

# Maniac's Paradise

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I can count to two scoops! Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to another issue of Maniac's Paradise, the zine that dares to ask the question: is it possible to participate in a hobby like this without making *any* friends? If you try hard enough, sure it is!

I actually have very little to say this month. I'm planning to avoid all the summer cons, even if I have to hide in my closet and not answer the phone to do so. There isn't much going on hobby-wise; no major folds, no scandals, no fistfights (that I know of). A lot of zines do seem to be slowing down (or taking unannounced "vacations") but besides that everything is as boring as always.

Inside this issue, we continue with the usual crap. Diplomacy 11, also known as "Synthaxe," is announcing a gamestart. That leaves openings in Diplomacy 12 (but just one spot left), African Dip II, and Narnia Wars. Those of you who like unusual variants should give Narnia a try. Its sort of like the Lords of the Rings variants, but based on an entirely different subject. If you want a copy of the rules and the map, just drop me a card, I'll send it out gladly. I'm not sure when there will be further game openings after these, so sign up before its too late. I may hold off a few months before I offer anything else. Hey, if you want to see a *really* fun variant, wait until you see my Winnie the Pooh variant! Flapjack also suggested a Dr. Seuss variant, but that would have no basis in reality (compared to Pooh, that is). Anyway, that's all later in the year (if ever), so don't hold your breath waiting for it. Paul Chinnery has offered to GM a game of Civilization, so we'll see if there's interest in that. Contact Paul if you want to sign up. There's also the latest "Uptight, Upset, and Anti-Social" column. Mara is taking the month off, so there's no "You're the one..." Actually, I told her not to do it since I'm getting jealous - what with all the rave reviews you kids have given her, I'm feeling a bit left out. I'm still unclear about the status of "One Regular Guy," but I'll let ya know if I hear anything, or I'll stuff it in here if it shows up. Besides that, there's not much to say except to remind you that the next issue's deadline is:

August 5, 1991 at 12:00 noon eastern - don't miss it!

## Game Openings

### Diplomacy 12:

Description: Standard Dip, \$5 gamefee. Might allow black press if players want it.  
Players Signed Up: Schultz, Greger, Ozog, Anderson, Brooks, S. Johnson.

### African Dip II:

Description: African variant, \$3 gamefee, rules on request.  
Players Signed Up: Cox, G. Wilson, Garrett, need 3 more.

### The Narnian Wars:

Description: Variant based on C.S. Lewis' Narnia books, \$5 fee, ask for rules.  
Players Signed Up: Wang, Ozog, Anderson, Chinnery, 4 more for this variant.

### Civilization:

Description: PBM Civ, run by Paul Chinnery. \$5, but don't pay until later.  
Players Signed Up: None yet, need as many as 7. Contact Paul to sign up.

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

Notes to Players: \_\_\_\_\_

Kremlin Cards

3, 4, 19

# Uptight, Upset, and Anti-Social

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6/25/91

Paul Milewski: Readers of the Boardman Number Custodian's publication Everything may have noticed that great emphasis is placed on the number of gamestarts reported in a given year as an indication of how the hobby is doing. On the first page of issue #78 (Winter 1988), number of starts per year for each year beginning 1981 and ending 1988 were listed, followed by the comment that the listing "clearly shows that we've slipped back into the doldrums of the mid 80s..." Annual gamestarts were again discussed on page 2 of issue #82 (1st Quarter 1990), with the comment that "...1989 was a decent year for game starts. The total number of new games started in 1989 is 134, up 33 games from 1988..." Most recently, in issue #83 (1990), attention was again focused on gamestarts on page 2.

The gamestarts statistics being highlighted in Everything are:

<u>Year</u>	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
#	106	134	101	131	94	102	131	120	130	140

First, I recounted the gamestarts for each year. My figures differed from those reported in Everything most of the time, with some discrepancy due perhaps to Boardman Numbers being assigned retroactively to games started in a prior year, but some differences I could not reconcile. On the hole, the differences were small and I believe they can be safely ignored for purposes of analysis.

Second, I tabulated finishes reported, accumulating totals by the year in which the game started. This is a fairly straightforward procedure, as Boardman numbers are assigned according to the year in which a game starts. For example, game 87AN reported as finished in #83 obviously was started in 1987.

Prior to 1990, Everything was published on a quarterly basis, for issues per year. Accumulating figures by publication year, we can compare the number of games reported as having been started to the number of games reported as having been finished. This would show if the stock of games has increased or decreased. If more games finish than are started in a particular year, it appears reasonable to conclude that fewer games are ongoing at the end of the year and that the hobby is in a state of (temporary) decline.

The numbers I generated are:

<u>Year</u>	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
Increase/ (Decrease)	36	29	5	41	(14)	(7)	17	0

Increases in number of gamestarts may mislead a person into thinking the hobby is prospering, whereas a greater number of games finishing would clearly indicate the hobby is in decline. My statistics would lead one to conclude that the hobby is in an upturn from the downpoint of 1986. Although 1988 had one less gamestart reported than in 1985, the hobby shrank in 1985 but grew in 1988. The two most recent years for which data is available, 1989 and 1990, appear to be banner years, and the trend for the consecutive eight years 1983 through 1990 has been positive in the long run.

In terms of hobby management, without meaning to invoke any negative connotations of the word management, the way to keep a finger on the pulse of the hobby requires keeping a tab on the number of games currently running, not on the number recently started as an isolated figure. To do this would require following up currently on games abandoned or suspected to be abandoned. Unfortunately, this is something the custodianship is not well equipped to do, as great confusion is created by games moving from zine to zine or by games dragging out due to slowdowns in zine publication or other reasons. The custodianship was set up as a passive activity, the custodian being a person to whom the data about games would be sent and sent promptly. Taking into consideration that the Boardman number Custodian is essentially self-appointed and not accountable to anybody in any formal way, these things are as they should be. We are, in the final analysis, an unorganized hobby.

I also compared number of games started in a particular year to the number of games from that year reported as finished in that or later years. The older the year, the greater the likely hood the difference is due to the game having been abandoned. the gamestart figures are mine, and as mentioned earlier, differ slightly from those listed in Everything for those years in some cases:

<u>Year</u>	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
Gamestarts	106	135	103	136	95	101	131	114	130
Finished	1	32	57	81	75	88	112	97	120
Difference	105	103	49	55	20	13	19	17	10
Percentage	99.1	76.3	46.2	40.4	21.1	12.9	14.5	14.9	7.7

Because electronic-mail games finish sooner than play-by-mail generally do, an increase in E-mail games listed in Everything recently may distort comparisons to earlier years, and an analysis of the specific games constituting those not reported as finished yet might reveal how many are probably abandoned and how many are not. Of course, the BNC knows which games have not been reported as finished yet and from time to time asks help in locating those games.

As for myself, I am in one game with the BNC himself that started in 1990, for which a Boardman Number was requested but has not yet been issued, and which was not listed in the 1990 gamestarts in the latest issue of Everything. I also play in at least one zine in which Boardman numbers are not requested and games go unreported in Everything. I mention these things only to point out that all hobby activity is not reported in Everything or not reported currently. The data in Everything is not perfect and conclusions based on that data will be distorted by any incompleteness or bias in the data.

Delays or omissions in reporting gamestarts or finishes (including abandonments) undermine comparisons of one year to another.

Robert Stimmel:

WLAFF - 1991 Final

"The sun never sets on the British Empire"

		<u>Regular</u>	<u>Play-off</u>
1) London	821.62	(9-1)	(2-0)
2) Barcelona	667.26	(8-2)	(1-1)
3) NY/NJ	557.63	(5-5)	(0-1)
4) Birmingham	525.82	(5-5)	(0-1)
5) Frankfurt	523.22	(7-3)	
6) San Antonio	462.93	(4-6)	
7) Orlando	450.07	(5-5)	
8) Sacramento	412.11	(3-7)	
9) Montreal	363.25	(4-6)	
10) Raleigh-Durham	216.09	(0-10)	

Wonder if anybody else rated WLAFF mathematically. I heard there were only five or six college math rating systems. I doubt if mine was counted.

When I was young I tried to buy a government bond every year. They paid \$25 after 10 years, for \$18.75 invested (a rate of less than 3%, compounded annually). There was a problem as my allowance was 25 cents per week.

A bond bought in 1938 would be worth 86% after 10 years. Of course interest rates are much higher now - you mentioned 7.3%

Another thing, I mentioned the stock market in 1933 when it was very low.

In 1957 I bought Philco (10 shares), Cerrode Pasco (10), and Gulf Oil (2 @ \$135). Their total was about \$700. Relatives liked my Gulf Oil, but thought the other two were foolish. Gulf went down; soon the others went up. I had \$1000 in less than two years.

I considered "Reaction Motors." That was before Sputnik. They became Thiokol Chemicals (or part of them).

Ford bought Philco, but Ford then went down a little.

But people who own stock don't have to pay capital gains tax as they make too little to pay any tax. They buy stock to augment small incomes. (Once somebody actually proposed poor people buy stock so they'd have more money).

*[[What do you mean people who own stock don't pay capital gains tax? I can tell you firsthand you are way off base on that statement, and I don't know why you would think it was so. As for the poor buying stock, its a lousy idea unless they buy through mutual funds - if you only have a little to invest you still need to diversify. Futures and commodities - now there's a man's game!]]*

Bruce McClung: I've decided that as my position for pro choice has drifted away from pro-choice towards an open advocacy towards mandatory abortion I feel that it is best that I move this controversy to another publication. I will turn then to something more uplifting.

How come none of the Zines have pictures of naked women? I figured that if

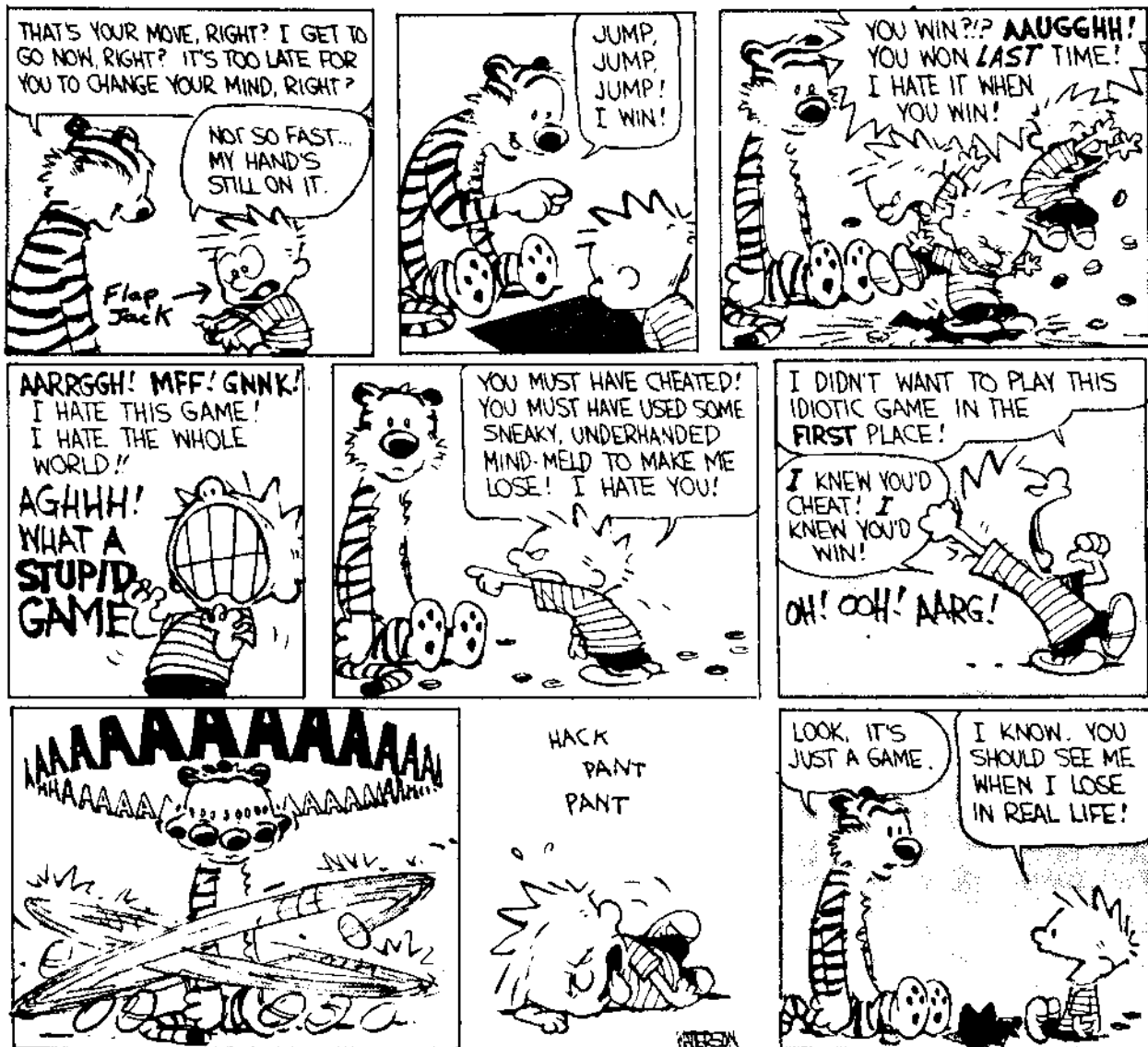
anybody was going to do this it would be Doug Kent. So if Doug won't do it then why doesn't somebody at least publish drawings by naked women. Readers could all look at the drawings and try to imagine what the artist might look like.

Robert Stimmel: Here's a railroad puzzle: A person starts on Thursday June 1, 1916 and travels by train (or electric train) to all 48 then-states and D.C. How long does it take to touch all of them?

I did it by 8:25 am, Wed. June 21st in my first attempt. A local library has the June 1916 Railway Guide. I'll check time if somebody picks their choice of routes. Present R.R. names can be used. I'll be able to figure out the old names. If the guide gets lost I can't check until it returns, but its a reference book.

If you want to consider a tax puzzle: In a contest a person wins \$10,000,000 payable \$1,000,000 per year. What are the tax consequences? I don't know, I don't think the matter is resolved yet.

*[[Your tax puzzle is easy. The winner pays taxes based on \$1,000,000 income per year for each of the ten years, not for \$10,000,000 the first year and none thereafter. All of the state lotteries around here pay that way, and taxes are computed based on the amount received per year, not the total amount won. In addition, it would be unfair to tax based on the lump sum, since the money doesn't really all exist when you win - most lotteries buy an annuity to get the money to pay you over time.]]*



Paul Milewski: I have done some analysis of the 75 finished games reported in issue #83 of the Boardman Number Custodian's publication Everything covering January through December of 1990.

Thirty-seven of the games ended in wins, the other 38 ended in draws. Of the 37 wins, 14 were by concession, the other 13 were outright.

The 75 games represented 525 starting positions (75 X 7). Of these:

	<u>Percentages</u>
37 were winners	7.0
113 were included in draws	21.5
197 were "survivors"	37.5
<u>178</u> were eliminated	<u>33.9</u>
525	99.9
Decimal rounding error	0.1

Statistically, the number of eliminated positions in games won was significantly greater than the number of eliminated positions in games drawn. (I calculated a Student's t statistic of approximately 2.55 with 73 degrees of freedom). The average number of eliminated positions in games won was approximately 2.68 compared to about 2.08 in games drawn. However, the correlation coefficient of about 0.286 indicated that only about 8 percent of the variability in number of eliminated positions is explained by whether the game was won or drawn.

On average, 2.4 positions (178/75) were eliminated per game, 2.6 were survivors (197/75), so about 2 were to be either a winner or included in a draw, two outcomes the favorable attributes of which appear to be about the same to some people.

In 4 of the drawn games, among survivors excluded from the draw were positions with as many or more centers as at least one position included in the draw. Two concessions were to only 11-center positions (89F, 89AE). The weakest draw was in the game ended in 1903 (89HQ), in which two players together controlling only 17 centers were included in the draw, the other 17 centers being divided among the 5 survivors, nobody having been eliminated. In all other draws, those included together controlled 18 or more centers.

The longest game (87AN) ended in 1917 and 11 games (about 14.7%) ended in 1913. The year in which the most games ended (13) was 1907. On the whole, there was a wide dispersion with at least a bimodal distribution. Games won ended on the average in a later year than games drawn, and games won outright ran longer than games won by concession.

There is anecdotal evidence to support the assertion that the distinction between wins and draws is becoming blurred. The end game statement by Graham Wilson (France) in "Vermont" 1989K published on page 4 of issue #56 of The Home Office concluded: "Instead I concentrated on strengthening my position to be included in a three-way win." On page 4 of issue #55, Jeff Suchard (Germany) in "Idaho" 1990H began his end-game statement with: "Both France and I had agreed to veto any draws proposals so that we could split the board with 17 centers apiece." On page 16 of Upstart #40, Mark

Gorski (Germany [Initial]) in "Panther" (a Gunboat game that ended in an E/I/T 3-way draw) wrote in his end-game statement: "Congrats to the winners..." On page 18 of Excelsior #35, the announcement that "DEBUSSY" 1985CH had ended in a three-way draw began with: "Congratulations to the winners (drawers!!)" Let us not neglect Everything itself, in which the "Winner's Circle" on page 3 of #83 begins: "The following individuals achieved solo wins in game finishes reported in this issue" (Is there any other kind of win than a "solo" win?)

There is still reason to be concerned that the hobby is afflicted with an alarmingly high incidence of dubious draws and unconvincing concessions, at least compared to then years ago as I wrote in issue #25 of Maniac's Paradise and elsewhere.





# Gamestart!

Announcing a gamestart for Diplomacy 11, also to be known as "Synthaxe" and by its Boardman number (still pending). The players and nations are listed below. This game will be played under the normal Maniac's Paradise houserules, with White press only permitted. NVR=Yes. If any player fails to submit moves for Spring 1901, the game will be halted while a standby is found. According to my records, the following players have not yet paid the \$5 gamefee: Carlberg, Preston, Holley, Nash, and Johnson.

Austria - Tony Strong	1027 E. 7th Street #5 Long Beach, CA 90813-4823
England - Charles Greger	PO Box 697 Mayer, AZ 86333
France - Melinda Holley	PO Box 2793 Huntington, WV 25727
Germany - Tom Nash	202 Settler's Road St. Simons Island, GA 31522
Italy - Jonas Johnson	N.A.U. Box 20784 Flagstaff, AZ 86011-2784
Russia - Stven Carlberg	1939 Windemere Drive Atlanta, GA 30324
Turkey - Mickey Preston	1108 Tates Creek Road Lexington, KY 40502

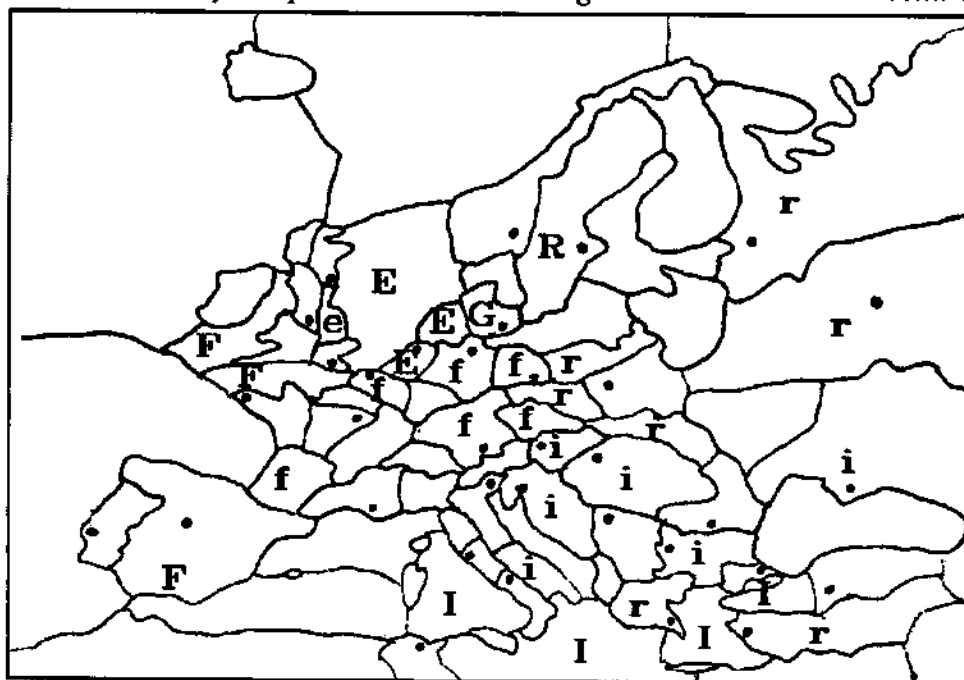
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## Diplomacy Houserules

- 1) Standard abbreviations will be used, with the following clarifications: Norwegian Sea=Nwg, North Sea=Nth, Norway=Nwy, North Atlantic Ocean=NAAt, North Africa=NAf, Liverpool=Lvp, Livonia=Lva, Tyrolia=Tyr, Tyrrhenian Sea=Tyn.
- 2) GM errors not reported by the following deadline will stand.
- 3) Standard season setup will be Summer/Fall and Autumn/Winter/spring.
- 4) Seasons separated on request of two or more players.
- 5) Conditional orders allowed for separation of seasons, builds, retreats, standby, GM error, and the like.
- 6) NMR retreats are OTB. NMR removals by GM decision, usually out of nation non-supply center, followed by in home country non-supply, out of country supply centers, and finally in country supply centers. Alphabetical order from there.
- 7) Standby's are called after one NMR usually. If the original player doesn't submit orders for the next season, the stand-by's orders are used and he becomes the player of record.
- 8) Any draw proposal is valid, but must be unanimous. NVR=yes.
- 9) Non-white press will only be permitted in games where it is specified.
- 10) If a situation comes up that is not listed here, I will make the final decision.
- 11) These rules subject to change as needed.

# Diplomacy 5,Pessimism,1990HB,Fall 1906

"Russia and Italy swap some centers...Twilight Zone leaders both return."



*England (O'Brien):* F Hel-Kie,F Hol S F Hel-Kie,F Nwy-Nth,A Yor-Lon.

*France (Quigley):* Ret A Hol-Bel..F Mid-Iri,F Ech-Lon,F Lyo-Spa(sc),A Mun S A Ber,  
A Boh-Sil,A Kie S A Bel-Hol,A Bel-Hol,A Gas U,A Ber U.

*Germany (Diehl):* F Ska-Den.

*Italy (McClung):* F Tyn S F Nap-Ion,F Nap-Ion,A Tyr-Vie,A Rum-Sev,A Bud-Rum,  
A Ser-Bul,F Aeg S F Smy-Con,F Smy-Con,A Apu H,A Ven-Tri.

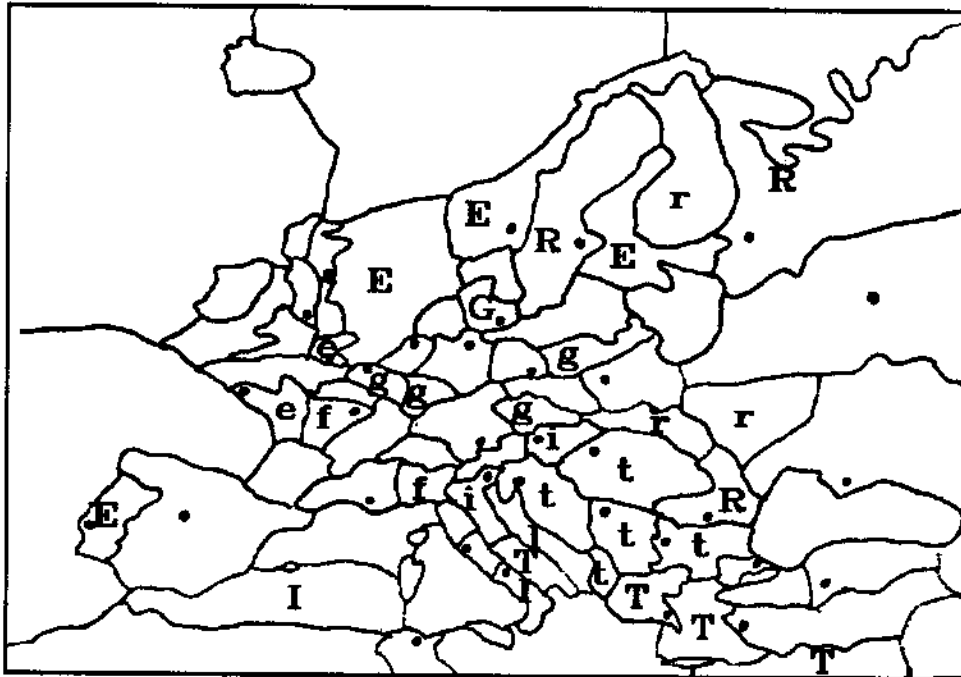
*Russia (Bryant):* F Swe S G. F Ska-Den,A Ank-Smy,A Bul-Gre,A Gal-Rum,A StP U,  
F Con S A Ank-Smy(Dis-ret Bla,Ank,OTB),A Lva-Mos,A Pru-Ber,A Sil S A Pru-Ber.

## Supply Center Chart

England	Lon,Edi,Lvp,Nwy,Hol=5	Build 1
France	Bre,Par,Mar,Spa,Por,Bel,Mun,Kie,Ber=9	Even
Germany	Den=1	Even
Italy	Nap,Rom,Ven,Tun,Tri,Vie,Bud,Ser,Bul, Con,Sev=11	Build 1
Russia	War,Mos,StP,Swe,Rum,Ank,Smy,Gre=8	Remove 1

# Diplomacy 6,Agony,1990HA,W 05/S 06

"French help the Italians regain Venice..Dance continues in Scandinavia."



*England (Preston):* Bld A Lon..F Nth S G. F Kie-Den,F Nwy S F Swe,F Bal-GoB,  
A Bre-Par,F Por H,F Swe S F Nwy(Dis-ret Ska,Bal,OTB),A Lon H.

*France (Milewski):* Rem F Mar..A Par H,A Pie S I. A Tyr-Ven.

*Germany (J. Johnson):* Bld A Ber..A Ber-Pru,F Kie-Den,A Boh-Vie,A Bel H,A Hol-Ruh.

*Italy (Murray):* F Spa(sc)-Wme,F Ion-Adr,F Tyn-Nap,A Vie-Tri,A Tyr-Ven.

*Russia (Brown):* Bld F StP(nc)..F StP(nc)-Nwy,A Fin S F Den-Swe,  
F Den-Swe,A Rum-Gal,F Sev-Rum,A Ukr S F Sev-Rum.

*Turkey (Shulman):* Bld A Con,F Smy..F Aeg-Gre,A Con-Bul,F Smy-Aeg,  
F Eme S F Smy-Aeg,A Bud-Tri,F Ven-Apu,A Tri-Ven,A Gre-Alb,A Bul-Ser.

The E/F/G/I Draw Fails  
Now Proposed - E/T, E/G

PRESS

*Turkey - France:* Doug, unlike you, does not edit the press, and should be admired for it. I believe in a free press and that anyone can say what he or she likes. You apparently believe in selective press otherwise known as a dictatorship. Finally, Doug and I have been playing (or gm'ing as the case may be) for a number of years. He sometimes takes liberties with me, and I with him. You should not tread in areas that you do not know.

*Dublin - Berlin:* Hope ya got my letter, before ya sent yer orders!

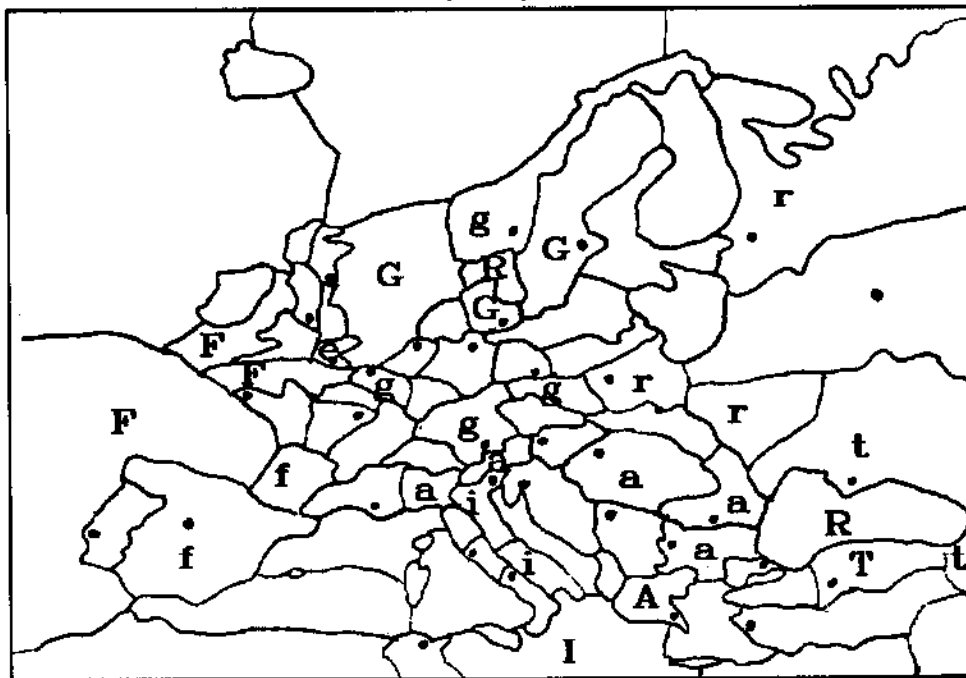
*Dulbin - Moscow:* Nithin' personal, but the die was cast!

*Germany - Italy:* My attempt on Vie is per invitation only. Why not let me just support you!?

*Germany - England:* What is it with the English players in this game. They never give me any choices.

## Diplomacy 7,Scoop,1990IG,Fall 1903

*"German marines land in Norway..Italy continues its peacetime stance."*



*Austria (Lord):* A Ser-Bul,A Rum S A Ser-Bul,F Alb-Gre,A Tyr-Pie,A Tri-Tyr,A Gal-Bud.

*England (Carlberg):* Ret F Nth-OTB,ret F Mid-OTB..A Lon H.

*France (Diehl):* F Mid S F Ech-Iri,F Ech-Iri,F Bre-Ech,A Spa U,A Gas U.

*Germany (Holley):* A Bel H,A Hol-Nwy,F Nth C A Hol-Nwy,F Swe S A Hol-Nwy,  
F Den S F Swe,A Sil-Ber,A Mun-Ber.

*Italy (Bryant):* A Ven S G. A Mun-Tyr(NSO),A Apu S A Ven,F Ion H.

*Russia (Acheson):* A Pru-War,A Ukr-Mos,F Bla-Sev,A Fin-StP,F Ska-Nwy.

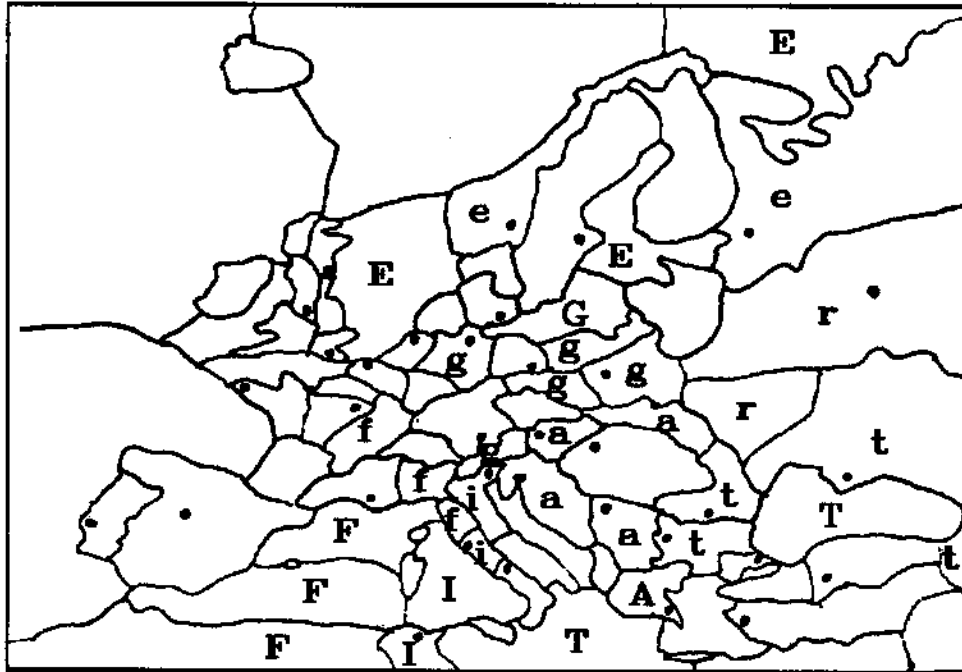
*Turkey (Brown):* F Con-Ank,A Bul H(Dis-ret Con,OTB),A Ank-Arm,A Sev-Mos.

### Supply Center Chart

Austria	Tri,Bud,Vie,Ser,Gre,Rum,Bul=7	Build 1
England	Lon,Lvp,Edi=3	Build 2
France	Bre,Par,Mar,Por,Spa=5	Even
Germany	Kie,Ber,Mun,Bel,Hol,Den,Swe,Nwy=8	Build 1
Italy	Ven,Rom,Nap=3	Even
Russia	StP,Mos,War=3	Remove 2
Turkey	Con,Smy,Ank,Sev=4	Even

## Diplomacy 8,Atavachron,1990IH,S 03

*"Southern seas filled with fleets..English land forces in Scandinavia."*



*Austria (Acheson):* A Tri S I. A Ven,A Alb-Ser,F Gre S T. F Aeg-Ion,A Bud-Vie,  
A Gal S T. A Sev-Ukr.

*England (Wang):* A Edi-Nwy,A Nwy-StP,F Bar S A Nwy-StP,F Nth C A Edi-Nwy,  
F Swe-GoB.

*France (Lord):* F Wme-NAf,F Lyo-Wme,F Mar-Lyo,A Bel-Bur,A Pie S G. A Mun-Tyr,  
A Tus-Rom.

*Germany (Siegel):* A Ber-Pru,A Sil S A War,A Den-Kie,A Mun-Tyr,A War H,F Kie-Bal.

*Italy (Kendter, Jr.):* A Apu-Rom,A Ven S A Apu-Rom,F Nap-Tyn,F Ion-Tun.

*Russia (J. Johnson):* A Ukr-Sev,A Mos S A Ukr-Sev.

*Turkey (Greger):* A Bul-Rum,A Sev-Ukr,A Arm-Sev,F Bla S A Arm-Sev,F Aeg-Ion,  
A Con-Bul.

The Concession to Turkey fails  
Now Proposed - E/F/G

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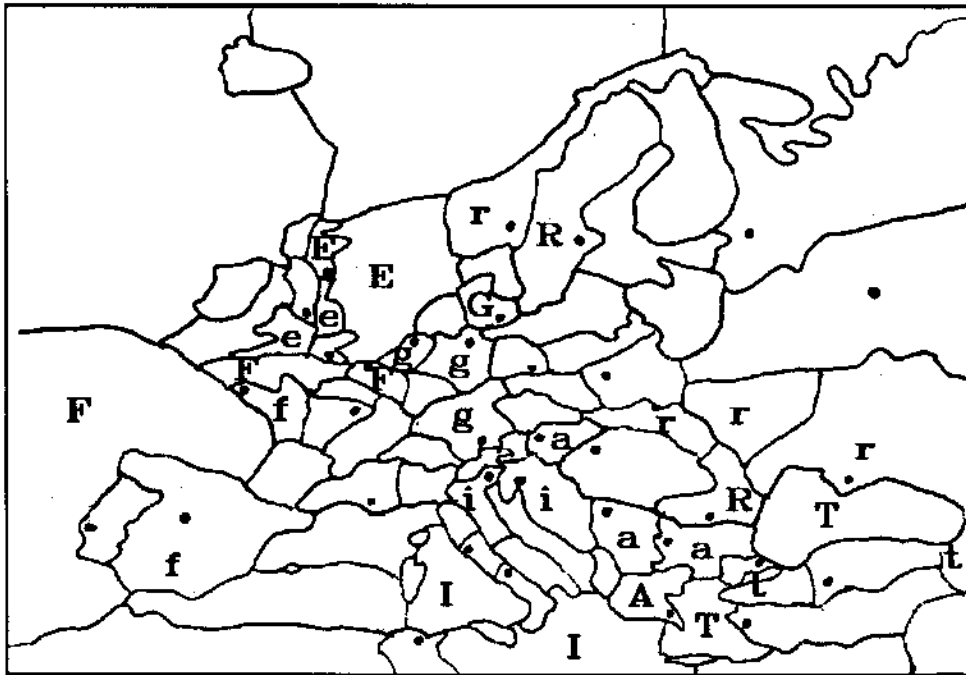
*England - Austria:* Welcome to the game!

## Diplomacy 9,Secrets,1991C,Fall 02

*"The two Wicked Witches lose ground to their neighbors."*

*Austria (Shulman):* Ret A Tri-Ser..F Gre S A Bul,A Bud-Vie,A Ser-Tri,

A Tyr S A Ser-Tri, A Bul S F Gre.  
*England (Carlberg):* Ret F Nth-Edi..F Ska-Nth,F Edi S F Ska-Nth,A Yor-Lon,  
 A Wal S A Yor-Lon.  
*France (Leech):* F Ech S G. F Nth-Lon,F Pic-Bel,F Spa(sc)-Mid,A Por-Spa,A Gas-Bre.  
*Germany (Strong):* A Mun H,A Hol S F. F Pic-Bel,F Nth-Lon(Dis-ret Nwg,Hel,OTB),  
F Den-Nth,A Kie-Den.  
*Italy (Cox):* A Tri H,A Ven S A Tri,F Apu-Ion,F Ion-Tyn.  
*Russia (Wang):* A Mos-Ukr,A Nwy S F Swe,A Sev S A Rum,A Ukr-Gal,F Rum S A Sev,  
 F Swe S A Nwy.  
*Turkey (Stanger):* Ret A Bul-Con..A Arm-Sev,F Bla S A Arm-Sev,A Con-Bul,  
F Aeg-Gre.



Supply Center Chart

Austria	Vie,Bud,Ser,Gre,Bul=5	Even
England	Edi,Lvp,Lon=3	Remove 1
France	Bre,Par,Mar,Spa,Por,Bel=6	Build 1
Germany	Ber,Kie,Mun,Den,Hol=5	Even
Italy	Ven,Rom,Nap,Tun,Tri=5	Build 1
Russia	War,Mos,StP,Sev,Swe,Nwy,Rum=7	Build 1
Turkey	Con,Smy,Ank=3	Remove 1

PRESS

*England - France:* You start the game with a cowardly stab in my back, and then have the nerve to crow about being "in my face?" Reminds me of the old joke: "Got a match?", "Yeah, my face and your ---," but you get the idea.

*Russia - Italy:* Welcome to the game!

*Dateline Ankara:* The foreign service today ordered the closure of all foreign embassies and announced the end of all diplomatic ties with the outside world. Ibn Liedto, spokesman for the foreign service proclaimed, "The infidels tongues are laquered with lies, and as of late, they refuse to woo us with even these treacheries!"

*Ankara - Rome:* Your communique did arrive in time, but it was garbled. You claim to have fleets where there are none, and ask me to support a move that is not possible. I realize you've been busy, but if you can't even keep track of where your own forces are, the deal is off.

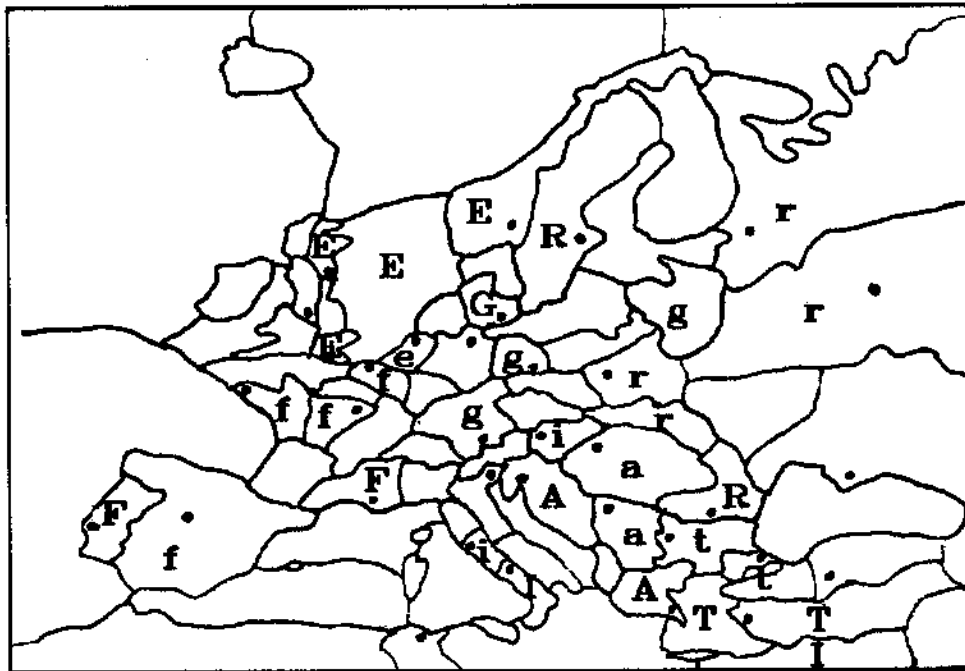
*Ankara - Moscow:* After having thought about it, I feel that you have played in a childish and unethical way, and I feel you should resign your position. Please respond, if you care to, in writing.

*Ankara - Vienna:* Very well done. You win.

*Ankara - Paris:* Thank you for being the one player on this board who conducted consistent diplomacy. Good luck.

## Diplomacy 10,IOU,1991J,Winter 01

*"Season seperation granted..Nations prepare for further conflict."*



*Austria (Brown):* Bld F Tri..Has F Tri,F Gre,A Bud,A Ser.

*England (Lord):* Bld F Lon,F Edi..Has F Lon,F Edi,F Nth,F Nwy,A Hol.

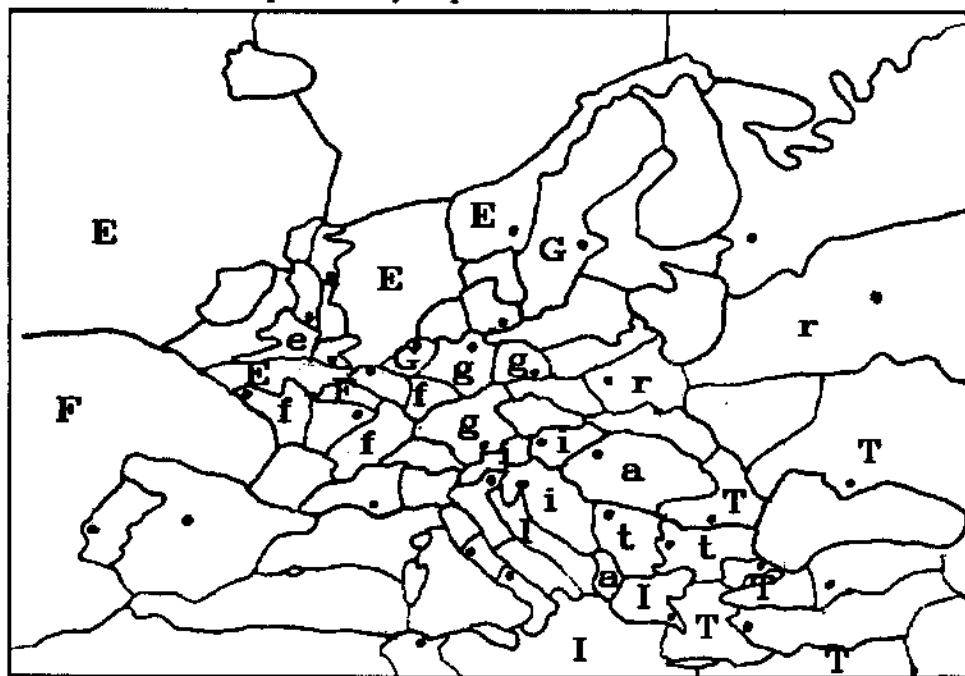




### Supply Center Chart

England	Lvp,Lon=2	Even
France	Bre,Par,Mar,Spa,Por=5	Remove 1
Germany	Mun,Ber,Kie,Hol,Bel,Den,Swe,Nwy,Edi=9	Even
Italy	Nap,Rom,Ven,Tun,Vie,Tri,Bud,Gre,Ser,Smy=10	Build 1
Russia	War,Sev,Mos,StP,Rum,Bul=6	Even
Turkey	Con,Ank=2	Even

*"Seasons seperated by request. World holds its breath."*

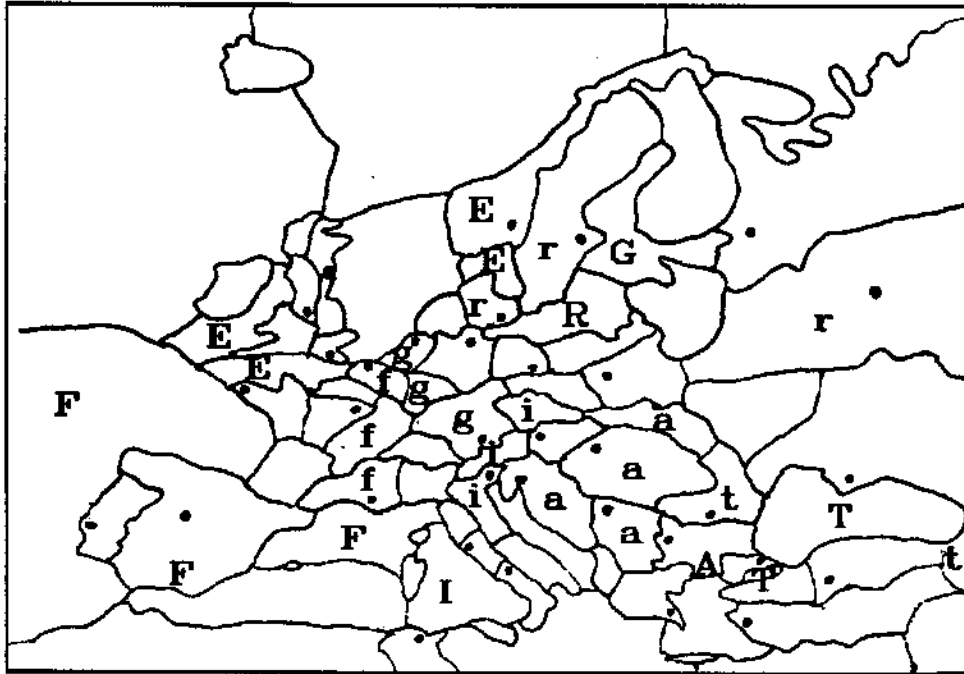


**Turkey:** Bld F Con..Has F Aeg,A Bul,A Ser,F Eme,F Con,F Rum,F Sev.

**Now Proposed - G/I/T, A/R/T, E/G**

## Gunboat 6, Road Games, 1991Hrb32, W 01/S 02

*"Russian forces sweep into Scandinavia..England's sole army defeated."*



*Austria:* Bld A Bud, A Vie..A Ser S F Gre-Bul(sc), A Tri S A Ser, F Gre-Bul(sc),  
A Bud-Rum, A Vie-Gal.

*England:* Bld F Lon, F Lvp..F Nwy-Ska, F Nth-Nwy, F Lon-Ech, F Lvp-Iri,  
A Hol S F. A Bel-Ruh(Destroyed).

*France:* Bld A Par, F Mar, F Bre..A Bel S A Par-Bur, A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid, F Mar-Lyo,  
A Spa-Mar, F Por-Spa(sc).

*Germany:* Bld A Mun..A Mun-Bur, A Ruh S A Kie-Hol, F Swe-GoB, A Kie-Hol.

*Italy:* Bld A Rom..F Tun-Tyn, A Tyr-Boh, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven.

*Russia:* Ret F Rum-OTB, bld A Mos..A Fin-Swe, A Pru-Den, A Mos-Ukr,  
F Bal C A Pru-Den.

*Turkey:* Bld A Ank, F Con..A Rum-Ukr, A Ank-Arm, F Bla S A Bul-Rum,  
A Bul-Rum(Destroyed), F Con-Bul(sc).

Concession to Turkey Fails  
Now Proposed - Concession to Germany

## Gunboat 7, Enigmatic Ocean, 1991Qrb32, Fall 1901

*"All economies expand, while three areas remain uncontrolled."*

*Austria:* A Tri H, A Ser S F Alb-Gre, F Alb-Gre.

*England:* F Ech-Bre, A Edi-Nwy, F Nth C A Edi-Nwy.

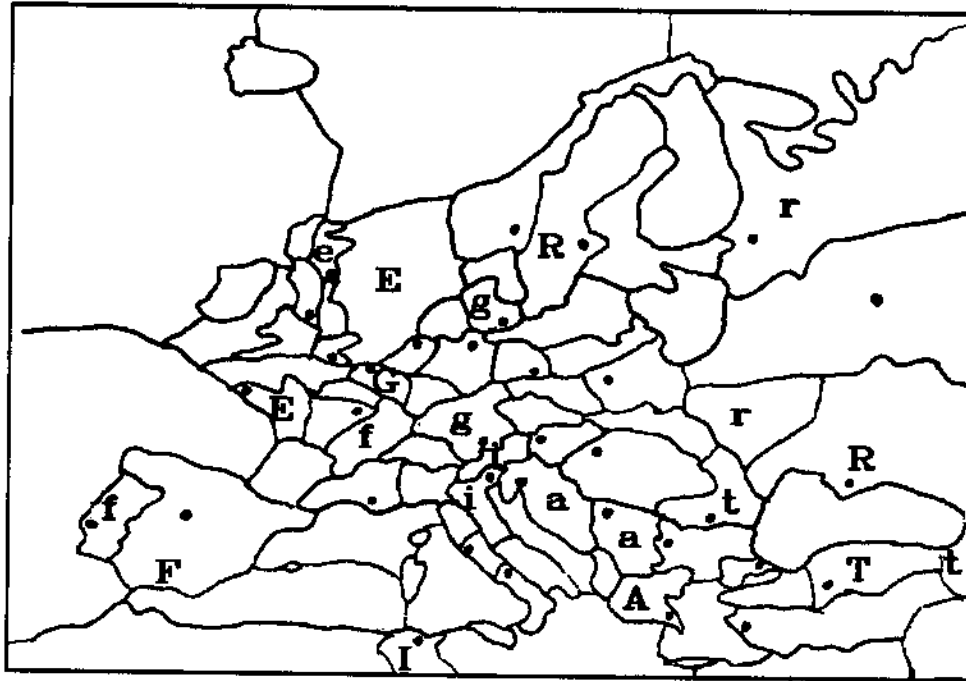
*France:* F Mid-Spa(sc), A Spa-Por, A Pic-Bur.

*Germany:* A Kie-Den,A Ruh-Mun,F Hol-Bel.

*Italy:* F Ion-Tun,A Ven S A. A Tri,A Tyr S G. A Ruh-Mun.

*Russia:* A Ukr-Sev,A StP-Nwy,F Sev-Bla,F GoB-Swe.

*Turkey:* A Bul-Rum,F Ank-Bla,A Arm-Sev.



Concession to Russia fails

Supply Center Chart

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

The Italian Wars,Rush,1990Ypw05,Fall 1502

Surprise, surprise! The Papacy/Spain/Venice draw passes!  
End game report and statements to be printed next issue!

# African Dip, Million Dollar Legs, 1991 Sdm04, Spring 2000

*"Continent at war! Battle over Egypt results in many deaths."*

*Ethiopia (B. Wilson):* F Somalia-NORTHERN INDIAN, A Addis-KENYA,  
A Djibouti-ADDIS.

*Ivory Coast (Strong):* A Freetown-GUINEA, F Abidjan-GULF OF GUINEA,  
A Ouag.-NIGER.

*Libya (McHugh):* A BENGASI-Egypt, A Tripoli-E. SAHARA, F Tun-WME.

*Saudi Arabia (Greger):* F DAMASCUS S F Mecca-Egypt, F Mecca-EGYPT,  
A Riyadh-IRAQ.

*South Africa (Bryant):* A Pretoria-BOTSWANA, F Capetown-SE ATL,  
F Port Eliz.-SOUTH INDIAN.

*Zaire (Schultz):* A Kisangani-UGANDA, A Lubumbashi-ZAMBIA, F Kinshasa-GABON.

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*Zaire:* After a general collapse of government services, tentative communications have been established through the rail and river links of a desolate, tse tse ridden, Congo Basin. The tribal leader Tshombe, of the Lunda, wishes respect for his deepest sorrow for the pain and waste the Zaire collapse has caused neighboring nations. Civil order has been achieved in the province of Katanga.

*Zaire - All:* Correspondence now to be sent 24 Sandpiper Circle, East Falmouth MA 02536. This address is good until August 5th.

*Saudi Arabia - All:* It worked in the real world, so it should work here.

## 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 4 (cont.)

Phase 5: Funeral Comission Blue declares 8 on D. Both Blue and Red declare 2 on E but Blue wins the die roll. Green declares 1 on O. Blue, with D, nominates E who automatically is promoted to Party Chief.

Phase 6: Replacements Blue, with E, promotes D to Defense. E ages 1 to 73. K is propoted by age to KGB. O is promoted by age to Foreign. Green, with O, promotes C to Candidate. O ages 1 to 63. By age, the following promotions take place: C to Ideology, J to Industry, N to Economy, R to Sport, and S, T, U, W, and X to Candidate.

Phase 7:Rehabilitation Muck plays card #12, which rehabs G.

Phase 8:Parade E manages to wave for Blue without coughing up too much blood, but ages 2 to 75 in the process.

#### Final Positions

Positions	Black	Red	Blue	Green	Muck	Yellow
Party Chief:						
E, 75, ++, ?		2	2*			
KGB:						
K, 66, ?		10				3
Foreign:						
O, 63, ?				1		
Defense:						
D, 73, ++, ?			8		7	5
Ideology:						
C, 74		1			2	6
Industry:						
J, 67						
Economy:						
N, 63						
Sport:						
R, 59						
Candidates: S 58, T 57, U 56, W 54, X 53.						
People: G - 75 - ++, Z 50.						
Siberia: L 65, Q 60.						
Kremlin Wall - A, B, F, H, I, M, P, V, Y.						
Muck and Blue each have one wave, no one else has any.						

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*Blue - GM:* God, your wife is being hard on me.

*GM's Wife - All:* Hmm, I feel a deadly strain of Russian Flu coming on this year.

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