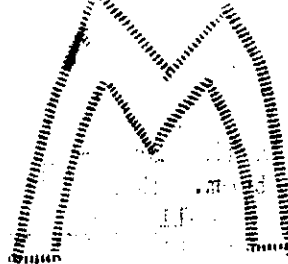




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PLAYERS: Please notice that I'm calling to your attention an important announcement! The deadline for games run herein will be much more strictly enforced from here on! Let me explain . . . I have always felt a slightly tardy set of orders is much superior to an NMR (No Moves Received). Therefore, I've always ruled that so long as the games were not already typed up, I'd accept orders past the deadline. (No harm, no foul' to use a favorite phrase of Chick Hearn's). However, this is beginning to occur at such an increased rate that it is a factor in slowing down the time it takes me to get your game results to you. So, from now on, be advised that orders received after the deadline will not be used. PERIOD. Also, I've been told that some of you don't realize the deadline for PHONED-IN orders is the day before the deadline. So, one more time so no one can claim ignorance as an excuse: THE DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS LISTED BELOW THE GAME RESULTS; THE DEADLINE IS WHEN THE MAIL ARRIVES ON THAT DAY!!! ANY PHONED-IN ORDERS MUST BE CALLED IN NO LATER THAN THE NIGHT BEFORE THE DEADLINE! And please, remember this is postal DIPLOMACY. Please make every attempt to MAIL your orders in. I really don't mind an occasional phone call set of orders from any of you -- we all get caught a little short of time occasionally. But some players seems to phone every set of orders in. My wife goes nuts when I'm out and she gets six sets of orders to take for me. (And you should see how she writes them down! It's a crack-up! If I misinterpret what she has written, it's tough shit. Give them to me next time!). Well, enough of that. Please help me out with the above . . .

DIPLOMACY PLAYERS' GUIDE TO THE ZODIAC

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PISCES

(The Fish, 20 Feb. to 21 March)

Pisces men are sweet and gentle with the opposite sex and often excel at bilking old maids and widows out of their life savings. Women born under the sign are also romantically inclined and have trim, lithe, well-formed gums. A Pisces woman is especially open and sharing if you buy her a beer or two.

Pisceans are generally good DIPLOMACY players, but they are notorious for getting their orders written wrong. They also resent any criticism. If you want to really unnerve your Piscean foe, insult him in the press, or write him and tell him that his spelling or grammar is bad. At the same time don't tease him too much in a face-to-face game. If anybody is going to break down and cry over being the first eliminated, it's him.

Best Country for Pisceans to Play:
Easiest Sign for Pisceans to beat:
Best Zine for Pisceans to Play in:

England, Germany
Aries
WHITESTONIA

ZODIAC (Con'd)

ARIES

(The Ram 22 March to 20 April)

If you are an Aries, you are probably lonely -- and with your personality, it's no wonder. Although the Aries-born do become attached to others, the others rarely become attached to them. So, if you are an Aries, it's best to take up single games at an early age, like solitaire and mugging.

At DIPLOMACY, the Arian plays an exciting game. He is inclined to show off, going for unnecessary stabs with poor timing. His impetuous nature loses him more games than it wins. In fact, he but rarely wins games or ends up in two-way draws. He loathes criticism himself, but is fairly free when it comes to criticising others. He is not the most courteous or tactful of players, and terrible is his anger in defeat! For a truly explosive game of DIPLOMACY, watch an Arian start off in alliance with a Sagittarian or a Leo; and then watch the fireworks develop after the Arians's premature and poorly conceived stab.

- Best Countries for Arians to Play: Russia, France
- Easiest Signs for Arians to Beat: Virgo, Capricorn
- Best Zine for Arians to Play in: EMRAIN MACHA

THE GAMES!

- MACHIAVELLI NO. 52
- FALL 1454 NAPLES LOOKS BESET BY BY A WORLD OF TROUBLE AS KING OF NAPLES VISITS FAR NORTH!
- Milan (Albrecht): A1 Fornova-A-Genoa; A2 Bergamo-A-Milan; A3 Trent-B.
- Venice (Lowe): NMR; A1 Ferrara; A2 Friuli; F1 Istria; A2 Venbgn - all H.
- Florence (Cannon): A1 Sienna-A-Terugia; A1 Florence-A-Bologna; F1 EGLyo-A-Lucca.
- Papacy (Kettman): A1 Bologna-A-Modena; A2 Spoleto-A-Capua; A3 Tivoli-A-Patrimony; F1 Ancom-A-Aquila.
- Naples (Kuszynski): NMR; A1 Salerno, F1 ETys, F2 WTys, F3 Messina - all H.
- Turks (Palter): A1 Albania-A-Dalmatia/imp/; F1 Ionian-S-Palermo/OTM/; F2 Palermo-A-Messina.
- Austria (Broshot): A1 Slavonia-A-Croatia; A2 Austria-A-Carinthia; A3 Tya-S-Carinth.
- France (Scheifler): A1 Saluzzo-A-Savoy; A2 Sardinia-A-Corsica; F1 WGLyo-T-Corsica.

Builds and Adjustments are due TUES. April 17, 1984.

ADJUSTMENT AND INCOME PHASE 1454

Famine: (7) GOOD YEAR - row only

(9) - Famine appears in: Croatia, Florence, Turin, Mantua, Capua, Treviso.

WHO CONTROLS WHAT: (* after province denotes no income due to famine)(Caps show new gain)

Milan- Como, Milan, Pavia, Fornova, Piacenza, Parma, Cremona, BERGAMO, GENOA, TRENT.

Venice- Brescia, Verona, Padua, Venice, Vicenza, Trevisa*, Friuli, Istria, Dalmatia, FERRARA.

Florence- Arrezo, Pisa, Pistoria, Florence*, SIENNA, PERUGIA, BOLOGNA, LUCCA.

Papacy- Patrimony, Rome, Tivoli, Spoleto, Urbina, Ancona, Romagna, MODENA, AQUILA, CAPUA*.

Naples- Naples, Bari, Salerno, Otranto, Messina, WESTYS, WESTYS.

Turks- Durazzo, Albania, Herzegovina, Bosnia, Tunis, IONIAN, PALERMO.

Austria- Carinthia, Austria, Hungary, Tyrolia, SLAVONIA, CROATIA*.

France- Avignon, Provence, Swiss, Marseilles, WGLYO, SARDINAY, CORSICA, SALUZZO, TURIN*, SAVOY.

AUTONOMOUS GARRISONS REMAIN IN:

Savoy, Montferrat, Mantua, Trent(B), Lucca, Sienna, Piambinao, Ragusa.

((B) indicates garrison is being besieged). Rumors are that the garrison in Mantua is beginning to starve to death!

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MACHIAVELLI NO. 52 (Con'd)

INCOME CHART:

Power	Seas	Provinces	Cities	Variable	Total
Milan	0	10	8	9	27
Venice	0	9	5	9	23
Florence	0	7	4	4	15
Papacy	0	9	4	5	18
Naples	2	5	4	2	13
Turks	1	6	5	3	15
Austria	0	5	4	3	12
France	1	8	7	2	18

New Adjusted Grand Total in Treasury: (in Ducats)

Milan: 31
 Venice: 31
 Florence: 16
 Papacy: 21
 Naples: 17
 Turks: 16
 Austria: 12
 France: 18

Notes: Mike Coburn will be asked to submit standby orders for both Naples and Venice although I'm reasonably sure that both Lowe and Kuszynski will remain in the game. Jeff- This is the correct total of ducats in your treasury. Any other questions?

MACH NO. 52 Press-

VIENNA: His Imperial Highness Jacob the Dilatory has sacked the entire imperial cabinet and the director of the archives. After the loss of not only the planned Summer Offensive's orders, but the location of the imperial forces as well. . . .

SALT LAKE CITY-VARIOUS ITALIAN STATES, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, AND TURKEY: The major powers are listed as Austria, Florence, France, Milan, Naples, Papacy, Turks, and Venice; but, being new to the game, I am not sure what the people of these states are called. For France, the people are obviously called French, Frenchmen, or Franks. For Austria, the people are obviously called Austrians. For Turks, might they be called Turks or Turkies? For Milan, might they be called Milano, Milanese, Milipedes, Milliners? For Papacy, might they be called ???, Papi, Christians? For Venice, might they be called Venetians, Blind? For Naples, might they be called Napalms, Napollans, Neopolitans, Nipples? For Florence, might they be called Florencians, Florentines, Florescents? Any help you might be able to afford would be appreciated.

AUSTRIA-FRANCE: Anything new?

AUSTRIA-VENICE: Machiavellian machinations make neighbors nervous.

PARIS-TURKEY, AUSTRIA, AND THE ITALIAN STATES: Please be advised that His Majesty looks to all nations as friends. We feel the need to fortify our own economy, and concentrate on the health of the French people . . . for the present.

AUSTRIA-MILAN: Greetings to the new Duke! Glad to hear from you.

GAME OPENINGS IN MM

Regular DIPLOMACY - There will be a new reg. DIP game underway as soon as we have 7 paid entrants. There is currently one signed up thus far. This game will feature gray press and preference lists are accepted. The gamefee is \$6.00 + a \$3.00 refundable NMR Deposit is required. (You get your \$3.00 back if you don't NMR during the game). You must also, of course, subscribe to MM for the duration of the contest. Anyone else looking for a new gamestart?

"The force of his own merit makes his way."

KING HENRY VIII, I, 1, 64.

1981D WINTER 1914

England- Builds F LPL

Germany- Builds A BER

France- No Adj.

Turkey- Builds A CON, F SMY

1981D SPRING 1915 A LOT OF SHIFTING OF FORCES GOING ON AS WAR-TORN EUROPE ENTERS 13TH YEAR OF WAR!!!!

- England (Arnawoodian): A Ruh-Bur/d/-r-Bel,OTB; F Bel-ENG; F NTH-s-F Bel-ENG; F Lpl-IRI; F NAP-WES; F TUN-s-F Tys; F TYS-H; F ION-Gre.
- France (Gray): A PAR-Gas.
- Germany (Langley): F Nwy-NWG; A StP-NWY; F Den-SKA; F Bal-DEN; F HEL-s-F Bal-Den; F HEL-s-F Bal-Den; A MUN-Bur; A GAS-s-A Mun-Bur; A BER-Mun; A Hol-RUH; A KIE-s-A Hol-Ruh; A Pie-MAR; A Vie-GAL; A Tya-VIE; A BUD-s-A Tya-Vie.
- Turkey (MacFarlane): F ROM-Tys; F NAP-s-F Rom-Tys; A APU-s-F Nap; F Adr-ALB; F Ven-ADR; A TRI-s-F Adr-Alb; A BUL-Gre; A CON-Bul; F Rum-SEV; F Smy-EAS; F AEG-s-F Smy-EAS.

Fall 1915 due TUES. April 17th, 1984. There are three draw proposals to vote on next time: E/G; G/T; and E/G/T Draws. Please vote with your next orders remembering that 'NVR'='Yes'. 1981D Press-

SWITZERLAND: Once again the valiant free French Forces are on the move. Our analyst predicts that France will yet play an important role in this terrible war.
GERMANY-FRANCE: Why didn't you say you wanted Brest?

1981CT SUMMER 1911 Austrian A Tri-r-ALB

1981CT FALL 1911 JAF Orphan - DRAW FAILS! AUSTRIA DESTROYED!!!

- Austria (Johnson): A ALB-s-A Bud-Tri; A Bud-Tri/a/.
- England (Fassio): A RUM-Ser; A UKR-Rum; A SEV-s-A Ukr-Rum; A GAL-s-French A Vie-Bud; A Boh-VIE; A Ber-SUL; A ARM-Ank; F BAL, F SKA, F NTH, F GLY, F NWG - H.
- France (Hanson): A Vie-BUD; A TRI-s-A Vie-Bud; A TYA-s-A Tri; F Eas-SMY; A SYR-s-F Eas-Smy; F ION-Aeg; F TYS-Ion; F TUN-s-F Tys-Ion; F LYO-Tys; A TUS-Nap/imp/.
- Turkey (Gorham): A ANK-Arm; F Smy-Eas/a/; F AEG-s-F Smy-Eas; A CON-Smy; F Gre-BUL(sc); A SER-s-Austrian A Bud.

Winter 1911 AND Spring 1912 due TUES. April 17th, 1984. There is a call for an E/F Draw. Please vote with your next orders.

1981CT 1911 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Mad, TTT	(0)	OUT
England- Home, Den, Swe, Kie, Nwy, Hol, StP, Ber, Mos, Sev, Rum, VIE...	(14)	+1
France- Home, Spa, Por, Tun, Bel, Mun, War, Rom, Ven, 1/4 BUD, TRI, SMY, (14)+3	(14)	+3
Italy- Nap.....	(1)	0
Turkey- Con, Ank, Smy , Bul, Gre, Ser.....	(5)	0

GM Note: I omitted above the following unit:
Italy(CD): A APU-H.

1981CT Press-

LONDON: The General Staff anticipates yet another bloodless conquest of our enemy's cities and supply centers, this time with the fall of Bud and perhaps Nap. The inexorable march towards Constantinople continues.

LONDON-AUSTRIA: Valiant game, oh noble Archduke Stan, but not this time! I guarantee you that we shall unite for the duration in some distant game; you have my word on that. You are a good player, and England salutes you.

ENGLAND-ITALY: Jimbo-lini, I originally asked that you be spared and help us until the end--but France sees your resolve as weakening, and I agree that you cannot be allowed to endanger the minute coordination of our March Eastward. Ergo, I must reluctantly sanction my ally's annexation of Nap, and I am sorry. Nonetheless, your story this game was one of cooperation and tactical "smarts", and you also rate a warm salute from your Anglo-Saxon brother; best to you, Jim.

ENGLAND-FRANCE: My dear Hanson, the alliance grows stronger with each absorption into our Empires! We are unstoppable, ja? Continued goodwill on our parts is the norm, and destruction of the enemy's will to fight is our credo. Onward at the foe, if he does not relent! Foreward to victory, and all that good stuff!

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1981CT Press (Con'd)

ENGLAND-TURKEY: Noble Ottoman, you are a tenacious defender, but surely even you can see the writing on the wall??? It's now down to "three little Indians", and you're tied to the stake. E/F will settle for an amicable draw, with you allowed to keep your current holdings, as well as your pride in a defense that was excellent. Can we not resolve this like gentlemen? If you insist on this rash course of action against us, we shall destroy the rest of Anatolia, as well as your Balkan holdings. There is no chance for an E/F split--"our minds are one"; let us end this in a gentlemen's agreement--what say you, noble Sultan?

CONSTANTINOPLE: Honest guys, now how was I to know you were angry with the ol' man when he gave me the keys to the store?!? I notice in the last press release that Fassio wanted to "eat my house down" and this follows one awhile back that said he wanted to "work on me" - man, we do have our small pleasures, don't we?

LIVERPOOL: The Naval Command is preparing to "abandon ship" in approximately 3 months, as we abandon SC for more "verdant pastures". Our destination: Monterey, CA, only a stone's throw from homo-infested San Francisco, and even less from lovely Oakland, my "FAVORITE" (gag) football team's ex-home. Boy, I can hardly wait . . .

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1982IT SUMMER 1905 Note: Italy A YOR-H omitted last time; Italian A Tri-r-VEN; X German A Mun-r-Hol/NSU/; GM retreats German A Kie-r-OTB/unordered retreat/

1982IT FALL 1905 FOREIGN TROOPS CLAIM ALL OF AUSTRIA AND ENGLAND!!!

- Austria (Görham): A Vie-Boh/a/.
- England (Baldwin): F Eng-MAO.
- France (Wilson): F Bre-ENG; F BEL-Nth; F EDI-s-F Bel-Nth; F NAT-NWG; A RUH-s-German A Ber-Kie; A BUR-Mun; A PIE-s-Italian A Ven.
- Germany (Kelly): A BOH-s-French A Bur-Mun; A BER-Kie.
- Italy (Gardner): A TYA-s-Austrian A Vie/OTM/; A VEN-s-A TYA; F Tys-ION; F NAP & F TUN-s-F Tys-Ion; A Yor-LON.
- Russia (Hugh): F SKA-Nth; F NWY-s-F Ska-Nth; A MUN-Kie; A DEN-s-A Mun-Kie; A KIE-Ber; A PRU-s-A Kie-Ber; F StP(nc)-BAR; A Bud-VIE; A TRI-s-A Bud-Vie; A Rum-CAL; F Sev-RUM.
- Turkey (Albrecht): A SER-s-Russian A Tri; F ADR-Ven; F Ion-APU; F AEG-Ion; F GRE-s-F Aeg-Ion.

Winter 1904 AND Spring 1905 are due April 17th, 1984. (A TUES.)

1982IT 1905 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Vie	(0)	OUT
England- Boh	(0)	OUT
France- Home, Spa, Por, Bel, Edi	(7)	0
Germany- Mun, Kie, Hol, BER	(2)	0
Italy- Home, Tur, Tyt, Lpl, ION	(6)	0
Russia- Home, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Bud, Ber, Den, Ser, KIE, VIE, TRI, MUN	(13)	+2
Turkey- Home, Bul, Gre, SER	(6)	+1

1982IT Press-

VIENNA(This dispatch sent just before Austrian forces driven from Vie): The investment possibilities in Switzerland are great this year! We have poured all of our money in that market.

BAKERSFIELD-VIENNA: Maybe you should have bought more guns instead!

RENEGADE BRITISH PIRATE FLEET-PARIS: A-hunting we will go, A-hunting we will go . . .

BAKERSFIELD-BRITISH FLEET: Now that you are a ghost fleet, perhaps "A-haunting we will go" would be more appropriate!

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"Keep a good tongue in your head."

1982HZ WINTER 1905 DRAW FAILS!

France- Builds F BRE & A MAR Russia- No Adj.
Italy- Disbands A Alb & F Adr Turkey- No Adj
Germany- Builds A BER & F KIE

1982HZ SPRING 1906 FRANCO-GERMAN JUGGERNAUT IN HIGH GEAR AS CONTINUES IT'S EASTERN SURGE!

France (Stafford): F Cly-NWG; F Bre-ENG; A BUR-H; A Mar-PIE; A Tus-ROM; F Nap-APU;
F Wes-MAO.
Germany (Osog): A SIL-Gal; A Vie-BUD; A TRI-s-A Vie-Bud; A Ven-TYA; A Mun-BOH;
A Ber-PRU; F Kie-BAL; F Hel-DEN; F NTH-s-French F Cly-Nwg.
Italy (Coburn): F ION-Joins 83F (H).
Russia (Lahue): A Mos-SEV; A UKR-s-A Mos-Sev; A Bud-s-A Gal/a/; A GAL-s-A Bud;
A WAR-H, F NWY-H(unordered).
Turkey (Jones): A Sev-RUM; F BLA-s-A Sev-Rum; A Rum-SER; A BUL-s-A Rum-Ser; F Gre-
ALB; A Con-GRE; F AEG-c-A Con-Gre; F EAS-Ion.

Fall 1906 due TUES. April 17, 1984.

1982HZ Press-

MOSCOW-ANKARA: Sorry, no deal.
ELF-SLEAZE: I did not move to Albania because my unit was sorely needed elsewhere.

1983CS WINTER 1902 RUSSIA MOBILIZES RESERVES AS TWO NEW ARMIES FORM IN MOTHER RUSSIA!

Austria- No Adj Italy- No Adj
England- No Adj Russia- A Nwy-r-FIN; Builds A STP & A MOS
France- Builds A MAR Turkey- Builds A CON
Germany- No Adj

1983CS SPRING 1903 ITALY INVADES RUSSIA EN '03!!! ANGIO-RUSSIAN WAR DEVELOPS IN THE NORTH!

Austria (Hager): A TYA-s-French A Mar-Pie; A Vie-Bud; A TRI-Bud; A Ser-RUM; F GRE-Ion.
England (Johnson): A Bel-Hol; F ENG-Nth; A KA-Nwy; F NWY; Ska-Nwy; F Nwy-BAR.
France (Rowell): A RUH-s-English A Bel-Hol; A Bur-MUN; A Bre-PAR; A Mar-PIE; F Por-SPA(sc)
Germany (Kettman): F DEN-Nth; F BAL-Den; A Ber-KIE; A Hol-Bel/a/.
Italy (Baldwin): A Gal-UKR; A VEN-Tya; A ROM-Ven; F ION-Gre.
Russia (Gorham): A Sev-H/a/; A MOS-s-A Sev; F Swe-NWY; A FIN & A STP-s-F Swe-Nwy;
A Mun-SIL.

Turkey (Pitas): A Rum-SEV; F BLA & A ARM-s-A Rum-Sev; A Con-BUL; F Bul(sc)-AEG.

Fall 1903 due Tuesday(!) April 17, 1984.

1983CS Press-

MOSCOW: Rumania is a long way from Norway, a long way! Pity you didn't notice that Pitas!
WARSAW: Now just what would 100 Frauleins do with all those Turks?? Cook? Sew? Cry in their beer with? More like cry for tears are coming!
SWITZERLAN DAILY TIMES: ITALIAN ARMY CONTINUES TOUR OF EASTERN EUROPE!

1983HX WINTER 1901 COLD WAVE HITS EUROPE! HEAVY SNOWS BOG ALL TRAFFIC! ARMIES GEAR FOR SPRING

Austria- Builds A BUD Italy- Builds F ROM & F NAP
England- Builds F LON Russia- Builds A WAR & A STP
France- Builds F MAR Turkey- Builds A SMY
Germany-Builds A MUN, A BER, & F KIE

Preliminary orders on file for A E G I R T

Spring 1902 due TUES. April 17, 1984. All press submitted held until S'02 is published.

Diseases desperate grown
By desperate appliance are reliev'd,
Or not at all."