

CATHY'S RAMBLINGS ENDORSES:

HE'S BACK, HE'S HIP
AND HE'S REALLY, REALLY, REALLY SORRY

NIXON



IN '88

JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT.

Hello and welcome to the brand new 1988 version of Cathy's Ramblings. This issue is dedicated to all those people out there who have a lower IQ than Bruce Geryk. Of course that means everyone in the US and most of Europe and Canada and a place down under. Although Eric was looking through the telescope the other night and he focused in on the seven sisters, the Pleiades. As he looked at them he said, "You know there might be intelligent life on those star systems. And maybe that intelligent life is more intelligent than Bruce Geryk." I thought about that for awhile and said, "Yes, maybe there is, but I doubt it. And now I must mention how clear the skies are and how you can see the stars on a cloudless night. Eric forced me to do it!

Special thanks must be given this issue to Eric, "The Elf" Ozog and Dan Scott Palter for his subzine and I'm happy to have it back. You see this zine likes to pat people on the back and generally be nice and even waste time by playing a stupid game like Diplomacy. We also pride ourselves in our typos and improper grammar and even using a plural when we should use a singular. There now that I have gotten that out of my hair, I can go onto other things...

I hope everyone had a good holiday and a great new year. Of course there weren't many after Christmas sales like we had in past. That's because they were all before Christmas sales this year. I've never seen a year where I bought most all my Christmas presents on sale at 20 to 30% off. Mind you any money I have saved has just gone into GB, the little car that couldn't. Even got towed into town on Friday. This is after having the Chrysler product in the shop twice that week for the same problem that left me stranded on I17. It was cold too. Yes, even Eric was cold. As we sat waiting for the tow truck to come - the alternator went dead and so did the battery- I mentioned that I would like to see if the belt came off the alternator again. Eric said he didn't want to get out of the car because it was too cold out. Well, I got out anyway and looked. I was shortly followed by one cold elf who said, "Well, if my sweetie has to suffer then so do I." Love is a wonderful thing. And of course as we waited in the car that had frost on the inside of the windows, we talked about positive things. Like about how those two girls lived ten days in their snow bound car. Of course they will probably lose their feet from frost bite, but they lived that was the point. Why do people always think of the worst in these situations. Well, I finally did get to work about 9:00 am. Everyone was very worried about me. One of the girls was about ready to drive up and down I-17 looking for me. They knew that Eric was with me and that was good, but beyond that. My boss even went to Bill Luke Chrysler-Plymouth, looking for me. It's my home away from home for GB. My car was there, but I was already on the way to work. My boss was demanding for me and they didn't know where I was. Oh, I'm getting a new car in the end of 88, probably a Ford Escort Station Wagon. Any horror stories about them?

By the way, My car is Call GB, because I have a "G.B." sticker on the back. Basically they are used in Europe to show your place of origin. Correct me if I'm wrong. My car is really a 1981 Plymouth TC3. They look like the new Dodge Chargers. Over-Christmas I was in Phoenix and due to the weather up north, we took GB. Well, I took my car to a car wash and the guy taking my order there asks me if I have lived in Britain. I say, "No, but I went to school there. He tells me that he's from Ireland and lived in Britain for awhile. He saw my GB sticker and thought I was British. I suppose the hair and white face helps too. Then we are going home to the northland and this guy in a Limo pulls up next to us. He is waving at me and indicating that I should roll down my window. Well, with my car, I thought something might be wrong. So I roll down my window. He says, "Are you British?" I say, "No." And He waves at the back of my car and says, "But you have a GB on your car." "I know, but I'm not British." I answer back and roll up the window. Funny, but no one has ever mentioned before about "GB" and then in one day two people mentioned it. Such is life.

POLITICS 1988

Well, this an election year and everyone has had some say about what is going on. Of course as you can see. I support Nixon in 88 and if we can't have him there is always, Alexander "I've got Nixon under my finger" Haig. I really haven't had a chance to get the full view of all the candidates. On our PBS station, they are doing these one hour interviews with each of the candidates at 11:00pm. Sadly, I've only gotten to see two of them. Beyond that I've only seen the Debate with all of the candidates and the Republican debate in Iowa.

Being a Republican, I'll mention them first. Though I won't be tied to a party when the final vote comes down. The most popular is Bush. I'm not very impressed by Bush. My view of him is that he will continue doing the same thing that Reagan has done in his eight years. I think this country needs something new. Bush is dry and dull. If he is nominated then I think the Democrats have it in the bag.

Bob Dole. I'm still waiting to hear what his views are on issues. I finally got to see some of his wit, but I'm still not sure where he stands on the issues. He is of the Reagan camp, but how closely will he stick to that camp I don't know.

Pete Du Pont. Everyone always hits him with his DuPont name. IE DuPont=Big Money. However, I really like him. He wants to change things and although I don't agree with him on everything, I think it's a step in the right direction. It will cost money to do the changes that he wants to do to the social Security system and the welfare system and even in schools, but it's a positive step.

Haig and Robertson, don't really stand a chance either. Robertson isn't as offensive as I thought he would be. He even makes some good points now and then, but he won't make it. Haig has a black history and he's trying to throw mud at Bush. He'll drag them both down. My guess is

Dole or DuPont with Bush in there as well. Depends on how much dirt he takes. Of course I forgot about Kemp. He's good as well. His big point is the gold standard among other things. Gold is not that stable either and isn't the answer to the falling dollar. He's abit too right wing for me, but he could beat out DuPont easily because he is more stable.

Next time, I'll bring up the Democrates, maybe I'll know abit more about them by then.

LETTERS

GARY COUGHLAN: Just got #32 and want you to know that the Love Alliance's sense of reality has strongly reflected the Mouth of the South's own opinion in this matter. (By the way, I don't consider "Mots" derogatory--I've always enjoyed that nickname probably much like the American colonial like the supposed British insult "Yankee Doodle Dandy" Calling themselves that. In my case, it's so true except in person among people I don't know well.)
y'all have proven to this heah boah jiat how mah "Press depravity" dates back to at least 1983 in "Gary Gilmore". I enjoyed rereading the press lines you reprinted byt one of my favorites was something like this:

Berlin to England: Well, I wonder where Cathy has rambled off to this season?
and another one was about the Love Alliance's effect on my rapidly dwindling Germany): "Love Hurts....Love wounds..." (from the group Nazareth).

((I can hardly believe it goes back to 1983! Was it in 1982 that this american wrote to you and asked you about the American hobby? Said this Simon Bilenness told her about it? Time does go by fast sometimes. When I was in Phoenix over Christmas I got together with my old AD&D group. It's wierd. We figured it was 6 years since we last saw each other. Maybe I've been at this too long eh? Well, I'll keep it up atleast until Eric is done with school. Then things may change.))

JACK MC HUGH: So you want a letter, eh? What shall I write about? How about politics, okay? Being a Democrat I'm pretty much paying most of attention to them, although I might be persuaded to vote for Bob Dole if he were to become slightly more realipdek(sp?) on foreign policy - i.e. be worried less about the fanatical fringe, Republican "kill 'em all and let God sort 'em out" right wing. Anyway I'm fairly happy with all of them except Albert Gore - heven he's a leative Liberal, I just get nervious when a Southern Democrat mentions Defense (or Eastern Republicans mention the Economy). Gore's trying to use defense as his "manhood" issue. This invariably ends up smacking of McCarthymism as everyone then tries to see who can wrap himself up tighter in the flag. Right now I kike Gephart, Rabbett and Simon in that order. However right now I'd vote for any of them over anyone but Dole- him I'd wait for. Bush used to be a resonable canidate before he became vp and Ronald Regan's cheif Cheerleader. Besides being "loyal" I really don't know what he stands for. It's a shame - he might actually be a good president- too bad Regan let's Nancy have more say in policy than George.
((I'm not too thrilled with Bush, but then see my earier comments on that. Funny, I kind of liked Gore. He was different then the rest in any case. Well, I'll have more comments next time.))

Robert Acheson: Re. Reality Check, I rec'd it and decided not to print it. The initial humor wears thin and I think that stever's bottom line was not to "nake" the mentioned people examine themselves but to gather publicity to the so called hobby "bad boys". No thanks, I'll pass. I liked your (Eric's) summery comments.

((I meet them all like you did and I'm shocked by the whole thing. I liked Zarse, but I didn't even know Clark. I played Titan with him and I couldn't even remember his name. I get it! He just wants everyone to remember his name now! Well, some other's had some comments on this.))

Robert Greier, Jr: The reality check article was a real kick eh! O jthought Mr. Clark went a bit further than I would have, but it's a free hobby.

Reality Check?

I would like to call a reality check on Stev Clark. I would like to do a reality check on the fella who blasted 8 member of the hobby, a new record of records for Hobby member blasting were kept.

I would like a reality check on the reality check of Gary Coughlan. The same Mr. Coughlan who ran an efficiat and interesing zine for a long period time. The guy who considers gupysin about a game part of the game, that's why to pay to have a roget to guys.

I would like to call a reality check on the reality check on Conrad Von Melske. A gentleman who genuanily cares about people and express this apparent weakness now and then. Come on Conrad, be heartless human, we need more non-caring scholes in this hobby!

I would like to call a reality check on the reality check of Bruce Linsey. If Bruce feels the need for a "Hobby Health Index," or "longevity points" that's his bees-waz. He certainly didn't charge any extra for it, if you don't enjoy thart part, don't read it!

I would like to call a reality check on the reality check of Melina Holley. If she feels like being in 70 games and being dip that appears to be her right. Maybe she enjoys pizza ever y night. 2 deadlines a day and yes probably corny Carly Simon lyrics.

I would like to call a reality check on the reality check of Mike Hopcroft. His zine is a very personal thing. If you don't like Mikey don't get his zine.

I would like to call a reality check in a big way on Steve (yes, I think I'm God!) Clark. A guy thiks his opinions deserve to be head throughout the hobby. Hey Teve, hnows about next time you feel like seeing your opinions you type them up, place them in a Mason jar and bury them in your back yard.

((I think that even if they got the point that they don't care. I think the worst thing is the harm it does to those who did listen to them. They don't matter anyway.))

MORE LETTERS:

Steven Courtemanche: I don't know why the English like American Football. Maybe it appeals to their basic instincts. It is a very brutish game as opposed to cricket or soccer.
((Trying to say the Brits are the violent type Eh?))

Jack McHugh : As for sports - I heard an interesting theory on the English like American football. They only watch the highlights. The's the 50 yard passes and 98 yard punt returns. If they had to watch a whole game they'd get bored, or so the theory goes. I myself am not sure what that they see in football. I used to be a fan - till the owners put on "scab" football- what a joke! The Eagles got stuck with 3 losses because of it. Oh well, maybe next year.
((Well, they must see something in it. Why take Doug Rowling for example...Doug? Why don't you say something about this?))

Doug Rowling: Got to mention how good it is to see Wahsington going to the playoffs, though with Wallace leaving and taking the TV all I'll be able to get hold of is AFRTVS (American Forces Radio and TV service). Reception ok after 9pm, interesting to get a foreign English language news (not Radio Free Europe) that isn't British. You also get ads about guarding against spies and so on. Don't go visiting fyolk with ryussyan accent. Big deal.
((And do we have football. Care to change the subject to something else for me? Good, I knew you could.))

Good new though, excellent, in fact. Bonnie Langford is written out of Doctor Who. Great wonderful, shame they didn't burn her and spread the ashes, so she couldn't appear in a film like the seven doctors. not too sure what the new assistant will be like, she was introduced but I only caught a couple of episodes of the last serial.
((Bonnie gone as well? And who said it was Colin who was making it so bad? But there is some more good news as well.))

Simon Billenness: One piece of good news is that the series (Doctor Who) arch-foe Michael Grade has left the BBC for Channel 4.

((And there goes your alternative TV. I remember doing a big paper on how wonderful Channel four was going to be. This was when it was just about ready to go on air. Now Grade is going there. What will happen next?))

Michael Hopcroft: If you would like an advance peek at the new season of DOCTOR WHO, I have the first two stories coming on audio tape from a correspondent in Britain, presumably in return for the two STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION episodes I sent him. (If any of your British readers need new Trek stuff, they can drop me a line. I will be able to make audio copies of just about all the episodes as they are transmitted here in Portland, which may help hold them about 1991). The first DOCTOR WHO story is reather wierd. The villainess spends a long time disguised as the Doctor's companion, making for some very wierd events. The new Doctor, Sylvester McCoy, is actually quite good. He mixes metaphors the way metaphors have not beeb mixed before, and I'm rather looking forward to seeing what comes next.

((I've heard some pretty bad reviews of the new season, but then You like all the Doctors. I really wonder sometimes if the BBC is really trying to kill the show. Still with Grade gone maybe it will get better.))

STEVEN COURTEMANCHE: I don't think that Melinda is intereste in Jack She's heard of his drinking and is afraid that he'll deplete her stock before she can sell it. Thoses mountain folk are serious about thier liquor.

((Iknow there is no link, but hey I'm not the one who writes these letters.))

Tell Jack to get a typewriter if you can't read his handwriting.

((He does have a typewriter, but I think he's getting his revenge on me for my handwriting.))

Robert Acheson: Quit moaning about being late, it's unprofessional. Us trendy GM's are just late. It's an accepted fact of life.

((Ok, for 1988, no more moaning about being late. That's just for you.))

I must admit that I've never wondered about Flagstaff. About the little house in the desert. With Eric off with lunch pail and fireman's axe.

((Just for that, you don't get to come to PINECONE and I'm going to another letter.))

DAN GAVRILOVIC: What's wrong with some of today's groups? Your review of the Smiths album was just a small example of what's going on. Some of the lyrics of bands are really weird. Another example - Skinny Puppy has a song sthat starts off with noise of a chainsaw, a person screaming, & a voice saying, "Don't worry it'll only hurt a little bit." It goes on through various mulitations. Yeah, Cool song. To say that these groups are avant-garde is putting it mildly. And no, I'm not one of those "censor records" people. I just think that some groups are getting out of hand. At least Springsteen is still chugging away!

((It sounds like Skinny Puppy has the Bad Boy's of Diplomacy seal of approval. I don't think all these groups are good. In fact there are quite a few that I don't like. I really Like Folk music and older stuff. I'm just trying to be hip with Smiths and Echo, etc.

Robert Acheson: i played roulette once in Vegas, won over \$200.00 (yeah Yankee deficit dollars) in about 1 hour. Unfortunately I dropped it all on the slots an hour later. The following days I played it twice more and lost \$60.00 each time in a matter of minutes.

((You must be a heavy gambler. I couldn't drop that kind of money into a slot madine. Still I'll get a chance to see how you play in March if everyhting goes right. Don't tell Eric!))

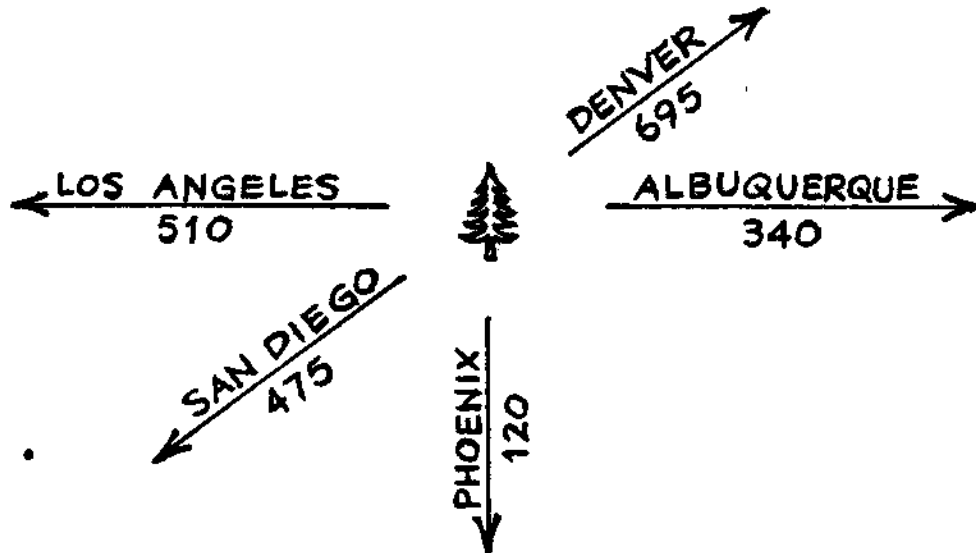
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GMing Style: I GM here as I GM in real life. My inspiration comes from both my personal experiences and from Greg Costikyan's ongoing body of work. The GM is the narrator and has an obligation to keep things moving. Travel schedule permitting I will adjudicate as soon as I get a response from anyone the same as when GMing in person I will respond to the first player to open his/her/its mouth. The key is Travel schedule permitting. If no one sends 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 GAME:

The man in black looked up. "I think I hear someone sneaking up on us. Correction, make that two someones."

NOTICE TO PLAYERS:

1. I'm back, for good or ill. West End is on an even keel. Wish I could say the same for the import group, but with the dollar chasing the Mexican Peso to new world lows this is only to be expected. I am also a Pennsylvanian now. New address is Box D, Honesdale, PA 18431. The Corporate side of the move has completed state 1, with five for to go till we are complete roughly Midyear 1988.
2. What this means is that am again able to keep this up. Travel schedule is as follows:
 - A. will be making a store tough with Neiman Marcus roughly 10 days the first 2/3rds of January.
 - B. Will definitely be home for 1/21/88 - Denise's birthday. Will send an issue by then if I haven't sooner.
 - C. Will be in Europe the last week of January.
 - D. Will be in NYC for a show Fair roughly Feb 3-8.
 - E. Should be home the Balace of Feb.

Remains to be seen how accurate the schedule is - anything over 50% will rate as a miracle.

WITHOUT GAS:

One of the two November trips to Europe was Denise's first. It was amusing to see Europe through eyes I both know so well and that know Europe not at all. First, on a commercial-tourist level it could have been any city in the U.S. 80% of the time - same brand name consumer goods stores with same AMEX-VISA-MC-DINERS signs on the doors. All of that just made the differences harder to grasp. Because its not the U.S. with a Foreign language, but rather a very different if linked polity and culture. Strange as it may seem the first giveway came in a little offee bar. Denise has hungry. The food was in plain sight. However, it wasn't a meal hour. They wouldn't serve it. In the U.S. the Consumer is King. In Europe everything has rules, hours, etc. A very medieval view of the world. Store hours are regulated. There is offer no place to eat between meal hours. The few that are permitted do not advertise this fact. You find out by trial and error or word of mouth. European like American fast food places not just for the food and not just because they are American. The big deal is that they serve food whenever they are open as they are regulated under a different category which got itself hours different than the normal Trotteria/coffee bar.

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AT YOUR SERVICE. CONTINUES:

Second, Denise flipped on the prices. The questions was not one of conversions to Lire. She handled our Lire accounts for years, knows the exchange rates almost as well as I do, and can do rough conversion in her head. I mean what the prices come to in \$. On a purchasing power basis we have very undervalued currency. Because of commercial necessity we are often in very expensive places and every expensive is relative from city to city in the states so no shock that it is different and much higher in Europe. However, because I never got Berkeley out of my blood, I'm more comfortable in a student fast food place that a 4 star restaurant. Because I speak passable Italian, I can get away from the Tourist traps that have English speaking waiters. Because I'm there long enough I can learn where the good places are. Thus, although my parents hangout in Bologna was one of the 5 top restaurants in the Province, mine is a Pizzeria that caters primarily to students and neighborhood people living over the shops of a secondary commercial district.

For example, while there one night we ran into the translator that handles the U.S. market for one of the companies I work with. She was with her boyfriend on the way to someplace nice. She was shocked to see myself, Denise, Monica and Barbara at what to her was a place she had gone to in High School on a good date but had since outgrown. All of this just to show that I am comparing apples to apples - what follows is the price for dinner for one at a neighborhood place, nothing special with no fancy dishes - we averaged \$35-40 a head. A small dish of noodles went for \$10.00 etc. No desserts, only 1 bottle of House white wine split four ways and often no meat course if we had a salad. Two years ago it was \$18-20. The dollar may go down today or Tomorrow or next year. However, if we keep it this low by foolish fiscal policy we will give away the real assets of our country for peanuts. The dollar devaluation of the last two years is the joke of Europe. They can buy good New York Suburban real estate for the price of average farmland by the Adriatic. They feel we've put our country on the markdown rack. We have a problem with our trade deficit. The solution is quotas on imports. Devaluations merely give away our land, buildings and companies at bargain prices. Our parents generation gets a few more years of the goodlife with too much government spending and/or too low taxes (and this isn't the place to touch that one although I'm prepared to on request.) with any attempt to run an industrial society burned off by the not-in-my-backyard types. When we were kids the bulk of middle class welfare went into providing cheap mortgages for your couples buying a house. Now those young WWII generation couples are reaching retirement. The government subsidies for middle class housing are gone. Instead we have a huge bill for social security and Medicare. Yes, they had the depression and WWII. Why don't they bill their parents parents who caused both instead of our generation, who caused neither. Instead we are selling off the country at a discount. They get to proceed to live on better than any retired class in U.S. history. Guess who'll be paying interest and dividends and rent to Europe and Japan to pay for it. Take a good look in the mirror suckers. The Germans come to the U.S. and buy real estate at 1.6-1.5 marks to the dollar (next year's first quarter rate). Twenty years from now when the first babyboomers to retire the Europeans will be liquidating these investments for their own retirement at 2.25-3 DM to the dollar. We'll pay them interest all the while and then give them an FX premium on the deal. Welcome to the happening world. Have a nice day.

CATHY'S RAMBLINGS ON " WITHOUT GAS"

"Hurry, hurry, hurry, America's on sale! Going, going, gone to the man with funny accent and the large wallet."

What Dan is saying is very true and is getting very grim. Acheson called the other day and mentioned that Canada owns more of Nevada than the US does. He said to give it up. We might as well become apart of Canada now before it was too late. Everyone talks about own Governments debts, but that it's that scary in its self. What's scary is the foreign held debts and how large they are and how they are getting bigger by the minute. We are mortgaging the US to Europe and Japan.

Three years ago, Americans were flooding the European countries on the strength of the U.S. dollar. Next year, Europeans will be flooding the US, because to the drop in the dollar. That is not bad, actually. That is a good side effect, for it will be bringing money back into the US. What is bad is the people who will be buying more than a meal when they come over. "Ah, so, Mount Rushmore is nice mountain, but there are funny faces on it. How much to buy? We buy and make faces look right."

So what do we do? Trade quotas are good, but cause problems as well. I disagree in cutting government spending and raising taxes. That would throw us into a great recession. The Government must spend to keep the economy going and lowering taxes is better than raising them. Social Security must be changed. Right now, I'm only claiming Married and 1 on my taxes and yet, social security is taking nearly as much as Federal is. All this for a system that may collapse before I see a dime. A home is close to impossible to get. Interest rates are too high. The Middle class is being bled to death. The new tax system is a joke. At 18% Eric and I might have to pay over \$1,000 to Uncle Sam in taxes. I couldn't save that much all year. WE are not rich. Poor middle class is more like it. Something is seriously wrong with the system. We need some radical changes and quickly, before the whole system slowly falls apart. The American dream is no more or close to impossible to get as they tax the small investor at nearly 50% rates. In the future the Middle class will be gone. There will only be the rich and the poor. Then what will happen? Maybe it's time to stop spending money on bombs and guns and start spending to get America on it's feet again.

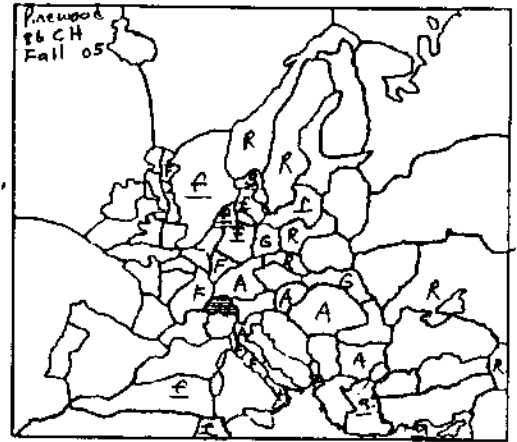
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Summer 1905

Germany: A Kei Retreats to Ber

Fall 1905:

Germany-Gavrilovic: A Ber H, A Gal-War, F Ska-Den
 Russia-Johnston: A Nwy H, A Swe-Den, F Bal-Ber, A Pru S F Bal-Ber,
 A Sil-War, A Mos-Sev, A Arm S A Mos-Sev,
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 France-Hood: A Tus H, A Rom-Nap, A Bur S Austrian A Mun, A Edi
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 A Ruh S F Kie, F Tyn-Tun, F Lyo-WMed, F Eng-Nth
 Austria-Gonsalves: A Tri-Alb, A Tyr-Ven, A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Rum,
 A Sev-Rum(dis,ret:Urk,otb), A Nap-Rom, A Bul-
 Con, F Gre-Aeg, F EMed S F Gre-Aeg, A Mun S
 German A Ber

Winter 1905 Supply Center Chart:

Germany: Ber= 1, Remove 2
 Russia: Home, Ank, Con, Swe, Nwy, Smy = 9, build 1
 Austria: Home, Bul, Ser, Gre, Ven, Rum, Mun, Nap = 10, build 1 or even
 France: Home, Bel, Spa, Por, Lvp, Lon, Edi, Hol, Den, Tun, Rom, Kie= 14, build 3

Game Notes:

Two draws have been proposed: 1. F/A and 2. F/A/R. Please vote next time. NMR=yes and NVR = No.

Press:

Berlin: As the Reich collapses, the shattered remnants of the German Army launch an offensive in the east.

Scarborough: Another year has gone by and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It's been great (more or less)

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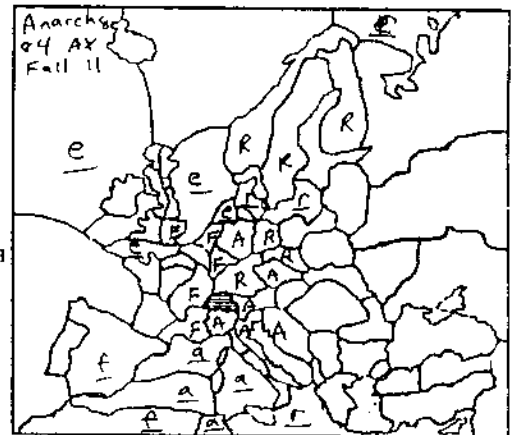
ENGLAND TURNS ON FRANCE AND NO ONE WANTS TO PLAY!!!

Summer 1911

France: A Kie Retreats to Hol

Fall 1911:

France-Grisby?*: F WMed-Tun(dis,ret: MAO,otb), F Naf S F WMed-Tun,
 F Spa S A Mar, A Mar H, A Bur-Mun, A Ruh-Kie,
 A Hol S A Ruh-Kie
 England-McHugh: F NTH-Eng, F Nwy-NAO, F Ska-NTH, F Den-Hol, A Lon H
 Russia-Holley: A Nwy S A Swe, A Sil S A Mun, A Swe S F Bal-Den,
 A Ber S Austrian A Kie, A Fin S A Nwy, F Bar S A
 Nwy, F Bot-Bal, F Ion S Austrian F Tun, F Bal-Den
 Austria-Rogerson: F Tun S F Tyh-WMed, F GOL S F Tyh-WMed, F Tus S
 F GOL, F Tyh-WMed, F Nap-Tyh, A Rom S F Tus,
 A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Pie, A Tri-Ven, A Tyr S Russian
 A Mun, A Boh S Russian A Mun, A Kie S Russian F
 Bal-Den

Winter 1911 Supply Center Chart:

England: Home, Bel = 4, remove 1
 France: Home, Hol, Spa, Por = 6, even or remove 1
 Russia: Home, Nwy, Swe, Rum, Con, Sym, Ber, Mun, Den = 12, build 2
 Austria: Home, Ven, Rom, Nap, Gre, Ser, Bul, Ank, Tun, Mun, Kie = 13, build 1

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1911/SPRING 1912
FEBRUARY 22, 1988 GAME ON Flier to
 on players

Game Notes:

Randy Grisby NMRD as a standby and Zizek did not send orders in for France either. To stop an NMR 2 times in a row, I called on Eric Ozog to submit orders. Now I'm Asking David Hood to take over the position. David if you don't want it please tell me right away so I can call on another player. All Draws failed last time. New draw proposal: A/R. Please vote with you orders.

PRESS ON THE NEXT PAGE:

ANARCHY PRESS:

England-France: Discretion is the better part of Valor!
England-R/A: Can, heh,heh, we talk? Let's not be hasty, pals. ((it's a little late for that, isn't it))

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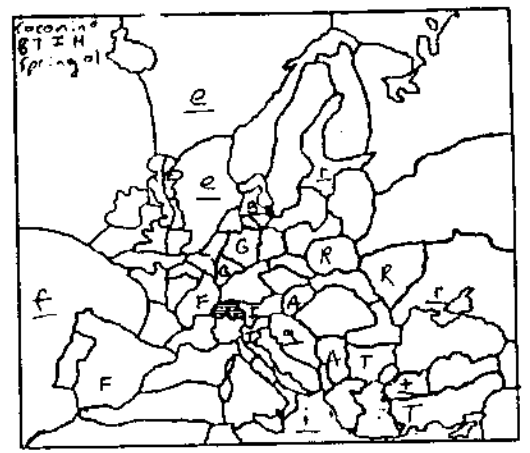
COCONINO

SPRING 1901

AND FINALLY THEY'RE OFF AND AFTER AUSTRIA!

Spring 1901

- England-Grigsby: A Lvp-Edi, F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth
- Austria-Clutterbuck: A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser, F Tri H
- Turkey-Albright: A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con, A Smy H
- Italy-Vaporis: A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Ion
- Russia-Holley: A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal, F Sev H, F StP(sc)-Both
- France-Gavrilovic: F Bre-MAO, A Mar-Spa, A Par-Bur
- Germany-Schilling: F Kie-Den, A Mun-Rub, A Ber-Kie



PRESS:

England-All: Sorry that I have not written but this game started at a bad time for I have gone abraod for a months vacation.

Paris-All: As spring arrives, the new season sees a flurry of activity as the French forces begin to mobilise. Marching to the "marseillaise", French troops prepare to liberate Western Europe from the yoke of oppression. Vive la France!

Ber-GM: It's only quick to Australia by air. The boat takes up to four months. ((Then send letter by air!!))

Berlin-Con: You're moving off to the 30c zone. I'll have to get some 17 centers again.

Ber-World: My apologies for not writing. No one has recieved a letter as of Dec 12, 87. My father suffered a stroke shortly after the game arrived. It was fairly mild, but a follow up examination has discovered advanced cancer of the liver and also in both lungs. He may no survive until Christmas. All my games are suffering due to this. Yesterday, I was infored that my sister has gall stones and will require surgery to remove her gall bladder. I wish that I was just making up this story. Unfortunately I am not. Once again, my apologies for not writing, but my hobbies must come behind my faimily duties. I am the eldest child and only son and I am fearing for my mother as well. ((Den, I'm sure I can speak for everyone that we wish you and your family well. Please let me know if you feel you should resign from the game.))

DEADLINE FOR Fall 1901 is FEBRUARY 22, 1988

Game will go on flier to players

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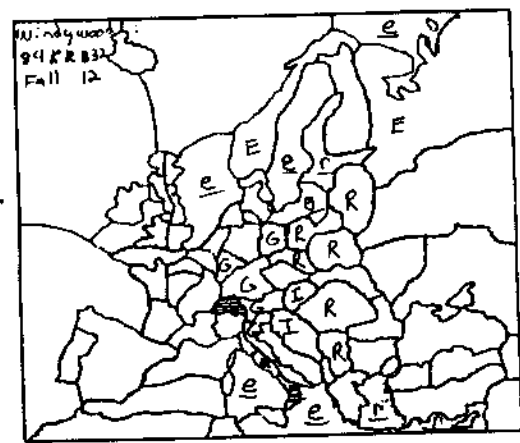
WINDYWOOD

Fall 1912

WHICH THE GOING GETS TOUGH, RUSSIA NMR'S!!!

Fall 1912

- Germany: A Ruh H, A Mun S A Her, A Pie-Ven, A Tyr S A Pie-Ven, A Ber H, F Bal-GOB
- Italy: A Ven S A Tri(dis,ret: Apu, Tus, otb) A Tri S A Boh-Vie, A Boh-Vie
- Russia: NMR! Would the Unknown standby please standby for Russia. F EMed H, F Aeg H, F Nap H(dis,ret: Apu,otb), A Ser H, A Bud H, A Vie H(dis,ret: Gal, Otb), A Sil H, A War H, A Pru H, A Lvn H, F GoB H, A StP H (dis,ret: Mos,otb)
- England: F Ion-Aeg, F Tyh-Nap, F Rom S F Tyh-Nap, F Tus-Tyh, F Spa(sc)-wMed, A Fin-StP, F Ska-Swe, F Bar S A Fin-StP, A Nwy S A Fin-StP, F Nwg-Nth



Winter 1912 Supply Center Chart:

Italy: Vie, Tri = 2, even or remove 1
 Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Par, Mar, Ven = 8, build 2
 Russia: Mos, War, Sev, Bud, Ser, Rum, Ank, Con, Smy, Gre, Bul = 11, even or build 1 or 2. Depending on Retreats.
 England: Home, Bel, Nwy, Swe, Bre, Spa, Por, Tun, StP, Rom, Nap= 13, build 3

PRESS ON THE NEXT PAGE

WINDYWOOD PRESS CONTINUES:

England-Italy: Sorry, war's a dirty business, but just thnk the Russian's stab of you ensured his defeat. ((His NMR helped abit as well.))
Italy-England: A Breakthrough in the north? Bout 5 years to late (for me).
Italy-Germany: Just when I try to hand it to you, you're gone? ((Acually, he's back again.))
Italy-Russia: Good Guy? ((He's a good guy, he just gave you Vie.))
Popeye-World: That's all I can stands, cause I can't stands no more.

GAME NOTES:

The Original Germany is still playing. The unknow standby did not even send any orders in. Look kids, if you don't want to be standby's then ask to be off the list. First time you NMR on a standby position, I pull your name off the list, but sometimes that is too late.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1912 and SPRING 1913 IS FEBRUARY 12, 1988

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LIVEWOOD

Winter 1912

SEASON'S SEPARATED DUE TO GM's errors and PLAYERS REQUEST!!

GAME NOTES:

This game has gone out on flier and all three players should have it by now. I have orders on file for everyone except Germany - the original one.
DEADLINE FOR Spring 1913 is January 22, 1988

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HIGHLAND

Winter 1902

SEASON'S SEPARATED DUE TO PLAYER REQUEST!

DEADLINE IS JANUARY 22, 1988
For Spring 1903

GAME NOTES:

I do have orders on file for everyone. You may change orders though.

1985 AP

WIRED

Fall 1908

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SUMMER 1908: ENGLAND: A sil R WAR
ITALY: NRR: a ven R otb
f nap R otb

FALL 1908: GERMAN RAIDERS ON LAND AND SEA!!

TURKEY (Revised): A BOH $\frac{2}{3}$ A VIE-tyo, A ser-TRI,
F OES S E F AEG S F cas-ICM, F bul/e-ROA,
F APR S F ipo-VEN, F NAP S A von-ROM.

ENGLAND (Revised): A BRE S A bic-PAR, F HOL H,
F MID $\frac{2}{3}$ F WES S F Iyo-SPA/E, F edi-NTH,
A PRU S A ser-SIL, F BEL-bur (IMP).

GERMANY (Good): F nth-DWY, A MUN-bch,
A R B-kie, A BER-kie, A sil-CAL.

FRANCE (Acheson): F spa/s-MAR, F PCB-mid,
A BUR-bel, A par-bur D (R cas, otb).

ITALY (Crosby): NMR: A TYO U,
F ion D (R tun, ven, otb).

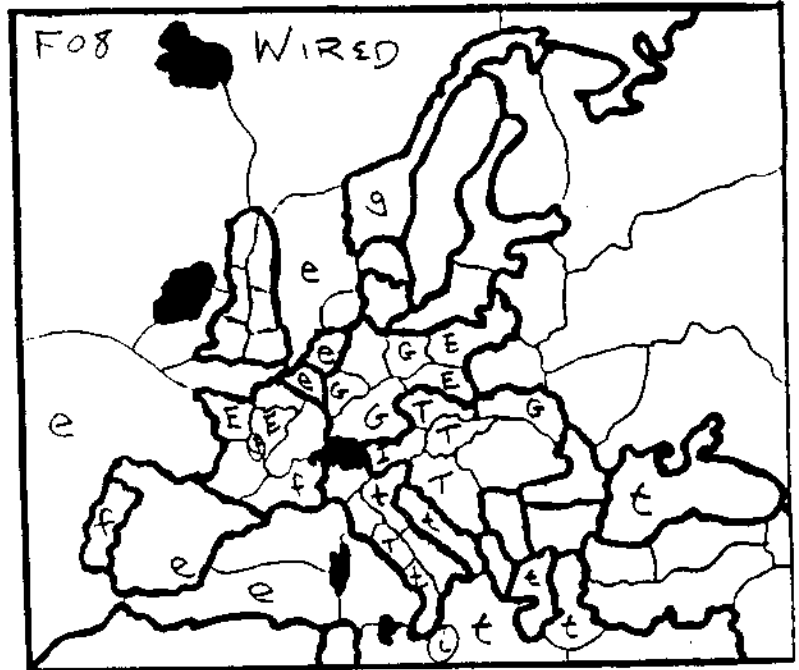
PROFONAL: E/P, NVR=NC

TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Sev, Bud, Tri, Vie, NAP, ROM, VEN (14) has 11
ENG: Bri, Lon, Lyp, ~~W~~, Stp, Bro, Mos, Hol, War, Bel, PAR, SPA (11) has 10
GER: Ber, Mun, Swe, Kie, Den, ~~W~~Y (5) has 5
FRA: Mar, ~~PAR~~, Por, ~~SP~~ (2) remove 2
ITA: ~~AAA~~, ~~AAA~~, ~~AAA~~, Tun (1) remove 1

TURKEY: The Ruling Caste was all in an uproarious mood as news of the unclean enemy's desire to forfeit their sinful ways to those of mighty Allah.

ANK-PAR: Actually, my desire was to move on as soon as possible, but sentiment leans otherwise. Back at it then.

No standby will be called for Italy. DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8, 1988 to Stafford



WORLD DIP CON

(MANORCON 88)

FRIDAY 15th to TUESDAY 19th JULY, 1988

at High Hall, Birmingham University

Great Britain

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Entertainment: A magic show and revue are planned and we are open*to offers from hobbyists who want to do their own thing.

Famous Names: As well as Allan, David and Francis we expect most of the best known names in the hobby, past and present, British and overseas, to be attending.

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ADOPT-A-YANK: There is talk in Britain of hobbyists offering to put up their American cousins for a few days before or after the con. If you are interested in "Adopt-a-Yank", let me know. There is also the possibility of reduced group travel if enough people are interested.

Please write to and send all registration fees to:

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Deadline: February 12, 1988

GAME OPENINGS:

Sopwith: Mike Dean GM: Waiting list Randy Grigsby, Bill Becker, Wallace Nicoll. Game Fee \$2.00
Mike was late this time and will probably send send results to players on flier.

Paranoia: GM D.S. Palter. As far I know Dan is taking more players. Tom Swider, You might
mention Dan's game to those who were playing in your games.

Standby list: David Pierce, Mark Weseman, Michael Gonsalves, Jim Nckel, Michael Hopcroft,
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