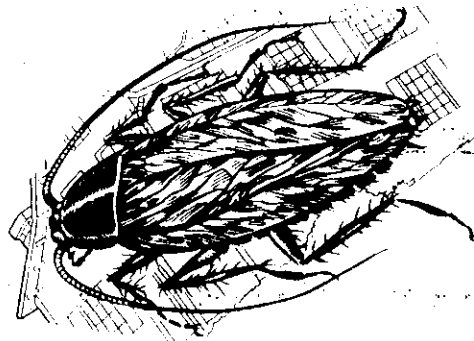


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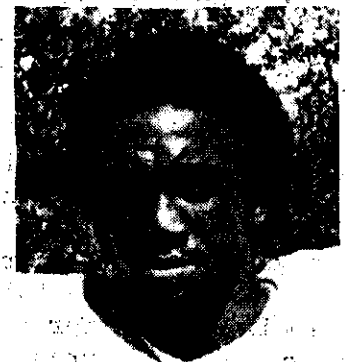
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Many apologies to all for the extreme lateness of MM#74. I won't bore you with all the juicy details, but I will only say that I have been experiencing an extreme time crunch this fall -- the worst ever. A new job, having the team do very well this year, and my wife returning to full-time work are all contributing factors. My sincerest apologies to all. It's been beyond my control.

On the good side, however, once the old football season is over (from 3-6 weeks from now), I should have no problems in resuming the regular publishing schedule for MM. Please bear with me . . .

The game results will be carried by flyer until I can resume a regular schedule. So hang on, your game results should be reaching you very soon!

Thanks. And keep the faith!



MARK MCGILL
QB/S
Senior

1,250 yards total
offense with 2 games
to go.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING #7

AN APOLOGY TO ALL . . .

((A word from the publisher, editor, big dummy, etc.))

Please accept my humblest apologies for the terrible delay between MM#73 and the one immediately following. This is an awful thing for the games running herein; some players may have lost interest in the games during the lull, I hope not. Now that I've finally broken through the massive roadblock and managed to get this issue together, I am full of hope that MM will be able to resume its publication in a timely and considerate manner. If I find in the months to come that it is an impossibility for me to handle the workload of zine publishing, I will do my best to relocate the games into new homes as speedily as possible. I'm fairly confident at this time that this will not be the case; time will tell.

There is one obstacle to the publishing of this zine which must be overcome. That is, the old football season. I am working on a plan to work around this, so if MM can continue to come out punctually between now and Sept., the games will continue smoothly through without me till December. More on that later . . .

I apologize to the total absence I've had in the entire hobby for the past 4 months. I NMR'd out of several games -- I just simply lost track of their deadlines until it was too late. I will be getting in touch with everyone I owe some correspondence to ASAP now that this issue is in the mail. Please continue to be patient with me as I attempt to get back ~~I~~ into the swing of things.

The main reason for the delay? As I alluded to before, our football team this year had an outstanding season. Playing our toughest schedule in several years, the Rebs finished 11-1, the undefeated champions of the South Yosemite League. We are a part of the C.I.F. Central Section. In the "Valley" Playoffs, as we call them, we advanced in the first round beating a very fine Mt. Whitney (of Visalia) team 15-13. We lost our only game of the year the following week in the 2nd round to Madera High, 15-12. With the score at 15-12 we got the ball on our own 9 yard line with less than a minute to go and no time-outs left. With :16 seconds left in the game we were on their 8 yard line due to a brilliant 2 minute offensive drive including a 45 yd. scramble by our outstanding QB, Mark McGill. I mention Mark's name (his picture is on the cover) because I truly believe you will see this young man playing for a big-time football power and perhaps eventually even making it into the pro ranks. (He's leaning towards UCLA as a QB prospect). Anyhow, it was a truly gratifying season working with some fine young men with excellent character and spirit. I'm very proud of them. I found as we got deeper into the season that more and more time was being demanded to keep us at our level of performance. Between that and my new position my time during the fall has been extremely limited. It has taken me this long to untangle the mess of having things stack up unanswered for 4 months.

As you can see from the Jack-O-Lanterns on the cover, that I was trying to get this cover sheet and your individual game result(s) out to you around Halloween. It was an excellent idea but one I just couldn't seem to get the time to pull off. Again, I apologize to all for the lengthy delay in getting this stuff together and running again. I do expect to be punctual from now on.

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"My conscience hath a thousand several
tongues,
And every tongue brings in a several
tale,
And every tale condemns me for a villain."

RICHARD III, V, iii, 194

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ON THE COVER: Wonder who these gruesome
* folks are? This is a picture taken at
Bob Olsen's FudgeCon III. Left to right
are pictured: Russ Rasmak (sitting),
* Kathy Byrne, Mark "NIXON IV" Frueh, Woody
directly behind him, Nancy Irwin, James
Wall (sitting on floor), and Mike "Nixon III"
Mazzer. Thanks, Bob for the photo!

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THE GAMES!

MACHIAVELLI NO. 52 -

SPRING 1455 Retreats - Papacy A1 Mantua-r-OTB*; Austrian A3 Tyrolea-r-AUSTRIA.

Summer 1455 Ducat Expenditures - NONE!

FALL 1455 WAR RAGES BETWEEN AUSTRIANS & MILANESE! FLORENCE GRIEVES FOR LOST MAONARCH!

Milan (Albrecht): A1 Genoa-S-Monferrat; A4 Montferrat-B (auto. garr. falls!);
A2 ComO-A-Turin; A6 Tyrolea-A-Austria/d/-r-Milan,OTB; A5 Milan-A-Carinthia; A3 Trent-S-Carinthia.

Venice (Coburn): A1 Ferrara-S-Mantua; A3 Mantua-S-Ferrara; A2 Friuli-A-Carniola;
F2 Upp.Adr-A-Croatia(NC); A4 Dalmatia-A-Croatia.

Florence (Cannon)** NMR! A1 SPOLETO, A2 BOIGNA, A3 SIENNA, F1 LUCCA - all H.

Papacy (Kettman): G1 Sienna-H; G2 Mantua-H/NSU/; A3 AROME-H; F1 Aquila-A-Bari.

Naples (Lucas): A1 Capua-A-Tivoli; F1 Tivoli-A-Patrimony; F2 Corsica-A-EasGLyo;
F3 Messina-A-EasTyS.

Turks (Palter): A1 Herzegovina-A-Bari; F1 LowAdr-T-A1 Herz-Bari; F2 BayTun-A-WesMed.

Austria (Broshot): A1 Bosnia-A-Dalmatia; A2 Carinthia-A-Tyrolea; A3 Austria-S-Tyrolea.

France (Galicia): A1 Savoy-A-Monferrat; A2 Swiss-A-Turin; F1 WesGLyo-A-WestTyS;
F2 Provence-A-EasGLyo.

Builds and Adjustments are due Jan. 20th, 1985.

ADJUSTMENT AND INCOME PHASE 1455

Famine: (10) Bad Year!! - rows and columns

(9) row * (6) column. Famine appears in:

Croatia, Florence, Turin, Mantua, Capua, Treviso, Modena, Swiss, Verona, Bergamo, Urbino,
Parma, Aquila. ((Place famine markers in the above areas)) (Caps)

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

Milan: Como, Milan, Pavia, Fornova, Piacenza, Parma, Cremona, Bergamo, Genoa, Trent,
MONTEFERRAT, CARINTHIA.

Venice: Brescia, Verona, Padua, Venice, Vicenza, Treviso*, Friuli, Istria, Dalmatia,
Ferrara, MANTUA*, CARNIOLA*, Croatia*.

Florence: Arezzo, Pisa, Pistoia, Florence*, Sienna*, Perugia, Bologna, Lucca**, SPOLETO.

Papacy: Patrimony, Rome, Tivoli, Spoleto, Urbino*, Ancona, Romagna, Modena, Aquila*, Capua*.

Naples: Naples, Bari, Salerno, Otranto, Messina, CORSICA, TIVOLI, PATRIMONY. Sienna

Turks: Durazzo, Albania, Herzegovina, Bosnia, Tunis, Palermo. (city)

Austria: Carinthia, Austria, Hungary, Tyrolea, Slavonia, Bosnia, POSNIA.

France: Avignon, Provence, Swiss, Marseilles, Sardinia, Corsica, Saluzzo, Turin*, Savoy**.

AUTONOMOUS GARRISONS REMAIN IN:

Savoy, Piombino, Ragusa, Lucca.

The 1455 Income Chart appears on the next page.

**denotes control of a province but not the
city within.

GM Notes: * Papacy A1 Mantua is retreated off the board as its order was to convert itself into a Garrison and retreat into Mantua city. Note you can do this ONLY if you have no other choice; there was other choice, therefore the OTB ruling.

**No player for the Florence principality. Dan Gorham writes, "My friend Stefan Patejak, 1915 50th St., Brooklyn, NY (ZIP?) (212) 253-8482 would play ((as a standby player)) however, since we know each other quite well this could distort play etc" If two players object, Florentian units will become autonomous garrisons; otherwise Stefan will take over the Florence player. We need Stefan's zip code, Dan.

MACH NO. 52 (Con'd)

1455 Income Chart:

Power	Seas	Provinces	Cities	Variable	Total
Milan	0	10	10	6	26+13=39d
Venice	1	9	7	9	26+12=38d
Florence	0	7	4	4	15+1=16d
Papacy	0	4	5	2	11+10=21d
Naples	1	8	5	3	17+5=22d
Turks	2	5	5	6	18+1=19d
Austria	0	6	2	2	10+2=12d
France	1	6	2	4	13+5=18d

The figure above with the d after it is your new adjusted total ducats in your treasury.

MACH NO. 52 Press-

TUNIS-AUSTRIA: If you are alive it's war to the knife.

TUNIS-NAPLES: I offered peace and hope you were sincere. If I fall to Austria and Venice they are going to have to do something with their Adriatic-Balkan front and you are the next available victim.

((Once more, the deadline for Spring 1456 Builds and Adjustments is Jan. 25, 1985.

1983CR SUMMER 1904 Russian F Rum-r-SEV, A Bud-r-GAL; Italian F Ion-r-NAP.

1983CR FALL 1904 LOTS OF ACTION AS RUSSIANS NEAR EXTINCTION! TURK STABS LONG BLADE INTO England (Rodriguez): F Lon-ENG; F NTH-s-F Lon-Eng; A Yor-LPL; F MAO-POR. POPE'S BACK!!

France (Jones): A PIE-Tya; A MAR-Fie; F NAT-IRI; F Eng-c-A Bel-Wal/d/-r-Bre, MAO,Pic,Wal,OTB; A BEL-Wal; F TYS-H(unordered).

Germany (Kuszynski): A MOS-s-A War; A WAR-s-A Boh-Gal; A SIL-s-A Boh-EGal; A Boh-GAL; A BER-Mun; A HOL-H; F NWY-H; F Swe-DEN.

Italy (Haffey): A TYA-Mun; A VIE-s-Turkish; A Bud-Gal; F TRI-H; F Nap-ROM; F Wes-TUN.

Russia (Sherin): A Gal-s-A Ukr-Rum/a/; F SEV-s-A Ukr-Rum; A UKR-Rum.

Turkey (Schwautz): F Ion-NAP; F Gre-ION; A BUD-Gal; A SER-Bud; A RUM-s-F Bla-Sev; F BLA-Sev; A BUL-s-A Rum.

Winter 1904 AND Spring 1905 due Jan. 25, 1985.

1983CR 1904 Supply Center Chart

England- Home, W, P, POR.....	(4) 0
France- Home, Spa, V, Bel.....	(5) -1
Germany- Home, Hol, Den, Swe, StP, War, MOS, NWY.....	(10) +2
Italy- Rom, Ven, N, Vie, Tun, TRI.....	(5) 0
Russia- M, Sev, R, Y.....	(1) -1 (was 2 short)
Turkey- Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, T, RUM, BUD, NAF.....	(9) +2

1983CR Press-

ROME-BERLIN/PARIS: The German/French alliance is now obvious and I must take my allies where I can find them. Turkey is my only ally (until he stabs me anyway) so, sorry.

ROME-SEVASTOPOL: Help! Oh, never mind.

ROME-PARIS: Would you please get out of my face? You have trouble at home.

"Nothing in his life
Became him like the leaving it; he died
As one that had been studied in his
death
To throw away the dearest thing he
ow'd,
As 'twere a careless trifle."

MACHBETH I, iv, 7.

1983CS SPRING 1905 BRITISH SWEEP THROUGH SCANDINAVIA ROUTING RUSSIAN TROOPS! FRENCH EAST GO!
 Austria (Hager): A VIE-s-A Bud; A TRI-s-A Bud; A BUD-H; A VEN-H.
 England (Johnson): F Nwg-NWY; F BAR-s-F Nwg-Nwy; F DEN-SWE; F SKA-s-F Den-Swe;
 F Lon-NTH; A Hol-BEL.
 France (Rowell): F Bre-MAO; F TUN-Tys; A FIE-s-Austrian A Ven; F Mar-LYO; A Par-BUR;
 A Bur-MUN; A Mun-DOH; A KIE-s-A Bur-Mun.
 Germany (Kettman): F BER-H.
 Italy (Baldwin): A GAL-Bud; F GRE-Ion; A TUS-Ven; A ROM-s-A Tus-Ven.
 Russia (Gorham): A Swe-s-A Nwy/d/-r-Fin,OTB; A Nwy-s-A Swe/d/-r-Fin,OTB; A Lvn-PRU;
 F STP(nc)-Bal/imp/; A SIL-s-German F Ber.
 Turkey (Pitas): A UKR-Gal; A Bul-RUM; A SER-s-A Bul-Rum; F Smy-EAS; F Con-AEG;
 F ION-Tys.

Fall 1905 due Jan. 25, 1985.

1983CS Press-

LONDON: Continued Russian aggression will not be tolerated!
 LONDON: Since the Russians refuse to be reasonable; they must be eliminated.

1983HX SUMMER 1903 French A Par-r-GAS

1983HX FALL 1903 ST.PETE FALLS TO ENGLISH AS FRENCH LOOK TO THE SOUTH FOR THE SOLUTION!

Austria (Holly): A Vie-s-A Ser-Bud/d/-r-Tya,OTB; A SER-Bud; F Gre-s-Italian
 F Ion-Aeg/NSO/+/d/-r-Alb.OTB.
 England (Hugh): A Par-BRE; F ENG-s-A Par-Bre; F Bar-STP(nc); F NWY-s-F Bar-StP(nc).
 France (Galicia): A Spa-TUS; F LYO-c-A Spa-Tus; A Gas-SFA; A Bre-Kicks at G. A Pic-
 (H)/d/-r-Pic,OTB.
 Germany (Gorham): F Bal-BOT; F SWE-s-F Bal-Bot; F Den-KIE; A Bur-GAS; A Pic-PAR;
 A Bel-RUH; A Mun-DOH.
 Italy (Cannon)* NMRI F ION,F TYS,A MAR,F WES, A TRI - all H.
 Russia (Baldwin): A BUD-Tri; A Boh-VIE; A GAL-s-A Boh-Vie; F Bot-s-A StP/d/-r-
 Lvn,Fin,OTB; A StP-H/d/-r-Lvn,Mos,Fin,OTB.
 Turkey (Pitas): F Aeg-GRE; A BUL-s-F Aeg-Gre; A CON-s-A Bul; A ANK-s-A Con.

Winter 1903 AND Spring 1904 due Jan. 25, 1985.

1983HX Press-

LONDON: English Lyric - I love Paris in the springtime
 I love Breasts in the fall
 But when you get me to the thighs
 It could be anytime at all.

(I'm a poet and don't know it; but my feet show it, they're Longfellows) it sure ain't Shakespeare -- is it Ron?

BAKERSFIELD-LONDON: "But when you get me to the thighs"? No, sorry Bill, but it's not ever going to be mistaken for the work of the bard!

BERLIN-VIENNA: We Germans will together soon drive back the Huns from Hungary..

AUSTRIA: Empress Melinda appeals to the chivalry of her fellow rulers.

AUSTRIA-BAKERSFIELD: Are there any white knights in this group?

BAKERSFIELD-AUSTRIA: Not a one! Each of them have a heart blacker than night!

ANKARA-KIEL: How about some sublime juice to wash down your famous strudel?

KIEL-"SUB"LINE: What is this lime stuff?? Are you going sour?

THE PORTE-TSAR JON: That Lenin fellow has trouble planned. I recommend you nip him in the Bud.

WHAT'S LEFT OF FRANCE-BAKERSFIELD: Gee, was my Winter 1902 Press that bad?

BAKERSFIELD-WHAT'S LEFT OF FRANCE: No, it wasn't that bad but it did convince all the rest of the players in this game that there wasn't one good reason for you to live!

GASCONY REGIMENT MARCHING SONG (Camptown Races butchered): Ludi, mardi, mercredi,
 doo-dah, doo-dah.

FROM FRENCH IN EXILE: HEY RUSSIA! Boy, do I need your help now. You just can't believe . . .

FRANCE-ITALY: Boots don't float, so why are you?

1983HX Press (Con'd)

FRANCE-ENGLAND & GERMANY: Okay, no more Mr. Nice Guy over here. You can have Paris, but that's the farthestst you'll get. Go beyond dat and yuu'll be asking for trouble. Get it? Or do I have to spell it out for you one-by-one? Don't try calling for help, yeah, or I'll send my goons after you, and they're going to play Lawrence Welk until you get arthritis. See, when you mess wid me, you mess wid Vinny, an' Vinny don' like you, dig? Any funny moves and the bird gets it, dig? Paris is okay, but touch any of my other centers and you'll be floating in the Med whimpering for help, dig? Now, you wouldn't want dat, would you? No more Mr. Nice Guy. Go ahead punk. Well, go ahead. Make my day.

FRANCE-TURKEY: Is it possible that the Englishman and the German may just by some freak chance slip and be mortally injured on their way to Spain, O-Great Fortune Teller?

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1984CH WINTER 1901 VENETIAN FLEET ADDED TO ITALY'S NAVY! NEW DRAFT RAISES 2 NEW MUN ARMIES!
 Austria- Builds A BUD Italy- Builds F VEN
 England- No Adj Russia- Builds F STP(nc)
 France- Builds F BRE, A MAR Turkey- Builds F SMY, A ANK*

Germany- Builds A BER, A MUN
 Spring 1902 is due Jan. 25, 1985. Preliminary orders on file for: F,T,E,A,&I.
 1984CH Press-

*COA - Brian Sherin, 765 San Antonio Rd. #48, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

ST.PETE-BERLIN & CONSTANTINOPLE: Anybody home? I'm reminded of an article which ran in an old DIE WORLD. It characterized your type of play exactly . . .

PARIS: Bimbeau slipped into his chambers at 3:15 AM. He immediately woke his aide, asking, "Any messages for me, Buvard?" Buvard shook his head. Bimbeau sighed and dozed off.

ST.PETERSBURG-LONDON: Who's in charge there?

CONSTANTINOPLE: There has been total chaos here for the last several weeks as rumors fly and heads fall after the recent coup. The old, bumbling Sultan has been deposed and replaced by Walid Walid. Walid has called for a Jihad against the imperialistic Hapsburg Infidel and invites his neighboring easterners to repulse the Austrian invasion of Rumania. It is expected that now that chaos has subsided, lines of communications will be resumed with interested foreign diplomats.

CON: Please note COA - Brian Sherin, 765 San Antonio Rd. #48, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

AUSTRIA-ITALY: Your excursion into Tyrolia will cost you the game. Won't you ever learn?

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1981D FINAL STATS AND ENDGAME STATEMENTS

1981D MURD'RING MINISTERS (Ron Brown) Austria: David Shaw. (Dropped W'01) Keith Mercer (Out W'03); England: Stephen Arnawoodian; France: Jennifer King (Resigned W'01); Ron Kelly (Dropped S'07) Jim Gray; Germany: Al Villanueva (Dropped W'01) Steve Langley (WIN W'16); Italy: Bruce Filbeck (Out W'09); Russia: Bill Clements (Dropped F'04) CD (Out W'06; Turkey: Martin Ethington (Dropped S'10) John MacFarlane.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
A	5	2	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E	4	5	5	6	9	9	12	13	15	14	15	12	8	8	7	4
F	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0
G	4	7	8	8	7	7	9	13	13	14	13	15	16	14	14	18
I	4	6	7	9	9	9	5	1	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R	6	5	4	1	1	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T	4	4	5	5	6	7	6	6	4	4	5	6	9	11	12	12

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 next pg.))

1981D ENDGAME (Con'd)

GM Comment -

This was certainly a most distinctive MM game. It holds the record for the longest ever game, lasting until 1916! A total of 12 players were involved at one time or another as Steve Arnawoodian was the only original player still in the game at its conclusion. Woody got off to a great start with England and was up to 15 Centers strong in 1909! But then the strong German ally, Steve Langley, himself at 13 Centers strong began to assert itself. Three years later, in 1912, The situation had reversed itself and it was Germany in front with 15 Centers and England with 12. In 1916 the opportunity for a win presented itself and Langley went for it, gaining the treasured 18 SC in the 1916 SC Chart. To give you an idea as to how long this game has been running, here are some interesting notes about this game. It dates clear back to 12/26/80 making its start in MM #27, the issue which featured the picture of Dan Kuszynski and Jane Froskin in bed together on its cover; THE TWILIGHT ZINE MM's only ever subzine was reaching the end of its tenure making its final appearance in the next issue, #28; 81D was the longest-running of any game GM'd by me; Dan Kuszynski's BIG-TIMER MAGAZINE was still around then, and running the abortive attempt at Dan's Variant, "Vacation Diplomacy".

Congratulations to Steve Langley for displaying his enormous DIFY talent in this game; taking over a mediocre Germany in W'01 and transforming it into a winner was not easy! Woody also played an excellent game and deserves, at least, some kind of booby prize for being the only original player surviving . . .

Steve Langley - England (Winner): How many times have you read the words, "Winning my first game of PBM . . ." Well, here they come again. I sent for a sample of MM and asked to be put on the standby list. X When the sample arrived, I found that I'd been called as a standby for Germany in 1981D. Literally, all I knew about the game was that I was playing one unit short and that Ron Kelly had been called to standby for France. I recognized none of the other players' names (not surprising, in that this was only the second zine I'd seen - Ron Kelly was also playing in a couple of other games either in MM or RETALIATION. (The other zine I'd seen). I quickly wrote both to Ron Kelly, asking for an alliance, and to Ron Brown, asking for the position of my units, my opponents' units, and their addresses. Ron Brown responded with all the information I'd asked for, and then some. I even got a copy of the F'01 adjudication, which made it plain that the previous German had lost track of his units and probably wouldn't be back. I wrote to England and Russia, showing each ~~me~~ how dangerous the other was and what a great help I'd be in the coming war. I wrote to Italy (Bruce Filbeck), asking him to attack France, etc., etc.

Both England (Woody Arnawoodian) and Russia (long since forgotten), responded. I talked Russia out of Sweden so that he could preserve StF from England. I talked Woody into trying for StF with the promise of my help and Sweden, in later years. Right about then, I got my original letter to Ron Kelly back with, "What zine is this game in?" scrawled across the top. So I attacked Holland and Belgium and moved unopposed into Sweden, built three in 1902 and was still one short.

Ron K. finally figured out what game we were in, but with Woody's aid, the two of us swept through France while I swept through Russia. I was all the way to Sevastopol and treating with Marty Ethington (Turkey) to support him into Italian-held Austria.

In my novice naivety, I was wondering about how Marty and Woody would like the sound of a three-way when Marty stabbed me, taking Moscow instead of the Italian dots I was supporting him into.

My world crumbled. Germany was spread far, far too thin to pull any nait without opening a gigantic hole. So I opened my back to Woody. At that moment, having just learned about the dread stab, I expected Woody to move his units into the unprotected German dots and go for the win. He didn't. He treated me with all the fairness and honor that a true ally is capable of. From that point, as far as I was concerned, there was only one possible end for this game, a two-way English-German Draw.

((Con'd next pg.))

1981D ENDGAME STATEMENTS (Con'd)

I retook Moscow and stormed the Italian held Austria without Marty's help, while Woody stormed the Mediterranean. We were moving like an unstoppable juggernaut, and probably would have ended the game right then, except that Jim Grey (the standby who took over France's final unit) wanted to see us finish it with a win or a 17-17. He voted down the draw and gave his reasons in the press.

I swept on through Austria and into the Balkans, just as Woody finally stabbed me. I was taken totally by surprise, since he hadn't stabbed when I was at his mercy. This time, although he stabbed me for two dots, one, a home center, I still managed two builds.

About this time, Marty decided to drop from the hobby and John MacFarlane was invited to take over the remaining few Turkish dots.

I wrote to John and told him that my goal had been a two way until Woody's stab and that I would be happy to return previously owned Turkish dots (dots that he could take by force had he chosen) to him if he'd only take them at a rate that would allow me to continue to hold Woody from the win.

Strangely, Woody failed to write to John, and so it was easy to forge a Turkish/German Alliance against England.

Then, it was only a matter of timing. If I grew too swiftly, John would have to join Woody to stop me. So I played a game of feeding John dots as I took them from Woody, while building a position that would allow me to go for the win. It all came together, with both Jim and Woody NMRing and so voting "Yes" to the two-way draw that I'd been vetoing. I think John knew it was over then; I knew it was. So I went for as many dots as I could get.

To John: I'm sorry about the stamps you wasted on me. By the time Woody had stabbed me I was determined on the win. Buying your time with dots was the only way I could see to do it. You play a solid game and if we meet again, I hope we ally. I can be a good ally if the situation is right.

To Marty: I'm sorry you dropped out of Dipdom, letters from the "Mad Turk" were always fun, even if they were frustrating.

To Bruce: You played the strongest opposition I think I faced in the game - but you didn't have an ally.

To Jim: I'm glad you stuck around. You caused me to win this as much as anyone.

To Woody: Before we first worked together, I started to think of you as my best friend. That hasn't changed. Except for Daf, I think you are the best friend I've made in Dipdom.

To Ron: Thanks for running the game for us. It is sometimes a tough and rarely appreciated job. Thanks.

John MacFarlane - Turkey:

I came into this game as a very enthusiastic standby. Although a three center Turkey was not exactly a dream position, I saw potential in the spot as I seemed to hold the balance of power in a very even Anglo-German conflict. With this in mind, I decided to get either England or Germany on my side, grow as much as possible while fighting the other, and before my ally got 18, switch sides and grow some more. In this way I felt I could grow large enough to grab a share on the draw.

Since Germany, it appeared, was attacking me while England had formerly helped the Turk, I first wrote to Woody offering an alliance. Many German centers were in reach, and with England keeping Germany busy in the north, I reasoned, I could pick them up with little opposition. But Woody never responded. Later Steve Langley wrote, and I decided to go with him figuring a large Germany would be less of a threat (and easier to stop) than a large England.

Steve and I wrote often and he agreed to let me soak up some of his southern centers while he made it up elsewhere. Meanwhile I set out to drive a wedge into the Mediterranean and control Italy. Steve and I both enjoyed growth at Woody's expense,

((Con'd next pg.2))

1981D ENDGAME STATEMENTS (Con'd)

and as I became a viable power, Steve began talking of a two-way. Well, why not? I felt that by absorbing his centers as he grew, I could keep parity. But Woody blocked me effectively in the Med -- progress would be sure, but slow. Steve, meanwhile, was having a relatively easy time in the north. I think Woody hoped to force me to stab Steve to keep him from winning and thus used an unbalanced defense. But so far, Germany was still controllable, and at this time we were badly positioned for an E/T.

/Spring 1916 was crucial. Woody NMR'd. leaving his centers wide open to Steve. And I discovered that Steve couldn't have been voting for the G/T Draw, or or with my vote and two NVR's, it would've passed. Unfortunately, there was little I could do but wait and support my vulnerable centers.

It didn't work. Steve got 18 by snagging enough English centers, although he did also go for Trieste. I hadn't acted fast enough. But I'm not at all disappointed in the outcome: I had a good time playing and Steve's win was very well-deserved (and hard-fought!). Congrats to all involved, and thanks to Mr. Ethington for dropping out and giving me this interesting position.

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1982IT PRESS ((Con'd from pg. 9))

VATICAN: Pope: "Acolyte, I'm trying to call the rulers of Europe to cancel and end this silly war but none of them answer. Please check the lines to make sure none of the wires have been cut."

Acolyte: "We have, Your Holiness, they are intact."

Pope: "Damn! Oh! Bless me! I mean DARN! Why don't they answer?"

ITALY-TURKEY: You guys really think you're going to win this don't you? . . . Or should I say, Bill's going to since he's moving into position to take his last four centers - SO HE WINS! I don't get it. Why are you helping him win? What do you get out of it?

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MURD'RING MINISTERS STANDBY LIST

REG. DIPLOMACY - Dan Gorham, Ken Hager, Jim Dumpas, Al Rodriguez, Bill Hugh, Mike Coburn, Stan Johnson, Paul Gardner, Ron Galicia, and Ron Kelly.
Anyone out there wish to be included and/or excluded if you'd included but would rather not be. Got it?!

MACHIAVELLI - None! Need MACH standbys right away!

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"By heaven methinks it were an easy
leap
To pluck bright honor from the pale-
fac'd moon,
Or dive into the bottom of the deep,
Where fathom-line could never touch the
ground,
And pluck up drowned honor by the
locks."

HENRY IV, PART I, I,iii,201.

1983AY WINTER '04

England: F Hol-r-NTH; dis A Naf, F Nwg, & F Iri
 France : Builds F Mar.
 Germany: Builds A Mun & F Ber
 Russia : Builds A War & a Mos
 Turkey : Builds F Smy

1983AY SPRING '05

Browns take beating as two units vanish, West stems tide from the East.

England (Olsen) : F Nth-Den-/d/-r-Lon, Edi, Yor, Nwg, ^{CAN} OTB
 France (Lucas) : F Wes-s- It. F Rom-TYS; F SPA(sc)-s-F Mar-LYO; F Mar-LYO; A TUS-s-It. A VEN; A PIE-s-Ger. A Mun-TYA; F WAL-s-Ger. A Edi-LPL
 Germany (Albrecht) : A Edi-LPL; A HOL-h; A KIE-h; A Mun-TYA; F Ber-BAL; F Bel-NTH; F HEL-s-F Bel-NTH
 Italy (Arnawoodian) : A VEN-s-Ger. A Mun-TYA; F Rom-TYS; F TUN-s F Rom-TYS; F NAP-Ion
 Russia (Brown, CAN.) : A War-SIL; A Mos-WAR; A Stp-NWY; F Nwy-SWE
 A Vie-BOH; A Bud-VIE; F RUM-h; F SKA-Den;
A Tya-s-A Vie-BOH-/d/-/a/
 Turkey (Brown, USA) : F Smy-EAS; A ALB-s- A TRI; F ION-Tun;
F AEG-Ion; F GRE-s-F AEG-Ion; A TRI-s-Rus.
A Vie-Tya-NSO; F Tys-s-F ION-Tun-/d/-/a/

Orders for Summer '05 and Fall '05 due December 7, 1984 to
 Mike Coburn @ 5300-2 Dunsmuir Rd., Bakerfield, Cal., USA, 93309

Sorry about the delays but Ron's team is in the playoff hunt and he's running behind. He will receive this report just before he mails out all the results.

Never Ever Land:

Tinker Belle was thinking about all the war crimes he/she had committed against the English and Austrian people. Never before had a fairy been brought up before the Nurenburg War Crimes Commision, nor had any defendent ever cried out defiantly to the judges, "I'll never grow up, never grow up, never grow up, not me!" Now Stinky Tinky was languishing in a prison cell awaiting execution. Suddenly, before the treacherous pixies's eyes, appeared a strange apparation---an alligator with a clock in its stomach. A further observation by the pixilated one revealed that what had appeared to be an alligator was actually the Austrian Archduke, Dan Stafford, whom he/she had foully murdered. The powerful Sleaze jaws closed upon the fairy neck and began to grind.

1982IT Winter 1907 DRAW FAILS!

France- F Nth-r-Hel; Builds F BRE.

Russia- No Adj.

Italy- F ADR-r-APU.

Turkey- No Adj.

1982IT SPRING 1908 BATTLES RAGE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AS HEAVY FIGHTING

CONTINUES France (Wilson): F Nwg-s-F Hel-Nth/d/-r-NAT,Cly,OTB; F EDI-s-F Nwg;

F Hel-NTH; F BEL-s-F Hel-Nth; F Bre-ENG; A HOL-Ruh;

A BUR-s-A Hol-Ruh; A PIE-s-Italian A Ven.

Italy (Gardner)*: A VEN is amused by the Turkish wall of fleets (H);

F Nap-ION; F TYS-s-F Nap-Ion; F TUN-s-F Nap-Ion;

A LON-thinks bears look strange on boats (H).

Russia (Hugh):

F Bar-NWG; F NWY-s-F Bar-Nwg; F Nth-Edi/d/-r-Yor,Den,OTB;

F Swe-SKA; F Den-HEL; A MUN-Ruh; A KIE-s-A Mun-Ruh;

A BER-s-A Kie; A SIL-Mun; A BOH-s-A Sil-Ruh/imp;

A Tri-Ven/d/-r-Bud,OTB; A TYA-s-A Tri-Ven; A VIE-s-A Tya;

F RUM-H.

Turkey (Albrecht): F Ion-APU; F ADR-s-F Ion-Apu; F AEG-Ion; F GRE-s-F

Aeg-Ion; A Ser-TRI; F ALB-s-A Ser-Tri.

Fall 1908 due

There is a call for a concession to

France AND a call for an R/T Draw. Please vote with your next orders remembering that 'NVR'='Yes' vote.

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1982IT Press-

SWISS STATE-OF-THE-ART PRESS: Today in Europe, we have seen France stab his comrade-at-arms by refusing to allow him to garner another build via Holland and at the precise same moment proposed a Rift-Draw. Being a by-stander, I can see an act of greed in Mr. Wilson as he pursues a second place finish. Well, I guess for all his brain-work in this game, he must obtain something! Which also makes me wonder -- when is Russia going to STAB Turkey??? I have made up a small betting pool for all takers in this matter. Send \$10 and your choice of season and year you think Russia will become greedy and grab Turkish centers for his win to Ron Brown (USA) -- winner take all! (I have Fall 1909) Mr. Gardner, please don't drivell in your press releases -- no one likes a drivelling nerd!! Hi, Jeff, it's me -- Superman!

1983F SUMMER German A War-r-LVN

1983F FALL 1907 GERMANS CAPTURE WARSAW! FORCE TURKISH RETREAT! DRAWS FAIL!!

France (Coburn):

A TUS-s-Italian A Rom; A Mar-PIE; F TYS-Nap;

F Wes-LYO; F MAO-WES; F NTH-Nor/amb/(H);

F NWG-Nor/amb/(H); F TUN-Ion; F StP(nc)-BAR;

A Nwy-STP; A FIN-s-A Nwy-StP.

Germany (Gardner)*:

A LIV-Mos; A BOH-Gal; A PRU-s-A Sil-War; A Sil-WAR;

F DEN-Swe; F BOT-Swe; A MUN-Tya.

Italy (Cannon)**:

NMR! A ROM-H.

Russia(Scheifler)***:

F SKA-H.

Turkey (Schiwautz):

A War-s-A Gal/d/-r-Ukr,OTB; A MOS-s-A War;

A GAL-s-A War; A Bul-RUM; A Arm-SEV; A Tri-VIE;

A TYA-Mun; F ION-s-F Nap; F NAP-s-Italian A Rom;

F AEG-s-F Ion; F ADR-APU; F Ven-ADR; A APU-VEN

Winter 1907 AND Spring 1908 are due

*Cannon has NMR'd out of the game. Italy will be placed in CD.

**Scheifler resigns with these orders.

**COA-Paul Gardner, PO Box 60, Eugene, OR 97440.

1907 Supply Center Chart

France- Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Lpl, Lon, Edi, Tun, Nwy, STP.....(12)+1

Germany- Home, Hol, Den, War, Swe.....(7) 0

Italy- Rom.....(1) 0

Russia- StP.....(0) OUT

Turkey- Home, Bul, Sev, Rum, Gre, Bud, Vie, Tri, Ser, Nap, Ven, Mos.....(14) 0

1983F Press-

Jul-Bill: It's out of character forme, but just this once I might heed the voice of reason.

WRAP-UP!!!!

Well, here we are, finally at long last nailing the coffin down on this issue. Please read the apology on Pg.11 - sorry for the delay! If all orders for the games are in by Jan. 25, we'll go ahead with that deadline for all games herein. If not, the deadline will be FEB. 1, 1985 for ALL GAMES!

All pubbers please note the following announcement and please publicize:

NIXON AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Nominations are now being taken for the 1984 NIXON AWARD. This will be the winner of NIXON V, that is, the 5th such award to be given. If you have someone in a game with you who you feel may qualify, read on . . . The NIXON Award is given annually (all in good fun and humor) the Postal DIPLOMACY Hobby's "Biggest Liar of the Year", in honor of the award's namesake, former President Richard ("I am not a crook") Nixon. If you feel you know of a qualified person you would like to see win this coveted prize please send in a brief essay naming your nominee and explaining why you feel he/she deserves to be the NIXON winner. The winner will be announced in the next games-only issue in early February in MM. Send your essay today!

I understand that Bruce Linsey is taking over the North American Zine Poll (AKA the Leader Poll) from Randolph Smyth. I'm sure he will do an outstanding job of handling it and encourage everyone to participate in the poll again in '85! More info/details later. . .

Well, that's it for now. The next deadline is JAN.25 (or FEB.1) ((See above)) Have fun stabbing, and get those orders in right away. Bye! - RB.

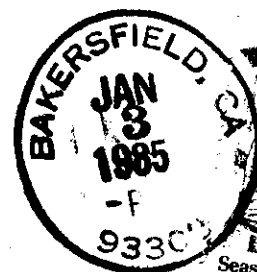
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