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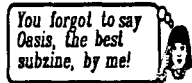
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Really not much to say this month. I'm looking forward to the start of the football season (1st game is in 1/2 an hour) and I hope the Cowboys win 5 games or less all year! If we're lucky maybe the whole team will die in a plane crash.

Jack returns again - I'm really glad to have him back. Andy York is offering a game opening in his subzine. No Meet George Jetson this month, as Brad sent his results out via an issue of Vertigo.

## Game Openings:

**Modern Dip:** Rules and maps available from me or Andy York. Andy is running this in his ByWAY column. Sign up with him, not me! Needs 10 players.

**Colonial Dip:** I'm going to try and fill a new game of this. The only variant that Avalon Hill sells directly. Will use all 3 optional rules, but no Sak land bridge. \$5 gamefee. Needs 7 players.

**Standby players called this issue:** Paul Milewski as Turkey in Selzman (International Dip 1), Randall Schultz as Ethiopia in Why? (African Dip).

Notes to players: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The next deadline is:

**Saturday October 4, 1997 at 11:00am Central**

# Zine Recap

Here is a recap of the zines I received from 8/4/97 to 8/30/97. The number in brackets is the date I received the zine.

Cheesecake #188 [8/15]. The biggest issue I can remember, mainly because of 3 end game reports. Still game openings available - grab them now! *Andy Lischett/2402 Ridgeland Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402/12pp/Free to players and standbys.*

Abyssinian Prince #193 [8/15]. Brad Wilson's letter last issue evokes numerous responses. This issue also includes Jim's 1996 music list...finally. *Jim Burgess/664 Smith St. Providence, RI 02908-4327/34p/\$1 in the US and Canada, \$2 elsewhere.*

Diplodocus #49 [8/16]. Stephen may not have been publishing too regularly lately, but he did manage to attend DixieCon, Origins, and AvalonCon! Rules to Necromancer are printed this issue. *Stephen Koehler/2906 Saintfield Pl., Charlotte, NC 28270/40pp digest/\$1.50.*

Boris the Spider Vol 5 #31 [8/19]. Pretty much just the games and a bit of hobby news this issue. *Paul Bolduc/203 Devon Ct., Ft. Falton Beach, FL 32547-3110/20pp digest/\$10.50 for 12 issues in the US, \$12 in Canada, \$18 elsewhere, or \$1 by email.*

A Little Original Sin #50 [8/20]. Congrats to Vick on reaching the half-century mark! This two-volume issue includes a terrific color cartoon, lots of fiction, a con report, games, subzine, more shit than you can shake a stick at! *Vick Hall/115 Offord Road, Islington, London N1, England/88pp digest/L1 worldwide.*

Pontevredria #81 [8/22]. This zine is a list of game openings in North American zines, sorted by zine. **A must for all Dip**

**players.** *Conrad von Metzke/4374 Donald Ave., San Diego, CA 92117/4pp/\$0.50 or a SASE.*

Boast #417 [8/26]. Just a flyer running down his last game. *Herb Barents/17187 Wildemere, Detroit, MI 48221/2pp/No longer available.*

Vertigo #115 [8/26]. About 2 years after #114 (which was about 2 years after #113) comes #115, which is mainly the games he's been running in MGJ but also includes some hobby commentary, and Brad's thoughts on New York. *Brad Wilson/123 N. 3rd St., Easton, PA 18042-1803/12pp/\$0.55, or \$2.75 outside of North America.*

Absolute! #55 [8/28]. Another timely issue! This time we get an AvalonCon report, and a reprint of the first two Abs subzine issues (from Tom Swider's Comrades in Arms). *Paul Kenny/23 E. Coulter Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108/22pp/\$0.75, or \$2.00 outside of North America.*

Carolina Command and Commentary #105 [8/29]. Plenty of game openings right now. There's an article on Rethinking Capital Gains this issue. *Michael Lowrey/6503-D Fourwinds Dr., Charlotte, NC 28212/12pp digest/\$0.75 or \$1.25 overseas.*

Crossing the Rubicon #12 [8/29]. A thinner issue, as there is no "The Pragmatic Iconoclast" this time. Jamie tries to clarify what CtR is and what it is not. *Jamie McQuinn/1619 Shroyer Rd., Dayton, OH 45419-3215/28pp/\$1.50 in the US and Canada, \$2.50 elsewhere.*



Well, you've done it! Congratulations! You've made it to Oasis, the best part of Maniac's Paradise. Oasis, a subzine by Mara Kent, will be seen every month in Maniac's Paradise.

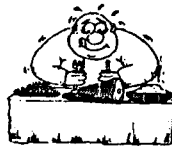
## Gossip Shop



The Gossip Shop was built on July 28, 1995 at 8:55pm Central. It's purpose here is to let Mara blow off steam at anyone she feels like. This can be anyone in the Zine hobby or not. It can be for things previous to the erection of the shop as well.

To Jack the Sack: How do you expect your marriage to be successful when you still are obsessed with me? I feel very sorry for Maria.

## Recipe of the Month



Title: Cat Poop Cookies

|                             |                                |                             |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                             | <b>CHOCOLATE INGREDIENTS</b>   |                             |
| 1/2 c Honey                 | 2 c Flour, whole wheat         | 2/3 c Butter or marg        |
| 1/3 c Cocoa powder          | 1 ea Egg                       | Grape-nuts(tm) cereal (opt) |
| 1 ts Vanilla                |                                |                             |
|                             | <b>GINGERBREAD INGREDIENTS</b> |                             |
| 1/4 c Honey                 | 1 ea Egg                       | 1/4 c Molasses              |
| 2 1/3 c Flour (whole wheat) |                                | 2/3 c Butter or marg        |
|                             | <b>SPICES</b>                  |                             |
| Ginger                      | Cloves to taste                | Cinnamon                    |
| Grape-nuts(tm)cereal        |                                |                             |
|                             | <b>MIX-INS</b>                 |                             |
| Coconut(tapeworms)          | Cooked spaghetti(roundworms)   | Chocolate chips             |
| Corn                        | Butterscotch chips             | Peanuts                     |
| Peanut butter chips         |                                |                             |

I seldom measure carefully so amounts may need adjustment, especially on flavoring. The cookies are dense and not very sweet, this is necessary so that they will keep their shape during baking. If you use white flour or sugar they may be tastier but they won't look like shit.

**TO MAKE:** microwave the honey till it bubbles(about 1 minute). add the butter, (i've been told using lard makes for a more realistic texture and softer cookie) and the molasses, if any. Add the egg, mix well, then mix in all the other stuff. Add mix-ins of your choice to some or all of the batter.

Chill 1 hour in the freezer or several hours in the fridge. Roll dough logs of random length and the diameter of cat poops. Roll logs in grape-nuts and bake at 350 degrees till done(maybe 10 to 15 minutes but with my flaky oven you

never know).

SERVE in a disposable cat litter box on a bed of grapenuts, with a cat litter scoop. I hear you get lovely effects by decorating the box and scoop with melted chocolate or pudding. I imagine brown sugar might work as a substitute for the new clumping litters, but i havent tried it.

## Fictionary Dictionary

Rules: There are two parts to this game. First, I will supply you all with one word. You must submit your own definition of the word. You should make it up, but make sure it seems real. That is important for the second part of the game. The second part of the game (the next month) I will list all definitions submitted to me including the real definition. Without looking it up, everyone must send in their vote for which is the correct definition. SCORING: You score one point if you guessed the correct definition, and you score three points if someone guesses that your definition was the correct one. The first person to get to 20 points wins a FREE issue of MP and then the game will restart again.

**Last Month's Word: CAUDAL**

**REAL Definition:** 7) Taillike; having to do with the tail. (Given by: Pitt Crandlemire. Picked: 5)

**Total Scores:** Stephen Dorneman - 2, Bill McCullam - 16, Ward Narhi - 10, James Hardy - 14, Robert Stimmel - 8, John Schultz - 16, Brendan Whyte - 12, Pitt Crandlemire - 23, Andy York - 1, Randy Heath - 10, Kerry Kaszak - 13. Pitt gets a free issue, and now all the scores reset!

**Definitions Picked:**

- 1) Any non-medicinal disinfectant. (Given by: Bill McCullam . Picked: 2)
- 5) A small bronze pot with a separated base. (Given by: John Schultz. Picked: 1)
- 6) A legal writ issued by a lord concerning property ownership. (Given by: Andy York. Picked: 1)
- 10) The chief of a village. (Given by: Randy Heath. Picked: 2).

**This Month's Word: DEME**

Without cheating, choose whichever one of the following definitions you think is correct. Don't forget to send in a definition for the next month's word too!

**Players:** Andrew York, Randy Heath, John Schultz, Robert Stimmel, Kerry Kaszak, Brendan Whyte, Pitt Crandlemire, Stephen Dorneman, Bill McCullam, Ward Narhi, James Hardy.

- 1) A realm or region claimed by any member of European nobility.
- 2) An interstitial atom in a molecule.
- 3) A particular interbreeding population within a species.
- 4) A smaller Dutch dyke used on a polder.
- 5) Of or relating to the earth.
- 6) A European freshwater fish having a flattened body and silvery scales.
- 7) Small farm holding in deudal England.
- 8) A manifest behavior contrary to one's normal character.
- 9) A poisonous fish living in the waters near Hawaii.
- 10) A stylus used to write on clay tablets.
- 11) A greek coin, of half a drachma.
- 12) The Roman god of Panic.

**Next Month's Word: MEZEREUM**

## Game Openings:

**Fictionary Dictionary** - Just send guesses in when you want to play. Any number of people can play. Now is the perfect time to start - you can win a free issue!

*Send all orders and letters on separate pages from stuff you send to Doug. You can send me email through him too, but send it in separate messages!*

**DEADLINE FOR ALL OASIS GAMES: Friday, October 3, 1997**

# You And What Army??!!

Issue #3

September 1, 1997

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"He's as boring as you are."

--Maria on reading the latest letter from Glen McMaster

Welcome to another issue of You And What Army??!! The subzine that exists to ask the question of just how big of a sack, Sack Kent truly is. "Sackola Supreme"---pretty lame for a piece of office furniture, but not bad for you Sack.

I'm a little worried that my babe, Mara, was strangely silent. And after that outburst of affection and warmth last month. I don't want you to get bent out of shape, Mara. Hey I haven't had any Milky Way cake lately, how about mailing me some, Sweetie?

We all know that the Sack worships the ground I walk on. Being the Sack's hero isn't much of a responsibility, but I'll do my best to live up to it anyway.

This subzine is brought to by **Jack McHugh of 1600 Garrett Road, Apt J-203 of Upper Darby, PA 19082, e-mail: ckent@erols.com phone/fax (only between 9 a. m. and 11 p.m. EST please): (610)626-3254** . Note the new e-mail address. We now are using Erols as Maria kept going ballistic over the mail sever being down at Bell Atlantic. Donations of any kind are accepted and this editor can be bought. Any reproduction, retransmission, or rebroadcast of this subzine without the express permission of Major League Baseball or this editor is expressly forbidden.

## MALICIOUS LIES AND VICIOUS SLANDERS

THE HOBBY GOSSIP SECTION OF YOU AND WHAT ARMY??!!

Most of my hobby information comes from Diplomacy World and Maniac's Paradise so I usually don't have much to work with. I like to only comment on stuff I see first hand and since I don't see much, I have nothing to say.

Despite all the positive feedback I got from people telling me to publish, I don't think this hobby values honest feedback when comes to its publishing efforts. This hobby's idea of criticism is a mutual admiration society in which people just say how wonderful everyone else is---see Larry Perry for more on this. Unless, of course, you don't agree with the prevailing hobby attitude and actually critique someone's zine honestly, then you will be critiqued for daring to break up the hobby brotherhood.

Given all the controversy I usually stirred up with my brutally honest opinions, I was quite content to let things stay that way. All of this changed on Saturday, August 16 when Phil Reynolds's, who I thought had become the hobbies 90's version of Tom Nash, new zine Ishkibibble landed in my mail box. I decided if I can't write what I want to write about in my subzine, what's the point so here goes....

Phil has attempted to start or started and failed with zines several times. Basically he had the same problem I had with my last subzine---I wanted it to be all things to all people. I wanted to run games, not just any games but big Dip variant types. I wanted a big letter column with lots of interaction between myself and the subscribers. I wanted at least a couple of articles or essays every month. I wanted...well, you get the idea. Phil wanted the same thing for his zines but after a few, or at most, six months of this you are burned out trying to keep up such an effort.

Ishkibibble is suppose to be small, manageable and timely, just like Akrasia Phil's last effort. Phil says he is trying for more of a Cheesecake, Andy Lischett's well-known timely

warehouse style zine. My concern is Phil is still saying he wants to run variants and have a small letter column. Phil does say he will only do articles and letters if he has time before the deadline. Phil does realize he has done this before so he is offering all of his players a free one year subscription (and he is apparently not taking anyone to just sub since he doesn't mention a sub price for non-players anywhere.)

The zine will run with deadlines on the last Monday of the month. There are openings in Diplomacy, Balkan Wars, Mitotic Dip (Phil's own variant where units clone themselves in their own space instead of being built back in home supply centers) and Power. Power is a non-Dip game that looks like Risk with more rules. If you want to play in any of these games send a preference list to Phil Reynolds at 2896 Oak St. Sarasota, FL 34237.

Brad Wilson came out with another issue of Vertigo, one of my favorite all-time zines that has been MIA for the last few years. Brad has interesting articles on his move to Easton, PA and his trips to New York city. His hobby column, From the Crow's Nest, is worth the price of the zine alone if you are looking for new zines to play in. And the usually Brad review of the last several hundred CD's he has listened to.

Brad, while not the greatest GM in the hobby (and he would be the first to admit this) does have an eclectic collection of players---mostly hobby old farts, but nice collection nonetheless. He has openings in Regular and Gunboat Dip. He's also has openings in his own home grown design, Philly Dip and Fictionary Dictionary

All of this can be yours for \$5.50 per year/\$27.50 per year overseas. Brad's address is 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 123 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Easton, PA 18042-1803. One caveat---Brad has an **extremely** relaxed publishing schedule so while I hope that

Brad will become more regular in his publishing schedule

because I love Vertigo; don't get this zine if you expect an Easton PA version of MP.

## THE CHEAP SEATS

THE MOVIE/BOOK/GAME REVIEW SECTION OF YOU AND WHAT ARMY????!!!

Remember the rating system is from 1 to 10 stars.

The Cable Guy: This is a reprint from last month as I forgot to put a rating on it. A weird movie where Jim Carrey plays a deranged cable guy who stalks his customers. His customer is played by a totally confused Matthew Broderick. I liked the movie mostly because it was impossible to figure what was going to happen next. It had a definite darkness in the background of the movie like. I give it **7 stars**.

Clueless: A cute movie of a snobby, shallow teenager girls life in LA. The movie was light weight but throughly enjoyable. Tom Swider brought it over because the trainer he is working with in Texas is a lot like the main character---Cher---in the movie. I give it **6 stars**.

Fierce Creatures: This was John Cleese's remake of A Fish Called Wanda with Jamie Lee Curtis, Michael Pallin and Kevin Cline back but playing different roles. The movie is the usual farcical type of picture we've come to expect from Cleese. I liked Cline's double role of that of the bumbling son and of the ruthless, bullying media empire mogul who buys a zoo. Pallin plays his usual role of the animal-loving, know-it-all nerd and Cleese is the ex-TV producer who happens to be assigned to bring profits up to their 20% return. Curtis plays a career driven beauty who is holding off Kline's advances.

If you saw Wanda you know what Cleese can do with animals and the type of embarrassing situational humor he has been famous for since his Python/Faulty Towers days on the BBC. There are several gags involving Cleese being overheard on the phone by Curtis and Kline as he calls the animals by their female names. I give it **8 stars**.

Dead Man Walking: This movie is based on a real life Catholic nun's book on her experience consoling a death row inmate. Unlike most movies on the death penalty, this movie didn't attempt to hide either side from the viewer. You heard from the guilty party, but also from the victims parents and families as well. The director also did a nice job of pacing the movie so that it moved along nicely.

Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn were excellent in their roles of the nun and the condemned prisoner. Both gave their characters a full fleshing out and neither was completely predictable. I was surprised at how both characters were able to move me throughout the movie. I give it **9 stars**.

High School High: This is another wacky movie that Jon Lovitz stars in and is in the character of the movies made by the other Saturday Night Live alum, Chris Farley, currently making movies. Basically, this sheltered private school teacher is trying to get away from his father who owns and runs the private school so he gets a job at the toughest high school in the city.

The plot was complete predictable and the characters were completely two-dimensional, but then anyone watching this movie looking these characteristics in these type of nmovies has a problem to begin with. The movie was plotted nicely and most of the jokes were amusing. Worth a rent but I am glad I didn't pay six bucks to see it in a theater. I give it **6 stars**.

Mother: This is Albert Brooks latest movie with Debbie Reynolds as Albert's mother. The plot is fairly straight-forward. Brooks has just gone through his second divorce and believes his problems with women come from his relationship with his mother. In an attempt find out what's wrong with his relationship he moves back home with his mother and puts his old room back the way it was when he was a child.

The interaction between Reynolds and Brooks is hilarious most of the time and found he had captured many of the behaviors that my own mother has that drive me nuts. Brooks also has a happily married younger brother who is a sports agent. The interaction between the brothers is also quite amusing. Friends star Lisa Kudrow makes a small appearance in the movie as Brooks date. She, of course, plays a dizzy blonde. I give it **9 stars**.

Absolute Power: Another movie about the Presidency of the United States---this time our President is a rather weak man with a penchant for chasing the ladies. Sound familiar? The writers are now getting their ideas from the National Inquirer instead of the Washington Post. Clint Eastwood gets caught behind a one-way mirror and watches the President kill the wife of one of his biggest contributors.

The rest of the movie is Eastwood running away from the Secret Service and the cops with the only piece of physical evidence. Unfortunately I can't rate this movie as Tom Swider called me in the middle and I only saw the first half hour and the last fifteen minutes.

Relic: One of Marie's horror movies that wasn't that scary as it was very predictable and the characterization was none existent. The plotting was okay but it just wasn't anything special. I wasn't as disappointed as Maria was but then I didn't can't say that there is any reason to watch the movie. I give it **3 stars**.

Event Horizon: Maria and I saw this last week. I like the premise of this movie. Basically a space ship uses magnetic fields to try and bend space to get around the speed limit of relativity, i.e. the speed of light. It is a thriller with a science fiction background as the rescue ship tries to figure out what happened to the crew.

Maria loved movie but I didn't find it scary and felt let down by the ending. Basically I liked the idea of what happened to the crew but very little time was spend on that an I felt cheated by that. I give it **5 stars**.

Knightmare Chess: This is a Steve Jackson collectable card game that Tom picked up the Complete Strategist in King of Prussia. Basically you get to "buy" cards from the deck. Then you draw five cards and you can play this after your turn. They allow you move certain pieces in new ways (pass through your own pieces, move to another color squared, move again, etc., etc.) The art work is quite good and enjoyed the game. Winning didn't hurt my enjoyment in the least. However the game costs only \$15.00 and Tom picked up beautiful stone chess set for only \$25.00 in Texas.

I recommend the game as it also makes it more fun to play with people who are not at the same level of play. Steve Jackson also makes the point of encouraging people who go to his web site ([www.sjgames.com](http://www.sjgames.com)) to buy from their local game stores. I like that kind of hobby responsibility from a game publisher. I give it **10 stars**.

Maria and I had an argument about money so Maria came up with an idea for us getting separate bank accounts. The idea is that we would spilt up all of our expenses and save our own money in separate accounts. Maria included a \$400.00 per month payment to equalize our salaries and to pay for her "services"---cooking, cleaning, etc., etc.

I didn't think it was a bad idea but I want to be able to penalize/reward her so I came up with a list of chargers

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Nagging  | -\$25.00               |
| Violence outside the bedroom                             | -\$100.00              |
| Violence inside the bedroom                              | +\$150.00              |
| Picking on my looks                                      | -\$50.00               |
| Making any food that I don't like                        | -\$10.00               |
| Back rubs  | +\$15.00               |
| Front rubs   | +\$75.00               |
| Mentioning my torrid affair with Mara Kent               | +\$50.00               |
| Mentioning my torrid affair with Sack Kent               | -\$50.00               |
| Not letting me watch sports/war movies                   | -\$5.00                |
| Not letting me play games                                | -\$5.00                |
| Playing board games with me and not allying with me      | -\$1.00                |
| Playing board games with me and allying with me          | -\$25.00               |
| Noticing I lose weight when I actually lose weight       | +\$10.00               |
| Noticing I lose weight when I don't actually lose weight | +\$50.00               |
| Maria working out  | +\$15.00 per half hour |
| Maria letting me watch her work out                      | +\$25.00 per half hour |
| Asking me questions when I'm trying to work out          | -\$15.00               |
| Working out with me (nudge, nudge)                       | +\$75.00               |
| Naming animals after me                                  | -\$5.00                |
| Naming fat gerbils after me                              | -\$25.00               |

Speaking of Maria, here is the subzine you've all been waiting for.....

## The Boss's Page

I have decided to do this issue in play form. It will have 2 Acts. Sit back and enjoy.

### Act I -- Scene I

We open with Jack sitting on the couch watching some war program, and Maria sitting at the computer preparing to write "The Boss's Page".

**Maria:** "Jack, any idea's what to write?"

**Jack:** "I've told you before, write what you want; whatever interests YOU!!

**Maria:** "What good are you?" Maria sticks out her tongue at Jack then turns back to the computer with a frown and starts typing.  
(This is a regular occurrence, not a made up one)

Hi! I'm getting to like this writing stuff, it's fun! I'd like to announce that the wedding of Jack McHugh to Maria Delamain is set for November 22, 1997 at 11:30 am with a reception to follow. Douglas & Mara Kent have been invited, but we are still waiting to hear whether or not they can/will come. Anyone wanting to send a gift is more than welcome to do so. Money is preferred and can be sent to **Jack and Maria, 1600 Garrett Rd J-203, Upper Darby, PA 19082.** To receive an immediate Thank You card please send cash or money order; personal checks will delay Thank You card at least 5 days while waiting for check to clear. A gift of \$15 or less will get you a homemade card, one of \$20 or more will get you a big, expensive fancy card, a gift of \$30 or more will get you an autographed photo of the Bride and Groom on their Wedding Day in all their finery (just think, Jack in a suit, that's GOT to be worth something!), and a gift \$50 or more will get you the fancy card, the photo and an invite to the reception.

Maria turns to Jack, tells him what she wrote discuss's what she can/should say next.

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**Scene II**

After a long conversation, Maria turns back to the computer to write some more on.

Before I start on Cooking, Cats, HTML and Jack's cheap seats, I'd like to say that I have to admire Mara for having put up with both Doug the Sack, **AND** Jack the Sack for the past couple of years. She is a real trooper for not only tolerating their "abuse", but contributing to her nemesis "Maniac's Paradise", even through her health crises. Jack speaks very highly of her, though they have never met in person, and enjoyed the treats she sent to him before I met him. I'd also like to congratulate Mr. Kent on a well thought out and interesting Zine. It was the first I ever read, or even heard of, and have been enjoying it immensely. I have to admit though that for a long time I called it "Manic's Paradise", I just couldn't seem to remember the second "A". I consider it an honor to be having something I write appear in it. One last thing, I'd like to say that I hope Jack's and My marriage can be as happy as Doug and Mara's seems to be. Jack and I may say things that seem to be mean to those that aren't in the "know", but we consider the Kent's friends and hope it is reciprocated.

Maria looks at the clock sees it's after 1 am and decides it's late and time for bed, computer is shut down.....

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**Act II -- Scene I**

It's the next day and Maria has just got home from work, and sits down at the computer to try to finish "The Boss's Page".

**Cooking** -- I hope people enjoyed the menu I presented last month. That's a lot of work, so I won't be doing **THAT** too often, but I will put in interesting recipes similar to the way Mara does (can never have too many recipes, I have all of Mara's that I received since being with Jack).

This month's recipe is -- It was going to be Sauteed Liver, but someone has made a request for Meat Loaf and Mashed Potatoes, so that is what I'll do, I'll do the Sauteed Liver next month.

### Ingredients for Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes

|  |   |                                   |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 pound Ground Beef or Turkey (I use Turkey) | 4-6 slices Cheese (I use Prevolone or Mozzarella) | 1/4 cup BBQ Sauce or Tomato Sauce |
| 2 Eggs                                       | 3/4 cup Bread Crumbs                              | Small Onion 2-3 cloves Garlic     |
| 1/2 Bell pepper                              | Oregano, Basil, Parsley                           | 1/4 cup Parmesan Cheese           |



2 ½ pounds red potatoes

Sour Cream (I use low fat)

1/4 cup Milk (I use skim)

Garlic & Onion Powder

Black Pepper

2 tbs Butter/Margarine

Before I begin, a word of warning, I do not use a "recipe" for making Meat Loaf and Mashed Potatoes, and it is rarely the same twice in a row as I change things. This is a rough estimate of ingredients and how much of each. You can of course add or leave out any ingredients you wish, i.e. I sometimes add mushrooms, and/or cooked carrots, or even peas.

**Step 1** — Make sure you have everything you need **BEFORE** you start. If you don't you could find yourself eating something not quite right. Wash your hands, as you will be using them and lord only knows where they've been.

**Step 2** — Dice/chop bell pepper, onion and garlic (I suggest very small pieces). For convenience you may want to cut the potatoes at this time as well. Wash them well, and cut out any bad spots (you can peel them if you want, I don't as I like chunky mashed potatoes, and the skin is where all the healthy stuff is). Cut in chunks of about 1 or 2 inches, and put in the correct size pot (they should fit loosely, have room at the top), fill with water and pour off, then fill again (make sure water is "over" the potatoes). Turn on oven to 350 degrees!!

**Step 3** — In a medium to large size mixing bowl put meat, Parmesan cheese, sauce, eggs, bread crumbs, onion, garlic, bell pepper, and a couple of dashes oregano, basil and parsley. Using hands mix thoroughly, this is important.

**Step 4** — Put half the meat in a pan (I prefer using a regular small square pan, about 6" X 6" and 1 ½ " deep, or even a small rectangle one, but you can use a loaf pan) spread evenly, and layer half of the cheese slices on it, put the rest of the meat on top and spread evenly. Put meat in oven. Depending on which pan you used, and how well done you like your meat, cooking time is about 1 hour to 1 ½ hours (loaf pan takes longer). Turn burner on under the potatoes if you didn't do so before mixing the meat mix.

**Step 5** — OK, time has gone by and the meat is just about cooked and potatoes are soft. Put the last of the cheese slices on top of the Meat Loaf, and turn the oven off. Pour water off of the potatoes and either in the same pot, or if you want more to wash, a bowl, mash the potatoes (either by hand, or mixer whichever you prefer). While mashing add milk and 4 ounces sour cream (I don't use fat, but if you do add the butter or margarine first) also put in a couple dashes garlic and onion powder and pepper (if potatoes are too dry add more sour cream until they are the consistency you want).

That's it, except for Vegies, and that's up to you.....

Maria's stops writing to go start dinner.

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## Scene II

Dinner is cooking, Jack has arrived and is in the back working out. Maria races to finish The Boss's Page before he is done and demands her time for muscle admiration.

**Cats** — Muffin will NOT stop eating my plants! Jack keeps telling me to put tabasco sauce on them, but with this cat, I'm afraid it will only make the plants tastier!! Wells is being as clingy as ever, I don't know if it's old age or what, but unless he's asleep, sometimes even then, he has to be on top of us, preferably Jack. It's a good thing I love him and am not a jealous person. Tu'vok still has his re-occurring skin problem (vet says maybe mites or allergies) that is costing us a fortune, though this time it doesn't seem to be quite as bad. If anyone has a similar problem with their cat and can offer some advice on a home, or inexpensive remedy, it would be greatly appreciated.

**HTML** — I have been using Netscape Communicators Composer as an HTML editor recently, and found that it is actually quite helpful for designing a page, as long as I don't try to publish directly (save as a file first), and go in and edit out any references to Netscape before uploading to my site. I am presently still working on the site for jewlart.com, we have been delayed due to computer problems, on her end not mine. Word of warning, do **NOT** buy Hewlett Packard computers, it seems they are **NOT** as well made as their printers, and the company doesn't seem give a hoot. I have been helping my client set up a competition for those, in the same situation, who have verifiable information, check it out at <http://www.jewlart.com/Competition.html>!!

Jack's Cheap Seats

**Fierce Creatures** — Very funny, but then what do you expect from John Cleese and the Brits? I gave it **8 stars**.

**Dead Man Walking** — Slow, but most good dramas seem to be. I gave it **6.5 stars**.

**Daylight** — Jack didn't see this one, his loss. It was actually quite good, I was surprised. It had all the typical disaster movie stuff, but they also managed to keep it fairly believable, which I find rare in these types of movies. If you like action/disaster movies, Sylvester Stallone, or both, you'll like this movie. I gave it **8.5 stars**.

**Devil in a Blue Dress** — I had seen this before, but forgot. It stars Denzil Washington as an out of work mechanic (I think that's what he was), in the era of Pinstripes and Fedoras, hired to find a beautiful woman. Dead bodies keep turning up and mystery abounds. It's a rather strange movie, but I enjoyed it, both times, and recommend it to those who enjoy mysteries. I gave it **7.5 stars**.

**High School High** — I love John Lovitz, he's hilarious. I gave it **8 stars**.

**Absolute Power** — Clint Eastwood and Gene Hackman can make any movie good! What more can I say? I gave it **7 stars**.

**Clueless** — Ditzzy blonde valley girl. It's OK if you want a movie that let's your brain shut down. I gave it **5 stars**.

**Mother** — Funny, but also sad. I gave it **7.5 stars**.

**Relic** — It **sucked!!** It was a good idea done very badly. Not scary, no surprises, bad plot, lousy character development, too many unanswered questions, not too mention unnecessary ones, bad photography (too many dark scenes), etc. etc., even Linda Hunt was a disappointment. I gave it **0 stars**.

**Scream** — Not as scary as I expected, but full of surprises and suspense. Well written and directed. Kept me on my toes and I liked not being able to figure out who the killer is at the beginning, or even the middle, of the movie. The biggest surprise is Drew Barrymore's role, I won't give it away though. I highly recommend this movie whether you're a horror/thriller fan or not. I gave it **10 stars**.

A few last things, as regards Jack's list of rewards and penalties, it is a hamster **NOT** a gerbil and I haven't gotten it yet!! I also think he should add: Admiring his muscles 6 times a night +\$100!! Also, everyone has informed me that Jack is getting off real cheap at \$400 a month, and he ought to be ashamed of himself even creating such a list!!

OK that's it!

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**Scene III**

As Maria finishes up "The Boss's Page" and prepares to save it, she turns to Jack, and you hear her say...

"Jack do you really think saying all that sappy crap in the beginning is going to get Mar and Doug to come to the wedding, or convince Mara to send you your cake, and not just give them both Big Heads and a good laugh?"

**The End!!**

## FREE ASSOCIATIONS AND FREUDIAN SLIPS

THE ESSAY SECTION OF YOU AND WHAT ARMY???!!!

This month's essay concerns the size of the US armed forces as we go into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Currently the US has a two major regional conflicts (MRCs in Pentagonize) force. Basically that is three Marine divisions, ten Army divisions, 10 carriers groups and 10 Air Force fighter and 8 bomber wings.

The rational behind this force to be able to take on Saddam Hussein on Iraq and a Kim Il Sung in North Korea at the same time. This a come down from the Cold War high force of about 18 Marine and Army divisions, 25 bomber/fighter Air Force wings and 25 carrier groups. In addition there have been major cuts in the US strategic forces and there are problems in acquiring and building new weapon system that were procured at the height of the Cold War.

The Air Force, for example, is still developing its new TFX fighter that is the successor to the F-18, the current fighter used by the Air Force and Navy or the Navy's new Seawolf attack submarine. In a bi-polar environment where the one superpower is competing directly with another one it makes sense for the US to pay large sums of money for Research & Development (R&D) on all major weapon systems, i.e. tanks, fighters, submarines, missiles, etc., etc. The current atmosphere is a much different uni-polar one with no direct pressure on the US.

Actually deploying weapons in this environment is a waste of resources and money. The weapons should be developed on a limited basis but most should not be deployed and we must not allow readiness of our forces be hampered by this.

In fact there has been an ongoing debate in the international relations field over how the US can conserve this moment---i.e. remain the lone superpower---or even if the US should attempt to try prolong this situation. Much like nineteenth century Britain--the US finds itself the chief defender of the world order. The hegemonic power, in this situation certainly has the most to lose should their be any change in the power structure of the current world order.

This brings me back to my original question---what type of force structure does the US need to defend its interest. Being a believer in realpolitik, I believe that the US needs less power, not more, as more power will on presents a threat to the rest of the world. In fact, there is an interesting article in the current issue of International Security

Basically the question the author asked was would realpolitik predict in a uni-polar world. The expectation is that an anarchic system---like the current international system---a dominate power should generate a coalition against it. The reason the US hasn't generated one is due to its lack of threat to any other power or region.

Currently the US has one army division in South Korea, one marine division in Japan and two army divisions in nominally deployed in Germany. I say nominally, because one is part of Task Force Eagle, which is the US peacekeeping force in the Bosnia and one battalion is deployed to Macedonia on its border with Serbia. Thus in reality the US has one division in Germany minus one battalion and another in Serbia, since Task Force Eagle is about the size of a division.

The US only needs a token presence in Europe and one division in Japan. I believe that any country with an economy the ten times the size of its primary regional foe, as in the case of South Korea versus North Korea, doesn't need the protection of US. There is no compelling military threat in Europe at the present time. The threat in the Far East is more immediate but still would take weeks, if not months, to develop.

Given this background the US should cut back to two Marine, six Army divisions with 8 fighter/7 bomber wings with eight carrier groups. This force would be sufficient to meet any sudden threats and the US does have the capability to mobilize more forces. This has been US strategy for its history up to and including World War II. While I don't think we should wait as long as we did in either world

war, however, I don't think that means we should have to maintain a military establishment that is as large, in monetary terms, as the next six powers combined as the US military establishment is today.

The US can also cut back its nuclear forces--- although the Russian Duma is stalling on approving START II, mostly because of Russia's refusal to come to terms with its lost superpower status---the Russians will be cutting back their nuclear forces. Unilateral US cutbacks will encourage other nuclear powers to continue their own cut backs, as France did last year when they took their ICBMs out of service. The US simply has no reason to maintain 3000 strategic nuclear delivery vehicles (START II doesn't cover warheads, merely their modes of transport) as I simply don't see any enemy that presents type of threat

## THE PEANUT GALLERY

The letter column of You And What Army??!

**Steve McKinnon 8/11/97:** Allow me to commend you on your responses to Mr. McMaster. If you've followed his discussions in MP and Babylon, you'll be aware he has an Irving-esque taint to his Historical views. And anyone who claims there's a "British Empire...headquartered in Washington" should be sent to the front, immediately.

Nothing I can add to your comments. Well done.

**Thanks for the kind words. While I do agree that Glen's comments are a bit further to the right than most, there is a kernel of truth in what he is saying. One can view the foreign policies of the US and the UK as being almost like a continuation from the end of the Napoleonic Wars through today. First the British prevented a hegemonic power, namely Germany, from dominating Europe and then we did, the Soviet Union.**

**I wouldn't mind hearing more of your views, or Glen's, nothing I enjoy more than a good historical debate. Speaking of Glen....**

**Glen McMaster 8/23/97:** Thanks for your comments on Germany and Austria's critical roles in the outbreak of WWI. Just as a reminder, WWI was not caused by Austrian sponsored terrorists running around Europe murdering family members of the Tsar, it was caused by Russian directed military mafias trying to undermine Habsburg authority by murdering Austrian royalty through front-men in Serbia.

The reason that I said Germany was attacked on a silly pretext is because England, allegedly a peace loving power, backed a revisionist terrorist state (Serbia) with full force of arms. If England loves peace why does she said with the power which committed the act of war at Sarajevo? If it's because of her devotion to her allies, why on Earth does she not sternly warn Germany when Germany first began discrete enquiries on Britain's position in a war (this had happened by July 12<sup>th</sup>.) And if Russia didn't use the crisis as a pretext, why did she commit a hostile act by commencing mobilization at Germany 3 days before Austria declared war on Serbia. (Actually to be technical, Russia had started mobilizing at Germany in February 1914, not July.) And if France didn't use Sarajevo as a pretext, please explain to me why Paris

started mobilizing July 29<sup>th</sup> without a whimper of a protest to Russia?

Shouldn't the proper response of the three Entente powers to jointly warn Germany, but NOT mobilize? Of course it is, but if they did that Germany would have ceased support of Austria and as England you can't very well wipe out those pesky Krauts off the face of the Earth if you keep allowing them to escape the traps, can you?

**Was Russia in charge of Serbia's terrorist? I am not sure, there was sympathy among the Slavophile Russia military but that doesn't mean they supported them. As for being revisionist--- Austria was as revisionist as Serbia if not more so, after all, who annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1909 and precipitated the last crisis? I believe that was Austria.**

All of these "hostile acts" were in response to Austria's ultimatum to Serbia. If Germany or Austria were so concerned with other powers mobilizing they shouldn't give out ultimatums. As for specific reasons, Russia refused to be humiliated again as she had been in 1909 by Austria's annexation I mentioned above. France mobilized in response to Germany's demand that she pledge her neutrality and hand over several forts like Metz and Strasbourg or face a German attack. (Now you want a plan that demands war with certain powers check out the German plan. France HAD to be conquered before Russia and if the French weren't going to cooperate by declaring war the Germans would ensure that with their outrageous demand.) I will address England later in this letter.

**As for warning Germany and not mobilizing---yes in an ideal world, perhaps that is what they should have done, but you have to stop assuming that all powers act in concert with perfect knowledge of what other powers are doing or trying to do. Emotion, stupidity and just dumb luck, often play a role in history.**

Methinks England's protest of innocence look a little strained. After all, why is London stalling on delivering those Turkish dreadnoughts in May? How do they know an opportunity to seize them will be coming soon? (Of course, when juxtaposed against Russia's continuous "trial" mobilizations starting in

February, whose troops are never demobilized, it looks fairly sinister.) And why do they commit an act of war against Turkey by seizing the ships on July 28<sup>th</sup>, a day in which England is supposedly still the neutralist mediator.

**Given England's dependancy on the sea, did you really expect the English, once the crisis began, to simply deliver battleships to possible unfriendly powers. I don't see this as directed against anyone but simply prudent. I bet Krupp and Skoda works in Germany and Austria respectively stopped making any artillery for the Entente powers or possible Entente powers**

As for the ships being from May, I think there were some delays in completing the gun turrets due to Royal Navy needs but I hadn't heard they were actively delaying the ships. After all, if the British were that upset at the Turks they could have refused to build the dreadnoughts. (Of course, the Germans would have probably loved to do the job to cement relations with the Ottomans.) Also don't confuse neutrality with a refusal to act in the nations best interest.

I'd like to hear more about these "trial" Russian mobilizations as I haven't heard of them before and I'd like to hear more.

The French blueprint for victory was Plan 17. The curious feature of this document is that they are completely confident in it for success, and that it fails to address any naval considerations whatsoever. When all of France's forces are attacking east, how does Joffre intend to defend his ports from invasion that would have an undefended march to Paris? And should the Germans violate Belgium, we see that the French are confident they will win the war by isolating the right wing of the German army in Belgium. How does Joffre intend to isolate the German right wing in compliance with Plan 17 if he hasn't earmarked a single soldier to occupy the Channel ports in Belgium and all his troops are deployed well away from the sea?

**Why do the French need to address naval considerations? There is no way the Germans could evacuate five armies by sea. The Germans do not have the sealift capability to land troops in France and British won't let ANY battlefield sail into the Channel or control the Belgian coast line.**

Obviously he is counting on England to protect his coast and seal the right wing of the German army of the sea. Since Plan 17 was the only plan, we know he had been assured of the Royal Navy by May of 1913. We can further prove this by a quick analysis of England's diplomacy. This is because if England is committed to Plan 17 instead of Belgian neutrality, her diplomacy to Germany will look somewhat different. Namely, should England actually have been concerned only for Belgium, then England will have warned Germany in no uncertain terms not to invade Belgium, and have done so by no later than July 26<sup>th</sup>, when Germany came asking on England's position officially.

Should England have been committed to Plan 17, than she must do two things, one is be evasive on any commitment to Belgium (the French PREFER that the Germans violate Belgian neutrality) until Germany has

invaded. Two, she must create a pretext to cover her commitments to Plan 17 in case Germany either does not invade Belgium, or the Belgians do not contest the Germans, and thereby there is no Belgian-German conflict. (Should the Belgians not contest the German army, it would be TOTALLY up to the Royal Navy to isolate the Germany right wing in accordance to the French war plan as Antwerp and other ports would be wide open.)

First the French did have a plan as late as 1905 to invade Belgium to get to Germany. Authored by Joffre successor, General Michael, it was called Plan 9 (no, the French aren't very creative with their military plan names.) It called for a thrust into Belgium to get to the Ruhr. The British said that couldn't support ANY country who violated Belgian neutrality so the French dropped the plan and went to Plan 17.

Second, the English don't need an excuse, or even Belgian resistance, to stand on a treaty from 1832. Clearly anyone who can read a map can see the English interest in who controls Antwerp.

Third, while it would have been nice if all powers sent unmistakable messages to each other but remember what I said about luck and stupidity in history.

As can be seen through Albertini's work, it was not until less than three hours before England declared war on Germany that Germany knew for certain that Belgium was war. Also, we see on August 1<sup>st</sup> Grey implementing the contingency pretest to ensure the Royal Navy covered its duties in accordance to Plan 17, specifically, France was guaranteed by Grey that the British navy would protect the French coast. The moral basis of the pretest was bogus (fear not my French friend of Dieppe, we in England love you and will die to protect you! What? Your from Paris? Oh, well, screw you then!) A moral commitment cannot be defined so finely as this and thus we can discard Grey's rationale for the move.

Thus England's diplomacy matches a military commitment to Plan 17, not Belgian neutrality. Grey had told Germany on numerous occasions that he wasn't linked to France militarily, and now we can conclude for certain that he was lying. Since this is only could be to ensure war, it is shown that England is guilty of causing WWI.

**England is a messy constitutional monarchy and they tend to be slow in making decisions because the need to debate things. What Grey told the Germans was that there was no firm alliance between France and England, not that England would not react to events on the continent.**

Yes it would be nice if Germany got more notice of England's willingness to stand by its treaty with Belgium but if England signed a treaty in 1832 so they could destroy Germany in 1914---I'd be quite surprised. And I expect more proof than this of such a sweeping indictment.

But thanks for the letter...I enjoyed it, as always. (By the way, if you want to write about England starting WWII you can---I suspect I will totally disagree with you but if you want to write it up I'd be happy to debate the issue with you. I suspect we both have that in common---enjoying a good debate.)

# ByWAY #7

by W. Andrew York

## Mexico In Transition, 1810-1876

The differences between Spanish Mexico and post-Independence Mexico are striking. The former was a well-ordered colony with an established place in a world empire, while the latter was an unstable country facing an uncertain future as a new nation. These differences are most evident in population elements, the military, how the country was governed and the realm of finances. In Spanish Mexico, the populace owed their allegiance to one central figure - the King of Spain. This overshadowed regional or institutional fealty and gave each individual a common bond. Also, each had a sense of community with the entire populace of the Spanish Empire, including other nearby Spanish holdings.

A strongly entrenched caste system, with the native population segregated and exploited, provided stability to Spanish Mexico. Each individual knew their place in society and their role, providing a secure environment for daily activity. The natives provided a cheap labor pool for many activities.

The military of Spanish Mexico was one of tradition and professionalism. Well trained and led, the military's lineage could be traced back hundreds of years. The resources available from other nearby Spanish lands enhanced the local capabilities of the army and its ability to respond to a crisis quickly.

Further, the presence of the Spanish army limited the potential for foreign invasion. By attacking Mexico, an aggressor would not only have to contend with indigenous forces; but also the resources and military might of a world-spanning empire. Only the major European powers could hope to be successful in such a venture.

Similar to the traditions of the military, the Spanish bureaucracy had their own established legacy. Well-versed in running a colony they provided to the Empire an efficient means of managing the land and exploiting the resources of Mexico. Granted, many individuals bought their positions and, had as their primary goal, the acquisition of personal wealth. However, they still provided the Empire with competent service and gave the local populace an ever-present reminder of the Spanish Monarchy.

While Mexico was a colony, it had access to the resources and financial support of a world-spanning Empire. When it could not provide for itself, it could look to other colonies or Spain for assistance without acquiring a foreign debt or obligation. Internally, the Spanish had established a sound program for collecting funds to finance the colony and a surplus for the Monarchy. Efficient tax and tribute collection, market monopolies in industry and trade along with a well-organized exploitation of silver resources were instrumental to this program.

Spanish Mexico was a healthy colony, fitting in with the patchwork of the Empire. Resources flowed to Spain and Spanish holdings while Mexico provided a ready market for their goods, often in a circuitous route. Natural resources went to Spain and items manufactured from those resources were returned for sale.

Upon gaining independence, the common bond from being a part of Spain was shattered, leaving the country without a national identity. Many hallmarks that made Mexico a stable colony were removed (such as the bureaucracy), damaged (for example, silver mines and infrastructure) or destroyed (such as the minimal indigenous industrial base) during the battles of revolution.

One goal of the revolution was to make all individuals, whether native or immigrant, equal citizens in the Republic. While many who had been dominated by the upper classes in the caste system were pleased, prejudice was still ever present. It was especially pronounced when the poorly educated lower classes tried and failed to succeed in a society for which they were not prepared or trained.

The common Spanish bond was lost and not replaced with a strong Mexican identity. In the vacuum, the loyalty of the citizenry was given to regional or institutional affiliations. This created stress that many times fractured the country, undermining collective efforts issued from a distant government.

There was also an undercurrent of support for religious freedom, and an elimination of religious influence in politics by the Catholic Church. This further aggravated efforts to create a single national identity. It was a polarizing issue and, with some in the native population wishing a return to pre-Colombian religions, another factor in fueling prejudicial attitudes between individuals.

The well-ordered army of Spain was replaced by a homegrown one that drew its roots from the countryside, not from a professional tradition. The allegiances of the individual units were often to their leaders, not to a central Mexican authority. Further, the rise of regional military forces under various caudillos, particularly in the periphery, stemmed from the immediate needs for protection that the army could not provide. However, they became rivals of the Mexican army for manpower and resources from those areas.

The new army was poorly trained and supplied, lacked modern equipment and was, for the most part, poorly led. This, coupled with the lack of an empire's military depth, allowed Mexico to be a victim of foreign intervention, internal revolt and conquest. Beginning with the Central American breakaway in 1824, followed by the Texas Revolution in 1836 and culminating in the Mexican-American War in 1846-8, Mexico lost half of its territory in just over two decades; while others became all but autonomous regions, such as the Mayan Yucatán. Interventions by England, France and Spain further eroded the strength of the military to protect the country and the faith of the Mexican populace in it.

The one arena where the military had a profound effect was in politics. Much of the standing army was concentrated around Mexico City and any national leader was at its mercy to remain in power. Numerous barracks coups took place when the current president could not satisfy the whims of the military leadership. Unfortunately, the Mexican army was not politically adept in supporting leaders. The revolving door that permitted Santa Anna to be removed from the presidency, time after time, just to be reappointed as the country's leader, is one example.

The Mexican government itself arose under similar difficult circumstances as did the army. Upon the withdrawal of Spain, the upper echelons of the bureaucracy left to Europe. The governmental apparatus that remained had little experience beyond the local or municipal level. Further, establishing a new nationwide bureaucracy took time, particularly with the size of the country. This allowed the formation of regional power-bases under the caudillos. In turn, these individuals resisted later efforts to be brought under a national system under which they would lose the power they had accumulated.

The heady days of revolutionary independence led directly into the difficult times of governing a new country. The initial Mexican leadership lacked a plan to forge a new nation. Coupled with sharp divisions between the conservatives, the liberals, and even monarchists, on the form the government would take further weakened efforts to create a new nation.

Another serious problem of the government was promoting an effective and popular leader. Santa Anna was the best known national figure; however his ineptitude from leading a superior army to defeat at San Jacinto to selling land to the United States to raise funds did more harm than good to the country. Few others had any national following; nor were many effective at implementing a nation-building program.

The finances of the new country were in stark contrast to the Spanish colony. Major areas of income from colonial times were seriously effected by the revolution. The nation was left with a large debt, a large army to support and cut off from the benefits of being a member of a secure trading Empire.

The economy was devastated, leaving many unemployed, which seriously eroded the tax base. Further, as all people in the country were equal citizens, tribute formerly collected was eliminated as funding. Thus, the direct source of government funds was minimal.

Silver mining operations were in ruins. Most mines were flooded and those that could still be opened had their supporting infrastructure destroyed. The war had also scattered the trained workers, either by conscription into the army or by emigration.

The elimination of the Empire's monopoly on trade opened Mexico to the world's free trade markets. Lacking a merchant fleet and industrial goods to trade; while having only resources to offer, Mexico was not in a beneficial trading climate. High tariffs to raise funds would only impede the development of the nation, which was dependent on foreign goods - particularly manufactured goods which were needed to establish an indigenous industrial base.

Many other aggravating problems hampered nation building. For instance, little industry had been situated in Mexico and most of it was destroyed during the revolution, leaving the country dependant on foreign purchases. Also, the Church held a large portion of the land, tax-free, and unexploited. This created a vacuum of "dead wealth" that did not contribute to the fledgling nation.

In seeking foreign investment to rebuild the country, Mexico was in a difficult situation. They were already heavily in debt from the revolution and they had lost access to previously beneficial Spanish investment opportunities. Further, they provided a poor investment risk, a risk that worsened as the political instability continued; and which threatened foreign intervention to recover the costs of previous obligations.

Mexico, in converting from a colony to a new nation, had a difficult path to forge. The primary areas of population factors, the military, government and financing the new nation all illustrated the serious problems faced by the country and which had been successfully resolved while a Spanish colony.

Unfortunately, each impacted on the next, compounding the problems in an ever worsening spiral. Low popular support of the government hindered tax collection leaving the country short of funds. Therefore, the army was underpaid and staged a coup against the leadership further eroding popular support.

Finally, in 1855, the liberals had control of the government and took positive steps to rectify the problems of the past. However, it took two years of legal reform and a new constitution, followed by three years of civil war to resolve the internal struggle. This was followed by five years of foreign occupation before the reforms could fully implement an effective government and a stable country.

## Game Opening:

Modern Diplomacy - A 10-player variant that expands the map a bit in all four directions. Rules and map were printed in Diplomacy World #83, or you can get them on request from me or Doug. I plan to run this game on a 6-week schedule, with every second adjudication mailed directly to the players. Sign up with me, not with Doug. No one signed up yet, 10 players needed.

# BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON

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"The details run together in my mind. I lost all interest. I stopped taking notes on my Palm Point and started playing the little chess game."

-Roger Ebert, reviewing *Mastermind* (Patrick Stewart's new film), in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, 8-22-97

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## PUBLISHER'S LOG

The polls are open in the TV sci-fi's top ten babes vote. Just send in a list of your favorite babes who have played a regular, recurring or guest character on any sci-fi TV show.

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## HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

PIT CRANDELMIRE [Brookline, MA]: [[Answers for Quiz 30]]

1. Blake's 7 - E. Star One [[Correct]]
2. Kolchak: The Night Stalker - H. Miss Emily [[Correct]]
3. Babylon 5 - I. Star Killer [[Correct]]
4. Buffy the Vampire Slayer - G. The Chosen One [[Correct]]
5. ST: DS9 - J. The Intendant [[Correct]]
6. Dr. Who - C. E-Space [[Correct]]
7. Battlestar Galactica - D. Baltar [[Correct]]
8. Raiders of the Lost Ark - F. Tanis [[Correct]]
9. ST: TNG - B. Wolf 359 [[Correct]]
10. Space 1999 - A. Eagles [[Correct]]

STEVEN MCKINNON [Troy, NY]: BIG NEWS! One of the credits characters is going to DIE on DS9. Apparently it was let slip at a convention so take your pick. Who do you want to lose?

The source for this is the Martha Hackett Fan Club. They've been right about everything so far. If you really want to know, I'll tell you.

[[In LS #19 you said: "Science Fiction has an information hungry constituency." Now you need to be told whether I want to know which DS9 regular will die? Have I been expelled from the sci-fi constituency? "Khaaan! Khaaan!"]]

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## THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE

Quiz 31

Participants: Steven McKinnon (SM), W. Andrew York (WAY)



1. Buffy: The Vampire Slayer - H. Willow  
SM: Buffy - Willow [[Correct]]  
WAY: Buffy - Principal Scampi
2. Hercules - D. Iolaus  
SM: Hercules - Iolaus [[Correct]]  
WAY: Hercules - Iolaus [[Correct]]
3. Kolchak: The Night Stalker - C. Chicago  
SM: Kolchak - Chicago (First half of my guess) [[Correct]]  
WAY: Kolchak - Chicago [[Correct]]
4. Star Trek: Deep Space Nine - G. The Vorta  
SM: DS9 - Vorta [[Correct]]  
WAY: DS9- Vorta [[Correct]]
5. Star Trek: The Next Generation - F. Sela  
SM: TNG - Sela [[Correct]]  
WAY: TNG - Sela [[Correct]]
6. Star Trek: Voyager - B. The Caretaker  
SM: STV - The Caretaker [[Correct]]  
WAY: Voyager - Caretaker [[Correct]]
7. Weird Science - E. Principal Scampi  
SM: Weird Science - Scampi (The other half. The movie I know. Don't watch the series) [[Correct]]  
WAY: Weird Science - Willow
8. Xena: Warrior Princess - A. Callisto  
SM: Xena - Callisto (Duh) [[Correct]]  
WAY: Xena - Callisto [[Correct]]

Scores:

Steven McKinnon - 8 points

W. Andrew York - 6 points

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Quiz 32

"Name, rank and serial number ..."

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Battlestar Galactica           | A. Captain Bach     |
| 2. Blake's 7                      | B. Sergeant Benton  |
| 3. Dark Skies                     | C. Commodore Decker |
| 4. Dr Who                         | D. Colonel McQueen  |
| 5. Lost in Space                  | E. Commander Shelby |
| 6. Space: Above and Beyond        | F. Colonel Tai      |
| 7. Star Trek: The Next Generation | G. Commander Travis |
| 8. Star Trek: The Original Series | H. Major West       |

The deadline for this quiz is one week before Doug's deadline for his games.

## On The Shores of Loch Shiel #21

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### By Any Other Name

**Paige Turco** - was a regular on **American Gothic** and appeared as the reporter, April, in the first **TMNT** movie. She continues her decline into has-been territory with her latest work, as a salesmodel for Special K cereal. She models a spectacular black cocktail dress with her anorexic, yet attractive figure.

**Nicholas Guest** - can be seen weeping through the grime on his face as a trainee on the bridge in **STILTWOK**. His brother, Christopher, not only got the best parts (as Nigel Tuffnel in **Spinal Tap**) and the best woman (Jamie Lee Curtis) but kept his career on track. Poor Nicholas is now seen either late at night or on your local cable Classified Ads Channel in an infomercial for mountain bikes. Congratulations, Nick.

### All Our Yesterdays

Yes, it's yet another new feature. This one will be for reviews of historical material. Up this time is...

#### The Rise and Fall of the British Empire by Lawrence James

In amongst a number of items passed on to me by my grandfathers was a Pear's Soap Almanac. It was published in 1908, and, as a British publication, featured a particular conceit. The map of the World used the normal colour scheme, i.e. no two nations bordering each other were the same colour. Except: Britain and all the colonies and dominions were pink, lending a vast area of the map what would, 40 years later, seem a rather Communist tinge. This book is a look at that conceit, its origins and its more important effects.

Finding a middle ground in describing post-1066 British History is often very difficult. From the moment of William I's

first creation of a more-or-less unified Britain there has been a litany of domestic (Wales, Ireland, Scotland) and foreign struggle.

Historians generally fall to one side or the other of the divider between Imperialist supporter ("It did 'em bloody good to have a taste of British Law!") or anti-British fervour ("Let Englishmen fight England's wars.")

James has done a relatively good job of standing in the middle. His hope was to present the events of post-1600 British History as facts, and let a generous helping of references and quotes portray the contemporary sentiment.

Says James in his foreword:

"On this subject, I have been as careful as possible to sidestep the quagmire of post-imperial guilt, that particular *angst* which has troubled British and American intelligentsia for the past thirty or so years. Wherever possible I have avoided joining in those battles between armies of the night who contend over the rights and wrongs of empires. History cannot be unwritten or written in the subjunctive, and the wholesale application of late twentieth-century values distorts the past and makes it less comprehensible. I have, therefore, left conquerors and colonists to speak for themselves, aware that their authentic voices may sometimes grate on today's sensibilities."

Those served best by this book will be readers seeking to understand the mentality of the British government that preached democracy at home whilst enforcing colonial rule on foreign peoples; that warred with Argentina over the Falklands; that ceded independence to Canada and Australia while clinging to dominion over Northern Ireland and the Home Countries.

Anyone with an agenda will find little against which to rail. James points to the

honourable and the execrable in all things.  
On slavery:

"I was shock'd at the first appearance of human flesh exposed for sale. But surely God ordain'd 'em for the use and benefit of us: other his Divine Will would have been manifest by some sign or token."

The overall method of the book is to look at policy, thought patterns and opinion in Britain's leaders and populace. Most major events are given mere mentions. Waterloo, for instance, merits half a sentence on British economic policy in war versus that of France [Britain borrowed money from businesses and investors in exchange for bonds; France taxed the common man whilst the clergy and nobles were exempt.]

Somewhat problematic is the book's assumption that the reader is familiar with most of the personages that held sway in the events. While many are famous or at least familiar to the English reader they're not exactly household names to the common reader raised on an American schooling in History. Yet in most cases it is the quotes by these figures that best indicate British policy and attitude. Examples abound:

Admiral George Rodney on the hesitancy of British Naval commanders to engage French ships:

"I taught them to be what they had never been before - *officers*. Yours to obey. The painful task of *thinking* is mine."

King George II on being told that General James Wolfe was probably mad:

"Mad is he? Then I hope he will bite some of my other generals!"

Colonial opinions of the British changed as the Dominions (Australia, Canada, New Zealand) felt attached to Britain but wanted the link on their own terms.

"The Sydney Bulletin also denounced attempts to promote imperial consciousness in Australia as a plan to further Britain's

selfish interests, and accordingly renamed Empire Day as 'Vampire Day'."

And of British sentiment towards colonials there is this discussion on the mass resignation of British officers rather than disarm Ulster Volunteers during 1914:

"What was called with direct understatement the Curragh Incident (Curragh being the name of the camp where the first batch of resignations occurred) was a testament to the depth and passion of imperial loyalty within the army. They could not remain true to themselves if they made war against men who wished to remain part of the empire on behalf of those who wished to leave."

Overall, the book is a good introduction to British imperial policy from 1600-1900 and the decline of Empire from the Boer War to Thatcher's 1979 election. The book's concentration on events in America and the Caribbean for the first four chapters allows American readers to more easily assimilate the British view. When familiar events are read with the British slant applied it allows for an easier understanding of unfamiliar events in World history.

The Rise and Fall of the British Empire is not at its best as a source of historical fact or biography. It also fails to provide enough maps to allow knowledge of unfamiliar places and regions. Those maps it has are often bare and include too few of the relevant sites and cities. Rather it succeeds as an illustration of what made Britain tick, despite its isolation from the mainland, its weaker economy and its small population in regard to its rivals throughout history. It also well-demonstrates the mirrored view when all that was achieved was lost to emancipation, independence, rebellion and war.

**McKinnon Grade: B+**

**Winnipeg: Team of the Future!!**  
Presents

**The Harkonnen Hockey League**

The **Harkonnen Hockey League** is preparing for the **Expansion Draft**, during which Niagara Rapids manager Rich Goranson will create the core of his franchise by drafting from the rosters of the other seven franchises. Below is a listing of the players that the managers of the seven established franchises have chosen to Protect. These players are not available for Rich to pick from. Rich will pick one player from each unprotected roster and an additional player from three rosters. Managers who lose two players gain a draft pick in the September HHL Draft '97.

**Akron Argonauts**

Manager: **Ward Narhi**

Forwards: Amonte chi, Bondra was, Gretzky nyr, Lindros phi, Oates, was, Palffy nyi,  
Weight edm, Zhamnov chi.

Defenseman: Bourque bos.

Goaltender: Potvin tor.

**Collingswood Cougars**

Manager: **Paul Kenny**

Forwards: BureV mtl, Graves nyr, Jagr pit, Messier van, Nedved pit, Recchi mtl, Savage mtl.

Defensemen: Lidstrom det, Ozolinsh col.

Goaltender: Osgood det.

**Castle Downs Ice Bandits**

Manager: **Albert Chiu**

Forwards: Francis pit, Gartner phx, Kamensky col, Koivu mtl, Modano dal, Mogilny van,  
Sakic col.

Defensemen: MacInnis stl, MironovD ana.

**Clementon Calamari**

Manager: **Melissa Bingnear**

Forwards: Deadmarsh col, Hull stl, LemieuxC col, Niedermayer fla.

Defensemen: McSorley sj, SamuelssonK phi, Svoboda phi, Therien phi.

Goaltenders: Hextall phi, Richter nyr.

**Dalmatians of Doom**

Managers: **Sandy, Daniel Morgan and Sam Kenny**

Forwards: Brind'Amour phi, Falloon phi, Hawerchuk phi, Klatt phi, Leclair phi, Linden van,  
Primeau car, Renberg tb.

Defenseman: Leetch nyr.

Goaltender: Vanbiesbrouck fla.

**Upper Darby UnderDogs**

Manager: **Steve Cameron**

Forwards: Arnott edm, BureP van, Fedorov det, Forsberg col, Kovalenko edm, Shanahan det,  
Tkachuk phx.

Defenseman: Tverdovsky phx.

Goaltenders: Hasek buf, Roy col.

**Watervliet Ice Weasels**

Manager: **Kurt Stutt**

Forwards: Daigle ott, Drury ana, Kariya ana, LaFontaine buf, Selanne ana, Yashin ott.

Defensemen: Niedermayer nj, Stevens nj.

Goaltender: Brodeur nj.

The deadline for Rich's picks was extended from August 18th to August 23rd as Rich was off hacking and slashing at the SCA gathering, PENNSIC, during the week immediately prior to the deadline.

## A VOYAGER GLOSSARY

### VULCAN TERMINOLOGY

| Term                       | Description   | Episode |
|----------------------------|---|---------|
| <b>Cathira</b>             | Structure of Harmony. Is built, eyes closed, whilst reciting the Cathira Mantra: " <i>Structure. Logic. Function. Control. A Structure cannot stand without a foundation. Logic is the foundation of Function. Function is the essence of Control. I am in control.</i> " | Fla     |
| <u>Dictates of Poetics</u> | State that a fictional character's actions must flow logically from that character's traits.  | WCS     |
| <b>Kal Rekk</b>            | Time for atonement and solitude.  | Mel     |
| <b>Kal Toh</b>             | Game of ' <i>...finding the order in chaos...</i> ' it ' <i>...is to chess as chess is to checkers...</i> '   | AlE     |
| <b>K'oh-nar</b>            | Exposure of one's emotions to others  | AlE     |
| <b>Kunat So'lik</b>        | The desire to become one's mate. When stated to another, is akin to a marriage proposal.  | BlF     |
| <b>Pyllora</b>             | Guide or counselor in times of emotional duress or problems.  | Fla     |
| <b>Rillan Grease</b>       | Used in festival of Rumarie (cv)  | Mel     |
| <b>Rite of Tal'oth</b>     |   | Dis     |
| <b>Rumarie</b>             | Pagan festival involving nudity and oil. Not celebrated for over a thousand years.  | Mel     |
| <b>Shon-ha'lok</b>         | Emotional engulfment. (Infatuation)   | AlE     |
| <b>Soo-lak</b>             | 3rd party (interloper) in relationship  | AlE     |
| <b>T'an</b>                | Piece used in play of Kal Toh (cv)  | AlE     |
| <b>T'an S'at</b>           | Deconstruction of emotion.  | AlE     |
| <b>T'Hain</b>              | Author of <u>The Dictates of Poetics</u> (cv)   | WCS     |

**T'Lokan Schism** Physical damage to the brain caused by repression of traumatic memory. Fla

**NATIVE AMERICAN TERMINOLOGY**

(Sources: Chakotay or Kolopak)

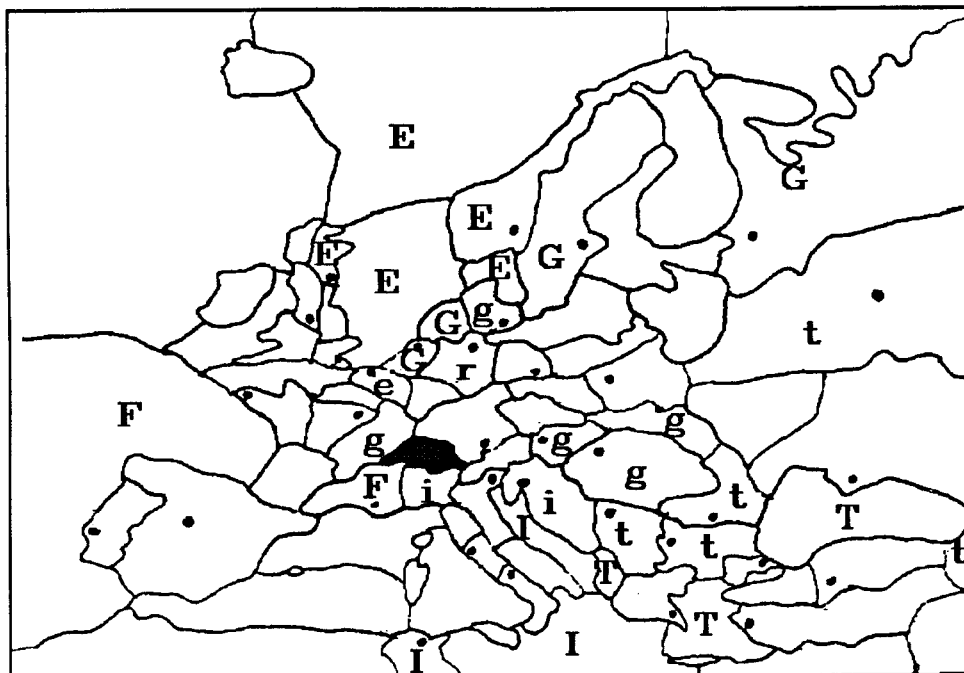
| Term                  | Description   | Episode |
|-----------------------|---|---------|
| <b>Akoonah</b>        | Device used to alter one's mental state. Used instead of psychoactive drugs (Peyote, mushrooms, etc.)                           | Clo     |
| <b>Chah mooz ee</b>   | A blessing to the land. A symbol drawn in dirt, on wood or stone, thanking the land or apologising for damage.                  | Tat     |
| <b>Kep po nee</b>     | A scout.  | Tat     |
| <b>Medicine Wheel</b> | Spiritual/mystical healing device used by Torres and described by the Holodoc.  | Cat     |
| <b>Nvanka</b>         | A period of mourning.   | Clo     |
| <b>Pakra</b>          | Ritual of communication with ancestors that begins with, " <i>Akoocheemoya. We are far from the bones of our ancestors...</i> " | Clo     |
| <b>Pokattah</b>       | Animal guide power. Janeway guesses Chakotay's animal guide is a bear, and he says it has great <b>Pokattah</b> .               | Clo     |

**OCAMPAN TERMINOLOGY**

| Term              | Description   | Episode |
|-------------------|---|---------|
| <b>Comra</b>      | Ocampan word for 'spirit'   | Ema     |
| <b>Elogium</b>    | Ocampan time of mating  | Elo     |
| <b>Hypergogic</b> | Mindset achieved through Kes' training with Tuvok and Tanis                     | CoF     |
| <b>Ipasaphor</b>  | Secretion, on palms, that allows the 6-day mating bond.                         | Elo     |
| <b>Mitral Sac</b> | Ocampan 'womb', found on the upper back   | Elo     |
| <b>Morilogium</b> | Final stage of Ocampan life, as in extreme old age                              | BaA     |
| <b>Rolisisin</b>  | Ritual foot massage, by a family member, causing tongue swelling during Elogium | Elo     |

# Diplomacy 22, Pop Goes the Weasel, 1995F, S 13

"Germans remain a force to contend with..Turkey advances again."



*England (Holley):* A Hol S A Bel(ret Ruh,OTB),A Bel S A Hol,F Lon-Nth,F Edi S F Lon-Nth,F Nwg S F Lon-Nth, F Nwy S G. F Swe,F Ska S F Nwy.

*France (Scharf):* A Bre-Par,F Por-Mid,F Spa(sc)-Mar.

*Germany (Mikulaninec):* A Bur-Bel,A Mar Spa(ret Gas,OTB),A Bud S T. A Ser-Tri(NSO),A Vie-Tyr,A Gal-Vie, F StP(nc)-Nwy,A Kie-Den,F Nth-Hol,F Hel S F Nth-Hol,F Swe S A Kie-Den.

*Italy (Milewski):* F Tyn-Ion,A Tri-Tyr,F Adr-Tri,A Pie S F. F Spa(sc)-Mar,F Tun S F Tyn-Ion.

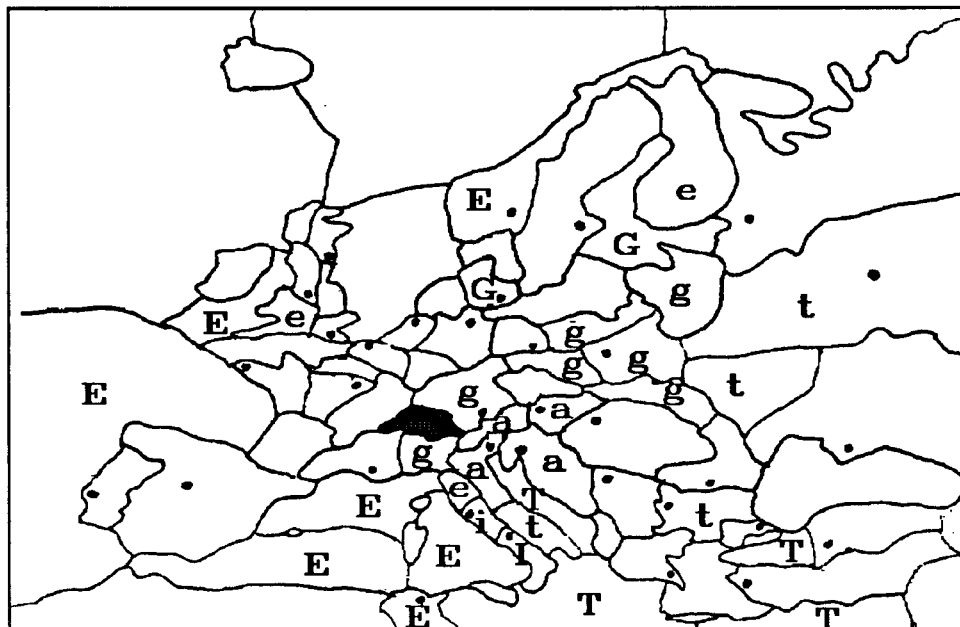
*Russia (Lurz):* A Mun-Kie.

*Turkey (R. Schultz):* A Sev-Mos,A Ser S A Bul-Rum,A Bul-Rum,F Rum-Bla,F Gre-Alb,F Smy-Aeg,A Con-Bul, A Ank-Arm.

E/G/T Draw Fails

# Diplomacy 24, Number Please, 1996P, W 08/S 09

"Germans take Gal..Turks barely move at all."



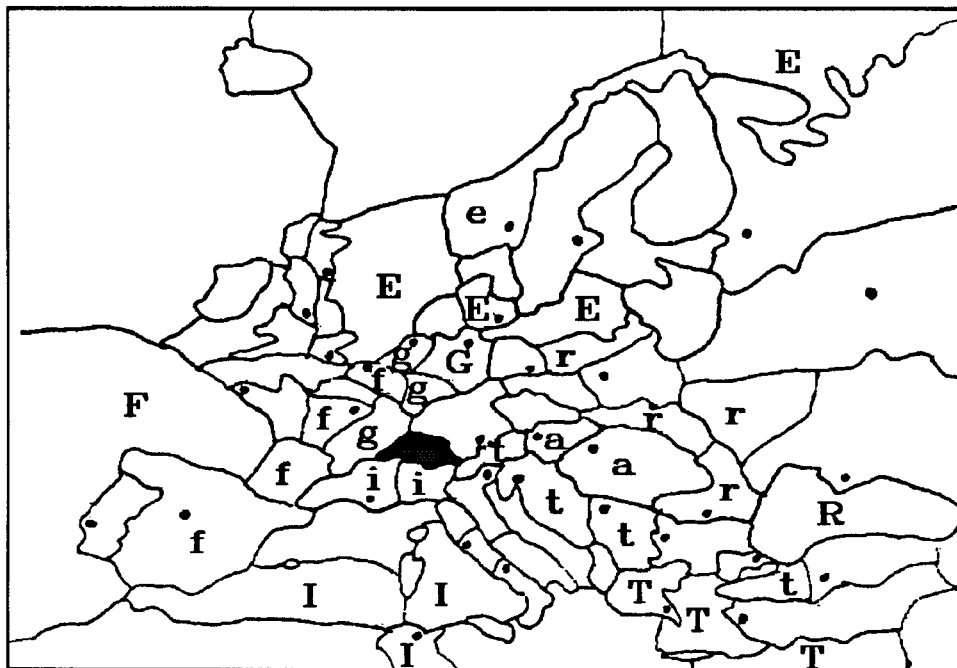
*Austria (Toush):* ~~A Gal~~, War (ret Bud, Rum, OTB), A Ven S A Tyr, A Tyr S A Vie, A Tri S A Tyr, A Vie S A Gal (OTM).  
*England (Wiedemeyer):* Bld F Lvp, A Lon..F Lvp-Iri, A Lon-Wal, F Ech-Mid, A Tus S I. A Rom, F Tun-Ion, F Wme S F Tyn,  
A Fin-StP, F Nwy S A Fin-StP, F Mar-Lyo, F Tyn S I. F Nap.  
*Germany (Zarr):* Ret A Tyr-Pie..A Lva-StP, F GoB S A Lva-StP, F Bal-Den, A Pru S A War, A Boh-Gal, A Sil S A Boh-Gal,  
 A War S A Boh-Gal, A Pie-Tyr, A Mun S A Pie-Tyr.  
*Italy (Mikulaninec):* F Nap H, A Rom H.  
*Turkey (Spiel):* Bld A Con..A Con-Bul, F Aeg-Con, F Eme S F Ion, F Ion S A Apu, F Adr S F Ion, A Apu S A. A Ven,  
 A Ukr S A Mos, A Mos S A Ukr.

PRESS

*Turkey - England:* If the wall cracks I'm giving this game to Zarr.

## Diplomacy 25, Pattycake Pattycake, 1996AW, W 05/S 06

"Austria helps Turks swing north..Italians can't be budged."



*Austria (Wiedemeyer):* Rem A Gal..A Vie S T. A Tri-Tyr, A Bud S T. A Ser-Tri.  
*England (Broemer):* Bld A Lon..A Lon-Nwy, F Nth C A Lon-Nwy, F Nwy-Bar, F Swe-Den, F Bal S F Swe-Den.  
*France (R. Davis):* F Ech-Mid, A Bel S A Par-Bur, A Spa S A Gas-Mar, A Par-Bur, A Gas-Mar.  
*Germany (J. Schultz):* Ret A Bel-Ruh..A Mun-Bur, A Ruh S A Mun-Bur, A Hol-Bel, F Kie-Ber, F Den-Kie (ret Ska, Hel, OTB).  
*Italy (Bardach):* Bld A Ven..A Ven-Pie, A Mar S F Wme-Spa(sc), F Wme-Spa(sc), F Ion-Tun, F Nap-Tyn.  
*Russia (R. Schultz):* Rem F StP(nc)..A Pru-Ber, A War-Gal, A Ukr S A War-Gal, A Rum-Bud, F Bla-Rum.  
*Turkey (Zarr):* Bld A Ank..F Con-Aeg, F Gre S F Con-Aeg, F Eme S F Con-Aeg, A Ank-Con, A Tri-Tyr, A Ser-Tri, A Bul-Ser.

PRESS

*Turkey - Italy:* No hostile intent should be interpreted. I am merely looking to protect my hard won gains. Peace to you.

*Schultz - Schultz:* We could have been a great team, but your army in Prussia talks louder than anything you could possibly say.

*Italy - World:* Thanks for the letters.

*Moscow - London:* I have just got an email address that I'm just getting used to.

*Turkey - Russia:* Gains are finally to be made in the Balkans. The restoration of our fortunes will be soon at hand.

*Moscow - All:* Hold that line.

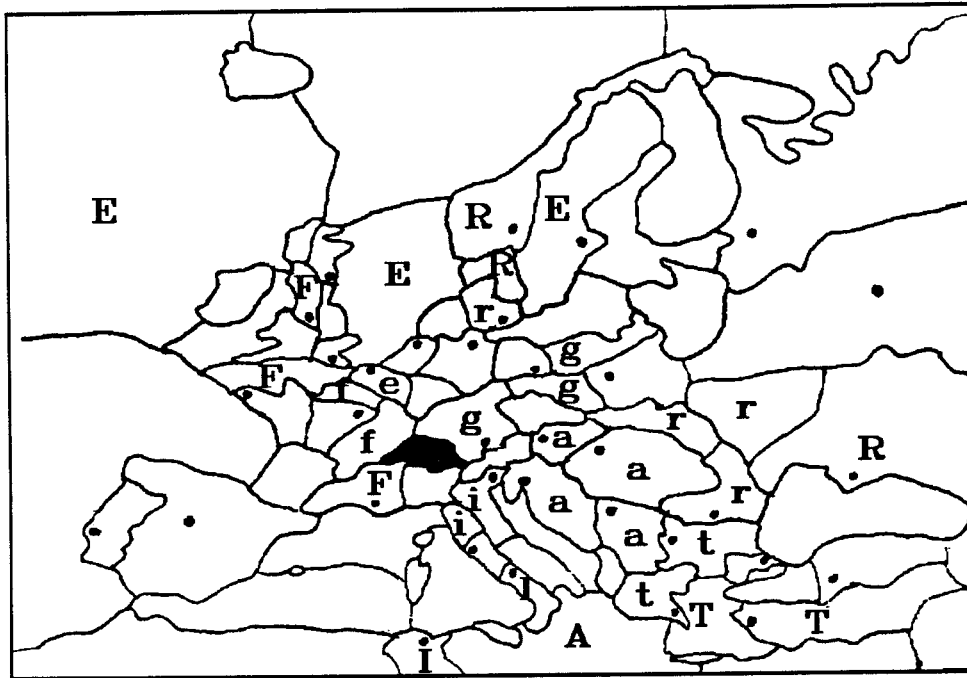
*Turkey - France:* Now is the time to counterattack and drive the Italian swine from your beloved countryside. Show no



mercy! Death to the infidels!

# Dip 26, Looks the Same/Tastes the Same, 1996HM, F 03

"England invaded...France and Turkey see slow growth."



*Austria (McCullam):* A Bud-Gal, A Gre-Ser, F Ion-Gre, A Tri S A Gre-Ser, A Tyr-Vie.

*England (Narhi):* F Nwy-Swe, F Nwg-Nat, F Nth S A Bel, A Bel H.

*France (Grabar):* F Iri-Lvp, F Mid-Ech, A Bur-Bel, A Pic S A Bur-Bel, F Lyo-Mar.

*Germany (Bernosky):* F Den-H (ret Kie, Bal, Hel, OTB), A Sil S A Pru-War, A Pru-War, A Mun H.

*Italy (Dorneman):* A Pie-Ven, A Tus S A Pie-Ven, F Tyn-Nap, F Tun-Ion.

*Russia (Zarr):* Ret F Nwy-Ska..F Sev S A Rum, A Rum S T. A Bul-Ser(NSO), A Gal-War, A Ukr S A Gal-War, F Ska S A Swe-Den, A Swe-Den, F StP(nc)-Nwy.

*Turkey (B. Wilson):* A Bul S A Smy-Gre, F Aeg C A Smy-Gre, F Con-Smy, A Smy-Gre.

E/G Draw Fails

Supply Center Chart

|         |                                     |          |
|---------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Austria | Viw, Bud, Tri, Ser=4                | Remove 1 |
| England | Lon, Edi, Bel, Swe=4                | Even     |
| France  | Bre, Par, Mar, Por, Spa, Lvp=6      | Build 1  |
| Germany | Kie, Ber, Mun, Hol=4                | Even     |
| Italy   | Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun=4                | Even     |
| Russia  | StP, War, Mos, Sev, Nwy, Rum, Den=7 | Even     |
| Turkey  | Con, Smy, Ank, Bul, Gre=5           | Build 1  |

PRESS

*Russia - Germany:* Look where France is. Look where England is. Do you really want to ally with England against me? I have no quarrel with you. Rethink your alliance!

*Constantinople - Vienna:* What Russia said.

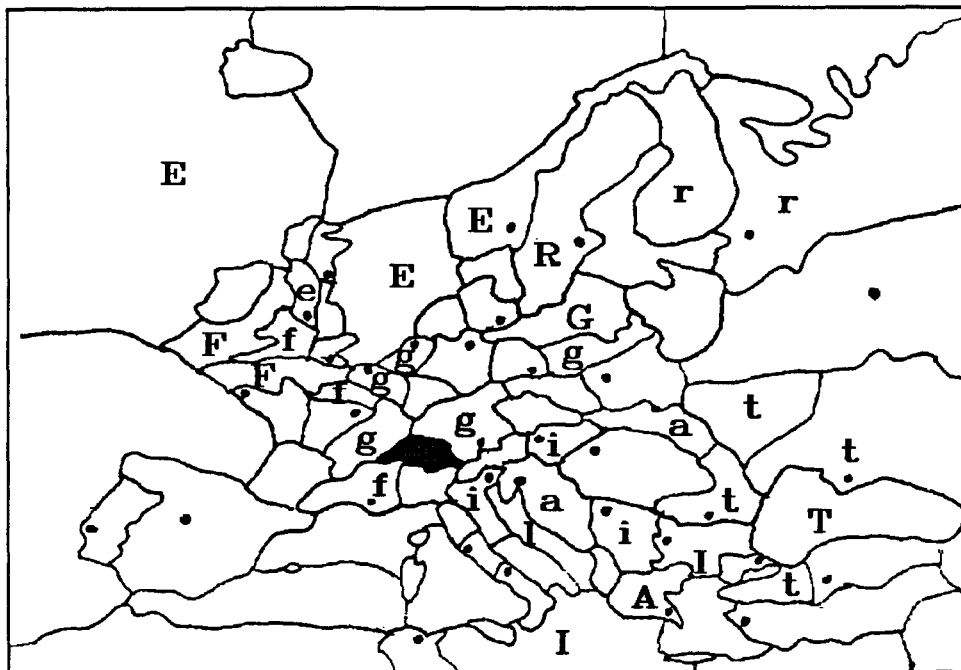
*Russia - France:* Stick it to him! Twice!

*Turkey - Russia:* Yes, but this one ought to work!

*Russia - England:* You really screwed things up big time. I was content to leave things with a three-way split in Scandinavia, but no, you had to go and get greedy. See the price of greed?

# Diplomacy 27, You Have Just Been Poisoned, 1997C, W 03/S 04

"Casualties mount in the Balkans..Marines cross the Channel."



*Austria (Zarr):* A Tri-Bud, A Bud-Gal, F Alb-Gre.

*England (Lurz):* F Nwg-Nat, F Nth-Ech, A Lvp H, F Nwy H.

*France (K. Wilson):* A Pic-Wal, F Ech C A Pic-Wal, F Iri S A Pic-Wal, A Bur-Pic, A Mar-Bur.

*Germany (R. Davis):* Bld A Ber..A Ber-Pru, A Ruh-Bur, F Bal S A Ber-Pru, ~~E Swe S E E Nwy~~(ret Den, GoB, OTB),  
A Mun S A Ruh-Bur, A Bel S A Ruh-Bur, A Hol S A Bel.

*Italy (Goesle):* Bld F Nap..F Nap-Ion, F Gre-Bul(sc), A Ser S F Gre-Bul(sc), F Adr S F Nap-Ion, A Tyr-Vie,  
A Ven opens new winery (H).

*Russia (Grabar):* Ret F Nwy-Ska, Rem A Sil, A Pru..F Ska-Swe, A Fin S F Ska-Swe, A StP-Nwy.

*Turkey (Kaszak):* Bld A Con, A Ank..A Sev-Ukr, A Ank-Sev, F Bla C A Ank-Sev, A Rum-Bud, A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul.

## PRESS

*Austria - Italy:* It's not that we don't want to play with you, but, well you see, your moutheash just ain't cutting it! Maybe you should stop kissing Turkey's backside!

*Italy - Board:* Ok, the rest of you weren't writing any press, so I've had to keep Austria around. Well, maybe that's not the only reason.

*Turkey - Italy:* As I see by the press in Diplomacy 28 back in the last two issues, I'll conjecture that Jim O'Kelley did not learn about the nature of the player from Iowa as soon as we did in this game.

*Italy - England:* Tim? Hello? Long time no hear from. Is the DMZ in Paris & Berlin still good? Have the communists invaded? Did you catch pneumonia typing "...attw6..." nude with the windows open? Set fingers to keyboard and let me know what you think on all this.

*Italy - Turkey:* Well, sorry about this. With Russia abandoning his post, it was either this or write my endgame statement congratulating you on a great victory. I may have to do it anyway, but this buys me a little time to think up enough compliments for you. Stay in touch. Maybe we can work this out. Did you say you have email?

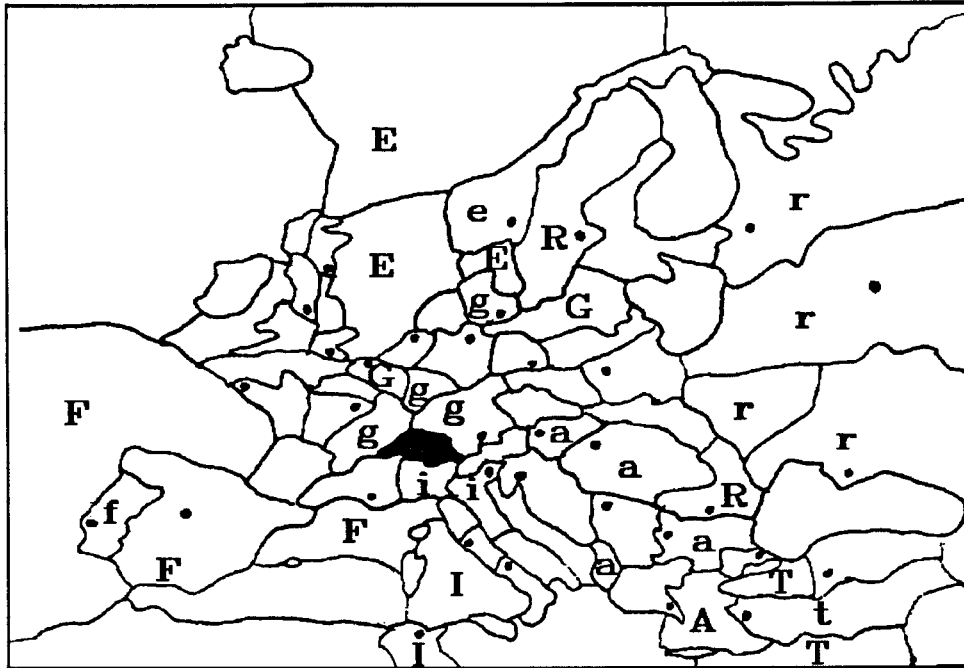
*Italy - France/Germany/Austria:* Keep those cards & letters coming! Preferably a little earlier in the season.

*Italy - GM:* I only did this to fulfill your prophecy of making this year "interesting".

*GM - Italy:* Don't do me any favors....

# Diplomacy 28,I am a Free Man,1997R,W 01/S 02

"French having trouble finding room to move..Turks squeezed."



*Austria (O'Kelley):* Bld A Bud,A Tri..A Ser-Bul,A Bud S R. F Rum,A Vie S A Bud,A Tri-Alb,F Gre-Aeg.

*England (Bardach):* Bld F Lon..A Nwy H,F Lon-Nth,F Nth-Ska,F Nwg S A Nwy.

*France (Zarr):* Bld F Bre,F Mar..F Bre-Mid,F Mar-Lyo,F Spa(sc)-Wme,A Bur-Mar(ret Pic,Par,Gas,OTB),A Por-Spa.

*Germany (Spiel):* Bld A Kie,A Mun,F Ber..A Kie-Ruh,A Mun S A Bel-Bur,F Ber-Bal,F Hol-Bel,A Bel-Bur,A Den H.

*Italy (Hagy):* Bld F Rom..A Pie-Mar,F Tun-Wme,A Ven H,F Rom-Tyn.

*Russia (Heath):* Bld A StP,A Mos..F Swe-Nwy,F Rum S A. A Ser-Bul,A Sev S F Rum,A Mos S A Sev,A War-Ukr, A StP H.

*Turkey (Wiedemeyer):* Bld F Smy..F Smy-Eme,A Bul-Ser(ret Gre,OTB),F Bla-Con,A Arm-Smy.

## PRESS

*Germany - England:* Hello McFly. McFly. MCFLY!

*France - Austria:* So you are only 29? No wonder you don't have any kids yet! Your poor, suffering wife is being forced to deal with an inexperienced kid who just can't get it right. Step aside son, and lead a real man show you how its done. As my song goes...every woman I meet, they all leave satisfied!

*Italy - England:* Come join the turkey shoot in France!

*Austria - Italy:* Mighty big talk for a guy who sounds like a submarine sandwich. All right, two can play at this game. If Italy builds an army, ever 00 and not just in this game either - Austria declares war on Italy.

*Germany - France:* Frank Burns eats worms.

*Austria - France:* No, I'm not nice. I'm a real bastard, but I'm a youthful bastard, you old fart.

*England - Austria:* I'm looking forward to your next letter.

*France - Italy:* Somehow, your actions just don't square with your letters. Why is that? Is your goal in life to be Austria's toad?

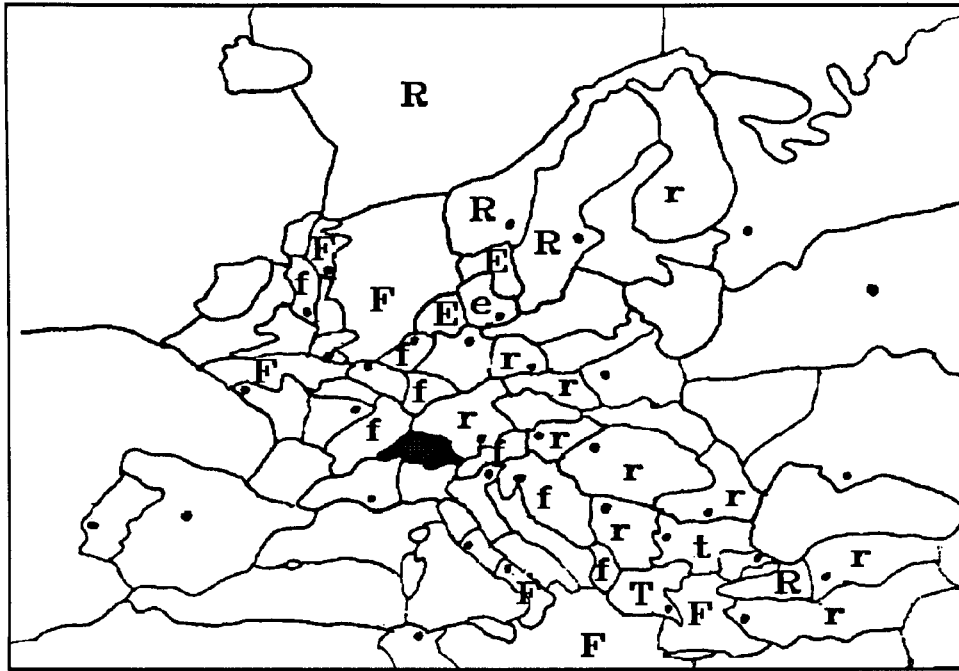
*Austria - England:* Me and the guys have been talking. If we bought you some construction paper and a box of crayons, would you start writing?

*England - Germany:* I hope those builds stay on shore.

Germany - Italy: Sneak into Tyr will you?

## International Dip 1, Seltzman, 1994AW, W 08/S 09

"Sultan missing again..France tries to catch up before time runs out."



*England (Grose):* Rem F Edi..A Kie-Den,F Hel S A Kie-Den,F Ska S A Kie-Den.

*France (Whyte):* Bld A Par,F Bre..A Par-Bur,F Bre-Ech,F Lon-Nth,A Yor-Lvp,F Nth-Edi,A Hol-Kie,A Ruh S A Hol-Kie,  
A Tri S A Ven-Tyr,A Ven-Tyr,A Apu-Alb,F Tyn-Nap,F Ion C A Apu-Alb,F Eme-Aeg.

*Russia (J. Schultz):* Ret F Con-Bla,Bld F StP(nc),A War,A Sev..A Nwy-Fin,F Bar-Nwg,F StP(nc)-Nwy,A Ber-Kie,  
A Mun S A Ber-Kie,~~F Den S A Ber-Kie~~(ret Bal,OTB),A War-Sil,A Sev-Rum,A Bud S A Sev-Rum,A Vie-Tri,A Ser-Bul,  
F Bla-Con,A Smy S F Bla-Con,F Swe S F Den,A Ank S F Bla-Con.

*Turkey (Karantzis):* NMR! Ret F Smy-OTB,Rem F Aeg..~~F Con~~ U,F Gre U,A Bul U.

Would Paul Milewski standby for Turkey?  
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PRESS

*Russia - France:* Yeah...I figured he would. I'm pretty good at figuring those types of things.

*France - England:* Another difficult decision to make. His letter arrived before yours. Sorry.

*England - Russia:* When composing my letters, even if they're a pack of lies, I go to great pains to lay out detailed plans, present options and give logical arguments for or against particular choices. Thus I find your claim that my letter to you was lacking in reason to be odd. Even so, if that was the case, why didn't you write back and tell me so? You now face a solid E-F alliance.

*Russia - Turkey:* Well, you coulda done better if you'd have gambled a little, too. But I'll tip my hat to you nonetheless.

*England - France:* Russia has sealed his fate. I'm with you until the end.

*France - Russia:* Yes.

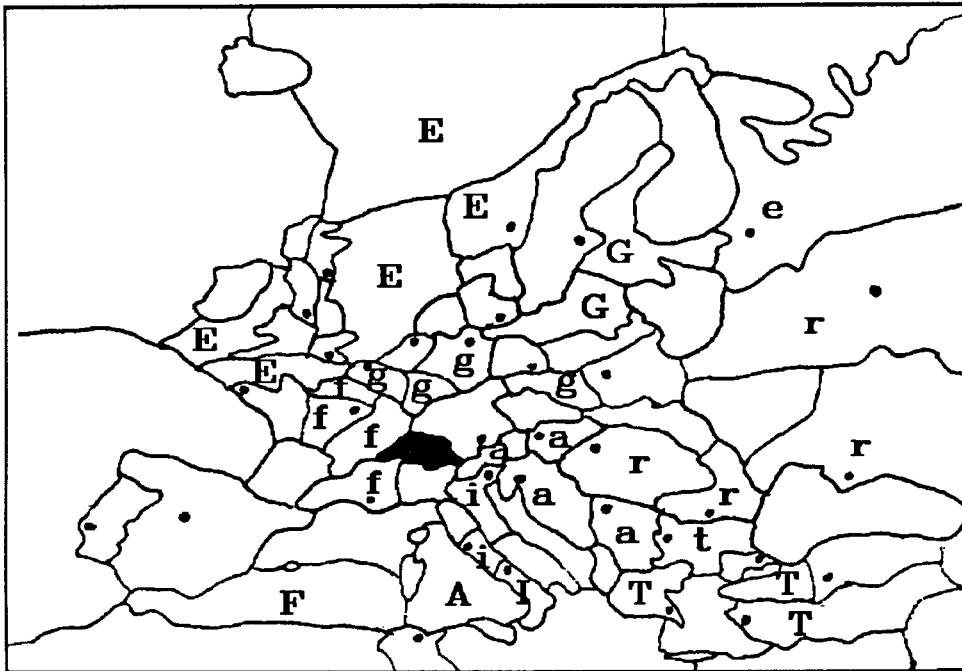
*Russia - England:* No deal.

*England - Turkey:* Hang in there!

*France - Turkey:* He who writes not is put in the pot. He who writes lots call the shots. He who is foreign should cover his sporrin.

# International Dip 2, Lotus 7, 1995HI, W 05/S 06

"German fleets swing east, Med fleets swing south."



*Austria (York):* A Vie-Bud, A Bud-Ser, A Tri S A Tyr-Ven, A Tyr-Ven, ~~F Gre-Ion~~(ret Alb, OTB), F Ion-Tyn.

*England (Hall):* Bld F Lvp..F Bel-Ech, F Nth S F Bel-Ech, F Lvp-Iri, F Bar-Nwg, F Nwy S A StP, A StP H.

*France (Holley):* A Par-Bur, A Pic S A Par-Bur, A Bur-Mun, A Gas-Mar, F Mid-Wme.

*Germany (Grose):* F Swe-GoB, F Den-Bal, A Kie-Mun, A Ruh S A Hol-Bel, A Hol-Bel, A Ber-Sil.

*Italy (Zarr):* A Ven H, A Rom S A Ven, F Nap-Ion.

*Russia (Hardy):* Ret A StP-Mos, Rem F Sev..A Lva-Mos, A Gal-Bud, A Rum S A Gal-Bud, A Mos-Sev.

*Turkey (Stimmel):* A Bul S F Aeg-Gre, F Aeg-Gre, F Con-Smy, F Bla-Con.

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PRESS

*Germany - England:* I was sincere yet again. Were you?

*Russia - Germany:* Fine. Give your centers to Vick.

*Germany - Russia:* Let's make a deal: I get War and Mos. In return I'll shield you from English expansion southward. Sound good?

*Turkey - England:* Don't invade Russia. Napoleon and Hitler made that mistake.

*Germany - France:* I have a theory. Maybe you have written to me but, in your advancing years, have simply forgotten to mail it - for up to two years!

*Russia - England:* If StP means that much to you you can bloody well keep it...

*Germany - A-H:* Welcome aboard. Let's clobber the Russians.

*Germany - Turkey:* Want me to put in a good word for you with my Austro-Hungarian ally?

# Gunboat 12, Three Wavy Lines, 1996Frb32, W 07/S 08

"Italy can't hold Vienna for even one season..Holland falls."

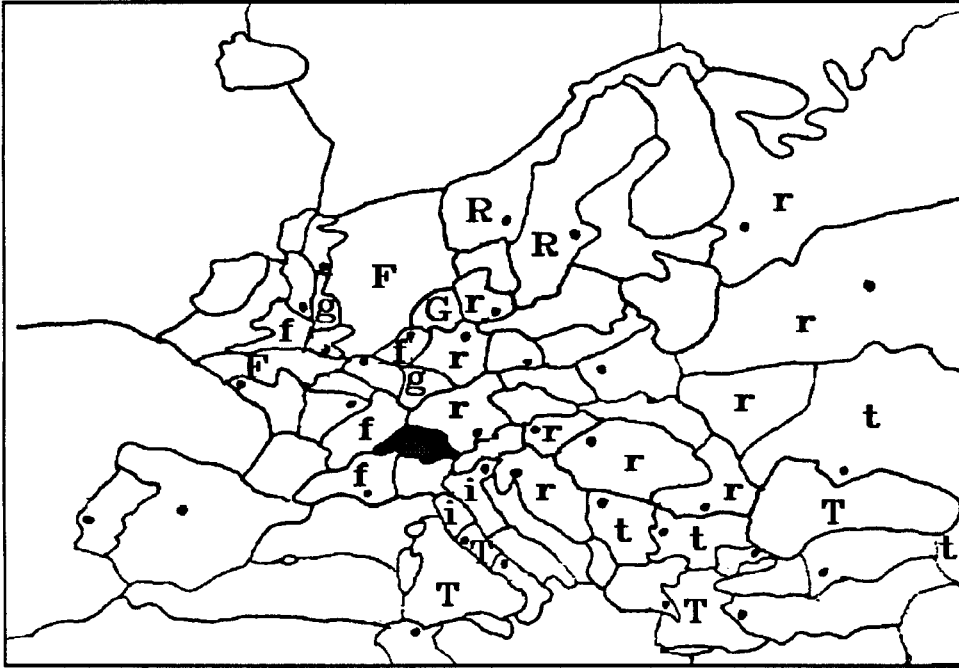
*France:* A Bel-Hol, A Mar S A Bur, F Nth S A Bel-Hol, F Ech C A Pic-Wal, A Bur-Ruh, A Pic-Wal.

Germany: A Lon-Yor,A Ruh-Kie,A Hol S A Ruh-Kie,F Hel S A Ruh-Kie.

Italy: Ret A Tri-Vie,Bld A Ven..A Vie-Tri(ret Tyr,Boh,OTB),A Ven S A Vie-Tri,A Tus-Rom.

Russia: A Rum S T. A Sev,A Mos-Sev,A Ukr S A Rum,A Kie S F. A Bel-Hol,A Mun S A Kie,A Den S A Kie,  
A Nwy-StP,F Ska-Nwy,F Bal-Swe,A Gal-Vie,A Tri S A Gal-Vie,A Bud S A Tri.

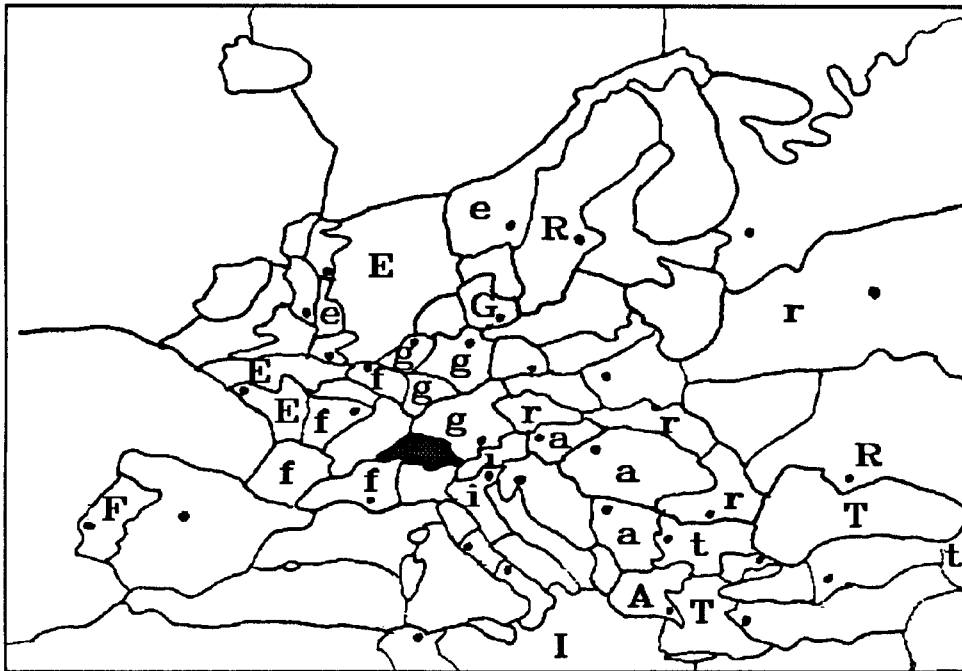
Turkey: Bld A Con,F Smy,plays 1 short..F Smy-Aeg,A Con-Bul,A Sev S R. A Ukr-War(Imp),A Arm S A Sev,F Bla S A Sev,  
A Bul-Ser,F Nap-Rom,F Tyn S F Nap-Rom.



All Draw Proposals Fail  
Now proposed - F/R/T

## Gunboat 13,That is a Lie,1997Erb32,W 01/S 02

*"New governments take over in Austria and Italy."*



Austria: Bld A Vie..A Ser S F Alb-Gre,A Vie S A Tri-Bud,A Tri-Bud,F Alb-Gre.

England: Bld A Lvp,F Lon..A Nwy-Swe,A Lvp-Yor,F Lon-Ech,F Nth S F. A Bel,F Bre-Mid.

France: Bld A Par,A Mar..F Por-Mid,A Spa-Gas,A Par S A Spa-Gas,A Mar-Bur,A Bel H.

Germany: Bld A Kie,A Mun..A Hol S A Ruh-Bel,A Mun-Bur,A Kie-Ruh,A Ruh-Bel,F Den H.

Italy: A Tyr S A Rom-Ven,A Rom-Ven,F Ion H.

Russia: Bld A Mos,A War..F Swe H,A Mos S F Sev,F Sev S A Rum,A Gal-Boh,A War-Gal,A Rum S A War-Gal.

Turkey: Bld F Con..A Bul-Gre,A Arm-Bul,F Bla C A Arm-Bul,F Con-Aeg.

Italy is now \_\_\_\_\_, Austria is now \_\_\_\_\_.

E/R Draw Fails

Now Proposed - R/T

## Colonial Dip 1, Why Did You Resign?, 1995Wea04, 1900

*"Look who's here: Flapjack the Sack! Yippee!"*

China (Oliveri): ~~A Can S A Yun-May~~(ret Chu,Nan,OTB),A BEN S A Ubur,A Kar-PER,A Raj-KAR,  
A UBUR S H. F Bob-Ran,A Tib-KAG,A YUN-May,A MON-Kra,A URU-Kir,F Mac-PART,A BOM H,F Sha-MAC.

France (Scharf): Ret F Ban(ec)-Gos..A NSAM S A Ran-Ban,F Ton-CAN,F MAL S A Ran-Ban,F Cs-NEW,  
A MAY-Ran,F GOS S F Mal,A Ran-BAN,F SCS S A Ton-Can.

Holland (McQuinn): Ret F Ben-Hyd..F Eio-SIO,F GOA-Rs,F SUNS S F Js-Mal,F EGY allows F Rs to use Suez Canal,  
F SAR S F Suns,F AS S F Bob-Ran,F LS U,F Suls-DAV,F Bob-RAN,F MP-Cebu,F Hyd-BOB,F RS-Med,  
F PG S C. A Kar-Per,A Ban S F Bob-Ran(ret Cam,OTB),F JS-Mal.

Japan (K. Wilson): F MNA-Cebu,F YS C A Kyu-Fus,F Ecs-FOR,A Kyu-FUS,F OS H,F UP S F Ecs-For.

Russia (McHugh): F BS-Ang,F ANG-Syr,A Baku-TAB,A KIR H,F For S J. F Up-Mp,F VLA S F Seo(wc),  
F SEO(wc) S F Vla(Imp),F MED S F Ang-Syr,A ARM S F Ang-Syr,A SHI-Per,A MOS-TSR-Kra.

Turkey (Lurz): A BAG-Arm,F SYR-Med.

### Supply Center Chart

|         |   |          |
|---------|---|----------|
| China   | Pek,Sik,Sha,Mac,Kag,Mon,Chu,Ubur,Del,Kam,Kar,Tas,Ben,Bom,Per=15 | Build 3  |
| France  | Coc,Ann,Ton,May,Ban,Hk,Can,Mal,New=9                            | Build 1  |
| Holland | Bor,Sum,Jav,Sin,Sar,Cey,Cebu,Dav,Mad,Aden,Sud,Egy,Ran=13        | Remove 2 |
| Japan   | Tok,Kyu,Kyo,Ota,Sak,Mna,Fus,For=8                               | Build 2  |
| Russia  | Mos,Omsk,Ode,Vla,Seo,Rum,Per,Con,Ang,Tab,Shi=11                 | Build 1  |
| Turkey  | Bag=1   | Remove 1 |

### PRESS

Moscow: The Russian Government announces the formation a new government under Prime Minister Vladimir McHughovitch, of the minority Stinkin' Greedy Party. The Prime Minister said, "It is obvious the Tsar needs my unique talents to retrieve this situation, so I will be assuming the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Russian foreign policy will now be carried out on the basis of the aggressive expansion of Russia's interest. Our first goal will be to kick the imperialist out of the Middle East and liberate our Arab friends there." The Prime Minister went on to reaffirm Russia's good relations with its Far East neighbors China and Japan. When asked about France, the Prime Minister pinched his nose between his fingers and said, "No comment."

Standby Russia-France: I think you're on to something there guy. Taking home centers certainly is a no reason "fly off the handle" unless of course it is one of your centers.

Holland - France: I wish it was true that I am the inevitable winner, but I have a few pesky problems to remove first.

Turkey - Holland: Go get 'em, tough guy.

Standby Russia-Holland: Pardon me if I don't join in handing you the game on a silver platter---me thinks France is just a tiny bit bitter.

## African Dip #4, Why?, 1997Cdm04, W 02/S 03

*"Zaire holds his ground..South Africa activates Marines."*

*South Africa also owns MAD, so he is +3*

Ethiopia (Kaszak): Ret A Kis-Cen,Bld A Som..A Som-KEN,A UGA-Kis,F GOA H,F Tan-NIO,A CEN S A Uga-Kis,  
A SUD S A Uga-Kis.

Ivory Coast (Bernosky): Bld F Abi,A Oua..F ABI-Mid,A Oua-NGR,F MID-Goc,A SEN-Nao(Imp),A Tim-WSD,  
F Gog-CAM.

*Libya (Crandlemire):* A Tri-ESD,F TUN S A Alg-Tri,F WME S A Alg-Tri(Imp),A Alg-TRIA Esd-KOR.  
*S. Arabia (Bardach):* Bld A Mec,F Dam..A MEC H,F Dam-EME,F Eme-GRE,A EGY S F Ben,A Gre-TUR,F BEN H,  
F Ion-ITA.  
*S. Africa (K. Wilson):* Bld A Cap,F Por,A Pre..A Cap-GAB,F Por-SWA,A Pre-MOZ,A Zim-ZAM,F SEA C A Cap-Gab,  
F GOC C A Cap-Gab,A LUB S A Zim-Zam,F KIN S A Cap-Gab,F MCH S A Pre-Moz.  
*Zaire (McQuinn):* Rem F Gab..A KIS H,A MIT S A Kis,A CON S A Kis.

Ethiopia has asked that a replacement be found for him. Would Randall Schultz take over?

#### PRESS

*Democratic Republic of Congo - Ethiopia:* My revenge on you is to make South Africa strong.

*Libya - Saudi Arabia:* Constipated? Got that blocked up feeling? Try the new and improved Ethiopia-lax! Guaranteed to get you moving again.

*Mecca - Libya:* I shall bury you in poofa.

*Ethiopia to Libya:* That boy Saddam (pronounced as George Bush would pronounce it) gets the streaks out of my shoes better than anyone else.

*Libya - Ethiopia:* You know, I try and I try and I try. But what's a poor boy to do? So, if he wants ya, he can have ya without any interference from me. Ya snoozed, ya losed.

*Mecca - Ethiopia:* Many thanks for staying clear.

*Democratic Republic of Congo - South Africa:* My revenge on you is to leave you with Ethiopia as an ally. Have fun.

*Libya - Ivory Coast:* In the words of the immortal Jethro Greeley (half-cousin to the more well-known Horace), "Go south, young man."

*Ethiopia to the Kabilocracy of Congo:* If you were angered at the use of your likeness on the Neelix action figures, then I will guess that you must have been livid when you discovered that they had modeled Jabba the Hutt's personality and physique on your own - without even offering you a share of the profits. Regardless of the venom of your feelings toward us, Jesus Christ and I both love you. "Before I get too cranky, you better like hanky panky; nothing like a good spanking - don't take out your handkerchiefs, I don't wanna cry..."

## Balkan Wars VI #2,KAR 120C,1997Bpb08,W 10/S 11

*"Albanian King returns, swaps land with Serbian King."*

*Albania (McKinnon):* ~~A Mon S A Tir-Nis~~,A Tir-NIS,A VAL S G. A Ath-Sal(NSO).

*Bulgaria (McQuinn):* Bld A Thr..A THR S A Mac-Sal,A SOF S F Var,A MAC-Sal,F VAR S T. F Izm-Sbs(NSO),  
F SAL-Ath.

*Greece (Crandlemire):* Ret A Sal-Epi,Bld A Ath..A ATH S A Epi-Sal,F Mal-GOC,A EPI-Sal,F Cre-CYC.

*Rumania (Bernosky):* Bld F Constantsa,A Gal..F Constantsa-DUB,A Gal-BUC,A Buc-OLT,A Clu-CRO,F Dub-SBS.

*Serbia (B. Wilson):* Bld A Nis..A NiS-MON,A Bos-HER,A BEL S A Nis-Mon,A Sko-TIR.

*Turkey (Levin):* Bld F Smy..F Smy-AEG,F Cyp-EME,A Con-ARDA,F Izm-CON.

#### PRESS

*Dateline, Sponjac, Albania:* The latest salvo in the ever-confusing, factional fighting here in the Balkans involves a near-mutiny among what was until recently known as the Albanian Army-Engineers. It seems that the engineers themselves have begun infighting over such petty concepts as appropriate uniforms and units' designations.

Of course, there are the traditionalists, who believe that Engineers, in keeping with STrek tradition, should wear the red piping on their shoulder epaulettes. "No," was the official reply from the Quartermaster General's office when the request was made to reissue the classic red piping, "Any trooper in the modern Albanian Army is aware that Engineers are now denoted with yellow, not red. Red is the Staff/Command colour."

When asked what his response to this direct statement was, General of Engineers Milec Obren stated, "What the #@& would the bloody QG know about tradition? 'E transferred to QCorps after I booted 'im out of Engineering. All day long it was out-of-phase this, and reverse-polarity that. Wha' the #@& does any o' that mean!? It's long held in the Corps of Engineers that 'e got 'is degree off the back of a box o' Weetabix. #@&!% ^ idiot!! An' you can bloody-well quote me."



*Belgrade:* King Brad I, Lord of the Serbians, Protector of the Church, Emperor of Croatia, Protector of Bosnia, Dominator of Hercegovina, and Archfoe of Albania, burned a large shipment of Neelix action figures that King James XXXVII was annoyed about in the main square of Belgrade today.

Serbian customs caught smugglers coming over Mt. Jara with the contraband. Since all relations of any kind with Albania have been cut off, it was surprising that the smugglers got as far as they did.

"They said they were working for a man named Quark, and he'd given the training to slip through our lines and gain money, or latinum as he called it," said Odoroski Odoroski, Chief of Serbian Customs. "We know this Quark and are launching a manhunt for him now."

Quark often wears a New Jersey Devils jersey and has glasses. The King, buoyed by his new Bulgarian alliance, pledged eternal help to the Bulgars to find this fiendish trader, currently hiding out near Xetinje in Montenegro and being sheltered by the Albanian alleged government.

In other news, the King expressed his satisfaction with the fall of Salonika. Grand Duke Peter is on his way to serve as Serbian consul in the conquered city.

*Montenegrin Military District, Albania:* Lieutenant General Lon Suder held a cyber-cast teleconference from his main Headquarters this past Tuesday, to discuss and emphasise the results of the latest Albanian military success. Use of the 'Net-based technology was less an indication of Albania's up-to-date communications infrastructure as it was indicative of the Press' fear of the volcanic (or is that Vulcanian?) general.

"We successfully raided a Serbian warehouse on the outskirts of Nish," said the black-eyed operations commander, "And as you can see over this live digital-feed channel, co-developed by myself and Field Marshal Callisto, Serbian atrocities are in evidence."

The live video feed, confirmed by GEOS Tracking as within Serbian borders, showed a massive, Football Pitch-sized warehouse filled to the brim with Star Wars blankets, Jurassic Park pillow cases and Seska pyjamas. It was obvious that the Serbs intend to take this conflict far beyond the civilised bounds of one fantasy series, and into multiple franchises in the science fiction genre. Not lost to the assembled World Press Corps was the fact that millions of Albanian children will sleep coldly in their beds tonight, denied the warmth and comfort of their favourite pyjamas, the weight and assurance of their treasured blankets.

*Ponca Valit, Albania:* Chaos reigned for an hour at this super-secret, well-hidden base, the centre for Air Traffic Control for the Albanian Air Force. A Rumanian contractor, supposedly vetted and cleared by Security Minister Tu Voc, was able to set a delayed computer subroutine that completely disrupted Albanian military air traffic for a crucial period over Balkan skies.

In what is openly called a betrayal of trust, but is secretly called a near catastrophe, a Galatian software company called Prevar Ictorscu was contracted to provide a collision prediction subroutine for the AAF. In reality, the vile, treacherous foreign scum reduced the prediction timeframe from 2 minutes to 20 seconds. It was only the last-minute, astute observation of the possible impact of two craft bearing Albanian War Orphans that indicated foul play on behalf of Sovereign Albania's disloyal alien 'friends'.

"We could have lost over 200 of our Nation's future leaders," claimed Interior Minister Chakosc Taylor. "Those damned, dirty apes on the black, Black Sea really did it to us after all. I'm just glad the Eternal Sisters of Drayan were on hand to calm the children after their experience. Damn all Romanians to Hell!"

Aqaba: Dust rose slowly into the air as the Ottoman garrison shuffled into formation. Brigadier Xena, their new commander, stood with her back to them, her blue eyes gazing across the shimmering blue waters of the Red Sea. After a moment, she sighed and turned towards her unit. Their former commander, now her executive officer, stood stiffly at attention. Behind, the troops slouched and smirked. They, like the crumbling bastion that housed them, were the worst the Ottoman Army had to offer.

She cursed the Fates for condemning her to this obscure outpost while Callisto became one of the Sultan's top commanders. Her frown eased as she considered Gabrielle's success at gaining a position on the Sultan's personal staff. When the time was right, Gabrielle would arrange for the opportunity that would allow her to gain the Sultan's favor. All Xena needed to do was make sure that her troops were ready when the opportunity came.

She strode towards her new executive officer who was chakram in hand: "Soldier, what's your name?"

"Lieutenant Joxer, maam!"

"Well, Joxer, which one of your boys thinks he's man enough to knock me down..."

*Dateline, Sponjac, Albania:* In further developments over the internal crises precipitated by differences in opinion between the Albanian Armu Engineers and the Quartermaster General, Albania's war effort was crippled during a critical phase.

The QG Corps took matters into their own hands, and through a technicality in the operations procedures shut down the Unified Personnel Station. This UPS, the clearing house for orders, requisitions and other banal generalities of paperwork, also handles the general ammunition, fuel and armaments for frontline units. As a result of this 'revolt' by QG Voorta Kombs, Albanian military efforts were stagnated, placing the country far behind all other Nations in this conflict.

Kombs, of course, was summarily executed as fast as Lieutenant General Lon Suder could personally arrive on the

scene. When asked to comment after his personal touch in this matter Suder said only, "I just need to breathe, to see the light that is my breath."

General of Engineers Milec, Obren, however, was garrolous as ever, "F%(!%& unbelievable! I'll tell ya, if 'e'd not been dispatched by General Suder I'd a taught 'im a lesson or two. Come to think of it, I'm considering goin' over to 'is 'ouse, right now, an' burnin' it tae the ground. F%(!%& unbelievable!"

The Ottoman front line in Arda: The border town was in flames. Panicky civilians cowered beneath the piles of rubble that had been their homes and fearfully watched hundreds of Ardanian militiamen defending the town hall from the Ottoman attack in close quarters fighting with rifle butts, bayonets and sabers.

In the midst of that seething maelstrom, the Ottoman commander, a blonde warrior armed only with a blood drenched saber, backflipped over the head of an Ardanian militiaman who tried to spear her with a bayonet. She seized her startled foe from behind, pressed her saber to his throat and grinned: "No shishkabob for you tonight!"

The Ardanian's rifle slid from his hands as Field Marshall Callisto took in the scene. The fighting was dying down. The few surviving Ardanian militiamen were dropping their weapons and surrendering. After a moment, Callisto lowered her blade and said "No. I'll let you live. I've disobeyed enough orders for today. Go and spread the word of what I've done to this town."

The militiaman fell to his knees and looked up at Callisto. His voice cracked as he asked: "Who are you?" Callisto laughed as she sheathed her saber: "I'm Xena."

*Dateline, Aspnjac, Albania:* Reports fresh out of Serbia have claimed the trade war that escalated into armed conflict was a fabrication of Albanian merchants and their government. But here, today, an International War Crimes Tribunal Fact Finding Mission of Mercy Funded by 3Com through Special Licence to Pepsico documented proof of Serbian complicity.

This small, technologically backward town served as a waystation for Serbian mule-train smugglers sneaking crates of merchandise across the border. Covered by the claims of King James XXXVII that he was angered by the use of his likeness on Neelix figures, these economic guerillas are actually promoting the Monarch's attempt to gain a Hollywood career.

King James XXXVII, a longtime fan of "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Facts of Life" hopes that Albanian export of the Neelix figures bearing his likeness to Western Nations will put the idea in Viacom's head that he should take over the Neelix role. This, it was revealed by captured smuggler baron Julib Asheer, should enable him to achieve either of his two life goals: to meet Tori Spelling and to marry Mindy Cohn.

## Kremlin

Black - Bill Scharf, Yellow - Kerry Kaszak, Green - Mike Scott, Muck - James Hardy

### Turn 11

**Cures Phase:** Green puts 7 on P, and 9 on Q. Green brings P back from the Cure, Yellow brings I back as well. I ages 2 to 79, J ages 2 to 74, K ages 2 to 69, P ages 2 to 72, Z ages 1 to 54, S ages 2 to 60.

**Purge Phase:** No activity.

**Spy Investigation Phase:** Green calls a trial on K. Yellow declares 2 on S and 8 on N. K is the only one to vote Not Guilty. K is Guilty, and is sent to Siberia.

**Health Phase:** J dies, P dies, Z - to healthy, S dies, N ++ to ++.

No Funeral Commission, so Yellow wins!

| <u>Office</u>  | <u>Black</u> | <u>Green</u> | <u>Yellow</u> | <u>Muck</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Party Chief - I, 79, +   |              | 2            | 5             |             |
| KGB -  |              |              |               |             |
| Foreign -  |              |              |               |             |
| Defense -  |              |              |               |             |
| Ideology - Z, 54   |              |              | 10+           | 8           |
| Economy - N, 63, ++  |              |              | 8             |             |
| Sport - Q, 70  | 1            | 9            |               | 4           |
| Candidates - T 57, X 53, Y 52.   |              |              |               |             |
| People - X 53.   |              |              |               |             |
| Kremlin Wall - A, B, C, D, E, F, O, R                                      |              |              |               |             |
| Siberia - G 75, H 79 ++, K 69 ++, L 65, M 64, U 56, V 58 ++, W 58 ++.      |              |              |               |             |
| Muck had 2 waves, Black had 2 waves, Yellow had 1 wave, Green had 0 waves. |              |              |               |             |

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