

RAGING MAIN

"Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!"

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: Raging Main is a journal of postal Diplomacy, naval history (well actually, I'll print any good history), and other assorted jibberish. It is edited and published by James S. Woodson, 5680 Dorothy Way, San Diego, CA 92115 (619) 287-0291. However, ... I WILL BE MOVING (AGAIN)! Please note that I'll be moving on or about the first of the year. (The deadline is 6 Jan 84)

The new address is: P. O. Box 18645, Corpus Christi, TX 78418. My phone number will be (512) 939-2388. The phone line does not go to the room. They will have to ring me and tell me to come down to the lobby and take the call.

: Subscriptions can be secured at the rate of 65 cents per issue. Overseas subscriptions will be handled on a case by case basis. Any articles that are submitted and that I print will be paid for.

: Game openings: No openings in Diplomacy for a while here, but I do have openings in a game of postal Rail Baron. Two signed up, I need four more to start.

: Bruce Springsteen sucks!!

: Standbys. You all know who you are, so I won't list you here, okay. If you want to not be here next issue let me know. If would rather not not be here, I'll accommodate you too

Ship's Log

First of all, I've got to apologize for the fact that this issue is late. However, the game results went out last week, so I don't feel too bad. I've had a few problems trying to figure out how to get this word processor to do what I want it to.

Speaking of which, what do you think of the new format with the word processor? The machine belongs to my dad and since I've been here at home for the last six weeks, I've been able to use it. The bad news is that I go back to Corpus Christi (see COA above) and will be back with the old typewriter. Oh well ... you can't have everything, right? For those of you who know this sort of hardware, it's a KAYPRO/Perfect Writer, with a EPSON printer.

I've had a lot of requests for NMR insurance. So far I've resisted the idea because I don't think the GM should have to worry about calling his players to prevent NMRs. On the other hand it does help prevent NMRs and I hate to see games ruined because of missed moves. I'd like to hear from other GMs and hear whether you do offer NMR insurance and whether or not you'd offer it again if you were starting today. Also if the players would tell me whether they think it is a good idea or necessary.

Message Traffic

BYRNECON --- Kathy Byrne & John Caruso will be hosting the "First Stab of the Year" Convention at their place at 160-02 43rd Ave., Flushing, NY 11358, during the New Years weekend. Not to be missed if you're in the area.

DAFCON III -- The West Coast version of ByrneCon, this one is hosted by Daf & Steve Langley at 4112 Boone Ln. Sacramento, CCA 95821. (916) 917-4615. The Con takes place on 30 DEC-2 JAN.

BRUXCON II -- Hosted by the infamous Bruce "BRUX" Linsey at his new apartment (I bet it won't be new after this) at 73 Ashuelot St. #3, Dalton, MA 01226. Arrive anytime after 27 December at 1700 hours. Write Bruce or call (413) 684-0567 for further information.

RUSNAKCON -- Russ Rusnak is having yet another Con at his place (I know I told you that the last one would be his last, but I was wrong) on 27 January 84. Let him know if you're going to attend by writing him at 8002 So. Nagle, Burbank, IL 60459.

1983 FRESHMAN CLASS POLL -- Be sure to vote in this year's FRESHMAN CLASS POLL, your chance to rate the best and the worst of 1983's crop of new zines. Any zine that was started in 1983 (or printing no more than 2 issues in 1982) is eligible. Voting is the same as the Runestone Poll; give each zine you've seen a rating between 0 (yech!) and 10 (wonderful). Sign your ballot and mail it to SCOTT HANSON, 233 OAK GROVE #306, MPLS MN 55403 by FEBRUARY 14, 1984. The top newcomer of 1982 was *Magus* ... decide this year's best rookie and vote!

Eligible zines include: Cathy's Ramblings, Midlife Crisis, Politesse, Raging Main, Thirty Miles of Bad Road, Hai Jikai!, DIJAGH, Battle Stations, The End Justifies the Means, Who Cares?, Manifest Destiny, Festungs Hof, and Besaglieri.

Music Review

Oh, no! Not more of Woodson's horrible, archaic musical tastes!

Yes folks, you've really got to read this.

My younger brother's usual comment about my musical tastes is along the lines of, "You're too mellow, James!" To this I'll have to plead guilty. The latest tape I bought is *What's New* by Linda Ronstadt. Some of you may have heard the title song on the radio and it is quite indicative of the entire album.

I've noticed that the album is currently #3 on the *Billboard* chart and it really supprises me. The album is actually by Linda and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra, and the music is straight out of the 30's and 40's. Lawrence Welk would be comfortable with this music. And I like it.

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Six Weeks in Pensacola

"Aviation Indoctrination" (AI) is the first phase of the training to become a pilot or Naval Flight Officer in the U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. The curriculum lasts six weeks and is followed by primary flight training. My class was AI-46-83 (the 46th to begin during Fiscal Year 1983), as was made up of 11 Navy Officers, 7 from the Marine Corps and 2 "Coasties".

Week #1 is a short one. Monday is occupied with filling out paperwork and Tuesday brings you to NAMI (Naval Aeronautical Medical Institute) for your physical examination. About 10% of the pilot candidates (who have passed eye tests before) do not get through NAMI's tougher eye exams. Wednesday afternoon is when we really got started. "Gentleman, meet the 'O' Course."

The Obstacle Course was not that long (qualifying time was less than 3:51), nor were the obstacles that difficult, but it's run in the sand. The biggest trouble comes early: a 12 foot wall (with rope) is immediately followed by an 8 foot wall (no rope). The rest of the course is filled with numerous low (5') walls, balance beams, a set of monkey bars, and lots of sand. I finished with a passing time, but without many seconds to spare. Luckily, I shouldn't ever have to run the thing again.

Thursday morning introduced us to the swimming pool. Here we were asked to demonstrate four basic survival strokes, jump off a 12' tower into the water and swim under the water for 20 yards. Next, we donned full flight gear (boots, flight suit, life preserver [uninflated], gloves and helmet) and trod water for 5 minutes. After doing this we drown-proofed (a way of floating to save energy) for another 5 minutes. Those of us who passed all of this on the first try were exempt from six hours of further swimming instruction (I was among those exempt).

After two hours in the pool we moved to the gym to take the 'power test'. This consisted of push-ups (31 minimum), sit-ups (49 in 2 minutes) and pull-ups (4, palms away). We then ran a 1-1/2 mile cross-country course (in the rain). The physical testing was over.

Thursday afternoon we got our first taste of the classroom work. The next three weeks were filled with 26 hours of Navigation, 20 hours of Aerodynamics and 16 hours of Engineering. The stuff wasn't that hard, but there was a lot of it.

As we moved on to Week #2, we began our boxing training. There was ten hours of instruction, finished by 2 one minute rounds in the ring with another student. My opponent outweighed me by 25 pounds and had some previous boxing experience. The training they gave us was probably just enough to get me hurt someday. Nevertheless, I survived. The vast majority of our time during this week was spent in the classroom.

Our first phase test (read midterm) was Friday, Week #2, and the other two were given in Week #3. Also during this week we had our mile swim in the flight suit. We were given 80 minutes to finish and I was through in 50.

Week #4 saw the end of the academics and the Finals. I finished doing very well in Nav and Aero, but very disappointed in my Engines showing. But, I did pass all of the subjects. Three of my classmates did not, and were taken out of the class. They would later pass re-tests and join another class to finish their AI.

The rest of that week was spent in Aviation Physiology classes. This was eight hours of information on stuff like the effects of hypoxia, what the ejector seat does and how to operate it, and stress. The test at the end of this, as were all the others that followed during AI, was only pass/fail and had no bearing on my final class standing. We also had a few classes designed to inform us about the various communities within Naval Air, such as fighters, attack, patrol, anti-submarine, and airborne early warning.

Week #5 was what is known as "Disneyland Week". This is because we got to go on all of the 'E-ticket' rides. This includes the ejector trainer, the pressure chamber, the helicopter hoist (out of the water), the 'Dilbert Dunker' (that's the pseudo-cockpit that slides down a rail into the water, that was shown in the movie "An Officer and a Gentleman") and parachute training devices.

We also attended lectures that week on parachute procedures, water survival, first aid and CPR. And the next week (#6) we moved on to basic land survival. A day in the classroom was followed by two days in the field. This phase of the training is affectionately known as 'starvation': for those two days and two nights all we got to eat was what we could find on the land. We didn't have too much time to feel hungry, though. They kept us quite busy constructing shelters (from parachutes and shroud lines), animal traps, fish nets, fire-pits, and rope (from Yucca plants). The food that we were able to get consisted of two snakes (a coachwhip and a water moccasin) a flying squirrel and some plants.

We returned on Thursday morning and quickly adjourned to a local all-you-can-eat pizza restaurant. The next day was for checking out and filling out a critique on the program and "Aviation Indoc" was over for us. We passed on to primary flight (for the pilots) and VT-10 for the NFOs. Most of the Navy pilots are still waiting (like me) for that to start.

Music Review (continued from page 1)

Ronstadt has shown remarkable versatility over the past decade in the style of music that she has recorded. She began in Country & Western and crossed over to the pop scene. A few years ago she released *Mad Love* which was a real hard rocker. After that she moved to the stage, starring in the Broadway version and then the film of Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance". Here she was singing light operetta, and to rave reviews.

This time she's doing yet another style. If you like to big band sound with smooth flowing vocals, this is for you. I recognize one song as being by Gershwin, but I'm not familiar with the rest of the selections. It's all very good; "Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out to Dry" and "What'll I Do?" are my favorites.

I've heard a new song, "Make Believe It's Your First Time", by the Carpenters on the radio. The late Karen Carpenter had one of the best voices around. You may see more "Mellow Music" reviews here in the future.

Movie Trivia

This month's contestants are: Jim Makuc, Mark M. Frueh, Mark Keller, Kathy Byrne, John Caruso, Matthew J. Fleming, John Michalski, and Paul Rosenzweig. Brad Wilson abstained from guessing and James Wall, Jim Briggs and Don Del Grande all NTRed.

43. In "Zulu", 3,000 Zulu warriors attack a small British contingent in South Africa. In what province does the attack take place?
--- Natal

Jim: Natal (1 point) MMF: Natal (1 point) MK: Natal (1 point) KB: Chad JC: Transvaal JoM: Transvaal

44. The young skater in "Ice Castles" had two coaches. Jennifer Warren played the professional coach. Who played the role of the skater's hometown coach and mentor, Beulah Smith? --- Colleen Dewhurst

Jim: Colleen Dewhurst (1 point) MMF: Colleen Dewhurst (1 point) KB: Peggy Fleming JC: Peggy Fleming JoM: Sammy Davis, Jr.

45. When John Wayne, as a colonel of paratroopers, and his outfit parachute into France on D-day in "The Longest Day", something disabling happens to him. What is it? --- He broke his ankle

Jim: He broke his leg (1 point) MMF: Breaks his ankle (1 point) MK: Broke his ankle (1 point) KB: He gets hung up in a tree JC: Broken or twisted ankle (1 point) MJF: Wayne breaks his leg after parachuting (1 point) JoM: Sprained ankle (1 point) PR: Broke an ankle (1 point)

46. In what war film does Bob Newhart do one of his famous telephone routines? --- "Hell Is for Heroes"

Jim: "Catch-22" MMF: "Hell Is for Heroes" (1 point) KB: "Private Benjamin" JC: "Black Sheep" MJF: "Catch-22" JoM: "Dr. Strangelove"

A note about "Catch-22": This was a war film in which Bob Newhart played, but as it is not a comedy, I doubt he would have done one of his 'telephone routines'. Therefore, those answers are wrong. However, since I have not seen this movie, I'll listen to any legitimate arguments

47. Who sang Vanessa Redgrave's songs in the movie version of "Camelot"? --- Vanessa Redgrave

Jim: Judy Garland MMF: Marny Nixon MK: Julie Andrews KB: Vanessa Redgrave (1 point) JC: Robert Goulet MJF: Julie Andrews JoM: Ed McMahon

48. How old is Popeye in "Popeye"? --- 32
Jim: 33 MMF: 32 (1 point) MK: 30 KB: 25 JC: 24 JoM: 38

49. In "The French Connection I", what does Popeye Doyle (Gene Hackman) order at a subway refreshment stand when he's stalking Fernando Rey? --- A grape drink

Jim: A pretzel MMF: A grape drink (1 point) MK: A chile dog KB: something gross JC: A chile dog JoM: Scotch and water PR: Frankfurter w/ onions

50. In "Night Moves", for what NFL football team did Gene Hackman play before becoming a private detective? --- Oakland Raiders

Jim: The Rams MMF: Chicago Bears MK: Miami Dolphins KB: Dallas Cowboys JC: New Orleans Saints JoM: Memphis Showboats

51. Christopher Walken charts a ship for

his mercenaries in "The Dogs of War". What is the name of the ship? --- Toscana

Jim: Toscana (1 point) MMF: Good ship Lollipop KB: San Andrea JC: Flying Dutchman JoM: Good ship Lollipop

52. In "Same Time, Next Year," Ellen Burstyn mentions her four favorite film stars. Name any two of her four favorites. (two points) --- Laurence Olivier or Marlon Brando or Cary Grant or Lon McCallister

Jim: Clark Gable, Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire, Mae West MMF: Katherine Hepburn, Tyrone Power, Bette Davis, Cary Grant (1 point) MK: Richard Burton, Cary Grant (1 point) KB: Paul Newman, Clark Gable JC: Paul Newman, Katherine Hepburn JoM: John Wayne, Phyllis Diller

53. How much money does Addie Loggins claim Moses Pray owes her in "Paper Moon"? --- \$200

Jim: \$50 MMF: \$21 MK: \$20 KB: \$5 JC: Million dollars MJF: \$273.37 JoM: 50 cents PR: \$23

54. Velvet Brown rides her horse to victory in the Grand National in "National Velvet". But what great athletic feat had her mother achieved? --- She swam the English Channel

Jim: She swam the English Channel (1 point) MMF: Swims the English Channel (1 point) MK: Swam English Channel (1 point) KB: 1st woman jockey JC: Wheelchair Decathlon MJF: She wins a golf tournament JoM: Mothered the horse

This month's scores: Frueh: 8; Makuc: 5; Keller: 4; Byrne: 1; Caruso: 1; Fleming: 1; Michalski: 1; Rosenzweig: 1.

The overall scores: Frueh: 30; Makuc: 26; Keller: 24; Byrne: 9; Briggs: 7; Wall: 5; Caruso: 5; Fleming: 3; Del Grande: 2; Michalski: 1; Rosenzweig: 1.

PRESS: Mark E. Jim Makook: I want to win Woody's picture. My dart board is a little plain.

Questions #55-63 are due Friday, 6 January 1984. Now on to the next batch!

64. What colleges do Jack Nicholson and Candice Bergen attend in "Carnal Knowledge"? (2 points) [Yes, that's a hint. There are two colleges]

65. In what magical place does Walt Disney's "Peter Pan" live? [I expect you all to get this one! Especially the person who was asking for easier questions.]

66. See through jeans and a gigantic loan shark named Mr. Eddie figure in what comedy starring Ryan O'Neal?

67. In "The In-Laws", starring Peter Falk and Alan Arkin, what does the father of the bride do for a living?

68. In one of his more obscure movies, Paul Newman is asked what he does for a living. "I'm a communicator," he says. "Oh," replies the questioner, "what's that?" Name the film and Newman's job. (2 points)

69. In "Charlie Chan and the Red Dragon", featuring Sidney Toler, the screen sleuth is seen strutting his stuff on the dance floor with a female acquaintance. What dance are they doing? [An extra 5 issue prize will be split among any subbers who get this one right!!]

70. Who played James Dean's brother in "East of Eden"?

71. Name the three songs Dooly Wilson sings in "Casablanca" (2 points)

72. On his first visit to Rick's Cafe Americain, what is Victor Laszlo's first -- repeat, first -- drink order?

73. In the same film, where does Rick hide the stolen letters of transit?

ByrneCon - Thanksgiving

Another ByrneCon was held over the Thanksgiving weekend at the home of Kathy Byrne and John Caruso in Flushing, NY. This was the first one that I have had the pleasure of attending and I highly recommend attendance of the next (and any subsequent) one to all of you. I arrived on Friday evening and by that time John & Kathy's apartment was already holding the likes of Mike Barno, Eric Kane, Bruce Linsey, Mark Larzelere, Jim Makuc, Tom Mainardi, Dick Martin, Bob Olsen, Pat Pakel, Carl Russell, Tom Swider, and Ed Wrobel.

I was lassoed into playing a game of "Family Business" soon after arriving. This is a card game about mobs and gangsters. I promptly whipped the field (Olsen, Barno, Swider, Linsey, and Kathy's son Frank). Other games played that night included "Titan", "Public Assistance", "Naval War" and, of course, "Diplomacy". I spent that night at "Manor Kane", the home of Eric Kane. Eric defeated Linsey, Makuc, Swider, and myself in a game of "Risk" before we went to sleep.

Saturday it was back to Flushing and arriving that day were Steve Arnwoodian, Mark Boney, Gary Coughlan, Steve Courtemanche, John Ferguson, Nick Fallela (and a friend), Ed Jacobs, Brian Lorber, Shaun Lorber, Mike Mazzer, Mike Mills, Mark Phillips, and Robert Sacks. The only Diplomacy game that I participated in that day was a landmark occasion. The cast of players was Olsen (England), Byrne (France), Russell (Germany), Mazzer (Italy), Makuc (Austria), Kane (Turkey), and myself (Russia). It started out with Makuc and Kane stabbing me in 1901, while the three western powers seemed to have a triple alliance. I managed to survive as Austria stabbed the evergrowing Turkey and Olsen's England stabbed Russell's Germany. Kathy's France was advancing on Mazzer's Italy with the help of Makuc's Austria.

At this time I will point out to you who are not familiar with these people that Bob Olsen is notorious for his toadying to Kathy. In fact he was voted 1983 Toady of the Year (although he tied for the honor and the election is under dispute). The unbelievable happened. Bob stabbed Kathy!! (and a good one at that) At this point Olsen stood at 11 centers and Kathy's one fleet was puppeting to him.

Austria and Turkey had buried the hatchet and it looked like a 'Board vs. Olsen' situation. Kathy & Bob were attempting to get me to toady to Bob also. I finally stated my terms. If Bob would eliminate Kathy, I would throw my centers to him. He agreed, but had no unit available to occupy Paris. I then gave him one of my centers so he could build and put her out of the game. Unfortunately, before Kathy's elimination could be accomplished, it was apparent that even my help could not give Bob the win. Therefore, the game ended in a six-way draw.

Seeing that Kathy & I have toadyed to Bob Olsen (heretofore the 'ultimate' toady), we feel that the Toady of the Year poll should be redone, again. This 'new evidence' must be taken into account. If Mark Leudi (who runs the poll) will not allow a revote, we intend to campaign for 1984 co-honors and take our places where we belong.

The rest of Saturday saw games of "Empire Builder", and "Nuclear Escalation" as well as the games mentioned before. I had a try at "Empire Builder", a railroad game, with Mark Larzelere defeating John Caruso, Tom

Mainardi, Ed Wrobel, Steve Courtemanche, and myself.

Sunday, I, along with Caruso, Swider, Pakel, Wrobel, Russell, and Courtemanche played a game of "Final Conflict". This is a Dip variant designed by Tom Swider. It was a lot of fun and I was part of a draw (as Brazil).

Everyone began leaving for home by car, bus, and plane and another ByrneCon was successfully completed. By 5:00 only Gary Coughlan and myself were around to eat pizza and watch a very bad remake of "Miracle on 34th Street" with John, Kathy and the kids. Gary's plane left that evening and mine the next morning.

Thanks for having us, John and Kathy. I hope to make it back someday for another one.

1983-CA - Victory Autumn/Winter 1902

AUSTRIA (Bob Howerton): NBR!! Plays two short
ENGLAND ("Groucho"): Retreats F Eng-OTB.
FRANCE (Dale Bakken): Build F MAR.
GERMANY (Ed Menders): Build A BER.
ITALY (John Caruso): Retreat A Mun-TYO;
Remove A Tri.
RUSSIA (Dan Gorham): Build A WAR.
TURKEY (Michael Quirk): Build F SMY.

PRESS:
LIVERPOOL to GASCONY: Just try it, Frog Face!

NORTH SEA to BREST: Poor, really poor. Just goes to show you didn't know how to pronounce a word class name. You couldn't even tell me which nationality!

FRANCE-ITALY: Oh, you just want to vacation in France? Oh hell, in that case, just walk in. And promptly walk back out again!

DALE-JOHN: Hoo boy! I just love this fake war we're having!

E-G, R & I: I don't think I'd want England for an ally. First he doesn't know how to abbreviate his home state, now his addresses his postcards!

BAKKO-GM: I agree with Pat Conlon. How about mixing up the press a little more.

DALE-MIKE: I'm fully aware of the trouble I'm in. But how much help did you give me when I needed it?

MADTOWN-FLUSHING: Geez, you mean I got a few votes in your poll? Does that mean I've got to start trying to prove something?

GERMANY-GM: The German God wishes to remain silent this turn.

TURKEY to THE GM: Regarding 1893-AI, if you and England are going to back off, you had better do it quickly. I am quite serious about letting Italy have my centers. As soon as you and England stop attacking me I will attack Italy, but until then, the Italian will meet no resistance from me.

I talked to James Wall face to face at RusnakCon. Wall wants to wipe you out, but he is not doing it to help me. He feels he can trust Austria for a little while at least.

GM to THE TURKEY: Well, this seems to be a new use for the press. Negotiations for another game. The results for this the game in question are not public knowledge yet, but I'll be very willing to discuss an armicist. I'll be in touch by more conventional means soon.

Spring 1903 orders are due 6 January 1984. I heard from Bob Howerton and he intends to continue, so I am not calling a standby for Austria.

1982-HT - Hartford
Winter 1902/Spring 1903

AUSTRIA (Marc Peters): Retreat F Gre-OTB;
A BUD-Vie, A TYO S A BUD-Vie, A Ser-TRI.
ENGLAND (Greg Murray): Build A EDI; F
Nat-LVP, A EDI S F Nat-LVP, E Lon-Eng, F
Den-NTH, F HEL S F Den-NTH.
FRANCE (Scott Jackson?): NBR!! Plays one
short; NMR!! F IRI U, F ENG U, A BEL U, A BUR
U, A MAR U.
GERMANY (Ed Jacobs): Remove the heads of
England and Russia (and A Ruh); A KIE S
RUSSIAN F Swe-DEN, A HOL S A KIE, A Mun-BER,
F NTH-Lon (dislodged, retreats to Nwy, Yor,
Nwg, SKA, or OTB).
ITALY (Ricardo Fernandez): A Pie-VEN, A
Tus-Rom(usu), F Ion-Eas(usu), F Nap-ION, A
TUN O, F TYH U.
RUSSIA (Blaine Fowers): Build A WAR, F
STP(sc); A VIE-Bud, A GAL S A VIE-Bud, A
War-SIL, A PRO S A War-SIL, F Swe-DEN, F
StP(sc)-BOT, F RUM H.
TURKEY (Russ Rusnak): Build F CON; F
Con-AEG, F Smy-EAS, F Aeg-GRE, A Gre-SER, A
BUL S A Gre-SER.

PRESS:

AUSTRIA-GM: Ah yes, there it is: "#10.
Press may be submitted from any deadline."
Well, egg on my face! I also see Rule 12:
"Any houserule may be added, deleted, or
changed by unanimous vote of all of the games
players." (Actually it says "Off all the
games player" but I assume that's a typo.)
At any rate, I'd like to propose a new
houserule: to wit, "Russ Rusnak is without a
doubt the most obnoxious member of the
hobby." Anyone who has actually met Russ
and/or been abused by him can attest to this
fact, if anyone needs a testimonial to this
indisputable fact, merely get in touch with
any of the Midwest Mob (those of us who
continue to put up with Russ) and we will, to
the man, give you incontrovertible proof that
Russ is indeed Dip's most obnoxious member.
He also happens to be a good guy and a great
friend, but this is beside the point. We're
talking obnoxious here. We're talking
screaming your head off at a thirteen-year
old who is trying to learn the game. We're
talking verbally abusing this kid for ten
solid minutes, til the kid is on the verge of
tears, and then shrugging it off, saying
"Hey, if the kid can't take it, he should go
home to his momma where he belongs and forget
Dip." I DEMAND a unanimous vote! Tallman's
poll was a fraud! Do right by the hobby and
expose Russ as the obnoxious guy that he is.
Send your votes NOW!!

A/H-RUSSIA: Sure, to you he's a good ally,
but believe me, he deserves your vote. Send
it in now!

AUSTRIA to BOARD: Bet you didn't know that
Agatha Christi stole one of my books from
me. It's an autobiography titled "Easy to
Kill".

MURRAY-WORLD: Don't forget my new address
for the next three weeks! I'm going home for
three weeks, then back to Duke after Jan. 6.
See below for COA. And to everyone, have a
fantastic holiday season.

BERLIN-MOSCOW: Good luck in Scandinavia!
If you took Denmark, that's the reason for my
move to Berlin. 2 Russian units bearing on
Kiel (along with the English dogs) would be
too much.

BERLIN NEWS: The North Sea Expeditionary
fleet has reported seeing some pointed heads
in London. They will investigate shortly.

ROME-EUROPE: Sorry for the delay, I had to
go to church and pray with the Pope.

ST.PETE-DUAL MONARCHY: Where did you get
the idea that we had an alliance? You get
the prize for either a) incredible naivete or
b) total blind hopefulness. Take your pick.
Sorry I left you out, though, because you do
write fun letters. Perhaps we'll dance
another time?

ST.PETE-GAY PAREE: Thank You. You've made
it perfectly clear.

PRU-KIE: An interesting offer. We at the
front lines cannot make such decisions
without St. Petersburg's approval. We have
forwarded your suggestions.

Greg Murray will be at 345 Oak Creek Dr.,
Rocklin, CA 95677, (916)624-4675, from 17 Dec
to 6 Jan. After that he'll be back at Box
10160 Duke Station, Durham, NC 27706.

Deadline for Fall 1903 orders is Friday 6
January 1984.

The standby for France is Robert Whiting
3979 Quilling Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

Also, don't forget to vote on the
proposal in the Austrian press.

1983-HM - Mikasa
Fall 1901

AUSTRIA (Paul Rosenzweig): A SER S F
Alb-GRE, F Alb-GRE, A Vie-GAL.

ENGLAND (Pat Pakel): F Nth-NWY, A Wal-BRE,
F ENG C A Wal-BRE.

FRANCE (Matthew Fleming): A Mar-SPA, F
Mid-POR, A Bur-BEL.

GERMANY (John Caruso): F DEN H, A Kie-HOL,
A Mun-BUR.

ITALY (Jim Makuc): A Pie-MAR, A Apu-TUN, F
ION C A Apu-TUN.

RUSSIA (David Schaubert?): NMR!! E RUM
U(ann), A UKR U, A WAR U, F BOT U.

TURKEY (James Wall): F Bla-RUM, A Arm-SEV,
A BUL S F Bla-RUM.

SUPPLY CENTERS 1901:

AUSTRIA: Home, SER, GRE (5) - May build
two.

ENGLAND: Home, NWY, BRE (5) - May build
two.

FRANCE: Par, SPA, POR, BEL, Bre, Mar (4) -
May build one.

GERMANY: Home, HOL, DEN (5) - May build
two.

ITALY: Home, TUN, MAR (5) - May build
two.

RUSSIA: Mos, War, StP, Sev (3) - Even (due
to annihilation)

TURKEY: Home, BUL, RUM, SEV (6) - May
build three!

PRESS:

BEKESCHAWBA: The Russians are still
coming. But they ain't never gonna get
here!

WEIN-MOSCOW: ??You alive??

WEIN: The Archduke today announced the
severing of diplomatic relations w/ Russia.
The calculated insult given to the Duke on
his birthday is insupportable. Never before
has the Tsar failed to send best wishes. The
Archduke noted that such relations could
resume immediatly with the insitution of
communications by the Tsar.

FLEMING-WOODSON: You were right about the
Mikasa James. It was the flagship of Togo's
fleet. The Suvorov was the Russian flag.

FRA-ITA: Now see what you've gone and
done. The plague is now in Marsailles. I
would be careful if I were you.

MARS TO WORLD: The Riviera is so nice in
the Fall, don't you think?

ITA-GER: Oh no! Another game with that
scum of the universe, Coon Dog "Zeppo [Zippol]
Caruso". And he's right next door. DOOMED!!

1983-HE, Graf Spee
Winter 1901

AUSTRIA (Pat Conlon): Build A VIE, A BUD.
ENGLAND (Bill Highfield?): NBR!! Plays one short.

FRANCE (Timothy Allen): Build F BRE, F MAR.

GERMANY (Mark Fassio): Build F KIE, F BER.

ITALY (Scott Luckenbill): Build F NAP.

RUSSIA (Ken Hager): Build A STP, A SEV.

TURKEY (Greg Murray): Build F SMY.

PRESS:

VIENNA-ALL EUROPEAN CAPITALS: The Emperor announced yesterday that he will be vacationing in Mexico for the next month. As a result he may not be able to keep in touch with you all.

BER: The Navy faction within the War Ministry has won out. Given the peace with France, the benevolent neutrality of Russia and the moving out (??) of Austrian A Boh, we feel safe in pursuing the English Garbage Scows. Sea Lion awaits us!!

BER to PARIS: I waited as long as I could before sending these in, neighbor. What with the Holiday mail delivery, I wanted 2 fleets instead of an NMR. I hope all is well in Frankreich, and I urge you to continue your righteous "cleansing" of that Island off your coast.

BER to ENG: Germany formally declares war. Heck, there's nothing on our appointment calendar for 10:00 AM, so we figured, "why not declare war?" No hard feeling, old chap. I got a better deal from my neighbors, and like I said before, I dislike naval powers. (So what am I doing with 3 fleets, you ask? Don't ask.) I still like you, Billy, honest.

BER to I: Sneaky, Scott, sneaky! Nice move. Lesse, what next? Alb to Greece, or a convoy, perhaps? Continued peace with you and your friends is the order of the day here. Press on!

BER to I: Germany fully supports the legitimate Turkish claims for a "place in the sun" and wishes the Sultan much success.

ST. PETERSBURG: In recognition of Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov's contribution to the Naval Science, the Naval College announce that they will name the new Musical Hall after him. It has already received the somewhat dubious acronym N.A.R.K. from the Naval students.

RUSSIA-ITALY: That sure is an interesting place for an army.

RUSSIA-FRANCE & GERMANY: That was a nice maneuver. I didn't think a ground-pounder and a fly-boy could pull it off.

MURRAY-WORLD: Remember my address change for the next three weeks!! I'm going home for break then back to Duke. Note COA below. And to everyone, have a great holiday season.

NAVY-AIR FORCE: Where were you guys in Grenada? When there's a job to be done they send a Navy task force. Even the Army did more than you guys.

NAVY-ARMY: Perhaps next year you should send the Cadets to jump school at Ft. Benning before the game. Then you can drop them behind the Navy lines for a touchdown or two.

Greg Murray will be at 3425 Oak Creek Dr., Rocklin, CA 95677, (916)624-4675 from 17 Dec to 6 Jan. After that he'll be back at Box 10760 Duke Station, Durham, NC 27706.

The standby for England is Greg Fritz 2920 Briarwood Rd, #C-1, Bonita, CA 92002.

Deadline for Spring 1902 orders is Friday 6 January 1984.

1983-AA, Bonhomme Richard
Fall 1902

AUSTRIA (Chris Seymour): F ADR-Ven, A SER-Tri, A Bud S A SER-Tri (retreats to Vie of DTB).

ENGLAND (Robert Whiting): F NTH-Nwy, F NWG S F NTH-Nwy, A NWY-Swe, F SKA S A NWY-Swe.

FRANCE (Jeff Sandelin): F Por-MID, A Spa-GAS, A PIC H.

GERMANY (Dan Gorham): A Tvo-PIE, A Sil-MUN, A DEN S RUSSIAN F SWE, A BEL-Pic, E HOL-Nth.

ITALY (Mike Kettman): A TRI S RUSSIAN A Gal-BUD, A Apu-ALB, F ION C A Apu-ALB, A VEN R, F TYH S F ION.

RUSSIA (Peter Halfman): F SWE S GERMAN A DEN, A STP S F BAR-Nwy, F BAR-Nwy, A Gal-BUD, A RUM S A Gal-BUD, F SEV H.

TURKEY (Greg Doyle): A Smy-GRE, F AEG C A Smy-GRE, A BUL S A Smy-GRE, F CON H.

SUPPLY CENTERS, 1902:

AUSTRIA: Vie, Ser, Bud (2) - Must remove one or even (depending on retreat).

ENGLAND: Home, Nwy (4) - Even.

FRANCE: Home, Spa, Por (5) - May build two (was two short).

GERMANY: Home, Bel, Hol, DEN (6) - May build one.

ITALY: Home, Tun, Tri (5) - Even.

RUSSIA: Home, Swe, Rum, BUD (7) - May build one.

TURKEY: Home, Bul, GRE (5) - May build one.

PRESS:

AUSTRIA-WORLD: I must apologize for my NMR in the Fall of 1901. I take full responsibility. The truth, and James can verify it, is that my orders were mailed in, but received late, although the Post Office informed me that they would arrive on time.

VIENNA-MOSC: My death is now certain, Thank! (Traitor)

VIENNA-EUROPE: Are your sharpshooters so awful that you must train them on my poor soldiers?

FRANCE to EUROPE: I won't apologize for the NMR. Talk to the U.S. Postal Service for that.

FRANCE to THE PHANTOM PEN: Odd, that I should have press the same season as an NMR.

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: What's the III in your name stand for? Your IQ? Sperm count?

RUSSIA-GERMANY: Try for Warsaw and I'll crush you! Those Russian winters would demoralize your armies anyways.

RUSSIA-AH: I've got to assure you that no news is bad news. Sorry.

Robert Whiting will be at 3979 Quilling Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 until 31 Dec 83. After that he will be at 651 Airport Road #3, Marion, NC 28752.

The deadline for Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 orders is Friday, 6 January 1984.

Mikasa notes:

Paul Rosenzweig will be at 26 Pond Park Road, Great Neck, NY 11023 from the 14th to the 27th of December.

The standby for Russia is Peter Halfman 75 Outlook Dr., Lexington, MA 02173.

The deadline for Winter 1901 and Spring 1902 orders is Friday, 6 January 1984.

James Wall will be at 2118 N. Douglas, Appleton, WI 54915 from 20 December to 17 January.

Letters and Cards

This letter column contains material sent to me by you, the subbers. If you stipulate that you do not want something printed, I will honor that. I also promise to use my common sense when dealing with letters not so designated. Any letter printed may be an excerpt. I reserve the right to edit what I feel is necessary or appropriate. Although if you request a letter be printed in its entirety I'll print all of it or nothing.

First up, Judy Winsome:

Dear Ensign Woodson,
Enjoyed #8. Looks like we're on with the bet. The Quakes look good winning twice so far. But the Sockers look terrific beating the Cosmos 14-5 (while the Quakes beat them only 7-5). We shall see. Chicago looks tough, too. The player is STAN TERLECKI - great player.

I haven't sent my form in for United yet - will have to do it next week. I'm still thinking of a name - Bay City Bandits? Shockers? Thunder Thighs? Well I won't be able to procrastinate much longer.

My reference says you're right - the Mikasa was the flagship of Admiral Togo. On page 171 of Sea Power by E. B. Potter, 2nd ed., it says, "at sunrise (appropriate for a Japanese engagement) Togo headed east to intercept -- leading the First Division in Mikasa, closely followed by Kamimura, leading the Second Division." The text is the same one used at NROTC units. I got my copy through the Naval Institute.

Have fun in Corpus Christi - have fun getting drunk in town and landing in the King's Ranch pastures (or is it close enough?)

Love, Judy

Thanks for the confirmation on Mikasa. When I got to the NROTC unit here in San Diego, I checked it in the very same book you mention. Thanks you to all of you who confirmed this. Also, Drew Middleton in his book, Crossroads of Modern Warfare: Sixteen twentieth-century battles that shaped contemporary history lists Tushima as one of the most pivotal in the century.

The Sockers, as Judy well knows, defeated the Quakes 11-9 a couple of weeks ago in San Diego, but lost to them 8-6 in Oakland. They are now 5-3 and Golden Bay is 3-3. A very tight league so far.

"United", run by Jim Williams, is underway with a fourteen team league. If you want to be a part of this, write Jim and become a standby. If you don't get a team (by someone dropping out) this year you'll have first shot at it next year when he plans to expand to twenty franchises.

My next letter is from that darling of the U.S. Air Force, Mark "Faz" Fassio:

How was your Thanksgiving? Hope the day was a nice one for you & yours. I had my folks down here for ours --- they stayed a week at the Faz Motel, and in-law diplomacy was its usual food deal! I can't wait to get my butt back home over Christmas and see the rest of the family, college buddies (Margie gave me a

"24-hr. pass" on the town!), etc. ... especially see some snow again! I'm tired of 70 degree Novembers...

We're going into our end-of-year "get all your practice war mobilizations over before Christmas" deal again. They try to cram a lot of mobilizing into us before everyone hits the Holiday Trails. This year I'm on a new crew ("Chief of the Pallet Team--" ooooh, Mr. Big Cheese) and the exercise should be a real lulu! Add to that about 4 projects, all of which have a 2-week suspense (conveniently over our mobility drills...) and I foresee mucho overtime. Ahhh -- the joys of desk-flying! Your turn will come, my good Naval comrade! I like it tho...

No further news on Monterey or the NPGS (if that's the school's abbreviation?). I heard from a 3-striper [a Navy Commander, Lt. Col. equivillant] that she says I'll have my orders by March! Said she had a friend in personnel! Well, so much for the million-dollar computerized personnel system; no need for all that -- just ask your local Senior Airman! If it's true, I can kiss Calif. goodbye. I really don't care where I go, as long as I don't have to work with TAC pilots. I'd rather sacrifice my first-born to Thor, than brief those sky-jockeys.

What about you? How long will you be at your new "lush resort area," and where is your first permanent duty station going to be? Do you know that yet? Keep me posted, James -- we may run into each other sooner than expected!

Well, that's it for now. Take care, best to you and yours this Holiday Season. Godspeed in your service endeavors, buddy.

And thanks again for permission to print ESAD! I'm still cranking them out!

Take care, Faz

P.S. I won't get shabby treatment from the management of RM just because I picked on Navy-man Highfield in our game, will I, sir?!

Thanks for the letter, Faz. Keep cranking them out, too! I didn't hear any reaction from the readership on the last ESAD (good or bad), but I liked it and your welcome to send me another, okay (Hint, hint!). I had a really great Thanksgiving. This was the first time I'd been home for Turkey Day since '78. While at school (University for my British subbers) I made it home for Christmas, but never for Thanksgiving. Have a great time at home for your holiday!

Does your paragraph about your attempts to get to the Navy PG School (we just refer to it as the PG School, there being no other that matters) indicate that you are not on good terms with 'your local Senior Airman' (what is that anyway??) Hope you get there. (or at least away from the terrible TAC pilots).

I'll be here in "America's Finest City" until the New Year and then, FINALLY, I'll start my primary!!!

Now, some more Feud Mail from Jim Makuc:

I will not waste my valuable time replying to last months trash that the scum of Flushing sent in. It was just so poor.

Next month I'll really have some comments as I am attending ByrneCon disguised as Bruce Linsey. I am going to sabotage the convention by eating all the food.

Letters and Cards

And some comments from Brad Wilson:

Enclosed find a check for 5 more RM issues. I'm a happy and contented subber. Also, sign me up for Rail Baron. I love the game but have yet to play it postally. Can you send along postal rules? I have the game, etc., and am quite familiar with FTF Rail Baron.

I like the green paper. Adds some verve to my mailbox.

Padres - you know I picked them #2 in the West this year. I don't quite understand them. I did notice the pitching kind of fell apart. I don't pay too much attention to the NL West, so ... what do they need?

How about those Phillies? They beat the goddamned Dodgers (AMEN!!) - but the Orioles were clearly the better team. My pet hate pro sports teams: LA Dodgers, Boston Celtics, Dallas Cowboys, all AFC East teams except Miami (my #1 love) and the NY Rangers. I imagine as a Padres fan you don't care much for the Dodgers either. I hate them. Remember the 1977 NL Championship Series? The Rain Game in Philadelphia (#4) and the Manny Mota game (#3). Auugh! Any Phillies fan will cringe at the very thought.

Navy aviation hasn't changed much in 30 years. My daddy served at Pensacola and then Corpus Christi, too. He flew Orions, Neptunes and blimps. Got to be a Lt. Commander.

I enjoy your ship histories. How about doing the U.S.S. Vicksburg; my grandfather's light cruiser (Just kidding, it didn't do much). Seriously, how about the H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth. It went through a lot - WWI (Gallipoli, Jutland) and WWII.

As for your play list, hmm... X-Static - good stuff! Hall & Oates are Philly boys.

Asia - uh, well, next...

Chicago - I like CTA, Chigago II & VI. After that my interest wanes.

Thriller is '83's best album; 6 singles? Tough to top.

As for the rest, let's say we disagree about music. You're mellower than me... That's ok, different strokes for different folks.

Sincerely, Brad Wilson

Yes, Brad, I'm mellower than most. Are you trying to get free sub extention by getting on my good side and hating the Dodgers? Well, keep it up! The Padres lack experience and got hit with a lot of injuries this year. "Trader Jack" McKeon, the General Manager will probably strengthen the team this winter like he has the past three years and hopefully we'll do better. Ah, Spring, the time of universal optimism for all baseball fans.

If you'd like to see more ship's history, why not write one yourself. I'll do them from time to time, but with no new games starting I've got no real incentive (or time). I'll pay top dollar for quality work!

Rail Baron will be run just by having each player tell me his route to destination and then we'll go as far as we can until someone buys something. Then I'll stop and send out the results. You'll tell me in advance what you'll buy at your next stop. It'll be two week deadlines.

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4th Annual Diplomacy Player Poll Results

This year, we had 65 people cast votes for the players and writers that they think is the Best in each category. The preprinted ballots that many of you printed in your zines helped spark the large turn-out, no doubt. I am truly grateful to ALL the pubbers who gave this poll, and the Marco Poll coverage in your zine, and a special thanks to all of those who voted. I received ballots from people in Texas, Canada and everywhere around the country. Thanks to all those who used the preprinted ballots, and told me where they read about the poll.

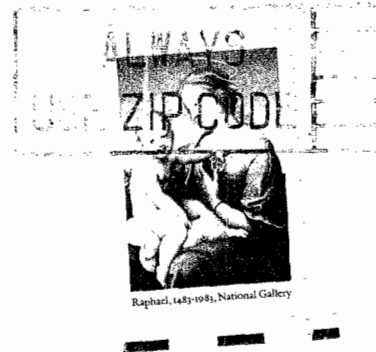
Now, on to the results. The key: The total points scored comes 1st, then the succeeding number are the number of 1st place votes, the 2nd, then 3rd, then 4th, then 5th. 1st= 5pts, 2nd= 4 pts, 3rd= 3 pts, 4th= 2 pts, 5th= 1pt,

PLAYER			WRITER		
Kathy Byrne	120	12-9-5-3-3	Bob Olsen	73	8-4-4-2-1
Dan Stafford	37	5-0-2-2-2	Gary Coughlan	61	3-6-2-7-2
Eric Ozog	35	2-4-2-1-1	Rod Walker	59	4-5-2-5-3
Mark Berch	30	4-0-2-1-2	Kathy Byrne	56	3-5-4-4-1
Randolph Smyth	30	1-5-1-1-0	Mark Berch	46	4-4-3-0-1
Paul Rauterberg	28	2-2-0-4-2	John Michalski	45	4-2-5-1-0
Blair Cusack	22	3-1-1-0-0	Dick Martin	35	2-3-3-1-2
Mike Mazzer	22	1-1-4-0-1	Scott Hanson	24	1-4-1-0-0
Jim Meinel	22	1-3-1-1-0	Ron Brown (Can)	22	3-1-0-1-1
Lee Kendter Sr	19	1-1-1-3-1	Terry Tallman	22	2-0-3-0-3
Don Ditter	15	2-0-1-0-2	Ed Wrobel	22	1-0-5-1-0
Steve Langley	14	1-0-1-3-0	Joan Extrom	18	2-1-1-0-1
Russ Rusnak	13	0-2-1-1-0	Paul Rauterberg	18	2-1-1-0-1
Dick Martin	12	1-1-0-1-1	Cathy Cuning	16	1-1-1-1-2
Bob Olsen	12	0-0-2-2-2	Don Del Grande	16	2-0-1-1-1
Al Pearson	12	2-0-0-1-0	Steve Hutton	16	2-0-1-1-1
John Caruso	11	1-0-0-3-0	John Caruso	15	2-0-0-1-3
Tom Ripper	10	2-0-0-0-0	JR Bob Baker	13	2-0-1-0-0
Peter Fuchs	9	0-1-1-1-0	Kevin Tighe	13	2-0-0-1-1
Mark Larzelere	9	0-0-3-0-0	Steve Langley	12	0-0-1-4-1
Terry Tallman	9	0-2-0-0-1	Julie Martin	12	1-1-0-1-1
Bill Becker	8	0-2-0-0-0	Steve Arnawoodian	11	1-0-1-1-1
Ron Brown (Cal)	8	0-2-0-0-0	Russ Rusnak	10	1-1-0-0-1
Gary Coughlan	8	1-0-1-0-0	Pat Hart	9	1-1-0-0-0
Evans Givan	8	1-0-1-0-0	Mark Larzelere	9	0-1-0-2-1
John Crosby	7	0-1-1-0-0	Bruce Linsey	9	0-1-1-0-2
Randy Karmolinski	7	1-0-0-1-0	Randolph Smyth	9	0-2-0-0-1
Larry McCloud	7	0-1-1-0-0	Ken Jingoian	8	1-0-0-1-1
Keith Sherwood	7	0-1-1-0-0	Mike Mazzer	8	0-2-0-0-0
			Frauke Petersen	8	0-1-1-0-1
			Chuff Afflerbach	7	1-0-0-1-0
			Konrad Baumeister	7	0-0-1-1-2
			Keith Sherwood	7	0-0-2-0-1

I had to cut off the listing somewhere so did it at 7. Below are the names of those who received 6 points or less, and were mentioned on at least 1 ballot. In no particular order, and last names only, they are:

Huestis, Carter, Gabriel, Woodson, Ledder, Noto, Bassett, Rowell, Swartz, Albrecht, Townsend, Yerkey, Sergeant, Birsan, Kleiman, Senn, Hines, Heinowski, Haffey, St Germain, Peters, Michalski, Perlmutter, Kozlowski, Swider, Boney, Crosby, Blaylock, Baker, Turner, Hutton, Arnawoodian, Bowen, Fleming, Gosselin, Wilcox, Grabar, Blant, Reilly, Guerrier, Beyerlein, S Johnson, Walters, Kador, Zilberman, Winger, Ditter, Frost, J William Jurkowski, Torres, Wilson, Del Grande, De Vries, Stebbins, Kane, Oaklyn, Fruen, Pulsipher, Conlon, Winsome, Miroso, Carter, Sesler, Hamlin, Verheiden, Luedi, D Williams, Osuch, J Williams, Fassio, Kleiman, Turner, Marley, Birsan, Courtemanche, Austin, Ozog, Lee, Senn, Heintzman, Karmolinski, Ellis, E Frick, Fleming, Cremer, Knight, Barents, Halverstadt, Burgess, Meinel, Daf Langley, Peery, Wells, Sigwalt, Hartman, Winger, Albrecht, Pearson, Russell, Lew, Oaklyn, Acheson, Baumeister, Lowes, Hamlin, Courtemanche, Bakken, Russell, Cuning, Hurst, Grosch, Flowers, Matsumura, Fenders, Tinker, Guirk, Hakey II, Kaplan, R Brown (Can), Luedi, Gouchette, Davis, Palter, Burgess, Winsome, Secler, LINDA, TERRY:

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