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1982HI

"Spring 1912"

ALLIANCE HAS TOO MUCH BURGUNDY

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Nat-Cly; F Nrg & F Liv S F Nat-Cly; F Nth-Edi; F Bar-Nwy; F Bal-Ber; A Hol-Bel; A Kie S F Bal-Ber.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Ska-Swe.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): A Rom S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ven; F Tun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Wes; F Spa(s.c.) holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Tri-Adr; A Vie-Tyr; A Ven & A Nap S ITALIAN A Rom; A Mun S RUSSIAN F Ber; A Gas-Bur; A Par S A Gas-Bur; F Mid-Bre; F Wes-Mid; F Por S F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Wes.

RUSSIA (Goode): A War-Sil; A Mos-Liv; A St.P-Nwy; A Fin S A St.P-Nwy; F Nwy-Ska; F Cly-Nrg; F Ion & F Ber hold; A Bur holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Cly is dislodged and annihilated, and Russia retreats A Bur-Pic, -Ruh, or -Mar. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by MONDAY 18 JUNE. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984.

A proposal has been made for a concession to Austria-Hungary, and with their "Fall 1912" moves players should send in their votes on this proposal.

1983AX

"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND (Peart): Retreats F Eng-Iri; builds F Lon.

ITALY (Murray): Builds A Rom, F Nap.

RUSSIA (Drakert): Builds A War.

TURKEY (Follmer): Removes A Alb.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984.

1983IE

"Fall 1903"

"I DON'T CARE HOW LONG YOU'VE BEEN AT SEA, IT'S NOT WOMEN THAT'S WEARING THOSE SKIRTS!"

Following "Spring 1903" moves Russia retreated F Nwy-Nrg. All players were informed. Press releases appear on page 12.

ENGLAND (Wienczek): F Eng-Mid; F Iri S F Eng-Mid; A Bel S GERMAN A Mun-Bur; F Nwy S GERMAN F Bot-St.P(s.c.).

FRANCE (Rauterberg): A Par-Bre; A Pic-Bre; F Mid holds.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Swe S ENGLISH F Nwy; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Sil-Mun; A Pru-Liv; A Bur-Gas; A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Eas-Smy; A Pie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Tyr; A Mar-Bur; F Nap-Tyr; F Tyr-Wes; F Spa(s.c.) S FRENCH F Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Boh-Mun; A Tri-Tyr; A Ser-Bud; A Bul-Con; A Alb-Ser; F Aeg S ITALIAN F Eas-Smy.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Nrg-Edi; A Mos S A St.P; A St.P S GERMAN F Swe-Nwy; A Gal S A War; A War S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Sil; F Bla-Ank.

TURKEY (Bobker): A Smy S F Con; F Con S A Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Smy-Arm or -Syr; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1903" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por. (3)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (6)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tun, Ven.

(7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)

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1984AY

"Spring 1901"

"HURRAH! HURRAH! THE COUNTRY'S GOING TO WAR!"

ENGLAND (Levine): F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (Hurwitz): A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (M. Taylor): F Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Kaplan): A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Apu; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Downs): F Tri-Alb; A BudOSer; A Vie-Tri.

RUSSIA (Quarto): F Sev-Bla; A War-Ukr; A Mos-St.P; F Stp.(s.c.)-Bot.TURKEY (Swift): A Con-Bul; F Ank-Bla; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is ~~NOON~~, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984. Michael Taylor's new address is P. O. Box 27469, Albuquerque, N. M. 87125; until further notice he cannot be reached by phone.

MOSCOW to WORLD: Just be glad it was only the Games we withdrew from, and not all Diplomacy tournaments! Though we feel our armies and navies will not be adequately locked in their cages in this game based on traditional Western imperialism, we shall play anyways, because of our eternal commitment to the apolitical nature of sport.

BERLIN to WORLD: And they're off with a bang--or a whimper, as the case may be. Good luck to you all, or bad luck as the case may be. You know who you are. Have a nice war.

ROME: There are no such things as otneys in this game. E veryone can breathe easier. For those perplexed, see 1983CP.

ROME to PARIS: I can only assume that no news means bad news.

CONSTANTINOPLE: After a long and boring trip on state business, his Majesty the Sultan has returned to his capital to discover that life has grown interesting in his absence. Communiques inviting him to join various ventures were stacked under nasty notes informing him that after his failure to respond to their invitations, his neighbors had taken offense and ~~were~~ determined to make his peaceful land the object of their first adventure. As he dispatched diplomats, mobilized militias and sent out spies he was heard to mutter, "Curse these Chinese Curses!"

1984B - PRESS RELEASE

ROME: It has been an uneventful winter for our glorious leader, Il Duce. After the assassination attempts by the Neo-Pacifists, he sailed to a private meeting with the other members of the Quadruple. Upon arriving back home and kissing the soil which his secretary, Giolena, raised to his lips, he spoke his last public words to the Frenchman. "Joshua, I's offered ya Corsica, but nowa I take it back. Mabe you shud try Leeverpool. They say it'sa ver'easy to get to in autumnno."

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, is published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Game openings are available for \$18, which includes a subscription to the end of the game. With your entry fee, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play in your order of preference, and let me know whether you have a copy of the postal rules; if not, I'll send them to you. GRAUSTARK subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6. Back issues are 75¢ each, or 10 for \$1.50 from the beginning of 1983.

A review of the recently completed game 1981IQ will appear in the next issue. In this one, mirabile dictu, are all the press releases that have come in to date.

A MODEST OLYMPIC PROPOSAL

The recent withdrawal of the Soviet Union and most of its allies from the 1984 Olympic games has revived a claim made four years ago, that the Olympics have become "too political". This is a largely specious statement. Of course the Olympics are political and always have been. They were abolished in the 4th century for political reasons, and revived in 1896 for political reasons - in this case, the promotion of international brotherhood. In fact, the 1896 Olympics in Athens produced such a surge of Greek nationalism that the Greeks set out to attack the Turks, and got clobbered.

Nor can we draw any kind of analogy between the American withdrawal from the 1980 Moscow games, and the Soviet withdrawal from the 1984 Los Angeles games. The U. S. A. and its subject allies withdrew from the Moscow games because the Soviet Union had refused to obey the command of Our President to withdraw from Afghanistan. The Soviet withdrawal from this year's games is a "protest" against the denial of credentials to Soviet sports officials and reporters, and cooperation between the U. S. government and a private group called "Ban the Soviets". Here, again, the trouble was caused by Russians refusing to admit the superior status of the Great Big United States of America.

The source of the trouble is the great change that has taken place in the power structure of the world since 1896. Then, there were some 10 nations that might appropriately be called "Great Powers" - the seven nations of the Diplomacy board, plus the United States of America, Japan, and China. Without much difficulty it was possible to speak of an approximate equality among them.

By now, things have changed profoundly. The Great Big United States of America dominates the world imperially, and the most important international division is between the great majority of nations who accept that domination, and the small handful that still struggle against it, bemused by such fables as "national sovereignty" and the diplomatic fiction of equality of states. It is about time that the Olympics adjusts itself to the great reality of life in 1984.

This could best be done by setting up a permanent base for both the summer and the winter Olympics. In one location, of a suitable climate, there could be built all the stadiums, racetracks, swimming pools, basketball courts, hockey arenas, ski jumps, and other facilities, together with the huge hotel complex necessary to house the athletes, officials, and spectators. The climate should be cold enough to ensure snow in the winter, warm enough but not too hot in summer, and accessible by all modern means of transportation.

Such a site could undoubtedly be found in New England. Furthermore, the influx of money would prove a great benefit to that chronically depressed region. And, aside from the Olympics, it could also serve for the World Soccer Cup, the World Series, and maybe the Super Bowl, though the weather might not be the best for this event. The 1988 games are already set for Seoul, and since the Soviet Union does not recognize South Korea we can expect a repeat of this year's boycott. But by 1992 a magnificent, permanent Olympic complex can be ready for use in New England.

Locating the permanent site in the Great Big United States of America will drive home to the people of the world the supremely and permanently pre-eminent place of our imperial nation in world affairs. Any nation that wanted to be able to send in its athletes would have to stay on good terms with our government. Oh, there may be attempts at "counter-Olympics", such as the Russians tried in 1980 and the Bulgarians are said to be trying this year, but a few words to the publishers of almanacs and record books will set matters straight.

Nations hoping to compete in the Olympics could be assessed for their share of the cost of this construction, based on their national wealth and their prospects of producing Olympic athletes. (For example, Japan is a wealthier country than Australia, but the superior Australian enthusiasm in and aptitude for Olympic athletics might wind up costing them a bigger construction assessment.) A nation which refused to meet this assessment would run the risk of being forever shut out of the Olympics. (If they change their mind later, they could always make up this assessment with a suitable penalty.) And the imperial dominion of the Great Big United States of America over the whole world would be put in terms every human being can understand.

1982IN

"Spring 1911"

NEW FRANCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

ENGLAND (Ticossi): A St.P-Liv; A Fin-St.P; F Nth-Den; F Kie holds; F Hol S F Kie; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur-Mar; A Cas-Mar; F Eng-Mid; F Bre & F Tri S F Eng-Mid.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F Adr-Tri; A Ven S F Adr-Tri; A Ber-Kie; A Den S A Ber-Kie; F Lyo-Wes; F Mid-Naf; F Spa(n.c.) holds; F Por S F Spa(n.c.); F Bul(s.c.) S F Gre; F Gre S F Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Mun-Boh; A Mar-Pie; A Tyr-Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; A Bud S A Tri.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A War-Liv; A Mos S A War-Liv; A Sev-Ukr; A Rum S A Ser; A Ser S A Rum; A Con-Bul; F Bla S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984.

1983HF

"Winter 1904"

Following "Fall 1904" moves Turkey removed the dislodged A Bul and therefore has a build. No retreats was received for the dislodged Austro-Hungarian F Smy, which is therefore removed.

ENGLAND (Follmer): Builds A Lon, A Eri. RUSSIA (London): Removes A Mos, A Ukr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): Builds A Bud, TURKEY (Schembari): Builds F Con. F Tri; one build deferred.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984. A concession to Austria-Hungary has been proposed, and players should send in their votes on this proposal with their "Spring 1905" moves.

CONSTANTINOPLE: One question is on the minds of all of Turkey - Who will be the Sultan's friend and who does he want it to be?

BROOKLYN to SAN DIEGO: Hey Ron, is this how the "Hammer and Anvil" is supposed to work?

1984V

"Spring 1902"

GERMANS INVADE FRANCE

KIEL (Official Deutschland Daily - ODD): At the headquarters of the Germany Navy here, officials expressed amazement at the Russian buildup of seapower in the north. "Our intelligence was apparently not so effective as we believed, although the reticence of our Russian friends was greater than usual," said the Admiral Flotmann.

MUNICH (ODD): General "Mineshtomper" Kohl held his second press conference last week, chuckling gleefully over recent developments in the Low Countries. "The element of surprise," he exclaimed, "can never be overrated in military manuev..." - just then, a young French terrorist raced in and slapped a cream pie in his face, yelling "Vive la France!"

GERMANY to FRANCE: I believe you were probably astute enough to see through the sham - but if not, I won't cry. Nothing personal, in fact you're a pretty nice guy; but you're dead.

GERMANY to TURKEY: I'm not sure I want to cooperate with you just yet. After all, even Russia abandoned your 'ship'.

GERMANY to ITALY: Your updates are welcome. Keep 'em coming.

ITALY to WORLD: WARNING! Be on the look-out for a crazed Turk! It was last seen on the edge of the Black Forest near the Black Sea, gnawing on the bark of a large tree. Apparently, it has depleted its inventory of paper and is preparing itself for yet another merciless writing campaign. Let us hope that its teeth are as dull as its mind so we may be spared the tortuous experience of trying to solve its puzzling letters. Alas, we must prepare ourselves for the worst. Brace yourselves

for a seemingly never-ending inflow of junk mail.

The crazed Turk has been known to be dangerous when its path is crossed. The King of Italy urges all European wandering woodsmen to arm themselves with a small bucket of dressing and a jar of cranberry sauce. It is rumored that when the Turk is confronted with such an arsenal, it literally flies off in the opposite direction.

Thank you for your attention and may you sleep comfortably with the knowledge that the Pope is praying for us all.

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Eng-Mid; F Liv-Iri; F Edi-Nrg; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Bel-Pic.

FRANCE (Drakert): F Por-Mid; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Spa-Gas; A Par-Pic; A Bre S A Par-Pic.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Kie-Mun; A Hol-Kie; F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Sims): A Bud S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-Rum; A Ven-Rom; F Nap-Tyr; F Ion-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lally): No moves received. A Vie, A Ser & F Gre hold; A Gal dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Kutta): F Bot-Swe; A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; F Rum & F St.P(n.c.) hold.

TURKEY (Galicia): A Bul holds; F Con-Aeg; F Ank-Con; A Smy-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984. Stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by Vincent J. Manna, #1, 2217 West St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223; 212-336-1156. Peter J. Gaughan's new address is 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, Texas 75236; 214-298-3869.

1984B

"Spring 1903"

DREIKAISERBUND POUNDS INERT OPPONENTS

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Ska-Nwy; F Nth & F Nrg S F Ska-Nwy.

FRANCE (Weinstein): No moves received. A Bre & F Mid hold; A Gas dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Goldman): A Den holds; A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Hol; F Pic-Eng; A Bur-Gas; A Par S A Bur-Gas.

ITALY (Schembari): F Tyr-~~Web~~; F Nap-Ion; A Tus-Pie; F Lyo-Spa(c.c.); A Mar S F Lyo-Spa(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Gre-Apu; F Ion C A Gre-Apu; A Bud-Tri; A Vie-Tyr; A Bul & F Aeg S RUSSIAN F Bla-Con.

RUSSIA (Downs): F Swe S GERMAN A Den; A Nwy holds; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Sev-Arm; F Bla-Con; A Rum holds; A Ukr S A Rum.

TURKEY (Willey): No moves received. A Ank & A Smy hold; F Con dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat A Nwy-Fin or -St.P. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 18 JUNE 1984; the English and German players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984. Stand-by moves should be sent in by: FRANCE: Charles Kaplan, 742 Grouse Court, Deerfield, Ill. 60015; 312-541-2852
TURKEY: Jack Brawner, 6011 7th St. South, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33705
ENGLAND to EUROPE (St. Petersburg):

1982IM

"Fall 1910"

ENGLAND GETS IT - UNDER THE FIFTH RIB

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Bel holds; A Yor-Den; F Nth C A Yor-Den; F Adr-Ion; F Nap S F Adr-Ion.

FRANCE (Ferguson): A Bur S GERMAN F Hol-Bel; F Mid-Eng; F Tun-Wes; A Rom-Nap; F Tyr S A Rom-Nap; A Tus-Ven; F Ion & A Alb hold.

GERMANY (Ellis): F Kie-Hol; F Hol-Bel; A Mun-Boh; A Boh-Vie; A Vie-Bud; A Ven-Tri; A Ser S A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): F Swe S ENGLISH A Yor-Den; A Livonia holds; A Arm-Smy; A Rum-Bul; A Con S A Rum-Bul; A Ukr-Rum; A Gal S A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (Chafetz): A Bul-Con; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); F Aeg-Smy; F Bla S A Bul-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. England removes the dislodged A Bud, and retreats F Nap-Apu, F Bel-Pic. (For each of these two units which is removed rather than retreated, England will have a "Winter 1910" build.) Russia retreats A Con-Ank. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (9)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bud, Hol, Kie, Mun, Ser, Tri, Vie. (9)

RUSSIA: Ank, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War.(7)

TURKEY: Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (4)

Germany may build two new units, and France may build one. (England may also have a build or two; see above.) The deadline for these "Winter 1910" orders, which may be made conditional on the directions of the English retreats, is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984. Press releases begin on page 7, to put it mildly.

1983L

"Fall 1908"

THE EAST IS RED

ENGLAND (Ticossi): A Ruh-Kie; F Hol & F Bal S A Ruh-Kie; A Bel-Pic; F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Bre; F Por & F Iri hold; A Liv-Yor; F Nth-Nwy.

FRANCE (London); F Pic-Bre; F Gas S F Pic-Bre; A Bur holds.

ITALY (Rauterberg): F Wes-Tun; F Tyr-Nap; A Mar-Gas; A Spa-Gas; F Lyo S A Spa((sic)).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): A Tri-Ven; A Tyr-Pie; F Ion-Apu; F Aeg-Ion; A Mos-St.P; A Ukr-Mos; A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A War S A Liv; A Ber-Kie; A Mun S A Ber-Kie; A Sil S A Mun.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, Swe. (10)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun. (5)

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (17)

Austria-Hungary may build three units, and France must remove one. (Austria-Hungary would have six builds but only three home supply centers are available.) The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984. The proposal for a concession to Austria-Hungary fails of unanimity, and is resubmitted to the players, who should send their votes in with these "Winter 1908" orders.

VIENNA to ROME and LONDON: Sorry, guys. It's nothing you did. I just decided at the start, when I got Austria-Hungary instead of a "good" country, that this time I'd play for a win. If I haven't won by the end of 1910, let's call it a draw.

THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

by Marc Hurwitz

XVIII - Jim Smith (Spring 1906)

At last, things are coming to a climax. I have formed a grand alliance. Wills is seen as a threat to all, and his megalomaniacal bombast only seems to help me. All the others are currently helpless, and as they help me push back Wills their own positions will grow worse and worse. A few more tricks at the end and I'll have won.

Johnson agrees to let me have Piedmont, to keep the Russians out. England agrees to help me in the north. Turkey is in a holding pattern, holding down Wills' forces in the south.

The phone rings.

"Smith here."

"Hello, Mr. Smith, this is Charlie."

"What's the matter? Have you gotten Wills' papers?"

"I can't get into his room, sir. Either he or his great-nephew is always there." Have to think quick.

"Well, forego it this week, Charlie. Keep the money."

"Thank you, Mr. Smith."

Well well... seems like Wills is getting paranoid. It shouldn't be too difficult to get his nephew out of the room, but I can't do it too often or he'll get suspicious - even more than he is now. I'll wait till it counts.

ENGLAND (Manochi): F Nwy S FRENCH F Nrg-Bar; F Edi holds; F Wal-Lon.

FRANCE (Smith): F Nth-Hol; F Eng-Nth; F Nrg S F Eng-Nth; F Bre-Eng; A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Der; A Ruh-Mun; F Mid-Wes; F Mar-Pie; F Liverpool holds.

ITALY (Johnson): A Ven S FRENCH F Mar-Pie; A Alb-Gre; F Ion-Adr.

RUSSIA (Wills): F Bal-Nrg; F Den-Nth; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Swe S F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A War-Sil; A Smy-Arm; A Tyr-Ven; A Bud-Ser; A Ser-Bul; A Vie-Tri; A Gal-Boh; F Bul(e.c.)-Rum; A Rum-Ukr; A Ank-Con.

TURKEY (Godowski): F Arm-Ank; F Bla & F Con S F Arm-Ank.

Russia retreats A Arm-Smy. England retreats F Nwy-Ska.

1982IM - PRESS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Sultan stated that if nobody wants to build he will accept their builds.

The Bulgarians want to know what the point is there in a 4 way draw. General Drac was quoted as saying that a 4 way draw is a farce. It is like taking blood from an old corpse tainted with garlic at sunrise.

FRANCE to World: Gee, I'm real sorry but I've just been to busy writing witty press releases to spend any time plotting to take over the world.

PARIS to ANKARA: Thanks. Cornell is not the end of my gold. After four years I should have a good idea though.

PARIS to World: I will certainly knot bee an English mayor.

PARIS to World Leaders: Please address all future correspondence to Marseilles rather than Paris as the Emperor and his cabinet have opted to spend the summer lounging on warm Mediterranean beaches.

MARSEILLES to URRP: Any information on EastCon (dates, place, etc.) would be much appreciated.

WORLD to ENGLAND (Berlin): You're plotting to take over the world. Hmm...And we thought you were so innocent.

KAISER to PRAVDA: That "Big Hector/Big Lawrence" stuff was nought but socialist propaganda. Stop the revolt!

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MUN to CON: I'm getting sick and tired of hearing you whine about getting clobbered. I don't know about anyone else, but I sent you a postcard over a month ago, and I still haven't heard a reply. So shut up. OK?

CLYDE, UKRAINE, RUHR, GASCONY: Rural inhabitants of these areas are becoming restless. With the "Grand Alliance" slowly but surely dissolving, these country folk wonder what lies in store for them. Tune in next month for the exciting conclusion of "As the Alliance Dissolves", a new docudrama featured here in GRAUSTARK.

KIEL to LONDON: Don't worry, I'm staying here. It is cool.

GERMANY: Why do I all of a sudden feel surrounded? But these gentlemen are my friends. They wouldn't...AGGHH!

MARSEILLES to WORLD: Between sips of a favorite Bordeaux, our beloved Emperor announced that he was replacing the Minister of Propaganda. When asked why, he replied, "When I make a last minute announcement for Spring, I expect it to be printed in Spring; not in fall. Although he hasn't decided upon the replacement, he has decided that it will be a woman. "I believe that we need a woman's touch," he mused.

FRENCH REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION FOR GENOCIDE (the following message was intercepted by a ham radio operator in Monaco and is submitted to your scrutiny): (garbled)(stop) Special agent Kermit missing (stop) Last seen in Belgium (stop) Suggest immediate retaliatory action (stop) Those (garbled) Limies screwed us again (stop) Attack orders should be as follows (garbled)

MUSINGS OF YOUNG EMPEROR FERGIE: Oh yeah!...Almost there!...Hey! Who the hell woke me up? ...What do you want? ...We what? ...Holy @!#!...Whose idea of a joke is this? ...Since when does HE make political decisions? ...This isn't America you know! There aren't any Supreme Alpha Males in France! We don't attack our neighbors without provocation!...Arrest him and assemble my cabinet! I'll show that pompous ass who's... I've been what? Your kidding...Oh Shit! I should have stayed in Paris.

ASSOCIATED PRESS-WORLD: Bloodless coup in France (stop) Emperor Fergie under house arrest (stop) Military junta in control (stop) General Reagan in command (stop) France conquers whole of Italy (stop) Declares war on England (stop) England calls for world aid (stop) Sultan rejoices (stop) cessation of Franco-Prussian aggression against Turkey (stop) Reagan vows to free Ireland from yoke of English oppression (stop) U.S.A. declares neutrality (stop) agrees to sell arms to France and England (stop) impression of U.S. soldiers by British ships probable (stop)

EMPEROR REAGAN TO THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE: For the good of France, I, Emperor Reagan, the Supreme Alpha Male, have taken command. Emperor Fergie was a spineless Escargot who would have split Europe four ways thereby robbing you, the people of France, your birthright. I intend to split Europe up one way, MY WAY. In just one month I liberated the whole of Italy from the yoke of Communist er.. I mean Italian repression. While they gladly donate their time to build us some boats, I will start working towards my next goal: The liberation of Ireland from English imperialism. The world shall soon be ours!

ASSOCIATED PRESS to WORLD: French embassies worldwide disgusted with General Reagan's behavior (stop) They will remain autonomous and work towards a French peace.

GREAT NECK to ARLINGTON: Sorry Bob. I just couldn't take the risk of being alone in the game with you and Ken. Besides, maybe this will be an incentive for Randy to stop NMRing.

GREAT NECK to JAMAICA: Cornell isn't the end of my gold Lawrence. I don't know what is although after four years of college, I should have a pretty good idea. Thanks.

GREAT NECK to OREGON: Believe it or not, this is the first time that I have ever done such a dastardly deed. The reason for the stab (and misleading phone conversation) is that early on I made a firm commitment with Randy that Neither of us would ever stand by and see the other taken out first. It was quite apparent from my conversations with you and Bob, that you had a similar arrangement. Our only chance was to surprise you. Just remember that this is only a game. Please do not take this personally. If th stab works than my deceit was justified, and if it doesn't and I am eliminated then I will probably be laughed at for months to come. Ah well...I just hope

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SHATTERED ALLIES to the ALL POWERFUL CENTRAL ALLIES (This, of course, excludes Germany) (Paris): Is the German worth all this support and adoration? Give it up, guys,, I'm getting sick.

BERLIN: Central Powers to Shattered Allies: By the end of this year France and Russia will be out of the game, Turkey will be down to four centers and England will have five. It has been a good game for the CP.

FRANCE to the WORLD: As I receive my orders and send them on to the Gamesmaster as any good puppet should, I can tell you with all sincerity that I understand how Italy and Austria have felt throughout the entire game.

EDINBURGH: It is wonderful to see Austria and Italy cooperating with Germany. They support him while he takes the supply centers.

FRANCE to WORLD: If I'm gone, goodbye and good luck to all. If I'm not, can somebody please help me out of this mess!

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RUSSIA: Ank, Edi, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (7)

TURKEY: Con. (1)

Russia and Italy may each build one unit, and Turkey must remove one. These "Winter 1903" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by MONDAY 18 JUNE 1984. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984.

1983CW

"Fall 1905"

THE RUSSIAN FLEET JUST LANDED WHERE?

ENGLAND (Clarke): A Yor-Wal; A Liv S A Yor-Wal; F Nth-Eng; F Lon S F Nth-Eng.

FRANCE (Wallick): F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Iri-Mid; A Bur-Mar; A Bel holds; F Eng S A Bel.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Hol S RUSSIAN A Ruh-Bel.

ITALY (Stone): A Rom-Ven; F Adr & A Tus S A Rom-Ven; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); F Gre S F Aeg-Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Palter): A Tyr-Ven; A Pie & A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; F Smy S RUSSIAN: F Ank-Con((sic)); A Ser-Gre; F Bul(s.c.) S A Ser-Gre.

RUSSIA (Jordan): F Mid-Por; A Ruh-Bel; A Mun-Bur; A Boh-Sil; A War-Pru; F Nwy holds; F Ska-Den; F Bla-Con; F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bel-Pic and F Eng-Iri or -Bre; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1905" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Ber, Edi, Liv, Lon. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa. (4)

GERMANY: Hol. (1)

ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Tun. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (7)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bel, Con, Den, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Por, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (14)

Russia may build four new units, and Austria-Hungary may build one. France must remove one unit, and Italy must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984. The vote for a concession to Russia fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players.

ITALY to FRANCE: Sorry about this, but to liven up the game I'm using the "Stab and Grab" method.

ITALY to AUSTRIA: Back you dirty scoundrel!

1983AS

"Fall 1906"

TOUJOURS G-A-I

ENGLAND (Zaiz): A Den-Swe; F Nwy S A Den-Swe; F Nth-Den; F Nrg S F Nwy; F Wal-Eng;
F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE (Schembari): F Tun-Ion; A Bel holds.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Liverpool holds; A Bur-Bel; F Kie-Hol; F Bal-Den; A Swe-Nwy;
 A St.P S A Swe-Nwy; F Hel-Nth.

ITALY (Follmer): F Mid-Iri; F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); F Ion-Tun; F Wes S F Ion-Tun; A Pic S
 GERMAN A Bur-Bel; A Ruh S GERMAN F Kie-Hol.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): A Alb-Gre; A Ser S A Alb-Gre; A Gal-Rum; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr
 S A Mos-Sev.

RUSSIA (Cooper): F Rum S A Sev; A Sev S F Rum.

TURKEY (Hardiman): No moves received. F Con, F Bul(s.c.), A Smy & A Syr hold; F Gre
 dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Sev-Arm and Germany re-
 treats A Swe-Fin. The last two French units are dislodged and, for lack of supply
 centers, removed. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Mos, Sev, Sev,
 GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Liv, Mun, Tri, Vie. (7)

Par, St.P, War. (9) RUSSIA: Rum. (1)

ITALY: Bre, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)
 Tun, Ven. (8)

Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy may each build two new units. England and Russia
 must remove one unit each. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY
 29 JUNE 1984. (Germany has a third build if the dislodged A Swe is removed.) Press
 releases appear on p. 9.

1983CP

"Winter 1905"

FRANCE (Brawner): Builds F Mar, F Bre. RUSSIA (Henricks): Removes A Livonia, A Fin,
 GERMANY (Kaplan): Builds A Ber. A Gal.
 ITALY (Cameron): Removes A Ser, F Gre. TURKEY (Heuer): Builds F Ank, F Con, A Smy.
 The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984. An earlier press
 release appears on p. 12.

ROME: The government of Italy today announced its surprise and gratification at
 the selection of the otney as the official fruit of Diplomacy hobby but simultaneously
 announced that Ron Reagan, Jr. had beaten out the otney in the contest to be the offi-
 cial fruit of the 1984 Olympics. "All is not lost though," said a spokesman, "since
 we are sending a representative to Moscow to try to have the otney selected as the of-
 ficial fruit of the 1984 Communist Olympics. We expect little competition."

BERLIN to VIENNA: You still there; Nice going.

BERLIN: The victory parade for General Ledwate, conqueror of Moscow had to be
 postponed as a storm originating from the Mediterranean blew his balloon 500 miles off
 course. The General reported a stench surrounding green clouds in his path.

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ST. PETERSBURG: The foreign service was stunned by the English press release. "It
 was King John the Silent's most lucid moment!" exclaimed the Czar.

AUSTRIA to ITALY: Sorry about this but I just don't trust you
 (An additional press release appears on p. 2.)

ENGLAND (J. Baker): Builds F Lon.

ITALY (Ezzio): Builds A Ven.

FRANCE (Jordan): Removes F Por.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): Builds F Tri.

GERMANY (Ripper): Removes F Bal.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1984.

ROME: Cantolone Multomangare dell'Aria, one of the weightier members of the committee of twelve, has accompanied Cartolina di Sforza on her trip to Germany. "Bel-lo!", exclaimed the illustrious chairman of the committee of twelve, "Now all of Germany will soon be part of the lowlands! Also, I can't help but notice that Germany will soon have no fleets. Poor fellow, sinking into the water under the weight of Cantolone without a boat in sight. Whata fate!"

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Randy didn't NMR this turn! Will talk with you soon, and jope to see you in July/August. Congratulations on the car. Bye!

IT'S YOUR LIFE, KEN CORBIN! (Berlin): Ken Corbin, dressed in regal red, steps towards the podium where the game show host, Wink "But my face isn't 100% plastic" Martindale, greets him with a quick handshake:

WINK: Ladies and Gentlemen, today we have a really special treat. We have Ken Corbin, the world's only honest Diplomacy player, here to share some of his infinite wisdom, keen insight into the mysteries of the universe, and general concepts and feelings, about life, the cosmos, and everything. Say Ken, why is it that you don't stab your fellow Diplomacy players?

KEN: I choose not to stab because I am an old-fashioned gentleman and gentlemen do not do things as crude as stabbing. Besides I can stab without really stabbing. You see...

At this point a red-faced, young man jumps from his position amongst the maniacs in the audience, and charges towards Ken Corbin screaming, "You stab and you know it, Corbin! You don't call what you did to me last game a stab?! Agh!" This considerably irate person is positively identified as John Ferguson.

WINK (positioning himself between Ferguson and Corbin): Wait you! Don't murder Corbin now. This show's only begun!

Bob Bragdon, Lawrence Chafetz, and Randy Ellis suddenly stroll onto the stage. All are caught surprised by the ensuing confrontation and stand momentarily motionless.

KEN: Mr. Bragdon, I suggest we leave this show immediately. There are so many dishonest people about. I'm getting offended.

RANDY: That's right Ken, leave us "undesirables" here and take your "honest" buddy with you. I know how honest Bragdon is and if anything, I'd say he lies more frequently than John and I.

BOB: That's not true, Randy, and you know it. Uh, you merely misunderstood what I said back in 1903 when I slipped into Berlin and Denmark. Why, just ask Ken Corbin. He'll tell you.

LAWRENCE: Ha! I don't believe it! I'm going to be the deciding factor in this game! This indeed is going to be fun...

JOHN (taking a swing at Ken's head using his 18th century French sword): Die hypocrite, die!

Tune in next month to the exciting conclusion of IT'S YOUR LIFE, KEN CORBIN. Will Wink Martindale's face melt under the hot studio lights? And what about Lawrence: Will he be the deciding factor? For the answers to these and other earthshaking uncertainties tune in next week: same Winktime, same Winkchannel.

BAVERIA: Did Ken Corbin lie and not convoy to Denmark? Hmmm...

MUNICH to SMYRNA: Wake up, Lawrence. Your orders may be needed now.

BERLIN to MOSCOW: I realize that this could mean we're at war but at any rate, there's no harm in at least talking about the situation.

KEN to LONDON: And for you, I view your "secret" convoy to Denmark without telling me as a stab. If you didn't convoy to Denmark, I view your not convoying to Denmark as a stab since you told France that's what your doing. Any way you dice it, w

come to war again!

MUNICH to MARSEILLES: If I die, bury me back in Monte Carlo.

KAISER to GM: I'll bet you thought this would never happen! Did you?

MNRing KAISER to WORLD: Would you believe I went to Vegas and got involved with 4 gorgeous women, drank wine and rum, hit the slot machines and won \$800,000.00, was elected governor of Nevada, and with all the excitement, I forgot to send my orders in?

KAISER to WORLD again: Would you believe one out of five?

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PARIS to LONDON: Trading Edinburgh for Norway is never a good strategic consideration, but obviously that is what Germany determined was best for you. Snicker.

PARIS to BERLIN: You chose to retain England over Italy as your primary ally, and it may cost you a share of the French spoils. Yet, Wiencek has been so obedient, hasn't he? Best of luck vs Austria, old boy!

SEVASTOPOL: The Tsar has ordered shore leaves for all his fleets. The Tsarina hopes that the Scottish women will welcome the Russian seamen with open legs.

THE VATICAN: In his Memorial Day address at the Tomb of the Unknown Monk, the Pope exhorted his flock to emulate the missionary zeal of fraternal monastic orders in France, Austria and Russia. "We must work with our brothers to convert the Goths and the wicked witches to the True Way. We can accomplish this by showing the heathen the path that leads out of this worldly game."

BERLIN to CONSTANTINOPLE: Rome's last press was odd, for sure. However, Bob was 100% honest with me for 2 years. Tell me the reward - I might send you the letters.

BERLIN to PARIS: Your perseverance is admirable.

BERLIN to ROME: Shame!

RIGA (DAMN): The provinces of East Prussia have been liberated. Bravo!

1983CP - PRESS RELEASES

NAPLES: As the last few gallons of the Ionian Sea gurgle away beneath the earth's crust, concern now focuses on the fate of the elite scientific team sent to the area. Acting on a report that the team was sucked under the earth's crust, the Italian government has dispatched a team of technicians with what is described as an "unbelievably long rope" to a hole in the sea floor in hopes of hauling the scientists to the surface.

In a related development, the government today announced that it's policy of using vegetables as weapons was a failure and that Italy's entire stock of otneys would be sent to toxic waste dumps in New Jersey

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"Why does the Kremlin want you to vote against Ronald Reagan?" - William Safire, New York Times, 15 May 1984