

Issue #34

October 25, 1986

The question has arisen as to what my policy is when I have not received a player's orders by the deadline. Will I attempt to phone the player for orders? I have done so in the past when time has permitted, but I have never guaranteed to phone anyone. I have now decided that it would be best to have a consistent policy in this matter. So, henceforth, I will not phone players for orders under any circumstances, unless an error on my part necessitates phoning. Players will be solely responsible for getting their orders to me on time.

1985AC

Saint Cleve

Endgame statements

Bruce Geryk (Russia): Little did I know when I made an initial (and, I thought, temporary) alliance with Germany (Matt Chen) to keep England out of Scandinavia that it would last until 1907 and end in a two-way draw. Most of the credit for this goes to Matt; he was primarily responsible for the excellent strategic focus of the alliance, and the engineer of whatever delicate tactics were necessary. Matt, I thank you for being such an excellent ally. Congratulations on a great game!

Turkey's (Owen Riley) non-response (and subsequent resignation from the game) basically dictated an alliance with Austria (Joel Peacher). In the course of negotiating with Germany for Sweden, I concluded an agreement to deny England (Mark Harris) Scandinavia, in exchange for my naval help in the north. This dual alliance structure left me with a secure center, and gave me freedom to develop on the flanks. Indeed, all of Russia's fighting took place on one flank or the other (and was primarily naval in nature).

Both flanks ended up developing quickly. A/R made swift progress against the new Turk (Lee Kendter), while G/R was aided by Mark's resignation and England's collapse into civil disorder. The southern effort was hurt, however, by an apparent lack of trust (made evident by S'03 mutually unsuccessful stab attempts), and Austria's rapid growth. Italy's (Melinda Holley) failure to secure a 1901 build made her an easy target for Austria and France (Marc Peters). Since Germany and France were on rather uneasy terms, it became obvious that Austria was much more of a danger. Consequently, when Germany moved into the Balkans in force, I was able to conclude an agreement with Turkey, and Austria rapidly declined.

My strategy up to this point, however, had left me with few armies, and I was now constantly open to a stab by Germany. Fortunately, Matt and I had a well-defined plan for what would happen after we eliminated England, and once England had gone, we swept into France's rear. France had rather extensive Mediterranean holdings, but the assault in the Atlantic forced Marc to pull back, leaving the spoils mainly for Germany. In the south, I had resumed my drive against Turkey, and was making slow headway when the game abruptly ended in a G-R draw.

My game was characterized by an unusually heavy emphasis on fleets, which made me constantly paranoid about a German attack. Several times, I contemplated swinging into central Europe, but by the time my flanks were secure enough to allow a change of focus, Matt had so many armies that I would have been rapidly pushed back had I tried anything. It is to Matt's credit that he saw the draw potential in a continued alliance.

I could not finish this endgame statement without thanking Jeff Richmond and Lee Kendter. Jeff, your running of the game was superb, and I truly enjoyed playing in *Frobozz*. Everything about the zine says "class." Thanks!

Lee, I admired your sticking this one out until the very end. To you, I must have seemed the most uncooperative player in existence, with all the broken promises and unfulfilled agreements. Unfortunately, nothing you could have said would have made me forego my alliance with Germany, though you did your best. I'm sorry to have made your standby position so difficult.

Matt Chen (Germany): I thought that this was a really weird game in that the best countries, England and Turkey, dropped out early.

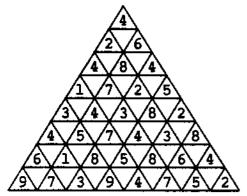
Initially, I had the option of allying with France or Russia. The way things developed, with Russia building mostly fleets and Germany mostly armies, the alliance with Russia seemed the way to go.

My thanks to Marc Peters, Bruce Geryk, and Joel Peacher for making this a very enjoyable game.

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Puzzle Challenge

Here is the solution to last month's puzzle:



- 1. Maybe + I = gem
- 2. Brass instrument + S = harlot
- 3. 220 yards + W = unjust
- 4. Blocked path + H = accent; stress
- 5. Akin (to) + T = void court proceeding
- 6. Of weddings + M = precious metal
- 7. Loot + A = mountain dweller
- 8. Singing group + O = division result
- 9. Ecstasy + E = camera opening
- 10. Sewer opening + D = birthplace
- 11. Satire + I = horse
- 12. Brutish + U = appropriate
- 13. Keep trying + N = old maid
- 14. Have relevance + R = turtle
- 15. Structurally weak + R = magician's forte
- 16. Attest in writing + O = fierceness
- 17. Hilarious + V = gifted musician
- 18. Endurance + L = amulet
- 19. Ocean current + N = courageous
- 20. Mythological creature + T =shorten
- 21. Long and tiresome + L = seclusion
- 22. Spartan + R =valuable thing
- 23. Uncommon; extraordinary + L = seasoning
- 24. Depot + B = plant expert
- 25. Skull + E = beautician's service
- 26. Depart from the norm + S = tranquilizer
- 27. Exhaustion + M = exterminate (insects)
- 28. Weather + L = composed of iron or tin
- 29. Type of oil + 1 = Football boundary
- 30. Lie down + C = surround

Here is your puzzle for this month:

The answer to each numbered clue below consists of two words. The first word in each answer is seven letters long. The second word is eight letters long. Further, when the letter after the plus sign in the clue is added to the seven-letter word, it forms an anagram of the eight-letter word. For example, if the clue were, "Fantasize + R = headache", the answer would be IMAGINE and MIGRAINE. To make this a bit easier, one letter from each word has been filled in for you in the diagram. Deadline for solutions is November 21, 1986. This puzzle will be worth 200 points.

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The Scoreboard

Correct solutions to last month's puzzle were submitted by Brady Richter, Bruce Linsey, Lu Henry, Russ Rusnak, Steve Langley, and Matt Chen. They earn 100 points each. The new standings:

 Steve Langley - 857 points Bruce Linsey - 834 points Matt Chen - 600 points Jim Lawniczak - 425 points Chuff Afflerbach - 210 points 	6. Lu Henry - 200 points 7. Pete Kurucz - 180 points 8. Melinda Holley - 169 points 9/11. Joel Peacher - 100 points 9/11. Brady Richter - 100 points	9/11. Russ Rusnak - 100 points 12. Pat O'Brien - 95 points 13. Pat Jensen - 94 points 14. Paul Milewski - 90 points
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1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Summer, 1910

F nap r ROM.

Fall, 1910

ENGLAND (Milewski) A pic-PAR, A GAS S A pic-PAR, F bre-PIC, F ENG-bel, F MAR H, F MID-eng.

FRANCE (Frueh) A BEL-hol, A BUR-par.

GERMANY (Townsend) F kie-hol(d,r hel,otb), F BER-sil(imp), A MUN-bur.

ITALY (Jensen) F ROM S F tyn-NAP, F tyn-NAP.

RUSSIA (Gonsalves) A UKR H, A WAR S A UKR, A MOS S A UKR, A lvn-PRU, A ven-TYO, F edi-NTH, F den-KIE, F BAL S F den-KIE.

TURKEY (Plummer) F ion-TYN, F nap S F ion-TYN(d,r ion,apu,otb), F TUN S F ion-TYN, F arm-ANK, F BLA C A ank-RUM, A ank-RUM, A rum-GAL, A SEV-ukr, A con-BUL, A bul-SER, A gal-BUD, A vie-TRI.

Deadline for Spring, 1911 is 9PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday, November 21, 1986. An E-R-T draw is proposed.

1985V supply center chart - 1910

ENGLAND	<pre>lvp,por,spa,mar,lon,bre,PAR</pre>	7,	+1
FRANCE	par.bel	1,	-1
GERMANY	Kie, hol, mun, ber	3,	even
ITALY	rom, nap	2,	even
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war,nwy,edi,den,swe,ven,KIE	9,	+1
TURKEY	ank, smy, gre, tri, tun, bud, ser, con, bul, vie, rum, sev	12,	even

PRESS — England to Europe: Just for the record, please note that I took over the English position in Fall 1902 after James Early resigned. I have effectively doubled my supply centers in the interim and shifted from Scandinavia to France and Iberia, at the expense of France.

1986CF

The Philosopher's Stone

Winter, 1901

AUSTRIA (Pat Jensen, P.O. Box 18841, Morris, MN 56267) Builds A TRI, A BUD. Also has F GRE, A SER, A VIE.

ENGLAND (Michael Gonsalves, 1401 Haven Road T6, Hagerstown, MD 21740) Builds A LON, F EDI. Also has F NWY, F NTH, A BEL.

FRANCE (Michael Vaporis, Suite 238, 4334 W. Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43615) Builds A PAR, F MAR. Also has F POR, A SPA, A BUR.

GERMANY (Jerry Falkiner, 201 Hillmer Rd., Cambridge, Ontario, Canada N1R 6N6) Builds A BER. Also has A RUH, A HOL, F DEN.

ITALY (Matt Fleming, 514 E. Washington #1, Madison, WI 53703) NBR, plays two short. Has A MUN, A TUN, F ION.

RUSSIA (Scott Drane, 712 W. Diversey #602, Chicago, IL 60614) Builds A MOS, A STP. Also has F SEV, F SWE, A WAR, A RUM.

TURKEY (Daryl Rothchild, Box 204, Delmont, SD 57330) Builds F SMY. Also has A BUL, F BLA, A CON.

Deadline for Spring, 1902 is 9PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday, November 21, 1986. Will Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711 please standby for Italy.

PRESS — England to France: Keep the faith, Mike. England to Germany: Sorry, Jerry, but this is necessary.

AUSTRIA (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711) NMR. F ALB H, A SER H, A VIE H.

ENGLAND (Bruce Geryk, 5748 S. Blackstone Ave. #310, Chicago, IL 60637) F nth-NWY, F lon-NTH, A wal-YOR.

FRANCE (Tom Johnston, 3344 Ridge Road #14, Lansing, IL 60438) F bre-MID, A spa-MAR, A PIC-bel.

GERMANY (Pat O'Brien, 126 Roanoke St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095) A BUR-bel, F DEN-swe, A SIL-war.

ITALY (Mike Van Wie, 1612 Mt. Airy Ct., Crofton, MD 21114) A PIE H, A tus-TUN, F TYN C A tus-TUN.

RUSSIA (Larry Taube, 5200 Bennington Dr., Greensboro, NC 27410) F BOT-swe, F RUM H, A WAR-sil, A ukr-GAL.

TURKEY (Rory Noble, 436 S. 10th St., St. Helens, OR 97051) NMR. A BUL H, A ANK H, F CON H.

Deadline for Winter, 1901 is 9PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday, November 21, 1986. Proposed is a concession to the GM. Gee, no one's ever conceded a game to me before. Will Bob Acheson, P.O. Box 4622, Station SE, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 2A0 please standby for Austria and Hugh Christie, 43 E. Houston Ave., Montgomery, PA 17752 please standby for Turkey.

1986CG supply center chart - 1901

AUSTRIA	vie, tri, bud, SER	4,	+1
ENGLAND	lon, lvp, edi, NWY	4,	+1
	par, bre, mar		
GERMANY	ber, kie, mun, DEN	4,	+1
	rom, nap, ven, TUN		
	stp,mos,war,sev,RUM		
TURKEY	con,ank,smy,BUL	4,	+1

PRESS — Russia to Austria: Sorry about delayed reply. Russian mail very slow; letter arrived 3 days before deadline. Then Russian bureaucracy took over. Slower than mail! Will concentrate attacks elsewhere.

Russia to England: Will trade twelve hefty dancing girls from the lovely Ukraine for all hostages. Such a deal!

Russia to France: Never received information! Retransmit via non-English channel.

Berlin to Moscow: Did you hear that? It sounded distinctly like "Solidarity" (in Polish), so we thought we'd check it out for ya...

Berlin to Rome: We be quellin'

German General Staff in Burgundy to Paris: This wine is awful — don't you guys know how to make beer?

Paris to Berlin: I still don't understand why? We could have gone far together.

Paris to Rome: May a Turkish sultan enjoy your hot baths in Rome by 1903 (wishful thinking, I know).

Paris to Budapest: Did you get my letter? Why no answer?

Italy to England: Are you with us?

Italy to Germany: Hmm... too bad about Marseilles, maybe next year?

Italy to Turkey: Hello? Is anyone there?

Italy to Austria: Good luck...

London to Berlin: Marshal Blucher, I presume?

Buckingham Palace to Versailles: Prussian troops? Why, no. I was thinking more of Bersaglieri.

Bruce to Marc: Hmmm... some interesting predictions there, old chap. Sorry you didn't get mine right. I suppose I could have told you that you were wrong when you sent me that list of predictions, but where's the fun in that? Care to guess Winter builds? (heh heh)

Bruce to Jeff: Here's a contest for you which Marc dropped right in your lap. How about "Guess the Next Season's Moves"? The winner gets a free season in which to move while everyone else NMRs. After all, everyone knows that no one really plays "Puzzle Champions," Jeff. You just make up all of those crazy contestant names and scores to create false suspense to keep the rest of us occupied so that we don't notice that we're being eliminated from our respective games. "Linsey v. Langley for Puzzle Champ '86!" C'mon, Jeff, the jig is up. At least start using some realistic-sounding names! Jeff to Bruce: Well, I don't suppose there's any point in denying these allegations. But I will say this: the names I've been using seem a lot more realistic to me than others I might have used, such as "Bruce Geryk". As for "Guess the Next Season's Moves", it's an interesting idea, but I don't think the BNC would approve. Maybe you should run a game like this yourself (as a variant) when you start up your own zine.

London to Paris: All right, mon ami, what's with them Froggy fleets? No Channel swimming, I hope. I really hate being lied to twice. Really.

Ah, here's a bit of space into which I can squeeze the current standby lists. For regular Dip: Christie, Bakken, Fleming, Van Wie, Acheson, Henry, Geryk, Noble, Holley, Gonsalves, Townsend, Heinowski, Richter, Ricotta. For WWIIIb: Van Wie, Richter, Ricotta. Does anyone want on or off either list?

Eng: A stp r FIN. Ger: A kie r HOL.

Fall, 1906

AUSTRIA (Langley) A PIE H, F LYO H, A GAL H, A TYO S Russian A sil-mun(nso), A BOH S Russian A sil-mun(nso), A GRE H, A SER H, F NAF S Russian F WES-mid, F TYN H, A VEN H.

ENGLAND (Christie) A FIN-stp, F bar-NWY, F DEN S German A ruh-KIE, F GAS-spa(nc), F MID S F GAS-spa(sc), F ENG S F MID, F BRE S F MID, A PIC S German A par-BUR.

FRANCE (Jensen) A POR S F SPA(SC), A MAR-gas, F SPA(SC) S Russian F WES-mid.

GERMANY (Townsend) A ruh-KIE, A HOL S A ruh-KIE, A par-BUR.

RUSSIA (Kurucz) A STP-fin, A LVN-stp, A ukr-MOS, A war-SIL, A sil-BER, A MUN S A kie-ruh, A kie-ruh(d.a), F WES-mid.

Deadline for Spring, 1907 is 9PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday, November 21, 1986. In view of England's NMR last turn, there was a grass roots movement for two proposals; one to end the game immediately in a 5-way draw, the other to replay last season. Had either proposal gotten unanimous approval, I would've allowed this. But neither did, so the game continues. There is a new proposal for a 5-way draw. I thank Melinda Holley for submitting standby orders, though they were not needed.

1985CX supply center chart - 1906

AUSTRIA	vie, tri, bud, ser, gre, ven, bul, con, rom, nap	10,	even
ENGLAND	lon.lvp.edi,nwy.bel,bre,den,swe,stp	8,	even
FRANCE	spa.tun.por.mar	4,	+1
GERMANY	kie hol par	3,	even
RUSSIA	mos, war, sev, rum, ank, smy, mun, ber, STP	9,	+2

PRESS — Chantilly to Arbor: Would you be the Pam Ewing type and say 1906 was just a bad dream? I'd sure hate to have that English bloke show up in my shower.

Ann Arbor: I can't say that I blame you. I can think of plenty of people I'd rather have show up in my shower (and fewer than one of them are male).

1986D

Flying Carpet

Spring, 1905

ENGLAND (Melinda Holley, P.O. Box 2793, Huntington, WV 25727) A PIC S German A bur-PAR, A WAL-bre, F bre-gas(d,a), F ENG C A wal-BRE, F MID S F por-SPA(SC), F NWY S German F fin-STP(SC), F por-SPA(SC).

FRANCE (Bruce Geryk, 5748 S. Blackstone Ave. #310, Chicago, IL 60637) A hol-BEL, A par-BRE, F GAS S A par-BRE, F MAR-spa(sc).

GERMANY (Stan Phummer, 6613 Azalea Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390) A bur-PAR, F fin-STP(SC), F den-KIE, A war-mos(d,r pru,sil,otb), A BOH-bud(imp), A LVN S F fin-STP(SC).

ITALY (Jim Petersen) NMR. F ion h(d,r nap,tyn,tun,otb), A VIE H, F APU H, A tri h(d,r tyo,ven,otb), A PIE H, F WES H.

RUSSIA (James Early, M0163 Jester Center Halls, Austin, TX 78705) F stp(sc)-lvn(d,r bot,otb), A MOS S F stp(sc)-lvn.

TURKEY (Doug Baker, 1222 Jefferson Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007) F con-AEG, F smy-EAS, F gre-ION, F ALB S F gre-ION, A sev-RUM, A UKR S A gal-WAR, A gal-WAR, A ser-TRI, A BUD S A ser-TRI.

Deadline for Fall, 1905 is 9PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday, November 21, 1986. The proposed draws were defeated. Will Lu Henry, 3601 Penbrook Lane #18, Flint, MI 48502-1460 please standby for Italy.

PRESS - Paris to Rome: Hello? HELLO?!

Chicago to Austin: Thanks for sticking with us, James. I'm sorry to hear that schoolwork is going to preclude much hobby involvment. Still, I know how that goes. At least you have a Division I team to cheer for!

Paris to Berlin: I can see why you didn't want me to retreat to Belgium, Stan. You didn't want the rest of us to find out what the Belgians and Dutch really thought about your "benevolent" occupation!

Moscow to all: I am not a puppet of Turkey.

Moscow to Doug: Quit pulling those strings so hard!

Australia: Builds A NEW SOUTH WALES, A NORTHERN TERRITORY.

Canada: NBR, plays one short. UofSA: Removes F sudan.

USSR: NBR, plays three short. Warsaw Pact: Builds A POLAND.

WAF: F spa(sc) r otb.

Spring, 2008

AUSTRALIA (Russ Rusnak, 900 N. Rohlwing Rd. #333, Addison, IL 60101) F madras-PERSIAN GULF, A pradesh-KASHMIR, A MAHARASHTRA S A pradesh-KASHMIR, F timor sea-SUMATRA, F BAY OF BENGAL H, F western australia-TIMOR SEA, A northern territory-WESTERN AUSTRALIA, A new south wales-QUEENSLAND, F west pacific-NW PACIFIC, F south pacific-CORAL SEA, A alaska-YAKUTSK, F BERING SEA C A alaska-YAKUTSK, A KAMCHATKA S A alaska-YAKUTSK, A manchuria-MONGOLIA, A assam-SZECHWAN, F GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT-south pacific, F east pacific-GULF OF PANAMA, F gulf of california-NE PACIFIC, F central pacific-EAST PACIFIC, A mexico-TEXAS, A CALIFORNIA S A mexico-TEXAS, F GULF OF MEXICO S A mexico-TEXAS, F caribbean sea-BERMUDA TRIANGLE, F PANAMA H.

BRAZIL (Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825) F GOIAS S F central atlantic-BAHIA, F venezuela-CARIBBEAN SEA, A COLOMBIA H, F CUBA S Australian F caribbean sea-BERMUDA TRIANGLE, F MOUTH OF THE AMAZON-central atlantic, F central atlantic-BAHIA, A HAITI S F CUBA, A la pampa-RIO NEGRO, A INCA S A cuzco-CHILE, A cuzco-CHILE, A bolivia-LA PAMPA, A BUENOS AIRES S A la pampa-RIO NEGRO, A uruguay-PORTO ALEGRE.

CANADA (Jim Petersen, 1835 Hinman #423, Evanston, 1L 60201) NMR. A OREGON H, A DIXIE H, A NEW ENGLAND H, F NW ATLANTIC H, F NORTH ATLANTIC H, F PORTUGAL H, F NORWEGIAN SEA H, F NORWAY H.

UofSA (Michael Vaporis, Suite 238, 4334 West Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43615) F SE ATLANTIC-gabon, A ZAIRE S F SE ATLANTIC-gabon, A kenya-SUDAN, A EGYPT S A kenya-SUDAN, F RED SEA S A EGYPT, F arabian sea-EAST INDIAN, F WEST INDIAN S F arabian sea-EAST INDIAN, F SOUTH INDIAN S F arabian sea-EAST INDIAN, F SW ATLANTIC S F SOUTH INDIAN, F falkland islands-FALKLAND SOUND, F DRAKE PASSAGE-south pacific, F gulf of aden-ARABIAN SEA.

USSR (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711) NMR. A RUSSIA H, A UKRAINA H, F RUMANIA H, A GREECE H, A SYRIA H, A IRAN H, A RAJASTHAN H, A kashmir h(d, r nepal, tibet, kirghiz, afghanistan, pakistan, otb), A SINKIANG H, A SIBERIA H.

WARSAW PACT (Pat Jensen, P.O. Box 18841, Morris, MN 56267) A czechoslovakia-BYELORUSSIA, A poland-BALTIC STATES, A FRANCE S A SPAIN, A SPAIN S A FRANCE, A austria-YUGOSLAVIA, A HUNGARY S A austria-YUGOSLAVIA, F north sea-KATTEGAT.

WAF (Pat O'Brien, 126 Roanoke St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095) A yugoslavia-austria(d, r italy, otb), F WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN C A ALGERIA-egypt, F EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN C A ALGERIA-egypt, ALGERIA-egypt, ALGERIA-egypt, F GABON-se atlantic, F GULF OF GUINEA S F GABON-se atlantic, F MID ATLANTIC-central atlantic, F babia S F MID ATLANTIC-central atlantic(d,a), A niger-CHAD, A CAMEROON S A niger-CHAD.

Deadline for Fall, 2008 is 9PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday, November 21, 1986. The proposals were defeated. The following draws are now proposed: A-B-USSR, A-B-C-USSR, A-B-USSR-WARSAW, and a 7-way draw. Remember, in this game, failure to vote is counted as a YES vote. Pat O'Brien is the new player for West African Federation. Will Mike Van Wie, 1612 Mt. Airy Ct., Crofton, MD 21114 please standby for Canada. Will Brady Richter, 54 Fries Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 please standby for USSR. I've been asked again if I will open another game of WWIIIb. The answer is still an emphatic NO. I've learned my lesson...

PRESS — Brazil to world: This is a lot of work each month. I suppose my geography will benefit in the long run. Are these places real?

Ann Arbor: My comment to your first sentence is: You said it. As for the rest, I've spotted most of those odd names in my atlas, so I suppose they're probably all real. Besides, an honest fellow like Bob Sergeant wouldn't be pulling our leg, would he?

Your sub has ext	pired. Please renew.	Please standby in
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Russ Rusnak (S50CR\$4) 900 N. Rohlwing Rd. #333 Addison, IL 60101 Dear Russ, I guess o'd better say no to carrying a subzine at this time.

I'm just to busy to handle it.

Bert,

Jell