

Well, at least it beat Utilize the Cone...

# PRAXIS

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As usual, here I am at 2:38 A.M., but with a difference this time.... Sixteen hours from now, every piece of furniture in the office in which I now sit will be gone, this typewriter will be on its way to Ottawa, my favourite photocopier will be returned to Xerox... The commission for which I work will expire tomorrow at 5 P.M. No tale of intrigue--we have been too successful, and all our recommendations will be the law of Canada by the end of the month. I am going on a couple months vacation--not away, necessarily, but out on the beach--this has been the hottest summer I can remember.

This issue will be a little shorter than I would have liked, so let me state what's not in it. First, a letter from Mark Berch--hang in there, Mark, I do print letters, believe it or not--and one from Nhan Vu. Oral Hershiser will start the fifth game of our little series, Nhan--if I find somebody with an IBM computer. And--handwriting analyses of me and Steve Clark by Dr Carlos Pedegral--remember that little circulation contest we had this year. I think you will find Dr Pedegral's opinions fascinating. I find what he says about me scary, but you'll have to wait for it.

In Issue #1, I asked for opinions about carpeting my living room. On Dominion Day, July 1, 1987, I installed two remnants in that living room, as the Good People of PRAXIS advised.

So I procrastinate a little.

Runestone Poll results are out. I understand there will be a little controversy about certain balloting procedures. Feel free to discuss the Poll here--we can have a little forum about it. I just have scattered results so I'll discuss more next issue, but congratulations to Conrad von Metzke and Bruce Geryk, publishers of the #1 and #2 'zines. Well deserved, guys! And a little advice...have someone taste your food for you in the near future,

New 'zines out or soon to be from Simon Billenness and Randy Grigsby--both will be good, if not better than that, so it says here.

Mark Berch has officially accepted the name Berch Continuation-of-campaign rule for his rule otherwise dubbed 'War by Automatic Pilot'. What can I say, guys? It's about time.

Americans face the exciting prospect of having Judge Robert Bork, one of the greatest judges and legal scholars of our times, sit on the United States Supreme Court. I can only salute President Ronald Reagan for this brilliant appointment. I would have been disappointed if he had selected some lesser light like Orrin Hatch only in order to ease confirmation in the Senate.

Judge Bork, a graduate of the University of Chicago, will bring to the court a mature wisdom, a love of and reverence for the Constitution and its values, and a studied refusal to use his position to promote his own beliefs in preference to those of the Founding Fathers. We need more like him.

Don't worry, Liberals--he's a real pussycat! He won't reverse anything or overturn sacred decisions! Just relax! Sit back and enjoy the summer and let Bobby Bork through.

~~You'll never know what hit you~~ won't regret it!

The Canadian postal strike (actually a series of rotating strikes) is over. Now all we have to worry about is settling with the traditionally more militant inside workers--who will be in a strike position in mid-September!

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THE MEMBER FOR ALGOMA, BUD WILDMAN, WAS EJECTED FROM THE LEGISLATURE LAST WEEK FOR CALLING THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES A LIAR. HOW 'BOUT THIS--THE SHIFT THING ON MY TYPEWRITER HAS BROKEN COMPLETELY! IT WON'T SHIFT BACK TO NORMAL LOWER CASE! BUT IT'S PRINTING THE NUMERAL 1 INSTEAD OF AN EXCLAMATION MARK!!! THIS IS INCREDIBLE.

No commentary received

### MUNICH, GIBRALTAR--WHO IS NEXT?

ENGLAND (Smyth) NMR! A Lvp U, A Lon U, F Eng U, A Nwy U, F Bar U, F Den U.  
 FRANCE (Reges) REMOVE F Iri. A Pic-Bre, A Bel H, A Bur-Gas, A Gas-Spa,  
F MAO-Bre (dis; ret NAO, Iri, Por, otb).  
 GERMANY (Swigger) F Bal-Lvn, "Kie S A Mun-Ber"(nud; nso; dis; ret Ruh, otb), A Hol H,  
 A Mun U.  
 ITALY (Bevis) BUILD A Ven. A Ven-Pie, F Gre-Ion, A Ser S A Bud, F Tyr-Wes, F Wes-MAO,  
 F Lyo S A Mar-Spa, F Naf S F Wes-MAO, A Mar-Spa, A Tyo S RUS A Boh-Mun,  
 A Bud H.  
 RUSSIA (Bowen) A Sil-Ber, A War-Sil, A Pru S A Sil-Ber, A Lvn F StP (nc), F StP(nc) H,  
 A Gal-Boh, A Boh-Mun, A Rum-Ukr, F Aeg H.

**A RUSSIA/ITALY DRAW HAS BEEN PROPOSED. VOTE. NVR=YES.**

**A CONCESSION TO ITALY HAS BEEN PROPOSED. VOTE. NVR=YES.**

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 GM: The letter carriers are in a strike position, but are not calling a national strike  
 A series of rotating strikes has been called, hitting various areas of the country for a  
 few days at a time. Under these circumstances, I feel the fairest procedure is to set a  
 deadline one week further away than usual to account for mail-days lost when Toronto or  
 Winnipeg is hit by a rotating strike. If subsequent events necessitate further delaying  
 '06 (fall), I will inform players by postcard--which may not get to you, of course. Hmm.  
 Just assume that **MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1987 IS THE DEADLINE** until you hear otherwise.

Standby for ENGLAND is Jack McHugh, 730 Unson St., Apt. 6, Allentown, PA. U.S.A.  
 18101-2212.

St. Petersburg: The spectre of invasion looms once again over the Russian capital.  
 Will the Bosch and the Tommies, supposedly sworn enemies, team up against Mother Russia?  
 Moscow is being readied to become the temporary capital, in the event it becomes necessary.  
Russia-Germany: Are you giving up your own capital to get mine?  
Fleet Aegean Sea-Italy: We speak more than words? All we're doing is hustling fish off  
 the coast of Greece.

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 Hey guys, it's time to get really excited! I now have two three-way draws, for a total  
 of 6.666666....(you get the idea) Calhamer points. Why at this rate, I'll make the ratings  
 lists in, well, another seven years anyway...but by that time Dan Stafford won't be counting  
 my earlier points, hmmm, maybe better give up while I'm ahead.

Evans Givan and I simply made a deal in S'01 and we formed an alliance that lasted for  
 the whole game (well, there was that little trouble after ENGLAND was taken out, when I tried  
 to stab him, but he had made 'defensive' moves that same season, and we quickly patched it up....

84IP Endgame Stats: ZINE= Sleepless Knights.  
 FGT DRAW. GM: David J Carter

AUSTRIA: Pete Berger (Out W'02). ENGLAND: Grant Fraser (dro S'02), Jim McPhail  
 (res S'02), Lu Henry (out W'05). FRANCE: Alan Stewart (DRAW). GERMANY: Evans  
 Givan (DRAW). ITALY: Chris Greaves (res W'05), Ron Brown (sur) .RUSSIA: Steve  
 Piper (dro W'03), DS Palter (out w'06). TURKEY: Charles Ranger (DRAW).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
AUS	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
ENG	04	04	02	01	00	00	00	00	00	
FRA	05	05	06	07	10	10	10	08	08	DRAW!
GER	06	06	06	07	09	10	09	10	09	DRAW!
ITA	05	06	05	05	03	04	03	03	02	
RUS	05	07	03	05	04	00	00	00	00	
TUR	04	06	07	03	08	10	12	14	15	DRAW!

Joseph Brant fought for the Crown in the American Rebellion and was awarded a grant of land along the Grand River for his loyalty.

TURKS ADVANCE AND RECEDE AT SAME TIME

There is a proposal for a England-Germany-Italy draw. **VOTE FOR NEXT DEADLINE. NMR=YES.**

ENGLAND (Holley) BUILD F Edi and F Lon. A Bre S A Par, A Par S A Bre, F StP(nc) H,  
F Wal-Eng, F Eng-MAO, F Lvp-Iri, F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nwg.  
FRANCE (Clark) NMR! GM removed F NAO. A Spa U, F Pic U, F Mar U (dis; ret Pie, otb).  
GERMANY (Hurwitz) BUILD A Kie. A Kie-Hol, A Mos S A War (dis; ret Lvn, otb), A Boh-Gal,  
A War S A Boh-Gal, A Sil S A Boh-Gal, F GOB-Swe (nsu), A Gas-Spa,  
A Bur S ITA F Lyo-Mar., F Swe U.  
ITALY (Schmisser) BUILD F Nap. F Nap-Ion, F Adr S F Nap-Ion, F Tun S F Nap-Ion,  
A Vie-Bud, A Tri S A Vie-Bud (dis; ret Ven, Tyo, Vie, Alb, otb),  
F Lyo-Mar.  
TURKEY (Givan) A Ukr-Mos, A Sev S A Ukr-Mos, A Gal-War (dis; ret Rum, Vie, otb),  
A Rum-Ukr, F Bla-Con, A Bud-Tri, A Ser S A Bud-Tri, F Gre-Ion,  
F Ion-Adr (dis; ret Tyr, Apu, Alb, Aeg, Eas, otb).

GM: That's what I like, a nice complicated adjudication. We'll see if I got it right.  
Please keep in mind that listing of retreat spaces is purely advisory.

The postal situation is difficult. The letter carriers are in a strike position but intend to call only localized, rotating strikes for the foreseeable future. As you are all Americans, I am setting a deadline of **MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1987**, allowing a little more time than usual to account for the effects of local strikes in my area (50% of Canadian mail goes through Toronto, so it is said). If the deadline has to be extended for one reason or another, I will contact you. Be prepared for changes of plan, but get orders in for August 3.

You know, my separation-of-deadlines standard may just be a little too rigorous. I'll have to get out that ballot about changing it, soon.

The standby for FRANCE is Douglas Williams, 22 Lount St., BARRIE, Ontario, Canada L4M 3E1. Fred Wiedemeyer has dropped as FRANCE and is being replaced by Steve Clark.

*Generalissimo Headquarto Italia Roma) Gooda (daya. Wea lika de weather heya in sunny Italy even if wea no writa funny dings lika data Marca!! Hea oneuh funny Kraut! Lasta Krauta weuh haduh heya nota so funny...Mama mia! Wea gonna counta de armies like da damn German, buta weuh Italians nouh counta souh highua very often! Souh weuh calla de Armies after de provincia deuh comma from and giva dem a letter...lika Ay...Bee...anda so ona.*

*Lasta year weuh getta letter froma boy in Tyrolia. Well, weuh sad to tell yuh, but hea noa lasta very longa in Vienna. Hea justa mopped arounda and madea Turka shoot him. Armee Vienna happy now...feel like Wieners!!*

*Sailor boys uh happy too. Boatsa comming outa in de water real fasta now. Sailor boys a runna outa wooda!! German saya heuh helpa out and sendsa train loada Kruppa steel to us but it still nouh good. Not Kruppa steel...very very gooda...Germans makeuh good steel...weuh very happy Marka...we feel like Wieners too!!! We just nouh bilda de boats so fasta before!!*

*Marca saya wea seeuh English women soon...soon. Weuh all excited! Want to beuh ready for English women...wea cleana de house...wea shina de shoesa...wea even takea de bath...wea doa whatever dea wanta usa to docah!!!! Weah luv yousa all...weuh feela likea Wieners!!!!!!*

The federal member for NEPEAN-CARLETON believes that the Township of Rideau has a closer community of interest with the Alta Vista area of Ottawa than with the Township of Cumberland.

**FRANCE'S CHURCHILL "OPENING"**

The proposal for a France-Turkey draw has been defeated, 1 Yes, 3 No, 2 not voting  
The proposal for a concession to France has been defeated, 2 Yes, 3 No, 1 Not voting.

**A CONCESSION TO FRANCE HAS BEEN PROPOSED. VOTE. NMR=YES.**

AUSTRIA	(Weidmark)	F Tri-Adr, A Boh-Tyo, A Vie S A Boh-Tyo.
FRANCE	(Acheson)	F Nwg-Bar, F Nth-Nwg, F Bel-Nth, A Edi H, A Ruh-Mun, A Bur S A Ruh-Mun, A Tyo S A Ruh-Mun (dis; ret Pie, otb), F Bre-MAO, F Spa(sc)-Wes, F Tyr S F Spa(sc)-Wes.
GERMANY	(Brown)	A Ukr-Mos, A Lvn S A Ukr-Mos, F Den-Swe, F GOB S F Den-Swe.
ITALY	(Clark)	<u>F Tun-Wes</u> , F Nap S FRE F Tyr, <u>A Rom-Ven</u> , <u>A Ven-Tyo</u> , A Mun-Kie.
RUSSIA	(Coughlan)	<u>A Nwy-Swe</u> , F Swe-Bal, A Fin S A StP, A StP S A Edi-Nwy( <u>nso</u> ).
TURKEY	(Easton)	<u>A Con-Bul</u> , F Sev-Bla, A Ser-Tri, A Rum-Ukr, A Alb-Apu, F Ion C A Alb-Apu, F Gre S F Ion, F Aeg S F Ion. COA! See gamenotes.

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GM: COA! Frank Easton, 2-73 Keele St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M6P 2J8.

GM: I'm not sure what to do here....The letter carriers are in a strike position, but have not called and are not calling a national strike, only rotating local ones. I'm not sure I'm even doing the right thing sending this adjudication out, but...here it is. I am setting a tentative deadline of MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1987. If any player feels that this slightly-longer than usual deadline does not give enough in compensation for the length of the rotating strikes in their local area, please contact me, by collect call if necessary, and I will set a longer deadline. Expect this to be the deadline until and unless you hear otherwise.

Russia to Germany: You're quite right in assuming that your Valhalla awaits you in the north, Gilda.

Russia to France: Instead of 8 inches, why not say 20 centimeters, it sounds much more impressive, don't you think? Think metric...

Russia to France: No, I don't think it is the nature of the game to "do or say whatever to achieve the desired results". Some things, non-game things, should be off limits or are you saying that I can write insults about Christopher and James to Ron Brown in order to move some wooden blocks a certain way? This is one player that won't take that road. I don't have sons as Ron Brown does but it greatly bothers me to see my friend and myself insulted in non-game ways by Ron Brown, and I think it is at least comparable.

Russia to Austria and Italy: If any of my units can be of the slightest use to you please don't hesitate to ask!

Russia to Turkey: Well, this season(unless he is excessively stupid), Germany can walk in and take Moscow and Sweden, all of this courtesy of your ill-considered stab of me, your faithful ally. I'm sure the Kaiser kneels to Constantinople five times a day to thank you. It's really all he can do, because he sure won't be able to use the SCs to build anything in Germany. It seems such a waste, doesn't it? P.S. Is this the season you make your grab for Budapest, or are you waiting until the fall?

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No, this isn't CARLETON press--it is an interpolation. The rotating strike tactic used by the Letter Carriers Union was quite shrewd. The Union has no strike fund, so the tactic allowed the great majority of the union members to continue to receive their pay on any given day. The disruption was always great enough to cause anxiety in the average citizen and to make the press but never widespread enough to run the risk of allowing the Government to pass back-to-work legislation. Picket line duty is tiring, and a prolonged picket runs the risk of inciting either apathy or violence in the picketers, and from a union's perspective, it's hard to know which is worse. A short picket duty allows picketers to approach their task energetically with the knowledge that it will not go on forever.

Germany: As our hero flew northwards he saw below him long lines of German soldiers marching north, forever north. In the distance he could see the smoke from steamers plowing through frozen seas, again, heading always northward. He thought to himself that at last they were cornering the Tsar and imagined the signing of the peace treaty, which he had sought since 1900, finally, on the edge of the Barents Sea.

He landed roughly, plowing a furrow of snow before him, in a valley between huge majestic mountains. He estimated he was in the heart of Finland. He did not expect to find Russian troops here, as Finland had always been neutral and the Tsar protested in the world press regularly about his respect and desire for peaceful relationships with his neighbours. "I'm glad Germany doesn't have any such pretensions," he smirked as he recalled the Savastopol campaign. He then noticed a tiny figure a few feet away apparently hopping up and down and shaking its fist angrily. "Hello," he said. "What are you?" The creature squeaked shrilling something that sounded like "Sar! Sar!" No. Could it be? Was this the long-sought Tsar?

Russia to Turkey: Ooops! I forgot to tell you that I vetoed the F-G-T draw last time because of you. Only when I'm out of this game will you have a chance at being part of the draw....

#### Turkey-World at Large:

In his most recent verbal assault in the press, Gary pointed out that I didn't count the cost of my stab of Russia and I would certainly agree that it was a "Bad move".

Moral: Don't ever cross GARY COUGHLAN in a game of Diplomacy--if he can't win on the board, he'll take it personally and use whatever means (via the press) to try and get some form of personal satisfaction by trying to assassinate the characters of the player(s) that prevent him from winning.

In his press, Gary has liberally used direct quotes and paraphrasing from letters between Turkey and Russia (I haven't received a letter from him this year!), I don't want to sink to his level with name-calling or slurs on his character (afterall--we don't even know each other personally!), so I would like to include a word-for-word transcription of my last letter to Gary (dated April 3) and let you all be the judge.

CARLTON (W'05/S'06) TUR - RUS

April 3, 1987

Gary - I have just received 7 game reports that I am playing in and yet this is the first letter I'll be writing in any of them. Being a relative novice at this game, I find it incredible that a game that is supposed to be 'fun' has degenerated into one in which everyone has done you a disservice (including the GM!) and that there are bitter feelings on your part. I know you won't appreciate this but - I feel sorry for you.

We did indeed start the game off on a good foot and I was good to my word about building fleets and making a genuine attempt to get to the ATLANTIC. Our alliance (from my point of view) was a non aggression one and I refrained from taking SEV as a good will gesture, because I thought it was in our own best interests.

But when I was having slow-slugging against AUS (and then ITA!) with no help from your sector, the value of the alliance to me had diminished.

Your concentration of forces in the north caused ENG to falter badly and bitter feelings btw. you two allowed FRA to take out ENG, and a possible walk away win with a concerted attack on GER. My support for GER into SEV was indeed a stab, but one in which I felt I was helping to stem the French tide. It was a miscalculation - GER used the build to head east and he will get no further cooperation from me. Chalk it up to inexperience if it ends up costing me a loss in the game - but that's DIPLOMACY.

About calling your home - they were genuine attempts to get in touch with you regarding my s(upport) for the GMAA - perhaps you would have been able to talk me out of it. You can rest assured there will be no further attempt to contact you - by phone or by mail.

I don't appreciate the nature of your press - I may be naive, but I do not believe in passing on letters from other players - I may paraphrase what another player has said, but I would never copy another player's letter as part of my negotiating in a game. I feel violated by your direct quotes in the press - a little bit unfair isn't it, when I haven't received a letter from you since DEC 23 (02 04) ? I resent your being bitter at me - I did what I thought was best for my game - and to hell with you. - Frank.

Follow up:

Gary - As I said above, I find it remarkably sad that a player in a "game" would allow their poor showing in that game to lead to the type of slander and personal insults that you have resorted to. It's pretty convenient when you can edit the evidence by picking and choosing items to be presented in your case - sort of like being both prosecutor and judge, isn't it?

As for voting in the RUNESTONE POLL last year - since when is it any of your business (and hence the rest of the world's!) how or for whom I vote? It seems to me that you are taking advantage of your position of trust within the hobby for your own petty purposes.

Final Comment to the World:

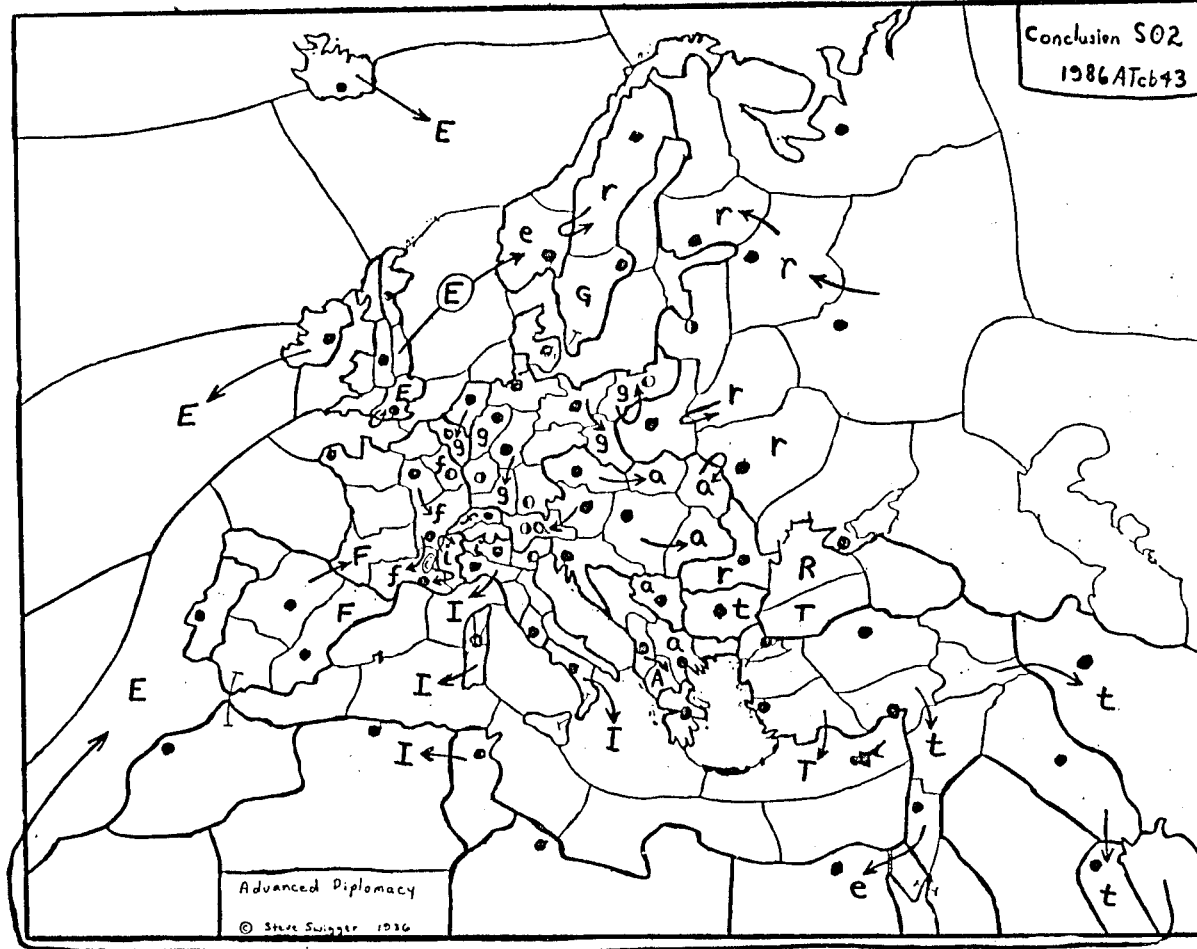
I have not been in the hobby long enough to be able to judge what is right and what is wrong (i.e. ethics) to be used in Press. I understand that Gary's name is a well respected one in the hobby and that EUROPA EXPRESS is a fine 'zine. Why he has chosen to 'flip out' over this issue is beyond me - perhaps he has burnt out and is in need of a well-deserved rest. I have never met Gary in person and have reserved my judgement about his character until I do so. Really guys - I'm a nice fellow once you get to know me - but does that have to extend into how I play the game? Since when is Turkey nice to anyone?

Turkey - Italy: "Who said I wanted to be friends?" (see!)

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No, this isn't more CARLETON press, it's another interpolation. Americans may be surprised to hear that the premier Candian political issue at the moment is--free trade with the United States. Prime Minister Mulroney has made doing a deal with the U.S. the major political goal of his term, and has been at it for almost three years now. It's quite a switch, in that historically it is the Liberals who have been 'continentalist', tying desiring closer ties with the United States, and the Conservatives who have been protectionist. The Prime Minister is finding out the hard way that the Americans have no particular desire to negotiate free trade, or anything else for that matter, with us, desiring only that we be quiet and not interrupt their political agenda. A lesson learned the hard way.

# Advanced Diplomacy



D U R H A M E A S T (1986ATcb43)

SPRING 1902 ... Austrians press East (and West) ... Germans/Russians clash over Poland ... Eastern Front continuous from Baltic to Aegean ... Invading Italian army destroyed - French army's honour restored ... Italian navy still supreme in the Western Med. ... Turks sweep to victory in Middle-East as English re-deploy in the West ... Alignments challenged by reality

- AUSTRIA (Marc Peters): A vie-TYL, A pra-WGA, A EGA-kie, A bud-TRA, A SER s (A bud-tra), A MAC s (A ser), F alb-EPI
- ENGLAND (Bruce Geryk): A pal-EGY, A yor-CHR, F NTH c (A yor-chr), F ice-NWG, F dub-MAO, F psn-CAD, F LON-bre (imp)
- FRANCE (Steve Clark): A lyo-MAR, F BRC s (A lyo-mar), A ZUR s (A lyo-mar) (imp), A par-LYO, A LOR s (A par-lyo), F mad-GAS
- GERMANY (Paul Clarry): A ber-SIL, A PRU-war, A hol-BEL, A ESS s (A hol-bel), A fra-WUR, F STO s (Eng A yor-chr)
- ITALY (Kenn Potter): A SAV-lyo, A mar-sav (dis/ANN), A MIL s (A mar-sav), F nap-ION, F tur-LIG, F sar-WMS, F tun-ALG
- RUSSIA (Alan Stewart): A GAL-chr, A BYE-war, A KIE s (A bye-war), A stp-HLS, A mos-STP, A RUM s (Tur A bul), F NBS s (A rum)
- Turkey (Marc Hurwitz): A mes-GUL, A kur-PER, A ada-SYR, F smy-CYP, A BUL s (Rus A rum), F SBS s (A bul)

## PRESS:

London to All Concerned (literally): We at Court wish to make our most earnest and humble apologies to the respective sovereigns across Our Majestic Continent for the behavior of a certain individual who likes to call himself, among other things, the ruler of Turkey. It has come to our attention that this person is most likely a particularly disturbed case recently escaped from our ~~public schools~~ Institutions for the Promotion of Mental Well-Being. As his guardians and protectors, we promise to compensate any and all who may suffer damages due to his condition. We hope that he can be ~~recaptured~~ convinced to return soon.

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PRESS (continued):

Turkish Marc - Austrian Marc: Believe me, Marc, when you have a Russian fleet next to one of your home centers, you'll start "lowly slug"ing, too! But don't worry - Russia will get a fleet next to one of your home centers over my dead body!

SUBLIME PORTE TO london: brucie, you forgot to send Us your orders for Us to approve or disprove. We hope this doesn't mean, you grotesque worm, that you NMR.

SUBLIME PORTE TO rome: kenny, We accept your lowly apology for the barbarous actions taken by extremists in Tripoli. All We ask is \$100,000 per dead Muslim. In light of what you westerners demanded of china a few years ago, that's cheap.

SUBLIME PORTE TO paris & berlin: We, rulers of the earth by divine right, command you lowly larvae to cease your petty bickering and attack the english pig-dogs, who threaten the Holy Land.

humble istanbul slave of slaves TO GLORIOUS CZAR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS: Oh, most August One, a thousand thanks for Your majestic mercy in refraining from raising one of Your Fleets in Sevastopol.

MILANO, ITALY: Four German diplomats arrested and expelled as the Italian Government closes the German Consulates in Milano and Turin. German nationals requested to leave sensitive areas with many being interned to central Sicily.

ROME, ITALY: The government announced a temporary ban on the import of all Turkish print media and closure of all Mosques within continental Italy. An official who refused to be identified said the ban was in response to the curish attacks on the Italian leader found of late in the Turkish Press.

ST PETERS, VATICAN CITY: In a special midnight mass for victims of the Middle East conflict Pope Leo XIII called upon Catholics of the Austrian Empire and Italy to unite with their Eastern Orthodox brothers.

Marseilles: Thousands lined the streets today to cheer the victorious French army as it entered the city. Captured Italian weaponry was displayed and hundreds of Italian prisoners were guillotined while jeering French patriots looked on. The entire nation rejoiced, because once again they could sunbathe on the Med.

Paris: The effects of war are being felt here, as nail polish seems to be in short supply. Also, certain wall papering patterns are said to be unavailable. The question here is, how long will the beleaguered citizenry be able to keep making such sacrifices?

Randolph Smyth COMMENTARY - Pre-Spring 1902:

The global strategy for 1902 may be a bit different from the usual game of regular Diplomacy. In the game we're all used to seeing, only perhaps two centers remain neutral after 1901. Their occupation is a peripheral matter relative to the need to attack someone else. Here, we still have a huge number of neutrals - eight centers in the southern regions alone - and any power with access to them can do quite well just by avoiding conflict and scooping 'em up. Relative to the regular game, then, this one has the potential<sup>of being</sup> a quiet, positional 1902.

That's not how these players seem inclined, though. Even in 1901, we've seen more than the usual level of fighting, and I have no reason to predict that things will get quieter. At least Russia and Turkey seem to have resolved their differences, based on the press; but clearly, that's only in order to let them fight other enemies more effectively.

Let's start with Italy/Austria: their alliance seems the most clear-cut and successful so far, though they haven't got around to tactical cooperation yet. How can they keep things going? I would expect them to woo the English furiously - Bruce can make all the difference against Turkey, and can also be decisive against Russia or France. Similarly, it doesn't matter whether Paul goes East, West, or both: he'll be invaluable in tying up either Russia or France. In fact, if an E/G/A/I alliance doesn't run into compatibility problems, the other players can pack their bags already. So don't expect to see Austrian armies in Germany, or Italian units fighting English ones in Egypt.

Paul can use the allies, but I'm not sure that Bruce will or should buy the whole package.

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Randolph Smyth COMMENTARY - Pre-Spring 1902 (continued):

His initial deal seems to be with Steve's France, and it may still suit him best to keep Steve viable for a while. In his shoes, I would do some self-interest waffling about his (real or imaginary) non-aggression pact.

I'll take the notice of Russia's early silence at face value - a sensible explanation, since I was surprised to see a good diplomat like Alan in some trouble in 1901. He's patched things up with Turkey, and his builds allow him to hold Austria; but what of the north? Germany seems committed, unfortunately; unless he can steer England in another direction, he's still in trouble. Bruce may be headed straight for Scandinavia, though - there are neutrals beckoning, and he can then intervene in favour of either Germany or Russia. Both must promise him the moon to get him to go against the other. While Italy may have the best strategic position, England still has the most profitable diplomatic options. The south has declared itself, and each of his three northern neighbours needs him. Can he cash in on his present flexibility in terms of centers?

Predictions:

- AUSTRIA: A vie-BUD, A pra-WGA, A ega s (A bud-tra) (dis/bud, otb), A bud-TRA, A SER-bul, A MAC s (A ser-bul), F alb-EPI
- ENGLAND: A PAL-syr, A yor-CHR, F NTH c (A yor-**chr**), F ice-NWG, F dub-MAO, F psn-GUL, F lon-DOV
- FRANCE: A lyo-GAS, F BRC-mar, A ZUR s (A par-lyo), A par-LYO, A LOR-bel, F mad-AST
- GERMANY: A ber-SIL, A PRU-lat, A HOL-bel, A ESS s (A fra-saa), A fra-SAA, A STO-gal (NSU-GM)
- ITALY: A SAV-lyo, A MAR s (A sav-lyo), A mil-ALP, F nap-ION, F tur-LIG, F sar-WMS, F tun-ALG
- RUSSIA: A GAL s (Eng A yor-chr), A bye-WAR, A kie-EGA, A STP-lat, A mos-SEV, A RUM s (A kie-ega), F NBS s (A bul)
- TURKEY: A mes-PER, A KUR s (A ada-syr), A ada-SYR, F smy-CYP, A BUL s (Rus A rum), F SBS s (A bul)

As Steve pointed out privately, my "hit percentage" is bound to drop dramatically as the units have more options. He suggested I change to a prediction of "which units will be committed to which specific objective". However, I think there is often a right way and a wrong way to attack a center, so I'll stick with the specific orders until I become too embarrassed at guessing wrong.

GM's COMMENTARY COMMENT:

OK Randolph, you're the boss. But don't say I didn't give you an out! Let's see how you did this season ... (the starting positions of correctly predicted orders are capitalized) ...

AUSTRIA: vie, PRA, ega, BUD, ser, mac, ALB .....	3 out of 7	
ENGLAND: pal, YOR, NTH, ICE, DUB, psn, lon .....	4 out of 7	For a total score of:
FRANCE: lyo, brc, zur, PAR, lor, mad .....	1 out of 6	
GERMANY: BER, pru, HOL, ess, fra, sto .....	2 out of 6	21 out of 46 (45.7%)
ITALY: SAV, mar, mil, NAP, TUR, SAR, TUN .....	5 out of 7	
RUSSIA: gal, BYE, kie, sto, mos, rum, NBS .....	2 out of 7	
TURKEY: mes, kur, ADA, SMY, BUL, SBS .....	4 out of 6	

Not bad! Certainly nothing to be embarrassed about. When you're guessing at their various strategies the prediction of their actual tactics is an iffy proposition. Certainly the battle for MAR was a tactical situation, whereas F psn-CAD, A vie-TYL and A fra-WUR are on a much more strategic plane. However, as you said in your pre-Fall 1901 commentary, the places you're wrong will be the best jumping-off points for the next seasons commentary.

... continued ...

GM's COMMENTARY COMMENT (continued):

Also, as you say, there is often a right way to attack a center, but there are often situations where it's a fielder's choice between attacking and supporting pieces. I'd hate to see your accuracy fall based on any such toss of the coin situations; so if you run into any I think it would be fair for you to flag them as such and I'll credit you a "hit" if either set of orders is actually issued to the troops. Reasonable?

Fall 1902 looks exciting as more Great Powers come into contact and the neutrals get scooped (I'd guess 8-10 will fall and maybe even a couple of 1/2 SC pairs). Reconciliation of short and long term interests with the crystalizing power structure should give the players plenty to think about and you plenty to write about. Good luck to all!

GAME NOTES:

1. Sorry about the delay!! It was inexcusable so I won't bore you with any. I hope this hasn't shaken anyone's faith. I'll do my best not to repeat. If I do - give me HELL!
2. GM's address:

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Right: A German view of the Russian method of strategic planning — through a bottle of yodka the map takes on a new look, especially as regards the positioning of several German towns.



DEADLINE: Fall 1902 - Thursday, July 9th, 1987  
 (by phone - 10:00pm EST the day before)

STANDBYS: Jim Robertson - still with us Jim?

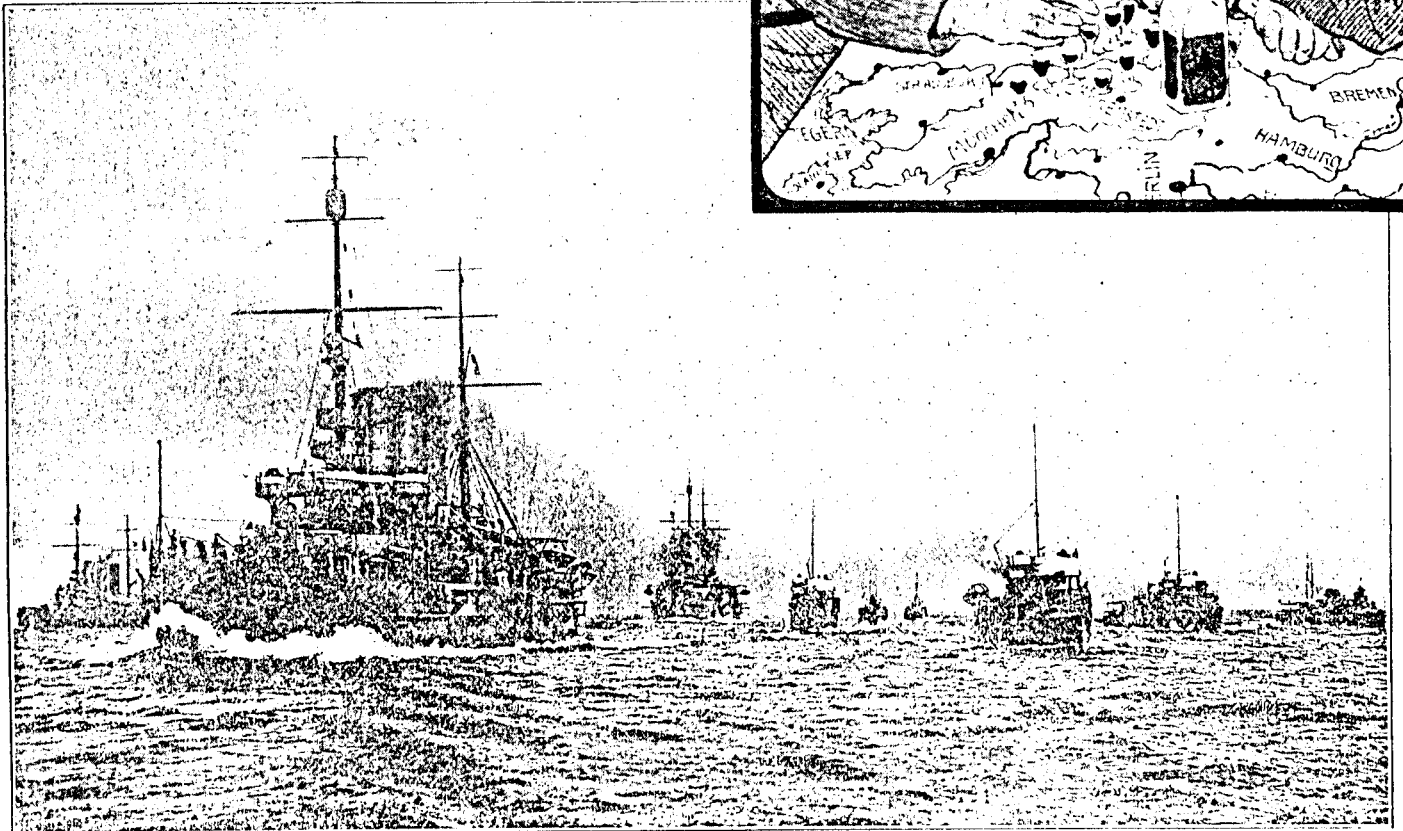


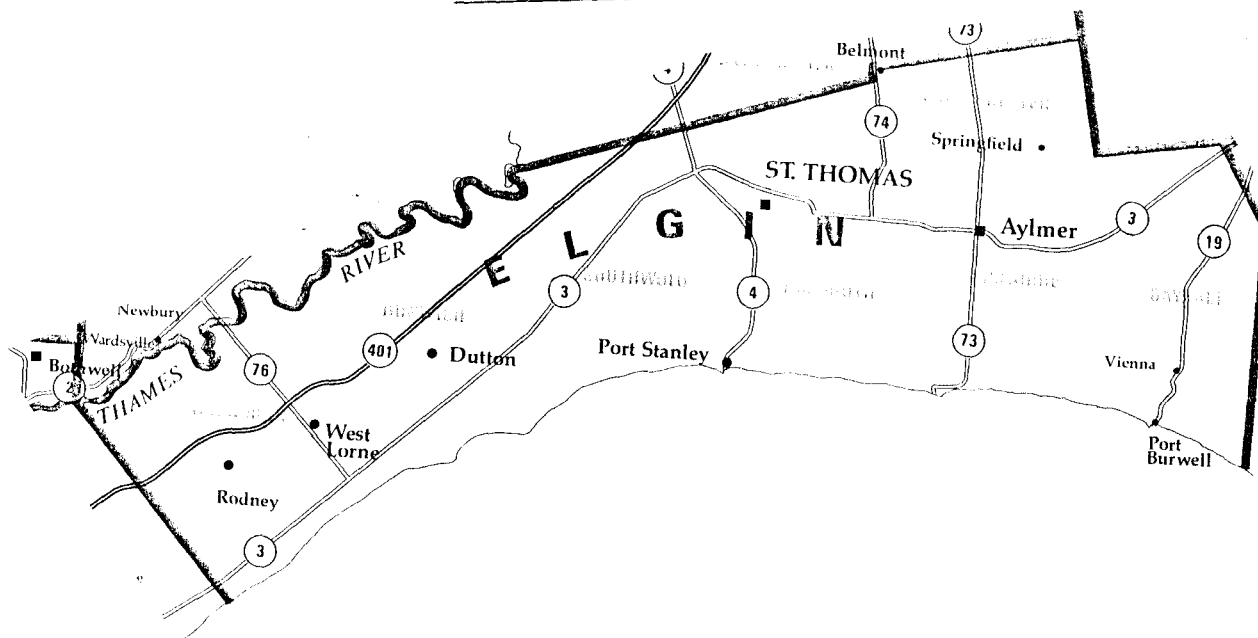
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A PART OF AUSTRIA'S NAVY

Italy

... the Austrian Navy does not rank with the greatest naval powers of Britain and Germany it is of the greatest importance because of its base of Austria's coast line and ports on the Mediterranean.

## NOTICE OF GAME OPENINGS



### ELGIN

James Bruce, the 8th Earl of Elgin (1811-63) was Governor General of Canada from 1846 to 1854. He supported responsible government (boo, hiss) and was active in securing United States Senate ratification of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854.

ELGIN, as a result of the redistribution of 1986, now includes the whole County of Elgin. Aldborough and Dunwich townships had previously been part of KENT-ELGIN. This is tobacco country, a quaintly scenic part of the province. Highway 3 is the scenic route through the district if you are proceeding from Buffalo to Detroit (and if you are, it is no doubt on an unpleasant task of some kind) while Highway 401 is the faster route from Detroit to Toronto.

The Member for ELGIN, Ron McNeil, was elected in 1958, making him the longest-serving member for the Legislature. Although his party, the Progressive Conservatives, formed the government continuously from that time until 1985, Mr. McNeil never made it into Cabinet.

Lord Elgin was a pragmatist, accepting the necessity of increased self-Government of the Colonies as the demand for it manifested itself. Hence it is highly appropriate that E.

will be the first game played under my relaxed separation-of-deadlines rule in response to popular demand:

### 2. SEPARATION OF DEADLINES

- (b) The deadlines for winter adjustments and spring moves shall be separated
  - (i) upon the request of fifty per cent of the surviving players in the game;
  - (ii) upon the request of players controlling fifty per cent of the supply cent at the time of the last winter adjustments; or
  - (iii) where the Gamesmaster considers it desirable, considering the complexity of the board position.

There. Now you've got what you wanted: complete GM discretion.  
The BERCHCONTINUATION-OF-CAMPAIGN RULE applies to this game.

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My Cable TV News Channel last night had a headline, 'EX-LIBERAL CABINET MINISTER LIONEL CHEVRIER, 84, DIES'. Did they mean to imply that Mr. Chevrier had finally seen the light and ceased being a Grit before he bought the farm? I think not. Yet, logical their punctuation implied that Mr. Chevrier was a cabinet Minister who had at one time been a Liberal but was no longer. Fowler would require hyphens throughout (EX-LIBERAL-CABINET-MINISTER) ('Hyphens', para. 6) which surely looks strange to our eye, or perhaps



FORT YORK

Fort York is an old fortification, built to protect against American invasion. Relations weren't always that good between our two countries--although when the Yankees got their tails whipped in the War of 1812 it smartened them up some. It's at the bottom left of the district, near Exhibition Park.

FORT YORK is a new district, and represents a departure from the traditional practice of creating thin elongated north-south 'strip' ridings in downtown Toronto. Cynics say that this practice began as an attempt to win downtown Toronto seats for the Conservatives by burying the downtown, poor opposition vote under the votes of the affluent northern half of these strip ridings. Cynics go on to note that the practice of creating these ridings was only ended after population patterns had changed so that the Tories lost all the west end strip districts anyway. What cynics!

There are a number of historic landmarks in the above map--Maple Leaf Gardens, the CN Tower, the provincial Parliament Buildings, etc. How many others can you find?

This game, too, will use the Berch Continuation-of-Campaign Rule--no use trying to dissuade me. See new separation-of-deadlines rule under ELGIN.

FORT YORK will be a straight Liberal-new democrat fight in the upcoming election.

# Internationalism

## Dipcon-Madcon '87

I have been delaying the writing of this for the longest time, for the most obvious reason. I played in three games at this Con, and in two of them I got eliminated--in a most humiliating fashion. I do not enjoy chronicling such occurrences. However, I had a Hell of a good time---so, here goes.

Out of character, I made my transportation arrangements for this Con very early, and so got a tremendous American Airlines Summer SuperSaver bargain rate--about \$150 Canadian, as far as I can remember. To get this rate, I had to pick my flight early--and I picked a flight arriving in Chicago early Thursday evening. Now if you were in such a position, I bet you would have opted for an evening of ease--maybe calling Andy Lischett or Bruce Geryk or Ron Krukowski ahead of time, letting him know that you would be in town, trying to wangle an invitation to stay overnight, maybe offering a free dinner out if necessary (what does this 'Carolyn' person look like anyway?) Not me--I thought it my duty to do some investigative reporting, just like Terry Tallman used to do in the late, great, North Sealth, West George. I was there to report to the Good People of PRAXIS. And so, herewith, my report--on the bars of Chicago. In the order in which I patronized them.

Choices. \*\*\*. Downtown, somewhere near Michigan Avenue. A place very much like P.J. Muggs, or whatever it is called, in Toronto--also like 'Mr. grummps.'

Very much a downtown worker place, I think. Kitchen closes at 6:00! Watched the beginning of the Knicks-celtics game, poor reception. Short on Lite beers Darts; music;TV. Called Dave Carter from here to submit my final orders in Awbri, my second three-way draw. Thanks, Evans!

4th Edition, in the Chicago Marriott. \*1/2\*. Disco manqué. Big dance floor, the coloured lights were flashing, the music was loud, no-one was dancing, and the few patrons tried to get as far away from the dance floor as possible.

\$3.24 per beer--unremarkable in Canada, but very high in America.

Howard's Bar and Grill. 125 E. Ontario (great name for a street). \*\*\*\*.

The look of a neighbourhood bar, downtown. Small, cozy. Great bar snacks--sausage-type things. Tap beer only. The barmaid served me some Wisconsin beer with a long name--asked her to spell it, and she said, 'Who cares?' It's a popular one, I guess--saw it later at the Wall-Fleming-Barno pad in Madison.

Pippin's Tavern, Rush Street. Too crowded to get in. Saw it listed later when I looked up a Chicago tourist guide--very popular, I guess.

Streeters, Chicago Street. \*\*\*\*. A sports bar--Celtics were losing 129-107. Old look. Crowded, loud, friendly atmosphere.

Flapfaw's, Pearson Street. Crowded again, but not packed. \*\*1/2\*. A study in the failings of a not-quite-up-to-snuff bar--modern, black, plastic tables and seats, surrounded by cheap, imitation wood panelling.

Walton Street Waterworks. Still walking north. A new bar--'Grand opening' was May 31. Unpleasant--am I getting into a different part of town? Big dance floor, nice set-up, mostly empty, except for a few black patrons who look like the villains in Death Wish 3. \*\*.

Joe's. \*\*\*\*1/2. Address--don't know--my notes are getting somewhat illegible.

Probably the light was bad. Anyway, it is here I stayed. Why? They serve 'Miller Genuine Draft', which I have seen served only once before, in a dive in Myrtle Beach, North Carolina. Play great 60s music too--courtesy of radio station WRXR. I always meet strange, interesting people in bars--and this was no exception. My drinking companion was Sergio Perez, a professional guitar player and Marxist political economy student. I kid you not--I have his address, as he wrote it, sitting here in front of me, and I explained Diplomacy to him and promised to send him a copy of Praxis. (Haven't done it yet.) We almost got into a knife fight--I went to the can, somebody tried to take my seat, Sergio tried to stop him, the intended usurper challenged Sergio to a fight (the usurper had a friend), and Sergio was, as I kidded him, one second away from pulling out his knife. Tremendous time. Bars close at 4:00 A.M. in Illinois very civilised--and we left when the cop car parked outside the bar at 4:15....

Where did I go? To the Greyhound station, of course--for the bus to Madison that left at 5:30. Walked by the headquarters of one of the Chicago papers--didn't note which one--and it was fascinating to watch the melee as all the drivers tried to load up to take the morning edition on its way.

Next story--there I was, standing in the terminal, a ugly, dirty, sort of place, the sort of place where the people who prove they have a ticket are in a roped-off area, and everybody else is thrown out by the security people--when this absolutely beautiful young woman walks in wearing a 'Roots' sweatshirt, a pair of shorts, and little else. What the Hell is she doing wandering around downtown Chicago at this time of night? She asked me for directions to the ticket counter--actually, it was obvious where the ticket counter was, but it was temporarily closed and she was wondering what was going on--and I gave them. Thirty minutes later, she turned up in the same lineup as I was and I brazenly engaged her in a conversation. Turned out she was a student at the University of Buffalo, not far from me, had a boyfriend who plays for the Buffalo Sabres (I didn't ask his name), and was a part-time model (I told you she was beautiful) who was taking a bus to Milwaukee, from Buffalo, to apply for a summer modelling job.

We talked on the bus, then she got off at Milwaukee.

OK, so it isn't that great a story.

But you might have thought differently if you had seen this blonde apparition manifest itself in the Chicago bus terminal at 4:45 A.M. when you were completely loaded.

Take my word for it.

And she wasn't sleazy looking, either. Innocent looking--a nice girl.

I poured myself off the bus in Madison, Friday morning, and wandered around, listening to Jesus Christ Superstar on my Walkman--hadn't listened to it in 14 years, picked it up a few weeks ago, and love it. Then, trying to follow the Madcon map, I walked down Washington street, to and all the way around the State capitol, to the University, and eventually found the Hall.

I love this city--big university, state capitol, relaxed atmosphere. Kingston is the closest Ontario comparison I can think of, but Madison is an order of magnitude greater.

In the Student union, I ran into--who else?-- Steve Swigger, from Toronto. Call to headquarters, and Mike Barno was there to pick us up. James Wall drove us around, to a comic book store, past Paul Rauterberg's former bar (as we walked by it, James warned two people walking in 'Don't go in; the new owner's sleazy.') around and around, back to 514, where I played Naval Warfare for the first time. Bobby Acheson won because I occupied myself for too long with an anti-Wall vendetta. Such is life.

Headed for the residence where I was to stay, Matt Fleming's car broke down, had to walk (hope you don't mind the stream-of-consciousness).

I was still feeling badly from the night before, and decided not to play in the first round, but only after a long agony of self-questioning and self-doubt. If you spend a lot of money to go to con a long way away, shouldn't you play in as many games as possible? Anyway I sat Friday night out, marvelling at the strength of the players assembled. Met Greg Ellis, met the great Randolph Smyth.

Went home to bed--early.

#### Round One--Never Give a Sucker an Even Break.

AUSTRIA--Fred Davis; ENGLAND--Duane Bronsen; FRANCE--Steve Smith; GERMANY --Alan Stewart; ITALY--Dave Henning; RUSSIA--Fred Townsend; TURKEY--Greg Ellis.

FRANCE was not interested in attacking ENGLAND; Steve told me in the post-mortem that nothing I could have said would have convinced him to do so--he doesn't believe in it. ENGLAND seemed pro-France, and gave off the general air of not knowing what he was doing. Solution: western triple.

The East organized itself quickly against this threat, under the spur of Greg Ellis, whom I had the misfortune of meeting up with twice at this tournament, who always warned me what was going to happen to me (bad) if I didn't do what he recommended, and who was always right. A perpetually active diplomat, always aware of the whole board--a superb player.

I was, very early on, in a desperate situation. I must tell you that Fred Townsend and I just don't seem to get along nohow. There's no-one I've met in the Hobby I dislike, out.. We have met, now, in three tournament games. In the first I eliminated him, and he has now returned me the favour twice. In bad times, he is a whiner, and in good times a bully.

I had convinced ENGLAND to launch into a northern attack against Fred with my support. This attack had absolutely no prospect of achieving anything beyond the capture of St. Petersburg, and ENGLAND wouldn't make the necessary moves to do that expeditiously--which suited me fine, because I knew that when he realized that he wasn't going to get anywhere his only practical choice was to go against me.

A desperate game.

Steve Smith was under constant Eastern pressure to move against me, which he eventually succumbed to, in a clever way. He took Munich in a Spring season. I tried to convince him to move east in the fall--and he had already thought of that and was going to try to convince me of it. If he had succeeded, our triple would have been in a commanding position, and we could have told the east to go stuff itself. But getting out of Munich was a guess. Steve tries to take Bohemia with my support, failed, and that was it--even in my opinion, he had no sensible choice after that but to try to get as much as he could by taking me apart.

Townsend. I don't believe in cross-game influences, so at a crucial moment, I accepted a Townsend peace offer ('let's all the small powers get together') and convinced ENGLAND to go along and break off our attack. Fred quickly convinced ENGLAND to turn this into an attack against me and refused to negotiate with me thereafter. The East eliminated first Dave Henning and then Fred Davis (who was wandering around telling people what a weak power AUSTRIA was, and how he was pleased not to be the first one eliminated) and somehow convinced Steve Smith to accept a two way Ellis-Townsend draw.

Townsend had been down to four centres, and we could have reduced him to three had I not accepted his plan for alliance.

I was the sucker. Never give a sucker an even break.

#### Round Two: The Livonian System Rides Again

AUSTRIA: Bill Becker; ENGLAND: Dave Henning; FRANCE Dan Sellers; GERMANY Scott Drane; ITALY Bruce Geryk; RUSSIA Steve Clark; TURKEY Alan Stewart.

As TURKEY I always do everything I can to get RUSSIA to agree to a steamroller, mostly ignore everyone else, and then decide whether I want to go along or take him out with a stab in S '01.

Steve Clark and I go off immediately and start to talk about an R-T. We are both keen. Then he says, 'And I want to hit hard in the north--send two armies there, one to St. Petersburg and one to Livonia. Only if you agree and think you can handle the south of course.'

Instantly I thought of Richard Sharp's comment about Don Turnbull's Livonian System in The Game of Diplomacy. 'Brrrr. He must have played against different Turkeys than I have.'

I go to talk to AUSTRIA and ITALY. They tell me bluntly that they have seen me and RUSSIA talking, that they smell an R-T, and will do nothing against each other until they see one of us attack the other.

I corner Bill Becker tell him what's up, and encourage an alliance with him moving to Galicia. 'I'm tired of playing around with conservative moves. Let's get into a real alliance and have some fun and get some centres.' He agrees. All I have to do now is talk to TURKEY and not mess it up. 'Well', I say reluctantly, 'if you really want to move two armies north I guess I can handle the south and AUSTRIA. But remember, I'll need some help soon.' Steve is keen.

Boom. F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Arm, Sev cannot be defended. Steve made an excellent try at convincing me to break off the attack, but I refused.

Now to wait. Even as late as W'03 I had only 5 centres, same as AUSTRIA, ITALY, and RUSSIA, but I was always in a commanding position, able to stab AUSTRIA at any time. First the wait for Bill to decide when to stab Bruce Geryk. I didn't want to <sup>suggest</sup> it for strategic reasons, Dan Sellers eventually <sup>suggested it to Bill,</sup> and in F '04 we did it (at Dan Sellers' suggestion.) Bruce had asked us to move our fleets west to meet the French threat.

Fall '05, stabbed AUSTRIA, went from 6 to 10 centres. Nothing left but to keep RUSSIA and FRANCE from working together, maximize my win possibilities, and decide who to go for the two-way with. <sup>otherwise</sup> I was actually working with RUSSIA again at this point. In fall '08 I stabbed him again and settled for a 14-centre two-way with FRANCE. My first two-way. Would have won a best country--if David Hood had not got an 18-centre Turkish win....

### Round Three: The Puppy Bites

AUSTRIA Eric Diamond; ENGLAND Alan Stewart; FRANCE Mark Frueh; GERMANY John Cannon; ITALY Scott Drane; RUSSIA Greg Ellis; TURKEY David Hood,

If the final prizes are any guide, this was a heck of a strong board. I'm not sure how I got on it.

At no point in the game could I get John Cannon to agree to, or seem interested in, anything. Not in attacking FRANCE; not in attacking RUSSIA.

I took a chance and made an alliance with Frueh and conceded Belgium to him for three builds. Conceded Belgium? Usually it's GERMANY who is responsible for stopping FRANCE from getting three builds if that is a problem, I think, but John Cannon just didn't want to get involved. The epitome of the 'I just don't want to offend anyone' player.

Greg Ellis warned me that Frueh would eat me up. He was right again. In S'02 I had decided enough of this, I'm moving to Hel and am going after GERMANY. GERMANY and FRANCE had decided to go after me that same season. GERMANY, typically, came in too late with too little and never got, nor was close to getting, an English home centre. I puppeted to Frueh as soon as the attack was launched.

Couldn't figure Frueh out. Hadn't known that he was considered such a stabber before playing with him--understanding elements of the MadLad mystique was part of the reason I came--but after I agreed to puppet to him, he would come up to me every season with a sort of hangdog look, asking my permission for certain moves, as though I (the puppet) was the senior power. I told him I would simply move as he ordered, didn't care about survival (by this point), etc., but he continued to view my efforts to take myself out in his behalf as if I were an old but healthy person insisting on committing euthanasia.

Time to head down to the bar and buy a few pitchers of beer for the masses, and relax.

I have organized successful events of a different kind in the past and so look at tournament organization with a fairly critical eye, although I am not the type of person to complain aloud. This one was well done. The essence of tournament running (well, advance planning is good, of course), is calmness, avoiding the appearance of disorganization or, even more dangerous, panic, and the Madlads had coolness in spades. Well done, madison people. Only one real complaint--since the final round was unavoidably going to be time<sup>2</sup> constrained, it should have been ready to start, organization-wise, at 9:00 A.M., as it was not--delayed for an hour, as I remember.

Who won? Well, I'm not sure--Steve Swigger and I went out to McDonald's and missed the award ceremony. I hear David Hood won--that's right, he did, and he deserves special kudos for playing in the final round Sunday morning when he already had a tournament win locked up and could only hurt himself. Well done! Greg Ellis second--also well done. Mark Frueh third--way to go. Scott Drane won a prize too--another good player. All great Canadians.

I had a special surprise on the way back. My flight back to Toronto was overbooked, and I volunteered to stay in Chicago overnight--free hotel and a \$300 U.S. travel voucher. That's right--\$300 U.S., even thought my return flight only cost \$150 Canadian! San Anton, site of the 1988 Dipcon, is only \$335 Canadian at American Airlines Supersaver rates!

Staying over another day in Chicago, I got to see, for the first time, the Friendly Confines of Wrigley Field. Quite an experience, and the Cubs beat the Mets on a Manny Trillo home run in the ninth after the Met catcher had been picked off (hehehe) at second base while standing around watching as another Met was being given an intentional walk.

Nice to talk with Fred Davis (just kidding, Fred--you played great), Pierre Touchette, Claude Gautron, Randolph Smyth, Steve Clark (sorry about the stab, Steve--you didn't deserve it), Dan Stafford, Cathy Ozog, Marc Peters, the inimitable James Wall, Matt Fleming, Bobby Acheson (you shouldn't have called me a wimp and laughed at me for publishing details of my three-way draw, Bob--I changed my orders in our game by phone as soon as I got home), Bruce Linsey my roommate, Greg Ellis, Mike Barno who is out to get me in BEETHOVEN for reasons he won't reveal, Andy Lischett, Morgan Gurley, Jeff Zarse, Russ Rusnak, and everybody else.

They ought to hold these tournaments more often.



# Reification

## Game Two

A standing-room only crowd of 56, 617 was propelled into orgasmic delight this afternoon as the Stewarts pummeled the Nhan Vus 9-2 in the second game of their best-of-seven showdown series.

The Vus got on the board early when George Brett doubled to centre scoring Dale Murphy, who had reached first on a groundball that forced Willie McGee at second and advanced on a groundout by Jim Rice.

Hapless Vu starter Jack Morris managed, following the pattern established by Nhan Vu opening starter Bert Blyleven, to load the bases with Stewarts with nobody out in the bottom of the first. Nor was Morris able to contain the damage. Rickey Henderson lined a single to centre to open the bottom of the first and advanced to third when Lou Whitaker singled to right. Morris then hit Keith Hernandez to fill the sacks. Pedro Guerrero was given a double by the scorer when Jim Rice misjudged a fly ball along the line in left field, although Rice partially redeemed himself by gunning down Keith Hernandez attempting to score from first. The Stewarts weren't thru. Mike Schmidt broke it open with a towering homerun to left.

The game was never in doubt, and the majority of the fans spent the remainder of the match jeering Nhan Vu miscues and indulging in drunken revelry. 443 were arrested.

A power shortage was blamed for the loss of the official scoring stats for the bottom half of the Stewart lineup, although others ascribe it to the scorer's failure to notice that the one sheet of paper he put into the computer wasn't enough for the whole box score and his subsequent erasure of the game stats.

The Budweiser star of the game is Stewart starter John Tudor, who went eight innings (or was it seven?) and struck out...well, quite a few. John Tudor...this Bud's for you!

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### TEAM 54 NHAN VUS

NAME - Offense	Last Pos	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	S	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	PO	A	E	PB
1 MCGEE	CF	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
2 RANDOLPH	2B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0
3 GEMAN	C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	1	0	0
3 MURPHY	RF	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0
4 RICE	LF	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0
5 BRETT	3B	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
6 MURRAY	1B	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
7 PINA	C	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
MOORE	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOGGS	PH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REARDON	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATTINGLY	PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAMES	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 FRANCO	SS	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TEMPLETON	SS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
9 MORRIS	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORELAND	PH	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HEPKHUSER	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BUCKNER	PH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OESTER	2B	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Totals		35	2	9	2	0	0	11	2	0	0	4	10	0	0				

### NAME - Pitchers

NAME	IP	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	WP	HB	PK
MORRIS	1.0	4	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
HEPKHUSER	2.0	4	4	4	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
MOORE	2.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
REARDON	2.0	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
JAMES	1.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	8.0	9	9	12	5	0	1	5	3	0	1	0

EJECTIONS:  
 INJURIES :

### TEAM 55 STEWARTS

NAME - Offense	Last Pos	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	S	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	PO	A	E	PB
1 HENDERSON	CF	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
2 MITCHNER	2B	3	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0
HERR	2B	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
3 HERNANDEZ	1B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
4 GUERRERO	LF	3	2	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAINES	LF	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
SMITH	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 RUFEN	SS	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
HERNANDEZ	SS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
6 SCHMIDT	3B	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Game Three

The Nhan Vus delighted a partisan home California crowd with a come-from-behind 5-4 win in eleven innings here today. Nhan Vu starter Bret Saberhagen broke precedent by not putting the first three Stewart batters on base but let them on the scoreboard in the first when Pedro Guerrero lined a single to left scoring Tim Raines, who had doubled down the line in right with one out in the inning.

The Stewarts took a 3-0 lead in the top of the second. Lance Parrish lined a single and advanced to second on Dave Stieb's sacrifice bunt. Jim Rice then dropped Rickey Henderson's easy two-out flyball to left, Parrish scoring. Tim Raines then doubled into the gap in left, advancing to third when Rickey Henderson beat Dave Parker's weak throw to the plate.

In the home half of the second, Rich Gedman doubled to centre with one out. Tim Raines hit the right-field wall in a vain attempt to catch Ron Oester's rising blast. Gedman scored, but Rickey Henderson caught up with the ball and threw Oester out when he tried to advance to third. Raines was carried off the field and diagnosed as suffering a strained shoulder that will keep him out for the remainder of the series.

Pedro Guerrero and George Brett traded homeruns in the third inning.

Dave Stieb tired in the eighth, allowing the Vumen to tie the score. With two out, Dale Murphy walked. Dave Parker followed with a drive that just eluded the outstretched glove of Jesse Barfield in right field.

Rick Reuschel came in to face the Vus in the bottom of the eleventh and walked leadoff hitter Dale Murphy. Dave Parker forced Murphy at second but beat the return throw. After pinchhitter Eddie Murray fanned, Rich Gedman drove one down the line in right. Even Jesse Barfield's mighty arm could not prevent Parker from scoring the winning run.

The Budweiser star of the game is RICH GEDMAN. Rich...this Bud's for you!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
STEWARTS	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	0
NHAN VUS	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	8	1

TEAM 55 STEWARTS

NAME - Offense	Last Pos	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	S	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	PO	A	E	PB
1 HENDERSON	CF	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
2 RAINES	RF	2	1	2	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
BARFIELD	RF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
3 HERRANDEZ	1B	5	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0
4 GUERRERO	LF	3	1	2	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	0
5 RICE	SS	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0
6 SCHMIDT	3B	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
7 SANDBERG	2B	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	0	0
8 PARRISH	C	4	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
SMITH	PR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
REUSCHEL	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
9 STIEB	P	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0				
WHITAKER	PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
QUINBERY	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
GILROY	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
CARVER	C	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		41	4	10	6	0	1	19	3	1	0	3	8	0	1				

NAME - Pitchers	IP	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	WP	HB	PK
STIEB	8.0	4	4	7	2	0	2	4	3	0	0	1
QUINBERY	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
GILROY	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REUSCHEL	0.2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	10.2	5	5	8	2	0	2	7	4	0	0	32

EJECTIONS:  
INJURIES :RAINES, Tim( 3 games)

TEAM 54 NHAN VUS

NAME - Offense	Last Pos	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	S	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	PO	A	E	PB
1 TIMMONSON	SS	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
RAINES	PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
MOORE	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
McGEE	LF	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 BRETT	3B	4	1	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
3 MATTINGLY	1B	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0
4 MURPHY	CF	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	0
5 PARKER	RF	5	2	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
6 RICE	LF	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
JAMES	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
MURRAY	PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				
7 GEDMAN	C	5	1	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0				8
8 OESTER	2B	4	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	0
9 SABERHAGEN	P	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				
GIBSON	PH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				
FRANKO	SS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		39	5	8	2	0	2	16	5	0	0	4	7	1	0				

NAME - Pitchers	IP	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	WP	HB	PK
SABERHAGEN	7.0	4	2	8	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	1
MOORE	3.0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
JAMES	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	11.0	4	2	10	6	0	1	8	3	0	0	33

EJECTIONS:  
INJURIES :