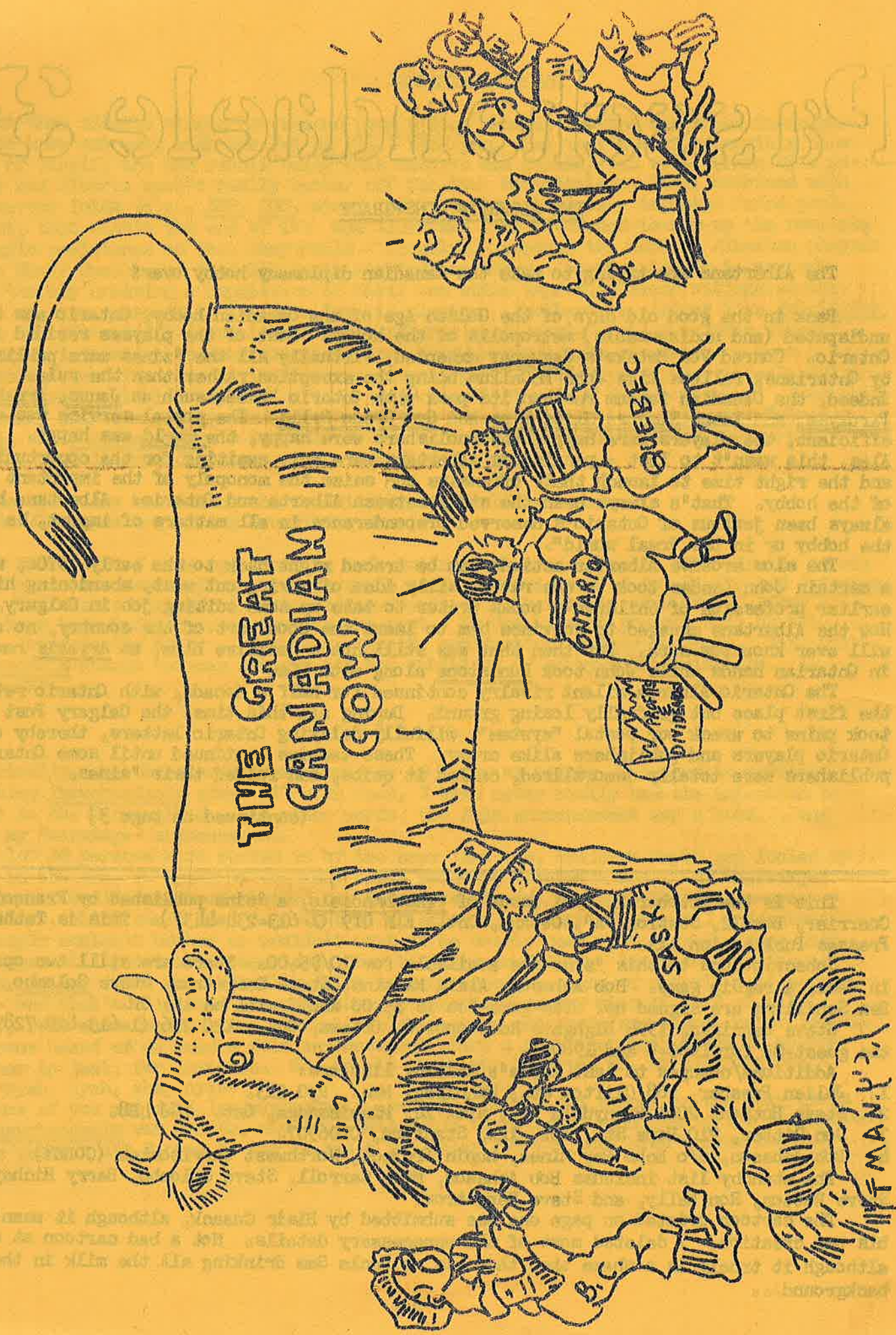




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THE ALBERTAN CONSPIRACY

The Albertans are trying to take the Canadian diplomacy hobby over!

Back in the good old days of the Golden Age of the Canadian hobby, Ontario was the undisputed (and undisputable) metropolis of the hobby. Most of the players resided in Ontario. Conrad Von Metzke's Saguenay excepted, virtually all the 'zines were published by Ontarians, fellows like John McCallum being the exception rather than the rule. Indeed, the Canadian fandom reached its peak with Ontario 'zines such as Janus, Arrakis, Paroxysm, and later Electra Glide Blue and Om Grano Salis. The postal service was still efficient, the players were happy, the publishers were happy, the world was happy. Alas, this wasn't to last - perfidious Albertans were only waiting for the opportunity and the right time to launch their offensive and seize the monopoly of the important aspects of the hobby. That's always been the story between Alberta and Ontario: Albertans have always been jealous of Ontario's deserved preponderance in all matters of import, be it in the hobby or in the "real world".

The slow erosive Albertan actions can be traced right back to the early 1970s, when a certain John Leeder took to the rather silly idea of moving out west, abandoning his earlier profession of children's books writer to take up some editing job in Calgary. How the Albertans managed to convince him to leave the Good part of the country, no one will ever know for sure. But then that was still not a decisive blow, as Arrakis remained in Ontarian hands while John took RuneStone along with him.

The Ontario-Alberta silent rivalry continued for half a decade, with Ontario retaining the first place but gradually losing ground. During all this time, the Calgary Post Office took pains to wreck our postal "system", wilfully delaying Ontario letters, thereby driving Ontario players and publishers alike crazy. These tactics continued until some Ontario publishers were totally demoralized, called it quits, and folded their 'zines.

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This is the October 2, 1981 issue of Passcheinclude, a 'zine published by François Guerrier, Box 32, Station "A", Ottawa, Ont. K1N 0T9 (1-613-234-4437). This is Tetrahedrus Presses Publication 113.

Subscriptions to this 'zine are available for 10/\$5.00. There are still two openings in Jena, a regDip game. Bob Acheson, Alain Martine, Steve Bergstrom, Steve Colombo, and Ben Schilling are signed up. The game-fee is \$5.00 and I will be the GM.

Steve Barrigan, 1394 Highgate Rd., apt. 6, Ottawa, Ont. K2C 2Y6 (1-613-829-7289) is the guest-GM for 1980-U and 1980HL.

Additions/changes to last issue's mailing list are:

1. Julian Presher, 968 Clifton St., Winnipeg, Man. R3G 2Y3.
2. Steve Hutton, 2001 Bonnydale Dr., apt. 14, Mississauga, Ont. L5J 4H3.
3. Don Ditter, 910 Hope St., apt. 12A, Stanford, CT06907.
4. Bob Acheson, c/o Echo Bay Mines, Iapin Project, Northwest Territories (CODEA)

The standby list includes Bob Acheson, Mike Carroll, Steve Colombo, Barry Hickey, Steve Hutton, Ron Kelly, and Steve Bergstrom.

The cartoon printed on page one was submitted by Blair Cusack, although it wasn't his own creation. I deleted most of the unnecessary details. Not a bad cartoon at all, although it truly is a shame that there is no Uncle Sam drinking all the milk in the background.

But then Alberta staged her second coup d'état when it somehow convinced Randolph Smyth to move out west with his Fol Si Fie. Mind you, that wasn't such a terrible blow by and of itself, the end result being that Ontario was finally rid of a vermin of a publisher and Alberta wasn't really better off for it. Nevertheless, this, combined with the numerous folds (e.g., EQB, CGS, etc.) left Ontario with a very depleted 'zine pool.

Yet, that wasn't the end of it: the Albertans then proceeded to mop up the remnants of Ontario resistance so that they could - finally! - control the hobby. Albertan players such as Blair Cusack and Randolph Smyth started beating up Ontario players in various games, thereby creating a reputation of their own while improving their ratings at the expense of, you guessed it, the poor Ontario players. Furthermore, 'zines like Fol Si Fie took to the distasteful (tasteless?) habit of winning a couple of Leader Polls (itself an Albertan initiative to make Albertans look good) every couple of years - a most distressing event for many of its Ontarian counterparts. Finally, fellows like Randolph Smyth started cumulating key CDO offices (and recently the NADF Ombudsmanship). Eventually (especially with the poorly-timed demise of some Ontario 'zines, e.g., Toronto Telegram, Infidel, and Passchendaele) a handful of Albertans imposed their will and became the virtually unchallenged dictators of the Canadian hobby.

The Albertans are taking the Canadian diplomacy hobby over!
The Albertans are taking everything over!

At this point I woke up, sweating and panting. What time is it? Ten minutes to six p.m. I must have dozed off on my sofa while rading back issues of Fol Si Fie and Passchendaele. But what a nightmare! But, waitaminut...! What if it comes true? After all, dreams have been known to come true in the past. By God, I must prevent this by all means... stay in the hobby... continue with the publication of Passchendaele. Yes, only Passchendaele stands between Alberta and her ambitions of hobby-wide domination. I-
must-go-QN!

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Actually, any old story/excuse would do to serve my point: I intend to continue publishing Passchendaele after all - in fact, I have never really had the intention to fold it in the first place... in other words, the fold announcement was a hoax... and so was my "marriage" announcement.

A lot of persons were sucked in by the hoax (and yes, Randolph Smyth was fooled by it too in the end) in spite of the many clues pointing towards a hoax. My "marriage" announcement could have been checked out fairly easily (at least by the Ottawa-area subscribers, which could have done that at no expense), though of course I understand that people wouldn't bother or wouldn't want to be overly nosy. It is quite rare that a publisher will print a 12-page issue when he plans on folding, let alone promise to publish another issue yet. Usually folds are announced by means of a small half-a-page flyer - and that's only when the publisher bothers to show any sign of life at all. Finally, fold announcements are virtually always stern and curt, and almost never jovial. I've never heard of or seen a fold announcement where a publisher took pokes at another publisher in jest, for instance. So, to all those who believed me, my gloating heart says, "nyah, nyah, aha, nyah."

Some of you may fail (understandably, perhaps) to see the humour in the hoax given that Passchendaele was overdue and that this could have (has?) resulted in the disruption of some games. All I have to say is that the delay and the hoax aren't even remotely

related - the delay would have been just as long even with no hoax. I didn't have the time to print an issue any sooner than I did, what, with my new job, moving into another apartment, etc. I didn't wilfully delay/postpone Passchendaele just to insure greater success for the hoax. Rather, I did the hoax because the delay gave me an occasion to do it. Besides, the delay wasn't all that long - I couldn't really have put out the 'zine in June given the upcoming strike; I couldn't print the 'zine in either July or early August due to the postal strike. So, when Passchendaele finally came out in late August it was really only 35 days late (late April and May). I'm not saying this to excuse the delay, which was all the same too substantial for my taste; nevertheless, I thought I'd put "things" more in perspective.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who wrote messages of compassion for the alleged Passchendaele. I appreciate it. By the same token, I might point out that I felt surprised when few players/subscribers wrote or phoned to me (of their own initiative, that is; I'm not counting those I contacted myself) to ask what was going on when it became obvious that the 'zine would be late. Was it that you had so much confidence in my reliability?

THE LEEDER POLL

(For the first time since the inception of Passchendaele in the hobby, I will keep this annual discussion short.)

Out of the 55 'zines listed in the main listing, Passchendaele rated 30th with a score of 6.54. While 30th is an all-time low for Passchendaele (compared with 23rd last year and 21st in 1979), 6.54 is also the highest mark ever received for Passchendaele, surprisingly: with rumours of an impending fold in the air, I expected far worse. Maybe someone out there remembered that 104-page issue when he cast his ballot after all.

In comparison, Black Frog (Jack Masters, 25711 N. Vista Fairways Dr., Valencia, CA 91355) was number 1. Amongst the Canadian 'zines, Fol Si Fie (Randolph Smyth, 212 Aberdeen St. SE, Medicine Hat, Alta. T1A 0M1) was 11th, Sleepless Knights (David Carter, 118 Horsham Ave., Willowdale, Ont. M2N 1Z9) was 25th, Passchendaele and Runestone tied for 30th (John Leeder, 121-19th Ave. NE, Calgary, Alta. T2E 1N9), Snafu! (Ronald Brown, RR 1, Brennan's Hill, Low, PQ. J0X 2C0) was 34th, Infidel (folded) was 44th, and Toronto Telegram (folded) was 51st.

My score as GM was better, although the ranking was even ghastlier than the 'zine's. Again, this is hardly surprising given this summer's developments; nevertheless, I would have hoped for a slightly better rating given my relatively infrequent adjudicational errors. But then again, you can't spread rumours of a fold and still get a good score - you can't get it both ways...

Surprisingly, I have few qualms with John's methodology this time around. I would like to thank John for another successful polling of the hobby, and would like to thank all those who bothered to mention either Passchendaele or myself on their ballots. I'll still be around next year, hoping for 10-averages and all that... wishful thinking has always been my forte.

CHICAGO: NEVER AGAIN

Eric Ozog was in Ottawa this August, and when he met me his first question was: "Why haven't you printed an article on your visit to Chicago?" My answer at the time was, "Ah damn... I guess I forgot... or I didn't have the space for one..." Well, I guess it was time I printed my impressions on Chicago, following my February visit there, with apologies to Eric and Andy Lischett for not doing so earlier.

When I boarded the DC-9 airplane in Ottawa, I thought to myself: "Here I am, boarding a plane and going to Chicago like any fool would do, knowing that the only people I'll meet will be Americans, and knowing equally well that all Americans are imperialistic capitalistic dirty hippy sons-of-bitches types. I'm a real fool, squandering my money in that metropolis of mid-western freaks. Oh well, if I'm disappointed I can always leave early and never return."

However, I soon came to realize that I had been plain wrong about the U.S.A. and the Americans after only a few days in Chicago. I realized that my attitude towards our Yankee neighbours had been completely irrational, overly nationalistic, and grossly unkind: after all, I came to think, Americans are people too - they just never let it show. Not all Americans are imperialistic: some are only colonialists, and others yet are just too stupid to be of any persuasion whatsoever. Few Americans are dirty by nature or inclination: for instance, they keep cleaning up their residences and pushing the resulting garbage onto the streets and the sidewalks, where it sits there and rots for a month or so before the municipal authorities finally pick it up and unload it into the neighbouring black ghetto. Not that it really matters, mind you: Chicago is so over-polluted that the city would still stink if they didn't. Finally, I've found that our southern neighbours aren't sons-of-bitches - some are sons-of-pigs, and the rest are merely daughters-of-pigs.

(It wouldn't surprise me at all if I received a bunch of angry letters from my American subscribers next month; oh well, so what: it just goes to show that Americans have no sense of humour whatsoever either.)

The adjudications for this month will have to be postponed, I'm afraid. Here it is October 2 (everything before this page was pre-typed) and about 70% of the positions are still NMR. This translates into roughly a 40% player NMR rate: unusually high given the reliability of most of my players, especially since I've already tried to call collect all those who had given me permission to do so to get their orders. Additionally, several players (amongst those that aren't NMR) have telephoned me, stating that Passchendaele had been three weeks in the mail before reaching their mailboxes. I guess that the postal system is still just as lousy (lousier?) as usual, no matter how much the postal workers get paid. We're told that the situation will improve after this government department is converted into a Crown Corporation (and after the postal rates double some time in November); however, being the doubting Thomas that I am, I'll have to see it to believe it.

This brings me to the following question: are five-week deadlines long enough for the players to negotiate properly and come through with orders on time? So far as I'm concerned, no: as a player, I prefer writing long letters frequently, and I've found that this is becoming more and more difficult as the postal service deteriorates almost day by day. What do you think? Do you feel - as I'm starting to - that six-week deadlines would be more appropriate? Let me know by November 20, 1981, please: if the majority feeling is "yes", then Passchendaele games will go to six week deadline intervals.

Of course, some of the players are just being plain careless, mailing their orders only a few days before the deadline. While I do not feel that six week deadlines will change anything to that, this is no reason to penalize the other players by refusing to go on a six week schedule if they feel it to be necessary.

October 12. My guess was correct: most of the players that were NMR finally came through with their orders (thanks to the 7 working days delay), some by phone. The latter I accepted still, reasoning that since the late submissions were due to a slow Passchendaele, the postponement should apply to both types of order-submission. There's always the possibility of a player contacting another player and finding about his moves before submitting his own phoned-in orders to me, but then players should never divulge information about their moves unless they are dead sure the season results have been locked in.

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Never assume that a deadline has passed unless your GM has told you so.

Anyhow, without further ado, here are the GAMES:

The Prize Games:

As Passchendaele won't be folding after all, then obviously the prize game will proceed as scheduled. The deadline for Spring 1901 is November 20, 1981. Those who haven't taken their negotiations too seriously so far had better get their tuns in motion, as five week's negotiating time isn't that much when you consider this is Spring 1901.

The rules have been detailed time and time again, so I do not feel it is necessary to go through them again, except to add that Randolph Smyth, 212 Aberdeen St. SE, Medicine Hat, Alta. T1A 0R1 will be providing a season-by-season analysis of the game.

I will be writing Don Ditter, 910 Hope St., apt. 12A, Stanford, CA 94307, USA. for a Boardman Number.

1976CX, Winter 1918/Spring 1919.

RUSSIANS LOSE GROUND. IS THE END OF THIS GAME NEAR?

England (Steve Berrigan): Builds A Lon. F Kie S A Mun-Ber; F Hal-Min; F Bar S A StP; F Den-Swe; A StP H; F Bal S A Mun-Ber; A Mun-Ber; A Lon H.

France (Eric Kirchner): Builds F Bre, F Mar. F Ion ret - Tun. A Pie-Tyo; A Hol-Ruh; F Bre-Mid; A Ruh-Mun; F Tyn S F Tun-Ion; F Tun-Ion; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; F Mar-Lyo.

Italy (Ron Kelly): Even. NMR! F Adr H; A Rom H; A Ven H.

Russia (Steve Hutton): Builds A War. A Bar S A War-Fru (annihilated); A Mos S A Iln; A Iln S A War-Fru; A Tyo S A Tri; A Boh-Mun; A Tri S A Tyo; A Ser S A Tri; F Ion H; F Syr-Eas; A Smy-Con; F Con-Asg; F Gre S F Ion; A Sil S A Ber; A War-Fru.

The deadline for Fall 1919 is November 20, 1981. The standby for Italy will be Mike Carroll. I badly need standbys: Steve? Eric?

1977AZ, Winter 1909/Spring 1910.

SMYTH, YOU DIRTY DOG!

Austria (Steve Berrigan): Even. A Ven H; A Tyo-Boh (ret - Tri, OCB); A Bud S Turkish A Rum-Gal; A Vis S Turkish A Rum-Gal.

France (Ron Kelly): Even. NMR! A Tus H; F Tun H; F Tyn H; A Rom H; F Apu H; A Pie H; A Por H.

Germany (Randolph Smyth): Builds A Ber. A Tyo ret - Mun. F Bre H; F Mid-Wes; A Nwy-StP; F Eng-Mid; A StP-Lvn; A Lvn-War; A Mun-Tyo; A Boh S A Mun-Tyo; A Bur H; A Gal-Vis (annihilated); A Sil S A Lvn-War; A Ber-Fru; F Was-Tyn.

Russia (Bob Acheson): Even. A Ukr awaits for Master Smyth's orders; A Mos S A Ukr.

Turkey (Eric Kirchner): Builds A Con. A Sev-Ukr; A Rum-Gal; F Hla C A Con-Rum; F Ion H; F Gre S F Ion; F Asg S F Ion; F Adr S Austrian A Ven; A Con-Rum.

The deadline for Fall 1910 is November 20, 1981. The standby for France is Steve Bergstrom. I badly need standbys: Steve? Randolph? Eric?

Press:

Moscow-Berlin: Randolph, are you really wishy-washy?

Berlin-Moscow: What's that you're saying boy?

Moscow-Berlin: It was just a slip of the tongue, sir.

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1978Q, Winter 1910/Spring 1911. FG TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SLEEPING TURKEY - ATT COLLAPSE NEARBY?

Austria (Oded Klinger): Even. A Boh S A Tyo-Mun; A Tyo-Mun; A Vie S A Boh.
 France (Bob Acheson): F Tyn-Nap; F Wes-Tyn; F NAF-Wes; F Tun S F Wes-Tyn; F Eng-Bel;
 F Lyo C A Spa-Pie; F Mar S A Spa-Pie; A Tus S A Spa-Pie (annihilated); A Spa-Pie.
 Germany (Randolph Smyth): Builds A Bar, A Kie. A Boh ret - Sil. F Bal H; A War S A Sil-Qel;
 A Mun S A Ber-Sil; F StP(nc) H; A Lvn S A War; A Pru S A War; F Bal-Eng;
 A Ber-Sil; A Sil-Gal; A Kie S A Mun.
 Italy (Steve Colombo): Even. F Nap-Rom; A Pie-Tus; A Ven S A Pie-Tus.
 Russia (Mike Carroll): Even. A Mos H.
 Turkey (Hugh Polley): Even. NMR! F Eas H; A Ukr H; F Con H; A Alb H; F Ion H; F Adr H;
 A Sev H; A Gal H (ret - Rum, Bud, OFB).

The deadline for Fall 1911 is November 20, 1981. The standby for Turkey is Steve Bergstrom. I badly need standbys: Oded? Randolph? Hugh?

1979AB, Fall 1908. LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE A TWO-WAY CONTEST SOON!

England (Mike Carroll): A NWY S A STP; A STP H; A Yor-LON; F KIE H; F HOL S F Nth-BEL;
 F Swe-DEN; F Nth-BEL; F ENG S F IRI-Mid; F IRI-Mid.
 France (Bernard Sampson): A Bel-Hol (ret - RUH, PIC, OFB); A MUN S German F BAL-Kie (no such order); F Mid-BRE; F SPA(SC) S F WES-Mid.
 Germany (Al Rodriguez): NMR! F BAL H.
 Italy (David Carter): F Ion-ANG; F EAS-Smy; F Tyn-ION; A TYO S A VIE; A VIE S A TRI;
 A TRI S A VIE; F ADR S A TRI; A ALB-Gre.
 Turkey (Garry Fairbairn): A Lvn-WAR; A MOS H; A BER S A SIL; A GAL S A BUD; A SIL S A BER;
 A BUD S A GAL; F CON-Smy; A SER S A Bul-GRE; A Bul-GRE.

The deadline for Winter 1908/Spring 1909 is November 20, 1981. I badly need standbys: Bernard? David? Garry?

1908 S.C. Chart:

England: Home, Nwy, Den, Swe, StP, Kie, Hol, Bal (10). Build 1.
 France: Home, Por, Spa, ~~Bel~~, Mun (6). Even or build 1 depending on the retreat.
 Germany: ~~Mun~~, ~~Bel~~ (0). Out.
 Italy: Home, Tun, Tri, Bud, Vie, ~~StP~~ (7). Remove 1.
 Turkey: Home, Bul, Ser, Rum, Sev, War, Mos, Bar, Gre (11). Build 2.

Press:

France-World (What's Left of it): Let's give Francois a break and end this game. I propose a four-way EFTF draw as the only equitable solution to the current conflict.

((Don't forget to vote before November 20, 1981. Any abstention will be counted as a "yes".))

1979AC, Spring 1910. THE DRAW PROPOSAL FAILS AS THE MEDITERRANEAN SLUGFEST CONTINUES.

Austria (Bob Acheson): A Tri-Tyo; A Ven S A Apu-Rom; A Apu-Rom; F Adr S A Ven; A Tyo-Boh.
 England (Steve Colombo): A War-Gal; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy; F Nwy-Bar; F Swe-Fin; A Lvn-Mos;
 A Edi-Nwy.

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France (Steve Berrigan): F Tyn S Italian F Ion (no such order); F Rom H; A Pie-Ven;
A Tus S A Pie-Ven; F Nap-Apu; F Wes H; A Mar-Pie; A Ruh-Bur.
 Germany (Roy Norton): A Mun-Boh; A Pru S A Ber-Sil; F Bal H; A Kie-Mun; A Ber-Sil.
 Italy (Dan MacLellan): F Ion-Apu (ret - Tun, Alb, OTB).
 Turkey (David Carter): A Sil-War; A StP-Mos; A Rum-Ukr; F Gre S F Eas-Ion; F Eas-Ion;
F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; A Ank-Arm; A Con-Bul; F Smy-Eas.

The deadline for Fall 1910 is November 20, 1981. I badly need standbys: David?
 Dan? Roy? Steve?

1979GR, Fall 1907. WILL AUSTRIA EVER HAVE TO MAKE A REMOVAL? (IN SPITE OF NMRing EVERY
 OTHER SEASON?)

Austria (Trevor Baillie): NMR! A TRI H; A Vie H (ret - BUD? OTB); A VEN H; A NAP H;
A BUL H; A UKR H; A RUM H; F SMY H; F Ank H (ret - ARM, OTB).
 England (David Weatherhead): NMR! A SEV H; F BAR H; F NRG H; A STP H; F BOT H; F BAL H;
A LVN H; F BER H; A YOR H; F NTH H; A HOL H.
 France (Mike Carroll): A Vie ret - GAL. A RUH S A BEL; A Mun-TYO; A BOH S A Gal-VIE;
A BEL H; F GRE H; F Tus-ROM; F TYN S F Tus-ROM; A PAR H; A PIE H, unordered;
A Gal-VIE; A Mar-PIE (no such MAR).
 Turkey (David Carter): F AEG-Smy; F BLA S A Con-ANK; A Con-ANK.

The deadline for Winter 1907/Spring 1908 is November 20, 1981. The standby for Austria
 is Bob Asheson; for England, Barry Hickey.

1907 S.C. Chart:

Austria: Tri, Bud, War, Rum, Smy, Ser, Ven, Nap, Rom, Ank, Bul (9). Played one short,
 so even or build 1 or 2 depending on the retreats.
 England: Home, Nwy, Hol, Kie, StP, Mos, Den, Swe, Ber, Sev (12). Build 1.
 France: Home, Par, Spa, Bel, Tun, Mun, Vie, Gre, Rom (11). Build 1.
 Turkey: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul (2). Remove 1.

1979HY, Winter 1908/Spring 1909.

ENGLAND TO BE ROBBED OF HER VICTORY? NO, UNLESS...

Austria (Mike Carroll): Builds F Tri. A Ven-Pie; A Apu-Ven; A Ser-Bul; A Bul-Con;
A Rum S A Gal-Ukr; F Tun-Wes; A Gal-Ukr; A Boh S Italian A Mun; F Tri-Adr.
 England (Bob Francis): NMR! Plays one short. F Nth H; F Kie H; A Mos H; F Ber H; A Bur H;
F Tri H; A Lpl H; F Mar H; F Mid H; F Eng H; A Ruh H; A Edi H; A LVN H.
 France (James Clarke): NMR! Plays two short. F Eng ret - OTB. F Nrg H.
 Italy (Steve Hutton): Builds F Nap. A Mun H; A War-Lvn; A Rom H; F Nap-Tyn.
 Turkey (Bob Asheson): Even. F Con-Bul(ec); A Arm-Sev; A Ukr S A Sev-Mos (annihilated);
A Sev-Mos.

The deadline for Fall 1909 is November 20, 1981. The standby for England will be
 Ronald J. Brown; for France, David Carter. I badly need standbys: Bob? James?

Press:

Constantinople-Rome and Vienna: Instead of holding - let's have some support.

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1979HZ, Winter 1903/Spring 1904. FALL OF ENGLAND ONLY A MATTER OF TIME! EAST STILL IN TURMOIL!

Austria (Trevor Baillie): NMR! Will play one short. A VIE H; A TRI H; A SER H; A RUM H.
 England (David Grabar): Builds A LPL. F Nth-Lon; F Swe-SKA; F Bar-NRG; A STP H, unordered;
 A Lpl-YOR; A Mos-Fin (no such Mos; impossible).
 France (Ron Brown): Builds F Bre. A LON S F Eng-WAL; F Eng-WAL; F SPA(SC)-Mid; F BRE-Mid;
 F Bel-ENG; A Bur-BEL; A Mar-BUR.
 Germany (Andy Lischett): Builds F BER. F Ber-BAL; F Hel-DEN; A HOL H; A MUN H; A KIE S A MUN;
 A SEV S Austrian A RUM; A MOS S A SEV.
 Italy (Al Rodriguez): NMR! GM removes F Eas. A APU H; F ION H; A TYO H; A ALB H.
 Turkey (Steve Hutton): Builds F SMY. A GRE S A BUL; F AEG S F Smy-EAS; F BLA S A BUL;
 A BUL S A GRE; F Smy-EAS.

The deadline for Fall 1904 is November 20, 1981. The standby for Italy is Bob Acheson, and for Austria, Mike Carroll. I badly need standbys: Trevor? David? Ron? Andy?

Press:

England-France: I can't believe it! I just can't believe it.

1979KH, Spring 1907. NO ONE WANTS AUSTRIA...

Austria (Mark Larzelere): NMR! F Gre H; A Alb H; A Ser H; A Rum H; A Tyo H; A Boh H.
 England (Steve Hutton): A Ven-Apu; F Mid-Por; F Wes-Mid; F Tun S Turkish F Ion-Tyn;
 F Nwy S F Edi-Nth; A StP-Fin; F Eng C A Lon-Bel; A Lon-Bel; F Edi-Nth.
 France (David Carter): F Spa(sc)-Mid; A Fle-Mar.
 Germany (Ron Kelly): F Swe-Nwy; F Dan-Nth; A Par-Bre; A Mos S A War-Lvn; A Mun H, unordered;
 A War-Lvn; F Ber-Kie; F Kie-Hel.
 Italy (Mike Carroll): A Gal-Vie; F Nap H; F Mar-Spa.
 Turkey (Bob Acheson): A Bul H; F Bla S A Bul; A Sev H; F Ion-Tyn; F Smy-Aeg.

The deadline for Fall 1907 is November 20, 1981. The standby for Austria is Andy Lischett. I badly need standbys: David?

1980CC, Fall 1902 once more in limbo.

I have yet to hear from Tim Haffey in this game; therefore, in accordance with what I had said last issue, a standby (i.e., Bob Acheson in this case) will be selected while the game is delayed once more. The new - and final - deadline for Fall 1902 is November 20, 1981. The positions and players are:

Austria (Tim Haffey? Bob Acheson?): A Vie, A Bud, A Gal, F Alb.
 England (David Carter): F Nth, A Nwy, F Bar.
 France (Mike Carroll): A Par, F Por, A Mun, A Mar, F Bre.
 Germany (Bernie Oaklyn): A Kie, A Ber, F Swe, A Bel, A Hol.
 Italy (Chris Edwards): F Aeg, F Ion, A Tri, A Tyo, A Tun, A Ven.
 Russia (Steve Hutton): A Gal ret - Boh, War, Sil, or OTB. A Mos, F Sev, F Bet.
 Turkey (Tom Swider): A Rum, A Bul, A Arm, F Bla, F Smy.

I trust that everyone knows what centers he owns.

Chris Edwards has a new address: 14321-32nd NE, apt. 306, Seattle, WA98125. By the way, I've received a letter from him on this game: (continued next page)

"You will note that this address is the same as Chris Stewart's. He is now my land-lord/roommate. I do not understand how you got my old address. When this game started I moved in with Mr. Stewart. Well, at about the same time. During that time I was undergoing some personal problems, part of which were involved with my moving from my old address in Everett. Those in the game were aware of this change of address. When signing up for the game I informed Bill that we were acquainted. At this time I had no idea that I would shortly be living with Mr. Stewart.

"...If you have any questions concerning this I would be happy to answer them. Frankly, I would be happy to see one of us leave the game under the current circumstances..."

((This and other excerpts all point to the (common?) fear that it may be unacceptable for two players residing at the same address to play in the same postal game. Not here: while some may feel that these players have an "unfair" disadvantage (such as the opportunity to "peek" at one another's correspondence, incoming or outgoing), the other players will often compensate (or even over-compensate) for this situation with special agreements and alliances. Thus players living at the same address (and therefore under automatic suspicion of "special" cooperation) are often the first to be wiped out.

((Suppose that you were a GM and had taken a stand against allowing players living under the same roof to play in the same games: how would you deal with those living only two blocks apart? Would allowing them to play in the same game give them an "unfair" advantage? Or would the five minutes walk make the difference? So the "unfairness" of geographical closeness of some players boils down to the GM's judgment of what is "too close" and what is not: and even then, the players in the remotest areas are always going to be at a "disadvantage", regardless of the lower distance limit set by the GM. Unless, that is, the GM managed to fill a game with players living an equal distance from one another - an impossibly tall order for any GM, especially considering that one day he'll have to plug standbys into the game, standbys that will have to live equally far (or close) from all the other players.

((And even if you did find the "perfect" solution, would you monitor the players' lives and control where they will live and where they will not? That is, would you kick out of the game anyone who moved in with another player? Or both? If the answer to either question is "yes", then I submit that the hobby may have forgotten that Diplomacy is only a game, a game that should not interfere with the players' "real" lives. No matter how careful the GM is in selecting the players for his games, there is no way that the game will remain geographically balanced for ever. So there should not be any problem with roommates playing in the same game, so long as this fact is never concealed from the other players and the GM.

((Besides, the above is merely an academic problem: Christ Stewart has been removed from the game for failing to comply with the instructions given in the last two Passchendaele issues...))

1980 III, Fall 1903.

IT'S ONLY 1903 AND WE'RE ALREADY CLOSE TO THE GAME-END...!

Austria (Gene Boggess): F ION-Tun.

England (Mike Carroll): F CLY-WRC.

France (Don Tinker): A PIC H; A PIA-VEN; A SPA H; F ENG-Mid; A Edi-LFL; F MID H, unordered.

Germany (David Carter): F NTH-Nwy; A BEL H; F BAL S A Den-SWE; A Sil-PRU; A Den-SWE;
A Mun-SIL.

Italy (Bob Acheson): A Alb-GRE; A Tri-SER; A Vis-TYO; F Aeg-BUL(SC); F EAS-Smy; F TYN-Tun.

Russia (Garry Fairbairn): A Ukr-SEV; A GAL S A RUM; A BUD S Italian A Tri-SER; A ROM H;

F Sev-ARM; F Swe S A Nwy (ret - SKA, BOT, FIN, OTB); A Nwy S F Swe.

Turkey (Steve Colombo): NMR! F Aeg ret - OTB. A BUL H; F BIA H; A Ser H (ret - ALB, OTB);
F SMI H.

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The deadline for Winter 1903/Spring 1904 is November 20, 1981. The standby for Turkey is Steve Hutton. I badly need standbys: Garry? Don?

1903 S.C. Chart:

Austria: ~~W~~ (0). Out.
 England: ~~W~~ (0). Out.
 France: Home, Por, Lon, Edi, Spa, Ven, Lpl (9). Build 4 as played one short. Room for 3.
 Germany: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, Swe (7). Build 1.
 Italy: Rom, Nap, Tun, Vie, Tri, Ser, Gre, Yeh (7). Build one.
 Russia: Home, Rm, Bud, Nwy, ~~Sys~~ (7). Even, as played one short, or build one depending on the retreat.
 Turkey: Home, Bul, ~~Yeh~~ (4). Even or build one depending on the retreat as one unit retreated off the board.

1980 KM, Fall 1902 in limbo.

As six of the seven (!) players have NM'd, I will delay Fall 1902 until November 20, 1981. At this date the game will proceed as usual, regardless of the number of NM's.
 I badly need standbys: Deane? Al? Blair? Bob? Julian? David?

1980 U. Winter 1905/Spring 06 GGM: Steve Barrigan, 1394 Highgate, apt. 6, Ottawa, Ont. K2C 2Y6 (1-613-829-7289).

Austria (Tony Schafer): A War H.
 England (Bob Acheson): No room to build, will play one short. F Edi-Edi (what?); F Den S German A Kie; F StP(nc)-Nwy; F Lon-Wal; A Lpl S F Lon-Wal; F Nth-Hol.
 France (Barry Hichey): A Bur S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Bel-Hol; A Bel-Hol; A Pic-Bel; A Wal-Yor (annihilated); F Eng-Lon.
 Germany (Steve Hutton): NM! A Mun ret - OTB. Plays one short. A Kie H.
 Italy (Al Hoffman): Builds A Ven, F Rom, F Nap. F Tyn-Lyc; F Rom-Tun; F Nap-Tyn; A Ven-Pie; A Mun S A Sil-Ber; A Sil-Ber; A Tyo S A Mun; A Boh S A Mun; A Gall S A Rum-Ukr; A Rum-Gal; A Ser-Rum; A Bul-Smy; F Aeg C A Bul-Smy; A Sev-Mos; F Con-Bla.
 Russia (Al Rodriguez): NM! NM! F Nth ret - OTB. F Hol is removed by the GM.
 F Bla H; A Ukr H (ret - Sev, OTB).
 Turkey (Ron Kelly): NM! F Arm H.

The deadline for Fall 1906 is November 20, 1981. The standbys are: (a) for Turkey - Andy Lischett; (b) for Russia - Ron Brown; and (c) for Germany - Steve Colombo.

Press:

London-Paris: See how generous Italy was - I'm sure that he forgot to give you Munich.
 ((At this point in the game, it matters little whether he did or not...))

1980 HI, Fall 1903. GGM: Steve Barrigan, 1394 Highgate Rd., apt. 6, Ottawa, Ont. K2C 2Y6. (1-613-829-7289)

Austria (Barry Hichey): F Lon-Adr; A Vie-Tri; A Bud S A Vie-Tri.
 England (Dan Falter): NM! F StP(nc) H; F Nwy H; F Bel H; F Nth H; F Lon H; A Lon H.
 France (Steve Colombo): A Gas-Spa; F Tyn-Tun; F Naf S F Tyn-Tun; A Mar S A Bur; A Bur H.
 Germany (Bob Acheson): F Hel-Den; F Swe-Den; A Mun S A Ruh; A Kie S A Ruh; A Ruh H.
 Italy (Mike Carroll): NM! F Wes H; F Adr H; A Ven H; A Pie H; A Rom H.

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Russia (Ron Kelly): NMR! A Ukr H; A Sev H; F Bal H.
 Turkey (Dan MacLellan): NMR! A Ser H; A Rum H; A Arm H; F Gre H; F Bla H.

The deadline for Winter 1903/Spring 1904 is November 20, 1981. The standbys for this game are (sigh):

- (1) for England: Steve Bergstrom
- (2) for Italy: Steve Hutton
- (3) for Russia: Ron Brown
- (4) for Turkey: Alain Martine

1903 S.C. Chart:

Austria: Vie, Bud, Tri, ~~W~~ (3). Even.
 England: Home, Bel, ~~StP~~, Hol, ~~Nwy~~ (7). Build 1.
 France: Home, Por, Spa, ~~Tun~~ (6). Build 1.
 Germany: Home, Den, ~~Swe~~ (5). Even.
 Italy: Home, ~~Tri~~, ~~Tyr~~ (3). Remove 2.
 Russia: War, Mos, Sev, ~~Rum~~ (3). Remove 1.
 Turkey: Home, Bul, Ser, ~~Gre~~, ~~Rum~~ (7). Build 2.

Press:

Kiel-Amsterdam: The only feuds that I'm aware that I have are with:
 (1) Curtis Gibson (it's all over. Hell, I forgot why.)
 (2) François Guerrier (the wimp). ((Hell, it's better to be a wimp than a polar bear.))
 (3) H. Polley (Ed Antonius's are all alike - idiots - people with any sense move to Calgary)
 (4) Barry Hickey (see the game above if you want to see stupidity)
 (5) Ronald Kelly (I think that he's upset about something)
 (6) Shelley Foster (I think that she - he - is a transvestite)
 (7) Steve Berrigan (instead of preparing for bar exams, he should be up into the early hours of the morning awaiting phone calls.)

Hummum - looking at the above I think that I'm in trouble.

Berlin-Paris: Well, what else do you want outside of high quality press (hey, François don't write any of your sick obviously demented comments after this). ((Ok...))

1979 AQ Commentary (Eric Verheiden)

1979AQ, Fall 1906.

France (Olive Tonge): F Mid H; F Tun S Italian F Tyn-Ion; A Pic-Bur; F Nrg H; F Edi S A Lpl-Yor; A Lpl-Yor; F Lon H; F Lyo-Wes.
 Germany (Bill LaFosse): NMR! F Bal H; F Den H; F Swe H (ret - Fin, OTB); A Hol H (ret - Ruh, Kis, OTB); A Pru H (ret - Ber, Sil, OTB).
 Italy (Andy Lischett): F Ion-Aeg; A Ven-Tri (ret - Agu, Pie, Tus, Rom, OTB); F Tyn-Ion.
 Russia (Randolph Smyth): F Edi ret - Nth. F Swe ret - Ska. A Mos-StP; F Bot-Swe; A Nwy S F Bot-Swe; A Bud S Turkish A Ser-Tri (no such order); A Vie S A Bud; A War S A Lvn-Pru; A Boh-Mun; A Lvn-Iru; F Nth-Hol; F Ska S F Bot-Swe; F Bel S F Nth-Hol.
 Turkey (Blair Gusack): F Gre S F Aeg-Ion; A Ser H; F Adr S A Tyo-Ven; A Tyo-Ven; A Tri S A Tyo-Ven; F Naf-Tyn (impossible); F Aeg-Ion.

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"The German NMR is yet another blow to western fortunes. Germany is certainly doomed and I think it is now fair to say that if the Russo-Turkish alliance stays together, the west (now mainly France) will fail.

"However, the name of the game is diplomacy and France still has a few cards to play. Both Smyth and Cusack are excellent players, neither well known for playing for second place. With Russia now four units ahead of Turkey and several easy German centers to go, some instability may result.

"There are a number of possible manifestations.

"(1) F/R/T eliminate the competition and declare a three-way draw (the press release may hint at this.)

"(2) F/T dump Italy and contain Russia. Probably the same outcome as (1).

"(3) France puppets (more or less) for Russia and accepts second place.

"(4) Desperate gamble time: unable to obtain an ally, France swings south in force to force Turkey to either ally or acquiesce to a Russian victory (I play that one fairly often; it usually doesn't work, but it does get the game over quick).

"In any event, with the stalemate blown, the minor powers have lost their bargaining room and will probably not last long. Another two-three gameyears should tell the tale overall.

Winter 1906/Spring 1907.

France (Clive Tonge): Builds F Mar. F Mid-Naf; F Tun S Italian F Lon (moving);

A Bur H; F Nrg-Nat; F Edt-Nth; A Ycr H; F Lon-Eng; F Wes S F Mid-Naf; F Mar-Fie.

Germany (Eric Ozog): A Pru ret - Sil. A Hol ret - Kis. F Swe ret - CFB. A Sil-Gal;

A Kie-Lvn; F Bal C A Kie-Lvn.

Italy (Andy Lischett): Removes F Tyn. F Ion-Eas; A Rom-Ven.

Russia (Randolph Smyth): Builds A Mos. A StP-Nwy; A Mos-War; F Swe-Den; A Nwy-Swe;

A Bud S A War-Gal; A Vie S A Bud; A War-Gal; A Mun-Bur; A Pru S A Mos-War;

F Hol-Nth; F Ska S F Swe-Den; F Bel-Eng.

Turkey (Winter - Blair Cusack, NBR/Spring - Steve Berrigan): F Gre S F Aeg-Ion; A Ser-Tri;

F Atr S A Tri-Ven; A Ven-Apu; A Tri-Ven; F Naf-Tun (annihilated); F Aeg-Ion.

The only interesting to note is Cusack's increasing sloppiness of play. "F Naf-Tyn" last time and NBR now. This indicates either slow mails (in the latter case) or increasing indifference to the proceedings.

With Germany and Italy almost out of it, it will be interesting to see if a three-way draw materializes (looking increasingly likely in view of the builds and press).

((And, finally, Eric sent the following commentary for the Spring season, entitled, Messages into the Void: a review of 1979 AQ)):

More turnoves, Germany and Turkey this time. Obviously the little powers are not long for this game (though Italy may cause trouble in Smyrna).

Cusack probably dropped when he saw he had a second place position (due to the collapse of Germany) with no good way to turn it around. Keep going the way you are and Russia wins the race. Turn on him and the damage can be contained and you simply end up with froggies crawling down ((up?)) your back.

It looks as if Barrigan is content with second place and likely does not care much anyway, given his sloppy play (F Aeg S F Gre-Ion would have had the same effect and saved his supply center from the Italian).

France, having lost all allied support, is covering as best as he is able, but really has little chance of halting the Russian juggernaut.

Russia, of course, his minimal opposition in disarray, is simply eating supply centers (currently German) as far as possible until the game ends, one way or another.

Can an analyst propose a concession?

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