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THE NORTHERN GIRL

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On the way to the cottage Sefer stopped at several houses, to tell the folk in them that the Asech would indeed be coming the next day, and to urge calm. Kerris trailed behind him, half-listening. Hadril, the cooper, volunteered to tell several other people, among them Ardith. Moro the ropemaker was not home, but his oldest son, a thickset boy who seemed about Kerris' age, dragged Sefer into a corner to ask him, "Is it true the Asech are coming tonight?" The corner smelled of heavenweed.

"No," Sefer said. "It's not true. They'll be coming tomorrow, in daylight, as they said, and we will teach them, Perin, not fight them."

Perin fingered his knife hilt. "I've heard other things," he said darkly.

"So have I," Sefer said. "They're not true."

Perin looked disappointed. "Is--is the cheari still alive?" His voice cracked on the last word.

"We don't know," Sefer said.

Sefer's cottage was empty when they got there. Sefer said, "They must still be at the Yard."

Kerris nodded. He put the writing paper by his bedroll. There were things other than paper in the folds of yellow cloth: a quill with scarlet vanes, a stick of red wax, a cake of ink, a brush. Already a letter was forming in his mind. To Josen of the Black Clan, Recorder of Tornor Keep, from Kerris

"Kerris."

"Hmm." Kerris glanced up. Sefer was sitting in a patch of sunlight. He looked thoughtful.

"How do you feel?" he said. "Tired? Headache?"

"No." Kerris fingered the soft brown brush fibers. He wondered what kind of hair it was. He thought badger.

Kerris. Please. Sefer's voice was curiously urgent. Reluctantly Kerris remembered that Sefer was his teacher and was owed more than ordinary courtesy. He laid the brush down.

"I'm sorry. I thought we were finished with lessons for the day."

"We will be if you're tired," Sefer said.

"I'm not tired."

"Then I think we should take advantage of this privacy," Sefer said. "In the garden--I felt you in Korith's mind."

"I didn't mean to do that," Kerris said.

"I know," Sefer said. "But you need to learn to barrier, soon, or that will keep happening and you won't be able to stop it." Brusquely he thrust an image into Kerris' mind, of a bright candle and a moth with green, lacy wings. "The emotions of people around you will draw you in." The moth circled, circled, and dived into the licking flame.

Kerris winced. He thought briefly of Meritha. "That's unpleasant," he said.

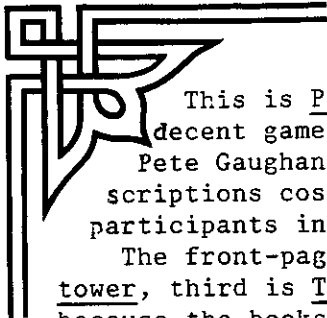
"Inspeakers grow more sensitive, not less," Sefer said. "You're my student now. I don't want to be responsible for anything happening to you."

Inconsequentially, out of memory, Kerris heard the words of a song. Ilene had sung it. I am a stranger in an outland country, I am an exile wherever I go. He put the thoughts of Josen and letterwriting from his mind. "You don't think it can wait?" he said.

Sefer said, "The Asech come tomorrow. I don't know what will happen then, except that I shall be busy."

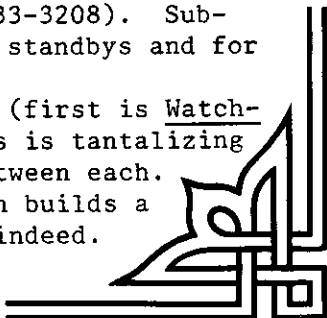
"All right," Kerris said. He remembered the pain he had felt trying to make the barrier before. He told himself that was a fluke and would not happen again. "What should I do?"

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The front-page excerpt this month is from a series of three books (first is Watchtower, third is The Northern Girl) about the land of Arun. The series is tantalizing because the books don't connect directly--roughly 100 years passes between each. I found myself wishing Lynn would write more! (a good sign, no?) Lynn builds a world where sex and power and gender are structured very differently indeed.



Literary Quiz

...where everyone finally finds a question they can answer...

RW3: According to legend, Sherlock Holmes spent his "lost years" living with Irene Adler in Montenegro. By her, he was the father of a son, who later became a famous detective in a large city. The chief clue to his paternity is that his first and last names, like Holmes' contain only two vowels each, and the same vowels as Sherlock's. Who is this son, who is certainly every bit as eccentric as his father, and who penned the history of his cases?

Eric Brosius: Nero Wolfe's cases were penned by Archie Goodwin. His agent was Rex Stout. Vince Lutterbie had this nailed also; each wins $\frac{1}{2}$ issue.

NW1: (Actually, TH1) Where is the Forest of Vordue? Well, nobody got this; Tom Hurst sent this in when he suggested "Belgarion" as a Snowball-Fighting game name. I haven't started to read this series yet, but I do have two of the books.

Greg Ellis: Magrathea. Gary Behnen: Perelandra. Brian Hogan: Gramarye.

CINEMA QUIZ Easy: "Talk to me, Goose." came from Top Gun (Jason Bergmann and Brian Hogan got the right answer; Geoff Richard said Mad Max, as did Matt Kazur).

CINEMA QUIZ Hard: "Why you be gotta pull a knife on me? I be got no weapons!"

Gary Behnen: I'm Gonna Get You Sucka! Brian Hogan: Fat Albert meets Rambo.

Jason Bergmann had the correct answer here: Hollywood Shuffle.

NOT-SO-LITERARY QUIZ (QEII): What is the typical cruising speed of the Queen Elizabeth II? Within 2 mph, you had to say 30--but Gary guessed 42, and Matt said 24 (yes, Matt, I know nobody uses mph for ships).

For next month, and a free issue for every correct answer, let's have...POETRY CORNER:

Easy (141C): Thomas Hardy's Far from the Madding Crowd is a rich and fascinating portrait of life in rural 19th-century England. In which poem, by an 18th-century English poet, did Hardy discover the title for his novel?

Hard (141B): Japanese literature is filled with poetry anthologies. In the middle of the 8th century, members of the court aristocracy put together the most famous and revered anthology, one which contains over 4,500 poems. What is it called in Japanese--and in English?

NOT-SO-LITERARY QUIZ (no freebies, just glory if you're right):

(T95): Within 50 years, when was Dublin founded, and by which group?

(DTH): Name six animals that produce ivory.

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MAGRATHEA

1989B Spring 1901: **Confederates Northward**

Austria (Richard Pinelli, 6606 N Glenwood, Chicago IL 60626): a vie-gal, a bud-ser, f tri-alb.

England (Jim Diehl, 10530 W Riverview Dr, Eden Prairie MN 55347): a lvp-yor, f lon-nts, f edi-nwg.

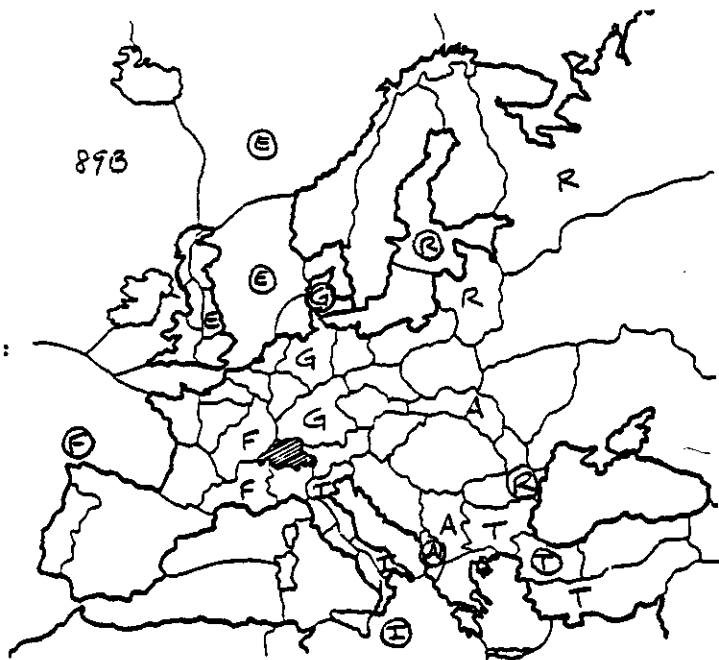
France (Tim Stark, 605 W Doyle, Granbury TX 76048): a par-bur (a mar s), f bre-mid.

Germany (Karl Hoffman, Box 8776, Allentown PA 18105): a ber-kie, f kie-den, amun-tyo.

Italy (Gary Behnen, 13101 S Trenton, Olathe KS 66062): a ven-tyo, f nap-ion, a rom-apu.

Russia (Guy Hail, 911 Blanco #208, Austin TX 78703): f sev-rum, a mos-stp, a war-lvn, f stp/sc-bot.

Turkey (John Crosby, 9031 Cardiff Rd, Richmond VA 23236): a con-bul, f ank-con, a smy h.



Deadline for Fall 1901 is on the back cover. Your codename is: _____.

Paris to Berlin: Don't worry, man, it's cool. I'll explain later.

Italy to France: Yes, neutrality in Spring is great ...

GameMaster to Berlin: Need any more explanation?

Italy to GM: A modified Byrne [Opening], I know, not too original but usually effective.

Italy to Austria: Don't mind the mountain troops, just on exercise.

Italy to Germany: Ditto, Kaiser.

GM to Italy: He took sufficient exception to keep them from being mountain troops at all.

Italy to Turkey: Now, you are too predictable!

Paris to Moscow: "Now let me make one thing perfectly clear; I am not a crook!"

Italy to Russia: Did you venture the Black? YOU know how R/Ts polarize the board!!

St. Petersburg: Welcome, friends.

Italy to England: The Med is an Italian pond, capische?

Vatican City: Are all youse guys snapping mackerals? Hey, Pete, once a Catholic...

Ex-communicated -Catholic GM to Vatican: I've said it elsewhere, there are very few real ex-Catholics.

GRAMARYE

BR-89-01 British Rails Round One and Two

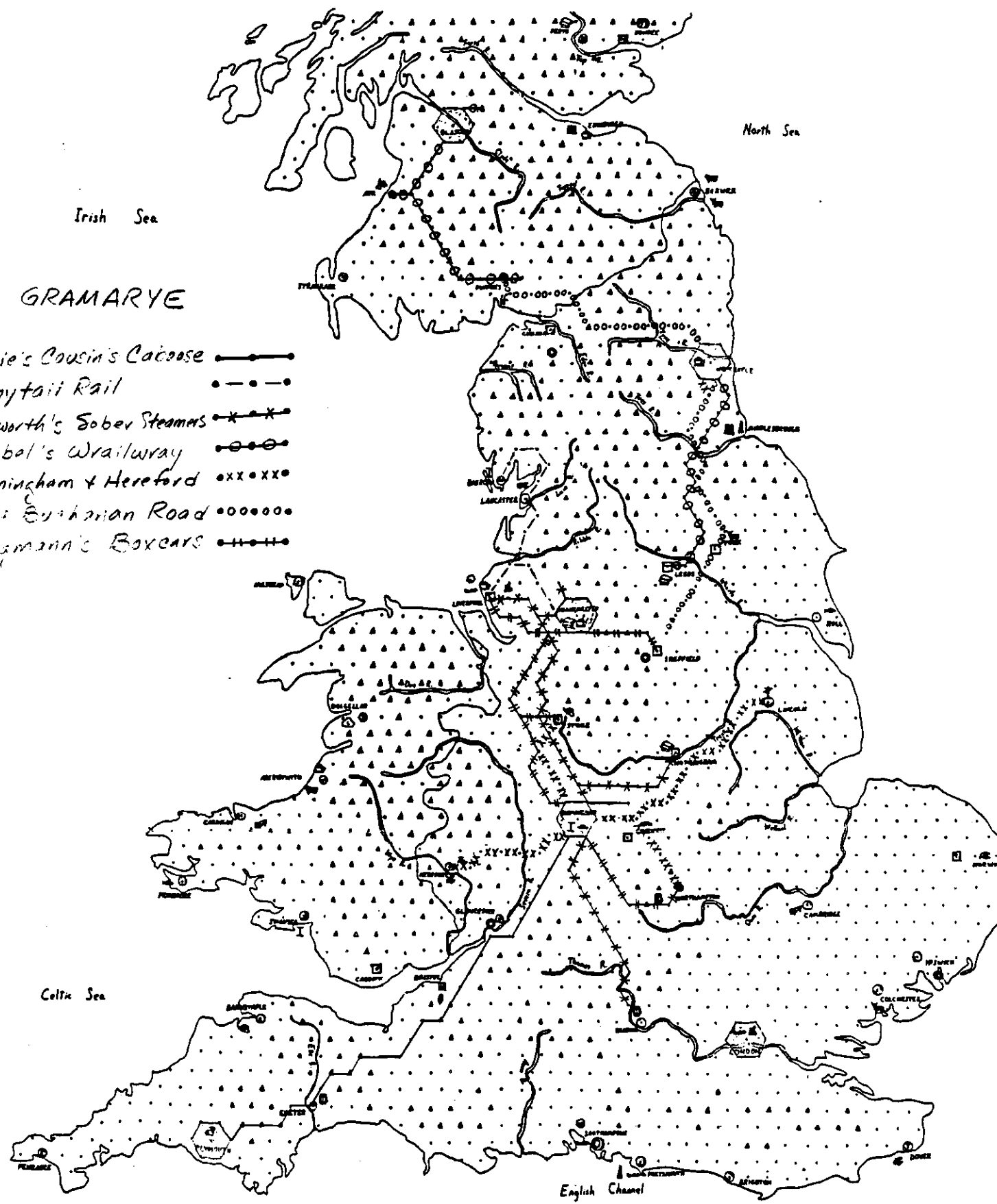
...And have I got a few things to point out.

Your TrackMaster messed up in several minor ways. Conrad's company is Silkworth's Sober Steamers; Stoke is a medium city; and, most importantly, Craig Mills' Lost Buchanan Road was actually built two mp further south than I drew it (I charged him for crossing the border into Scotland as if it were a river!). When a couple of players called me on this, I told them where the extended build would be, based on Craig's first-round orders; but when Craig's orders came in, he headed off in a slightly different direction. The difference is slight enough that I hope Craig will accept my apology.

And for all of you who wonder, building across the Atlantic costs £260M. No event cards were drawn in the initial deal. And the order of play will advance by one each turn (thus, the player who went first in Round Two will go last in Three; second player steps up to first).

Before we hear any more complaints about the report form, please note that I'm using up copies of an old sheet and will then introduce my own blank form.

Deadline for Round Three builds only is Monday, April 17, 1989. I get home from work at 7. Gramarye press follows the map.



Irish Sea

North Sea


GRAMARYE

- Connie's Cousin's Cacoose ————
- Poppytail Rail - - - - -
- Silkworth's Sober Steamers x-x-x-x
- Wrobel's Wrailway ○-○-○-○-
- Birmingham & Hereford xxx-xxx
- Lord Euthan Road ○○○○○○
- Berammann's Boxcars +--+--+

Celtic Sea

English Channel



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Empire: Connie's Cousin's Caboose
 Engineer: Tom Nash
 Track Symbol: 

connect Plymouth & Birmingham, then extend E from Birm.

Starting Cash: \$ 40	Order of Play: <u>7</u>
Income: +\$	Engine: <u> </u>
Subtotal: \$	G.O. <u>X</u>
Spent: -\$ 20	
Finishing Cash: \$ 20	

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 BLUE 


Empire: Puppytail Rail
 Engineer: Bruce Linsey
 Track Symbol: 

build into Barrow

Starting Cash: \$ 40	Order of Play: <u>1</u>
Income: +\$	Engine: <u> </u>
Subtotal: \$	G.O. <u> </u>
Spent: -\$ 7	
Finishing Cash: \$ 33	

6 94 52



 GREEN 


Empire: Silkworth's Sober Steamers
 Engineer: Conrad von Metzke
 Track Symbol: 

build 1 N from Manchester extend E to Nottingham and S across Thames

Starting Cash: \$ 40	Order of Play: <u>2</u>
Income: +\$	Engine: <u> </u>
Subtotal: \$	G.O. <u>X</u>
Spent: -\$ 20	
Finishing Cash: \$ 20	

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 PUCE 


Empire: Wrobel's Wrailway
 Engineer: Ed Wrobel
 Track Symbol: 

connect Newcastle to Leeds

Starting Cash: \$ 40	Order of Play: <u>3</u>
Income: +\$	Engine: <u> </u>
Subtotal: \$	G.O. <u> </u>
Spent: -\$ 18	
Finishing Cash: \$ 22	

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Empire: Birm. & Hereford RR
 Engineer: Eric Brosius
 Track Symbol: 

build into Lincoln; S from Newcastle; NW from Birmingham; into Northampton

Starting Cash: \$ 40	Order of Play: <u>4</u>
Income: +\$	Engine: <u> </u>
Subtotal: \$	G.O. <u>X</u>
Spent: -\$ 20	
Finishing Cash: \$ 20	

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 RED 


Empire: Lost Buchanan Road
 Engineer: Craig Mills
 Track Symbol: 

extend S from Newcastle

Starting Cash: \$ 40	Order of Play: <u>5</u>
Income: +\$	Engine: <u> </u>
Subtotal: \$	G.O. <u>X</u>
Spent: -\$ 19	
Finishing Cash: \$ 21	

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Empire: Bergmann's Boxcars
 Engineer: Jason Bergmann
 Track Symbol: 

build to Stoke; connect Birm. to Manchester
and Northampton

Starting Cash: \$ 40	Order of Play: <u>6</u>
Income: +\$	Engine: <u> </u>
Subtotal: \$	G.O. <u> </u>
Spent: -\$ 20	
Finishing Cash: \$ 20	

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Puppytail to TM: Oops! My correct phone is (518) 426-3022.

Puppytail to Bergmann: Psst! Do that sugar run to Chicago--pays off every time! Just don't grab all the sugar, I need some for Atlanta.

Puppytail to TM: That's a BIG inlet we have to cross to fulfill these contracts!

TM to rail barons: One more press item, and your city list, on the following page...

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GRAMARYE continued

Birmingham -- (Company Headquarters of the B. & H. R. R. C.) -- After an elaborate press luncheon in the B. & H. Ballroom, Chairman of the Board Charles "Choo Choo" Twain described the Company's strategic plan:

"Our operations researchers have carried out a series of detailed time and motion analyses using the latest in computer equipment. We conclude that every single demand in the deck can be filled most economically by riding on the short stretch of track we have built between Birmingham and Hereford. This may surprise those who wish to deliver jute to Glasgow, but as we all know, computers never make mistakes.

"In view of this the Directors of the B. & H. are prepared to lease our track to any and all interested parties at rates which you will find most satisfactory. In addition, for a limited time only, regular fare riders on this line will receive triple frequent rider miles."

aberystwyth	CARDIFF	dumfries	hull	northampton	portsmouth
ayr	cardigan	DUNDEE	ipswich	NORWICH	reading
barnstaple	CARLISLE	EDINBURGH	lancaster	NOTTINGHAM	SHEFFIELD
barrow	colchester	exeter	LEEDS	pembroke	southampton
berwick	COVENTRY	gloucester	lincoln	penzance	STOKE
brighton	dolgellau	hereford	LIVERPOOL	perth	stranraer
BRISTOL	dover	holyhead	MIDDLESBROUGH	PLYMOUTH	swansea
cambridge					YORK

ZEMBA Gunboat

Summer 1906: Germany retreats a bur-ruh.

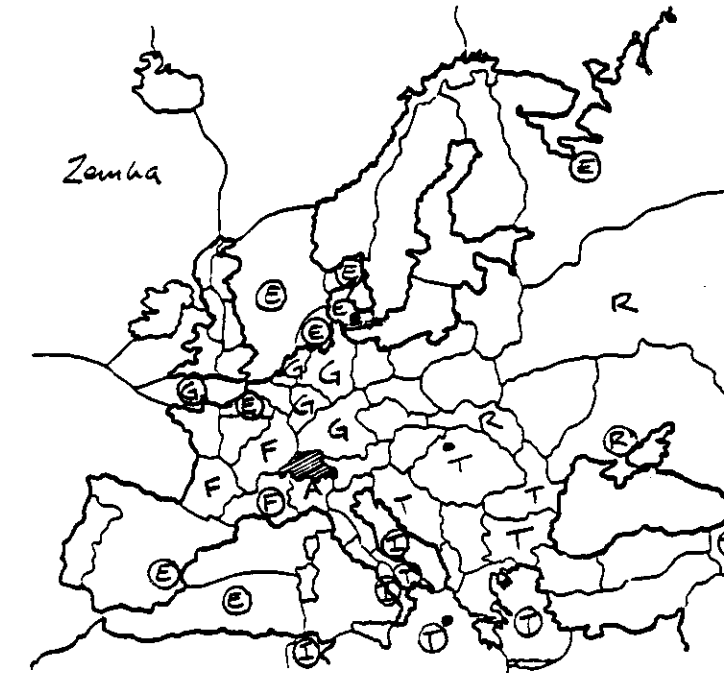
FALL 1906

Austria--sent "Fall 1905' orders again. a pie u.
 England--f stp/nc-mos /imp/, a swe-den (f ska s),
 f hel-kie, f nts-bel (f pic s), f spa ms f wes.
 France--nmr. f mar, a bur, a gas all h.
 Germany--f bel-eng, a ruh-bel (a hol s (a kie s)),
 a mun h, f den-nts /bal or otb/.
 Italy--nmr. f tun, f nap, f adr h; a bud r to
 vie or otb; f ion r tyn, alb, eas, or otb.
 Russia--nmr. a gal, f sev, a mos h.
 Turkey--f gre-ion (f aeg s), f arm-sev, a ser-bud
 (a tri & a rum s), f apu-adr, a bul s a rum.

Deadline wasn't the problem this turn, since even a week after that I still don't have moves from F I and R. But next deadline is published on back.

Supply Centers Held as of Winter 1906

Austria	vie?
England	lon lvp edi nwy por stp bre swe DEN SPA
France	par spa mar
Germany	kie ber mun den bel hol
Italy	ven rom nap tun bud
Russia	mos war sev
Turkey	con ank smy bul ser rum gre tri BUD



1/1?	even? or out
8/10	build two
3/2	remove one
6/5	remove one
5/4?	-1 or +1
3/3	even
8/9	build one

Winter will be separated only if two players ask; send Spring 1907 to be safe!

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LAKKDAROL

Gondor A Anorien retreats to Entwash;
you're right, Mordor gets only two
builds...

Keebler Doubles Up

Dwarves (Larry Botimer, 13833 NE
11th St., Bellevue WA 98005):
builds A Blue Mountains and
A Erebor; also has As River
Running, Iron Hills, Carn Dûm

Elves (Jason Bergmann, Box 23780
Atlanta GA 30322): builds
As Elven King's Halls, Lorien,
Imladris, Grey Havens; also
has As Carrock, Anduin and
Gladden Fields, and F Forlond.

Gandalf (Rob Wittmond, 4315
182nd St #308, Torrance CA
90504): has Gandalf
Fellowship
Ranger

Gondor (Lance Anderson, MI BN
INSCOM, PSF CA 94129): adds
A Minas Tirith; also has As
Entwash, Lossarnach, and
Minas Morgul, C Lebennin,
and Faramir

Mordor (Chris Gabel, Box 92,
Madras OR 97741): builds As
Nurn and Udûn; also has Sauron
Barad-dûr, 2As Orodruin,
Anorien, Osgiliath, Khand; As
Brown Lands, Dol Goldur,
South Rhûn, Dagorlad, and
Gorgoroth; and Nazgul

Rohan (Brian Hogan, Box 41-22,
Kykotsmovi AZ 86039): builds As
Eastfold & Helm's Deep; also has A Wold,
C Druwaith Iaur, C Emyrn Muil, H Eastfold.

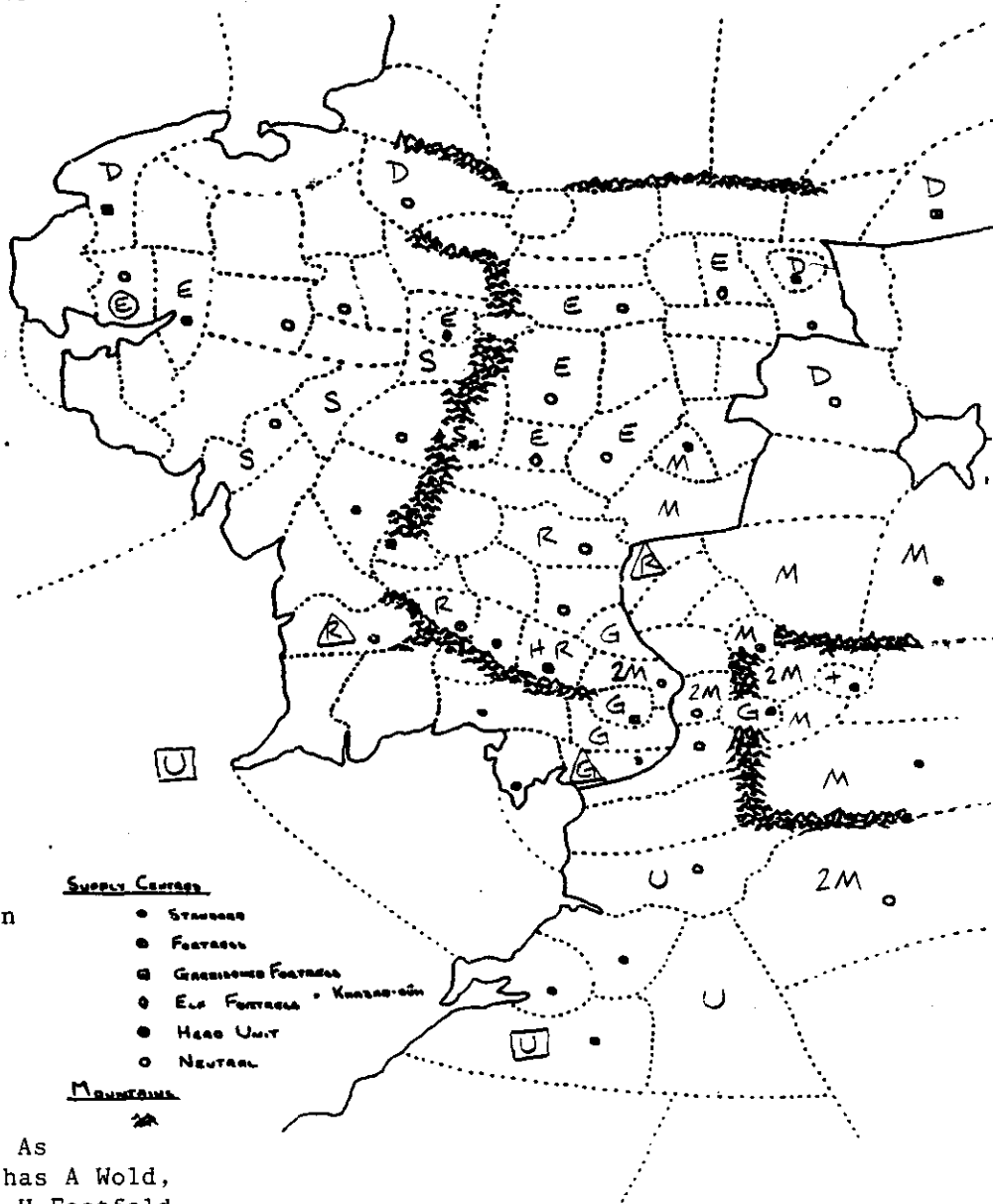
Saruman (~~Steve Newland~~ Randy Grigsby, 93 St. Vincent, RR #3, Barrie Ontario L4M 4S5 Canada):
Steve builds A Khazad-dûm and resigns; also has As Greenway, Rhudaur, and Minhiriath, and
Saruman

Umbar (Geoff Richard, 306 W. Carson, Bryan TX 77801): builds A/F Havens of Umbar; also has
A/F Southern Sea, A South Gondor, A Haradwaith.

Solmath I 3019 **deadline** is on the back cover--orders already on file for all but Gondor & Mordor.

I apologize for not explaining that the builds and removals would be separated--this may not
always be the case, depending on the complexity of the situation. But from here on I'll tell
you whether I plan to separate seasons (two player requests will usually get a separation anyway)

DOWNFALL OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS



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LAKKDAROL press---

Minas Morgul to Barad-dûr: Better look again, pal, our swords and mail are rattling inside the doors! Methinks you be the one at our doors!

Barad-dûr to Minas Tirith: Your pitiful attack has earned you the raging wrath of Sauron!

[[unlabelled]]: A cry of help is heard from deep within Minas Morgul: "Let's see, $2A + A + 2A = 5A$ against $A + \text{fortress} = 2A$. Even if Gandalf and Faramir are there that's $4A$. Hmmm, perhaps we should run quickly. Go directly to jail--Do not pass go, do not collect disability insurance."

Tobacco growers in the Shire expect a big year. Orders from a man named Sharky double demand for that devilish weed. Futures, anyone??

Come one, come all, news is that Sauron is having a con in Dol Guldor this March. Sacks will be there with a petition to outlaw false covenants.

Galadriel was found face down yesterday in her fountain of the future, past and present. A preliminary report is that she OD'd on acid. Updates on her health will come in Solmath I. Elrond announces that he will convene a council to discuss the matter of a ring he found while walking through the woods. Everyone is invited but Saruman, who is welcome to turn around and go right back home.

Rohan to Dwarf: "Everybody does it"--Now that's an original excuse! Ya, boo, sucks on you! Now who's smug? Or should that be Smaug?

Umbardacil to Dwarf King: I hope I can interest you in my actions before the war is over! As it is, the Blue Mountains are of no interest of my ships.

Minas Tirith to Erebor: Fear what you may, half-man; the men of Gondor need not the vile Ring to meet this menace.

Thranduil to Dwarves: Battle of Five Armies? It didn't even take that much to rout Sauron's forces.

Rohan to Dwarfs: I sure hope that your axes are as sharp as your tongues. Smug, indeed.

Valinor to Middle-Earth: The dwarves, it appears, have caught laryngitis just in time.

Rohan to Valinor: Methinks Esgaroth is also neutral. We of Rohan would feel more comfortable if your handle was Valhalla.

GM/Valinor to Rohan: New, correct SC chart follows the rules discussion. As for my dateline, look out--you're messing with God again, and you know what happened in Snowball Fighting to players who complained about God's behavior...

Elves to Valinor: So, are seasons separated in this? [Yes, this time.]

Theoden to Gandalf: Help me now, old friend, or find yourself thwarted later.

Theoden to Denethor: Don't worry--be happy!

Umbardacil to Denethor: You need to get your eyes off my fleets and concentrate on your front door. Do you hear that knocking? I believe someone is pounding on the gates of Minas Tirith.

Rohan to Gondor: Are we having fun yet?

Denethor to Theoden: Concern yourself more with your western border and less with your northern neighbors and all will be well. Stand firm and we will prevail.

Rohan to Umbar: Sorry about the oliphants. Did you salt some down for us? This isn't shaping up to be much of a naval conflict, is it?

Umbardacil to Elves: The seas of Middle-Earth belong to the true sons of Numenor. I suggest you use your fleets to leave Middle-Earth, not to fight in.

King Theoden to the Nameless One [then how do you ever expect this letter to get through?]: We have observed the rape of fair Anorien with great anger and angst. Since this province was ours (given to Gondor by treaty), we would appreciate your immediate withdrawal. So far we have been at peace with you. If you wish yet another enemy, head west.

Umbardacil to Dark One: Gondor is but a dying mixed-blood line of the Numenor. The true Numenorian kings live on in Umbar. What do you offer for our assistance? My first ambassador to Barad-dûr has yet to return. What exactly have you done with him?

Sauron to Galadriel: Birds? Ah, yes, we have such creatures in Mordor as well. Lovely black carrion fowl with red eyes (only for you, my darling). Their droppings will be the only food remaining for Elves not too long from now!

Gondor: Real estate values plunged sharply with the presence of Sauron's armies in Anorien and Minas Morgul is expected to be bought at any time. However, burial plots are bringing a premium.

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still more LAKKDAROL press---

Numenorian 'rabble' to (D)Orc Lord: What need you do to merit such treatment--being Sauron is cause enough! A famous man, J.T. Kirk, once said, "The best defense is a strong offense."

If you had kept to your natural boundary, I would not have had to be so offensive.

Rohan to Golden Wood: I hope that your promise to sail south to help Umbar "keep the pressure on" while bravely keeping your fleet in drydock in Forlond (or, should we call it Forsworn), is no true indication of the veracity of the newly powerful Elflords. As long as you speak truth to me I guess it's okay.

Elves to Saruman: What's the deal anyway? Why the push north?

Valinor to Elves: Three guesses and the first two don't count...

Rohan to Saruman: All set to grab four western centers? Wow! My horsemen long for such an open range.

Rohan to Middle Earthlings: Button, button, who's got the button? Let's vote! I vote for Saruman. That would explain his postal silence.

Theoden to Stormcrow: Where are you?

Theoden to Uruk-hai of Isengard: From one who knows a bit about breeding, I suggest you foal that new orc army in Khazad-dûm. Closed, protected corrals are best for this sort of thing. Sexual habits of orcs notwithstanding.

Rohan to Middle Earth: We are assembling a collection of player snapshots to send around so that each of us can see what the others look like. Please send a personal photo posthaste to me or I will cut a photo out of a magazine to represent you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Can Gandalf units retreat to an occupied space?

Yes, so long as the unit there has not ordered its destruction.

In the following situations, what happens?

[Note: Blue Mountains is a garrisoned Fortress and these units are chosen for example only. In these examples, I have printed them just as I would adjudicate--underlined orders fail.]

1. Umbar A/F Wes-Blu, Blu unoccupied.
2. Umbar A/F Wes-Blu (Elf A Fld s), Blu unoccupied.
3. Umbar A/F Wes-Blu (Elf A Fld s), Dwarf A Blu h.
4. Umbar A/F Wes-Blu (Elf A Fld & F For s), Dwarf A Blu h /retreat to Fcl, Lhù, or otb/.

The other conditions you asked about merely add or change the supports. Here's a simple key to these centers:

Fortress: makes an A into a 2A. Garrison: makes an A into a 2A, and has a "pretend" Army on hand when it is otherwise empty. (However, you cannot support an empty Fortress or Garrison.)

Supply Centers held after Afteryule 3019--

Dwarves (red)	blu ere iro rru cdm	5
Elves (blue)	ekh gha iml lor fld gla and crk	8
Gandalf (grey)		0
Gondor (white)	bel lam leb mit mmo	5
Mordor (black)	bar dgu nur srh udu off off off ano osg kha	11
Rohan (light green)	herd edo hde wol dru	5
Saruman (yellow)	dun ise kdm min	4
Umbar (dark green)	cit hrd hav sgo	4

neutral centers: Bree, Esgaroth, East Emnet, Hollin, The Shire, South Ithilien

More ~~From~~ (haut) press---

GM to Paris: You could always toady to your gm and attend Arlingcon instead. See back cover.

Confused Austria: So The Scribblerist has Been There and Done That, but Vince is Down at the Mouth at a new address in Missouri. One a zine, one a subzine, and one just a flyer. Two haven't come since December. So from whence came this Perelandra participant publishing proliferation?

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NORTHPOINT

Winter 1905: Italy removes f adr; Russia builds f sev & a war; Turkey builds a con.

1987HK Northpoint SPRING 1906--RAh RAh RAh!

Austria (Larry Botimer, 13833 NE 11th St #3, Bellevue WA 98005): a rum-bul, a vie-tyo.

England (civil disorder): f edi h.

France (Jim Diehl, 10530 W Riverview Dr, Eden Prairie MN 55347): f cly-nat, a lon-yor, f pic-bel (f nts s), f mid-wes, a par-bur, a bur-mar (f spa/sc s), a rom s tur f nap.

Germany (John Crosby, 9031 Cardiff Rd, Richmond VA 23236): a hol-kie (a ruh s), f den-bal, a ber-pru /ann/.

Italy (Matt Kazur, Box 5492, Washington DC 20016): f lyo-wes, a ven s tur f nap-rom.

Russia (Gary Behnen, 13101 S Trenton, Olathe KS 66062): f sev-bla, a war-pru, a ser s aus a rum-bul, a tri s aus a vie-tyo, a arm-smy, a sil-ber (a mun s).

Turkey (Jim Nickel, 429 E Columbia St, Falls Church VA 22046): f nap, a ank, f smy h; a gre-ser, a con-bul, f bul/sc-aeg.

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Russia to GM: Watch the Santa references, I don't believe in him!

GM to Russia: Oh, that's rich, threaten my life for publishing something that offends your religion. We'll just call you "Ruhollah," okay?

Austria to Board: Get this sucker over with, please. It'll be boring after the dipstick Italian is dead!

Russia to Italy: Sorry, but at this point I'll help our little red.

Austria to Italy: You are getting precisely what you deserve, wart on a toad's ass.

GM to Austria: If you're a toady, then the toad in question must be...Behnen! Hey, guys, Ruhollah Behnen has warts on his ass!

Italy: For Sale: national dignity. No reasonable offer refused! This special won't last long, as everyone seems to want a piece. Get yours while you can!

Russia to Turkey: Where do you go from here? Any options?

Russia to France: I agree, there are greener pastures in Germany--maybe from the fertilizer?

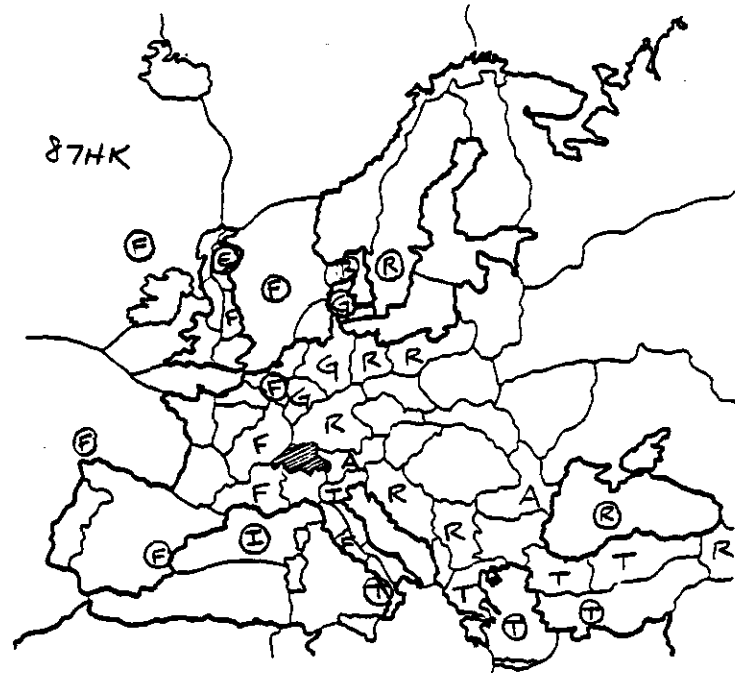
Russia to Germany: Parting will be such sweet...well, that's it!

Austria to Russia: I just now realize you've been running the scam on toad's ass all game long. No wonder he stabbed me, the Ripper told him to.

Russia to Red Friend: Paranoid, who, me? I know they had a key, how else do you explain the strawberries?

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Furthert one more time...

Paris to Vienna: Jason. Sign on to CIS. At any system prompt ("!"), type "go gamers[enter]." That puts you into Gamers Forum. Then at the function prompt ("function:"), type "ss5[enter]." That puts you into the Diplomacy subsection. Follow prompts to read messages or go into the data library ("DL5") to find and download Dip files. The Armchair Diplomat, the "electronic zine" with game results et al., is listed as "TADxxx.DIP" with xxx=issue number. The latest TAD [Ed.: as of 3/8] is issue number 317, i.e. TAD317.DIP (the one that carries our annual



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Ferdie Awards...featuring my triumph...elected best player, perpetrator of best stab, victim of worst stab, and participation in best feud). Leave a message for the SL, or Section Leader, Ken Hill, if you need more help finding your way around. My PPS is 74676,3310. Yeah, we run some variants, mostly gunboat, there's a round-robin gunboat tourney going on now, and there's been a game of Revolution. Me and Steve Smith, the other person in the feud (it was all for laughs really) are about to settle it by playing a game of two-man "Intimate Dip." And we're about to launch a game with all the past winners of games. With commentary by Perelandra's Russ Blau. For software the best thing is to go to the IBM Communication Forum (Go IBMCOM) and download a copy of ATO. Or go to the TAPCIS Forum (Go TAPCIS) and download a copy of, yes, TAPCIS. They will save you a LOT of money by automating the process and letting you do most of your work offline. See you there.

GM to Nash: The first day I manage to have a computer, I'll be sending you a note.

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## SESEFRAS MAGNA

Summer 1902: France a tyo-pie; Germany a bur-ruh, f swe-den.

1988CH Sesefra Magna FALL 1902: **Turning Tail**

Austria (James Early, 3500 Greystone Dr #255, Austin TX 78731): a ukr-sev, a gal-rum, a tri-ser, a tyo h, f gre-bul/sc!

England (Jim Diehl, 10530 W Riverview Dr, Eden Prairie MN 55347): f nts-ska (rus s), f nwg-nts (f nwy s), a bel s fre a bur-ruh (f eng s).

France (Larry Botimer, 13833 NE 11th St #3, Bellevue WA 98005): a bur-ruh (eng s), a par-bur, f mid-spa/sc, a pie s ita a ven, a gas-bre.

Germany (Lance Anderson, MI BN INSCOM, PSF CA 94129): a ruh ms a hol (a mun s a ruh), f den ms f hel.

Italy (Stuart Lange, 904 Fox Chase Ln, Riverdale GA 30296): a tun h, f ion-gre, f nap-ion, a ven h (france s).

Russia (Kathy Caruso, 636 Astor St, Norristown PA 19401): f swe s eng f nts-ska, a war-gal, a mos-ukr?

Turkey (John Crosby, a sev-mos, a rum-sev, f bla-sev, f smy-eas (f aeg s).

Supply centers held as of Winter 1902:

|         |                     |                              |         |          |
|---------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Austria | vie bud tri         | <del>gtr</del> <del>fw</del> | SER BUL | 5/5 even |
| England | lvp edi lon nwy bel |                              |         | 5/5 even |
| France  | par mar bre spa por |                              |         | 5/5 even |
| Germany | ber kie mun hol     | <del>sw</del>                | DEN     | 5/5 even |
| Italy   | ven rom nap tun     | GRE                          |         | 4/5 +1   |
| Russia  | stp mos war         | SWE                          |         | 3/4 +1   |
| Turkey  | con ank smy         | <del>fw</del>                | sev RUM | 5/5 even |

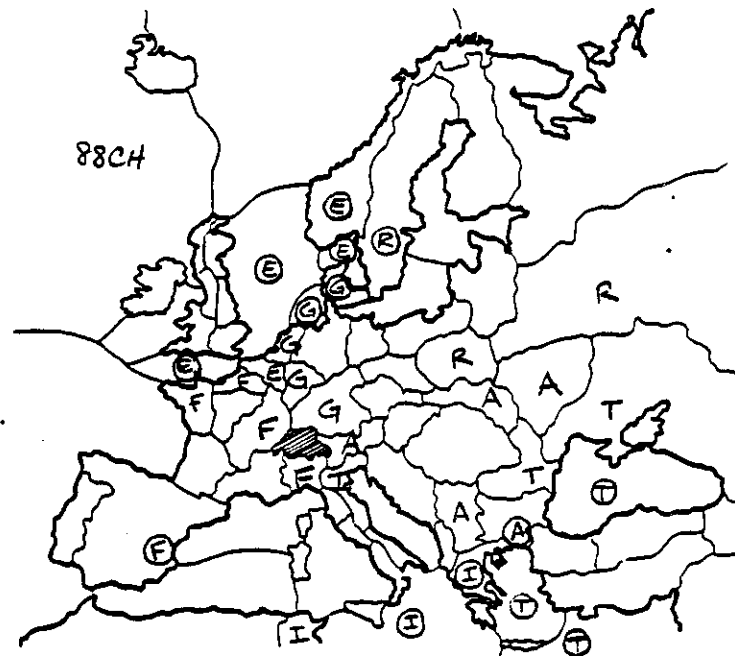
**Deadline** for SPRING 1903 (including I & R builds is on the back cover.

Rin Tin to Katie: I understand that no one is allowed to root for the Mets in Pennsylvania, only the Pirates or Phillies!

Bo(t) to GM: Was it really necessary to let the Metsomaniac in here?

Russia to Austria: What would you like to write to me about, the Astros' lack of talent?

Vienna to PJ: Well, is it time for the ol' baseball preview yet? What do you think the 'Stros' chances are a) if they get Wade Boggs (a distinct possibility [not any more it ain't]) or b) if they don't? They proved last year that having the best pitching staff in the league doesn't cut it if no one hits!



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GM to Vienna: We'll get into a little baseball later this issue...

France to Austria: Hey, what's the big idea of throwing me out of the French Tyrol?

KK to Rin Tin: Is there a reason you are crowding the French people? Let them be free to roam the Austrian lands!

France to England: You're really stooping low when you'll help the worm-lover Caruso.

London to Paris: Keep those diseased French gobs away from my Liverpool dainties.

Austria to F/E/G: You guys playing "musical alliances" or what?

Austria to France: Yep, I guess we're all one big happy family now!

France to Germany: Yeah, I guess this is war.

Austria to France: You're not taking this game very seriously, are you? We need to talk, Larry!

Germany to England: I don't give a damn who you side with--it is war between us.

London to Berlin: What did I do?

Vienna to London: You just fell victim to one of the classic blunders! The most famous is "Never get involved in a land war in Asia!" But only slightly less well known is this: "Never go against a Sicilian when death is on the line!" HA HA HA! HA HA HA! HA HA HA! ... (thump!)

Austria to GM: This is either going to be a fantastic move or a very bad one. Well, sometimes you just have to say, "What the heck?"

Austria to Turkey: Sorry, but it seems like it will eventually come down to you or me. This is just a case of "doing unto others before they do unto you." (Please understand I hold you in the highest respect!)

Austria to Italy & Russia: I hope I can count on you guys!

France to Italy: Jeez, you've got to be a classic example of Fassio Fence-sitting!

King of Italy to Sultan John: He made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

GM to France: Okay, you talked him into it.

Cuddles to Jimbo: I'm like to genie in the bottle, however, your wishes are unlimited! Well, at least until I run out of units!

London to St. Petersburg: What's wrong with cuddling and bouncing?

KK to Jimbo: Keep the bed warm, as I'm on my way!

GM to England: Okay, you talked her into it.

Austria to Russia: Let's just say I like to live on the edge!

Russia to Germany: What can I tell you, you were born with the bumps in all the wrong places.

GM to Russia: Lance has bumps in place that Jim doesn't??

Germany to Russia: Why shouldn't I ignore you? You cut off your nose to spite your face [[Well, that's one less bumb she'll have...]], or hadn't you looked at your southern border lately? I think you have enough other problems to occupy you besides threatening me.

Vienna to Berlin: I do not envy you with the headache you will have when you awaken! But, in the meantime, rest well and dream of large women!

Austria to Turkey: If you stab me I will be most put out!

King of Italy to Czarina Kathy the Great: If 39 makes you "Granny," what does 42 and being told I need glasses make me? Curt Gibson, maybe??? Maybe we better teach these kiddies a lesson on respecting their elders!

Austria to Italy/Russia: 39??? 42??? You guys are ancient!!!

Austria to GM: Why am I always the baby of the game?

Vienna to Constantinople: You seem a decent fellow. I hate to kill you!

Berlin to London: I don't look upon it as a race--the only way to defend against fleets is with fleets. Don't you agree?

Vienna to Rome (concerning F Aeg): Probably just a local fisherman on a pleasure cruise at night, through eel-infested waters!

Vienna to Paris: That would be totally, completely, and in all other ways, INCONCEIVABLE!!

Vienna to Moscow: There's a shortage of perfect breasts in the world. 'Twould be a pity to damage yours!

J.R.E. to PJ: Can you tell I'm no Spring Break now and have nothing more productive to do with my time than write press?!!

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## QUWHON Snowball Fighting

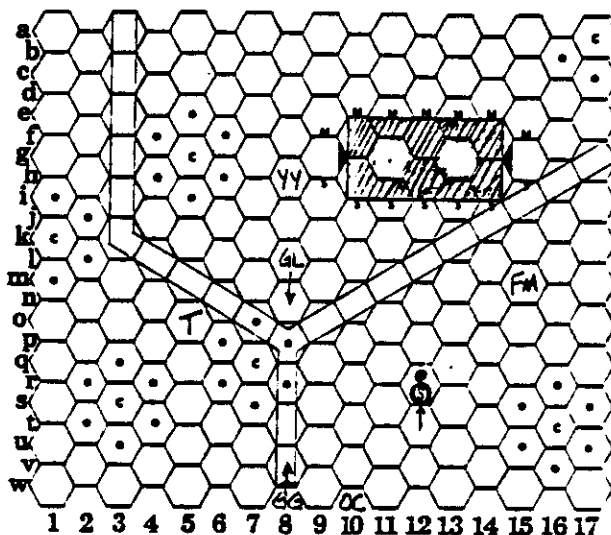
ASF7, Turn Five: **Disappearing Act**

Segment One: Turtle and Goosey Lucy both fail to recognize the opportunities out there knocking, and spend all three Segments standing around staring at the sky! Frost Monkey and Yuppie Yeti start licking their chops and pick up two Snowballs each; Slush already has 'balls, so he throws cross-country at Goosey--and misses!

Segment Two: With Goose Gossage and Oliver Cool still sitting around inside, and two players nmring, the others try to make hay--or, at least, make Dirigibles while the sun shines (actually, it's cloudy and lightly snowing). Slush picks up a Di and sticks it atop the snowman! Frost Monkey sees Slush sliding his way, and nails Slush with a Ravenscroft Rattlesnake.

Segment Three: Frost Monkey figures Slush is still a good target, but he misses as Slush steps behind the snowman to unload his own attack: long-distance again, this time at Yuppie Yeti. Yeti is preoccupied, though--his attack is the fatal one that sends Lucy into the kitchen!

Hit Probabilities: S vs. GL 70/78; FM vs S 95/11 and 85/91; S vs YY 80/80; YY vs GL 95/46.



| <u>Standings after Turn Five</u> | <u>vp</u> | <u>hp</u> | <u>ammo remaining</u> | <u>kitchen status</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Frost Monkey (at M15) ...        | 3         | 8         | none                  |                       |
| Goose Gossage (kitchen) ..       | 5         | 10        | 2 Snowballs           | emerges Seg. One      |
| Goosey Lucy (on the run)         | 7         | 0         | none                  | inside 'til Turn 7    |
| Oliver Cool (kitchenette)        | 10        | 0         | none                  | emerges Seg. Two      |
| Slush (R12) .....                | 8         | 3         | none                  |                       |
| Turtle (O5) .....                | 5         | 9         | none                  |                       |
| Yuppie Yeti (H8) .....           | 6         | 5         | 1 'ball & 1 Dirigible |                       |

**Deadline** (you all remember what that is, don't you?) for Turn Six is 3 April 1989--that should be the Monday before Don's deadline...send your orders to Pete Gaughan (3105 E Park Row #132, Arlington TX 76010).

Goose Gossage to Yard: The time has come to teach OC a lesson! I propose we line the sidewalk as a gauntlet and barrage Ollie with Dirigibles as he runs out of the kitchen. By the time he comes out in Segment Two of next Turn we can all be in place with at least two di's--one for Seg. Two and one for Seg. Three. With six of us tossing, at least three ought to be able to hit. That puts him one point away from heading back into the kitchen.

Slush to Yard: You mean, a welcoming committee for Cool McCool? I'm ready!

Slush to S&M: Gossage gets a Dirigible in on me? Unbelievable!

SnowMaster to Slush: Frost Minkey gets an RR in on you? Miraculous, wouldn't you say, my fellow ex-mackerel-snapper? (I know you're an ex because you're a BASS fisherman now.)

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Yuppie Yeti to Goosey Lucy: Arf! Arf! I was indeed trying to cover up a mistake.

Slush to Yeti: Why, are you the Munchkins?

YY to Slush: You coming to get me or you got a mortar over there?

Slush to Yeti: Here, take THAT you canapé-eating bluenose!

SnowMaster to Yeti: It seems he may just have a mortar after all...

Frost Monkey to Slush: Shut your trap and stand still dammit!!! Your's brain's already dead, faking it the rest of the way shouldn't be tough for a moron like you.

Olsen to Foul Mouth Foot in Mouth Foolish Moron Frost Monkey: You're right, Don Williams and I do add up to "two jerks." But only because Roach counts double in that category!

Don to Peter: Sorry about last time, pal, and this time...I'm just plumb out of inspiration. Next time, huh?

Peter to Don: What was it Edison said about inspiration being 90% luck and 10% perspiration...or something like that?

Slush to GL: Do you really eat wienies?

Ollie (of the) North to YY: You can't say that about me! I'm an American hero!

Don to Turtle-turd: You know where I live? You have tapes? What the hell kind of voyeur are you?

SnowMaster to Don: The best kind--a multi-media Peeping Tom.

FM to SM: Last time there was no Williams, no Olsen. The place is beginning to improve.

SM to FM: Don't count your turkeys before they're hatched...

FM to SM: Get new dice. freak.

Yuppie to SnowMiser: Those dice have got to be cracked! I haven't been so lucky since I tried to fall to the floor--and missed.

GG to SM: Why is it that I have 10 hit points and Slush has 4 after four turns of toe to toe bashing? I hit him for one point per TURN?!? And where did I get my other VP? Not that I'm complaining!

SM: You forget that the hp column lists hit points remaining. You hit S with two Rattlers and a ii (5 points), while FM dropped the other Rattler on Slush for one more point.

FM to SM: What's with your dice-rolling arm, anyway? I suppose it's rigged. What's an honest throw cost around here?

SnowMaster to Frost Mandy: Listen, you beef about the dice and you're liable to be treated to your own private blizzard over there.

Slush to GG: Not the Cubs!

GG to OC: See you back outside as soon as your socks dry. I threw them into the fire to help them dry faster. Don't bother to thank me!

FM to OC & GG: You want to play house, go play with your sisters. Otherwise, get out here.

Slush to SM: I'm cold, that hot chocolate ready or what!

SnowMaster to Slush: Ready and waiting--every bit that Ollie-Fur hasn't already drank up.

A WORD TO WATCHERS--There are openings in Snowball Fighting and Anonymous Snowball Fighting available for free in my zine, Perelandra (besides a lot of other good things like literature and Diplomacy variants). Rules to Snowball Fighting are free but send a 45¢ SASE, please.

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## ZELPST

I know I said this was going to be "Planet Blue," but I decided to reserve that name for later and this one will be ZELPST. Regular Diplomacy, here are the seven knife-fighters:

Austria: James Esely, 821 Sequoia, Lancaster TX 75146  
England: Marc Hanna, 718 Bounty Dr. #1820, Foster City CA 94404  
France: Lance Anderson, INSCOM - MI BN, PSF CA 94129  
Germany: George Rifle, 165 Garfield Avenue, Colonia NJ 07067  
Italy: Stephen Carter, 435 McCarron Avenue, Rifle CO 81650  
Russia: Greg Ellis, 700 Rio Grande, Austin TX 78701  
Turkey: Melinda Holley, Box 2793, Huntington WV 25727

Your codename: \_\_\_\_\_

Perelandra's houserules should be enclosed for each of you; your codename (see HR #8) is above. Per houserules, country selection was by random draw. Your Spring 1901 deadline is some time around Memorial Day, depending on how long it takes to publish #69. (Yes, you may submit orders at Arlington 5.) I publish phone numbers on request, and, as usual in Pere, the first player to tell me where I found the name "Zelpst" will win a free issue.

## GLOME Deviant

GLOME, Fall 1905: **Sickest Man of Europe**

concession to players having 11 or more letters in their names: all vote no except France (yes), Eire (yes), and Russia (nvr). France repropose.

Dying of plague before Fall: Erin a lvn, French a gas, German a hol, Italian f por, Turkish f con, f smy, f gre f stp.

Austria (Gregory Ellis, 700 Rio Grande, Austin TX 78701): f alb-gre, a ank beams to lvp; Waylon Jennings, Goodnight Irene.

Camelot (Bob Olsen, 6818 Winterberry Circle, Wichita KS 67226): a mos-war, f ska-swe; Pet Shop Boys, Introspective.

Eire (Don Williams, 1521 Avenue J-8 #163, Lancaster CA 93534): f nts-nwy; Wild Swans, Bringing Home the Ashes.

France (Jim Burgess, 100 Holden St, Providence RI 02908): f mid s a gas-spa /nsu/, f tun-tynt; Talking Heads, "Stop Making Sense: the video."

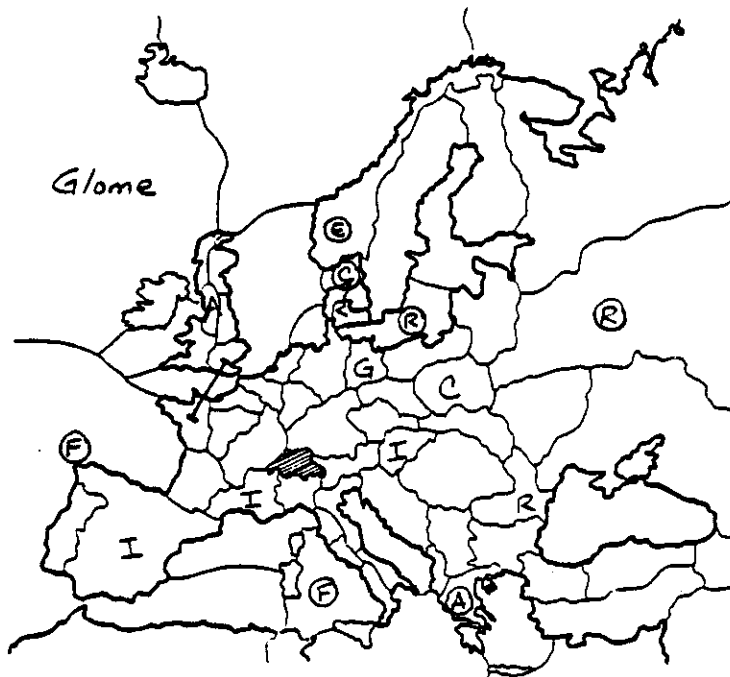
Germany (J.R. Baker, 512 Snipes, St. Charles MO 63303): a ber h; Jim Croce, "Bad Bad Leroy Brown"

Italy (Tom Nash, 5512 Pilgrim Rd, Baltimore MD 21214): a vie h, a ven beams to spa (a mar s); The Bulgarian State Female Vocal Choir, Le Myserie De Voix Bulgares; various artists, The Indestructible Beat of Soweto; Ornette Coleman, Virgin Beauty.

Russia (Russ Blau, 9023 Lake Braddock Dr, Burke VA 22015): a bud-rum, f sev beams to mos, a den-swe, f bal-swe; Madonna, "Pepsi Commercial."

Turkey (Mark Lew, 438 Vernon #103, Oakland CA 94610): The Roadmen, "Drive Me to Distraction."

With these orders, Jim Burgess resigns. Will Eric Brosius (41 Hayward St, Milford MA 01757) please take over the French position?





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| GLOME proposals     | yes | no | = net | Random Rule chosen this turn: "This is Deviant, Dammit!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------|-----|----|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| #41--Who Shot J.R.? | 5   | 1  | 4     | So rules now in effect are Playlist, "No" Votes, Tunnel, Transporter Beam, English Civil War, Random Rules, Deviant Dammit, and Unstable Dots. (Note that Unstable Dots reveals Plagues; text of the two new rules follows.)                                                              |
| #58--Living Dead    |     | 3  | -3    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| #59--Summer Builds  |     |    | 0     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| #60--Ireland        | 3   | 1  | 2     | Dots repeals Plagues; text of the two new rules follows.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| #61--3-Part Rule    | 5   |    | 5     | Please read Unstable Dots through--the randomly-exploded unit it mentions may be from <u>any</u> Power, not just the one that loses a center. Unstable Dots adds nine new SCs, and will reduce the number of SCs gradually, but the victory criterion for this game is, so far, still 18. |
| #62--Speedboat      |     | 1  | -1    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| #63--Unstable Dots  | 8   |    | 8     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| #64--True Democracy | 7   |    | 7     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

#55--RANDOM RULES. After each Fall season (only), the gm selects one rule at random from the set of all rules proposed in previous seasons but not adopted. That rule immediately goes into effect and overrides any inconsistent rules if necessary. [just a reminder here]

#12--DEVIANT, DAMMIT! Any player who fails to vote on the outstanding proposals, or fails to submit a new proposal, will be deemed to have nmred.

#63--UNSTABLE DOTS. All land-locked non-supply-centers become a home supply center for the country whose unit is in that space (or for the country which encloses that space if vacant). Iceland becomes a supply center for Camelot, Ireland for Eire. These spaces make the board unstable, causing one supply center each season to become a non-supply-center space. The gm chooses which SC loses its status at random, and also randomly removes one unit from the board at the same time. Any other deviant rule which may also result in the random removal of units is repealed and replaced by this rule. Any proposal which receives five or more votes, but does not pass, is automatically repropose for the following season.

| Supply Centers Held as of Winter 1905:                                 | may build: | (denied): | "Denied" is the    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Austria tri ser ank LVP GRE GAL BOH TYO . . . 3/8                      | four       | two       | number of builds   |
| Camelot lon <del>nos</del> bel WAR ICE . . . . 3/4                     | two        | one       | gained for which   |
| Eire <del>lpp</del> edi nwy IRE . . . . 3/3                            | two        |           | the player doesn't |
| France par bre <del>nat</del> <del>spa</del> tun BUR . . . . 5/4       | two        |           | have enough home   |
| Germany kie mun hol BER RUH SIL . . . . 3/6                            | four       | one       | centers available. |
| Italy ven rom nap por vie MAR SPA . . . . 5/7                          | three      | one       |                    |
| Russia <del>nat</del> sev swe rum <del>bet</del> den bud MOS UKR . 7/7 | two        | one       |                    |
| Turkey con smy bul <del>gtf</del> stp . . . . 5/4                      | two        | two       |                    |

Hopefully I'll remember to include a copy of the full text of all rules for Eric. Let's see, Ireland and Iceland are now passable. Someone wanted to know whether fleets can beam to land-locked provinces? Well, obviously they can, but they cannot move from there (or provide support) though they can be supported in place. Supporting a beam means overcoming another unit moving into an empty space--if you beam into an occupied space you're still annihilated. Note that I assume that you may make orders conditional on random actions unless the rules say otherwise. ~~Thus, I will de+SC/a/space/and/pull one/random/unit/next/Spring/BEFORE/moves+the Spring/moves/may/be/conditional/on/which/space/or/unit/dies!~~ Actually--since it doesn't say when, I will take these actions AFTER moves to avoid lengthy conditionals. (Yes, I changed my mind even as I typed the previous sentence!)

OKAY. Due to the many builds and the introduction of a new player, seasons will be separated. By the deadline on the back cover, send me: Winter 1905 builds; playlist; vote on concession to players with 11 or more letters in their name; vote(s) on the proposals I'm about to list below; a new proposal; and, of course, any press you choose. Whew. I love this game.

## Proposals to be voted on next issue:

#62--SPEEDBOAT. Each season the gm accepts only the first four sets of orders submitted. Orders MUST be submitted by mail. If he gets sets 4 & 5 on the same day, he counts the one on top of the pile in his mailbox. Once submitted, orders cannot be changed. All other orders are treated as nmrs.

#65--CUMULATIVE VOTING. Each player gets one vote for each center on each proposal. Votes may still be yes or no. Votes may all be cast for or against any single proposal, or spread out over any or all of the proposals.

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- #66--IRISH REVOLUTIONARIES. in honor of Don Williams joining the game as the leader of Eire, in rebellion against the perfidious forces of Albion, each player submitting a birth certificate that documents they have a middle name naming them after a bona fide Irish revolutionary gets a free build every Winter. [[Ruling: Players must specify which revolutionary they are claiming.]]
- #67--RABBIT RULE. Each unit may split into two units every season. The player splits a unit by submitting two orders for it, at least one of which must be a move order. The two units only count as one for defensive purposes if their space is attacked, and they recombine into a single unit if dislodged. The two units also recombine if they are both located in the same space at the end of the season.
- #68--CAVALRY UNITS. Cavalry units may be built instead of armies or fleets. They can move two provinces, or move one and support another movement, but their strength is only  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit.
- #69--MARK LEW WINS. Mark Lew wins.
- Rome to Paris: Boob. I am shocked! A New Close Lobsters album and not a word, not a single solitary word, here or in TBR or AP about it! This, to me, is very wierd. I bought it, but haven't really had a chance to listen to it yet.
- Rome to Board: Well, I got over my flu. Kind of. Never quite shook it, the cough, sore throat, general malaise [[Chief of the Army under Carter]]. For 5 weeks. Then I got sick all over again. Finally went to a doctor (I'm married to one, but she's useless.... every time I complained of feeling lousy I'd get, "Maybe you have AIDS." I have to live with this? Now you know why I'm cranky sometimes). Now I have pnuemonia, at best. Waiting for some lab results that may show it's even worse than that! Ugh! This is a total drag. I mean, hey, I like a week off from work as well as the next guy. Hey, alright, maybe better than the next guy! OK, OK, a lot better. But not at this price.
- Rome to Con: How's you luck out with the plague? They were supposed to decimate you, not the Russian.
- Rome to Mos: Sorry, Russ. [[Never fear, you got Mark this time...]]
- Tsar Blau to World: (Hack) (Gasp) Send medicine! Help us! All out heavily-armed soldiers (cough) er, I mean, innocent peasants are suffering most grievously from the (wheeze) plague. Also earthquakes in Armenia! But we hope to feel better by springtime.
- Austria to Board: This is probably it for me, guys. The way Pete rolls dice you will all be gone before anyone wins!
- GM to Austrian: Hey, I won't be rolling so many dice now. And you just picked up 3 home SCs.
- Camelot to Board: A moment of reverent silence, if you please, in memory of my Army London, "Arthur," so recently infamously slain by the Hunnish barbarians while defending our sceptred isle from the depredations of J.R. "Mordred" Baker. Who now will lift his sword in defense of the motherland? Surely not the degenerate schemer Williams. Alas! Our England faces a new Dark Age. First the Angles, then the Saxons, now the Ducks. It's really all too bloody much.
- Rome to Dublin: The government of Italy hereby formally and officially recognizes the rebels in Eire as the only one, true, real, official, and all-around cool and groovy government of England. We urge like-minded civilized governments to do the same. Right now. Today. Lose no time. At all. Please. Do it. For me. Pretty please.
- GM to Rome; You love periods they way Caruso loves exclamation points.
- Rome to Dublin: OK, I did it. Now have you found those lost orders for Juventus yet?
- King Bob to Pretender Roach: "Eire"? In the infamous annals of toadying to the GM, you could teach even Burgess a thing or two....
- GM to King ULCA: You're just jealous because you didn't stoop that low first.
- Rome to London: (pssstt... don't worry, I had my fingers crossed the whole time)
- Olsen to Boob: Of course Fernando stank, if he tried to go up against the mighty Cubs. He was just out of his league! Maybe if he pitched against somebody more on his own level, such as the Mutts...
- Wichita to Arlington: Who will inherit the Olsen toady empire now? That is a very good question. I offered the Pudgecon franchise to Greedy several months ago; I haven't heard from him since! Maybe rather than naming my own successor I'll do like my hero and role-model, Alexander the Great: "...to the strongest..." [[My response in the Editorial section

# Herelandra

There happened to be a lady in my store who mentioned that she knew a really good chiropractor. She said he had been in the Arlington area for over 20 years, and that he would work on people without x-rays. According to her, it cost about \$22. Well, that sounded great, so I found out who and where he was and went to see him today. I had four vertebrae out of whack and my neck was pretty messed up--but after he was done I went back to work feeling GREAT! Even my part-time employee said she could tell I was feeling better. I started joking around, which I hadn't done for a while.

Now, the chiropractor told me that I might start feeling a little sore...and sure enough, it's starting to set in!

It's now about a week later. My back is still hurting a little every now and then but nothing like it was before.

I don't know if anyone cares about the weather here, but it has been really crazy. Last weekend there was an inch of ice and snow on the ground; this weekend it will get to 90°. Since it is going to be so nice out today, Pete and I plan to head out to my parents' house to play horseshoes and wash the car.

This is totally off the subject, but Pete and I have been married for almost two years [Editor's note: anniversary will fall at Arlington 5 in May]. It seems like a lot longer sometimes--it's hard to remember what life was like without Pete being around. I'm really glad we found one another. We are still learning things about each other. We both have a goal that we want to live in California. Now we are trying to make more definite plans on how to achieve that goal. At this point we know we will be in Texas for at least one more year. But Pete is looking into some job opportunities, either transferring with Monkey Ward or working for his father. I haven't really figured out what I would do, but I figure I could find a job.

Well, I guess that's it for this month. I hope I didn't bore you too much! Later, dudes!

*Cathy*

## Opinions and Editorials and Letters

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ERIC BROSIUS === Have you heard the mentaphor, "She's one taco shy of a combination plate?"

[[Thank you, Eric--I'm constantly adding to the collection. I will forward this one to Dick Hitt of the Dallas Times Herald.]]

JULIE MARTIN === Thanks for the Marco Poll results. I'm surprised so few people voted--I guess there wasn't enough publicity, and maybe some people didn't know about the extended deadline (for shame!). I'm not surprised at my first place finish (I won't say "winning," because I don't feel like I'm in competition with anyone else), although it's interesting that it was a tie. No tie-breakers seems fair; otherwise, you'd be putting your bias on the results by what you chose as a tie-breaker. You forgot to list the number of votes and first-place votes for Fiat Bellum! and House of Lords. Did you want me to publish the results?

[[Sure, let everybody know. But I left the miscellaneous information off of the winning zines intentionally--one of you had more first-place votes, and the other had a higher average. I didn't want anyone claiming victory based on one of those.

[[While on the subject of Polls, you (not you personally, Julie) can vote in the Runestone Poll this year by rating all the zine, subzines and gamemasters you see regularly. Use a scale of 1 (toxic waste) to 10 (German chocolate cake), and send your votes to Bruce Linsey (Box 1334, Albany NY 12201) or Eric Brosius (address in Glome). You can also ask Bruce for a ballot that makes it all much easier.

# Herelandra

[[Last month I wondered who would pick up the Pudgecon tradition now that Bob Olsen is moving out of Wichita. Bob has suggested John Michalski, a man notorious for his inability to organize more than ten minutes at a time. The two prominent Dipsters closest to Bob are still in limbo about this...]]

GARY BEHNEN === Pudgecon may have to pass to [Vince] Lutterbie (he's only 1½ hours outside K.C.) as Ginger and baby are a big negatory for an Olathe con. However, if I can get them to visit my in-laws that weekend... Let's say it's 80-20 Lutterbie at this point.

[[How about it, Vince? The ball's in your court now that you're a gm and publisher.]]

GREG ELLIS === Just finished taking the bar exam. Only the second day was rough -- 12 30-minute essay questions on six areas of Texas law. Environmental law in't tested. One of the 200 multistate multiple-guess questions was on water. One part of an oil and gas question asked about reinjecting brine as secondary recovery--but the question only dealt with the right to burden the surface.

[[I think I kept up with you through that. Although environmental law is important to me, I didn't expect it to be important to you (and I don't think it necessarily merits a spot on the bar exam). Are you particularly interested in those topics or was that for my benefit?

[[Speaking of the environment, Ed Wrobel was kind enough to send along two Washington Post articles about a recent pair of conferences that discussed rainforest depredation and the ozone layer.

ED WROBEL === It's bizarre that nations are having tiffs over who can have the most prestigious conference on the environment at what time and snub whom. Kind of like fighting over who has the shiniest fire engine instead of putting out the fire. At least they view the issue as significant enough to squabble over...

A more serious concern is the sovereignty question raised by Brazil. Maybe one day nation-states will seem a quaint anachronism. But the Brazilians have a legitimate beef. I saw a story on the evening news about a "debt reduction for land" program in Costa Rica. In view of the Latin American debt problem and the interests of the developed countries (i.e., preserving the forest) it seems like a reasonable solution.

[[Debt-for-land deals will eventually be the solution--developing nations have no other incentive to stop cutting trees--but for now the industrialized countries' power brokers are too interested in structuring the swaps to their advantage.]]

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## Among the Trees · by Pete Gaughan

On one day--February 27--all of these happened:

1. Jerry Jones--a slick, arrogant oilman from Arkansas--bought the Dallas Cowboys and kicked Tom Landry out on his rear.
2. Adrian Dantley--known for years as an attitude problem waiting to happen--finally arrived in Dallas after a one-week holdout, following being traded from Detroit to the Dallas Mavericks.
3. George W. Bush, the President's son--referred to occasionally in the Texas media as "Shrub"--announced an agreement for him to lead an investment group buying the Texas Rangers.

A black day for sports addicts in North Texas. But baseball is here at last, so this month we're Among the Trees Behind the Left Field Fence...

# Herelandra

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|-------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|-------|--------------|--------|
| Oakland     | 100-62 | Toronto   | 98-64  | San Diego     | 95-67 | Pittsburgh   | 92-70  |
| Texas       | 91-71  | Detroit   | 97-65  | Los Angeles   | 91-71 | St. Louis    | 91-71  |
| California  | 90-72  | Milwaukee | 96-66  | Cincinnati    | 90-72 | Montreal     | 83-79  |
| Kansas City | 84-78  | New York  | 93-69  | San Francisco | 80-82 | New York     | 78-84  |
| Minnesota   | 72-90  | Boston    | 80-82  | Atlanta       | 76-86 | Philadelphia | 70-92  |
| Seattle     | 63-99  | Cleveland | 62-100 | Houston       | 68-94 | Chicago      | 68-104 |
| Chicago     | 57-105 | Baltimore | 51-111 |               |       |              |        |

Yes, those are my predictions for 1989. You'll notice some patterns. Each division has two teams that absolutely stink--actually, year-in and year-out, there are between four and six real losers, and rarely more than one or two 100+ game failures. But the art of predicting losses is not as fine as predicting degrees of winning.

Each West Division has a race for second place, and my favorite teams are in them. I wish the Rangers and Dodgers would face each other in the Series (I'd be rooting for L.A. in seven), but neither team will have the bullpen they need down the stretch. The first three starters for each will be outstanding (Hershiser, Valenzuela, Leary; Hough, Ryan, Witt) but the season will wear on these guys after 200 or 250 innings. I do expect them to outpace their divisions; Cincinnati is the next baseball head-case, and California hasn't improved enough despite some good offseason moves.

So, you want to know where I get off picking Toronto, S.D., and Pittsburgh. Toronto (the true head-case of the past three seasons) will overcome their pressure-sensitivity this year, as the "best outfield in baseball" gets its mind back on what it's doing (there's no way they can be as bad as they were last year). It's a dogfight when Sparky's Tigers pull their usual August miracle, and Teddy Higuera cranks up from his rehabilitation to bring the Brewers back into the picture.

San Diego wins because they finally put together a full year resembling the last half of 1987 or the last half of 1988, and because Jack McKeon knows more baseball than Vin Scully, Harry Caray, and Mel Allen put together and doubled. Look for pitching to win it in the NL West, which is why San Francisco again falls short. Pittsburgh, like San Diego, is loaded with young guys who have spent two or three years making their mistakes and are now ready to jump some of the oldtimers, though St. Louis' oldtimers are still the best in the NL East. Look for the Pirates to sweep the season series with the Cubs and the Braves--the Bucs were made to feast on teams like these.

So, if young players with three years' experience are the way to win, why won't Texas? Don't listen to anybody who tells you Oakland won't run away and hide from the AL West again (and every manager in that division would love for you to believe that). The combination of big boppers McGwire and Canseco with relief ace Eckersley will save a lot of games in the late innings. Texas finally wins more than it loses against the Angels and Royals, but will struggle to beat East Division teams and will lose too many games in July to try and come back to win. Jeff Reardon saves 26 games and Minnesota still manages to lose 90. Seattle and Chicago (AL) should be sent, collectively, to Triple-A.

Now that all you non-baseball fans are bored, let me close with a science-fiction note. Philip José Farmer has admitted to being Kilgore Trout, author of Venus on the Half Shell, and gives credit to Kurt Vonnegut (who we all thought was the real author) for inspiring and approving the hoax. In a new edition of Venus, Farmer includes an introduction explaining his early starving-writer situation--rereleasing the tale now in a blatant effort at gratuitous royalties.

Nonetheless I recommend you buy it, or at least reread it if you already have a copy. It is funny, adventurous, and thoroughly entertaining--read it in honor of a good writer, a good story, and a good stunt.

affeinic: (n.) The horrible feeling when  
your coffee cup is empty and the meeting has just started.

*Pete*

Well, I've used up enough space that I don't have room for Game Openings--so here's a run-down. Dip available (British system only, \$5); Snowball Fighting needs players (free); Cosmic or Deviant will have to gain a following or be dropped; and Titan will be a regular game.

CONVENTION NEWS

All you need to know about Dipcon XXII is available from Larry Peery at Box 8416, San Diego CA 92102. Dipcon, the North American Diplomacy Championship to most of us, will be July 28-30 this year, in Sandy Ego.

At the other end of the continent, Dixiecon will be May 27-28 (Memorial Day weekend) at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Write to David Hood at 15-F Estes Park Apts, Carrboro NC 27510.

But for a really good time (especially for those of you in the middle of the continent)...

ARLINGTON 5

Yes, it's time once again to gather all good Perelandrans together. In the past we've been visited by aliens (well, at least one from Britain), Bad Boys (Zarse only), Mad Lads, and Princess Daf herself. This time, we're just hoping for a couple dozen enthusiastic game players (I've already heard from seven or eight people who plan on attending: Guy Hail and James Early from Austin, Eric Schultz from New Orleans, and numerous local players.)

Following tradition, we provide floor space (and we now have a sleeper-sofa...the attendee who bribes us best gets to sleep on it) and possibly one or two meals (we usually order a HUGE sub sandwich, or pizza, to feed everyone). You need only let us know you're coming--listen, I'm serious about this, we really do want you to RSVP. It'll be easier to have a good time if we know how many folks are coming.

We can provide airport shuttles; maps to get here; information on motels nearby--anything! Just be ready to play Diplomacy, Titan, rail games, Downfall, Snowball Fighting, and lots more.

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