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PEACE PROPOSED!

GERMANY: THE FOCAL POINT OF EUROPE

1974^oK "Fall 1909" 1976IC "Spring 1907"

England (Rick Hirsh): F Nth S A Den (-Ska, Hel or elin)*, A Den* holds. Owns: Den, ~~Ska~~. (1) REMOVE ONE or EVEN

Austria-Hungary (David Claman): Builds A Gal-Sil*, A Bud-Gal*, A Sev-Mos, A Ukr* S A Sev-Mos, A Vie-Boh*, A Tyo*-S-A-Vie-Boh, F Tyn* S ITALIAN F Tun-Wes, F Bul(ec)* holds.

France (Doug Hollingsworth): A Ruh R Bur; A Bel*-Hol, A Pic*-Bel, A Bur* S A Pic-Bel, A Par*-Pic, F Eng-Nth*, F Edi* & F Lon* S F Eng-Nth, F Bre-Eng*, A Lvp-Yor*. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Edi, Lvp, Lon, Por, Ron, Spa. (10) BUILD ONE

England (David Kalla): Builds A Edi, F Lon & F Lvp; A Edi-Nwy*, F Nth* C A Edi-Nwy, F Lvp-Iri*, F Lon-Eng*, F Eng*-Bel, F Bel-Hol*, A Kie* S A Bel-Hol, A Lvn* S A Mos, A Mos* holds.

Germany (civil disorder): A Hol holds(elin). Owns: ~~Naf~~. (0) OUT

France (Paul Clement): NMR; A Mar /a/; A Bre* holds, F Wes holds(-Naf, Spa(sc) or elin)*.

Russia (Michael Lariton): A Ruh-Hol*, A Kie* S A Ruh-Hol, A Mun-Ruh*, A Ber-Mun*, A Gal-Boh*, A Swe*-Den, A StP-Fin*, F Bar* S A Nwy, A Nwy*, A Vie* & A Run* hold. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Bud, Hol, Kie, Mun, Nwy, Run, Swe; Vie. (13) BUILD TWO

Germany (Doug Hollingsworth): Removes A Mun & A Sil; A Boh-Mun*, A Pru-Ber*, (F Bel re-treated to Hol) F Hol-Kie (-Hel or elin)*.

Italy (Mike Hudec): Builds A Ven, F Nap & A Rom; A Ven-Pie*, F Nap-Ion*, A Rom-Ven*, F Spa(sc)-Mid*, F Por* S F Spa(sc)-Mid, A Mar-Bur*, F Tun-Wes*, F Tus-Lyo*, A Ank* holds.

Turkey (Ronald M. Kelly): F Aeg-Ion*, F Sny-Aeg*, F Nrg* S FRENCH F Eng-Nth, F Nat* S F Nrg, A Ven* S A Tyo, A Tyo*, F Tri* & F Bul(ec)* hold, ~~F/Aeg~~ holds(nsü). Owns: Ank, Con, Sny, Bul, Gre, Nap, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven. (10) BUILD TWO

Russia (civil disorder): A War* holds.

OK. It's time to work out David Claman's replacement. As you all should know, David will be leaving for Europe around the beginning of January. Thus he is resigning from the game as of now. Taking over for Austria will be David Wan, 601 Alhaida Drive #E-3, Campbell, California 95008. Those wishing to continue to correspond with David Claman will find his address on page five.

Three proposals have been made: a four-way draw between the remaining countries, a three-way draw between France, Russia and Turkey, and a concession to England. The only legal one of these by our house rules is the four-way draw. Please vote on that with your Spring 1910 moves, which may be made conditional on the winter builds. A unanimous vote is required, and no vote received counts as a negative vote. All this is due by 5PM EST, 27 JANUARY 1978. Thanks to David Wan for submitting standby moves for France.

If Paul Clement misses his moves next turn, France will lapse into civil disorder (and the dislodged fleet will be eliminated).

FALL 1907 moves are due by 5PM, FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY 1978 to Gil Neiger.

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Brown University is now in reading period (1/4-15) and exams extend from 1/16-25, so any players or GMs at Brown should be at their school addresses for the next couple of weeks at least.

The POUCH is always in need of standbys. Anyone who wishes to standby (free) should just let me (Gil Neiger) know. I have to use the same people over and over again now and I don't like to have to do that.

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As has come to be apparent, Greg Costikyan will deface this gamezine regardless of whether or not he has anything to say. Such is life. *SMICKER!*

An awful much to say since last time. Soccer. Although they didn't do well in Ivy League competition, the Brown "booters" were seeded first in New England when it came time for playoffs. They beat Dartmouth 2-1 in round one and U.R.I. (University of Rhode Island for you novices) 3-1 in number two. This gave Brown its second New England championship in my three years here. But owing to the fact that there are six regions in the country (New England, New York, Middle Atlantic, South, Midwest and Far West), we had to play the Southern champions, Clemson, first.

At the time we played them, Clemson was 16-0-0 and was ranked first in the country. It was at Clemson over Thanksgiving break, so I didn't go (I would have gone had the southern champs been Howard). And buf it all, we beat them 2-1! A couple of our players took a real beating (Clemson plays rough), one ending up on crutches, but we made it. I did not go to Berkeley, despite my previous announcement. My friends reneged, not wanting to miss two home hockey games, the Trivia Contest, and a Southside Johnny concert. We initially played Hartwick (then 14-0-2), and lost 4-1. The game was closer than it sounds from the score; one of their goals was scored when one of our sweeperbacks accidentally deflected the ball into our net. To make matters worse, we lost the consolation game 3-2 to S.I.U. - Edwardsville (having been up 2-0 at one point). Hartwick took the whole thing.

Not too much say in football. We beat Dartmouth and Columbia. Since Yale beat Harvard and Penn beat Dartmouth, we ended up in sole possession of second place behind Yale, with Dartmouth, Harvard and Penn (go Grossman!) in a three-way tie for third.

Trivia Contest: the main form of competition open to non-athletes. This is a contest run over the university radio station testing ones knowledge of trivia: TV, sports, movies, &c. Each hour (it runs from 10PM to 6AM) fifteen questions are asked, each followed by an obscure (relatively so) song. The object is to phone in to the radio station the answer to the question (for one point) and the name of the song and the artist (one more point) before the end of the song. People tend to compete in teams which all play on the same hall. In addition to the usual one-point questions, each hour features a five-point, multi-part bonus question; furthermore, there are usually two or three (make that one or two, actually) three-point "cosmic" questions.

Well, my team was the Suicidal Zippers. We had played three times previously in these semesterly contests, finishing 5th, 4th and 3rd in that order. We were relatively confident this year, but at the last minute (the night before the contest) we found out that we would not be able to play on the hall we thought we would (another team, the Mutants, had preempted us). Through some last minute wheelings and dealings I somehow managed to get most of the people on my hall to yield their phones to us. So some fifty of us gathered together (half of them in my room), and we won! It was close, though; we scored 220 points, while Sarah Doyle Slept Here (Sarah Doyle Center is the Women@s Center here) was second with 218. Behind them was With Friends Like This Who Needs Enemas, the Mutants and the Blue Meanies. The prize? We get to run the thing next time!

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THE CITY DIONYSIA IN
PEISISTRATUS' ATHENS

As Dumo well knows, that's the title of the paper I should be doing at this moment. Not only do I have to write the damned thing to pass my Greek History course, but writing about the various rites that go with any decent festival of Dionysus is a hell of a lot more interesting than making up a story in which Gil Neiger is the protagonist, not to mention who the agonists are. On further thought, though, the Athenian celebrants could have certainly found a use for Dee, and remembering what I've read of My Sexual Adventures by Gil Neiger, it is possible that Gil could teach the Dionysiacs a thing or two in

Chapter 9 of
THE ROSENBERG FILE
(Fully Annotated)

by Cary Honig

The car containing the Dewish¹ duds spun completely out of control and despite Mr. Fitch's valiant efforts to crash it into the ramp's guardrail, it continued across the grass toward Narragansett Bay. Everyone shrieked as they anticipated a watery² death, while Knapp, whose scientific training had made him a little more aware of the ecological composition of the Bay, wondered where they would end up if they skidded across the entire expanse. Your author shivered with horror as he realized that he would soon be part of the flavoring of a keg of Narragansett Beer³ and would end his trip through some frat-man's digestive system adorning the floor after the journey had been interrupted by an internal U-turn. Chuck, terrified by the spectre of death before seeing a Red Sox World Championship, climbed in Wacko's clothes; the only resistance Wacko put up was a quizzical smile and a rather wavery "You guys?" King tried to free his foot from beneath the still snoring Sedano, and Art asked for opinions on the Sanguillan overcall⁴.

While the others gave themselves up for dead Dumos, however, Gil racked his brain for a way out. As no scientific solutions seemed likely, Gilbert turned to religion.

"Du-u-u-mo!" he shrieked, "Turn this way and think of Vile!"

Stephen Dewhurst, hearing his high priest's high pitched screams, answered the prayer. He turned toward the direction of the scream, thought Vile thoughts, and almost immediately heard a fierce ripping sound.

"Damn," he said, "I lose more pairs of pants that way."

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Attilio paced about the lobby of Green State Airport, glowering at any potential Harvard man (?) who walked by.

"They should be here by now," he thought, "if they so much as fondled the fur on Dee's coat I'll mount their legs above the organ in Sayles Hall."

With that, he punched the wall he was walking beside, waited for the debris to clear, and walked through the new doorway out to the landing fields.

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Five seconds, maybe ten at the most. It looked as though even Dumo had failed them. The car hurtled on toward the water, and was about five feet from the small wooden fence which separated them from the Bay, when a huge flesh-colored object, which at first glance appeared to be a freight train, flashed before the car. The skidding auto hurtled headlong into it, immersed itself for a moment in the Dumo Astronomical Unit's⁵ fleshy folds, and bounced back gently onto the speckled grass.

"Close the windows!" Gil shouted, as they were engulfed.

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The car pulled up outside of the airport. Rosenberg got out, and motioned for the porter to take Diller. Evan climbed out of the back seat and pulled Dee, now dressed in a nun's habit, out after him, amid shouts of "Don't be a scutch!" Evan pulled her along through the revolving doors, but she finally pulled him to a stop and stared into his eyes as the screen went slightly out of focus to give her face a dream-like quality.

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"Let me go," she cooed, "and I'll---"

"You'll wh---"

"Shut up, Evan," Dee cooed as she sized Evan up. "Let me go and I'll play Dungeons and Dragons with you."

Evan looked very tempted, but Rosenberg snapped at them to get hidden quickly. Evan dragged Dee off toward the lockers, but Dee pulled to a stop again and said angrily, "And what if you kidnapped the whole front four? From every corner of the Hill, hundreds, thousands would rise to take their places; even Cantabs can't kidnap that fast!" Evan shrugged.

Rosenberg, overhearing Dee, turned to her and replied, "You said all the enemies of the H could be replaced; but there's one who couldn't be. There's no one to take your place, Miss Mirando!"

"You wouldn't dare," gasped Dee.

"You may have noticed that life is cheap in Providence, Miss Dee, very cheap." With that, he sneered and gave a Rosenberg cackle. Turning to the porter, he had him put Diller down, and said, "Come, Diller, it's time we met this Attilio chap. Keep her quiet, Evan."

Rosenberg and Diller strode toward the appointed meeting place and noticed a strange hole in the lobby wall.

"Must be him," said Rosenberg, "Come on, Diller."

As they walked through the hole in the wall, all of the fog left over from the train station in Episode 3 was covering the runway on which sat a lone prop plane. At a phone against the wall, Rick Hirsh, dressed in a ridiculous French outfit was giving the wind and visibility information to the control tower. On a table against the wall sat a bottle of Vichy Water. Attilio stood about ten feet away, peering at them through the fog.

"You wimps from Harvard?" he asked.

"We are indeed. Are you Cecchin?"

"What's the codeword?"

Smiling, Rosenberg fingered the gun in his pocket and began to draw it out, just as Diller did the same.

"Jugs," said Scott.

DID SCOTT JUST PUT HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH? WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM ATTILIO? WOULD SCOTT REALLY CARRY OUT HIS DASTARDLY THREAT AGAINST DEE'S PERSON? AGAINST DEE? WILL RICK HIRSH SAVE THE DAY? MORE IMPORTANTLY, WILL HE GET HIS MOVES IN ON TIME? WILL FITCH'S CAR BE IMPREGNATED? AND WHAT ABOUT NAOMI?

FOOTNOTES

1. DEVISH - a person who follows the religion of Dudaism, i.e., worships the one true Dumo and takes his name in vain as often as possible.
2. WATERY - in the loosest possible sense.
3. NARRAGANSETT BEER - allegedly made from "the sparkling waters of the Scituate (pronounced SIT-chew-it) Reservoir," but we know better. Straight from the Bay and tastes it.
4. SANGUILLAN OVERCALL - a bidding maneuver in bridge, used when a player dislikes their partner's bid. He shakes his*show dissent, and signals the preferred bid by spitting on the rubber a pre-arranged amount of times. Otherwise known as cheating, and illegal on New York City buses and subway trains. *Editor's note: insert "head to" here.
5. THE DUMO ASTRONOMICAL UNIT - you guessed it. When at full length, i.e., under the influence of the Vile factor, the D.A.U. is the distance from the earth to the planet Ejaculo, which it created. The D.A.U. is legendary among Dumo's followers not only for its length, but for its flexibility and dexterity. (Ptolemy - On the Nature of Dumo) Gil has hinted to the effect that the unit has since been broken up by Vile, the so-called "Woman with the Axe," into ejaculon particles, and all that remains is the Dumo Angstrom. Gil would know.

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Let me take this opportunity (which I'm sure I've done before) to announce that issue number 113 of The POUCH, due to come out in early to late March, will be the fiftieth issue of The POUCH under it's current editor. It will also be the Fifth Anniversary Issue of the 'zine. All subscribers are invited to submit material for this issue, and will be paid double the normal bonus (see p.2) for material printed.

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There still is a game of regular Diplomacy open in The POUCH for \$1. I also have three openings in Origins of World War Two and Fred Davis' Swiss Diplomacy still has six openings. I may have to close the last if I don't get more entries in the near future. Those last two are free.

1977KG

"Spring 1901"

SKIRMISHING IN GALICIA - WILL THERE BE WAR IN EUROPE?

Austria-Hungary (Michael Lariton): A Bud-Ser*, F Tri-Alb*, A Vie*-Gal.

England (Paul Clement): NMR, neutral moves used; F Edi-Nrg*, A Lvp-Yor*, F Lon-Nth*.

France (Fred Winter): F Bre-Mid*, A Mar-Spa*, A Par-Gas*.

Germany (David Wan): A Ber-Kie*, F Kie-Hol*, A Mun-Bur*.

Italy (Ben Schilling): F Nap-Tyn*, A Rom-Tus*, A Ven* holds.

Russia:(Tad Lawrence): A Mos-Ukr*, F StP(se)-Bot*, F Sev-Run*, A War*-Gal.

Turkey (Gregg Haugland): F Ank-Con*, A Con*-Bul., A Smy* holds.

Underlined moves fail. An asterisk (*) marks the final position of the unit. Will Ronald Kelly (address p.5) please standby for England. Fall 1901 moves are due by 5PM EST, FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 1977.

MAILING ADDRESS LIST ADDENDA (already): I have now received a copy of EVERYTHING from Cal White, so that's OK, and Fred Davis' 'zine is Pi Delta Tau, and you'll have to subscribe to it, if you want to find out why (as a charter subscriber I know, but I don't feel right in divulging his secret). Also, add (I don't know how this slipped off my list) Dick Trtek, 2728 South East Main, Apartment 1, Portland, Oregon 97214:T-BEAUCOUILLOD
Dick, feel free to look up my cousin James Hiller, now working in Portland for some law firm or other.

APOLOGIES

More than one person (two, to be exact) has written me, asking, "Where is The POUCH?" (or words to that effect). Well, here it is, considerably. I have no excuses, and only feeble explanations. Brown University works on the old scheduling system by which we have our exams after winter break. We get three weeks of school between Thanksgiving and winter break. These are among the busiest three weeks of the year, as all classes are meeting, and most are requiring major efforts in the way of work. Now, I don't remember doing a lot of work during those three weeks (it's now January 2nd), but I must have been doing something (other than procrastinating and getting sick). The date on page one evidences the fact that I started this issue before break began. I meant to finish it and get it out over the break, but found out that Greg Costikyan had left his mineo up here at school and that I couldn't use Ray Heuer's (which I usually use in New York) because I had the wrong kind of stencils. So I'm stuck till tomorrow, when Greg should return to Brown. The next issue should be coming out during the first week of February. Second semester starts on the first, and I'm not sure how long in advance of that I'll be returning to Providence from wherever I go for intercession (probably Washington).

1976IC PRESS RELEASES

MILANO: The head of the Bureau Of Meaningless and Bombastic Statistics (BOMBS) would appreciate knowing how long it took our friend in Zürich to come up with 'IAGO'.

An obscure fortified house near Zürich: Roderigo, head of the Italian Naturalized Defenses In Geneva Operations (INDIGO), on leave in the fleshpots of Zürich, heard the teletype clattering away downstairs. He went downstairs. He went downstairs and read the dispatch over his morning cup of garlic. It read "Leave cancelled. IAGO on the loose. Target: Pope. Condition Red. Commence investigations at once."

Roderigo, arch-enemy of IAGO for many years, sighed. That was the curse of his business. The job was never done. Just last year he had personally saved the Pope from a deadly assassin armed with a vat full of deadly Yorkshire pudding. Could the attempts be
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related? His mind stimulated by this new line of thought, he sat down and was soon lost in deep thought.

Headline from the Roman Times: Assassination Attempt on Pope Fails Due to Timely Intervention by Palace Guards: Is Our Pope Never Safe?

ZURICH: The Chairman of the International Assassins Gentle Organization had just returned to Zurich from an extended vacation in America. He was displeased to find Mr. King, the English emissary, waiting in his office.

"Yes, Mr., uh, King," he said, "What may I do for you. I hope you don't want to cancel your order. Even if that is possible, it would require the confiscation of your fee and an additional assessment of 15%...that would come to about £150,000,000."

"On the contrary Mr. Chairman," King quickly began, "I believe I have a complaint to make. Look at this!" And with that he thrust a recent copy of the Roman Times under the chairman's nose.

"~~Hummmmm~~, said the Chairman, "I doubt this is the result of any of our efforts. But let me check." He flipped a switch on the intercom on his desk.

"Yes, Mr. Chairman?" came a voice.

"Miss Barker, please bring in the file on 06-1244A."

A minute later a young woman walked in, handed the Chairman a large file and left. The Chairman quickly leafed through the file. "No," he said, "we have two of our top agents on the case. They're somewhere in Tuscany now. True, they were in the Vatican earlier this month, but only to check things out."

"What are they doing in Tuscany?"

"At the moment they're keeping an eye on an Italian agent, Roderigo, who has been assigned by the Italians to look for them. One of them has actually managed to become this Roderigo's aide."

"But what's this in the Newspaper, then?"

"Don't know, but it's not our work. I'll have it checked out."

1975Kex "Spring 1916"

THE END IS HERE!

This game has finally ended. This is mainly because virtually nothing had happened in the most recent game years and I decided to put a GM-proposed draw up for vote. Here no vote received counted as a 'yes' vote. Two players who submitted moves did not cast votes and one player missed his moves. Thus this game is over in a three-way draw between France, Germany and Turkey. Stats follow:

	'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15
A-H	3	5	6	4	3	2	-									
Eng	3	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	-							
Fra	3	5	6	6	9	9	10	10	10	8	8	6	6	5	4	4 DRAW
Ger	3	6	6	7	10	11	12	12	13	16	16	16	17	18	19	21 DRAW
Ita	3	3	3	3	2	1	-									
Rus	4	5	4	4	1	-										
Tur	3	4	7	9	10	13	15	15	15	15	15	18	18	21	21	21 DRAW
Europe	34	35	36	36	38	38	38	38	38	39	41	41	42	45	46	47

1975Kex. The POUCH (to W00), Cair Paravel (to S03), The POUCH. Gil Neiger.

Austria-Hungary: Greg Costikyan (dropped F03), Stephen Tihor (dropped S06), civil disorder (out F06).

England: Ben Grossman (dropped F05), civil disorder (out F08).

France: Jereny Paulson (Stephen Tihor playing F02-S03) (dropped S10), DAVID CLAMAN (drew S16).

Germany: Scott Rosenberg (resigned F05), DAVID KALLA (drew S16).

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Italy: Alex Katzoff (dropped S05), civil disorder (out F06).
Russia: Matt Diller (dropped S04), Eric Robinson (resigned F04), Duncan Smith (out F05).
Turkey: RAYMOND E. HEUER (drew S16).

This was a game of SchizoDiplomacy, hence the need for European center listing. Next issue will see any analyses the players send in, and, possibly, a final map of Europe.

1976BR "Spring 1907"

POWDERKEG BLOWS UP!

Germany (Trevor Baillie): Builds F Kie & A Ber; A Bre-Gas*, A Bur* & A Par* S A Bre-Gas, A Ber-Sil*, A Mun-Boh*, F Lon-Eng*, F Nth* S F Lon-Eng, F Kie-Hol*, A Den-Kie*.

Italy (Fred Winter): Builds A Ven; A Mar*-Gas, A Pie*-Mar, A Lvp*-Edi, A Vie-Gal*, A Bud* S A Vie-Gal, A Tri-Ser*, A Bul* S A Tri-Ser, F Spa(ne)* S A Mar-Gas, F Mid-Nat*, F Iri* S F Mid-Nat, F Wes-Mid*, F Adr-Ion*, F Con-Bla*, A Ven-Tyo*, F Sny* holds.

Russia (Robert Johnson): F Cly*-Edi, A Fin-StP*, A Lvn-War*, A Gal-Run*, A Sev* S A Gal-Run, A Ser-Bul(-Alb, Gre or elin)*, A Syr*-Sny, A Arn* S A Syr-Sly.

Turkey (David Wan): A Ank* S ITALIAN F Sny, F Rum holds(elin).

Fall 1907 moves are due by 5PM, FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 1978 to the regular GM, Tad Lawrence.

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