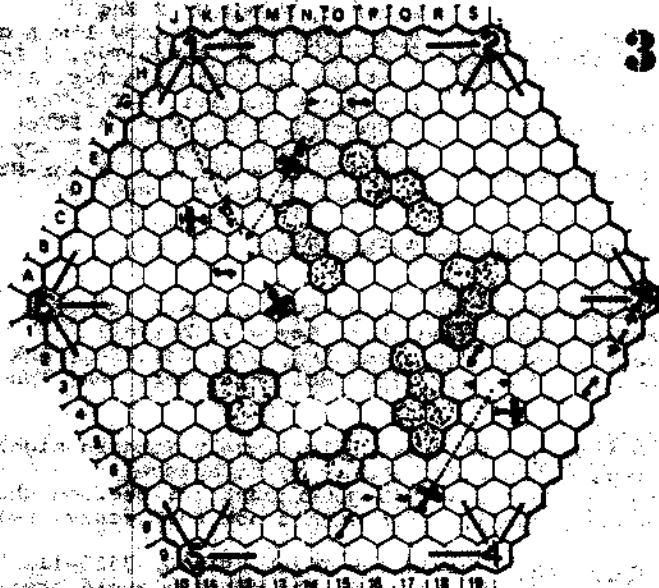
Yes, this isn't IT (ie IT'S A TRAP), and also "NOT IT" isn't going to be the title of my new found home in CR. Actually it's quite surprising I wasn't here in the first place! So now I am here, some of you might well be asking yourselves "WHY?" Well, I was running a game of Sopwith in Steve Knight's IT'S A TRAP, but due to it's non appearance and lack of communication from Steve, Cathy kindly offered the game a home in CR. There, understand now?

So, on to business, I now present **AULUS PLAUTIUS**, Sopwith, Turn 3, now brought to you in truly amazing CR vision!

Aulus Plautius

SOPWITH

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MR Ahead all three phases			12016a
HELIUM			HELIUM
A	LT	A	12016a
MARK BAKER (BAKER)			MARK BAKER
LM	A	RM	12014a
PARSONS (PARSONS)			PARSONS
MR Ahead all three phases			12016a
LEONARD WOODS (WOODS)			LEONARD WOODS
ED	A	LB(TA)	12013a
THE POLING DUCK (POLING)			THE POLING DUCK
LT(TA)	LT	LT	12014a
CLOUD MOVEMENT FOR START OF TURN 4: SEE 5			



PERSE:

WINDMILL AGAIN: A bit of trouble with the Irish? Well, a short burst should wake them from their snooze! But, Pete, really just want to be your wingman and hunt down that RATAPORE chase. Did the alien of the comatose I always say!

CR to WINDMILL: Either that or they do it themselves!


GIMLET to ARBORNOT: Now you know that I'm not that nice, so, since I'm nearest, you might as well shoot at me.

GAME NOTES: CR: Mike Dean, 32 Newlands Avenue, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire, YO12 6PS, UNITED KINGDOM

Well, I don't really know how long it is since the majority of the players in this game had an up-date of the proceedings. My apologies for this, I just hope we can get the ball rolling again and keep this game alive! The first mix-up, ie. the non-appearance of a report in IT13, or at least a new one, was that I did not receive IT12 until the deadline for IT13 was past! And now, there is no IT14, and the original deadline of Sept. 16th is long since gone.

So, the only thing I can suggest is for Cathy to set a new deadline for this game which will probably be about a week before the main deadline for her phase. I will let her fill in a date for you here:

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Cheers,

 Game For \$2 to CR

WAITING LIST: From the back of IT13, the waiting list stood at -
 Doug Howling, Bill Becker, Phil Dancause, Don Williams, 2 needed.

However, after the transfer to CR I don't know if it will still read like that, or even if they subscribe or want to subscribe to CR. So I would be grateful if they would write to me direct to confirm that they still wish to play. Also I would welcome any of CR's existing subscribers to add their names to that list.

By next issue, I hope to have a new set of rules typed up in glorious CR vision, so that those who missed them in IT, will have another chance.

*****IMPORTANT RULE CHANGE FOR SOPWITH*****

As the rules stand, the extra manoeuvres are far too powerful and give pilots an abnormal amount of freedom of manoeuvre. Therefore there is the following rules changes:

Left and Right Banking remains as before - they may be performed as many times in one turn as would be possible with the basic manoeuvres.

Weave Left, Weave Right, Left Wing over, and Right Wing over: Pilots may now perform only ONE of these manoeuvres in any one game turn. In the case of a mix-order where a player tries to perform more than one of these manoeuvres in any given turn, the second or even third such order will be treated as a simple move. Any firing ordered in such a case will not take place. In the game report, the move will be shown as: Afl! or something similar.

Summary: Austria Retreats A Mun-Sch

MORRIS CORNET

FALL 07:

- France-Morris: Home, F Tun H, F Tyr H (dia, ret: Med, Tus, oth), F Gal H, A Mar H, A Mun H, A Ruhr H, A Kie H, A Ber H, F Hol B, F Eng H
- Turkey-Acheson: A Arch (imp) (I know I'm a cruel woman)
- Nigeria-Rogerson: F Adm I F Ion, F Nap-Tyh, F Ion S F Nap-Tyh, A Rom H, A Ank H, A Fin S A Tyr, A Tyr S A Pie, A Boh S Russian A War-Kil, A Tri-Ven, A Bul-Ser, A Ser-Tri
- Russia-Holley: A Rum-Sov, A Lvn-Fin, A StPet S A Lvn-Fin, A War-Bil, F Gal C A Lvn-Fin, F Sm H
- England-McHugh: F Nth-Ser, A Yor-Low, F Den-Nth, F Bal-Ben, A Nvy S A Swe, A Swe S A Nvy



Winter 07 Supply Center Chart:

- Turkey: 0, remove 1
- England: Home, Bal, Nvy, Swe, Den = 7, build 1
- Russia: Home, Rum, Con, Sm = 7, build 1
- Austria: Home Ven, Rum, Nap, Gre, Ser, Bul, Ank = 10, remove 1
- France: Home Por, Spa, Hol, Kie, Ber, Mun, Tun = 10, even or build 1

PRESS:
 London: Oh those cold, lonely Northern nights. Miss you too. ((Flattery, still won't give you a cut. It's warm here by my fireplace.
 London: Her Majesty's government has decided that the balance must be restored on the continent. Stop French Tyranny! ((Oh John's not that scary, really he isn't))

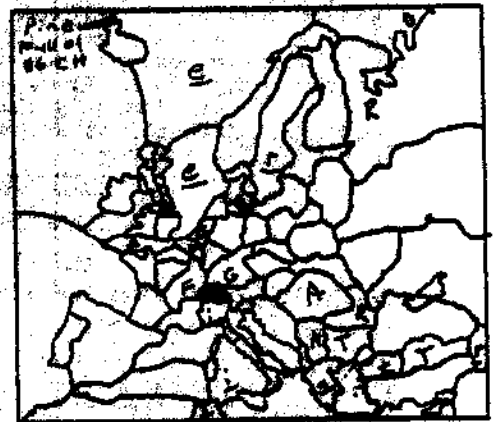
GAME NOTES: Would Joe Zisek, #1713, 8515-112 St, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 1K7, Please standby for France! Thank you Joe. The other players are:
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DEADLINES FOR WINTER 07 AND Spring 08 is.....DECEMBER 10, 1986 Watch for holiday mail!

THINGS LOOK GRIM FOR TURKEY!! WILL HE FIND A FRIEND!!???

FALL 01:

- England-Zepherin: F Adm-Nvy, F StPet, A Edi-Yor
- Russia-Johnston: F Bal-Ber, A Ser-Rum, A Ser-Tyr, F Gal-Swe
- Germany-Gavrilovic: F Den H, A Ruh-Nan, A Kie-Hol
- Turkey-Vasovic: A Bul S F Con, F Con S A Bul A Ank H
- France-Hood: A Bul-Ser, A Fin-Ber, F Eng-Gal
- Italy-McHugh: A Fin-Ser, A Tus-Tun, F Tyr C A Tus-Tun
- Austria-Gonsalves: F Alb-Gre, A Ser S F Alb-Gre, A S.Russia A Urk-Rum



Winter 01 Supply Center Chart:

- England: Home =3, even
- Turkey: Home, Bul = 4, build 1
- France: Home, Bal = 4, build 1
- Germany: Home, Den, Hol = 5, build 2
- Italy: Home, Tun = 4, build 1
- Austria: Home, Gre, Ser = 5, build 2
- Russia: Home, Rum, Swe = 6, build 2

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 01/Spring 02 is DECEMBER 5, 1986

PRESS:
 Paris-Ankara: Take heart, O Sultan of the Ottomans! I'm sure that interested parties will soon intervene in your behalf. ((Yes, but the question is when?))
 Ankara: I see a bad moon rising for you.
 Paris: Get the point?
 Ankara: What's all this stuff I hear about Turkey being replaced? ((Just a misunderstanding I fear))
 Paris: Or is this just another tricky Turkish trick?
 Ankara: Don't count your chickens just yet, my Sultan buddies. Turkey may hold out for a while, depending upon what the surrounding powers do...
 Paris: Haven't heard from you in awhile - what's up? there is still a chance that you may take a hand on the Black Sea move. ((MORE PRESS ON THE NEXT PAGE))

PINEWOOD PRESS CONTINUED:

Austria-Moscow: Thanksgiving is now. Roast Turkey is the main course.
Par-Ber: No, you can't bloody have Belgium! ((He didn't want it anyway.))
Moscow-Berlin: Sorry I didn't get time to reply - hope it didn't cost me Sweden. As far as Russia is concerned, we are behind you 100%. Russia-German relations have never been better. ((Funny, wasn't that what Reagan said about U.S.-Soviet relations, as we kicked more diplomats out of the country?))
Ger-All: Accompanied by a chorus of "Sieg heil" the victorious German Army entered and occupied Holland today, confident of bigger and better things. ((See, what did I tell you?))
Italy-France: If A Pia makes it to Mar I really do hate myself. If it doesn't make it I hate myself even more. ((Oh, guilt does not a Dip player make.))
Austria-Hol: There is more blood on the floor in this game than in the middle east. ((It's all English and Turkey blood too.))

GAME NOTE: Thanks to everyone for getting moves in on time. Last issue was a bit of a mess, but now things are back to almost normal. I hope everyone was able to figure out the page order mistake last time. Be careful of the holiday main and keep up the good work!!

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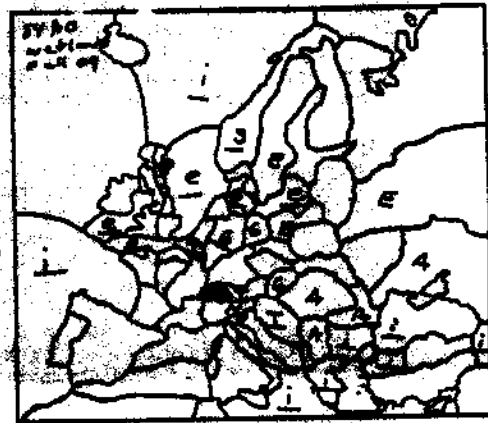
Summer 09/Fall09

CAN AUSTRIA AND ENGLAND HOLD? OR WILL KILLER DOG WIN???

SUMMER 09: Austria retreats A Tri-Bud Italy retreats F Sulec-Con

Fall 09:

Austria-Lucas: A Bud S A Ser-Tri, A Vie S A Ser-Tri(dis,ret: gal, ocb), A Ser-Tri, A Bul N(Dis, ann), A Rum S A Bul, A Sev N
England-Holley: A Edi H, A Fin-Swe, A Lvn-Pru, A Mos S Austrian A Sev, F Bal S A Fin-Swe, F Iri S F Lon-Eng, F Lon-Eng, F Nth-Hol, F Nvy S A Fin-Sus(dis,ret: Skag,Par, StP(nc), oth)
Germany-Corbin: F Swe-Nvy, F Dan-Nth, A Kis-Hol, A Mun-Ber, A Boh-Vie
Italy-Courtesan: A Bur-Bel, A Tyr S German A Boh-Vie, A Tri S German A Boh-Vie, A Ven S A Tri, F Iri S F Lon-Eng, F Bla S F Gre-Bul(ac), F Con S F Gre-Bul(sc), F Gre-Bul(ac), F App-Svy, F Eng-MAO, F Nvg S German F Swe-Nvy



Winter 09 Supply Center chart:

Austria: Bud, Ser, Rum, Sev = 4, even or remove 1
England: Home, Swe, StP, Mor, War = 7, remove 1 or 2
Germany: Home, Par, Hol, Nvy, Vie, Dan = 8, build 1, play 2 short-nbp
Italy: Home, Ask, Svy, Con, Bul, Gre, Tri, Fun, Mar, Eri, Port, Spa, Bel = 15, build 2, play 1 short

GAME NOTES: There were mistakes last time as normal. Luckily, you lot are so good that you just ignore my mistakes and play the game the way it should be. I/E Draw failed due to NRV. Remember that NVR-No! Proposed this time are I/G and I/E. Please vote!

Press:

Austria-Italy: It'll take you awhile to wipe me out. Do you have another idea for ending the game more quickly?
Its-Ans: Which leg? I think that we've broken through your perimeter. Elmer Hinton wants to know if you have any loose issues of Winsome/Losesome around for sale. He'd like them for his Archives and doesn't have your address. ((Amazing, why do I type this. Elmer would have Jerry's address from the last CR. Come on kiddies, write to each other next time. Elmer- Judy Winsome is Jerry Lucas))
Germany-Austria: You sir have stolen my beloved sweetheart(sic) away from me (sob). My lawyer will call you in the morning. ((Is he from Italy?))
Its-ger: You grab some leg, I'll grab the other and let's make a wish
Germany-England: Hey thanks for the Christmas presents! Can I keep them until the end of the year?
Its-ger: I've made some revisions in your plans. I think that you'll approve.
Its-ans: This game is a bloody shooting match. Keep your heads down and you won't get hurt.
Its-on: This game is getting nasty, isn't it? ((Well, that depends on who you are. You're doing fine))

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And so I have this bit of wasted white space. I am not the one to fill white space with witty lines I should mention that I have recieved nothing from Mr Stafford. If nothing comes in, I'll call him and get the stuff. I'll mail it out by flier if I need to. At worst, I'll pick up his games and win them myself. So those under Stafford, don't have to worry about being orphaned

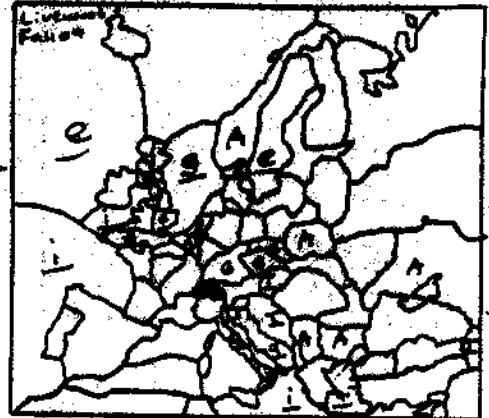
OLD FRANCE IS BACK AGAIN! WHILE ITALY GROWS TOO BIG!!

Summer 09:

Italy: A Ven Retreats to Pie.

Fall 09:

- England: F MAG-Lvp, F Nvy-Swe
- France: A Lvp H, F Eng S F Lon-Mth, F Lon-Wh
- Germany: A Mun-Sil, A Boh-Gal, F Scag S F Hol-Nth, F Nth-Edi, A Ruh-Mun, A Pic-Bel
- Italy: A Pie-Ven, A Rom S A Pie-Ven, F Nap H, A Tyr-Tri, A Vie S A Tyr-Tri, F Ion-Adr, A Apr-Mar, F Balice-Con(dis,ret: gre, ocb), F MAG-Tri, F Spa(sc)-Rom
- Austria: A StP-Nvy, A Mar-Gal, A Ser-Arm, A Rum-Bul, A Ser S A Rum-Bul, F Apr-Con, A Tri-Vie(dis,ret: Bud,ocb), A Ven-Tri (dis, ret: Rus, Tyr, Apu, ocb), F Adr S A Ven-Tri



Winter 09 Supply Center Chart:

- England: Swe = 1, reserve 1
- France: Lvp, Edi, Lon = 3, even
- Germany: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, Par, Bre = 8, build 1
- Austria: Bud, Ser, Bul, StP, Mos, War, Sev, Nvy, Rum = 9, even or build 1 or play 1 short
- Italy: Home, Spa, Por, Mar, Tan, Tri, Vie, Gre, Con, Ank, Smy = 13, play 3 or 4 short NRP

Notes:

- France: The Pope will reluctantly hear your confessions now.
- Eng-Ita: I can not fight both you & Germany, at least I was fighting you before Germany jumped in. Any suggestions,...((See Above, I think))
- Italy-Germany: Another separation?
- Eng-All: I'm still here! Honest! Look, at least knock out England first, I mean, have some consideration for an original player in this game.
- Eng-Fra: Flattery will get you nowhere. I'd be going for StP, except that I'd really like to keep two fleets for as long as possible. If you and Italy were not allied, I'd offer to be your puppet. As it stands right now, however, you are my puppet, and it stands right now, however, I'm caught between you two. ((Haven't I heard that before?))
- Eng-Aus: Since, I typically go for the underdog in a situation like we have here, I must ask if there is anything I might do? Yur attempt to get Nvy was not in either of our best interests though.
- Eng-Nvy-Fra: Let's the two of us get together. Between us we might be able to get these guys off our backs.
- France-England: Nothing personal, of course, I mean, how could it be?
- Eng-Ger: Here, I've just tried to ally with everybody. If I can get even one take, I'll be happy.
- Aus-Ger: How can I concentrate on this game, knowing that your out there?((No, I won't say who Italy is))
- MAG-Navy: (except the old frog): It's getting pretty could up here, any chance that I could be shown the way home? ((I don't think so))
- Aus-Ger: Not her? Shit I sent out a letter based on a her! ((Well, don't you feel silly))

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Remember 2 requests for separation

AUSTRIA IS OUT, BUT ITALY AND RUSSIA ARE FRIENDS!!!

Summer 08:

Italy: F Gal Retreats to Pie
Austria: A Vie Retreats to Boh

Fall 08:

- Austria: A Boh-Sil, A Bud-Ser(dis,ann)
- Italy: F Pie-Mar, F Pic-Med, F Tun-NAP, A Tri-Bud, A Vie S A Tri-Bud, A Ven-Tri
- Germany: A Ser-Mar, A Bur-Mar, A Mun-Boh, F Lvn-StP(sc), F Den-Bal
- England: F NAP S F MAG-Med, F Gal-Tus, F Spa(sc) S German A Bur-Mar, F MAG-Med, F Bre-MAG, F Nvy S German F Lvn-StP(sc), F Ser S F Nvy, A Swe H, F Nth-Skag
- Russia: A Fin-Nvy, A StP S A Fin-Nvy, A Mos S A StP, A War S A Gal-Sil, F Gal-Tus, A Boh-Ser, A Ser S Italian A Tri-Bud, A Gre-Bal, A Rum S Italian A Tri-Bud, F Bul(sc)-Aeg



Winter supply center chart and press on the next page.....
DEADLINE..... DECEMBER 5, 1986!

for Winter08/Spring 09

Italy's feelings about E/G -----



WINDYWOOD CONTINUED:

Winter 08 Supply Center Chart:

- Austria: 0= remove 1 & out
- Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Fer, Mar = 7, build 1
- Italy: Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud = 7, build 1
- England: Home, Bal, Nuy, Swe, Bre, Por, Spa = 9, even
- Russia: Home, Ank, Cos, Bay, Gra, Ser, Sul, Rum = 11, build 1

PRESS:

Lon-Ger: If we're patient, we can hold in the North & make gains in the south
Ang-Ger: Don't worry about Sil, I've got it covered.
Ang-Ger: With I/R giving me a headache, a backrub can be very relaxing.
Ang-Ger: Thank you very much.
Italy-Germany: Let's see how, how many years has it been that you've been 'requesting' that your English daddy give you additional builds? Unless you finally get into marseilles, last count you still had 6 centers. Something to think about anyway. You really are dreaming in regards to Sweden, you know.
Rus-Ger: Why do you insist on being caught in the middle? Go West!
Yosemite Sam-God: You're surrounded boy, come up with your hands up!
Wally-Ford: No way, copper. I'm coming out feet first and taking as many of you with me.
Ita-Ger: I predicted your stab of Germany a couple years ago. Needless to say, my crystal ball is in need of some Windex.
Rus-Ger: Being in a desperate situation wure makes me want to write a whole lot of press. ((So I noticed, but as long as you have started...))
Rus-Moscow: I sincerely hope that you catch (or caught) my drift in regards to Bud. I'm beginning to get the feeling that you are perfectly happy to sit back and watch me being eaten alive. (And why, not, he asks, he will get Austria anyway, as Italy is consumed). I make specific mention of the wording of your press last season regarding 'Southern fleet'; "Southern fleet will dock in Balkan ports. If you need it to assist vs. English insursion into Med." When I didn't need it, you kept trying to get into the Ionian, and now that I do, you "dock in Balkan ports". Actually, you are playing a semi-decent game of Gunboat, I just thought I'd blow off some steam. Very shortly, however, my trusted ally, I'm going to be overwhelmed by E/G. You buffer zone will be gone, and unless you get a favorable draw vote, they'll get you too.
Ita-Ger: Which reminds me, propose an I/R/G/E draw. What the heck, I'd vote for it. ((Ok))
Ang-Ger: I saw your hold in the north. Once Barents is vacated?
Ita-Ger: ~~Ang-Ger:~~ Thanks for red wood blocks! ((you're welcome and I think Austria says the same thing, but I think he wishes he had his 'red blocks' back.))
Ita-Rus: Germany is correct, I can't hold everything. Give me Bud and I'll actually have something to march on Germany with. ((So he had. Where is your trust my child?))
Ang-I/R: Hey, don't fight over me. I can be bought for a few schellies. ((What is that?))
Italy-England: Please, let's not start this 'guess who I am' crap. I'm having enough trouble with you two without any behind the scenes horseplay. ((I assure that they don't know who each other are/ they have enough problems remembering who they are!))
Mediterranean Cruise Lines, Palermo, Sicily (Internal Memo): Word has been sent to the Italian government that will support her in every way in the war to drive the English from our waters. In anticipation of their need, we have begun the conversion of all cruise ships to instruments of war. First priority is the replacement of the cushioned deck chairs with more spartan seating arrangements. All captains private bar facilities are to be turned into comment centers. Swimming pools will be used for underwater demolitions training, and the shuffleboard courts repainted for use as helicopter landing. (Ok, helicopters need to be invented first.)
Garage Sale, Mediterranean Cruise Lines Dock #7, Oct #31: All sorts of usefull items. Cushioned deck chairs, portable bar, inflatable air mattresses, beachballs and seahorses, shuffleboard equipment, and more.

GAME NOTE: I forgot. Proposed is a I/R/G/E draw. Please vote next time! Bye!

WORLD OF ORKNAIRE.....GAME NOTES

Due to CR coming out late. -Because of no money and all that stuff, Orknaire's deadline is moved back to November 12. This will give me time to get CR out in the mail and then get caught up on my mail before I start on Orknaire. Please get me orders in if you want to be included this time. I have orders from everyone, but Loki, Ansel and Torel.

Don Falter wrote a good piece on the economics of the period that I hope to type for everyone. There was no space this time, but maybe next time I'll be able to include it.

A bit about the military structure in Orphire. There is a small garrison of Britaine regulars. 30 men split into two groups of 25, each under a separate Captain. The two Captain's report to a higher up man in Kirkwall. The local military force is run mainly by nobles of the area. Second and downwards, sons, who have choosen a military life. There are only roughly 25 to 30 regular Orknaire guards. This changes depending on the season. At harvest time the younger sons are needed in the fields. Thus much of the up keep of law and order rests with the Britaines with some support from the Noble locals. The locals are more concerned with living thier lives, then the rules of law and order.

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THIS is the Halloween version of Cathy's Ramblings #25...I'm using the spiders in my stew (Talk beware)

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DEADLINE: DECEMBER 5, 1986 for all games except Anarchy. Orknaire deadline set back to Nov 12!

GAME GREETINGS: I've decided that as soon as one of the current games end, I will start up a regular game of Vp. I am taking names now, but don't send any money yet. This game won't start till one of my other games end. Tentative list: Stephan Dorneman, Joe Zisek, Jack McHugh, Bob Laventure, Michael Hopcroft. Please let me know if you wanted to be added or taken off this list.

STAND-BY'S: Michael Gonsalves, Jim Nichel, Michael Hopcroft, Stephan Dorneman, Richard Wheat, Steve Rush, Jack McHugh, David Hood, David Pierce, Robert Greier, John Davies, Jerry Lucas, Robert Arhosen, Derwood Boyen, Jim Burgess, D.S. Palter, Melinda Ann Holley, Jeff Bevis, John Crosby and George Grassle. Please let me know if you want on or off this this.

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