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## MENSA # 20 FILLS!!!

At last! The long days of waiting are over for the next group of Diplomats. It took a long, long time for this one to fill, but the waiting finally ended back in March when the last one came straggling in. Rather than bury this one back in the SIG News, I'd rather put this one right up front where you all can see it.

The line-up is as follows:

Austria-Hungary...Andy Cruikshank (Foster City, CA)  
England.....James R. "Jim" Cook (Des Moines, IA)  
France.....Karen Schoch (Portland, OR)  
Germany.....Al Autovino (Sodus, NY)  
Italy.....Scott Shacter (Columbia, MD)  
Russia.....Kirk Larsen (Dale City, VA)  
Turkey.....Sean C. Morgan (Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada)  
Gamesmaster.....Bob Addison (Silver Spring, MD)

This is just about as diverse a group as I've seen in a postal Diplomacy game. Almost every part of English-speaking North America is represented. What a group!

Spring, 1901, has been completed as of this writing, with the following results:

Austria is headed south (to Albania and Serbia)  
England is headed east (to North Sea and Norwegian Sea)  
France I don't understand yet (to Mat and Pic)  
Germany is going west (to Ruhr and Holland)  
Italy is going east (to Tyrolia and Apulia and the Ionian Sea)  
Russia is going mainly south (Galicia, Ukraine, and Black Sea)  
Turkey is headed mainly west (to Bulgaria)

At this point the only unsuccessful moves were Russia and Turkey who both would have liked to get into the Black Sea.

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"Well, what do you think then, Dad? Wouldn't it be a good idea if I could go off to China or some peppy place, and study engineering or something by mail?".....Babbitt, by Sinclair Lewis

SIG GAME NEWS

Mensa #14 (1981 AQ) GM: Steve Hutton zine: No Fixed Address

THE WAR IS OVER!

A two-way draw of Russia/Turkey was approved at Spring, '13.  
Game statistics are as follows:

Zines: Jihad (to WO2), Migraine (to FO5), Manifest Destiny (to FO9),  
Quadraplegic (S10 only), No Fixed Address.

GMs: Glenn Overby, Ed Bapple, Keith Sesler, Scott Hanson,  
Steve Hutton. (see above dates)

Players:

- Austria-Hungary: Michael Morris (drop WO1), Mark Larzelere (drop WO2), civil disorder (out FO3).
- England: Pete Gaughan (resign WO5), Craig Reges (drop W11), Claude Gautron (survived).
- France: Michael Casucci (drop WO2), Eric Strand (drop F10), Dave Lincoln (survived).
- Germany: Errol Platt (out FO7).
- Italy: Peter Simpson (resign WO2), Richard Young (resign F10), Paula Dodge (drop F11), Bob Acheson (survived).
- Russia: Michael Whitty (drop FO5), Ralph Baty (2-way draw).
- Turkey: Paul Larsen (resign WO5), Kevin Brown (? S07), Ken Hager (2-way draw).

Supply Centers:

	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	
A:	3	2	0										
E:	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	6	6	7	3	2	
F:	6	6	6	7	9	10	11	11	11	10	12	11	
G:	5	4 <sup>5</sup>	5	5	2	1	0						
I:	5	4	5	6	6	7	5	4	4	4*	3	1	
R:	6	6	7	7	9	9	9	7	7	7	9	11	2-way draw
T:	4	6	6	6	5	4	5	6	6	6	7	9*	2-way draw
N:	1	2 <sup>1</sup>	1										

Clearly, either the 1901 or the 1902 supply center chart is wrong.  
I presume we'll see some end-game statements in this space next time.

Mensa #17 (1983 V) GM: Steve Hutton zine: No Fixed Address

Once again this game has survived without an NMR. 'Bout time. The rich are getting richer in this game. Ron Brown's Germany picked up 3 to hit 14, while Paul Milewski's Turkey got 2 to go to 11. On the other side of the coin, we've got Dave Carter's Italy finally put out (of his misery?), Kevin Brown's England and Mike Ehli's Austria both slipped down to one, Dave Lincoln's Russia slid one down to three, and John Ellis's France dropped one to go to four.

Mensa #18 (1983 AV) GM: Scott Hanson zine: Big Hitts of Mid-America

Guess I can say that this game is bogged down for now. The last game report only shows one build. Here are the totals:  
Kevin Brown (France)--11      Craig Reges (Germany)--1  
Michael Keller (Italy)--4      Ron Brown (Russia)--12  
Mark Keller (Turkey)--6

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Remarks, comments, and all that stuff:

Would you be interested in attending a meeting of the Postal Diplomacy SIG in connection with a Mensa Annual Gathering or Regional Gathering or in connection with a Diplomacy tournament?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to attend an upcoming Annual Gathering?

'84 (Washington, DC)

'85 (Milwaukee, WI)

'86 (location=?) \_\_\_\_\_

Others? (such as Canadian AG's, Regional Gatherings, &c.)

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Mensa #19. (1984 CJ) GM: Konrad Baumeister zine: Give Me a Weapon

Ralph Baty (Austria) lost Greece to H.D. Bassett (Turkey) to end up at 4 and 7 centers respectively. Steve Piper (England) broke even at 3, while Dave Lincoln (France) gave up Marseilles to Brandt (Italy) leaving the two of them at 7 and 5. Addison's Germany is on top of the stats at eight units.

### The 1985 Runestone Zine & GM Poll

**THE NINTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN ZINE POLL:** You may rate any publication substantially devoted to Diplomacy of which you have seen more than two issues since April 1, 1984. Rate the series, not individual issues. Rate each zine on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being the lowest possible rating, 10 the highest). No fractions, please. Specify subzines and rate them separately from the parent zine; subzines will be listed separately. Publishers may not rate their own zines or subzines. Sign your ballot and indicate one way in which you participate in the hobby (e.g. "I sub to zine XXX", "I play in game 1984YY", "I publish zine ZZZ", etc.). All votes will be kept confidential (but please note that Pat Conlon will see all of them). Please list the zines alphabetically to make tabulation of the results easier. I reserve the right to tabulate or ignore ballots which do not follow the format outlined above.

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The deadline for both polls is June 29, 1985. The deadline for ballots sent to Pat Conlon is June 22, 1985. Results will be tabulated as soon after the poll deadline as possible, and will be released as they become available to anyone wishing to phone. Please rate only North American zines, subzines, and GMs; though any readers or players living outside North America are welcome to participate. Send all ballots to Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226, USA or Pat Conlon, Box 17014, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70893, USA.