

# The Prince

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"One who becomes prince by favour of the populace, must maintain its friendship, which he will find easy, the people asking nothing but not to be oppressed."

Machiavelli

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\* ALL PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE: a couple issues ago I tentatively announced I \*  
would be switching to four week deadlines for a couple of issues. Well, \*  
\* I was being overly conservative in my estimates of available time, so I \*  
will be staying to the three week schedule. So please note that all game \*  
\* deadlines in this issue are for Thursday, April 7. Also notice that the \*  
time on deadline day for last minute calls is now 8:00 PM our time instead \*  
\* of 10:00 PM. I was getting a little tired staying up late for calls, but \*  
more importantly, my wife was.

I have three people interested in my last game. If you'd like to join send five bucks and we'll get the thing started. Random draw, non-DIAS, non-black press game with standard retreat rules. You've always wanted to play in a three week deadline game, right?

Our Boardman Number Custodian, Don Ditter, recently announced in Everything #55 that he was stepping down as BNC and is now looking for his successor. Don has done just a super job with the numbers during his two year service. If you are interested in possibly becoming the next BNC, a job which requires a lot of time and hard work, drop Don a line and submit yourself for consideration. He outlined what the job entails in E #55 so you may want to read it to find out what a BNC does. I don't have Don's address handy at the moment but it's in The Prince #7 if you're interested.

FTF Play: Area players have a time and a place for a FTF game: Terry Tallman has graciously offered his premises for play on Saturday, April 9th. His address is 820 W. Armour St. Seattle, up near Queen Anne Hill somewhere. If you don't know where it is don't sweat it; neither do I. Maybe we could find it together (and I could get a lift?). His number is 285-4374 and mine is 228-7802. We have three definites but if we can't rustle up seven we can think of something.

Rulings on the unwanted convoy farce I requested last issue are coming in and I'll run them next ish.

I see that it's North American Zine & Gamemaster Poll time again. This is THE hobby poll for giving a rating on your favorite zine and the best gamemasters. I was going to run some ballots with this ish but it would have taken both sides of a sheet of paper to get them all so I'll run them next issue. Same format as the Freshman zine poll, 10 good, 1 bad so be thinking about the zines you get and I'll run the ballot next time.

I appear to have run out of room so without further ado we'll go on to the games

HOW YOUR GM INTERPRETS YOUR ORDERS (or, how liberal does he get?)

Back in The Prince #2 I outlined how I would interpret HR#6 regarding orders being liberally construed. I think it would be informative for the players if I went over that discussion again. These interpretations will be considered to have the same rule of force virtually as the house rules themselves and all players should be responsible for reading this.

Any abbreviation that I can reasonably interpret to mean only one province is fine. Make me guess and I won't - the unit will hold. 'Nor' is okay (but strongly advised against) as long as the unit can only move to one province starting with 'Nor'. If you write "F Ska-Nor" it will be treated as a hold. Why? Norway, North Sea, which one? The rulebook lists acceptable abbreviations for those provinces and bodies of water starting with the nefarious 'Nor'.

Double-coasted provinces: Fleets leaving, holding or supporting a move from a double-coasted province (StP, Bul, Spa) need not be labeled with regards to coast. Fleets moving to one of those provinces must be labeled as to coast if the unit can legally move to either coast. The same holds true for support orders of those moves. So, F Con-Bul, F Mid-Spa and F Por-Spa are the moves which must have the coast designated (and any support orders thereof). Also, a build of a fleet in StP must designate coast or the build is void.

I will always be assuming that you are attempting a legal order when trying to decipher your orders. Thus, A Mes-Liv is A Moscow-Livonia not A Moscow-Liverpool. Joke and illegal orders are treated as holds and may be supported in place. So, A Mes tapes and pillages and A Sev-Mun will both be treated as holds. Support and convoy orders are okay but, again, advised against. (F Nth C A Edi-Bel with no accompanying order of A Edi-Bel will be construed to include both orders. Same with support orders) Please don't get that lazy.

You need not label a foreign piece's nationality if it's the object of a convoy or support order. But it's nice.

Here's where I start to draw the line:

Implied builds, removals and retreats are NOT okay. Example: Winter 04 and Spring 05 orders are due. You send no orders for Winter season when you are entitled to a build (or removal) but you include the piece in your Spring orders (or leave it off if it was a removal). Won't work, gotta explicitly put the winter orders in. Same for Summer and Autumn retreats.

Mislabeled a unit as to army or fleet will cause the unit to hold. You must correctly label your units either F or A. Why? It's F Nth, not Unit Nth.

If printing/writing/scrawl is so bad that even I can't make it out I'll treat it as a hold and send copies of the abomination to the entire hobby. Same goes for orders written in their native language.

Unsigned orders have an excellent chance of being pitched unless I can satisfy myself as to their authenticity.

If orders arrive undated I'll use the postmark. If I can't read it I'll use 'em until a dated set come. If the dated set come first and an undated set with illegible postmark come later the latter set will be disregarded. If by some nightmare I get two undated illegibly postmarked letters only individually ordered units with common orders will be executed. (whew)

Some people may view this as sloppy game mastering. I don't think so; what I am trying to accomplish is to find my reasons and consistent way to accept a set of orders I receive from a player. If the player has gone to the trouble of sending the orders in I'll take a little trouble to accept them. If the intent is clearly indicated and the orders are authentic I'll take 'em.

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Medici 1982 IC  
Fall 1902

**AUSTRIA SNUFFED, DEADLOCK IN THE WEST**

Austria (G.Milewski)	A Vie heroically H(dis,NRR,dsb)
England (D.Scheifler)	F NWY H, F NRG S F Nwy, F WTH S F Nwy, A BEL S FRENCH A Pic-Bur(nso), F Mid-NAF
France (M.Whitty) NMR!	F SPA(s.c.) H, A GAS H, A PIC H, A Bur H(dis,NRR,dsb)
Germany (J.MacFarlane)	A Den-HOL, F HEL C A Den-Hol, A MAR H, A KEE S A Den-Hol, A Mun-BUR, A RUH S A Mun-Bur.
Italy (K.Byrne)	A PIE S GERMAN A Mar, A Tri-VIE, F AEG-Con, F Ion-EAS, F Tyn-GOL, F NAF-WES
Russia (L.McCloud)	A StP-Nwy, A FIN S F Swe, F SWE S A StP-Nwy, A GAL S A Bud, A HUD S ITALIAN A Tri-Vie, A SER-Bul, F ELA S A Ser-Bul, F SEV S F BL, F COW-Bul, F ANK-Hla, A Arm-EMY
Turkey (K.Tighe)	

Winter 1902

Austria	W/L, B/L	0	out
England	Home, Bel, Nwy	5	even
France	Den, Gre, Spa, Bur	4	+1 W/L will play one short <i>into sea</i>
Germany	Home, Den, Hol, Mar	6	even
Italy	Home, Gre, Tun, Tri, VIE	7	+1 builds A VEN
Russia	Home, Swe, Rum, Ser, Bul, HUD	9	+1 builds A MOS
Turkey	Home	3	even

The deadline for Spring 1903 orders and conditional Summer 1903 retreats is Thursday, April 7, 1983 8:00 PM. Please note regular three week deadline and a two hour earlier time. Will Bob Gosselin, Box 342 La Luz, NM 88337 please submit standby orders for France? Thanks, Bob. This is a prophetic play game. Below are possible retreating units for Summer:

Eng: F Nwy, A Bel	Ger: A Mar, A Bur, A Hol	Rus: F Ela
Fra: F Spa(s.c.), A Gas, A Pic	Italy: F Was, A Vie	Tur: A Sny, F Con

Press:

Aus-Ita: What kind of Mom are you?  
 Ita-Aus: Look at all the trouble I saved you, I could've let you try writing conditional retreats, removals and builds before I attacked. This way I saved you a lot of time! No need to thank me!  
 Aus-Byrne: Don't cry, you aren't being left out of the party.  
 Tur-Ita: Is it yes or is it no?  
 Ita-Tur: For calling me bloodsucker, go directly to the corner, do not pass go, do not collect \$200!  
 Aus-Tur: I believe you are next.  
 Tighe-GM: \$2.70? I didn't know Kathy was so cheap.  
 Ita-Rus: Now you see him, now you don't!  
 Ita-Fra: You have no idea how hard it is to outguess a pitiful player like you!  
 Ank-E/F: I wish you guys luck. You'll need it.  
 Ita-Eng: Why take it out on me, at least I write!  
 Ita-Ger: Sorry, I guess I just don't have the IQ of an idiot!  
 Italy-GM: Yes, you spelled Garvel right! I can't believe you've never heard of it - it is the biggest ice cream chain in the east! I guess it is the equivalent to your Farrell's for quality!

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The standby list with plenty of space to spare:

Kurtz, Gosselin, Heintzman, Shea, Sesler, Beck, Delzer, Martin, Gardner, MacFarlane, Conlon

EUROPEAN RULERS RESPOND TO ADMIRAL MAHAN

Austria (G. Nail)	Builds A Vienna
England (M. Paoletti)	Builds F Edi
France (M. Luedi)	Builds F Brest
Germany (J. Shea)	Builds F Kiel, F Berlin
Italy (B. Gosselin)	Builds F Naples
Russia (N. Heintzman)	Builds A Moscow, A St. Petersburg
Turkey (K. Tighe)	Builds F Smyrna

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AUS: A Ser, A Bud	FRA: none	ITA: none	TUR: A Bul
ENG: A Nwy, F Eng	GER: F Den	RUS: F Swe, A Gal, A Rum	

Press:

France-GM: Guess I should reread Dune again sometime. Can't believe you've passed up on The Barons of Asgard! For you! about something (and everything else!) for at least a week!

Riddlin' barbaric Slav-riddled GM: Whose ignorance betrays whom? Z-E-L-A-Z-N-Y!

GM: I've apparently wandered into a minefield. Anyone care to lead me out?

Tur-Fra: Is puppy French? That's just the way we talk around here.

Fra-Tur: (Replay because of a penalty) Pappy? You must know Frueh!

Rus-Tur: What's all this business about Humboldt's old thumb?

Sultan-Tsar: Am I with you? I barely know where my units are.

Tsar-Sultan: Speaking of thumbs, what were your troops doing with theirs last season?

Vienna: R&T again, eh? You should watch that ally of yours N.H.. It was he who persuaded me to stand you both out of Rumania, or so I thought.

Fra-Ger: Oh, ha-ha-ha, I can't stop laughing, ha-ha, those jokes, ha-ha-ha-ha, tell us some more, ha-ha!

Tur-Ger: Hey, here's a joke that's right up your alley. What's black and white and can't turn around in an elevator? A nun with a spear in her head. Can we stop now?

Rus-Ita: I'm "uncooperative?" Cooperation is a two-way street, sirrah. Just because you have played me incorrectly so far this game, doesn't mean that others have done the same. So much for Papal Infallibility....

Vatican City-Moscow: Anti-papal sacrilege constitutes sufficient grounds for excommunication. Heed this warning or bear the consequences. The pope is not intimidated by royalty since he has received his commission from a higher order. He finds your animal lust after his daughters to be beyond the limits of clerical endurance.

Tsar-Pope: As a matter of fact, priest, I do not underestimate you at all. A worthy opponent only makes the struggle that much more glorious!

Italy-Russia: Oh yeah! Well, same to you, you unbearable cretin.

Russian Orthodox Church-Europe: Beware the Papal spirit - the guiding light which blinds!

France-Italy: Are you here? Or are you saving your witty words and hoarding them for more appropriate future occasions?

Venice-Marseilles: Let's build a McDonalds in the Piedmont - with take-out orders only!

Turk-Italy: OK, you've heard from me. Now are we friends?

Ita-Aus: It's looking good for the overall plan. He says he will join us. I'm still working on the other two. Recent communications look promising. Hate to divulge all this in the press but thought you would like to know ASAP. These developments mean that we should implement Plan A. Hope you built A Vie.

Ven-Hungary: OK! Let's see what those freedom fighters can do.

France-Russia: True, very true; but I sense that someone decided to start boiling you!

Rus-Fra: I walk the Pattern only when absolutely necessary, of course. By the way, do you perchance have an extra set of Trumps?

GM: Gmrrr...

Geneva-Turkey: You are making the right move. You won't regret it. We will pay you dearly.

Rus-Ita&Aus: You two are "the little guys?" Yeah, right....

Geneva-Eng&Ger: You are making the right move. You won't regret it. We will pay you dearly.  
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Charles 1983 I  
Fall 1901

GERMANS WIN BATTLE OF JUTLAND

Austria (J. Beck) F Alb-GER, A SER S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum, A VIE bangs head against wall(H)  
England (H. Belzer) F Lon-ENG, A Wal-YOR, F Nth-NWY  
France (P. Conlon) NMR: A PIC, A MAR, F BRE all hold  
Germany (G. Ellis) F Hol-WIT, A Rus-ROU, A Kis-DEU  
Italy (E. Diamond) A Apu-TUN, F ION C A Apu-Tun, A VEN-Adr(imp)  
Russia (B. Orloff) F Sev-ROU, A Ukr-RUM, A War-UKR, F Rot-SWE  
Turkey (K. Sesler) F ILL-ROU, A Bul S RUSSIAN F Sev-Rum(nso), A CON S A Bul

Winter 1901

Austria	Home, SER, GRE	5	builds 2
England	Home, NWY	4	builds 1
France	Home	3	even
Germany	Home, HOL, DEN	5	builds 2
Italy	Home, TUN	4	builds 1
Russia	Home, SWE, RUM	6	builds 2
Turkey	Home, BUL	4	builds 1

Eric Diamond (PA) is home for the holidays and has a car. He will be at the Riveridge Trail Ormond Beach, FL 32074 from March 18-27.

There has been a request to combine Winter 01/Spring 02 seasons into one deadline. My house rules specifically call for the separation of Winter 1901 always. The number and importance of Winter 1901 builds usually makes it a reasonable procedure. However, if all seven players submit Spring 1902 orders with their Winter builds I'll play the season. But if only one doesn't then it's Winter only.

So, the deadline for Winter 1901 builds absolutely and Spring 1902 moves only if you choose is Thursday April 7, 1983 8:00 PM. Will Marcus Kurtz, 2575 Tekonsha Tr. Okemos, MI 48864 please standby for the French position? I know there aren't any orders to submit but I'd like a card from Pat letting me know if he's still with us and I want to give Marcus some lead time on the call. Thanks. This is a standard Diplomacy game.

Press:

Dafeline Berlin: The Kaiser today, puzzled by the radio silence in Europe this last spring, named a new Minister of Information to seek out intelligent life, perhaps even new forms of civilization. The new Minister, J. T. Kirk, set out on this enterprise immediately following his confirmation. In his first official report he suggested that the strange signals received from the south-central U.S. were nothing more than swamp gas. This report was in direct contradiction with a similar release issued by Berlin State University (BSU) which stated that the signals were indeed intelligible, and created a highly descriptive paragraph when decoded properly. BSU reports that the radio waves are from a meandering French submarine searching for a safe harbor. Minister Kirk has also been overheard to state that the silence in Europe could be due to a lack of intelligent life forms. This, however, remains to be seen.

Lon-Par: What we have here is a failure to communicate.

Czar Nickle-less to Frog-master: Cut with the garbage press releases. Let's hear about the LSU-Nebraska game! Big 8-1, Big Ten-0.

GM: And the Pac 10 whips y'all!

Rome-World: The Italian love of water was evident this year as the Italian navy took to the high seas at its first opportunity. An entire division of soldiers was treated to water skiing and deep seas diving in the spectacular Ionian. The remainder of the Italian army, frustrated about not being able to participate in the water sports, took it upon themselves to venture into the icy Adriatic. Sailboats, powerboats of all types, and even an occasional rubber raft could be seen cluttering up the sea. The soldiers returned to Venice after temperatures of less than fifty degrees drove them from the waters. Though unseemingly care-free, the Italians are insanely protective of their territorial rights to the entire Mediterranean, and they will not tolerate the sight of anyone's fleets in the southern hemisphere.

Ger-World: Reality is for people who can't handle Diplomacy!

Czar to Infidel Turk: You ask too much.

Gen. D/F: Berlin, Berlin, Berlin, see...

Lon-Ber: Some people I know have a nasty habit of getting neighbors into petty squabbles while they take things that should not be theirs.

Ger-Medici Germany & Atreides Italy: Either of you been up to Grants, NM? If so, why?

Lon-Par, Ber: You guys really like press!

Ellis-GM: Thank for the help with the wife! If I ever get into a game with you I sure want you for an ally!



FOUR ARMY GROUPS DESTROYED IN FIERCE FIGHTING

Austria (B.Zilberman)	A Tri-VEN, A TYO S A Tri-Ven, A SER-Bud, A HUD-Gal, A Rum-UKR
England (B.Gosselin)	F IRL-Mid, F Mid-NAP, F Gas-SPA(n.c.), F Nth-ENG, F Nwy-NTH, A Lvn-MOS, A SEP S A Lvn-Mos
France (B.Blum)	A Mar ogles barebreasted French starlets at Cote D'Azure, and dies the little death(nice going, but, nsu), F BOR-Mid, A Spa-Por(dis,ann)
Germany(M.Henry)	A MAR S ENGLISH F Gas-SPA(n.c.), A Bur-PRN, A Mun-BOH, A Pie-TUS, A WAR S ENGLISH A Lvn-Mos, A UKR-Gal(dis,ann), F DEN H, F Bal-SWE
Italy(J.MacParlane)	A Ven S AUSTRIAN A Tyo-Pie(nso,dis,RRR,dsb)
Russia (E.Wiggers)	A SEV S AUSTRIAN A Rum-Ukr, A Mos S A Sev(dis,ann)
Turkey(J.Cummins)	F Tun-WES, F Nap-TYN, F ROM H, F ION C A Alb-Apu, A Bul-GRE, A Con-BUL, F HLA S RUSSIAN A Sev, A Alb-APU

Winter 1905

Austria	Home, Ser, Rum, VEN	6	+1	builds A VIE
England	Home, Nwy, Bel, Bre, StP,MOS,SPA	9	+2	builds A LON, A EDI
France	Por, Spa, Mar	1	-2	even due to ann.
Germany	Home, Dan, Hol, Far, Swa, War, MAR	9	+2	builds A BER, A KIE <i>div to ann</i>
Italy	---	---	---	---
Russia	Sev, Mos	1	-1	even due to ann
Turkey	Home, Bul, Gre, Rom, Tun, Nap	8		even

The deadline for Spring 1906 orders and conditional Summer retreats is Thursday, April 7, 1983 8:00 PM. Please note the regular three week deadline and an earlier time on deadline night. This is a prophetic play game. Below are possible retreating units for Summer:

AUS: A Tyo, A Ukr, A Ser, A Ven	Fra: none	Rus: A Sev
Eng: A Mos, F Spa(n.c.)	Ger: A Tis, A Boh, A War	Tur: F Rom

Press:

Fra-World: Yup, it sure has been fun - all two moves. I propose an E-win, 'cause he will, look at his position.  
I suggested a neutral Mediterranean agreement last turn. If you don't write, I must assume that you won't go along. (*That was E-T, so it is*)  
Fra-New Turkish player: I hope that you vote yes on the concession, once he hits the Med  
Germany will buckle, let's call it a day.  
Lon-Ven: Not much at all going on in this game, especially in the press department. I'll write to you and tell you all I know if you'll write to me first.  
Lon-Ber: Haven't you heard? The economy is now in an uptrend. The bank closings and business foldings are merely harmless pranks being played on us by the economic community for chuckles.

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A zine is necessarily a direct reflection of the tastes and values of its publisher. But the person who publishes a zine isn't operating within a vacuum. I observed many zines before I started publishing one myself. The Prince in its final form may be an original creation but many of its aspects are reflections of many other fine zines.

The striving for good repro and the multitude of colors is taken from Mike Conner's Loss Star Diplomat. The format of the game reports, the three week deadlines and the fast turnaround time are qualities taken from Mark Larzelere's Appalling Greed. General warehouse format is similar to Andy Lischett's Cheesecake. The masthead follows the general design of Hoof & Mouth. The lack of controversy and occasional puzzles originated from Jack Fleming's style while pubbing Paradise's Monthly. I don't know if I had a model for my taking 'liberally construed' orders. Oh yes, the size of The Prince. As Jack Fleming always said, "Small is Big!"

Just got back from an invigorating fencing match and thought I'd better get out the second issue of...

## HUMBOLDT

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As stated last time I, Kevin Tighe, live at 1603 G St. in Arcata California, 95521. If you are ever passing through the area drop by and I'll show you the world's largest fake totem pole, our drive-thru Redwood tree, Bigfoot golf course, and the Ronald Reagan grove. The grove consists of a single redwood tree near the freeway offramp. It has been so named ever since Reagan, as governor, proclaimed, "If you've seen one redwood you've seen them all."

Here are a few more items you can add to your list of places named after Alexander von Humboldt: the Humboldt Range and Humboldt Sink in Nevada, the Humboldt current off the coast of Chile, and the Humboldt expressway leading into Downtown Buffalo. My thanks to Nelson Heintzman for that last example of Humboldt's vast legacy of place names. Pretty good for a man who never traveled further west than Washington D.C.

So far I have been completely underwhelmed by your response to my sports article. I can see all you loafers right now sitting on the coach in your undershirt, reading this subzine with a toy poodle on your lap, while you watch M\*A\*S\*H reruns and gobble down chocolate covered cherries. And I think it is disgusting! However, I did receive a copy of Thirty Miles of Midlife Crisis in the mailbox with four runners pictured on the cover. That will placate me for now. Mark Leudi and Paul Rauterberg, looking for new subbers, combined zines this one time only and mailed it off to 175 people. So if you didn't receive this mutant copy take it personally. They meant to avoid you.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that all of the people  
born before the year 1700  
are dead?

The results of the annual Hemingway writing contest were announced last week. The winner combined Valley Girl talk (?) with Papa's clean, crisp writing style. Very funny. My entry didn't place, but I attribute that to the judges unfamiliarity with Diplomacy. I'll let you decide.

They stood close together in the bedroom. Nick held a cigarette in one hand, and a map in the other.

"Thank you for Naples," she said.

"It was nothing," said Nick.

"You have Spain and France. Will you help me with the rest of Italy? And then Austria?"

"Damn," said Nick, "This stinks." He dropped the cigarette and crushed it with his heel.

"But what about Austria?" she asked.

"Yes of course," replied Nick, "Don't you trust me?"

"Oh of course darling, but you look distracted. I don't want to lose you."

"Don't worry. I'm yours. I'll always be yours."

She hugged him and sighed quietly. Nick stood still. He lighted another cigarette.

She slowly stepped back and looked into his eyes. "I've lost you, haven't I?"

"Yes."

The January issue of the Atlantic Monthly published a short story revolving around the game of Risk. It was about middleclass people and their relationships with each other. The story was a lot like Risk - simple and boring. Diplomacy would be different. A story about Diplomacy would have to be volatile and bloody. I guess Dip isn't really Hemingway's style. Stephan King could do a much better job with this subject. In fact he has; here is an excerpt of a new story of his soon to be published. The tentative title is "Tyro".

...The voice grew louder, "Now, NOW!" Kim's head rang with it's words. "Must I do this?" she thought. The voice shouted back, "Yes, yes, now!" She felt dizzy and sick. This was worse than a Black Sabbath concert. Her mouth tasted like vomit and chocolate ice cream. She made a gurgling sound; everyone around the board looked up.

"C'mon Kim, let's have your orders."

"They want orders," echoed the voice, "Give it to them." Kim knew the voice had control of her body and she felt her mind quickly slipping away.

"Orders?" she yelled out.

Everyone jumped back. "Hey Kim, don't be a sore loser."

She couldn't fight it any longer. "OK kiddies, you want a war, we'll have a real one, here, now." Slowly her Russian blocks began to move on their own. Ukraine to Rumania. Black Sea to Ankara. Prussia to goddamn Berlin. The other units pulled back. The German blocks burst into flame. Paul ignited, too.

Tom gave a Nugent yell as he swelled and exploded. Wooden blocks flew like bullets, cutting thru chests and limbs. Nadine bounced off the wall onto Randell, who convoyed her through the window and down six floors.

"No Kim, please don't." Jack crouched behind a chair. His frog eyes staring at the bloody carnage. "Kim, this is Jack. I never attacked you." Unflinching, Kim floated 2 feet off the ground. "I was going to ally with you next turn, honest." He saw her shake violently. "Jesus, I supported you in Sweden!"

Kim was gone, only her body remained. Floating. It stared down at him, and in a voice that has forever caused men to lose control of their bowels, said, "You're in CD, Jack."

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that 320 feet of spaghetti  
only weighs one pound!

#### DID YOU CARE?

Titles Lucas almost chose for the new Star Wars film:

Return of the Magnificent Jedi

Road Wookie

Yoda's Choice

101 Ways to Dog Your Wookie

A question from a picky Star Wars fan: If Darth is really Luke's father, where did old Obie get the light sword that had supposedly belonged to Luke's father? Did he lie to Luke? Does he have a closet full of swords? Or when you change from good to evil do you also change swords?

Till next time,



Bismarok 1983XX  
Spring 1901

TSAR NICK LOOKING FOR ST. NICK?

Austria (E. Diamond)	A Vic-MID, A Bud-BER, F Tri-ALB
England (S. Wilcox)	A Liv-ROE, F Lon-ETH, F Bri-NRG
France (P. Gardner)	F Bre-MID, A Mar-SPA, A Par-PIG
Germany (F. Clemens)	A Ber-KIE, A Mag-SIL, F Kia-DEU
Italy (J. Wall)	A Ven-PIE, A Rom-APU, F Nap-LIN
Russia (B. Blum)	F Sev-BUM, F StP(s.c.)-BOT, A Mos-STP, A War-LVN
Turkey (B. Dalzer)	A Con-BUL, A SNY R, F Ank-GON

Eric Diamond(AUS) is home for the holidays with a COA. He will be at 41 Riverridge Trail Ormond Beach, FL 32074 from March 18-27.

James Wall(ITA) is also heading home for the Spring break. He will be at 2118 N. Douglas Appleton, WI 59414 from March 26 to April 1.

There has been a request to combine Winter 01/Spring 02. My house rules specifically call for the separation of Winter 1901 season always. The number and importance of Winter 1901 builds usually makes it a reasonable procedure. However, if all seven players agree we can combine those seasons for this year. Please vote with this season's Fall orders.

The deadline for Fall 1901 orders is Thursday April 7, 1987 8:00 PM. Please note this is a regular three week deadline, and the time is two hours earlier on deadline night. Get a set of preliminary orders in early to guard against an NMR. This is a standard diplomacy game.

Press:

Major Tom-Russia: Ground control are you there? We are having communication problems please make sure all channels are open and functioning over and out.

Krasnydangrad, UPI: After consultation with special advisor Grigori Rasputin, Tsar Robertus Blumner, Protector of the True Faith, Father of All the Russias and all around swell guy etc, announced the opening of a peroshki stand in Mokba, the winter capital.

The popular Russian leader further announced that the stands would be available as franchise investment opportunities in Lapland and points north.

Vienna: Tensions in the Cabinet, which had been building due to heated debates over foreign policy, culminated today in the form of the Secretary of Defense resigning from his post. The former Secretary, popular with the Press for his anti-Russian rhetoric, quit due to the President's refusal to militarize Galicia. The President, more of a moderate, insisted the Russians would not be foolish enough to move to Galicia, a province too barren to support an army. More on this story as it develops.

Rome-Austria: I had to go to Trieste and try the goulash. Besides, I'm taking lessons from the bloodsucker herself, chess.

Ank-Via: If you prevent me from taking Greece nothing will prevent me from taking Vienna! Austria?

Volgograd, Reuters: In an address to the nuns of the Religious Order of Our Lady of Perpetual Motion, Tsarina Mariana Elinora Klumovich asked the assembled religious order to pray for peace in Europe, and to pray for all mankind, except those foolish, unkempt and tasteless dressers who are followers of "that obscure social radical known as V.I. Lenin" currently exiled in Germany.

"If someone were to invent the Quisinart, I would gladly run Lenin through it, before I put him in the microwave oven to dry." stated the feisty Tsarina.

Rome-Paris: You stay on your half of the world I'll stay on my half and all will be OK.

Of course the stuff we learn at school is relevant!

David Alan Portny, Microbiology and Immunology, Ph.D. 11:30 a.m. Monday, February 26, 1988  
Major Research: Dissertation: "Characterization of Phages and Phage-Mediated Determinants of Pathogenesis in Turbids." (Prof. R. Gossman)

Paul Elmer Jones, Genetics, Ph.D. 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, 1988  
Major Research: Dissertation: "Genetic Control of the Development and the Function of the Eye in the Mouse." (Prof. R. Gossman)

Kath D. Sonnenburg, Psychology, Ph.D. 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 1988  
Major Research: Dissertation: "Hypnotic Susceptibility as a Function of Levels of Cortisol and Prolonged Compliance." (Prof. R. Smith)

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Rus-Ger: In the tradition of left-handed compliments, I infer that Swe was a left-handed gift. Could this now mean that what the one hand gives, the other takes away?

France-GM: So, you type up press ahead of time?! And, what would happen if I called up on deadline day and asked that all my press be deleted?

GM-France: Let's just say cutting and pasting is more becoming on a piece of paper than on certain personal body parts.

France-GM: Oooooohh, that's mean!

Russia-GM: We have Carvel stores over here in Western New York, also. Recently tasted one of their fudge ice cream cakes - delicious. Ever tried Bocce's Pizza, Ted's Hot Dogs, chicken wings (Buffalo style), or bee on weck?

GM-Russia: Sorry to say all those eateries could just as soon as be from the moon. For ice cream favorites are Arctic Circle, Dairy Queen and Baskin Robbins. Never been to Haagen Daaz, hear their too expensive. Pizza haunts are Godfather's, Pizza Pete and Pizza Haven.

France-England: Your presence in THE Channel must mean that you're somebody's toady.

Fra-World: OK, guys, who does this toady belong to? OK, I know one of you is playing toad to the Englishman. Reclaim him while you have the chance.

Fra-Eng: You seem to have come down with a rather severe case of gullibility. I'm not the one who spread the word, but you should really consider seeing a doctor about it. I happen to know of a certain French surgeon, whose speciality involves using the guillotine in his surgeries.

Fra-England or anybody who cares: Where I'm from, people don't know the distinction between froggies and toadies. They don't give a spittle for either; they shoot both!

France-World: It's obvious the Englishman was not born from noble ranks.

Paris: Darn! Sure wish I could shake these hunches!

Paris: I went to the optometrist today. Since the optometry building was only a block away, I had no trouble seeing where I was going. The optometrist said my hindsight was 20/20, but that my foresight was only 20/200. It had been my hope that I would be able to obtain a prescription for my foresight in one of the other capital cities of Europe, but boy!, was I ever wrong!!

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The brutal reality of white space. First, you decide to run the size a little short. No frills, its gotta be three pages. More press. More crap. Boy, this is gonna be a tight fit. That's okay, they're all wearing them a little tight this year. Damn, more press! And those retreat lists. And it's winter for half the games! Okay, let's run it to four pages. Ah, that feels much better. What, they're wearing them a little baggy this year? No prob, I've got plenty to fill with. Uh oh, I'm a little short. Just a couple of inches! What am I going to put there?! Arrgh! I hate white space....

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