

ARMADILLO

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The First Faithful Friends Diplomacy Game...

#1971DK

GERMANY INVADES ENGLAND AND FRANCE; RUSSIA SEIZES MUNICH AS AUSTRIA PROVIDES A HELPING HAND; TURKEY HOLDS ON; AND ITALY ?...

Fall, 1903: AUSTRIA (Coop): A Tyrolia S RUS A Sil-Mun; A Budapest-Vienna;
A Serbia-Greece; F Greece-Ionian; A Bulgaria MS
A Rumania
ENGLAND (Miller): F EngCh-Belguin; F Belguin-Holland; A Yorkshire-London
FRANCE (DeNorris): A Gascony-Paris; A Burgundy-Ruhr; A Marseilles Hold;
F Spain(sc) S A Mar; F Tunis-TyrrSea
GERMANY (Hirsch): A Picardy-Brest; A Munich-Burgundy/D/; A Ruhr-Belguin; F NorthSea-Edinborough; F Norway-Sweden;
F Denmark-Sweden
ITALY (Chitlik): F TyrrSea-Ionian; F GOL-Tyrr; A Piedmont-Venice;
F Rome S F GOL-Tyrr
RUSSIA (Norris): A Silesia-Munich; F Skagerrak-Denmark; A Moscow-StPetersburg; A Ukraina-Sevestapol
TURKEY (Fang): F Aegean S F Constantinople-Bulgaria; F Con-Bul;
F BlackSea S A Sevestapol

RETREAT: GERMAN A Munich to Bohemia (confirmed)

NOTICE: Coastlines for divided provinces (Bulgaria, Spain) MUST be specified for move to be valid.

AND A FEW COMMENTS: Last ish we speculated that Germany might be forced to work with one of her neighbors. We were wrong. Not only did she choose to go it alone, she attacked both England and France, to her benefit. Although she lost Munich to Russia/Austria, she still gains two units. The retreat to Bohemia was necessitated by the need to keep both vacant centers open in order to build her new units. England and France both remain constant this turn, as does Turkey. The Austro-Russian alliance has again benefited Russia by gaining Munich. However, the Spring could bring trouble for Russia in the North and in the area of Warsaw due to Germany's growth. A new twist in the South seems to be Italy's apparent shift toward either Turkey or Austria. Whatever the cause, France is relieved of the pressure that Italy previously brought to bear in the Med. However, it remains to be seen whether Italy will be able to survive long enough to carry out her plan. If she has chosen to ally with Turkey, which is possible, she doesn't have the land strength to defend Venice from Austrian attack. If on the other hand she is still counting on Austrian support, the moves east are yet to be explained. We suspect that the Spring moves will brighten the picture. As far as alliances go, there seems to be a new form taking shape: (1) Austria/Russia, (2) France/England, (3) Turkey/Italy, and Germany. Look for the development of a French/English/Italian/Turkish alliance in the near-future, to be followed by Germany's joining Austria and Russia. But then, we've been wrong before, haven't we...

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SUPPLY CENTRES AFTER FALL, 1903:

		TOTAL	LAST FALL
AUSTRIA:	HOME, SER, GRE, RUM, Bulgaria.....	+1 (7)	(6)
ENGLAND:	LON, LIV, Holland.....	0 (3)	(3)
FRANCE:	PAR, MAR, SPA, POR, Tunis.....	0 (5)	(5)
GERMANY:	BER, KIE, BEL, DEN, SWE, Norway, Brest, Edin.....	+2 (8)	(6)
ITALY:	HOME.....	-1 (3)	(4)
RUSSIA:	STP, MOS, WAR, Munich.....	0 (4)	(4)
TURKEY:	HOME, SEV.....	0 (4)	(5)

AND NOW, FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH...

BERLIN: Well, we got out of Picardy. Where do you want us to go next?

PARIS, Fall, 1903: The Pope has demonstrated the Italians' stature in the three W's. Their Wine and Women may be up to par, but their Warring leaves much to be desired. But then what could you expect from the Woefully Warped Wops.

HONOLONDON: TO THE KAISER: SEE!
 TO THE POPE: Your act of penance has been accepted; may you rest in peace.
 TO THE ARCH-DUKE: Very Interesting...
 TO THE SHEIK: White Man Speak With Forked Tongue.
 TO THE CZAR: Putrid yes, but you came out smelling like a rose.
 TO THE GENERAL: Yea, though we walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, we fear no evil, for we are the neanest sons of bitches in the Valley... aren't we?

VIENNA: A RAP spokesman today reported that there is an undercurrent of discontent in this fair city, stemming from the continued support by Arch-Duke Irving of Czar Stephanus. The sudden and apparently unexplained turnaround of political and military relations between the two countries has caused much concern among the masses. It is rumored that Field Marshal Messinger has voiced objection to the new-found alliance, stating that, "...we are no more than a mere lover in the hands of an enticing woman; to used until we can provide no more, and then discarded." The Countess Kathleen agreed with Queen Suzanne, who said softly, "No doubt there are those who would choose to criticize that which does not involve something of which they know, let alone anything that they would deal with if not for what they are told, so that all this is mere nonsense to one who knows the difference between the two in the first place anymore." RAP is still working on that one.

BREST: FUNK sources indicate that the port of Brest has been left open for a possible goodwill visit by King Big Wave's finest. DeNorris did not want to be outdone by Kaiser's Hirsch hospitality to the English in Belgium. Word also has it that the Anti-Austrian propaganda division of French headquarters has been unusually idle as of late. This should do little for Germany's tenuous position between the two giants.

KIEL: The Kaiser today addressed the people of Germany, saying in part that the continued kindness of General DeNorris has made possible the continued growth seen by the German State. He further said that with enemies like the General, there is no need for friends.

AND AFTER FALL, 1903, THE HOUSE OF COOP HAS:

- 1) Germany
- 2) Austria
- 3) France
- 4) Turkey
- 5) Russia
- 6) England
- 7) Italy

THE DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1903 BUILDS IS 29 MARCH, 1972 - WEDNESDAY. TENTATIVE:
SPRING, 1904 MOVES DUE 15 APRIL. CONSIDER THIS THE DEADLINE UNLESS NOTIFIED.

ARMO is now seeking players for a new regular Diplomacy game. If you know anyone who might be interested, please tell them about ARMO. It's also possible to subscribe to the 'zine. All this good stuff is available from The House of Coop. Do it.

The EDITORS are still anxiously awaiting the player lists of countries. Fang, Hirsch and The Coop were the only players to submit the lists asked for in the last ish. Get these in with Winter builds. One list of the countries in order of preference in playing, the other in order of winning. Thanks for nothing.

ALSO STILL awaiting comments about the rag, and whether you'd be interested in strategy and tactics articles. Show us you read this far.

IN SPORTS: The House of Coop sees St John's over Niagra, and Maryland over Jacksonville in the NIT; North Carolina over Florida State, and UCLA over Louisville.

CONTINUING IN SPORTS, the new Sports Illustrated Team Charts will soon be in the hands of the team owners. They are on order and will be arriving in April. There are rumors of expansion, with two new groups interested in purchasing teams. This will undoubtedly will be a topic on which discussion will be plentiful at the owners meeting in May. The biggest change for the coming season is the addition of five players to the team rosters, thus now carrying 25 players instead of 20.

SPECIAL THANKS on behalf of the staff to King Big Wave for added contributions.

AND ONCE AGAIN, SOME QUICKIE REVIEWS... This time The Coop has picked out three new albums, all soft and easy listening. They sound like this:
BATDORF & RODNEY: OFF THE SHELF. Two new faces. All songs and music by John Batdorf. Light, easy guitar. Strong vocals with good lyrics. Best songs: "Can You See Him"; "Where Were You and I"; "One Day". Give it an A-/B+. I like it.
PAUL SIMON. His first solo album and well worth the long wait. Music is the best. Reminiscent of Sounds of Silence. Some good blues work with "Hobo's Blues" and "Paranoia Blues". Easy to listen to. "Duncan" and "Mother and Child Reunion" best songs on album. "Armistice Day" sounds like "Frank Lloyd Wright" off Bridge Over Troubled Water album. One fault might be just that: some songs like remakes of that album. But I think it's better. A/B.
NEIL YOUNG: HARVEST. To me Neil can do no wrong. This album is every bit as good as After the Gold Rush. Tremendous backup vocals on this album: James Taylor, Linda Rondstadt, And Crosby, Stills and Nash. Might be a little overproduced (like "A Man Needs A Maid" with the London Symphony Orchestra) but that does nothing to take away from the music. (Nicely packaged, too bad you have to pay for that to get the record.) I recommend it. A/A-

Rating:: Music/Lyrics

The Coop feels that if you put on Side 2 of BARDORF & RODNEY, and Side 1 of both the others, turn off the lights and do the candle bit, snuggle up to whomever turns you on, close your eyes, relax, and listen...you can't help but have a good trip.

AND NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, ARMO PRESENTS THE EXCITING ADVENTURES OF COOP, AND HIS DOG, whimpy.....

Chapter 2 of The Rehobeth Beach Caper...

The Lead

Once again it's time for HOWDY DOODY! Hey, what's that shit, who put that title up there? That ain't right, dammit, its supposed to be some guy and his dog. Get that offa there and do it right. Damn hired help can't do anything right. Ya gotta do it yourself, jeez...

EXCITING

~~ME~~ AND NOW, ONCE AGAIN IT'S TIME FOR THE / ADVENTURES OF COOP, AND HIS DOG, whimpy

--The Rehobeth Beach Caper--

Chapter 2: The Lead.

(ED. NOTE: For those of you who are just joining us, Coop and his Dog, whimpy have been asked by the prez of the ole us of a to catch some bad guys. We last left them at their hq hard at work. Questioning some suspects, if you remember.)

"Well guys, we been on this case for 36 hours now and we ain't solved it. We're slippin'."

(You sure were a while ago, Coop. Heh-heh.)

"Well Coop, the way I see it, we don't know who we're up against yet, let alone how they operate. If we could figure out one or the other, then we could figure out what we don't know."

(Pup, that Drew is brilliant, isn't he? He comes pretty close to rivaling Queen Suzanne with that kind of statement.)

"OK. Let's set a trap. If we spread it around that we're dissatisfied with the administration and the country and want to do it in, maybe they'll kinda find us. How about leaking the info that we've developed a plan that can cause the economy to collapse in 48 hours. Whaddaya think?"

(I think it eats it.)

"C'mon whimp. Shape up. If you don't like it then let me hear something else.!"

(OK. I think it might work. But we don't have any plan in mind and we're gonna need something that smacks of being able to work. Let's get in touch with my lawyer, Mikey Hirscheybar, who is also a renowned economist.)

"Great thinking, whimp. Let's go, Drew."

"Ah yes gentlemen, what can I do for you?"

(Need some info and a plan, Mikey. Wanna upset the economy in 48 hours. Can you do it?)

"Well, that's a tough cookie. But I think it can be done. Let's start with Severson's Principle of Applied Psychodynamics which states that everyone has to spend money in order to be able to survive unless he lives in New York so he can be on welfare and make more than the mayor and add to that Fredonia's 3rd Law concerning reverse market controls so that all day you could kiss peolpe goodbye and they'd still say hello and then throw in the Government personnel who run the mints and maybe put LSD in their water supply so that they mint too much money for the nation to back it and then figure a way to cause a run on the banks so that the Federal Reserve Board collapses abd then...

And so armed with a sure-fire plan to undermine that economy of the good ole USofA, our heroes head for their rendezvous with destiny...

"It's been rumored around here that you're the guys who are working for the Prez to find underground commies who are trying to wreck our country, that right?"

"Where'd you hear that, buddy?"

"Read it in ARMADILLO."

(Brother, you writers can come up with something better than that to fill up space.)

"Let me handle this, Drew. Lissen, you know anything about somebody who might want to mess up the economy."

"Naw, I ain't read that far yet. What chapter do you guys find out who it is?"

"Hey, buddy. I'm Drew CarrollNotreDameClassof'74youwannabustinthemouth?"

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"I don't think you lost any teeth, Drew. I wish to hell you'd play it cool."

"Hey big boy. You weren't hurt by that bully were you?"

"Naw, I let him off easy. Now whoreyou?" (Oops, better make that who're you...)

"My name is Judy, and this is none other than my friend, Thoda Coolit."

(I think I'm in love.)

"Hey, who's this with glasses? He's cute."

(The cat's got my tongue.)

"Ladies, my main man here, if you'll pardon the expression, is whimpy. This is my good buddy, Drew, and I am the Coop."

"Hey, I hearda you. You're a superhero or somethin' aren't you?"

"Well, in a way. Perhaps if you'd care to join us, we could get to know each other a little better."

"Ooo, we'd like that."

(Wow. With something like this, I'm gonna have to give up Fleas.)

"Tell you what. How about a ride to our headquarters and we'll show you how we operate."

"No, I don't think so. We're not interested in what you guys do. I can read about that in the papers anyway."

(You have such beautiful eyes. Will you marry me?)

"I think whimp's lost his cool, Drew. Ladies, you'll have to forgive my friend here, he's not used to women as ravishing as yourselves. Now about our offer..."

"We told you we're not interested in your offer. And you're boring us. C'mon Thoda, let's leave. Thanks for nothing fellas. Maybe we'll never see you again."

"Wait a minute ladies, don't go. Wait and we'll go with you. What is it that you are interested in anyway?"

"Sex."

Later, outside on the way to their car.

"Guys, we blew it."

(I'm still in love.)

"It's whimp's fault. If he had sat like an idiot and said nothing he couldn't have done any worse than he did. And the one was kinda on to you."

(Sour grapes. You guys obviously have never been in love before.)

"Hell, I been in love lots of times. But it usually wears off in a day or two."

"Leavin' alone, Drew. Let's get the car. C'mon whimp, snap out of it. We got work to do."

They are now at the parking garage where they give the ticket to the attendant and stand around to await the arrival of Coop's Shelby Cobra. Suddenly there is a tremendous explosion which rocks the entire garage. Running to investigate, they find Coop's Cobra blown to smithereens, a pile of nuts and bolts. The attendant is nowhere to be seen. A note is attached to the ~~main~~ remains of the right door.

(At least you don't have to tip the guy.)

"What's the note say, Drew?"

"It doesn't say anything. It's just some kinda picture. Here, see if you can figure it out."

"I think somebody doesn't want us snooping around. Looks like we've made contact.

Or at least we know they're onto us. Now we've got to find out who they are. So

far this is our only clue. Let's take it back to the lab. Maybe we'll hey...

what's that by your foot, whimp?"

(Just a book of matches. The Old Stein. Think it might be something?)

"Won't hurt to have a look. Let's go."

And so our heroes have their first break in the case. The Note: →

NEXT TIME: CHAPTER 3 OF COOP, AND HIS DOG, whimpy: --Captured!

