

LOW COUNTRIES KEEP INDEPENDENCE; BALMANS FALL

MARSOVIA (NPC): The number of independent nations in Europe falls steadily as the major powers continue to absorb buffer states. While joint British and French operations were unsuccessful in establishing control of Belgium and Holland, Norway, Sweden, Greece, and Tunisia joined Bulgaria and Rumania in the ranks of former independent states. The Russian First Army penetrated to the gates of Vienna before being checked by the Royal Guards. Early indications are that Russia and Austria, and Germany and England-France, are engaged in battles to the death with as yet no apparent victor emerging. The Russian fleet in the Baltic may indicate that yet another member of the Triple Entente is ready to commence operations.

ROME: Ronaldo Reagani, former dog-catcher here, has successfully campaigned for, and been rightly elected to, the post of garbage collector, for which post it is generally conceded he is most suitably qualified.

ROME: El Supremo has moved the capital of Italy here, giving no explanation but obscure references to "better chances of continued operations of essential public services."

LISBON DA CUNHA: Refugees from Rome report an epidemic raging as the result of rabid dogs that are rampaging through the city after the appointment of Eduardo Brauni to replace Reagani. As Count Ruggero Coates put it, "Sure the streets are clean, but with those damn dogs we're afraid to walk in them."

BELIN: The Count of Numbers, Italian ambassador here, is reportedly closing negotiations to deal with mutual Italo-German problems.

MOSCOW: "In the world of Diplomacy silence can only be taken as grounds for an attack." -- Tsar Nicholas III.

PRAGUE: The stock market has dropped 36 points this week in reaction to the news on the military fronts. German and Austrian stocks are down farther down. The only major gains have been posted by E.I. du Pont, and General Motors, who today announced a contract to construct water tanks for the British.

SPECIAL NOTICIA.

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IT'S AN EVEN WAR ALL THE WAY 'ROUND

1966-N - Fall 1901 Moves

AUSTRIA (Canfil)	ARMY VIENNA STAND ARMY SERBIA STAND FLEET TRIESTE STAND
ENGLAND (von Metzke)	army edinburgh - holland fleet north sea (c) edinburgh - holland FLEET NORWEGIAN SEA - NORWAY
FRANCE (Barrows)	army burgundy - belgium ARMY MARSEILLES STAND FLEET MID-ATLANTIC - SPAIN (S.C)
GERMANY (Tzudiker)	army kiel - holland army ruhr- belgium FLEET DENMARK - SWEDEN
ITALY (Swenson)	ARMY PIEDMONT STAND ARMY VENICE STAND FLEET IONIAN SEA - TUNIS
RUSSIA (Latimer)	army galicia - vienna ARMY UKRAINA - SEVASTOPOL FLEET GULF OF BOTHNIA - BALTIC SEA FLEET RUMANIA (S) UKRAINA - SEVASTOPOL
TURKEY (Brannan)	ARMY BULGARIA - GREECE ARMY ANKARA - CONSTANTINOPLE FLEET CONSTANTINOPLE - AEGEAN SEA

How about that! No retreats, and every single power on the board builds one new unit. This promises to be a very symmetric game.

BUILD ORDERS FOR 1901 MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN JUNE 12.

Note the temporary address for this move on Page One. If you send your moves to Sacramento they won't be counted.

If you want to send in your Spring moves with the builds, conditional upon them, you may - and if everyone does it, the moves will go out too. Otherwise we'll just have a build issue next issue. Which figures.

As long as we have some room left on this page I may as well state that COUNTERTHRUST will be delayed a few weeks while I avoid flunking out. The game, however, will not. And von Metzke's answer to COUNTERTHRUST, DIES IRAE, will be issued July 1. That, in any case, is what he says.

MORE SKETCHES DEPARTMENT.

This issue we have Roland Tzudiker and Andy Swenson, completing our set (((Where's Barrows? -- von M.))) Next issue maybe one on your friendly gamesmaster, if I find time between my travels (see below) and finals.

"Roland Tzudiker is a native of Brooklyn and is 24 years of age. He attempted to become a chemical engineer after graduating from the best high school in the nation, Brooklyn Technical; however, he saw the truth after reading "Capitalism and Freedom" by Milton Friedman, and became an economics student at CCNY. He graduated with poor grades and accidentally got accepted into grad school there. He'll write his M.A. thesis someday but....

He earns a living by working for the U.S. Bureau of Mines as a Management Analyst (systems development and automation administration) in Denver. Someday he'll return to the land of his fathers. ((If John Boardman gives him a re-entry visa!)) Politically he stands right of center and is against Johnson's NO WIN policy in Vietnam. Either fight to win or withdraw. An ex-subscriber to the REALIST, he now contents himself with the Economist, Journal of the A.E.A., and Playboy. ((In that order?))

Outside interests include Bridge, Chess, and a new 1966 Automatic Volvo which he drives mercilessly on Colorado back roads. He was introduced to Diplomacy while at CCNY through Boardman (at science-fiction meetings, where he is strongly pro-Asimov and Sheckley) and was getting into the swim when he avoided the draft by enlisting in the USAF reserves. Now he's back to the wars ((or from them)). In reply to common queries, his favorite Diplomacy mascot, E. Barbara Phillip, was a close friend through four years of college and he damn near married her. Even now he sometimes regrets the fact that he didn't. Before leaving her and going west he promised her eternal fame. ((From some of the releases, notoriety would be more accurate.)) So she became the omnipresent Majesty. He very rarely gets this sentimental, but....FINIS!"

ANDY SWENSON: "So I'm 21 years old. I've been a SF fan for years and a war games fan for years but I didn't know how to combine the two avocations until I met Jack Harness at a party a year or so ago. I am quite a lazy sort. I enjoy alliances, backstabs, and tricky maneuvers, but often I simply won't take the time to negotiate them. Too bad I'm not in a wordy mood now." ((Oh no it's not.))

¡ATENCIÓN! Your gamesmaster will be returning to San Diego for a limited one-week engagement June 7-12. He will, shortly thereafter, be changing addresses. Therefore it is important that you all use the interim address on Page One for the next move. The June 15 issue will carry the new address, I hope, or at least one for the next moves. Sorry about this but it is unavoidable.

PRESS RELEASE WRITTEN BY ENGLAND ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT TO FILL UP THIS LAST SPACE:

LONDON: In an effort to get some typing done and get this stupid issue run off, Henry Krajewski, the Prime Everything of England, decided not to do anything today. Except tell you about it.