

Maelstrom

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The taxpayer assistance fellow, Larry Botimer, had a response to my gentle rib of the Service last issue.

Taxpayer to IRS: "That's not what my accountant says."

IRS to Taxpayer: "Hey, its your money, believe whoever you want to! After all we don't need malpractice insurance."

This tax season has been one of my easier evidenced by the fact that on April 8th I have time to push out a gaming publication. I think my count is about 225 and the large majority were completed by March 20. I have only four extensions. One was pre-arranged by a fellow that said he wasn't coming north from Arizona until the first of May, and the other three are deaths that the spouse or children haven't been able to deal with the taxes yet. Taking a spouse through the year of death tax preparation process is a painful experience, but if it is done gently and well there is a real feeling of having helped.

In the continuing saga of "Sharon gets an Education", the School of Bioengineering decided in its ignorance, that Sharon was not one of the top 18 most qualified of the 400 applicants. She did another 4.0 bringing her to a decimal 3.89 for her career at Huskyville, but without the track that she had set for herself. She has accepted the offer of admission to Graduate School in the Mechanical Engineering Department but now another struggle has to be worked through. The original plan was to do a two year program in Bioengineering for a Masters degree. But there is materializing considerable persuasion to pursue a PhD rather than a Masters. The funding possibilities are much broader and more lucrative, and the value of a Masters in Mechanical Engineering in either industry or academia is questionable. Son Stephen is just finishing eighth grade. I have this vision of Fall 1999 when mother and son commute down the freeway together to class.

Steve only missed one of the six performances with his Chicken Pox. He played in the pit orchestra for the Kingsplayers show. While I was keeping the music director informed of his progress I was asked if I could help in the loft. We use an ancient theater where the drops are all on hand ropes. I said why not. My very first theater experience was running backdrops up and down for a US Army post production in 1961. But when I showed up at dress rehearsal another loft person had been recruited. I went back down to the stage to try and make myself useful. By the time the evening was over I had the headset on, cuing lights, directing properties and the loft, making sure that the players were in the wings for timely entrances and running the grand. (Ah, that's the main curtain.)

Steve proved to be his father's son. He informed me that did not want to play in the pit orchestra next year, he wanted to be on stage! I told the director and he said we were doing 'Annie Get Your Gun' and that there was some young folks needed. Then he said he thought that I ought to audition for Buffalo Bill. I got the bug, I got the bug, I got the bug!

Which carried over to two weeks later. My Barbershop Chorus show is the first week of May. Barbershop shows are a collection of inane one-liners bridging chorus or quartet numbers. But when I looked at the script I knew someone had really screwed up, there was a six number bridging sequence with about thirty five lines. Oh, drool and covert. I nailed that part against six other hopefuls at the audition. MINE!!

Before I do "The Rest of the Story" I would like to insert a little digression. I believe that I have mentioned that Don Williams and I are engaged in a titanic press mud-wrestling contest in Upstart. In the course of which we have labeled each other everything derogatory imaginable including antichrist. Now, Don, want to know this plum of a part I just landed? Its the Keeper of the Pearly Gates, the Archangel himself. And you're not coming in!

MAELSTROM PRIZE GAME COMMENTARY

You know that one or two of the players play postal Diplomacy by funding AT&T with their tithe. Since they participate in the hobby with a telephone stuck to their ear I haven't been able to extract much in the way of written comments. I have been taking the time to write out much of the commentary that they have given to me verbally. As long as someone else wants to pay the telephone bill I'll transcribe all day long.

RUNESTONE and ADR SHEET

Last month I said I was including and ADR Sheet but everything went out without it. The Runestone is included because I'm interested to find out if the chatty lead column gets Maelstrom out of the bottom 5%ile. I enjoy it, but it isn't germane to "competitive Diplomacy".

MAELSTROM PRIZE GAME #1

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Summer 1907

France - R F Tyn - WES Italy - R A Pie - VEN
Austria- R A Gal - BUD Russia (NRR) - R A Stp - OTB

Fall 1907

England - A SIL S Mun - Boh; A Ruh - MUN; F NWG S Nth; F NTH S F Kei - Hel; F Kei - HEL; A Mun - BOH; F BAL C Den - Pru; A Den - PRU

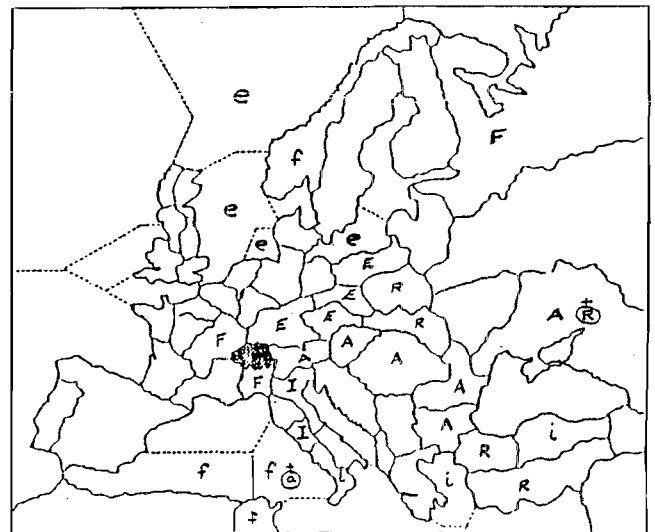
France - A STP S Nwy; F NWY S Stp; F TUN - Ion; F WES S F Lyo - Tyn; F Lyo - TYN; A PIE - Ven; A BUR S ENG A Ruh - Mun

Italy - F Bla - ANK; A VEN - Tus ; F AEG - Con ; F NAP - Ion; A ROM - Tus

Austria - A TYL S ITA A Ven - Pie (NSO); F TYN - Lyo (Anhl); A BUL S A Rum; A RUM S A Ukr - Sev; A BUD S A Rum; A Ukr - SEV; A Boh - VIE

Russia - (NMR) A SEV H (Dis. - Mos, Arm, OTB); A Ank - CON; A WAR H; A GAL H; A SMY H

England - Home, Kei, Den, Hol, Swe, Ber, MUN	9 +1
France - Home, Spa, Por, Bel, Nwy, STP, TUN	9 +2
Italy - Home, {Mun}, {Tun}, {Con}, ANK	4 -1
Austria - Home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul, SEV	8 +2*
Russia - War, Mos, Smy, {Stp}, {Sev}, {Ank}, CON	4 -/-1



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