Dedicated to the postal play of Diplomacy and it's variants

# The Diplomacy Tribune

March 1991

Number 24 —

Amazing, isn't it? Two years ago ! was sitting in front of a Radio Shack Color Computer putting together the first issue of the Trib. Inside is that first issue's front page. The Trib looks a little different now, a little cleaner and a touch more professional. The first issues were produced with a word processor and a drawing program. Only the first two issues were done that way when the old "Coco" fizzled out on me. Moving onto an IBM compatible machine the third issue was the first of nineteen to be produced with "Newsmaster," a quick and dirty newsletter writing package. These issues prompted some comments on the quality of my typeface, which in turn prompted some soapbox retort from me, but all-in-all things moved along. The trib's first game had started and by the 7th issue so had the second. One item that did make the Trib

# WD Xears

different, issues 3 through 7 were all in blue ink. The January 1990 issue featured new conference maps, which were an immediate hit, as well as a slogan, "Dedicated to the Postal Play of Diplomacy and it's Variants." There have been minor adjustments in the appearance now and then, three columns instead of two, cartoons, articles on play, recently even a couple of reader's letters, but one thing that hasn't changed is the Trib's punctuality.

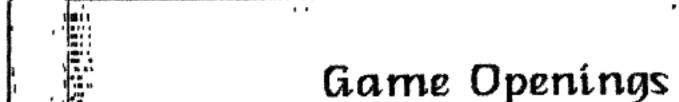
Speaking of changes, you should notice a few in this issue. Those conference maps you like so much are gone, they've been replaced with digitized versions. Now the maps are

really part of the newsletter! If you would like a copy of the map, I have it available in Wordperfect, PCX, TIF, Lotus, and several other formats on an IBM compatible 5.25" disk for \$3.00 to cover the disk & postage. If you have a modem, and with some notice, I can make it available by phone at no charge. This is also the only way Macintosh users can get it as I have no way of writing the file to a Mac readable 3.5" diskette.

# Deadline

All Games

March 28th, 1991 1991



Ed - A regular Diplomacy game is now open to all, not just new subscribers. 2 More players are needed to start.

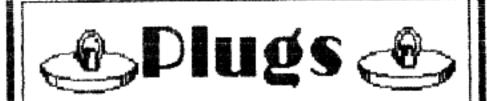
Fran - Will be a variant, either Perestrioka or Global Diplomacy depending on the response. Perestroika requires 7 players, and Global requires 12. The folks who want me to run one or the other of these should make every effort to help the Trib find players for them. I will send the rules for either or both variants on request.



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Orders only - No press will be taken by phone



# The Boob Report

James Burgess

# Diplomacy World

### Excelsior

Bruce McIntyre

### The Home Office

Fred Hyatt

### Hoodwink

Stven Carlberg

### Perelandra

Pete Gaughan

Perestroika Larry Cronin

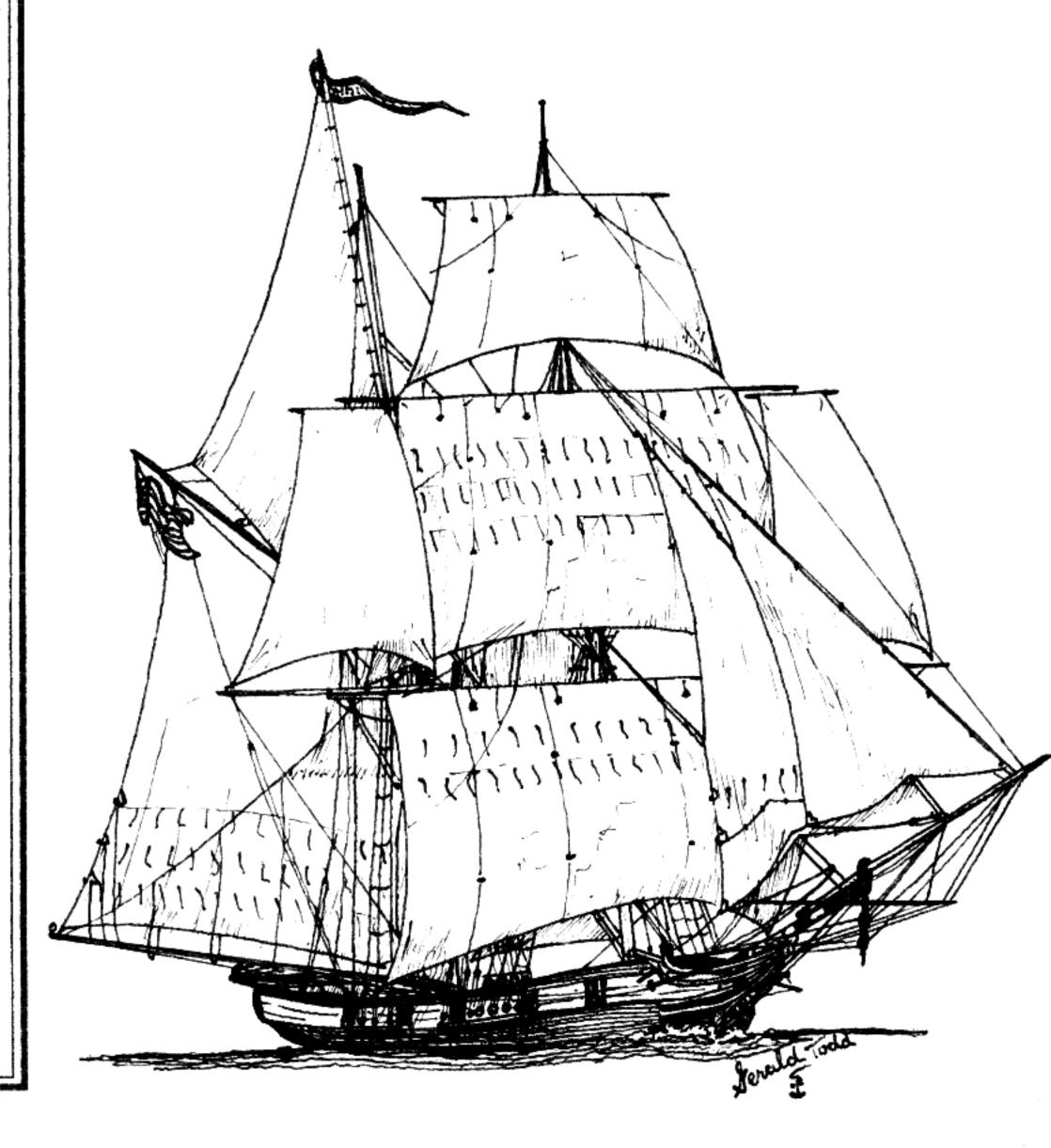
Vertigo

Brad Wilson

# Something Else

Once again I'm trying to get a variant game going, and once again I'm offering Global Diplomacy and Perestroika. There are other variants available, but these are two I am familiar with due to being a player in a game of each. The version of Global Dip will be the latest available that includes India as a major power and reduces Japan's initial strength somewhat. The Perestroika version will be the final version currently in the works by Larry Cronin, which is promised to be the least complex of this evolving variant. Which of these games will be played is entirely up to those that want to play. Perestroika Diplomacy requires seven players, but Global Dip requires twelve. I won't ask for game fees until the required number of players for either game is complete and the game is ready to begin. For anyone who is unfamiliar with either or both of these variants, I will send rules & maps on request.

I've been itching to run a non-Diplomacy game in the Trib as well. I've had this urge to run a multi-player game of **Avalon Hill's** Wooden Ships & Iron Men for quite some time now and I've been considering offering **AH's**, The Guns of August which is, in-a-way, kind of a detailed version of **Diplomacy**. So, if you have an interest in playing one of these games, let's hear it!



# The Diplomacy Tribute

YOLUME 1

NUMBER 1

What you have in your hands is the first copy of the Diplomacy Tribune, a newsletter devoted to the postal play of Diplomacy and it's variants.

I've been debating publishing a "Dipzine" ever since Roy Flemming's "PBM Newsletter" went "deep-six". I wanted to do it, but I wasn't going to do it until I could do it right! To me that meant having the time and the energy as well as the facilities to publish a readable, attractive, reliable newsletter.

Although it would seem that the last point, reliability, is the most important, I feel that the appearance and readability are equally important because if you can't read it, and if it looks awful it dosn't matter if it arrives at your door at precisely such-and-such date. Of course a lot of what I consider to be "readable" will be my opinion, at least at first. I will always welcome subscriber-input in the form of opinions, articles and the like.

The Trib's content, besides Diplomacy games, will consist of a bit of hot-air from me or a reader, a classified section where readers may place "Opponants Wanted" ads as well as ads for game-related items for sale, game openings, other newsletter listings, and whatever else you or I can come up with. A note on the newsletter listings; The Trib is not here to compete with other newsletters, it's purpose is to promote the hobby of postal gaming, paticularly that of Diplomacy. I will gladly post information about other newsletters that is sent me.

On the following pages are the House Rules for games played in the Trib. Read 'em over and if you're interested, fill out the subscription form in the back and send it in. Be sure to correct any imperfections you may have noticed on your mailing label. By-the-way, if you subscribe, please consider sending a portrait snap-shot of yourself. It would be interesting to see what some of you folks look like as I know some of you by name and/or voice only. If the response to this is good I promise you'll see one of me as well.

Thanks,

Jerry

GAME OPENINGS:

To begin with the Trib will run 4 regular Diplomacy games. Later I will offer more games in the form of variants and additional regular games. I also intend to run one World Diplomacy game GMed by John Armstrong or myself.

If you wish to play in one of the first four games please send the usual list of countries with your subscription. The deadline for player lists is April 20th. All subscriptions/lists received by that date may waive the first game fee.

All players will be placed in games so as many as possible will receive their first or second choice. If more than enough people for four games subscribe they will be asked to be "stand-bys" unless there are enough for a fifth game.

<< DEADLINE: APRIL 20,1989 >>

### CONVENTIONS for 1991

If you're planning on going to a convention or two this year, here's a list of some up-coming events. This year **Origins 91** is in my backyard, so I don't dare miss it. Will I see you there?

### CONNCON 91

Apr. 6-7, Danbury, CT ConnCon PO Box 444 Sherman, CT 06784

### GAMEX 91

May 24-27, Los Angeles, CA Strategicon PO Box 3849 Torrance, CA 90510-3849 (213) 326-9440

### AVALONCON

Aug. 23-25, Camp Hill, PA The Avalon Hill Game Co. 4517 Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21214

### **GENCON**

Aug. 8-11, Milwaukee, WI Gencon PO Box 756 Lake Geneva, WI 53147

### WINDS OF WAR 91

Apr. 6-7, Greensboro, NC Raymond Woloszyn 7162 Mantlewood La Kernersville, NC 27284 (919) 966-5677

### ORIGINS 91/Atlanticon 91

Jul. 4-7, Baltimore, MD GEMCO PO Box 609 Randallstown, MD 21133

### DALLASCON

Aug. ??, Dallas, TX
DallasCon
PO Box 867623
Plano, TX 75806

### GATEWAY 11

Aug. 30-Sep. 2, Los Angeles, CA Strategicon PO Box 3849 Torrance, CA 90510-3849 (213) 326-9440

This list courtesy of Game Expo Management Co.

### England: Terry Lachick

A Wal-Bre, F Ech-C A Wal-Bre, F Pic-S A Wal-Bre,

F Iri-Mao, F Naf-S F Iri-Mao

Germany: John Armstrong

A Mun-Hold, A Kie-S A Mun, A Ber-S A Mun,

A Par-S [E] F Pic-Bre, F Liv-Bal

Russia: Civil Disorder

NMR - A Stp-Hold, A Pru-Hold (disband)

Austria: James Diehl

A Mos-Liv, A War-S A Sil-Pru, A Sil-Pru, A Ukr-Mos,

A Tyl-Mun(P->Ple), A Vie-S A Boh, A Boh-S A Gal-Sil

Italy: Tom Kille

A Arm-Sev, A Con-Bul, F Gre-S A Con-Bul,

F Nap-lon, A Rom-Apu, A Ven-S A Tri-Tyl, A Tri-Tyl,

F Mar-Bur, F Gol-Spa, F Wme-S F Gol-Spa,

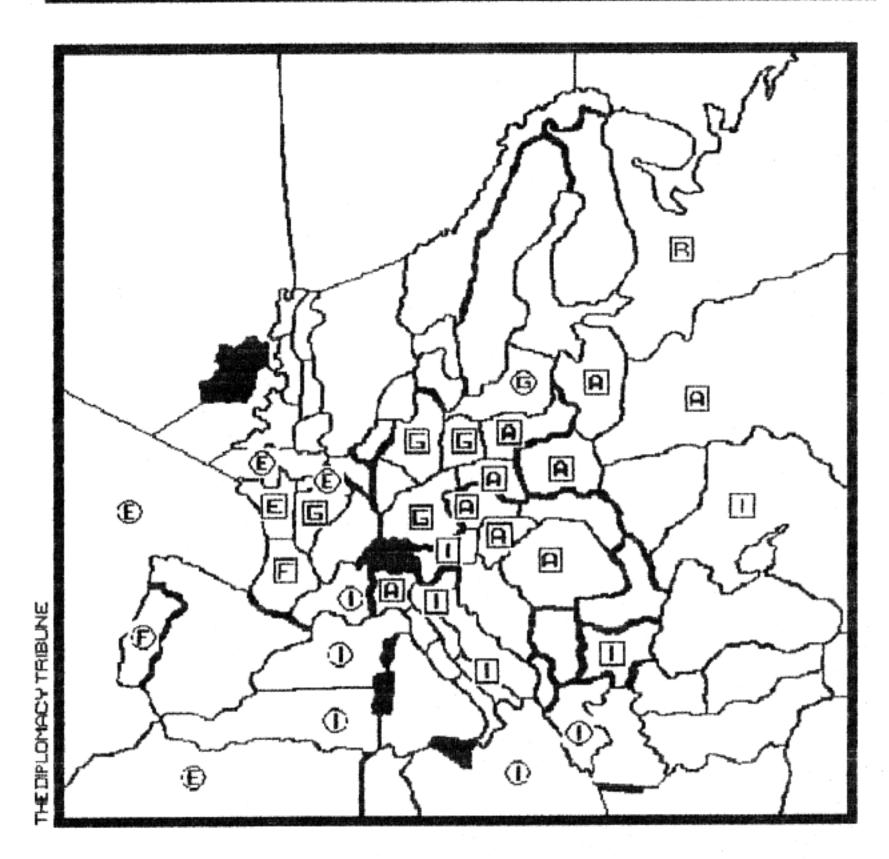
France: Bob Sweeney

A Bre-Hold (P->Gas), F Por-S F Mao-Spa,

F Mao-Spa(nc) (P->Nao)

### Abe - 1989IB

Fall 1907 Moves



### England

Units: F Mao, F Ech, F Pic, F Naf, A Wal (5)

Cntrs: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Bei, Bre (6) Build 1

#### Germany

Units: F Bal, A Kie, A Ber, A Mun, A Par (5)

Critrs: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Par (6) Build 1

#### Russia

Units: A Stp (1)

Critrs: Stp, Swe (2)

Civil Disorder

#### Austria

Linits: A Pie, A Vie, A Bud, A Boh, A Sil, A Pru, A War, A Liv, A Mos (9)

Cntrs: Vie, Bud, Mos, War, Ser, Rum (6) Disband 3

### Italy

Units: F Mar, F Gol, F Wme, F Ion, F Gre, A Ven, A Apu, A Tyl, A Bul, A Sev (10)

Cntrs: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tri, Mar, Spa, Gre, Con, Ank, Smy, Tun, Buil, Sev (13) Build 3

#### France

Units: F Nao, F Por, A Gas (3)

Cntrs: Por (1) Disband 2

### Press:

Paris: As his army marched triumphantly through the French capital, German Fieldmarshal Neumann admitted to some frustration in the siege of Paris. "The war with France has dragged out much longer than we expected. The French, acting true to character, should have rolled over and played dead the minute we glared at them. Unfortunately, they have slowed us down by being rude, refusing service, cancelling our reservations at hotels, trying to rip off our soldiers, and attempting to run us over with their cars. On the other hand, we've done admirably well considering we had the Italians on our side."

**Berlin:** Chancellor Beethoven outlined his postwar strategy for France for the press this season. First, to make the French capital a better place for tourism, all Frenchmen would be moved out of Paris and replaced with Englishmen. Second, French citizens everywhere would all be forced to take a bath. Third, President Sweeney would be put on trial for NMR crimes against humanity.

Vie-Ber: What madness? Is it not unhinged to attack poor France whilst it is so sorely pressed?

Munich: Reports abound that the Austrian Kaiser has caught the dreaded Sillness Disease. German doctors warn that the disease is highly contagious and may spread throughout Europe. The symptoms include the following: (1) making enemies with everyone around you, (2) attacking people randomly with no purpose, (3) picking fights they can't win, (4) giving all their belongings away, and (5) refusing to be reasonable. If someone you know and love has caught the disease, rest assured that the disease is easily cured. Just slap them around for a good five minutes. [GM: I guess early diagnosis is the key?]

Berlin: Chancellor Beethoven recently heard a recording of one of his symphonies conducted by Herbert von Karajan with the latter's usual "interpretation." The conductor was swiftly order to be shot but the Chancellor learned he was already dead. Said the Chancellor, "He's beyond my reach but I can still get Kempler and Krips." Those looking to buy recordings of Beethoven's music are advised to stay away from the K.K.K. (Krips, Karajan, and Klempler).

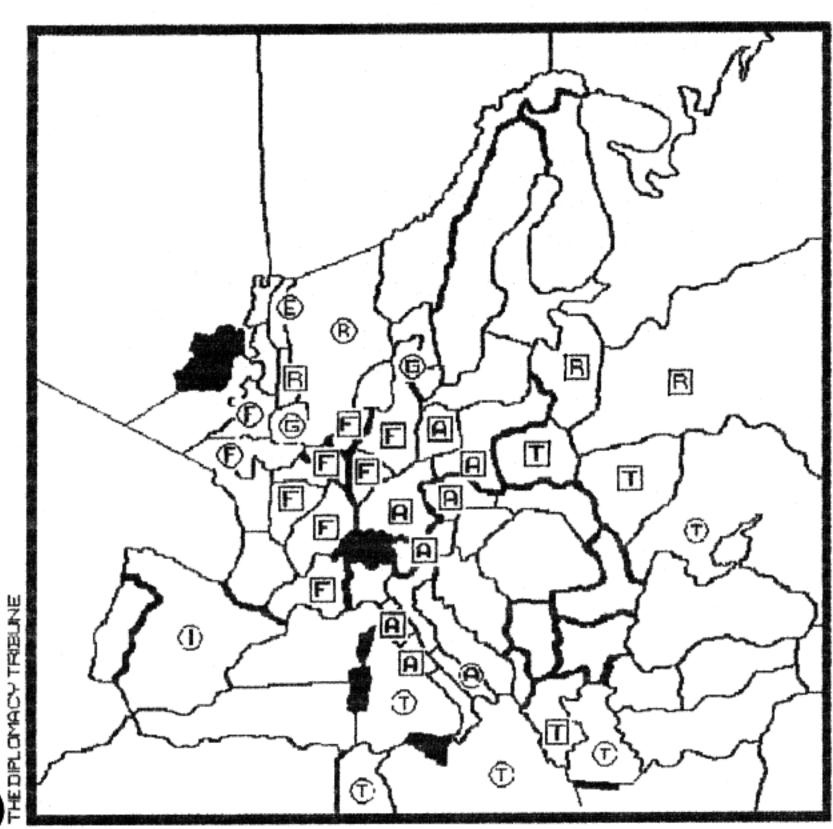
Vie-Ber: The German Dreadnaught anchored in Livonia echances Madness on the Imperial General Staff.

Tokyo: The Japanese are studying this war carefully and plan to export better versions of it in the future.

[More Press After Games]

## Barb - 1989IQ

Fall 1906 Moves



England - Bob Sweeney

F Edi-Hold

Germany - Jim Diehl

F Den-S [R] F Nth, F Lon-S [R] F Nth

Russia - Rich Renner

A Mos-S A Liv, A Liv-S A Mos, A Yor-S [G] F Lon,

F Nth-S [G] F Lon

Turkey - John Schultz

Fion-Tun, Fitzs-SiFion-Tun, FiSev-Hold, FiGre-Ion,

F Aeg-C A Smy-Gre, A Smy-Gre, A War-S A Ukr

Austria - Rich Weiss

F Apu-Nap, A Ber-S [G] F Den-Kie, A Mun-S [G] F Den-Kie,

A Sil-S A Mun, A Boh-S A Mun, A Tyl-Pie, A Ven-Rom,

A Tus-S A Ven-Rom

Italy - John Kirk

F Wme-Spa(sc), A Rom-Nap disband-no retreat

France - John Reid

F Ech-S F Wal-Lon, F Wal-Lon, A Ruh-S Bur-Mun,

A Bur-Mun, A Kie-S A Bur-Mun, A Bel-S A Ruh, A Hol-S A Kie, A Mar-Pie, A Gas-Par

England

Units: F Edi (1) Cntrs; Edi (1)

Germany

Units: F Lon, F Den (2) Cntrs: Lon, Den (2)

Plussia

Units: F Nth, A Mos, A Liv, A Yor (4) Cntrs: Mos, Stp, Swe, Nwy (4)

Turkey

Units: FTys, FTun, Flon, FAeg, FSev, AGre, AUkr, AWar (8)

Critrs: Con, Smy, Ank, Bul, Rum, Sev, War, Nap, Gre, Tun (10) Build 2

Austria

Units: F Apu, A Rom, A Tus, A Tyl, A Boh, A Sil, A Mun, A Ber (8)

Critrs: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ven, Rom, Mun, Ber, Ser (8)

italy

Units: F Spa(sc) (1) Cntrs: Spa (1)

France

Units: F Wal, F Ech, A Par, A Bur, A Mar, A Bel, A Hol, A Ruh, A Kie (9)

Critrs: Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Kie, Hol, Bel, Lvp (8) Disband 1

Press:

Ger (or what's left of it)-Aus & Tur: You're doing well.

German Liberated Denmark-German Liberated London: We have

learned that Rome has been sacked. If true, these are indeed END TIMES.

Tur-World: Gee guys! Don't you write press anymore? At least the old England would throw an insult out every now and then.

German Occupied London-French Occupied Channel: Any strick at Jolly Olde London filled with Jolly Olde Germans will not be considered jolly.

Tur-Rus: Happy to see you landing in the British Isles. Perhaps the people can recoup from the earlier poor leadership under the tutelage of a Russian government.

London under German Control-Edinbourgh under English Control: Let this dismal result be a lesson to us both in the future as we have no future at present.

Tur-Ita: To be honest. I really hate to see you go. You write great letters. But that's the name of the game. Another time perhaps. Stick with Jerry and we'll be in another one. Enemy or friend, I look forward to it.

Tur-Fra: Sorry Guy. After further though I just couldn't bring myself to keep Greece. Austria has been such a good ally up to this point. I'm sure you'll understand.

Tur-Fra & Aus: I changed my mind again, perhaps I'll keep Greece after all.

Emperor-Kaiser: Good luck on keeping ion versus the Frog.

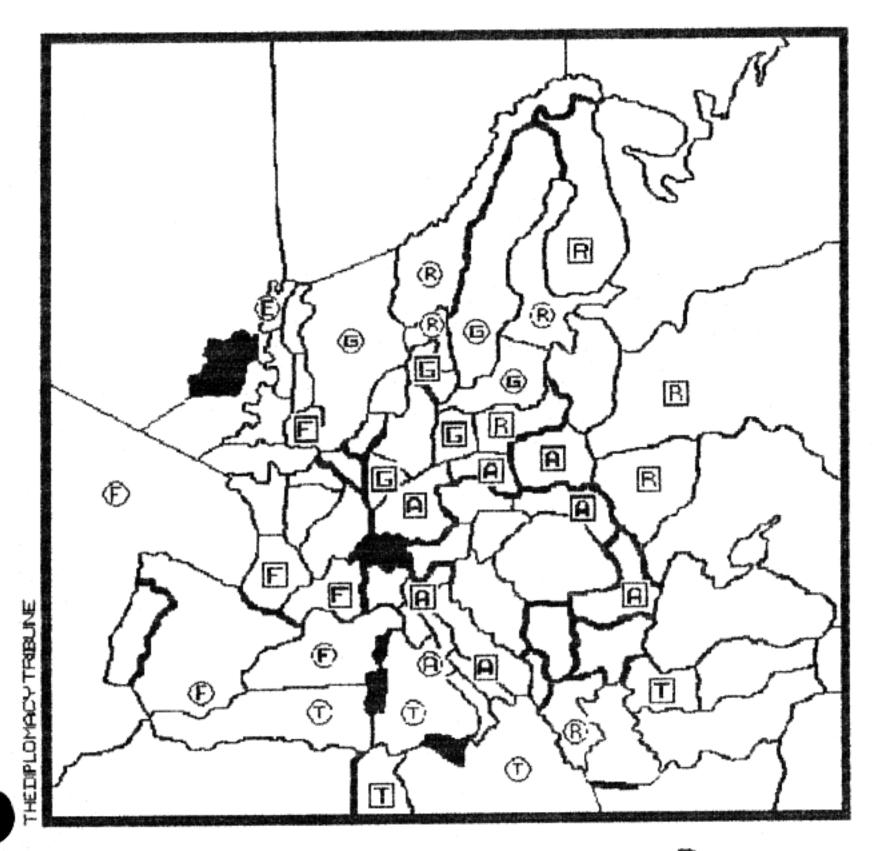
Emperor-Czar: Congrats on a build soon.

Emperor-Sultan: Hey!, watch those boats!

[More Press After Games]

## Carl - 1990HS

Fall 1904 Moves



England - Frank Van Dok

F Lvp-Cly

Germany - Dave Burgess

A Den-S F Ska-Swe, A Kie-Ruh, A Ber-Pru,

F Nth-Nwy, F Ska-Swe, F Bal-S F Ska-Swe

Russia - Rich Renner

A Ukr-War, A Pru-Ber, A War-Pru(FI->Mos),

A Fin-S F Stp(nc)-Nwy, F Swe-Bal(R->Gob),

F Aeg-Gre, F Stp(nc)-Nwy, F Nwy-Ska

Turkey - John Armstrong

A Tun-Naf, A Con-Hold, F Naf-Wme,

F Tys-S [A] F Tus-Gol, F Ion-S [R] F Aeg-Gre

Austria - Jonas Johnsen

A Sil-War, A Gal-S A Sil-War, A Bud-Rum,

A Tyl-Mun, A Mun-Sil, A Ven-Apu, F Tus-Rom,

A Pie-Ven

France - John Kirk

F Mao-Naf, F Gol-Spa(sc), F Mar-Gol, A Spa-Gas, A Bur-Mar, A Lon-Hold

#### England

Units: F Cly (1) Cntrs: Lvp (1)

### Germany

Units: F Nth, F Swe, F Bal, A Puh, A Ber, A Den (6)

Cntrs: Ber, Kie, Den, Edi, Hol, Bel, Swe (7) Build 1

#### Russia

Units: F Ska, F Gob, F Gre, A Fin, A Mos, A Ukr, A Pru (7)

Cntrs: Mos, Sev, Stp, Nwy, Gre (5) Disband 2

#### Turkey

Units: FWme, FTys, Flon, A Con, A Tun (5)

Cntrs: Ank, Smy, Bul, Tun, Con (5)

#### Austria

Units: F Rom, A Ven, A Apu, A Rum, A Gal, A War, A Mun, A Sil (8)

Cntrs: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Ven, Rom, Nap, Mun, War, Rum (10) Build 2

### France

Units: F Mao, F Gol, F Spa(sc), A Mar, A Gas, A Lon (6)

Cntrs: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Lon (6)

### Press:

Rus-Eng: Well.....?

Ger-A/R/Tist: Maybe you guys just don't understand. I would never concede your alliance. WHY??? Because Turkey has less supply centers than France or !!!! How dumb do you think we are?!

Rus-All: I seldom use the press, however, recent event mandate a response with a specific Russian viewpoint.

**Rus-Fra:** (or the author of the Sp'04 previous press): Sir, I play to win, however Russia did not stab Germany. If in doubt ask Germany yourself. Or re-read my open letter to all countries of November 28, 1990 where Russia invited Germany to communicate. Germany instead attacked Russia prior to the termination of our DMZ contract. Which to trust? I suggest that you will find the ART alliance to be more worthy of your trust than Germany. The November 28 letter also said that Russia would cease to exist if Germany would offer evidence that Russia was not presenting the actual facts... Germany remained silent. Who to trust? I again suggest that you reconsider your dicision, and decide to trust the ART alliance. I even sent Germany return postage with the November 28 letter, still zero response. Interesting and sporting game. Best of luck to all the players.

**Rus-Ger:** Well fought, nice move from England to Germany in Sp'04, congratulations. It is a pleasure to have such a skilled enemy.

Ankara-All: Gentlemen, I believe that once the 'Diplomacy' has ended, the game polarizes into two factions, and the military situation is resolved insofar as one specific end is inevitable, the game should be wrapped up and a winner or group of winners declared. 'Dead games' are no fun and they're rather silly and pointless. This game, you must all agree, meets that description. The two 'polars' are Germany/France on one side and Austria/Russia/Turkey on the other.

[ More Press After Games ]

Please submit provisional builds with your Fall A seperate Winter adjustment '01 orders. season will only be used by majority request of the players, otherwise builds will be expected with Fall moves from here on in.

### England

F Lon-Ech, F Edi-Nth, A Lvp-Wal

### Germany

F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh

### Russia

F Stp-Gob, F Sev-Bla, A War-Hold, A Mos-Ukr

### Turkey

F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Arm, A Con-Bui

### Austria

F Tri-Ven, A Bud-Rum, A Vie-Bud

### italy

F Nap-lon, A Ven-Tri, A Rom-Ven

### France

F Bre-Mao, A Par-Bur, A Mar-S A Par-Bur



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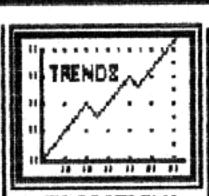
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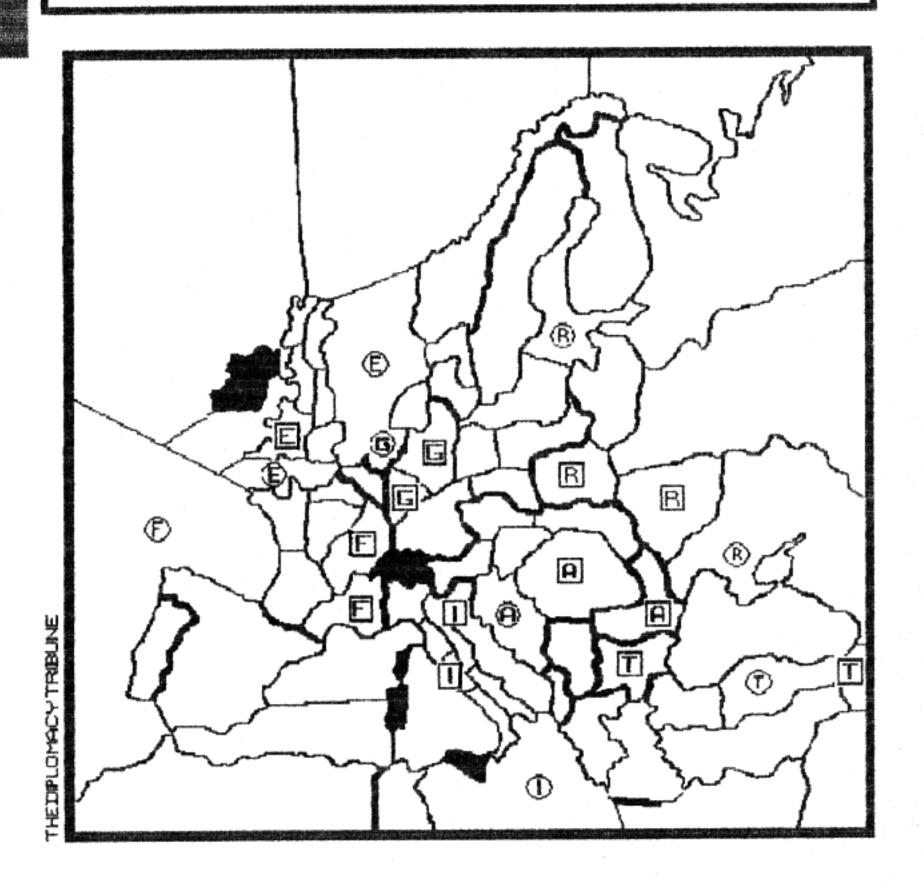
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## Donna - Gunboat

Spring 1901 Moves



### Press:

Tur-Eng: I hear the weather is lovely in Petrograd. You really should see for yourself.

Eng-Fra: I hope at this time you have not sent in orders to move into the English Channel. Because as you see, I have. That would cause a bounce and really burn me out.

Tur-Aus: Your servant awaits, your bidding to perform.

ta-Tur/Rus: Lets feast on red dots!

Eng-Rus: I am hoping to strike a deal. Lat's leave each other alone for a few years and let me attack on other fronts. Let me know what you think. If you are game, I am willing to keep out of the Slavic lands. Your promise is to not build fleets on the north coast of St. Pete. Or if you do build one, not to move it out of St. Pete.

Tur-Ger: Austria's right; you CAN go to Hell; it's a leagal move from Kie; but why so soon? By-the-way, whaddaya say we work together against Russia?

Mun-Mun: "Red, red wine, all of the time..."

Tur-Plus: Warmest regards (warmest as in fire & brimstone, that is).

Aus-Ita: This move was designed not to capture Venice, but to keep you out of Trieste. I'll bouce you in Greece this Fall.

Plorn-Par: Peace, my latin brother.

Emile Loubert (alias Loubeck), the newly elected President, wishes to announce that the Third French Republic is open to any and all reasonable proposals of alliance. We have no axes to grind regarding past agressions against the Old (2nd) Republic.

### Abe Press continued

Paris: Intelligence reports indicate that President Sweeney may attempt to escape postwar prosecution by retreating to the Vatican Embassey. Chancellor Beethoven has put his orchestra on alert and bought a set of load speakers just in case...

Washington: Reports that the United States will yet again ball out the French was denied by the U.S. President. Said he, "The cost of such an operation would bankrupt our nation. The dollar is so pittifully weak we can scarcely afford to send our troops abroad. Besides, the French have forbidden us to cross their airspace."

**Munich:** Austrian Foreign Minister Chamberlain met with the Italian Prime Minister in the city. Chamberlain returned home with a signed treaty proclaiming, "Peace in our time"...

Vie-Rom: Take what you deem fair from Austria's extensive holdings, but not so much the the Austrian front collapses.

### Barb Press continued

**Lacivious Lipsmacker:** France is in chaos and will probably resign next turn.

Rome, a stone's throw from the Vatican: The Italian government's official press conference announcing the proposed colonization of Spain was rudely interrupted as Austrian tanks rumbled into the city. Austrian Emperor Pichard XXVIII was rumored to have been at the forefront of the invasion, and was reportedly seen dining on lasagna in his chauferred jeep. Meanwhile, somewhere to the south, across the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Sultan of Turkey was rumored to have dined on tuna sandwiches.

Fra-Rus: Can you help me against Austria? You take Lvp, I'll take Lon-then we can head east.

Aus-Ita: Clac.

Vie-Par: Either you and the Sultan have something fishy cooked up or have misjudged the concept of "cover your ass." Mao to Eng??

### Carl Press continued

...There is no chance of a stab or disruption of the alliance on either side. Further, the balance has shifted clearly in favor of the ART since we own 21 [make that 20] of the 34 supply centers. F/G, by contrast, has only 12 [ahern, 13] (a little more than half the size) and must contend with an English thorn in their side. Even assuming a docile England, they have no chance of establishing a stalemate line.

I have the utmost respect for my adversaries (John Kirk & Dave Burgess) and I salute their ability to work so well together, however, there is little they can do to prevent the eventual collapse of their line. Austria & Pussia will eventually overrun Germany as surely as I will break into the Mid-Atlantic. "Carl" is on his death bed. Let us put him to rest.

Aus-GM: #1 on the "Runestone Poli Bourse" in Been There Done That! I guess I should have invested early.

GM-Aus: I hope I do half that well in the actual poll!

Aus-Tur: I would have told you, but I was alraid that in doing so, you would have compromised my attack. I hope that we can still talk, as I know you are much more pragmatic than Pich is.

Aus-Rus: Sorry Rich, But 3 ways are lame. At least force me into it next time.

### Voting:

The Concession to A/R/T fails with 3 votes for, 2 against, and 1 no-vote. The proposal has been brought up again, so vote with Winter Adjustments.

### General Notes:

John Armstrong will be giving a piano concert on April 19th, 1991. Anyone who will be in Washington, DC at that time is welcome to come. Contact the "Leonard Center for the Arts" for more information.

"Barb's" deadline for winter adjustments will be **April 28th, 1991** in order to stagger the games seasons a bit.

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