

# The Prince

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"When a prince is with his army it is necessary for him to disregard his reputation against cruelty for without it he would never hold his army united."

Machiavelli

The Prince is a postal diplomacy zine published every four weeks by Jim Meinel, 7410 Nancy St. #1 Anchorage, Alaska 99507. Phone (907) 349-8371. There are no game openings right now but standbys are welcomed. Subfee is 10 issues for \$5.00.

So here we are in Anchorage and there have been many changes for us and I'm sure there will continue to be changes waiting for us. The most obvious one is the production of this zine, digest. As long as a zine is readable I don't mind if it is ditton, mimeo, digest, whatever, but all other things being equal I would prefer the open-faced full size photocopying format. But my fears in Seattle before coming up here were misplaced - it wasn't the post office that I should have been worried about but the cost of copying. (along with everything else) So photoreduction was the least distasteful alternative that I could come up with.

One alternative I considered seriously that was suggested to me was finding a sucker-person to act as my publisher who would have access to cheap copying and be willing to spend about four hours every month or so producing my zine. Cheaper, to be sure, but what I didn't like about it was that the zine wouldn't be totally under my responsibility anymore. And then I couldn't insure that the zine was being run the way I wanted it to be. So for those of who who are farsighted, my apologies. Get a magnifying glass. (One of you has already told me that you use one for the other digests he gets)

Postal service. It looks like about 2-3 days from parts west of the Rockies, 3-4 days in the Midwest, and 4-5 days from the East and South.

The time difference is something a couple of you have asked about. It's two hours before west coast, and five hours before east coast. I can usually be reached at home from six to midnight weekday evenings and on the weekends anytime. No calling at work!(shudder) My best advice is to not rely too heavily on the phone for orders. I had to work late this past deadline evening and there's no way I can get around that. So keep them cards and letters coming.

The move itself was fairly smooth but had a few rough spots. We flew out of Seattle early July 25th and arrived in Anchorage about 8 in the morning. We rented a car and found a hotel right away and then I stopped in to see my boss, who immediately offered his car for us to use until we got settled in. That evening I called a friend from the hotel to tell her we were in town and had another offer, this time to stay over at her place until we found an apartment. So if I just asked ahead of time I could have saved myself some money. Anyway, we spent all day Monday and Tuesday looking at places but couldn't find anything that we liked (and could afford). ate Tuesday we finally found a place which was perfect except it was a half mile walk to the bustop. But winter appeared far away at the time so we took that place. We slept on the floor for two weeks until our furniture got here but once that arrived Alaska seemed a bit more hospitable.

Anchorage is a hard town to describe. About 200,000 people live here. With about 100,000 in Fairbanks (about 350 miles north) and only 400,000 in the state you can see 3/4 of the people live in two cities. So hardly anyone is everywhere else. Anchorage is pretty congested in the downtown area which measures about five square miles. Actually, the whole area going out about five miles south and east (north is water, west is the airport) is really congested. The rush hour traffic here is a bad, if not worse, than any I've seen in Seattle. One big reason is that only two roads leave Anchorage, one south and one east. There is no way to bypass the city at all so all traffic gets channelled through the city.

Another reason for the congestion is that whoever does the zoning around here must not know what he's doing. I realize that city zoning is a highly political process but in the entire metropolitan Anchorage area (sounds much fancier than it really is) everything gets built next to anything. That was one problem we had looking for apartments - there would be really nice new condos and apartments going up right next to business parks, shanties, machine shops, highways, whatever. Construction is big in the area, everyone is building structures everywhere. Right now there is a glut of condos, or so they tell me. If \$70,000 is such a deal for a one bedroom condo, or \$120,000 for a small home then maybe I'll just pass for now. (That's because I'm used to perfectly nice two bedroom condos in Seattle for \$45,000 and three bedroom houses for \$70,000)

As far as employment opportunities go up here (something more than one of you inquired about) I can't really say for specific fields. Barring having a job already before moving up, my advice would be to research it carefully and then stay with someone you know while you look to cut costs. I doubt anyone would get rich up here right away who wouldn't get rich anyway anywhere else (real estate, investments, etc) but a lot of people share apartments to save money.

...The Third Annual Marco Poil is being run by Mark Larzelere and he's now taking ballots. There will be three categories. For Best Zine vote for the top seven zines, in the order you prefer them. For Subzines vote for the top three subzines. For Gameasters vote for the top five gm's. GM's may not vote for themselves, editors may not vote for their own efforts but subzine editors may vote for their parent zine and vice versa. Personal bias aside, I consider this Poil to be second only to the Leader Poil in credibility. Deadline for ballots is November 22nd but send them in now or you'll forget. Mark's at 7607 Fontainebleau Dr. Apt 2352 New Carrollton, MD 20784...

...House of Lords is a zine devoted to the publisher. According to Dick Martin, it will be a forum for publishers to discuss topics which are relevant only to them, and perhaps only for their eyes. The first issue came out a few weeks ago and I'm hoping for some interesting dialogue from it in the future. For you pubber types who don't have his address handy, Dick's at 26 Orchard Way N. Rockville, MD 20854...

...I'm sure most people know already but Kathy Byrne is the new Boardman Number Custodian. Don Ditter turned the job over to her after a very capable two year stint. She will handle providing Boardman Numbers for all postal dip games and will report on game openings and finishes in the official publication of the BNC, Everything. The position is in good hands for awhile to come and I wish her all the luck in her new position...

...Supernova is a very useful and interesting publication introducing people to the ins and outs of the postal diplomacy hobby. It is filled with articles by various hobby members about important aspects of playing by mail. If you haven't seen it yet it would be well worth the dollar to send Bruce Linsey for a copy. He's at 24A Quarry Dr. Albany, NY 12205. Bruce is also putting together a color photo album of hobby members so if you're reading this then you wanted!

...Bern Sampson dropped an interesting packet into my mailbox the other day. STARS is a listing of the top 100 players in the hobby based on the most current five years of BNC records. It will come out after each quarterly publishing of Everything so will be up to date. It's \$2.00 for four issues so if you want to check up on that character who just stabbed the hell out of you Bern's address is 5364 Red Lake, Columbia, MD 21045...

...Rob Winslow (62 Walzford Rd. Rochester, NY 14622) is trying to unload about 40 wargames of his that he doesn't want anymore. Drop him a SASE for a price list. This is a pretty good way to pick up wargames and the like cheap in case you haven't checked into any stores lately...

...Is there anyone out there who would be interested in playing Traveller by mail? I enjoy the game quite a bit and am toying with the idea of running a campaign sometime next year. If anyone out there has any ideas on how to run one of these beasts (or why I shouldn't) drop me a line...

...The End Justifies the Means is an appropriately named zine just started up by James Briggs, P.O. Box 6243 El Paso, TX 79906. James' interest is not only in dip, he is also offering to run Machiavelli, Der Fuhrer (rules and map with his first issue), Rail Baron, Bourse, Junta and En Garde! If James can get a few more for En Garde! he'll be able to start right away. (Much to my delight, I'm signed up) Send a SASE to find out what it's all about...



DID YOU READ THIS, WALTER? THE GOVERNMENT WILL BUY OUR HOUSE AT PRE-DIOXIN PRICES...

## ENGLAND SHUFFLED, RUSSIA IN TROUBLE

Austria (D.Martin) A Tri-BUD, A SER S A Tri-Bud, A Gre-BUL  
 England (R.Deizer) A Lon S F Liv-Wal(dis,ret-Yor,OTB), F Liv-WAL  
 France (P.Conlon) A Wai-LON, F ENG S A Wai-Lon, A Spa-TUS, F LYO C A Spa-Tus,  
 F MID-Wes, A MAR-Pie  
 Germany (G.Ellis) A SWE-Nwy, A EDI S RUSSIAN F Ciy-Liv, A Mun-BUR, A Ber-SIT, A Tyo-PIE,  
 A VIE S AUSTRIAN A Tri-Bud, F Nth-BEL, F Kie-DEN  
 Italy (E.Diamond) A VEN S GERMAN A Tyo-Pie, A WAR-Mos, F TUN-Wes, F Ion-TYN  
 Russia (B.Orloff) F Ciy-LIV, A NWY H, A MOB-Sev, A UKR-Sev, F Sev-RUM, A Bud H(dis,ret-  
 Gal,OTB), A Bul S F Sev-Rum(ann)  
 Turkey (K.Sesier) A ARM-Sev, F ANK H, A CON S AUSTRIAN A Gre-Bul

## Winter 1904 Supply Center Chart

Austria	Ser, Tri, Bul, BUD	4	build 1
England	<del>Lon, Liv</del>	0	out
France	Home, Por, Spa, <del>Wai</del> , Lon	6	even
Germany	Home, Hol, Den, Swe, Edi, Vie, BEL	9	build 1
Italy	Home, Tun, Gre, WAR	6	build 2
Russia	Mos, Sev, StP, <del>Wai</del> , Rum, Nwy, <del>Wai</del> , LIV	6	even
Turkey	Home	3	even

## Press

Aus-Tur I hope you came through.

Lon-? Anyone for checkers?

Fra-Ger,GM: I propose that we each send \$25 to Kathy Byrne. She can hold our bets. Best record wins. However, a better tie breaker is needed. I suggest total points scored in the season minus total points scored by opponents. Also, each better send Dickie-poo one penny to hold.

GM: No problem with Kathy, if she agrees. Amount is stiff but acceptable also. Best record, I don't know. Do all teams have same # of games played? And will bowl games count? If they are unequal, and bowl games do not count, then what about dropping the first game of the season for the team with the extra game, since the first one is usually a pansy anyway? The tiebreaker sucks. I'd hate to nose anyone else out of the action, but what about this Pat- a straight \$25 on the UW-ISU game coming up? It's down there in your territory, however, how 'bout a field goal or so?

Ellis-GM and the rest of the Paper Tigers: Been checking up on my Coogs, and I'm sorry to report that their Defense sucks. Anybody mind if I back the Horns? ((does that mean I can have my pick of the Pac 10 steams, assuming I even wanted too? )) Not that the Coogs won't end up better off than the rest of the losers you losers are backing, I just figure the Horns to take the conference this year.((snort))

Ita-Aus looks like they really fell for the ole' fake war ploy.

Ita-A&F Go git 'im.

Ita-Ger How about picking on someone your own size?

Mun-Rom I hope your renewed interest in a central alliance is legit. Your moves will tell.

Dateline, Berlin: I couldn't stand it! I had to stab somebody! I can't help myself!

Besides, why should Brian have all the fun?

Ita-Rus I would hate to think that you don't have enough home centers open for all your builds. But don't worry, for all I know, you might just have to make a removal.

Mun-Lon You put up a valliant fight. Let's see if my new foe does as well.

Mun-Ank Was the bounces in Smyrna from perpetual orders or did you doze off?

Ita-Fra Scavenger! Thought you could walk all over me, didn't ya. You're never gonna know what hit you.

## Bismarck Press

## Press

Rom-Far You had better have respected our neutrality zone! (I hope)

Aus-Former Germany: You're being attacked by France, England, Italy and Russia. So what do you do? You stab Austria and then quit the game. Real class.

Aus-New Germany: I hope you haven't made the same mistake as your predecessor.

Aus-GM What are these mysterious "time pressures" that cause my allies to stab me and then "resign" from the game?

Aus-Ita Are you immune from the dreaded Time Pressure Syndrome, or have you had a TPS vaccination recently?

Russia-World "I still live!"

Far-Rom Pope, if these moves distress you may I suggest you take enough sedatives to knock out an elephant and see me in eternity.

Ank-GM Fast start, slow finish.

Far-Vie I hope you know what you're doing. You've been right so far.

Rom-Vie Your not moving to Armenia last move got you this just so you know. Allies work together and your cowardice lost our ex-alliance 2 seasons against Deizer. Not cool.

Ger: Many thanks to my allies who have seen fit to return supply centers in exchange for cooperation and goodwill.

Far-Eng Don't forget my warning.

Rom-Lon You are building too fast.

Rom-Ber I hope you removed A Vie!

Rom-Ank & Mos Let's open communication lines. Now we can talk.

Paris: The Prez lifts a glass in salute and welcome of our new Kaiser - this board is crowded with nasty little black squares so watch your step till I sweep 'em off.

## Fall 1902

## TOUGH GAME

Austria (P.Gardner) A RUM-Ukr, A Bud-GAL, A Tri S A Vie(dis,ret-Bud,Aib,OTB), F GRE-Ion,  
A VIE S A Bud-Gal  
England (J.Wall) A NWY S F Ska-Swe, F Ska-SWE, F NTH S GERMAN A Ber-Den, F Eng-BRE  
France (B.Orloff) A Pic-BUR, A PAR S A Pic-Bur, A MAR S A Pic-Bur, F SPA(sc) H  
Germany (G.Sherrii) A Kie-DEN, A Bur-GAS, A RUH-Bur, A MUN S A Ruh-Bur, F Bei-PIC  
Italy (A.Incorvaia) A Tyo-TRI, A VEN S A Tyo-Tri, F Ion-ADR, F NAP-Ion  
Russia (N.Wheeler) A Gal-Rum(dis,ret-Boh,Sil,War,OTB), F Bul S A Gal-Rum(ann), A UKR-Sev,  
A MOS S A Ukr-Sev, F Den-Nth(dis,ret-Ska,Hsi,Bal,OTB)  
Turkey (M.Whitty) F Con-BUL(sc), A SER S F Con-Bul(sc), F BLA S A Sev, A SEV S AUSTRIAN  
A Rum(ota)

COA- James Wall(ENG) 27 N.Mills Apt. 3 Madison, WI 53715. Mike Whitty(TUR) has resigned due to time pressures(see below press). Will Mike Henry, 4511 Manchaca Rd. #211 Austin, Texas 78745 please take over the Turkish position? Thanks, Mike. Addresses of all players can be found in the last issue of The Prince.

## Winter 1902 Supply Center Chart

Austria	Vie, Bud, <del>Tri</del> , Gre, Rum	4	remove 1
England	Home, Nwy, SWE, BRE	6	build 2
France	Par, Mar, <del>Pic</del> , Por, SPA	4	even
Germany	Home, Hol, Bei, DEN	6	build 1
Italy	Home, Tun, TRI	5	build 1
Russia	War, Mos, StP, <del>Gal</del> , <del>Sil</del>	3	remove 1
Turkey	Home, Bul, SER, SEV	6	build 2

## Press

Austin-Game! Hello, I must be going. I'm being forced to graduate this December, and it's time to give up the fair pleasures of youth. At least until things settle down. My course load this fall is going to be my hardest ever, I'm taking the LSAT on Oct. 1, and I'll be tutoring on the side to pick up some extra cash. Since I'm not going to have much fun, I'm going to drop out and let someone else take my place, because anyone else can have a lot more fun with this position than I would. After all, Turkey's not in bad shape for '02. Jim, you run an excellent 'zine. If I ever get back into the hobby I'll be lucky to find a GM as good as you are. My best to all in 83AN.

Corsica-Par! Yep, I'd say you're dumb enough not to move to Spain.

Vie-Rom You may be Pope but it is my firm belief that there is a very toasty little corner of hell being reserved especially for you.

Lon-Fra Your not supporting Bur blew your position and our alliance.

Ion-Ber Do you trust me now?

Lon-Mos What can I say, you hardly ever write.

Azores-Eng Keep your ass out of the Mid-Atlantic.

Lon-Rom I'm confused! Want to fill me in?

Lon-Vie Good luck depending on your moves in Bismarck.

Lon-Ank Write me W-R-I-T-E M-E it only costs 20¢ and I don't bite, usually.

Vie-World Prospects for preserving this grand old town don't look good - bears and wops pressing the borders and no help in sight. Oh well, culture never was my bag and that's all this town is good for unless you appreciate their taste for high-calorie foods and women-ughh!

A Rum-fleeing Russian fleet: Die you scum!

## Medici 1982 IC

## REDS ON THE RETREAT

Spring 1907

England (D.Scheifler) F Nwy-STP, F BAR S F Nwy-StP, F Nth-SKA, F Hei-NTH, A GAS H,  
F POR H, F MID H  
Germany (J.MacFarlane) A MAR S A Spa, A SPA S A Mar, A BUR S A Mun, A RUH S A Mun, F Den-BAL,  
A KIE S A Ber, A BER nukes Mos(H), A MUN nukes Rome(H)  
Italy (K.Byrne) A SIL-War, A TYO-Vie, A Ven-TRI, A Tus-VEN, F WES S GERMAN A Spa,  
F ION-Gre, F CON-Bul(sc), F SMY S TURKISH A Arm-Ank  
Russia (L.McCloud) F Ska-SWE, A FIN S F Ska-Swe, A StP H(dis,ret-LIV), F BLA-Bul,  
F Sev-ARM, A SER-Gre, A PIE-Mar, A Boh-VIE, A GAL S A Boh-Vie, A WAR H  
Turkey (K.Tighe) A Arm-ANK

There is a proposal for a concession to Russia and an E-G-I-R draw. NVR=no.

## Press

Ita-Cer If you didn't write so much, I wouldn't attempt this!

Tur-Ita Have I really won your favor or are you just giving me a line?

Ita-Tur Only a desperate man would resort to a form letter!

Ger-Tur Hang in there, I'm doing my best.

Ber-Tur MacFarlane, rhymes with MacFarlane. By the way, did you find out who faked Humboldt yet? Wasn't Sherwood (or so he claims.)

Ger-I&R 18 vs. 15, eh? That's not very fair! Where's your sense of honor?

Ita-Rus When I don't hear from you - I must assume the worst!

Ger-Ita Kathy, you've stopped writing? Come on, I love reading your lies, as you well know. I liked the time when you told the truth, too, but I can't afford to be too picky. I realize that being a professional liar takes practice. Seriously, my offer of alliance still holds.

How far do you think you'll get allied with Larry?

Ber-GM Congrats on your fine showing in the Runestone Poll. Believe me. It was well deserved.

Autumn 1902

Germany retreats A Mun-BER

Russia retreats A Nwy-FIN

Winter 1902

Austria builds A VIE

England NMR's!

France builds F MAR

Germany removes A Boh

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England builds F LON

Germany removes F Ska, A Vie

Winter 1903

Italy builds A ROM, A VEN

GERMANY RETURNS?

Spring 1904

Austria (E.Diamond) F ALB-Gre, A SER S ITALIAN F Bul(sc)(otm), A RUM-Gal, A UKR-War,  
A Sev-ARMEngland (S.Wilcox) F Lon-ENG, A Yor-NWY, F NTH C A Yor-Nwy, F BAR H, F Swe-BOT,  
F Den-BAL, A StP-LVNFrance (P.Gardner) A PIC S GERMAN A Ruh-Bei(nso), A BUR-Ruh, A PAR-Bur, A Mar-PIE,  
F Spa(sc)-LYO

Germany (T.Allen) A SIL-War, A Kie-MUN, A RUH S A Kie-Mun, A Hol-BEL

Italy (J.Wall) A Ven-TRI, A TYO S A Ven-Tri, A Mun-BOH, A Rom-VEN, F Ion-ADR,  
F Tun-ION, F Bul(sc)-Gre(ann)

Russia (K.Sesler) A Lvn-MOS, A WAR-Gal

Turkey (R.Deizer) A CON S F Aeg-Bul(sc), F Aeg-BUL(sc), F Eas-AEG

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Bismarck Press may be found elsewhere.

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RUSSIA, TURKEY GO FOR IT

Spring 1902

(note-Austria had retreated A Rum-Bud in Autumn 1901)

Austria (B.O'Donnell) A VIE S A Bud, A BUD S A Vie, F Tri-VEN

England (E.Henry) F Liv-NAT, F ENG-Mid, F Nth-DEN, A BRE-Gas

France (S.Keller) A Spa-GAS, A Bei-PIC, A PAR S A Bei-Pic, A MAR S A Spa-Gas, F POR-Mid

Germany (K.Rager) A Ruh-HOL, A KIE S A Ruh-Hol, A Mun-RUH, F Den-HEL

Italy (E.Givan) A Tyo-TRI, A Apu-ROM, F Nap-TYN, F Tun-WES

Russia (D.Bowen) F Bot-BAL, A StP-NWY, A War-GAL, A RUM-Bud, F SEV-Rus

Turkey (S.Wilcox) F Smy-EAS, F Con-AEG, F Bul-GRU, A Ank-CON, A SER S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bud

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Press

Ger-Fra You said you wanted as many units around Belgium as possible. How's this?

Ita-Ger If the French fleet is on the South Coast of Spain, we know, don't we?

Vie-Lon I am trying to stay alive.

Vie-Rus You can't get there from here toad!

Frans-Emile I hope we can stop the advance.

Eng-F&G That does it. Ptui!

Eng-Ita Writes soon.

Ita-Tur Having been thoroughly warned what a threat you are to the stability of the Med, I hope these moves show you what a cooperative sort I really am. Unfortunately, they may also show what a stupid sort I am.

Ger-Eng Things would have been a hell of a lot simpler if you'd just taken Norway and let me have Holland back in '01. I've never had to work so hard for one damned dot before.

Swits: A friend of the slain Russian diplomat, in an effort to cast further light on the matter, has come forward with a note he received by post the day of the murder. The note reads as follows: DFFMV KIEZPQ KXIFM ERJKW ZWPKG KZRPZ FVEXN PKXND (s) S.E.X. Authorities are puzzled by this development.

? to S.E.X. 3GDM LGNDG CCKY 1234D

Par-OM OM be erudite once

Take off that crown you silly dunce

French Christians may be Frogs 'tis true

Be well assured that I'm a Jew

Jews cannot be Frogs you know

We don't believe it's the way to go

Hans Christian Anderson said it best

When he bade that Drag Queen take that test

"Go kiss that Frog" he gave her hints

"And from the mist shall appear a prince"

So offskipped Queenie to lay a kiss

Hoping later to be laid by his

And from the mist what did appear?

A ravaged Frog sitting next to a queer

So as you see the Christian lies

A Frog he will be until he dies

If a prince you truly seek

Your prospects are not quite so bleak

Just cut the bullsh\*t and forget the crap

You know you must be born a JAP

Standby list- Milewski, Gosselin, Heintzman, Tighe, Gardner, Wall, Wilcox, Ellis, Rager, Covlon.

Austria (G.Hall) A Sii-BER, A Mos-SEV, A BUD-Rum  
 England (M.Paoletti) NMR! F NRG H, F WAL H, F Eng H(dis,NRR,dsh)  
 France (M.Luedi) F Bre-ENG, F MID S F Bre-Eng, A CAS H, A Par-PIC, A Hoi-YOR, F NTH C  
 A Hoi-Yor, A RUM S A Kie, A KIE S ITALIAN A Mun-Ber(nso)  
 Germany (R.Delzer) F SWE S A Den, F Bai-BOT, A DEN S F Swe  
 Italy (B.Gossein) A TRI S RUSSIAN A Ser-Bud(nso), A ALB S A Tri, F GRE H, F AEG S A Smy,  
 A SMY H, A Tyo-BOH, A MUN S A Tyo-Boh, A Ven-TYO  
 Russia (N.Heintzman) A Fin-STP, F NWY S A Fin-StP, A War-MOS, A UKR S A War-Mos, F Rus-BLA,  
 A Bui-RUM, A SER S A Bui-Rum  
 Turkey (K.Tighe) F CON-Aeg, A ANK-Smy

There is a proposal for a F-I-R draw. NVR=no. Will Ken Hager, 412 Alderdale Circle, Anaheim, CA 92807 please standby for the English position? Thanks, Ken.

### Press

Ber-All Bye, guys, it's been nice.

Zurich: Orthodox and Catholic unite! Pope and Patriarch agree that the son proceeds through the holy ghost or whatever. Filo que settled, Europe watchout, even the heretics of England may fall to this crusade!

Dateline - The Urals: Once again the Russian people have convincingly demonstrated their courage and bravery, as well as their willingness to sacrifice themselves upon the altar of The Common Good! Russian men, women, and children have been trampled beneath the hob-nailed boots and bayonets of those Austrian half-breed Nordic mongrels, and yet they perish not in vain. Gladly they die, with smiles on their faces and a song in their hearts, for they rest assured that their French and Italian brethren are marching firmly to the rescue. And be it known, World, that even now as those Magyar curs unleashed by their Austrian masters rape and pillage the Motherland, our citizenry still fiercely resists! Da, even now Austrian blood flows in torrents through the gutters of Moscow streets.

Ita-Eur The handwriting is on the wall for all to read. Why waste anymore time on this relatively boring game? The 3 way FIR draw is inevitable. If everyone votes yes this time we can all move on to more interesting encounters. A public yes vote ensures survival as far as I'm concerned.

His Most Royal Highness, Emperor of the Austrians and all ignoble serbs, croats, hungarians, et. al. to the President of France: Garibaldi is through with me - you are next!

Ank-Lon Is that supposed to be funny?

Rome-Sev No need to thank me profusely for all this assistance just as there is no need to lambaste me for tardy letters. Now that I've passed up this prime opportunity to stab you I trust that your paranoia toward Italy will decrease to normal levels.

Ita-Fra From arch-enemies to arch-friends in the space of one game. Who would have believed it Nap-Con Back off? Sure, why not. I'm not into overkill. Might even return Smyraa to you if you promise not to build a fleet. What can you offer in return, you might ask? Got any daughters?? I'm all out.

Sultan-Geneva Sorry about all the trouble caused at the dinner but we were certain our lack of an invitation was an oversight. It's a shame the doorman was not informed, by you, of this oversight. I know that finding decent help is as hard as getting blood off of beveled glass doors. Of course, you could just leave it on and call them stained glass doors instead, ha ha ha... ahem. In the future, make sure your doorman is informed of such oversights. Thank you.

Rome to All: My extended vacation made writing difficult. If you didn't get a letter from me it was because I had more exciting things to do than write to you. If you did get one please try to find out who the forger was. (Jeez Jim, I hope these guys can take a joke - not that this is a real joke or even humorous in any way. I sure miss those stand-up-comic one-liners. Those had to be some of the funniest lines ever written, don't you agree?)

The Iron Dream 1982 AP

WICKED WITCHES BREWING A BITTER TEA

Spring 1909

Austria (G.Ellis) A GAL-War, A VIE-Gal, A BOH-Sii, A TYO S GERMAN A Mun, A Pie-MAR  
 England (B.Gossein) F POR S F Mid, A Lon-CAS, F ENG C A Lon-Gas, F MID C A Lon-Gas,  
 F Bre-PIC, A Edi-HOL, F NTH C A Edi-Hoi, A HEL S A Edi-Hoi, F Ska-NWY,  
 A Ber-KIE, A DEN S A Ber-Kie, A War-Sii, A PRU S A War-Sii, A Mos-War  
 (dis,ret-LVN)  
 France (B.Blum) F Mar-SPA(sc)  
 Germany (M.Henry) A Pic-PAR, A Sii-BER, A MUN S A Sii-Ber, A RUH-Kie  
 Russia (E.Wiggers) A Sev-MOS  
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The concession to England failed. An E-T draw is proposed. NVR=YES.

### Press

London: OK, I accept your terms. A 2-way is fine with me. You get Mos, War, Spa while I pick up the German centers. Sorry to be communicating by press but vacation has left me with no time for letters. My moves prove I'm serious about what we have discussed.

Lon-Florida: What is that swamp land going for anyway?

Vie-Mun I hope you are tight about Prussia. By-the-by, how do the 'Horns look this season? Meinel is a betting man backing the Huskies -- easy pickins. He has an interesting proposal in the Charles game that you might want to get in on.

Eng-Anyone Hey, I can end this burning controversy by supplying a copy of the letter in question to anyone who so desires. I'm getting a little torqued by all this maligning of my good name.

LINCOLN, ABRAMHAM, Born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hodgenville, Ky.; died Apr. 15, 1865, in Washington, D.C. American statesman. The son of a farmer.

Lincoln was a descendant of the earliest American settlers. He worked during his youth as a day laborer on surrounding farms. He was also a flatboatman, rail-splitter, surveyor, and pump maker. At the same time he strove to educate himself. In 1836 he moved to Springfield, Ill., where he became a lawyer. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834. Lincoln was a member of the legislative assembly of the state of Illinois from 1837 to 1849. He was a member of the House of Representatives. During the annexationist US war against Mexico in 1846-48 Lincoln introduced into Congress a resolution calling for cessation of the war.

In 1854 he was one of the organizers of the Republican Party. Lincoln's activities reflected the interests of the progressive circles of the northern states and the broadening of the civil and political rights of the people and favored granting suffrage to women.

Lincoln was a resolute foe of slavery and advocated liberative of the slaves. He opposed efforts to spread slavery to the whole USA. However, Lincoln believed that the issue of slavery lay within the competence of the individual states and that the federal government had no right to control it. In 1860, Lincoln was elected president of the USA. Despite his moderate stand on slavery, his election was a signal for the slaveholding Southern states to secede from the Union; it set off the Civil War of 1861-65.

During the first stage of this war, Lincoln considered the goal to be the crushing of the rebel slaveholders and the liberation of a united country. K. Marx and F. Engels criticized Lincoln for his foot-dragging and inconsistencies on the questions of abolishing slavery, which reflected the hesitations of the bourgeoisie. They pointed to the need to conduct a revolutionary kind of war. Under pressure of the masses and of the Radical Republicans, Lincoln changed the most revolutionary part of the bourgeois. He initiated a series of increasingly revolutionary measures. In May 1862 the Homestead Act was adopted. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became law on Jan. 1, 1863. The proclamation signified the complete evolution of Lincoln's political views. He had gone from a policy of territorial containment of slavery to the idea that it was already established to a new course involving the abolition of slavery. In 1864, Lincoln was elected in a second term. The shift to the left of the government to revolutionary warlike warfare led to the military operations of the volunteer forces and the abolition of slavery throughout the USA. On Apr. 14, 1865, Lincoln was mortally wounded by the assassin J. Booth, who was an agent of the slaveholders and their allies in the Northern states. The murder of Lincoln was not only an act of vengeance on the part of reactionaries. It was also an attempt to deprive the opponents of slavery of their outstanding leader at a time when, with the war at an end, Reconstruction had become the leading political issue. This was to be a period of new and harsh encroachment of the struggle for the rights of the Negroes.

Lincoln is a national hero of the American people, the bearer of the highest traditions that are followed by all progressive people in the USA in the struggle against reaction and for the interests of the people.

It may be heard to read but I think it's a good time to run these excerpts that have been sitting in my files for the past few months. Despite the outrage that is being displayed by the world community at the audacious attack by the Soviets on the Korean airliner I am still disgusted and appalled to hear the voices, timorous though they may be, of apparent Soviet apologists who say that perhaps the Soviets may not be totally at fault. What further proof do these people need to demonstrate to them the brutal nature of the Soviets? A twenty megaton "accidental" airburst over the greater Chicago area? I cannot think of a much more inhuman and cowardly act as a military aircraft shooting down an unarmed, plainly identified commercial aircraft. The most ineluctable fact besides the deaths is the Soviets lying about the entire incident when they know those lies will (and have been) shown to the world. Unfortunately, this isn't some two-bit country that we can just drop a few bombs and let all our anger out (remember the Mayaguez?). And that is the truly sad part about the whole state of affairs in the world right now - for the only thing that makes the Soviet Union a superpower is the bombs. If they didn't have nuclear weapons they would just be another second rate, uncivilized country who could then be susceptible to some real sanctions. But they'll push the button if we try so the world community is forced to endure the barbarous antics of a cruel, paranoiac regime. Will history see us rid of this abomination without it dragging us all down into nuclear oblivion.

CUBAN CRISIS (1962), a crisis produced by the aggressive actions of American imperialism directed against the victory of the Cuban Revolution in 1959 and the revolutionary government's implementation of radical measures bringing upon the interests of the American monopolists with acute hostility from the ruling circles of the USA. From the first months of 1959, these circles exerted political and economic pressure on Cuba, including an economic blockade, the infiltration of saboteurs, and the bombing of Cuban cities, in order to wipe out Cuba as a revolutionary center in the western hemisphere. In April 1961 the Playa Girón region was invaded by a mercenary force which was quickly routed by Cuba's armed forces. Nevertheless, the US was quickly routed by Cuba's armed forces. Their plans of smothering the Cuban Revolution in February 1962, Cuba was expelled from the Organization of American States. Incursions were made into the air space and territorial waters of Cuba became more frequent during 1961-62.

In view of the obvious threat of renewed intervention, the Cuban government began to strengthen the country's defense potential. In particular, it concluded an agreement with the USSR in place strategic weapons in Cuba. Citing this fact, the government of the USA established a naval blockade of Cuba later in October 1962 and concentrated a powerful naval, air, and space force in the Caribbean region for an invasion of Cuba. Through a number of peaceful and diplomatic measures the Soviet government sought to avert the grave international crisis and eliminate the threat of an invasion of Cuba. It demanded the aggressive actions of the government of the USA be called upon the peoples of the world to bar the way to the aggression (see the "Declaration of the Soviet Government", Pravda, Oct. 24, 1962, p. 1), and at the same time adopted a decision to carry out some measures of a military nature in the USSR.

The steps taken by the Soviet Union and the firm resolve of the Cuban people, reflected in the program for ensuring security in the Caribbean region proposed by the Cuban government, forced the government of the USA to evaluate the emerging situation more soberly. In late October and early November 1962, Soviet-American negotiations on the conditions for settling the Cuban crisis were conducted with the participation of representatives of Cuba and the secretary-general of the UN. As a result of the negotiations, Soviet strategic weapons were removed from Cuba and the government of the USA lifted the blockade of Cuba, withdrew from Guantánamo (an American military base on the territory of Cuba) the additional troops brought there during the crisis, demobilized reserves, canceled military preparations in Florida, and took upon itself commitments of nonaggression against Cuba.

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Meanwhile, back in California. . . .

## OLD THUMB

WJ IIII

Keith Sherwood Dept: This is getting very embarrassing. Here I credited Sherwood with the fake/parody of Humboldt (I'm talking about WJ) which was right next to WJ II in TP 14) because the typewriter quirks matched his latest YKMN. Like a true Diplomaniac, Keith never confirmed or denied my assumption. Now here I have a letter from Stephan Lee confessing all. He said he was passing through Arcata on his way to Monterey and mailed off a copy to Meinel and myself (I thought it went out to all subbers). He confessed mainly because he wanted to prove someone else besides Keith can do a fake. Anyway, nice job.

Now my question is, as long as Stephen was in Arcata, why didn't he stop in? Yeah, we've never met before or even played a game together, but I'm sure we'd have plenty to talk about. "So, uh, you get The Prince too, huh?" "What's your favorite Austrian opening?" "You get good gas mileage with that car?" Hell, we could've killed five minutes in no time.

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### Professional Party Killers

Every host has faced the problem of how to get rid of people who don't know when a party is over. It's two-thirty in the morning and there are still twenty guests dancing and drinking in your livingroom. How do you get rid of these people without seeming like an overbearing ogre?

Just call Party Killers Inc. We will send over at least two people to stand in the middle of your party, and kill it. Our company believes in nonviolence, so we don't use unbearable odors, abusive language, or threaten your unwelcome guests. Our professionals use the patented Party Killing Jokes that we have carefully developed over years of trial and error. In strong clear voices they'll tell such awful jokes as:

How many rats does it take to screw in a light bulb? Two.

My parents were in the iron and steel business. My mother did the ironing and my father did the stealing.

Eve would enjoy living in our time because today's apples have more bytes.

Hardy Dr. is a good name for this street. Why do you say that? Because hardy anyone drives on it.

Did you hear they're making swimsuits out of glass? I say, that's something worth looking into.

If after ten minutes, your house has not been entirely cleared, a third professional will join the first two for a round of Punch Lines like these:

No, he thinks he's Arnold Palmer.

Fathers Day in Oakland.

Well, one is a cunning array of stunts.

He burned his lips on the exhaust pipe.

I'm not, but the guy before you was.

She doesn't, she phones for reservations.

and,

If I find a noodle in this I won't pay for it either.

Yes, you have our guarantee that if your party has not been killed within fifteen minutes we'll give you double your money back. So next time you find yourself with an unwanted crowd, call the professionals at P.K.I. -- Party Killers Inc.

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