

# Northern Home

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A jubilant GDC-Executive-Committee-for-life celebrate following a unanimous vote to re-name their triumvirate.

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**SPECIAL CAN-CON  
SOUVENIR  
EDITION!**

## WITH MY FOOT ON THE RAIL NEXT TO YOURS

Here's a handy excuse for being late: It is 10 days after my deadline and neither Jerry's promised submission nor Doug's required submission have arrived. They were sent—I phoned to check—so we'll see whose patience runs out first, mine or my readers. Perhaps I shouldn't mention this but it is a slow process for me at the best of times. It seems either I can't type because the little ones are awake or I can't type because they're sleeping.

Until recently I've been in the dark as to how I am doing—almost no feedback except for a couple of letters early on which basically said, "you're not Cal White!" ((oh.)) and some compliments from Doug Acheson who had to flatter me if he wanted "Windfields" back. Since last issue, both the Zine Register and the Runestone Poll results have come in.

The ZR arrived first. I would like to thank Andrew York, Brent McKee and Peter Gaughan for your kind words. Your charitable compliments are appreciated and your politely phrased criticisms are noted. I won't contradict anything but perhaps I can explain a couple of things. I really did consider trying to continue as Cal had done but I think I would have been a shabby imitation and I would have disappointed those who wanted Cal's style, done properly, as well as those who might have enjoyed my sehtick. As I said in my first editorial, I view it as a large Orphan project.

OK, I can contradict one thing—you were in one game, Brent, a gunboat game and you NMR'd out but don't feel bad. You join a select group of hobby notables including Jack McHugh, Kathy Caruso and Brad Wilson who have NMR'd out on me.

That ZR glow didn't last very long. Next came the Runestone results. Apparently I'm a critical success but a commercial failure. I know it was a small turnout but, just as in a game, it's the ones who take the time to write who are to be listened to. I never considered myself the worst pubber in Canada, or 20% of 30 overall. I figure I'm somewhere in the middle, like my politics. This is more than ego. For me to believe otherwise is to deliberately burden readers with rubbish. I am currently turning the house upside down to find a bus schedule. It's far more dramatic to run and leap under a bus. The effect is largely lost if you wait around too long.

As I am typing this the National Film Board of Canada is spending MY tax dollars on a project entitled "The Powder Room". It will be a full-length documentary on the subject of ladies' toilets. They have put out the call for "any washroom you've found worth remembering anywhere in the world." Yes, they have a travel budget, too. They say: they need washroom stories: "Whatever you've done in women's washrooms, we want to hear about it." Thank Heaven for the arts. I think I know where I would start cutting funding if I were Minister of Finance.

Well, let's let Doug Acheson have his say. But first, and this is for you, Pete Gaughan, who so eagerly anticipates a "traditional bash-each-other Canadian groupzine": I have it on good authority that in the winter months Doug Acheson tucks his shirt into his underwear!

## RANTINGS

by Doug Acheson

(There! I'm much more comfortable with an old heading).

I was reading the last non-contentious issue of NORTHERN FLAME, (a kinder, gentler zine) and had to agree with Robert's perceptions of the PBM hobby upon his attempted entry into the hobby. I too had noticed a cutting edge to most of the American zines which I had subscribed to. The Canadian scene on the other hand, was undergoing a minor renaissance and seemed to delight in an attitude of 'laugh and the world will laugh with you'. The letter columns were filled with responses to editorial comment of a non-personal nature and a goodly portion of these Canadian zines were dedicated to publishing ramblings other than Diplomacy. This made for a good read and it was this good read factor that impressed me and still is a priority in what I want to see in something that I may subscribe too. I guess it's also one of my rules of GMing/publishing. What makes a good read? Something that over the course of time can be pulled out of the dusty files and be re-read with the same enjoyment and anticipation of the next issue as the first contact. My favourite example would be the press releases for the game "Algoma" 1986J carried in Alan Stewart's PRAXIS. The press releases, somehow after the demise of the Turkish player in '04, started showing up as press in another game "Carleton" 1986N, also being run in PRAXIS with the late Turkish player now the Austrian power. The press was fabulous, running for pages at a time and finally coming to a conclusion with the demise of PRAXIS in May '89. Someday I'll tell you about it. Another good read was the Australian zine TRAGEDY and HOPE, which due to it's outrageous content caused me to run for the position of chairman of the Australian Diplomacy Organization (an absolute rip!).

A good read, an interesting zine are what piqued my interest. What was it that caught your attention, caused you to get involved with PBM Diplomacy? Did you have a brother that needed canon fodder for a couple of his games? I'd be curious to know. My address is with the "Windfields" game elsewhere in issue or send your memories to papa Lesco (he won't have the foggiest idea what it's all about but will like the mail).

## HOBBYSTUFF

As I was mailing out the last issue I suddenly made a connection. From Diplomag Vol. V, No. 33/Whole No. 123 (that's the one where they beat the NRA to the punch by referring to Newt Gingrich as "Obersturmbahnführer"): "There will be an Award in honor of the late Fred Hyatt in 1996. Sorry I can't say more about it now, but the announcement will be made at this year's DipCon..." From Northern Flame Vol. 2, No. 56/Whole No. 56; "...an award in Fred Hyatt's memory for excellence in GMing is in the works."

Yes, I have "scooped" the newsletter of the American Mensa Postal Diplomacy SIG! I only hope that in doing so I haven't blown my chance to be spared their Final Solution, as proposed by the L. A. chapter, once they take over the world (any minute now, I just know it. They laughed at Brian Hobart too, you know, and they aren't laughing now. Accidly, they've forgotten who he is...). Northern Flame: the only 'zine you need to read.

Re the Zine Register, MIKE LOWREY writes: "The ZR I envision will be smaller than Pete's efforts, for a number of reasons. First, as you yourself point out, the hobby is smaller. A smaller hobby means less things to review. Also, as I do a smaller, less-internationally tradable zine than Peter does, I suspect that the foreign coverage will be less. I don't plan to include non-English language, non-North American zines,—aside from German language publications, I can't make an intelligent comment about these.

"I think your comments last time and Brent McKee's in the last ZR do highlight one part of the job though—every reader's taste varies. Brent seems to prefer Pete's ZR's, you like Garret's (a view I don't share but that is something I don't want to get into) while I liked Tom Nash's efforts." ((I'm not saying that Garret's ZR's were better than Peter's, just that we should look again, dispassionately, and recognize the things he did well. Do you remember Ken Peel's ZR's? They were ideal for me when I was starting out. I recall being almost scared off by the antics of the Bad Boys—imagine them on the internet—but Ken's flippant dismissal of them led me to believe that I could do likewise.))

My poll regarding whether it is OK to allow orders to be conditional upon whether an NMRing player or a stand-by plays a power was a no-brainer. Everyone responding said "Yes.". Typical of the answers was ANDREW YORK who wrote, "As the 'change in government' occurs prior to the season being adjudicated, it follows that it would be allowed. Just as you can make your orders conditional on a retreat;" MICHAEL LOWREY adds, "It is possible that you might work out some sort of deal with the stand-by...when a different arrangement was in order with the NMRing player. As a player, what do you do if you don't know who you're playing against?" GERRY PAULSON raises a significant point: "Otherwise, would there be much incentive for the stand-by to conduct diplomacy prior to taking control of the position?". My thanks to all who responded.

This issue's player/GM poll: Many 'zines have a houserule forbidding more than 2 players in the same area code in any one game. In this spirit, should more than 2 players with internet/e-mail access be allowed in the same game?

### DIARY OF A CDO MEMBER

17JUNE1995—Cambridge, Ontario

This year's CDO general meeting confirms my suspicions that the hobby is perhaps not in the best of hands. It started impressively enough with Cal White marching in accompanied by the Acheson brothers fanning him with giant palm leaves. Conceivably they could find a more dignified professional tune than "March of the Kitchen Utensils" but the sight of their hips shooting to one side, as if doing the bump, with each of Vaughan Williams' orchestral harrumphs is most inspiring. The problems began soon after. We were barely able to maintain a quorum. One member, who I recognized as a former subzine writer, spent the entire session crawling out from beneath chairs muttering, "Fascists! They're everywhere! How much money do you make? Are you now or have you ever..." Meanwhile, the left coast representative couldn't be lured in from the parking lot where we could hear him pointing at people's cars and exclaiming, "He's got one and I haven't! This Capitolism isn't fair!"

It fell to me and the member representing the Praries to conduct the important business. I can't help but notice his attire: checkered slacks, gingham shirt, plaid jacket and tartan necktie. He explains that he plans to take a bus to Toronto later and chase some big city women.

We quickly take care of the main article of business which is a plan to rid the Great Lakes of zebra mussels by sending the Spanish embassy a cable reading, "They belong to us. You can't have them." That done, I inform my colleague that in Toronto single women wear blue outfits, complete with caps and drive around in cars with lights on top, looking for men. The thing to do is to walk to the middle of the street and dance the funky chicken while waving a two dollar bill over your head. We part and I rush home to view the results of my mischief accompanied by a bottle of Chateau LaTour 1948 and a plate of Beluga caviar, on the CBC Evening News. Then I'll scarf back a bag of Oreos.

CanCon Notes

by Jerry Falkiner

CanCon was held on June 16, 17, and 18. Our numbers were small, but the games were interesting. A total of 9 people attended, with one regular Dip game played, one gunboat and two Dip variants. I am interested in hearing from those who attended about the variant. We play regular Dip except that the moves are only known by the GM. All players come back to the table after adjudication. Since I was the GM for both games, it was interesting watching the faces of the players when they came back to the board. You wouldn't believe the quizzical faces people pull when they try to decipher what happened on the turn. Unordered units, misordered units, change of alliances and surprise supports really had players thinking. I will list one pro and con on the variant:

Pro-maybe it was the players, or maybe the variant. The games did not display some of the heated arguments normally seen when the same players are in 3 or 4 games in one weekend.

Con-keeping track of all the countries was difficult to say the least. You spent most of the time trying to figure out what happened in your own area (especially with the mistakes and surprise change of alliances) and lost track of players on the other side of the board.

The list of points is below. Congrats to FRANK EASTON on winning the overall championship this year. I am sure we will all remember that next year!

	GP	Pts.	Best 3 Games
Vance Copeland	4	41	40
Cal White	3	43	43
Glenn McMaster	4	138	132
Frank Easton	4	180	147
Frank Cauz	3	46	46
Mario Cauz	4	2	2
Graham Wilson	4	49	49
Robert Lesco	1	0	0 ((Doh!))
Jerry Falkiner	2	34	34

Points were awarded: 100-win, 50-2 way draw, 33-3 way draw, 25-4 way draw  
+1 point for each centre

We have discussed CanCon for next year. The probability is that it will return to Toronto and occur in August. I have a few suggestions to kick off discussions:

- holding CanCon every other year (bi-yearly)
- return to an August weekend
- site to be U of T campus (games in townhouses)
- mailings to be out in March
- RSVP deposits required by late May--needed for booking

The last one is important. Booking townhouses requires money. If not enough interest is shown, other plans can be made, or we can drop the idea. We need someone to check costs, a treasurer, an overall organizer and space in the zines (thanks to Bob, Rob and Mike for plugging CanCon). A brief survey indicates interest from 14 to 20 people for next year. I am going to put the ball in the hands of the zines to open discussion on how to increase interest.

Some final notes on CanCon: Whether we played games or not, I really enjoyed talking to people in the hobby again. Thanks to all who attended, and to those who called to say they could not make it. We all had some years to catch up on.

Till next year guys.

PS. I am bringing a very large knife next year--beware!

A special thanks to my wife and kids for clearing out to let me have the "Dip" weekend.

Jerry Falkiner-Cambridge, Ontario

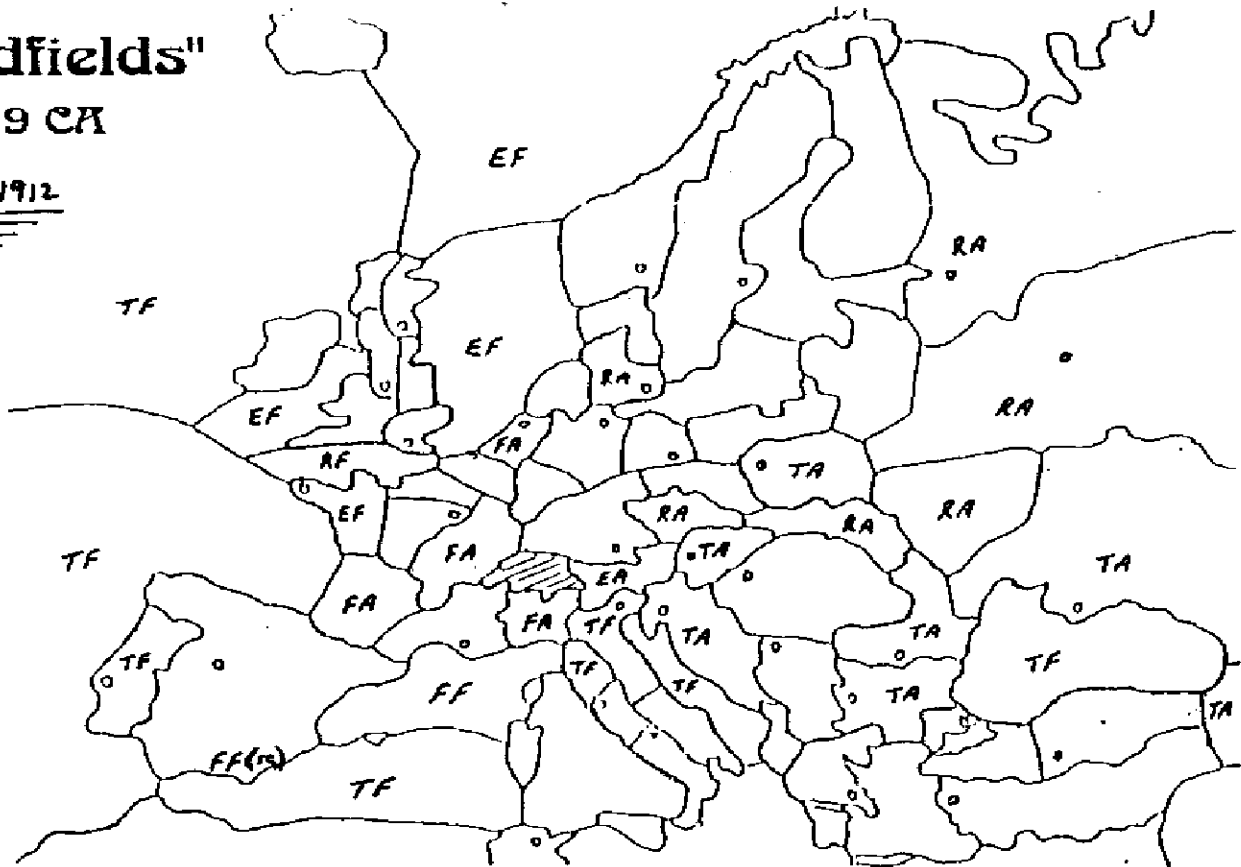
((Thank you, Jerry for your report. I think we all owe a big thank-you to Jerry for reviving CanCon and offering to host it at his place. About that score: I can explain. We started Round One after 10PM on Friday and I drew Germany to Frank Easton's England & Cal White's France so it was mainly a matter of who I wanted to be chewed up by. We all enter these games with varying baggage on board. I had in mind a job interview scheduled for the next morning. When a certain result slipped from reach I endeavoured to make a quick exit. Not so easily done, I ended up leaving after 3AM and got home about an hour later. I hesitate to recommend it, but I did do rather well--I was too tired to be nervous. In fact, my biggest worry was what to do if I got a job offer out of it. It was one of those openings you feel obligated to try for and it's never a bad idea to keep in practice for job interviews. As luck would have it, I didn't receive an offer. Best line of the Con was from Cal White to me: "I gave you the zine; you give me Belgium."

Hey, Jerry, who popped my last unit after I had left?))

# "Windfields"

1989 CA

FALL 1912



## AWESOME OTTOMAN GURKED AT 17

summer 1912

TURKEY

A Galacia retreat to Warsaw

fall 1912

ENGLAND

(Robert Acheson): F Bre-MAO; F Iri-Lvp; F Nwy-NAO; F Hol-Nih; A Tyr-Tri.

FRANCE

(John McLaurin): A Gas-s-F Sp(sc); F Mar-Gol; A Bur-s-A Gas; A Pic H;  
A Hol H; F Sp(sc)-s-ENG; F Bre-MAO.

RUSSIA

(Andrew York): A Mos-s-A Ukr-War; A Ukr-War; A Gal-s-A Ukr-War;  
A Boh-s-A Gal; A Nwy-SIP; F Nth-Eng; A Den Uno.

TURKEY

(Glenn McMaster): F NAO-Lvp; F MAO-Sp(nc); F Por-s-F MAO-Sp(nc);  
F Tun-WMS; F Ven H; F Adr-s-F Ven; A Tri-s-A Vic; F TyS-Tus;  
A Vic H; A Rum-Gal; A Bul-Rum; A Arm-Sev; A Sev-Mos;  
A War-s-A Sev-Mos; F Blk-s-A Dul-Rum.

### PRESS

TUK-GM; *Censor my press will you!!*

GM-TUR: *I wrote what you asked for for a heading*

### SC STATUS & BUILD/REMOVAL CHART FOR 1912

A: Vic

(0) Out Thanks Melinda.

E: Lon, Dag, Bre, Kie, Ber

(4) Remove one.

F: Mar, Par, Spa, Mun, Bel, Hol

(6) Even

R: SIP, Mos, War, Lvp, Nwy, Edi, Swe, DEN

(7) Even

T: Home, Bul, Gre, Tun, Ser, Nap, Rom, Rum, Sev, Ven, Bud

Tri, Por, Vie, WAR

(17) Build two.

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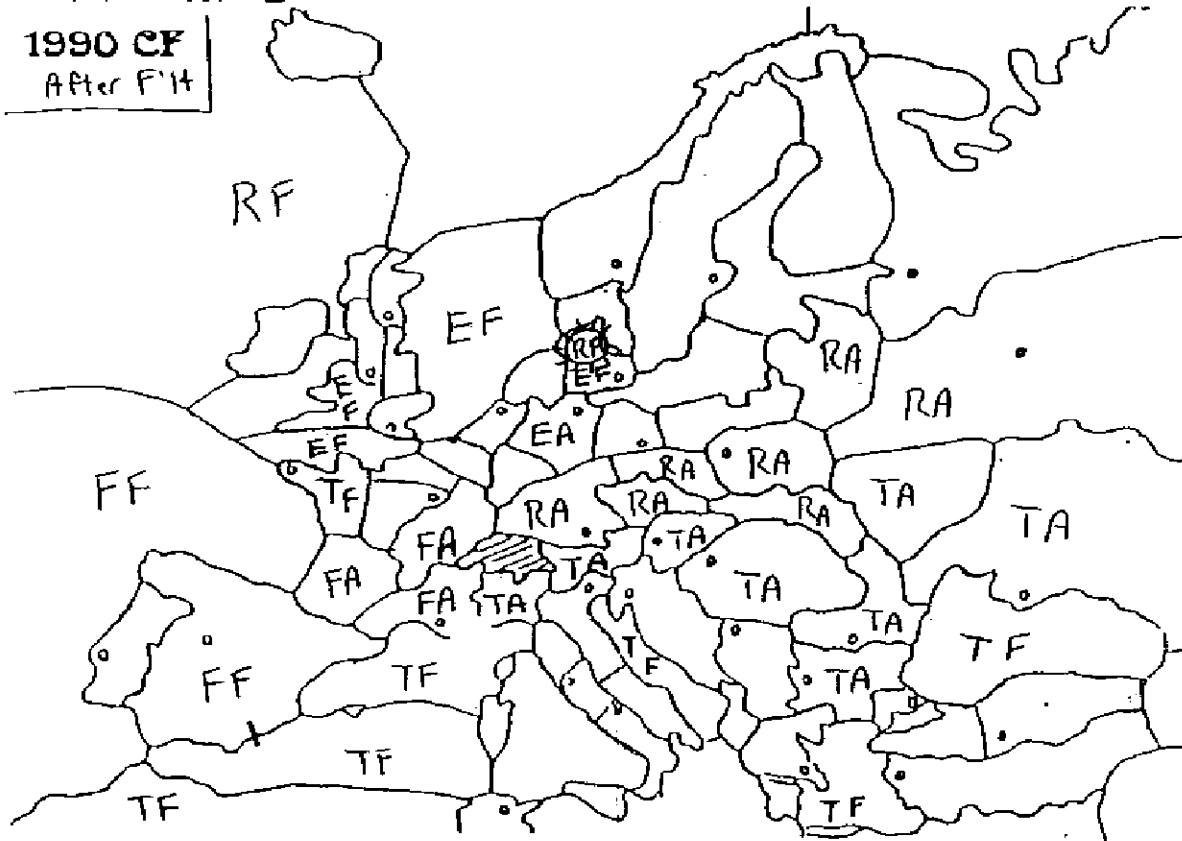
telephone (705) 726-9362; fax (705) 721-1442

DEADLINE - as per papa Robert Lesco's decree!!!

SHIRT POCKET NOTE - This game was written-up and adjudicated on July 11th which just so happens to be my 2nd anniversary of my second marriage with my second wife beating me over the head so as to encourage me to work faster. Does that make any sense to you? What's wrong with this picture?? Puzzled!

# "Steve Earle" FALL 1914

1990 CF  
After F'14



Summer retreats: France retreats former F Mao to POR  
Turkey retreats former A Gal to BUD

ENGLAND(Fred Wiedemeyer): A Hol-KIE; F Bel-ENG; F Hel-DEN; F Lon-WAL;  
 F NTS S F Hel-Den;

FRANCE (Andrew York): F Por-MAO; F SPA(sc) S F Por-Mao; A GAS S F Spa(sc);  
 A BUR S A Mar; A MAR S F Spa(sc);

RUSSIA(Bob Acheson): F Nwg-NAO; F Den H(disl/ret Ska, Swe, Bal, otb);  
 A BOH-Tyo; A MUN S A Boh-Tyo; A SIL-Boh; A GAL S A Sil-Boh;  
 A WAR S A Gal; A LVN S A Mos; A MOS H;

TURKEY(David Anderson): F Mao-BRE; F NAP-Mao; F Tyn-WES; F Ion-ADR;  
 F LYO S F Tyn-Wes; F Con-AEG; A TYO S A Vie; A PIE S A Tyo;  
 A VIE S A Tyo; A BUD S A Vie; A RUM-Gal; A SEV S A Ukr;  
 A UKR S A Rum-Gal; A Arm-BUL; F BLA C A Arm-Bul;

## Supply Centres After 1914:

E: Home, Hol, Bel, DEN, KIE	(7) Build two
F: Mar, Par, <del>Bel</del> , Spa, Por	(4) Remove one
R: StP, Mos, War, Mun, Ber, Swe, <del>Bel</del> , <del>Den</del> , Nwy	(7) Remove two
T: Home, Gre, Bul, Ser, Tri, Ven, Rom, Nap, Bud, Tup, Vie, Rum, Sev, BRE	(16) Build one

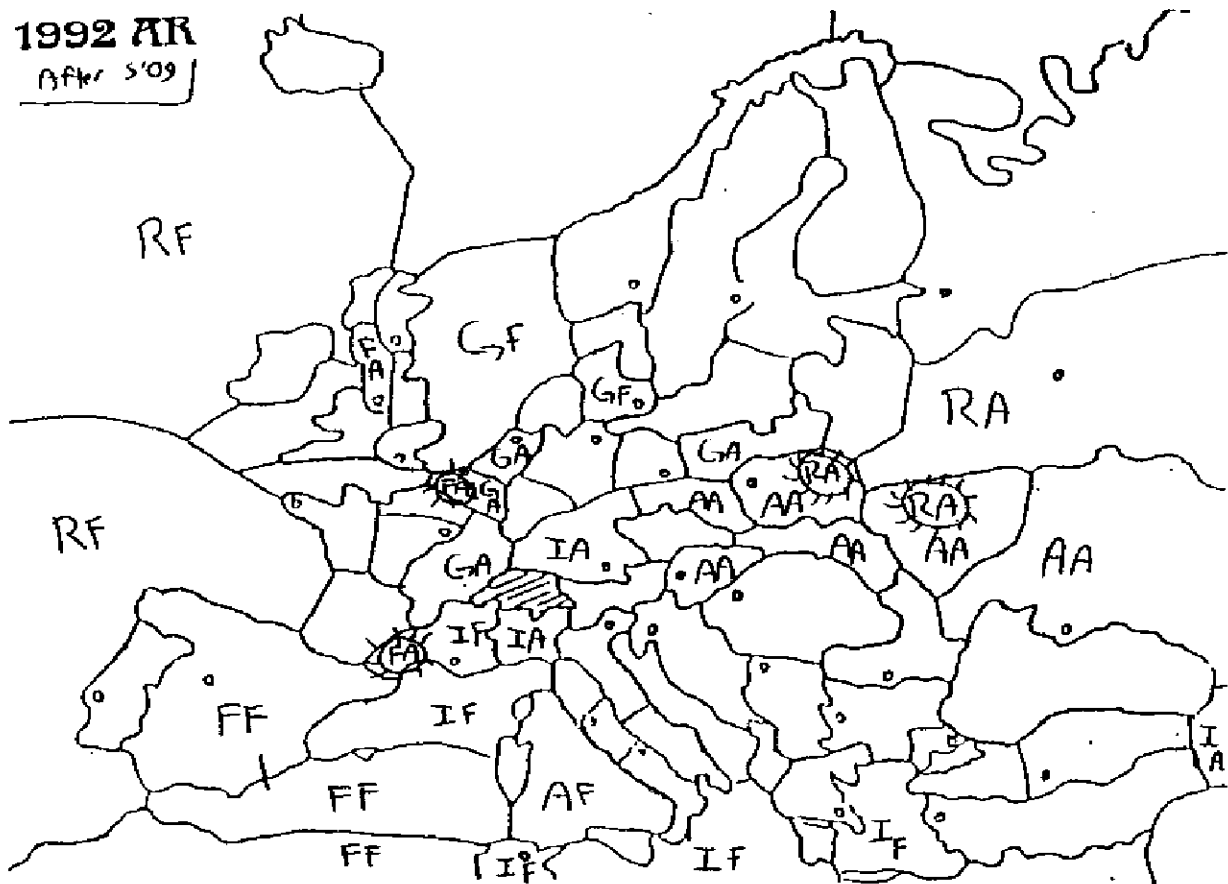
Both the draw and the concession proposal failed to pass.

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 Further to that bit last issue about Orlando Cepeda belonging in the Baseball Hall of Fame, there has been talk going about, in Dugout magazine and elsewhere, concerning Richie Ashburn. According to Bill James, Ashburn was "the fourth-best centre fielder of the 1950's" (after Mays, Mantle and Snider) and "a better all-around player than any National League centre fielder of the 1930's and 1940's." As I am wont to do, let's examine the numbers. From 1948 to 1962 Richie Ashburn compiled a .308 batting average on 2,574 hits. He was an all-star five times. He won 2 NL batting titles, led the league in hits 3 times, in triples twice, walks 4 times and stolen bases once (as a rookie). To my knowledge (my latest reference leaves off after 1992), only 8 times has an outfielder recorded 500 or more putouts in a single season. Richie Ashburn did it 4 of those times. Put him in the Hall, I say. He has earned it.

# "Garth Brooks" WINTER 1908/5pmg 1909

SEE BELOW FOR  
CONTEST - OPEN TO ALL

1992 AR  
After 5'09



Winter 1908: Germany removes A Ber  
France NBR's and will play 2 units short

AUSTRIA(Fred Wiedemeyer): A VIE S A Gal; A Boh-SIL; A GAL S A Rum-Ukr;  
A Rum-UKR; A SEV S A Rum-Ukr; A Sil-WAR; F TYN-Wes;

FRANCE(Don Gill?): NMR!!!A LPL H; A Bel H(disl/ret Pic, otb); F SPA(sc) H;  
A Mar H(disl/ret Gas, otb); F WES H; F NAF H;

GERMANY(Pierre Touchette): A Kie-HOL; A Ruh-BEL; F NTS S A Ruh-Bel;  
A PRU S AUS A Sil-War; A Mun-BUR; F DEN H;

ITALY(Bob Sorfleet): F Lyo-MAR; A Tus-LYO; A Tyo-MUN; F Con-AEG;  
F TUN S AUS F Tyn-wes; A PIE S F Iyo-Mar; F ICN S F Tun;  
A ARM S AUS A Sev;

RUSSIA(John McLaurin): F NAOS FRE A Lpl; F MAO S FRE F Wes; A MOS S A Ukr;  
A War S A Ukr(disl/ret Lvn, otb); A Ukr S A War(disl/annih);

Would JERRY FALKINER please stand-by for France?

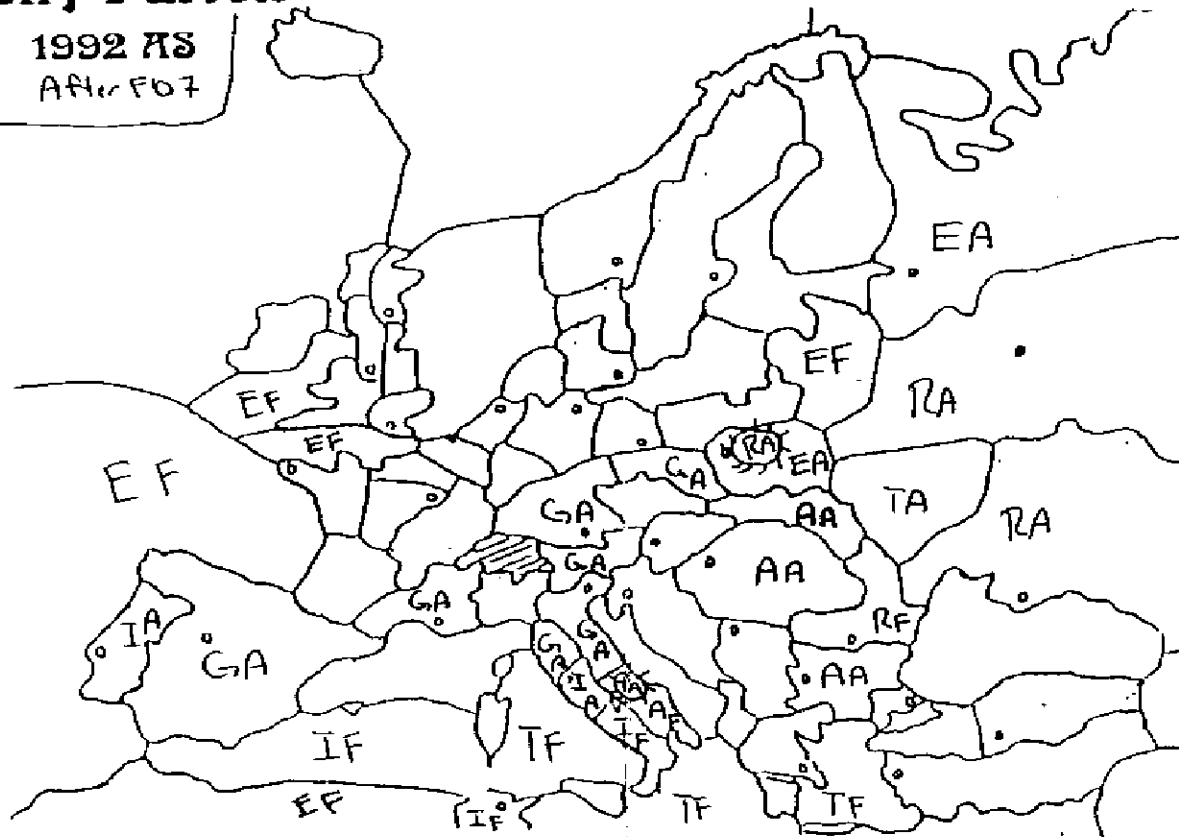
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One of the more positive legacies of the Boomers is that now anyone can buy back their childhood. (There's a'so the miniskirt and the Beatles... beyond that I see nothing of value. It still doesn't make up for Charlie Manson.) Anyhow, I used Richard as an excuse to buy the Thunderbirds set and, later, a couple of the original episodes on video. It's really just some neat toys and special effects and, of course, Supermarionation. If I had cable I could see them on TV but I probably watch too much as it is. I noticed something that had eluded me as a child. These films were made in the early to mid-sixties. The Tracy brothers' names are Scott, Virgil, Alan, Gordon & John. Given that in a world of cause and effect one must view all coincidences with suspicion, where do you think those names might have come from? A correct answer (meaning one that agrees with mine...) earns a free issue.

More fallout from the Turbot Wars: at Tracks Brewpub, Brian now refuses to make Spanish Coffee. Now, this doesn't bother me much since I won't even contaminate my coffee with milk or sugar but if you ask for Scottish Coffee you will get something remarkably similar.

# "Dolly Parton" FALL 1907

1992 AS  
After F07



Retreats from last time: Germany retreats former F Mao otb  
Italy submits no retreat; GM retreats F Mar otb

AUSTRIA(Vance Copeland): A Vie-GAL; A Ser-BUL; F Adr-APU; A Tri-BUD;

ENGLAND(Bob Sorfleet): F MAO S GER A Gas-Spa; F NAF-Wes; A STP-Mos;  
A Lvn-WAR; F Bot-LVN; F IRI uno(H); F ENG uno(H);

GERMANY(Martyn Phillips): A Gas-SPA; A MAR S A Gas-Spa; A TUS-Rom;  
A VEN S AUS F Adr-Apu; A SIL S ENG A Lvn-War; A TYO S A Ven;  
A Bur-MUN;

ITALY(Nelson Heintzman?): NMR IIIA POR H; F WES H; F TUN H; A ROM H;  
A NAP H;

RUSSIA(Gale Wetmore): A MOS S A War; A War S A Mos(disl/ret Pru, otb);  
F Bla-RUM; A SEV S A Mos;

TURKEY(Bob Acheson): A Rum-UKR; F Ion-TIN; F Aeg-ION; F Con-AEG;  
A Apu S AUS A Tri-Ven(nso/disl/annih);

## SUPPLY CENTRES AFTER 1908:

A: Home, Ser, BUL	(5) Build one
E: Home, Den, Swe, Nwy, StP, WAR	(8) Build one
G: Home, Hol, Bel, Par, Ven, Bre, SPA, Mar, 1 unit retreated otb	(10) Build three, BUT only has room for two
I: Rom, Nap, Tun, <del>MAI</del> , Por, <del>SPY</del> , 1 ret otb	(4) Remove one
R: Sev, <del>MAI</del> , Mos, Rum	(3) Remove one/Even dor
T: Home, <del>MAI</del> , Gre, 1a	(4) Even

Would MIKE GONSALVES please stand-by for Italy?  
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THIS IS YOUR BRAIN ON DRUGS(part two)  
"EMPLOYMENT is prostitution! Socialist Party, Box etc., etc."-National  
Personals, Globe & Mail 14August1993

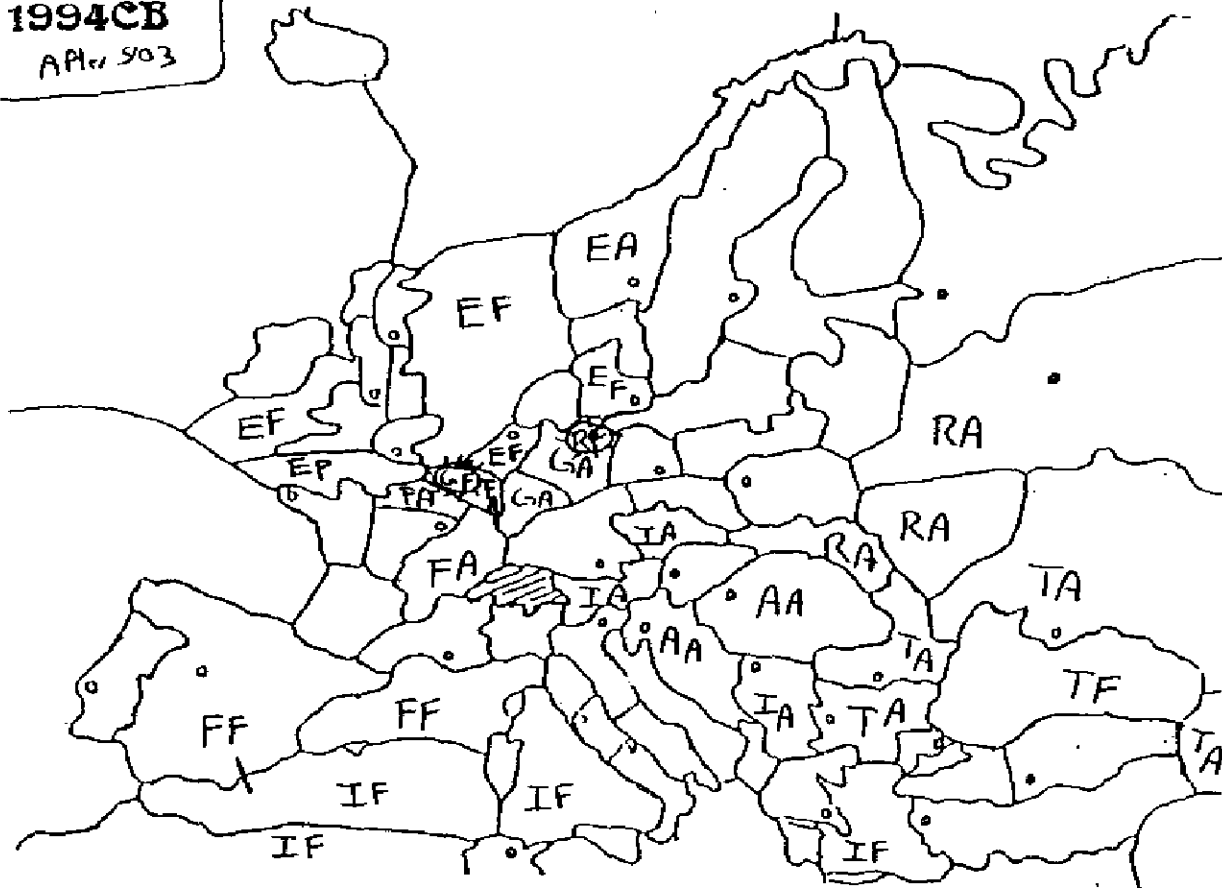
Papagayo's Cantina, a strip club in Bellvue, Washington, is currently  
fighting a ruling that decrees that its stage must be wheelchair-accessible.



# "ZappaFrank" SPRING 1903

1994CB

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- AUSTRIA(Mike Gonsalves): A TRI S A Gal-Bud; A Gal-BUD;  
 ENGLAND(Conrad von Metzke): A NWY H; F HOL S FRE A Bur-Bel;  
 F NTS S FRE A Bur-Bel; F Lpl-IRI; F Lon-ENG; F Swe-DEN;  
 FRANCE(Bob Sorfleet): F Mar-LYO; F SPA(sc)-Mao; A Bre-PIC; A Bur-BEL;  
 A Par-BUR;  
 GERMANY(Jerry Falkiner): A Mun-KIE; A RUH S A Mun-Kie;  
F Bel S ENG F Hol(disl/annih);  
 ITALY(Nelson Heintzman): F NAF-Mao; F Tyn-WES; F Rom-TYN; A Ven-TYO;  
 A Vie-BOH; F Gre-AEG; A SER-Rum;  
 RUSSIA(Martyn Phillips): A MOS-Sev; A War-GAL; A UKR S A War-Gal;  
F Kie S ENG F Hol(disl/ret Hel, Bal, Ber, otb);  
 TURKEY(Fred Wiedemeyer): A Con-RUM; F BLA C A Con-Rum;  
 A BUL S A Con-Rum; A SEV S A Con-Rum; A ARM S A Sev;

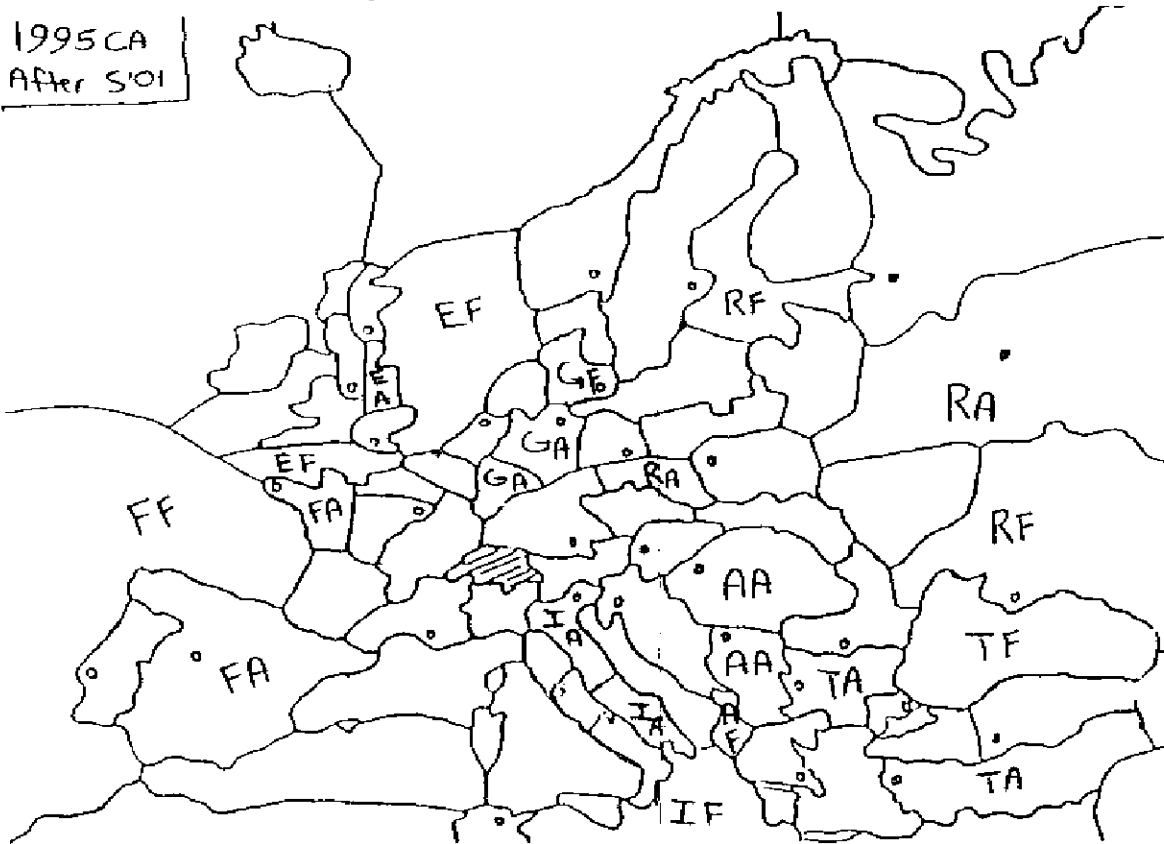
Please note that Jerry Falkiner is now playing the German position.  
 The Italian orders were on file from last time when we played separate seasons.  
 Perhaps I am over-reacting but to play it safe I would like to call on  
 ANDREW YORK to stand-by for Italy, please. (See the Dolly Parton game.)

GM: What, no Press?

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 In a review of Roger Kahn's The Era: 1947-1957, When the Yankees, the Giants, and the Dodgers Ruled the World from the Globe & Mail 5 February 1994 it is strongly implied that the New York Yankees had a chance to sign Willie Mays. Consider this quotation from Kahn: "If they had signed Mays, the Yankee outfield through the 1951 pennant race would have been remembered through the corridors of time: DiMaggio, Mantle, and Mays. One has to conclude that bigotry is not simply wicked. It is also pretty damn dumb." Oh yes, the verdict: "no homer, but a solid double." meaning you should read The Boys of Summer first if you haven't already.

"They shouldn't throw at me. I'm the father of five or six kids."-Giants' second baseman Tito Fuentes in 1974 (He is also known for his superstitions. He wore 17 chains under his uniform and coated his body with grease and chalk before games.)

1995CA  
After 501



AUSTRIA(Roy Rempel): A Bud-SER; A Vie-BUD; F Tri-ALB;  
 ENGLAND(Mike Gonsalves): F Lon-ENG; F Edi-NTS; A Lpl-YOR;  
 FRANCE(Vance Copeland): A Mar-SPA; F Bre-MAO; A Par-BRE;  
 GERMANY(Jerry Falkiner): F Kis-DEN; A Ber-KIE; A Mun-RUH;  
 ITALY(Gerry Paulson): F Nap-ION; A Ven-APU; A Rom-VEN;  
 RUSSIA(Richard Renner): A StP(sc)-BOT; A War-SIL; A MOS-Sev; F SEV-Arm;  
 TURKEY(Bob Sorfleet): A Con-BUL; F Ank-BLA; A SMY-Arm;

PRESS: Russia: New Mailing Address—3305 'B' Central Ave, Alameda, Calif. 94501. We are very busy at work & selling our house in San Jose, & my wife is doing a paralegal internship & doing a rental in Alameda. Time available for game, 0.

GM: ①Please note also Roy Rempel's new address on the back page.  
 ②Courtesy of Andrew York, we now have a Boardman Number.  
 ③Finally, Cal White has volunteered to write a turn by turn commentary of this game as it unfolds. It will be delayed a game-year or so, in order that it not interfere with the play. I could either run the current turn in the 'zine with Cal's interpretations of 2 or 3 turns ago (like Tyromania did) OR I could run the game on flyer and print an old turn with its corresponding commentary in the 'zine (like Diplomacy World) which would mean that the players would be ahead of the rest of us. Anyone who will be following along is welcome to comment on which way would be best BUT first of all, I need all seven players to approve of this idea. Rest assured, your comments/votes will remain anonymous. I will require 7 Yes votes. If I don't get them, not to worry I will try again when the next game, "Patsy Stone", opens up. Please let me know your opinions.

EDINA SAYS: "I've got to fit in a high colonic and a body wax this afternoon. Let's go now and we can discuss Jane Fonda's tits on the way."

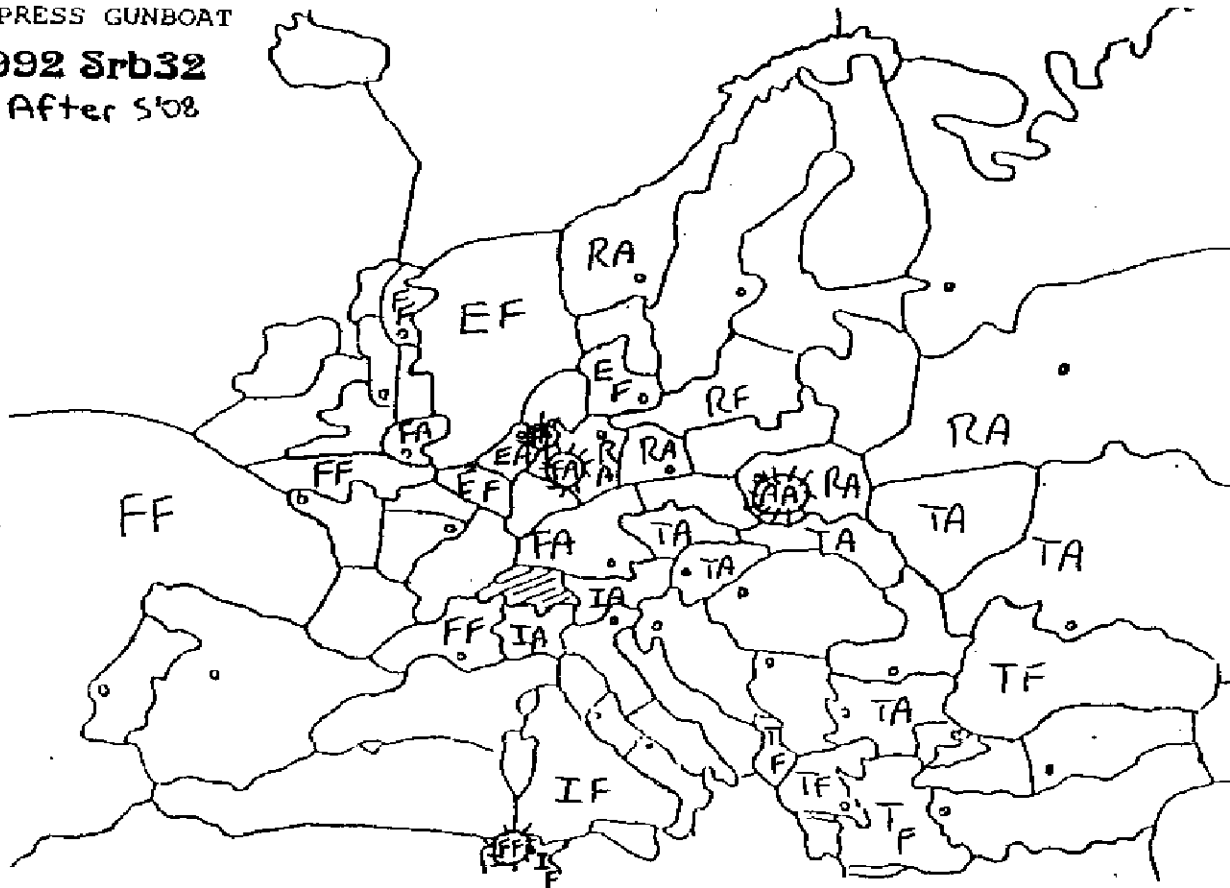
ABSOLUTELY

# "Robert Johnson" Winter 1907/Spring 1908

NO PRESS GUNBOAT

1992 Srb32

After 5'08



Retreat from last time: France retreats former A Mun to BUR

Winter '07 adjustments: Austria removes A Tyo  
France builds F MAR, F BRE  
Italy removes A Tus  
Turkey builds A CON

AUSTRIA: A War S TUR A Ukr-Mos(nso, displ/ret Pru, Sil, otb);

ENGLAND: A Lon-HOL; F DEN-Kie; F NTS C A Lon-Hol; F BEL S A Lon-Hol;

FRANCE: F Tun H(disl/ret Wes, NAF, otb); F ENG S A Wal-Lon; F EDI-Nts;  
A Kie S A Bur-Mun(disl/ret Ruh, otb); A Hol-Bel(disl/ret Ruh, otb);  
A Bur-MUN; A Wal-LON; F Bre-MAO; F MAR H;

ITALY: A Tri-TYO; A PIE S A Tri-Tyo; F Ion-TUN; F TYN S F Ion-Tun;

RUSSIA: A Lvn-WAR; A MOS S A Lvn-War; A Swe-NWY; A Mun-KIE;  
A BER S A Mun-Kie; F BAL S A Mun-Kie;

TURKEY: A Con-BUL; F Sev-BLA; A Rum-SEV;  
A UKR S A Rum-Sev; A GAL S A Ukr; A Vie-BOH; A Bud-VIE;  
F ALB S ITA A Tri(otm); F GRE S F Alb; F AEG S ITA F Ion(otm);

There's room here to mention something old and something new. First off, noone submitted an end-game statement for the Delta game so that one is a wrap. One thing that stands out is that like so many games, Deltas ended with a very crowded centre of the board situation, approaching a stalemate. Is it time for a change in the accepted thinking re. game openings and mid-game practice?

As for what's new, Patsy Stone has 4, maybe 5, people signed up so let me know ASAP if you want in. Remember, I do accept preference lists. By the way, PATSY SAYS: "Do you want to hear a new joke? It's not in very good taste, but I heard that apparently Elizabeth Taylor is the new ride at Disneyland."

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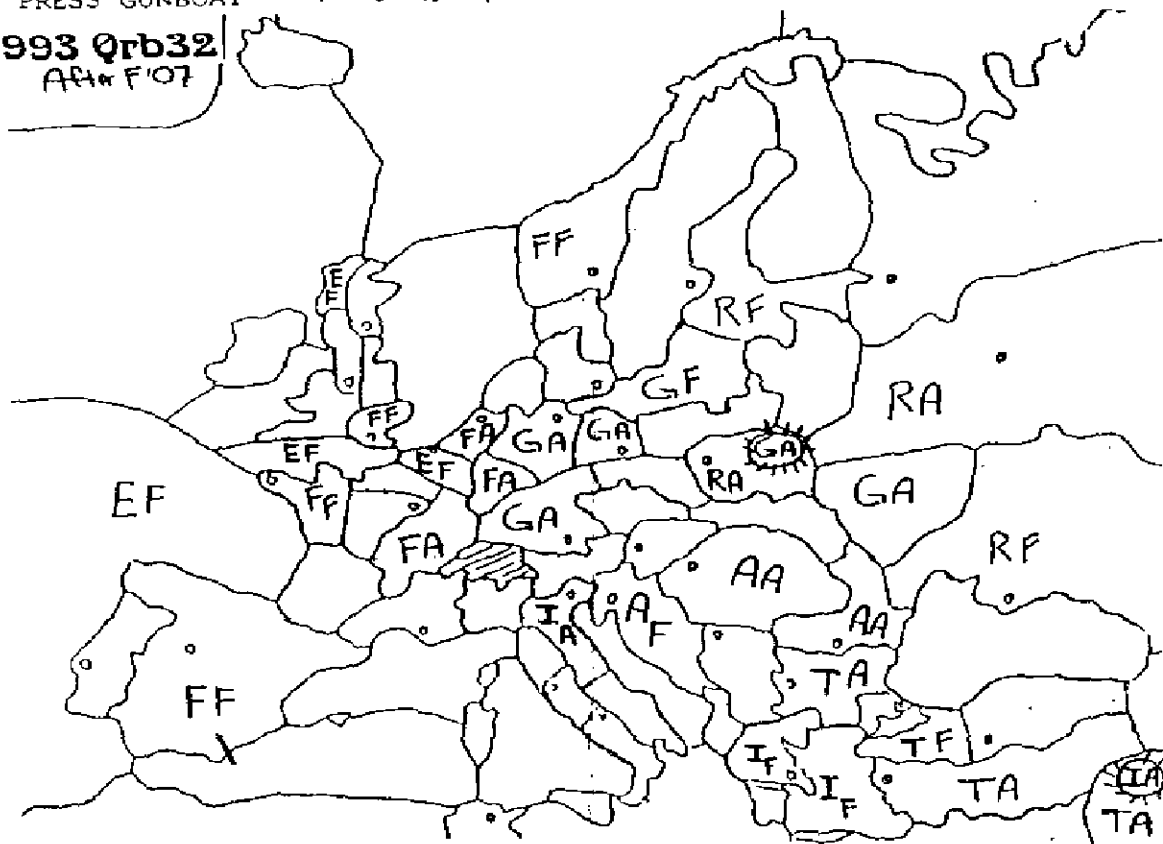
# "Travis Tritt"

NO PRESS GUNBOAT

FALL 1907

1993 Qrb32

AFH F'07



Summer retreats: Italy retreats former A Arm to SYR  
Russia retreats former F Rum to SEV

- AUSTRIA: A BUD S A Rum; A RUM S A Bud; F TRI H;  
 ENGLAND: F Nts-BEL; F MAO-Spa(nc); F Iri-ENG; F Lpl-CLY;  
 FRANCE: A BUR-Mun; F Nwg-NWY; F BRE-Mao; F Eng-LON; A HOL-Kie;  
A RUH S A Hol-Kie; F SPA(sc) S RUS F Bot-Swe(imp);  
 GERMANY: A Gal-UKR; A War S A Gal-Ukr(disl/ret Lvn, Pru, Sil, Boh, Gal, otb);  
F BAL-Swe; A MUN-Ruh; A KIE S A Mun-Ruh; A BER S A Kie;  
 ITALY: A VEN H; F GRE-Bul(sc); F AEG S A Syr-Smy; A Syr-Smy(disl/annih);  
 RUSSIA: F BOT-Swe; F SEV-Rum; A MOS S A Ukr-War; A Ukr-WAR;  
 TURKEY: A BUL S AUS A Rum; A Arm-SYR; F SMY S A Arm-Syr; A CON S F Smy;

## SUPPLY CENTRES AFTER 1907:

A: Tri, Bud, Ser, RUM	(4) Build one (but no room)
E: Edi, Lpl, <del>Lpl</del> , <del>Wgt</del> , BEL	(3) Remove one
F: Home, <del>BEL</del> , Spa, Por, Hol, <del>XI</del> , NWY, LON, 1a	(8) Build one
G: Ber, Mun, KIE, Den, <del>Wgt</del> , Swe, Vie	(6) Even/build one dor
I: Home, Tur, GRE, 1a	(5) Build two
R: StP, Mos, Sev, <del>Ruh</del> , WAR	(4) Even
T: Home, Bul, <del>Gr</del> , 1 short	(4) Even

Skydome Vice-President David Garrick: "The noblest of all dogs is the hot dog—it feeds the hand that bites it." Skydome's hot dog prices are currently the lowest of all 28 major league ball parks (at least until the end of June).

From the book We Played The Game, pitcher Barry Latman speaking of his first time facing Ted Williams: "I threw three straight strikes and (umpire) Nestor Chylak called three straight balls. I started hollering and screaming at him. He said, 'Mr. Williams will tell you when you throw a strike.'"

# RUNESTONE POLL RESULTS

## The 1995 Zine Poll

Rank	File Name	Votes	Percentile Change	Final Score	Modified mean	Pref score
1	{100} Maniac's Paradise	26	Rose by 2	9.558	9.337	10.000
2	{ 97} Perelandra	27	Fell by 3	8.966	8.708	9.483
3	{ 93} CDD Medical Journal	14	New to list	8.419	8.232	8.793
4	{ 90} Ramblings WAY	21	No change	8.348	8.470	8.103
5	{ 86} Ramblings by Moonlight	18	Fell by 6	8.337	8.194	8.621
6	{ 83} The Abyssinian Prince	19	Fell by 5	8.316	8.336	8.276
7	{ 79} Castagnana	26	Fell by 3	8.048	8.452	7.241
8	{ 76} off-the-shelf	16	No change	7.679	8.156	6.724
9	{ 72} Making Love in a Canoe	14	Rose by 8	7.418	7.679	6.897
10	{ 69} Metamorphosis	16	Rose by 11	7.346	7.656	6.724
11	{ 66} Zero Sum	14	Rose by 30	7.319	7.357	7.241
12	{ 62} Hoodwink	12	Fell by 24	7.208	7.708	6.207
13	{ 59} The Tactful Assassin	11	Rose by 7	7.049	7.557	6.034
14	{ 55} Cheesecake	16	Fell by 17	6.761	7.469	5.345
15	{ 52} Carolina Cmd & Commentary	14	Fell by 16	6.752	7.196	5.862
16	{ 48} Crimson Sky	10	Rose by 6	6.667	7.500	5.000
17	{ 45} Foolhardy	15	Fell by 15	6.262	7.583	3.621
18	{ 41} Absolute!	12	Fell by 13	5.989	7.000	3.966
19	{ 38} The Canadian Diplomat	19	Rose by 4	5.835	6.855	3.793
20	{ 34} Northern Flame	14	Rose by 14	5.733	6.875	3.448
21	{ 31} Rebel	15	Fell by 7	5.707	6.750	3.621
22	{ 28} Lemon Curry	12	Fell by 4	5.195	6.500	2.586
23	{ 24} Won If by Land	13	New to list	5.066	5.962	3.276
24	{ 21} Pontevedria	15	Fell by 3	4.999	6.292	2.414
25	{ 17} Diplomacy	12	Fell by 9	4.957	6.229	2.414
26	{ 14} Diplomacy World	17	Fell by 30	4.526	6.272	1.034
27	{ 10} Everything	13	Rose by 2	4.498	5.971	1.552
28	{ 7} Cogniscenti	14	Fell by 73	3.920	5.536	0.690
29	{ 3} Alpha & Omega	11	Fell by 1	3.527	4.773	1.034
30	{ 0} I Still Live	11	Fell by 48	2.144	3.216	0.000

## The 1995 GM Poll

Rank	File Name	Votes	Percentile Change	Final Score	Modified mean	Pref score
1	{100} Andy Lischett	8	Rose by 5	9.440	9.812	8.696
2	{ 96} Steven Glasgow	5	Fell by 4	8.848	9.250	8.043
3	{ 91} W. Andrew York	11	Rose by 27	8.471	9.011	7.391
4	{ 87} Pete Gaughan	8	Rose by 15	8.440	8.312	8.696
5	{ 83} Steven Carlberg	8	Fell by 5	8.378	8.219	8.696
6	{ 78} Mike Gonsalves	8	Rose by 19	8.298	8.969	6.957
7	{ 74} Jim Burgess	10	Fell by 11	8.007	8.750	6.522
8	{ 70} Eric Ozog	7	Fell by 7	7.591	8.125	6.522
9	{ 65} Michael Lowrey	8	Fell by 25	7.582	8.438	5.870
10	{ 61} Tom Howell	7	Rose by 12	7.543	8.054	6.522
11	{ 57} Chris Hassler	5	New to list	7.384	8.250	5.652
12	{ 52} Conrad von Metzke	12	Fell by 14	7.110	8.708	3.913
13	{ 48} Jim Benes	5	New to list	6.804	8.250	3.913
14	{ 43} Eric Young	6	Rose by 10	6.766	8.083	4.130
15	{ 39} Brent McKee	6	Rose by 21	6.510	7.917	3.696
16	{ 35} Paul Bolduc	5	New to list	6.402	8.625	1.957
17	{ 30} Robert Lesco	8	New to list	6.316	7.844	3.261
18	{ 26} David Wang	7	Rose by 3	5.837	7.125	3.261
19	{ 22} Don Del Grande	5	Rose by 19	5.783	6.500	4.348
20	{ 17} Richard Weiss	5	Fell by 8	5.630	7.250	2.391
21	{ 13} Michael Quist	5	New to list	5.594	6.000	4.783
22	{ 9} Bob Acheson	8	Fell by 12	5.402	7.125	1.957
23	{ 4} Melinda Holley	7	Fell by 49	5.309	6.768	2.391
24	{ 0} Brad Wilson	8	Fell by 8	3.645	5.250	0.435

## The 1995 Subzine Poll

Rank	File Name	Votes	Percentile Change	Final Score	Modified mean	Pref score
1	{100} Historical Spotlight	6	Rose by 27	8.405	8.500	8.214
2	{ 93} By the waters of Babylon	9	New to list	8.282	7.958	8.929
3	{ 86} Steve's Spot	6	Rose by 72	7.401	7.708	6.786
4	{ 79} Plausible Paraphernalia	9	New to list	7.357	8.008	6.071
5	{ 71} Sandy's Spotlight	8	New to list	7.149	7.688	6.071
6	{ 64} WAYwords	6	New to list	6.933	7.542	5.714
7	{ 57} The Ozine Voice	9	Rose by 16	6.885	7.292	6.071
8	{ 50} It's Me Again	14	Fell by 5	6.810	7.357	5.714
9	{ 43} ByWAY	9	New to list	6.738	7.250	5.714
10	{ 36} The Tar Pits	12	Fell by 14	6.250	6.875	5.000
11	{ 29} Mara's Recipe...	10	New to list	6.000	6.500	5.000
12	{ 21} Fred's Column	10	Fell by 15	5.417	6.875	2.500
13	{ 14} The Brazilian Times	5	Fell by 45	5.298	6.875	2.143
14	{ 7} College Football Ratings	12	New to list	3.933	5.542	0.714
15	{ 0} Vaginal Discharge	9	Fell by 9	3.175	4.583	0.357

# IN THE SACK (with Robert)

Right on top of the mail sack is a letter from ANDREW YORK who writes: "...You talk about the Internet; but I didn't know you had access! ((Well, actually I don't. I haven't stuck my head into an operating cement mixer either but I have a good idea that I can find better ways to use my time. I confess I've let other people's experiences put me off.))...there is an Internet BNC—Nick Fitzpatrick...((Here, I made an unclear analogy. By an Internet BNC I meant someone who could keep track of and index all the discussion groups going on. As I understand it, for all you know the very answer you're looking for could be under your nose but except for hearsay you wouldn't know that a particular source of information is available.)) As for being flame/feud free; I've not had any problems in my access to the Net. I've been out surfing; but I will say I haven't been involved in too many discussion groups (three or four right now). The on-line Web pages for Dip are excellent; as are the FTP sites. So, I'm not sure where you're coming from. ((In Omni magazine, Sept 1991 p.26 a study is noted where small groups of students were given a deadline to solve a problem. Some groups met face to face while others communicated via computer terminals. No inter-personal problems were reported in the face to face groups—or none of any consequence—while the computerized groups reported frequent name-calling and in one case the experiment had to be stopped in order that group members be escorted out of the building separately due to threats of physical violence. Further, one un-named firm reported 33 flames per month over their E-mail system compared to 4 out-bursts per month at face to face meetings. A social psychologist behind the study says the Internet creates the electronic equivalent of "a tribe of masked and robed individuals." An apt analogy, considering the inroads made of late by hate groups. Sorry, this just isn't for me.))

Andrew continues: "Your comments about the ZR are interesting. When Pete put the last issue, he mentioned he was going to make it an annual endeavour. He did try to get one out earlier than one year; but due to personal life he's been unable to. I think Mike will do just fine. ((Now that you mention it, I remember his idea to go annual. As you know, it's out now—more on that later—and I admit I was a bit rattled to read Mike, speaking of himself, using terms like "time constraints" and "burnout" but those comments were, in all likelihood, written back in February or earlier and in the latest CCC he outlines his plans for the ZR. One thing I might suggest, if you're reading this bit, Mike, is since you have an excess of free time once the school year ends, why not postpone the ZR until then? I won't mind the wait.)) You mention you liked Garret's 'game cost calculation'. In, and of itself, it wasn't bad. However, it was based on a very narrow set of constraints that weren't well defined. Basically, it only was of value to a person who: a) only played one game of Dip, b) had no interest in other aspects of the Zine (lettercol/subzines/etc), c) didn't worry about timeliness of the zine, and d) had no interest in quality of the GM. Thus a one page flyer, sent for free whenever the GM had extra funds is a better bargain than a multi-faceted zine allowing a person to play multiple games with other features. That is not to say a 'cheaper' game is any worse than a more 'expensive' game (in fact in some cases, quite the reverse). ((Your points are well taken. Garret did make his opinions on timeliness quite clear elsewhere, though. Somewhat aside, I think it's a good idea for newcomers not to play more than one game in a zine. First off, it's good to expose yourself to different players and styles of play and secondly you don't risk facing what I face whenever the Canadian Diplomat reaches my door—4 games worth of letters to dash off.))

"So you're an Europa enthusiast. I've been interested ever since I bought DNO at Origins II in 1976. It's a great series; just a tad expensive and unwieldy to play most of the time. I did have a couple of exciting games of Western Desert by mail; and of course when I was in high school, spent many summers over the DNO/Uni board in the basement."

((I admire your courage. I never tackled anything bigger than Fall of France, myself. What I've always liked about the Europa series was the attention given to campaigns—Poland, Norway, the Balkans—which even today haven't been gamed in a lot of detail. True, the situations were often so one-sided that the games are best suited to solitaire play. Drang Nach Osten is just too big for me. Besides, the Eastern front has been reasonably well covered. My current faves on the strategic level are AH's Russian Campaign or 3W's old Sturm Nach Osten.))

PETER GAUGHAN writes: "...I'd like to keep on getting NFV2 ((always boasting, I am))..Thanks for poking & prodding on the issue of ZR—it was entertaining to get your zine((and its plea for the next ZR))the day after I got this ready for the copier!"

# Dances with Wolfgang

by Robert S. Chopin-Liszt

Deutsche Grammophon has done it again, which is both good and bad. Remember back in 1991 or so their Walkman Classics line of tapes? Later, when the licence for the name from Sony expired they were re-named Compact Classics and also available on disc, with added filler. You may still see some of these in the bargain bins. They featured outstanding performances by top-drawer artists from DG's vaults. Sure, most of the discs could have held 20 minutes more but at the price who was quibbling?

Now comes DG's "Basics" series, a 20 set collection at bargain prices. Each package is devoted to 1 of 17 composers with the other 3 highlighting guitar, opera and chant. (No Haydn though, Conrad, so get your printer warmed up). Like before the 2 disc sets are packaged in a case which conveniently fits in a single disc slot of any CD rack. Again, the artists and performances are well spoken of. This time the discs are quite generously filled—in the area of 75 minutes each. I would be ready to recommend this series but for one fault, which was also present in the Compact Classics line. Though this series is aimed largely at those who are just beginning to listen to classical music there are no liner notes whatsoever! Only puffery on the series and what is available. The only performance notes are a listing of the titles and artists. What is someone new to the classics supposed to do? Well, one person told me that if they're really interested they can look things up for themselves. It's this sort of thinking that leaves the impression that to enjoy classical music is to be admitted to some exclusive charmed circle. I hope I'm not overdoing it but I would bet that every day someone walks into the Classical Department for the first time for any number of reasons. Increased sales can only make more music available but if listeners think they've entered a world of secret handshakes we have lost an opportunity. I would gladly read for the 100th time the story behind Haydn's "Farewell" symphony and comfort myself that someone, somewhere is reading it for the first time. You have the room to print something. Use it. Look at Naxos, a super-bargain label but they always include notes, if not always texts to vocal works. Without at least some write-up I don't feel that I've bought a complete package.

Oh, that Courtney "Yoko" Love, she's so eager to please. Shortly after her Vanity Fair interview where she opines, "The American public has a death wish for me." is published, she is hospitalized with a drug overdose. (by the way, this week's required listening is "Hey Man, Nice Shot" by Filter, an ode to Kurt Cobain, I mean Cocaine, er, Cobain.) (Never mind - Ed.)

## On the Rack

with Robert

This trip to the magazine rack brings contrasting editorials from GameFix##4 and Fire & Movement #99. It seems that 3W sent out a flyer which featured glowing quotations from one R. Berg, but not THAT R. Berg, noted game designer and critic. It might have been cute had they emphasized so but they didn't, drawing ire from Jon Compton in GameFix. F&M tried to fluff it off which puts GameFix on the side of the angels, and establishes them as outsiders in a world where the "competitors" are just a little too close for my liking. I will be following this publication.

The previously mentioned F&M has a write-up on the re-release of 4 old SPI games: Battles for the Ardennes, Leningrad, WWI, and Battle for Germany. The first, I've never played so I can't comment. Leningrad has long been a favourite of mine. The German player almost never wins but it's always SO close that you want to try it again. The latter two games are former S&T issue games. Battle for Germany is also lots of fun. The hook here is that one player takes the Western allies and the East front Germans while the other plays the West front Germans and the Russians (& Yugoslavians). Both players attack and defend each turn—great fun. WWI did a good job of reflecting the drain of repeated offensive pushes with its 3 combat phases per turn and costly combat results table. The one thing I wish this article would have done is to detail what revisions, if any, have been made with each game so I know if it's worth having a look. From an illustration I can see they've added some terrain features to the Leningrad map (which can only make the attacking German's job harder) and the article mentions that the WWI game's map has had the Caucasus region added, but not the Middle East. For that I would suggest 3W's old War To End Wars from a few years back. For a WWI game it's reasonably quick and eventful.

Strategy & Tactics 173 is just out of the envelope. The issue game is The Thirty Years War. Considering the scale, I'm glad to see the map is done in areas rather than hexes. Though it's colourful, the graphics suffer in comparison to the Wargamers effort from several years ago but that one's not readily available and, besides, the new one is by Joe Miranda so I'll give it a try.

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Oh yes, those nifty  
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"If it ain't broke, don't lend it"—Red Green

Hope Peerson is a success.