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CHEESECAKE

1977-AN THE WAR IS OVER !!! AUSTRO-TURKISH DRAW PASSES

AUSTRIA (Mike Carroll) Has As Ven, Bud, Gal, Ber, Mun, Boh; controls home, Mun, Ber, Ven.

ENGLAND (Eric Ozog) Has As Tyo, Kie, Hol, Nwy, StP, Yor, Fs Spa(sc), Gas, Mid, Bal, Nth, Bot; controls home, Nwy, Swe, Den, Kie, Hol, StP, Spa.

FRANCE (Ron Kelly) Has As Bre, Bur, Bel, F Por; controls home, Por, Bel.

TURKEY (Bob Kluge) Has As Pie, Ser, Gre, Rum, Mos, Lvn, Pru, Fs Wes, Lyo, Tun, Tyr; controls home, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, Mos, War, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tun.

PRESS SMYRNA - PARIS: Keep up the work.

LONDON TO PAUL RAUTERBERG: That was one hell of a press release you wrote. It's too bad you can be defiant no more.

GHOST OF ROME, DEFIANT: You jerk-offs thought you were rid of us, eh? No such luck. We have news from overseas....

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Former Pope John Paul George Ringo I arrived here in late August, and promptly called a press conference. He announced that he was resigning the Papacy due to lack of popular interest, and a shortage of Divine inspiration. He readopted his former name, Calvin Coolidge, and declared his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. There is some confusion which state he will be representing. Many suggest New York, due to its large Italian immigrant population. However, the states he is most familiar with are the State of Inertia, the State of Anemia, and the State of Confusion. The eyes of the world will rest often upon this great man as he embarks upon a new and colorless career. Stay tuned.

Congrats to Bob and Mike on their victory (which caught me by surprise). Next issue I'll print the game history plus any end-game statements received by March 26.

1976-CJ Winter 1917 & Spring 1918

ENGLAND (Robert Acheson? Keith Kendall?) NMR; F Tun holds, F NAf holds, F Tyr holds, F Wes holds, F Lyo holds, F Spa(sc) holds, F Eng holds, F Nth holds, A Nwy holds, A Mos holds, A War holds, A Ukr holds.

GERMANY (Randolph Smyth) Retreat A Tri-Tyo; A Sil S A Gal, A Gal S A Bud, A Bud S A Gal, A Vie S A Bud, A Ven holds, A Tyo S A Ven, A Bur-Mar, A Pie S A Bur-Mar, A Bel holds, A Hol S A Bel, F Den holds.

TURKEY (Fred Winter) Build A Con, F Ank; A Con-Apu, F Aeg C A Con-Apu, F Ion C A Con-Apu, F Adr S A Con-Apu, F Nap S F Ion, F Rom-Tus, A Ser-Bud, A Tri S A Ser-Bud, A Sev holds, A Rum S A Sev, F Ank-Bla.

Thanks to John Kador for unneeded standby orders. The next standby for England is Ken Iverson (52 Sawmill Rd., Gilbert, Minnesota 55741). Orders from Keith will take priority over Ken's, and Robert's will take priority over both.

The three-way draw failed, and Fred asked me to announce that he voted 'no' because his vote couldn't be contingent upon who was governing England and Germany. If it could have been made contingent, Fred would have voted 'yes' if Randolph and Robert continued, and 'no' if either standby took over.

Votes may not be contingent upon a standby taking over for the same reason the standbys couldn't vote; that is, votes are tabulated before the season, and therefore before anyone has NMRed.

Fred's address is now officially... 400W. Madison St. #2400, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Fall 1918 orders are due March 26th.

1979-IA Fall 1904

ENGLAND (Dave Carter) F MID S FRENCH F SPA(sc)-Wes, A Hol-KIE, F DEN S A Hol-KIE, F HEL S A Hol-KIE, F Nth-HOL.

FRANCE (Mark Lew) A Bel-RUH, A BUR S A Bel-RUH, A Bre-PIC, F MAR-Lyo, A GAS-Mar, F SPA(sc)-Wes.

GERMANY (Paul Rauterberg) A Kie-BER, A MUN-Kie, A Ruh S A MUN-Kie (annihilated).

ITALY (Doug Warfel) F WES S FRENCH F SPA(sc)-Mid (NSO), F NAF S F WES, F PIE-Lyo, A VEN-Pie, A TYO-Mun, A VIE-Gal, A BUD holds.

RUSSIA (Keith Sherwood) F SWE rapes any female Swedes they can find (holds), A SIL S A GAL, A GAL S ITALIAN A BUD-Rum (NSO), A UKR S ITALIAN A BUD-Rum (NSO), A Sev S ITALIAN A BUD-Rum (NSO and dislodged, may retreat to Mos or OTB).

TURKEY (Russ Pugh) A Arm-SEV, F BLA S A Arm-SEV, A RUM-Ukr, A BUL-Rum, A SER S A BUL-Rum, F Aeg-ION.

SUPPLY CENTERS

ENGLAND (7): Home, Nwy, DEN, HOL, KIE - took HOL, KIE - may build two.

FRANCE (6): Home, Por, SPA, Bel - even.

GERMANY (2): BER, MUN - lost Hol, Kie - even, due to annihilations.

ITALY (7): Home plus Austria, Tun - even.

RUSSIA (4): Mos, StP, War, SWE - lost Rum, Sev - must remove one.

TURKEY (8): Home, BUL, Gre, SER, RUM, SEV - took RUM, SEV - may build two.

PRESS GOOD WILL TOUR (WARPED WARSONIAN): The new Czar took his first official tour last month of what little is left of "all the Russias". Memorable points of the trip included a tour of an elementary school here in Warsaw. Following a new directive, all students were being taught Italian or Turkish or both. "It will help them in later life" explained the new Czar.

SACKING OF SEVASTOPLE (SILESIAN SNITCH): The new Czar's first order upon assuming command was that Sevastople be immediately abandoned and burned. The Turks, in turn, sang "There will be a hot time in the ole town tonight" as they marched in.

NEW CZAR SPEAKS (ST.PETE SENTINAL): Asked whether he thought his armies had a chance to stop the Turks, the Czar replied, "As much chance as a snowball in Ankara." Asked to comment on the situation in the south, he said, "I'm beginning to feel like a Christian Scientist with an appendicitus."

OIL SLICK IN BLACK SEA? (MOSCOW MOUTH): Dead fish and birds covered with oil have washed up on the beaches of Sevastople. It was thought an oil spill had occurred, until it was learned that a Turkish garrison was vacationing in the water across the sea at Constantinople. It is rumored that the Sultan has to file an environmental impact statement every time his armies swim in the Black Sea.

RISE OF THE NEW CZAR (IMPERIAL INQUIRER): While most political coups are bloody and full of intrigue, the new Czar descended to the Russian throne easily. His story: "I was studying abroad at England when I came home to visit the family and get more money. To my surprise the winter palace was empty! Well, I was in need of money, so I took this job. The pay is fair, but the job security stinks."

LONDON - GERMANY: Where does a German keep his armies? Up his sleeves!

FRANCE TO GERMANY: Oh yeah?

MARSEILLES CHRONICAL: Rumor has it that recent German-Italian alliance is the direct result of a homosexual affair between German General Johann Gauss and Italian Marshall Alessandro Felici.

1979-IA continued

GOLF BALL DIPLOMACY (PADUA HERALD): In a move to improve relations with Turkey, Interior Minister Sabroni invited Osman Pasha to participate in the remaining games of the All-Italy 1904 Golf Championships. The Ottoman war-chief is expected to tee off next week in the First Annual Death of the Hapsburgs Golf Tournament to be held in Vienna. The Enrico Caruso Desert Golf Classic will be held in Algiers, Italian Greater Tunisia (formerly French Algeria) three weeks later.

VE III HITS HARD (ROMAN TIMES): In a speech from the throne Tuesday, the Emperor lashed out at England's "totally unpeacable attempt to rule Europe." His Majesty blamed Prime Minister Carter, whom he called "a lunatic." Reached for comment, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Carter was indeed "a lunatic, an insane maniac."

In a related story, Sir Edgar Lenfield was detained by the police. The Turkish government has requested his extradition on unspecified charges. The Englishman was formerly military attache in Constantinople.

HEROES HOME (TURIN SUN): All Italy cheered the return of the Italian Olympic Team this week. Italy gained the most medals at the games, even though English judges attempted to cheat. Investigations continue.

FOR SALE: Our large collection of former kings, monarchs, and emperors. Rumanian, Norwegian, Austrian, Danish, many more. Call or write: King-O-Rama, Constantinople, N.W.

VOICE OF THE MAD BERLINER: It is with great regret that we abandon Munich to the wolves, jackals, and birds of prey. Yet, it cannot be taken by the English and that is some consolation. We will fight to the bitter end against foreign aggression, and we will cost our invaders dearly.

BERLIN TO LONDON: We know who your enemies are. Just who are your friends?

BERLIN TO PARIS: Hope we could be of some help to one another.

BERLIN TO ROME: Sic 'em!!!

BERLIN TO RUSSIA: We're just sitting in a Berlin beer garden waiting for the sun. If the sun don't come, we'll get drunk anyway. Cheers!

BERLIN TO TURKEY: No message here, but didn't want to exclude you.

TYRANT ESCAPES!! (SMYRNA SUN-TIMES): The Porte confirmed this morning earlier reports of the escape of the deposed Hapsburg emperor Franz Josef from his "residence" off Seraglio Point. Some details of his flight are known. Aided by a troop of Greek Orthodoxed nuns, the evil Franz was rowed to a Russian submersible, which steamed northward toward Odessa. Turkish patrols gave chase til well after dark, when the Russian craft shook off the pursuit and escaped into the darkness. Rumors of the Austrian tyrant's installation in the Czar's government remain unconfirmed, however, and the Sun-Times pledges to uncover the story at the earliest opportunity.

RUMANIA LIBERATED! (ALEPPO GLOBE & MAIL): Always the friend of the downtrodden, the Porte has responded to the urgent call of the Rumanian people to free them of the tyrannies of their Russian bondage. Bouyed by their fellows' good fortune, representatives of Polish and Tartar nationals cruelly repressed by the Czar's barbarians have arrived in the capital to make similar appeals for relief.

RIO TO NOVOSIBIRSK: Assignment completed. McLeod should arrive by the 21st.

There is a proposal for an I-T draw. Please vote along with your retreats, removals, builds, and Spring 1905 orders, which are due March 26th.

1980-M Spring 1903

AUSTRIA (Jack Fleming) A Gal-UKR, A RUM S A Gal-UKR, A BUD S A RUM, A Vie-GAL, F Bul(sc)-AEG, A Ser-BUL, F Tri-ALB.

ENGLAND (Garry Fairbairn) F Ska-NWY, F NTH S F Ska-NWY, F Nrg-BAR.

FRANCE (Barry Hickey) F Iri-LPL, A BEL holds, A PIC S A BEL, A Gas-SPA, A MAR-Pie, F Tus-LYO.

GERMANY (Robert Goldberg) A Kie-RUH, A HOL S A Kie-RUH, F Ber-KIE, F DEN-Swe, A Mun-BUR.

ITALY (John Davies) A TUN holds, F Tyr-WES, F Rom-TYR, A PIC holds.

RUSSIA (Randy Henn) F Bla-ANK, F Sev-BLA, A Mos-WAR, A Ukr S A Mos-WAR (dislodged, may retreat to Mos, Sev, OTB), F Nwy S F SWE (dislodged, retreat Nrg, Stp(nc), OTB), F SWE S F Nwy.

TURKEY (John Shea) F Aeg-CON.

PRESS BUDAPEST: The DFC quarterly report for the final quarter of 1980 lists 22 messages sent to various heads of state and 2 received. This covers the period from October 1 to December 31.

The first quarter of 1981 started off with a bang when a message was received on January 2nd.

Madame Colonel Lagunda has predicted an increase in correspondence as the stability of Western Europe begins to crumble. She has predicted a renewal of friendship accords between England and Germany to the detriment of France and Russia. When asked on what she bases these claims Madame Colonel Lagunda replied, "linear B script."

GERMANY - FRANCE: "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that diplomacy is a ruthless game; that as in Capitalism, one must do what is in one's own self-interest; that France can not now defend herself. In the name of the balance of power, in the name of the United Triple Central Alliance established years ago, I, the ruler of the people of Germany must abolish all pacts between Germany and France, and declare a state of war so that the United Triple Central Alliance may survive and become prosperous. With some regret, I pronounce these words, but the laws of nature set me to speak, and I will not betray my creator.

GER - ITA & ENG: The invasion of France is upon us. We must pull together, and only then shall we be victorious. In this way the British shall taste revenge, and the Central alliance fulfill its fate proclaimed by providence!

GER - AUS: Let the sky be illuminated by the Spirit of our joy, our goal is just before us! We must not fail!

CONSTANTINOPLE - WORLD: The great and all-powerful Turkish Navy will continue to fight the oppression of Russia and Europe. Alone, but strong, we shall triumph. The great Turkish Navy has spoken...

CONSTANTINOPLE - ANYONE: Help out there! We're gettin' killed! Send guns, men, women, anything!

CONSTANTINOPLE - WORLD: PAY NO ATTENTION TO THAT LITTLE MAN BEHIND THE SCREEN! THE GREAT AND ALL-POWERFUL TURKISH NAVY HAS SPOKEN!

CONSTANTINOPLE: The BYZANTINE BLAB today reported a recent decrease in the number of abdications of government officials, due to the arrival of the mini-skirt. "I mean, I never knew my legs looked this good," the somewhat effeminate sheik said while trying one on.

MARV THRONEBERRY - WORLD: I still don't know why they asked me to do this commercial.

CONSTANTINOPLE - WORLD: Do as I say, or there'll be a hashish embargo.

Thank you John Shea for taking over the unwanted Turkey.

The Russian retreats, and Fall 1903 are due March 26.

1980-AR Winter 1903 & Spring 1904

AUSTRIA (Bob Osuch?) NMR; GM removes A Alb; A Gal holds (dislodged and disbanded),
A BUD holds, A TRI holds.

ENGLAND (Barry Hickey) Remove F Ska; F CLY-Lp1, F EDI holds.

FRANCE (Don Tinker) A Lon-YOR, F Eng-WAL, F IRI-Lp1, F Mid-WES, A Naf-TUN, A PIE-Tus,
A MAR-Pie.

GERMANY (Mike Conner) Build A BER; F Swe-BOT, F NWY holds, F NTH S FRENCH A Lon-YOR,
A Hol-KIE, A BER-Sil, A Mun-BOH, A TYO S A Mun-BOH.

ITALY (Mike Mills) Retreat F Ion-TYR; A VEN-Tus, A APU-Ven, F NAP-Tyr, F TYR holds,
F Tun-Tyr (NSU).

RUSSIA (Eric Verheiden) A WAR-Sil, A Boh-GAL, A RUM S A Boh-GAL, F Bla-SEV,
F STP(sc) holds.

TURKEY (James Woodson) Build F SMY; F Ion-ADR, F Gre-ALB, F Aeg-GRE, F Smy-AEG,
A SER S RUSSIAN A RUM, A BUL S A SER.

PRESS MOSCOW TO GM: Thanks for the, ah, artistic materials, but orange and yellow-green?

THE ROME TRIBUNE: Francois DeGaulle has been appointed editor of this paper by the Royal House of Savoy. DeGaulle was previously with the Trieste Dispatch and before that The London Times. His appointment comes just two days after the alleged murder of the beloved editor, DeCarlonini.

ROMAN LEGION HQS IN ROME: Gen. Federico DeSica has been given the title "Caesar" by the House of Savoy. This development places in DeSica's hands total power to govern and defend Italy and its possessions from its enemies.

CAESAR BULLETIN #1: So dis isa da tanks Isa gets fora maya friendship? Lookee here Frenchaman, youse can eater back-up inta France, ora spenda youse whola life regrettin disa acshun.

CAESAR BULLETIN #2: Hey! Turkman! Geta you fat butt backa home! You tinkin youse gota nicea deal wid da Froggie! Youse in mora trouble dan I dought youse waz in. Dis isa maya territory.

CAESAR BULLETIN #3: Hey! Hapsburger! We've gotta geta our act together! Whatasay youse and me work dis Turkfella, Froggies and Ruskie sewage problem out together?

THE ROYAL HOUSE OF SAVOY: The King hereby requests all governments to view the actions of the Turkish and French regimes as serious and dangerous to world stability. The fall of the Italian Empire will be following with their northern expansion, and for this reason the governments of Russia and Germany should aid the valiant Italian Legions under the command of Caesar Frederico.

ANKARA - MOSCOW: I think that you have had quite enough time to remove your fleet to Sev. If you are thinking of stabbing me, think twice. I would like to point out that our fighting each other will only benefit those aggressors in the west who are already larger than we are. In any case, silence will not help. If you want my support you will have to write me.

P.S. I hope you haven't driven the Austrian into Ukr as if you have he will be in Moscow in the Fall.

SMYRNA: Shipyards in Smyrna have been busy for the past two years as the Sultan has chosen to launch a naval campaign against Austria-Hungary. Turkish generals reportedly have been quite upset with the apparent neglect to the army and have been begging for a change.

1980-AR continued

ANTIOCH: Crown Prince Amun was competing in the annual sailboat regatta and was the winner by a wide margin. This comes in the wake of his eighteenth birthday and impending commission in the Imperial Navy.

ANKARA - ROYAL HOUSE OF SAVOY: The Porte would like to thank the ((?)) of Italy for the use of the Ionian Sea for the last six months and will now relinquish its control back to Italy.

DELCASSE: Monsieur le president expressed some concern over Italian reaction to the presence of the French units in northern Italy. "After all", he said "We were expressly invited in the WORLD PRESS MAGAZINE, CHEESECAKE #19. These objections now raised seem inconsistent with prior Italian policy. The units will remain in place until such time as the Italian Mahjlis or the Ayahtollah DeSica ask for their removal.

Will John Hoffmann (16625 Leslie Drive,,Westhaven, Illinois 60477) please standby for Austria?

Fall 1904 orders are due March 26.

1979-KK Fall 1905

AUSTRIA (Pete Fuchs) A Vie-GAL, A Tri-TYO, A PIE-Mar, A Rom-VEN, F Nap-ROM, F Ion-NAP, F Adr-ION, F Gre-AEG, A BUL-Con.

ENGLAND (Doug Karnes) A Ruh-KIE, F Ska-DEN, F NTH S F Ska-DEN, F SWE S F Ska-DEN, F NWY S F SWE, F Nrg-BAR, A STP-Mos.

FRANCE (Don Tinker) A NAF S ITALIAN F Tun (No Such Tun), F Wes-LYO, F Mid-WES, A MAR-Pie, A BUR-Mun, A HOL S ENGLISH A Ruh-KIE.

POLAND (Trevor Baillie?) NMR; A WAR holds.

ITALY (Eric Verheiden?) NMR; F TYR holds.

RUSSIA (Dave Rue) F Den holds (dislodged, retreat to Hel or OTB), F BAL S F Den, A Kie S F Den (dislodged, retreat to Ber or OTB), A MUN S A Kie, A SIL S A MUN, A MOS holds, F CON-Ank, F BLA S F CON-Ank.

TURKEY (Pete Ashley) F ANK-Con, A SMY S F ANK-Con.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUSTRIA (9): Home plus Italy, Ser, Gre, BUL - even.

ENGLAND (9): Home, Bel, NWY, STP, SWE, DEN, KIE - took DEN, KIE - may build two.

FRANCE (6): Home, Por, Spa, HOL - even.

GERMANY (1): WAR - lost Kie; took WAR - even.

ITALY (1): Tun - even.

RUSSIA (6): MOS, Sev, Rum, Ber, MUN, CON - lost War, Den - must remove two.

TURKEY (2): ANK, SMY - even.

PRESS FRANCE - WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE IN AZUSA, CA.: Thanks for the catnip and earplug assortment.

Jeez, do I have to call standbys for Germany and Italy? Oh well, for Germany it's John Kelley (Box 35,,Klickitat, Washington 98628), and for Italy it's Deane Sperdakos (154 West 70th St., #2D,,New York, New York 10023).

The Russian retreats, Winter '05, and Spring '06 orders are due March 26th.

1979-CG Delayed again, due to GM error.

ENGLAND (Mike Conner) Has A HOL, Fs NRG, NTH, DEN, HEL, EDI.

FRANCE (Clive Tonge) Has As MUN, BUR, PAR, PIE, BRE, F MID.

GERMANY (Al Rodriguez) Has As KIE, RUH.

ITALY (Francois Cuerrier) Has As BUD, VIE, SER, ALB, VEN, Fs GRE, ION, ADR, ROM.

RUSSIA (Trevor Baillie) Has As BUL, RUM, STP, WAR, Fs BAL, NWY, SWE, SEV.

TURKEY (Gary Coughlan) Has A CON, Fs BLA, EAS.

I mistakenly gave France an A MAR instead of A PIE in both issue 19 and issue 20. I'm sorry.

Spring '05 orders are now due March 26th.

1977-AI Winter 1911 only, by request

AUSTRIA (Pete Keltch) Retreat A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Boh; has As Pru, Boh, Mos, Lvn, Tyo, Vie, Gre, Alb, Bul, Con, Smy, Syr, F Adr.

ENGLAND (Francois Cuerrier) Build A Lon; has As Lon, Mun, Ruh, Gas, Fs Bar, Fin, Nwy, Ber, Bal, Kie, Eng, Mid.

ITALY (Ron Kelly) Has As Apu, Pie, Ven, Rom, Bur, Fs Tyr, Ion, Aeg.

RUSSIA (Tom Kissner) Has A StP.

The proposed draw between England and Italy did not pass.

Ron has a new phone number at work; 202-456-1414.

Spring 1912 orders are due March 26th.

1979-IH Fall 1906

ENGLAND (Doug Karnes) F Bar-STP(nc), F NWY S F Bar-STP(nc), F Den-BAL, F SWE S F Den-BAL, A RUH S FRENCH A Bur-MUN, A BER S FRENCH A Bur-MUN, F KIE S A BER, F NTH holds.

FRANCE (Keith Mercer) A UKR holds, A Tyo-TRI, A VEN S A Tyo-TRI, A Mun-TYO, A Bur-MUN, F APU-Adr, F ION-Alb, F TUN-Ion, F NAP S F TUN-Ion, F Lyo-TYR.

GERMANY (Randolph Smyth) Retreat A Ber-SIL; A SIL-Mun.

RUSSIA (Pete Fuchs) Retreat A Tyo-BOH; A Boh-GAL, A WAR S A Boh-GAL, A VIE S FRENCH A Tyo-TRI, A MOS S FRENCH A UKR, F Bal-LVN.

TURKEY (Bob Kluge) Retreat F Ion-EAS; A BUL-Gre, F AEG-Gre, F EAS-Aeg, F Tri-Alb (annihilated), A SER-Tri, F ADR S A SER-Tri, A BUD S A SER-Tri, A RUM S A BUD, F Bla-CON, A SEV S RUSSIAN A MOS.

SUPPLY CENTERS

ENGLAND (11): Home, Bel, Hol, Den, KIE, NWY, BER, SWE, STP - took BER, SWE, STP - may build three.

FRANCE (11): Home plus Italy, Por, Spa, TUN, MUN, TRI - took TRI - may build one.

GERMANY (0): Lost Ber - out.

RUSSIA (3): MOS, WAR, VIE - lost Swe, StP - must remove two.

TURKEY (9): Home, BUL, Gre, SER, RUM, BUD, SEV - lost Tri - even.

The F-E and F-E-T draws both failed, and have been repropsoed.

Votes, Winter '06, and Spring '07 are due on March 26th.

COLORING BOOK COMMENTS

Thanks for the comments on the coloring book. It's nice to see what people think.

Tom Kissner wondered if anyone actually colored the pictures, and I can report that at least two people did. John Stewart gave them to his daughter, and Mark Lew did them himself (despite ugly colors).

Mark was very observant. Not only did he notice that Allan Calhamer's name was misspelled, he also pointed out that the reverse side of each page shows through. Too-thin paper and misspelling were only two of the production mistakes; folding the 'zine also detracted from the basically geometric drawings.

Erid Ozog liked the coloring book, but wanted a red crayon (what's wrong with burnt-sienna & parsimmon?), while Eric Verheiden was dissatisfied with his colors as well. Perhaps you two can negotiate a trade.

Mike Conner showed his issue around Austin, and Jack Fleming showed his around Seattle.

Jerry Jones asked if he could reprint the pictures (which he can), and Randolph Smyth can't figure out how to file the crayons.

I am somewhat disappointed though, that *nobody* submitted orders written in crayon.

CHEESE IT, THE POLICIES!

Here are two forgettable CHEESECAKE policies.

If a player votes on a draw or concession proposal, and later submits revised orders *without* a vote, the earlier vote will be counted.

Normally a non-vote is counted as a 'yes' (unless it coincides with an NMR, in which case a second and final chance to vote will be given if necessary) and the latest set of orders received is the set used, but in this case an earlier 'no' will overrule a non-vote implied 'yes'.

Although a player is expected to vote, he is not expected to memorize my GMing policies (including this one), and it is reasonable for him to assume I will use the last *written* (as opposed to implied) vote, as well as the last written orders. So I will.

The calling of standbys in CHEESECAKE is by simple rotation, with a few conditions thrown in to make it incomprehensible.

When a standby is needed I first check to see if anyone has previously been called for that position. If so, and if he's still eligible, he gets it. If there are no prior callees, I start at the top of the list, and find the first person who is currently in the fewest games (for example, the first one in *zero* games), and check that he has not been associated with that game before, and that he doesn't live next door to another player.

If a standby doesn't pass those tests, I continue on to the next one in the least number of games, and so on, and so on, and so on...

If a standby passes the tests, he is called for that position, and moved to the bottom of the list. If the original player does not NMR again, the standby will become a Godparent, and will be called for that position whenever needed in the future.

Though it sounds like bureaucratic busy-work, this muddle is intended to (1) ensure GM impartiality, (2) let more subscribers become players, (3) conserve standbys, and (4) promote continuity and interest of Godparents in case of an ultimate dropout.

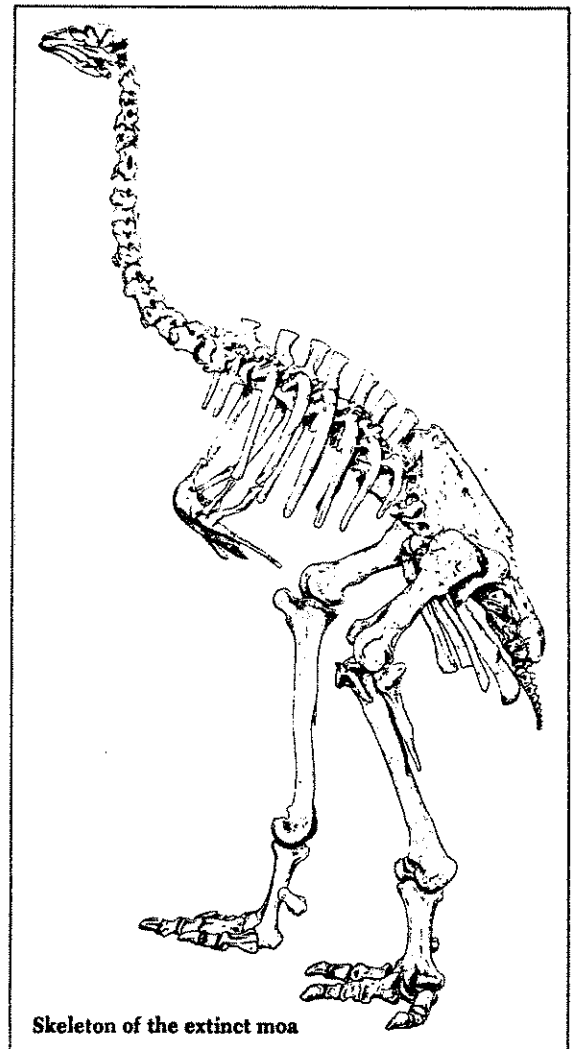
MASCOT ELECTION

The nominations are closed, and it's time to vote in Mike Conner's mascot election.

There are twenty-one candidates, ranging from Bruce Linsey's cowering dog Trouble, to Mark Lew's empty picture frame. Though I don't have space for descriptions of all the candidates (pictures and blurbs are available from me for a SASE), I do have room for a picture of the CHEESECAKE backed candidate, Bob.

Bob is running on the Social-Democrat ticket, and if elected will impose a 75¢ Boardman number tax to be used for street repair.

If you want to vote for Bob or anyone else, send your one signed vote on a postcard (only!) to... Mike Conner,,3214 Beverly Road,,Austin, Texas 78703. Deadline is March 25th.



Skeleton of the extinct moa

LETTERS FROM GERRY VAN ALKEMADE AND ERIC OZOG

Andy,

January 28, 1981

I owe you - and quite a few others, like John Daly, John Boardman, Randolph Smyth - an apology for dropping out as suddenly and as totally as I did. And then, I am not yet talking about my friends and allies in a dozen or more games (as you know, I never did have any enemies).

I always hated, loathed, and despised the characters that simply NMR out - and now I am one of them. Which goes to show, that we should indeed not be too hasty in our judgements.

The facts, and hopefully, extenuating circumstances, are that my wife's leaving me in September, and starting divorce proceedings the next month, really bowled me over emotionally. I just did not have a mind to concentrate on my job, let alone Diplomacy. That was when the first NMR's and LMR's (late) occurred.

Then, by mid-October I had to make a major business trip to the Middle East and East Africa, which got me back home by mid November. By then of course, most of the damage was done, diplomatically speaking, although several games could still have been salvaged.

The day after my return however, my permanent transfer to our Athens office was announced, and I have been running around like a crazy man ever since, getting ready to be divorced and transferred overseas, at the same time. At this point, there was no hope of getting back in the hobby, and although I have been wanting to write you and the other pubbers ever since, I just never could find the time to do so.

I shall be leaving for Greece, with my two teen-age kids, on Feb. 12, so my orders are;

Dutch Army Racine - Greece
 Dutch Airways (KLM) Convoys A Rac-GRE
 Europe Railways Convoys A Rac-GRE
 Hellenic Lines Ferry Convoys A Rac-GRE
 (from Brindisi to Patrai)
 J.I. Case Company Supports Dutch A Rac-GRE
 (could never make the move without it!)

Now, please do me one more favor (after finding it in your heart to forgive me for dropping out): Publish this letter - or excerpts thereof - in CHEESECAKE, so perhaps those other guys may read about my changed circumstances and accept my apologies. Thank Eric for sending me his FTF notices - and thank my firm, true and faithful ally in '79-HG (or was it HH?) Dick Martin, and wish everybody good luck and victory.

Best to you and CHEESECAKE - *Gerry*

February 2, 1981

To all publishers and Guest GMs:

The time has come for me to reassess my relationship with the postal Diplomacy hobby. I have decided to leave it.

I know the terrible inconvenience I am causing gamesmasters by dropping out of the games. I apologize for it. All of you have a final set of orders to go by until replacement players can be found. I also apologize to the players of the games I was in with them. However, I didn't have any actual alliances with anyone, so things aren't that bad off...

The three games I currently run will continue to be gamesmastered by me until their completion: 1979 IW & 1979 IX of CLAW & FANG; 1980 ZO of LE FRONT.

I've been in this hobby for 2½ years, admittedly a scant time as compared with some of the oldtimers. I've immensely enjoyed it, but I must move on to other things. All the publishers and players I have come in contact with have my warmest regards, especially Don Horton, Konrad Baumeister, Mark Berch, John Vielmann, Bernie Oaklyn, Bob Olsen, Mike Mazzer and Dan Stafford.

Good Bye and Good Luck, **ERIC**

Ralph's shots

BATTLESHIP
Ralph Morton
vs
Mike Conner

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	3	1	3	3	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	3
2	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	3
3	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	3
4	4	4	4		1	2	2	1		4	4	4
5		4			1	1				4		
6		4			2	2				4		
7				2	3	3	2					
8					4	4						
9					4	4						
10					4	4						
11												
12												

Mike's shots

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	1											1
2												
3			1							1		
4					2			2				
5				2	1		2	1				
6				2	1	1		2				
7				2	1	1	2					
8	4	4	2		2	2	2	4	2			
9			4	1	4	2	3	2	1	4		
10			4	4	2	3	3	3	3		4	
11		1		4	3	3		3		3	1	
12	1				3	3						1

Mike's ship status
Round 1 2 3 4
AC 3 hits sunk
B 1 hit 1 hit
C
D
S sunk
S

Ralph's ship status
Round 1 2 3 4
AC
B
C 1 hit SUNK!
D 1 hit
S
S

For Round 5 Ralph gets 13 shots, and Mike gets 10.

Tim's shots

BATTLESHIP
Tim Burton
vs
James Woodson

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1										1		
2			1							2	1	
3					1					2		
4										1	2	
5				1				1	2			
6										2		
7	1					1		2			2	
8							2		1	2		
9			1			2		2			1	
10							1		2	2		
11		1						2				2
12						1			2		1	

James' ship status
Round 1 2
AC
B 1 hit
C 1 hit
D SUNK!
S
S

James' shots

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1								2				2
2				2								
3		2				2					2	
4									2			
5	1	1	1	1								
6	1	1	1	1				2				2
7	1	1	1	1		2						
8	1	1	1	1					2			
9												
10					2						2	
11		2					2					
12									2			

Tim's ship status
Round 1 2
AC 1 hit
B
C 1 hit
D
S SUNK!
S

PRESS ROSEVILLE, MN. (MINNESOTA MARITIME PRESS): Due to the poor showing by the Navy of the newly formed Independent Republic of Minnesota in its last engagement a new chief advisor was called in to try and rectify matters. Bruce N. Torp has embarked on a totally new strategy. The eyes of the entire nation are watching to see how it will turn out.

Lets see, James gets 14 next time, while Tim gets 15.