

# Magus

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Apologies to Stephen Dorneman for last month. I also read PENGUIN DIP from cover to games (I don't read once the zine gets into Diplomacy) and should have placed it about second on my Marco Poll ballot. It is up to the pollster to decide if this counts as a corrected ballot, or even if he wants to go to the trouble of accepting corrected ballots. I do read and enjoy PENGUIN DIP, and have no good excuse for slighting it last month.

Something unusual happened yesterday. One of you called, with trepidation, to 'confess' to having sent Tattletale copies of Fiat Bellum. He was afraid that I would be angry with him, but he also wanted to be honest with me. It is a good feeling to know that there are still people with enough integrity to act like that.

I wasn't angry. The only thing that I might have had call to be angry about would be if he had called to deny having sent copies of zines to Tattletale. Or possibly, if he were passing copies of MAGUS, after reading the past several issues, and continued to secretly do so. That might almost be a reason for anger, wouldn't you say?

I also owe an apology to the maligned person who was rumoured to be reading copies of zines to Tattletale. I have been told that that is not the case, and I believe it. I shouldn't have mentioned it in the first place.

This far down the page and I have hardly gotten into the real stuff. Merry Christmas and all like that. It is the day before Christmas and all through the house the sounds of football are ringing. The game between the Browns and the Oilers has Daf upset. She doesn't really care who wins, but she hates bad officiating.

The boys are 'waiting' for Christmas Eve so they can open up one of their gifts. It is a compromise between Daf's and my upbringing. She is a Christmas morning type, while I was Christmas Eve. I think my parents liked to sleep in. What I can't quite fathom is that Daf likes to sleep in too. Why is she doing this to herself? Why is she doing this to her children? Of course, I refused to even consider Christmas Adam. Adam comes before Eve in the bible, so, the boys tell me, Christmas Adam is the day before Christmas Eve.

We almost had some Christmas snow. It snows around here just often enough to make it an exciting event. There was about fifteen minutes of snow Tuesday, and another fifteen minutes Wednesday. Hopes were high that it might snow again for Christmas, but the temperatures have swooped back up into the forties.

Grabar and Winston like Christmas, too. There is someone home all day to play with. The boys and the dogs have reduced the yard to trash. Once I finish the next line, I am scheduled to go out and pick up. No rest for the wicked, huh?

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, Derek Levison.

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ZAT for the games will be February 3, 1989.

Aside to Derek Levison. In order to get MAGUS you must standby. If you would rather not standby, let me know.

January 4, 1989

Time seems to have flown. Actually, all but one of the games was done back when I put the above together. I had planned to finish up after Christmas. Things went a bit awry. The real problem is, I didn't really try very hard. What is worse, I don't promise to do better. Why make promises that will be broken as likely as not? So, since I appear to be unreliable and unrepentant, I leave it to you to decide if you want to leave your games with me, or find yourself another GM. Of course this could all be a fluke. I may just be going through the wintertime blues. I tend to be a depressed sort anyway. I may just as easily be pulling the start of a Jerky George.

DAFCON was a bit of a letdown. I imagine it was flat out disappointing to the three attendees. We don't intend to embarrass ourselves by doing it again. Next time you want to set up a con in Seattle, try Tallman. Yeah, I'm talking to you, Rusnak.

On the upside, I spent a few hours talking with Larry Bo(t), and he turns out to be worth talking with. Thanks for showing up, Larry, and I'm sorry we never got enough people together for you to get into a real game.

I also managed to send Andy Lischett a novice, Craig Cowley. I hope you can find room for him, Andy. From what I've seen, he shows promise. He is doing better as Russia in his only game, so far, than I ever did. Russia was the one country that I was never able to make work, except in FTF play.

Funny thing, I am burned out. I know that, but every once in a while I get the urge to try out Russia. Just to see if I can't do it better the next time around. Maybe if I take a real long rest.

The worst part about putting off MAGUS until now is that all last week I was on vacation. I had a whole week to work on it, and I vacated instead. I slept a lot, and read a little, and played with the boys. It was very restful. When I went back to work, yesterday, I had a whole week's accumulation of overdue projects waiting for me. I completed most of the ones with a Jan 1 due date. Not all. In fact, there are a couple of pieces of paperwork that had to be done by year end that no one knows how to fill out.

This morning the guy I ultimately report to was in a meeting. He was asked about the status of a particular project. He told them that I was working on it. Then he came to my cube and told me about it. I spent the rest of the day talking to the 'users' to try to find out what it was all about. So far as I can determine, someone in my group screwed up and lost two days worth of claims. It happened last Thanksgiving.

We have a trouble reporting system, and everytime an unscheduled restore of files takes place, there should be an entry. I remember that there was a series of problems with some new programs just then, and a whole bunch of file restores. Amazingly, there is no record at all of the events. No one, other than myself, seems to have any memory of the events. And people wonder why I love Data Processing.

Well, I guess I have nattered all the way to the bottom of the page. Not much left to do except plug Julie Martin's new subzine to HOUSE OF LORDS. I'd plug it too, except that the title is unacceptable according to MAGUS standards. What the heck, I'll plug it anyway.

1987 CV New Kids Spring 1906

This is a re-adjudication of last month. It is a bit complicated. Ron Cameron notified me that I had used the wrong orders for him. I checked the file and found that he had asked me to use press from one date and orders from a second date. Problem was, I only had orders on the sheet with the press. There was no second set of orders in the file. Unfortunately, I missed noticing that one of the unit he ordered did not exist, and that a second unit was left unordered. Ron thought that I had both sets of orders, and said he would be notifying the rest of you of the change. I figured that the easiest for all of us would be for me to readjudicate the past season, with the correction of changing F Bal to F BLA. In addition to the above confusion, Don has NMRd again, so will Bob Olsen please send in standby orders for him, again?

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 BLA H(u),  
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

1982 CH The Aliens' Game Fall 1929

Both the AEIR and EIR draws were defeated and repropsoed.

AUS (Steve Dorneman 2) A Ser-Tri(fails, dislodged)  
ENG (Jeff Martin 17) A Nwy-STP, F Nth-HEL, A MUN-Tya(fails),  
A SIL S A LVN-War, A BOH S A MUN-Tya(cut), F Eng-NTH,  
A BER S A SIL, A PRU S A LVN-War, A LVN-War(fails), F BAL H,  
F BOT S A Nwy-STP, A BUR-Mun(fails), A MAR H, F NAF S F WES,  
F SPA(sc) S A MAR, F MID S F WES, F WES H  
ITA (Jim Burgess 11) A TYA S A Gal-BOH(cut), A GAL-Boh(fails),  
A Bud-VIE, F GRE H, F BUL(ec) H, 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 RUS A Rum-SER  
RUS (Andy Lischett 4) A Rum-SER, A WAR H, A MOS S A WAR,  
A UKR S A WAR

Winter 1929 Supply Center Chart

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

1982 CH The Aliens' Press

ITALY to GM: Well, after all this it looks like I blew it. England has his shot if he was patient and went for the 1930 win.

GM to ITALY: Looks as if he went both ways.

ITALY to SERBIA: Not that you would have done anything about it, but one doesn't usually say, "Oh, by the way, we've decided to take you out since England won't agree to a four-way draw.

GM to ITALY: And you are just dragging out the suffering a dot at a time, because you want England to reconsider?

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Fall 1905

Thanks to Terry T for the unused standby order. Although, I was tempted. Take a look at Italy and decide what you would have done. There is a merciful (it says) E/F/A/T draw proposed.

AUS (Gary Behnen 8) A Gal-SIL, A TYA S A BOH-Mun,  
A BOH-Mun(fails), A WAR-Lvn(fails), A PIE H, A VEN S F ROM,  
A MUN-Kie(fails), F ROM S TUR F ION-Tyh  
ENG (Mike Pustilnik 7) A YOR H, F HEL S A Den-KIE, A Den-KIE,  
A STP H, A FIN S A STP, F Swe-BAL, F BAR H  
FRA (Richard Hurley 7) F Mid-SPA(sc), F NAF S ITA A TUN,  
F MAR-Gol(fails), A Bel-HOL, A BUR-Mar(fails),  
A RUH-Bur(fails), F WES S F MAR-Gol  
GER (Mark Weseman 2) A Ber S A Kie-Mun(cut; poof),  
A Kie-Mun(fails; poof)  
ITA (Steve Emmert 1) A TUN H(u), F Tun-Ion(fails, NSU)  
TUR (Kathy Caruso 9) F CON-Aeg(fails), A MOS S A LVN-Stp,  
F ION-Tyh(fails), F TYH-Gol(fails), A PRU S A Sil-BER,  
A LVN-Stp(fails), A Sil-BER, F AEG-Ion(fails),  
F TUS S F TYH-Gol

Winter 1905 Supply Center Chart

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

AUSTRIA to E/F: Let's wrap it up. If you don't plan to stab, vote the 4-way. I'm sure you believe Kathy and I can handle the mechanics of a stalemate line, I know we feel you can!

GMS to AUSTRIA: You're right about that - Kathy's had more mechanics than you can shake a stick at - busboys too.

AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Did your lips move that time?

AUSTRIA to GERMANY: Good hunting elsewhere, but I trust we'll blow this popstand....

GMS to GM: OOOhh, could he really blow ...

GM to GMS: Never mind

AUSTRIA to TUNIS: Ditto, to you. As the great (?) Fazwhan once said, "Better an end to honor, than honor without end." Or was that Joe Biden?

GMS to AUSTRIA: Are you sure Faz didn't say, it's better to be on her end than off her?

AUSTRIA to FRANCE: I know an exciting move you could try.  
 GMS to AUSTRIA: I know a couple exciting moves myself. Want to compare notes?  
 TUNIS to BOARD: I ain't dead yet. (Say, what time is it?)  
 DODGER FAN to MET FAN: Ed-die! Ed-die!  
 GMS to DODGER FAN: Who's Ed?  
 TURK to MACHO MEN: Alright guys, vote for F/E/A/T. Youse ain't going nowhere and I'm not about to stab the poor senile old man (with a hearing aid and a cane - maybe he's Santa!) playing Austria.  
 TURK to AUSTRIA: And I just know you wouldn't stab me because the pain from your arthritis would be nothing compared to the pain from your busted kneecaps.  
 KK to MOOSEMAN: To die at Hurley's hands is pretty pathetic!  
 KK to MARKO: I just want to end your torture.

1987 AL Euro Style Fall 1909

The F/G/T draw failed to pass. F/G/T and F/G/R are proposed.

AUS (Kathy Caruso 2) A VIE S A TRI (cut), A TRI S A VIE (cut)  
 FRA (Rick Kohman 8) A Mar-SPA, F Rom-NAP, A GAS H(u), F Wes-GOL, F TUN-Ion(fails), F Nap-APU, F TYH S F Rom-NAP, A PIE S GER A VEN  
 GER (Bob Slossar 9) A MUN H, A KIE H, F HEL H, F BAL H, F NAT H(u), A BOH-Vie(fails), A GAL S RUS A UKR-Rum, A VEN S FRE F Nap-APU, A TYA-Tri(fails)  
 RUS (Richard Hurley 5) A LVN H, A MOS-Sev(fails), A WAR S A GAL, A UKR-Rum(fails), A NWY H  
 TUR Larry Botimer 10) F ADR S F ION, A ARM-Sev(fails), A Rum-SER, A Apu-Ven(fails), R OTB), A SEV-Rum(fails), F BLA S A SEV-Rum, A BUD S AUS A VIE, F EAS S F ION, F ION S F ADR(cut)

Winter 1909 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Tri Vie	+0; even
FRA	Bre Mar Par Por Spa Lon Tun Rom NAP	+1; builds F BRE
GER	Ber Kie Mun Den Bel Hol Edi Lpl Ven	+0; even
RUS	Mos Stp War Swe Nwy	+0; even
TUR	Ank Con Smy Bul Sev Bud Gre Ser Rum Nap(lost)	-1; builds F SMY

1987 AL Euro Style Press:

STP-VIE: Hey Kathy, thought I'd catch you while you're still around: Do you know what Micky Mouse got for his 60th birthday? That's right, a Dan Quayle watch.  
 GM to STP: I've heard that the chief reason Bush picked Quayle for his Running mate was to make himself look as though he had more stature.  
 AUST - F/G/T: I voted yes to the draw - I wonder if the Russian, who can be disposed of easily, did likewise.  
 GM to AUST: I'll never tell, and I'm the only one you can believe.  
 KATIE - RIN TIN: I hope these moves are okay, since you didn't call me with one of your brainstorm - I wrote my own.  
 GM to KATIE: They didn't exactly succeed, but they didn't exactly fail, either. But then, what can you expect from a braindead Bo(t) puppet?

1986 A Slowtime Spring 1912

All draws and concessions have failed to pass. This is the game that took me nearly two weeks to get to. There are two NMRs again. Since we received two pieces of mail that did not belong to this address during the time that the orders could have come in, I suppose it might be considered a wash. The mail situation is another consideration you may care to make when you consider moving this to another GM. In case you don't want to move it this month, will Kathy Caruso stand by for Russia again, and will GELP please stand by for England? The R/T draw has been repropoed.

ENG (NMR Tom Hurst 4) GM removes F Mid; F NAT H(u), F IRI H(u),  
F ENG H(u), F Bre H(u) (fails; dislodged)  
FRA (Bill Quinn 4) builds A PAR; A PAR S A Gas-BRE, A Gas-BRE,  
A PIC S A Gas-BRE, F POR S TUR F Naf-MID  
ITA (Larry Botimer 1) A TUN S TUR F Naf(fails; OTM)  
RUS (NMR Don Williams 14) NBR, plays 2 short; A MUN H(u), A NWY H(u),  
F NWG H(u), A DEN H(u), A HOL H(u), A RUM H(u), F NTH H(u),  
A BUR H(u), A PIE H(u), A BEL H(u), A RUH H(u)  
TUR (Flash Fassio 10) A Alb-GRE, A Nap-ROM, F Gre-ION, F Ion-TYH,  
A VEN-Tri(fails), A TRI-Ven(fails), F WES S F Naf-MID, F Naf-MID,  
A Ser-BUD

FAZFACE to KING GNOME: Tom, really! How can you merely "forgive, but not forget" me? I was merely a prisoner of my own destiny - the R/T was a fait accompli from Day 1, part of a Grand Experiment to see if we could do it. You should forgive me (I was, after all, acting out my role as Loyal Ally to a man who deserved it), and not forget yourself (you and Melinda, after all, uncaged us to your advantage vs. A/I, and then your greed killed your ally). I salute your play this game, and I admire your tenacity. But give it up, good sir, and free us from bludgeoning you any further; your demise is imminent.

GM to FAZ: I doubt that you alone could have done it. The US mails had to take a hand. What a miserable turn of events.

FAZWHINE to BRO-T(unis): Larry, old sot, how are we faring in luxurious exile Prepare for a road march to NAF, for soon we shall be convoying not only you, but French and Turk armies into the heartland of England. Welcome aboard the fast train, and get yourself a good seat for the Fall of the House of Hurst.

FLASH to DUCK: Well, methinks we done good here. Of course, mutual back-patting is SO cliché and gauche, but BFD - we earned it! This should be the last game year, once you take 2 Eng centers and France takes one in spring; then the Limey bites the bag in fall. Interesting: in real life the Italians were in NAF in 1912, after their expeditionary war in Libya, and here we have Larry. Just a tidbit from your man of history (however obscure!). PS, speaking of history: check out PLAYBOY'S 35th Anniversary Issue - outstanding! Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield, Anita Ekberg (my fav), and a host of other women with charming assets...ahem...among other parts.

GMS to FLASH: That reminds me, I saw someone who looked remarkably like you in my latest issue of PLAYGIRL. Big mouth and small dick.

FAZ to BILL the QUILL: Well, bucko, your country has been totally reclaimed after this turn, I'll wager! Feels good, does it not? Continue on until the foe is ground into the ground (is that a metaphor?), and here's to the end of a good game!

GM to FAZ: More a pun than a metaphor, but don't worry about it.