



CATHY'S • RAMBLINGS

This is a rather short version of Cathy's Ramblings and it is the fur soft addition thanks to Eric and his work (the cover and articles). I just got Stafford's stuff on Saturday. Mike Dean wrote to say that he would be putting something out for next issue but not this issue. Nothing new from Palter. The letters are kind of on the short side as well. Nothing really new or exciting to report here. My car broke down again and had to be towed again. I know you are all thinking: "Cathy, get rid of that old piece of junk!" Well, actually it isn't even that old. It's a 1981! Oh well, next one will be a Ford. Please don't tell me any horror stories about Fords.

A brief word of complain about the postal service. I want all the Canadian and British and Australian subbers to let me know how long it takes for you to get this. As some of you know there have been cut backs in the Federal money to the Postal Service. This has ended Sunday pick-up. However, I have noticed a sudden and extreme slowdown in mail from Britain. It used to take a zine mailed "air mail" a week to a week and a half to get here. Now it is taking 3 to even 4 weeks to get here and is still being mailed "Air Mail"! I'm sorry but Sundays off does not explain this slow down. Letters from Britain are taking about normal time, but Zines or large letters have been slowed down to a crawl. All of which is playing havoc with my games as I get the zine the same day that orders are due. Somehow I think it's all rigged to get us to think that the Postal Service needs more money and we must write to our Congress man about it. Anyways, the short of it is I want to know how bad the delays are in going to the other side. If they are too late, then I may have to send out separate letters to overseas or Canadian players so they have a chance to play the games in a normal manner. End of Complaint.

HOBBY NEWS AND PLUGS AND STUFF

1988 Lifer Awards: Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Dr. Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339

Just pick up to five choices in each of the following category and list them 1-5. Deadline is May 1, 1988. This is a fun poll and is not to be taken seriously, but that's ok because no one takes Del Grande seriously. Now then - here's the list...

1. Hobby Genius (Not restricted to Diplomany):
 2. Most improved Zine (Your definition):
 3. Best Zine for Hobby News:
 4. Best Letter Column (Zine)
 5. Hardest Country to Play:
 6. Best Board Game other than Dip and Variants:
 7. Biggest Hobby Personality (Your Definition)
 8. True Hobby Master (People you believe are really in Charge):
- And don't forget to sign your name to your ballot!

GUNBOAT RATING SYSTEM: Dave Mc Crumb, Route 1 Box 109, New Castle VA 24127

Dave is starting a rating system for Gunboat Diplomacy. If you have run or are running any gunboat games please try to get the results to either Dave or to either of the Miller Number Custodian. Dave will accept either one.

DIPCON XXI Pete Gaughan, 3105 E. Park Row #132, Arlington, TX 76010

If anyone needs more information about Dipcon then contact Pete. Registration needs to be filled out before June 15 in order to get the best rates. The Dates are again: July 1-4, 1988 in San Antonio, TX. You'll be staying at the lovely Seven Oaks Hotel complete with everything your heart could desire and there will be Dip too. Motel registration is \$40.00 per night per room and this is broken down depending on how many people are in the room. Tournament will cost \$10.00 per person. For further information contact Pete for a registration form.

WORLD GAME REVIEW: Michael Keller, 3367-I North Chatham Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

This is a semi-professional zine which concentrates on more number type games. But there are also word games and others. Michael contacted me through Alan Parr of Hopscotch fame. There I play in several of Alan's two player games. If any of you are interested in this type of games and it might also be of interest to chess players, then you might want to Michael. Subs are 4 issues for \$8.00 and back issues are \$2.00 each.

ELMER FUDD: David Dawson and Glyn Davies, 6 Georgina Court, Hitchin Rd, Arlesey, Beds, SG15 6RR
ENGLAND

This zine found it's way to my mail box despite the mail service. This is a fairly new zine from Britain and it seems that David at least would like to try to get a bit of American or Canadian I say fairly new as it is at issue #4. There are lots of games offered as with most British zines. And there is chat and reviews and letters. Chess is being offered as well. It seems fun. I just hope the Postal service doesn't destroy all the chances of playing in British zines. They offer some very interesting variants that don't seem to be offered over here. Write to Dave for a sample or more information.

LETTERS

DWAYNE SHREVE: Looking on the bright side of America's decline, we will be able to tell our bored descendants about how we remember when the country was rich and powerful. Actually we could go out right now and do it, but in all decency we should wait until we become older and more wearisome.

Ah, those were heady days. Congress did not whimper and roll over every time enough bellyachers got together to form a voting block. Back then the U.S. did not come to a cringing stop just because some creeps in a foreign country kidnapped a couple of Americans. Back then Americans had not quite discovered we could cry for the cameras and vote ourselves benefits for consolation. In those days we were not busy spending the country into poverty and old people actually found their way into print with words of wisdom instead of whining about not wanting to pay their way. Sigh.

Yes, those were the days. I pity those who come after, because of what we have done to them. Perhaps, our stories of the past will cheer them up.

((This is of course in response to Dan's article last issue. I try to say that there is a chance to pull us out yet. With a new President there is always hope, but it seems that one man can not change everything. It's too depressing to think about in grand scale. I just try to say that maybe things will change yet, just maybe this isn't the fall...just maybe...))

TOM TWEEDY: As a matter of Interest, could you please explain to me just what it is you Americans mean by Republican and Democrat. I've always wondered. We don't have such things over here (I don't think so anyway), just our three categories consisting of leftist, pinko, communist scum (The Labour Party); slightly pinkish misled wets (The Liberals); and the very sensible, upright, upstanding, right thinking (in more ways than one) Tories (the middle-of-the-road Conservative Party) Does your two parties fit into any of the above categories?

More to the point, does Regan fit into any of the above. I don't know why you want Nixon - you can get another 30 or 40 years out of good ol' Ronnie yet. If he dies on you, just prop him back up in a chair and carry on as you have been doing. There should be no problem. Unless you've done that already! Is he REALLY just sitting there after 'the crash' watching the dollar plummet? If he is, can the Americans really AFFORD to come over here for World Dip Con?

((Tom, Tom, Tom, you very silly person. Of course we can't have Reagan for another four years. The longest a President can remain in office is 8 years - two terms. And Nixon was a joke you know. Now then, Republican and Democrat is simply a two party system. In general the Democratic party is more towards the "blue collar" worker - in your terms the Liberal party. The Republicans are more towards the "white collar" worker - in your terms the Tories. But I hate it all. Don't you get Billings's zine? Now he breaks it all down. He has decided that I belong to the "wimp" I mean Moderate group. So I am a Moderate Republican and I support Bob Dole for President! Drum roll please - now shall we move on?))

STEVEN COURTEMANCHE: The Brits are no less Violent than we are. They just hide it better. Have you ever seen a rugby game? Now theirs' a brutal game which is akin to American football. ((Well, I know one Brit who has an answer for you, but I need another link and so...))

DAVE ROGERSON: Channel 4 is fab. They show American Football!!! ((Such simple interest. But weren't we talking about violence and sports and these calm British people who turn into monsters at games?))

TOM TWEEDY: Steven Courtemanche may be right about American football appealing to the British basic instincts (I wouldn't know myself, I prefer your baseball), however he has his analogy slightly mixed up. For a start, American football must appeal to some instincts in the Americans themselves - else they/you wouldn't have it. Does that make the Americans as violent as the British. (You are, but that's beside the point) His first point is meaning less.

Also, how does he prove our violence, and that football is a "brutish game" by comparing it to cricket or soccer? Has he ever been to a British soccer match. Surely he's heard of our soccer violence. I'm ashamed to say it but not too long ago there was more violence in our soccer stands (and to a lesser degree in our cricket stands) than you could ever see in a football game. I've always admired the way you Americans have made your sporting events a family pastime. Places were you can take your wife, kids and even grannie, out for popcorn, hot dogs and suchlike. I took a girlfriend to a soccer match many years ago (way back in '68), and even then it was dodgy. I remember some idiot at the back was throwing white paint over the rest of the spectators. Not a fun place to take grannie I can tell you! It's got better now that the police and Clubs have cracked down hard on the troublemakers - but I still wouldn't take my kids to a game. A Great shame really.

((I've been to football games but only in College and as I recall I was more interested in watching the other guys in the stands than in the football game. Unless I was depressed because my date stood me up or something and then I would try to watch the game. I can't ever remember any violence in the crowd. If you want that just go to a rock concert. In any case, it's not the sport so much as it is the people and how they react to it. I'd love to see the mild mannered Tweedy-bird at a Hockey game. Would the true Mr. Tweedy come out?))

DAN GARRILOVIC: Has Randy Grigsby written to you about Can Con a Dip convention/tournament being held in Toronto in August. From what I hear, it should be really cool! ((Actually, no he hasn't. Randy, would you let me know more and I'll give it a plug. And now for one final trouble maker...))

TOM TWEEDY: On behalf of us Brits I wish to complain about your advert for 'Cathy & Eric present PINECONES! You had arrows and miles (or was it this foreign Kilometer rubbish?) For Los Angeles ... (Oh dear, no more room! Yes, this is discrimination against the British. Better let Maggie know. And maybe I'll say how far it is from London.) We still use miles in the States. Vast distances in America!

PINECON UPDATE - MARCH 1

Eric here. Pineconé, scheduled for May 27-30, is still tentatively on. It's too early for anyone to make a firm commitment yet, but so far we have five "strong maybes": Ty Hare (Colorado Springs), Keith Sherwood (San Diego), Mark Luedi (Bloomington, IN), Michael Hopcroft (Portland, OR), and Terry Tallman (Seattle). Also, a couple of Cathy's college gaming buds ought to be coming from Phoenix. Please try to let us know by the end of April if you'll be coming for sure, so we can get a head count to determine if we should still hold the con. Frankly, if less than seven come it's probably not worth the while to travel all those miles, but we could leave that up to the guests. Also, we only have room for around 12 guests, so this will be an intimate get-together. We should have a better idea by the next issue of CR, and I'll keep you posted.

ROCKS REVIEW: Four million years ago, the ground on which our cabin presently stands was a hotbed of volcanic activity. Nasty fissure flows flooded the land with a toasty 1300°C motor oil like basaltic lava- the young stage of a volcanic field. We live on the southern end of the Coconino Plateau, a lava plateau which covers thousands of square miles in the Flagstaff area. This plateau has been rising in elevation, roughly a 1000 feet every million years (we're at 6500 feet) while the Phoenix Valley is sinking at the same rate. We live in the now dead part of the field, the hot-rock action abandoning us, moving slowly, persistently northward- so an eruption is not expected to disrupt Pinecon.

Just north of Flagstaff (30 miles north of us) lie the San Francisco Peaks, what was once an active 15,000 foot high composite volcano. This is your typical cone shaped volcano which represents the middle-age stage of the field. Alternate eruptions of lava and ash built this mountain. Only 600,000 years ago a violent St. Helens style eruption blew out the northeast face of the mountain, lowering its elevation. Coupled with erosion forces the peaks stand today at 12,670 feet. It's highly unlikely the Peaks will erupt again, luckily for Flagstaff.

Northeast of the Peaks is Sunset Crater, a tall steep cinder cone which tells us the volcanic field is in its dying days. Sunset Crater and the vicinity are made up of black ash and larger ash fragments. An occasional thick silica lava bubbled out, and visitors can walk on the flow. The National Park Service no longer allows visitors to hike up the crater itself- the cinder slopes are so loosely packed that the cone became damaged by the pitter-patter of human feet. Be wary at Sunset, for the last known eruption was in 1470, just over 500 years, a mere tick of the clock in geological time. Future eruptions are quite possible.

What does it all mean? Well, due to volcanism a bump in the Arizona desert has been created, raising the land to its present cool elevations, attracting life giving rainfall where a forest can take hold and grow strong, and thus attracting a former Chicago resident here to study forestry.

WOLF REVIEW: The ad at right reflects something I strongly believe in- bringing back the grey wolf, Canis lupus, to Yellowstone Park and other isolated wilderness areas in the northern Rockies. This magnificent predator once ruled North America, but that rule was broken as people settled the wilderness. The so-called Big Bad Wolf was trapped, shot, poisoned and dynamited out of existence until today they are found only in Alaska, parts of Canada and northern Minnesota. This misunderstood animal has been persecuted enough. There has never been a documented case of a healthy wolf attacking a human since the first European set foot on this continent. Wildlife biologists have removed wolf cubs from their dens while parents stand still and merely watch. Attacks on domestic animals are rare and almost non-existent as long as there are plenty of deer, elk, antelope, moose or caribou to munch on. Studies in Minnesota prove that wolves mostly live in peaceful coexistence in a region packed with a patchwork quilt of farms. One farmer observed a wolf kill a deer in his pasture full of cows! It is thought that wolf attacks on sheep and cattle originate from the farmer himself, who leaves a dead animal lie where it falls or drags it to the edge of the pasture, rather than burying or burning the carcass. Thus wolves get a taste and pass on a bad habit to their offspring. Wolves who are repeat offenders can be destroyed, and farmers are reimbursed for the loss.

If it can work in Minnesota it can work in Yellowstone and other sparsely populated areas of the Rockies. Give them a safe haven away from so-called hunters, who in Alaska and British Columbia slaughter wolves from airplanes and snowmobiles. These gun nuts aren't hunters, they're murderers. Stop the breakup and destruction of habitat of endangered species. Extinction is forever. It's time to draw the line and say we aren't going to kill anymore. Bring back wolves to the top of the food chain, where they belong.

DIPLOMACY VARIANT PLUG: Russ Rusnak, publisher of the reliable zine Who Cares?, has openings in a Diplomacy variant called World War IIIb, a 15 player game which is played on a world map. Russ will provide a 2x3 foot maps to all players. Normally this game takes a LONG time to play, but since Russ's deadlines are fast and his turnaround time is like clockwork, this game will be enjoyable to play. The fee is \$5, which includes a subscription for as long as you're in the game.

Russ Rusnak, 1551 High Ridge Parkway, Westchester, IL 60153, (312) 409-Q718.

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PINWOOD

Winter 05/ Spring 06

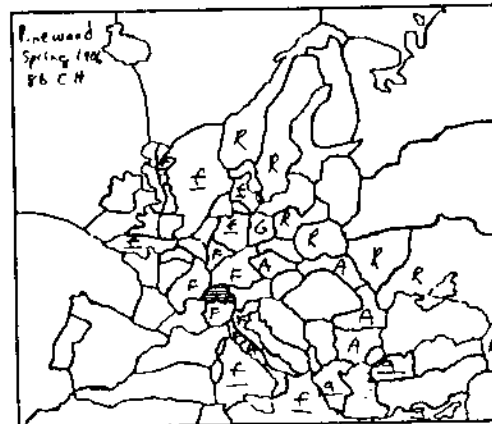
GERMANY'S STILL ALIVE, BUT FRANCE TAKES THE LEAD!!

Winter 1905

Germany: Removes A Gal, F Ska
 Russia: Build A Mos
 France: Build F Br, A Par, A Mar
 Austria: A Sev Retreats to Ukr

Spring 1906:

Germany-Gavrilocic: A Ber H
 Russia-Johnston: A Nwy H, A Swe-Den, F Bal & A Swe-Den(dis,ret: GOB, LVN, STP), A Sil-War, A Pru S A Sil-War, A Mos-Ukr, A Sev S A Mos-Ukr, A Arm-Smy, F Con H(dis,ret: Ank, Bla)
 Austria-Gonsalves: A Bud-Rum A Ukr-Gal, A Vie-Boh, F Alb-Gre, A Ven H(dfs,ret: Tyr, Tri, Apu,otb), A Nap-Rom, A Mun & French A Ruh-Kie(nso,dis,retL Tyr,Sil, otb) F Aeg-Con, A Bud S F Aeg-Con, F Emed-Smy
 France-Hood: F WMed-Tyh, F Tun-Ion, A Rom-Ven, A Tus S A Rom Ven, A Mar-Pie, A Bur-Mun, A Ruh S A Bur-Mun, A Par-Bur, F Bre-Eng, F Nth S F Hel-Den, F Hel-Den, F Den-Bal, F Kie S F Den-Bal A Edi H



GAME NOTES: The draw failed. No new draws proposed. Tom Johnston is resigning from the game. I'm asking Melinda Ann Holley to take his position. The players are as follows:

Melinda Ann Holley: P.O. box 2793, Huntington, WV, 25727
 David Hood: 604 Tinkerbelle Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
 Dan Gavrilovic, 59 Deerfield Rd, Scarborough, Ont M1K-4X2 Canada
 Michael Gonsalves, 1401 Haven Rd, N# A-T6, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Deadline for Fall 1906 is APRIL 6, 1988

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HIGHLAND

Spring 1903

AFTER A BREAK WE'RE BACK AND TURKEY IS NOT HAPPY!

Spring 1903:

Turkey-Pierce: F EMed-Aeg, A Con H(dis,ret:Smy,otb) F Ion-Nap
 England-Greier : A Wal-Lvp, F Nth-Lon, F Nwg-NAO
 France-Hopcroft: F Eng C Ger A Bel-Lon(nso), F Iri-Lvp, A Pic S A Bur, A Bur S A Pic, A Mar S A Bur
 Austria-McHugh: A Gre-Ser, A Ser-Bud, A Vie-Tri, F Adr-Tri
 Russia-Crosby: F Nwy S F Swe, F Swe S F Nwy, A Rum-Bul, A Mos-Ukr, A Gal-Rum, A Sev-Con, A Ank S A Sev-Con, F Bal C A Sev-Con
 Italy-Dorneman: A Naf-Tun, F Ven S A Tri, F Alb-Adr, A Tri H. F Apu-Nap
 Germany-Weseman: A Bel H, A Ruh H, A Mun H, F Hol-Nth, F Den S F Hol-Nth, A Ber H

Press:

Eng-Fra: You misjudgement shall come home to roost.

Eng-Russia: You are a respectable fella ain't ya. ((I shall not comment on that one.))

GAME NOTES:

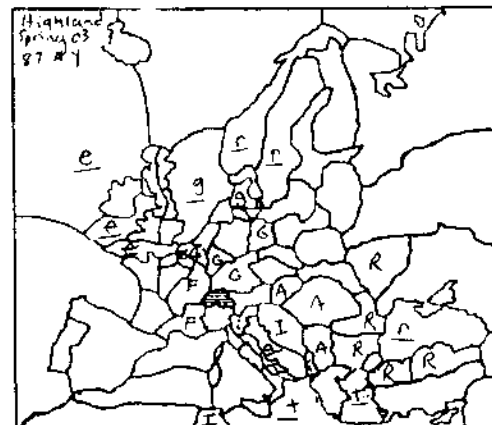
I am sorry for the long delay in this one. I did intent to get this out to you before now, but I got very busy for a time there. Now things are all caught up again and I hope to be on time.

There is one change of address:

John Crosby, 9031 Cardiff Rd, Richmond, VA 23236

Now everyone start writing and let's get some action in this game. Ok, now start writing...

DEADLINE for Fall 1903 is APRIL 6, 1988



ROGERSON GETS STABBED AND MCHUGH JUST SLEEPS!

Winter 1911

England- Remove F Hel,
France- F WMed Retreats to MAO, Remove A Ruh
Russia- Build A War, A Sev

Spring 1912

England-McHugh: NMR! F Eng H, A Lon H, F Nth H, F NAO H
France-Hood: A Hol-Bel, A Bur-Gas, A Mar § F Spa(sc)(dis,ret:
Bur,otb), F Spa (sc) § A Mar, F Naf-WMed, F MAO S
F Naf-WMed
Austria-Rogerson: F Tun-Naf, F WMed-Spa(sc)(dis,ret:Tyh,Tun,otb),
F Gol-Mar, F Tyh-Gol, F Tus S F Tyh-Gol, A Rom S
F Tus, A Pie S F Gol-Mar, A Ven S A Tri, A Tri S
A Ven A Tyr S A Tri, A Boh S Russian A Sil-Mun(nso)
A Kie § Russia F Den(nso,dis,ret: Hol, Ruh, otb)
Russia-Holley: A War-Gal, A Sev-Rum, A Nwy-Swe, A Sil S A Mun,
A Mun S A Swe-Kie, A Swe-Kie, A Ber S A Swe-Kie,
A Fin S F Bar-Nwy, F Bar-Nwy, F Bal C A Swe-Kie,
F Ion-Gre, F Den S A Swe-Kie



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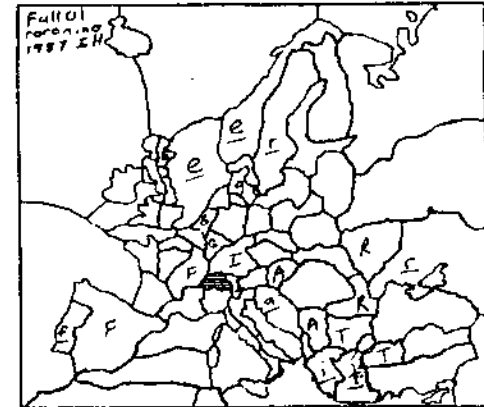
Russia/Austria draw fails. It is repropsoed for Fall 1912. Please remember to vote. Would Dan Gavrilovic please stand-by for England. Thanks Dan. Please see Pinewood for address. Also there is a Change of Address for Dave Rogerson:
Dave Rogerson, 20 Melbourne St, Coalville, Leicester, LE6 2QT England

Deadline for Fall 1912 is April 15, 1988 this is a strict deadline!

ITALY DOES AMAZING THINGS AND GERMANY IS NOT HAPPY!!

Fall 1901

England-Grigsby: A Edi-Bel, F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth C A Edi-Bel
Russia-Holley: A War-Ukr, A Ukr-Rum F Sev S A Ukr-Rum, F GoB-Swe
Turkey-Albright: A Bul-Gre, F Con-Aeg, A Smy-Con
France-Gavrilovic: F MAO-Por, A Spa H, A Bur S Italian A Tyr-Mun
Italy-Vaporis: F Ion-Gre, A Tyr-Mun, A Ven-Tyr
Austria-Clutterbuck: A Ser S Italian F Ion-Gre, A Vie S F Tri, F Tri H
Germany-Schilling: F Den H, A Ruh-Bel, A Kie-Hol



Winter 1901 Supply Center Chart:

England: Home, Nwy = 4, build 1
Turkey: Home, Bul = 4, build 1
Austria: Home, Ser = 4, build 1
Germany: Kie, Ber, Den, Hol = 4, build 1
Italy: Home, Mun, Gre = 5, build 2
France: Home, Spa, Por = 5, build 2
Russia: Home, Swe, Rum = 6, build 2

Deadline for Winter 01/Spring 02 is April 15, 1988

GAME NOTES:

Please note Wendell Albright's Address! He has moved and this is the best way to get to him.
Wendell Albright, PAP/MAF, PO Box 407103, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33340-7103

PRESS:

Rome-All: Due to confliction eastward and westward pressues the decision to "split the difference" and go up the middle was given approval by the Vatican

Par-Mos: Is it true what I hear about my plans to being sent to Berlin as soon as my back was turned? I don't think I appreciate that too much! ((You mean Germany isn't your friend?))

France-GM: Have you seen the new Molly Ringwald movie yet? I guess it would be difficult for you, though. I mean, you'd be swarmed by would-be autograph seekers, right? ((Dear, dear, dear! Look besides the hair, I really look nothing like molly really I don't. Come down to Pinecon and you can see for yourself!))

PRESS Continues on the next page

COCONINO PRESS CONTINUES:

Tur-All Everyone make sure to use the address printed here in Cathy's Ramblings, and not the one I gave everyone before. This address is made possible by a kindly bunch of missionaries in Haiti who have a more efficient mail system than the State Department. IT is a U.S.A. address, so the usual mail rates can be used. Mail to me should take 5 to 10 days. Make sure to use the full 9 digit zip code or the missionaries might send my mail somewhere to rural Haiti. ((I might mention that Luke says it takes about 10 days to get to him as well. So everyone write early. Might add that the postal service sucks at the moment, but I complained earlier about that.))

Berlin:- World: First The Good news. My sister's gall bladder operation was successful and she should be fully recovered by the time you read this. The bad news is that my father died shortly after midnight on December fourteenth. I managed to get arrive shortly after nine that night (thirteenth). I cannot get the final images out of my mind. It was not pretty, lung cancer rarely is, and I was there at the very end. I cannot get my mother to say anything beyond that she can live on her widow's benefits and money they had saved for my father's retirement. I now know why they you a survivor.

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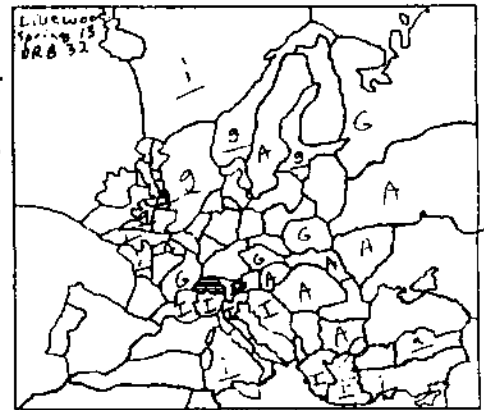
LIVEWOOD

SPRING 1913

PRETTY BORING, EVEN AFTER THE LONG DELAY!

Spring 1913

- Germany: A Lvn-StP, F Gob S A Lvn-StP, F Ska-Nwy, F Hol-Nth, F Yor-Edi, F Lon-Wales, A Pic-Bre, A Bur-Mar, A War H, A Tyr S
A Boh, A Boh S A Tyr
- Italy: A Rom-Ven A Ven-Pie, A Mar § A Ven-Pie, A Tri S A Rom-Ven, F Aeg C A Smy-Gre, A Ser-Bud, A Smy-Gre, F EMed-Smy, F Nap-Tyh, F Nwg-Edi, F Bre § F MAO-Eng, F MAO-Eng
- Austria: A Vie S Italian A Tri-Tyr(nso), A Bud § A Vie, A Nwy-Swe, A Sev-Mos, A StP § A Sev-Mos(Dis,ret: Fin,otb), A Ukr S A Sev-Mos, A Rum-Gal, A Bul H, F Bal-Ank



Press:

BUD-Rom: Note the listed support. If not taken, it will probably be offered again.

Bud-GM: Jan 22 dealine! I got this on Jan 22! ((Yes, well, You didn't really think I would do this on time did you? Besides, I knew you wouldn't have enough time. I was hoping you're call. I so love to hear the sound of your voice. I hope Eric isn't reading this.))

Bud-GM: What happened to your map, or is it that I have disappearing units? ((Just keeping you on your toes. You pass this time for noting the missing units. Now do you notice anything wrong this time?))

DEADLINE for Fall 1913 is April 6, 1988

GUNBOAT DIP 1984 KRb 32

WINDYWOOD

Winter 1912/Spring 1913

SEASONS DELAYED! IS ANYONE PLAYING?!

You are playing _____ I DO Don't have orders from you.

I have orders from England and winter orders from Germany only. Russia did not get the zine and I recently sent that player a copy and informed him that the game would be delayed a week. The stand-by for Russia did not turn in any orders either. If it wasn't that Russia never recieved a copy of the zine, I would have NMRed everyone except England. It really is pretty sad. If you haven't sent orders, then do it now!

The Flier will go out on April 2, 1988

Last Call for orders! I'm serious about this!

NOTE ON STANDBY's If you are on my stand-by list, then I assume I can call on you and you will send if orders. If you feel you won't be able to do this, then please do not put yourself on the list. It is very bad, when both the player and standby NMR's! Stay on only if you want to play.

GM: Dan Stafford
488 Seaman Ave
Akron, OH 44305
(216) 794-0719

AUTUMN 1908: FRAN: A par R GAS
ITAL: NRR! f ion R OTB
WINTER 1908: TURK: Build A CON, A SHY, A ANE
ENGL: NBR! one short
GERM: Build P KIE
FRAN: remove a bur, f por

SPRING 1909: RUN-AWAY LOCOMOTIVE!

TURKEY(Bevis): F BLA C A ank-SEV, A con-BUL,
F BRE S F ION C & F AEG C & A ROM S A smy-APU,
A BOH S A VIE S A tri-BUD, P nap-TYN,
F VEN-tri, F ADR-tri.

ENGLAND(Bowen?): NMR! F MTH U, F HOL U,
F BEL U, F MID U, A BRE U, A PAR U, A SIL U,
F PRU U, F WES U, F spa/s D (R lyo,por,otb).

GERMANY(Hood): A MUN S A BER H, F NWY-nth,
F kie-DEN, A ruh-KIE, A gal-WAR.

FRANCE(Acheson): F MAR S A gas-SPA.

ITALY(CD): A TYO U.

All proposals failed.

Will Jack McHugh, 730 Union St #8, Allentown PA 18101-2212 standby for England?

Jeff Bevis, 7074 Holton Duck Lake Rd, Holton MI 49425

David Hood, 604 Tinkerbell, Chapel Hill NC 27514

Robert Acheson, PO Box 4622 Station SE, Edmonton Alberta T6E 2A0 CANADA

SYRIA: When it was found that the great Sultan, through the power granted him from above, occupied a lot of land, and could occupy a lot more, and, to defend our holy way from the Lutherans and (good allah) Catholics, that have somehow (allah is wise in all ways) crept into our rightfully ravaged, er, occupied territories, the call went out to the faithful nomadic farmers, who, when promised that great riches, fame and fortune, maybe even a chance to meet Vanna White, if only they were to fulfill their destiny, and the destiny of the east, responded by going northward, westward, thereby becoming the children of the deserts, the fathers of the world.

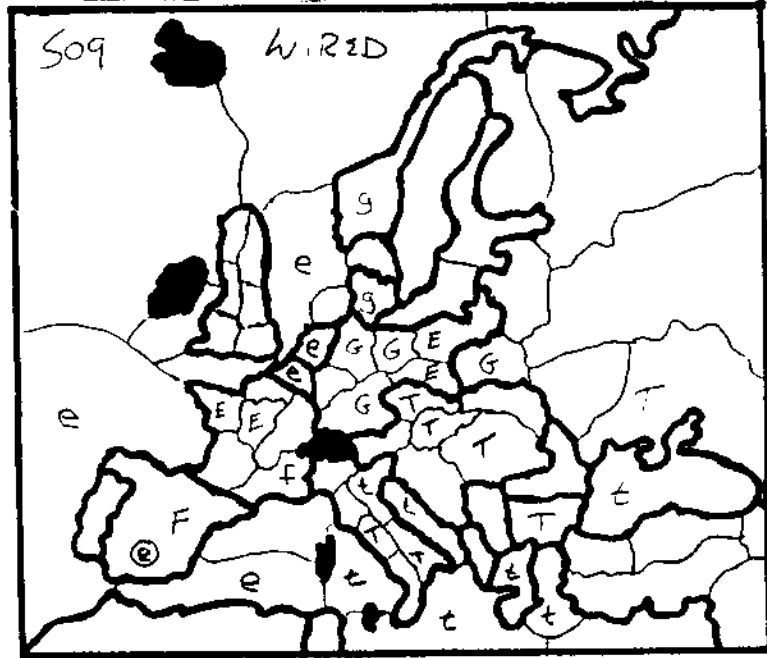
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Well, here I have a rather difficult space to fill. I suppose I could do a record review or something. Eric, just listed a few of the albums he has gotten recently. I'd do a book review, but I haven't even had a chance to read any books! So it's record time, I guess...

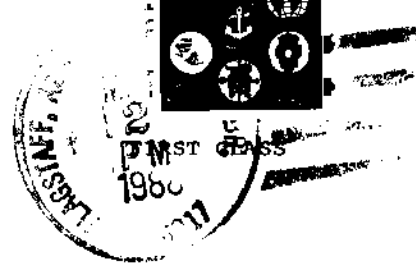
The Mission UK: Gods Own Medicine: When I first heard this album, I thought, well that's nice, but so what. However, it has grown on me. Stafford has now taken it off his top listing. He figures it came off his listing about the time it came on mine. We generally don't agree on music. Vocals are important to me and not so much to Stafford. But this album.., there is a eery sense to it. The mood starts out with "Wasteland" and goes on to such songs as "Let Sleeping Dogs Die" and "Love me to Death." Yes, they do sound very "Smiths" like. There is such a flow to the music though. The songs can go over and over and over in your head. Kind, of like the song, "And the dance goes on." I for one, hope Misson UK will go on and keep putting out albums and not dissappear.

George Harrison "Cloud Nine": This is the new one and it's a very pleasant album. I think part of what I like about it comes from the influence of Jeff Lynne(ex-ELO) on the album. I can't think of a song on this album that I dislike. The one that I really like is "When we was Fab". Eric says it sounds very Beatlish and I suppose that is true, but I like it anyway. Oh Harrison also pulled together a pretty impressive crowd for this one. Besides Jeff Lynne, there is Eric Clapton, Elton John, Gary Wright, etc. If you find it on sale, it's worth the money.

Bourgeois Tagg YOYO: Everyone makes a mistake sometime. You hear a single and you say, "God, I wonder if the rest of the album sounds like that?" So this is what happened to me with this one. The single "I don't mind at All" is wonderful. It has a full string quartet and when put under Todd Rundgren's hands the whole thing is amazing. That is the only thing that is good. The rest of the album is pretty much main line pop with some dance music. It was a great disappointment.



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