

# Magus

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When I said I was folding and going to put the games out on a flier I had something a bit less elaborate than this in mind. Considering how well I have come to know myself down through the years, you'd think I would have foreseen that MAGUS would live on. This is probably more of a surprise to me than it is to those of you who know me well.

Anyway, what it comes down to is that MAGUS has undergone more of a metamorphosis than an actual fold. The address list has been trimmed quite a bit, and I'm not accepting subs, so it probably won't grow. In order to be on the address list, there has to be some quality about you that gets you there. For some, the quality is that they are playing or standing by to play, for others, it must be something else.

Diplomacy is a game that I didn't invent nor to which do I hold any right. With that in mind, I hope I'm not stepping on any toes by pubbing this thing. If I am, I'm really sorry, but I don't think it will matter too much if we don't tell anybody.

I want to thank all of you for the support you've given me in this. Except for Kathy and Bob who haven't stopped nagging me since I announced the fold. Don said he want's to try using this as a subzine to Fiat Bellum. I told him I don't want to tie myself to his pubbing schedule, but that I will send him an extra copy to include with Fiat Bellum when he does publish. We'll have to see how that works out.

I'm dropping the maps, to cut down on the size of things, and folding all the addresses into the same list, and tossing all the press into the same box (no more games without any press and no more games with too much press). Since I can't get this printer to underline, I'll spell things out a bit. For the first few times I do it, there may be a bit of a problem with doing it differently, and so, doing it wrong, but I'm sure it will smooth out pretty soon.

ZAT for the next issue is April 15, 1988. I know that that's income tax weekend, but as Dip players, we are all such a bunch of losers (ask the Bad Boys, they'll tell you), that we probably don't pay taxes anyway, right?

Seattle is beautiful, by the way. The hills and the trees and the early morning fog and the water with all the tiny boats and the modern glass skyline combine to make me feel pretty good.

On the downside, I really do have walking pneumonia. Teach me to make dumb jokes. Magic works in weird and wonderful ways, and all to often those things we say in jest are the very truth!

This is the list of those who are getting MAGUS. To be on this list, you have to play, standby, or have some other quality that makes me want to send this to you. What that quality might be, I leave to your imagination.

Gary Behnen	13101 S. Trenton, Olathe, KS	66062
Larry Botimer	13833 11th Street NE #3, Bellevue, WA	98005
Jim Burgess	100 Holden Street 3rd Floor Left, Providence, RI	02908
Ron Cameron	7821 Bouma Circle, LaPalma, CA	90623
Kathy Caruso	29-10 164th St., Flushing, NY	11358
Steven Courtemanche	1021 Penn Circle Apt E-402, King of Prussia, PA	19406
Steven Dorneman	95 Federal Street Apt #2, Lynn, MA	01905
Steve Emmert	1752 Grey Friars Chase, Virginia Beach, VA	23456
Mark Fassio	11579 Mohican Road, Woodbridge, VA	22192
Peter Gaughan	3105 E. Park Row, #132, Arlington, TX	76010
Steve Heinowski	51500 Portman Road, R.D.2, Amherst, OH	44001
Melinda Holley	P.O. Box 2793, Huntington, WV	25727
Mark Howorth	521 55th Street, Oakland, CA	94609
Richard Hurley	341 Wolf Creek Road, Grass Valley, CA	95949
Tom Hurst	2686 Richardson Drive, Fitchburg, WI	53711
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Marshall Linder	RD3 Box 218, Carmichael Road, Owego, NY	13827
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Jeff Martin	2129 Franklin Avenue, Las Vegas, NV	89104
Conrad Minshall	4106 Thain Way, Palo Alto, CA	94306
Robert Olsen	6818 Winterberry Circle, Wichita, KS	67226
Michael Pustilnik	140 Cadman Plaza West, Brooklyn, NY	11201
Bill Quinn	501 Everett Drive, Conroe, TX	77301
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Ben Schilling	45605 Fox Lake East Apt 206, Utica, MI	48087-4228
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This is the place you should look if you want to find out if there are any changes of address in the above. If you want me to include your phone number on the above list, tell me again. I know some of you did and some of you didn't, but I'm too confused to try to do it all from memory, and way too disorganized to try to work it out with research. Oh, by the way, if you want me to change your address, tell me so, don't rely on me digging it out of other zines as I have often done in the past. I find that I am not reading zines all that much anymore.

1982 CH The Aliens' Game Autumn and Fall and Winter 1925

The concession to England failed to pass. There is an AIR and AEIR draw proposed. Please vote with your orders.

AUS (Steve 3) A GAL S RUS A WAR, A RUM-Sev(fails),  
A SER S ITA F BUL(ec)  
ENG (Jeff 17) (A Mun R RUH); A RUH - Mun(fails), A MOS H,  
A LVN S A MOS, A Yor-KIE, F NTH C A Yor-KIE, F HEL C A Yor-KIE  
A PRU S A Kie-BER, A Kie-BER, F Ber-BAL, F BOT H, F Nat-MID,  
F Mid-WES, F SPA(sc) S F Mid-WES, F NAF S F Mid-WES, A MAR H  
A BUR S A MAR  
FRA (Mike 1) F POR H  
ITA (Jim 10) A MUN H, A BOH S A MUN, A TYA S A MUN, F Con-BLA,  
F BUL(ec) S F Con-BLA, F TUN-Wes (fails), F TYH S F TUN-Wes,  
F ION-Tun(fails), F GOL-Mar(fails), F PIE S F GOL-Mar  
RUS (Andy 3) A UKR-Mos(fails), A WAR S A UKR-Mos,  
F Bla-Sev(fails, dislodged)

Winter 1925 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Bud Rum Ser	+0; even
ENG	Edi Lon Lpl Den Bel Swe Kie Bre Nwy Hol Par Ber Mun(lost) Stp Spa Mar War(lost) MOS	-1; even
FRA	Por	[0; even
ITA	Nap Rom Tun Con Gre Smy Ven Bul Tri Vie MUN	+1; builds 1
RUS	Mos(lost) Ank Sev WAR	+0; even or builds 1

1987 CV New Kids Autumn and Fall and Winter 1903

There were two NMRs this time. I suppose it has something to do with the schedule. Sorry about that. Will Dick Martin please send in orders for what's left of Germany? Will Mark Weseman please send in orders for Turkey? Their addresses are in the address list.

AUS (Russ 7) A BOH S FRE A Bur-MUN, F Adr-ION, F Ion-TUN,  
A Ven-ROM, A Tya-VEN, A Ser-BUL, A Bud-SER  
ENG (Don 3) F Den-KIE, F Nth-DEN, F Wal-LON  
FRA (Steve 6) A MAR S A Gas-BUR, A Gas-BUR, A Bur-MUN,  
F ENG-Bel(fails), A BEL-Ruh(fails), F MID-Eng(fails)  
GER (NMR 6) (F Den R OTB); A Mun H(u) (dislodged), A RUH H(u),  
F HEL H(u), F NWY H(u), A HOL H(u)  
ITA (Bob 3) F NAP H, F EAS-Smy(fails), A Pie-TUS  
RUS (Ron 6) A Sil-BER, A UKR S F RUM, F RUM S AUS A Ser-BUL,  
A ARM-Smy(fails), F SWE S A Stp-NWY, A Stp-NWY  
TUR (NMR 3) F AEG H(u), A CON H(u), F Bul(ec) H(u) (dislodged)

Winter 1903 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Bud Tri Vie Ser Bul Gre Ven ROM TUN	+2; builds 2
ENG	Edi Lon Lpl DEN KIE	+2; builds 2
FRA	Bre Mar Par Por Spa Bel MUN	+1; builds 1
GER	Ber(lost) Kie(lost) Mun(lost) Den(lost) Hol Nwy(lost)	-5; removes 4
ITA	Nap Rom(lost) Tun(lost)	-2; removes 2
RUS	Mos Stp War Rum Swe Sev NWY	+1; builds 1
TUR	Ank Con Smy	+0; even

New Kids Bourse

Short Sales: Aus Eng Fra Ger Ita Rus Tur  
 Opens at: 4.78 4.81 4.70 4.49 1.86 4.67 2.92

GBMS 0 0 0 0 0 675 0  
 IBD 0 0 0 0 675 0 0

Bourse: Aus Eng Fra Ger Ita Rus Tur

OGRE	+3317	-675	-675	-675	-675	-675	-675
GBMS	+3312	-675	-675	-675	-675	0	-675
GM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IBD	+2000	-675	-675	-675	0	+400	-675
FLG	-675	-675	-675	-675	-675	+3400	-675
H&HA	-675	0	-675	-675	-675	+2759	-675
BOND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LSD	+1200	-522	0	0	-675	0	-675
SLM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FBNC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Short Adjustments:

GBMS sells 648 Austrian Crowns to cover Short Sales

Final Portfolio:

Company	Aus	Eng	Fra	Ger	Ita	Rus	Tur	Rank	\$\$
OGRE	9621	3724	4234	2406	3623	11350	11444	2446	13.60
GBMS	2664	9792	8369	6192	3190	12095	3922	2371	4.24
GM	7180	6429	3656	7339	2100	2936	1139	1603	1.73
IBD	10000	2550	6250	325	1000	1025	2075	1583	264.50
FLG	2191	6050	1375	6994	1956	8906	2450	1408	26.82
H&HA	6905	0	1325	7075	650	3649	2955	1168	4.43
BOND	4013	0	0	7715	730	7575	0	1046	940.89
LSD	3700	0	3400	5600	47	2300	547	854	322.64
SLM	1590	650	2730	0	0	565	1950	427	9.45
FBNC	650	0	0	0	0	650	0	96	11318.46

Closing Price & SC	Aus	Eng	Fra	Ger	Ita	Rus	Tur
	5.62	4.49	4.37	4.16	1.52	5.45	2.52
	9	5	7	2	1	7	2

1986 A Slowtime Spring 1908

ENG (Tom 7) F Nth-NWG, F Nwg-BAR, A Nwy-Swe(fails, dislodged)  
 F MID-Por(fails), F HOL S F Eng-NTH, F Eng-NTH, F HEL S GER F DEN  
 FRA (Bill 2) F POR-Mid(fails), A Spa-MAR  
 GER (Melinda 3) A RUH S A KIE-Mun, A KIE-Mun(fails),  
 F DEN S ENG F Nth-Ska(nso)  
 ITA (Larry 5) A Ven-Apu(fails, dislodged), A TYA-Ven(fails), F Tun-TYH  
 F ALB-Ion(fails), F NAP S F ALB-Ion  
 RUS (Don 12) F STP(nc) S F Ska-NWY, A Mos-LVN, F SWE S F Ska-NWY,  
 F Ska-NWY, A Mun-BUR, F Bal-BER, F ION-Nap(fails), A SER S A TRI,  
 A VIE-Tya(fails), A TRI S TUR A Apu-VEN, A BOH S A SIL-Mun,  
 A SIL-Mun(fails)  
 TUR (Faz 5) A Bul-GRE, F AEG-Ion(fails), F EAS S F AEG-Ion,  
 F SMY-Aeg(fails), A Apu-VEN

1987 AL Euro Style Fall, Autumn and Winter 1905

AUS (Kathy 4) A Tri-TYA, A VIE S A Tri-TYA, A VEN S A Tri-TYA(cut),  
 F ROM S TUR F Ion-TYH  
 FRA (Rick 8) A Mar-PIE, F Tyh-Ion(fails, dislodged NRR OTB),  
 F Mid-SPA(sc), A Tya S GER A BOH-Vie(nso dislodged NRR OTB),  
 F WES-Tyh(fails), F TUN S F Tyh-Ion, F Eng-MID, A LPL H(u)  
 GER (Bob 7) A EDI-Lpl(fails), F NTH H(u), F DEN H(u), A BOH-Vie(fails),  
 F IRI H(u), A SIL H(u), A Kie-MUN  
 ITA (Terry 1) F NAP S TUR F Ion-TYH  
 RUS (Richard 6) A MOS-Sev(fails), A UKR S A Gal-RUM, A Gal-RUM,  
 A War-GAL, A Swe-NWY  
 TUR (Larry 8) F Eas-ION, A Con-BUL, F GRE S F Eas-ION, F Ion-TYH,  
 A Rum-Ukr(fails dislodged R SER), A SEV S A Rum-Ukr(cut),  
 F BLA S A SEV, A BUD S AUS A VIE

Winter 1905 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Tri Ser(lost) Ven Rom VIE	+0; even
FRA	Bre Mar Par Por Spa Lpl Lon Tun	+0; plays 2 short
GER	Ber Kie Mun Den Bel Hol Edi	+0; even
ITA	Nap	+0; even
RUS	Mos Stp War Swe Nwy Vie(lost) RUM	+0; builds A STP
TUR	Ank Con Smy Bul Rum(lost) Sev Bud Gre SER	+0; even

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Spring 1902

AUS (Gary 5) A Tri-TYA, A Rum-GAL, A BUD S A Rum-GAL, A Vie-BOH  
 F Gre-ION  
 ENG (Mike 4) A NWY-Swe(fails), A LON-Nwy(fails), F NTH C A LON-Nwy,  
 F Nwg-BAR  
 FRA (Richard 6) F Bre-MID, F Mar-GOL, A Par-BUR, F Por-SPA(sc),  
 A Spa-GAS, A BEL H(u), A Pic H(nsu)  
 GER (Mark 5) A Ber-PRU, A SIL S A Ber-PRU, A Mun-KIE, A HOL H,  
 F DEN-Swe(fails)  
 ITA (Steve 4) F Nap-TYH, F Tyh-WES, A Tun-NAF, A Ven-PIE  
 RUS (Larry 3) A War-UKR, A MOS S A War-UKR, F BOT-Swe(fails)  
 TUR (Kathy 5) A Ank-ARM, A Bul-RUM, F BLA S A Bul-RUM, F Smy-AEG,  
 A SEV-Ukr(fails)

I hope those are easier to read than they were to type. I kept forgetting to type the fails after the failed moves. I think I caught them all on the retry, though. Besides, I don't like the word to start with. What does (fails) have to do with a move that was cutting a support? Still, it is the equivalent of the underline (which my manuals still tell me my machine does...now if they would only tell the machine) and I never had too much problem with that.

Do you know how many Bad Boys it takes to screw in a light bulb? None, Bad Boys aren't afraid of the dark. That's why they were their shades after the Sun goes down.

In case you missed it earlier, ZAT for all of the above is April 15, 1987. Those of you who missed Bourse orders are forgiven. To tell the truth, I wasn't sure if I would be including the Bourse or not. By the way, the sales limit will be 700 units next time.

GM to EVERYONE: Welcome to total confusion. In order to let you get your press in, without the embarrassment of games filled with press from only one person (sometimes none), I'm trying something new. All the press intermixed.

Slimy Dogs/RUSSIA to FRANCE: Your silence is appreciated. Thank you.

New Kids/LONDON to ROME & ANKARA: Both of you ready to go down with a whimper? Woes upon woes....

Slowtime/FAZ to LARRY: Hope you guessed right (what AM I saying??). Good luck, oh Shrinking Green.

Slowtime/LARRY THE SILENT to FAZWHAN: What's to say?

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to FRANCE: So where's my alimony - you screwed me!

Euro Style/RIN TIN to MAD MADAM OF FLUSHING MEADOW: It's readily apparent that the Hurley-Kohman bullshit machine is in full swing. What's sad is that an old hand like Terry actually believes them. Ah well, like you say, the F/G steam roller is moving fast and will be unstoppable soon.

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Put a muzzle on it. The more you talk, the more Italy is determined to ally with Frog Face. Let me handle the sexy one.

Slowtime/LARRY THE SILENT to NEW NEIGHBOR GM: I repeat; what's to say?

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to ITALY: Oh Terry, you gorgeous hunk of man, ignore Botimer's stupidity - deal only with me - we'll both enjoy it a lot more!

Euro Style/Italy: Kathy made me do it!

GM to NOT SO SILENT LARRY: A Bit trite, but always safe.

Euro Style/TURKEY to ITALY: Well, I must say it's a ballsy decision to entrust the family jewels to Kathy.

Euro Style/KATY-CAKES to HOBBY SEX GHOD: The Frog is not a white knight, he's a two faced creep. Sort of a cross between Sacks and Slossar.

Bourse/OGRE to GM: I've discovered TITAN! I'm going to Baltimore to personally explain to Avalon Hill how I feel about their representing ogres as the weakest creatures on the board! It's a great game, though.

GMS to GM: And another one bites the dust!

New Kids/WILLIAMS to GM: I am not an English Major, I'm an English King. House of (H)York and all that rot. There's a big difference, you know.

GM to NKW: I guess that would explain it all right.

Euro Style/TURKEY to RUSSIA: My, my, has the communication dried up from you since you went about sticking it to me in "Slimy Dogs"! I won't forget. I'm calling for the Ayatollah of Afghanistan to invade your Moslem provinces.

New Kids/ENGLAND to RUSSIA: Just who the hell is the Reb? Damn it, I knew Holley was in this, I just knew it.

Euro Style/AUSTRIAN BODYGUARD to HEAD WOP: And I couldn't think of a better body to guard.

Euro Style/LARRY to RICK: Don't support Germany to Iceland, support the Russian there! Then I'll pray to Allah so the whole place will blow up in a volcanic explosion. Either that or he'll be frozen in a glacier.

New Kids/RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: If there must be war between us, it won't be because the Tsar started it. If you pre-empted, Don will come out smelling like roses. And the Queen that he truly is.

GM to WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Don says that he's a King. Shows how much he knows.

New Kids/ENGLAND to AUSTRIA: Excuse me for pointing this out, but don't you have this just about locked up? You've invaded or are in striking distance of everything in sight. I'm the only one you can't attack within one year's time. I think I'm insulted...what's the matter, aren't my dots good enough for you?!

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to GERMANY: France is right, you don't look very appetizing yet. He's waiting to have you as his main course!

Slowtime/FAZ to TH, aka RALPH: Good gnome, why the roaring silence? We may not have seen eye to eye on recent moves, but surely a card to say hey? No matter - as our nations are now OFFICIALLY AT WAR, we shall see enough of each other in the near future, wot? En garde!

Slimy Dogs/TURKEY to GERMANY: Okay, I won't tell anyone that we're secretly allied!

Slimy Dogs/LARRY to GREEDY: I hope Della keeps sending me this game when I'm history cause to watch you, the bloodsucker, will be a treat.

GM to SLIMY LARRY: Is she scheduled to do the Hootchy-Coo?

Euro Style/BELLEVUE to EVERETT: Ah come on. The only people dumber than Woody are people who get hamster shit all over themselves by trying to handle six of them at once and people who live in Everett, Snohomish County, home of Reagan's next base for obsolete naval vessels.

GM to EVERETT and BELLEVUE: Is this a local game now?

Slimy Dogs/RIN TIN to MAD METSOMANIAC: You ought to save my ass here just because I found Derek for you. He's cheesecake for you.

New Kids/REVIVAL-ON-THE-THAMES to GM: When I called Iron fist a "winner", I meant he was a "Winner", not a "WINNER". Don't you understand anything?

GM to REVIVAL: Everything was clear right up to your explanation.

New Kids/WILLIAMS to DEAD ANIMAL: Set yourself on fire, it'll be less painful that way.

GM to WILLIAMS: Well, so I exaggerated when I said everything.

Euro Style/TURKEY to ITALY: Only a California nut would think there was some health benefit to putting sunflower seeds in your shorts and only he can imagine what it is! Metaphorically, of course.

Slowtime/RUSSIA to FLASH: As you can see, all the body parts moved in concert with your masterful manipulation of the strings.

Slowtime/DUCK to SWEETBOOTS: Er, not all body parts...for some manipulations, even a master is not skilled enough, and a true Goddess is needed. Care to play a tuneful melody, Favored One?

GMS to DON: The last time we tried something like that, I was spitting feathers for a month.

Slowtime/DUCK to FLASH: Wonder what these guys (and gal) would think if they knew the truth about who is playing jester to the clown in our little three-ring. Hmmm?

GM to RUSSIAN DUCK: You give 'Puppet Dictator' a whole new meaning.

Slimy Dogs/LARRY to CRUEL CARUSO: You don't know what you've got till it's gone. Who'll you kick when I'm dead?

GM to LARRY: She can always fall back on Mushbrain.

New Kids/ENGLAND to FRANCE: I pray ye listened to me...for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.

New Kids/ENGLAND to GM: Did you get it? Did you catch that literary allusion? Huh?! Didja?!

GM to NKE: In your case its more literary illusion.

Slimy Dogs/KK to MOOSEMAN: Sure, I'll give you help - I'll do anything to confuse the Frenchman.

GM to SDKK: Does that include the Hootchy Coo?

Bourse/FLG to SLM: People have regained their senses. They are either selling or shorting English Crowns down to the man.

Bourse/ENGLAND to BOURSE: Couldn't help but notice the plummet last time guys - Fleet Street execs were lining up at the high-rise windows. Still, you couldn't have known that we'd get the G/R/F to back off by threatening to surround the island with gasoline. Yeah, we swore we'd torch the whole place, from the North Sea to the Irish Sea...scared the craziness right out of 'em. And we'd have done it, too. Just goes to show what a little Limey ingenuity can do for you.

Slimy Dogs/ITALY to FRANCE: The boat in Marseilles tells me there will be no peace between us.

GM to SDI: Boats talk to you? I'm impressed!

New Kids/RUSSIA to FRANCE: Someone has told you lies about me that are not true.

GM to NKR: As opposed to the lies that are true?

Slimy Dogs/KATHY to DAF: Tell me it ain't so, MAGUS is too good to fold. How about convincing the old guy that he's getting a second wind?

GM to SDK: I need a second wind just to breath these days.

Euro Style/KK to GM: Oh please don't fold! There aren't many good zines around and I really don't like losing one of my favorites.

GM to ESKK: Sorry kiddo, unless the magic time fairy comes through and gives me a much shorter commute, this is it.

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to EFG: Gee, guys, pretty soon you'll be wearing matching T-shirts and caps.

Slowtime/TURKEY to HOLLEYHOBBY: Hi, gorgeous! Thanks for the recent letter - I was beginning to think you'd gotten struck down with "Williams-itis," that crippling scourge of young pbm Dippers, where the hand goes numb for weeks at a time. Hope all's well with you, and gird yourself for the coming fight!

New Kids/WILLIAMS to ALL: Be sure to get my new best-selling book, "WINNING THROUGH INSIPIDNESS, a Panderer's Guide to Whining Your Way to the Top." Available in English, Turkish, and Italian, wherever fine S&M devices are sold.

GM to NKW: Winning through Whining? Are you sure you and Olsen are two different people?

Slimy Dogs/PARIS to WORLD: I just got my full color poster of Kathy Caruso chain whipping a gaggle of geriatric nuns. Looks great on the nursury wall! My new (well three month old) daughter looks at it all day with rapture in her eyes. I whisper "Geddouta my way, yous lousy bums." to her every night, and she coos back: "I'm gonna rip yous lungs out, fish-breath." I'm training her to cope with press from Flushing.

Slimy Dogs/KK to RIN TIN: The only one dumb enough to ally with you is the Frenchman, go look under some rocks that's usually where he can be found.

Euro Style/THE GREAT MOSQUE IN SMYRNA: Once again the voice rings out from the minaret. "Thanks be to Allah". "Thanks be to Allah," intones the crowd in the square below. "Thanks be to Allah," the voice continues. "Thanks be to Allah," the crowd repeats. "We have found a strange new friend among the infidels," the voice cries. The crowd stares at each other in perplexed silence. "Praise be to Allah for he works in mysterious ways," the voice announces. "Praise be to Allah," comes the automatic response. More puzzled silence.



GM to NKW: So, how did it happen that all you guys fell into all those German Dots? Something to Rusnak's credit?

New Kids/WILLIAMS to RUSNAK: Yes, Russ, we sent the conditionals as you ordered. No, Russ, we didn't forget any contingencies. Sure, Russ, I'll pick up some bread on the way home from work. Honestly, Russ, I'm not being flip. Never, Russ, never.

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Look Rin Tin, go bury your bones in someone else's back yard.

Euro Style/TURKEY to FRANCE: Sure, once I take Kathy's home centers she's overextended and can't build to recover. I'd let her have Smyrna, but she says she can't stand listening to the Mullah in mosque.

Slimy Dogs/KATHY to GREEDY: Listen daddy, I know your daughter is taking up a lot of your time - but if we don't communicate it could be fatal!

Slowtime/TSAR DUCK to KINGNOME: Have at ye, then! We shall trade thee, steel for steel, salvo for salvo...it is honor to do battle with brave warriors.

Euro Style/TURKEY to ITALY: No he only talks that way because he's jealous. Russia wanted Kathy for his one and only ally against Imperial Germany and she turned him down.

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: If you don't wake up, those 15 centers of F/G are going to increase by at least 4 of yours!

New Kids/JACK NICHOLSON to MUNICH: Heeere's Johnny!!

Slowtime/RUSSIA to GERMANY: Just point me to the exit sign and I'll be on my way.

Euro Style/LARRY to TOADFATHER: That's alright, a little mindless toadyism is good for the soul. I've been Millie's mindless main toady since I joined the hobby.

Slowtime/RUSSIA to FRANCE: Hi, Bill...do you know how weird it looks to see France free of occupation forces, and French forces hunkering down in the Iberian? Patience, mon ami...you have already won the war of nerves.

Slimy Dogs/ITALY to TURKEY: Just as you have requested, so have I done. Behold.

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Fondling? Perhaps you've mistook a gentle nudge? I, too, subscribe to bitchy pay backs, so beware, foul Mets fan, Clark may be in the "Big Apple", but "Little" Bob Horner's in his 1st base corner in old St. Louis!

GM to ANYONE: I think that was in code. Something to do with Don's infamous Clark Bar contest, perhaps?

New Kids/MARSHAL NEY to PARIS: I will breeng zees "Bubbles" back to you een an iron cage.

Slowtime/MOSCOW to ANKARA: Time to play "Crack the Whip"!

Euro Style/AUSTRIA to GERMANY: It's time for the Mets. Do you think they'll be able to win the pennant before Frog Face stabs you?!

GM to SM&A: I think we slipped into Black Press there, somewhere. Hard to say for sure. And even if we did, who'd care?

Slowtime/RUSSIA to GERMANY: Are you packing fudge? I'd trade 1/2 my dots for some good fudge.

GM to STR: But which half?

New Kids/France to RUSSIA: I'll join you...You do enough purloining for both of us.

GM to NKF&R: Is this some sort of a fudge caper?

Slowtime/F IONIAN to ITALY: Go on...do it...(for the record, seeing Russian F Ionian seems really strange to me, too.)

Slimy Dogs/MOOSE to "SULTAN": Do I understand that your "harem" consists of John? Yeesh, talk about ugly...

Slowtime/DUCK to FLASH: Cap'n, thy name is Legion.

Slimy Dogs/STEVE to MIKE: Okay, no more fence-sitting. Who's your pal?

New Kids/ENGLAND to FRANCE: It's like I said, writing is greatly over-rated...Actions speak louder than words. You said a mouthful last time. Thanks.

Slimy Dogs/ITALY to GERMANY: How did we get stuck with such big, mean, ambitious neighbors?

Slowtime/TURK to RUSSKIE: No news is good news...? I've said it's "in the bag," but let's not get lackadaisical here!

Slimy Dogs/ROME to PARIS: Go attack England...You can't have the Med.

New Kids/PARIS to LONDON: Your sarcasm is duly noted and well-taken. I offer apologies and have, as you have noticed, repented.

Slimy Dogs/MOOSE to KK: I am just magnanimous enough to decline to point out your spelling mistakes. (The cheesecake was good, though.)

Bourse/FLG to FBNC: I'd love to know where you're going to put those dollars.

Slowtime/FLASH to QUILL: Bummer on the no-shows for the Big Bucks prize game...ah well, I'll consider the \$150 as quick-return tax refund money. Nice of you to try and have such a game, by the way. As for this one: Hang on! One of us will try a link-up here, I'm sure!

Bourse/FLG to GM: With the desertion of Slush and Bupr, it certainly is going to be hard to raise prices above the \$6.00 mark, never mind the \$10.00. There just aren't enough players.

GM to BFLG: The Bourse and the Prize Game seem to have similar problems. Not enough players to generate the big bucks.

New Kids/VIRGINIA BEACH: As I write, it's Super Tuesday. Politics and sunshine are in the air here in beautiful Virginia. Ah, Spring, when young men's thoughts turn lightly to killing Germans and grinding their flesh into sausage to be fed to pit bull terriers. Such a beautiful day - I believe the magnolias will be blooming within a couple of weeks....

Bourse/FLG to GM: I can do IBD one better. The FLG investment company doesn't steal its money, we print it.

Bourse/FLG to PRINTER: Hey, Charley. is that load of Austrian Crowns ready yet?

Slimy Dogs/FLUSHING to BROOKLYN: Why do you think you're a snob from the Upper East Side? You live in Brooklyn, not Manhattan!

Euro Style/ST. PETE to VIENNA: Took your advice and asked a friend how to play this game. He said: Count your dots, and if you're ahead of Kathy Caruso, you're ready for Intermediate play.

Bourse/FLG to GeM: I'm intending on closing in on you next. That's going to take three game years though.

GM to BFLG: Does that mean you're ready for intermediate play?

Bourse/FLG to GMS: We might as well relax in the meantime. How's the temperature of the hot tub? Ahhh!

GM to BFLG: That's advanced play. You'd better stick to the Bourse.

Bourse/FLG CURRENCY UPDATE: \$4.03/unit of currency, but I think we may have peaked.

Slimy Dogs/KK to MOOSEMAN: Are you going to do something intelligent this time - now that would be novel!

New Kids/RUSSIA to ENGLAND: You suckered us good this time. Does that make us even?

GM to NKR: No, you will always be a bit odd.

Slimy Dogs/TURKEY to GERMANY: It's a piece of cake - Botimer is too dumb to realize he's being attacked. Just ask his fleas; they've been attacking him for years and he's yet to buy a flea collar!