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I managed to get through last issue without running off at the mouth about the war, and since its all over now I can do it again! It'll take a while to get most of the troops home, but I say my prayers that we achieved victory with a minimum of friendly casualties. Besides, its so much more fun to make fun of fellow Dipsters.

Most of you probably didn't see it, but I got a copy of the latest "fake" to hit the hobby - a beauty of a job on Tom Nash's The Zine Register. I understand that at least one publisher (who shall remain nameless) completely bought the fake and called Nash to complain about the comments contained within. I think that call was the first notification Tom had that a fake had been produced. Sources tell me a fake of another Nash publication, Been There, Done That is in the works right now (although being produced by different jokers) and should be seen in the next few months. I can hardly wait. Fellow publishers - and recipients of Maniac's Paradise - Larry Cronin and Garret Schenck were particularly bashed in the fake. A real laugh riot!

On the home front, as of this writing (3/2) we still have one spot open in each of our games: Diplomacy 10, Gunboat 6, and African Dip. If you want to sign up for any of these games get in touch with me ASAP, as its first come first served. I expect to announce gamestarts for all three next issue. After they're filled we'll have, of course, another Diplomacy opening. I'm not sure what other openings we'll have, if any. I'm planning on offering Narnia Wars, but there's a chance I'll be taking an orphaned game of Narnia, and if I get that game I won't be starting a new one till its over. "One Regular Guy" is back this ish, and I've thrown in another "Uptight, Upset, and Anti-Social" too. Not much else to say except to remind you that the next deadline is:

April 1, 1991 at 12:00 noon eastern
Don't Miss It!

Game Openings

Diplomacy 10:

Description: Standard Dip, \$5 gamefee. Might allow black press if players want it.
Players Signed Up: Diehl, Schultz, Lord, Brown, Cox, need 2 more.

Gunboat 6:

Description: No Press Gunboat, \$3 gamefee.
Players Signed Up: Six, need 1 more player.

African Dip:

Description: Phil Reynolds' African variant, \$3 gamefee, rules last issue.
Players Signed Up: Bryant, Schultz, Wilson, Lord, Greger, need 1 more.

Please let me know what else you'd like to see offered here.

Notes to Players: _____

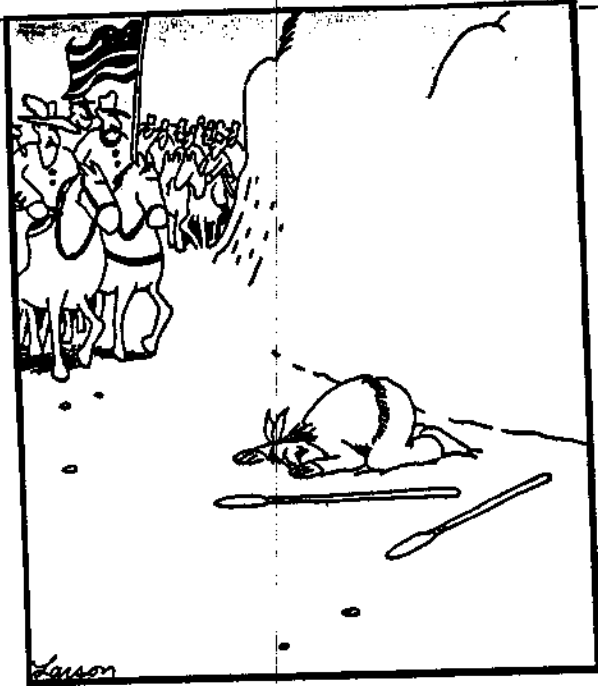
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ONE REGULAR GUY

ISSUE # 14

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST!

Iraqi dust to be exact. Rather than drone on and on about how well we are giving it to the Iraqis, let me just say that I hope that the promised retaliation that Israel keeps threatening Iraq with is to find Saddam and put an end to his regime. What is wrong with this guy anyway? I heard that the lady in Italy's Parliament, her name eludes me but she was a former Porn star, has offered to be his love slave if he will only pull out of Kuwait. **HE TURNED HER DOWN!** I wonder if I take my neighbor's house hostage will she make the same offer to me? In case your worried that you might be my neighbor, check your address, mine is Greg Maynard, 3820 Red Arrow Road, Flint MI 48507-5402.



"I say fifty, maybe a hundred hoses. ...What you say, Red Eagle?"

I read an article the other day in Strategy & Tactics Magazine paralleling Saddam not with Hitler but with Musolini. Benito had this great idea of re-drawing the world with Rome as its turning point. He then bungled from one campaign to another, keeping the Italian state in largely unsuccessful wars, with the exception of Ethiopia, (aka Kuwait). Sound familiar? Good article. Does anyone out there sub to S&T? I would like to PBM Eylau.

The Auto-Safety hotline will let you know about any recalls on cars, trucks, and child safety seats. Car owners may also report a suspected safety defect. This is operated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, so let's all flood their telephone lines to get our tax dollars worth. Oh, the number is 1-800-424-9393.

When a hunter found the decomposed body of Dana Stidham of Centeron, Arkansas, he delayed reporting the matter to the police because he fear the investigation would interfere with his planned squirrel hunt. Sheriff Andy Lee commented, "He said if he called before he went hunting it would mess up the woods, which I think is a very bad attitude." Found in the Los Angeles Times. ((Obviously the Sheriff has never had Mrs. Poole's squirrel and dumplings! I used the name Poole for the hunter, no sense in giving away his favorite huntin spot.))

LETTER COLUMN

ROBERT STIMMEL

The compulsory public service wasn't "work for welfare". It was for everybody. It might require people to help those on welfare. The reason I wrote is because I read of a town which requires community service to obtain a high school degree. Doesn't high school already have enough subjects for people who are preparing for college.

((I would actually support such a plan. Send them to a nursing home, hospital, day care, etc., and let them get some experience instead of being hook to the Nitendo. A few may even learn something!))

On my political ratio suggestion, ((last issue)), I assume only the top three or four in total votes would be eligible to win.

((I guess that knocks me out. I still agree with you though, it may shake up the Congressional Circus somewhat.))

Isn't France the strongest country in Dip? If people think a certain country is strong that country will tend to lose.

((But another opinion from the tried and true. I would rate France as one of the highest, though I tend to agree with you that if the perception gets out that, say France, were the enviable position to have, that folks would get leery of France and tend to attempt to knock France out early. With that in mind, Italy is no doubt the strongest country, so all you folks playing in "Agony" (found elsewhere here in MP) should turn on Murray ASAP! (Stab me will ya, Mark.))

That's it for this month. Piss poor, eh. Some questions for next month, to see if we can get the ol' juices flowing again.

1. Will there be peace if Saddam lives?
2. If pantyhose are guaranteed to be run free, why must you buy four pairs of the same color? (No, I ain't one of them high steppers! I saw the commercial last week and asked the wife, and all she did was laugh! I hate it when she knows something I don't.)
3. Who is in the wrong, the press or the Pentagon, what with the current brew-ha over releasing of information?
4. Who do all these folks who make up these opinion polls call, for I have never been called? Has anyone out there ever been called by any of the major polls? (If you have, next time tell them to call me. I could sure set them straight!)

THE LAST WORD

I have about had it with these peace marches. First, a group of Middle School kids locally here run out of class for four hours to march around the school hollarin for peace. Sounds like a great way to get out of class to me. Then I see where several peace demonstrations turn into looting and vandalism. Are these folks really for peace, or is this but another way to exploit any situation? Are these protesters really that naive? Also, why does the news have to key on these delberts, when all the popular opinion polls are in favor of our policy in the Gulf. Why not show more of the folks who support the war? Like most Americans, I wish Saddam had not driven the world to war, but I am proud of the way our boys and our allies are giving it to em. Put me on TV, and let these crying whinny delberts who have no conception of the real world go visit Donahue.

ORG READERSHIP POLL

As those of you who regularly tune in know, I have tried a lot of different things here in ORG. Some have worked, others have not. The following poll is to gage what may or may not ORG a better read for you. To attempt to get as many completed polls as possible, you may send this sheet back to either myself or to Doug Kent. Doug will then forward them to me. Of course, making this exception on mailing etiquette will mean the results will not be published until Issue # 16. So please take a few moments to fill this out and either mail it to myself or drop it out to Doug along with your orders. Not a great fan of polls, I have made this as short and to the point as possible.

1. HAS BEENS:

	BRING IT BACK	DON'T CARE	DUMP IT
REGULAR GUY OF THE MONTH	_____	_____	_____
PUZZLES	_____	_____	_____
MICHIGAN JOKES	_____	_____	_____

2. CURRENTS:

	KEEP IT	DON'T CARE	DUMP IT
MP\ORG BIO	_____	_____	_____
NEWS CLIPPINGS	_____	_____	_____
LETTER COLUMN	_____	_____	_____
MONTHLY DOSE OF THE FAR SIDE	_____	_____	_____

3. LETTER AND ARTICLE TOPICS:

	WANT TO SEE MORE	JUST RIGHT	TO MUCH
THE GAME OF DIP	_____	_____	_____
SPORTS	_____	_____	_____
POLITICS	_____	_____	_____
RELIGION	_____	_____	_____
ECONOMICS	_____	_____	_____
OTHER (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)	_____	_____	_____

4. POSSIBLE FUTURE FEATURES:

LIKE THE IDEA

DON'T CARE

DON'T LIKE

REVIEWS:

MOVIE

BOOKS

MUSIC

ADDING GUEST COMMENTS TO
MP/ORG BIO, ALA UPSTART

OTHER (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)

5. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE FEATURED IN THE MP/ORG READERSHIP POLL? _____

6. SHOULD DOUG KENT PAY HIS TWO SUB-ZINE AUTHORS OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNTS OF
MONEY FOR THEIR WORK? YES _____ ABSOLUTELY _____ POSITIVELY _____ OF COURSE _____

7. DO YOU PBM ANY GAME OTHER THAN DIP? YES _____ NO _____

(IF YES, PLEASE LIST WHAT GAME(S) _____

8. ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE WHICH WOULD MAKE ORG A MORE ENJOYABLE SUB-ZINE.

YOUR NAME (OPTIONAL) _____

MY COMMENTS MAY _____ MAY NOT _____ BE USED IN ORG. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

ORG II
THE SAGA CONTINUES OR
"REGULAR GUYS TAKE MANHATTEN"

I can remember not to long ago sitting in a movie theater when a leader for Friday the 13th Part 7, Jason Takes Manhattan came on the big screen. Amid the boisterous laughter of the audience this tiny brain of mine was rolling as to how I could include such silliness in ORG. Thus the above. Now aren't you glad that the Post Office and I decided to contrive to hold up ORG Issue #14?

Normally, I try not to drone on and on about different subjects, but since this is an unofficial ORG, I decided to make this my own little letter column for a change. In wrapping this up, I found that 90% of what I say is my observations of the war, so if you can't stomach another Conservative screaming for blood don't bother. Of course, it may be enlightening to see things from the regular guy side of the street. Some top of my head observations:

Although I wish no bad on anyone, I think it would be great if Canada or Mexico would take over the neighborhoods of some of these cry babies whining about the war. I'll bet good money that these folks cryin for us to not be the "911 of the world" as one delbert put it wouldn't give a hoot if the troops that pulled their butt out of the fire came from the moon. Things sure look different when your the one under the boot!

Is this fight for oil? Damn right it is. At least part of it is. Why should we let a man like Saddam hold the knife to our throats? Our so called friends do it enough anyway. If you don't think that Saddam is fighting for oil you had better sit down and do a little reflecting on this war, for you are missing the point somewhere. Trading blood for oil, yes, but it seems to me that it is Iraqi blood. If they are fools enough to believe him and follow him like lemmings to the sea Boo-Hoo for them. (If the figures for the first two days of the ground war are correct, 20,000 prisoners, then it is obvious that these folks aren't fools, just playing there part.)

Israel has promised retaliation, and I for one am willing to bet that should Saddam live through this he will be a marked man. A bullet, a bomb, doesn't matter. It wouldn't be a bad idea however to strap him to a scud and fire it toward Baghdad.

If I was a third world power who had bought all my hardware from the Soviets I would be pissed. I also hope that some of the Soviet hardware makes it to the states to be auctioned off. I bet I could run over a lot more protesters in a T-62 than what my Pick-up does. Bad gas mileage would possible make the folks more than forty or fifty miles away breath a sigh of relief.

I applaud our armed services and the job they are doing, both on the ground and in the air. I was absolutely amazed at the pace and scope of the air war, and as it now appears, the success. Add to that the way that the ground war seems to be shaping up, which on the surface is succeeding far beyond anyone's expectations. The two biggest reasons this has happened is the pluck and mettle of the American soldier, and the Reagan Administration. Raq on former President Reagan if you must, just remember it was he that refused to back down on budgeting all this high tech equipment we have almost won this war with. He was the one who did the arm twisting to push things through Congress.

I wouldn't want to be the next General in charge of a major battle that we are running. Swartzkoff and his staff have done a tremendous job, and I for one believe that the mighty Iraq military was slightly overblown. I say this in reference to the press, not to take anything away for our boys and girls doing the dirty work over there. If the press was told that our ground troops would roll eight miles forward today and we only made six they would be on the street asking folks how they like being lied to by the military.

If I hear about this milk plant one more time I will scream. So we blew up a milk plant, Boo-Hoo. Kill Saddam and get this over with and we will build you a new one. Hell folks, this is war. I feel for all the innocent Iraqi people suffering, but I also feel for the Kuwaities, the Israelis, the troops, etc. As the scuds fly the bombs land. Sorry folks, no sympathy from me.

I wonder what it would be like to be an Iraqi supply clerk sitting thirty miles from the Iraq-Saudi border, listening to Baghdad radio saying that the Allies are being bloodily repulsed, all the while watching the waves of Allied armor rolling by. I guess the real question would be does he wave to the Allied tank commanders rolling by while listening to his radio? Maybe even bum a few batteries.

While writing this at work, they have just announced that radio Baghdad has reported that the Iraqi army has been ordered to pull out. What is left of it at least. I have to wonder why he hasn't done it before now. I can understand that he needed to save face by holding on as long as he could, but I would think the greater victory would have been had by pulling out and using the "infidel" line to try to get the US thrown out of the region. Then it would have been just a matter of building back the army and invade again. I don't think this time he would make the same mistake and stop at the Saudi border.

I only hope that as the troops pulling out reach home and the lies the radio Baghdad has been spitting out become known that the "Regular Guys" of Iraq get it together and put Saddam out on his butt. My Grandfather always taught me what goes around comes around, so I hope that Saddam is caught up in his own web.

Much ballyhoo is being done on the fact that at one time Saddam was our buddy. Damn right he was. So what. A lesson I learned long ago was how not to be used, and to use those that would use you. Face it, Saddam would love the chance to rape our country, as would a lot of other idiots out there. Now that he has outlived his usefulness as our lackey, it is time to rid ourselves of him. The end justifies the means folks, don't kid yourself. This country has long been the strongest power in the world, and for what minute amount of manipulation we do we should be patted on the back. Put our military might in the hands of Russia, Cuba, Libya, or a host of other countries and see what chaos abounds.

General Collin Powell could well be a strong candidate for a future Presidency if he should choose a Political career. Although I would like to know more on his views, from what little I see of the man I am impressed. He has style, grace, and poise like I have not seen since Nixon. I wonder if he is a Republican?

I hope the press is happy over this one. I saw on CNN an Iraqi soldier kiss one of his captors in relief. If that fellow is sent back to Iraq he is a dead man. I hope some of you delberts out there also picked up on this and are out with your witty little signs condemning CNN. Yea, missed that one didn't you.

I used to watch Morton Downey's talk show all the time. I did not necessarily agree with him, and he did tend to get out of hand, which may have been a good reason to pull the plug on him, but I enjoyed the audience. Put a prison inmate who wants to have the state pay for his sex change on Donahue and all you'll get is whining for him. If he would have gone on Downey's show he would have been hooted on by all the "regular guys" in the audience, which is exactly all the sympathy he deserved. Downey's problem was that he didn't fit in with the modern notion of the liberal press. I have to laugh as I hear all the delberts cry about manipulation of the press, when it is their own way of life that is being blown out of proportion. By way of example, until a week or so ago it was not fashionable in the liberal press to give any time to those who supported the war. Every news hour had at least ten minutes dedicated to pictures of cry babies marching up and down the street waving cards condemning the "War for Oil", and perhaps a mention of how the latest Gallop poll showed 82% in favor of the war. While I am on the subject, Paul Harvey mentioned a few weeks ago how 80 some percent of the American people had confidence in the Military to handle what ever problems should arise. When the same people were asked about the confidence they had in Congress, only 28% replied favorably.

I think that the government should take all the folks in the military who are now refusing to fight, especially those in the Reserves, and sue them for all the training, housing, etc. that they have received. Here in Michigan several have made the statement that they only joined to get a free education, not to fight a war. Like I said folks, there are those who won't hesitate to use you, and these are shining examples. If you happen to be a person who supports such folks just remember, they have not only duped you out of money, they have also sworn an oath and now have broken it. I can't speak for you, but if I make a promise I keep it. Honor may not mean much to you, but it speaks for a lot in my house.

When I was a kid I had a crush on Barbara Eden. I thought she was the prettiest thing this side of anybody's house. (Still is a looker!) I asked my oldest boy the other day what women he thought was a looker and he said Julia Roberts. Chip off the old block, ain't he.

For those who have stuck around I want to thank you for your time. I hope you fill out the poll enclosed in this issue, I am really interested in what you all want to see here in ORG, short of bending my way of thinking to the left. Take care, and drop a line just to say howdy if you get the time.

Uptight, Upset, and Anti-Social

#9

2/6/91

Paul Milewski: I have done some analysis of the finished games reported in issue #82 of the Boardman Number Custodian's publication Everything for a different purpose, but Robert Acheson's remark in Maniac's Paradise #23 (page 3) about how there were very few draws years ago prompted me to dig out the oldest issue of Everything in my collection, issue #50 which was dated October 1981. (Don Ditter was BNC back then.) Issue #82 is the latest available and is current as of the end of 1989. (Let us hope there will be more to come.)

Not only did there appear to have been relatively fewer draws (a smaller proportion of games ending in draws than in wins), the nature of the draws is decidedly different.

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Draws</u>
<u>Everything #50</u>	29	18
<u>Everything #82</u>	11	18

Of the 18 draws in #82, only 3 included all survivors (DIAS). In #50, 9 included all survivors.

Of the 15 draws in #82 in which there were survivors excluded from the draw, there were 5 games in which a player excluded from the draw had as many or more centers than a player included in the draw. None of the draws with excluded survivors in #50 were so.

There is also a difference in wins. Of the 29 wins reported in #50, only 2 were by concession. Of the 11 wins reported in #82, 2 were by concession, but that is a far greater proportion of the wins.

One draw reported in #82 was a 2-way with 5 excluded survivors. The 2 included in the draw controlled only 13 centers between them (6 and 7, respectively). In none of the draws in #50 did those included in the draw together control fewer centers than those excluded. The smallest combined center count of players included in a draw was 20 in #50, and that was a 2-way in which each person controlled 10 centers.

In #50, the highest center count of anyone excluded from 1 draw was 9. In #82, a person with 17 centers was excluded.

Draws are now more common than wins, and being included in a draw is a less reliable indicator of how close you came to winning than being included in one used to be. I would say, based on my own experience, that players today on the whole prematurely end games in draws of convenience because they become bored too easily. In #82, 36% of starters resign or are dropped; only 19.7% are eliminated. Over a third lose interest completely.

I have appeared in too many games in which success appeared to be largely attributable to being a starter who didn't NMR more than once. I see people resigning or being dropped from (NMRing out of) interesting positions that were far from hopeless. I repeatedly see people being congratulated on being included in a draw as if it were a

shared victory when the game was concluded prematurely, well before anything close to a stalemate line had formed.

All this strikes me as a change for the worst. I take it from Robert Acheson's remarks that he feels the same way I do about this. I suspect that he and I are not alone.

By the way, the 29 games in #82 excludes the 10 games that were played by electronic mail. That is to assure a basis for comparison with ten years ago. The 10 E-mail games were markedly different from the conventional play-by-mail. Perhaps because they run quicker (shorter intervals between deadlines) and avoid the risk of orders lost in the mail, the E-mail games are characterized by only 10% of starters being replaced by standbys, with 45.8% of starters playing to elimination, but even so, 8 of the 10 games ended in draws. The fast pace of E-mail may keep the players from the boredom afflicting play-by-mail players, but people are still not allowing games to run their course. *[[Okay, I don't dispute the facts as you've stated them. Now let's look at the reasons behind it. Why do people lose interest so quickly, compared to ten years ago? I have a few theories, anyway. First is the age we live in. Things are more instantaneous than 1981. We all want immediate reaction, immediate gratification. The slower pace of play-by-mail doesn't suit a lot of people. For me, I prefer it. It gives you time to think, time to plan, time to negotiate. Next, look at the state of the hobby in terms of zines. While we do have a lot of good new zines, most notably in the last 9 months or so, the "old guard" is really taking a beating. Of twelve older zines I get (those I can think of off the top of my head), six have had serious problems in the last year. Some of the bigger names in the hobby are having trouble keeping up with the goals they've set. Burnout, personal problems, growing too fast, overestimating free time/energy/money; the reasons don't much matter. Players are scared to sign up for games in old zines that might be ripe for folding, and they're also scared to sign up for newer zines that might not get off the ground. That leaves the 2-to-3-year-old zines that haven't grown too big yet, but if everyone runs to them they'll be next on the "old guard" list. Where does that leave us? A shrinking wargame market slows the influx of new gamers into our section of the hobby. I don't even think you can buy Diplomacy in Canada anymore, can you? It also seems that publishers are much slower to clean up their zines. Now it takes between 6 months to a year for some to decide whether to fold, keep going, or cut back. Is the Canadian hobby in even worse shape than ours? What can be done to shape things up around here? Folds aren't the only thing messy lately (take a look at the MNC situation as a good example). Are there any ideas out there to tighten the hobby a bit?]]*

Brad Wilson: Whoever does your football ratings *[[Robert Stimmel]]* is either grotesquely uninformed or using a nutty system. Middle Tennessee above Maryland? Idaho above Pitt? Ga. Southern over Louisville? Sheer idiocy. And I saw Northwestern (41.21) come within a field goal of beating Illinois (351.35). These ratings are utter crapola.

Bill Becker: Abortion is legal. Abortion is not moral. We can legislate, so abortion can become illegal. We can not legislate to the extent that would make abortion moral.

Put me in the pro life camp. No debate is needed. If you've ever watched them, you can tell they hate each others guts. they won't look at each other. And no one ever says "good point, I'm changing my position."

I hate politicians who say they are against abortion except in cases of incest, rape,

and to save a mother's life. They are closet abortionists, they don't want you to know that they're playing politics with abortion. Once it becomes clear that an abortion or anti-abortion stand will win in their district they will come forward and be identified as supporting the voting majority.

Abortion is killing.

Larry Behrendt to John Caruso: Thank you for calling me a saint because according to Scripture I am one.

The intent of my reply to Bruce McClung was to point out that he made statements that were unfounded and accusations that were not true. A presentation needs to be established with sound reasoning and verifiable facts, not with biased hear-say.

I agree with you that more people have to be educated, especially about both sides of the abortion issue.

I have a question for you: Who has the right to terminate an innocent life?

The root of the abortion issue lies in two opposing world views. Atheism/evolution views man as a product of chance and as a result, man is of little value. In contrast, theism/special creation views man as a unique creation of God and thus man is infinitely valuable. A person's stand on the existence of God and the origin of the universe directly influences his or her view of abortion.

Larry Behrendt to Bruce Reiff: I work as a Christian apologist. A Christian apologist is a person who gives evidence, sources, and reasons for why he believes Christianity is a rational faith based on facts. Bruce McClung failed in every aspect to provide adequate sources for his comments, or even give sound reasoning for his statements. Such a figure as 60 billion as the projected world population is ridiculous. You tell me where he found that figure.

As an apologist I strive for precision and accuracy in my writing. Bruce McClung's letter was poorly written and presented, which in my field of study is unacceptable. Nancy's critique wanted to make Bruce think about what he wrote, how he wrote it, and how to improve it. I think you missed this. If you have attended college you must have experienced a similar critique of your papers in order to sharpen your written communication skills. In addition, ridicule does not enhance your argument -- it detracts from it.

If you have any problems with Nancy, you may direct them to me. I have lost all respect for you since you have demeaned my wife.

Comments from the Antisocialite: (In other words, stuff I had to say that isn't a response to letters you people sent in) Another Cop was shot on the subway yesterday in New York City. It seems Cops in the city are so terrified of being branded racist, so terrified of the Rev. Al Sharpton forming protest marches, so terrified of being moved to desk duty. If the attacker is black, and the Cop isn't, they won't fire at anyone unless they are fired upon first. This Cop was shot in the foot with a shotgun before he tried to return fire. Headline in the Post: "5 Cops Suspended while Grand Jury Investigates Homicide." In that case a subdued suspect died, and it seems he was suffocated. The Cops say the suspect was resisting, and they were just trying to handcuff him or something. Jay

Diamond (morning radio guy) made a pretty good comment about this case: "Homicide? This isn't a homicide! When one of these mutant thugs dies, it shouldn't be called a homicide, it should be a national holiday!"

What were the three best TV series ever? Write me with your answer!

I was going to run a Beatles trivia quiz, but first I want to know if anyone would bother answering. So, tell me what you think. Question Howard Stern asked a centerfold yesterday: "Which Beatle is dead?"... she didn't know.

Postal service was horrible in January. Greg Maynard's "One Regular Guy" coming in 2 days late, moves arriving late. Two people I am playing in games with wrote me letters telling me my postcards to them had been mangled by the USPS (they were sent from different locations on different days). One player sent me moves, then sent me revised moves a week later. Although postmarked a week apart, they arrived on the same day. It used to be 1 cent for postage, 24 for storage. I guess they've added 4 cents for crumpling and ripping. Maybe if I put 30 cents on an envelope they'll save me the trouble and just throw the letter away? Oops, forgot they're union members, better make that 35 cents.

Is Avalon Hill in trouble? Not according to Wall Street. Monarch Avalon stock rose from \$1.50 a share on 2/1 to \$2.75 on 2/7. Quite a jump (83% in a week). Monarch Avalon said they know of no reason for the heightened activity in their stock (I called and asked - after all, I'm a shareholder). Could it have to do with the tremendous sales of Desert Shield? There have been a few articles about that lately (I think Larry Cronin reprinted one of them, so you might already know about this). The stock's NASDAQ symbol is MAHI. Further updates if I find out anything else, or if the price changes dramatically (hey, this stuff is my job).

Reading over the press for this issue's games, I started thinking about "crossgaming," and how it means different things to different people. I'm interested to hear your views on crossgaming. Are you supposed to go into each game with an "open mind" regarding your opponents? How much of a player's previous conduct do you carry forward into the next game? Do you find yourself allying with the same people in game after game? Or, on the other side, attacking the same people in game after game?

New Zine Plug!

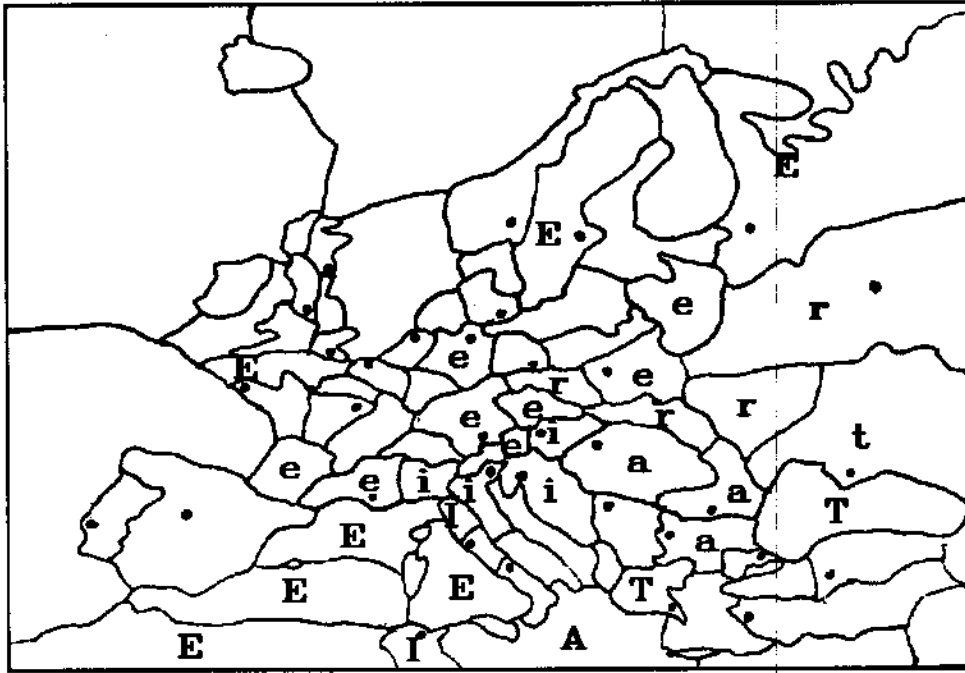
This month my mailbox brought me the first issue of Domer Dip, a new zine published by Matthew Miller. Matthew is a student at Notre Dame, and his first issue explains who he is and what his zine will have in it. Currently he has openings in Diplomacy and Gunboat (no game fees). Subs are 75 cents an issue. For more info, drop a line to:

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Diplomacy 1, First Born, 1989AL, Fall 1911

"England Wins!!! Swing into Russian lands clinches the victory!"

"End game report and statements to be published next issue, so send them in!"



Austria (Diehl): F Ion S I. F Tun, A Bud S I. A Vie, A Rum S A Bud, A Bul S A Rum.

England (Shulman): F Bar-StP(nc), F Nth-Ech, A Hol-Kie, A Tyr-Ven,

A Mar S A Tyr-Pie(NSO), A Gas H, A Mun-Tyr, A Pru-War, F Swe H, F Lyo-Tyn,

F Spa(sc)-Lyo, F Wme S F Lyo-Tyn, F Naf-Tun, A Vie S A Mun-Tyr(NSU), A StP-Lva,
A Boh U.

Italy (Oaklyn): A Pie S A Tyr(OTM), F Tus S A Pie, A Tri S A Vie, A Vie S A. A Bud,

A Ven S A Pie, F Tyn-Wme(Dis-ret Rom, Nap, OTB), F Tun S F Tyn-Wme.

Russia (Banozic): A Mos S A Ukr, A Ukr S A Gal, A Gal S E. A Boh-Ven(NSO, Imp),

A Sil S E. A Pru-War.

Turkey (Holley): A Sev S A. A Rum, F Bla S A Sev, F Aeg-Gre.

All proposed draws fail

Supply Center Chart

Austria	Bud, Con, Rum, Bul=4	Even
England	Lon, Edi, Lvp, Den, Hol, Bel, Nwy, Swe, StP, War, Kie, Ber, Mun, Bre, Par, Mar, Por, Spa=18	WINS!!
Italy	Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Tri, Vie, Ser=7	Even
Russia	Mos=1	Remove 3
Turkey	Smy, Ank, Sev, Gre=4	Build 1

PRESS

Russia - GM: In case you haven't noticed, A/I/R/T will all lose "both ways", as you say.

Reggio Calabria, somewhere in Apulis: Sure! I can answer that question, Robert! No matter what "scum" Jim-Boy did to you, I can say that he has never once showed the slightest amount of treachery to me. While it took many months for him to get a feel for my word, when he did, we developed a trust between us that carried game to game. I will say the same for Melinda Holley [while an outspoken dame, no less a lady]. On the other hand, Robert, you do not know truly what the feeling of trust is, for you have failed over and over again to trust me as an ally. Further, I fully disagree that allowing the liar and backstabber types, and the intimidators [Art Shulman, included], to occupy your centers in favor of allowing Jim to advance is a viable option. So, let me propose, openly, that you can kill the two "scum" [sorry, Jim ... present company excepted, and all that] with but a single vote. Vote Yah for the coalition [Austria, Turkey, Russia, Italy], and Nay for any vote concerning England. In this manner, Mr. Shulman can not declare a victory for his treachery against Russia, and you do not have to allow even the smallest part of Jim [which is ... Melinda?] to enter your fine Kingdom. [Bernie, that's one fine piece of diplomacy, even if I do say so].

Firenze, somewhere in Tuscany: Sorry I took so long, Art, to stop you in your tracks. Had I been physically able to conduct this game, I would not now be where I am. But, since Confusius says, "If man does not change the direction in which he is going, he is liable to wind up where he is heading." Personally, Mister, I can not understand how you shave in the morning, since that requires a look or two in the mirror of life. How can you possibly like what you see.

Diplomacy 3,Dagwood,1989HW,W 08/S 09

"Austria continues to triumph over all enemy forces."

Russia should have been listed as Build 1

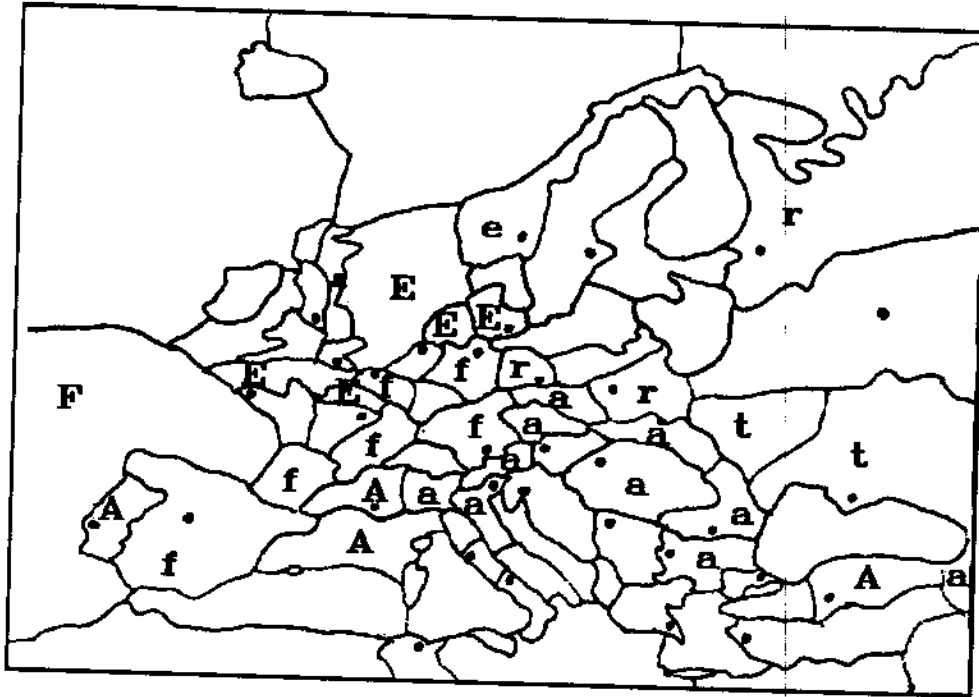
Austria (Carlberg): Bld A Vie,A Tri..F Mid-Por,F Spa(sc)-Mar,F Lyo S F Spa(sc)-Mar,
A Tus-Pie,A Tri-Ven,A Gal-Sil,A Boh S A Gal-Sil,A Vie-Gal,A Bud S A Vie-Gal,
A Tyr-Mun,A Rum S A Vie-Gal,A Bul S A Rum,F Con-Ank,A Smy-Arm.

England (L. Berhendt): F Ech-Pic,F Iri-Ech,F Nth H,A Nwy H,F Den-Hel,F Bal-Den.

France (Sulzby): A Bel despairs at the foolishness of the English,F Bre-Mid,
A Bur S A Bel,F Gas S A Por-Spa,A Hol-Kie,F Mar S A Por-Spa(Destroyed),
A Mun S A Hol-Kie,A Por-Spa.

Russia (McClung): Ret A Gal-Sil,bld A War..A StP-Nwy,
A Sil S A War-Gal(Dis-ret Pru,OTB),A War-Gal,A Ber S F. A Mun.

Turkey (Cox): Rem F Pie,A Ank..A Sev H,A Ukr-War.



A/E/F draw fails
 Now Proposed - A/E, A/E/F, Austrian concession

PRESS

Turkey - England: If your brother asks for a Budweiser, do you give him a Pabst Blue Ribbon? (or something like that).

France - England: I am not the previous French player, and the situation no longer calls for you to hold on to antiquated ideas. Wake up! The Austrian player ain't gonna let anyone else in on his victory. You are merely serving as his tool, and he'll continue to use you as long as you are valuable. Do you really want to be known as Carlberg's vassal? Help me against Austria, and start by driving the Austrians out of the Mid-Atlantic Ocean.

Austria - Turkey: Thanks for F Pie-Mar last fall.

Diplomacy 5, Pessimism, 1990HB, Fall 04

"Germany and Turkey lose ground as the French and Russian economies boom!"

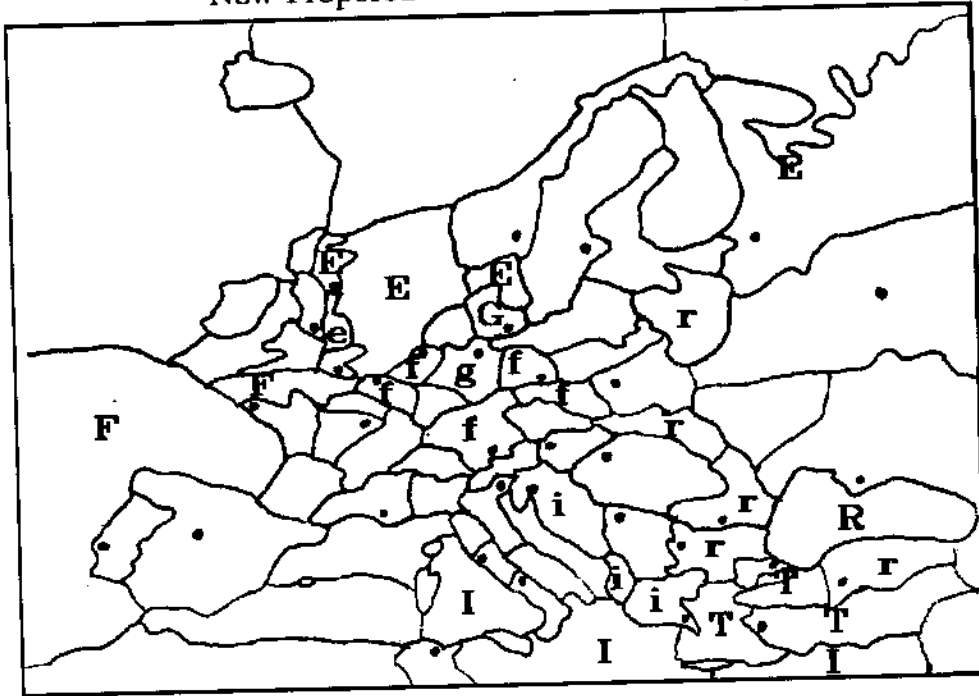
England (Colbath): A Lon-Yor, F Edi S A Lon-Yor, F Nth S F Nwy-Ska, F Nwy-Ska, F StP(nc) H.

France (Quigley): F Pic-Ech, F Ech-Mid, A Bur-Mun, A Mun-Ber, A Sil H, A Bel S A Ruh-Hol, A Ruh-Hol.

Germany (Diehl): Ret F Nth-Yor.. F Yor-Lon(Destroyed), F Den-Nth, A Hol-Kie.

Italy (McClung): A Alb-Gre,F Ion S A Alb-Gre,F Tyn H,F Eme-Aeg,A Bud-Tri,
 A Tri-Alb.
 Russia (Bryant): F GoB-Swe,A Lva-War,A Gal-War,A Ser-Bul,A Rum S A Ser-Bul,
 F Bla-Con,A Arm-Ank.
 Turkey (Cox): F Gre-Ion(Destroyed),F Aeg S F Gre-Ion,A Bul-Con(Destroyed),
 F Con-Aeg,F Smy-Eme.

Now Proposed - Concession to Turkey.



Supply Center Chart

England	Lon,Edi,Lvp,Nwy,StP=5	Even
France	Bre,Par,Mar,Spa,Por,Bel,Hol,Mun,Ber=9	Build 2
Germany	Kie,Den=2	Even
Italy	Nap,Rom,Ven,Tun,Tri,Vie,Gre=7	Build 1
Russia	War,Mos,Sev,Swe,Rum,Bud,Ser,Bul,Ank=9	Build 2
Turkey	Con,Smy=2	Remove 1

Diplomacy 6,Agony,1990HA,W 03/S 04

"Russia swarms into Norway as the seas remain active."

For some reason I underlined England's F Naf S F. F Spa(sc)-Wme by mistake

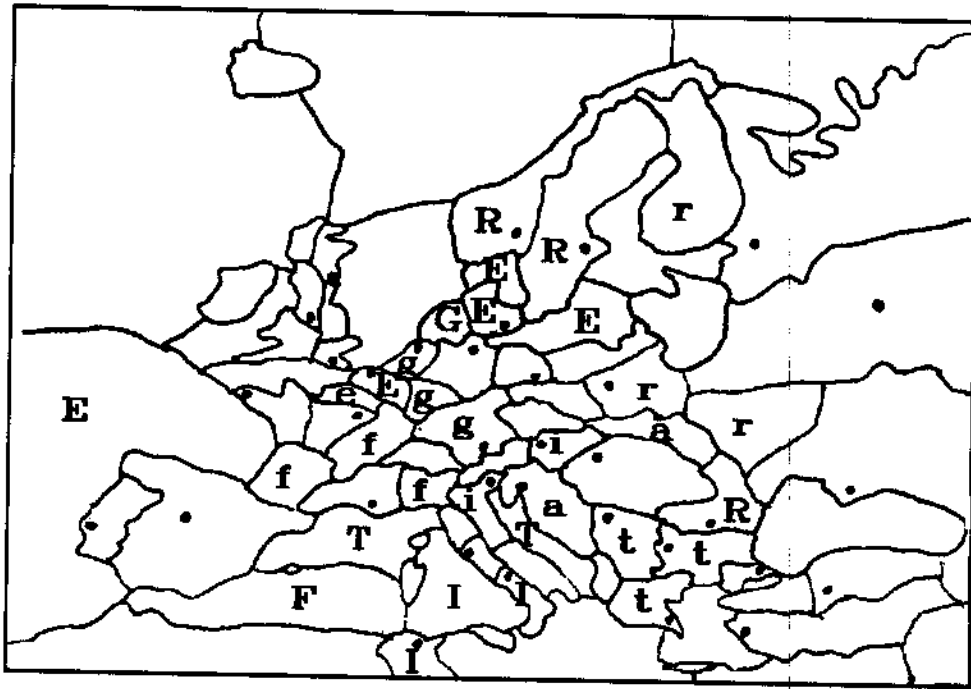
Austria (Maynard): Ret A Ser-OTB..A Bud-Tri,A Gal-War.
 England (Boymel): F Nth-Den,F Ska S F Nth-Den,F Bel-Nth,F Naf-Mid,
 F Nwy S F Bel-Nth(Dis-ret Nwg,Bar,OTB),F Den-Bal,A Pic-Bel.
 France (Milewski): F Wme-Lyo,A Pie-Tyr,A Bur S E. A Pic-Bel,A Gas S A Bur.

Germany (J. Johnson): Ret F Den-Hel.,F Hel-Nth,A Kie-Hol,A Ruh S A Kie-Hol,
A Mun-Bur.

Italy (Murray): A Vie-Tyr,A Rom-Ven,F Nap S F Tyn,F Tun S F Tyn,F Tyn S F Tun.

Russia (Sulzby): Bld F StP(nc)..A Fin S F StP(nc)-Nwy,F StP(nc)-Nwy,A Ukr S F Rum,
F Rum is amazed at the persistency of the Austrians,F Swe S F StP(nc)-Nwy,
A War-Gal.

Turkey (Shulman): Ret F Tyn-Lyo..A Con-Bul,F Ion-Adr,F Lyo-Tyn,A Gre S A Ser,
A Ser S A Con-Bul.



PRESS

Rome: A new strategy. Let enemy fleets from three nations invade your waters and then one of your enemies has to become your friend to prevent the other enemies from getting all your good stuff. I hope it works.

Germany - F/E: I'll hold on just long enough to give R-T the win.

Germany - All of Dipdom: Steve Sulzby is a crossgaming scum-faggot.

Russia - Austria-Hungary: Greg, you sure ran a decent standby position into the ground. From my point of view, it sure is satisfying to see your unprovoked and relentless attacks meet with such utter failure and complete disaster. Perhaps in another game, things will be different, but until then, so long, Greg.

Russia - England: We could've been good allies, and I'll lay the blame on myself for listening to Jonas, again. Now, the lines are drawn, and I assume you'll be coming after me. May the best man win.

Russia - Germany: Let's see if you are really impervious to being a "scum," or a "slime," and really do what's in the best interests of Germany.

Archduke - All: I apologize for the lack of correspondence. Seems the real world intervened for it's share of my time. I should be back in the groove this season.

Austria - France: Delbert is a general cath all term common to Central Ohio. I must admit that I have never met anyone named Delbert, though I still don't that would drop the term from my vocabulary. For example, I have always admired John Wayne, but still excuse myself to the "John" when going to the can. I also have a good friend named Dick, but I still refer to a lot of idiots with such a term, usually proceeded by "head". So nothing personal, just another one of those peculiarities of the great English language.

Archduke - Sultan: Any chance of me dropping a CNN crew into the Palace? It seems to be my best chance to get any news.

Austria - Germany: I hope you like Frech Toast. (Can't stand it myself. Beer and Brauts is much better for breakfasts.)

Austria - England: OK, but when the Frog comes ashore you will have the same national bird as the Iraqis, DUCK!

Austria - France: What does Baghdad and Paris have in common with Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Nothing yet!

Diplomacy 7,Scoop,1990IG,W 01/S 02

"Russia tries a non-military policy, which fails poorly."

Austria (Lord): Bld A Bud,A Tri..A Vie-Gal,A Bud-Rum,A Ser S A Bud-Rum,A Tri-Bud,
F Gre-Ion.

England (Carlberg): Bld F Lvp..F Lvp-NAt,F Ech-Iri,A Nwy-Yor,F Nth C A Nwy-Yor.

France (Diehl): Bld F Bre..F Mid S F Bre-Ech,F Bre-Ech,A Por-Spa,A Mar-Gas.

Germany (Holley): Bld A Mun,F Ber,F Kie..A Bel S A Hol,A Hol S A Bel,A Mun H,
F Kie-Hel,F Ber-Bal,F Den S F Ber-Bal.

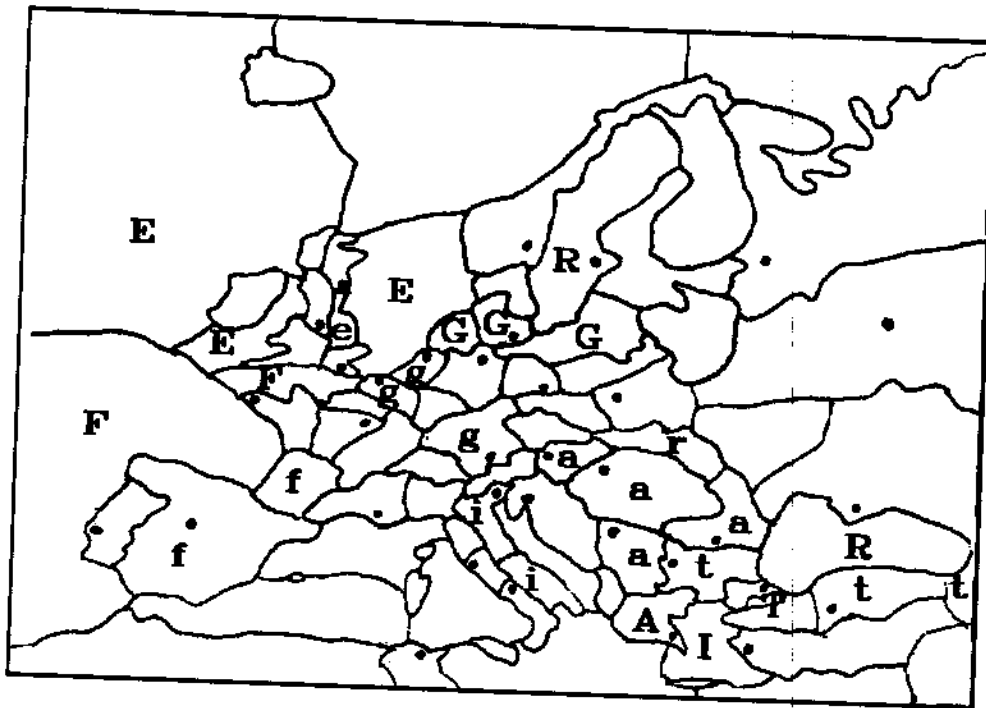
Italy (Bryant): F Aeg-Ion,A Apu H,A Tyr-Ven.

Russia (Slaughter): NBR, plays 2 short..NMR! F Swe U,F Bla U,

A Rum U(Dis-ret Ukr,Sev,OTB),A Gal U.

Turkey (Brown): Bld A Smy..A Smy-Arm,F Con-Bla,A Ank S A Smy-Arm,
A Bul S A. A Bud-Rum.

Will Robert Acheson please standby for Russia?



PRESS

France - England: Stale but safe.

Turkey - World: It seems that our last press release had an error. We would like to announce that we have a new proof reader. Unfortunately our last one stuck himself in a cannon and was shot at Russians who occupy the Black Sea. He will be missed (as well as missing the Russians).

Diplomacy 8, Atavachron, 1990IH, Fall 1901

"Units knock heads in Belgium. Turks expand into Rumania against Russia's wishes."

Austria (Sulzby): F Alb-Gre, A Bud-Ser, A Gal S T. A Bul-Rum.

England (Wang): A Yor-Lon, F Nth S F. F Ech-Bel, F Nwg-Nwy.

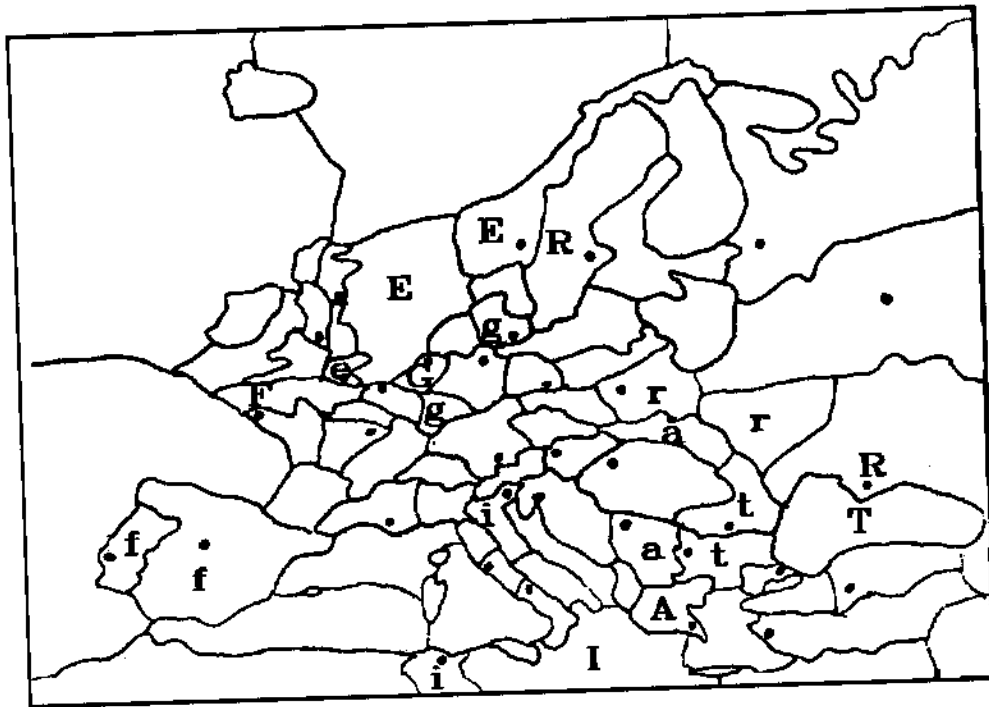
France (Lord): A Spa-Por, A Gas-Spa, F Ech-Bel.

Germany (Siegel): F Hol S A Ruh-Bel, A Ruh-Bel, A Kie-Den.

Italy (Kendter, Jr.): A Ven H, A Apu-Tun, F Ion C A Apu-Tun.

Russia (Johnson): A Ukr-Rum, F Sev S A Ukr-Rum, A Mos-War, F GoB-Swe.

Turkey (Greger): F Bla S A Bul-Rum, A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul.



Supply Center Chart

Austria	Tri,Vie,Bud,Ser,Gre=5	Build 2
England	Lon,Lvp,Edi,Nwy=4	Build 1
France	Bre,Par,Mar,Spa,Por=5	Build 2
Germany	Kie,Ber,Mun,Hol,Den=5	Build 2
Italy	Ven,Rom,Nap,Tun=4	Build 1
Russia	StP,Mos,War,Sev,Swe=5	Build 1
Turkey	Con,Smy,Ank,Bul,Rum=5	Build 2

PRESS

Turkey - GM: OK Doug, I give! What's the meaning of Atavachron?

GM - Turkey: A few picked up on an episode of "Star Trek" where a machine called the Atavachron was used, but those of you who have some musical taste should recognize it as the title of one of Allan Holdsworth's albums. This was the first of his albums concentrating on the Synthaxe instead of the guitar. Check it out, or any of Holdsworth's other works, both solo and with other musicians. A few of the other games here are named after A.H.'s stuff, anybody know which ones?

Russia - Turkey: So much for being trustworthy and running a tight ship.

Russia - World: Steve Sulzby is a crossgaming scum-faggot.

Austria - Russia: My choice is vividly illustrated.

Austria - Russia: Jonas, I think you've lost your mind. I've never met anybody as vindictive and as petty as yourself. You gave me the impression that you think highly of your own character traits. Yet, you've told me many things in this game, and about seventy-five percent of them have been complete falsehoods. In this society, lying is not something that is generally admired. Do you think that I haven't learned, and observed as to what kind of player you are? Now, you send me insulting hate mail, complete with profanity. What is the purpose of this? Do you really think that your morals and values are better than my own? If so, then prove it, and act your own age. It might look good on you.

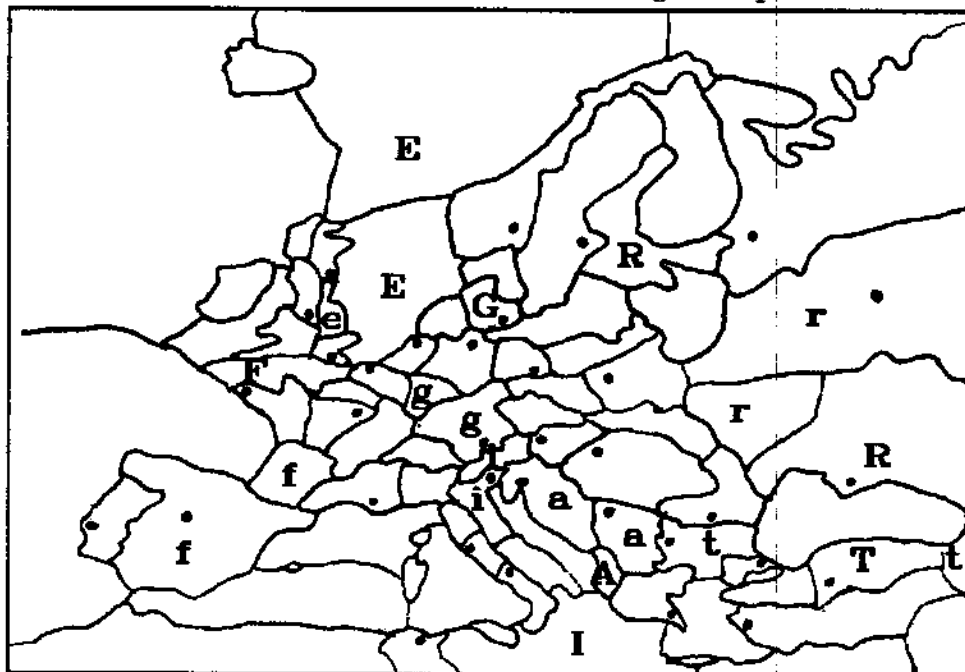
Austria - Turkey: I've done what I can to get you into Rumania. The rest is up to you.

England - France: Here's hoping for a successful resolution to the Channel crisis!

Italy - Turkey: Is anybody home? I haven't received anything back to my last two letters.

Diplomacy 9,Secrets,1991??,Spring 1901

"Fleets bounce in the Black Sea as nations begin troop movements."



- Austria (Shulman):* F Tri-Alb,A Bud-Ser,A Vie-Tri.
England (Carlberg): F Lon-Nth,F Edi-Nwg,A Lvp-Yor.
France (Leech): F Bre-Ech,A Par-Gas,A Mar-Spa.
Germany (Strong): F Kie-Den,A Ber-Mun,A Mun-Ruh.
Italy (Sulzby): F Nap-Ion,A Rom-Ven,A Ven-Tyr.
Russia (Wang): A Mos H,A War-Ukr,F Sev-Bla,F StP(sc)-GoB.
Turkey (Stanger): A Con-Bul,A Smy-Arm,F Ank-Bla.

PRESS

France - Italy: So, the road to Paris runs through Munich!

Turkey: Now if we had all just stayed in bed this wouldn't be happening now.

Turkey: The Sultan Mohammad al-Rabi uhr wallet bin Stanger has been caught unawares in deep trance (contemplating his infinite void) as hostilities broke in the rest of Europe. He hurriedly dispatched his envoy to Austria, where he had a vision of Russian hordes just prior to his defenstration. Upon hearing of this vision the Sultam ordered his forces north without further diplomatic contacts. "Perhaps I've made a mistake," he was heard to say, as he drifted off into his stupor again.

Gunboat 2,Pork Bellies,1989 AJrb32,End Game (Chapter 2)

Austria (Larry Cronin): In response to Italy's comments last month, I must ask him why he performed the utterly lame maneuvers of S'03, with F MAO holding in the midst of his seemingly successful move to divert the French offensive AND his attack on me, who had just supported his moves. He also deserted the East front moving ION-TYN. I had to retreat to ION to prevent westward flow of Turkish fleets and to get situated to take Greece. His attack showed very poor nerves and extremely poor judgement. He then kept up the attack on me, his only ally.

At what point does he feel I neglected stalemate lines to ward off England? Germany was the nation that did not monitor his back facing England. S'05 was a major debacle. Italy then further promoted the decline of Germany by taking Munich. This was stupid! Especially when the A TYR was needed to gain Marseilles, quickly defeat the French and attack England. If anyone miscalculated stalemate lines with England it was Italy!

If Turkey was no longer a threat in 1907 why didn't he remove F AEG and continue toward SEV and onward to MOS? Enough Italian B.S.!

I could have thrown all my forces north at this point and the game resulted in a T-I 2-way or some other draw which surely would have excluded me. We are all fortunate for England's good grace to spare us.

Russia (Mike Scott): I messed up early with the wrong build and move in St. Pete, and later a set of orders didn't reach Doug. England took advantage of both - and played the best in this game. I thought he'd get the win. Austria and Italy did so-so, and Turkey not much of any good. I let him in as much as I could when I was going out - and he botched that even. I didn't see the Turk go after anyone with any real fever - even England hurting me didn't spur the Turk on. Thanks Doug!

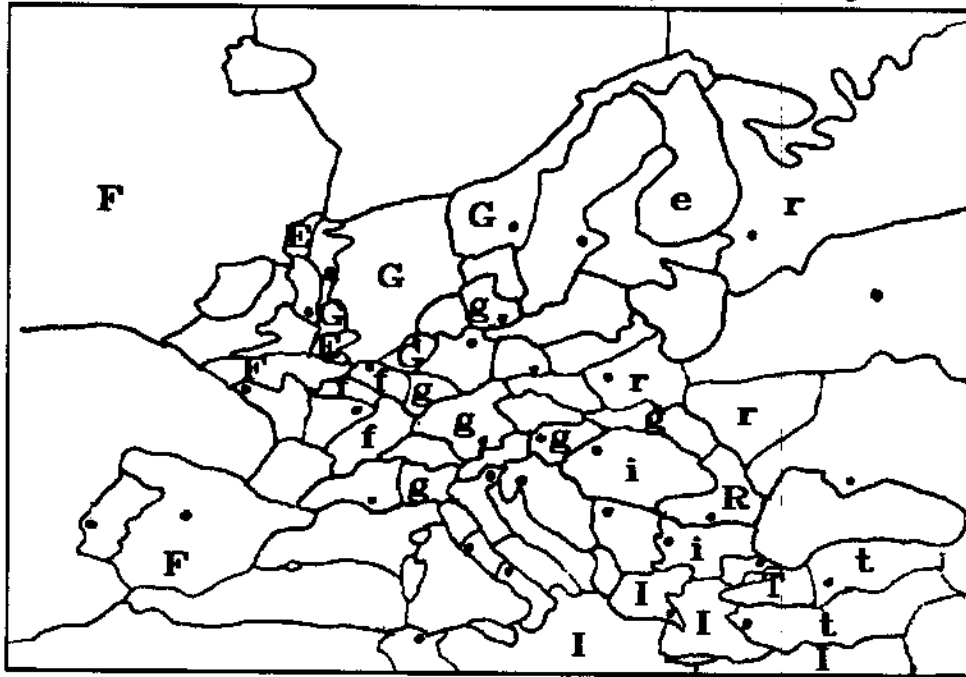
Gunboat 3, Polyester, 1989 AKrb32, W 09/S 10

"G/T Draw Passes! Game Over!"

"End game report and statements will be printed next issue!"

Gunboat 4, Abby Normal, 1990 Trb32, F 05

"German forces stopped on all fronts as Italy liberates Bulgaria."



England: F Lon-Nth, F Cly-Edi, A Fin-Swe.

France: F Spa(sc)-Mar, F Mid-NAt, F Ech S A Bel, A Bel S A Bur, A Bur S A Bel, A Pic S A Bur.

Germany: F Nwy-Swe, A Den-Swe, F Yor-Edi, F Nth-Bel, F Hol S F Nth-Bel, A Ruh-Bur, A Mun S A Ruh-Bur, A Sil S I. F Lyo-Spa(sc)(Imp), A Gal-Rum, A Bud-Tri(NSU), A Pie-Mar, A Vie U.

Italy: F Tyn-Ion, F Aeg S A Ser-Bul, F Gre S A Ser-Bul, F Eme S R, F Bla-Con(Imp), A Ser-Bul, A Bud-Rum.

Russia: A Mos-StP, A War H, A Ukr S A War, F Rum S T. A Bul.

Turkey: A Bul S I. A Ser-Rum(Destroyed), F Con S A Bul, A Ank S A Smy, A Smy S A Con.

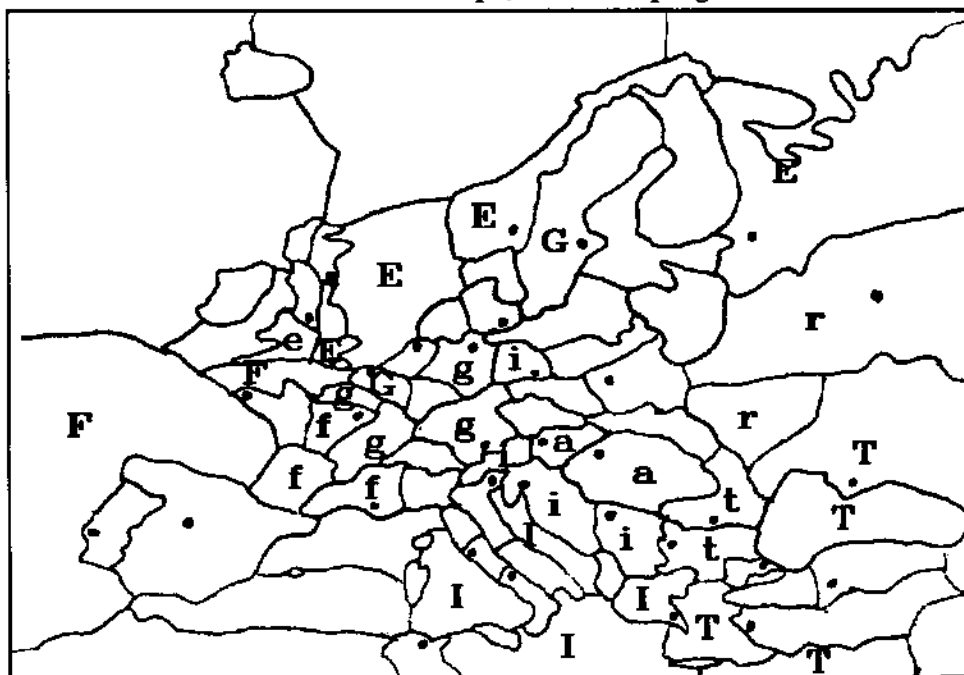
G/I Draw Fails
Now Proposed - G/I

Supply Center Chart

England	Lvp,Lon=2	Remove 1
France	Mar,Bre,Par,Por,Spa,Bel=6	Even
Germany	Mun,Ber,Kie,Hol,Den,Swe,Nwy,Vie, Ven,Edi=10	Remove 1
Italy	Nap,Rom,Tun,Tri,Bud,Gre,Ser,Bul=8	Build 2
Russia	War,Sev,Mos,Rum,StP=5	Build 1
Turkey	Con,Smy,Ank=3	Even

Gunboat 5, Whipsaw, 1990Xrb32, W 03/S 04

"Forces clash all across Europe, but little progress is made."



Austria: Ret F Aeg-Ion,rem F Ion & A Tyr..A Bud S A Vie,A Vie S A Bud.
England: Ret F Ech-Nth,bld F Lon..A Yor-Wal,F Lon-Ech,F Nth S F Lon-Ech,
F StP(nc) S F Nwy,F Nwy S F StP(nc).
France: Ret A Bur-OTB(GM),bld A Mar..A Mar-Bur,A Bre-Gas,A Par S A Bre-Gas,
 F Mid S F Ech,F Ech S I. A Tyr-Mun(Imp).
Germany: A Den-Kie,F Bel S E. F Nth-Ech(NSO),A Mun S A Den-Kie,F Swe H,
A Pic-Par,A Bur-Mar.
Italy: Bld F Nap,F Rom,A Ven..F Adr S A Tri,A Ber-Kie,F Gre S A Ser-Bul,F Nap-Ion,
 F Rom-Tyn,A Ser-Bul,A Tri S A Ven-Tyr,A Ven-Tyr.
Russia: Rem F Gob & F Fin(GM)..A Mos-StP,A Ukr-Mos.
Turkey: F Aeg-Gre,A Bul S F Aeg-Gre,A Rum-Ser,F Smy-Eme,F Sev S G. A Den-Ber,
 F Bla S F Sev.

All draws fail

Proposed - G/I/T, G/T, A/R/T, A/E/F/G/R/T, I/F

The Italian Wars, Rush, 1990 Ypw05, F 1500

"France in ruins. Other nations continue to expand empires."

The latest in errors, F Corsica went to Northern Tyn.

Still looking for a French standby, or the return of Lance.

France (Anderson): NMR!! A TURIN U, F Pisa U (Dis-ret Northern Tyn, Middle Tyn, OTB).

Naples (Hakey): A Lavoro-MOEISE, F CAPATANATA S A Lavoro-Moeise,
F Southern Tyn-LAVORO, A Matera-SALERNO.

Papacy (Wang): A CAMPAGNA-Moeise, A FLORENCE S A Sienna-Pisa, A Sienna-PISA.

Spain (Levin): F Northern Med-MARSEILLES, F Northern Tyn-SAVOY,
F Middle Tyn-PALERMO, F Southern Med-MESSINA.

Venice (Sulzby): A Ferrara-MODENA, A Mantua-COMO, F Northern Adr-FERRERA,
A SWITZERLAND S A Mantua-Como.

Supply Center Chart

France	Turin=1	Remove 1
Naples	Naples, Bari, Calabria, Salerno, Moeise=5	Build 1
Papacy	Rome, Ancona, Capmagna, Florence, Pisa=5	Build 2
Spain	Sardinia, Messina, Palermo, Corsica, Savoy, Marseilles=6	Build 2
Venice	Verona, Venice, Milan, Trieste, Ferrera=5	Build 1

PRESS

Papacy - France: Thank you for visiting the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Have a nice journey home!

Papacy - Naples: Cease and desist this futile attempt to expand your borders northward.

Papacy - Spain: Care to help me with our unfriendly neighbor?

Papacy - Venice: Going my way?

Papacy - World: Well, I guess no one else likes writing in this game. Although not really an adequate substitute, I hope you choose to at least communicate with me through press.

Naples - World: There's too many empty cities in the North!

Naples - Venice: Shall we keep Middle Atlantic free of warships?

Naples - Spain: Ditto for Ionian and S. Tyrrhenian?

Naples - France: Thanks for the convenient distraction ... I guess.

Naples - Papacy: Think I should build a fleet in East or West? Or perhaps an army?

Civilization

Egypt-No One, Asia-Nancy Behrendt, Thrace-Mike Scott
Babylon-Ernest Hakey III, Africa-Bill Becker, Crete-Lance Anderson??
Assyria-Roger Cox

Turn 14 (cont).

The African concession fails, 6 Yes to 1 No, and it is again repropoed. Larry Behrendt has resigned, so I'm looking for a new player for Egypt. Also, I once again got nothing from Lance Anderson, so I'm going to find a standby for him too. When I find the new players I'll alert all of you by mail or phone.

Phase 10:Trades Only some of the trades go through. Since there were two missing players, and since some of your trades with each other missed, we'll stop here this month. Next month you can do more trading, and also submit orders for purchases and calamities. All orders on file for the calamities, etc, are now declared invalid! You MUST submit new purchase and calamity orders even if you want to do the same stuff as last month!

Total cards held: Egypt - 11. Asia - 12 and *CIVIL WAR*. Thrace - 9. Babylon - 7 and *FAMINE*. Africa - 16. Crete - 10. Assyria - 12.

Final Positions: Egypt - Cities E2 E7 F7 F1 F8 D4 - 1T each in F6 F5 E8 E5 E6 E3 D8 D6,3T E4,4T E1. Asia - Cities L5 M9 M3 P2 M2 M5 M6 L4 - ships M7 M4 - 1T each in M8 M7,3T L7, 4T M4, 2T P1, 2T P4, 2T L1, 3T M1. Thrace - Cities A2 K6 K7 P3 P5 P9 N3 - Ship P6 - 1T each R1 R2 R3 P7, 2T each K1 K2 K5 A5 A9 R2 P6 N1. Babylon - Cities J9 H4 H2 H6 H7 H8 - 2T each in J4 J5 J7 J8 H1 H3 H5 H9 F2 F3. Africa -Cities B2 B4 B6 C3 C5 C6 C9 D1 - Ships G4 C2 - 1T each G3 D6 D5 D3 D2 B1,2T each A6 B8 C4 C1 C7, 3T C2, 3T G4. Crete - Cities B7 P8 N2 N4 N6 N8 - 3T N9,2T N7,1T N5,2T B3, 2T A8, 3T A7, 1T A4, 4T A3, 5T A1. Assyria - Cities J1 L2 G1 G2 G5 G6 G8 G9 - Ships L8 G4 G7 J5 - 1T J2, 1T J3, 2T L8,3T L6, 3T J6, 4T L9, 1T G3, 3T G7.

Census: Egypt \$26,15T,6C,6 Stock, Clothmaking, Engineering, Music, Literacy. Asia \$16, 18T,8C,13 Stock, Coinage, Architecture, Medicine, Agriculture, Literacy, Astronomy. Thrace \$5,20T,7C,22 Stock, Pottery, Mysticism, Drama & Poetry, Architecture, Astronomy, Coinage. Babylon \$6, 20T, 6C, 21 Stock, Mysticism, Architecture, Agriculture, Metalworking, Engineering, Pottery, Clothmaking, Coinage. Africa \$7, 22T, 8C, 18 Stock, Mysticism, Astronomy, Drama & Poetry, Metalworking, Literacy, Engineering, Architecture, Coinage, Law. Crete \$19, 23T, 6C, 5 Stock, Pottery, Metalworking, Architecture, Music. Assyria \$17, 18T, 8C, 12 Stock, Music, Pottery, Astronomy, Architecture, Clothmaking, Metalworking, Drama & Poetry, Literacy.

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Babylon: This is the third Famine in Babylon ... we're back on track for world's greatest number and highest concentration of calamities!

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Kremlin III

Blue-Bruce Reiff, Black-Mickey Preston, Green-Mike Scott, Red-John Kirk
Yellow-Tony Strong, Muck (that gross color on the Bear)-John Caruso

Turn 1

Phase 1:Cures Phase Green puts 6 on A. Yellow puts 8 on Y. Muck and Yellow both put 10 on P, but Muck wins the die roll and will control P. Green and Yellow each put 9 on I, but Green wins the die roll and controls I. Blue puts 9 on Y. Red declares 2 on H and 2 on F. Green sends A to sanitorium. A ages 1 to 81, Y ages 1 to 53, I ages 1 to 69.

Phase 2:Purge Phase Red plays Intrigue card #18, but H fails to purge P. H ages 3 to 72. No other purges attempted.

Phase 3:Spy Investigation Phase Green, with I, puts ? on Y, H, F, G, and V. I ages 5 to 74.

Phase 4:Health Phase Blue plays Intrigue card #2. A recovers to healthy, P ++ to ++, Y ++ to ++, I + to +, H + to +, F ++ to ++, V + to +.

Phase 6:Replacements Green plays Intrigue card #9. Yellow plays Intrigue card #7 but fails to send A back to the Cure. Green moves Y to KGB, I to Foreign, P to Defense, G to Ideology, V to Economy, and H to Sport. Green, with A, demotes N to People, H to Candidate, and P to Sport, then promotes F to Defense. A ages 4 to 85. Red, with F, promotes M to Industry. F ages 1 to 72. C is promoted by age to Candidate. A goes back to the Cure at the end of the phase.

Phase 7:Rehabilitation and Phase 8:Parade Phase No activity.

Positions	Final Positions					
	Black	Red	Blue	Green	Muck	Yellow
Party Chief:						
A, 85, Cure				6		
KGB:						
Y, 53, ++, ?	9					8
Defense:						
F, 72, ++, ?				9*		9
Ideology:						
G, 70, ?						
Industry:						
M, 64						
Economy:						
V, 55, +, ?						
Sport:						
P, 61, ++					10*	10
Candidates: B 75, C 74, E 72, H - 72 - + - ? - 2 Red, O 62.						
Siberia - Empty						
Kremlin Wall - Empty						
No one has any waves						

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Black: Bruce, you dog! If you try your nefarious tactics again, I shall be forced to stop you at all costs!

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