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Consider this my official Marco Poll ballot. I still get (and read) about nine zines. The top five, based upon a totally subjective rating scheme, are: HOUSE OF LORDS (the only one that I immediately read cover to cover); PERELANDRA (the literary extracts give it the edge over number three); FIAT BELLUM; CHEESECAKE; and W/KK. Two of the remaining four get perusal with a scan of any interesting looking parts, one gets a scan with a reading of interesting parts, and one gets trashed without pulling the staples. Hey, I did not ask to be on the mailing list and I am not a feud fan. I wasn't counting the mass of mass mailings that Tattletale sends me. Those all go into a file. Perhaps, someday, I will do a mass mailing of my own and call it the Tattletale Papers.

Speaking of Tattletale, I have heard an unconfirmed story that one of the people who has denied sending Tattletale copies of the various zines he seems privy to calls him and reads them to him instead. I doubt this myself, I'm sure that Tattletale does any calling involved. If the story is true I am sure that the denial is only a form of mind wrasslin', and is well within accepted behavior for Tattletale and his friends. If the story is not true, I am sure the practice is still well within the accepted behavior for Tattletale and his friends. But then, I'm sure it comes to no surprise to any of you that I don't have a very high opinion of Tattletale and his friends.

In reply to a private query about Tattletale, I don't know why the Tattletale/Byrne feud has heated up again. Kathy has done nothing more than she ever does, which is treat Tattletale to her total despite. No new items there. Perhaps now that the most important and influential poll of all time (oops, I forgot statistically significant) has been run, Tattletale got bored.

And now, to your complete relief (and, I am sure, mine) I will drop this topic. If you are lucky, it will turn into a dog toy, and none of us will ever see it again. That's what happens to most of the things I drop around here. It is a charming sight, seeing two dogs running down the hall with one item stretched between their mouths. Charming, that is, until you realize that it is another one of your socks.

The cats have adjusted totally. Ashes gives the puppies a 'killer look' and they back off. Soxer (our tiny cat) spits and runs. The puppies like Soxer much more than they like Ashes. Can't say I blame them, she plays the kind of games they like. All Ashes ever wants to play is 'Tear the nose off the Puppy'. That games isn't as much fun for puppies as it is for Ashes.

It is nearly Christmas. The boys have been compiling wish lists. The lists change on an hourly basis, but it looks like batteries will be a big item again this year. As usual, Daf I and I will be exchanging our gifts in private. We still don't know how to wrap them.

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.

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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. Oh, by the way, if you want me to change your address, tell me so.

Standby list: Mark Keller, Dick Martin, Melinda Ann Holley, Jim Burgess, Tom Hurst, Bill Quinn, Don Williams, Mike Pustilnik, Larry Botimer, Andy Lischett, Richard Hurley, Rick Kohman, and Glenn E. L. Petroski.

Steve & Daf Langley 14609 203rd. Ave. SE, Renton, WA 98056

ZAT for the games will be December 23, 1988.

Please send all mail to the above address. The post office box will expire sooner or later. Not that I use it any more. The post office has been asked to forward all mail.

1987 CV New Kids Spring 1906

The draw and the concession have failed to pass. The concession to Austria has been repropoed. Thanks to Bob Olsen for the unused standby orders. Welcome back Don.

AUS (Russ Rusnak 12) F Tri-ADR, A GAL S A Boh-SIL, A BUD S A RUM, A VEN H, A Ukr-Sev(fails, dislodged), A Ber-PRU, A BUL S A RUM, F AEG S A BUL, A Boh-SIL, A RUM H(u), F Tyh-ION, F Ion-EAS
ENG (Don Williams 4) F IRI H, A DEN S AUS A Ber-Kie(fails, nso), F NWY-Nth(fails), F WAL H(u), F Eng-Nth(fails, nsu)
FRA (Steve Emmert 10) F Bre-ENG, A Par-PIC, F MID S F Bre-ENG, A BUR S A MUN, A Spa-MAR, A MUN S AUS A Ber(fails, otm), A KIE-Den(fails), A HOL-Kie(fails), F EDI S F Bel-NTH, F Bel-NTH
RUS (Ron Cameron 5) A MOS S A Sev-UKR, A Sev-UKR, F Bal-SWE, A WAR S A Sev-UKR, A Lvn-STP
TUR (Mark Weseman 3) F CON-Bul(ec)(fails), F ANK-Con(fails), A SMY S F ANK-Con

1987 CV New Kids Press

RUS to AUS: So nice of you to contribute to the press section. CAT got your tongue?

RUS to ENG: It's a dog eat dog world, isn't it.

GM to RUS: In this case it's more a frog eat duck world.

RUS to GM: Any chance of attending Dipcon next year? That would be rich, a Dip and a Daf and a Duck.

GM to RUS: I'll ask her if she plans to attend.

GM to AUSTRIA: Send out more samples...Who Cares!?! Okay, so you want to GM some more games. Go out and get novices. Those are the only ones who actually know how to play the game.

ENG to AUS: Your chance is slip-sliding away, along with my coountry, my dots, and my interest.

FRANCE to RUSSIA: Gee, I didn't see any proposal for a concession to Austria. If we can agree on it, shall we call this the War of the Austrian Concession?

1987 AL Euro Style Spring 1909

The F/G/R and A/T draws failed to pass. A F/G/T draw is proposed.

AUS (Kathy Caruso 2) A Gal-VIE, A TRI S A Gal-VIE
FRA (Rick Kohman 8) A MAR S A PIE, F ROM S F Tyh-NAP, A GAS H, F TUN-Ion(fails), F Tyh-NAP, F Gol-TYH, A PIE S GER A Tus-VEN, F WES S F Gol-TYH
GER (Bob Slossar 9) A MUN S A Ven-TYA, A KIE H, F HEL H, F BAL H, F NAT H, A BOH S A Sil-GAL, A Sil-GAL, A Tus-VEN, A Ven-TYA
RUS (Richard Hurley 5) A Stp-LVN, A MOS S A UKR, A UKR S GER A Boh-GAL, A NWY H, A WAR S GER A Boh-GAL
TUR Larry Botimer 10) F Nap S F Ion-Tyh(poof), F ADR C A Alb-APU, A ARM-Sev(fails), A RUM-Gal(fails), A Alb-APU, A SEV-Rum(fails), F BLA S A ARM-Sev, A BUD S AUS Gal-VIE, F EAS-Ion(fails), F ION-Tyh(fails)

1987 AL Euro Style Press:

A/T to FRANCE: Has it occurred to you that after we've given him back Sev & Rum he could bully us? Naw, you just think we're stupid.

Rin Tin to Katie: Yeah, but you have to play down to the level of your competition. Besides you're just right with two units, anyway.

Larry - GM: Anyway you can end this mercifully?

GM to LARRY: Nothing comes to mind.

LINDY to RIKKO: You didn't chase me away! I was just being held prisoner in a Chocolate Factory...

SPACEY KIBITZER to RIN TIN BO(T): You go for women who do the unexpected, right? Well, I knew you were expecting us to rendezvous at Hobby Holly's "Scarecrow," so I decided to show up here instead! Now, you want to get a banana split with two spoons? Daf knows where they keep the hot fudge around here...

L. L. to L. L.: It seems we are both doing our (very) slow fade from the hobby at the same time. Experts foresee a 53% drop in the hobby's total press output when we go!

LINDY to WORLD: Sorry, but I can't guarantee I'll take Cochise with me...

THE OTHER L. L. to LINDY: There goes your 53% figure.

KATIE - RIN TIN: And I thought the last set of moves you dictated were stupid, these are even dumber! I must say one thing - you do keep me amused!

KK to RIKKO: When someone is brain dead, it really doesn't matter if you bully them or treat them nice - the results are the same - no brain waves.

VIE - MOS: Bush gets my vote - the F/G/R gets trashed!

AUST - RUSS: I didn't know you were running for Vice Prez - you village idiots really do get around.

AUS - GER: Do something - anything - attack - just end my torture!

1986 A Slowtime Fall 1911

Thanks to Kathy and Dick for the unused standby orders. The R/T draw failed to pass and has been repropoed. There is a concession to Russia proposed, also.

ENG (Tom Hurst 5) F NAT S F MID, F BRE S F MID, F IRI S F MID,
F MID S FRE F POR, F ENG S F MID
FRA (Bill Quinn 4) A Spa-GAS, A Par-PIC, F POR H
ITA (Larry Botimer 1) A Apu-TUN
RUS (Don Williams 14) A Ber-MUN, A NWY H, F Bar-NWG, A Swe-DEN,
A HOL S A Ruh-BEL, A RUM H, F Den-NTH, A Mun-BUR, A Ven-PIE,
A Ruh-BEL, A Kie-RUH
TUR (Flash Fassio 10) A Ser-ALB, A NAP H, F Aeg-GRE, A Rom-VEN,
A TRI S A Rom-VEN, F ION C ITA A Apu-TUN, F WES-Mid(fails),
F NAF S F WES-Mid, A Bul-SER

1986 A Slowtime Winter 1910 Supply Center Chart

ENG	Home Bel(lost) Bre	-1; removes 1
FRA	Por Mar Spa PAR	+0; builds 1
ITA	Nap(lost) TUN	[0; even
RUS	Mos Stp War Rum Bud Vie Swe Ber Mun Kie Nwy Den Hol Ven(lost) BEL	+0; builds 2
TUR	Ank Con Smy Sev Bul Ser Tun(lost) Gre Tri Rom NAP VEN	+1; builds 2

1986 A Slowtime Press

Russia to Turkey: Okay, Flash, let's put this bad puppy to bed - once more into the breach with the flat-ass attack option!

Russia to England: Talk about your "Open Door" policies...

Russia to Italy: You are definitely correct about Venice being the most beautiful city in...sigh, I could barely bring myself to give it back to the bloody infidels.

Russia to France: I'll have you know that your blow out of my Russian fleet Spain, along with my NMR, has thwarted any chance for the Russian northern and southern fleets to link up in the North Sea. Helluva payback, Quinn, helluva payback.

RUSS SB to MUSHBRAIN: Either play the position or give it to me before you totally trash it.

Rockville - Renton: Another fine mess you've gotten me into.

GM to Rockville: Nah, I knew you were safe.

PARIS to GM: Yes, you have a mail foul up! I sent two separate sets of duplicate orders to you for last season, not that it matters much at this point.

KINGNOME to DUCK: If you let Fazface share the draw, I'll never forgive you. P.S. You did owe me issues of FIAT BELLUM, but forget it. Just call it a contribution. If not in a game, it would be just a waste to send it to me anyway.

KINGNOME to FAZFACE: You, I may forgive, but I'll NEVER forget!

BOT to GM: Was Flash in on the plan?

GM to BOT: Looks like he was.

(Tur to Eng): Your silence, your defense, and your attitude are all for naught. Lighten up, Limey, and make some social inputs here! 'Tis only a game, and your iron wall in the west is only a transient piece of clay, once the east moves in from behind. A noble effort, and we are impressed--but it's time to face facts, however unpalatable.

(Flash to Duck): Isn't that right, Russia? Ahem...I SAID, "Isn't that right, Russia?!" Oh dear, silence over the wireless again. Well, send another carrier pigeon to our tsarist pal, and shoot the postman.

(Fassio Definition of Hell): Waking up and finding Dick Martin and Kathy Caruso are my new "allies" in this game. Where's the cyanide, Margaret?

GM to FLASH: Sounds more like one of Freddy's Nightmares to me.

(TUR to R/F): Well, buckos, the time is near. Let's nibble at the eastern British line of (non-existent) defense, and oust him from Bel. Prepare the convoying fleets! Ensure there is a TURKISH army on the convoy manifest, if possible; I'd hate to pass up the chance to see Buckingham Palace.

Fazwhan to LarryWhine): I can't give you much this game, Larry, But I am a man of my word, and if you accept the offer, I hope you enjoy Naples for your internal exile. Or take Tunis...please. You played a good one for having no friends and/or true allies alongside you.

FRANCE: I don't know any auto-pilots, but maybe an unemployed air controller would help.

SLOWTIME to ALIENS: Truth is, you're over the hill. Yes.

KK to GM: You know what Mushbrain's problem is - he spends so much time trying to reason with tattletails that he forgets the reason we are hear is to play games.

KK to FLASH: Now don't wet your pants - I'm not planning on staying.

KK - RIN TIN: I see you wrote your own moves in this one, too. Keep it up, one of these days you'll figure out how to play!

KK - GM: I hope these guys don't take it personal - but I always get abusive when I get called to standby!

KK - MUSHBRAIN: Suck eggs!

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Winter 1904 and Spring 1905

Will da TOADFADDA please send in a standby order for the Italian unit?

AUS (Gary Behnen 8) builds A VIE; A Vie-GAL, A TYA S A MUN,
A BOH S A MUN, A Gal-WAR, A PIE-Mar(fails), A VEN S F ROM,
A MUN S ENG A DEN-Kie(fails, nso), F ROM S TUR F ION-Tyh
ENG (Mike Pustilnik 7) builds A LPL; A Lpl-YOR, F Nth-HEL, A DEN H,
A STP H, A Swe-FIN, F Ska-SWE, F BAR S A STP
FRA (Richard Hurley 7) builds F BRE; F Bre-MID, F NAF S ITA A TUN,
F MAR-Gol(fails), A BEL-Bur(fails), A BUR-Mar(fails), A Hol-RUH,
F WES S F MAR-Gol
GER (Mark Weseman 2) removes A Pru; A BER S A KIE, A KIE S A BER
ITA (NMR 1) A TUN H(u)
TUR (Kathy Caruso 9) builds F CON; F CON-Aeg(fails), A Sev-MOS,
F ION-Tyh(fails), F TYH-Gol(fails), A Lvn-PRU, A Mos-LVN,
A SIL S A Lvn-PRU, F AEG-Ion(fails), F TUS S F TYH-Gol

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Press:

COCHISE to KATHY: Your press is as predictable as mine and sometimes as boring. Take two SOMINEX and I'll see you in the morning.

AUS-ENG: Did you try the canal?

AUS-GER: Boy, France and England stab & you try to help him to Mun?

Well, we f?????y want equal rights. Support me next!

AUS-Turkey: At least I promised him something...

AUS-TUNIS: Do you think France will convoy you to Spain?

AUS-FRANCE: Don't worry, we're coming to see you! Kathy said she hasn't made a religious pilgrimage in years...

TURKEY - AUSTRIA: Listen, wiseass, at least my birds didn't fly south (ie towards the cellar) in the middle of the summer!

TURKEY - FROGGIE: No one has to do my dirty work. Us street kids always manage to land our own punches!

KK - MOOSEMAN: It's nice to see you stranded on a pile of quicksand - I wonder if the flied Frog will send you a life line!

Brooklyn to Brooklyn: Sorry about that, as you can see I'm just passing through!

GM to BROOKLYN: Like Sherman passed through Georgia.

KK - RIN TIN: I requested a closed casket as I didn't want to see your ugly mug!

Fiddle with it as I will, it doesn't fit. So I get to fill in a few lines here and a few lines there. Daf is really lookinf forward to Dafcon this year. Tomorrow she will be putting together a map to go with this. So, be aware that she wants you to come to the party.

As for myself. I plan to take the week before the party off, so I can rest up for it. We may even clean house a bit.

One thing that we won't have is the purple couch. The money for it just didn't come together in time. We may rent a couch, I don't know. We may just pile up a bunch of boxes and blankets and let it go at that. Middle class? What can I say, if the show fits, wriggle your toes until it's comfortable.

1982 CH The Aliens' Game Spring 1929

Since we had a separation of seasons, and since only one of you sent in a vote, I feel compelled by fairness to hold over the vote until next time, so, both AEIR and IRE draws are still proposed.

AUS (Steve Dorneman 2) A SER shakes its finger at all and sundry players... H

ENG (Jeff Martin 17) A Bel-NWY, F NTH C A Bel-NWY, A Ruh-MUN, A SIL S A Mun-BOH, A Mun-BOH, F ENG H, A BER S A SIL, A PRU S A Kie-LVN, A Kie-LVN, F BAL C A Kie-LVN, F Swe-BOT, A BUR S A MAR, A MAR H, F NAF S F WES, F SPA(sc)-Gol(fails), F MID S F WES, F WES S F SPA(sc)-Gol

ITA (Jim Burgess 11) A Ven-TYA, A GAL S A Vie-BUD, A Vie-BUD, F Aeg-GRE, F Rum-BUL(ec), F TUN S F TYH, F TYH S F GOL, F ION S F TUN, F GOL S F PIE-Mar, F PIE-Mar(fails), A TRI S A Vie-BUD

RUS (Andy Lischett 4) A Sev-RUM, A WAR S ITA A GAL, A MOS S A WAR, A UKR S A Sev-RUM

1982 CH The Aliens' Press

SER to I/R: You didn't have to barge in, you could have just asked...

SER to ENG: Anything you'd like me to do?

ITALY to AUSTRIA: Ever since I entered this game it's been played like a good FTF game. I see no reason to stop now, a three way draw could be imminent.

ITALY to GM: If Mr. Keller does reply directly to me it will be a first. I was in a game with him where I sent at least a dozen letters into a void. Then again, I shouldn't complain. Sometimes I'm just as bad.

GM to ITALY: You sure are. We were in a game together and you didn't write once. You finally dropped out with the complaint that no one was writing to you. I know I wasn't, after the first season or two. We were clear across the board, and between us we couldn't have had six dots. Still, if you had written, I know I would have replied. That was from the good old days when I wrote a letter or two for every one received.

ITALY to ENGLAND: Ah, you are back. Somehow I'm not surprised. Isn't 30 years a generation?

GM to ITALY: Depends upon the species. With aliens, who can tell.

Another of my games came to an end. I guess that's it for CHEESECAKE since I won't be playing in any more games. I got part of a four way draw. My best in quite a while. Just before that, I was eliminated, lost one to Kathy, and am losing another to her. Of course, this latter case I am giving her the win. I can't stand the clown she is playing against. I gave her the other win, too. Rather, Melinda did by stabbing me once we had stopped Kathy cold.

All that leaves is the game in which Greedy is taking the 18th dot from his faithful puppet, Bob Olsen.

Yes, gang, I am just about out of here. I will graduate to that exalted status of ex-player. I'll be right up there with all those others who don't play Diplomacy anymore. You know the ones, the real movers and shakers in Dipdom. Berch, Tattletale, Woody, me. Yeah!