

# DIPLODOCUS



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By the time you read this, **World DipCon VIII / DipCON XXXI / DixieCon XI** will only be weeks away. DixieCon is hosting all three tournaments/conventions this year in Chapel Hill, North Carolina during the May 22-24, 1998 weekend.

Dave Hood, a subber of *Diplodocus*, and the Carolina Amateur Diplomats (CADs) run the convention held every Memorial Day weekend. The accommodations are at a modest but extremely reasonably priced dormitory on the UNC campus. The event will, of course, center around four rounds of **Diplomacy**, but also will include tournaments of **1830**, **Titan**, **Acquire**, **RoboRally**, **Miniatures**, **History of the World**, **Colonial Diplomacy**, **Magic: The Gathering**, and **Advanced Civilization**. A copy of the Schedule of Events is reproduced inside this issue.

I encourage all who can, to attend this Event. It is very newbie-friendly, with a lot of comradery and fun. The following subbers (past and present) of *Diplodocus* will probably attend: Dave Hood, Mike Gonsalves, Bill Thompson, Dan Mathias, Pitt Crandlemire, Tom Kobrin, Mike Lowrey, Edwin Turnage, and myself. If you would like more information about this event, please contact Dave Hood.

This summer I will also be attending the AvalonCon event in Hunt Valley, Maryland. I'll comment more on this convention next issue.

**Orders are due May 29, 1998.**

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GAME OPENINGS:           \$5 refundable game fee. \$ = paid.

GamePlayers

**Colonial Dip:**           Bigge\$, Lurz\$, Boyum\$, Narhi\$, Packard\$, need 2.  
**Gunboat Col Dip:**     5, need 2.  
**Migraine Dip:**         Free! Crandlemire, Rothenheber, Cain, Hood, Morrison, need 3.  
**Mach. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.**         Narhi, Kinsel, Wilke, Packard, Scott need 3.  
**Chinese Chess:**       1, need 1.

**SUB LIST:**             Let me know if you want on or off the list.

**Dip:**                   Gonsalves, Narhi, Rothenheber, Kent, Milewski, Leaman,  
                             Boyum, Lurz, Packard  
**Col. Dip:**             Boyum, Gonsalves, V. Galarneau, Rothenheber, Kent, Leaman,  
                             Packard  
**Mach:**                 Hurley, Narhi, Rothenheber, Leaman, Packard  
**ALL:**                 Rothenheber, Leaman

**SUB-CALLS:**         Don Leaman as Canada in Gryposaurus.  
                             Mike Gonsalves as Russia in Hypacrosaurus.  
                             Aaron Packard as China in Hypacrosaurus.

**GAME STARTS:** We have one game start where everyone has paid (Gunboat Dip.) and one possible game start (Necromancer).

**Necromancer:**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Ward Narhi       | Ray Carpenter\$  |
| Wayne Morrison\$ | Pitt Crandlemire |
| Vince Galarneau  | Ed Rothenheber   |
| Morry Veer\$     | Tim Lurz\$       |

There is a \$5 refundable game fee for each player. If you play the game to completion, I will either give you a credit or refund, your choice. When everyone has payed, I will assign positions. Please submit preference lists.

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### **TOO MUCH TO ASK?**

Judge Hiller B. Zobel, who overturned the verdict in the trial of British au pair Louise Woodward, from an *American Heritage* magazine article on a jury's capacity to determine truth:

"We expect average, untrained people to absorb evidence for days and weeks on subjects entirely foreign to them without explanation, clarification or even the opportunity to take notes or ask questions."

### **NO ROOM SERVICE**

Retired Army Col. Richard J. Thomas, who sued his wife under the Clean Air Act to force her to stop smoking, on the considerable friction in their home during the ordeal:

"I mean, it was tough sledding. I wasn't getting any breakfast in bed, I'll tell you that."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open letter for the zine:

Origins' 98 is going to be held here in Columbus Ohio July 2nd to July 5th. In case any of you are coming (I think Stephen gave it a bad review last year) I'd like to make a warning. On July 3rd Columbus will host Red, White, & Boom, it's annual Fourth of July fireworks show. The show is very big. Very, Very big. I believe last year's numbers were somewhere around 3 million people coming downtown to see it. From about 12 noon until after the show there is next to no parking anywhere downtown. Also several main streets are closed days before the show, and at 6 p.m. almost every street downtown is shut down.

My warning is that the convention center is, of course, downtown. It's parking facility is usually one of the first lots to fill up. Any person who wants to park at the convention center had better show up as early as possible. Also, since the fireworks show can not start till dark, the display usually isn't over until around 11:00 p.m. Then you have to content with all the traffic. It isn't unusual for persons at the display not to be able to make it home until around 1:00 a.m.

Myself and a few friends have contacted Andon (Origins host company) and asked them if they had any plans to deal with the problems the convention is going to have with the fireworks display. We were hoping that they would save a section of the parking area and to arrange to hold a group of hotel room (another very scare thing during the fireworks show).

Andon's response was that they will "provide links to the COTA (Columbus's Bus system) web site so convention travelers will be able to reach the convention". About the hotels their response was that they were sure "the hotels will have accommodations for the conventioners".

I don't think Andon has any clue how much of a headache this is really going to be. They definitely don't have a clue about COTA, it stops running through downtown around 7:00 p.m. the day of the show. Trying to ride COTA after the show, well lets say that you could probably walk to Cleveland faster.

If your going to Origins, please make sure that you have very solid plans on how you are travelling and where you are staying on the 3rd.

Don Leaman

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## THE SPORTS PAGE

This issue is about to go out, and it's only taken about two weeks to prepare! In that time a lot has happened in the world of sports.

### What's the Buzz?

The Hornets shocked the Hawks in the first two games of the 4-5 match-up in the NBA's Eastern Conference Playoffs. I got to go to the Saturday night game (Game 2) and sit courtside. It was truly incredible; the hive was alive as in days of old.

Last night, the Harks trounced the Hornets in the Georgia Dome in Game 3. The Bugs only scored 64 points, a new NBA record for futility in the playoffs. They looked awful.

The Harks still have to win two more games to avoid losing to the Hornets. I still give the advantage to the Hornets, but I hope we win the next game in Atlanta. If we come back to Charlotte with the five game series tied at two a piece, we might just choke.

Matt Geiger has been injured for the first three games of the series with a pulled hamstring. Coach Dave Cowens keeps on making these snide comments about the injury, intimating that he does not think it is as serious as Matt says.

The rumor is that Gieger, a free agent after the season, has already had contacts, through his agent David Faulk, with Rick Patino and the Celtics and that they already have a deal worked out for the big man. The story goes that Faulk, who also represents former Hornets Alonzo Mourning and Mugsy Bogues, doesn't like the Hornet management, and has instructed Geiger to sit out of the playoffs so that he won't get injured and blow the deal with the Celtics.

Matt denies this vehemently, but who knows? He is quite angry with Cowens, cementing the belief that he won't be back next season with the Men in Teal. Viade Divac is also a free agent and we hope to keep one of the two.

### Panther's D is Back:

The Panthers, incredibly, resigned Kevin Greene. Bill Polian, the former GM (now with the Colts), alienated Greene during Greene's attempt to renegotiate his contract. Now that Polian is gone, the Panthers and Kevin have kissed and made up.

The Panthers also picked up Sean Gilbert from the Redskins. They had to give up this year's 2nd round pick and next year's 1st round pick to get him. Oh, and a \$10 million signing bonus. All for a guy who didn't even play last year because God himself told him to hold out for more money.

The only other major Free Agent pick-up so far was Doug Evans, a cornerback. He's good, but I think the idea was to trade our corner, Tyrone Poole, for something else. Well, we couldn't make a deal involving Poole, so now we have three starting Corners (Eric David being the other). Poole will back up the other two if we can't move him. I guess having too much is better than having too little.

The Panther's continued rebuilding the defense by drafting three defensive linemen in the first three rounds of the Draft last week. Hopefully all this means that the Defense that made the Panthers the 1996 NFC West Champs

will be back. Now if only Kerry Colins can stay healthy and have a year like he had in 1996, we will be doing fine.

#### Baseball in the Carolina's:

May 5th, 1998 is the date set for the vote in the Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point area (The Piedmont Triad) for the resolution which would authorize a tax to create revenue for a stadium for the Minn. Twins, if they should move to the area. The word is the vote will fail.

Don Beaver, the man from Hickory who is trying to buy and move the team, is still hopeful, but he still has not finished buying the team. There is some doubt if the current owner is really going to sell at all. Or perhaps they want to wait for the vote to go through with the sale.

If Beaver gets the team, but the Triad shuns him, the Charlotte maybe ready to step in to offer a new home for the Twins. Beaver already owns the Charlotte AAA Knights, and NationsBank may be willing to finance a downtown stadium.

All this should be much more certain by next issue.

#### That's Racin':

Just kidding.

## ARE YOU FEELING OLD?

Submitted by Marc:

If not, consider this:

- The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1980.
- They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan era.
- They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged.
- Black Monday 1987 is as significant to them as the Great Depression.
- Their lifetime has always included AIDS.
- Atari predates them, as do vinyl albums.
- The expression "you sound like a broken record" means nothing to them.
- They may have heard of an 8-track, but chances are they probably have never actually seen or heard one.
- The digital Disc was introduced when they were 1 year old.
- As far as they know, stamps have always cost about 32 cents.
- They have always had an answering machine.
- Most have never seen a TV set with only 13 channels.
- They were born the year that Walkmen were introduced by Sony.
- They have no idea when or why Jordache jeans were cool.
- They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.
- They have no idea what "and my name, is Charlie. They work for me." means.
- They don't know that "8-6-7-5-3-0-9" is Jenny's phone number.

- They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.
- They never heard the term "Where's the beef?".

Do you feel old now? Remember, the people who don't know these things will be in college this year!

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## BELIEVE IT OR NOT.....

Submitted By Andy Kutzy

This is the transcript of an actual radio conversation between a US naval ship and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. The radio conversation was released by the Chief of Naval Operations on Oct. 10, 1995.

US Ship: Please divert your course 0.5 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

CND reply: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

US Ship: The is the Captain of a US Navy Ship. I say again, divert your course.

CND reply: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course!!

US Ship: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS CORAL SEA, WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!!

CND reply: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

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### LIFE LESSON

Cook County (Ill.)  
Juvenile Court Judge  
Richard Walsh, on a case  
in which a girl killed her  
father with a baseball bat  
after years of alleged  
physical abuse:

**"If there's a lesson  
to be learned from this,  
it's that if you mess  
with your kids enough  
they're going to beat  
your brains in."**

# THE UNIVERSE ACCORDING TO TROY

\*Stupidity is like nuclear power, it can be used for good or evil. But you still don't want to get any on you.

\*You are without romance or mirth... You must be an engineer.

\*The status of a temp is somewhere between that of a security guard and the crud behind the refrigerator.

\*I used to feel guilty about smashing bugs until I realized it's a sport.

\*And in the news... Body parts were strewn for miles... Check your sandwich.

\*Our company does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, or religion... unless the religions are bizarre and unpopular and can be considered cults (and so may be freely discriminated against), or you are a short, fat, bald, ugly guy (and can be picked on without restraint), or are a nerd, smoker, or single person. Stupid people may now also be discriminated against due to the failure of their lobbying efforts.

\*I used to be clueless but I've turned that situation around 360 degrees.

\*Trying to attain vast power and world domination again?! Bad dog! Bad dog!

\*There's a fine line between marketing and grand theft.

\*All your problems are caused by invisible people. To eliminate your problems, all you need to do is find them and kill them.

\*Someday, the people who know how to use computers will rule over those who don't. And there will be a special name for them: secretaries.

\*In the next hour, you will learn how to cope with guilt the Dogbert way. And if you don't, well, it turns out I get paid anyway.

\*Running feels awful, but it will let you live longer... So, life will feel awful, but at least it will last longer.

\*Before you defeat the competition, you must first subjugate the other departments.

\*It's not a cult. Think of it as a gang of morons who have nothing better to do with their lives.

\*Hello! This is a long-distance phone company with vague promises of



unverifiable savings if you switch to us. Is this a convenient time for you? No? OK, we'll call back later.

\*If you have everything, gloat. When that gets boring, start your own line of perfumes.

\*If you touch any key, our software will lock up. Call us and we'll blame it on Microsoft.

\*Always put off dealing with time-wasting morons. If you would like to know how... I'll get back to you on that.

\*There's more to science than just hurting small animals, but it's the part that's the most fun.

\*What do you call a dog that's been run over by a steamroller? Spot.

\*Knowledge is power... But power corrupts... And corruption is a crime... And crime doesn't pay... So if you keep on studying you'll go broke!

\*Nature has a way of compensating for weaknesses, which is why stupid people have big mouths.

\*Time slows down as you approach the speed of light... But time flies when you're having fun... So if you walk slower, do you have more fun or do you just get more light?

\*It is said that man's ability to reason that separates him from mere animals, but then again the animal kingdom has no equivalent to "championship wrestling."

\*One way to compensate for a tiny brain is to pretend to be dead.

\*If you haven't accomplished anything so far, then your best days are likely to be ahead of you. But then, you should consider your track record.

\*Intelligence has much less practical application than you'd think.

\*Used car salesmen are not in it for the money. They just like lying to strangers.

\*To become one with your computer is to reach a state of... nerdvana.

\*When virtual reality gets cheaper than dating, humanity is doomed. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

# MIGRAINE DIP<sup>®</sup>

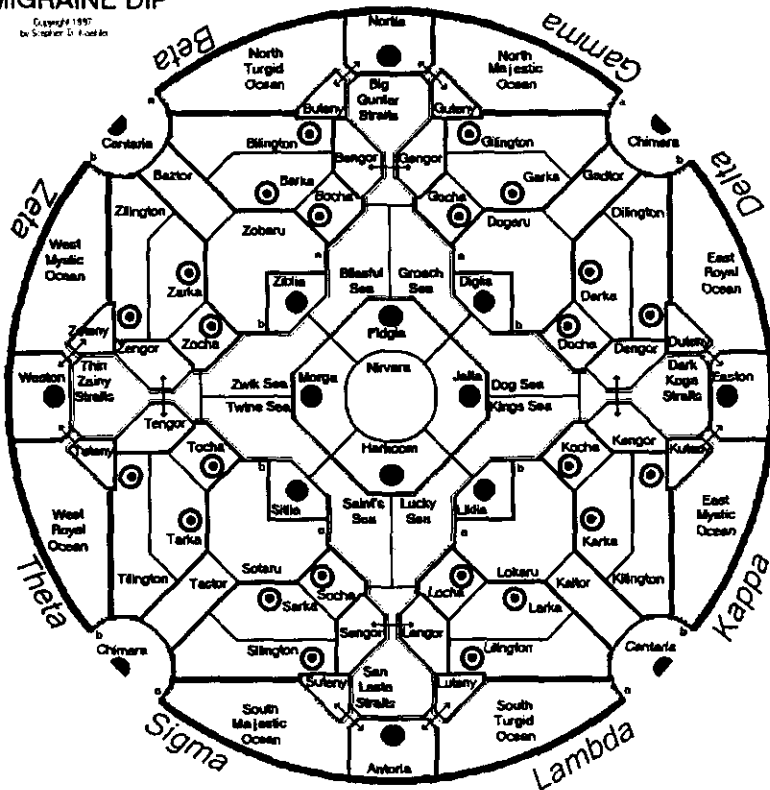
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8 Players: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Sigma, Theta, Kappa, Omega.

Played using regular dip rules, except that each player, at the start of the game, determines which of his units are fleets. 20 centers to win.

## MIGRAINE DIP

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Free! Signed Up Already:

Crandlemire, Rothenheber, Cain, Hood, Morrison, need 3.

**MIND TRAP!****LAST MONTH'S GAME: Andy Kutzy Wins!**

1. There is a cage at the "Electron City Zoo" that contains both peacocks and wild pigs. If there is a total of 30 eyes and 44 feet, how many of each are in the cage? **Answer: 7 pigs and 8 peacocks. (Kutzy, Cain, Kent, Narhi, Schlegel).**
2. Picture a liter of milk and a liter of Kahlua. A cup of Kahlua is poured into the milk and mixed thoroughly. Then a cup of this mixture is poured back into the Kahlua. Is the amount of Kahlua now in the milk more, less, or the same as the amount of milk in the Kahlua? **Answer: Same. (Kutzy, Cain, Narhi, Schlegel).**
3. In what year did Christmas and New Year's fall in the same year? **Answer: Every year (Kutzy, Cain, Kent, Mkoehler, Narhi, Schlegel).**
4. Dee Saptor, the famous magician, said he could put a bottle in the center of a room and crawl into it. How? **Answer: He puts the bottle in the center of the room, leaves, then crawls into the room. (Kutzy, Kent, Mkoehler, Narhi, Schlegel).**
5. Sam was looking at a picture. Someone asked who the man in the picture was and Sam replied: "Brothers and sisters I have none, but this man's father is my father's son." Who is in the picture? **Answer: It is his son. (Kutzy, Cain, Kent, Mkoehler).**
6. Charlie Cromedome went for a walk without an umbrella. He did not wear a hat and he did not take refuge under shelter; yet not one hair on his head got wet. How? **Answer: It was not raining. (Kutzy, Cain, Kent, Mkoehler, Narhi).**
7. Which would be worth more, a pound of \$10 pure gold coins, or a half a pound of \$20 pure gold coins; or would they be worth the same amount? **Answer: the pound of \$10 gold coins. (Kutzy, Cain, Kent, Mkoehler, Narhi).**
8. How could you give someone \$63 using six bills, without using one dollar bills? **Answer: one \$50, one \$5, four \$2 bills. (Kutzy, Cain, Narhi).**

**STANDINGS AFTER 2 of 8 GAMES:**

Scoring system: You get 1 point for playing. You get 3 for getting a right answer solo. You get  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point for getting an answer right. And you get  $y/x$  for winning, where  $y$  is the number of participants and  $x$  is the number of winners. For each 20 points you get, you get a free issue! \* = Awarded Free Issue this game.

|                     |      |                   |   |
|---------------------|------|-------------------|---|
| 1. Andy Kutzy       | 14.5 | 5. Margie Koehler | 7 |
| 2. Dennis Cain      | 14   | Doug Kent         | 7 |
| 3. Pitt Crandlemire | 9.5  | 7. Eric Schlegal  | 6 |
| 4. Ward Narhi       | 7.5  | 8. Robert Koehler | 4 |
|                     |      | 9. Don Treasure   | 3 |

**NEXT GAME: (3 of 8)**

1. If Goliath is 25 inches plus half his own height, how tall is he?
2. A child is born in Boston to parents who were also both born in Boston. This child is not an American citizen. How could this be true?
3. Suppose a squirrel is behind the trunk of a tree, which, it keeps between itself and a hunter who is circling the tree. In this case does the hunter actually walk around the squirrel?
4. What is the closest relation that your father's sister's sister-in-law could be to you?
5. What is the next letter in the following sequence? O T T F F S S.
6. How many three cent stamps are in a dozen?
7. Jack Axe charges \$5.00 to cut a wooden log into two pieces. How much will Jack charge to cut a log into four pieces?
8. Ivanova Romanov was born on December 27<sup>th</sup>, yet her birthday is always in the summer. How could this be?

**BRACHIOSAURUS: 1900** 1995Lea04

(Colonial Diplomacy)

**END GAME STATEMENTS:**

Japan (Mike Galarneau): What??? I thought this was supposed to be gunboat!

France (Kevin Kinsel): An Equitable end to a challenging tactical game. An early alliance with Holland produced marked results vs. China and England but my position became precarious.... Fearing betrayal and a powerful Japanese invasion, I decided to stab first and ally with Russia. This proved fortunate and guaranteed a place in a draw.

Kirk and I expanded into India and pushed Holland and Japan back; but nearing stalemate lines, became obvious that the position would stall.

The only other power to benefit from China's/England's demise was Turkey. Had the R/FT draw not passed, I'm sure that japan's/Holland's position would worsen.

My utmost respect for all those who played this game. Tactically, the play was of high caliber . . . but the fluidity of diplomatic communique was lacking. Congratulations to Kirk and Robert for the draw and to our GM, Stephen. His GM'ing was consistently thorough.

**EDMONTOSAURUS: Fall 1910** 1995rb32

(Gunboat Diplomacy, White and Grey Press)

**Fall 1910 Moves:**

ENGLAND: NMR!!! F-SKA-Holds (N.O.).  
 FRANCE: F-MAR-s-F-Spa(sc), A-BUR-s-A-Mar, F-SPA(sc)-s-A-Mar, F-POR-s-F-Spa(sc), F-MAO-s-F-Spa(sc).  
 GERMANY: F-NWY-Swe, A-DEN-Swe, F-Bel-EC, F-LON-s-F-Bel-Ec, F-NAO-s-(F)-F-Mao, A-BRE-Gas, A-SIL-Gal, A-Gal-Vie (Dis. Ret. Ukr, OTB), A-Boh-TYL, A-MUN-s-A-Boh-Tyr, F-STP(sc)-Holds (N.O.).  
 ITALY: F-GAS-Spa(nc), F-PIE-Mar, F-GOL-s-F-Gas-Spa(nc), F-WME-s-F-Gas-Spa(nc), F-ION-s-F-Gre, F-GRE-s-A-Bul, A-BUL-s-A-Rum, A-Rum-s-A-Bud-Gal (Dis. Ret. Ser, OTB), A-Bud-GAL, A-VIE-s-A-Bud-Gal, A-Tyl-s-A-Vie (Dis. Ret. Ven, Tri, OTB).  
 RUSSIA: A-Ukr-RUM, A-SEV-s-A-Ukr-Rum, A-WAR-s-(G)-A-Gal (nso).  
 TURKEY: F-FNE-Ion, F-AEG-s-F-Con-Bul(sc), F-CON-Bul(sc).

**Winter 1910 Supply Centers:**

ITALY: Home, Austria, Tun, Gre, Ser, Bul, [Rum] = 10, remove 1.  
 FRANCE: Par, Mar, Spa, Por, [Bre] = 4, remove 1.  
 TURKEY: Home = 3, even.  
 GERMANY: Home, Den, Swe, Hol, Nwy, Bel,

Stp, Lvp, Edi, +LON, +BRE = 13, build 2.  
 RUSSIA: Mos, War, Sev, +RUM = 4, build 1.  
 ENGLAND: [Lon] = 0, OUT!!!

Notes: Winter 1910 and Spring 1911 Moves are due Friday, May 29, 1998.

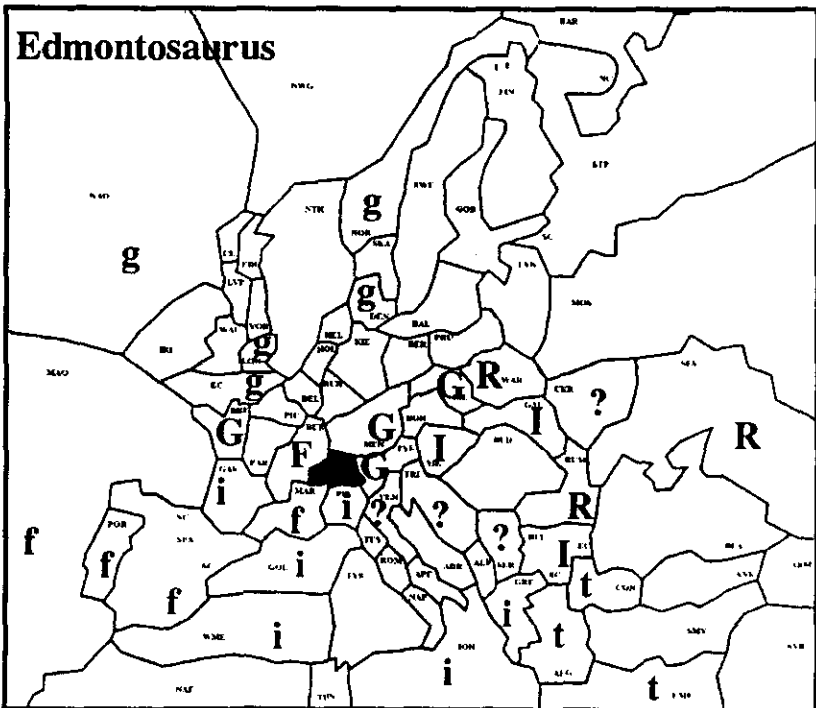
Press:

Germany-Russia: Once we punch through I will give you all of the Austrian centers.

Germany-France: We are having no problem holding him back. Lets work to destroy that Italian fleet behind our lines. Count on me to move on it if I can.

Germany-Italy: Have we convinced you to vote for the draw yet? I will not allow you to win this game.

Russia -> Turkey: I still intend on helping you take Bulgaria.





## GRYPOSAURUS: Fall 1868

1995Jna05 (War in North America)

### Fall 1868 Moves:

Texas (Boyum): A-ELP-s-A-San, A-SAN-s-A-Elp.  
 Rebels (Gonsalves): ~~F-Cuba-Car~~ (Dis. Ann.)  
 Union (Kinsel): F-Ao-PNM, A-GAL-Hold, A-OkI-PNH, A-Oza-OKL, A-MIS-s-A-Oza-OkI, A-CHG-Dak, F-GL-c-A-Chg-Dak, A-Tor-WIN, F-Ups-GOS, F-Ds-BES, A-HIS-Hold, F-Sac-CUB, F-GOM-s-F-Sac-Cub, F-Fla-SAC.  
 Mexico (Narhi): F-Yuk-NWT  
 Indians (Rothenheber): <A-Cal-Sho>, <A-Com-Apa>; A-PAP-Hold (N.O.), A-Sho-ORE, A-APA-s-A-Sio-Com, A-KAN-Dak, A-TAM-Hold, A-MEX-Hold, A-Sio-COM.  
 Canada (Weiss?): NMR!!! A-CRO, A-CAL, F-NPC, A-CHE, F-CAS, A-VAN, F-ALA all hold, A-Com-Holds (Dis. Ret. Uta, Pec, OTB).

### Winter 1868 Supply Centers:

Canada (Weiss): Tor, Mon, [Win], Yuk, Dak, Van,  
 [Pan], [Kan], [Ore], +ALA, +CAL = 7, remove 1.  
 Rebels (Gonsalves): [Cuba] = 0, OUT!!!  
 Indians (Rothenheber): Home, [Cal], Mexico(3), +ORE, +KAN = 8, builds 1.  
 Mexicans (Narhi): [Ala] = 0, OUT!!!  
 Texans (Boyum): Elp, San = 2, even.  
 Union (Kinsel): Home(4), Confederacy(3), Fla, Bos,  
 Mis, Nol, His, OkI, Gal,  
 +CUBA, +PNM, +WIN = 17, builds 3.  
 Neutrals: Nwf = 1.

Old Proposals: 1. Concession to Union FAILS  
 2. U/C draw. FAILS

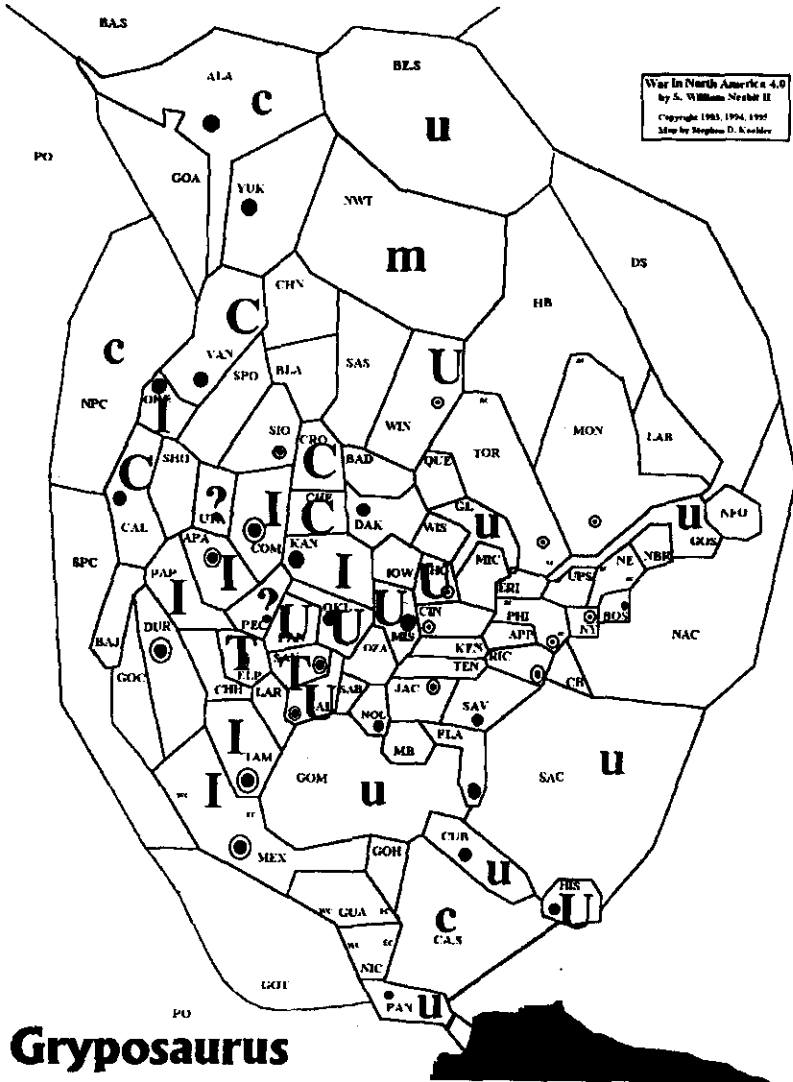
New Proposals: 1. Concession to Union

Vote with next orders. NMR = yes, NVR = no.

Notes: Thanks to Mike Gonsalves for playing out the sub position! Free Issue!  
 Will Don Leaman submit standby moves for Canada? Winter 1868 and Spring 1869 Moves are due Friday, May 29, 1998.

Press:

Union to Canada I didn't know the game was over!!! I appreciate the concession, but there are others that might dispute it.





**HYPACROSAURUS: 1902 199500a04**

(Colonial Diplomacy)

**1902 Moves:**

Britain (Schlegel): A-DEL-Holds, A-NAG-s-A-Del, F-BOM-Holds, F-HYD-Ben, A-RAN-s-(H)-F-Bob-Ubur.

China (Weiss?): NMR!!! A-NEP, A-ASS, A-NSI, A-PUN, A-YUN, F-PART, A-MAY, A-MAC, F-YS, A-BEN all hold, A-Ton-Holds (Dis. Ret. Can, OTB), F-Up-Holds (Dis. Ret. Ecs, OTB), A-Ubur-Holds (Dis. Ann.).

Holland (Rothenheber): F-MYS-s-F-Bom, F-WIO-s-F-Mys, F-SIO-s-F-Wio, F-EIO-s-F-Wio, F-Gom-BOB, F-Bob-UBUR, F-AS-s-(B)-A-Ran, F-Js-SUNS, A-BAN-Nsi, A-CAM-s-F-Ann-Ton, F-Ann-TON, F-Scs-FOR, F-Ecs-SHA, F-KYU-s-F-Kyo-Up, F-MP-s-F-Kyo-Up, F-Kyo-UP.

Japan (Boyum): F-OS-s-F-Tok, F-TOK-Holds, F-SEO(ec)-s-F-Via, F-VLA-s-F-SEO(ec).

Russia (VGalarneau?): NMR!!! A-KRA, A-OMSK, F-ARM, A-KAG, A-SIK, A-TIB, F-FUS, A-ODE all hold.

Turkey (Narhi): F-Ade-RS, F-SOM-s-F-Goa, F-ARAS-s-A-Raj-Bom, A-RAJ-Bom, F-PG-s-F-Aras, A-PER-Kar, F-ANG-Holds, F-GOA-s-F-Aras, F-ARA(sc)-s-F-Aras, F-KAR-Holds (N.O.).

**1902 Supply Centers:**

Britain (Schlegel): Bom, Mad, Ran, Cey, Mal, +DEL = 6, build 1.

China (Weiss): [Sha], [Sik], Can, Mac, Pek, Chu, Mon, Ass, [Ton], Ben, PArt, [Ubur], May, [Del] = 9, remove 3.

Holland (Rothenheber): Home(3), Sar, New, Dav, Cebu, Mna, Sin, For, Hk, Kyu, [Tok], Kyo, Coc, Ban, Ann, +TON, +UBUR, +SHA = 19, build 3.

Japan (Boyum): Ota, Sak, Via, Seo, +TOK = 5, build 1.

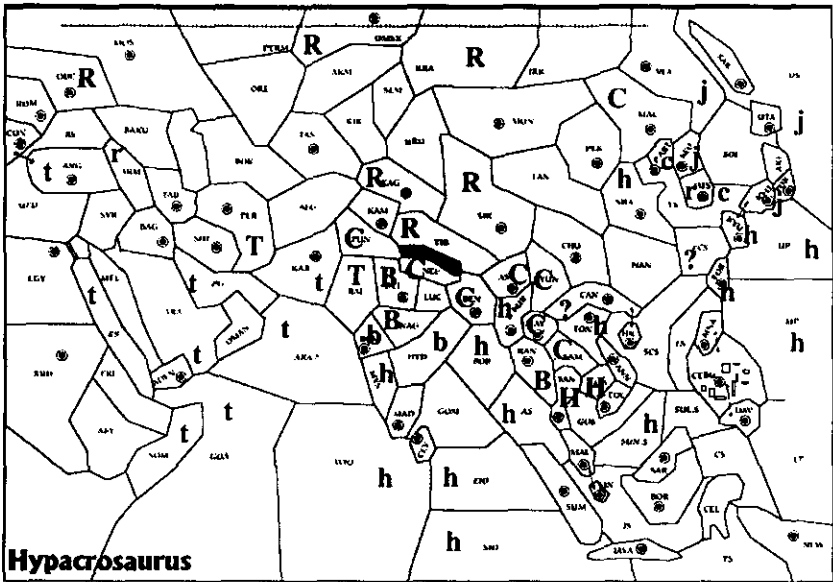
Russia (VGalarneau?): Ode, Mos, Omsk, Rum, Tas, Fus, Kag, Kam, +SIK = 9, build 1.

Turkey (Narhi): Home(3), Egy, Tab, Per, Shi, Kar, Sud, Aden = 10, even.

**Notes:** Vince Galarneau did not submit orders for Russia. Let's try Mike Gonsalves as a standby for Vince as Russia. Will Aaron Packard submit moves for China? 1904 Orders are due Friday, May 29, 1998.

**Press:**

Brit-Turk: Too little too late.  
 Brit-Turk: Stop complaining and start diploming. The name of this game isn't Colonial Whining!



**IGUANODON: Fall 2009 1995Udm04**  
(Africa Dip)

**Fall 2009 Moves:**

- Libya (Boyum): F-TUN-s-A-Tri, A-TRI-s-F-Tun.  
 IC (Gonsalves): F-GOC-Holds (N.O.), F-NAO-Wms, A-CAM-Cen, A-CHA-s-A-Cam-Cen, A-NGA-s-A-Cha, A-Qua-MAL, F-GAB-Goc, F-MAO-Goc, F-WMS-Holds.  
 S. Arabia (Rothenheber): A-Egy-ESD, A-BEN-s-A-Egy-ESD, F-Rs-EGY, F-ION-Wms, F-EMS-Ion, A-GRE-Holds (N.O.).  
 Ethiopia (Leaman): F-Nio-MAD, A-Uga-KIS, A-SUD-s-A-Uga-Kis, A-CEN-s-A-Uga-Kis, A-KOR-s-A-Cen, A-KEN-Uga.  
 Zaire (Narhi): F-Swao-SIO, F-Seao-SWAO, F-KIN-Goc, A-Lub-CON, A-Kis-s-A-Mit-Uga (Dis. Ret. Mit, OTB), A-Mit-UGA, A-ZAM-s-A-Tan, A-TAN-s-A-Mit-Uga, A-Kal-BOT.

**Winter 2009 Supply Centers:**

- Ethiopia (Leaman): Home, Kha, Mad, Kis = 6, even.  
 Ivory Coast (Gonsalves): Home, Sen, Mor, Tim, Nga, Gab, Cha = 9, even.  
 Libya (Boyum): Tun, Tri, [Ben], Spa, [Tan] = 3, plays one short.  
 Saudi Arabia (Rothenheber): Home, Iran, Gre, Egy, + BEN = 7, build 1.  
 Zaire (Narhi): Lub, Kin, Uga, Zam, Zim, Ang, Nam, SAfrica(3), + TAN = 11, build 1.

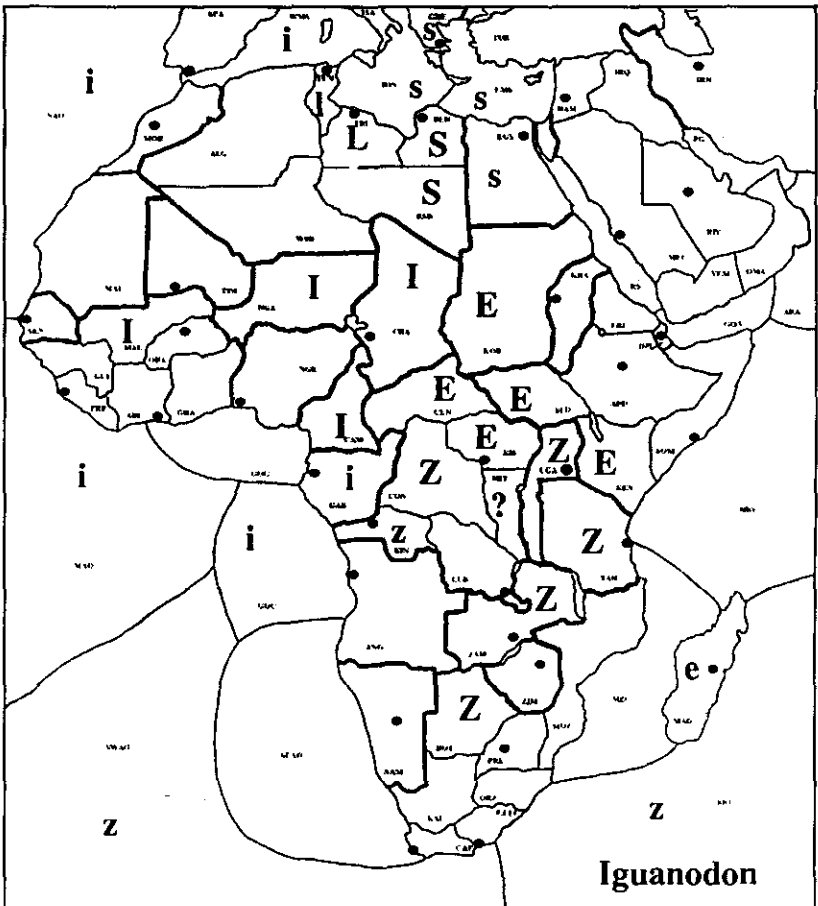
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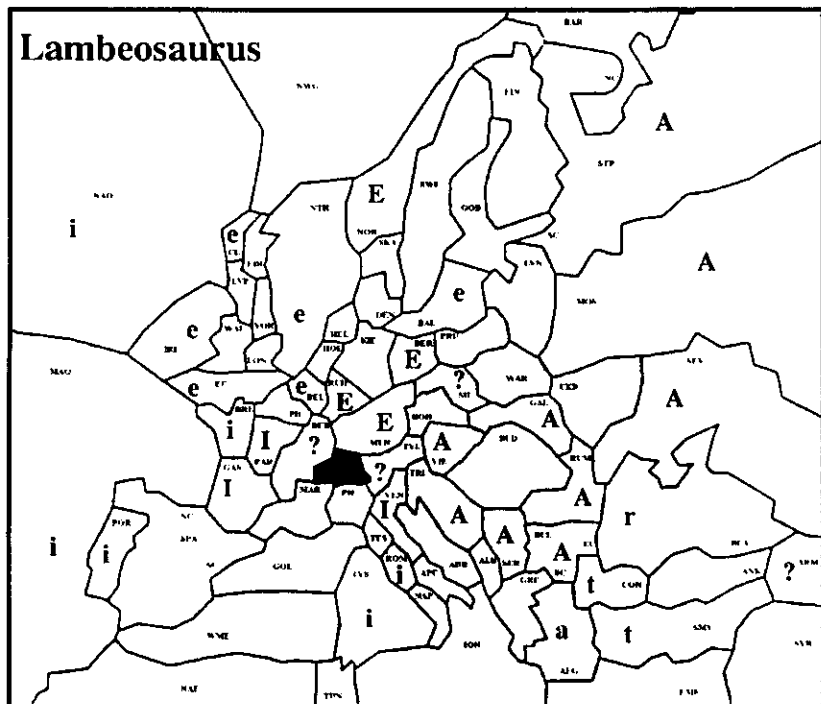
Press:

Saudi - Ethiopia: I agree with your plan and will cooperate, I won't go any further south. Let me know what you want to do about Chad next turn.

Ethiopia to Zaire: You've been moving against me and now that I fight back you say I betrayed a friend? You didn't even return my e-mail.

Ethiopia to world: Help me stand against ruthless Zaire expansion, or we might as well just give up the game.





**LAMBEOSAURUS: Spring 1907 1996AO**  
(Regular Diplomacy)

**GAME DELAYED:** Last time, I failed to note the English moves highlighted below and failed to note the units on the map.

**Caution:** I received one set of VERY confusing contingent moves. Please use more clarity or you may be sorry!

**Spring 1907:**

**Italy (Boyum):**

Builds F-Rom, F-Nap; F-ROM-Holds, F-Nap-TYS, F-Wme-MAO, F-Mao-NAO, F-BRE-Ec, F-POR-s-F-Wme-Mao, A-PAR-s-A-Gas-Bre, A-GAS-Bre, A-VEN-Holds.

**Germany (Kent):**

Retreats <F-Hol-Hel>; Removes A-Pic, F-Hel; A-Mun-Bon (Dis. Ret. Sil, Bur, Tyl).

**England (Gonsalves):**

Builds F-Lon, F-Lvp, F-Edi; F-Lon-CHA, F-NTH-s-F-Lon-Cha, F-Edi-CLY, A-Hol-RUHR, A-Kie-MUN, A-BER-s-A-Kie-Mun, A-NWY-Holds, F-Lvp-IRI, F-BEL-s-F-Lon-Cha, F-BAL-Holds (N.O.).

**Russia (Milewski):**

Retreats <A-Stp-OTB>; F-BLA-Bul(ec), F-Sev-Rum (Dis. Ret. Arm, OTB).

Turkey (Narhi): F-CON-s-(R)-F-Bla-Bul(ec), F-SMY-s-F-Con.  
 Austria (Rothenheber): Builds A-Vie, A-Bud; A-STP-Nwy, A-MOS-s-A-Ukr-  
 Sev, A-Ukr-SEV, A-RUM-s-A-Ukr-Sev, A-Bud-GAL, A-  
 VIE-Boh, F-AEG-Con, A-BUL-s-A-Rum, A-SER-s-A-Bul,  
 A-TRI-Holds.

Notes: Doug Kent has taken over for Germany! Fall 1907 Orders are due Friday, November 21, 1997.

Press:

Turkey-Russia: If you retreat to Armenia we can hold out for at least another year and who knows what might happen then?

### MAIASAURA: 1890 1996Vea04

(Gunboat Colonial Diplomacy)

1890 Moves:

Turkey: Builds A-Ang; A-Ang-ARM, A-ODE-Mos, F-Bla-MED, F-Med-RS, A-TAB-s-A-Per, A-Ara-BAG, A-SUD-Holds, F-ADEN-s-F-Med-Rs, A-PER-s-A-Tab, F-Pg-OMAN, F-Bag-SHI.

Britain: A-AFG-s-F-Kar, F-KAR-s-F-Raj-Aras, F-Raj-ARAS, F-GOA-s-F-Raj-Aras, F-EIO-s-F-As-Sum, F-AS-Sum, F-SIN-Js, A-HYD-s-(C)-A-Ben.

Japan: <F-Scs-Sul>; Builds F-Ota; F-Ota-SOJ, F-OS-s-F-Ota-Soj, F-Kyo-YS, F-FUS-s-F-Kyo-Ys, F-ECS-s-F-Sha, F-FOR-s-F-Sul-Scs, F-SHA-s-F-Kyo-Ys, F-LS-s-F-Sul-Scs, F-Sul-SCS, A-CEB-Holds.

France: F-GOS-s-F-Mal, F-Coc-CAM, A-RAN-May, A-Ubur-May (Dis. Ann.), F-MAL-s-A-Ban, F-Hk-CAN, F-Scs-s-F-Hk-Can (Dis. Ret. Nan, OTB), F-TON-s-F-Scs, A-BAN-s-F-Mal.

Holland: F-SUM-As, F-BOB-s-F-Sum-As, F-SAR-s-F-Sun-Js, F-SUN-Js, F-JS-Sum.

Russia: A-MOS-Holds, A-TAS-Kag, A-BOK-Tas.

China: Removes F-Nan; A-Akm-OMSK, A-KRA-s-A-Akm-Omsk, A-SIK-Kag, A-Ass-UBUR, A-BEN-s-A-Ass-Ubur, A-YUN-s-A-Ass-Ubur, A-MAC-Sha, A-SEO-Vla, F-Soj-Vla (Dis. Ret. Kyo, Aki, OTB).

Notes: The following countries have NOT paid the game fee:

Japan



Please pay the \$5 game!

China retreated to the SOJ last turn and I failed to note it's unit there. Japan was aware of the mistake, so I did not bother delaying the game. A new player has taken over as Russia. 1890 moves are due Friday, May 29, 1998.

Press:

Japan-China: Huh? Are you outta your freakin' mind? You, a new and

unknown quantity, spew words of peace but stick a Chinese fleet in a space whose name includes the word "Japan?" AND you want me to withdraw my fleets from a position where they can protect my homeland? AND you want a free dot? With absolutely no suggestion as to how we should REPLACE this dot?

Sorry, has the Japanese Imperial Spokesmoron been signing our press releases with "Slack-Jawed Inbred Yokel I, Emperor of Japan?" Did you think we just fell off the wasabe truck? Do we appear to have been born yesterday? Sure, you've got better carryout restaurants, but does that make us STUPID?

Our diplomats will continue to man the phone lines, just in case you decide to come into contact with reality. Our admirals, however, will remain on maneuvers--in the seemingly likely event that your brilliantly creative imagination remains in control of your diplomacy.

Japan-World: Sure, fine, let us have the floor. No need for any of you to express yourselves, we find ourselves QUITE entertaining.

China to Japan: I will see this turn how true you are to your words. My intentions were genuine, were yours? If you have moved your fleet out of SHA by the time you read this, then I know I can trust you. Otherwise, I will be forced to talk to some of your other neighbors. It will be interesting to note if they see what I see - that you have great opportunities in the South that may make you dangerous to them (yeah, I'm sure they have nothing to fear!).

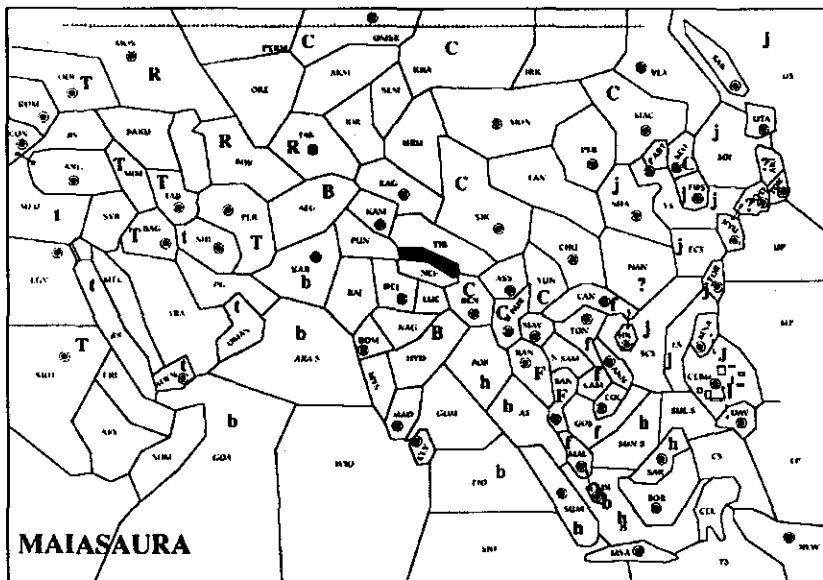
China to Holland: You don't seem to have a lot of growth in your current situation, do you?

China to Britain: Thanks for the support. Do we have some common interests?

Russia to China and Turkey: Greetings from the new Tsar. As my position is very untenable I'm offering to become the vassal of one of you. My units will do your bidding. So make me an offer I can't refuse.

Russia to Britain: Sorry about the move to Kag, but I needed a center quick.

Hol-Jap: Not much is happening down here...just getting my ass kicked, that's all.



### **NEGATIVE OPINION**

Federal District Court Judge Harold D. Vietor, on 32 Iowa tax protesters who claim that being forced to pay federal income tax is involuntary servitude, in violation of the 13th Amendment.

**"To put it bluntly, the claims are just plain goofy, and any person except one purposely deluding himself or herself would know that."**

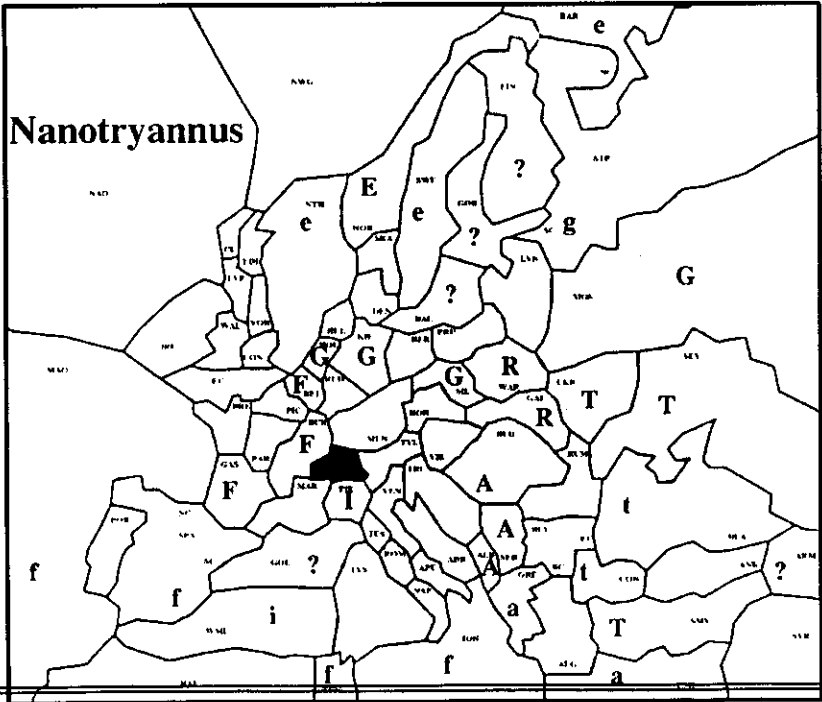
## NANOTYRANNUS: Fall 1904

(Gunboat Diplomacy)

**GAME DELAYED:** Last time I made an error. I said that Russia controled Warsaw, when actually Germany did. The revised report follows:

**Fall 1904 Moves:**

- Germany: F-STP(sc)-Holds, F-Swe-s-A-Kiel-Den (Dis. Ret. Fin, Gob, Bal, OTB), A-MOS-s-F-Stp(sc), A-KIEL-Den, A-Mun-SIL, A-HOL-Kiel.
- France: Retreats < A-Mar-Gas >; F-ION-Holds, F-MAO-Spa(sc), F-SPA(sc)-Mar, A-GAS-s-F-Spa(sc)-Mar, A-BUR-s-F-Spa(sc)-Mar, A-BEL-Holds, F-TUN-Holds (N.O.).
- England: F-BAR-Stp(nc), A-NWY-s-F-Ska-Swe, F-Ska-SWE, F-NTH-Den.
- Italy: F-WME-Spa(sc), F-Mar-s-F-Wme-Spa(sc) (Dis. Ret. Gol, OTB), A-PIED-s-F-Mar.
- Turkey: A-Con-SMY, F-Bul(sc)-CON, A-Rum-SEV, A-UKR-s-A-Rum-Sev, F-BLA-s-A-Rum-Sev.
- Russia: A-GAL-s-A-Sil-War, A-Sil-WAR, A-Sev-Mos (Dis. Ret. Arm, OTB).
- Austria: F-Aeg-EME, A-Gre-SER, A-Ser-ALB, F-Alb-GRE, A-BUD-s-(R)-A-Gal-Rum (nso).





**Winter:**

|          |                                      |                       |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Germany: | Ber, Kiel, Hol, Stp, Den, War, [Swe] | = 6, even.            |
| France:  | Home, Bel, Spa, Por, Tun             | = 7, even.            |
| England: | Home, Nwy, + SWE                     | = 5, build 1.         |
| Italy:   | Home                                 | = 3, even or build 1. |
| Turkey:  | Home, Sev, [Gre]                     | = 4, remove 1.        |
| Russia:  | Mos, Rum, Mun                        | = 3, even.            |
| Austria: | Home, Ser, Bul, + GRE                | = 6, build 1.         |

Notes: The following countries' leaders have NOT paid the game fee!

England                      Austria

Please pay the \$5 game!

Winter 1904 builds and Spring 1905 moves due November 21, 1997.

**Press:**

- Budapest Star: The Sultan was seen dining on spotted owl eggs and whalemeat on a recent night out on the town.
- Trieste Tattler: Operatives inside Turkey have reported that the Sultan is experimenting on Russian POWs with chemical weapons.
- Vienna Enquirer: The Sultan was recently quoted, "Those Frenchies are so easily led around by me which is good because they haven't had a leader of my stature since Napoleon."
- Austria-France: Peace, mon ami?
- Turkey - world: Boy, attack both of your neighbors and do they get pissed off!
- Turkey - Russia: I liked you better when you were NRM'ing.
- Germany -> France = Sounds good. I'm looking forward to cooperating with you. We will both benefit. Naturally, I hope to benefit more, but I think a few crumbs your way couldn't hurt.
- Germany -> Turkey = Help is on the way. We need to rough up the evil-smelling Tsar before he takes from us the things we hold dear. We must attack.
- Germany -> Russia = Back off you evil usurper. Leave in your Czar car while you still can. I have reduced Moscow to a Moscalf. Worse awaits.
- Germany - England = Retreat! Back off! Go home!

**PINACOSAURUS: Fall 1902**

(Regular Diplomacy)

**Fall 1902 Moves:**

- Austria (Leaman): A-Gal-WAR, A-Bud-TRI, A-VIE-s-A-Bud-Tri, A-SER-s-A-Bud-Tri, F-GRE-Holds.
- England (HOOD): A-EDI-Yor, F-NTH-Eng, F-LON-s-F-Nth-Eng, F-NWG-Nth.

France (Koffman): A-SPA-Tus, A-MAR-Holds, F-GOL-c-A-Spa-Tus, F-Bre-MAO, F-ENG-s-(G)-F-Yor-Lon.

Germany (Packard): <F-Nth-Yor>; F-YOR-Lon, A-DEN-Holds, F-HOL-Nth, A-Ruh-BEL, A-SIL-s-(A)-A-Gal-War.

Italy (Schlegel): A-VEN-Tus, A-TUN-Holds (Camel Races), F-Ion-TYS, F-Adr-ION.

Russia (Boyum): <A-Gal-War>; F-NWY-s-F-Swe, F-SWE-s-F-Nwy, A-MOS-s-A-Sev, A-Sev-Holds (Dis. Ret. Ukr, OTB), A-War-Holds (Dis. Ret. Pru, Lvo, Ukr, OTB).

Turkey (Treasure): A-Arm-SEV, F-RUM-s-A-Arm-Sev, F-BLA-s-A-Arm-Sev, A-BUL-s-F-Rum, F-CON-s-A-Bul.

#### Winter 1902 Supply Centers:

|                    |                                   |                |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Austria (Leaman):  | Home, Ser, Gre, +WAR              | = 6, build 1.  |
| England (Hood):    | Home, [Nwy]                       | = 3, remove 1. |
| France (Koffman):  | Home, Por, Spa                    | = 5, even.     |
| Germany (Packard): | Home, Bel, Den, +HOL              | = 6, build 1.  |
| Italy (Schlegel):  | Home, Tun                         | = 4, even.     |
| Russia (Boyum):    | Mos, Stp, [War], [Sev], +NWY, Swe | = 4, remove 1. |
| Turkey (Treasure): | Home, Rum, Bul, +SEV              | = 6, build 1.  |

**Notes:** Ric Manns retires as England, Dave Hood Takes Over. Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 moves due May 29, 1998.

#### Press:

From the Former British King: I hate to do this to you, however, I must depart from this game. I enjoy reading your zine, but really dont enjoy PBM. This was my first try.....and its not my cup of tea.

I look forward to reading the zine and seeing you at the Con. Like I said I am sorry..... I just enjoy FTF and not PBM. With the High School Baseball season here in full swing....I think the game would be better served by someone who enjoys PBM.

My country is still strong....and someone can make something of themselves.

See ya at the Avaloncon, Ric

Turkey to Italy: I think you'd better figure out who your friends are!

Ankara to Paris - I don't know - is the enemy of your enemy your friend?

Ankara to Moscow - Thanks to a 3 way attack on England, you have continued to grow - how long do you figure it can last?

Finnish Fly-By-Night to Moscow - We will hold out in our sauna's forever!

Par-Lon: I carefully considered your offer to roll over Germany. I also considered your misdirected offer to Germany to roll over France. Hmmm.

Italian Army HQ, Tunis: The military governor announced today that while the convalesced veils made excellent napkins for wiping tomato sauce from the chins of his soldiers they might be better employed to cover the faces of Tunisian woman. The veils

have been laundered and returned.

Russia -> Austria = Head east!!!!!!!!!!!!

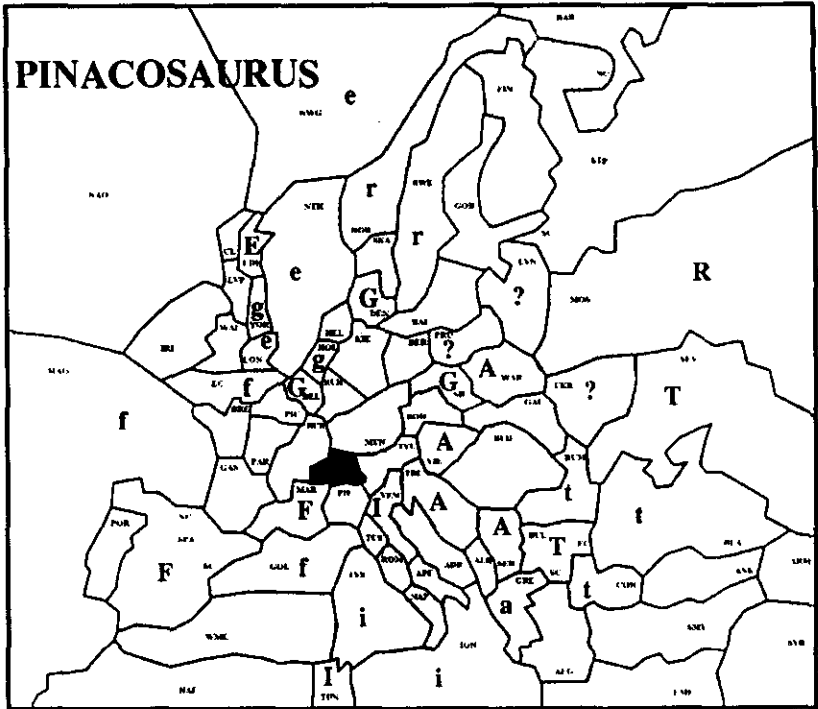
Russia -> Turkey = Bite me!!!!!!!!

Russia -> Germany = It's about time to cooperate Kaiser.

Russia -> England = Head south!!!!!!!!!!!!

Russia -> Italy = Spank Austria and Turkey and I shall be forever in your debt great and wonderous Italiano Man.

Russia -> France = Head north!!!!!!!!!!!!



Austria - Italy      Excuse me while I cover my butt.

**RHAMPHORHYNCUS:  
END GAME STATEMENTS**

1995Kea04

(Colonial Diplomacy by Andy Marshall)

Don Leaman, Japan

When I inherited Japan I received a country that could only move against Russia or Holland. Since Holland seemed (to me at least) to have more fleets and have them in a better position than mine, I decided to try to move against Russia. Another factor in trying to attack Russia was that Stephen (Holland) was the only person who would talk to me. The problem with Russia was that I only had one army. All I could do was to try to nibble at the coast and use the builds to create more army units.

However, the game ended too suddenly for me to have a chance to build up.

I'm very sorry the game ended the way it did. We have all been attacked from behind at one point or another. I thought the point was to try to get even, not give up.

Peter Boyum, China

ARMY Chu holds

Andy Marshall, GM

I'm not sure that Peter meant his last message as an endgame statement, but I chose to run it as such--if Peter intended it as an endgame statement, it's certainly an elegant one.

The game's fundamental conflict was between Steve (Holland) and Ed (Britain). And I don't want to say much because Steve and Ed (especially Ed) have not chosen to submit statements. To my way of thinking, that means it wouldn't be particularly fair for me to go on a rant about the way the game ended.

I'll limit my comment to this: I think this game had some play left in it. On the other hand, there's a school of thought that the choice to lay down arms was Ed's choice to make. I do have to agree with Dan--who is he to stand in the way of fate? Would I turn down an enemy's abject surrender? Hell no! If any of y'all want to abjectly surrender to me at DixieCon, I'll most cheerfully and graciously accept.

Beyond that, I consider all three of the principals to be my

friends, and I'm not going to attack anyone over it (I'm not interested in attacking anyone in the hobby about anything).

In addition to all that, it's pretty clear that a number of people (including, I'm sorry to say, the GM) were pretty damned tired of this game.

I do want to thank the standbys who finished the game: Don Leaman, who took over a thriving Japan and made a pretty good go of it; Peter Boyum, who had a thankless small-time standby position as China; and Ed Rothenheber, who came in to finish out Tom Kobrin's position as Britain. Standbys are the lifeblood of any zine, and this game wouldn't have happened without them.

I also want to thank Steve, who invited me to do a shot as a guest GM, for his patience even when it was clear that my formidable skills as a GM aren't very well suited to Colonial Dip, a variant I despise mightily. I swear, I'm TRYING to like it, but it just ain't happening.

Finally, congratulations to Dan. A win is a win, period.

Dan Mathias, Russia

Well, this ended in a slightly different fashion than I had originally intended, although the end result was what I intended, since I won.

The game was hurt by the changing players throughout, especially since this variant is very unbalanced anyway.

Since I could do nothing about Holland or Japan, I had to ally with Britain and attempt to ally with China (continuously, although unsuccessfully)

My strategy towards the end was to outwait Holland. My patience was greater than his.

I passed on taking builds and instead went for position. Holland got frustrated, grabbed, and forced Britain into an untenable position between a rock and a hard place. Fortunately for me, the end result was Britain sided with me, although much farther and quicker than I had initially anticipated. Who am I to stand in the way of fate?

Although I feel this variant is quite unbalanced, I enjoyed the interaction with all the other players (which is what keeps me playing this silly game). I look forward to doing it again sometime.

Dan Mathias, Czar of Russia and all the currently known world.

Steve, Holland

Andy asked me not to add my own comments after reading the above. But I did want to congratulate Dan on the win. I stand by what I said last issue. After I offered to give everything back to Britain, he should have continued to play the game as opposed to throwing the game to Dan. I think Dan would have one the game anyway. Too bad we will never know.

## SEISMOSAURUS: Spring 1901

(Gunboat Diplomacy)

### Spring 1901 Moves:

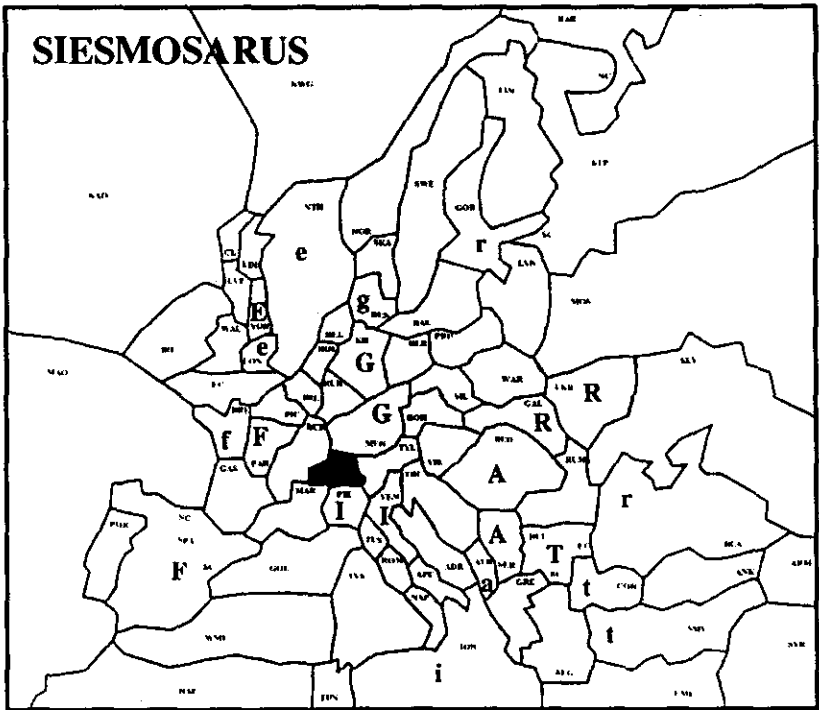
Austria: F-Tri-ALB, A-Bud-SER, A-Vie-BUD.  
 England: F-Edi-NTH, A-Lvp-YOR, F-LON-Eng.  
 France: A-Mar-SPA, F-BRE-Eng., F-PAR-Bur.  
 Germany: F-Kie-DEN, A-Ber-KIE, A-MUN-Bur.  
 Italy: A-Ven-PIE, A-Rom-VEN, F-Nap-ION.  
 Russia: A-War-GAL, F-Stp(sc)-GOB, F-Sev-BLA, A-Mos-UKR.  
 Turkey: A-Con-BUL, F-Ank-CON, A-SMY-Holds.

Notes: Fall 1901 moves due May 29, 1998.

### Press:

Eng to Rus, Fra, Ger Looking for an Alliance? Good luck to all of you.  
 Vie to StPete/Con: Hope you guys stood off in the Black Sea. I'll ally with whichever one of you shows goodwill towards me.  
 Vie to Rome: What's it to be? I can help with the Lepanto, but I'll need some talk from you.  
 Vie-Par/Ber: Stay north and hassle England. She's bad news and I don't want any fleets in the Western Med.  
 Rome to the world: Can't we all just ... get along?  
 Italy to Austria: Let's declare a truce between Ven. and Tri. - we both have better uses for those forces.  
 Italy to France: The move to Pie. is defensive - I'm planning a traditional gain of one center in Tunis.  
 Italy to Turkey: Do you need a friend at your back while you take on Russia?  
 Ber-StP: Hope we can come to an equitable agreement  
 Ber-Lon: Hello. I've no intention of mucking about with Bel, Can with keep Bur empty ??  
 Par-Lon My Channel opening is not a declaration of war. It was solely a defensive act in the absence of information. If you did not attempt to do the same, we can still work together.  
 Par-Ber France has great respect for its Teutonic neighbor. Let me know how I can help you.

- Rus-Eng: I won't build on the North Coast if I don't have any reason to. Let me be and you may consider Norway and your eastern frontiers safe.
- Rus-Ger: Yeah, this is always the tough one. I know that my taking Swe is in your hands. I will leave it to your wise judgement as to whether or not I shall be in Swe in the Fall. If it looks like there is the possibility of E/F, then I will do what I can to help. I do try to do the honorable thing and if you do let me have Swe, then I will make sure that that debt is repaid.
- Rus-Tur: I get tired of bickering over the BS. Let's put our fleets to better use. It's simple, war between us often results in our both going under. I suggest you move your fleet to CON in the Fall and I will not move to the BS. Let's see how things develop and then go from there.
- Rus-AH: Another tough one. I need to see this first set of moves before I can offer anything specific. I hope you have an enjoyable game.
- Turkey -> Russia: I hope you didn't assume I was moving to the Black Sea. If



you are there, move out immediately.

Italy to Austria - How about a non-aggression pact between Trieste and Venice?

I think we need to use those armies elsewhere!  
Italy to the World - Can't we all just...get along?

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## *DixieCon Schedule of Events*

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### *Friday, May 22*

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Whenever       | Open Gaming for Early Arrivals                    |
| 6:00pm-12:00am | Diplomacy Round One                               |
|                | 1830, Titan, Acquire, and RoboRally Events Begins |
| 8:00pm-        | Ancient Miniatures                                |

### *Saturday, May 23*

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 9:30am-5:00pm  | Diplomacy Round Two/Diplomacy Team Tournament  |
|                | History of the World Event                     |
| 5:00pm-6:00pm  | Catered Supper                                 |
| 6:00pm-12:00am | Diplomacy Round Three                          |
|                | Colonial Diplomacy Event                       |
|                | Magic: The Gathering Event at Celebral Hobbies |
|                | Civil War Miniatures                           |

### *Sunday, May 24*

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8:30am-9:30am  | World DipCon and DipCon Society Meetings        |
| 9:30am-5:00pm* | Diplomacy Round Four                            |
|                | 1830, Acquire, RoboRally and Titan Final Rounds |
|                | Advanced Civilization Event                     |
| 6:00pm or so   | Awards Ceremony                                 |
| 7:00pm-        | Open Gaming                                     |

Notes: 1830, Acquire, RoboRally, and Titan rounds will begin when full. These will have final rounds on Sunday with the top finishers from earlier games, unless there is time and interest the night before.

\*Round Four games will be the only ones operating under a time limit. Time will be called sometime between 4:00 and 6:00pm, but you won't know exactly when.



## KEY:

Uppercase indicates current position. Underlined = moves failed. {} = retreat  
 NMR!!! = No Moves Received. NAR!!! = No Adjustment (Build or Removal)  
 Received. N.O. = Not Ordered. NRR!!! = No Retreat Received. (X) indicates  
 foreign unit. OTB = off the board. nsu = no such unit. u = Unordered. nso =  
 no such order. Dis. = Dislodged. Ann. = Annihilated. Ret. = Retreat options.  
 Imp. = Impossible.

## EXTINCT SPECIES

### Diplodocus Game Results

| Game                                      | Winner(s)  |
|---|--|
| Rhamphorhynchus (Colonial Dip.) 1995Kea04 | Dan Mathias (Russia).  |
| Brachiosaurus (Colonial Dip.) 1995Lea04   | Kirk Irby (Russia),<br>Robert Koehler (Turkey),<br>Kevin Kinsel (France),<br>(Three-Way Draw). |
| Carnotaurus (Reg. Dip.) BN 1993HZ         | Mike Cunningham (France),<br>Don Leaman (Germany),<br>(Two-Way Draw).                          |
| Velociraptor (Reg. Dip.) BN 1994HC        | Ed Rothenheber (France).   |
| Allosaurus (Reg. Dip.) BN 1994HB          | Chris Hurley (England),<br>David Hood (Turkey),<br>(Two-Way Draw).                             |
| Triceratops (Reg. Dip.)                   | Mike Galarneau (Russia),<br>Robert Koehler (Turkey),<br>(Two-Way Draw).                        |
| Dilophosaurus (Reg. Dip.) BN 1992AY       | Tom Johnston (France).   |
| Stegosaurus (Reg. Dip.)                   | Vince Galarneau (Germany).   |
| Pterodactyl (Mach.)                       | Stephen Koehler (Turkey).  |
| Tyrannosaurus Rex (Reg. Dip.)             | Robert Koehler (France),<br>Stephen Koehler (Russia),<br>(Two-Way draw).                       |

DIPLODOCUS' HOUSE RULES

1. **DISCLAIMER:** Diplomacy, Machiavelli and Colonial Diplomacy are published by the Avalon Hill Game Company of Baltimore, MD. We are currently using the newer 1992 rules of Diplomacy.
2. **DECEPTION:** Any attempt to deceive the GM will result in permanent removal from any and all games, as well as forfeiture of any game, NMR and/or subscription fees.
3. **GAME FEES:** In most games, there will be a game fee of \$5.00. This fee will be required of each player prior to assignment of countries. If the player completes the game to conclusion or elimination, the game fee will be refunded. If the player NMRs out of the game or retires, the game fee is forfeited.
- 4.1 **ORDER SUBMISSION: (Mail/E-Mail)** Orders should be clearly printed or typed with each game on a separate sheet of paper. If more than one set of orders is received, the latest date (date on orders taking precedence over postmark) will be used. Submitting orders by mail or e-mail is preferred.
- 4.2 **ORDER SUBMISSION: (Fax)** This method should be used only in emergencies. I have access to a fax machine at work, but access may be suspended or removed if abused. Friday afternoon is NOT an advisable time to send a fax.
- 4.3 **ORDER SUBMISSION: (Phone)** Phone orders, left with me or on my answering machine, are acceptable on rare occasions. Valerie, my wife, will not take orders and should not be asked to do so. No press will be accepted and please use common sense as to when you call. I will attempt to transcribe the orders carefully, but whatever I write down will stand without the opportunity for challenge.
- 4.4 **ORDER SUBMISSION: FORMAT:** Each unit must be individually ordered; no combined orders are permitted. Abbreviations may be used, but care should be taken to avoid ambiguity. All unordered units will hold. The GM will attempt to complete an ambiguous or poorly written order, but again, this is not guaranteed and not a basis for challenge. An intentionally written "bad order" should be noted as such to the GM. No perpetual orders are allowed. If a unit is given more than one valid, but conflicting, order it will hold.
5. **CONDITIONAL ORDERS:** Conditional orders may be used at any time, but must be conditional on a prior season's retreats and/or builds.
6. **RETREATS:** Units which must retreat, and for which no retreat order is given, will disband (i.e. retreat OTB).
7. **NO BUILD/REMOVAL RECEIVED:** If no build order is received in a Winter season, then the country will play short those units until the next winter season when they may be built, if still possible. If a required removal is not received in a Winter season, the unit farthest from a HOME supply center will be disbanded. If two or more are equidistant, then a random method will be used to determine the unit disbanded.
8. **SEASONS:** There are five seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, Autumn and Winter. Normally, Summer and Fall will be adjudicated together, as will the other three seasons. Except for Winter 1901, (which will automatically be run separately), it will take at least 33% of the current players votes for a season separation. The GM may separate seasons at his discretion. (The fundamental concepts for these season rules are the same for Colonial Diplomacy, Machiavelli and variants.)
9. **PRESS:** Only white and grey press will be allowed, unless otherwise announced prior to the start of the game. Press releases may be edited for length or content.
10. **NMR:** In the event of an NMR (No Moves Received), all units will be given hold orders and a standby player will be called. Two consecutive NMRs will result in the removal of the current player of the game and the standby will be given the position.
11. **MAPS:** Where a map is provided in a game, it is to be considered a convenience for the players and it is not in any way "official". Players may only rely on the unit-listings and players use maps at their own risk.
- 12.1 **ENDING THE GAME (Rulebook Win):** If, at the end of any game year single player holds the winning number of centers, he/she shall be declared the victor.
- 12.2 **ENDING THE GAME (Proposal):** A game may end by agreement of all the remaining players to a concession (one player), or a draw. A draw must include all players with as many, or more, centers than the smallest of the drawing players. Proposals may be submitted by any player. The GM will announce the proposals and call for a vote with the next set of orders. How NMRs & NVRs will be counted will be indicated. Proposals will be considered first, before adjudication, except when a fail adjudication will result in a single player controlling a winning number of centers.
13. **DEADLINES:** Deadlines from games in *Diplodocus* will typically be 9 p.m. on the Friday four weeks following the publication of the latest issue.
14. **ERRORS:** The GM has the final say in all matters relating to games in *Diplodocus* (the "my ball" rule). Any error by the GM should be brought to the attention of the GM as soon as possible. If brought to the GM's attention, he will either send out a notice to all players, or delay the game at his discretion. If it is not brought to the GM's attention before the next turn is adjudicated, then the error STANDS and will not be fixed.

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