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Circulation took a sharp drop due to the fact that #3 was not sent out as a general sample. Rate is now 31, 28 subscribers.

GAMES AVAILABLE

- DIPLOMACY - Carter, HEINTZMAN, 5 NEEDED
- MACHIAVELLI - Ron (Can) Brown, Highfield?, Shriver, 5 needed
- EN GARDE! - Highfield?, Knight, Meinel, Woodson, 3-16 needed
- RAIL BARON - Carter, Fleming, Sandelin?, Sherwood, Wilson, 1 needed
- BOURSE - =needed

None of these games have game fee or NMR deposit requirements with the lone exception of En Garde! which has a game fee of \$1 per game year. Futur games will be subject to game fees, so you might as well play now for free!

As of right now I'm back on TDY in Barstow, CA. I was supposed to go to Korea on TDY in March, but now it appears that I'll spend 3 weeks out of every 5 right here in the 'Inland Empire' as the inhabitants call it. Why they don't call it 'Desert Wasteland' is beyond me. While here my address is PO Box 1577, Barstow, CA 92311, USofA. It's on and off until April when I'll either go to Germany or to Georgia. Won't know which until late March at the earliest.

I'd like to thank all of the people who sent me christmas cards and whatnot. I did get to San Diego over New Years weekend after all, and got a chance to talk to subbers Whalley, Woodson and Fritz over the phone. Also Larry Peery utterly suprised me by calling out of the blue (we've never met) and invited me to travel with him to Dafcon. I'd have enjoyed to go very much, but had made previous obligations and had to decline. I'll be attending a convention in Houston, TX over President's Day weekend, but I don't have the time/dates/location with me, so I can't fill you all in with the details.

PLUG DEPT.

Rod Walker is restarting his 'zine EREHWON after seven years on the shelf. He sent me a special issue #100 which was very well done, although most of the articles were by people who were in the Hobby several years ago and have since found other pursuits. Also has a comical personality named 'Big Brother' (just in time for 1984) who I think is just great. I was very impressed with EREHWON and recommend it highly. Write to Rod at 1273 Crest Dr; Encinitas, CA 92024

THE GRAPEVINE

Scott Hanson; 233 Oak Grove Apt. 306; Minneapolis, MN 55403 has announced that voting for the FRESHMAN CLASS POLL has started.

'Be sure to vote in this year's FRESHMAN CLASS POLL, your chance to rate the best and the worst of 1983's crop of new zines. Any zine that was started in 1983 (or printing no more than 2 issues in 1982) is eligible. Voting is the same as the Runestone Poll; give each zine you've seen a rating between 0 (yech!) and 10 (wonderful!) Sign your ballot and mail it to SCOTT HANSON ((address above)) by March 14, 1984. The top newcomer in 1982 was Magus...decide this years best rookie and vote!'

Also, I just though you'd like to know that 'The End Justifies the Means' is eligible. Nuff said.

Along another vein, Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen have announced that they intend to fold IRKSOME!, their 'zine, by the end of 1984. Current issue is #35 and they won't continue past #50 because what they will be doing after Scott graduates is up in the air. Plans include, though, another zine from them debuting during the second half of 1985 (maybe!)

For the northwesterners (no, not you pseudo-Nws in Chicago) LepraCon will be held over St. Patrick's day weekend, March 16-8, at Joan Extrom's home in Philomath, Oregon. I don't have the address, so I suggest you write to Terry Tallman; 820 West Armour St; Seattle, WA 98119, USofA for more information.

QUIZ

Last quiz is due next issue. 17 JAN 84

This months quiz lists 9 headlines that may or may not have appeared in newspapers. Each describes an event that took place in the year listed in parentheses before the headline. Can you fill in the missing word, name or phrase that will correctly complete the headline?

- 1. (1982) _____ WINS FOURTH OSCAR AS BEST ACTRESS
- 2. (1974) _____ SURPASSES BABE RUTH'S HOME RUN RECORD
- 3. (1508) MICHELANGELO BEGINS WORK ON CEILING OF _____
- 4. (1962) "_____" LONGEST-RUNNING MUSICAL IN BROADWAY HISTORY, FINALLY CLOSES
- 5. (1877) _____ INVENTS PHONOGRAPH
- 6. (1934) CLAUDIA TAYLOR WEDS _____
- 7. (1953) _____ SCALED BY HILLARY AND NORKAY
- 8. (1982) _____ WINS EMMY AS BEST COMEDY SERIES
- 9. (1969) _____ BECOMES THE FIRST MAN TO SET FOOT ON THE MOON

Hmmm, a lot of general knowledge this time. Deadline for this quiz is February 20, 1984. Winner gets 3 free issues, 2nd place gets 2 and 3rd gets 1.

RECEPTION DEPOT

This is the standby list for The End Justifies the Means games. Please join these conscientious gentlemen!

DIPLOMACY - Carter, Tallman.

I need standbys for all games!



LEXICAL PILLAR

Roy Matheson(Byers, Colorado): 'Do you have provisions for calling a player collect in the event that you do not receive his moves?'

Jeff Sandelin(Ft. Collins, Colorado): 'I didn't notice any comments on NMR insurance. Will you have it? I was burned last issue of Raging Main by the U.S. Postal Service and am all for the insurance.'

Ken Peel(Silver Spring, Maryland): 'I hear from Roy ((Matheson)) that you may go to Germany if not Officer Candidate School? What will that do to your publishing/GM activities?'

((First, I have no provisions for NMR insurance. I feel that a play-by-mail game should be just that. A Play-By-Mail game, not by phone, semaphore, ESP, etc. Also, I expect to PCS (undergo a Permanent Change of Station) in May, to either Germany (actually I have about a 10% chance of getting stationed in any NATO country) or to OCS. I won't know which until late April at the very earliest, which is frustrating, to say the least. If I go to Germany I just found out that I must spend at least 5/6 of my tour before attending a service school (OCS), so I'm desperate to get into it now, before I leave for overseas. Since I'm scheduled to spend 29 months overseas I'm looking a two years before going to school.

I don't have a phone, because I live alternatly in Barracks and Hotels, and calling collect from a pay phone is undesirable because of noise, etc. When and if I go to OCS or overseas I'll be unable to call anyway, so I decided to not use NMR insurance.

If I go overseas the only effect I expect on my GMing habits is to lengthen the game turnaround by a week to 6 weeks. Since I've been doing effectively that anyway there shouldn't be to much difference.

Anyway, Gary Coughlan says that I'll probably be the first North American to be publishing overseas, North Americans will be able to mail to my APO (Army Post Office) in New York, and Europeans will be able to send mail directly to my unit in Germany, so European subscriptions will be at a reduced rate.))

Gary Coughlan(Memphis, Tennessee): 'Got TEJTM today. Hopefully you have my orders already ((for Der Fuhrer)). Did you get the Europe postcard as well? Let me know. Here is a xerox of my copy of Ya'all. I think Mike Mazzer did it. It's really very good. Happy Holidays!'

((Yes, I got your orders. No, I didn't receive the postcard. Jack Fleming wrote me a letter, and sent it to me five times before I got it, so your postcard is probably in some dead letter box some where. On Ya'all, it was very well done, but one thing throws me. Once in the press for Free for All (1981IX) in Paranoiacs' Monthly someone suggested I do a 'Poll Poll.' Mike Mazzer and I do not have very much contact, and I don't know if he subscribes/ed to PM, so I have my suspicions.))

Ken Peel(See Above): 'I just wanted to drop you a line and let you know how much I am enjoying being an 'ender.' ...or is it a 'meanie?' Hey, just what are us TEJTM'ers called anyway? But whatever, you have a friendly and comfortable 'zine, even for a closet Democrat such as myself.'

((You know, this guy writes me more than Guy Vander Jagt, Chairman of the Republican National Committee. As for being a 'closet Democrat,' working for a prominent Democratic Congressman isn't exactly 'Closet' is it. That's all right, Ken, I forgive you for being a Democrat (but just don't let it get around, will you?))

Who Else(Closet Democrat): 'In the Summer of 1978 while working as a student intern in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department, I spent the first few days reading into the files. As you can imagine, I came across a number of acronyms that made no sence to me. As I read, I made a list that ultimately reached about 30 entries. At that point, I entered the Director's office, showed him my list, and asked for help in the deciphering. Only in about half of the cases could he say what the innitials actually stood for. He had no problem, however, describing purpose and function of each of the programs, offices, agencies,

Who Else (Continued): 'assistance teams, evaluations panels, etc. The Point of all this, is that I assume 'TDY' comes from temporary duty, right? ((Bingo, not to be confused with TAD, temporary active duty for the Navy)) Although no acronym, however, 'Reception Depot' escapes me. ((anyone care to help him out?))

'Now for a poorly prepared transition, I thought you might enjoy a little ditty I ran across, written by an anonymous general, and quoted* in U.S. Navel ((are you sure thats not Naval, Ken?)) Institute Proceedings, April 1966:

'I am not allowed to run the train
The whistle I can't blow.
I am not allowed to say how fast
The railroad trains should go.
I am not allowed to shoot off steam
Nor even clang the bell.
But let it jump the goddamn tracks
And see who catches hell!

*'I ran across it in The Irony of Vietnam, by Leslie Gelb and Richard Betts.

'Say, are you going to be running your games directly from the 'zine, or by flyer? I noticed that you published just a week or so before deadline for Hawk.

'I'll be in touch again soon. Until then, wishing you the best.'

((Cute little poem, but the Shit rolls down hill, and Generals are at the apex. Diplomacy, Machiavelli and Der Fuhrer are run by flyers, Rail Baron, En Garde! and Bourse through the zine. Ken said 'I'll be in touch again soon.' This next letter came the very next day!))

Guess Who(Not the Group): 'Let me compliment you again on how well-written and enjoyable your zine is. There are a couple of publishing styles that get under my skin. One is the pubber who thinks he is so humorous, and his life is so interesting, that all subbers ever get is narcissistic babbling. A few, of course, do genuinly pull it off, but the number who succeed are far fewer than the number who try. The other style is that of the pubber as ponderous, pompous omnipotent personality. There are those who write to posterity rather than their subbers, and get into the trap of GM-as-god.

'Of course, there is a flip side. I have both GM'ed postally, and hosted many FTF games. Each have their specific problems. But as for PEM, players naturally expect serious intent, and timely and accurate adjudication on the part of the GM. As well they should. But the contract is two-way: I believe the GM is equally justified in expecting on the part of the player serious intent and willingness to play out even a less than brilliant position. I cannot understand how some players enter so many games and expect to be able to keep up with them all.'

((I must agree with you about Publishing and editorial styles, and many zines I receive just get a quick perusal then get buried in my files. Some of them I just don't like, but only continue to receive them because of Mutual Subscriptions and because I don't like to throw anything away. I feel pubbers should write for the subbers, not for themselves. Your second paragraph brings home a point I've been meaning to mention, but have just not had time to write about. When I joined the hobby I started in 3 games, and quickly picked up 5 standby positions. Clearly I was overloaded, and my playing has suffered. I've never been eliminated, but I could barely keep up with the games. Now I'm back down to 3, and that is still one game to many. As a GM I try to get the results of the previous turn back to the player as soon as possible. Right now my publishing is erratic because of service commitments, but to get around that I lengthen the deadline to a guess-timate of when I'll be in El Paso. I would never shorten a deadlin to less time than stated in my Houserules.))

You Get(three Guesses): 'I hear from a number of sources that Highfield is going through some traumatic experience. He seems to be bliping out of all his games, ((Continued on page 6.))

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Game: Der Fuhrer Code: DF-1983-A
 Name: Patriot
 GM: James M. Briggs
 Turn: March, 1932 election in East Prussia

Orders for East Prussia

SDEM (Coughlan) LIB V 1PP 1SM-NATL ARMY(2)-10 <u>Rally Ban(1)</u> -COAL	(5)
NAZI (Mills) DEM AR 1PP 3SM	(4)
COMM (Heintzman) SOC V	(0)
NATL (Woodson) PRO V	(0)
CENT (Sesler) CON JU 3PP	(3)
COAL (Whalley) PRO V	(0)

First, let me explain the notation. PARTY (Name) PLATFORM ISSUE expenditures. For example, Gary is the Social Democrat campaigning on the Liberal platform. In East Prussia he spoke on the issue of Versailles, spending 1 Propaganda Point in the province. He also sent 1 Street mob to break up the the Nationalist's rally. He called out the Army to protect his campaign staff, spending the required PP and an additional point as well. He also attempted to Rally Ban the Coalition, spending only the required PP. The underline means he failed to ban the COAL. Total PPs spent this turn were 5. By Calling out the Army, Gary neutralized 10 SMS. ^{UPTO}

Election Results

SDEM elected 2, +1 Issue, -1 failed Rally Ban = 2	PF = 33	SM = _____
NAZI elected 1, +1 Issue = 2	PF = 11	SM = 24
COMM elected 1, +1 Issue = 2	PF = 20	SM = 9
NATL elected 1, +1 Issue = 2	PF = 18	SM = _____
CENT elected 6, +1 Issue = 7 Winner, + 4 = 11	PF = 39	SM = _____
COAL elected 1, +1 Issue, +1 failed Rally Ban = 3 Second + 2 = 5	PF = 20	SM = _____

Commentary

The election started off with the Chancellor sending the Coalition player an invitation to not participate in the election. Due to popular support, though Herr Whalley came anyway, causing dissention among the Social Democrat voters, several of which changed their votes at the last minute. Der Chancellor continued his beligerence by sending a frenzied mob to the Nationalist Headquarters, who proceeded to scatter the Voters.

The Nazis typically attacked the Communists by speaking on the Anti-Red issue, but suprisingly did not send a few SA behind the campaign by paying a visit at Communist Headquarters.

Due to previous acts of violence between the Nazis and Communists, thereby making the streets unsafe, everyone cast their ballots for the Centre, who were speaking on the issue of Justice, causing a landslide victory in East Prussia!

Delegate totals:

SDEM 2; 8%: NAZI 2; 8%: COMM 2; 8%: NATL 2; 8%: CENT 11; 46%: COAL 5; 21%

NEXT ELECTION IS IN WURTEMBERG, Deadline is Monday, February 13, 1984 (My Birthday!)

PPRESS:

V-JU-SW 4-2-1

Speech to the Konigsberg War Veterans by Michael Mills, Chairman NASPD: Meine Bruderen, the Great War was a great sacrifice for Der Fatherland. Many of you have lost family in the war. We fought for peace. We fought for Germany, and we fought for democracy! (applause!) But wait! Beyond the Polish frontiers, wallowing in the Pripets and planning in Moscow is a new enemy! An enemy that would turn the young into atheists, that would have them inform on their mothers and would have us ruled by a baboon in the Kremlin! (Nein!, nein!, nein!) Ja, that's what they --- the Heintzman lackeys --- would have Germany do. Let's tell those Reds to get out! Deutschland Uber Alles! (applause and song!!!)

GM to Patriot: More press on page 6.

PATRIOT PRESS (Cont.):

Der Chancellor to the Coalition Party: Nothing Personal, I'm just seeing how these powers work out.

El Paso to Der Chancellor: With that extra delegate I'm sure he don't mind a bit!

Der Chancellor to the Nationalist Party: Ditto.

EP to DC: Well at least that one worked!

Coughlan to the Nazis: Y'all are the only ones who've written me. Let's burn some books!

NASPD HQ - Chancellor C.: Well, what next? Perhaps Wurtemberg?

Der Chancellor: Today East Prussia, Tomorrow Wurtemberg!!

NASPD: the NASPD leadership is pleased to announce the tri-party coalition of Woodson, Coughlan and Mills, who would dare anyone to stop them.

GM to Centre and Coalition: Do you believe these guys? with a combined strength of 24% of the electorate their ready to challenge the world!

The South to the Centre: And what is your Manifest Destiny, Herr Sesler??

NASPD to All: Why is it that with the campaign just starting and so much to talk about no one is in the mood to return my letters? Perhaps, when you see that I have 27 SA mobs you will write?

Der Chancellor to the Communists: Better Red Than Dead? We'll see!

Coughlan to GM: I sure hope I did this right! Think of East Prussia as the equivalent of the German experience in the Spanish Civil War in the late 1930s! ((1936)) We're all just learning!

GM to Coughlan: Well, MOST of us are just learning!

GM to Patriot: Hope you guys have fun in this game, and send in more press!

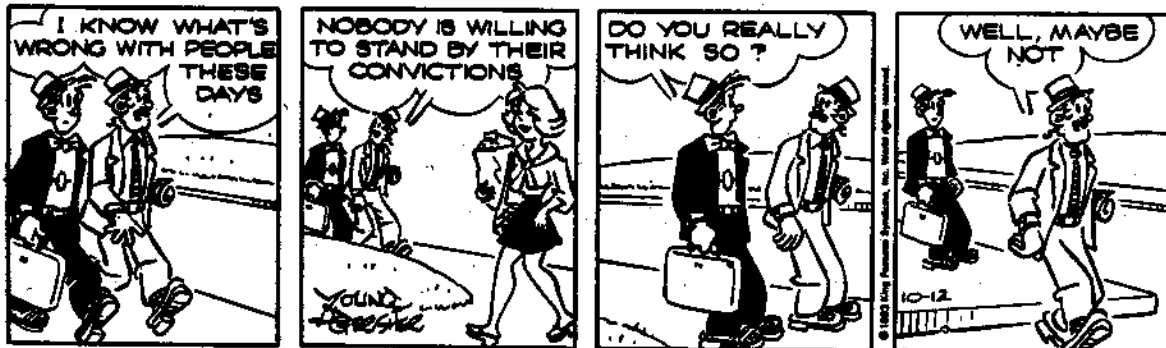
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You Get(Three Guesses): 'and may even drop MP ((The Modern Patriot)). Would have been nice to let someone know not to start a new game with him. Hey, I probably gain as much as anyone from Austria's S. '01 NMR ((in HAWK, 1983HU)), but that's no way to play the game.

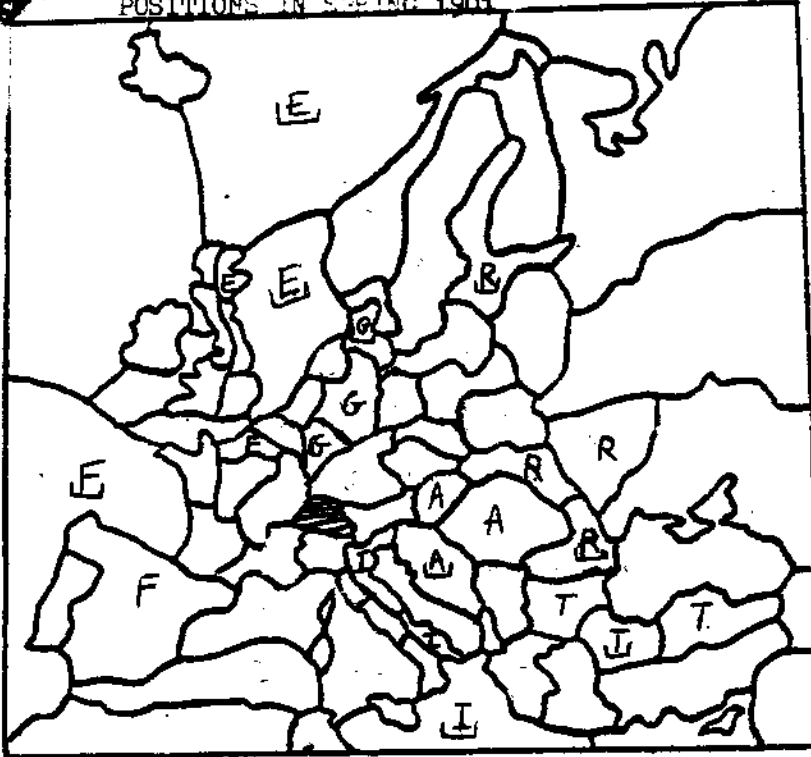
'That's it (again) for now.'

((I was suprised to hear that Bill was having problems. Actually I think he takes a lot of hype from the hobby because of his outspoken views, and I don't think he dese_rves wha_t many people are feeding him. I don't agree with everything he says, and if I disagree I tell him so. I've got no respect for people who attack him personally because of his views, there are better ways to show disagreement.))

Blondie



POSITIONS IN SPRING 1901



GAME: "HAWK" 1983HU
GM: James M. Briggs
NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1901
DEADLINE: January 23, 1984

ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1901

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (HIGHFIELD) NMR!
F TRI(U), A VIE(U), A BUD(U)

ENGLAND (~~TRILMAN~~) F EDI to NWG,
F LON to NTH, A LPL to EDI

FRANCE (WILSON) A PAR to PIC, F HRE
to MAO, A MAR to SPA

GERMANY (ARNAWOODIAN) A MUN to ROH,
A BER to KIE, F KIE to DEN

ITALY (MATHESON) A VEN H, A ROM to
APU, F NAP to ION

RUSSIA (SANDELIN) F STP(S) to BOT,
A WAR to GAL, A MOS to UKR, F SEV

~~to RUM~~
TURKEY (PEEL) A CON to BUL, A SMY to ANK,
F ANK to CON

I hope Bill Highfield will send in orders next time, but just in case Dave Carter will be the standby. His address is: 118 Horsham Ave; Willowdale, Ontario; M2N 1Z9, CANADA.

PRESS:

From the floor of Parliament-Lord Quichner speaks: Once again the affairs of the continent drag us into the fray where we shall be forced to soil our hands in separating the sluggards from the buggards amidst a display destined to call all sorts of wrath, divine and otherwise down upon our heads so it is, indeed, with heavy heart that once again we must place our hamsters under lock and key to protect their virtue.

Paris (France-Pressed ((??))): In a shocking development here, the 112-year old French republic was overthrown by the last of the Bourbons, Monsieur Jacques Daniel, with the assistance of the French armed forces. Monsieur J. D. promptly declared France an empire - The Fourth Empire - and took the title Emperor J.D.

In a conference with European Ambassadors at the Louvre - reconverted into a palace - the Emperor denied any hostile intent towards any other nation, "Except Spain. I'll make the Pyrenees disappear, even if Louis XIV could'nt." The Emperor did add that any attempt to interfere with the French fishing fleet in the English Channel, French Winemakers in Burgundy or French nude bathers along the Riviera would be met with "Great vigor."

In an emergency move, all hamsters have been evacuated from all provinces bordering Germany, "Just to remove the temptation for Kaiser Woody." Said one French official.

El Paso to England and France: What's all this 'Hamster' stuff?? I ain't running a zoo here. On second thought, Woody's in the game, so I guess I am!

PARIS to Berlin: Is it fair to say that we've shared some nice drawings over the years? I thought yours of a hamster begging for it was pretty good.

GM: ????????

Russia to Austria: pen¹ (pĕn)n. 1. An instrument for writing or drawing with ink. write (rit)v. 1. To form (letters, symbols, or characters) on a surface with a pen, pencil, or other tool.

Try combining the two sometime.

ENGLAND to the Austrian Middy: Well Willard, you sleazed out of Down & Dirty. Shall we begin again?

GM to Austria and all: Your press continues on page 7.

HAWK PRESS (Cont.):

Paris to Vienna: Bill, I'm just about as conservative as one can get, but "American Nazi Party" is a bit much for me. It's too ... obvious. The liberals might get suspicious - they don't know what Ronnie's planning...

(Turkey) Sultan Abdul Hamid II wishes to announce his conversion to pacifism and disarmament while on a recent pilgrimage to Mecca. Please disregard any screaming jihadist hordes. News travels slowly to the provinces.

May Allah be with you,

مُؤْمِنٌ آتٍ مِنْكُمْ، شَرِيفُ الْمَكَّةِ

Mussain Al Hashem, Sharif of Mecca

Brest to GM: I gather you don't get much missile practice? What'd you think of Kansas?

GM to Brest: No, I don't get much missile practice. My MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) is 16E, which is a HAWK missile Fire Control Crewmember. As you may gather, the system I'm supposed to be working on is where I got the name for this game! What I do do is operate a 'Soviet Jammer Simulator' which has absolutely nothing to do with missiles, let alone Air Defence. As for Kansas, well let's just say I don't plan on visiting some relatives I have there for a VERRRRRRY long time! ---

DATELINE MOSCOW: ОТ ЧАПБ; ЗНАБКТБЫНТЕ И СМАЧНБОЗА ВЕСЬ ПМСБ Ó.

(Translation: At least the rest of Europe knows how to write. Welcome to the game.)

ENGLAND to the rest of the board: En Garde!

GM to England: Does that mean your going to play En Garde! too? Oh please, oh please! Just two more people and we can start!

El Paso to Hawk: Thanks for all the press! I hope you will have as much fun playing as I think I'll have running HAWK. Until next time, adios amigos.

HAWK BOURSE

	Crowns	Pounds	Francs	Marks	Lira	Rubles	Piastres
ICBM (Sesler)	- 500	_____	+ 1500	- 500	-500	+ 500	- 500
Old Price	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Change	- .05	0	+ .15	- .05	-.05	+ .05	- .05
New Price	.95	1.00	1.15	.95	.95	1.05	.95
Holdings							
ICBM (Sesler)	500	1000	2500	500	500	1500	500

I am defina_tly underwhelmed at the number of people who wanted to play in the Bourse! Please make this game worthwhile for the HAWK gamers and for yourself as well. Anyone may join the bourse at any time, starting with 1000 units of currency for every country still in the game. Bourse is open to everyone except players in HAWK. There is no game fee, just send in orders.



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