

The Prince

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Game Openings: Yes

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"A prince should have no other aim or thought, nor take up any other thing for his study, but war and its organization and discipline, for that is the only art that is necessary to one who commands..."

Machiavelli

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Last issue's game opening filled up so I am starting one more regular diplomacy game and then I'll close game openings for awhile. The game is non-DIAS, non-black press, three week deadlines, using standard treatment for retreats/adjustments with no preference lists used. I'm on a couple of game openings lists at the moment, I'll let those individuals know when I've filled this game.

This week includes the first issue of Humboldt, Kevin Tighe's new subzine. If Kevin's press releases are any indication ("Ber-E/F: Do you realize what my removal will mean? Boredom! What little press this game has will fade away. Why don't you keep me on to help you fight Italy. I can lead cheers, "Go froggy go!" I can juggle, tell puns, and play around with your wives. Hell, tie a bone to my neck and I'll play with your dog. Huh, huh, what do you say?") I think he'll liven things up around here. Welcome aboard Kevin. (How was the intro?)

Winners of last issues contest: Mark Luedi wins two free issues for correct answers to #'s 1 & 3, and a free issue to Greg Ellis and Don Scheifler each for getting the correct answer to #2 to me both on the same day. Non-winning correct answers were also sent in by Ellis, Scheifler and Don Ditter. Correct answers: #1) Jane's earring fell into dry instant coffee, #2) Helen bought the numbers '5', '0' & '0' for a street address on her house. #3) There were 2519 Irishmen in the parade.

Had a good question from one of the players. For those gamemasters out there who do allow the unwanted convoy ploys to work how about this: GERMANY: A Hol-Kie. ENGLAND: F Nth C A Hol-Kie(German). No fleet in Hel. How do you rule? Under my reasoning that one cannot decline a convoy/support order given the move of A Hol-Kie would fail. But is this taking it too far? A free issue to all GM's who give me their ruling on it and I'll run the rulings next issue or the following one.

Also included this issue is the final tabulation of the 1982 Freshman Class Zine Poll. The good news is that 41 people cast ballots which is just great! It's good to get that much feedback to us new publishers. Now the, er, bad news. Um, well, you can see for yourself. I would recommend taking a look at all the zines on the list; they are all up and comers. If you don't have an address for a sample drop me a note and I'll get it to you. Congrats to all the new pubbers!

Picky Shit: Ever cross your mind how I can get this mailed out relatively quickly after the deadline? No, I don't stay up all night. Obviously I do a lot of typing beforehand, namely, press. The one thing that would really ruin my whole day would be to get a letter with a ton of press on deadline day. Odds are it'll have to wait 'til next time. So keep the press a couple days early and I'll be happy. Thanks a lot.

Standby List: Conlon, Kurtz, Gosselin, Heintzman, Shea, Sesler, Beck, Delzer, Martin.

Medici 1982IC
Spring 1903

CONFUSION IN THE WEST SAVES GERMAN GARRISON

Austria (G.Milewski)	A VIE S A Bud-Tri, A Bud-Tri (dis, ann)
England (D.Scheifler)	F NWY H, F NRG S F Nwy, A BEL S FRENCH A Pic-Bur(nso), F NTH S A Bel, F Eng-MID
France (M.Whitty)	A Par-GAS, A PIC S A Bur, A BUR S F Spa(s.c.)-Mar, F SPA(s.c.)-Mar
Germany (J.MacFarlane)	A DEN S RUSSIAN F Swe, A KIE S A Ruh, A MUN-Bur, A RUH S A Mun-Bur, A MAR-Spa, F Hol-HEL
Italy (K.Byrne)	A PIE-Mar, A TRI-Vie, F Gre-AEG, F Nap-ION, F Rom-TYN, F Tun-NAF
Russia (L.McCloud)	A StP-FIN, F SWE S A StP-Fin, A Mos-STP, A GAL-Vie, A Rum-BUD, A SER S A Rum-Bud, F Bul(e.c.)-BLA, F SEV S F Bul(e.c.)-Bla
Turkey (K.Tighe)	A Ank-ARM, F Con-ANK, F Smy-CON

The deadline for Fall 1903 orders, any conditional Autumn retreats AND Winter builds/removals is Thursday March 17, 1983 10:00 PM PST.

Re: Last season's supply chart. No, Germany doesn't get double builds for having Munich. His newly acquired center for 1902 should read MAR, not Mun. Apparently no one was confused.

Below are possible retreating units for Autumn 1903:

AUS: A Vie	Ger: A Mar, A Ruh, A Den	Tur: F Con, A Arm
ENG: F Nwy, F Mid, A Bel	Ita: A Tri	
FRA: F Spa(s.c.), A Gas, A Bur	Rus: F Swe, A Bud, F Bla	

Press:

Turk-Bloodsucker: WOW!

Aus-Ita: So how's my favorite bloodsucker?

Ita-Aus: Sorry, but you must remember "experience is the best teacher".

Turk-sev: Thanks for the reprieve. Now come and get me.

Eng-Fra: please write. Our situation is bad enough without me having to guess how to help you.

king of Tunis-Far: At the rate the French navy travels, I ought to receive your help in 1910!

Byrne-Tighe: hospital food is worse than ever - to survive I had John smuggling me chocolate hot fudge sundaes from the Carvel(?) across the street.

GI to hot Fudge Sundae Addict: Did I get that name right?

Ita-Turkey: No, Russia doesn't get all your centers - I get some!

Ita-Eng: After France, I'll be visiting you - hopefully sooner then you think.

Ita-Rus: If you leave me out here by myself - I'll cry!

Ita-Ger: You are a gambling man? Aren't you?

Ita-83AA France: I'll meet you in the nearest bathroom!

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1982 FRESHMAN ZINE POLL RESULTS RELEASED

Here are the results of the poll as conducted by Scott Hanson (who also publishes Irksome).

	avg.	pref.	total	NV	
#1 Magus (Steve Langley)	8.55	7.84	8.20	22	
2 Perelandra (Pete Gaughan)	7.38	6.00	6.69	13	avg = average
3 Winsome/Losesome (Judy Winsome)	6.95	5.92	6.44	22	pre = preference
4 Damn the Torpedos (Gregg Fritz)	7.35	5.13	6.24	17	NV = # votes
5 North Sealth West George (Terry Tallman)	6.79	5.22	6.01	19	
6 No Fixed Address (Steve Hutton)	6.88	4.79	5.84	26	
7 The Prince (Jim Meinel)	6.74	4.09	5.42	23	
8 Modern Patriot (Bill Highfield)	5.55	2.94	4.25	20	
9 You Know My Name (Keith Sherwood)	5.00	2.13	3.57	6	

A big 'awright!' goes to Steve for the super numbers he racked up; with good cause, Magus is becoming one of the best around. As for yours truly, well, that's okay, we'll get 'em next year. Anyone who would like the explanation on how Scott got these numbers drop me a line and I'll send you a copy of the notice. Finally, Keith's zine isn't really deserving of that ranking; his is a quarterly ratings zine and thus would naturally fall short of what others are turning out.

The Iron Dream 1982 AP
Spring 1905

BACK TO THE TRENCHES BOYS

Austria (Boaz Zilberman)	A Vie-TYO, A TRI S A Vie-Tyo, A BUD S A Ser, A SER S A Rum, A RUM S A Ser
England (B. Gosselin)	A StP-LIV, A Nwy-STP, F Ere-GAS, F NTH H, F Nrg-LWY, F Liv-IRI, F MID-Spa(n.c.)
France (B. Blum)	A Mar H (dis,ann), A SPA S A Mar, F PCR-Mid
Germany (K. Henry)	A Gas-MAR, A BUR S A Gas-Mar, F Swe-BAL, A Pru-WAR, A War- UKR, A Tyo-FIL, A MEN-Tyo, F DEN H
Italy (J. MacFarlane)	A VEN H
Russia (E. Wiggers)	A SEV S A Mos, A MOS S A Sev
Turkey (J. Cummins) NFR!	F BLA, A CON, A BUL, A ALB, F ION, F NAP, F ROC, F TUN all Hold.

The deadline for Fall 1905 orders, conditional Autumn retreats AND winter builds/
removals is Thursday March 17, 1983 10:00 PM PST. Will Pat Conlon, P.O. Box 17014
Union Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70893 please submit standby orders for turkey? Thanks
Pat. This is a prophetic play game.

Below are possible retreating units for Autumn season:

AUS: A Tyo, A Tri, A Ser, A Rum	GER: A Pie, A Ukr, A War	TUR: A Bul, A Rum
ENG: F Gas, A Livonia	ITA: A Ven	
FRA: A Spa	RUS: A Mos, A Sev	

My address: Jim Meinel 628 Whitworth Lane So. Renton, WA 98055 (206)226-7802

Press:

Ven-world: How 'bout a letter with some info on what's going on? I'll help anyone
who writes!

Ber-world: I really hope this game is picked up but if like the economy it is in a
downtrend then it's been a lot of fun and I hope to see you all in another game. To
my allies may we ally again and to my opponents may the next game be an alliance
with us together. Thank you all and to all a good night.

Eng-Ger: Keep writing. We'll get this straightened out sooner or later. Send me
your new phone number in time to avoid the next crisis.

English fleet in Mid-Atlantic-Turkish fleet in Tunis: How about a neutral Western
Med. There's no sense in antagonizing a friendly Englishman especially when me and
my buddy Germany can kick your butt at will.

Lon-Bud: Congratulations are due for holding your own against frightful odds. Now
that there is no more pressure from the north you can look forward to some expansion
at you-know-who's expense. Be sure to keep in mind who your friends are.

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Washingtonians: Do you think there are enough of us clowns around to rustle up a
game of FTF sometime in the near future? I've got five of us on my subber list;
I'm sure between Tallman and I we can flush out at least two more. Late March,
early April sometime, perhaps on a weekend? Drop me a line or call if you're
interested - LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK! There are also other nitty gritty
to determine such as where to play, how long to play, how much booze to bring,
etc. but we can work all that out. So comments, suggestions and SUPPORT are
solicited. Tallman, by the way, has declared himself King Toad and Sex God
of Diplomacy with myself as First Assistant, and while he labels my diplomatic
machinations as 'particularly sleazy' I still must show my support and announce
a general call to arms to Pacific Northwest diplomacy players. As Sherwood says,
'Today Washington, tomorrow the world.' My address and phone number are all
over this rag.

PRESS WARS THREATEN TO OVERSHADOW THE REAL THING!

Austria (G.Hail)	F ALB-Gre, A <u>BUD-Rum</u> , A SER & A Bud-Rum
England (R.raoletti)	F Lon-ENG, A Yrk-NWY, F NTR C A Yrk-Nwy
France (M.Luedi)	A Bur-MAR, A Mar-SFA, F Bre-MIL
Germany (J.Shea)	A Kie-MUN, A Ruh-HOL, A Den-Swe(nsu), F DEN,u,H
Italy (D.Gosselin)	A Pie-VEN, A Apu-TUN, F ICN C A Apu-Tun
Russia (R.Reintzman)	F Bot-SWE, A Ukr-RUM, F SEV S A Ukr-Rum, A GAL S A Ukr-Rum
Turkey (K.Tighe)	A <u>BUL-Gre</u> , A Smy-Con(nsu), F ANK-Con, A CON,u,H

Winter 1901 Supply Center Chart

AUSTRIA	Vie, Bud, Tri, SER	4	Builds 1
ENGLAND	Lon, Liv, Edi, NWY	4	Builds 1
FRANCE	Far, Bre, Mar, SFA	4	Builds 1
GERMANY	Kie, Mun, Ber, DEN, HOL	5	Builds 2
ITALY	Ven, Rom, Nap, TUN	4	Builds 1
RUSSIA	Str, Mos, War, Sev, RUM, SWE	6	Builds 2
TURKEY	Ank, Con, Smy, BUL	4	Builds 1

The deadline for winter 1901 builds only is Thursday March 17, 1983 10:00 AM EST.

Send in preliminary orders early to insure against an ICH. This is a prophetic play game.

Press:

Ger-world: Hey, don't look at me! I'm just an honest broker.

Far-Mos: Am curious to learn how many times the Tsar has walked the pattern. ((?))

Rus-Fra: We are all simmering on the burner, my friend. ((??))

Eng-Eur: 'Pal' has risen again with his Holy Sword! ((???)

G.-Riddlin' nuf: What the hell is going on here??

Fra-Ita: I like taking precautions, especially with you. Remember Norway? I do and I'd really hate to see a recurrence of gullibility occur in Marseilles. Most port cities already have enough diseases to deal with.

Ven-Mar: sorry that the mix-up in the spring could not be corrected in time. As you can see from this season's moves my intentions are pure. If you should need any assistance in the future feel free to send a delegate for papal audience.

Fra-Ita: Darn malignant hunch!

Ita-Aus: Looks like R/T forming on the horizon good buddy. Us little guys must stick together to survive, right? Nuff said!

Rus-Aus: The Tsar grows weary of listening to the sounds of silence; perhaps my Cossacks could liven things up?

Vienna, Austria: Unforeseen storms of immense size and powerful electrical activity over the castle Hapsburg have erased my memory. Have I promised or done anything in this game.

Negotiations are hereby re-opened! First come, first listened to. Thanks Germany & Italy for reminding me of my promises through the fog & lightening.

Eng-Fra: Keep the hell out of the English Channel you damn froggys!

Fra-Eng: Yes, the English Channel could prove to be the Englishman's undoing; or his boon if he leaves it vacant.

Tsar-Pope: Well, you see, the Sultan has gifted me with a harem (all my own) ((implying you & him sometimes share?-GX)). Now, if only you had a daughter or two...? ((!))

Ita-Rus: I would have been a good ally. I will be a troublesome enemy. ((uh-oh))

NAf-Ita: Hell of a good move pal!

Tur-Fra: This game needs an IV 'cause I sure can't spell Ateirdes.

Fra-Tur: Puppy? You must know French!

Tur-Board: Does anyone have an alliance?

Russian Orthodox Church-Sultan: Art thou truly with us?

Switz-Bur: It was quite a little trick bouncing each other in the Black Sea, now we would never guess that Russia and Turkey are allied/together.

Ita-Tur: This game is not likely to put any excessive burden on the US Postal Service. I'm doing my part to assure that but don't you think you're overdoing it? Until I hear from you I must treat you as a potential foe.

Charles 1983XX
Spring 1981

NAVAL CLASHES IN CHANNEL, BLACK SIGNAL WAR'S START

Austria (John Beck)	F Tri-ALE, A VIE-Gal, A Bud-SEE
England (Richard Delzer)	F LON-Eng, F Edi-NTH, A Liv-WAL
France (Pat Conlon)	A Par-PIC, A MAR H, F BRE-Eng
Germany (Greg Ellis)	A Mun-RUN, A Ber-KIE, F Kie-HOL
Italy (Eric Diamond)	A VEN H, A Rom-APU, F Nap-ION
Russia (Brian Orloff)	A WAR-Gal, F SEV-Bla, A Mos-UKR, F StP-BOT
Turkey (Keith Sesler)	F ANK-Bla, A Con-BUL, A Smy-CON

The deadline for Fall 1901 orders is Thursday March 17, 1983 10:00 PM EST. Winter 1901 will be played as a separate season. Send in preliminary orders early to guard against an NMA. This is a standard diplomacy game (non-prophetic).

My address: Jim Meinel 628 Whitworth Lane So. Renton, WA 98055 (206) 228-7802

Press:

Lon-Par: You want to be my ally, eh?

Ragin' Cajun-ALL: Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Ber-hom: what do you mean by neutered orders?

Ber-Par: How's your Spanish? Have you been to the bullfights? I'll give you some tickets!

Ber-Lon: Why don't you go take care of the colonies and let the rest of us handle Europe?

Ber-Vie: Which part of you eventually becomes Czechoslovakia? Think about it.

Ber-Mos: Don't look now, but I think Norway is about to turn blue.

Ber-Ank: How many Turkish centers does the Black Sea border? How many Russian centers?

GM-Ber: Eighty-five letter press releases - I love 'em.

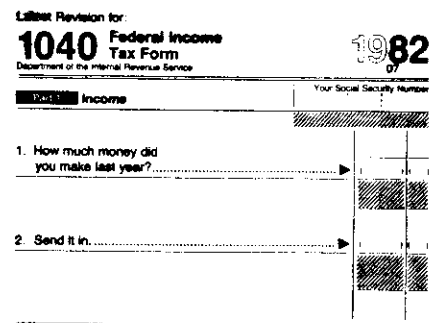
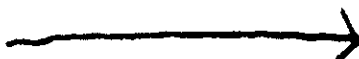
LAFITTE'S FEAT(episode one):

For a small fee, you can find a guide of French descent to take you into the bayous of southern Louisiana, Cajun country. Gliding up the nearly still waters, you enter a world that has resisted the twentieth century with all the fierceness of a pirate or an alligator. Thick shrouds of Spanish moss hang from giant, gnarled cypress trees, obscuring what lies around the next bend. You move slowly through an eerie silence that causes you to involuntarily talk in whispers. Occasionally you may see what looks like an old, abandoned shanty. But the swamp-dwelling Cajun knew you were coming long ago and hid from view. Your alien presence is like a bright light in the night. The creatures of darkness have felt your presence from afar, and even as you draw near you still cannot see them. But they see you. If you happen to be travelling in the Mamou parish, your guide will shortly stop and tell you it's time to return. Although the place at which he stopped looks no different from any other you have seen, he knows exactly where he is and will take you no further. For deep in the bayou, past where no civilized man has gone, the old ones say that Pere Lafitte reigns forever and ever.

GM-Lafitte: two-hundred seventeen word press releases aren't too shabby, either.

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The new income tax form to be used when the Democrats install their next President



Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor's tribute to a certain top-ranked Diplomacy player...Such a deal!



Kathy's Pink Surprise. Created for a girl who is sweet and not. **\$2.70**
a-banana. Three scoops of vanilla, with strawberry topping, sliced banana, whipped cream and nuts all around.

Bismarck 1983AA
winter 1980

ANOTHER FINE SPRING MOICN' IN 1901

AUSTRIA	Eric Diamond	2497F Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329
ENGLAND	Steve Wilcox	6426 Alisa Lane Houston, TX 77084
FRANCE	Paul Gardner	P.O.Box 283 Randle, WA 98377
GERMANY	Patrick Clemens	145 Meadow Lane Tonawanda, NY 14223
ITALY	James Wall	308 High Tripp Hall Madison, WI 53706
RUSSIA	Bob Blum	Rt.1 Box 77 Oakland, MI 56076
TURKEY	Richard Delzer	2952 North 124th St. #1 Wauwatosa, WI 53222

This is The Prince's fourth gamestart and will be a standard diplomacy game with regard to retreats and adjustments. The players were sent their gamestart notices last week. The deadline for Spring 1901 orders and any outstanding fees is Thursday March 17, 1983 10:00 PM PST. Get those orders in early to have some on file as a Spring 1901 NMR will get you dropped from the game. Good luck to all the players.

1982 IV press from page 3

Ger-STAND-UP-COMICS: Here's a funny joke you can use. How do you make a shirt red-hot? Four on blood, and iron! I advise you to begin laughing.

Ita-Eng-Ger: Are you two looking forward to spending a night together in Paris soon? Don't expect any Italian company until you first take care of a certain uncooperative country with an image that is not unlike a bear. It looks like easy pickin's for G/A in Scandinavia especially if you were smart enough to bounce Ivan from Sweden this year.

Ger-STAND-UP-COMICS: Here's another funny joke you can use. What did the Jewish moneylender say to another? I don't know, because Jews aren't allowed to move in Prussian court circles! I remind you of our secret police, our dungeons...

Rus-Ger: Does she love me? Does she love me not?

Ger-STAND-UP-COMICS: Here's yet another joke you can use. If you sass Günther, then I'll sass Lorraine! WE HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU LAUGH!!!!

GM-Dur: And they said Hitler was demented.

Fra-GM: Who/what is Red Duke!

GM-Fra: (you asked) The Red Duke is an informal title given to the Duke of Caladan by the Emperor and his minions (notably, Sardauker). ~~The last Duke of Caladan, along with most of his followers, were wiped out by a rival House.~~

Rome-Rome: Hey, don't feel so bad fella's. We've got a good shot at Tunis this fall. with everyone slashing away at each other's throats we might have a chance for post-02 survival.

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