

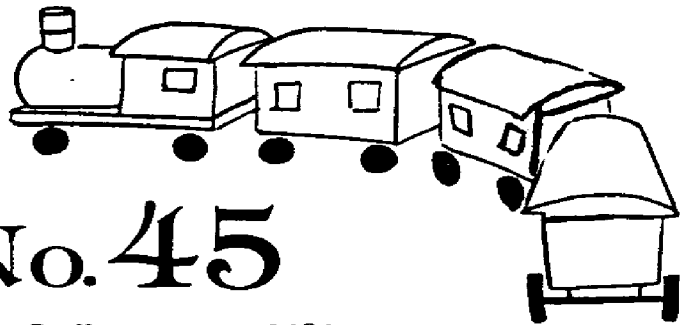
Europa Express

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How would you like to be in a Dip game which offers a prize of \$150.00 to the winners?

And the best thing is that the entrance fee for a player would only be \$15.00 out of your pocket--so you stand to make TEN TIMES that much! The man to see is.....



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§.....Don Williams! Don asks that if you are interested to, for now, just send him your name--send no money! His address is: Don Williams, 217-B Craig Ct., Redlands, California 92374 USA..(714)-793-6751. This game may be run in EE....

§ Some of you still seem confused by my hours at work and at home and many don't know the sub price of EE. EE costs \$6.00 for 10 issues, the same price it has always been since 1981. I am off on Fridays and Saturday. Every other day, I leave here around 2:30 PM(Central Time) for work and return close to midnight each night. While I am away from home, I leave the phone off the hook. There was a burglar gang here who would see homes with no cars in the driveway. They would get the name off the mailbox, go home, call the telephone number of the car-less home and drive back to the house. If the phone was still ringing when they got back, they would assume no one was in the house, break in and rob. I don't want that happening to me. When I am at home, the phone is on the hook.

§ Jim Finley came through Memphis recently leaving California for Marine Officer School in Virginia and stayed two days. I always enjoy meeting friends I've never seen face-to-face. I'm only sorry Jim wasn't here long enough to make me some of his real, authentic Mexican-style chili!

§ Next issue, I hope to have an address list of the subbers. But this issue, you have some other things. Like the wrap-up for Windsor/Saxe-Coburg-Gotha 1981 AN which begins on page 12. This was EE's longest game and went all the way to 1916. You can follow it via its headlines and cartoon captions for the entire 16 years! "Rhino" 1982 U was also supposed to be wrapped up this issue but I'm having to hold it over so you Rhino players who haven't sent in an endgame statement have until around July 15 or so to send one in.

§ Many of the subzines showed up for this issue, including the "Europa Sexpress Fox" on page 32. Of her, Thomas Franke of West Germany writes: "I like the "Europa Sexpress kitten of the month", no matter what John Pack says. Please, continue to run this column!" Well, Thomas that is in the hands of Savonlinna's editor, Mike Mills who, surprisingly, was not considered sexist enough to win the Dave Carter Award for most sexist hobby member. Who did win? See page 11!

§ I recently had some trouble with my contact lenses and had to wear my glasses for a week, something I've not done since high school. When I take my contacts out, I sit on the floor with my legs crossed and head bent over to "pop" the contact out(At Minn-Con, some did not know what I was doing and asked if this position was "Tennessee Yoga"!) but the right one would not come out and was really hurting the eye. I had to drive halfway across town with one eye shut tight and have my contact doctor take it out. But now I'm wearing them again.

§ There are 3 pages of cartoons in this issue: pages 23, 24 and 39!

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In The Third World War: The Untold Story by General Sir John Hackett, it begins in August 1985! (1)

Hi Larry, see page 11. Jerry

What good is a blood donor?

THEY'RE GOOD FOR:

People who go through windshields and red lights
Someone with cancer, hemophilia, anemia, hepatitis or ulcers
People into feudin' and fightin'
A little girl who doesn't know why leukemia has happened to her
A little boy who needs revving up
People having open-heart surgery
People needing a new organ—a new heart, liver, lung, or kidney (a part as well as a pint)
New babies or new mothers needing new life
Little kids—getting into poison or falling onto something sharp
People fooling around with explosives or guns
People burned pretty bad
Daredevils or tree climbers
People in the wrong place at the wrong time
SOMEBODY OUT THERE NEEDS A LITTLE OF YOU A LOT — YOU ARE SOMEBODY'S HERO.

If you've never given blood before, I'd like you to consider it. The last time I gave, the donor card (at left on this page) had changed and I was really impressed at how about 10 minutes of my time could possibly help in so many ways.

And donating blood is a great gift you can give your family, your friends, your church, your place of employment. By making at least one or two donations per year, you can cover all the blood needs (in case of operation etc.) for your loved ones. Otherwise, if you are not covered, the need for blood transfusion could be quite expensive.

Giving blood does not hurt and you get orange juice and cookies at the end of it. In the USA, you can give every 8 weeks or as much as 5 times a year, so you could cover both your church and your job for example or your parents or a club you belong to.

Luc Dodinval of Belgium writes: "Good, you're a blood-giver! So am I. I'm also O+.

Are there many blood-givers in the USA? How often are you allowed to give blood? Here, in Belgium, it's every three months, no less."

In the USA, there is always blood shortages and those who do give are called to come back as soon as they have been out for 8 weeks. It seems this shortage is nation-wide so your community, friends and family need YOU! Be a good citizen and donate your blood. If I can donate blood and wear contacts and send President Reagan a telegram (see page 22), anyone can! So call today. There is sure to be a blood bank near you. By the way, Luc and I are both O+, which is known as the "universal donor"—our blood can go to anyone. About 1/3 of the population is O+.....Now for my con report from.....Minn-Con at the home of Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen.....

Minneapolis

"HELLO MINNESOTA!!"

--by Gary L. Coughlan

(I just wonder how many of the people who went to Minneapolis and who will be writing reports, will use this title?) On Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-27, Minn-Con was held in the Minneapolis home of Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen with honorable mention for Beth Beaty on the second floor.

13 people from 4 US states and 3(!) Canadian provinces came to the con and possible con reports can be read by some of them in the publications that follow their names: Beth Beaty, Matthew Chen, Karen Christianson, Gary Coughlan (EE), Jerry Falkiner, Scott Hanson (Big Hits of Mid-America), Nancy Hurrell, Bruce McIntyre (Excelsior), Debi Peters (Debi's Filler), Marc Peters (So I Lied), Frauke Petersen (Big Hits of Mid-America), Jeff Richmond (Frobozz) and "Cave". I didn't catch Cave's whole name but the fact that he and Beth gave up seeing Psyche and Marnie to hang around Minn-Con deserves a mention.

I was really impressed that the con was almost equally divided between men and women (8 men, 5 women) and that 3 Canadians attended, all from different provinces which were Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The US states were Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Tennessee. To make Minn-Con, people traveled by airplane, car, train and bus.

After heavy negotiations with the EE printer, I got EE #44 back at 10:30 AM on Friday, May 24 and had to catch the plane for Minneapolis at 12:30 PM, a bare two hours later, so none were mailed from Minnesota but had to wait til I got back.

Scott, Frauke and Jeff Richmond met me at the airport and we headed for their home. Along the expressway (Autobahn), the homes had wooden fences behind them, unlike Memphis which has wire fences. Scott and Frauke said that the wood helps keep out the noises from the expressway of the cars and trucks. That's smart and sounds Scandinavian. Many Minnesotans are descended from the Scandinavian countries and Germany and, as we would find out, most European beers are available there.

The site for Minn-Con was a two-story 1940s-style home surrounded by a yard with no grass! It had been dug up for re-planting and Scott and Frauke had a garden.

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The sprinkler system was going full-blast and by the time the con ended Scott and Frauke had grass.

Scott and Frauke lived in the bottom floor while the upper floor belonged to Beth Beaty. Beth and Scott went to high school together and she made a real good chili for all of us (with kidney beans, Jim Finley!). Three cats had the run of the house (and believe me they used it) and were named Misha, Bruce and Mausl. There would be lots of jokes about Bruce as no one could be clear whether you were talking about Bruce the cat or Bruce McIntyre. Mausl was the inspiration for the home-brewed beer that Scott and Frauke make called "Mausl Bier". Last year (May, 1984) at Mad Con, Scott and Frauke had just begun brewing this beer and it really tasted bad. But a year's experience has really improved it. I drank some for my birthday and also let Jim Finley, who came through Memphis, "imbibe".

Our hosts had filled the refrigerator with several kinds of beer. Scott said he was imitating the successful Mad Con philosophy: plenty of beer and no plans. The next to arrive was Matthew Chen from upper state Minnesota and then Jerry Falkner who drove for 20 hours, right after work from Ontario, Canada.

This first day we mostly sat around and talked, looked at pictures, heard about Scott and Frauke's recent trip to Europe and played a game called Barricade, a German game which reminded me of "Aggravation". I also discovered the popsicle lady but she didn't have dream-sicles so I settled for push-ups, which is of orange sherbert and good on a warm day.

Bruce McIntyre and Nancy Hurrell (Crossing an entire continent this British Columbia boy and this Quebec girl would meet in romantic Winnipeg, hop a bus with a 9-hour layover in Fargo, North Dakota, just to go to Minn-Con) were to arrive by bus but no one knew when so Scott called the bus station and found out it would be 6:30 AM Saturday morning and that was the only bus so they were sure to be on it.

I got to sleep this Friday night on a bed-roll beneath 3 large windows, sort of like the bay windows on the Mary Tyler Moore Show. (Both the home used for that TV series and the home for singer Prince, His Purple Badness, are in the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul).

Early the next morning, I was rudely awakened by the mad dashing of feet across my body. WHOOSH followed by WHEESH followed by WHOOSH and I gained a closer acquaintance with felines Mausl and Bruce who were hissing at a big yellow cat outside. The night before, Scott told me that this prime sleeping location would be for Marc and Debi Peters when they arrived. They were welcome to it.

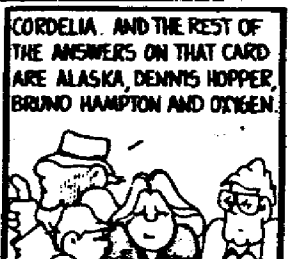
Bruce and Nancy called (they waited 30 minutes, having breakfast, before calling so early) and Scott and Frauke fetched them. Everybody gradually woke up and we enjoyed watching Saturday morning cartoons, something I hadn't done since I was real young. Bruce and Nancy had had some experiences on their way.

For starters, Nancy had traveled on a train for 41 hours from Montreal to Winnipeg to meet Bruce who was flying in from Vancouver. Not only had he nearly lost his airline ticket (throwing Nancy into a panic) but he had forgotten her birthday and even failed to recognize her at the Winnipeg airport. In fairness to Bruce, Nancy had cut her hair and he had not seen her for over a year I believe.

Nancy speaks French as well as she does English and when she told me her name (Hurrell), I thought it was "Irwin" and thought we have another Nancy Irwin in the hobby. And you know, Canadians really do say "eh" alot as in: "I went to the store, eh? And I bought some milk, eh?" This "eh" characteristic has been lampooned in the very funny comedy series, SC-TV. Nancy said that when a Canadian says "eh" to you, to just say "B", "C", "D" and so on. Jerry said that the Canadian way to spell "Canada" is "C - eh? - N - eh? - D - eh!"

We played the German game Hase und Igel (Hare and Hedgehog) where you are a rabbit who tries to eat 3 lettuces and get rid of your carrots in a timely manner, before you reach the last pasture. ((continued on page 5))

Middle Ages



MINN-CON REPORT....Continued from page 4 .

And on this Saturday, I found out how ignorant I am due to working nights. Am I the only person who thought you could get a hamburger at McDonald's before 10:30 AM in the morning? I knew that they offered breakfast up until that time, but I also thought that you could get hamburgers anytime McDonald's was open. This is not so. Frauke is the manager at a McDonald's so I had to wait until later in the day. I am not usually a breakfast person.

We then played one of the 2 Diplomacy games played. This one was gunboat where you just write your orders and cannot negotiate. (That way there are no lies on your conscience). I was Germany and had a see-saw battle with Matthew Chen's France and, on the far horizon, a steadily encroaching Russia led by Bruce McIntyre. Scott's Italy and Jeff Richmond's Austria kept maneuvering near Munich and I abandoned it a couple of times but no one ever moved in. My big break came when Bruce fell asleep, something he did in March at LepreCon. At this point there was no one who could take his place and I was able to grab Sweden, Norway, Warsaw and St. Petersburg.

I kept praying that Bruce wouldn't wake up (Really, he always goes to sleep in his face-to-face Diplomacy games around 1905 or so!) because any Russia could have stopped me. Scott didn't help matters any by saying: "Marc Peters should arrive any time now and he can take over Russia." I silently prayed and my prayers were answered; Bruce slept on and Marc didn't arrive in time.

The last arrivals were Marc Peters, his wife Debi and their friend Karen Christianson from Madison, Wisconsin. They passed out their zine So I Lied and we played other games like a card game "I Doubt It". Debi had injured her foot when she had jammed it on a telephone receiver after watering Dale Bakken, along with her plants, with a water spout. Don't ask, just go to their Mad-Con(see page 11) and know that you will meet some very interesting people!

The popsicle lady came by again but, this day, there was no real relief from the heat. The house was like a furnace and there was no wind at all. Fortunately, every other day was comfortable. That Saturday night it rained hard and there were hail-stones. We played the only other game of Dip that night and it was negotiation. Earlier in the day, we had visited this liquor store and they had beer from many countries. I bought a keg of DAB, the beer that Thomas Franke and Jutta Hoffman had introduced me to in Dortmund, Germany. Deutsche Bier Nummer Eins!

Saturday night, I moved into the den-office off the living room but still on the first floor. I had only brought a pillow and a sheet and the floor was very hard. Plus the cats followed me and Marc and Debi got a peaceful night's sleep.

At this point, I got up. Several had gone out to breakfast and everyone else was still asleep except for Scott and me. The cats started hissing; it was that yellow cat again. Scott shut the door and then went into the bathroom to take a shower which left me in the kitchen and the cats in the doorway to the living room. Suddenly they started hissing at each other and growling and their fur ruffled and I began calling Scott and considering my options: Try to outrun the imminent fight that appeared to be coming or flee by opening the door to the outside where the yellow cat was. Scott came in and separated the cats, very carefully, and said he had never seen them like this("What's this? You guys live together. Stop this.") They calmed down then.

The next game was Trivial Pursuit and we divided into teams of 3 each. First up was Scott Hanson, Marc and Nancy. Before they missed a question("What 1953 movie revived Frank Sinatra's career?"), they had won 5 of 6 "wedges" and the Sinatra question was for their 6th wedge. Beware these people at TF!

Card games dominated this day. If you were into bridge or hearts, you should have gone to Minn-Con. While this was going on, 5 of us drove to nearby Wisconsin to buy some more beer before the Monday holiday(No beer is sold in Minnesota on Sundays and Wisconsin does a thriving Minnesotan trade then).

After this we went to White Castle's, a hamburger place I had always heard of but had never eaten at. The hamburgers are tiny and come in little cardboard boxes. This is quite similar-sounding to a hamburger chain in the South called Krystal's. Karen Christianson calls the Whiteburgers "sliders" because they slide right on through your body's digestive tract....

This night we listened to a Monty Python tape Bruce had brought. I remember particularly enjoying "We Like Chinese" off of it. Things really got rowdy after this. I got to prove that I knew the words to Secret Agent Man when we watched that TV show. Someone put Mausi in a sack and brought him to me to discipline with a drum-stick. We watched Monty Python on TV and then Bonanza.

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Bonanza was fun because it was an early one that still had the eldest son Adam on it and because Ben Cartwright got engaged. We all speculated on how violent his fiancée's death would be because Ben couldn't marry every guest star who appeared on Bonanza. (She lived, but had to go away to take care of her criminal son, certainly not a fit step-brother for Hoss and Little Joe!).

Frauke told us a German tongue-twister ("Fischer Fritz fischt frische Fische. Frische Fische fischt Fischer Fritz.") and I showed her some "elephant jokes" which had appeared in the Irish zine Coolnacran pubbed by Nicholas Whyte. ("Warum tragen Elefanten rote Stiefel?"--Um unbemerkt durch die Erdbeerefeldern zu gehen..... "Warum tragen Elefanten blaue Stiefel?" --Weil die Roten schmutzig werden..."Warum versammeln sich Elefanten in Zwölfergruppen?" --Stiefel sind dutzendweise billiger.)

Also on the TV this night was a local Minneapolis commercial advertisement for cars. It appeared several times and always began "HELLO MINNESOTA!" It cracked us all up. I don't think anything on TV is quite as bad as local commercials.

Then everyone went to sleep except for Karen, Scott and me. We watched the 3 Stooges and each of us kept a running account of how many acts of violence were committed during that brief episode. It ranged from 71 down to 65 acts of violence! I had pleaded for a cat-free sanctuary and Beth found me an air mattress up stairs. I think it was Jeff's who had moved up to couch status. He and Jerry had slept upstairs every night. I carefully shut the doors and escaped the cats!

Until the next morning, when Bruce McIntyre opened the doors and deliberately siced the cats on me. I felt like the cartoon chicken, Leghorn Foghorn, who'd say: "I say, son, you bother me." Then everyone got up and we went to a Shoney's-Denny's Mid West equivalent for breakfast before dropping Bruce and Nancy off for their bus trip back to Canada at 11:30 AM.

But, someone had read(read Bruce) the bus schedule wrong and the bus had already left(the only bus to Winnipeg remember!) at 11:15. This was particularly bad because Bruce and Nancy had airline tickets at Winnipeg and they had to get there. Frauke got the bus dispatcher to agree to hold the bus for an extra 10 minutes in St. Cloud, Minnesota while Scott drove Nancy and Bruce to that town. They made it!

The rest of us went back to Scott and Frauke's and the games for Monday were a card game called Rummy-0, Rubic's Cube and a fun game called Survive! In Survive! you must get your people off a big central island which is slowly sinking into the sea and heading for a volcano eruption. You must flee to any of the 4 islands at the edge of the board by either swimming or taking a boat. The perils include whales(who sink the boats), sharks(who eat the people), sea serpents(who do both) and the other players(who want to have the most people survive and thus win). I enjoyed this game the best of all.

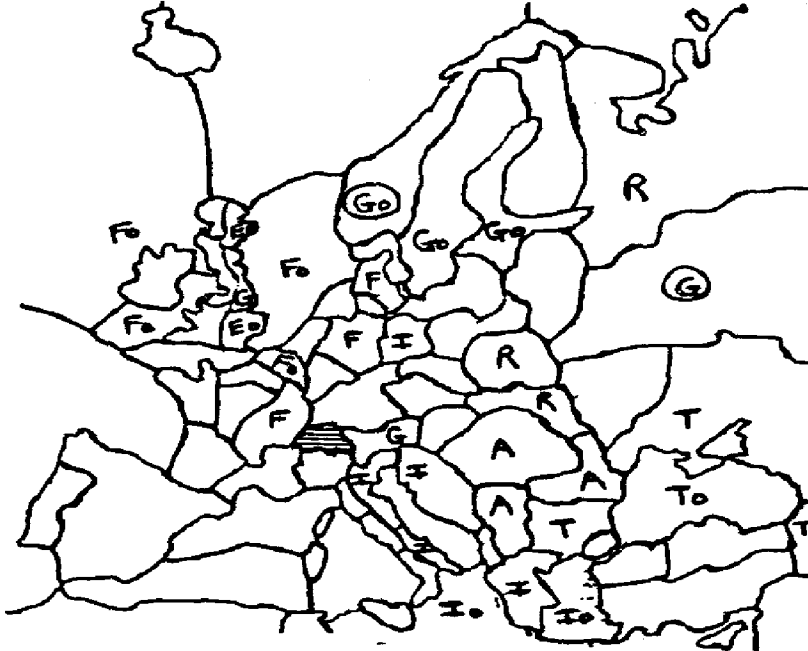
By Monday afternoon everyone but me had left. My plane would fly out on Tuesday morning. Scott and Frauke rented the movie Dressed To Kill starring Angie Dickinson, Amy Irving and Michael Caine and then we went to sleep early, all tuckered out. I finally moved up to couch status.

Tuesday, I flew back to Memphis and the waiting EEs. I had really enjoyed myself, meeting several new people and renewing old friendships. I finally got to see where Scott and Frauke live and I added a new state to my list(I've now been to 29 of the 50 states). Scott said the number who attended was just right, not too many to be crowded, and not too few so that any number of games could not be played. Minn-Con reminded me of a smaller version of Mad-Con and that is the highest tribute I can give. I know everyone agrees that Scott and Frauke were great hosts. There's a lot to be said for "plenty of beer and no plans."

Some Highlights:.....Jeff's fumbling with the Rubic's Cube....Bruce's naps, he also slept during Trivial Pursuit....Nancy's talking in her sleep...Marc fussing at Debi for putting two stamps on the So I Lied they had mailed out. Instead of just 39¢ stamps, many carried a 22¢ stamp as well.....Typing my Bahnhof Zoo press(see page 36) on Scott's ancient typewriter.....Seeing how narrow the Mississippi River is at Minneapolis compared to its great width in Memphis.....
...Beth explaining about how she stole her magnificent Minnesota map from the Geology department...Karen telling how it always rains whenever she goes camping...
...Bonanza and commercials for Schmidt beer("What happens when you pour our beer into your air conditioner?--The Schmidt hits the fan.")...Scott and Frauke's rival strategies in Hase und Isel, these competitors are fun to watch getting rid of their carrots and lettuce, ruthless, ruthless....Matthew's delight in sending his Survive's opponents' people to the sharks...Jerry's stories about the beer workers' strike in Canada when he had to drink American beer...My "indiscretion" Sunday night...

ENGLISH REGAIN THEIR HOMELAND; FRENCH SAIL INTO NORTH SEA WHILE ANNEXING DENMARK!!!
 THE TSAR'S WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AS NORWAY AND BUDAPEST FALL TO TECTONIC POWERS!!!
 TURKS AID GERMANS INTO MOSCOW AND SAVE SMYRNA FROM ITALIAN CONVOY ASSAULT!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1904 Ω



§ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG
 § GM: H/OZ/K
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1905
 § ZAT: Friday, July 12, 1985
 § GAME COLOR: Nok-saek

§ GAME NOTES: Lots of action this time as 9 supply centers change hands! Your 1904 Supply Center Chart is on page 8.
 Matt Kazur has N'ed so I'm asking James Early to Malnberg for Russia. His address is:
 3705 Uruguay Dr.
 Pasadena, Texas 77504

He has your addresses.
 § Dislodgements This Time:
 Russia's Army Moscow and Russia's Fleet Norway.
 Let me know if you think Iliad needs a winter only for next season.
 Your cartoon is from The Wizard Of Id. See you in July!



The French Fraise Their German Enemy Even As They Fight Them!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1904 §

TOKIL: Army Warsaw retreats to Livonia

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1904 §

ET'ALLI: A (APU)-Smy, F (ION) C A Apu-Smy, A (BER)-Man
 (Marvin Baker-ssi) F (AEG) C A Apu-Smy, A (VEN)-Tyo
 A (GRE)-Ser, A (TRI) S A Gre-Ser

OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: A Vie-(HED), A (RUM) S A Ser
 (Mike Mills-ssi) A (SER) S A Rum

P'RANGSU: F Eng-(NTH), A Kie-(DEN), A Ruh-(KIE)
 (Mark Frueh-ssi) A (BUR)-Man, F (NAO)-Lpl
 F Mao-(IRI), F Pic-(BEL)

ROSIA: NMR!! ☹☹☹ Has A (MOS)☹☹(r-Ukr-OTB), ☹☹ A (WAR), ☹ A (STP) ☹☹
 (Matt Kazur???) ☹ F (NWY)☹☹(r-Bar-Nwg-Ska-OTB), ☹ A (GAL) ☹☹

T'OK'I: A (SEV) S German A Lvn-Mos, F (BLA)-Con, A (BUL)-Con
 (Jerry Lucas-ssi) A (ARM)-Smy

TOKIL: A Lvn-(MOS), F (BOT)-Stp(sc), A (YOR)-Lpl, F Nth-(NWY)
 (Jim Burgess-ssi) F (SWE) S F Nth-Nwy, A (TYO) S Austrian A Vie-Tri(NSO)

YONGGUK: F (LON)-Yor, F (EDI) S French F Eng-Nth
 (Rob Winslow-ssi)

France to Germany: When I started this game I wasn't impressed with your Diplomacy skill from previous games I watched. Now I know your Diplomacy is not only good, but highly motivated with fun and friendship. You are truly the best Diplomacy player in this game presently. That's why I have to remove you as a threat to my well-being. Russia's been less than effective in this game--cry babies need something to cry about.

Mark to Jim: What tricky moves have you pulled now?

Memphis to Mark: He's been through a lot of moves as the Boob....

Memphis to Iliad: Ooops, out of room. For the Boob go to page 8 .

§ 1904 Supply Center Chart		§			
	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Loses</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Kas</u>	<u>Builds/Removes</u>
ET'ALLI:	BER		Home, Tri, Tun, Gre, Mun	8	+1
OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI:	BUD		Vie, Ser, Rum	4	+1
P'RANGSU:	KIE, DEN		Home, Bel, Por Spa, Hol	9	+2
ROSIA:	WAR	<i>Ypk, Bpk Mpk, Bpk</i>	Stp	2	-3 (-1 if OTB)
T'OK'I:	SEV		Home, Bul	5	+1
TOKIL:	MOS, NWY	<i>Bpk, Ypk Dpk, Lpk, Mpk</i>	Swe	3	-3
YONGGUK:	LON		Eli, Lpl	<u>3</u>	+1
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[THE BOOB REALLY LEAVES PROVIDENCE FOR THE PROMISED LAND]-(Via Germany): If not the plane, why not try the train? The Boob ambles over toward the Amtrak station.

He crosses a construction area, trips over a rake, falls headlong into a wheel-barrow, rolls a few feet, tips over, rolls down a hill, grabs a rope on a pulley, tries to pull himself up, rope gives way, not being attached to anything, momentum flips him back, over a precipice, lands in a pile of briny mud, surrounded by corrugated cast iron walls, scrambles up the wall, vaults over the top, splash right into the Woonasquatucket (that's a tidal river). The Boob scrambles out and splutters his way into the adjoining train station.

A shadowy echo meets the Boob...the waiting room is stripped bare...the ticket window is silent, the tracks are...gone!

Our Boob is heartbroken. He collapses in a flood of tears, bemoaning the gross unfairness of it all. What had taken away the Boob's beloved train? How will the Boob get to Memphis? Will the Boob die of some dread disease picked up in the foul-smelling river? Most importantly, will the Boob ever realize his dream of jigglelating Elsie's luhtisibles? For the answers to these and other obnoxious onerous questions, tune in next month!

Memphis to the Boob: Why come to Memphis when you can actually see, in person, the Von Bulow trail in Providence?!! Now, like a....Virgin....

[TALES OF THE VIRGIN]-(Via Turkey): In the back of a truck on Star Route 15: The virgin's dreams of being caught in an avalanche and the reality of the truck's motion merged as she woke up. Her disorientation frightened her. She reached about feeling the canvas sacks upon which she lay. She couldn't see anything, only feel the motion of the mound upon which she lay. She reached up and felt the smooth, cold surface of the top of the truck.

The truck was decelerating as it left the freeway. The downward slope of the offramp caused the virgin to fall forward onto her face. Caught by surprise, she was unable to break the fall with her hands and she scraped her face on a metal lock attached to one of the bags. She touched her fingers to where it hurt and then touched them to her lips tasting blood.

The truck was turning and slowing down. She remembered where she was and began to realize that the truck was coming to its destination, probably another post office. She frant-ically began trying to figure out how to get out of the truck without trouble. She was still without a plan when the truck stopped and began backing up.

The virgin squirmed down as far back in the truck as she could as the truck bumped into something and stopped. She heard the driver's door slam and stiffened in anticipation of the back door opening. She waited. Nothing. She waited. She started thinking of the swim she had had earlier in the day. What she wouldn't give to be back in the river again. The dusty bags, the pummeling ride, and the pain in her cheek brought her to new levels of distress.

She was startled by the bang of the latch on the door and blinded by the opening of the door. The bright light was coming from spot lights being shined into the truck. It was dark beyond the light. She heard voices and the sound of bags being thrown. Soon all she heard was the steady rhythm of someone unloading the truck. The light being shown in the truck was bright and she was afraid to pick her head

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ENGLISH HOMELAND THREATENED AS BOTH GERMANY AND FRANCE ABANDON THE ENGLISH ALLIANCE!!!
 THE ITALIANS, ARMED WITH PROVERBS, SWEEP INTO MARSEILLE AND THE GULF OF LYON!!!
 BOTH SIDES SEE THE TSARINA AS THE KEY TO UNLOCKING THE EASTERN STALEMATE!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1905 Ω



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"
 1984 AH

§ GM: Mister Gary L. Coughlan

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1905

§ ZAT: Friday, July 19, 1985

§ GAME COLOR: Yellow

¶ GAME NOTES: Thank you all for not NMRing!

Dustin has a new address which should be good for the next two months, he says. Write to:

Dustin Laurence
 C/O Tim Hedlund
 2737 Brouster
 St. Louis, Missouri 63114 USA

Your cartoon is from Mary Worth and most appropriate for this game with all its twists and turns! See you in July!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1904 §

Austria: Fleet Tyrrhenian Sea retreats off-the-board

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1904 §

Austria-Hungary: Builds Army Vienna

Italy: Build Fleet Rome

Turkey: Build Army Ankara

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1905 §

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A (UKR) S Russian A War-Mos(NSO), A (VIE) Holds
 (Mister Ken Corbin) A (SIL) S Turkish A Gal-War, A (BOH) S A Sil, A (TYO) Holds

ENGLAND: A (MOS) S Russian A War, A (LVN) S A Mos, A (STP) S A Mos
 (Mister Pat Hart) F Nth-(ENG), F Hel-(NTH), F (SKA) S F Hel-Nth
 A (SWE) Holds

FRANCE: F Mao-(NAO), F Spa(sc)-(MAO), A Mar-(GAS), F (WES) S F Tun
 (Mister Dave Carter) F (TUN) S Italian F Nap-Ion(NSO)
 A (BUR) S German A Mun

GERMANY A Ber-(KIE), A (MUN) S A Ber-Kie, A (PRU)-Lvn, F Den-(HEL)
 (Mister Nelson Heintzman) A Bel-(RUH), F Hol-(BEL)

ITALY: F Tus-(LYO), A Pie-(MAR), F (NAP) S Turkish F Tys
 (Mister Ken Gestiehr) F (ROM) S Turkish F Tys

RUSSIA: A (WAR) S Austrian A Sil
 (Mrs. Daf Langley)

TURKEY: A (GAL)-War, A (SEV) S Russian A War-Mos(NSO), A Ank-(ARM)
 (Mister Dustin Laurence) F (TYS) S Italian F Tus-Lyo, F (ION) S F Tys

Italy to Germany: TOO clever is dumb--German Proverb.

France to Italy: I'm trusting you, Ken and I hope you're more trustworthy than I was?

Memphis to France: Me feels a proverb coming on. Let's see on page 10.

PERSONALLY...I
 FEEL LIKE CAESAR
 ON THE STEPS OF
 THE FORUM....

...I SENSE A
 CRUTUS BEHIND
 EVERY
 POTTED
 PALM!

A Conversation That Could Be
 Heard In Every European
 Capital These Days!



§ NEW ZINE: Steve Knight has entered the ranks of publishers with It's A Trap!. It's a digest zine and will have a letter column and offer 2 games of Diplomacy and the postal soccer game called United, so popular in Europe. Steve says he will run other games as well depending on what the subbers wish. Sub fees are 50¢ plus postage per issue. However, Steve offers 14 chances for you to qualify for free issues (for instance females and pubbers and Europeans are all entitled to one free issue.) Write Steve Knight at: 11905 Winterthur Ln. #103, Reston, Virginia 22091 USA.

§ Bill Becker will be starting another game of United (postal soccer) with the August 24, 1985 issue of his K-Zine. The game will be run on 4-week deadlines and \$6.00 covers the game and sub fee for 12 issues. Write Bill, who says rules for United can be had for the asking (but send a stamp!) at: 810 Turwill, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007 USA.

§ Everything, the zine of the BNC where game starts and ends are recorded, has found a new printer in Dave Kleiman, pubber of The Diplomat, and issue #64 has just come out with some new features. Bill Quinn, the BNC, is establishing a "Universal Standby List" for use by the Orphan Games Service and for publishers who have no standbys left in their pool. Another feature is called "Litigation" where the BNC decisions on game irregularities and complaints are presented publicly. Issue #64 dealt with the subjects of anonymous standbys and a case of possible GM misconduct. I don't see the sub rates listed but send a couple of dollars to Bill Quinn and that should ^{cover} be for several issues. Bill's address is: 301 Conroe Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301 USA.

§ With Steve Hutton's trip to Europe, his zine No Fixed Address, and its totally open letter column which was forcing the feuders to either put up or shut up, is not being published until August or September. In the meantime, Steve Langley, pubber of Magus, has said that he feels "that the void could best be filled with a zine that prints exactly what is sent it." So Steve will be doing a "letterzine" called The Not For Hire which will go for 75¢ an issue. Steve says that if you mention someone in your letter to include their address so they can be sent copies of what is said about them. To get INFH (the first issue is due out in late June), write Steve at: 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, California 95825 USA.

§ Bahnhof Zoo (see page 35) is the first subzine to be printed in 3 different zines in 3 different countries. BZ is now printed in America's EE, West Germany's Sauri Allstar Unlimited and Belgium's Mach Die Spuhl. And now, BZ's publishers, husband and wife team Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen, will be beginning their own zine called Pommes Mit Mayo, which will carry an international letter column. For more details see pages 37 and 35.

§ 1985's Dave Carter Award for most sexist (not sexiest!) hobby member was announced by Judy Winsome in her Winsome Losesome #32. Brian Creese, British editor of the recently folded NMR!, is this year's winner nominated by Ben Schilling, specifically for the "rather sexist type of cover" of NMR #48. This the 3rd time the award has been given. The first two winners were from America and Canada. Is continental Europe next? Are those guys sexist?!

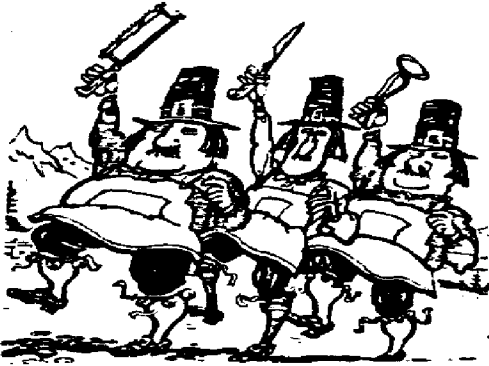
§ Watch Your Back in Great Britain has folded, its publisher John Wilman announced. It had reached issue #74 and will be missed.

§ Upcoming cons--are any near you? Or perhaps you'd like to call the ones you can and talk to many hobby members at once? Here's some more information...

1. MadCon III, on July 4-7: Write or call Marc & Debi Peters, 1814 Cameron Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53713 USA... (608)-273-0983.
2. Peericon V, on August 10-11: Write or call Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, California 92102 USA... (619)-280-2239.
3. Texas DipCon, on August 17-18 (near Houston): Write or call James Early, 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, Texas 77504 USA... (713)-941-6364.
4. Dragonflight, or DipCon, on August 23-25 in Seattle: Write or call Pete Gaughan, 3121 E. Park Row #171A, Arlington, Texas 76010 USA... (817)-633-3208.

§ Latest news says, so far, over 200 ballots have been cast in Runestone Poll.

WINDSOR/SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA 1981 AN: WRAP-UP



"Windsor", also known as "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha" was opened for negotiations on March 31, 1981. The wars came to an end on May 10, 1985, 4 years and 40 days later. 1981 AN ended in a 3-way draw between Austria-Hungary, England and France. This game had 6 of the original 7 players until the end and 3 players submitted end-game statements. The vital statistics are:

1981 AN EUROPA EXPRESS (Coughlan) A: Kerry Blant (draw F16). E: Mark Fassio(draw F16). F: John Marsden(draw F16). G: Jack Fleming. I: Al Pearson (out F16). R: Patrick Conlon(out F11). T: Alan Waisanen(dro S02). Malc Smith (out F05).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY:	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	12	13	15	15	17**
ENGLAND:	5	6	5	5	4	3	3	3	3	4	5	5
FRANCE:	5	5	5	8	6	6	5	6	4	4	3	3
GERMANY:	5	6	8	7	9	10*	10	7	7	6	7	7
ITALY:	5	4	3	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	2
RUSSIA:	6	4	5*	5	6	5	4	3	3	1	-	-
TURKEY:	4*	4*	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	13	14	15	16	
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY:	17*	16*	16	16	DRAW F*16
ENGLAND:	4	4	4	6	DRAW F*16
FRANCE:	4*	5*	6	6	DRAW F*16
GERMANY:	7	7	7	6	*- played one short
ITALY:	2	2	1	-	** - played two short
RUSSIA:	-	-	-	-	
TURKEY:	-	-	-	-	

Like all original EE games, 1981 AN's game name derived from World War I, the scenario on which our Diplomacy game is based. Unlike the other EE games, this game actually changed its game name every 3 game years to simulate an actual event during the real World War I.

The European royal families at the time of World War I were closely related. The King of England was first cousin to the Kaiser of Germany and to both the Tsar and Tsarina of Russia for instance. Most of the royal families had German blood although they identified strongly with their own nations.

During the war, the Germans were successfully portrayed as beasts and Huns and baby killers. In many of the allied countries, a wave of anti-German hysteria set in. The music of Beethoven and Bach was banned: German musicians. In the USA, sauerkraut became known as "Liberty Cabbage". Hard as it may be to believe, but the German language was once more popular in American schools than French or Spanish, but it was cast out, never to regain its prestige.

The British Royal Family's name was Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, which had been Queen Victoria's dynasty as well. To the average Briton, this name was German and remember that by this time the Tsar(1917) had been overthrown in Russia. Thrones in Europe were shakey. H.G. Wells, British author, said that the Royal Family in England was "an alien and uninspiring court." King George V of England replied: "I may be uninspiring but I'm damned if I'm alien." Nevertheless, he decided to change his dynasty's name to a more English-sounding one. They finally settled on the name "Windsor". The Kaiser is said to have laughed at this and jokingly said that Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" should now be "The Merry Wives of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha" in Germany. ((Continued on page 13))

King George also asked that all other royalty in England change their German-sounding names to English-sounding ones. The Battenbergs, after toying with the new name of "Battenhill", decided on "Mountbatten". Prince Phillip is descended from this family and his uncle was the famous Lord Mountbatten in World War II. Today the British Royals from Prince Charles on down bear the name of "Windsor-Mountbatten".

It took 3 years of war before the British Royal Family changed their name. And to commemorate that event, 1981 AN changed every 3 game years from Windsor to Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and back again. (For easy listing, I'll call it "Windsor").

EE began with 3 original games in March, 1981. The other two games ended about 2 years ago and both of them had been delayed by a Canadian mail strike for several months. In contrast, there were no Canadians in Windsor, and this game ended 2 years after the other two did. And Windsor was a game of firsts...

When the Canadian mail strike hit, it came during the Winter 1901 season for Windsor which left me with a big blank space. So Windsor became the first of the EE games to have a cartoon, something that expanded to all EE games afterwards. It had the first Malmberger ever called. It was by far, the longest game played in EE--the next season would have been Spring 1917. It was the first EE game with players from three continents(North America, Europe and Asia). It is the only game who had a season GMed by another GM besides myself(Steve Arnawoodian GMed Windsor in Spring 1914). Each of the 7 players had address changes during the game and orders were sent to me from Mexico, West Germany and Saudi Arabia during the game at various points. In fact, two players, Mark "Faz" Fassio and Al Pearson were in Saudi Arabia, but at different times.

Despite the game's length, 6 of the original 7 players played their countries to the end and this is excellent considering the game went to Fall 1916! During the entire 4 years of play, only 6 Malmbergers needed to be called. Thanks to Peter Ansoff, Mike Barno, Al Giddings, Rick Holman, Mark Larzelere and James Wall for being the Windsor Malmbergers. Malc Smith was the only Malmberger to ever get into Windsor and he was the first Malmberger.

Now to the game proper: I am not much of an analyst and my view of this game (and any others) is revealed through the headlines and the cartoon captions. No one(at this typing) from the East has sent in an endgame statement so I can make mention of some things that I was told during the course of the game to cast additional light on things.

The West seemed to be in a muddle of which ~~was~~ 2 would go on which I power. Soon it appeared that a triple was forming and England hit Russia. Russia proceeded to move south and take over Turkey whose units became wild cards. Austria and Italy had an alliance which allowed the Italians to move into Serbia but Austria quite soon got nervous at Italy and attacked him. Germany meanwhile attacked England and seemed partial to continually shifting alliances among the powers and denounced, in the press, stick-to-the-bitter-end alliances. Germany excluded himself from any draw and clearly held the balance of power in Europe.

Austria continued to mop up in the east with little or no opposition although Russia constantly alerted the west to the "Red Menace". I think that Austria could have won this game had he not NMRed in the critical season of Fall 1909 in September, 1983. At that point, Austria seemed unstoppable and the West was inclined to acquiesce in what seemed to be the inevitable. Based on the moves made by the others in Fall 1909, Austria could have captured 4 supply centers of Berlin, Sevastopol, Ankara and Marseille for a total of 17. The NMR rallied them to fight.

But the NMR kept Austria at 13 and it was not until 1912 that he reached 17 and he could never reach the magic number of 18 due to the unity of the other powers. Had any one of them(except for Italy at the end of the game as it turned out) bolted from the Allied front, Austria would have won. England was credited both by his allies and by Austria with being the guiding force behind the anti-Austrian alliance. The headlines tell the story.

The players in this game really contributed the press too and that often made it easy for me to compose the headlines. With so few NMRs, this game was a real pleasure to GM. Watch out for any of these guys in your games! They stick to the bitter end, come what may. At various times, the "top" language was Russian, French, German and from 1909 to 1916, game's end, Magyar for Austria. Al Pearson's Italy was down to one unit in 1904 but grew back to 4 units by 1909.

Of the 22 units which existed at the beginning of the war, only 7 survived

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to see the peace in 1916. Italy, Russia and Turkey were completely eliminated. England lost 2/3 of her original forces. Austria, France and Germany each lost 1/3 of their original units. Where was the final resting place for the original units by Fall 1916?

Austria: A Vienna was annihilated in Munich in Spring 1914, Army Budapest was in Apulia and Fleet Trieste was in the Tyrrhenian Sea. England: F Edinburgh was in Tunis, Fleet London was disbanded in the Norwegian Sea in Winter 1903 and Army Liverpool was disbanded in Belgium in Autumn 1905. France: Army Paris was in Marseille, Fleet Brest was disbanded in the Gulf of Lyon in Winter 1909 and Army Marseille was in Gascony. Germany: Army Berlin was in Finland, Army Munich was disbanded in Kiel in Winter 1908 and Fleet Kiel was in the Irish Sea. Italy: Army Venice was annihilated in Serbia in Spring 1902, Army Rome was disbanded in Venice in Autumn 1903 and Fleet Naples was disbanded in Tunis in Winter 1915. Russia: Army Moscow was disbanded in Smyrna in Winter 1906, Army Warsaw was annihilated in Berlin in Fall 1911, Fleet St. Petersburg was disbanded in the Gulf of Bothnia in Winter 1902 and Fleet Sevastopol was disbanded in Ankara in Summer 1910. Turkey: Fleet Ankara was disbanded in the Aegean Sea in Winter 1904, Army Smyrna was annihilated in Ankara in Spring 1903 and Army Constantinople was disbanded in Warsaw in Autumn 1905.

Thanks to Mike Mills, the pubber of Savonlinna (see page 25), who provided me with flow charts so I could keep track of each unit!

Next the headlines and cartoon captions (which began in Winter 1901) along with the language used for each year. After that will be the endgame statements.

- 1901(Swedish) Spring: Germans Invade France With England's Neutrality Uncertain!
Italians Seize Trieste While Russia Mobilizes Against
The Sultan!!
Fall: Austrians Bring Italian Mercenaries Into Serbia As Turkey
And Russia Square Off!! French Save The Marseillaise!!!!
Winter: Possible Coup D'etat In Constantinople As Turkey Fails To
Grow!! Tsar, Wants Elephants, Heads For London!!
Faz Of Arabia?????????
(Cartoon) "Everybody's Watching the S-C-G Seven As Other
Games Get Delayed By Canadian Strike!!
- 1902(Russian) Spring: Russia Faces Anglo-German Assault As Tsar's Troops Land
In Turkey! Italy Moves West As Austria Destroys Italian
Army In Serbia! New Sultan At Helm!!
(Cartoon) "Bif! Leggo! You're Gonna Kill Him!"--A Concerned
England Urges Russia To Treat Turkey A Little Bit Better As
He Is EUROPA EXPRESS's First Malmberger!
Fall: Germans Grab Warsaw, Drive Deep Into Russia! Turks Take
Rumania, Russians Occupy Smyrna And French Land In
North Africa!!!
(Cartoon): "Germany, Austria, Turkey"-- Roman Candles
- 1903(Korean) Spring: Russians Abandon Moscow And St. Petersburg, Retrench In
South!! Germans Falter On Road To Moscow! Turks, Italy
Face Perilous Times!!
(Cartoon) Russians Abandon Cold North But Not Their Ice
Skates And Head For Turkey!
Fall: Germany Denounces English "Encirclement" As Russia Absorbs
Turkey And Retains St. Pete!! Austrians Take Venice As
Sultan Maintains Balkan Outposts!!!!
(Cartoon) Germany Throws Water On England's Plans As
France Watches And Holds
Winter: English Mount Major Propaganda Campaign Against The Kaiser
As All Europe Continues To Watch!!! Italy And Russia
Plagued By Instability And Unrest!!
(Cartoon) "Drop Dead, Get Lost, You And Whose Army"--The
King of England(Not A Good Likeness By Any Means) Strives
To Select Just The Right Card To Send To His Cousin, The
Kaiser, To Adequately Convey His Affection!

- 1904(German) Spring: Both Germans And English Woo France With Demonstrations Of Support As England Takes Denmark!! Turks Lose Rumania While Saving Bulgaria! Austria Heads West!!!
(Cartoon) Austria Helps Carve Up Turkey As England Urges An Attack On Germany Instead!
- Fall: Nine (Count'em 9!) Centers Change Hands!!! Italians Die In Africa!! Warsaw Goes Islamic!! French Take Belgium, Tunis And Venice!!!
(Cartoon) "What?!" ---Europeans Are Stunned At The Vicious Fighting And About The Turks In Warsaw!!
- Winter: Europe Pauses To Catch Its Breath After Last Fall's Bloodletting!!! France Dominates The Press War But Another Power Wins The Battle Of The Cartoon!!!
(Cartoon) "Good Moomorning, Mr. Marsden!"--Austria, England And Germany Greet France At The Start Of Another Season In Windsor.
- 1905(French) Spring: Anglo-Germans Deal France A New Belgian 'Waterloo'!!! Italians Retake The Eternal City As Austria And Russia Trade Insults!! Sultan Bemoans His Love Life In Warsaw!!!
(Cartoon) Yep, That's "Hoss" Pearson Of Italy After England, France, Austria and Turkey Got Through With Him!"
- Fall: Germans Make Huge Gains In The West At England's Expense!! Russians Exterminate Turks On The Polish Plains!! Italy Doubles Strength As Austria Takes The Aegean!!!
(Cartoon) Bye, Bye Turkey!!!
- Winter: English Convert "Dunkirk" Disaster Into New London Fleet!!! All Europe Observes Winter Ceasefire Except For A Galician Ghost!!!
(Cartoon) Five New Units Peek Out At Their New Homes In Windsor!
- 1906(German) Spring: England Secures The North Sea As Germany Takes Scandinavia!! Russians Liberate Moscow!! French Sail Into The North Atlantic!!!
(Cartoon) The Sun Shines For Russia As The Tsar Leads His Troops Into Moscow!!!
- Fall: Austrians Conquer Rumania In Their Struggle With Russia!! France Comes Down On England's Side, Moves Into Norwegian Sea And Burgundy!!!
(Cartoon) "Leapfrog? Of course we don't want to play leapfrog --England And France Fail To Convince Austria And Russia To Make Peace And Fight Germany!
- Winter: Kaiser Takes Mexican Siesta In More Ways Than One!!! The Remainder Of Europe Also Rests But Not As Soundly!!!
(Cartoon) Europeans Amass Winter Weapons For Use In Spring!
- 1907(German) Spring: Austria And Russia Trade Blows In Words And Deeds!! Italy Poised To Recover African Empire!! Stalemate In The West Continues!!!
(Cartoon) An Artist's Composite Sketch Of Who Is Winning S-C-G Based On This Season's Press!
- Fall: Balkan Bloodbath Continues As Italians Oust French From Tunis!! Germans Break Into Burgundy While Austrians Snatch Silesia!!
(Cartoon) "Et tu, Brutus?"-- "Big Al" of Italy Begins To Regain His "Former Glory"(See Press)
- Winter: Only Movement Is In COAs!!! Russia Joins S.L.O.P !!!
((Gary here: The Society of Little, Oppressed Powers))
(Cartoon) "Well, Be Prepared For An Artillery Barrage Tomorrow...A..What???"--An Artillery Barrage! But, For Today, It's Peaceful!
- 1908(German) Spring: Germany And Austria Eyeball To Eyeball In Central Europe!! Italy Prepared To Dominate Meditterrean!!
((Go to page 16)) Anglo-French Fleets Totally Blockcade German Possessions!!!

- (Cartoon) If Germany And Austria Have A Show-Down, What Will Tiny Russia, Abused By Both, Do????!! His Action Could Determine Europe's Fate!!!
- Fall: French Take Norway As Italians Sail Into The Atlantic Ocean!! English King Celebrates Nuptials In London!! Russia Sides With Austria--The Newest S.L.O.P.Member!!! (Cartoon) "En Garde!! Come On An'Fight Like Soldiers!!"-- Germans Abandon Munich And Flee Before Advancing Austrian Hordes!!
- Winter: Germany Decries Western "Siamese-Allies", Accepts Austrian Hegemony Over Europe!!! However, Hapsburgs Denied S.L.O.P. Membership By The Tsar!! French Government Falsters, Fails To Raise Defense Force!!! (Cartoon) Though Weakened, Germany's Fleet Power Remains A Monstrous Headache For England And France!
- 1909(Magyar) Spring: Western Allies Contain Massive German Assaults But Paris Appears To Be Lost!! Austrian Occupy Moscow, Defeat Russian Navy!! Mutual Antagonisms Save Berlin From Invaders!! Crimson Tide Rolls On!! (Cartoon) "What Are You Doing Up Here? Did You Come To Save Me?"-- The English, Among Others, Puzzle Over Italian Intentions As Rome Plays A Waiting Game!
- Fall: Tsar Saved By Paralysis Of The Hapsburg War Machine!!! Italian "Manifest Destiny" Seizes Brest!! Paris And Berlin Capitulate To Foreign Armies!!! (Cartoon) European Leaders Give Their Reactions To The News Of Austria's Surprising Standstill!!
- 1910(Magyar) Spring: European Coalition Forms Against Austrian Ambitions!! Germans And French To Follow London's Wishes In War!!! Hapsburgs Vow To Bring Troops Home For Christmas!! (Cartoon) "Does Anyone Need A Viking Mercenary? Contact 1981 AN."--
- Fall: Tsar Abandons Fleets As Cossacks Opt For Berlin And A Pro-Austrian Policy!! English Return To Continental Europe After 5 Years' Absence!! Latin Powers Drive Austrians Out Of France, Recover Marseille!! (Cartoon) "The Furry Twerp Dies"-- The Germans, No Doubt, Have Different Feelings Regarding The Russians In Berlin As The English And Austrians Yell: "Ich Bin Ein Berliner!"
- 1911(Magyar) Spring: French And English Rush Reinforcements As Italy Faces Austrian Onslaught!! London And Vienna Appeal For European Support Against Each Other!! Tsar Attempts Silesian Sortie But Fails To Break Out Of Berlin!! (Cartoon) Is Most Of Europe Lined Up Against Giant Austria?!
- Fall: Austrians Convoy Into Apulia While Spain And Tunis Fall To Seaborne Invaders!! Russian Garrison Perishes As Germans Retake Berlin!! English Poetry Decries "Blood-Soaked" Austrian "Monster"; Vienna Questions "Sacrificing"!!! (Cartoon) Bye, Bye Russia!!
- 1912(Magyar) Spring: Blood Flows In Italy As Austrians Take Naples But Die In Tuscany!!! England Claims Austria's "Vicious Advance" Will "Hit A Wall"!!! Germans Hang Onto Berlin But Abandon Ideal Of "5-Way Draw"!!!! (Cartoon) "Mr. Fleming?"--Europe Is Collectively Stunned By The Kaiser's Rejection Of A Share Of A Draw(See Press)
- Fall: England Predicts Allied "Big Push" Will Result In A "Draw" In "1-2 More Turns"!!! Austria Retains Naples While Massacring Italians In Eternal City Bloodbath!!! Hapsburgs Want Co-operation With Germany, Offer Return of Munich!!! (Cartoon) "Which makes you seventeen, right?"--Austria Is Now At 17 But Will Play One Unit Short!

- 1913(Magyar) Spring: French Leave Piedmont As Austria Installs Military Units In Every Italian Province!! Tyrrhenian Sea Becomes "No Man's Land" As Italy's Fleets Head For Spain And Tunis!!! London Offers Vienna A "Reduced Victory List" In Order To End War!!! (Cartoon) "Oh, Yeah?..Yeah!"--The Anglo-Austrian "Diplomacy Duel" For Europe's Heart And Soul Continues!
- Fall: French Recover Brest As Italians Promise Continued Resistance To Vienna!!! Berlin And St. Petersburg Withstand Heavy Austrian Assaults!!! Naval Superiority In The Tyrrhenian Sea Eludes Both Sides!!! (Cartoon) "Well, Look At It!"--The Englishman Cites "Stalemate" And Pledges That Austria "Will Not Pass"!!
- 1914(Magyar) Spring: English Slip Into The Tyrrhenian As Austrians Amass Fleets Along Italian Coast!!! Germans Recapture Munich Just In Time For The Oktoberfest!!! Italian Government On The Verge Of Collapse!!! (Cartoon) "You Know What I'd Like To Know?"--Austria Wonders What Has England Got To "Gloat" About!(See Press)
- Fall: Berlin Cold-Shoulders Austrian Overtures As Search For "Flemingo Pub" Goes On!!! The French Liberate Paris, Pledge Continued Solidarity With England!!! Tyrrhenian Sea Becomes A Hapsburg Lake As English Are Driven Out!! (Cartoon) England Cautions Her 3 Allies Against Any "Slight Flagging Of Spirits"
- 1915(Magyar) Spring: Austria Dangles The Plums Of Marseille And Saint Petersburg Before Germany's Eyes!!! French Move South As Inconclusive Naval Battles Are Fought In The Mediterranean!!! English Enter German-Owned Sweden As Berlin Orders A Ship To The North Sea!!! (Cartoon) "You Get The Feeling He Used To Sell Used Cars?"--Europeans Are Agog Over "The Adventures Of 'West Virginia Al'" In Arabia!!
- Fall: Berlin Resists Hapsburg Temptations While Paris Maintains Its Anti-Austrian Policy!!! The French Tell London They "Don't Need" Italy As Their Armies Occupy Spain!!! England's Relations With Her Allies Have Been Plagued By Sporadic Mail Service!!! (Cartoon) "That can be good or bad."--The Pro and Con Of Italy's Choice Of Reaction Is Weighed By Europeans For 1916!
- 1916(Magyar) Spring: England Decries French Attack On Italy Citing Mediterrean Now "A House Of Cards"!!! Austrian Fleets Blast Way Into Gulf Of Lyon As English Take Tunis And St. Pete!!! London Chides Berlin, Offers Negotiations To Vienna As Paris Ponders War Til 1929!!! (Cartoon) "Aye, lad, there I was, cast adrift in an open boat, without food or water or a major credit card."--After The French Attack, Italy Withdraws From The War Against Austria And Sails Into The North Atlantic!
- Fall: The Austrian Armada Moves Forward While Anglo-French Fleets Launch Lyon Raid!!! Berlin, Criticized By London And Paris, Loses Belgium To France!!! With Italy's Elimination, England, France And Germany Achieve Arms Parity!!! (Cartoon) Bye, Bye Italy!!

Before the next set of moves were adjudicated, the votes showed that the A-E-F draw had passed. Congratulations to Faz, John and Kerry on the draw. Thanks also to Malc, Patrick, Jack and Al for staying with their positions to the end.

The endgame statements will be in alphabetical order, by country and anything contained in brackets like....[like this]...are by me and are to further clarify the endgame statements. England, France and Turkey gave their viewpoints and the endgame statements begin on page 18 with England's.

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR ENGLAND (Mark "Faz" Fassio) 1981 AN "Windsor/S-C-G"

Well, after 4 years and 40 days, what can one possibly say that hasn't already been said in one way, shape or form? When I joined up for this thing, I did not think that I would visit 2 continents, 2 U.S. coastlines, have 2 new assignments, or have a wife by the time it finished! Yet I rather enjoyed this game, even if it did resemble the "real trench life" after 1907 or so...

Originally(I hope my memory holds up here), Germany and I decided to hit France, end the west front quickly and then turn on Russia. But John's[France] sharp playing and the natural French defensive positions cut short our blitzkrieg. I then tried(semi-successfully) to get a western 3-way going, to stop Austria, who was slowly making turkey out of Turkey(the old warrior Malc Smith, who played a good game). The result: we had a deal for awhile, then Jack[Germany] stabbed me when I was in Saudi Arabia. Ho, ho, ho, and Merry Christmas presents to you, too! Anyway, I won't go into a blow-by-blow of the entire 16 years of fighting. We all reunited when it became apparent that (a) I wouldn't die that easily, (b) Italy would help ag-ainst Austria, and (c) if we didn't team up, Kerry[Austria] would have the game handed to him. I think the simple fact that we stayed together for 8 years--3 disparate allies--(plus Al) was merit enough to share in the win!

Jack[Germany] seemed to lose interest in what was essentially a trench war after 1907 or so--I think in the last 6 "years" of playing, I got 1 or 2 letters and a couple of postcards from him. Perhaps my badgering about playing or ending his "existence" finally motivated him; I don't know. Suffice it to say that after years of badgering, he either eliminated himself from the running deliberately, out of protest at sharing a "heavy" 4-way draw, or else he just forgot to veto this last draw proposal--again, I don't know. But it's all history now.

Every person in this game was top-notch. Kerry Blant played an excellent Austria, and but for the luck of the Irish, he would've won the game in the middle years, when he was reaching 17. A shrewd player, and one who used his resources wisely.

Jack Fleming(at least the early years--Jack Fleming)[Germany] was sharp, responsive, and had a keen eye for the moves. The cooperation with me almost got France, and his stab of me almost got me. All around, he's a fine player, and both a worthy opponent and a good ally.

John Marsden[France] also played the game well--he rebounded from an early stab, then joined us when it became necessary to do so. I disagreed with his decision to knife Italy(as I disagreed with a few other things) but after all these years, it was great to have him as a team player. He always came up with the necessary supports/moves, and the game couldn't have been won without his help--it's that simple. Thanks, John.

Al Pearson[Italy]--well, I had a soft spot for Honest Al this game. His defection to the West(some could call it "self-survival" gave us the anchor in our southern flank against Kerry[Austria], and also denied Austria his last few centers needed to win. I felt bad that everyone wanted Al out, because at that stage, a 5-player draw was as good as a 4-player one. But events proved differently, great-power politics came into play, and that was that. A 3-way was the last thing I expected, but I'm happy, considering that the alternative to 4 "real" years of playing would've been nameless obliteration.

The multi-player thing could've been different if things would've changed in, say 1906 or 1907. But by then, the only way to share the draw was with "everybody", despite the fact that a Dip game should be won by one(or at the most, probably two) players. Still, like I said, just for the endurance, we in the West showed, plus our stubbornness in fighting Kerry[Austria] for every center, well...simply by effort alone we deserved a share of the spoils, and I'm glad we got it.

One last thing--I want to extend my personal thanks to our GM. Gary Coughlan is, in my opinion, one of the best(if not THE best) GMs in the hobby. He is on-time constantly(a rarity these days; he and Steve Heinowski[pubber of Ter-ran] rank high in my books for that aspect); he was free with extra issues and appreciated us finding his (one) error in 16 game-years of play, and he was fair, fun and fabulous. Thanks, Gary--you were half the reason of playing!

((More endgame statements on page 19))

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR FRANCE (John Marsden) 1981 AN "Windsor/S-C-G"

It has never been my habit to write lengthy game end-statements, and since I have no doubt that Faz[England] has detailed the game's progress, I shall forbear to do so. Despite many frustrations and trans-Atlantic misunderstandings this has been one of my most enjoyable Diplomacy games, and much of the thanks for that must go to our splendid GM, whose efforts have been unsurpassed.

I keep a separate file for each of my games, and examination of this one reveals that I received 125 letters--71 from England, 25 from Germany, 13 from Austria, 8 from Italy, 7 from Russia and a solitary note from Malc Smith[Turkey]. The weight of paper received from Faz[England] exceeds anything I have experienced elsewhere, and shows why he thoroughly deserves a share in the draw.

This was a game in which fortunes fluctuated considerably--Italy for example was reduced to 1 centre in 1904, recovered to 4 in 1909, to be eliminated in 1916. I actually took the lead in 1904, bidding to dominate the position in the north-west. Unfortunately, the consequences were that Faz[England] was pushed, temporarily, into Jack's[Germany's] arms, while Kerry[Austria] allowed Al[Italy] to recover, and by 1911, I was reduced to owning Marseille, Portugal and St. Petersburg!

Jack[Germany] was the next to seek domination; to hold him in check we had to ask Kerry[Austria] for help, and in reducing Germany from 10 centres in 1907 to 7 thereafter, the stage was set for the second half of the game---preventing an Austrian win. Faz[England] co-ordinated this very well, sending out form letters with suggested moves to Jack, Al and myself[Germany, Italy and France], with relevant bits highlighted. Rather impersonal, but highly effective--and someone had to do it. The final drama concerned my determination that Italy should not share in the draw--an aim I succeeded in achieving.

My thanks must go firstly to Mark Fassio[England], whose voluminous and mostly persuasive correspondence made the game for me. There were misunderstandings, mostly when Faz took exception to comments that a blunt Englishman like myself regarded as unexceptional, but for most of the game we co-operated well.

Jack[Germany] and I had more frequent disagreements, from the first season when he moved into Burgundy simply because England had written three letters to my one(no English player would make decisions purely on the basis of volume of correspondence), and our letters seem to have been largely made up of sports news, but nonetheless I must thank him for his patience and for holding the stalemate line even though he didn't want a draw.

Kerry[Austria] was, for most of the game, a silent friend--receptive to suggestions but rarely writing. Nonetheless he played well against poor opposition and merits congratulation.

Al Pearson[Italy] I found an erratic and vindictive opponent, and I must express pleasure at his elimination. No tears shed there.

Above all, though, I must thank our hard-working and ultra-efficient GM, Gary Coughlan. The advance copies of the adjudications(often a fortnight ahead of the zine) and occasional updates, and the excellent presentation of the results, greatly increased the enjoyment of the game.

Finally, after all but dropping out of the hobby, it should be noted that Malc Smith[Turkey] has recently resurfaced--in Belgium. This brings to mind the fact that this game must hold some sort of record for numbers of changes of address...

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR TURKEY (Malc Smith) 1981 AN "Windsor/S-C-G"

I came into the game, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, way back in 1981. Hell, I can hardly remember playing it. But what I do remember I'll try to jot down in a coherent manner. I chose to become a Malmberger for EE 4 years ago when I was still producing my xyn[zine], The Diplomat. I had just come across this strange country that played Diplomacy and almost spoke English and curiosity made me want to play Dip in an American xyn.

I came into the game in Spring 1902 as a standby for Alan What's-his-name's Turkey that went into civil disorder. Quite frankly, the country I was given was in a bad way. Russia had advanced extremely well against my new possession and I had to push him back.

Unfortunately, all my records and letters of this game were lost in one of my frequent house-movings a few years ago, and so my soggy memory is required here to ((Windsor's Wrap-Up continues on page 20)) (19)

he weren't illiterate. His poor eyesight, limp wrist and terminally dumb look probably come from generations of inbreeding in the Georgia mountains. It's Steve Duke or your younger brother."

Ben Schilling(Michigan, USA): "The picture contest: It doesn't look like you, unless you've changed quite a bit since 1982 when I last saw you. Since the other Rebel in the hobby is Melinda Ann Holley, I certainly hope that that's not her. Therefore it must be one of the Europeans to whom you sent a large Confederate flag after your little trip of a couple of years ago. I'm going to guess that it's Luc Dodinval."

Jim Briggs(West Germany): "This guy looks like one of those "long-haired hippy type, pinko rebels" from the 1960s. Well, what did all those LHFIPs do, but become respectable and go to law school. Hmmm, you made well-known the fact that you spread Rebel fire all over Europe when you came over, along with all those Alabama flags too. My guess is that this is one of those European scum, so I'll guess Christoph Schunck, even though it doesn't look a bit like him (but he does have one of those detestable banners in his "flat" and he is studying to be a Rechtsanwalt)."

Judy Winsome(California, USA): "Ah, Gary--this guy is deceiving. The way he's holding the flag, the hand on the hip, the sensitive lips, the slenderness, the tilt of the head all seem to point to a gentle nature, a non-competitive personality, a dove. But that's all a ruse, this guy is fiercely competitive, a hawk and most aggressive of all, a Southerner!"

I don't know how I get the idea he's a Southerner, it just comes across. He loves two kinds of music, Country and Western and hasn't played Austria or France since 1983. He loves to play Russia because that way he can start out with more forces than anyone else, and that is usually the only advantage he gets. His favorite sport is professional wrestling and often bets on the outcome. Twenty years from now this guy will either be a prominent politician or a movie star. I think this is Marvin Baker."

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "The new picture contest: Again, I know that guy. He's Chris Schunck, with whom I got drunk at the "Bier & Bretzel", in Brussels, in early 1982. If he's not, it will show you how drunk we were...By the way, I have the same funny flags as he. But since I am Kathy Byrne's "Cuddles", I keep the large one under a pile of sheets and the small one in my cellar..."

Chuff Afflerbach(California, USA): "The 'Stars And Bars', eh? Since the Confederacy is now passe except among certain backward enclaves of southwestern Tennessee, the guy must be a European. Now, who was it you were smuggling flags to, anyway? An attraction to lost causes would indicate a Belgian--probably a Walloon. The only way he's ever managed to capture a supply center is by retreating there. He earned his nickname the hard way: it's a picture of "Lucky" Luc Dodinval. And if it's not, it should be!"

John Pack(New Mexico, USA): "Well, I'm not sure I have 1,000 words for this new picture contest though it may be valued at 1,000. I bid 200. 230? All right, 250 and that's my final offer. Actually, I have no idea who it is. Whoever it is, he definitely isn't from the South unless he lives in the North. After all, who would want to give it away by having all those flags around? Besides, a real Southerner would be excited to have his pic taken with the Confederate flag. I'd say that he plays Austria best. Only such a short and dangerous position could get him excited. His favorite thing is to play a standby with only one unit in an incredibly rotten position. It makes it more exciting when he wins. He's still awaiting the excitement I'd say. Was he by chance the ex-pubber of The Schemer?"

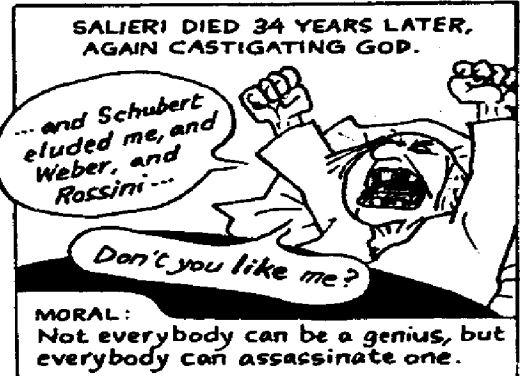
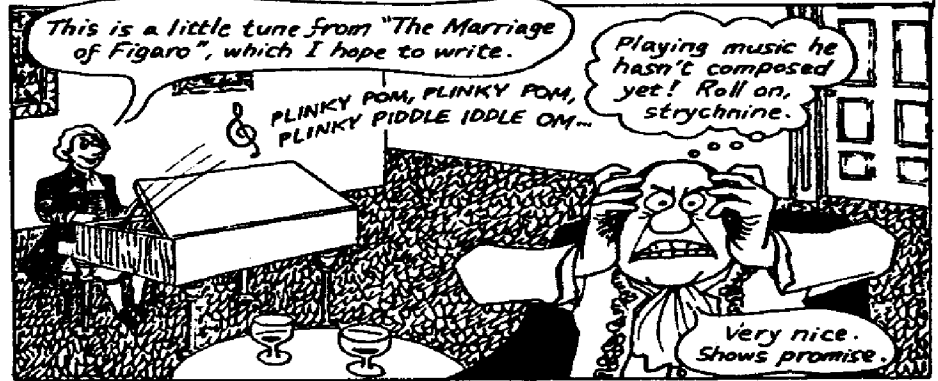
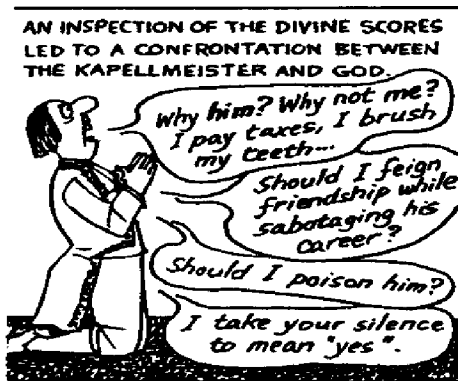
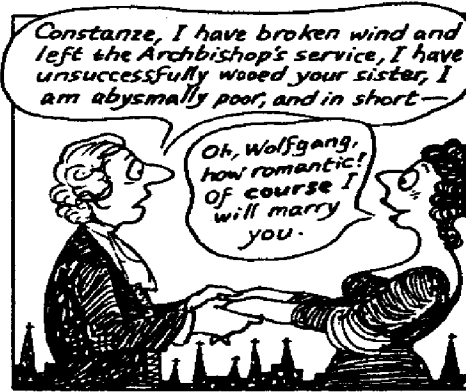
Malc Smith(Belgium): "Apparently an American citizen, this is easily derived by the multitude of silly flags and from the stoopid expression upon the chap's face. Now this is almost definitely an American, after all does he look capable of spelling "colour", "humour", or "cheque" correctly? Ha, I think not! Now what suvveners do I know that look as if they could use a decent meal, a haircut and a decent shirt? And who would I imagine would swank around with their hands on their hips and pouted lips? I don't know, and I don't think I ever want to....
...My guess? It's really a Dutchman trying to confuse us all, after all my impression of Dutch squaddies fits this guy perfectly; it's Jan Feringa the well-known Dutch marine and part-time tulip smuggler."

Don Williams(California, USA): "Humm, this picture doesn't tell me anything about the person in it. I have no ideas at all about who this grits-loving, Commie-baiter

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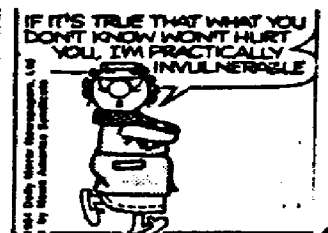
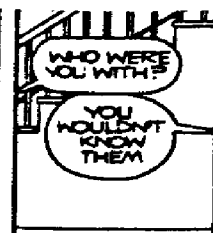
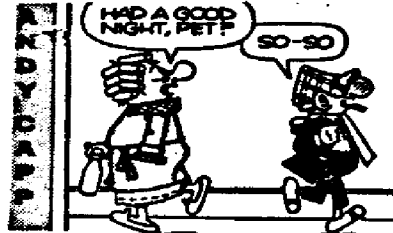
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"Maybe. Where?"



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Well, we're off and running with the third S.P.Q.R. game. Our six fresh players are Gary Coughlan; who edits a 'zine somewhere in Memphis, Mark Frueh; who gets confused with Irwin Frueh in St. Louis; Claude Gatron living on rue Mässon in Winnipeg; Carl Gustav Sparre, living in Helsinki or Helsingfors, as he writes it; and Thomas Franke from the little burg of Dinslaken in Deutscheland. This should be a very, very novel game. Not only are we going to use an untried transport rule with timber, we are going to try to keep "up the spirit" of the game in the international mails --- I hope they all have lots of postage stamps handy.

In the next SAVONLINNA you'll see the announcement and the start of the auction, etc. Right now, I have about 35 copies of the S.P.Q.R. rules with the new map, which appeared in EE last time for anyone who wants one. I need standbys for this game and Chuff Afflerbach, who is GMing the second S.P.Q.R. game "Bread & Circuses" would also like some standbys, too! So, for 39¢ postage I'll send you a copy. Then you can write to me or Chuff and sign up as a standby.

If there's enough interest in a fourth game, I will pull teeth to find you all a good GM. You see, since S.P.Q.R. is a fairly involved little game, it's more than enough work for a GM to do just one; two games would be torture and we don't do that in this country, do we?



"Two things only the people anxiously desire . . ."

BREAD and CIRCUSES



REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PEOPLE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

S.P.Q.R.II

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PYRRHONISTS ON THE MARCH -- BATAVIAN FACTION COLLAPSES!

Argentoratium, capital of Germania, was the scene of the latest episode as yet another governor abandoned the helm of this drifting faction. Swidericus made his final address both a welcome for the Pyrrhonist expeditionary force and a farewell to his own Batavian troops. In his speech he emphasized the positive achievements of his administration: the recent passage in the Senate of his provincial defense proposals, and a "peace with honor" agreement with his neighbor to the east.

But the occasion was hardly festive. Swidericus appeared as exhausted as the Pyrrhonist vanguard he addressed, which had just completed a grueling forced-march into the city. The mood among the Batavian citizens remained somber in anticipation of some announcement regarding the Governor's successor. As yet no replacement has been named.

REGISTERED: The Treaty of Aquincum, The Treaty of Singidunum

RESULTS OF THE SECOND SENATE SESSION

Spring 194 A.D.

204 Senators in Attendance

194A--"...Batavian legions be allowed their tenth Cohort."

Bat: 42Y Lus: 49N Pop: 50Y Pyr: 63Y 155Y-49N = PASS

194B--"...Batavian legions be allowed their tenth Barbarian."

Bat: 42Y Lus: 49N Pop: 50Y Pyr: 63Y 155Y-49N = PASS

194C--"...Batavians be allowed their tenth Fleet."

Bat: 42Y Lus: 49N Pop: 50Y Pyr: 63Y 155Y-49N = PASS

194D--"...Batavian Imperators for Germania and Noricum to Roma."

Bat: 42N Lus: 49Y Pop: 50N Pyr: 63Y 112Y-92N = PASS

194E--"...Pyrrhonists request a loan of 400\$."

Bat: 42N Lus: 49Y Pop: abs Pyr: 63Y 112Y-42N = PASS

Senate President Afflerbacchus announced the consignment by the Lusitanians of 15 shipments of silver and 8 of gold from Mauretania, along with 7 of gold from Londinium, as partial payment of their Senate loan. A balance of 445\$ remains due the Imperial Treasury.

TREATY DISPUTE SPARKS DRAMATIC DEBATE

A Senate investigation into the seemingly endless complications besetting the central provinces became the stage for high drama, beginning with the arrival of the latest faction to claim authority over the troubled territories. As a service to its readers, B&C is pleased to print, verbatim, these speeches by the parties involved.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE ADDRESS DELIVERED TO THE S.P.Q.R. BY IMPERATOR MERCUTIUS OF GERMANIA:

"Senators, Patricians, fellow Romans, I stand before you--myself and the noble Marcus Juventus are here at your summons--and the mud of far-off Noricum has not yet crusted on our heels, such was our desire to heed the will of this most august body.

Our friends tell us, in whispered and fearful words, of dark rumors in Rome: rumors which have attracted the attention of yourselves, honorable Senators. Rumors, indeed, of gross impropriety, belligerent misconduct and traitorous dishonor, all laid at the feet of Mercurtius and Marcus Juventus.

With the indulgence of this Senate, I would attempt to speak a few words in defense of truth and put to timely death these cancerous rumors. After which, I assure you all, we shall remain silent as this Senate hears a fuller case against us.

Noble Romans, the burdens of far-off empire are exceedingly great. Daily, the barbarian kings test the fortitude of Roman will; strange ills befall citizens and soldiers alike; communications are few and seldom current; political intrigues, plots, are born and die like flies. At such a time, in such a place, a great man must govern, or have greatness thrust upon him....or be crushed by the burden which would make him great.

Alas, you all know the travail of the northern provinces these three years past. Since the death of Emperor Commodus, the governance of Gallia, Germania and Noricum has been at the whim of a madman and...and much worse. Weak-willed men have sought power and, having sought it, claimed it and, having claimed it, been destroyed by it as the gods have seen just. Poor Michaelius of Midamerici!

Who was to follow but one Marcus Aurelius Andersonius? 'Quos Deus Vult Perdere Prius Dementat!' (Whom the gods would destroy they first drive mad.) Senators, noble Patricians, you have but to consider his brief governorship to find the truth in my words: accords with the noble Lusitanians remain unsigned; treaties with the brave Severi permitted to lapse; those governors left to ponder the silences from Massilia. Legions went undermanned against the encroachments of the Goths, the Burgundians and the Juthungi; the greater measure of this Empire's forest wealth floats not on the seas, but lies rotting in the port of Massilia while shipyards on every coast of Mare Nostrum lie silent and desolate.

In the end, the dementia of Andersonius became all-consuming. Shut away in his villa, his paranoia ever increasing, Andersonius first conceived, then attempted, a most destructive act of unilateral folly--he called for the summons to Rome of six of the Empire's most loyal and brave Imperators.

Upon knowledge of this fact, rival factions rose to action. The streets of Massilia were full of chaos and moderate, reasoned voices went unheeded. Civil passions, aroused, spent themselves in petty revolts and violence against the Midamerici. Many died. In a week's time one faction--greater through strength of arms and intrigue than all others--consolidated power. And thus the Batavians, led by their jaded lion, the once noble Swidericus, ruled by acclaim and through public fear.

We embraced him not, but accepted his rule as a fact accomplished. And yet we swore, Marcus Juventus, myself and Imperator C. Lupastax Gythion, noble warrior of Gaul, to work toward his undoing. For you see, fellow Romans, we knew then what the rest of you will learn now--that the most venerable Swidericus was and is....

....a TRAITOR to the Empire, a secessionist to Gallia, and a pox on the civil order espoused by the Equalists! Senators, Patricians, I hold before you a parchment, a parchment upon which is writ a treaty--if such it can be called--The Treaty of Aquincum. It amounts to little more than a bill of sale for goods delivered and is a document of great danger. It bears the black mark of Swidericus and was his last official act.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ENTERED INTO THE SENATE RECORD AND AFFIRMED BY THE INVICTII TO BE THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION; BEING A PRIVATE TREATY, ITS AUTHENTICITY COULD NEITHER BE CONFIRMED NOR DENIED BY THE PRAETORIANS:

TREATY OF AQUINCUM

- 1) This treaty is between the Pyrrhonists and the Batavians. It must be ratified in time for the 194 Senate.
- 2) The Pyrrhonists agree to cast all their votes in favor of propositions 194A, B, and C.
- 3) Both parties agree not to declare war on the other in the years 194-196.
- 4) The Pyrrhonists have full permission to move troops and commodities through Noricum and Germania through the year 195. In the year 196, the Pyrrhonists must remove all forces from Batavian provinces.
- 5) In the Spring 194, the Batavians must order all cohorts and barbarians of Legion Noricum to Argentoratium, and the LBQ Noricum must remain stocked with its barbarians throughout the turn as well.
- 6) At the time of the spring 194 Open Market, the Batavians will turn the Governorship of Noricum over to the Pyrrhonists for a price of 5 shipments of metal to be chosen by the Batavians.
- 7) The Pyrrhonists will assume responsibility for the defense of Germania in the years 194-195. Should any faction not party to this treaty take Argentoratium by force, Noricum will be returned to the Batavians as compensation.
- 8) In the years 195-197, the Pyrrhonists and the Batavians agree to vote for proposals summoning Lusitanian imperators to Rome and proposals to transfer the Governorship of any Lusitanian province to a party of this treaty.

IMPERATOR MERCUTIUS RESUMED HIS SPEECH:

"Read it carefully; you will find Swidericus had intended to sell the province of Noricum, the defense of Germania and the security of Gallia into foreign hands by this writ.... What? Ho! Publius, move not! Your friends in Cappodocia know already of what I speak and will not be aided the more by your hasty exit. Stay, and you will yet learn of our good intentions. Perhaps even you, Publius, would be surprised to learn the price of this treason: '5 shipments of metal'. For five shipments of gold or silver--eighty sesterces, honored Senate!--Swidericus would dash the hopes of an Equalist peace so long nurtured here in Rome.

We know not where he has gone; aided by his Batavian friends, he escaped by night into the hinterlands, perhaps to plot new intrigues in the camps of barbarian kings? The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones. So let it be with Swidericus. But, toward the ending of that evil I bring good news. Bear with me but a little longer, and you will be gladdened.

Earlier I spoke that moderate voices went unheard in the chaos after Andersonius' fall. I should have said, 'were not heard by enough men.' For, in fact, one man did heed the voices--one voice in particular--and sought its counsel.

That man was Imperator C. Lupastax Gythion, Warrior of Gaul and Defender of Marbonensis. With difficulty and much personal peril--the Batavians being unmerciful to those they deemed traitors--Gythion induced a certain group of men, among them a patrician of honored and noble lineage, to come to the succor of Massilia, Gallia, the northern provinces and the Empire. That faction, adherents to the god Mithus--Sol Invictus, as more commonly he is known--quickly found popularity with the cohorts of I Ulpia Rapax (Faction Legion) and XX Valeria Victrix (Legion Gallia). With appropriate ceremony, the Patrician, DONALDUS JACCUL WILLIAMUS, announced the ascent of the faction JACCUL INVICTUS--'Invictus' chosen to seek the favor and fortune of the gods. His first act as the new Governor: to ransom back the province of Noricum, at great personal expense. Marcus Juventus, here, holds but part of that ransom. Marcus?"

IMPERATOR JUVENTUS STEPPED FORWARD; A CLATTER OF GOLD AND SILVER RESOUNDED IN THE SILENT CHAMBER AS HE DROPPED TWO SACKS TO THE FLOOR. MERCUTIUS CONCLUDED:

"Publius, tell your masters that, as a show of faith, The Treaty of Aquincum--a dangerous document, even you must see that--will be rendered a passing evil through this gift of 500 sesterces. Noble Senate, the Invictii also beseech you to accept 200 sesterces into the Imperial Treasury, for time and energies expended in this matter.

This sum has not been easily gotten. Indeed, in order to raise the strength of Rome's

far-off northern provinces--a need you yourselves saw and legislated on last session-- I have been asked to seek a loan from this august body; a sum of 800 sesterces; part to be used to strengthen Rome's military will, part to compensate the Invictii for their most noble service in maintaining peace and righting the evils of Swidericus.

I have spoken too long--alas, I am a warrior of the fields, not the chamber, and mayhap I have over-stated our case. We humbly ask your understanding....

".... and now place our future, fortunes, and fate into your hands. Fiat Justicia, Ruat Caelum." (Let justice be done, though the heavens fall.)

THE SENIOR DELEGATE OF THE PYRRHONIST FACTION, THE SENATOR FROM PERGAMUM REFERRED TO AS "PUBLIUS", TOOK THE PODIUM AND OFFERED THIS REBUTTAL:

"We understand that there are some in the Empire who believe that the Batavian surrender of Noricum to the Pyrrhonists was a sell-out. It is our opinion that the treaty delivering Noricum benefitted both sides. Suppose Swidericus had refused it. Where would the Batavians--and Invictii--be now?

First, we would have sent 23 cohorts with three Imperators to Vindobona. This would have given one-to-one odds or better with an Imperator to the good. The total loss of all defenders would have been guaranteed, although possibly with heavy Pyrrhonist casualties. However, there would have been few or no Batavian cohorts available to counterattack.

Secondly, in Fall 194, the Lusitanians would have marched into Argentoratium with no opposition.

Thirdly, in Spring 195, Noricum would have been granted to the Pyrrhonists by several treaties which insured adequate support.

And fourth, as proposals 194A and 194B would have failed, the Invictii would have been unable to fully mobilize the Gallian Legion. Germania would have gone to the Lusitanians in Spring 196.

The talk of sell-out was no doubt fueled by the Pyrrhonist move into Argentoratium. The fact is that we are there strictly for recreation. We did not declare war and were permitted entry only because we pledged to assist the Batavians in quelling any uprisings which might threaten their control in Germania. We respect the sovereignty of the Jaccul Invictii in Gallia and Germania and wish them luck in their affairs."

RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR A SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE MATTER, THE HONORABLE AFFLERBACCHUS DISPATCHED AN URGENT SUMMONS TO THE JUSTICES. THEY GATHERED FOR A CLOSED-DOOR SESSION WHICH CONTINUED LONG INTO THE NIGHT. AT LAST THEY EMERGED, WEARY FROM DEBATE, BUT WITH A FINAL DECISION:

"The Court rejects as specious the notion that the treaty was voided a priori through Rule 7.31(2), due to the absence of an amendment clause. However, such a requirement must not be overlooked in the drafting of future agreements.

At issue, then, is the effort to revoke a commitment on the eve of its effective date; whereas Rule 7.4 imposes a waiting period of one season. The Court recognizes one extenuating circumstance--the fact that the treaty in question was thrust upon the Invictii without prior approval or even knowledge. Nonetheless, the treaty was duly signed by the proper authorities. It is not within the province of this panel to determine the mental state of Governor Swidericus at the time of the signing; but we do sincerely hope it has greatly improved since then.

Thus, by the time a cancellation of the treaty can be effected, the transfer of Noricum to the Pyrrhonists will be a fait accompli. And since negating that transfer was the expressed aim of the Invictii, voiding the treaty becomes a useless exercise. Mercutius is instructed to reclaim his money bags from the Senate floor and accept instead the five shipments of silver in Singidunum as the price of Batavian folly. The Treaty of Acquincum shall stand."

And so, the Pyrrhonist faction would appear to be singularly blessed. After the Supreme Court ruled in their favor, the Severi delivered more good news. To aid the drought victims in Asia, the Severi is returning the three shipments of food still stored in Troia, which the Pyrrhonists had donated to Italia the year before. And in an act of unparalleled generosity, the Severi also pledged one half of their remaining supply, amounting to another three shipments in the city of Athenae. May the gods smile upon this selfless sacrifice!

TREATIES REGISTERED: Treaty of the Dual Empires
Emergency Food Agreement #1

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FALL 194 A.D.

PYRRHONISTS PRESS WESTWARD AS POPULARES MOVE EAST

Just as the Pyrrhonists took up forward positions along the far shores of Germania, the Legions under M. Claudius Miles began a massive shift in the opposite direction--straight into the heart of the Pyrrhonist homeland! With every Pyrrhonist cohort committed to the defense of their newly-acquired Invictii "protectorate", the Populare troops had the highways to themselves on their march into Smyrna and Antioch. This coordinated land-sea exercise, though approved in advance by provincial authorities, still came as a shock to the citizens of the two Pyrrhonist capitals. They had not seen soldiers in the streets since their own Legions had marched off to the Hinterlands two years ago....and suddenly their cities were awash with Populare troops and banners.

Rumors flared everywhere in the wake of the Populare march. The Praetorian escort, along to insure the neutrality of the exercise, had also seen to it that an Imperial Edict was tacked to the signpost of every trivium along the route. The wording was terse:

"Effective Winter 194 A.D.
THE ACCORDS OF THE NORTHLANDS
shall be rendered null and void."

Roman law allows no more to be revealed. But if treaties must remain private, treasury transactions are a matter of public record. An audit of accounts shows a payment of 700 sesterces, in silver, to the Imperial Treasury by M. Claudius Miles. A subsequent deposit of 500\$ was made by the Treasury to the Pyrrhonist account. The current issue of RES PUBLICA (see supplement) is long on details regarding a reorganization of the Populare faction, but it stops short of an explanation for this latest burst of activity.

UNITS AND LOCATIONS:

POPULARES (Mills): 265\$ treasury + 600\$ salary = 865\$

Antioch: LHQ/1-9C/1-5B/Aeg, Imp Agrippa

Alexandria: 1-3C/Afr, 53 food, 6 timber, 23 silver, 18 gold

Paratonium: LHQ/Afr

Smyrna: LHQ/1-4C/Sic, Imp Atticus

Dyrrhacium: LHQ/1-3C/Iron, Imp Germanicus

Salonae: LHQ/1-5C/Dal, 14 food, 12 timber, 6 silver, 4 gold

Siracusae: 12 food, 6 timber, 4 silver

Lilibaenum: 8 food

Leptis Magna: 10 food, 8 silver 6 timber, 6 gold

PYRRHONISTS (Ledder): 370\$ treasury + 500\$ treaty + \$20 market
+ 760\$ salary = 1610\$

Ulpia Traiana: 1-10C/Dac, 1-3C/Fac, LHQ/1-3B/Nor, Imp Cap, Imp Dac,
Imp Asia

Argentoratum: LHQ/4-5C/Fac, 1-5C/Nor, LHQ/Dac

Vindobona: 6 food, 4 timber, 4 silver, 4 gold

Aquincum: LHQ/1-10C/Cap, LHQ/1-10C/Asia, 2 food, 6 timber, 6 silver,
4 gold

Singidunum: 6 food, 6 timber, 18 silver, 14 gold

Pella: 3 food

Massilia: 1 silver

Smyrna: 7 food, 12 timber, 32 silver, 9 gold

Pergamum: 4 food

Chalcedon: 2 food, 6 timber

Heraclea Pontica: 9 food, 22 silver, 14 gold

Ancyra: 4 gold

Antioch: 20 food, 12 timber, 10 silver, 4 gold

INVICTII (Williams): 222\$ treasury + 32\$ market - 6\$ votes
+ 420\$ salary = 668\$

Colonia Agrippina: LHQ/1-5C/Jackals, Imp Gythion

Morguntiacum: LHQ/1-5C/1-3B/Ger "VII Augusta":

Argentoratum: 10 food, 6 timber, 12 silver, 6 gold

Augusta Treverorum: 10 timber, 8 silver, 1 gold

Augusta Vindelicorum: 4 timber, 3 gold

Dorocororum: 2 food

Lugunum: 6 timber, 6 gold

Massilia: LHQ/1-5C/Gal "XX Valeria Victrix", 28 food, 18 timber,
29 silver, 18 gold, 1st fleet

Roma: Imp Marcus Juventus, Imp Mercurius

Saguntum: 10 gold

Salonae: 3 gold

Naissus: 5 silver

SEVERI (Smay): 150\$ treasury + 600\$ salary = 750\$

Ravenna: LHQ/1-5C/Ita, LHQ/1-6C/Fac, Imp Caracalla, Imp Vespasian,
20 food, 12 timber, 30 silver, 18 gold, 1st fleet

Athenae: LHQ/1-5C/Thr, Imp Geta, Imp Papinian, 21 food, 6 timber,
30 silver, 12 gold

Vindobona: 4 silver, 4 gold

LUSITANIANS (Halverstadt): 605\$ treasury + 180\$ market + 660\$ salary
= 1445\$

Eborcum: LHQ/1-7C/Brit, Imp Grahamicus

Londinium: 16 food, 18 timber, 24 silver, 5 gold

Massilia: 1 silver

Tarraco: LHQ/1-7C/His, Imp Branta

Saguntum: LHQ/1-3C/Fac, Imp Sirkot, 26 food, 12 timber, 51 silver,
50 gold

Gades: 1st fleet

Tingus: LHQ/1-3C/Mau, Imp Bencurion

Caesar Mauretania: 22 food, 6 timber, 9 silver, 4 gold

Igilgili: 25 silver

Paratonium: 1 food

Byzantium: 2 gold

Salonae: 3 silver



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PRAETORIANS GIVE ASIA TO LAKEDAEMONI

In the quiet pre-dawn hours The Praetorians sent twenty cohorts into Smyrna and put an end to self-rule in Asia by exiling the local authorities to Melita without benefit of Senate repeal. In their place, The Praetorians installed a new regime, the Lakedaemoni, a regional group from Cappodocia to rule. Questor Don Michaelius Vlliamus was formally installed as Governor for Asia following a card game with the Praetorians, where it is reported he dropped 751\$ to the Captain of the Guard.

Imperial Treasury Report Winter 191:

RAVIOLLUS (RAV)	Frueh	2000\$	Italia
LAKEDAEMONI (LAK)	Williams	1249\$	Cappodocia, Asia
INTREPIDI (INT)	Spare	2000\$	Thracia
CLAUDII (CLA)	Gautron	2000\$	Gallia
PCSEIDONISTS (POS)	Coughlan	2000\$	Aegyptus
	Franke	2000\$	Hispania

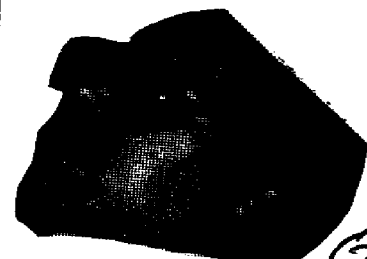
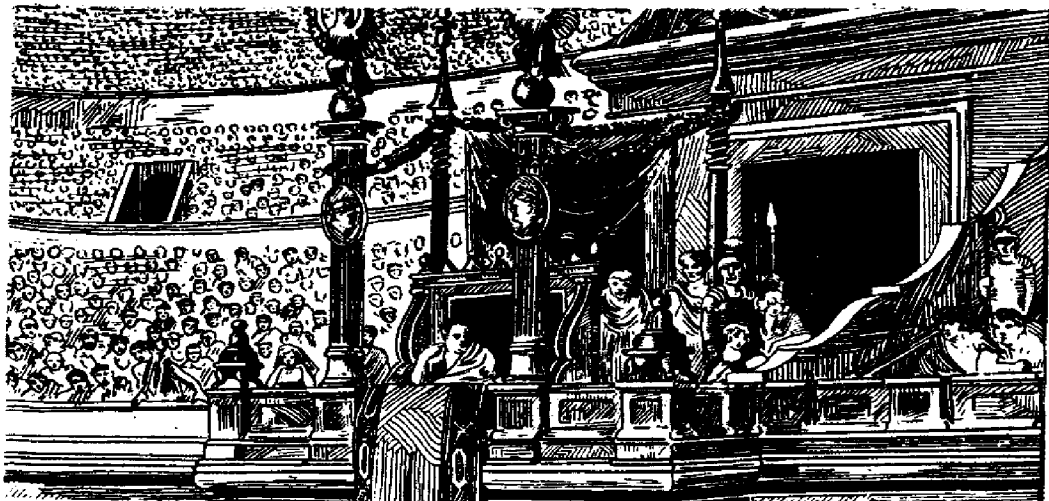
(In order from left to right: Faction name; player name; current Imperial Treasury balance; provinces controlled.)

The next deadline is 1 June 1985. Due on that date will be all bids on provinces #8-11 of Table 1 (Mauretania, Africa, Brittanica, Germania). You may bid on all or none of them, as you wish, but the total amount of the bids you submit, including possible increases (3.21) may not exceed your current IT balance, as listed above. You may also submit bids for the other provinces, #12-15 on Table 1, but those will not be adjudicated until the deadline after 1 June's.

A very nice selection of faction names we have and a healthy amount of press for the very first go-round. If you scour the press, you will see that some factions did not just rise from the dust, but are actually current editions of famous families. If this level of involvement, you are going to have a very good time with this game win or lose...did he say "lose?"

Anyway, included herein are various other notes ffrom me and some answers to questions that you've sent in. Please understand that I could answer your question publically for the benefit of all and I won't coach you privately through a rules' discussion.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Thomas Franke, Gutenbergstr. 58, D-4600, Dortmund 1.





I'm Sherry, your EUROPA SEXPRESS KITTEN OF THE MONTH. I hear that all the big strong men are playing S.P.Q.R. these days and I was just wondering if those Imperators were any good. If you'd like to tell me write me at S/EE, 26 Laurel Rd., Sloatsburg, NY

You will have to forgive EE's Belgian wonder once again, because this is

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CHOCOPS & MIAMS

Nº 16.

And you may forgive my "h" too, which has a tendency to become more and more overproud since it learnt that it gets pronounced in English...

Fine. This time, I'm going to babble about Belgian food and cuisine. Hold on.

BRILLAT-SAVARIN (1755-1826) used to say that a meal without cheese was like a pretty one-eyed lady. And indeed the Belgians got the message since they produce about 100 different kinds of cheese.

In Chitrache (a border region between France and Hainaut), you can find and taste the "puant macéré" (macerated stinky), the name of which speaks by itself. East of Liège, in the small villages surrounding the city of Kerve, you will appreciate the "remoudou" (twice milked), whose smell makes any plastic coating useless and ridiculous. In Brussels, we enjoy our "plattekeis" (cottage cheese), usually served with chives and black radish, our "ettekeis" (stinky cheese) and the explosive "pottekeis" (ettekeis refermented with strong beer).

Another Belgian speciality is "boudin", i.e. blood sausage when it's dark, or bland sausage when it's white, or green like in Liège, where they flavour it with cabbage. Fried white and black boudins, served with mashed potatoes and stewed apples, are the traditional meal on St Eloi's day. The name of this dish is "boudin entre ciel et terre" (between Heavens and Earth, the potatoes symbolizing the Earth and the apples Heavens). Obviously, since black boudins are made of pork blood exclusively, they are the perfect meal for Muslims...

Yet, the most mysterious Belgian dish is "choesels". In other words, veal pancreas, testicles and tail gently simmered in a mixture of beer and Madeira wine. It's awfully delicious.

The Brusselers are also fond of "caricoles", sea snails boiled with celery, pepper and onions. And don't sneer. Did I write anything against chewing gum? (When I was a kid, long long ago, smoking was authorised in school, but not chewing gum).

But the most famous Belgian speciality is fries, or "frites" as we call them. Victor HUGO had already observed that "you know when you're in Belgium as soon as you get agressed by the smell of fries". Any Belgian town, city, village, hamlet or just name-on-the-map has its "friterie", usually a stall where you can buy frites seasoned with mayonnaise, picallilli (Belgian pickles), mustard, curry or other funny sauces; to the exception of ketchup. The friteries also sell meatballs and saveloys, or the Belgian version of hot dogs (with sauerkraut, cloves and juniper berries).

Alie: The bottom of the page is already near. I shall have to leave you now and have this damn typewriter overhauled. Drink a glass of Château la Lagune 67 my health and be happy till next time.

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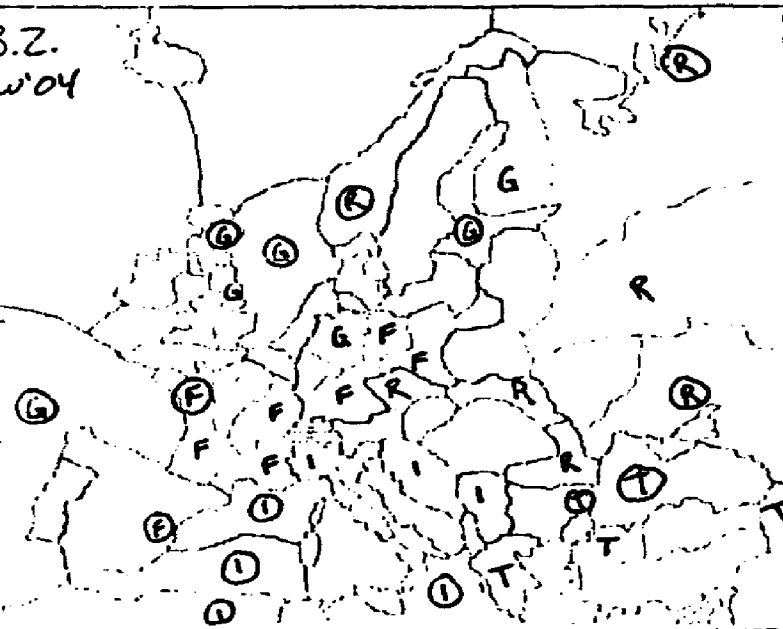
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A GAS S & A MAR / F spa/sc.
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F tys-ION.
RUSSLAND A fin-swe(d,ann); F NWY / A fin-swo; F STE/EC S F nwy; A ALB-gre;
A MOS S & A RUM / A sev; A GAL S & F SEV / A rum; A sil-ber(d,r BOH).
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A ARN-sev.

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RUS home rum bud kie nwy ber	7 rem A ALB(had 1 ann)
TUR home gre bul	5 bld A CON(had 1 ann)



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Possible retreats next season: FRA A mar, F spa/sc, A ber, A mun, A sil; GRO F mid; ITA A ser; RUS F nwy, A boh, F sev, A rum; TUR A gre, F bul/ec.

Summer has begun! Today is sunny, humid, and 33°C, and I'm inside typing?? Maybe I'll have to wait for a rainy day to finish this.

Playlist for this issue is from one of the toys we brought from Germany: a shortwave radio. It seems Voice of America and Radio Moscow are trying to outdo each other in boredom. Cricket results on BBC are more exciting. Radio Australia is the most exciting thing we've found so far. But where is Deutsche Welle?

I nearly forgot; a E/F draw has been proposed. Not voting equals a "no" vote. This is the earliest a draw can be passed by my houserules. I think there's a lot of game to be played yet, but somebody obviously disagrees...

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BAHNHOF ZOO PRESS

FRANKREICH-GM: Deutschland!!! DEUTSCHLAND!!! We killed Germany! Germany is dead! France (and our valient French allies) should get credit!! Next thing I know you'll be calling me Italy---he's next to die.

FRANCE-RUSSIA: Our GMs showed me your picture from Eindhoven-con. You do have horns!!

ITA-ENG & FRA: I propose a E/F concession. I will vote yes; what is the point wasting time and money if you keep on allying, and don't write a decent letter? I've got better things to do!F

FRANCE-ITALY: Hi Ivo! I'm typing this at Scott and Frauke's (I'm here at Minn-Con). It was certainly an advantage having access to your moves and press!!!(And if you believe that...)

FRANCE-ENGLAND: Zusammen wir siegen!!!

IVO-SCOTT & FRAJKE: Hurray!!! The Boss is coming to town!! He gives two shows in a soccer stadium (cap. 55,000), both sold out. I've got tickets for the arena both days! With a little luck I will also see him twice in Wembly, London. Would that be a great summer! It is a great concert year altogether. Last month I saw Paul Young (ever heard of?), next week I'll go to Dire Straits, and in the end of June to Deep Purple!

SCOTT-IVO: I heard a lot about Paul Young in Germany, and he's had a single or two here. What's the big deal anyway, the singles here were nothing spectacular. I'd love to see Dire Straits if I had the chance, though the band isn't so popular here. Their new album is a bit disappointing to me. You'll have to tell me if Bruce looks married or not.

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AN AMERICAN AT EUROCON

During our trip to Europe we were lucky enough to spend one day at Eurocon, the gaming convention put on by DUCOSIM in Eindhoven. We never did officially register for the con, I hope the Dutch gaming group doesn't send any goons over to collect their money.

It turned out that getting to the con was the worst part of all. We had spent a few days in Amsterdam, and we planned to stop in Eindhoven on our way back to Germany. Our first problem was when the Metro line in Amsterdam broke down on our way to the train station. We were able to find a tram to the station, but missed the train we had planned to take. No problem, another train was leaving in an hour. Once on that next train, we found out or tickets were no good. We had bought them the previous day, but noone bother to tell us that the tickets were good only on the day you bought them. At least we never had that problem anyplace else. Anyway, we had no choice but to curse the Dutch railways and pay out another 55 guilders (about \$15).

Of course, we had left our Eurocon information in Minneapolis. Thomas Franke had told us that the con was near the train station, and I remembered a "Kennedylaan." We found Kennedylaan by the train station in Eindhoven, and saw nothing but an empty college campus on one side and a construction site on the other. We checked at tourist information and two hotels; none had heard of a "Eurocon". We looked around a bit more and got caught in a rain-storm. Disappointed and drenched, we were giving up and taking the next train the Germany. On our way back to the train station, we saw a bunch of cars with foreign license plates at that construction site. Could that be Eurocon?? Sure enough, it was. The construction site was really a student center called "The Bunker." Appropriately named. We saw Thomas Franke's VW and knew we were at the right place.

We walked in and of course we recognized noone. It was a lot smaller than we had expected from the professional flyer we had seen; there were about 50 people in a room the size of a medium sized bar. To our delight, we found that the room was indeed a bar, with beer and sandwiches available (and very cheaply at that!) We were first recognized by Luc Dodinval, who recognized us from the cover from an old CHANTECLER. My god, that picture was taken at Origins in 1981! Have we really changed so little in four years?

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LOST AT EUROCON (cont.)

Anyhow, once Luc saw us we quickly met Thomas Franke, Christoph Schunck, and Jaap Jacobs. I have to admit that we don't remember very many other names; there were just too many new faces and names we did not recognize. We did play in an informal Dip game, with Frauke as gamesmistress (Thomas, Christoph and I shared a draw), and I remember Luc was constantly taking pictures. I wish I remember the name of the one who conducted the game auction; his style and wit would make him a fine "colonel" (i.e. auctioneer) in America.

With so many countries represented, most of the people at the con spoke English with one another. There seemed to be little misunderstanding, except for Malc Smith's accent. (Of course, Minnesotans speak English with no accent at all, right?) The best game we saw was a French gangster game in which you shot at cardboard figures with a real gun that shot rubber-tipped darts.

Unfortunately, by the beginning of the evening I was feeling very tired and quite sick. (I hope I infected noone at the con...) We went out to eat with Thomas and Christoph at an Indonesian restaurant, and after that the evening was pretty much a blur. We went to Dortmund that night and had no problem sleeping in the back of Thomas' VW. We arrived at his apartment at 2 am, and we treated to beer and the company of Thomas' girlfriend Jutta. We got a wonderful breakfast the next morning and ran the decathalon that afternoon...on Thomas' computer. I was still feeling bad, and we left Dortmund earlier than we would have liked. Too bad...you all were nice people.

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He may be out of the game, but Ed Wrobel has obliged us with a 4 page description of his job with the federal government. Unfortunately, it is in "bureau-ese" and I can't make much sense of it. Rather than attempt a translation into English, I'll reprint the main paragraph and you people can try to understand it.

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Now for a plug! We are going to publish a zine again! It will be called PONES MIT MAYO, and our 1st issue will be ready this month. We hope to have an international letter column dealing with politics, and we'll publish articles on real life Diplomacy and current issues. Everyone in this game will see the first issue, and anyone else who wants to take a look can just send us a post card. Our address is at the beginning of the game, you know. And don't worry, BAHNHOF ZOO will keep on being your favorite multinational subzine. Thanks to Gary, Christoph & Thomas, and Luc for publishing this!

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ONLY YESTERDAY...

No. 5

(selected by N. Heintzman)

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DUBIOUS WOMEN - The police made a descent on Canal street yesterday and arrested a dozen or more of dubious women, who were flaunting their new clothes and their sinfulness in the face of passers by, which latter had no business to be passing by in such a place on Sunday. The women were exceedingly irate at the interference of the police, and addressed them in a *corrosive sublimate* style, interspersed among which were oaths, little and big blasphemes, and many threats of revenge. They were taken to the watch house, and this morning were fined respectively from \$5 to \$10 each. Some of them paid up, but the remainder went to the penitentiary to do the State "some service."

(Buffalo Daily Republic, May 7, 1860)

POLICE COURT.—BEFORE JUSTICE BIDWELL - James O'Donnell, for committing an assault and battery on Mary, his wife, was fined the moderate sum of \$1.50.

Wm. Kennedy committed an offence of the above nature on Chas. Miller. Not decided.

John Knorr, Henry Knorr, John Ulrick and John Casper, were arraigned for an indiscriminate assault upon Hugh Donahue. They were adjudged guilty of that same and fined \$5 each.

The same four unfortunate individuals were also brought up on a charge of committing an assault upon Alexander Vance. John Ulrick and John Casper were discharged, and John and Henry Knorr were fined - the former \$10, and the latter \$15.

Emily Benenger, it was alleged, committed an assault on a female woman who rejoices in the aristocratic and poetical name of Rosina Fountenelle, but the charge was not substantiated, and Emily was discharged.

Robert Geese made a goose of himself, and, in connection with Jon. McCormick, engaged in an enterprise of a burglarious nature. He was brought up and committed for further examination.

Frank Hammond, for an assault upon Conrad Herks, was fined \$8.

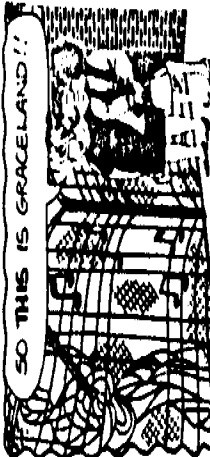
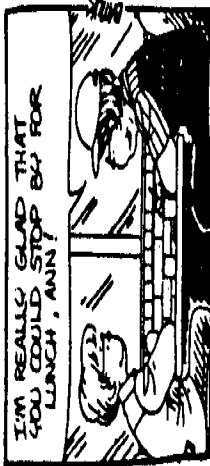
Thomas Murphy, an Irishman by trade, was brought from jail for examination on a charge of stealing a certain amount in gold and silver coin from Michael Guthrie. When we left the office, Mistress Guthrie was on the stand and she displayed an amount of talent in mixing up things, which would be a fortune to a bar keeper.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, April 18, 1860)

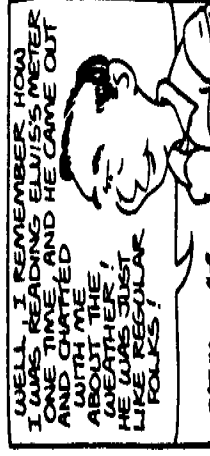
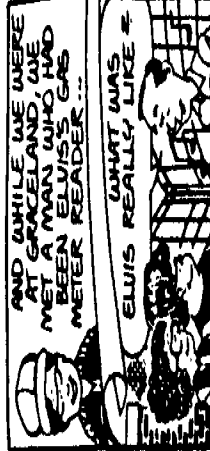
WHO HAS LOST A SILVER TEA-POT? - An old German woman was arrested yesterday, having in her possession a silver tea-pot, which she was offering for sale at a Jew shop, and which she is supposed to have stolen from some house where she was begging. The owner can hear of the missing article by calling at the Police Court. The woman was committed to jail.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, August 23, 1860)

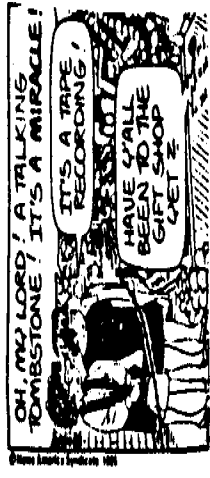
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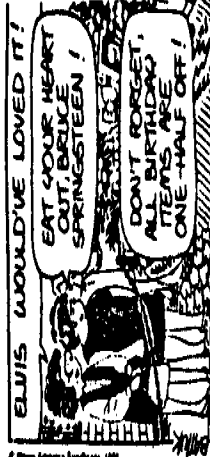
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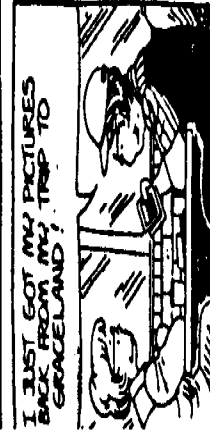
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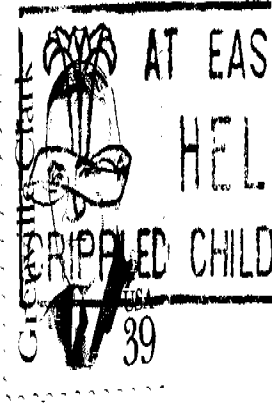
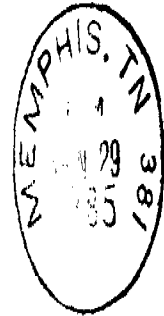


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