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What am I doing writing this on a Tuesday? That's the day I usually get this copied and mailed, and here I am, barely started. Is this more evidence of burnout? Well, probably, but it also has to do with the season and my bad memory.

I set the ZAT for Saturday because Daf had her birthday the previous weekend. What I forgot was that Lee Paul had his birthday this past weekend. And, as nice as it was to sit on top of the Space Needle with my Sweetboot, it wasn't any where near as time consuming as walking all over the South Center Mall with a 10 year old with birthday money to spend.

The season accounts for some of the delay, too. Spring has arrived, and so, naturally, Daf has been overcome with the urge to clean. You single fellows may not understand what that has to do with my getting to MAGUS, but I'm sure the married amongst you know that there was no way I could work on the zine while she was cleaning. Not and expect to remain a member of the household. So, between birthday and Spring cleaning, there was quite a bit less time this weekend than I had planned.

Then too, there is the Aliens' end of game stats. Can you imagine how much time it takes to dig out thirty years worth of end of game stats? I have not finished yet, and I spent all the time last night that I had after working on the lawn (Spring again), compiling statistics. This morning it dawned on me that I could put that aside for the moment, get this part done and mailed, and then go back to the end of game stuff. It won't matter all that much if that part comes out late.

In the real world, instead of finding me another assignment, working with C language in some new and exciting development, I have been made the Production Team Lead at Blue Cross. The way things look, until they find a 'real person' to replace me, I won't be doing much except going to meetings and writing memos. The upside is that we get to move to a new office area, and I got first choice. I picked the one that was most like a cave.

We have discovered that Labs are thieves. At least, Winston is. She steals stuff from all over the neighborhood and stashes it in our yard. Yesterday, we spent hours cleaning up the mess that she and our trees had made during the rain and wind storms. Today when I got home, I found a whole new mess to contend with. She had a car innertube. I didn't know they still made innertubes for cars. I thought that was over long ago. Of course, from the smell of it, it may have been a very old innertube.

Still, she is about the sweetest natured dog I have ever met. Despite her proclivity to bark at every kid who walks down the street. She has the yard people stymied, too. Of course, they are professionally unsure of barking dogs. Too many times, the barking dog will bite. Not our Winston, she's more a licker than a biter.

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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ZAT for the games will be May 12, 1989.

1987 CV New Kids Winter 1906 and Spring 1907

First, a reminder, it takes two requests to separate seasons. Next, Steve Emmert really is NMR this time, so will Derik Levison please send in standby orders for the French units again? No proposals have passed. A concession to Austria, and A/R draws are proposed.

1987 CV New Kids Winter 1906 and Spring 1907

AUS (Russ Rusnak 15) builds A VIE, A BUD, A TRI, plays 1 short;
A Vie-BOH, A Bud-GAL, A TRI-Tya(fails), F Apu-NAP, A War-MOS,
A RUM S TUR A Aar-SEV, A PIE-Tya(fails), A Pru-BER, A Con-SMY,
F Smy-AEG, A SIL S A Pru-BER, A UKR S A War-MOS, F Eea-ION,
F Aeg-CON
ENG (Don Williams 4) F Nat-NWG, A DEN H, F NWY S F Nat-NWG, F LPL H
FRA (Steve Emmert 10) NMR; F IRI H(u), A BEL H(u), F MID H(u),
A BUR H(u), A MAR H(u), A MUN H(u), A KIE H(u), A YOR H(u),
F EDI H(u), F NTH H(u)
RUS (Ron Cameron 4) A War R LVN, removes A Gal; A Stp-FIN,
A Mos-Sev(fails, dislodged), A Lvn-STP, F Sev-Arm(fails, dislodged)
TUR (Mark Weseman 1) removes F Bla, F Ank; A Arm-SEV

1987 CV New Kids Press:

GM to AUSTRIA: If you can get out here, we can put you up (and put up with you).

RUS - AUS: The full 18 are now within your reach. I'll do as you requested.

ENGLAND to BOARD: Gentlemen, gentlemen, please! Can we not end this with some honor? Some dignity? Some dots left?

F NWY to A STP: That, my friend, was uncalled for...

GM to F NWY: How do you know who called for what?

ENGLAND to FRANCE: Eh, go ahead, have the island...the whole island experience is vastly overrated anyway.

GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE to AUSTRIA: Would you please hurry up?! I'm running out of running room.

1987 AL Euro Style Spring 1911

Everything was defeated, F/G/R and F/G are repropoed. Richard Hurley has resigned with this set of moves, so, just to make Kathy's day, will Jim Burgess please take up the Russian position?

AUS (Kathy Caruso 1) A Tri-Tya(poof)
FRA (Rick Kohman 9) A ROM-Apu(fails), F NAP S F Tun-ION, A GAS H(u),
F TYH S F Tun-ION, F Tun-ION, F BRE H(u), F AEG S F Tun-ION,
A PIE S GER A VEN, F Mar-GOL
GER (Bob Slossar 10) A TYA-Tri(fails), A RUH H, F NTH H, F BAL H,
F NAT H, A BOH S A VIE, A GAL-Bud(fails), A VEN S A TYA-Tri(cut),
A VIE S A TYA-Tri(cut), A MUN-Tya(fails)
RUS (Richard Hurley 5) A LVN-War(fails), A MOS-Sev(fails),
A WAR-Gal(fails), A UKR S A MOS-Sev, A Nwy-FIN
TUR Larry Botimer 9) F ALB S A Ser-TRI, A Arm-SEV, A Ser-TRI,
A RUM S A Arm-SEV, F BLA S A Arm-SEV, A BUD-Vie(fails),
F Eas-SMY, F APU-Ven(fails), F Gre-BUL(sc)

1987 AL Euro Style Press:

KATIE - RIN TIN: I don't want to live a dog's life - I want to party in heaven!

AUS - GER: Hit the Russian BOZO!

GM to GER and RUS: Punctuate that one for yourselves.

du Bouillabaise to Ot(t)omon: Monsieur, do not waste your efforts changing the name to Is(t)anbul. The paint would not be dry before we change it to Bouillabaiseville East.

Rikko to KK: Which motley crew? This game's alliance structure or the MAGUS gang, or the Hobby in general? It all just appeared on my doorstep one morning, like an unwanted basket of kittens.

GM to RIKKO: But you have to admit, we are cute when we get near a ball of string.

Rikko to Larry: You can start avoiding "these yutzes" right now by voting Yes on the draws. Dragging it out for the mere opportunity to whine is getting old.

St. Pete to Paris & Ber: You guys are on your own in this one. Good to fight with you. I think you can polish them off on your own.

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Winter 1906, Spring 1907

I thought I was going to end up calling a couple of standbys for this one, but all those remaining voted yes to the E/A/T draw. Richard Hurley officially threw his country into Civil Disorder, so I am going to have to make a decision that his vote is the same as an NMR. He wasn't planning to come back, so I think that's fair, don't you? I'll show you the moves, to satisfy curiosity. But this one is over.

AUS (Gary Behnen 9) A Mun-BUR, A TYA S A Boh-MUN, A Boh-MUN, A SIL S A Boh-MUN, A PIE-Mar(fails), A VEN S F ROM, A WAR H, A RUH S A Mun-BUR, F ROM S TUR F ION-Tyh(fails, nso)
ENG (Mike Pustilnik 8) Builds F LON, F LPL; F Lpl-IRI, F Lon-ENG, A BEL S AUS A MUN(fails,otm), F NTH S A Kie-HOL, F Nwg-NAT, A Kie-HOL, A STP H, A FIN S A STP, F Bal-KIE
FRA (Richard Hurley 7) A Ruh R OTB; F SPA(sc) H(u), F NAF H(u), F MAR H(u), A Hol H(u) (fails), A Bur H(u) (fails), F WES H(u)
ITA (NMR Steve Emmert 1) A TUN H(u)
TUR (Kathy Caruso 9) F CON H, A MOS S A LVN-Stp(fails), F ION S ITA A TUN, F TYH S F Tus-GOL, A PRU S A BER, F AEG H, A BER S ENG A Kie(fails, otm), A LVN-Stp(fails), F Tus-GOL

1987 HX Slimey Dogs Press:

TURKEY - ENGLAND: Now that's the way to stick 'em, watch the blood out!

TURKEY - FRANCE: About time somebody rear ended you!

TURKEY - AUSTRIA: You might have found a new friend, but don't forget your long time buddy. Cause I'm still watching you!

KK - MOOSEMAN: I wonder how long before Hurley sacrifices you, to try and salvage himself!

AUSTRIA - GM: What slipped strings?

GM to AUSTRIA: Wrong game.

VIENNA - GM: There's no draw like 3?

AUSTRIA - TURKEY: Hey, Sweets, at least we never split up...

AUSTRIA - ENGLAND: Yo, Michael - WAY TO GO!

VIENNA - PARIS: Our's is not to reason why, our's is but to do to you, so you die...

AUSTRIA - TURKEY: God, Cox is already out for the year. Whitey will soon be known as the bald rat!
 GM - AUSTRIA: Was that baseball press?
 AUSTRIA - GM & GMS: What will we do with no Pudgecon? (No, there won't be a Greedycon, this year...)
 AUSTRIA - FRANCE: Ok, it's 27 to 6 + 1 - vote the 3-way!
 GM to GAME: By popular demand ... it's over!

1986 A Slowtime Fall 1913

Nothing passes but the R/T draw is repropoed.

ENG (Tom Hurst 1) F NAT H
 FRA (Bill Quinn 4) A Gas-MAR, F SPA(sc) S A Gas-MAR
 A Pic S A PAR-Bur(cut, dislodged), A PAR-Bur(fails)
 ITA (Larry Botimer 1) A NAF H
 RUS (Don Williams 16) A UKR S A Rum-GAL, A MOS H, A Gal-SIL,
 A BOH S A Gal-SIL(cut), A LPL H, F Nwg-NAT, A BEL S A Bur-PIC,
 A RUH S A Bur-PIC, A Rum-GAL, A Mar-BUR, F Nth-ENG,
 A PIE-Mar(fails), A Bur-PIC, A MUN S A Mar-BUR
 TUR (Flash Fassio 12) A Ser-RUM, A VEN-Pie(fails), F Tyh-GOL,
 F Gol-WES, A TYA-Boh(fails), A Vie-GAL(fails), F Wes-MID,
 F Mid-BRE, A BUD-Gal(fails)

1986 A Slowtime Winter 1913 Supply Center Chart

ENG	Lpl(lost)	-1; out
FRA	Por Spa Par Bre(lost) MAR	+0; even
ITA	Tun	+0; even
RUS	Mos Stp War Rum(lost) Swe Ber Mun Kie Nwy Den Hol Bel Edi Lon Sev Mar(lost) LPL	-1; builds 1
TUR	Ank Con Smy Bul Ser Gre Tri Rom Nap Ven Bud Vie RUM BRE	+2; builds 5

1986 A Slowtime Press:

PARIS->MOSCOW: So you are the one voting against the R-T Draw!! I thought your promise to include Turkey in the draw was too generous.
 PARIS->CONSTANTINOPLE: Now you know what happens to junior partners in alliances.
 TUR to FRA: Bill, this is a weird move for me, but Don called and pledged peace (again). Still, to ensure he stays trustworthy, I need your move on Mar to succeed. If he's on the up-and-up, then this serves notice: no more "no" votes to R/T; we'll fight to annihilation, if need be.
 FLASH to "Honest Don": Your phone sales pitch won me over, but I want one turn to see if you're true to your word. If so, Mar can be retaken. If you're fibbing, I'm building 3 and going for a T/F win. For some odd reason (gas?) I trust you.
 GM to FLASH: The rest of your press NMR'd partner. I got the postcard, but not the letter this time.
 RUSSIA to TURKEY: For the record, that wasn't me last turn, honest, it was my evil twin, Ron Williams. Trust me, hey?
 RUSSIA to FRANCE, ITALY: If all went well, we have managed to right the wrongs committed by "Ron" last time, and the R/T is back on. If that is the case, I urge both of you to vote for the two-way draw. I, for one,

am learning that leaving one or four dot powers around is more trouble than it is worth when said minors are queering the vote. Consequently, whatever Flash may decide to do, I will work to the destruction of both I and F from that point on. No quarter asked, no quarter given.

WILLIAMS to HURST: It hasn't been fun, Tom, but I appreciate what you've done and thank you for it. Alas, my one shot at quick victory was eclipsed by Flash's defense of Tyrolia...Russia is firmly back in the R/T mode.

LANCASTER to RENTON: Call me fickle, but I really didn't have my heart into the notion of removing Flash's. Such is life for a diplomimp like me. ///I believe you Don. Your moves demonstrated that you didn't want to succeed.///

RUSSIA to FRANCE: C'mon, Quill, put an end to this while you still have that option.

A PIC to F BRE: Hopefully he'll recognize we have dropped the "nice-guy" routines.

TSAR - RE IN EXILE: Another "No - vote" stunt like that last one and Flash will pull the plug. Right Flash?

RUSSIA to TURKEY: I am truly apologetic that I pulled the blade on you, cherished friend...I...I don't know what came over me. One thing I do know is - it surely was all Behnin's fault.

RUSSIA - GM: Yeah, yeah, I'm falling to 15 centers. Call me foolish, but the "strategic retreats" are the cost I must pay for endangering my ally and losing his blind trust. Like I said, diplomimps must pay...

GM to FLASH: Now you have the story. He was afraid that he would lose your blind trust, and so he retreated. If you ask me, the only people in this thing who aren't Diplomimps are the ones who are losing it.