

L A F • T E R

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Meaningless Meanderings

Cruel to be kind,
It's a very good sign

#130
DIAS

We return once again with the palindrome of the month: "DIAS, I said!" Whichever month this is.

So what is the big deal about Source of the Nile — now that it's out of print, why is there such demand? I've never seen a copy, though I've read some interesting game reports in various zees. It's a big seller at the various auctions I've been to, running in the \$30 range for used copies. Hmm...my curiosity is piqued.

So the Orioles almost made it. Down to the last series of the year, and in position to win the division from the lame Toronto Blue Jays, the bullpen couldn't quite come through. Still and all, ace reliever Greg Olsen won rookie of the year in a landslide, and Frank Robinson won manager of the year. Looks good for next year, as everybody important should be back. And other young talent is on the verge of making it, particularly Ben McDonald.

Interestingly, the Os did one thing outstandingly well: field. Is their finish so surprising, then, considering that the only other team in history with fewer errors was the Twins team that won the World Series a couple years ago? (Even so, the Orioles still had a higher fielding percentage, since their pitchers had so few strikeouts.) Seems to me that fielding is a drastically underrated skill.

What happened to the Mets this year? Well, they've basically given away the heart of their team: Dykstra, Backman, Mookie, McDowell, Mazilli...all gone. Far as I'm concerned, they were the ones that made that team worth cheering for. Really, who can root for that whiner Strawberry anymore? The only ones left that're any good are Gooden, Fernandez and HoJo and that just ain't enough. It's enough to make me go back to rooting for the Cards...but never the Phillies!

The As are too awesome to talk about here, besides they're a topic that's been beaten to death already. That and the quake. It was a scary thing to live through, for sure, but the damage seems to have been relatively minor for all the press it's gotten.

The only other sport worth actually following, college basketball, is about ready to kick in for a new season. Maryland might actually have a chance this year with a real coach, if the NCAA sanctions imposed because of the old coach and fool, Bob Wade, aren't too severe. What an idiot that man turned out to be. Violations galore, and lying (badly) to cover them up...stupid. Mostly for a player who flunked out, and won't ever play for him again, anyway. Gary Williams should at least be smarter, and won't go out of his way to alienate *everybody* (media, players, students, fans, boosters, NCAA investigators, etc). Plus the Terps should play a fun style to watch — running like mad.

The talent is there: Rodney Walker is back from the dead after having been chased off by Wade, Cedric Lewis is a defensive monster in the middle if his offense ever gets under control, Massenburg is a talented power forward, and Teyon McCoy (also back after sitting out so he wouldn't have to play for Wade) is the outside shooter. Unfortunately, he may be the *only* shooter, and it's hard to win these days without a serious outside threat. It's too early to tell if there will be any good freshmen, but Walt Williams and Jerrod Mustaf should be productive sophomores. The Twerps will be competitive, let's leave it at that.

What's more, Gary Williams gets his hair cut at the same place Julie does (though not as short). Julie plans to give him lots of good advice when/if she gets to meet him.

Then again, Europe watching should count as some sort of sport. It seems like they've had a terrible outbreak of democracy and freedom over the last several months. Will the changes become permanent, or is it all just a show? I think the changes are here to stay. What's more, I don't believe that the world is headed for another bout of anarchy as a result, though it'll be interesting to see how the Soviet Union tries to stay

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intact. A little early to nominate the Ukraine as the 51st state, though.

And without the Russians to use as whipping boys in the argument for a "strong defense," what will our pals in the Pentagon do? Even with the fiasco in China, the Chinese aren't viewed as nearly the threat that the Russians were. What to do, what to do.... Can the Nicaraguan Threat be played up enough to justify the umpty-zillion dollar "defense" budget? Maybe when the death squads are finally tossed out of El Salvador we can play up the El Salvador/Nicaragua Central American threat. Yeah, and throw Panama in as a wild card.

Wonder what's going on in Columbia these days. Is it civil war as usual? Haven't heard much.

Remind me to run the house rules this issue, would you? It's been forever, and we could all probably stand a refresher.

Who was it that said "Love Will Tear Us Apart" is the best song of the 70s?!?! Give me a severe break! It ain't even in the same league as "Ohio" or a half dozen other Neil Young songs alone. The 70s weren't limited to 1975 and 76, you know.

Rolling Stone just came out with their list of the top 100 albums of the 1980s. The Clash's London Calling rightly finished first, as the best album of all time should. Purple Rain was a surprise second, mostly because I think that Sign O The Times (ranked #74) is a better record (though it's hard to argue with the commercial success of Purple Rain). Joshua Tree was #3 — OK, can't argue with that. Nor with Talking Heads' fabulous Remain in Light as #4. But REM's dreadful Document made the list, while the brilliant Life's Rich Pageant (which was on the list of the best of the last 25 years, I think) is left off. Well, *de gustibus non es disputandum*, I suppose. Wish I hadn't tossed their Top

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(yes, even if you're wiped out instantly), for \$10.

In fact, I prefer that new players use this method for the first game here (at least).

And it's a pretty good deal, too.

Trust me.

RSVP

Game Openings

Me

Regular Dip: Standbies Only

Gunboat Dip: Standbies Only

Anarchy: Standbies Only

1830: Six openings

Mike Scott

Kingmaker: Standbies needed

Civilization: Standbies needed

Larry Cronin

Investment Dip: Standbies & new players wanted — Larry is now on his own, publishing under separate cover

100 Singles of all time and Top 100 Albums of the last 25 years issues. Oh well.

This here zeen comes out whenever I can get around to it, it seems. Deadlines usually run a month, and it takes a couple weeks for me to get it all together. I expect to put the next one out before new years, and still keep promising myself to get this onto a more regular six week schedule. But you've heard that before about a million times, I'm sure.

I'm also reconsidering the moratorium on game starts. Not that it'll be a dip game, mind you, what I had in mind was a quick game of 1830. Any interest out there in the masses? The 1830 would be run outside the zeen, much as the gunboat tournaments are being run now, to give it a chance to finish before the end of the century. I expect 1830 to take about as long to finish by mail as Dip, maybe even a little shorter.

The anarchy game has really started out with a bang. Keep up the great work, gang! Anybody who'd like to jump right in, feel free to send in some standby moves. And press, of course.

Lest we forget, this is still a Pentagram Publication. Leading the way into a kinder and gentler way of zeendom in the 90s. That's us. I forget most of the things I'm going to say here before I ever get around to committing them to electrons.

Meanwhile, Julie edges closer to taking the LSAT and applying to law school. She'll probably manage to pull it off, too. That'd be something, for sure. My wife the rock and roll lawyer!

Ask Dr Dicko

Q: What can you tell me about those nice maps? Are they PostScript documents or what? I've been thinking about a HyperCard stack which would allow you to drag armies and fleets into the appropriate spots. maybe you could even tie in an adjudication program into HyperTalk. Has anyone tried this?

A: Yep, the maps are Encapsulated PostScript documents. Wallace Nicoll made the original, and Ken Peel and I have touched it up a little since then. If you'd like a copy on disk, just ask and it's yours. I know there have been adjudication programs in the past (written in Pascal, I think), but nobody's ever tried it with Hypercard. This is your big chance to beat us all to the punch, and learn Hyperscript in the process.

Q: The press in your zeen reads very much like the players see the press incrementally between pubs. How does that come to pass, unless they routinely pass their press releases between each other prior to/concurrent with submitting to you.

Q: By the way, how do you get the back-and-forth repartée in the press if you don't allow black press (cf Rome/Rockville on page 18)? Do you do this via E-Mail?

A: No, what looks like real dialogue is all smoke and mirrors—editing and rearranging of the press by yours truly. Of course, the Rockville releases are mine that I write after reading all the other press, so there is some dialogue going on here. Since I have to mix the press up anyway to keep the grey press from being too obvious, might as well make it more fun to read, eh?

Q: Where's a copy of the house rules for your dip? I notice your province and sea space abbreviations are different from what I'm used to.

A: Yeah, I'm out in left field for many things, and this is one of them. I've got my own abbreviations that I got used to in high school, and have been using them ever since. I don't list the abbreviations in the HRs, but they shouldn't be that hard to figure out.

Q: Where's Thorazeen? Who's holding it up?

A: As usual, one player hadn't gotten moves in. Seems like a different player each time, too. But if I told you who it was...that would be telling.

Q: If Italy NMRed this turn in 7 Wonders, which unit would you remove?

A: If he did (which he didn't), I'd take off the F Ion. The rule is that units farthest from home dots get taken off first, fleets before armies. Since F Nap is in a home dot, it goes last. A Tyr, A Tri, F Ion

are all one move away from a home dot, so F Ion goes (fleets before armies, remember). If one of the armies happened to be in Tun, the fleet would still go first, as the army could get to a home dot in one turn via convoy. I don't count foreign fleets for this purpose, by the way. Thus, if there's a Turkish F Ion, Italian F Adr and A Tun, Italy's removal would be A Tun (can't get to a home dot, period). Switch it around a bit, Turkish F Adr, Italian F Ion and A Tun, and the F Ion goes first (fleet before army, each one move away from a home dot). Hopelessly confused yet? And this isn't even one of the paradoxes....

Q: Also, isn't it getting to be well nigh upon college hoop season? Going to grace an issue with a preview? As I write this Penn State football has only fallen once (to Virginia of all folks), but they are not destined for glory this year.

A: If you want the full deal for college b-ball, you'll have to check out Brad Wilson's *Vertigo*. His next issue should be the big preview of the upcoming season. I'm a bit too much of a partisan Maryland/ACC fan to go into real depth.

Q: Could you send me the introduction section for 1830?

A: Even better than that, it's short and I'll reprint it here. C'mon Russ, I dare you to call me the Stafford of 1830.

"1830 is a railroad game set in the north-eastern United States and southern Canada. The players take on the role of railroad investors, promoters and presidents with the general objective of making money. Their methods may reflect a greater or lesser degree of public responsibility depending on their personal inclinations.

"A player's wealth is accumulated mainly through owning shares of stock in the eight Railroad Corporations included in the game. Stock shares make money in two ways—they can provide ready cash via dividend payments and they can increase in value. The single largest stockholder in a Corporation becomes its president and operates the Railroad, ideally, but not necessarily, for the benefit of all stockholders. The game ends when either:

- "1) The Bank funds are exhausted, or
- "2) A player goes bankrupt.

"The winner is the wealthiest player at the end of the game. A player's wealth is made up of his personal cash and his stock certificates—at current market values. (Railroad Corporation assets, whether funds or trains, are *not* counted in the total.)"

There, now doesn't that just inspire you to run out and get a copy? Well, maybe not. But 1830 has jumped into my top 3 favorite games over the last year (along with Dip and Titan)—a great game for 3 to 6 players. I've certainly played more 1830 than anything else over the last two years.

Q: How about running an 1830 game in *Retal*? I'd jump at the chance to either play or run it.

A: Your wish is my command! If we get enough response, we'll start before New Years.

Ask Nurse Phil

Q: So, you finally went and done it. Not only do you leave your hometown and everything you know and love for a silly job, you have to locate in Middle Tennessee of all places. That place is deader than a doornail! I mean, don't you like a little excitement?

A: Oh, I wouldn't say this town is dead. Last month a truck full of thesauruses jumped the curb in downtown Columbia. Bystanders were surprised, shocked, dumbfounded and caught unawares.

Q: I also heard on Johnny Carson that a Nashville city councilman introduced a bill this summer to appropriate funds for a UFO landing strip. Is this true?

A: Yes, it is. Unfortunately, however, the bill died when the citizenry raised Cain about becoming a center for illegal aliens.

Q: I have been a practicing psychiatrist for 37 years, and I just wanted to express in some small way the utter contempt in which you are held in the counseling profession. It's people like you who besmirch the true healers of the world. May you rot in Hell.

A: Sounds to me like you are repressed emotionally. Why don't you try opening up and telling people how you *really* feel instead of being so nice all the time? I think you're also afraid of rejection. I mean, why else would you practice so long instead of actually going out and *being* a shrink? Don't you have any confidence in yourself at all? Look at me, here I am helping people all the time and I never even needed to go to school at all! Try to loosen up a little and quit taking yourself so seriously. If that doesn't work, take a couple Quaaludes. Works for me every time!!

Q: Have you got any suggestions on house-breaking a dog?

A: Yeah. Don't try it. It'll break your heart. Just have the puppy put to sleep now, and save your sanity.

News Flash!!! Nurse Phil becomes depressed and threatens to unbalance the life-flow of the universe!!

Yes, kiddies, it's true! Nurse Phil has stooped, er, raised himself, rather to extortion! Please send him a question to make him feel loved and appreciated or he will tamper with forces best left untouched by mortal men! In the interests of normalcy, decency, and the American way *please* send him a letter! For the children's sake, if not your own! After all, who knows what depravities lie on the other side of reality?

[Here's one for you, Phil: At a recent Halloween party, someone spiked the punch with an unidentified substance. Now one of the guests is convinced he's a table lamp and hasn't moved in three days. He won't even tell us what size bulb he uses. Help!]

Perfumed Letters From (Kitty) Galore

or: *Why My Name Is Now Mud*
by The Former Greg Maynard

First, let me thank the kind soul who sent me a Dip letter in a perfumed envelope with the return address of (Kitty) Galore. (The Kitty is my attempt to tone down this article. If you are curious to the actual name used write me or watch the James Bond movie *Goldfinger*.) As is my luck, the letter would come in on a day when the wife picked up the mail. I tried my best to play it off as a joke from a fellow gamer. My wife came back with how all this "Dip stuff" is but a male plot to hood-wink every wife alive. To get her to quit hitting me with anything at hand, I begged ignorance, asking her to please explain. Below are the highlights of her dissertation, given between the plates she continued to heave to underscore her points.

To her, all the terms we use in Dip and all press are merely code words of some fraternal order of Males. And they say women have no imagination.

Zine: Short for playing zine, which stretches into playing magazine, which becomes a magazine for playing men. Thin, I told her. A plate, *crash!*, was the reply.

Stand-by: This is the women on the other side of town you run to when your wife or girl friend drops you.

Civil Disorder: When things are not so good at home. This is the best time to make sure you have a long list of Stand-bys.

NFL PREDICTIONS by Bruce Roberts

AFC East

Buffalo
Indianapolis
New York Jets
New England
Miami

Buffalo probably won't be challenged this year. Good overall team, but will probably get hit with major injuries. No chance in playoffs! For Indy, no one can stop Dickerson, but they need more depth. Jets and New England will finish about even with win/losses. Marino is my favorite QB, but if his front line can't protect him, they're doomed!

AFC Central

Cincinnati
Cleveland
Houston
Pittsburgh

Tough division! Any of the top three could win if the others screw up. I choose Cinc because of their lack of changes. Cleveland won't let Kosar get hurt, but they need time to readjust. Moon, although good, is still improving. Look for some Houston upsets. Pittsburgh, what can I say? They suck!

AFC West

Denver
Seattle
LA Raiders
San Diego
Kansas City

Denver is much too strong to lose this division (with or without Elway). Seattle is alright, but I lost respect for Knox when he cheated (and still lost) to Cincinnati last season. Raiders need Bo! Allen is getting old. I raised them up one level when they changed head coaches. I'm looking for the ol' Raiders' mystique to return! McMahon won't help San Diego enough and Kansas City needs a QB! Until then...nothing!

NFC East

NY Giants
Philadelphia
Washington
Phoenix
Dallas

Giants all the way! What can I say? Quality! Philadelphia has rapidly become one of my favorite teams, but they lack a deep desire to win. Their outstanding plays are too few and far between. I can't quite figure out what Washington's problem is; they just aren't winning. Phoenix won't get last only because Dallas is too stupid to do any better. Any team who lets go three "Hall of Famers" (Landry, Dorsett, Walker) deserves last place...and *no wins!*

NFC Central

Chicago
Minnesota
Green Bay
Tampa Bay
Detroit

I hate Chicago, but how can I ignore the fact that they can trade everyone and still beat anyone! Minnesota has the desire Philadelphia lacks, but is more shallow in talent. If injuries take their toll on Minnesota, look for Green Bay to snatch second. They have really turned things around. Tampa and Detroit have a long way to go, but Tampa may have a couple of upsets this season.

NFC West

LA Rams
San Francisco
New Orleans
Atlanta

I don't know how the Rams do it, but they keep stealing wins. San Francisco has Montana, and as long as he is at the helm, they will go to the playoffs. Curious to see where they go when Montana retires. New Orleans was greatly disappointed last year. They won't recover until late in the season; too late. Atlanta is looking better, but in this division, they don't have an iceberg's chance in hell.

Wildcards: Cle at Indy and Phil at San Fran.

AFC playoffs will be boring because everyone knows Denver will go to the Superbowl. NFC playoffs will be more exciting. I'll go with Phil upsetting San Fran. Sure, it's biased, but Montana will probably get hurt, killing all chances for San Fran. However, I don't think Phil has it in them to beat Chicago. I think Denver vs Chicago in the "Big One." If you bet Denver, kiss your money goodbye!

[As the season has gotten along, some things have become clear. First of all, Dallas will manage to win a game. Second, I think San Francisco is the team to beat. Denver is cleaning up, but they didn't look that impressive beating Washington, and they certainly should have. Everyone else has!]

Press Judges

(Rich Dunn) 7 Wonders, Turkey to England. Lots of motionless bark, but no sting. Classic.

(Bruce Roberts) Worst Press: Moscow to Rockville in Henway. Boring! Save it for the Armageddon speech. Hell, maybe it is your doomsday speech. Lighten up, Mac!

Runner-Up Worst Press: Fritz to World in Brilliant Disguise. The mark of a true wimp! To resign because he isn't winning and then to cry about it in one last press release. I'm gonna be sick. He didn't get worst press because he could have NMRed. It's only a game Fritz. Take it for what it's worth.

Best Press: Rockville in The SPCA. Particularly the one that starts, "Aw, Jack..." I haven't seen you,

Dick, quite as witty as you were last issue. Good comebacks and observations. I really enjoyed your remark about setting up a game with Jack's grandmother, but he would probably have lost that one too.

Runner-Up Best Press: Constantinople News Service in Hyboria. I would have voted it #1, but Dick's overall comments throughout the issue couldn't be ignored. Hats off to anyone still willing to write press in a game twelve game years long. Wow!

[Why thanks, Bruce — I like to be entertaining. But the press prize this time has to go to... Bruce Roberts: for being the most enthusiastic judge we've had in a long time.]

DON'T NEED TO LOOK FAR

HYBORIA Fall 12

- A (Ouzts):** A Bul H, A Ven-Pie, A War H, A Boh S A Tyr-Mun, A Tyr-Mun, F Tys H, A Gre H, A Sil-Ber, A Tri-Ven
- E (Andersson):** (retreat A Sil-Ber) F Gob-Bal, A Ber-Sil, F Por S F Spa, A Mun S A Ber-Sil, A Pru S A Ber-Sil, F Eng-Bre, F Spa(sc) S F Iri-Mao, A Fin S A Nwy-Stp, A Bur S A Mun, A Lvn-War, A Ruh S A Mun, F Iri-Mao, A Mar S F Spa, A Nwy-Stp
- F (Rusnak):** F Wme-Spa(sc), F Mao-Nao, F Gol S F Wme-Spa(sc)
- T (Geusz):** F Nap S Austrian F Tys, F Eme H, F Tun S Austrian F Tys, A Smy H, A Mos-Stp, A Con H, A Ukr S Austrian A War

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian A Sil retreats to Gal or the box. Nobody votes in favor of the concession to France. For this turn, there's another DIAS draw proposed, and then there's this

proposal to name Hyboria "longest running semi-stalemate." You babies haven't even gotten to 1920 yet!

gained/lost

A: home, ser, gre, rum, bul, war, stp, ven (9)

E: home, nwy, swe, kie, den, ber, bre, bel, mun, hol, par, spa, mar, por, stp (17)

F: mar, por, rom (1)

T: home, sev, mos, nap, tun (7)

even

build 3

remove 2

even

CON to VIE: Sorry about Rome. Take it, it's all yours.

VIENNA: A's in 7.

ROCKVILLE: That's innings, right?

RUSNAK to MARTIN: You goofed, Andersson's press was not sufficient enough to generate my conditional press.

RUSNAK to ANDERSSON: I guess I owe you an apology, my last bit of press was not warranted.

ROCKVILLE: Sorry about that, chief.

LONDON to FRANCE: Given that you have yet to attempt to negotiate, I infer that you are adept at playing as you are at GMing.

LONDON to FRANCE: Instead of throwing insults, why not try something constructive?

LONDON to GM: Is Rusnak an accountant?

ROCKVILLE: You mean you couldn't tell?

LONDON to GM: Italy? I patiently wait for 10 years on your standby list and you give me *Italy*? And you give Paul Mills

Germany! Let's just agree on your price for a good standby position, Dick.

ROCKVILLE: You have yet to make me an offer I can't refuse.

FRANCE to ENGLAND: What do I get if my donkey eats the feet of your rooster?

CONSTANTINOPLE NEWS SERVICE: The Sultan has ended his long absence from the front pages in spectacular fashion this month by holding simultaneous news conferences in Constantinople and Ankara. "There is no truth to the rumor that I am suffering from schizophrenia," he stated in the palace's throne room, while simultaneously declaring in Ankara: "Rumors persist that I have been suffering from multiple personality disorder. These fabrications are entirely without basis in fact." Despite these official denials, wild speculation continues to run rampant all across Turkey, a situation which reportedly has the Sultan beside himself with rage.

PUT YOUR HANDS ON ME

CURARE Spring 11

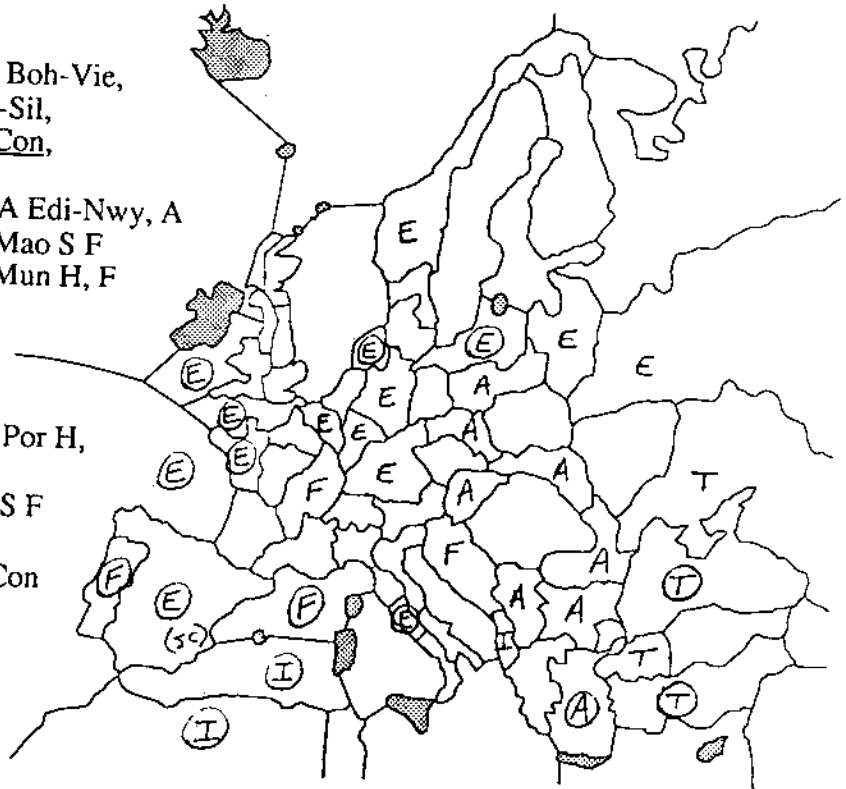
A (O'Brien): (NRR retreat A Mos-box) A Boh-Vie,
A Rum S F Aeg-Con, A Sil-Gal, A Ber-Sil,
A Bul S A Gre-Ser, A Gre-Ser, F Aeg-Con,
A Pru H (unordered)

E (Stanger): (build A Edi, A Lon, F Lpl) A Edi-Nwy, A
Lon-Bel, F Lpl-Iri, A Ruh S A Mun, F Mao S F
Spa, F Spa(sc) S French F Mar-Gol, A Mun H, F
Tus-Rom, F Bre S F Mao, F Eng C A
Lon-Bel, A Mos S A Stp-Lvn, A Stp-
Lvn, F Hel H, F Bal S A Stp-Lvn, A
Kie S A Mun

F (Gossage): (build F Mar) F Mar-Gol, F Por H,
A Ven-Tri, A Bur S English A Mun

I (Rifle): (remove F Tys) A Alb-Ser, F Naf S F
Wme, F Wme S F Naf

T (Mills?): NMR A Sev, F Bla, F Smy, A Con
all hold



Underlined moves do not succeed.

The concession to England fails this time (IF in favor) and is reproped by Italy.

We need a standby for Paul Mills. I expect him back, but one never knows...in the meantime, Michael Gonsalves please standby for Turkey.

PARIS to ROCKVILLE: Let's see, I'm taking World Religions, Asian Studies (Literature of Survival: Hiroshima and Nagasaki), French Literature, Symbolic Logic, Psychology of Personality, Ethics and Value Theory, and European Security and Arms Control. It's enough to make me long for those 60-hour work weeks!

ROCKVILLE: Seven courses? What kind of lunatic are you! Let me guess: you're a political "science" major.

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Mes félicitations, la victoire est a vous.

ROME to VIENNA: Did you have *anything* to write before I remove a unit? Guess not.

AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: It's known as the unintentional intentional walk. Ball four sails high and outside to Sandberg, bringing Dawson up to bat in yet another crucial situation....Cubs lose! Cubs lose!!!!

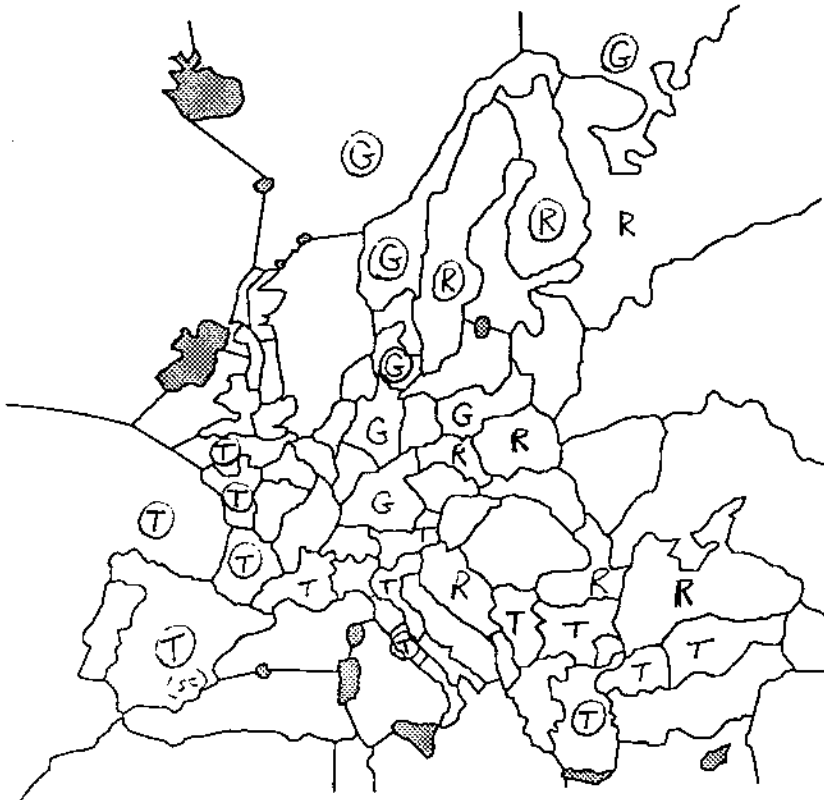
ROCKVILLE: So what else is new?

FRANCE to ITALY: Yessir, I remember back in the late 70s I had an arm like yours, and let me tell you, my mustache was every bit as distinctive as Catfish Hunter's. Don't let them tell you other-

wise — you can't be a great reliever without a voluminous amount of facial hair, ask Dennis Eckersley or that youngster, what's his name, Mitch Williams?

ROCKVILLE: Tell it to Greg Olson, AL Rookie of the Year.

ON THE RUN



HAPPY DAZE

Spring 11

F (Munz): F Stp(nc)-Nwy

G (McHugh): (remove F Gob, F Nth)

A Gas-Bur, F Nwy S F Nws-Bar,
F Nws-Bar, A Ruh-Mun, F Nao-Nws,
A Ber-Pru, A Kie S A Ruh-Mun,
F Den H

I (Richter): F Rom H

R (Olsen): (build A Mos) A Mos-Stp,
A War S A Sil, A Sil H, F Swe H,
F Bla-Syr, A Rum-Bul, A Vie-Tri,
F Fin S A Mos-Stp

T (Yahey): (build A Ank) F Gol-Spa(sc),
A Mar S F Spa-Gas, A Bul-Ser,
A Ven S F Nap-Rom, F Wme-Mao,
F Mao-Eng, F Bre S F Mao-Eng,
A Mun-Bur, A Tri-Tyr, F Spa(nc)-Gas,
F Nap-Rom, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con,
F Aeg S A Con-Bul, A Ank H

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French F Stp dies. The German A Gas retreats to Par or the box. The Italian F Rom retreats to Tus, Tys, or the box. The Turkish A Mun retreats to Ber, Boh, or the box.

GER to RUSSIA: Better hope your Turkish buddy ends the game before I get to you or you'll soon be the former Russian Czar!!!

OLSEN to BIG-MOUTHED HAIRY NORTHERN ANIMAL: Shut up, Yak!

CUB CENTRAL to ROCKHEADVILLE: Did you ever doubt it? Holy Cow!!!

ROCKVILLE: Nope, I never in a million years thought the Cubbies would make it all the way to the series. Once again, I am totally right about everything.

R to G: Not if you don't write....

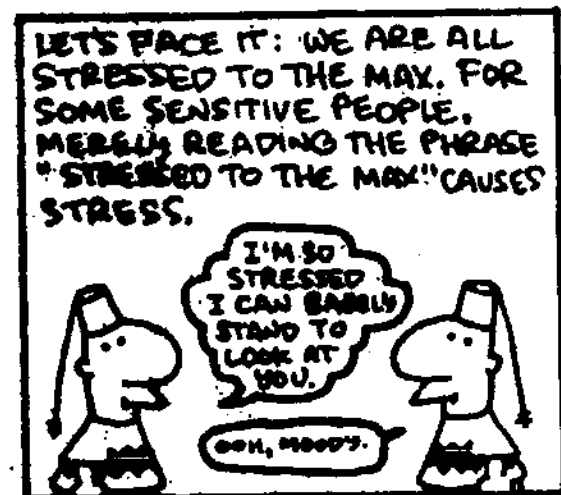
GER to ITALY: Make my day, Italian scum-ball!

ROME to ROCKVILLE: Notice how Jack always seems to get on the good side of all the toadies?

TUR to ITALY: Germany seems to want you out of the game so bad that I will refuse to finish you off. Rome will be open next turn.

FRA to GER: I'd love to attack the Russian, but how? Perhaps my fleet can grow feet and move south for the winter?

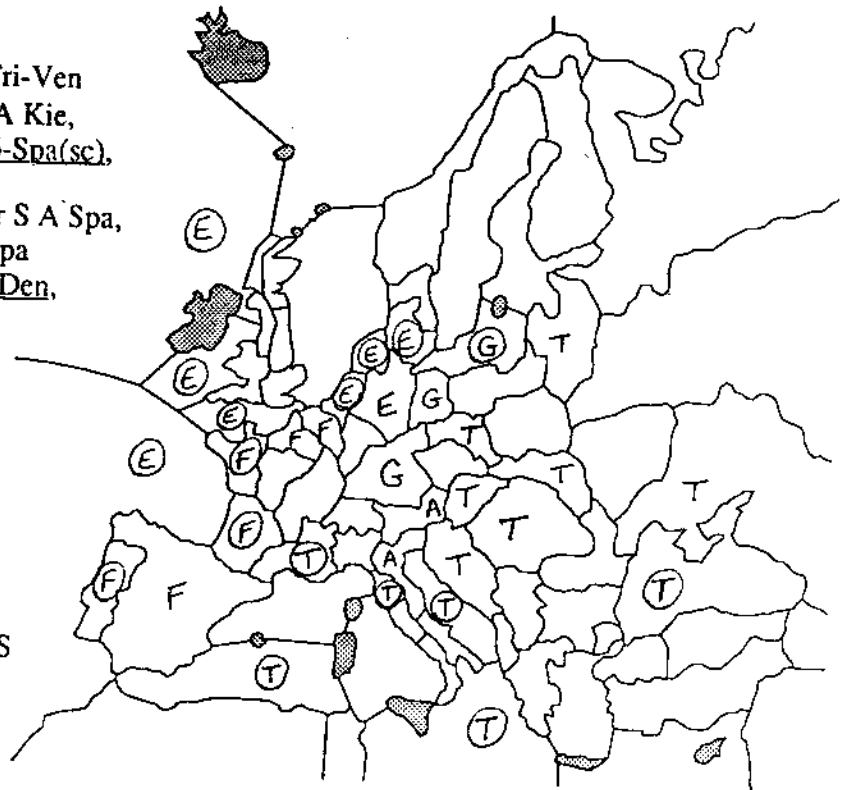
ROCKVILLE: It'll have to grow more than feet....



LIVE IT UP

LEX Fall 07

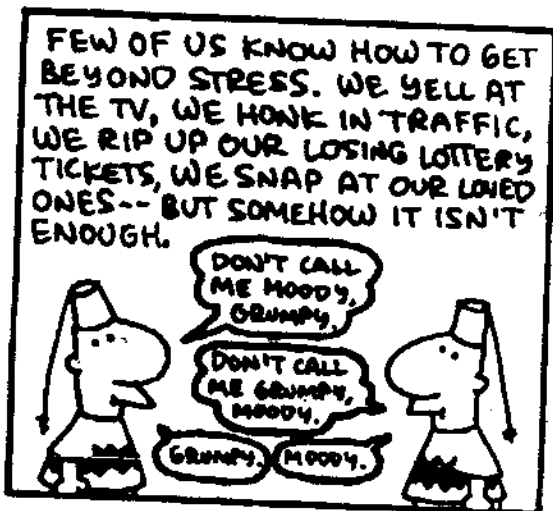
- A (Andersson):** A Tri-Ven, A Tyr S A Tri-Ven
E (Beckett): A Kie H, F Den H, F Hel S A Kie,
 F Hol S F Eng-Bel, F Nao-Mao, F Mao-Spa(sc),
F Eng-Bel, F Iri-Eng
F (Hymel): A Bel S A Pic, A Spa H, F Por S A Spa,
F Bre-Eng, A Pic S A Bel, F Gas S A Spa
G (Gorham): A Ber S A Mun-Kie, F Bal-Den,
A Mun-Kie
T (Boymel): A War-Lvn, A Gal-Sil,
 A Vie S A Ser-Tri, A Bud S A Vie,
 F Bla C A Bul-Sev, A Alb S A Ser-Tri,
 A Ser-Tri, F Adr-Ven, F Wme-Spa(sc),
 F Tys-Tus, F Gol-Mar, A Bul-Sev,
 A Rum-Gal, F Aeg-Ion



Underlined moves do not succeed.
 There's a proposal for a concession to "Turkey/England" but these games are DIAS so it don't go. Meanwhile, France proposes a concession to Turkey. France points out that he did indeed vote for the concession last time — I just missed it. Still didn't pass, though.

gained/lost

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| A: <u>bud</u> , <u>tri</u> , ven (1) | |
| E: home, swe, den, nwy, stp, hol, kie (9) | remove 2 |
| F: <u>mar</u> , bre, par, bel, spa, por (5) | build 2 |
| G: ber, <u>kie</u> , mun, <u>hol</u> (2) | remove 1 |
| T: home, bul, sev, rum, war, nap, mos, tun, gre, vie, ser, rom, <u>bud</u> , <u>tri</u> , <u>mar</u> (17) | remove 1
build 3 |



GORN COMMANDER to CAPTAIN PUGGSLEY:
 "Captain, let us be reasonable. You have lost. Admit it to yourself. Stop running...wait for me and I shall be merciful and quick."

AUSTRIA to WORLD: What was the name of the biblical place where the Jews killed themselves rather than surrender to the Romans?

BERLIN: Just who is this guy Beckett and why is he so hot after Germany?

CONSTANTINOPLE to LONDON ARMY: I guess the problem is that I have grown bored with this game. The way the moves are going, we might not have been able to achieve our 17-17 draw until sometime in 1991 at the present pace of *Retal*. I just wasn't willing to wait that long. Had you built the army you promised and had you made the better moves in Spring 1907 (triple on Bel and double on Kie), I certainly would have been willing to see this game out to the end. It all would have been over but a small amount of mopping up by the end of 1908.

Unfortunately, there's even a 50-50 chance that you won't get any builds this year! I guess it is inevitable in a long-term alliance

when one partner grows much faster than the other—if the slower partner isn't making decent progress, the other will call it quits. I am sorry about this, especially considering how well we have worked together, but your opponents fought much more bravely and intelligently than mine. Such are the fates of war. I guess you should have taken France's offer in 1904, even if it meant you wouldn't have reached eight centers until 1907 or nine until 1908, instead of your current achievements. (An aside to Erik—I didn't say I would support Scott to Spain; I just said that I *promised* him I would).

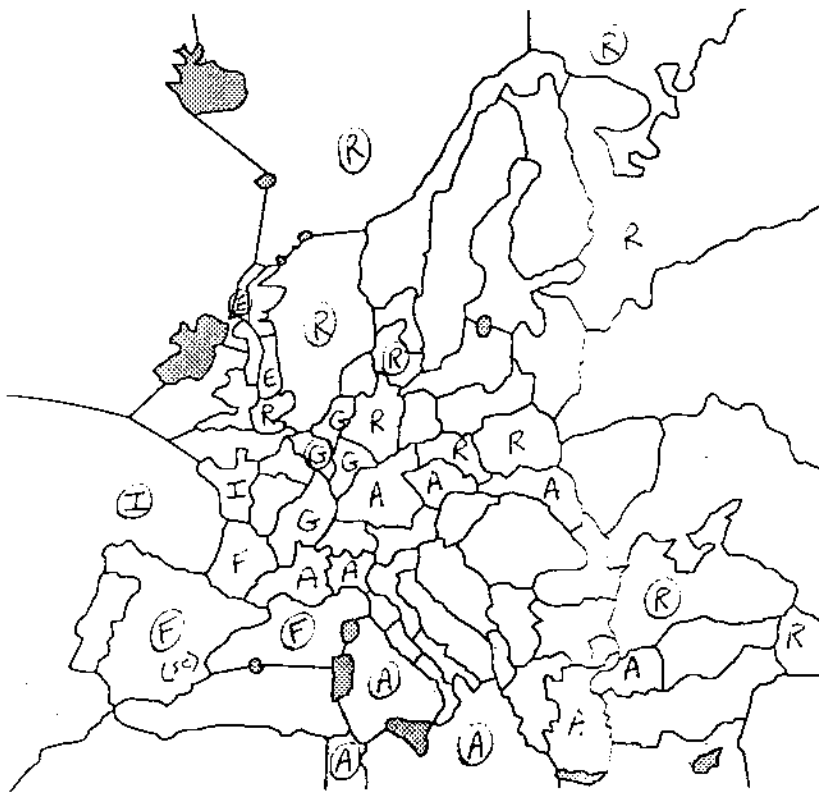
ANKARA to CAPTAIN ZIPPY: By the way, David, it was Scott who persuaded me to stab you, even though I was giving it serious thought anyway. As you will recall, in Spring 1904 we agreed

that you would take Naples from me, in accordance with our long-term agreement. You decided it would be cuter to kick me out, rather than my simply moving out voluntarily, thus convincing others that we were at war, not allied. Congratulations; it worked perfectly. Scott was so outraged by your "stab" of me that he strongly urged me to seek revenge. He promised to stay with me (even though I would grow faster than he). Once I knew that I wouldn't face a four-way, anti-Turkish alliance, I could go for your throat with impunity. I guess the lesson to be learned is that it really doesn't pay to be overly subtle or cute; you often end up fooling the wrong people!

EPITAPH: Stranger, go and tell those in Lacedaemon that we lie here obedient to their orders.

Outnumbered 10-0, Turkey Lives!

HENWAY Fall 06



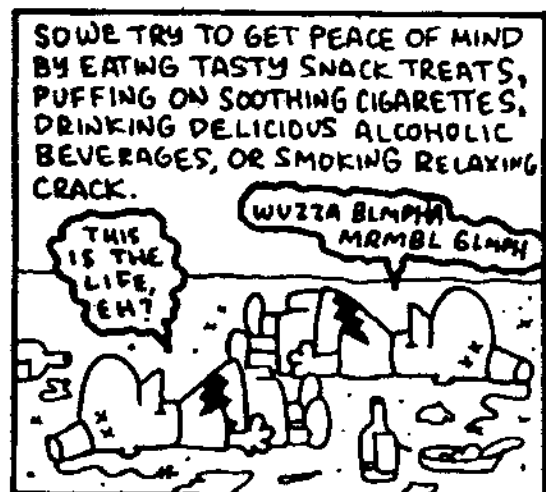
- A (Munzenmaier):** A Mun H, A Bul-Con, A Mar-Pie, F Gre-Aeg, F Tun S F Ion-Tys, A Boh S A Mun, A Pie H (unordered), F Ion-Tys, F Alb-Ion, A Gal H (unordered)
- E (Rusnak):** F Cly-Nws, A Edi-Yor
- F (Schenck?):** NMR A Gas, F Spa(sc), F Gol all hold
- G (Maynard):** (retreat A Kie-Hol) A Bur S French A Gas-Mar, F Bel-Nth, A Ruh S A Hol-Kie, A Hol-Kie
- I (Gonsalves):** A Par-Bre, F Wme-Mao
- R (Geusz):** A War H, A Kie S Austrian A Mun-Ruh, F Den S A Kie, F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Arm, F Nws C A Stp-Lon, F Nth C A Stp-Lon, A Stp-Lon, F Bar C A Stp-Lon, A Mos-Stp, A Sil H
- T (Squibb):** no units on board

Underlined moves do not succeed. No standby called for France at this time. Now, if only Garret would stop writing me telling me he's going to write me orders and send

me the real thing....

gained/lost

- A:** home, ser, bul, con, rom, nap, ven, mun, mar, tun (12) build 2
- E:** lpl, edi (2) even
- F:** bre, por, spa (2) remove 1
- G:** kie, hol, bel, lon (2) remove 2
- I:** tun, mar, par, bre (2) even
- R:** home, rum, swe, nwy, smy, ber, den, ank, lon, kie (13) build 2
- T:** gre (1) can't build!



GERMANY to EUROPE: Not a very talkative bunch, are we. Five letters with only one reply (thank you Garret). Are you just making all the press up, Dick?

ROCKVILLE: No, honest! Next time, tell Garret to write me too!

GERMANY to ITALY: These smooos don't want to talk. Drop me a line. At least that way I know somebody is out there. (I still think you are making all this up, Dick.)

GERMANY to FRANCE: Since the other countries are bankrupt, ie: can't afford stamps, we win by default, right? (Have I whipped this subject enough?)

ROCKVILLE: You just haven't hit on the right topic yet. Keep trying!

HENWAY PRESS: From a letter to *Time* magazine by Phillip G Wik, of Elgin, Illinois: "I support China's decision to crush the democratic resistance. The blood spilled in Tiananmen Square and the loss of the goodwill of other countries are a small price to pay to prevent a civil war that would consume the nation. Thousands died so that millions will live."

How can *anyone* have watched the death of hope in China and still deny that an armed citizenry is essential to the continuance of

civic freedoms? Those who say that light weapons are no match for tanks seem to have forgotten the lessons of Tito's partisans, Ho Chi Minh's Viet Cong (who threw out the French with an army largely armed with flintlocks), the Boers (who at least got a negotiated settlement), and most recently the Afghan Mujahadeen (who certainly benefited from Stingers and other aid, but likely would have prevailed anyway). It is unfortunate that human affairs are so ordered, but political power does indeed come from the barrel of a gun, and the tree of liberty must in fact be watered from time to time with the blood of patriots. Although the preferred drill is, of course, not to lay down your life for your country, but to make the other poor son of a bitch die for his.

Besides, in any truly major revolt, the army would most likely split.

And now the Remington 1100 shotgun is an assault rifle in California—anyone care to try and justify why the top trap and skeet gun in the world should be banned?

Whoops! I forgot! No more talk about guns....

ROCKVILLE: So Lebanon is the most free country in the world? And how do you explain what appears to be a peaceful revolution in eastern Europe?

ROMEO AND JULIET

Next Of Kin Spring 07

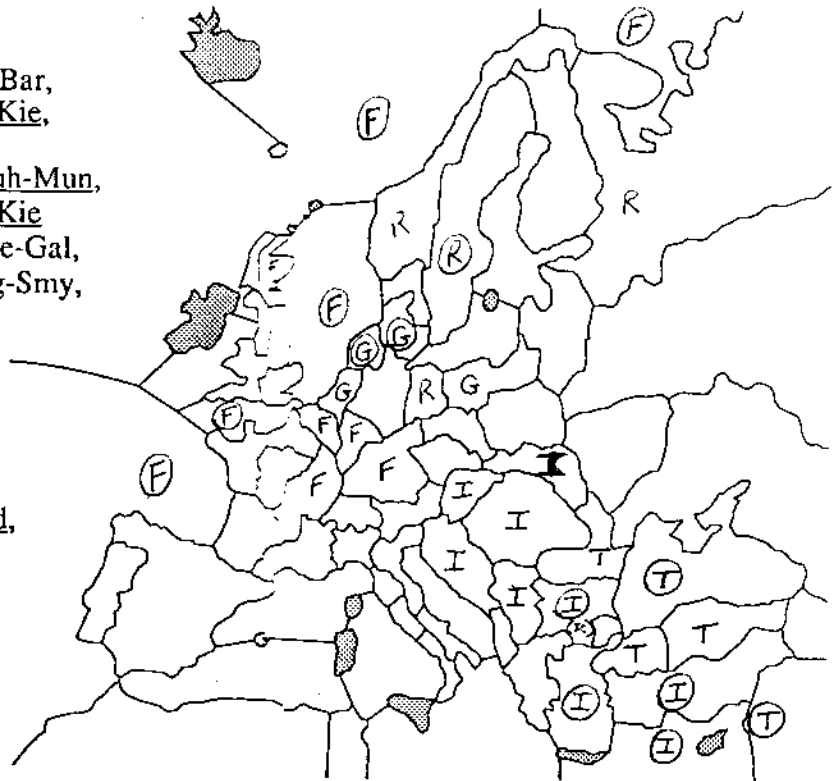
F (Gonsalves): (build F Bre) F Bre-Mao,
A Bel-Ruh, A Bur S A Bel-Ruh, F Nws-Bar,
A Edi H, F Nth-Hol, A Pic-Bel, A Mun-Kie,
F Eng S A Pic-Bel, F Nao-Nws

G (Wilson): (build A Ber) A Ber-Pru, A Ruh-Mun,
F Swe-Den, F Hel S F Swe-Den, A Hol-Kie

I (Reynolds): (build A Ven) A Bud S A Vie-Gal,
A Ven-Tri, A Vie-Gal, F Ion-Aeg, F Aeg-Smy,
F Gre-Bul(sc), F Eme S F Aeg-Smy,
A Ser S A Bud, A Tyr-Vie

R (Schlosser): A Sil-Ber, F Ska-Swe,
A Nwy H, A Gal S Turkish A Rum,
A Stp S A Nwy

T (Hakey): A Bul-Con, F Bla S A Bul-Con,
F Smy-Syr, A Rum S Russian A Gal-Bud,
A Con-Ank



Underlined moves do not succeed. The German A Ruh is killed. The Russian A Gal retreats to Boh, Sil, War, Ukr, Box. France had a unit blown up last year, so gets a build to make up for it. No press!



SQUANK

Murphy's Revenge

Spring 06

E (Boymel): (remove F Hol, F Yor)
F Nth-Ska

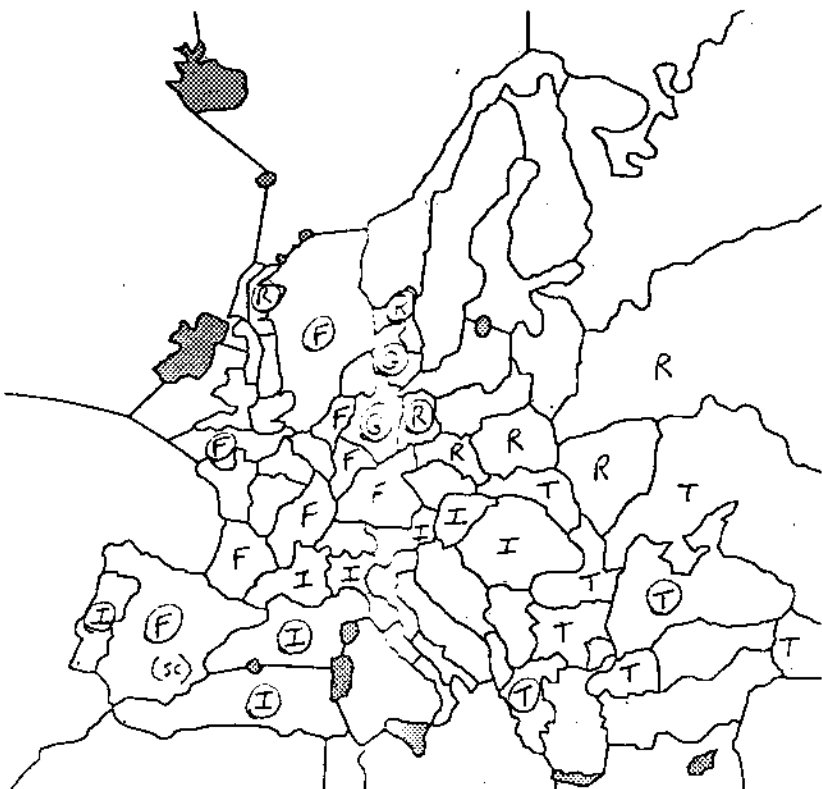
F (Moore): (build A Par) A Par-Bur,
 A Bel-Hol, A Gas S F Spa, F Lon-Nth,
 F Eng S F Lon-Nth, A Ruh S A Bel-
 Hol, A Mun S A Par-Bur, F Spa(sc) S
Italian F Mao-Wme

G (Hakey): F Kie H, F Den H

I (Weseman): (build A Ven) A Ven-Pie,
 A Vie S Turkish A Rum-Gal,
 A Bud S Turkish A Rum-Gal,
 F Tun-Wme, F Mao-Por, A Tyr-Mun,
 F Gol S A Mar-Spa, A Mar-Spa

R (Henry): F Ska-Den, A Gal-War,
 A Ukr S A Mos-Sev, F Edi-Nth,
 F Bal-Ber, A Ber-Sil, A Mos-Sev

T (O'Brien): (build A Con, A Smy)
 A Con-Bul., F Bla S A Arm-Sev
 A Smy-Con, A Sev-Ukr, F Gre H,
 A Rum-Gal, A Ser-Rum, A Arm-Sev



Underlined moves do not succeed. The English F Nth retreats to Nwy, Hel, Bel, Yor, Nws or the box. I love those North Sea retreats!

LIVERPOOL, ER, NO, EDINBURGH, ER, NO, LONDON, ER, NO, NORTH SEA to PARIS: No hard feelings, of course. I still think you would have been better off keeping Italy out of Mao, even if you would have had to defer taking Lon until later. You really do need a viable answer to I-T. All I could do was try; I wrote to you, Germ, Germ standby, and Russia, to no avail. I guess that's the most anyone can expect of a three-unit standby. And as the British fleet sinks slowly into the North...

PARIS to ENGLAND: Goodbye, good luck, and go out!

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: I can't fight everybody — let's talk.

RUSSIA to ITALY: What can I say?

PARIS to ROME: So much for bargaining with good faith! Hope you're out of the Mid, if not looks like Turkey and I get to cut up the boot.

ITALY to FRANCE: Can you see a stab opportunity? If you can't, then why not call a draw and get this mess over with?

ENGLAND to ITALY: Beware! The walls have ears, your press grammar is pitiful, and the Punctuation Police are perfidiously perforating the once proud fabric of our pious illiterate rural lower middle class that is the strength of "apple pie and flag waving" American nationalism.

PARIS to BESIEGED KIEL: We mean you no harm, we come in peace. We want all your beer for our Oktoberfest celebrations in Holland. Come and join us!

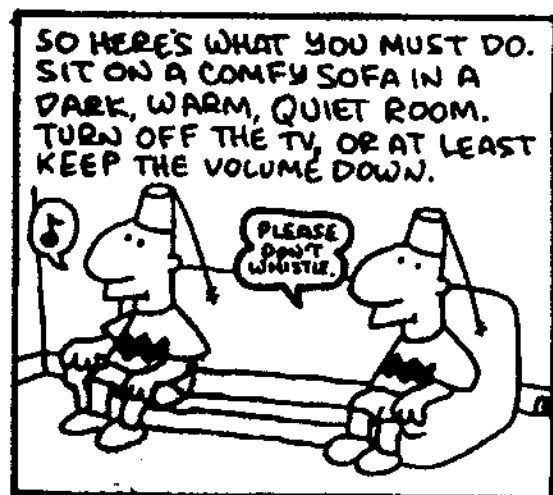
RUSSIA to GERMANY: Good luck in your future endeavors.

RUSSIA to FRANCE: The Czar needs info to coordinate properly — please write ASAP to play for 06.

PARIS to MOSCOW: Better talk fast, that immigration problem you have in Sev seems to be getting bigger.

ITALO/ARMENIAN/TURKISH ALLIANCE to NOT-SO-STANDBY GERMANY: Yo, not so big guy, I think we can work something out. Specifics to follow next turn.

RUSSIA to TURKEY: Now is the time. Couldn't reply — no map to make move with — had to guess. Will write soon. SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS

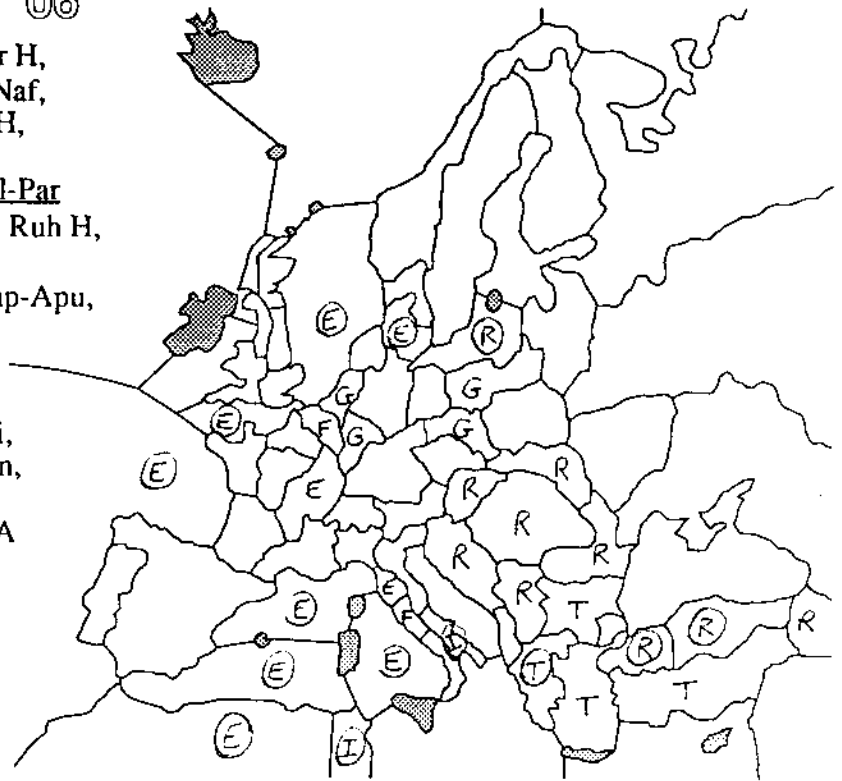


CERTIFIED BLUES

Seven Wonders Spring 06

- E (Cronin):** (build F Lon) F Lon-Eng, A Bur H, F Den H, F Mar-Gol, F Gol-Tys, F Mao-Naf, F Wme S F Gol-Tys, A Tus-Rom, F Nth H, F Nao-Mao
- F (Pitt):** (retreat A Ruh-Bel) F Rom H, A Bel-Par
- G (Zulkowski):** (remove F Kie) A Hol H, A Ruh H, A Mun-Sil, A Ber-Pru
- I (Wilson):** (remove A Tyr) A Tri-Bud, F Nap-Apu, F Ion-Tun
- R (Dunn):** (retreat A Rum-Bud, build A Sev) A Sev-Rum, A Gal S A Sev-Rum, A Ser-Bul, F Lvn-Bal, A Vie S A Bud-Tri, F Ank S F Bla-Con, A Bud-Tri, F Bla-Con, A Arm S F Ank
- T (Reynolds):** (retreat: F Ank-Con, remove A Rum) A Smy S F Con-Ank, F Aeg-Con, F Gre S A Bul, A Bul S F Aeg-Con, F Con-Ank

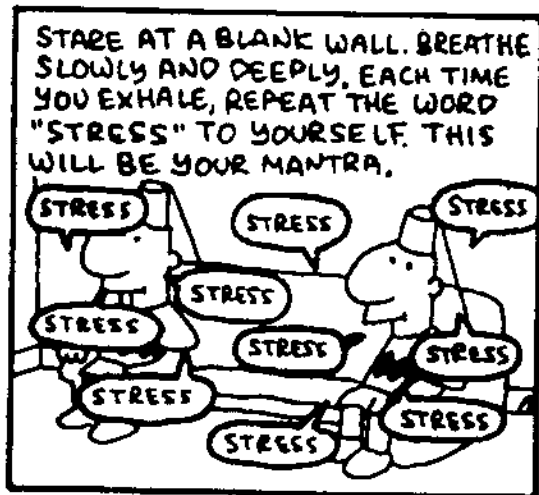
Underlined moves do not succeed. Italy retreats A Tri to Tyr, Ven or Alb. The Turkish F Con is blown up.



MOSCOW to CONSTANTINOPLE: When I declared war on you Brer Phil, it meant to the death.

MOSCOW to ROME: Sell time to wheel and deal.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE: (Our man at large, on the run, in the seat of civilization.) England and Germany are beginning to make strong coordinated moves in order to offset the Russian advances. Apparently the rumored peace treaty between Russia and Austria has not been initiated, and France is all but destroyed. I also have some information about possible fluctuations in the price of Pimento loaf, but that's not important right now. What is important is that black car just passed me on the street. Oh my god, he's looking this way!...



RUSSIA to ENGLAND: Meet you in Tunis!

LON: The Archbishop has found Pope Bradley off fighting foreign aggressors. Who is this false Pope? Away with him! Call in the Royal Navy. Expel the barbarians.

Heavy Metal Playlist (By Bruce Roberts)

Long Cold Winter, Cinderella ★★★★★ This LP shows a lot of talent

Operation Mindcrime, Queensryche ★★★★★ Gets better each time

The Great Radio Controversy, Tesla ★★★★★ Not as good as Mechanical Resonance, but well worth it

Vivid, Living Colour ★★ Only two good songs, disappointing

Skidrow ★★★★★.5 Very good first album

Junkyard ★★★★★ Good, but could use some polishing

Blue Murder ★★★★★ Disappointing considering all their talent

Hysteria, Def Leppard ★★★★★ Classic already!

Savage Amusement, Scorpions ★★★★★

Disappointing for them, they usually get ★★★★★! Maybe next time

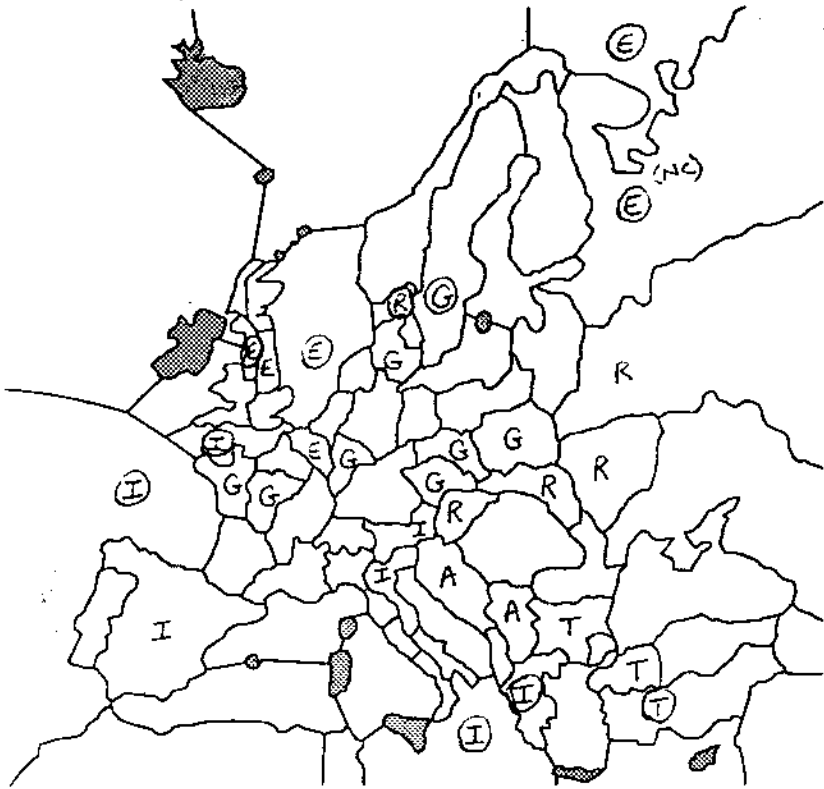
[I've only heard Hysteria, definitely ★★★★★.]

A Hard Rain's A Gonna Fall

Brilliant Disguise

Spring 04

- A (Zulkowski):** (remove F Aeg, A Tyr, A Gal) A Bud-Tri, A Ser S A Bud-Tri
- E (Farha):** (retreat F Swe-box, build A Edi, F Lpl) A Edi-Yor, F Lpl H, A Hol-Bel, F Nwy-Stp(nc), F Bar S F Nwy-Stp, F Eng-Nth
- G (Roberts):** (build A Ber, A Kie) A Ber-Sil, A Kie-Ruh, A Den sittin' on the dock of the bay, A Bre S A Bur-Par, F Swe-Ska, A Bur-Par, A Mun-Boh, A War-Mos
- I (Reiff):** (build A Ven, F Nap) F Nap-Ion, A Ven S A Tri, A Gas-Spa, A Pie-Tyr, F Mao-Eng, F Nao-Mao, F Gre-Aeg, A Tri S A Pie-Tyr
- R (Wallstrom):** (remove F Bul(ec)) A Rum-Gal, F Stp(nc)-Nwy, A Sev-Ukr, F Ska S F Stp-Nwy, A Vie S Austrian A Bud-Tri, A Mos S A Sev-Ukr
- T (Newmaster):** (build F Smy) A Ank-Con, A Con-Bul, F Smy-Aeg



Underlined moves do not succeed. The Italian A Tri retreats to Alb or the box, and the Russian F Stp is blown up.

Germany proposes a concession to "Fritz," "Because we hate to see grown men cry." You guys are just the sweetest things, aren't you?

ROME to WORLD: Does anyone have a copy of the rules to Atari's 2600 Raiders of the Lost Ark? I'm also looking for a copy of their Adventure cartridge. I'm willing to pay big bucks for it (\$10). Yes, I have finally joined the video game age, albeit a used Atari 2600. I figure everything on the market will be outdated in a year or two anyway.

LONDON to ROCKVILLE: Are there any wooden Dip sets to be had anywhere?

ROCKVILLE: They still sell them in Canada, and there's always a couple at the auctions they have at every convention. I've got a couple, but I'm hanging onto them for sentimental reasons.

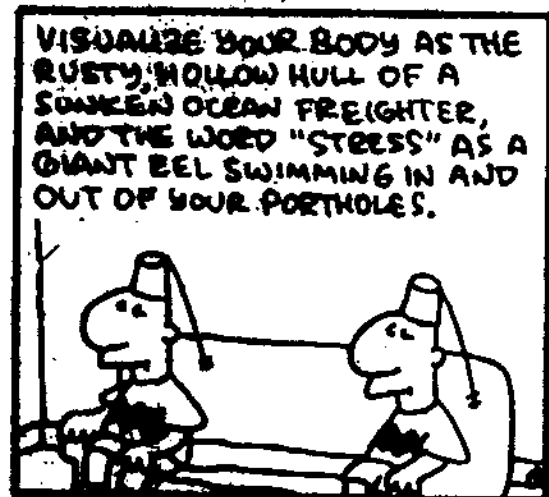
LONDON to ROCKVILLE: Can you give me some feedback on these games:

1) Kremlin: This seems to be the new rage in play-by-mail gaming, although after glancing at the new game contents I can't help but suspect that it's one of those tongue-in-cheek games that is funnier than it is exciting to play (I believe they give characters such names as 'Igor Shootemdedsky'). I suppose it's a prejudice of mine, but I always resent humor in games--I think that's what ruined the whole line of electronic detective games for me some years ago (you know--"Robin Steele," "Dewey Cheatem," etc). At least Mr

President used plausible candidates.

2) Civilization: Another recent rage, but then I don't know...I keep wondering if it's not a Golden Age of Rome version of Conquistador (to say that playing Conquistador takes longer than the actual time span of the Spanish Armada is like saying that the movie A Bridge Too Far cost more to make than Operation Market Garden itself--both are true statements, and no, I don't like wargaming that much).

3) (uncertain on name) Buck Rogers in the 25th Century: This game is boxed and packaged very much like the Milton Bradley Gamemaster series (big box, lots of plastic figurines). I'm a big fan of the Gamemasters series, so I'm equally puzzled as to why this



game doesn't move well in game stores.

4) (uncertain on name) Castle Greyhawk or World of Greyhawk: Again, much like the Gamemaster series, but then adapted from the six most popular string of D&D modules of all time (I believe they actually made a limited comic book out of it, as well as a calendar). The pieces look out of sight (dragons, elves, etc--and this is from someone that hates D&D).

I cannot honestly figure out why Milton Bradley hasn't gone ahead and done a "Civil War" game for their Gamemaster series--I would guess that Civil War enthusiasts outnumber even WWII hobbyists.

ROCKVILLE: OK, I'll see what I can do.... I think your judgement of Kremlin is right on the money. It's a game that sounds cuter than it really is. Civ is an *old* game that's very good when played by good players who are paying attention. It can drag on forever, but certainly doesn't have to as most things can be done semi-simultaneously. I think it's better without the extra trade cards (which make it too easy to advance). The others...never seen 'em. Hope that helps out a bit.

LONDON to ANYONE IN PARTICULAR: Assuming that game shops everywhere are beginning to fold, tell me, what do you guys think killed the market? For me, I would have to say that prolific rules and rising game costs curbed my game-buying habits. The price of games in general have doubled since 1980 (I remember buying Arab Israeli Wars for \$10).

ROCKVILLE: Games just became too complex while the market became flooded with new releases. Instead of everybody having some common ground, like Afrika Korps or Stalingrad, there were dozens of games which nobody had a chance to master (or even play a couple times). The field is still narrow enough in some genres to know all the relevant games (there are only about half a dozen decent choo choo games, for example), but as a whole...forget it.

LONDON to ROCKVILLE: One more game: Avalon Hill's Down With The King: This was advertised as a Machiavellian game, but for some reason it was always "on sale" in stores.

ROCKVILLE: Sorry, never seen it.

ROME to ROCKVILLE: Why is it you keep forgetting my army (which is now in Trieste)? Don't you like me anymore?

ROCKVILLE: Assuming I did in the first place, you mean? No, it's not that, it's just that once something is lost around here it is very hard to find!

LONDON to ROCKVILLE AND REIFF: As a newly converted baseball fan, you'll be proud of me--I'm listening to Steve Goodman's "The Dying Cubs Fan" ("The last time we won a national league pennant was when the US dropped the bomb on Japan").

ROCKVILLE: And sure enough, the Cubs died again.

ROME to ROCKVILLE: OK so I have one more win than I should. Make Dallas' record 3-13 and everything adds up, ok? As for the rest of it...well, it's still early. PS- The Browns just plain suck.

ROCKVILLE: I think you've overestimated Dallas's chances by about three wins. And it's hard to win when your starting full-back has been sacked by the local penitentiary.

TURKEY: Janissaries for Hire. Individual Units available by Season or Year. Send bids to: Subomnipotent Vizier, c/o Subliminal Portal, Constantinople.

MOSCOW to CONSTANTINOPLE: I have a very bad feeling about this -- but what did I really have to lose?

LONDON to ROME: I'm glad somebody else is hip to

Batman; even though the movie holds true to the pre-censorship 1930s pulp, it was still a film without plot or substance. Still, it is a marvel of modern marketing strategy--even before the theater version was released, distributors were suing video stores for pirating the already existing 3000 copies in print.

BER to LON: If you hate the "new" Star Trek so much, why have you been watching all these episodes? Ah, ha! Now I've got you figured out. You really are in love with Diana Troy! Come on spill your guts!

LONDON to LETTERMAN: Here they are, Paul, the top ten reasons I watch Star Trek: The Next Generation:

- 10) Cancellation of Hee-Haw in opposing station's time slot.
- 9) Local Renaissance group did away with Saturday evening plague practice.
- 8) Poor reception on channel 3's Get Smart reruns.
- 7) Have inside info on Wesley Crusher "Guess-O-Sex" lottery.
- 6) Repeat each episode in reverse to listen to the "Paul is dead" message.

- 5) Dig overt male-bonding of Worf and Data.
- 4) Enjoy playing "Where is Trelane" seek and find.
- 3) Watch show in protest of George Takei not autographing Star Trek disc gun.

- 2) Penalty as result of pact with Satan.

- 1) "Stop! Stop it you vonny sods! Not my lovely Ludwig Van! Aaah! I'm cured, oh my brothers!"

ROCKVILLE: Behave, droogie!

BERLIN NEWS AGENCY: Dateline Berlin. Kaiser Roberts officially declared the new European Communities constitution as "unconstitutional." Kaiser Roberts cited cases like Star Trek vs Fish of the Month and Everyone vs "Fritz" to support his ruling. "Judging from these decisions," the Kaiser's ruling read, "it becomes evident that the constitution is meant to protect the extreme right wing of this game from the awful tyranny of the enlightened majority. However, that was not the intent of myself, Mr Reiff, or Mr Farha and therefore is blatantly unconstitutional, right is wrong, black is white, drugs are cool, blah, blah, blah."

The European Civil Liberties Union responded almost immediately, with spokesperson "Fritz" calling this decision "A travesty of justice and equality! However," he added, "it's going to be tough taking this to the courts; so I'll quit and join Melinda Holley in the Bull Pen."

Other observers had more praise for the ruling, among them "Star Trek" Farha and "Fish of the Month" Reiff. "As you know, this is what I've spent most of this game working towards," Reiff chuckled as he sent in orders to stab his Austrian ally/neighbor. "Now we'll see about building a *real* democracy. The kind of place I want -- a godless, liberal society in which the motto is 'Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth,'" "Star Trek" Farha responded as he too sent in orders to maintain parity.

Kaiser Roberts went on to say, "Any deviation from this viewpoint is punishable by death!"

FISH OF THE MONTH: Dark Spotted Moray -- *Gymnothorax fimbriatus*. pH - 8, salinity 1.022, temperature 79°, furnishings -- coral and an upside down flower pot make excellent hiding places. One of these is a must for every saltwater tank that doesn't have small fish in it.

FRENCH FREE PRESS: Italian forces are reported ready to leave French soil if German forces will as well. The ball was rumored to be in Germany's court. The French rebels await their opportunity.

MOSCOW to ROME: Well, we live and learn! Then again, so do religious converts.

ROCKVILLE: Only the lucky ones.

ROME to ROCKVILLE: Got an interesting little letter from the Marines the other day. They said since I graduated from high school a few months ago they wanted to give me the opportunity to train as an electrician. Gee, I thought I graduated from high school seven years ago.

ROCKVILLE: Well, at least the American Association of Retired Persons hasn't come calling yet!

EUROPEAN NEWS AND WORLD REPORT: Sweeping victories by the Italian German alliance has caused massive repolarization in Southern Europe as Russia, the New Turkish Government and the Dual Monarchy attempt to ally in order to stop the onslaught. The hardest hit was the Austrian Government, who suffered massive defeats from the Italian invasion of Trieste. When his Excellency was interviewed in a recent press conference he was quoted as saying: "I was misinformed, I miscalculated, now get out of my office!" Political experts are still trying to examine the repercussions of this

and how all of this will affect the price of pimento loaf.

ROME to ROCKVILLE: Just so you understand why the quality of press is so high, I'm writing this while watching "An Eight is Enough Wedding"! What a fine bunch of entertainment.

INTERESTED PARTY to GM: How 'bout an NMR this turn? I'll even go out on a limb and say it's Austria.

ROCKVILLE: No dice!

ROME: Bradford update: Oh my, the tension, their plane's having engine problems, but they can see the airport ahead. Can David get the plane down safely? I..I can't look. Oh...they made it! Whew! Such high drama.

WORLD to "FRITZ": Goodbye, good riddance, El Wimp!

LONDON to ROCKVILLE: Incidentally, just what was Fritz's real name?

ROCKVILLE: Karl Juhnke, but who wants to know? Or was that "El Wimpo"?

ITALY to GERMANY AND ENGLAND: Is it my imagination or did we chase Fritz out of the game?

WHISKEY'N MAMA

LAST DANCE Spring 03

A (Pitt): (remove F Alb) A Tri-Vie, A Ser-Tri

E (Gaughan): A Lpl-Yor, F Nwy H, F Ska-Den, F Nth S F Ska-Den

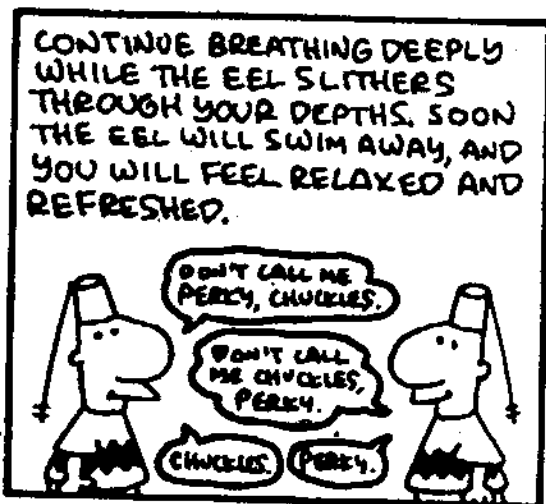
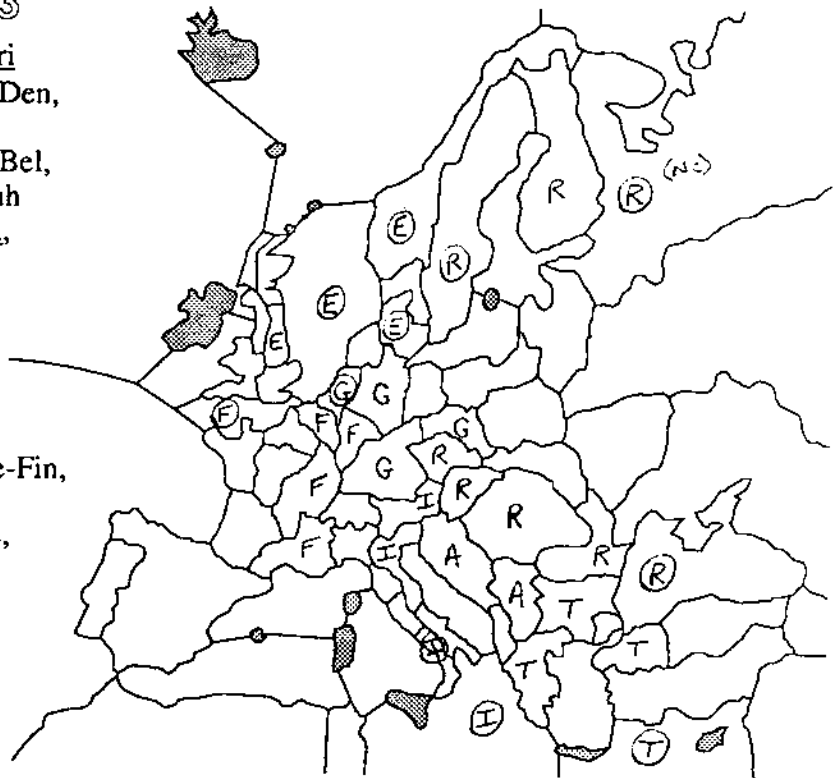
F (Bowen): (build A Par) A Par-Bur, A Pic-Bel, A Spa-Mar, F Eng S A Pic-Bel, A Bur-Ruh

G (Palmer): A Mun S A Ber-Sil, A Kie-Den, F Bel-Hol, A Ber-Sil

I (Anderson): (build A Ven) A Tyr-Vie, A Ven S Austrian A Tri, F Ion-Gre, F Nap-Ion

R (Nash): (build F Stp(nc), A Sev) A Bud S Turkish A Bul-Ser, A Vie-Tri, F Bal-Swe, F Rum-Bla, A Sil-Boh, A Swe-Fin, F Stp(nc)-Nwy, A Sev-Rum

T (Erikson?): NMR (plays one short) A Gre, A Bul, F Eme, A Con all hold



Underlined moves do not succeed.
David Anderson is the new Italian, and how about Jay Ouzts standing by for Turkey. Thanks muchly.

LIEGE TIMES: Propose the recognition of the great " ".

whose name we can not mention, as the most cravenly puppet boot-licker in history. Signed The Avenger.

ROCKY to GM: As a GM of long standing, what is the record high for NMRs in one of your games?

ROCKVILLE: Off the top of my head I can't recall. I've picked up orphans where all the players NMRed, but that doesn't exactly count. Three is pretty high for one turn though, and I've never had more than four.

MOS to LON: Pete, shame on you!

MOS to GM: Tell me about copier problems!

ROCKVILLE: You really don't want to know. It's enough to make a grown man cry.

MOS to BER: You know, if it weren't for the third letter, I wouldn't have done this. I guess writing really does make a difference.

GER to RUS: Our people take great pride in the mutual assis-

tance pact with our benevolent neighbor to the east. To our success.

MOS to CON: Everything is dependent on your build. If it was in Ank, we got a war buddy, F Smy, and we be totally cool.

ROCKVILLE: How about none of the above?

MOS to BOARD: Is Derwood Bowen the next Alan Stewart?

ROCKVILLE: We can only hope not!

MOS to GM: Like those new maps! I'm about to start scanning some in myself (so he's said three issues in a row now as the scanner still lies uninstalled).

ROCKVILLE: Best of all, I didn't even have to scan it myself.

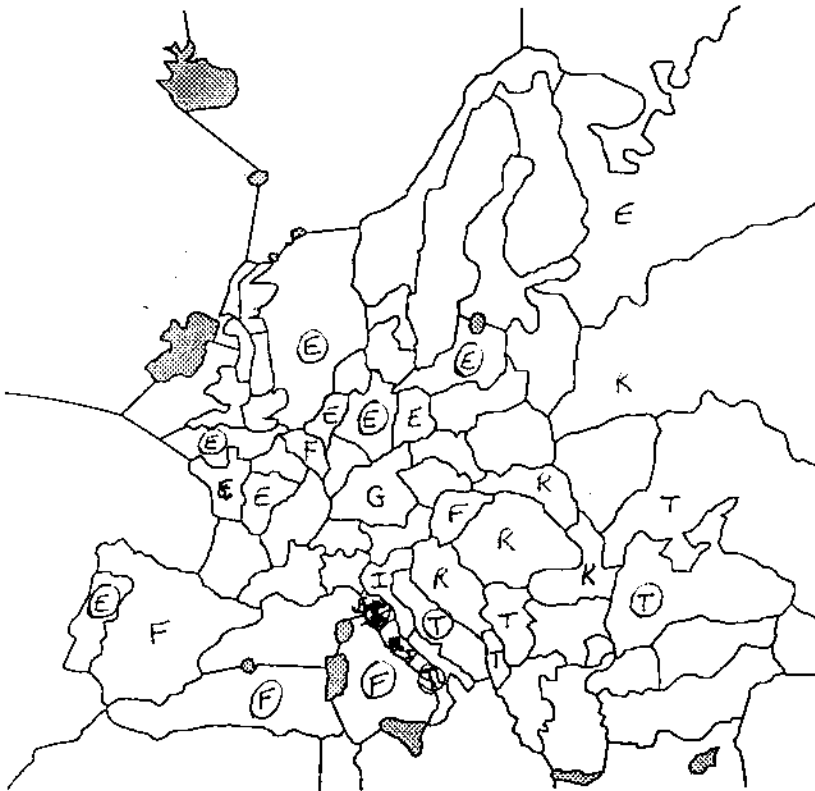
MOS to AUS: Sorry. Got a better offer.

TOM to TOM: Don't trust Tom!

NEW ITALY (YECCH!) to WORLD: I can be bought *very* cheaply.

MOS to BOARD: Who's on first? I don't know, France, England, Italy!

TUBE SNAKE BOOGIE



Lympie Fall 07

E (Slick): (retreat A Kie-Hol) A Stp H, A Ber S F Den-Kie, F Bal S A Ber, A Hol S F Den-Kie, F Mao-Por, F Nth H, A Bre-Par, F Den-Kie, F Eng-Mao

F (Nameless Standby): A Pic-Bel, A Gas-Spa, A Tyr-Vie, F Tun-Tys, F Wme-Mao, F Tus-Rom

G (Binkie): F Kie-Hol, A Mun-Kie

I (...And Keyboard Extra): A Rom-Tus, A Ven S A Rom-Tus

R (Bond, James Bond): (retreat A Sev-Ukr, A Rum-box) A Bud S A Ukr-Rum, A Mos-Sev, A Tri S French A Tyr-Ven, A Gal S A Ukr-Rum, A Ukr-Rum

T (George "Who Me?" Bush): A Alb S A Bul-Ser, F Ion-Adr, F Nap S French F Tus-Rom, A Bul-Ser, F Bla S A Sev, A Rum-Ukr, A Sev S English A Stp-Mos

Underlined moves do not succeed. The German F Kie retreats to Hel or the box. The Turkish A Rum retreats to Bul or the box.

France retreats F-Tus to Pre Got Box 20pt! right the first time!

gained/lost

E: home, stp, nwy, swe, den, bre, kie, hol, par, por, ber (13)

F: par, mar, spa, por, bel, tun, vie (5)

G: mun, hol (1)

I: rom, ven (2)

R: mos, war, sev, bud, vie, tri, ber, rum (5)

T: home, bul, gre, ser, nap, sev (8)

build 3

remove 1

remove 1

even

even

build 1

MEDITERRANEAN SCAB to WORLD: Don't you just hate games where the GM doesn't allow press? I sure do!

ITALY to GM: Merrimac? What are you talking about? Our way it's always "Monitor and Keyboard Extra"!

ROCKVILLE: Would we have it any other way?

CURIOUS: I count only 33 units at the start of Spring 1907.

Which neutral's still holding out? I propose a concession to the brave Portuguese (or Spanish, Grecians...—whoever).

ROCKVILLE: Nope, no neutrals still hanging on, Bond, James Bond just decided to play short. He keeps playing shorter and shorter each year....

ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WHILE BLIND

Manuel Noriega Pro-Am

Spring 35

A (Rug Rat): (remove A Gal) A Bud S A Ser-Tri,
A Ser-Tri, F Gre-Ion, A Vie S A Ser-Tri

E (Jean Valjean): (build F Edi) F Edi-Nth, F Nwy S A Stp,
A Stp H, F Den S F Hol-Kie, F Hol-Kie, F Lon-Eng,
A Yor-Lon

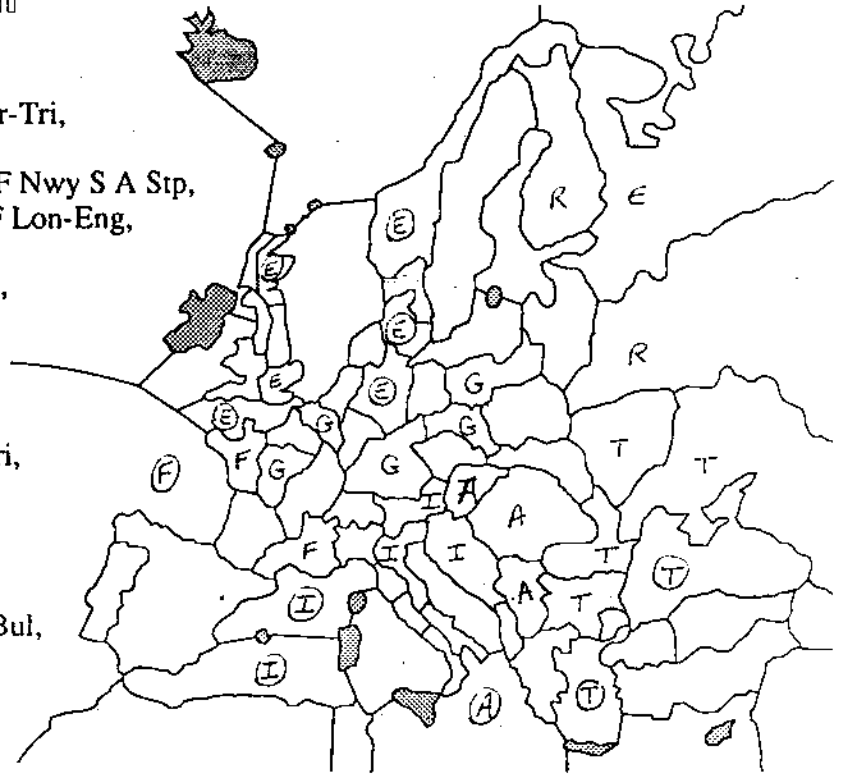
F (Darth Vader): (remove F Eng) A Pic-Bre,
A Mar-Spa, F Mao S A Pic-Bre

G (Mr Mistoffelees): A Bre S A Bur-Par,
A Bur-Par, F Bel-Nth, A Mun-Kie,
A Pru S A Sil-War, A Sil-War

I (Kryptonian): (build A Ven) A Ven S A Tri,
A Tyr-Vie, F Wme-Spa(sc), F Tys-Gol,
A Tri S A Tyr-Vie

R (Rasputin): A Mos S A Ukr-War,
A Ukr-War, A Swe-Fin

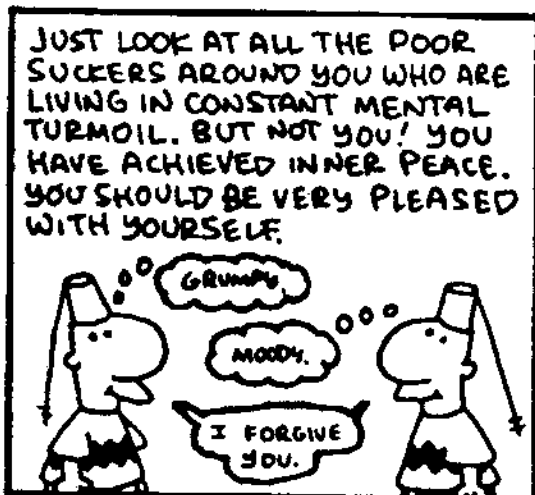
T (Psycho): (build A Con) F Aeg S A Con-Bul,
A Rum S A Sev-Ukr, F Bla S A Rum,
A Arm-Sev, A Con-Bul, A Sev-Ukr



Underlined moves do not succeed. The German A Bre retreats to Gas or the box, and the Russian A Ukr is killed. *can retreat to Gal or box*

KRYPTONIAN to PSYCHO: In today's world, you're normal. Might as well call you The Albany Man.

(SOUNDS OF HEAVY BREATHING): "I find your lack of units...disturbing."



PSYCHO to THE POWERS THAT BE: Ah, fresh flesh! Just what the "Sultan of Psychotics" needs. Do I have to insult you cuthroats to get some press from you? Mata Hari, Obi Wan, and Freddy Krueger (my fav) all wimped out. Let the knives fly! Let the blood flow! Kill or be killed.

RASP to WORLD: Uh? Wots the deal? You guys playing Russian zit (to be popped, that is)? We've just had a glorious religious transformation so give us some air we're really not bad people.

So, as you may have guessed from the return of Akbar and Jeff, we just hooked up a scanner at work. Maybe it'll be better than the old fashioned cut & tape, or maybe not. I'm sure it makes for bigger documents and longer laser printing times. Just how much bigger and longer...I dunno. After all, that's why this is a test issue. The scanner sure is nice, though — a very spiffy setup. Quick, too.

NASTY DOGS AND FUNKY KINGS

THE SPCA Spring 01

Avian Aquatic Alliance (Dorneman):

F Lpl-Wal, F Sev-Bla

Boon Docks (Nash): F Nap-Ion, F Edi-Cly

Chateau D'Isaster (Reynolds): A Rum S Vulgaria

A Bul-Ser

Dutch-London Bureau (Cronin): F Hol-Nth,

A Lon-Yor

God's Country (Boymel): A Rom S F Ven-Apu,

F Ven-Apu

Heinlein's Heretics (Moore):

F Con-Smy

I-Hops (Wilson): A Bud-Gal, F Swe-Ska

Klingon Empire (Reiff): F Por-Spa(nc),

A War-Mos

Pepperland (Larzelere): A Par-Bur

Quasi-Quingdom of Quail (Huffman):

A Ser S Vulgaria A Bul-Gre, A Mos-Ukr

Rutleland (Sherwood): A Bre-Gas, F NwY

S Dutch-London Bureau F Hol-Nth

Scotland (Beckett): F Bel-Hol,

F Den S Dutch-London Bureau

F Hol-Nth

Togoland (Hymel): A Ank-Smy

Vulgaria (Roberts): A Bul-Ser

Worker's Paradise (McHugh): A Stp H, F Kie-Hel

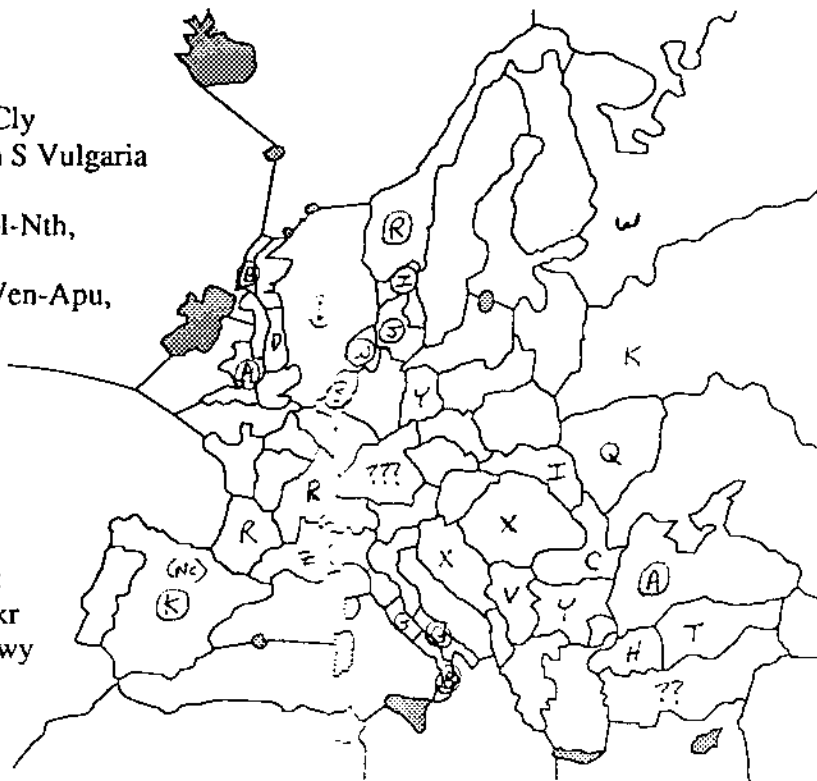
Xanadu (Hakey): A Vie-Bud, A Tri S A Vie-Bud

Ysteria (Dunn): A Gre-Bul, A Ber S ??? A Mun-Kie

Zinnia (Burgess): A Mar S Klingon F Por-Spa

?? (Bohner): F Smy H, F Tun-Ion

??? (Erikson?): NMR A Mun H, A Spa H



The Quasi-Quingdom of Quail A Ser is bounced to Alb or the box. The ??? A Spa is killed. All these units, and still only seven failed moves? Just doing this turn, I can see that this game is gonna be ridiculous to GM. So bear with me when the avalanche of errors begins.

Open standby call for Shawn Erikson's position: anybody not currently in the game is welcome to submit orders (and a country name) for the position.

Apologies to Dan Huffman for mislaying his builds. Not too surprisingly, they were the same as the ones I ended up using. I must be psychic.

Scott Beckett has already changed the name of his country. Hey, why not?

LAS VEGAS to WORLD: Life's a gamble.

OLSEN FLOWER ON THE EVIL EMPIRE: I hope

Klingons like zinnias.

KLINGON EMPIRE to ROCKVILLE: I take it you didn't like my first choice for a country name— "Mack the Reiffe's Forces For Good And The Elimination Of Anderson's Units Wherever They May Appear"? Was it too long or something?

ROCKVILLE: Loved the name, actually, but in our new thrust as a kinder and gentler zeen it was deemed somewhat excessive.

ENGLAND to GM: What are the "protected" datelines in this game? The country names, last names? Please explain.

ROCKVILLE: You know, I'm tempted to limit the protected deadlines to my own and let you all go at it in one great black press festival. The alternative is to protect the country names only. Y'all let me know what you think, and we'll make a decision next time.

BURGESS to DIPPERS: [Warning: the following is a blatant advertisement] I spread a few samples of my subzine among some of my close neighbors. Since Dick is full...I've got a game opening

in regular Dip. I want *press* writers, black press is de rigueur in my subzine!

ROCKVILLE: A highly recommended place to play, by the way....

KLINGON EMPIRE to GM: Can you believe it? The Saturday Night Live 15 Year Special. I can't believe it. I was only 9 when this stuff started. If only John Belushi was still with us.

ROCKVILLE: If he was still with us, he'd probably still be putting out lame movies like Chevy Chase. Besides, death is the ultimate career move. Some great moments on that show, that's for sure.

POTOMAC to ROCKVILLE: Actually, Dick, the best place to see a movie now is Rockville Mall. They have ten theaters and are the best kept secret in town. Recently we went to two Saturday night movies (7:30 show and 9:45 show). The first show was almost empty and the second only half full. The theaters are clean and well maintained and the snack bars (two!) are well staffed.

ROCKVILLE: Well, when we went there we were less than impressed. Nobody seemed to know what the deal was with parking (the ticket person referred us to the downstairs concession stand, who referred us to the upstairs concession stand, who referred us to the manager, who was sitting outside the ticket office. It turns out we didn't need to be validated at all.), the place was still under construction, the escalators were turned off, and the new popcorn machine was chopping up the fingers of the counter people as we watched. They've got a while to get their act together yet. Besides, we like the Olney 9 theater — it's clean, easy to get to, and has lots of parking. Besides which, it's not overly crowded either. Of course, it's not quite so convenient for you.

EMILY LETELLA: What's all this I hear about the Greaseman becoming chairman of the Federal Reserve Board? He's vulgar, crass and tasteless and he's out there setting our economic policy. What? Greenspan? Oh, Greenspan, not Greaseman. Never mind.

NEW CARROLLTON: How about postal Mystery Date? Would it be a dream or a dud?

ROCKVILLE: Well, Mister Pioneer Of The Postal Monopoly Hobby, why not give it a try! Eric & Cathy and Steve & Daf seem to think it's a dream, and I don't know of any duds.

NEW CARROLLTON: That Weasel from WHFS has an interesting sense of humor. He plays songs by Jerry Garcia and Suzanne Vega back to back, then when going through his playlist observes "Garcia-Vega, still an honest cigar." He's deranged (but I mean that as a compliment). He's the one who kept playing that "Brains of Santa Claus" song a couple years ago, too. I can't get into WPFW, though. The couple of times I listened to it I got an interview of a 60s radical reminiscing about the good old days, and a speech by Daniel Ortega, in Spanish being continually broken up for the English translation. For political affairs, NPR is just so much superior. I don't get their signal too well either. You may be their only 30-year old white suburban listener.

ROCKVILLE: Weasel is a real nut case, but a little bit one-tracked at times. Wonder how much longer he'll last, though, it seems like all the old djs are leaving. I miss Tom T and Bob Here already. However, Meg in the Morning seems to be making a comeback doing the news in the morning. If they gave her her old show back, I'd listen to them again (at least in the mornings). You have to know when to listen to WPFW. They've got the news at 4 and 7, and I think it's ok. Then again, I've always thought NPR was a bit boring. The Spear is a real radical Thursday night at 6. Jazz Band Ball is

Tuesdays 3-6 for dixieland. The Bama Hour is Saturday afternoon from 11-2, with Brazilian before that. They've got the only 86 year old radio personality in town on before 9 Wednesday mornings. There's a good variety of stuff here, even for us white boys (and girls). Not your typical suburban fare though, that's for sure. Take it all with a grain of salt.

WORKER'S PARADISE to BW: How's about sticking around long enough to throw me the game for a change.

BOOB to FLAP JACK: Which of us do you think is better liked? I'd rather have sex than food....

ROCKVILLE: I don't know, I think an hour or two of each a day strikes a nice balance.

VERTIGO SUBSCRIBER to RETAL MASTER: Hey Dick, something happen to Wilson? Haven't seen a *Vertigo* in quite a while. Bradley disappearing into the woodwork? Please comment on this scary situation.

ROCKVILLE: Oh, I don't worry about Brad. He'll get around to putting out another issue again one of these days. And it'll be worth the wait.

WORKER'S PARADISE to GM: He's even later and less reliable than you are Dicko old chum, old pal, old Dip buddy.

ROCKVILLE: Thanks, Jack, that's the nicest thing you've said about me all day.

AAA: The Penguins, Puffins, Mallards, Terns, Cormorants and other members of the Avian Aquatic Alliance hereby resolve never to build any armies in their quest for understanding this chaotic world into which we have been plunged. Land-locked countries can sleep soundly tonight.

VULGARIA to CON: Peace, oh gracious Sultan! May your worldly travels take you to many foreign lands. Hope your pillaging is successful as long as you view my provinces from a distance. If I may assist you in some way, please feel free to ask me. TTFN

KLINGON EMPIRE to GOD'S COUNTRY: Cooperation would be wonderful. For now I'll look north if you look east.

WORKER'S PARADISE to DUTCH-LONDON BUREAU: What you say we get to gether and do the lunch thing real soon. I'll have my toady call yours and we'll break bread and chew the fat.

WORKER'S PARADISE to GM: You heard me Dick, call his toady.

ROCKVILLE: OK — I'll call that toady and raise you a froggy and a birdy.

THE BRIDGE OF THE BATTLECRUISER K'T'INGA: Captain Koloth (Bradford update — oh no, Tommy's wrecked his Porsche. He's hurt. Will he live? I can't stand the suspense.) looked over the crew. They were a good crew. But were they up to the task? They were stuck in a corner. Put there by that evil Federation puppet Admiral Martin. Their marine force was in a godforsaken place called "Poland." There would be no help from the other force. Martin had seen to this. Those Federation puppets the Xanadians had obviously sucked up to Martin to get their superior position. Not since James Kirk had the Empire seen a plague such as Martin. Koloth would see to the exorcism of this tumor. But for now he must get help. The commander of the Zinnian forces seemed trustworthy. They could work together. Burgess thought like a Klingon. The first problem would be Hymel. This could be dispatched quickly and most easily. Then the problems would begin. Koloth remembered what his fother always told him when he was a boy growing up, "Duj Huaqtah, Koloth, Duj Huaqtah." Koloth sat back and smiled. He would. "Ahead warp factor 3!" The mission had begun....

THE NEW AND IMPROVED DICTIONARY: Stress — that

confusion created when one's mind overrides the body's basic desire to choke the living shit out of some asshole who desperately needs it.

WORKER'S PARADISE to BOHNER: Hey Babyface (Tom S. says that is your true nickname, the guy is always trying to start something between me and other people, one day I will tell you the real story of what happen between Ben Schilling and me thanks to "Little Tommy" Swiper, grrrr!) are you going to stay around long enough to help me. Don't pull a Wilson on me and leave me hanging

out to dry because you couldn't find your apartment under all your mail, like certain GM's I could mention-but I won't because I am much too nice a person and BRAD WILSON P.O. 126 WAYNE PA 19087 will vouch for that, assuming he finds this issue and reads it.

PROVIDENCE to ROCKVILLE: I'm not feeling inspired, which should please you no end.

ROCKVILLE: Heck no! I love to see inspiration so I can remember what it looks like.

Kingmaker #89-1 — Initial Setup

Jon Heck—The Rabbit Kings; Lee McConnell—Purple Banner; Tim Moore—Cross & Sabre; John Shutelock (faction as yet unnamed); and Brad Wilson—House of Rocky & Bullwinkle; GMing by the California Connection—Mike Scott.

Mark Weseman pulled out, therefore I have placed his nobles on the board and they will sit there unless I get a standby for him.

Uncontrolled Heirs:
all in original locations.

Nobles:

Audley @ Tickhill
Beaufort @ Corfe
Berkeley @ Berkeley
Clifford @ Conisborough
Cromwell @ Tettershall
Hastings @ Tutbury
Herbert @ Llanstephan
Neville @ Raby
Percy @ Cockermouth
Pole @ Wingfield
Scope @ Masham
Stafford @ Newcastle

Ships:

Le Christopher @ Southampton
Le Lucas @ Whitby
Le Margaret @ Lynn
Le Nicholas @ London
Le Swan @ Berlick

Three cards were sent to the Chancery.

In the newly sent added rules is one on ships and controlled towns. I recommend that this rule be checked at this time.

As for the votes on the Optional Combat, it passed. And we did get some of the other cards approved to go into the deck. I liked the idea one player had to not tell how many (in case there are any card counters out there) went into the deck. So unless four of you tell me that it's a must for you to know, be assured that at least one of each is in....

First Turn Event Cards: <12 Nobles in play = 4 cards.> 1) French Raid: Admiral to Rye with 2 Ships, Warden of Cinque Ports to Rye with 2 Ships. 2) Revolt in Wales: Talbot to Ludlow. 3) Mercenaries Go Home: Flemish Crossbow Men. 4) Scots Raid: Warden of Northern Marches to Berwick.

...AND THEN WE WENT TO HELL.



PLAYERS AND POSITIONS: AFRICA: BRUCE REIFF. ITALY: TIM MOORE. ILLYRIA: SID JOLLY. CRETE: DAVID L. MUNZENMAIER. ASSYRIA: ERIK VAN ROSSUM. BABYLON: JOHN GRANT JR.. EGYPT: TOM BUTCHER. GM: MIKE SCOTT.

OK; AGAIN. THE REPLACEMENT PLAYERS. FOR:

ITALY: TIM MOORE. 405 FAIR DRIVE #101. COSTA MESA. CA 92626-6215
PHONE 714 / 549 - 3816 2:30 PM TO 8:30 PM. BUT THE ANSWERING MACHINE WILL ALWAYS BE ON.

CRETE: DAVID L. MUNZENMAIER. 707 EL DORADO BLVD. #124. HOUSTON. TX 77062 I DO NOT AS OF YET HAVE A PHONE LISTING FOR HIM.

ALSO: BRUCE REIFF HAS A COA: 3240 ROCKER DR.. CINCINNATI. OH 45239
PHONE 513/ 741 - 4316

ONE CORRECTION. BABYLON HAD 6 CITES LAST TURN. NOT THE MISPRINTED 5 ON THE ENDING CHART. ASSYRIA NMR'D THIS TURN; GM MADE ONLY THE POPULATION EXPANSION THAT WOULD NOT BE SURPLUS REMOVALS LATER. HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ERIK. HOPE IT WAS JUST THE POST OFFICE EATING HIS MAIL. I DO NOT HAVE A STANDBY AT THIS TIME. ANYONE KNOW OF ONE???

TURN 6: CONTINUED

PHASE 10: TRADE: NO FURTHER TRADES. CARDS RETURNED DUE TO EXPANDED TRADE CARDS: AFRICA 3= A/AG. 9/39. 9/22. ITALY 3= 6/23. E/FF. 2/29. ILLYRIA 1= D/TT. CRETE 2= 14/88. T/TT. ASSYRIA 2= C/TT. 1/23. BABYLON 1= 3/00. EGYPT 1= 2/MM. PHASE 11: ACQUIRE CIVILIZATION CARDS: NONE. PHASE 12: RESOLVE CALAMITIES: BABYLON REMOVES CITY @ H6 TO 2T AND DISCARDS ONE MORE TRADE CARD (D/SS). THERE ARE. AT THIS POINT. THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF CARDS IN THE TRADE CARD STACKS: #1 - 10. #2 - 4. #3 - 11. #4 - 13. #5 - 11. #6 - 10. OTHERS PER ORIGINAL COUNTS. THE AST CHART HAS BABYLON & EGYPT IN SQ 5. AND ALL OTHERS IN SQ 6.

TURN 7: PHASE 1: TAXATION. AFRICA. ITALY. ILLYRIA. and CRETE: 3 CITIES x 2T/CITY = 6T; ASSYRIA & BABYLON 5 CITIES x 2T/CITY = 10T; AND EGYPT 6 CITIES x 2T/CITY = 12T. REVOLTS: NONE.

PHASE 2: POPULATION EXPANSION: AFRICA 2T @ C1. C6. C8. 1T @ B1. C4. D2. D5; ITALY 2T @ A3. A7. A9. B2. I1 @ A8. B3. B8. R1. R3; ILLYRIA 2T @ A1. A5. K5. R4. K2. K4. 1T @ A2. K1. K3; CRETE 2T N1. N2. N8. N9. P6; ASSYRIA 2T L9 1T J3. J5. L6; BABYLON 2T @ G3. H1. H3. H5. H6. J5. J7. 1T @ H7 (USED ALL HIS STOCK); EGYPT 2T @ D8. E2. E7. E8. G8. 1T @ D7. E1. E3. E5. E6. (USED ALL HIS STOCK)

PHASE 3: CENSUS: AFRICA AND CRETE AT 20. ITALY AT 26. ASSYRIA AT 27. EGYPT AT 31. BABYLON AT 33. ILLYRIA AT 35.

PHASE 4: SHIP CONSTRUCTION: AFRICA BUILD @ C6. MAINTAIN @ B1 = -3T
TREASURY; ITALY BUILD @ B2 = -2T TREASURY; CRETE BUILDS @ N1 & N9 = -4T
TREASURY (SCRAPS OTHERS): ILLYRIA BUILDS @ K5 & R4. MAINTAINS @ K4 = -5T.
PHASE 5: MOVEMENT: AFRICA SHIP 2T @ B1 TO B2, B6, B8, B5 AND UNLOAD 2T AT C5. 2T C1-C2, 1T C1-C6, 2T C4-C5, SHIP 3T C6 TO C2, C3, AND UNLOAD 2T AT C5 ON TO C4 TO UNLOAD 1T, 1T C8-C7, 1T C8-D1, 1T D2-D3, 1T D5-D6; CRETE SHIP 3T @ N1 TO P9 UNLOAD 2T, TO N3 TO UNLOAD 1T, TO N4, 2T N2-N4, 2T N8-N9. SHIP 4T N9 TO M6 UNLOAD 2T, TO M5, TO M4 UNLOAD 2T, 2T P6-P5; ITALY SHIP 4T B2 TO B1 UNLOAD 2T, TO B4 UNLOAD 2T, 2T A3-A7, 2T A7-B2, 2T A7-B3, 2T A9-A3, 2T A9-A3, 2T B3-B8, 2T B8-C5, 2T R1-R3; ASSYRIA <NONE> NMR'D; EGYPT 1T D7-E8, 2T D8-E1, 2T E1-E2, 1T E3-G8, 1T E5-F5, 1T E6-G8, 1T E8-F5; BABYLON 2T G3-G4, 4T H1-J8, 2T H3-H1, 1T H3-H6, 1T H5-H6, 1T H5-H8, 1T H8-H9, 4T J5-J8, 4T J7-J8; ILLYRIA 1T A1-A2, 2T A2-K1, 2T A5-K5, 2T K1-K2, 2T K4-K3, SHIP K4 TO K3, TO K2 LOAD 4T TO K3 UNLOAD 4T, SHIP 4T K5 TO K2, TO K3 UNLOAD 4T, SHIP 2T R4 TO P4 UNLOAD 1T, TO P1 UNLOAD 1T.

PHASE 6: CONFLICTS: AT P5 CRETE 2T VS ITALY CITY = REMOVE CRETE 2T (RULE 11.6.1); AT P6 CRETE AND ITALY EACH REMOVE 1T. AT C5 ITALY REMOVES 2T AND AFRICA 1T.

PHASE 7; BUILD CITIES: AFRICA UNABLE TO BUILD DO TO CONFLICT LOSS. ILLYRIA BUILDS AT K3, BABYLON AT N6 & J8. EGYPT AT E2 & GB.

PHASE 8; REMOVE SURPLUS POPULATION: AFRICA 4T AT C5, ITALY 1T AT B1 & B4.

PHASE 9; ACQUIRE TRADE CARDS: AFRICA 3 = 9/PP, F/CC, G/RR; ITALY 3 = 4/BB, A/JJ, D/FF; CRETE 3 = N/HH, H/HH, AND THE VOLCANIC CLAMITY CARD; ILLYRIA 4 = 7/BB, G/PP, C/MM, E/34; ASSYRIA 4 ONLY (STACK 2 IS EMPTY) = C/NN, E/QQ, 6/GG, 7/39; BABYLON 6 ONLY = 3/31, F/JJ, 4/39, A/QQ, 10/II, 2/32; EGYPT 7 ONLY = 2/FF, 6/GG, 10/EE, 7/26, G/TT, B/AA, K/35.

PHASE 10; TRADES: PROPOSED AFRICA OFFERS 3 CARDS INCLUDING 2 TIMBERS/13PTS ASKING FOR IRON/BEST PTS. (CONDITIONAL - GM TO RECIEVE CONFIRMATION).

ITALY - CALL THE GM IF YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THIS CHANGE IN YOUR OFFER. OFFERS 3 CARDS INCLUDING SALT/6 PTS ASKING FOR 2 PAPYRUS OR MINIMUM 20 PTS. (AGAIN CONDITIONAL - GM TO RECIEVE CONFIRMATION).

GM ALSO PUTS THIS ASSYRIA CONDITIONAL TRADE FORWARD; 3 OR 4 CARDS, INCLUDING OIL OR GRAIN, AND WINE OR CLOTH/ MINIMUM 8 POINTS - ASKING FOR IRON OR OPPOSITES OF OIL OR GRAIN, AND WINE OR CLOTH/BEST OFFER. (IF ERIK IS STILL PLAYING HE CAN PULL THIS....)

FINAL INVENTORY:	AF	IT	IL	CR	AS	BA	EG
TOKENS:	15	21	19	17	25	15	19
CITIES:	3	3	4	3	5	7	8
SHIPS:	2	1	3	2	0	0	0
STOCK:	22	16	27	28	12	18	12
TREASURY:	6	10	1	2	10	14	16
TRADE CARDS:	6	6	7	5*	9	11	13
CIV. CARDS:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*PLUS CALAMITY CARD.

ENDING LOCATIONS: AFRICA, CITY'S C3, C9, D4, 2T C2, C6, C8, 1T, C1, C4, C5, C7, D1, D2, D3, D5, D6; ITALY, CITY'S B7, P5, R2, 4T A3, 2T A7, A8, A9, B2, B3, B8, 1T B1, B4, P6, R1, R3; ILLYRIA, CITY'S K1, K6, K7, P3, 3T A1, K5, 2T A5, K1, K2, K4, R4, 1T A2, P1, P4; CRETE, CITY'S N5, N6, P7, 2T M4, M6, N2, N4, N8, N9, P9, 1T N1, N3, P6; ASSYRIA, CITY'S G1, G2, L2, L4, M5, 4T L9, 3T J3, J6, L6, 2T L5, L7, L8, M1, M3, M8, 1T M7, M9; BABYLON, CITY'S G5, G6, H2, H4, H6, J8, J9, 2T G3, G4, H1, H5, H7, H8, H9, 1T H3; EGYPT, CITY'S E2, E4, F1, F7, F8, G7, G8, G9, 4T E7, E8, 2T D8, E1, F5, 1T D7, E3, E5, E6, F3.

PLAYERS SHOULD REMEMBER THAT AS OF RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE CARDS TO RETURN DUE TO THE EXPANDED TRADE RULES. AS I SEE IT, AFRICA, ITALY, AND ILLYRIA WOULD RETURN 3, CRETE 2, ASSYRIA & BABYLON 4, AND EGYPT 5. UNLESS TRADED AWAY OR TURNED IN FOR CIVILIZATION CARDS OF COURSE. NOTE TOO, THAT CRETE WILL NOT HAVE TO RETURN AN ADDITIONAL CARD WITH HIS CALAMITY, HE'S AT THE 3 MINIMUM.

BRUCE HAS SUGGESTED WE DROP THE COROLLARY:TRADE LOSS PORTION OF THE EXPANDED RULES. IN LIGHT OF THE LITTLE TRADING THAT HAS GONE ON, IT MAY BE BENEFICIAL TO THIS GROUP OF PLAYERS. SO HOW ABOUT SOME DISCUSSION FROM THE REST OF YOU BEFORE WE TAKE IT FOR A VOTE? IT WOULD TAKE 5 PLAYERS VOTING YES TO DROP IT, AND IT WOULD NOT BE DROPE FOR THIS TURN. GM PREFERS TO SEE IT IN PLAY.

Would the players please send me the cards you wish to trade? NOT Your hidden card number.....it'll make it quicker to put things together - and besides, I can't print those numbers, I have to print the other players set that corresponds.

DEADLINES: TRADES AND PROPOSALS; SEPT. 16TH
MORE TRADES AND TURN 7/8 MOVES DUE OCT. 9TH.

(AFTER HAVING THIS 99% FINISHED, MY COMPUTER ATE THE ENTIRE FILE.....SO
HERE'S GO-AROUND TWO....) THEN IT ATE MORE AND AGAIN I'VE RETYPED.

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TURN 1 : INITIAL SET UPS; AFRICA: D2. ITALY: A4. ILLYRIA: A1.
TRACE: K1, CRETE: N9. BABYLON: H2. EGYPT: E8.

PHASE 1: TAXATION, REVOLTS: NONE.

PHASE 2: POPULATION EXPANSION: 1T AT EACH; AFRICA: D2, ITALY: A4.

ILLYRIA: A1, TRACE: K1, CRETE: N9, BABYLON: H2, EGYPT: E8.

PHASE 3: CENSUS: ALL PLAYERS AT 2. PHASE 4: SHIP CONSTRUCTION: NONE.

PHASE 5: MOVEMENT: AFRICA: 1T D2 TO D1, 1T D2 TO D5, ITALY: 1T A4 TO
A3, 1T A4 TO A7, ILLYRIA: 2T A1 TO A5, TRACE: 2T K1 TO K5, CRETE: 2T A9

HOLD, BABYLON: 1T H2 TO H1, 1T H2 HOLD, EGYPT: 1T E8 TO E5, 1T E8 TO E7.

PHASE 6: CONFLICTS: NONE. PHASE 7: BUILD CITIES: NONE.

PHASE 8: ACQUIRE TRADE CARDS: NONE. PHASE 9: REMOVE SURPLUS POPULATION:

NONE. PHASE 10: TRADE: NONE. PHASE 11: ACQUIRE CIVILIAZTION CARDS:

NONE. PHASE 12: RESOLVE CALAMITIES: NONE.

TURN 2 : PHASE 1: TAXATION, REVOLTS: NONE.

PHASE 2: POPULATION EXPANSION: AFRICA: 1T D1 & D5, ITALY: 1T A3 &
A7, ILLYRIA: 2T A5, TRACE: 2T K5, CRETE: 2T N9, BABYLON: 1T H1 &

H2, EGYPT: 1T E5 & E7.

PHASE 3: CENSUS: ALL PLAYERS AT 4. PHASE 4: SHIP CONSTRUCTION: NONE.

PHASE 5: MOVEMENT: AFRICA: 1T D1 TO C6, 1T D1 TO C8, 1T D5 TO D6, 1T D5
HOLD, ITALY: 1T A3 TO A8, 1T A3 TO A9, 1T A7 TO B2, 1T A7 TO B3,

ILLYRIA: AT A5 TO K1, 2T A5 TO K5, 1T A5 TO K7, TRACE: 2T K5 TO K7, 2T K5
HOLD, CRETE: 2T N9 TO N8, 2T N9 HOLD, BABYLON: 1T H1 TO H3, 1T H1 TO

J6, 1T H2 TO H1, 1T H2 HOLD, EGYPT: 1T E5 TO E2, 1T E5 TO E6, 1T E7 TO
D8, 1T E7 TO E8.

PHASE 6: CONFLICTS: NONE. (AT K5 & K7 THE POPULATION LEVEL WAS NOT
EXCEEDED.) PHASE 7: BUILD CITIES: NONE.

PHASE 8: ACQUIRE TRADE CARDS: NONE. PHASE 9: REMOVE SURPLUS POPULATION:

NONE. PHASE 10: TRADE: NONE. PHASE 11: ACQUIRE CIVILIAZTION CARDS:

NONE. PHASE 12: RESOLVE CALAMITIES: NONE.

FINAL LOCATIONS: ALL 1T UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE; AFRICA: C6, C8, D5, D6,
ITALY: A8, A9, B2, B3. ILLYRIA: 2T K5, 1T K1, 1T K7, TRACE: 2T K5, 2T
K7, CRETE: 2T N8, 2T N9, BABYLON: H1, H2, H3, J6. EGYPT: D8, E2, E6,
E8.

TRACE AND ILLYRIA NEED TO CONTACT EACH OTHER.. OVER THEIR COMMON IDEAS.

FINAL INVENTORY:	AF	IT	IL	TR	CR	BA	EG
TOKENS:	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
CITIES:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHIPS:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STOCK:	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
TREASURY:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRADE CARDS:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIV. CARDS:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A.S.T. SQUARE: ALL PLAYERS AT 5000 B.C. <<NOTE, I PUT NUMBERS, 1 TO 15, ABOVE THE COLUMNS, SO ALL PLAYERS ARE NOW IN COLUMN 2.>>

WOULD ALL PLAYERS PLEASE WATCH THEIR WRITING UNTILL I GET USE TO IT? A FEW H. OR N AND 1 WITH TOP CURLS VERSUS 2'S WERE ALL I HAD TO BATTLE THIS TIME....SO MY THANKS WHEN YOU MAKE IT CLEAR..... REMEMBER, YOU'VE SEEN YOUR WRITING EVER SINCE YOU COULD WRITE...AND I'VE JUST STARTED TO LOOK AT MOST OF IT.

DEADLINE: SEPT. 28TH PLEASE! YOUR NEXT SUBMITTAL SHOULD INCLUDE ALL OF TURN 3, AND ALSO TURN 4 AS CONDITIONAL. IF WE GET TRACE AND ILLYRIA IN A FIGHT THE GM WILL STOP AFTER TURN 3, OTHERWISE I MAY GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE END OF TURN 4. CONDITIONALS ARE ACCEPTABLE, BASED UPON THE PREVIOUS TURN - NOT ON YOUR OPPONENTS MOVEMENTS IN THE TURN FOR WHICH YOU ARE WRITING CONDITIONALS.

CIVILIZATION 89-2 TURN 3 10-2-89

GM: MIKE SCOTT: EGYPT: SHAWN ERIKSON: BABYLON: PAUL D. CHINNERY:
TRACE: STEPHEN J. SQUIBB: ILLYRIA: TIM D. MOORE: CRETE: LEE Mc CONNELL:
ITALY: DOUGLAS KENT: AFRICA: DICK MARTIN.

Last turn the GM inivertently let Africa skip a unit across water, so I have moved that unit and made adjustments on this turn. D1 to C6 was illegal, so it was moved back to C8.

TURN 3: PHASE 1: TAXATION. REVOLTS: NONE.

PHASE 2: POPULATION EXPANSION: AFRICA: 2T C8. 1T D5 & D6 . ITALY: 1T A8. A9. B2. & B3 . ILLYRIA: 2T K5. 1T K1. & K7 . TRACE: 2T K5. & K7 . CRETE: 2T N8. & N9 . BABYLON: 1T H1. H2. H3. & J6 . EGYPT: 1T D8. E2. E6. & E8.

PHASE 3: CENSUS: ALL PLAYERS AT 8.

PHASE 4 SHIP CONSTRUCTION: CRETE @ N9 USING 2T. AND TRACE @ K7 USING 2T.

PHASE 5: MOVEMENT: AFRICA: 2T C8-C6. 1T C8-D1. 1T D5-D7. 2T D6-D8:

ITALY: 1T A9-R2. 1T A8-A3. 1T B3-B7. 1T B3-B8. 2T B2-B3: ILLYRIA: 2T K7-R4. 2T K5-K6. 2T K5-K7. 2T K1-K5: TRACE: 2T VIA SHIP K7-P3-P2 UNLOADS 2T P3-K7. 4T K5-K7: CRETE: 2T N8-N9. 2T VIA SHIP N9-M6-M5-M4-M2 UNLOADS 2T: BABYLON: 1T H1-H3. 1T H2-J6. 1T H2 TO H1. 1T H3-H4. 1T H3-J9. 1T J6-L6. 1T J6-L9: EGYPT: 1T E2 TO E3. 1T E2-E6. 1T E6-F1. 1T E6-G8. 2T E8 TO E7.

PHASE 6: CONFLICTS: AT K7 ILLYRIA & TRACE REMOVE 1T EACH. AT D8 AFRICA & EGYPT REMOVE 1T ALSO. PHASE 7: BUILD CITIES: NONE.

PHASE 8: ACQUIRE TRADE CARDS: NONE. PHASE 9: REMOVE SURPLUS POPULATION: NONE. PHASE 10: TRADE: NONE. PHASE 11: ACQUIRE CIVILIAZTION CARDS: NONE. PHASE 12: RESOLVE CALAMITIES: NONE.

At this time, the GM elects to halt play. With the two conflicts, and the close proximity of several nations, the game is better served by the one turn only this time. I have moves that could be used from all players - with some adaptations, except Egypt. However I would prefer to see all players, except Babylon send me new orders. Babylon, just a card saying orders stand as is, or make any changes you wish.

FINAL LOCATIONS: ALL 1T UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE: AFRICA: 2T @ C6, 1T @ C8, D1, D5, D7, & D8; ITALY: 2T @ B2, 1T @ A3, A8, A9, B7, B8, & R2; ILLYRIA: 2T @ K5, K6, R4, & 1T @ K7; TRACE: 3T @ K7, & 2T @ P2; CRETE: 2T N8, N9, & M2; BABYLON: H1, H2, H3, H4, J6, J9, L6, & L9; EGYPT: 2T E7, 1T @ D8, E3, E6, F1, & G8.

FINAL INVENTORY:	AF	IT	IL	TR	CR	BA	EG
TOKENS:	7	8	7	5	6	8	7
CITIES:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHIPS:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STOCK:	37	36	37	39	38	36	37
TREASURY:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRADE CARDS:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIV. CARDS:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A.S.T. SQUARE: ALL PLAYERS AT 4000 B.C., COLUMN 2.

DEADLINE: Before October 31st please!!!

In the other game that I am GMing, there seems to be a lack of communicating when it rolls around to Trade time..... thus there are very few trades made. With the Trade rules that include the Corrollary:Trade Loss (as we have in this game also!!!) rule, a number of players are returning 2, 3, and more cards each turn. Now, that may be acceptable with you, but I want to alert all the players to this upcoming event so that you can prepare for it - or we can consider the following changes.....

The following ideas are put forth for your discussion, and later a vote on them. I am inserting my reasonings for them, and or my own preferences.

Idea 'A': Leave everything as it is. This will work if you feel that you can make trades with your fellow players via mail (or some of you via phones) And in reverse also, if you feel that everyone will be affected by the Card Loss rule fairly equally, then again this would be the way to go.

Idea 'B': Delete only the Corrollary:Trade Loss portion of the rules. By this we mean the throwing away of cards more than your city limit. As it is sometimes very difficult to make trades when you don't write others, or they don't write to you, this is one method proposed that avoids the loss of cards - except then the basic Rules come into play that would allow only six cards in hand, just like in face to face play. I don't like this idea.

Idea 'C': Also remove the expanded trade cards. In this game that needs to be done before the next turn.....as I would expect someone to start building cities, tho I could wait a turn and adjust at that time.....

Idea 'D': Allow 2 more cards in hand over yhour city levels. Thus 4 cities mean you keep 6 cards, and with 6 cities you would keep 8 cards. This is a middle of the road change as I see it.

Idea 'E' Same as 'D' except allow 3 cards more than your cities. I feel this is stretching to the far limits.

Idea 'F' The Trade Cards received by the Players would no longer be kept secret. I propose this for two basic reasons. 1)

When you sit face to face you can hear the other proposed trades being offered and you get ideas of what each player has, and wants — and you can jump into a trade that you were not part of. And 2) no longer would you have to write to each player every Trade phase, instead being able to concentrate on those players holding the cards you wish to trade for.

With this last, I as a GM would not list openly who obtained which calamities...and I would need to limit your ability to try and lock out one of those cards...ie, you would not be allowed to state which cards you were expecting to receive...only the *one* main card, point values, and minimum number of cards.

HOUSERULES as of November 1989

- 1) The 1971 rulebook will be used, except where amended here.
- 2) To be valid, each player must submit his own orders. Orders *must* be legible. Orders should also contain the date, season, country, game name, and your signature, or the GM will get mad.
- 3) Orders received by the last mail delivery of the deadline day are always accepted. Late orders are possible until the game has been adjudicated, but I make no promises that late moves will be used or that this will necessarily lead to a later deadline.
- 4) It is legal to phone in orders, but the player accepts full responsibility for any errors which may occur as a result.
- 5) The first time a player NMRs (No Moves Received), a standby may be called to submit alternate orders for that country for the following season. If the original player NMRs that next season, the standby orders are used, and the standby takes over the position. If the original player sends moves the second season, his orders are used. Players who NMR out of games forfeit the remainder of their sub balance.
- 6) Press releases are encouraged! For regular games, we use gray press-only the great powers may dateline press from their home centers, any other dateline is fair game. For example, only France may dateline press "Paris," but anyone may dateline press "France." For variant games all press is black: no datelines are protected. In all cases the dateline "Rockville" is reserved for the GM's use.
- 7) Players should feel free to bring any complaints to the GM's attention as soon as possible. Adjudication errors which are not corrected by the following season must stand.
- 8) Deception of the GM is strictly forbidden if game related, and is punishable by any means possible.
- 9) Players are encouraged to show some class and resign unwanted positions, instead of just dropping out.
- 10) The most recently *dated* set of orders will be considered valid for that season. In the case of multiple undated orders, the GM will use his judgement-attempting to use the most recent orders.
- 11) Ending the game:
 - Votes: may be proposed by any player still in the game, or the GM. All ballots will be due with the set of orders due immediately following the proposal. Not voting counts as a NO vote. Votes must be unanimously in favor to pass. All votes are public.
 - Win: 18 or more centers, or unanimously voted concession by all remaining powers. Must have at least one center to win by concession. In the case of two concessions passing on the same turn, both are void.
 - Draw: no net center change for three consecutive years, or unanimous approval of all surviving powers. Any power with centers must be included in the draw proposal. (Draws Include All Survivors-DIAS)
- 12) Conditional orders are permitted, so long as the condition is clear and precedes the orders (for example, on whether a standby takes over a country, or spring moves conditional on the prior winter's builds). Not permitted is making your builds conditional on another player's builds, and the like.
- 13) Failure to maintain a current subscription can lead to a player's removal from any games here.
- 14) When interpreting poorly written orders, it is assumed that the player is attempting to make a legal move.
- 15) In the event of a postal strike, deadlines for affected games will be delayed until two weeks after the end of the strike, if such a date is later than the scheduled deadline.
- 16) Seasons will be separated if half of the players so request, or at the GMs discretion.
- 17) In the instance of a Spring 01 NMR, the game will be delayed and a standby called.

To sum up, the rulebook is the primary basis for the way games will be run, and a thorough knowledge of that is far more important than these houserules. These exist to permit the postal play of a face to face game. I'm not aware of any significant difference between the 1971 rulebook and any more recent revisions. We go by the 1971 book because that's all I have. If a situation arises which is not covered by the rulebook or above HRs, the GM should use his common sense. The GM should endeavor to reveal as little about the progress of the game to the players outside the game reports as possible. And that's all for houserules. That wasn't so bad, now, was it?

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