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T.L.O. #1, SPRING 1901(1968B)

ENGLAND: F Lon-Eng, F Edin-Nth, A Liver-York.

(Eddy)

FRANCE: F Brest-Eng, A Par-Bur, A Mar sup A Par-Bur

(Wilcox)

GERMANY: F Kiel-Den: A Berlin-Kiel; A Mun-Ruhr.

(Connelly)

ITALY: A Ven-Tyr, A Rome-Ven, F Nap-Ion

(Walker)

AUSTRIA: A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Ser; <u>F Tri-Vem.</u> (Eeyerlein replaced. Stewart on deadline date)

RUSSIA: F StP-GBoth; A Mos-StP; F Sev-Rum; A War-Ukr.

(McLeod)

TURKEY: A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con; A Smy-Ank

(Rusiecki)

Underlined moves do not succede.

The Fall 1901 deadline is Monday February 26, 1968

# PRESS RELEASES:

No Source given: LHCBEYNQWIIBHMSHBJEBQFBDBIIFYZHHMLSXWGYAHIHZHMGNWII RBDBIIEYQSHFRGRXRIIWMOIHWZBMLAHILBNFEYNANK /That's what you think buster/

From the Encyclopaedia Britannica, 11th Edition (1901), article Church: "The history of the Catholic Church was radically altered by the great victory won by Caesar Borgia at Este in 1501. His complete crushing of the Allied armies there and at Turin in 1502 converted Italy from a collection of minor princely states to a single unified monarchy headed by the Pope. Upon the death of Alexander VI in 1506 (Caesar's victory roused him from near death in 1501), Caesar was elected Pope practically without opposition and assumed the name Peter II. By his death in 1543, the Collige of Cardinals had lost its electoral initiative, and in electing Caesar's eldest son (Pope Alexander VII, 1543-1568), firmlyestablished the hereditary principle in the papacy. Pope Joan II (Lucretia Borgia, 1601-1677) abalished the electoral powers of the College of Cardinals altogether, except in case of disputed succession, and proclaimed the new title of the Church, the Holy Catholic Church in Rome, Hereditary and Mil-

itant. The Pope was simultaneously King (or Queen) of Italy and Imperator et Pontifex Maximus of Urbs Romana. The tradition of taking such Papal names as Alexander, Julius, Joan, Peter, &c. remained with the family. The current Pope, Innocent X, has two children; the eldest, Lucrezia, is generally regarded as the heiress apparent...."

ROME (23 December 1900): The death of the Holy Father, Pope Innocent X, has saddened all of Italy and all the adherants, There can't be many/ throughout the world, of the Church Hereditary and Militant. His Holiness expired at the age of 55, having been Pope for 45 years.

ROME (25 December 1900): At the height of the Annual Yule Orgy, Her Holiness, Pope Joan IV, was crowned by the hands of Her brother, Prince Caesare Borgia, and Her confessor, Lorenzo Cardinal Peericelli. In a short Address Ex Cathedra, Her Holiness said, "Pax vobiscum," and "Procreantes, tuves-omnes." After the Coronation, Her Holines held private audiences with the ambassadors of Austria, France, Russia, Germany, and England, all of whom (at Her direction) were under 25 years of age. Also favored with private audiences were Her Holiness' brother, Caesare, plus Lorenzo Cardinal Peericelli and Her Holiness' cousins Princes Alexander, Julius, Niccolo, Marco, Rosencranz, and Gilderstein Borgia (all sons of Her uncle Prince Giacomo Gorgia; the last two are twins). Her Holiness also issued a rescript to the press noting. "We are looking for a husband. /Sorry I'm spoken for/ He must be rich, young, handsome, influential, healthy, good-natured, and in other ways --uh, suited for the burdens of his office as Our consort. He must not have a jealous nature, naturally. Being related to the Borgia family will help--but then, isn't nearly every member of the European Nobility?"

### To the German Government:

The French Government in comjunction withe RussianGovernment regrets toannounce that if the note delivered to the German Government in the early spring by the French and Russian Foreign Ministries is not answered by February 17, a state of war will be considered to exist between France and Germany.

#### Premier Wilcox

BERLIN, March 11, 1901: The German Government today announced that due to the outbreak of hostilities throughout Europe, German Naval units were rushed into Denmark in a protective capacity.

SAINT FETERSBURG: To the German Government: The Russian Government, in conjunction with the French government, regrets to announce that if the note delivered in the early spring to the German Government by the French and Russian Foreign Ministries is not answered by February 17, a state of war will be considered to exist between Russia and Germany. FOREIGN MINISTRY

Editors Note: When submitting your moves please include the game designation number, 1968E. Also indicate: country, year, and season. Thank you. -sph

Here is a list of unusual abbreviations I will use; Liver = Liverpool; Livon = Livonia; Nth=North Sea; Nwy=Norway; Nwg=Norwegian Sea; in most cases I will spell out a four or five letter name. -soh

#### EDITOR'S CORNER:

There has been quite a bit of discussion between Doug Beyerlein and myself concerning games. Right now I have two local players signed up for a Regular Diplomacy game. And I don't think Doug has anyone signed up. But we are going to pool any players we do get. If there is sufficient interest we will form one more nation wide game. If not we will only run games with local players. I am however going to run my Kriegspiel game if I ever get three more players.

Doug Beyerlein has taken over as Austria in 1968B. Bill Stewart has other committments and is unable to play in the game. Here is Doug's address: Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, Wash . 98116.

Like Rod Walker, I have a few choice comments to tell various people on subjects no pertaining to Diplomacy. But I will not include themin this zine. I am going to reserve these pages for the game of Diplomacy, and related subjects.

The last issue was supposed to include an article on rating systems, and if you have read my last issue you know that it wasn't there. But don't dispair, someday I will run it. The rating system will hopefully vover country ratings, and previous personal ratings. The great falling I see in Mr. McCallum's rating list is that someone who has played several games has a pretty good chance of having a better rating. And it assumes that every country and player has a equal chance of winning. I find this disturbing, and I wo7ld like a system that takes a player's skill into account. This is the king of rating list I would like to see developed.

In the last few weeks I have come across some interesting ideas to make my Diplomacy game more interesting. The first is one I got from <u>BROBDINGNAG</u>. This being the idea of players sending their evaluations of the game as it progresses. This combined with my own comments on the game should make an interesting postgame item.

The second is a poll or vote to be submitted by the players. In this each player rates, on a scale of 6 to -6, all the other players in the order that they think that the others will finish. I will total up all the votes I get and publish them. Of course I will not tell who submitted which set of votes. This vote will take place on each Winter turn. All players interested should submit their votes along with their Winter 1901 builds. Here is the scale for the voting; First 6; Second 4; Third 2; Fourth 0; Fifth -2; Sixth -4; Seventh -6.

My next issue will include an article on Franco-German Diplomacy and strategy.

That's all folks! -sph