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Welcome to another issue of Maniac's Paradise, the only zine in the hobby containing subliminal messages converting the reader to the new "in" religion of rooster worship. Donations can be sent to the Church of Sanders, care of this zine.

So little to say, so much time to say it. Wait a minute, strike that...reverse it. We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams. Anybody know where that line comes from? First one to get it wins a great prize, whatever Johnny has in the box there.

Did everyone have a good Labor Day? The Vertigo games were this weekend. As usual, I did not attend, but I did fax a Surrogate Doug Kent flyer to Flapjack, so that I wouldn't be missed too badly. You know, ladies and gentlemen, it's quite a burden to know that without me, this hobby would collapse like the Communist Party in the Soviet Union. Donations can be made out to cash, and sent to me care of this zine.

I guess I'll run down this month's issue. We've got the usual games and stuff - nothing surprising there. There is a surprise this month though...we're pleased to announce the return or (drum roll) "One Regular Guy!" That's right, at long last Greg has returned from the dark bowels of Flint. We probably won't be seeing Greg on a monthly basis yet, but at least we know he is still with us. There's also the latest editions of our other subzines: "Uptight, Upset, and Anti-Social" and "Close Your Eyes and Think of Dip." I know Mara was working on a new "You're the one..." but I'm not sure if she'll have it ready for this issue or not. Game openings-wise, we're still showing spots in African Dip, Asian Dip II, and Narnian Wars. Do me a favor, kiddies, every time David Wang calls me he asks "how's Narnian Wars coming?" So, if three more people would sign up for it, I wouldn't have to listen to the same dumb question over and over. I'm not sure about the status of the Civilization game. I'll probably be opening a new game of Kremlin next month, too. Not much to add except to say the next deadline is:

October 7, 1991 at 12:00 noon eastern - Don't Miss it!

Game Openings

African Dip 2:

Description: African variant, \$3 gamefee, rules on request.
Players Signed Up: Cox, G. Wilson, Garrett, Strong, need 2 more.

Asian Dip II:

Description: Asian variant, no gamefee, sign up with Jack McHugh.
Players Signed Up: Kent, B. Wilson, Acheson, check "Close Your Eyes" for info.

The Narnian Wars:

Description: Variant based on C.S. Lewis' Narnia books, \$5 fee, ask for rules.
Players Signed Up: Wang, Ozog, Anderson, Chinnery, Garrett, 3 more needed.

Civilization:

Description: PBM Civ, run by Paul Chinnery. \$5, but don't pay until later.
Players Signed Up: No idea how many signed up so far. Contact Paul to sign up.

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

Notes to Players:

cards - 3, 4, 19

ONE REGULAR GUY

ISSUE # 17

DEATH OF A SUBZINEMEN

Sunday, June 16. 6:17 am. I got a call to check out a possible homicide at the Marriot Midtown.

6:21 am. I arrived at the Marriot. My partner Bill met me in the lobby. "How bad is it?" I asked Bill. A shake of Bill's head was all that I needed to know. This was going to be a long day.

6:23 am. I arrived at the scene of the crime. The bathroom on the fourth floor of the Marriot. Officer O'Malley was posted at the door. "Hello Detective Monday, the body is in the bathroom." "What have you got so far Pat," I asked Officer O'Malley. "He was last seen leaving the gaming area at four this morning," he replied. Passing through the room I made my way to the bathroom, Bill right behind me. The body on the floor was an extremely well built, handsome man. His neck had the peculiar twist to it that indicates a broken neck. A quick talk with the coroner confirmed this. "He was brushing his teeth at the time Joe, what is this world coming to" the coroner said to me. "I don't know" I replied, "but I will find out." "That's my job, I'm a detective, and this is the city." Suddenly that strange music came once again from out of no where.

6:26 am. Bill filled me in on the details. The victim was a subzine author in town for a convention. I asked Bill what kind of convention. With another shake of the head he told me, Diplomacy. Those people again. Will it never end. That also explained the shabby hair, a three day growth of beard, and the reek off of the body. These people get hooked on Dip and everything else goes to pot. I called Officer O'Malley in, and instructed him to lock the doors tight and assemble all the Dip players in the grand ball room at 7:00 am.

6:42 am. My search of the room brought only one question for Bill. "I see that both sides of the bed have been slept in, was this guy a light stepper?" Bill rummaged under the sheets and pulled out a large baseball bat, one of the biggest I had ever seen. "No Joe, he was a right-winger." So much for the Jealous lover stuff. Sorting through the victims mail I gathered as many names as I could to interview.

7:06 am. I arrived at the grand ballroom. There was a great commotion inside, something I have learned is common whenever these Dippers get together. Stepping in through the back door, I walked to the podium and made the announcement. "One regular guy has been murdered." A great sigh of relief filled the hall. Perplexed I turned to Bill. With a shrug of the shoulders he told me that word had gotten around that a murder had occurred and they were afraid that it was Melinda Holley. "Is she that

well liked", I asked Bill. "No," Bill said, "she is just playing in a lot of games and they were all afraid that their games would be postponed to call in standbys." That said, I asked my fellow detectives to gather up the people I had on the list and bring them up to the scene of the crime so that I could interview them. I noticed that a general Pandemonium had broken out, with everyone throwing accusations at each other.

7:24 am. The first suspect was brought before me. The worm even brought his wife along. "Name", I queried. "Doug Kent." Ah, Doug, the jealous zine author perhaps. "Describe your relationship with the victim for us." After three minutes of listening to the filthiest garbage to sprout forth since man first took a woman as his wife I stopped him and told him, "Just the facts." At this point Doug's wife slapped her hand over her husbands mouth. "Detective Monday, Doug is not devious enough to devise a killing" she told Bill and I. "His idea of deviousness was to piss out our second story window onto the postman when Doug thought he was with-holding his copy of the Zine Register." "Crude he is, devious he is not." I concurred, and called for the next suspect.

7:31 am. "Get this ziggy looking fellow out of here" I told Bill. "NO, NO, I am Robert Stimmel", ziggy said. Scanning my notes I found him. "So, I see that you and the victim had a dispute over Gilligan's Island. I always thought the Professor and the Skipper would be the two to come to blows over this, not you two," I said. "NO, NO," said Stimmel, "after I read his comment on my ORG/MP Bio is sat down and watched all my tapes of Gilligan's Island, three times each. I watched for 87 hours straight. He was right, Mary Anne is the better of the two!" Next.

7:36 am. The next suspect walked in, proceed by two greyhounds, one of which immediately started to hump Bill's leg. "Rieff", he said, "and I didn't do it." Bill was having no luck with the dog. "Like dogs?" I asked. "Love em'", said Reiff with that definite MidWest accent. Then it hit me, or rather the smell did. Dog urine. No way this guy could sneak up on anyone. "Your free to go" I said. It took four minutes to get the dog off Bill.

11:09 am. The list of suspects seemed endless. Bill Becker, the Behrendts, Tom Taylor, John Caruso, Paul Chinnery, Charles Greger, Mark Murray, and a host of others. There was even a Three Stooges type trio that went by the names of Mud Man, Killer Corndog, and Captain Video. All said basically the same thing, that the victim deserved it but that they were not the type to stab anyone. Will these Dippers never learn that a trained detective such as myself can tell that each one of them were lying through their teeth. I have learned in my investigations that these guys will stab their own mothers for a postage stamp.

11:10 am. The big break came. One Garret Schenck entered. He nervously sat beneath the light I had set up. "I see that you and the victim had several disputes", I started with, "why did you kill him!" I knew from my notes that this was a spineless commie liberal. "I didn't stab him," he sobbed. "I will even miss him at the next love in. We all loved to hear his truck come rattling up, and the sight of him swinging his big baseball bat at all of us that deserve to be whacked a good one." "He swung that bat a lot," I asked. "Yes", sobbed Garret, "I heard he practiced on a

dummy with a picture of George McGovern on it's head every night." "You can go" I told this sobbing creature. I now had the case solved. "Get them all together again Bill."

11:21 am. Something I had seen in the victims mail ~~stack~~ had stuck in my mind. A search through the victims mail confirmed my suspicions. I now knew who the murderer was.

11:38 am. With the hundred and six dippers back in the ballroom I once again took the podium. Accusations were flying as to whom had done the dirty deed. Fingers were pointing from one to another, all trying to decide who was the best at stabbing. "They almost seem to take pleasure in this" Bill commented. I didn't bother to reply. "Shut up" I told them. A stillness took hold of the room. "You people make my guts churn" I told them. "You write nasty things about each other, and consistently try to put the screws to each other. I am just glad that you are only visitors to my city, and not residents. Why you have been busy blaming each other I have solved the crime. The victim, this regular guy, has been so wrapped up in playing this silly game he has allowed other things to slip. His job, his bills, his family, his personal hygiene. In his mail I found a notice for him to visit his dentist next Tuesday. From the amount of enamel worn down on his teeth he had obviously been brushing his teeth from the time the last game had ended. One hard stroke and snap, his neck was broken. Dead, all because of your silly little game. I hope your happy. Officer O'Malley, open the doors and let these citizens out, and I hope you hold your next convention in Canada."

2:48 pm. Brown derby restaurant. At lunch with Bill. "I didn't put the baseball bat swinging in with the death Joe, I just didn't see it," said Bill. "That's why they give me my paycheck Bill", I said. "But remember", I told him, "Old Dippers never die, they just sit in a corner somewhere and write black press." Play the music please.

That folks, signals the end of ORG, for a while at least. A new job has me commuting about three hours daily now, and it is all I can do to keep myself sane. I have slimmed myself down to two games, one of which is now winding down and should be finished within the next few turns. So for a while I will be concentrating on my one game, and will drop in a few comments here and there in MP if Doug will still have me. The day will come when ORG will be back, but only when time is not at a premium and I have the equipment to make it a pleasure, not a chore.

There are a few loose ends that need to be taken care of, ala the letter column. If anyone is interested I have some material that I can pass on which will make a great start if a subzine may be in the back of your mind.

It has been a sincere joy to bring ORG to you, and I hope that you have enjoyed reading it. Thanks to all who have given me their support and their criticism, both of which I could not have done this without. So, until we meet in a letter column or a game some day take care, and keep dipping away.

Uptight, Upset, and Anti-Social

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8/29/91

Quotes of the Month:

John W. Fisher, Jr. on Zine Register: "As a matter of fact, I must say [Your Zine of Zines] may prove to be more helpful and beneficial to the hobby than the slightly down-trodden Zine Register, another famous "Flagship of the Hobby" which has been failing miserably in the last few years to assist in the growth and informational expansion of the hobby. I only hope Garret can do something worthwhile with it and still keep an objective opinion. I tire of the "It has to be pretty and have MY map to be a good zine."

Garret Schenck on Humor, part 1: "The question is whether making fun of a person's sexual preference, of their skin color, or their sex, or a number of other characteristics, is really funny. I don't like humor that 'pokes fun at other people.'"

Garret Schenck on Humor, part 2: "..I don't agree with you that my remarks in ZR in any way made it sound like you called yourself the "Atlanta Mafia," or that you were in any way connected with a real "Atlanta Mafia" (c'mon, Stephen, lighten up!) I think you're just being paranoid."

Tom Nash on Upstart: "Upstart has eaten itself and become a parody of itself."

Jack McHugh on the Next Great Feud: "You heard it here first, the next great hobby feud will be over the ZR and Garret's idea of the 'politically correct' publisher."

Hobby News:

Gary Behnen and Vince Lutterbie have announced that Dipcon XXV will be in Kansas City from 7/3/92 - 7/9/92, to be followed immediately by Poolcon until 7/12/92. Informational flyers will be released in the near future.

Ron Cameron has released the winners of the 1991 Hobby Awards. Those winners are:

1991 Don Miller Award (Service to the Hobby): David Hood

1991 John Koning Award (Outstanding Play): Gary Behnen

1991 Melinda Holley Award (Quantity participation): Melinda Holley

1991 Rod Walker Award (Literary Excellence): Mark Berch

Shawn Erikson's Victims Wanted has announced its official fold. This was the first zine I ever subscribed to, and a fun place to play. The fold was not completely unexpected - Shawn has been slowing down over the past year, and recently some of his old subscribers started disappearing. I haven't heard anything about rehusing the few games still going on there - I don't know if the players have any interest in continuing them.

Word on the street is that Tom Nash's Been There, Done That has officially bit the dust. Recently there's been a rash of Nash-bashing (hey, that was pretty cool, wasn't it?) and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tom for the hours of enjoyment I've gotten from reading BTD and his issues of the Zine Register. I hope you hang around the hobby for a while!

Robert Stimmel: A list of teams which have won consecutive conference championships may be of interest. UC David (Northern Calif. Conf.) has 20 (starting in 1971). Central Arkansas (Ark. Conf.) has 8. Winston-Salem (Central I.A.A.) has 8 in its southern division (but lost play-off to north in 1989 and in some of the other years). Pittsburgh (KS) has won six (last two Missouri I.A.A., first four in Central States I.C.). Emory & Henry (Old Dominion) has six, but three were ties. Possibly Carroll (Mont.) (Frontier) and/or Carson-Newman (South Atlantic) have records, but they are NAIA, and I have their results for only last three years. Currently, Div. I-A and I-AA have no long streaks. Michigan U. has three (including a 4-way tie). Furman has three (one a tie). Others go no longer than two years.

Paul Milewski: Analysis of the information about games started in 1990 reported in issue #83 of the Boardman Number Custodian's publication Everything reveals the disproportionately high level of participation in the hobby on the part of relatively few people as measured by number of starting positions. For purposes of this analysis, all seventeen games started in Electronic Protocol were excluded. Those seventeen games represent 108 players, of whom three were crossover players from the play-by-mail side of the hobby and none of whom was from among the top twenty in starting positions. The games started in Electronic Protocol constitute a branch of the hobby distinct from the play-by-mail mainstream. Also excluded from this analysis was 1990HR (flyer, local, players not starting elsewhere). Had the BNC continued the past practice of identifying electronic-mail games as such, all such games might have been found to constitute a distinct branch and for that reason been excluded from this analysis, in which case the results might have been more dramatic than they were.

The 87 games included in the analysis represent 609 starting positions (87 X 7) distributed among the 357 players as follows:

	<u>People</u>	<u>Positions</u>
Starting in only 1 game	253 70.9%	253 41.5%
Starting in 2 games	51 14.3%	102 16.7%
Starting in 3 games	21 5.9%	63 10.3%
Starting in more than 3 games	<u>32 9.0%</u>	<u>191 31.4%</u>
Totals	357 100.1%	609 99.9%

Decimal rounding error

0.1%

0.1%

The top twenty players together accounted for 143 of the starting positions or 23.5% of the total starting positions:

Jim Diehl	15
Gary Behnen	11
Melinda Holley	11
Karl Hoffman	8
Tom Nash	8
Pete Clark	7
John Crosby	7
Stven Carlberg	7
Kevin Kinsel	7
Steve Sulzby	7
Marc Peters	6
John Quigley	6
Phil Reynolds	6
John Schultz	6
Jimmy Wallace	6
Jack Garrett	5
Stan Johnson III	5
Jonas Johnson	5
Jack McHugh	5
Jim Nickel	5
Total	<u>143</u>

Only 23 of the 87 games were without a top-twenty starting player. The 64 games with at least one top-twenty starting player were 73.6% of the 87 games. Those twenty people are only 5.6% of the 357 players starting in those 87 games.

Many of those twenty people publish their own zines, perhaps in part to support through trades their high level of participation in the hobby. Many of them are also active as standbys and play in more games than just those in which they start. By virtue of their high level of participation, these twenty people can be considered experienced, knowledgeable players.

[[If you truly want to do these calculations based on PBM, you must also remove all gamestarts in The Armchair Diplomat, the electronic zine from Compuserve. I skimmed through issue #83 of Everything, and counted 8 TAD gamestarts. Of the 56 positions in those 8 games, only one was held by a player in your top twenty (Tom Nash playing Turkey in 1990AP). This increases the percentage held by those players to 25.7 (142 of 553 starting positions), making their impact on the hobby that much greater. My numbers are just estimates - I didn't go through with any precision and calculate the results. Of course, heavy impact when playing equals just as heavy an impact when they burn out (for example, when Steve Sulzby dropped most of his games earlier this year).]]

(Oh no, not again!) Paul Milewski: In The Gamers Guide to Diplomacy, Rod Walker described how to use preference lists to assign countries to players. He wrote that "unique first choices are automatically given. Ties are decided by coin toss or lot. Those still without a country are given their second choices if available, repeating the process used for first choices," and so on, until everyone has a country. Breaking ties by coin toss or other arbitrary method is not the optimal method.

The example Walker used to illustrate his method was one with seven players submitting complete preference lists:

		Choice						
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Player	1	A	E	F	R	G	T	I
	2	E	F	T	R	I	G	A
	3	T	R	E	F	G	I	A
	4	F	E	R	T	I	A	G
	5	E	F	G	R	A	I	T
	6	T	I	A	R	E	F	G
	7	E	R	T	G	F	I	A

The unique first choices of players 1 and 4 were automatically given, so players 1 and 4 were Austria and France. By coin toss, players 3 and 7 became Turkey and England. Eliminating the four countries already assigned from further consideration, player 6 had a (now) unique first choice of Italy, player 5 got his second choice of Germany, and player 2 got what was left, Russia:

Player	2	X	X	R	I	G	X
	5	X	G	R	X	I	X
	6	I	X	R	X	X	G

The idea is to give each player his highest choice possible. Assigning the value 1 to a first choice, 2 to a second choice, and so on, we are trying to minimize the sum of the values. The country assignments in Walker's example can be analyzed in that manner:

		Choice						
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Player	1	A						
	2				R			
	3	T						
	4	F						
	5			G				
	6		I					
	7	E						
Sum of values		4	2	3	4			=13

Is any switch possible that will reduce the objective function we are trying to

minimize? Yes, a switch between players 2 and 7. Russia was player 7's second choice, and England was player 2's first choice. That switch reduces the sum of values to 11, its minimum.

		Choice						
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Player	1	A						
	2	E						
	3	T						
	4	F						
	5				G			
	6			I				
	7			R				
Sum of values		4	4	3				=11

This result can be obtained relatively informally. Uncontested first choices: A to 1, F to 4. Cross out all A and F entries in the original table of preference lists. To resolve the tie between 3 and 6 for T: nobody else has I for 2nd choice, so I to 6 and T to 3. This leaves a 3-way tie for E as 1st choice: give R to 7 (2nd choice), G to 5 (3rd choice), E to 2.

The same result can be obtained formally, using a table of values (choices):

		<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>T</u>
Player	1	1	2	3	5	7	4	6
	2	7	1	2	6	5	4	3
	3	7	3	4	5	6	2	1
	4	6	2	1	7	5	3	4
	5	5	1	2	3	6	4	7
	6	3	5	6	7	2	4	1
	7	7	1	5	4	6	2	3

In that table, a unique first choice is a 1 in a column with only one 1 in it. Those are the A and F columns. Circle the 1 in each of those two columns and line out the rest of the row and column of which the 1 is a part (all of player 1's other choices are irrelevant). There being no other column with only one 1, look for a column with only one 2. That's the I column. Circle that 2 and line out the row and column. Now the T column has only one 1. Circle that 1 and line out row and column. Now there is no column with only one 1, but R has only one 2. Circle and line out. Now no column has only one 1 or 2, but column G has only one 3. Circle and line out. Player 2 is left with E. Solved.

It is an iterative process in which one looks for columns with only one remaining (or relevant) entry on integer n , starting with $n=1$ and incrementing by 1. Upon success, the integer n is reset to 1 and the iterative process repeated until all countries are assigned.

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND THINK OF DIP

ISSUE #2

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Welcome to our second issue. How time flies! Again I have no games as of yet. Still have the openings in Asian Dip. So far only Doug Kent, Brad Wilson and Bob Acheson are signed up. I am repealing the gamefee, but I may start signing people up at random as of next turn so you'd better sign up now or I'll do it for you!

No games means I can continue writing stuff-see what happens when you fail to sign up!

First of all, I want to say a few words about **Your Zine of Zines** that Doug and I are putting out together. The response has been fairly positive. In fact, we've only had one negative reply, I would say who but that would be unfair, ah, what the hell, it was Garrett Schenck. We also got some minor critiques from others. All criticism is appreciated. Doug makes lots of mistakes, you know, I'm perfect, but he is the publisher so I have to tolerate him.

For all of those who want to trade, the answer is yes. If you don't get the second issue, don't panic! Take several deep breaths and drop me a line and I will tell Doug. (I may forget a few people, it is purely an oversight on my part.)

I don't want to say anymore here, I will comment further on it in the opening of the second issue. By the way, the sub price is \$.50 and you send money to Doug, you send trades to me (if I already sub, just make it a trade. If Doug doesn't get it you should trade with him-either for **Maniac's Paradise** or **Your Zine of Zines**-if he doesn't your zine, he'll make something up to review and he has an active imagination.)

Now on to some juicy hobby news. John Cain, Aussie pubber of Victoriana and chief Australian organizer of Australia's World Dip Con convention in January, informs me that the Brits have told him that they decided that ManorCon (the UK's version of Dipcon) will be the sight of World Dip Con every six years, come hell or high water, by fiat. John also suggests that we, the North American Hobby, are encouraged by John to suspend our site rotation every few years, when World Dip Con comes to North America, so we can have any place bid on Dipcon. And, of course, World Dip Con should be with Dipcon.

Sorry, but I thought the Revolutionary War was about throwing off pushy Limeys who tried to tax us without representation. No, I don't think we should change a damn thing. I think that we should decide where we want Dipcon and to hell with the foreigners. I was told that Toronto, the city that was difficult for Americans and Canadians to get to but easy for Europeans, had the overwhelming attendance of one person from overseas. Wow! Gee, I guess that was certainly worth it!

I think it is high time we stopped being pushed around by arrogant members of the British hobby. Until they are prepared to deal with the North American hobby as a whole we should ignore and

actively discourage World Con from invading US or Canadian soil. Just because the British came up with the idea doesn't give them the right to dictate the terms of this con to Americans and Canadians.

Diplomacy Tribune folded. How do I know this? The publisher sent me a note explaining he lost his job and had to fold. What is really strange is that I never got the zine! I didn't play in it or sub, so why was he telling me about the fold? Guess I must be a hobby VIP now.

Upstart, Garrett Schenck's (there's that name again!) zine, featured a full scale slam of Tom Nash. Seems that Garrett believes that Tom, the hobby wrecker he is, managed to destroy the **Zine Register** before Garrett got it. I saw Tom's reaction on CompuServe, not a pretty sight. I hope Garrett does a good job since he has managed to slam anyone who even thinks of reviewing a zine. I wouldn't want anyone to turn Garrett's criticisms against him; that would be a shame wouldn't it? <Cue Evil Laughter>

Diplomacy Downs is back! I don't know about anyone else, but I certainly missed it while publisher Bruce Reiff was moving.

Being an Eagles fan (or Iggles as they say here in Philly) I appreciated his prediction of an Eagles win in the Super Bowl, but I have to disagree. The Eagles offensive had their best year ever last year and they still got beat by the Redskins in the first round of the playoffs. Again they were hampered by holdouts on the defense. I think they will make the playoffs as a wild card and get knocked out in the first round again. I'll write Bruce a letter with a more detailed look at the NFL.

Bruce also informed me he beat Jim Yerkey at Avalon Con to win the Dip tournament there. Bruce also won the O tourney at Origins. Looks like he's on a role. Who can stop this man?

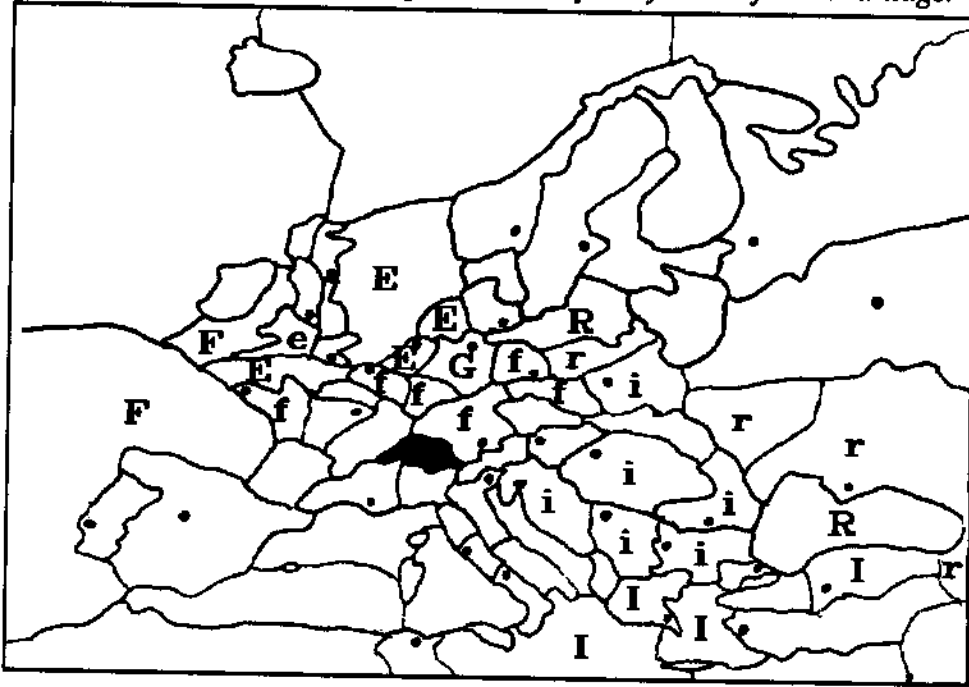
Looks like my favorite candidate, Arkansas governor Bill Clinton is serious considering a run for Democratic Party nominee, now that his friend Al Gore "the Whore" has decided not to run. Although I hate Gore, I think that Clinton would be an excellent nominee. He's a moderate Southern Democrat who might be able to get passed the party left wing-who sole mission is to force the party to elect a nominee so leftish that he couldn't possibly win-and give the Democrats a real chance at getting the White House. If he doesn't get the nomination I don't think even think Boris Yeltsin could get a Democrat into the White House.

How about that Boris Yetlsin anyway? Geez, can't you see it now. The House Affairs Committee on Un-Russian activity, "Is it true you were a card carrying member of the Communist Party?" "Well, yes, Senator, we all were. Don't you remember me? I sat two rows behind you at all the party meetings."

Well, I guess that is all for this month. Don't forget-sign up for Asian Dip or I will send Tom Nash to whine at you!

Diplomacy 5, Pessimism, 1990HB, F 07

"Russian revolution cuts its power in half..Italy takes full advantage."



England (O'Brien): F Ech-Bel, A Lvp-Wal, F Nth S F Ech-Bel, F Hol S F Ech-Bel, F Hel S F Hol.

France (S. Johnson): Ret F Ech-Pic, A Kie-Ruh..A Ber S A Boh-Sil, A Gas-Bre, A Mun S A Ber, A Ruh-Hol, A Boh-Sil, F Iri-Ech, F Pic S A Bel, F Spa(sc)-Mid, A Bel S A Ruh-Hol.

Germany (Diehl): F Kie S R. A Pru-Ber(NSO).

Italy (McClung): F Ion-Gre, F Tyn-Ion, F Con-Ank, F Aeg S F Ion-Gre, A Bul S A Rum, A Bud S A Rum, A Rum H, A Gal-War, A Tri-Ser, A Ven-Tri.

Russia (Bryant): NMR! F Bal U, A Pru U, A Sil U(Dis-ret Gal, OTB), A Ukr U, A Sev U, F Bla U, A Arm U, A Gre U(Dis-ret Alb, OTB).

F/I Draw Fails

Would Sean Brown please standby for Russia?

Supply Center Chart

England	Lon, Edi, Lvp, Nwy, Hol=5	Even
France	Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Bel, Mun, Ber=8	Remove 1
Germany	Kie, Den=2	Build 1
Italy	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum, Con, Ank, War=14	Build 4
Russia	Mos, StP, Sev, Swe, Smy=5	Remove 3

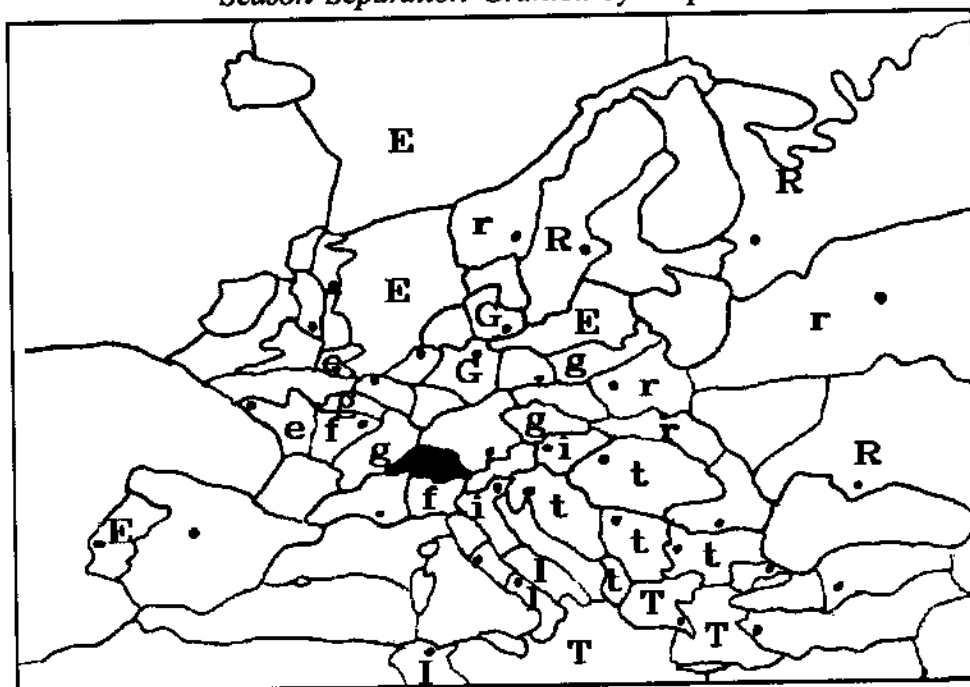
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France - All: The new French government will discuss anything with anybody.

Italy - Quigley: I don't care if you keep NMRing but if you don't send me that software I'm going to attack you.

Diplomacy 6,Agony,1990HA,W 06

"Season Separation Granted by Request!"



England (Preston): Ret F Nwy-Nwg,Rem F GoB..Has F Nwg,F Nth,A Bre,F Por,F Bal, A Lon.

France (Milewski): Has A Par,A Pie.

Germany (J. Johnson): Bld F Kie..Has A Pru,A Boh,F Den,F Kie,A Bur,A Pic.

Italy (Murray): Has A Vie,A Ven,F Apu,F Tun,F Nap.

Russia (Brown): Bld A War..Has A War H,A Gal,F Sev,A Mos,F StP(nc),A Nwy, F Swe.

Turkey (Shulman): Has F Aeg,F Gre,A Bul,F Ion,A Tri,A Bud,A Alb,A Ser.

Diplomacy 7,Scoop,1990IG,S 04

"German marines land in England..Italy having some major trouble."

Austria (Lord): A Tri-Ven,A Tyr S A Tri-Ven,A Pie S A Tri-Ven,A Bud-Vie, A Rum-Gal,A Bul-Rum,F Gre-Ion.

England (Carlberg): A Lon H.

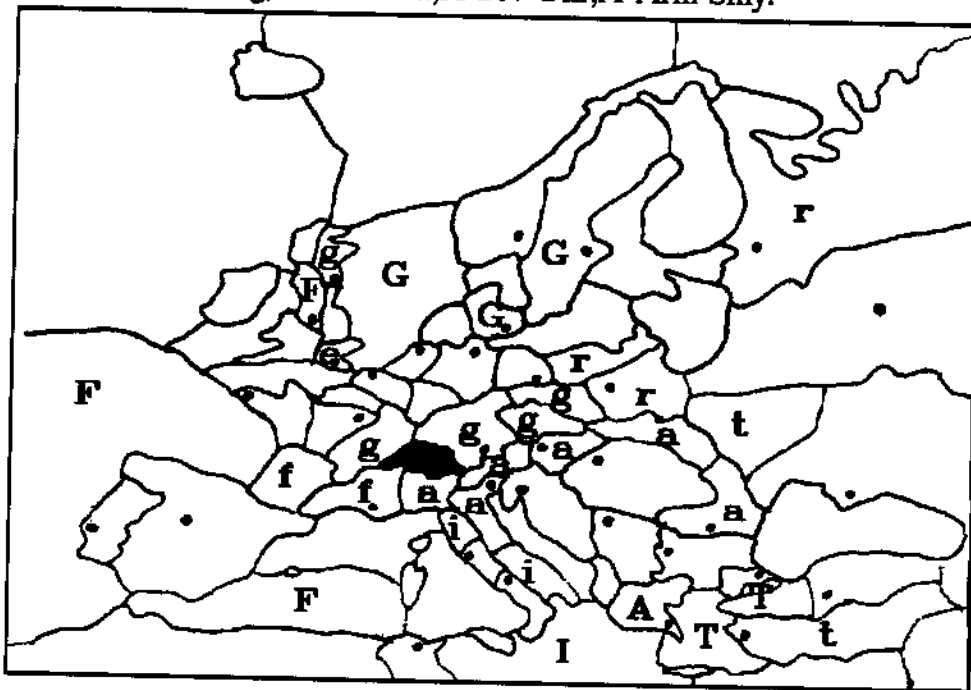
France (Diehl): F Iri-Lvp,F Ech-Mid,F Mid-Wme,A Spa-Mar,A Gas S A Spa-Mar.

Germany (Holley): A Ber-Sil,A Sil-Boh,A Mun S A Sil-Boh,A Bel-Bur,
A Nwy-Edi,F Nth C A Nwy-Edi,F Den S F Nth,F Swe-Nwy.

Italy (Bryant): F Ion-Gre,A Ven-Tus,A Apu-Ven.

Russia (Acheson): A StP-Nwy,A Ukr-War,A War-Pru.

Turkey (Brown): F Con-Aeg,F Ank-Con,A Sev-Ukr,A Arm-Smy.



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Germany - Austria: Just defensive moves.

France - England: Thanks.

Russia - Turkey/Austria: No letters, no calls?

Diplomacy 8,Atavachron,1990IH,W 03/S 04

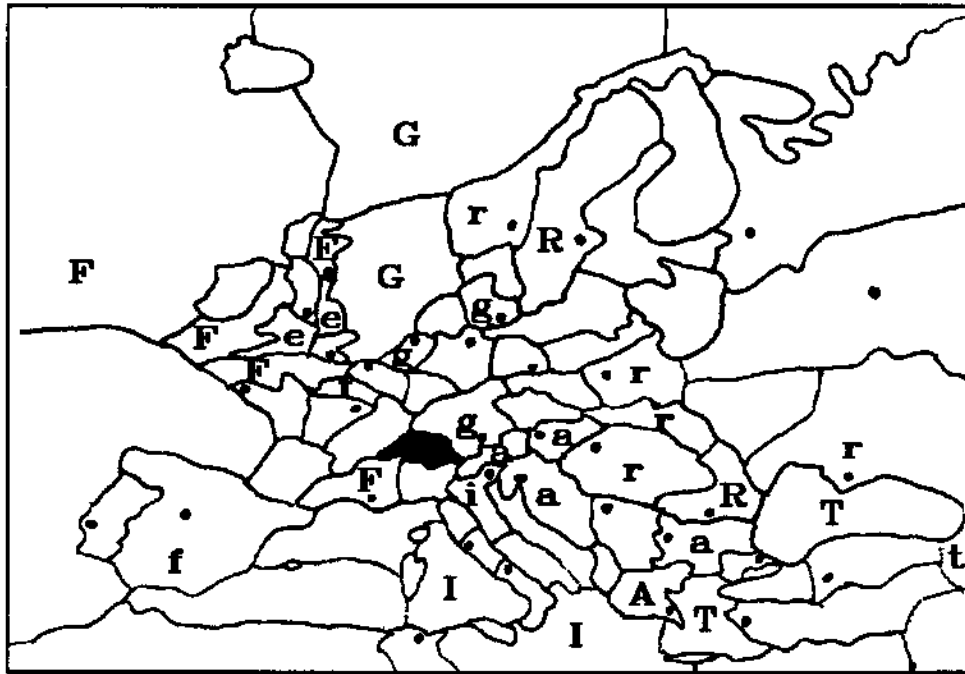
"French fleets sweep into the Med..England takes Sweden but helps in Moscow."

Austria (Acheson): F Alb-Adr,A Tri S I. A Ven,A Gal S T. A Ukr(OTM),A Bud S A Gal,
A Vie-Tyr.

England (Wang): A Fin-Swe,A StP S G. A Mos,F Ech-Mid,F GoB S A Fin-Swe,
F Nwg-NAt.

France (Lord): Bld F Mar,F Bre..F Naf-Tun,F Wme S F Naf-Tun,F Mar-Lyo,
F Tyn-Ion,A Pie-Tus,A Mun S G. A Tyr,F Bre-Mid.

Germany (Siegel): Bld A Kie..F Swe H(Dis-ret Nwy,Ska,Den,Bal,OTB),A Mos S A War,
A War S A Mos,A Sil S A War,A Ber-Pru,A Kie-Ber,A Tyr S F. A Pic.



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France - England: Talk is cheap Stven. I suggest that you stop all of this whining and lying and get down to business. Or maybe looking for a quick exit so that you can spend some more time with your zine Hoodwinked. Those of us who must suffer through your growing pains would appreciate a sincere effort.

Diplomacy 10,IOU,1991J,F 02

"Cooperation between powers spells trouble for Russia and Germany."

Austria (Brown): A Bud S I. A Gal-Rum,A Ser S I. A Gal-Rum,F Alb-Gre,
F Gre-Aeg(Destroyed).

England (Lord): A Hol-Kie,F Nth S F Nwy,F Hel S A Hol-Kie,F Nwy H,F Nwg-Bar.

France (Cox): A Ruh S E. A Hol-Kie,A Bur-Mun,A Pic-Bel,F Mid-Wme,F Spa(sc)-Lyo,
A Gas-Mar.

Germany (Schultz): A Kie-Den,A Pru-Ber,A Ber-Mun,F Den-Bal.

Italy (Diehl): Ret F Eme-Syr..A Ven-Tyr,A Gal-Rum,F Ion S F Syr-Eme,F Syr-Eme.

Russia (Hyatt): F Swe S A StP-Nwy,A StP-Nwy,A Lva-Mos,A Sil-Boh,A War-Gal,
F Rum S T. A Bul(Dis-ret Bla,Sev,OTB).

Turkey (Garrett): A Bul-Gre,A Con-Bul,F Aeg S A Bul-Gre,F Eme-Smy.

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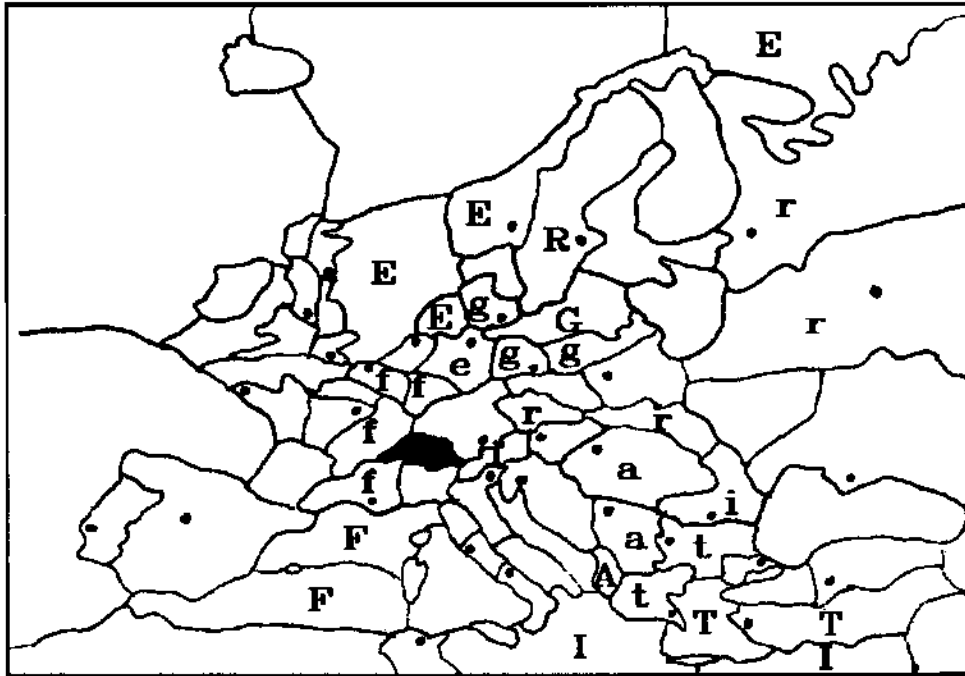
Austria Tri,Bud,Ser=3

England Edi,Lvp,Lon,Nwy,Hol,Kie=6

Even

Build 1

France	Bre,Par,Mar,Por,Spa,Bel=6	Even
Germany	Mun,Ber,Den=3	Remove 1
Italy	Ven,Rom,Nap,Vie,Rum=5	Build 1
Russia	StP,War,Mos,Sev,Swe=5	Remove 1
Turkey	Con,Smy,Ank,Bul,Gre=5	Build 1



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Rome - Ankara: Into the EME, out of the EME, into the EME, out of my mind! But don't we have barrels of fun?

Rome - Moscow: Sorry, but your Turkish Toad was unavailable for a donation.

Germany - All: The current mailing address for Randall Lee Schultz is HC74 Box 4136 Mayer, AZ 86333.

Germany - England/France: Aarg, you got me.

Diplomacy 11,Sythaxe,1991AS,F 01

"Nash screwing up already - only power to lose a home center in 1901."

Austria (Strong): A Gal S R. A Ukr-Rum,F Alb-Gre,A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

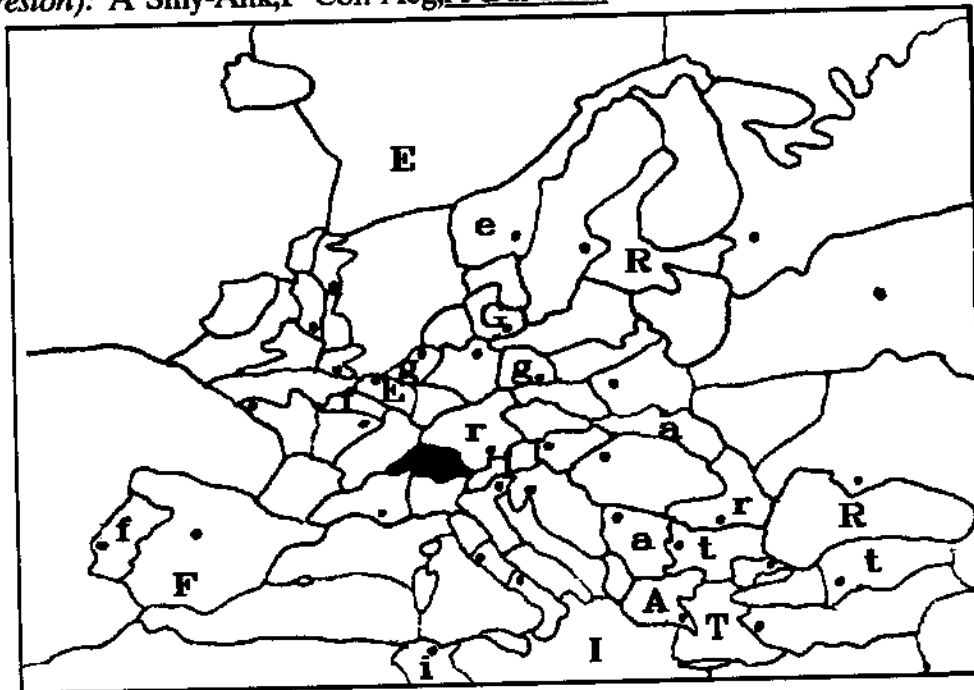
England (Greger): F Nth-Bel,F Nwg C A Edi-Nwy,A Edi-Nwy.

France (Holley): A Spa-Por,A Pic H,F Mid-Spa(sc).

Germany (Nash): F Den-Swe,A Mun-Ber,A Kie-Hol.

Italy (J. Johnson): A Ven-Tyr,A Apu-Tun,F Ion C A Apu-Tun.

Russia (Carlberg): A Ukr-Rum,F Bla S A Ukr-Rum,F GoB-Swe,A Sil-Mun.
Turkey (Preston): A Smy-Ank,F Con-Aeg,A Bul-Rum.



Supply Center Chart

Austria	Tri,Vie,Bud,Ser,Gre=5	Build 2
England	Edi,Lvp,Lon,Bel,Nwy=5	Build 2
France	Bre,Par,Mar,Por,Spa=5	Build 2
Germany	Ber,Kie,Den,Hol=4	Build 1
Italy	Ven,Rom,Nap,Tun=4	Build 1
Russia	War,StP,Mos,Sev,Rum,Mun=6	Build 2
Turkey	Con,Smy,Ank,Bul=4	Build 1

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Russia - Turkey: First Germany tells me that Turkey has allied with me and therefore he is organizing an E/G against me. Then Germany tells me that Turkey is mad at me so I'd better turn around and worry about the Black Sea. Why haven't I heard from *Turkey* about what Turkey's attitude toward Russia is? Sakes alive, man, talk to me!

Russia - Germany: Received your postcard the nigt before the deadline. A little earlier on the next round and we should be able to work something out. I doub't I'm actually in Munich or Sweden, and I only really want Sweden, so let's negotiate.

Turkey - Germany: Nice team attack!

Diplomacy 12,Heartache,1991AW,S 01

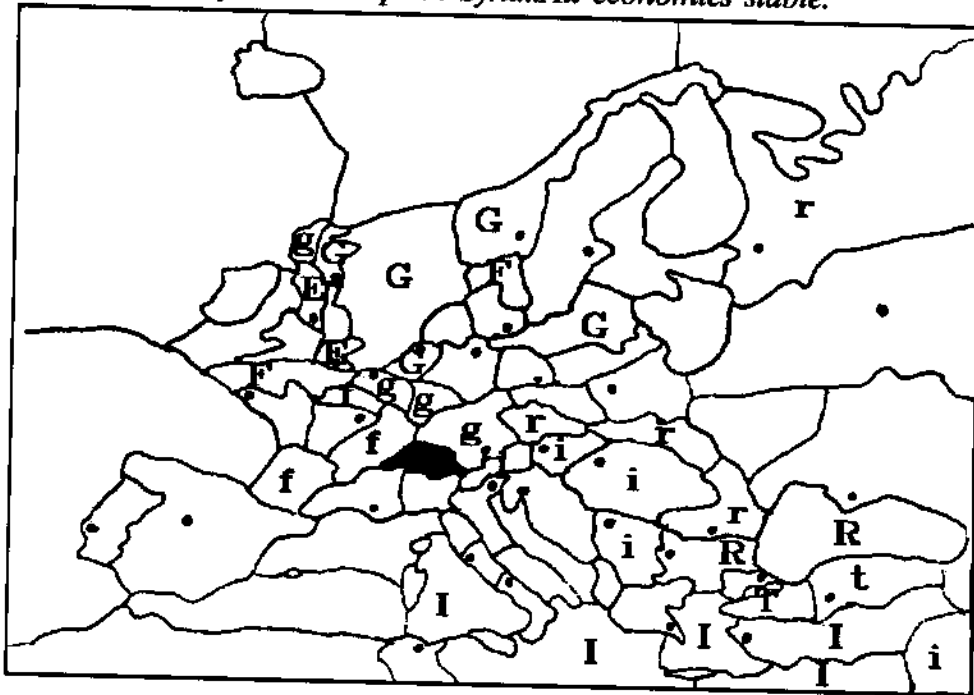
"Game delayed - two governments MIA!"
Mickey Preston will standby for Austria
Paul Milewski will standby for Italy

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France - All: The current mailing address for Randall Lee Schultz is HC74 Box 4136 Mayer, AZ 86333.

Gunboat 4,Abby Normal,1990Trb32,F 08

"Italy lands troops in Syria..All economies stable."



England: F Yor-Lon,F Lvp H.

France: Ret F Nth-Ska..F Ech-Nth,F Ska-Den,A Par-Bur,A Gas S A Par-Bur,
A Pic S A Par-Bur.

Germany: F Nwy-Swe,F Bal-Swe,F Nth-Den,F Edi-Nth,F Hol S F Edi-Nth,A Cly-Edi,
A Mun H,A Bel H,A Ruh S A Bel.

Italy: F Ion C A Alb-Syr,F Eme C A Alb-Syr,A Alb-Syr,F Tyn H,F Aeg-Con,
F Smy S F Aeg-Con,A Tyr S A Vie,A Vie S A Tyr,A Bud S A Ser,A Ser S A Bud.

Russia: A StP H,A Boh-Vie,A Gal-Bud,A Rum S A Gal-Bud,F Bul(ec) S F Bla-Con,
F Bla-Con.

Turkey: NMR! F Con U,A Ank U.

All proposed draws fail

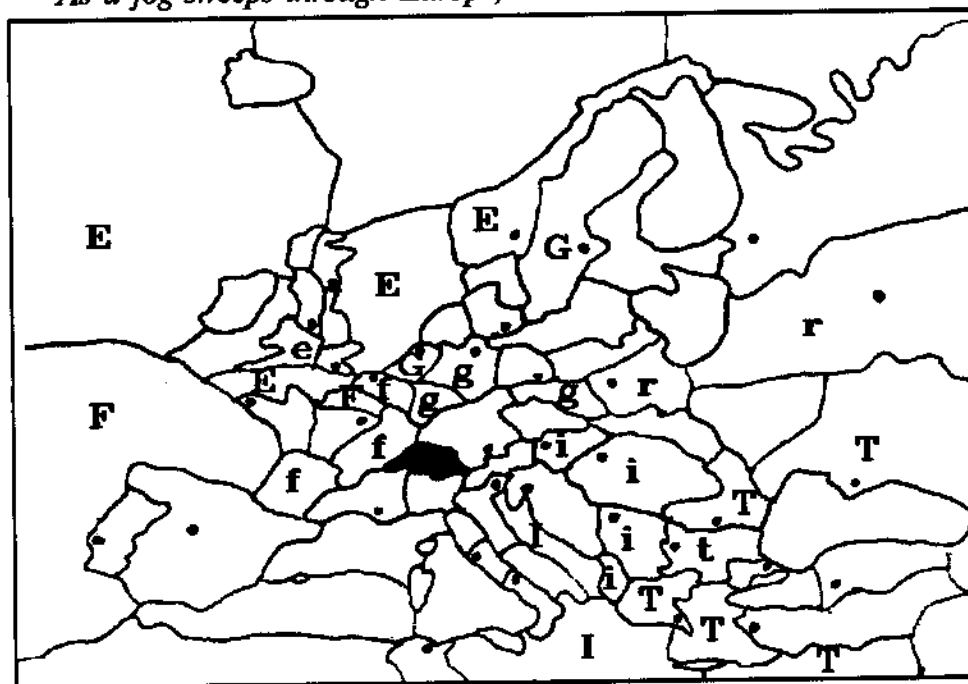
Now Proposed - G/I, F/I, F/G, G/I/R

Supply Center Chart

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

Gunboat 5, Whipsaw, 1990Xrb32, F 06

"As a fog sweeps through Europe, most nations still have builds."



Austria: A Bud H(Dis-ret Gal,OTB).

England: A Wal-Bel,F Ech C A Wal-Bel,F Nth S A Wal-Bel,F Nwy S F Nth,
F NAt-Mid.

France: A Gas-Bre,F Mid-Bre,F Pic-Ech,A Bur S A Bel,A Bel S A Bur.

Germany: A Kie S A Mun-Ruh,F Hol-Bel,A Ber-Sil,F Swe H,A Mun-Ruh.

Italy: A Vie S A Tri-Bud,A Tri-Bud,A Ser S A Alb-Gre,A Alb-Gre,F Adr S F Ion,
F Ion S A Alb-Gre.

Russia: NMR! A War U, A Mos U.

Turkey: F Eme-Ion,F Gre S F Eme-Ion,F Aeg S F Gre,A Bul S F Gre,F Sev S F Rum,
F Rum S F Sev.

All proposed draws fail

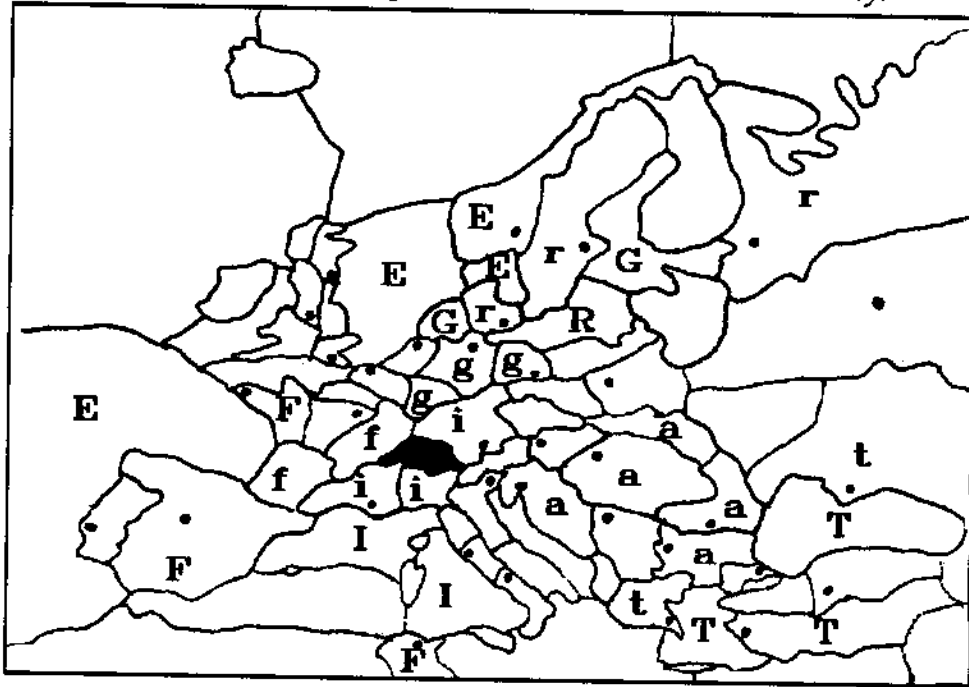
Now Proposed - E/F

Supply Center Chart

Austria	None=0	OUT!!
England	Edi,Lvp,Lon,Nwy,StP=5	Even
France	Bre,Par,Mar,Spa,Por,Bel=6	Build 1
Germany	Kie,Mun,Ber,Hol,Den,Swe=6	Build 1
Italy	Ven,Rom,Nap,Tun,Tri,Vie,Ser,Bud=8	Build 2
Russia	War,Mos=2	Even
Turkey	Con,Smy,Ank,Bul,Rum,Sev,Gre=7	Build 1

Gunboat 6,Road Games,1991Hrb32,W 02/S 03

"Italy and France swap centers, as do Austria and Turkey."



Austria: Ret F Bul(sc)-Aeg,Bld A Bud..A Ser-Bul,A Tri H,A Rum S A Ser-Bul,
F Aeg S A Ser-Bul(Dis-ret Ion,Eme,OTB),A Vie-Gal,A Bud S A Rum.

England: F Mid-Por,F Nwy S F Ska-Swe,F Ska-Swe,F Ech-Nth.

France: Ret A Bel-Pic,rem A Pic..F Bre H,F Spa(sc)-Por,F Wme-Tun,A Gas S F Bre,
A bur-Mar.

Germany: Ret A Mun-Ber,Bld F Kie..A Ber-Mun,F Kie-Hel,A Hol-Kie,A Bel-Ruh,
F StP(sc)-GoB.

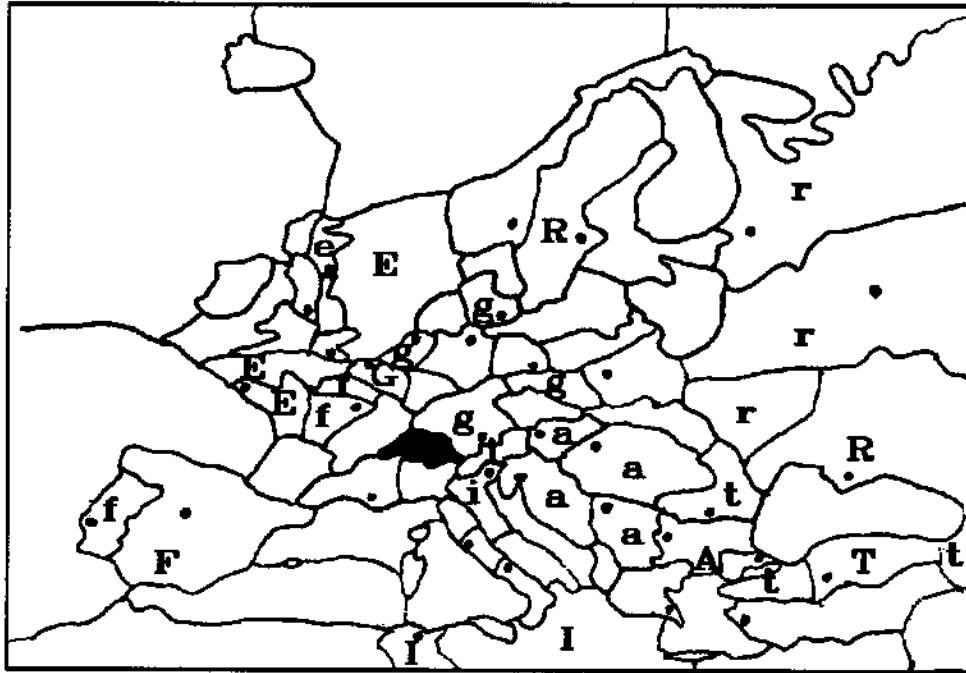
Italy: Bld F Nap..A Mun-Bel(Imp),A Pie-Mar,F Lyo S A Pie-Mar,F Nap-Tyn,A Tyr-Pie.

Russia: A Mos-StP,A Den S A Swe,A Swe S A Den,F Bal-Ber.

Turkey: Bld F Smy..F Con-Aeg,F Bla S A Sev-Rum,F Smy S F Con-Aeg,A Sev-Rum,
A Bul-Gre.

Gunboat 7, Enigmatic Ocean, 1991Qrb32, S 02

"Nations expend energy on many fronts, but make little headway."



Austria: A Vie S A Tri, A Tri S A Vie, A Bud-Rum, A Ser S F Gre-Bul(sc), F Gre-Bul(sc).
England: F Lon-Ech, A Edi-Nwy, F Bre-Mid, F Nth C A Edi-Nwy.
France: F Spa(sc)-Mid, A Por-Spa, A Bur-Pic, A Par S A Bur-Pic.
Germany: A Den-Swe, A Mun H, A Ber-Sil, A Kie-Hol, F Bel S E. F Lon-Ech.
Italy: F Nap-Ion, F Tun S F Nap-Ion, A Tyr S A Ven, A Ven S A Tyr.
Russia: F Sev-Bla, A Ukr S A Mos-Sev, A StP-Nwy, F Swe S A StP-Nwy, A Mos-Sev.
Turkey: A Rum S A Arm-Sev, A Con-Bul, A Arm-Sev, F Ank-Bla.

African Dip, Million Dollar Legs, 1991Sdm04, W 00

"Seasons separated as two powers fail to submit builds."

Ethiopia (B. Wilson): NBR! Plays 2 short..Has A Khar, F N. Indian, A Tanz.
Ivory Coast (Strong): Bld A Ouaga, A Abidjan, F Freetown..Has A Ouag, A Abidj,
 F Free, A Senegal, F Nigeria, A Chad H.
Libya (McHugh): Bld F Tunis..Has F Morocco, A E. Sah, F Tun, A Bengasi.
Saudi Arabia (Greger): Bld F Macca, A Riyadh..Has F Mecca, A Riyadh, F Dam,
 F Egy, A Iran.
South Africa (Bryant): NBR! Plays 2 short..Has F Namibia, A Botswana, F Madagas.
Zaire (Schultz): Bld A Kis, A Lub, A Kin..Has A Kis, A Lub, A Uga, A Zam, A Kin,
 F Gab.

Would Roger Cox standby for South Africa?
Would Graham Wilson standby for Ethiopia?

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France - All: The current mailing address for Randall Lee Schultz is HC74 Box 4136 Mayer, AZ 86333.

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 6

Small error from last time - X was listed in both Candidates and Siberia.
X was only in Siberia - Z was in Candidates.

Phase 1:Cures Red plays card 21 on K, who is now just +. K ages 3 to 77, N ages 1 to 64, O ages 1 to 65.

Phase 2:Purge No activity.

Phase 3:Spy Investigation Yellow, with C, condemns W to Siberia, and puts ? on N, R, J, S, and T. C ages 7 to 81.

Phase 4:Health C dies, O + to +.

Phase 6:Replacement J is promoted by age to Defense, G by age to Ideology.

Phase 7:Rehabilitation No activity

Phase 8:Parade Red, with K, waves! K ages 1 to 78.

Final Positions

Positions	Black	Red	Blue	Green	Muck	Yellow
Party Chief:						
K, 78, +, ?		10				3
KGB:						
N, 64, +, ?		10				
Foreign:						
R, 60, ?		3				
Defense:						
J, 67, ?		4				

Ideology:

G, 75, ++

Industry:

S, 58, ?

Economy:

O, 65, +, ?

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Sport:

T, 57, ?

Candidates: U 56, Z 50.

People: Empty.

Siberia: L 65, Q 60, W 54, X 53.

Kremlin Wall - A, B, C, D, E, F, H, I, M, P, V, Y.

Muck, Red, and Blue each have one wave, no one else has any.

The Increasing Influence will take place before turn 7 in the following order: Blue, Green, Muck, Yellow, Black, and Red. Don't forget to include your orders for that phase with your turn 7 orders.

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Look! It's Biff, one of our three cats!

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