

"It was a common custom at that time, in the more romantic females, to see their soldier husbands and sweethearts as Greek heroes, instead of the whore-mongering, drunken clowns most of them were. However, the Greek heroes were probably no better, so it was not so far off the mark."

—George MacDonald Fraser
Flashman

"I don't think I've ever been tricked by too many guys. They might think they're tricking me, and a lot of times I let 'em think they've tricked me for the simple reason that that's the best way to handle him—I've found out that sometimes if you let him keep his clothes on, if he thinks he's trickin' you, it's fine, but if you show him he's not trickin' you, then he's exposed, and if he's exposed, he's not worth a damn. Let him live in that world."

Detroit Tiger Manager
Sparky Anderson

Cheap chic

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NEW STANDBY INCENTIVES

Since I'm collecting \$5.00 in MFR fines any time someone misses a move, I can afford to implement this new policy. Any person who plays out a position for which he was called as a standby to the bitter (or glorious) end will get a \$5.00 subscription credit to Midlife Crisis. In other words, I'll use portions of the MFR fines to benefit the standby players directly. Ain't I a nice guy?

BEER TALK

From TY HARE: The beer-tasting went very well. You are right about Tuborg being a domestic beer. I realized this after I had written you, and used, instead, Giraf beer from Denmark. The results of the blind taste test were interesting. The favorite beer was Giraf, followed closely by the Ringness and the Aass Jule Ale. Carlsberg was pretty far down on most people's lists, and the Nordik Wolf was at the bottom. I did not care for Nordik Wolf at all (it's a light beer, as in fewer calories) ((and as in lower alcohol)). I agreed with the consensus: the stronger brews—Giraf, Ringness (not the dark) and Aass were the best of the five. I was especially pleased that my domestic beer-drinking cronies preferred the more flavorful brews. The next tasting is this Sunday, when I'll feature beers from the Far-east, including Tsing-Tao, Kirin, Tiger, Asahi (or maybe Sapporo) and possibly San Miguel. I was in California recently, where I tasted a Thailand Beer called Singha. Unfortunately, it is not distributed in Colorado (I'm working in a liquor store, so I've access to the distributors' guides for the state. The store carries a quite respectable selection of imports, which has done no good for my checking account.)

((We can't get Tiger or Giraf here in Milwaukee, although we CAN get Singha. Two new beers around here are from India—Kingfisher (not bad) and Taj Mahal (awful)). One way around paying the high financial cost of being an import freak—get a job at an import bar, and drink like a fish while on duty. Did you ever hear of a beer from China called Shanghai? You can taste the rice in that one—interesting, and not all that unpleasant.))

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INDECENT EXPOSURE

Winter 19C1

HUNS BECOME SAILORS?

AUSTRIA (J. Travis Laster, 125 Garden Ct., Winchester VA 22601);
Builds A Tri, Has A Tri, A Ser, A Bud, F Gre.

ENGLAND (Michael Quirk, 383C Chester, Glenview IL 60025);
Builds A Edi. Also has A Mwr, F Nth, F Bar.

FRANCE (Bob Acheson, c/o Echo Bay Mines, Lupin, NWT CANADA X0E 1M0);
Builds A Par, F Bre. Also has A Gas, A Bur, F Por.

GERMANY (Scott Burrell, 2309 Gene Ave, Albert Lea, MN, 56007);
Builds F Kis, F Ber, A Mun. Also has A Bai, A Den, F Hol.

ITALY (Bob Sweeney, 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027);
Builds F Nap. Also has A Tun, F Ion, A Ven.

RUSSIA: (Brad Wilson, COA effective 8 May: 302 Friendship, Paoli, PA 19301);
Builds F StPnc, A War. Also has F Both, A Vis, A Rtn, F Sev.

TURKEY (James Wall, 1905 University, Apt 5, Madison, WI 53705);
Builds F Spy. Also has A Bul, F Blk, A Con.

Please note Wilson COA. Bob Acheson told me, over the phone, that he can possibly be easier reached at his address in Edmonton, Alberta. However, I can't find my index card with that address on it; if anyone can update me, please do. If you don't have the Edmonton Address, the one in Lupin will still serve.

The deadline for Spring 19C2 will be Saturday, 1 June, 1985.

INDECENT PRESS

BERLIN TO EVERYBODY: In Germany the takeover is completed. A puppet regime, no, the Jafa organization of the world, has taken over.

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: You don't seem to have very many friends out there.

MUNICH CIVILLIANS TO BURGUNDIAN ARMY: I hope you don't enter my country.

DATELINE VIENNA: Kaiser Laster today accepted the "Get Screwed in 19C1 Award" amidst cheering crowds. He was heard to say "I'd like to thank Brad Wilson, James Wall, and all the little people who made this possible."

VIENNA TO ST PETERSBURG: May your borscht be eternally red, but with the blood of Austrian peasants who you have brutally murdered.

SONG OF THE AUSTRIAN ARMY CORPS ON ITS WAY TO BUD: "This Bud's not for you."

VIENNA TO WORLD: A day of public mourning has been declared in the capital as the White Huns threaten our very door. We plead to the diplomatic community for help.



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SORDID BEHAVIOR

Spring 1982

ITALIANS SCATTER TO THE FOUR WINDS

AUSTRIA (Mark Frueh, 4729 Morgan Ford, Apt 6, St. Louis, MO 63116);
A Ser-Bul, A Bud-Ser, F Gra-S-A Ser-Bul, A Via-Bob, A Tri-Tyr.

ENGLAND (John Crosby, 830 Hunterhill Tr, Roswell, GA. 30075);
 F Nwg-Ser, F Edi-Nwg, F Nth-C-A Nwy-Bel, A Nwy-Bel.

FRANCE (Brad Wilson, COA effective 8 May—302 Friendship, Paoli, PA 19301);
 F Mar-Spa sc, F Bre-Eng, F Por-Mid, A Spa-Gas, A Pic-Sur.

GERMANY (Uli Baumeister, Box 6038 Henle, Georgetown Univ, Wash, DC 20057);
 A Ruh-Mun, A Bar-S-A Ruh-Mun, F Dep-Kie, A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Bob Sweeney, 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS. 66027);
 F Nap-Apu, F Tun-Ion, F Rom-Tyn, A Ven-Tri, A Mun-Bur (dis. Sil or oth).

RUSSIA (Marc Peters, 1914 Cameron, Apt 3, Madison, WI 53711);
 A StP h, A Fin-S-F Swe, F Swe h, A Mos h, F Rus-Blk, A Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Rich Delzer, COA—2819 N. 77th St., Milwaukee WI 53222);
 F Say-Aeg, F Con-S-A Bul, A Bul-S-RUSSIAN A Sev-Rum, A Arm-Say.

Please note Wilson and Delzer COA's. Uli didn't say anything, but school will be over for him in a few weeks, and I believe he'll be moving home to: 11416 Parkview Ln. (Hales Corners, WI 53130. Best ask him directly, though. The deadline for Fall 1982 will be Saturday 1 June, 1985.

SORDID PRESS

ANK TO MOS: Friends?

SEV TO ANK: Surprise.

STP TO EDI: Surprise.

ROME: F Marst Quiche to the Frogs!

BERLIN TO ROME: Good stunt, boy!

AUSTRIA TO RUSSIA: Now I will know if you're my friend or not. Supported me into Bul you're a friend—move to Galicia you're a slimy Madlad. God knows we are usually somewhere in between.

MARK TO BOB: If you take these moves as a direct attack on you I apologize. It's only an indirect attack on Rome or Tunis—watch out! (I'm just joking! Geez, some allies have no sense of humor! ((How we'll get to see what kind of a sense of humor you have! Yuki!))

SOUTH POLE TO RUSSIAN POLE: At lease I got something! Three times a week for about 7 minutes my spine gets real firm (anyone have a cigarette?).

PARIS TO ROME: I was rational, but you were not, so I'll turn irrational and one person in Kansas will regret it.

PARIS TO GM: Starting a "Buy the GM a printer fund?" ((Hey, that's a good idea! Please send me \$600 so that I can buy an Imagewriter.))

MARK TO BRAD: The bluebird of happiness seems to have gone Navy. When's the next port call at Portsmouth? How much in bockage? Or is it a Love Boat excursion?

BOB TO BRAD: Not to worry—I gotta punch out England's lights!!

REOSKIE TO PARIS: Congenital lying? Not me! I'm not a con and my genit never lie. Besides, when have I ever lied to you, Brad? Now, if you're talking about Puppy....

CON TO BUD: Sorry, Mark, but I've just seen too many games that you've been in. Everyone is safer with you gone.

MOSCOW TO ANKARA: I still say you die, slime.

LONDON TO BREST: May I assume that your Brest is uncovered?

ROME TO MUNICH: That should stop the F/E/G dead in its tracks.

PARIS TO LONDON: Don't believe a word that Madlad says—it's all lies!

SEV TO CON: There—now do you feel better? Good enough, I hope, to have removed that army in Arm.

WVLIIB

THE FATTED CALF

Fall 2105

FRUSH CONVERTS TO ISLAM: 2 LITTLE GUYS GONE
RELATIVE PEACE IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

ARGENTINA (Pierre Touchette): NEAR. A BA holds (dis, no retreat necessary).

AUSTRALIA (Eric Ozog, 1526 N. Lawler Ave, Chicago, IL. 60651);
A Celebes-Philippines, F Coral-Papua, F Arafura-S-F Coral-Papua,
F Ozeans-Coral, F Timor-Sumatra, F Wes Aus-Timor, F Borneo-S China Sea.

BRAZIL (James Wall, 1805 University Avenue, Apt 5, Madison, WI 53705);
F Bern Tri-r-M of Ama. F M of Ama-Bern Tri, F Cuba-S-F M of Ama-Bern Tri,
F Carrib-Haiti, A Cord-Porto, A Uruguay-S-A Cord-Porto, F Cent Atl-Hid,
A LaPampa-S-PERU A Rio-BA.

CANADA (David Anderson, PO Box 3761, Pontiac, MI 48059);
F Bern Tri-Cuba (dis, ret to NY Atl, oth), F Dixie-S-A Ohio-Texas,
A Ohio Val-Texas, F NE Pac-S-A Calif, A Calif-S-A Ohio-Texas.

CHINA (Ed Wrobel, 3932 N. Forestdale Ave, Dale City, VA. 22193);
A Szech-S-USSR A Tsing-Tibet, A Burma-Thailand.

EGYPT (Mark Kellar, 2 Seaside Ct., Sacramento, CA 95831);
F Green h, F Spa sc-Moroc, F Mid-S-F Spain sc-Moroc, F Wes-Tun,
A Libya-S-F Wes-Tun.

INDIA (Richard Dalzer, COA--2819 N. 77th St. Milwaukee, WI 53222);
A Tibet-Assam (Dis, ret to Nepal, Kashmir, oth), F Thai holds,
A Iran-S-WAR PACT A Saudi-Iraq (NSO), F Madras-S-F Bay of Bengal-Pradesh,
F Pers Gulf-Rajas, F Bay of Bengal-Pradesh.

KINGDOM OF EGYPT (Brad Wilson): F Arabian Sea-Madras.

JAPAN (Jim Makuc, 2 Forest Park Ln, Rm 214 Ivy House, Cornell Univ,
Ithaca, NY 14853): F E China Sea-Kyushu, F Honshu-S-F E China-Kyushu,
F West Pac-holds, A Sakhalin-Hokkaido.

PERU (Jim Burgess, 100 Holden St., Providence, RI 02908);
F Calif-r-G of Calif. A Ecuador-Mex, F G of Pan-C-A Ecu-Mex,
F G of Calif-C-A Ecu-Mex, F East Pac-Cent Pac, F Falk Sound-Falkland Is,
F SW Atl-Drake, A Rio-BA, F Honduras sc-G of Mexico, A Texas-S-USA A Ore-
Calif (NSO) (dis, ret to Dakota, oth).

U of SA (Don Swartz, 155 Vernon Ave, #2, Louisville, KY 40206);
F G of Guinea-Cameroon, F Gabon-s-F G of Guin-Camer, A Angola-Zaire,
A Kenya-Sudan, A Cent Af Empire-S-A Kenya-Sudan, F Somalia holds,
F West Ind Ocean-S-F Somal.

USA (Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester, Glenview, IL. 60025);
A Ore-S-CANADA A Ohio-Texas, F Haiti-S-CANADA F Bern Tri-Cuba.

USSR (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Drive, Apt 3, Madison, WI 53711);
F Balt-Pin, A Turkey-Georgia, A Iraq-Iran (dis, armh), A Kashmir-Afghan,
A Pradesh-S-EGYPT F Arabian Sea-Madras, A Assam-S-A Pradesh,
A Mongolia-Sirkiang, A Tsinghai-Tibet, F Sea of Japan-Sakhalin,
F Sea of Okhotsk-S-F Sea of Jap-Sakh, F South Korea-East China Sea.

WARSAW Pact: (Mark Frush, 4729 Morgan Ford, Apt 6, St. Louis, MO 63116);
A Israel-Iraq, A Saudi-S-A Israel-Iraq, A Gre-Turkey, F East Med-Syria,
F Acr-East Med, A Poland holds, A Egypt-S-ECM A Libya, F Red Sea-Ethiopia.

WAF (Chuck Kaplan) A Nigeria-S-A Cameroon, A Cameroon h, A Tun-S-A Sudan-
Libya, A Sudan-Libya (dis, ret to Chad, oth), F Algeria-s-F Moroc,
F Guinea-G of Guinea, F Moroc h, F Sahara-S-F Moroc.

The supply chart will appear on the next page. Farewell to Pierre and
to Brad. Can't win 'em all. Note Dalzer COA. The DEADLINE for Winter
2105/Spring 2106 is Saturday 1 June, 1985. Seasons may be separated
upon request.

WIIIB	SUPPLY CHART	Winter 2105
ARGENTINA:	Has BA, MA, FA. (C). OUT!	
AUSTRALIA:	Has W Aus, NW Terr, NS Wales, N Zee, Java, Borneo, Phil, Papua. (8). May build one.	
BRAZIL:	Has Mato, Belem, Bahia, Surinam, Venez, Bolivia, LaP, Uru, Cuba. (9). May build two.	
CANADA:	Has Alaska, Quebec, Ontario, Green, Dixie, Calif, Texas. (7) May build two.	
CHINA:	Has Honan, Szech, Bangla. (3). May build one.	
ECN:	Has Spa, UK, France, May, Ice, Terr , Libya. (6). Even, may build one due to annihilation.	
INDIA:	Has Madras, Rajas, India , Pakis, Iran, Viet, Thai. (6). Even due to annihilation.	
KINGDOM OF EGYPT:	Egypt . (C). OUT!	
JAPAN:	Has Kyushu, Hokkaido, Honahu, SAK , PAK . (3) Must remove one.	
PERU:	Has Ecu, Inca, Napo, Col, Pan, Hon, SC, Tat , Calif , BA, Falk. (9). Even.	
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:	Has Moz, Trans, Mala, Angola, Zam, Kenya, Gabon, Somali, Sudan. (9). May build two.	
USA:	Has USA , Haiti, Brit Colombia. (2). Even (1 annih).	
USSR:	Has Russia, Georgia, Kazak, Sib, Kamchat, Mongol, Sweden, SK, Tsing, Syria , SAK , Sakhalin , Pradesh . (11). May B 1 due to annih.	
WARSAW PACT:	Has Yugo, Hung, Pol, Gre, Aust, Rum, Egy, Saudi, <u>Syria</u> . (9). May build one.	
WAF:	Has Guinea, Mali, Niger, Camer, Maurit, USA , SAK , Maroc, <u>Tunisia</u> . (7). Must remove one.	

THE FATTED PRESS RETURNS

MUSICAL LLAMA TO EX-GREAT GOD: Blahh! You lose! Who wrote Mona? Who wrote "Bah ba ba ba Bah, Bah, Bah", the famous Bo Beat (usually translated as "Shave and a Haircut, two Bits"). That's right...So Diddley. "Who do you love" was another of Diddley's classics covered by Quicksilver Messenger Service. I guess you're just one of those ignorant, sexually frustrated white boys....Diddley's version of "Mona" moves all by itself....

CANADA TO USA: You screw up, and your death won't be a quirk of fate!

CANADA TO WORLD: How many times do I get to screw up before somebody eliminates me?

PERU TO WARSAW: A small piece of the pie...sure, that's what they all say.

BRAZIL TO EGYPT: How in the hell can I stab Peru when I don't even border one of his dots? (Well, maybe one).

PERU TO AFRICA: Shove it back in his face! (Am I slightly pissed at our friendly Nixon or what?).

A FRIEND TO WEST AFRICA: If you aren't careful you will fall victim to the Marck Mob alliance.

ROOSKIE TO CHICKEN INDIAN LITTLE: Yes, the sky is indeed falling. Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean that everyone isn't out to get you.

CANADA TO USA: Do you want some Cuban cigars?

PERTH: Bye, bye, Grouch!

WARSAW TO USSR: Never thought I would be a big Middle East trouble maker—we all have our fates.

PERU TO EGYPT: Well may stab me viciously and if he does, it will be my fault for letting him do it. No one can avoid getting stabbed forever... you didn't get very far...or do you blame your demise on Poison Puppy or the WAF? ((I'd blame it on the previous Egyptian, James Woodson!))

SYDNEY TO MOSCOW: Can I become your puppet? It seems the fashionable thing to do these days, to tandy to the reds. And how did you manage to tame the puppy, anyway? ((The Puppy's rabies were in remission, but now he seems to, be frothing at the mouth again!))

CANADA TO PERU: I hope you agreed to my proposal.

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RIGEL II

Spring 1902

TWO ENDS AGAINST THE MIDDLE?

AUSTRIA (Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot Ave, Dalton, MA. 01226);
 A Vie-Tyr, A Bud holds, A Ser-Bul, A Tri-Ser, F Gre-Aag.

ENGLAND (Bob Sweeney, 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS. 66027);
 F Lon-Nth, F Nwy-Nwg, F Ska-S-F Lon-Nth, A Yrk performs scuba lessons.

FRANCE (Nelson Heitzman, 2255 Delaware Ave, #C-4, Buffalo, NY 14216);
 F Bre-Pic, A Bel-Hol, A Par-Bur, A Mar-Pied, A Spa-Gas, F Por-Spain ec.

GERMANY (Steve Knight, 11905 Winterthur Ln, Apt 103, Reston, VA 22091);
 A Kle-Hol, A Ber-Mun, A Mun-Ruhr, F Den prays.

ITALY (Rich Reilly, Upham Hall #308, Moscow, ID. 83843);
 F Rom-Nap, A Tun-Alb, F Lon-C-A Tun-Alb, A Ven-Tyrol.

RUSSIA (Ty Hare, 1001 N. Weber, #204, Colorado Springs, CO 80903);
 A War-Lvn, A Mos-StP, A Sev-Arm, A Rum-S-AUST A Ser-Bul, F Con-Aag,
 F StP ec-Bozhnia, F Swe holds.

TURKEY (Dave Kleiman, 651 Fenster Ct., Indianapolis, IN. 46234);
 A Bul-Gre (dis, annih), F Aag-S-A Bul-Gre, A Arm-Ant.

The deadline for Fall 1902 moves will be Saturday 1 June, 1985.

RIGEL PRESS

LONDON TIMES: Er, that last press release should have said FRANCE or Germany. Shit!

CON TO PARIS: All right, sucker, you're on:

11) N-B3	P-Q4
12) P-xP	N-xP
13) K-Q111	???

LONDON TO MOSCOW: That'll teach Dave to trust "Rabbits" (or is that "Hares"). (Sorry, Unk No, I couldn't resist the temptation).

SUPERTSAR TO GIANT SIZED BABY THING: Time to make 5 into 6.

MOM TO TOMMY THE WONDERTROUT: Thanks. Mother Russia loves cunning linguists.

AUSTRIA TO EUROPE: As a GI, I always hated it when players used to make me type up press apologizing for their own lack of correspondence. The pressure on my time is female in nature. Austria may be silent, but BRUX lives! Now, how can you attack a guy who's having such a good time? (Um, that's ~~xxx~~ rhetorical, guys!).

WALL OF VODOO TO E/F: You'll hear the drums and the Brush of Steel,
 And I'll hear the Call of the West, Call of the West.

AUSTRIA TO ENGLAND: Speaking of people who aren't writing, you are still playing, aren't you?

THE LONDON TIMES: It was announced today that the Queen's Elite Guard Regiment, on station in York, has begun scuba training. This report must question the validity of retaining and paying for a regiment which merely vegetates for a year and a half in Yorkshire. Is this truly a defensive posture? Or merely another example of waste in her Majesty's Government?

MOM TO PUPPET: Gee, what happened? All that early correspondence from you, then nothing. By the way, I built a fleet in StP. I was going to build 3 there, but Unk No wouldn't let me ((yeah, I'm always the son-of-a-bitch....))

PARIS TO LONDON, BERLIN, ROME, VIENNA, CON, AND THE WHOLE UNIVERSE AT LARGE: Stop Russia! Stop Russia, dammit! Quit eyeballing me--my sea centers are no threat to anyone as I'm just gonna sit here and do nothing until the RUSSIAN MONSTROSITY HAS BEEN TORTURED AND KILLED! Stop the Russian, you feeble-minded jerks!

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MISSIONARY POSITION

Spring 1910

RUSSO-GERMAN AMITY CONTINUES

AUSTRIA (Nelson Heintzman, 2255 Delaware Ave, #C-4, Buffalo NY 14216);
A Arm holds, A Ark-S-A Arm, F Con holds.

FRANCE (Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln, Halea Corners WI 53130);
A Par-r-Gas. A Gas-S-F Por-Spa no (dis, annih), A Spa-Mar, F Por-Spa no.

GERMANY (Dale Backen, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 3, Madison WI 53711);
Build declined. F Wes-GOL, A Bre-Gas, A Par-S-A Bre-Gas, A Bur-S-A Bre-Gas,
A Ruh-Mun, A Sil-S-A Ruhr-Mun, A Tyr-Ven, A Tri-S-A Tyr-Ven, A Vie-S-A Tri,
F Eng-Mid.

ITALY: (Russ Rusnak, 16 West, 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Apt 105, Hinsdale IL.
60521); F Aeg-S-AUST F Con, A Pie-S-A Ven, A Ven-S-GERMAN A Tri,
F Tur-Tyr Sea.

RUSSIA (Nancy Irwin, 4729 Morgan Ford, Apt 5, St. Louis, MO. 63116);
F Nef-S-F Mid-Wes, F Mid-Wes, F Nwy holds, A Lpl holds, A War-S-A Mos,
A Mos-S-A War, A Sev-Arm, F Blk-S-A Sev-Arm, A Bul-S-A Gre, A Gre-S-A Bul,
A Ser-S-A Bud, A Bud-S-GERMAN A Tri.

The G/R draw is vetoed and repropoed. Fall 1910 moves are due on Saturday
1 June, 1985.

MISSIONARY PRESS

DATELINE MASADA: High atop the rim of a sandstone mesa stood the desolate figure of the Crown Prince of Austria. The chill wind of the desert night caused him to draw his fluttering cloak closer about as he gazed into the measureless depth of the midnight blackness which enveloped him. Far, far below, the distant campfires of the Austrian forces glittered like sparkling stars upon the desert floor. As he beheld the bejeweled beauty of the twinkling panorama spread out beneath him, he thought of the men and women huddled together below, seeking warmth and shelter and refuge. Driven from their homeland, hounded to the remote desert hills and plains of the Levant, his people—Austrian and Magyar alike—yet had retained their fierce pride and sworn eternal vengeance against their enemies, the Russians and Germans now sweeping across all of Europe.

With calm and clarity of thought, the Crown Prince coldly reflected upon the Tsarina, who twice had betrayed him while choosing some upstart German Junker as her consort. A grim smile shaded his face as he looked deeply into his mind's eye. The FIA Coalition was doomed; there was no doubt of that. Although the Russians were stymied in the Middle East for the nonce, the Russo-German forces stood poised at the Pillars of Hercules ready to enter the Western Med. The valiant French would fall first; then the hardy Italians would meet their fate. The Crown Prince glared northward, envisioning phantom ivory sails upon the dark, empty horizon. Silently, he promised himself that Austria would not be found wanting when its turn came. The golden sands of Asia Minor would turn red with blood for not one Austrian man, woman, or child would ever surrender. This he knew, this he vowed....

GHOST TO RUSS: You tried, you tried. But hell, when it comes right down to it, you couldn't negotiate your way out of it. It was too late. You never should have let me die...I'll haunt you for the rest, the rest of your life!

RUSSIA TO GERMANY: 17-17 by Fall 1913 or bust!!

RUSSIA TO ITALY, FRANCE, AND AUSTRIA-TURKEY: Are you willing to admit defeat yet?

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PORCELAIN GOD

Winter C9/Spring 191C

HAPSBURGS CONSOLIDATE (FOR WHAT ITS WORTH)

AUSTRIA (Carl Russell, 21 Morgan Rd, Binghamton, NY 13903);
A Mun-S-A Vie-Boh (dis, ret to Sil, oth), A Vie-Boh.

GERMANY (Russ Rusnak, 16 West 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Apt, 105,
 Hinadale, IL 60521); A Mun-r-Ruhr. Builds A Kie, A Ber.
 A Spa-Mar, F Por-Spa sc, F Bre-Eng, F Nwy h, F Edi-Nth, A Lpl-Yrk,
 F NAO-Mid, A Bur-S. A Spa-Mar, A Par-Gas, A Ruh-Mun, A Kie-S-A Ruh-Mun,
 A Ber-S-A Ruh-Mun, A Sil-War.

ITALY (Jim Makuc, 2 Forest Park Ln, Rm 214 Ivy House, Cornell Univ,
 Ithaca NY 14853); F Alb-Ion, F Nap-S-F Alb-Ion, F Tun-S-F Alb-Ion,
A Tri-Ser (ret to Ven, oth), A Mar-Spa (dis, ret to Pie, oth),
 A Tyr-S-AUST A Mun.

TURKEY (Chuck Kaplan, 742 Grouse Ct., Deerfield, IL 60015);
 Builds A Con, F Eas-Ion, F Gre-S-F Eas-Ion, F Aeg-S-F Gre-Ion,
 A Bul-S-F Gre, F Say-Eag, A Con-Sav, F Blk-S-A Con-Sav, A Rus-S-A Bud,
 A Bud-S-A Ser-Tri, A Ser-Tri, A Stp holds.

The concession to Germany was ignored to death. Fall 191C moves will be
 due on Saturday, 1 June, 1985. Congratulations to Chuck on his recent
 marriage!

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SACRED COW

WINTER 1906

SEASONS SEPARATED BY REQUEST

AUSTRIA (John Crosby, 830 Hunterhill Tr, Roswell, GA. 30075);
 Builds A Bud. Also has F Say, A Con, F Aeg, F Bul sc, A Ser, A Tri,
 A Vie, A Tyr, F Nap.

ENGLAND (Konrad Baumstiger, 11416 Parkview Ln, Hales Corners, WI 53130);
 Even steven. Has F Hol.

FRANCE (David Anderson, PO Box 3761, Pontiac, MI 48059);
 Builds A Mar. Has A Mar, F Tun, F Tyr, A Bal, A Sur, F Eng, F Lpl.

GERMANY (Matt Fleming, 4290 Chateau de Ville #C, St. Louis, MO 63129);
 Removes A Boh. Has A Ruh, F Kie, A Mun.

RUSSIA (Lu Henry, 6056 Waverly, Dearborn Heights, MI 98127);
 Builds A War. Also has A Ukr, F Den, F Nth, A Swa, F Lon, A Yrk,
 A Gal, A Ark, F Blk, A Rum.

All draws were defeated. Welcome home, Matt, and thanks to Bob Sweeney
 for standing by. The deadline for Spring 1907 moves is Saturday 1 June 1985.

SACRED PRESS

FRANCE TO AUSTRIA: How's everything going? You said I could have some
 of your Italian dots. I think I'll use them in the Fall.

BERLIN TO MOSCOW: A very poor stab, indeed. Had you waited, I would
 have been trusting you and you could have stabbed for the win. Or had
 you not stabbed at all, you would have had the two-way with me. Now the
 best you will get is a three-way, and I am one who, despite not liking
 it, will work with both Anderson and Crosby to make your fate the same
 as mine!

 ANONYMOUS GAME SITUATION

For those of you who need to be reminded, the players in this game adopted pseudonyms, and communicated via forwarded letters, retyped and mailed by the GM. I can certainly say that those players who bothered to write did considerably better than did those who played the game "gunboat" style. The exception was the "Unknown Standby", who entered the game too late to save a doomed position.

Here, then, is the cast of characters, and their true identities:

AUSTRIA (Vienna Waits for You): Gary Coughlan!
 ENGLAND: (Fool on the Hill): Pete Ashley! Dropped Fall 1902
 ENGLAND: (Unknown Standby): Jim-Bob Burgess!
 FRANCE: (Casual Sutterby): Daf Langley!
 GERMANY: (Konrad v. Kriegen): Marc Peters!
 ITALY: (Erin Thomas—E.T.): Wm. C.S.A.A. Lowe!
 RUSSIA: (Anastasia Romanov): Larry Peery (resigned Fall 1903)
 RUSSIA: (Harpee II Ruturkuckoff): Neil Kierzi!
 TURKEY: (Joe Freblitz): Peter Gaughan (dropped Fall 1902)
 TURKEY: (Cherokee Chuck Likes to...): Mark Frueh! (name change Win 03)
 TURKEY: (Rhusty Underwhere): Mark Frueh!

A lot of people guessed the identity of Cherokee Chuck, and quite a few were not fooled when he submitted a phoney resignation in favor of Rhusty Underwhere. The rest of the identities were a topic of constant speculation throughout the course of the game, and contributed to the enjoyment of all concerned.

	C1	C2	C3	C3	C4	C5	C7	C8	C9
A	4	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
E	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
F	5	7	9	9	10	12	12	10	11 Draw
G	5	7	8	10	12	14	13	15	11 Draw
I	4	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-
R	5	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-
T	4	5	5	6	7	9	9	9	12 Draw

 ENDGAME STATEMENTS

AUSTRIA (Gary Coughlan): Paul recruited me for what I thought would be a gunboat Dip game, but it turned out that the players could actually write to each other through Paul, who would retype the letters and mail them to the country they were destined for. I have spent many fruitless times trying to figure out who else was in this game. I am the world's worst at guessing who anonymous players are, so I found it somewhat alarming when Bob Olsen (who was not in the game) wrote me guessing that I was Austria! If he could figure out, maybe the other players could as well. But no one ever contacted me outside of the context of the game. (When I went on vacation to Europe, Bob did my moves for one season and I lost Vienna. However, I would have lost Vienna anyway, due to the moves I would have submitted.

Since I didn't really have my name attached to Austria for all to see, I decided on, for me, unorthodox moves and grabbed Rumania and then generally allied with whoever wrote to me. Italy and Russia were always my enemies and their constant attacks (especially Italy's) allowed Germany and Turkey to creep in and eat us all up. After early years of relative success, Austria went down to the greed of Germany, who grabbed Vie rather than accept my support into Venice. Austria then turned to Turkey, and served that player to its dying day. I was quite surprised that he didn't take Naples with my aid on the last time I could help him before my ship sank beneath the stormy southern seas.

I had a very good time with the press, trying to guess identities of the other players and I'd like to thank Paul for his excellent GMing and for providing a fun game which I was lucky to be a part of. Oh, I chose my name of "Vienna Waits for You" because I was Austria, I like Billy Joel's music, and I figured others would come to me as I waited, either with alliance offers or with armies to take the spoils!

Endgame statements by Jim Burgess, Daf Langley, Marc Peters, and Mark Frueh will appear in the next issue, as I'm quite out of space in this one. Sorry.

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SLEAZE ONE SUCRATION

ZINES: Diplomacy by Moonlight through Fall 1903; Midlife Crisis to end.

GMS: Dan Stafford through Fall 1903; Paul G. Rautenberg to end.

PLAYERS: AUSTRIA: Mark Frueh
 ENGLAND: D.S. Palter (res. Fall 1903); David Pierce
 FRANCE: Derwood Bowen (Dropped Fall 1911); David Anderson
 GERMANY: David Reynolds (dropped Win 1901); Randy Ellis
 ITALY: Terry Tallman
 RUSSIA: Michael Quirk
 TURKEY: Buddy Tretick dro Fall 1902; Keith Sherwood

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	10	11	
A	5	5	7	8	9	9	12	12	13	17	18	Wins
E	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	2	-	-	-	
F	3	3	9	9	9	12	10	11	13	16	16	
G	3	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
I	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
R	6	7	7	8	8	9	10	9	8	1	-	
T	4	4	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	

ENDGAME STATEMENTS

DAVID ANDERSON (France): Congratulations to Mark on his win in this game. I wish I could have shared in the win, but it was not to be. You deserved it, Mark.

AUSTRIA (Mark Frueh): This was the third game I started. I feel so grateful to all the players and the GMS for teaching so much about this game. It was always enjoyable. Tallman's Fall C1 stab left a big memory which I was lucky enough to repay with interest.

Watching Bernie Oaklyn and Michael Quirk act like Madlads was a good time. Of course Oaklyn MR'd out and Keith Sherwood took over. Sherwood tried to stab me by trying to make me stab my ally Derwood. But to no avail. Sherwood then tried to make me feel guilty through his humorous press but Madlads have no consciences.

The game should have been a 3-way draw between R/F/A, but Michael gave us one too many chances to become a good ally. I just had to prove him wrong. So then Michael was left to stymie Derwood to encourage me to stab. But I never did.

Derwood saved me more than once, and he would have shared in a 2-way if he had stayed in. But he didn't, so Anderson gets survival and nice try to come back and beat me. But Dave forgot one thing; Madlads have no consciences.

Thanks Terry, Michael, Derwood, Keith, Randy, and Paul. I couldn't have done it without each of you. Be proud you gave Frueh his start.

BENZINE

As of this moment (28 April) there's still no

Benzine. If it comes with the morning mail, I'll include it with this issue. Otherwise, I'll use some Lews stuff already on file.

I'm leaving on vacation 30 April, so if Benzine isn't here by then, it'll be delayed until

1 June.

In "the vice of gambling and the virtue of insurance," George Bernard Shaw begins by explaining how in small numbers speculation is crazy while in large numbers it is certain, and he then leads his way to the advocacy of a government insurance program in which a person "is automatically insured just as he is protected by police," etc. "whether he likes it or not." This is rather pallid and typical of Fabian society writing. The eddies of his thought are more intriguing. At one point, Shaw says the major flaw of capitalism is that while it supposedly sublimates the powerful emotion greed into a desire to work, the more specific motive of any capitalist is to make his fortune without having to work for it. (Honestly, do you dream of holding a steady job or of inventing some nifty gadget and making an easy million? (Actually, that's a poor illustration, but you get the idea.) Shaw was a bit premature. Freud has gotten us a long way; but maybe we're bogged down a bit now, and maybe the system can be improved. Shaw's proffered solution is to install some sort of pride in handing others. That sounds real pretty and might have been practical once, but the idea wouldn't have a chance now.

In today's capitalist America, one can make money either by earning it with honest work or by tricking it out of someone. By honest work I mean providing a worthwhile product or service; by trickery I mean not contributing to the economy but instead redistributing it by persuading someone to give away his money. The phrase "honest work" conjured images of unpleasantness and perhaps the idea that it's not worth the trouble; but we've all had experiences, both glamorous and prosaic, in which we've strived toward a goal and the result was worth the effort. Similar projects is what our economy should be made of. We need to minimize the unhealthy parts of competition and emphasize wholesome industry to make capitalism work to its finest potential. (Sorry about the hot air at the end there folks. I find it difficult to write like that. Really.)

Letters from my fans:

(this came in a few days after the midlife crisis with the long benzene, and had no return address):

A few comments on the latest benzene, since I'm in a typing midframe. Of your annual favorite ads, I don't think that I've seen any of them. One campaign that I've liked is the one that uses a variety of popular '50's and '60's tunes. I can't recall the name of the advertiser or the product (good ad campaign, huh?), and that's part of the reason that I like it. The music and the colors are quite pleasant, though. A nice mood piece.

Bad ads are much more prevalent. I can NOT stand that cretin Victor Kiam trying to sell me one of his electric razors. Everything about that ad is terrible -- his acting, his lines (notice that everything he says appears in writing on the screen?), the film quality. Also, those pompous morons asking me if I'm good enough for grape-nuts. Who is writing these pieces and what are they thinking about? The entire Chevy campaign is abhorrent. What does "live today's Chevy" mean? Nothing to me. I feel for that poor sap whose boss gives him a Chevy along with his promotion. I like my lyrics much better:

here it comes, your reward / you got screwed -- it's a Ford!

enough griping about ads. My father worked advertising for Reader's Digest for 25 years.

About Mondale's choice of Ferraro as VP: I never thought that the choice of a woman on the ticket would have much of an impact on the results (I voted Reagan/Bush, by the way). Rather, I think Ferraro was a sacrificial lamb for the cause of women in the future. It was very unlikely that the first woman to run for one of the two highest offices in the U.S. would win, and being of the Mondale legacy, in lieu of its apparent unpopularity, may be political suicide. Look what Carter did for Frits. ((yep, got him the nomination)) It will be interesting to see what sort of future Ferraro has in politics, but I think that she will probably not go very far. Association with Frits may have killed her.

Hmm... there goes the typing midframe. If any of this gets published I'll probably ~~write~~ write again.

(note to mystery person: send me a return address. I promise not to publish it, if that's what you want.)

"Live" in "live today's Chevy" means "be powerful, be free, gain respect, and get laid." Silly you probably thought cars were vehicles for transportation. Maybe Subarus are but no Chevy would be so mundane. The Chevy admen are no dummies; cars are natural symbols because of their role in the life of the teenager. A car, no matter how snabby, is a place of one's own. A bedroom, even if quite private, is part of the parents' house. Even if you don't have sex in it, the car takes you away from the school and away from the parents. Teenagers have trouble finding a place to be away from home where they aren't loitering. These memories linger in the mind of the young adult, and the Chevy ads work from there.

Chevy ads are the only ones we both see, apparently. I don't know any Victor Kiam and I haven't seen the grape-nut ad either. Are you sure there are no morron ads in Colorado? I sort of like the Campbell's Soup ad in which the woman says, "finishing? I'm worried about winning" even if she does have an evil, "hey man, I eat you for breakfast" smirk on her face; I also like the Campbell's one with the young man and the guy with a smokey-the-bear hat and the boy says "yes sir" with a terrific smile.

another interesting one is the one for "zero spaghetti sauce" where the dopey husband says, "my wife's using spaghetti sauce from a jar" that's a bit aggressive but it doesn't offend me. I like the fact that after 25 seconds of maintaining one thing, he admits he was wrong. The willingness to change one's mind is a healthy social phenomenon and is apparently a popular one, as demonstrated by another buffo character, Ronald Reagan.

From Ben Scilling:

a comment on your comments on the twin problem. 1) special relativity only applies when objects are moving at constant velocities relative to each other. 2) special relativity is a consequence of a constant speed of light, as observed by Michelson & Morley in 1881, not the other way around.

((jikes. I'm afraid you're not specific enough for my simple mind. sounds like this aging bit is a result of relative velocity and has nothing to do with acceleration, but my question remains: who's to say the one guy is moving, rather than the other guy is moving?))

From Mike Barno:

adi ("star wars") won't work because, even if it could do the impossible: take out 10% of the lobes without being destroyed or damaged, no system currently envisaged could get the cruise missiles, let alone "suitcase bombs" and whatnot. all it does is force the attacker to launch more missiles in hopes of enough getting through, and forces the development and deployment of anti-satellite weapons.

((star wars -- like the nuclear freeze -- is a gross simplification of the arms issue used by bickering ideologues and ignored by educated students of the issue.

President Reagan, it turns out, is neither bickering ideologue nor educated student, which isn't quite as bad as it seems. Reagan fails to do the presidential job in the traditional way, but nevertheless his administration -- in spite of some ups and downs -- generally works. Like Marines in Lebanon, Star Wars will be a hot ideological issue for a while, and then it will fizzle out and be forgotten and life will go on. Reagan has a history of acting instinctively and somewhat impulsively, screwing the meticulously analytical decision-making of Nixon or Johnson. Often Reagan's instincts are good, but sometimes he'll do something silly. Then his cabinet will start saying, "hey wait a minute Ron, what the heck are we doing this for anyway?" and he'll say, "well...I'm not sure. Looks like it wasn't such a great idea after all," and the policy is changed. This results in some occasional stumbling and bumping, but the administration is capable of adapting to changing situations and learning from its mistakes. In this way, Reagan is much like FDR who spent a lot of time making speculative decisions, and changing them as necessary. I think this is connected to having a good public image. Reagan doesn't have to worry about if the people will like him or not. Reagan, but not Johnson, could come out and say, "turns out the Marines in Lebanon/Vietnam aren't doing any good, so we're pulling out.")

Why is instant telepathy "of course preposterous"? no data, and undocumented evidence in favor of it exists. The Rhine Institute has seen people score consistently in the upper 400s (I believe) of 500; so far as I know they haven't been able to determine or measure the time involved. Don't debunk gods or bandersnatches without empirical evidence.

((that's "bandersnatch!" according to Niven, but I agree with yours.

sounds like you are defending "telepathy" when it is "instant" that I discredit. I'll continue to doubt telepathy but wouldn't go so far as to call it preposterous. Nonetheless, telepathic information will go no faster than light. Even if you had telepaths as distant as Reykjavik and Melbourne, the difference between instantaneous and speed-of-light would be too slight to measure. Empirical evidence of the speed of telepaths will have to wait until we send telepaths into space. Meanwhile, I'll stick with theory.))

What time is it to a tachyon?

((I don't know if that's poetry or inquiry. I've thrown out the book which mentioned tachyons, but as I recall they are theoretical particles which somehow propel themselves forward on light waves (like a surfer). According to some equation, this means they are actually going backward in time. I'll grant that this is at least consistent, as

going faster than light and going back in time are equally impossible.))

So gravitons matter? as long as neither we nor the atmosphere drift away, I'm not going to get too excited. I'd rather know what's going on with the quasars. Hell, I'd rather know how to get the military to give us our space program back before a comet hits or we have a nuclear exchange of large scale.

((Douglas tells me he supports spending the requested \$30 billion for C&I research because it's the only way such research will ever get funded.))

sometimes I feel I'm on the "wrong side" of the Klein bottle.

Very few people vote based on "the issues," but many people vote based on an issue. I have quite a few friends who would vote for a subsidize-the-mafia candidate if he supported a nuclear freeze.... given the state of the election process, why not random selection of reps? the guy next door has a better feel for popular opinion than a career power-lunger; he's not badly educated and will get the data he needs from the bureaucracy, as they do now. For that matter, why not government by plebiscite for most matters of policy? a computer on-line to a government network in each post office (bank?) would give us much more of a democracy if only the fraction who care about a given issue bother to vote --

so you say it's dead rules, all of the remaining sea land is 1/2 dot last season.
now the rules

proposed out

last month i mistakenly said that rules 1 & 2, if passed, would take effect in pre-fall 06, when in fact they'd take effect in pre-fall 07. (rules were modified.) rule 2 delays sea-affecting rules until "the fall of the year following the passage of the rule."

winter 06:

eng (martin): build a lvp

fra (tigne): build 20 car, 2 bar, 2 bre, 2 par2

ger (minshall): build a sun, a mie, a ber2, a kie2, a sun2

ita (elli): build a ven, 2 rom, 2 nap, a rom2

rus (wall): build a ctp, a str2

tur (gausman): build 10 spy, a cond

pre-season 06:

france 1 used

become ad bred

started a ctp

become ad str

spring 06:

1: a2 ber-gun (r-bal, sil); if wal-lin, a lvp-ell, 10 lvp-ly

2: 2 bre-ll, 1 mid-lac, 1 oly s 2 mid-nao, 1 ddi n, a sll s, aca, aca-ang (1),
10 car-lyc, 1 mie-tun, a par2-roc2, 1a car2-otac2, ad bred-luc2, a par-ll

3: a car-ial, a ber2-bm, a sll s a ber2-bor, a lun a 2 ber2-bor, a sll a a sun,
a kie2-bm2, a sun2-roc2, a2(p) lon2-loc, ad swe-ll, a lvp-roc2, 2 lon-ll
1 rll s 1 lon-atr, a nol2-ll

4: a ctp2-sll2, 1 cap2-ic2, a rom2-ll2, a2(p) ad-ll, a ven-ll2, 2 rom-ll,
1 rll s 2 rom-ll, 1 lvp-ll

5: a2 vie2-ll, a lun s a nos2-nos, a nos2-roc3, ad str a a nos2-nos, a lvp-ll

6: 1 con-ll(sc), 1a spy-ll, 1 rll s 2 str, 1 rll s 2 lon (1), a cond-ll2,
a2 nos-nos2 (r-war,dkr,sev)

i forgot to 1/2-space that -- i hope it reproduces well. nobody blows up this
turn. yes kevin, eng was indeed clear of debris this turn. also clearing up
in time for summer are bar, ruh, ska, aeg2, and bal. tur is impassable until
post-fall 07; yor2 is impassable until post-spring 07; roc2 is impassable until
post-fall 06. french paratroopers are shot down by italians in tuscany. tur-
ish fleet in trn is dislodged and retreats to the ocean floor.

votes: stretch, stretch, stretch, lvi-j, kivel-j, brfy-c

rule a passes: in pre-fall 1907, all spaces which are not now dots (including
sea spaces) will become dots, and current dots will cease to be dots. (there
was confusion expressed about this happening in pre-fall rather than in fall.
no real action occurs in pre- or post-seasons -- i invented them to clarify the
sequence of things. to say the dots change in fall implies that the change
occurs some time during the season while the units are moving about. in fact,
the dots are normal in summer 07 and different in fall 07. post-fall is a
quasi-season sandwiched between summer and fall during which assorted scene changes
can take place.

rules to date are: 1) bombs 2) sc-affecting rules delayed 3) double units
4) proposals are anonymous 5) only 3 bombs and they're anonymous 6) left res
UN 7) amphibians 8) bob olsen 9) board two 10) bombs exploded summer 0-
11) negative votes 12) draws include austria 13) paratroopers 14) gm address
15) tallman out 16a) no obnoxious clauses 16b) joke orders inevitable 16c)
seirt lose units 17) draws exclude austria 18) dot-pondict switch.

proposals:

1: dots and non-dots switch on board 2 only ((this would occur in pre-fall
07 (having passed in post-fall 06). immediately after rule 18 switches dots
on both boards, this would switch those on board 2 back to how they were).

1: in winter 06, any and all remaining neutral dots are distributed among
surviving players. gm will randomly "generate a "draft order," each player
draft picks randomly.

2: england's units are removed and his centers become neutral, then all neutral
centers are split up among seirt ((just like in rule 1))

3: conrad minshall loses a random((ly chosen)) unit each time one of his rules
passes. he permanently loses one unit for each rule that he has proposed and
and pass already retroactive to all previous german players as well.
((sure, make me dig through year-old records. seriously, i think i could figure
that out but it's not certain; i'll do my best.)) ((i'm not sure what "permanently"
was intended to mean. if a unit is permanently removed but no centers are lost,
it can be replaced by a newly built unit. and yes, i'm interpreting "all previous
german players" to mean players in this game only.))

4: board 2 and units thereon disappear ((pre-fall 07))

5: tri-clause rule:

a) each player gets 3 more bombs and may have 2 on the board at any time.
b) each player gets one more amphibian and one more double unit, which are
to be determined as before ((amphibian may be designated by owning player in
any pre-season, double units are chosen randomly by gm and unidentified until
they can be deduced.))

... double units... normal and all... beyond... disappear... (if a player places two of his original units... board at once, the latter disappears... nullification of... double units and amphibians will be... "af" or "fa" or "af," and amphibians' original type will be... to assist me in reverting them back if necessary.) amphibians return to their original state, and lie if out of their element.

- examples for the confused:
kfa is a fleet which became an amphibian
kaf is an army which became an amphibian
kfk2 is an amphibian which became a double unit
kafa is a fleet which became an amphibian
kafk2 is a double army which became an amphibian
kfk2 is a fleet which became an amphibian and doubled
kfk2 is a double army which doubled again
etc.

the x immediately precedes any part which was a result of rule p. remember that the definition of double unit is it acts as if another unit were supporting it. so if a unit is twice doubled, it is in fact only three times as strong as a normal unit.

something i forgot to mention above is that when the dots change, your home centers (for building) are those dots that are within your national borders. e.g., ffa for the ffa2 land kfk2 for russia, etc.

deadline is the monday before paul's deadline. i believe that is may 20, but you should check. sue then is retreats (e.t), optional bomb if you have one available, optional amphibian (t), fall 96 orders (e,r,t may 1947000), votes on rules, rule proposal. send all orders to mark law, 1327 w 27th ave, ann Arbor MI 49503, (307) 294-9320.

news:

The Wall: t-bone, or kkr, now ally in 23km, and new tank! if this crew doesn't start passing the more bizarre proposals, conrad will win. little countries are not hurt by changes in the status quo. vote MKRD or die!

from dick martin:

"nothing exciting in local news worth buttering you up with. decent scandals are few and far between..." ((scandals" was a poor choice of word on my part; what i'm general information about your elected officials, particularly the u.s. senators from your state. it hadn't occurred to me that there'd be considerably less "local" news in the homogenous areas of the u.s.))

"it would seem that protecting an industry would make it less vulnerable to competition, and thus less competitive. over time, the industry would become less flexible, and dependent upon the protection, i guess."

(i can see that protecting an industry would stand in the way of pure capitalism, but i was hoping to get a step-by-step explanation saying protection causes this

which causes the prices to do this so these guys do this which makes those guys do that and... economic decay. unfortunately, none of our resident economic scholars deigned to answer.

i don't imagine the industry would need to become dependent because the protection wouldn't be put up unless it was already needed. likewise, i think it's less accurate to say that a protected industry would decay than to say that it was already decadent (or at least inefficient). if the american automakers genuinely need protection against japanese competition, for instance, it must be that there is something about japan (be it social structure, geographical position, physical attributes of the inhabitants, or whatever) that makes automaking more efficient in japan than in america. rather than restricting japanese imports, america should spot its own inefficiency and correct it; or, if it turns out to be an irreversible fact that automaking is better done in japan, we should admit it and employ our work force in a more efficient way.

people have been making a big stink about our trade deficit with japan, and i must confess that i don't understand the problem. apparently we buy more japanese goods than japan buys american goods. therefore, we've paid them more of our money than we've gotten back in their money. this is supposedly the problem, but don't all those cars and tvs we got out of the deal count for anything? it seems to me that in exchange for the money we lost to the japanese economy, we have increased our standard of living by obtaining all these items which we didn't waste our own work force's time in producing. that is assuming we spent our money somewhat wisely; and if we didn't, the problem is not a trade deficit, but foolish spending on the part of the americans.

the sore issue for the economics buffs: i've found that most economic jingles-on have an almost mathematically logical precision if you learn to view things in the right way. but the thing that continues to perplex me is the concept of rent and property ownership. generally, one puts out effort in some form or another to earn money, but it sure seems to me that anyone who owns real estate is getting money for doing nothing. i do recognize land development and apartment managing and those sort of things as valid services to provide, but there are those who get a share of the earnings just for being recognized as the real owner of the land.

I suppose that this is the sort of thought that inhibited certain re-evaluation of laws. I certainly would not advocate that because of the major matter it would solve, but I see no reason not to increase property taxes dramatically. As long as someone is getting free money, the government may as well get a healthy share. In normal situations, the reason to not raise taxes is the decreased economic activity due to lost incentive. (here i'm assuming you're interested only in the health of the economy and not in getting votes.) For instance, if you raise taxes on businesses, there'll be those marginal businesses which will decide they aren't making enough money to justify their effort, and will call it quits. As well as the potential businesses which will decide not to start up after all. Likewise if you raise taxes on workers, there'll be those workers who decide their net income isn't worth the trouble so they'll turn to social programs or crime or subsistence hunting or whatever. But if you raise taxes on property, what will happen? The property owners will complain but they can't retaliate by stopping their work because they weren't doing anything in the first place. Regardless, the land will still be there, ready to serve as always, no matter where its price gets driven.

Recently I've heard many of my liberal friends bitch about how all these huge corporations are making lots of bucks and not paying any taxes at all. Now I don't doubt that somewhere in here the ordinary guy is getting the shaft, but I think the indignation is misfocused. It is not for no reason that these big guys aren't paying taxes. The laws are supposedly set up to use taxes to encourage things which are beneficial to the economy. So we don't tax general dynamics because we actually want it to stay in business making lots of money because that somehow benefits us. Now if in fact g-d, is not benefitting us anymore than its resources would if dismantled, the problem is that we're accidentally encouraging (via tax breaks) some activity which doesn't do us any good. A minimum tax rate

for businesses, then, is the wrong answer, because it is conceivable and indeed likely that there are some nice businesses out there which deserve to go untaxed -- and if there aren't, there is at least an ideal sort of business which would deserve to go untaxed if any corporation chose to meet the requirements.,,

From Brad Wilson:

"Gee, it's been years since I wrote you, but here goes. In the latest horde, there were a couple of things that interested me. One is Angola. "harassment by unita"? Jonas Savimbi would be upset. Unita probably controls 50% of the country, but it is not strong enough yet to challenge MPLA in the cities. Of course, if we could help them, that might change, but according to U.S. liberals we can only destabilize friendly regimes. People like Ed Boland and Chris Dodd make me ill."

(I will concede that "harassment by unita" was an understatement (the magnitude of which depends on one's definition of "harass"), but "controls 50% of the country" is just as gross an overstatement, I suspect. My right-leaning reader's Digest 1980 World Almanac credits unita with "most of the southern third of the country." Reader's Digest is most certainly capable of being wrong but they'd be inclined to favor the anti-communist group in any misrepresentation. 50%, if true, must be a relatively new development. Where did you get your 50% figure? Being a relatively new student to history and policy, I'm pleased that you have no further objections. As I to assume that my interpretations of unita, south Africa, and the events of the 70s are more or less accurate.

If we want that MPLA and Unita split Angola 50-50, I suppose that we could, as you point out, support unita to a victory. But what would be the purpose of that? The current situation is not incompatible with American interests. MPLA, with control of most of the marketable resources, in spite of being a communist group, has been doing business with American and multinational industries for years. If unita were to actually control the country, they'd no longer be dependent on us and they may or may not do what we like; they are, after all, a nationalist group. A weak government will fall apart and you'll have a new war soon. While a strong government offends the multinationals. Let me know more of your thoughts on destabilization and its purpose. My current impression is that David Rockefeller and the multi-national corporate interests would like to destabilize any nation which is threatening to reach economic stability (through intelligent leadership and popular support) because, frankly, they don't care for the competition. There's no doubt that somebody is making money off the resources of the third world. Any given third world nation would rather be making that money for itself, even if it does mean temporary setbacks while they learn how to do it.)

"Secondly, your point on Alan's history. As an aspiring historian, I agree wholeheartedly with you, but the "profession" -- the historical profession -- is going in just the opposite direction. Everyone's interested in women and every sort of racial minority possible. Who cares how blacks cooked beans in 17th century Delaware? As for women, we must remember that today's ideology, insist women had an equal role throughout history. Otherwise, history is "sexist." What say to -- but women did not fight at Waterloo, discover America, or dictate church policy. Whether they should have been able to do soot -- they didn't."

(But apparently big sister would like to correct the mistake by changing history. I'm beginning to doubt that there are any intelligent proponents of causal deter-

talk of it. It's not the way, it's the way we live that one has to say. Meanwhile I'm hearing only the feminist ideologies and how the lady debate classes in high school. These people view any issue as a debate to be won by one side or the other. They have assigned themselves the "women's side" of the debate and are pouring side logic in order to distribute the usual rhetoric.

I sometimes wonder if some women don't regret the measure of equality that they have acquired because now they have that many fewer things to bitch about. Rather than acknowledge that women as a group don't have such a bad deal now, many women seem to dredge up more and more complaints which become progressively more petty.

I know women who make a point of ostentatiously referring to men in a sexually objective way. This does not offend me and I've learned to take that quite clear, because I've seen what happens when a man is offended and says so. The woman now gets to assume her more-partyed-than-thou tone and say "Well, now you know how we poor women feel." Men always refer to women as sex objects and nobody cares, but when a woman does you men get all upset about it. This is nothing compared to typical men's locker room talk." Oh, I do sometimes wonder how a woman gets familiar with what is said in a men's locker room. I've been in locker rooms though and I can't remember ever hearing anyone talk about women. When I was in high school (not long ago) the men were all very embarrassed about the subject and nobody said much of anything. My opinion is that they've all been intimidated into submission because they're so afraid of being called transhumans. But women won't take credit for their social coup because they prefer to retain their status as the injured party.))

JOEL McNALLY THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER

— From *Milwaukee Journal*



The problem of beer commercials is that natural beauty exists on television in a terrible way. It is only for the production of beer. It is a terrible waste of money. It should be inspirational.

Impressional children are children. Standing mountain streams of sporty events are our fillings about pure water would dance and trip with their bodies to drink beer. plates in the sunlight. The rolling hills would be so green you could get and laugh and have a good time. hills would be so green you could get healthy just looking at them.

These are not the values that we should be teaching to young people. A quiet voice would carry each syllable as it describes the beauty and the peace of this place.

A serious critique of personal opinions

We should be teaching them what responsible adults really do.

We should have television commercials showing successful adults making money.

A bunch of executive guys could be gathered around the table of a corporate board room. They still could be played by Bob Uecker, Dick Butkus, Mickey Spillane, Ray Nitschke and Bubba Smith No-Scratch Bubba.

All these fun-loving white guys would be laughing and joking about how much more cheaply they would make their new cars and how much higher the prices would be.

John Madden would be yelling "Hey, listen up," and pointing to a corporate profit chart with the leg going up off the chart.

Suddenly, Rodney Dangerfield comes beating right through the chart in the company's slobbery car, his eyes going every which way. Everybody would fall on the floor.

Such nature photography in commercials should not create the im-

pression that natural beauty exists on television in a terrible way. It is a terrible waste of money. It is a terrible waste of money. It should be inspirational.

"This is God's country. This is a land untouched by the vicissitudes of civilization. It stands unchanged and pure. This is South Africa."

And what kind of impression is left when children see groups of adults trying to outdo each other over the virtues of beer?

We should not display twenty bar patrons making spectacles of themselves from coast to coast whooping and howling about whether beer "Tastes Great" or is "Less Filling"

Why not televise some of our responsible national leaders thoughtfully considering some of the most important issues of the day?

We could have one camera set up in the US Senate and another in the US House of Representatives the next time they vote on some brand-new weapon of nuclear destruction.

One group would yell "Blasts Great" and the other would respond "More Killing!"

Beer commercials show people drinking together and getting along with each other.

They give a horribly distorted picture of our values and they should be banned.