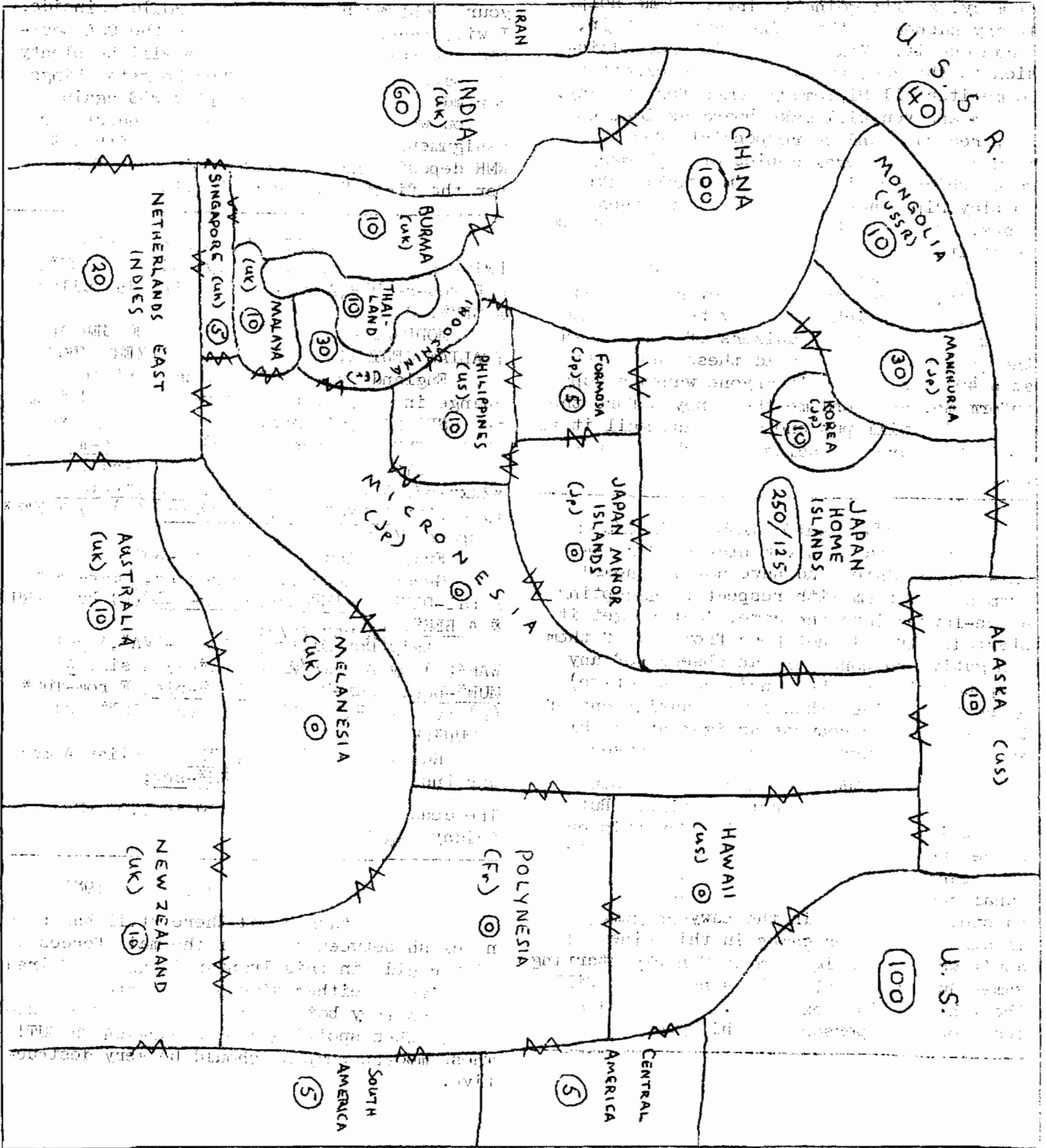


THE PATTERN

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I have been asked, for the 3rd year in a row, to organize the Diplomacy tournament at Gen Con West which will be held in San Mateo, California next September.

This year, I think I want to spend some time doing something other than Diplomacy, so I'm going to invite some help. If any subscriber to this zine wants to help, I can use it. You will obtain free admission to the con, and you will be expected to monitor all Diplomacy games for one day. This means you will make board assignments, keep records, and be responsible for the room and the several copies of Diplomacy games which are in use. I'm usually able to play Diplomacy also while doing these tasks. So, over the next few months, think about it, and contact me.

By the way, at the end of each Gen Con West, there are always several copies of Diplomacy which have only been used the one weekend. The organizers of the con in the past have always sold these games off at a 40% discount. If anyone wants a copy inform me, and send me the money before the con, and I will put one aside and mail it to you. (Be sure to enclose enough to cover postage.)

DIPLOMACY GAME OPENINGS:

I still have only 6 players for the All-Lawyers Game, and have not yet heard from all of them with respect to accepting a non-lawyer into the game, just to get it started. If I do not hear from any of them a negative response (or an absence of any response will not be considered negative) by next deadline, then I will assign one of the players who request assignment to this game, even though they are not a lawyer.

DIPLOMACY: I'm ready to open another game with requests on file. But I'll wait until next deadline for this one, since one of the players requesting assignment earlier has had to drop out for personal reasons, and another player has requested assignment in the Lawyers game, and is also in 2 other games in this zine. I don't want to assign him to 2 newly starting games just yet, unless he's needed to fill the 7th position next time. So I need at least one new person for this game.

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES:

David Lagerson is having some problems, so he's not been able to begin this game. Bob Spencer was also somewhat delayed for awhile. Too bad you two didn't organize your problems better so they could coincide. I will accept a new player for the CSA position in this fun game. There will be plenty for Dave Lagerson to do when he gets things sorted out so that he can play WBS again. If you want to play, send me a request for assignment to the game, together with a \$2 NMR deposit and at least \$2 in turn fees for the first 8 turns at 25¢/turn.

1977 IE Spring, 1909:

[Winter Adjustments: Italy builds F ROM*, a F wes-r-TUN*, A war-r-GAL*; Russia builds A SEV*; Germany builds A BER*]

MODERATOR PERSISTS IN CALLING SER AN ITALIAN CENTER! LUCKILY THE PLAYERS KNOW!

England (Brown) [Ron Brown sent in a change in orders, but I never received from the USPS his original. This probably explains NMRs in other games]: A STP*-mos, F nth-NWY*, A BEL*(s) German A Par-Bur, ~~A war-r-GAL*~~ F PIC* unordered, A WAL*-pic (c) by F ENG*, F LYO*-pic, F NAF*-tun (s) by F WES* F spasc-MAR*;

France (Slaughter): F swe-BOT*;

Germany (Lesch): A per-BUR*, A mar-GAS*, F bal-DEN*, A KEE*-mun, A war-BAL*(s) by A PRU & A BER* [A war /a/];

Italy (Don Ditter): A mos-LVA*, A gal-WAR*(s) by A sil*(s) A BOH*(s) A sil, A MUN*-ber, A bur-RUH*, A VEN*-pic, F rom-TUS*(s) by F TYS*, F NAP*(s) F Tys, F ION*(s) F TUN*(h), F AEG*;

Russia (Young): A UKR*(s) Italian A mos-war [nso], A SEV*-mos, A ARM*-sev;

The deadline for Fall, 1909 is 1:00 PM, Friday, April 7, 1978.

AB-8 : IRAN vs. IRAQ, 1981

This is turn 3 and there still has been no clash between units of the main forces of either side in this Iranian invasion of Iraq. No units of either side have spotted each other as they both maneuver around for position. When spotting does occur--WATCH OUT! These modern weapons should be very destructive.

1940 Armored Barbarism:

JAPAN ENTERS THE WAR! Jim Frediani, having resolved the problems which caused him to turn over command of Italy to Steve Goodman, will re-enter the game as Japan. His address: Box 751, Calistoga, CA 94515.

The addition of Japan to the AB/3rd Reich hybrid game, necessitates several changes. The cover of this issue of the LIB portrays a schematic of the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO). It shows (encircled) the number of PPs income attributable to each PTO area. For the US & USSR, the 100 PPs, and 40 PPs are in addition to those available for the ETO (European Theater of Operations). The PPs for areas controlled by other major powers are also added to the ETO incomes. The US, UK, and France may all transfer PPs and/or deployed units between the PTO and ETO, but there will be a 10% premium paid on all such transfers. The USSR need pay no such premium for transfers. For purposes of this rule, Iran is in ETO.

If the Netherlands is controlled by an Axis power, the Dutch East Indies becomes a possession of the UK. If France is occupied by an Axis power, Thailand becomes Japanese controlled, and Indochina becomes British.

THE US WILL ENTER THE WAR no later than the 1942 scenario, or earlier if Japan or any Axis player attacks any US-controlled area, Australia, New Zealand, Polynesia, Central America or South America. Until the US actively enters the war, the US player will operate the units of territories attacked by Japan (i.e., China, Dutch East Indies, etc.) Once the US is at war with Japan, it's at war with all the Axis allies. The US player may give Lend Lease to players attacked by Axis powers, or the US player may sell any units desired.

The SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM on the cover regulates attacks. Attacks into a particular zone may only be made from adjacent, contiguous zones under the control of the attacking player.

Additionally, attacks are further limited: The JAPAN HOME ISLANDS may never be attacked until the year following the establishment of Allied control over the JAPAN MINOR ISLANDS. And the Japan Minor Islands may not be attacked until the year after Japan fails to control all the following ones:

PHILIPPINES, MICRONESIA, MELANESIA, ALASKA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, POLYNESIA, HAWAII, CENTRAL AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA.

No player may ever attack any zone out of China. China may never attack.

All zonal boundaries which are also marked by "W" require a premium paid on all units in such an attack: Japan and the US pay 10%; all others pay 50%.

A premium of 50% is placed upon all Allied deployment in any zone which is not contiguous with another Allied controlled zone and to which a path ~~of~~ may be drawn through Allied-controlled SEA zones to either India or the US. If Egypt is controlled by an Axis player, India may not be used for this purpose, and transfers of all Allied PPs and units between ETO & PTO (except for US) require a 50% penalty (premium). The premiums required by this paragraph do not apply to infantry, mines, or tank ditches. All other equipment must be purchased in Europe or the US, paying the applicable premium. Japan must also pay the premium for any purchases in Europe (i.e., 50% unless the Axis controls Suez/Egypt, then only 10%).

CHINA may never be conquered. China's income is always 100. Each time China loses a scenario, 10 PPs income increase is added to the victor's income (Japan or USSR). Captured equipment may also be added to the victor. China may spend a maximum of 50 PPs on non-infantry units, from the UK, US, & USSR. China must divide any purchases equally among those 3 countries. Chinese infantry is rated: 3, 0/2, 2, 5, 2.

JAPAN has a growth rate of 20% plus an additional 10% for control of each of the following areas (for a maximum growth rate of 40%): Manchuria and Netherlands East Indies. Japan loses 10% of its growth rate in any year Japan does not control the Japan Minor Islands. Also, Japan may not transfer PPs or units from possessions to the home islands unless Japan controls the Minor Islands. Japan's panic level will be "3" and the maximum OMA may be 2 x Light, 4 x medium; maximum CAS may be 2 x Light, 2 x Medium.

The above ideas have been worked out by myself and Jim Frediani. We've given quite a lot of thought to the question, but by no means will I refuse to change things before 1940 begins if anyone wants to make a good contribution of ideas.

Revise your Appendix A for minor countries of the WW2 Period as follows:

ADD:
 Sweden, 1939-40:
 "Anti" 2-1-0,10/4,3,25, 8
 Czechoslovakia, 1939-40:
 S.1 3-2-1,9/4,3,10, 7
 35t 3-2-1,7/4,3,15, 7

DELETE:
 Delete the entire Japanes list.

ADD:
 Japan, 1939-40:
 T95 1-1-1,4/4,5,10, 5
 T97 4-2-1,9/4,4,15, 8
 T99 3-1-1,5/4,3,10, 5
 1941
 TI-47 7-4-2,9/4,4,15, 10
 1942
 T2 4-2-1,6/4,4,10, 7
 Honi 5-2-0,11/4,4,15, 6
 1943
 T3 8-6-4,11/4,4,20,14

[in addition, Japan buys any French soft unit, including infantry.]

CHANGE [change the following weapons to the indicated characteristics]

France, 1939-40:
 S35 4-3-2,9/4,4,20, 10
 Poland, 1939-40:
 TK3 1-1-1,7/4,5,15, 6
 7TP 3-2-1,9/4,3,20, 8
 Wz34a 1-1-1,7/4,6*,10, 5

1977 IF Fall, 1908:
 CONCESSION VOTE FAILS TO PASS!

France(B. Bryg): F NAO*-lpl, A GAS*-bur (s) by A PAR* [A bur-r-PAR* during summer], A BRE*(s) A Par, F wes-MID*(s) by F SPA*(sc);
 Germany(Bolin): A stp-LVA*, A nwy-STP*, F nth-NWG*, F edi-CLY*, A wal-LPL*(s) by F IRI* F ENG*-mid, A bur-PIC*, A MUN*-bur (s) by A RUH* A TYA*, A vie-BOH*, A SIL*;
 Turkey(Spiekerman): F tun-NAF*, F tys-TUN*, F tus-TYS*, F lyo-MAR*(s) by A PIE*, A VEN*-tya, A tri-VIE*(s) by A BUD*, A ser-TRI*(s) by F ADR*, A rum-SER*, A gre-ALB*, F aeg-ION*, F BLA*

The deadline for Winter, 1908 AND Spring, 1909 is 1.00 PM, Friday, April 7, 1978.

1977 IE Center Distribution:

France: par, bre, por, spa, ~~mar~~, ~~lpl~~ (4) remove two;
 Germany: home, bel, hol, den, swe, mos, war, nwy, stp, lon, edi, ~~vie~~, LPL, (14) even;
 Turkey: home, bul, gre, rum, sev, ser, bud, tri, rom, nap, ven, tun, MAR, VIE (16) build 2.

Press:
 England does not exist, so my move to Wal worked. [Right! Jim McManus also informed me of my error.]

Vienna: The German government began large scale evacuation of this fair city of its German populace. It was felt that since the Turkish nation had tried so hard in the past to capture the city that they should have it. No spot has been picked yet for the populace, but Marseilles seems like a likely spot.

1977 IG Fall, 1904:
 MODERATOR GETS EVEN WITH JONES FOR 1977. IS!

Austria(Grabar): A alb-SER*(s) by A TRI*;
 England(Mueth): F nwy-NTH*, F ENG*-lon F pic-BEL*, F bre (h) /a/, F por-MID*
 France(Jones): [A spa-r-GAS*, F bre-r-mar imp./a/] F bre (s) Italian F spasc-por [imp. nsu as F bre], F WAL*-lon, A ~~WUK*~~ ~~bid~~ A bur-PIC*, A par-BRE*(s) by A GAS*;
 Germany(D. Bryg): A RUH*(s) F kie, F KIE*(s) & A BER*(s) each other, A MUN*(s) A ber; [A bu*-v-ruu*];
 Italy(Dave Ditter): F spasc-POR*, A pie-MAR*, A TYA*(s) A vie, A VIE*(s) Austrian A Tri, F gre-bulsc /d/;

Russia(Michalski): A mos-LVA*, A DEN*-kie (s) by F DAL*, A FRU*-ber, A BUD*-tie (s) by A GAL*, F RUM*;
 Turkey(Neuharth): A ser-alb /a/, F eas-ION*, A con-CRE*(c) by F AEG* & (s) by A BUL*.

Center Distribution:

England: lon, edi, bel, nwy, ~~por~~ (4) one short, even;
 Austria: tri, ~~wd~~, ~~gve~~, SER (2) one short, even;
 France: par, bre, spa, lpl, ~~mar~~ (4) one short, even;
 Germany: home, hol (4) even;
 Italy: home, tun, vie, MAR, POR (7) build 2
 Russia: home, swe, rum, den, BUD (8) build 1
 Turkey: home, bul, ~~gre~~, GRE (5) one short, build one.

The deadline for Winter, 1904 is 1.00 PM, Friday, April 7, 1978.

1977 IG Press:

London: The Royal home guard, under the command of Lord Bigbellows, has been called to duty, by order of the Home Secretary, due to the increase of the bandits activity in the Liverpool and Wales region. "Some of the beggars have slipped into the outer regions of the English countryside" Sir Bigbellows is quoted as saying, "and we will have a handy gallows for everyone of them!" It was noted that his manservant was busy carrying out a large quantity of bags and equipment, "to make it a 'tolerable' journey into 'those' regions" he said, "my Lord, Sir Bigbellows does like his comfort, why I can remember the time we travelled across the Alps and into the regions of central Europe, Lord Bigbellows just insisted that he have his -ork pie, which was just unknown in 'those' regions; it did mean that we had to have an extra carriage just to carry the cook and the supplies."

English Embassy, Moscow: The Royal Ambassador Sir James Edward Mouthful has asked to be received by the Emperor of A-1 Russia Tzar Michalski, to explain to the Tzar that it is quite impossible for a unit of His Majesty's navy to be able to cross "those awful frozen wastes" of interior Russia. The Ambassador has assured the English press that he is sure that "The Tzar will understand."

English Embassy, Rome: In order to show the importance that His Majesty's government attaches to the new Alliance between Italy and England, the first cousin of His Majesty, Duke Arnulph Camillus Dunstan Hamboner de Mueth, has been sent as a special Ambassador to the King and Government of the Kingdom of Italy. It was well known that the new Ambassador at first was somewhat reluctant to go (being a supporter of some of the best taverns in London), until he was assured that Italy was well known (among other things), for having some very good wine; and if that was not enough some of the captured French wine would also be made available to him. One of the reporters did hear him say: 'perhaps I just might find a good drinking buddy in Rome, most of the good fellows here seem to have slowed up abit.' The King is known as being glad to see him go!

1977 IX Winter, 1903:

[For thow of you who are interested, here are Turkey's moves for Fall, 1903:

F ALB*-tri, F AEG*-ion, A GRE*-ser (s) by A bul (A bul /a/)]

Austria(Jones) no adjustments;
 England(Tutacko): build F EDI*, A LON*;
 France(Gibson): no adjustments;
 Germany(Pinelli): A den removed by moderator as an unordered retreat;
 Italy(Mueth): no adjustments;
 Russia(Don Ditter): build A SEV, A WAR;
 Turkey(McManus): no adjustments.

The deadline for Spring, 1904 is 1.00 PM, Friday, April, 7, 1978.

Press:

Rome: The people of Rome have been overjoyed that in answer to the Kings drive of peace with France, that country is sending two units of its Navy to visit Italy.... 'what else can they be but ships of peace' some of the people were heardeto say.... 'we will give them a wonderful Italian welcome said another, with parties, girls, piz-za and wine'.... 'oh, those French sailors look so cute in their uniforms' said another. 'I bet they look even quite cuter without their uniforms' her girl friend was heard to say, who is known to be an avid reader of Plazagirl, a leading magazine for the liberated woman. No one paid any attention when an older man on the outskirts of the crowd said, 'I don't think they are coming here for a vacation!' but his statement was lost in the happy roars of the crowd, after all could so many people be wrong? The French MUST be OUR friends, we have told them that we are THEIRS!

A-1978 Spring, 1902:

ENGLISH WAR MINISTRY LOSES ALL TRACK OF UNITS

Austria(Reges): A vie-TYA*(s) by A TRI*
 A bud-VIE*, A ser-BUL*(s) by F GRE*;
 England(Grabar): A nwy (s) German F den-swe [nsu as "A" nwy; nso], F nth (s) A nwy [nsus], F lon-ENG*, A edi-YOR*; [F nwy /d/]
 France(Christopher): A BEL*-bur (s) by A PAR*, A bre-PIC*, A spa-GAS*, F por-SPA*(sc);
 Germany(Wolf): A MUN*-bur (s) by A MUN* A kie-RUH*(s) by A HOL*, A ber-KIE*, F DEN*(h);
 Italy(Klein): A ven-PIE*, A rom-VEN*, A tun-ALB*(c) by F ION*;
 Russia(B. Bryg): F stpnc-NWY* (s) by A FIN* & F SWE*, A MOS*, F SEV*-bla, A RUM* (s)
 Austrian A ser-bul;
 Turkey(Brown): nmr phantom moves: F ANK*-bla, F smy-AEG*, A CON*(s) A bul (h) /a//a/.

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The deadline for Fall, 1902 in A-1978 is 1.00 PM, Friday, April 7, 1978.

Press, A-1978:

London: Russia, I am very sorry that you find it necessary to go to war. I will fight you in the North. I am sure with communication that an agreeable settlement can be reached. If not, I find that I have friends in other areas of the world that will kick the crap out of you. Sincerely, Dave Grabar.

Paris: We will show the German scum what it means to invade France! When your "commander" has real tears in his eyes, it will be because French troops have slaughtered his troops down to the last man!

Vienna to Rome: Your ally has a big mouth.

Trieste to Paris: Bye-bye, chump.

phantom moves

B-1978, Spring, 1901

NOW, WHAT CAUSED THIS WAR TO BREAK OUT?

- Austria(Christopher): F tri-ALB*,
- Asvie-TRI*, A bud-SER*;
- England(B. Bryg): F edi-NWG*, F lon-NTH* A lpl-YOR*;
- France(Spiekerman): F bre-MID*, A par-PIC*, A mar-BUR*;
- Germany(Brown): NMR! [I need a phantom for this game, any takers?];
- Italy(A ven-PIE*, A rom-VEN*, F nap-ION*) Grabar, Dave;
- Russia(Bolin): F stpsc-BOT*, A mos-STP*, A war-UKR*, F sev-RUM*;
- Turkey(Brawner): A con-BUL*, F ank-CON*, A smy-ANK*.

The deadline for Fall, 1901 is 1.00 PM, Friday, April 7, 1978.

Press:

I call for a seven way draw.

History of World War 1: Countries began to choose up sides, selecting the big, strong countries first and gradually coming down to the little fellows who wore glasses. Some of the smallest and weakest countries thought they would never get chosen and had their feelings hurt.

--Richard Armour

Moscow: The Tsar in an effort to show his peace loving nature called on all nations to vote yes on the seven way draw now before the international congress.

Moscow: The upcoming invasion of Norway is one of strategic importance, we DO care if we fight a certain neighbor. But the ends justify the means.

1939 AB Scenario: Turn 12

YUGOSLAVIA:

- Fire Tasks: IF--1208,1206,1608,1610,1405;
- A13-1408E @ CH20-1010 NE
- AH41-5214D @ Rolls Royce-5018 NE
- AH40-5516E @ " " " DE(1)

Spotted Units:

- Yugoslavian: A13-1408E, 25 pdr-2412C; Mk6-1706F;
- Italian: CH20-1010A, 4C20-2106E, 4C21-2405E

IRAN:

- Fire Tasks:
- Iranian 25 pdr-3130C @ T70-3330B DE(1)

Spotted Units:

- Iranian: Mk6-1317B, ATR-3228, 25pdr-3130C
- Turkish: Pz 38t's--3329D, 3429E, 5118C,
- Pzjgr 47--3430F;
- Russian: T35/inf-1416A, T35-1216A, inf-1315.

LES PAYS-BAS ET SCANDINAVIE:

- Smoke: 0828, 0529, 0629, 0530
- Fire Tasks:
- S400-2418E @ 4B21-1619F NE
- S202-1418C @ L402 & D405-1519 NE
- N100-1424B @ 4B21-1619F NE
- B102-2323C @ " " "
- N101-2517C @ 4A11-2814F NE
- B104-2526B @ " " "
- B103-2432B @ 3B14-2831E NE

Spotted Units:

- German: 3B11-0731F, 4B21-1521E, 4A11-2615E; 5B11-1510E
- Luxembourg: 402-1519B; Swede: S100-2207
- Netherlznds: 100-1424B
- Belgium: 102-2323C; Norway: 402-2115D

RATINGS (as of Turn 12)

- 1. Cottle: 19/0; Goodman: 3/0;
- 3. Frediani: 15/15; 4. Blank: 15/27;
- Bolin, Fong, Fox, and VieBrooks have no score yet.

[I will still accept a player for Poland in 1940. And we do definitely need a US player. The 1940 rules will be AB-8 rules. If you want to play, request assignment from Jim Bumpas. 25¢/turn and a \$2 game fee. Maps & rules provided.]

1939 AB Press:

Sgt. Major Wilcox was originally part of the British Military Mission to Yugoslavia. His job was to train his counterparts in the use of the 25 pdr. But he was more than that now. He had watched while his trainees fired the first shots in the defense of Greco-Slavia, remembering his role as a neutral advisor. Then came the Italian artillery! He was no longer a spectator, but a participant. With the crew he took cover. With the crew he lay there in the sweltering summer heat and hotter detonations. And when playing possum convinced the Italian observers they were dead, with the crew he crawled out to man the undamaged weapon. Covered with sweat, blood, and dust, they loaded the 2-piece shell and waited. Nor in vain! Still shaken from the shelling their first shot went wide. Quick! 7° right, down 1, fire! The impact rolled the AB40 wreckage down the slope a good 20 metres. Now they were a seasoned gun crew. Now Sgt. Major Wilcox was involved.

Sirens blared the alarm through the Albanian night. Yugoslavians had crossed the border! British made Rolls Royce armored cars of the 23rd Recon Bn. had reached the outskirts of the capitol. Troops accustomed to rear area routine rolled out and in spite of their haste, constructed formidable barriers. Now the enemy had a choice: death or drowning.

Ankara: Riots broke out all over the Turkish Republic in response to the recently published Soviet letter. The rioters stormed the Russian Embassy while police looked on. President Bolin was able to save the ambassador and staff only by sending in his own guards. The Government as of yet has taken no action despite the pressure by rioters and citizens. Several generals have threatened to take action if the government does not.

Iran: Overheard in the PzJ47 2714:
"What CP was that we were supposed to take?"

General of Soviet Armies Iran to Moscow: Stalin, Turks coming out like flies. Please advise. Doubt that any further advances can be made without Turkish allowance.

Mussolini's Wars: Mussolini believed in living dangerously.. Since this could best be done during a war, and since the Ethiopians had only spears and shields with which to de-

fend themselves, he unhesitatingly engaged the Ethiopians in battle. The Sharp tongued Ethiopian emperor, Highly Sassy, took refuge under his umbrella and tried to confuse Mussolini by changing the name of his country to Abyssinia. But owing to the courage of the Italian airmen who dropped bombs on the natives despite the risk of being hit by rocks, Mussolini won the first war and his second chest-full of medals.

After receiving his April issue of Time, Chancellor Charlie commented it was okay if Turkey rattled its sabers since sabers would be the only weapons they would have shortly. "Now that the Turks are having problems communicating with the Allies, maybe they will be a little more realistic in their requirements in a German-Turkish alliance. This only serves to prove what I've been saying about the French, British, and Russian governments." "I had forgotten there was a Russian Ambassador in Germany."

NOTES FROM SUBSCRIBERS:

Happy St. Pats day. It's a big thing in St. Paul, but the whole thing is pretty idiotic.
--August Wolf
[I agree, especially since St. Pat was an Italian, anyway. Seems the Irish should have better things to celebrate. My Hood's mostly Irish, too.]

Spring is coming! We have actually had a series of 4 days where the temperature got over freezing! Today it got over 40°!! It's about time!!

--Dennis Klein

[Looks like our winter is over too. We had 3 or 4 days this past week where the temperature was near 80°. One day it went over 80°. Can't wait till summer when the fog comes and cools things down a bit. Now, don't everyone think of moving to California. Remember, we've still got the earthquakes to scare you away. In fact, yes, I think..., that must have been one right there. See? It's awfully dangerous out here. Why, with all the rain we've had you can't even wash your car anymore without it being spoiled in a few days by rain. Some people actually got flat tires in the rain and had to get all wet fixing them.]

