



# R a m b l i n g W a y



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This issue of RW has another game start -- the No-Press Gunboat game gets off the ground. In keeping with my policy to have openings in both regular and Gunboat dip, yet another game is waiting for players. This will be run with press.

Unfortunately, Chuck Green's column from Italy didn't make it here before press time. He should be back on track next issue. As for MODERN DIPLOMACY, I've three more columns ready for print. I'm sure everyone will find something of interest in them.

Three new readers have joined the RW group. Two of them are trades, LEMON CURRY by Don Del Grande and CRIMSON SKY by Michael Gonsalves. Trades have also been established with THE PRINCE by Jim Meinel and Stephen Glasgow's WAR FAIR.

Dip News has Lee Kendter, Sr. turning the reigns of Miller Number Custodianship over to his son, effective in the middle of February. NovaCon II is being held by Peter Gaughan on February 14-17 (1521 S. Novato Blvd., #46; Novato, CA 94947). Don't forget to vote in the Marco Poll run by Peter (vote, in order, for the five best 'zines and the five best players). Voting deadling is April 1st.

On to other things, I've recently taken over as a Regional Director in AHIKS. I don't know much about what my duties are going to be; however, I think it'll be some fun. AHIKS is a long standing player matching and rating organization that stresses responsible and reliable play (and they've a good 'zine KOMMANDUER). They also provide a blind system for determining die rolls without having to resort to outside sources or the honesty of your opponent.

I've had a number of good games through the group, and they can usually find matches for just about any wargame. Currently, I have two Anzio games, one Battle of the Bulge and a 1776 game on-going. Mark Simonitch (a subber and game publisher) and I are trying to get a Pax Britannica game up. For more information on AHIKS, contact me.

Recently, I started up a literacy project (I can't stand to have spare time -- something needs to fill it up). With information I received from IAAPS (a Patrick Stewart (Star Trek) fan club), I approached our Mensa group to purchase some PSAs (Public Service Announcements) by Patrick for literacy. They liked the idea and told me to go ahead.

Presently, the PSAs are on order. The local literacy group is very excited about the exposure. I've already contacted two television stations (our local CBS and FOX affiliates) and they want to run them. As they say, from an acorn grows an oak tree -- this little idea has grown bigger than I expected. However, it is for a VERY good cause. Anyone else out there work to promote literacy?

San Antonio Mensa is planning an RG for this fall. If there is enough interest, I will be running a Diplomacy game (or two). If anyone wants more information as soon as its available, let me know. I'll also be handling the registration (as I did for our last RG in December 1990). If enough Mensa DipSig members attended, we'll have a SIG meeting (and maybe drag our Chairman to the sunny south!!)

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TRADES

THE ASSASSIN'S BLADE by John Galt (701 Welch Rd., #323; Palo Alto, CA  
94304-1705) has Fog of War openings. Runs Character and Reg Dip.

CRIMSON SKY by Michael Gonsalves (530 Treasure Lake; Dubois, PA 15801)  
Plenty of Dip and Gunboat games, reputation for regularity.

EXCELSIOR by Bruce McIntyre (6636 Dow Ave., #203; Burnaby, B.C.;  
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excellent commentary section and lettercol.

THE GAMERS' 'ZINE by Earl Whiskeyman (27 Mark St.; Milford, CT 06460)  
has regular and gunboat games, En Garde! and Machiavelli.

LEMON CURRY by Don Del Grande (142 Eliseo Drive; Greenbrae, CA 94904)  
besides Dip, runs Trivial Pursuit, Kingmaker, United and 1830.

ORPHAN SON by Bob Hartwig (6612 W. 113th Ave.; Westminster, CO 80020)  
hosts orphaned games. Has commentary, a lettercol, subzines with  
Gunboat and Civilization games and other features.

PONTEVEDRIA by Phil Reynolds (2896 Oak St.; Sarasota, FL 34237) list  
of 'zines with game openings.

THE PRINCE by Jim Meinel (2801 Pelican Dr.; Anchorage, AK 99515) Dip

THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN by Eric Young (4784 Stephney Rd., RR #2;  
Armstrong, B.C.; CANADA V0E 1B0) has Regular, Gunboat and Asian  
Dip openings. Features a lettercol and commentary.

WAR FAIR by Stephen Glasgow (32009 Pendley; Willowick, OH 44095) has  
openings in Small World II-R, running Middle Earth II

WELL MARTHA, IT KINDA' SORTA' LOOKS LIKE A DIP RAG...DON'T IT? by John  
Schultz (POB 41-19390 ICH 308; Michigan City, IN 46360) has  
openings in Snowball Fighting, 1898, and Solo-Anon.

YOUR 'ZINE OF 'ZINES by Jack McHugh (280 Sanford Rd.; Upper Darby, PA  
19082) and Doug Kent -- the Siskel & Ebert of 'zine reviews.

'ZINE REGISTER by Garret Schenck (40 Third Pl., Basement Apt.;  
Brooklyn, NY 11231) reviews just about every 'zine in the hobby.

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"Thistle and Shamrock"

MENSA #35 -- BN: 1991A

Summer 1905

Ger F swe-SKA

Fall 1905

Turkey (Grose): A ANK-bul, A BUL-ser, F ion-TUN, F BLA c a ank-bul  
F GRE s a ank-bul

Russia (Kohnke): A fin-SWE, F swe-DEN, A mos-WAR, A war-PRU,  
F sev-ARM, A RUM s austrian a ser-bul

Italy (Kinsel): A VEN s f tus-rom, F tus-ROM, A tun holds (r-naf/otb)

France (Hight): F HEL s russian f swe-den, A RUH-kie, A BUK-mun,  
F ENG-nth, F TYN s turkish f ion-tun, A NAP holds  
F LYO s a pie-tus, A pie-TUS, F iri-MAO,  
A LON disbands (see note 3)

Germany (Lutterbie): A MUN s a kie, A SIL s a mun, A KIE s a mun,  
F den s a kie (r-bal/otb), F SKA-nth

Austria (Harris): A SER-bul, A GAL s russian a rum, A TRI-ser

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (6):	Con/Ank/Smy/Bul/Gre/TUN	= +1
Russia (6):	Mos/StP/Sev/Nwy/War/Rum/SWE/DEN	= +2
Italy (2):	Rom/Ven	= -1 (even if r-otb)
England (0):	ELIMINATED FALL 1904	
France (11):	Par/Bre/Mar/Por/Spa/Lpl/Lon/Edi/Bel/Hol/NAP	= +1
Germany (3):	Ber/Kie/Mun	= -2 (-1 if r-otb)
Austria (4):	Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser	= +1

DUE DATE for

Autumn/Winter 1905 and Spring 1906

February 20, 1992 at 12:00 noon

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## NOTES

- Ø1) Thanks to Phil Reynolds for unneeded standby orders for Austria.
- Ø2) Sam Polak (ex-Italy) has resigned from the game due to real world concerns. Hopefully everything will get straightened out and he'll be back soon. Kevin Kinsel is the player of record.
- Ø3) The order for a unit to disband is illegal, units may voluntarily disband only as a result of a retreat.

## PRESS

Dateline Paris: President Le Pin, in response to a regrettable telegram issued from the Berlin Foreign Office, announced the complete severance of all diplomatic ties to the ailing nation. "We hoped the great German nation might wish to share a place in the sun, but before we even had a chance to demonstrate our good will, we discovered that the Germans like the dark.

(France) The Vatican (Reuters): Papal emissaries to the Sultan of Turkey have returned with promises of tolerance after a scare last week frightened thousands of Catholic Apulians. Turkish heavy warships apparently made a show of force near Taranto and upset city-dwellers, who feared invasion. Recognizing the imminent possibility of Turkish forces landing in Italy, the Pope sought to preserve the rights of Catholics to practice their religion should the Italian government continue to disintegrate. No representative of the Italian government was available for comment.

(Turkey) From 1534 to 1573, Ottoman and Spanish forces exchanged Tunis five times. The Ottoman Empire, naturally, was the eventual victor and occupied Tunis for three centuries. We intent to hold it for three more.

As a result of superior diplomatic and military maneuvers on Turkey's part, we consider Greece to be secure and now formally annex it, to join Bulgaria in our territorial conquests.

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## PRESS

"WHAD' YA KNOW" (cont.)

Palazzo Viento, Rome: "Henri, direct my nephew to march inland to surround the Austrian port. The Turks have not attacked Serbia as planned."

"A good plan, padrone. Perhaps we can slip in behind the Viennese army."

"Perhaps. Send a message to the French requesting their help should Germany attack Tynolia or Bohemia. Montessori, why do the Russians not respond to our proposals?"

"It is said, milord, that actions speak louder than words."

"Ah, Montessori, his actions tell me he is confused. First he takes Galicia, next Rumania, but then he hesitates to take Budapest. I fear he is a lost cause."

"Shall I return to Turkey, milord?"

"No, the Sultan knows he has our full cooperation. I need your tact in a delicate matter with the Germans. Ask him to forebear crossing into Austria. Point out the opportunity he'll miss if Russia gets carved up without him."

"As you command, milord."

"WHAD' YA KNOW"

RW #2 -- MN: 1991Wrb32

Fall 1902

Turkey ( ): NMR; F BLA, F ANK, A ARM, A BUL, A GRE all hold  
Russia ( ): F SEV holds, A rum-BUD, A GAL s a rum-bud, F swe-BOT  
Italy ( ): A VEN-tyl, A TYL-vie, F ion-TUN  
England ( ): A fin-StP, A nwy-SWE, F ENG s f nth-bel,  
F nth-bel (r-hel/lon/yor/edi/nrg/nwy/otb)  
France ( ): F por-MAO, A GAS-bre, A PIC-bel, A BRE-pic, A mar-BUR  
Germany ( ): F SKA s f den-nth, F den-NTH, A ruh-KIE, A sil-MUN  
A HOL s french a pic-bel  
Austria ( ): A VIE s f alb-tri, F alb-TRI, A bud-rum (r-ser/otb)  
If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country's name.

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (5): Con/Ank/Smy/Gre/Bul = EVEN  
Russia (5): War/Mos/Sev/Rum/BUD = +1  
Italy (4): Rom/Nap/Ven/TUN = +1  
England(6): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Nwy/SWE/StP = +2 (+3 if r-otb)  
France (5): Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por = EVEN  
Germany(5): Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol = EVEN  
Austria(3): Vie/Tri/Ser? = EVEN  
Neutral : Ser?/Bel

DUE DATE for

Autumn/Winter 1902 and Spring 1903

February 20, 1992 at 12:00 noon

PRESS

Eng-Fra: "The Prime Minister warns the French government that the seas can be a very dangerous place. Your French armies are very formidable and must put fear into the hearts of Germany and Italy."  
Germany exercises right to international waters by sending fleet on training maneuvers into the North Sea.

Ger-Fra: I agree to the mutual border you proposed. Lets drink to that. I understand that Burgundy may be garrisoned by you this season, but it would ease tension if in the future it wasn't.

Ger-Rus: If you have evacuated Galicia then I hope we can resume normal relations.

Ger-Aus: Hope my armies on your border scared your intruders more than you. I won't cross until I get an O.K. from you.

Fra-Ger: Glad to assist.

Fra-Ita: Thank you.

Rus-Eng/Ger/Tur: Have fun guys.

Rus-Aus: Sorry, but somebody has to watch this one from the sidelines, I'll be one of those and I didn't want to be lonely. Why don't you join me?

((PRESS CONTINUED ON PREVIOUS PAGE))

"My Word!"  
Orphan from THE MESSENGER

BN: 1987IR

Summer 1909

Italy (Gaughan): has A ROM, F APU, F TUN  
England (Anderson): has F ENG, F TYN, F LYD, F WME, F BAL, A StP,  
A LVN  
France (Reynolds): has A PAR, A BUR, A POR, A HOL, A MAR  
Germany (McHugh): NRR-a bur and a ber r-otb; has F DEN, A MUN, A RUH  
Austria (Courtemanche): has A BER, A SIL, A WAR, A MOS, A GAL, A BOH,  
A TYL, A TRI, A SER, A PIE, F VEN, F ADR,  
F ION, F AEG

#### CENTERS

Turkey (0): ELIMINATED <<When??>>  
Russia (0): ELIMINATED <<When??>>  
Italy (3): Rom/Nap/Tun  
England (7): Edi/Lpl/Lon/Bre/Nwy/StP/Swe  
France (5): Par/Mar/Por/Spa/Bel  
Germany (5): Ber/Kie/Mun/Hol/Den  
Austria (14): Bud/Tri/Ven/Ank/Bul/Con/Gre/Mos/Rum/Ser/Sev/Smy/Ven/War

DUE DATE for

Fall 1909/VOTE

February 20, 1992 at 12:00 noon

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#### PRESS

Fra-All: Am I in this? I guess so....how about all of us (not Austria) play "Stop the Leader" (Austria) for awhile and forget whatever other differences there might be among us? I'll do my part -- hope you'll do yours. Please note my COA effective Jan 2-May 2.

#### PROPOSAL

Concession to Austria

((NOTES ON NEXT PAGE))

"Mountain Stage"

RW #3 -- MN: tba

Winter 1900

Turkey ( ): has F ANK, A CON, A SMY  
Russia ( ): has F StP (sc), F SEV, A MOS, A WAR  
Italy ( ): has A ROM, A VEN, F NAP  
England( ): has F EDI, F LON, A LPL  
France ( ): has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR  
Germany( ): has F KIE, A BER, A MUN  
Austria( ): has F TRI, A VIE, A BUD  
If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country's name.

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (3): Con/Ank/Smy  
Russia (4): War/Stp/Mos/Sev  
Italy (3): Rom/Nap/Ven  
England(3): Lon/Edi/Lpl  
France (3): Bre/Mar/Par  
Germany(3): Kie/Ber/Mun  
Austria(3): Vie/Tri/Bud  
Neutral : Bel/Bul/Den/Gre/Hol/Nwy/Por/Rum/Ser/Spa/Swe/Tur

DUE DATE for

Spring 1901

February 20, 1992 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

- 01) Welcome to the seven players in this game. The field looks like an excellent one!!!
- 02) As a reminder, this is a NO PRESS Gunboat game.
- 03) A Miller Number was applied for on January 19th.
- 04) In keeping with RW tradition, this game is named after a Public Radio show.

NOTES

"My Word" Cont.

- 01) All players were notified that a new address for Lance Anderson was provided to me shortly after RW was mailed. The situation with the English player was handled in the same manner as the Italian player was (detailed last issue)
- 02) Thanks to John Schultz for standing by as England.
- 03) Would Stephen Koehler (6166 Winged Elm Court; Charlotte, NC 92626) standby for Germany?
- 04) Copies of previous season adjudications are solicited.

MODERN DIPLOMACY, by Michael V. McCabe

This is the 3d in a series of columns by one of your diplomats abroad. Everything expressed in the column are my views and are not necessarily those of the Department of State or any other U.S. Government agency.

The November 1991 issue of the National Geographic contained a long article about Japan. Although no single article can comprehensively cover any country, I believe that article does present an accurate snapshot of Japan today and its growing influence in Asia.

The photograph of the city on p. 38-39 reminded me of the time my family and I went to the top of Tokyo Tower and looked out over the city. To the east was the harbor. But from the northeast around through the west and to the southeast were buildings to the horizon. I was told once that "within 30 miles of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo live 30 million people." Japan is a country just about the size of California containing a population half that of the entire United States! But what's even more dramatic, due to the country's mountainous terrain, the Japanese live on less than a third of the country's land area!

Although there are used car lots in Japan, as shown in the picture on p. 45, the used car business is not big here for several reasons. Japanese, seemingly much more than Americans, want modern and up to date cars "with the newest technology." Also, it is expensive for cars older than five years to meet Japan's annual auto safety and appearance standards. Additionally, there is a growing market in Asia for used Japanese cars. Increasingly, the cars that the Japanese replace every 3-5 years are resold elsewhere in Asia. Yet another Japanese export.

The article, also on p. 45, mentions Regain! - a popular soft drink. That drink and an almost innumerable variety of other canned drinks are sold in vending machines throughout the country. There are more vending machines per capita - and perhaps more in total numbers - in Japan than in any other country. (Coca Cola Japan brings in more profit to the parent company than does Coca Cola U.S.!) Some machines sell beer and some sell both hot and cold drinks. These drinks have a range of names, some of them odd. One could, for example, begin the day with a can of Ucc coffee, have a can of Pocari Sweat with lunch, and head home at the end of the day after finishing a can of Calpis.

As the National Geographic article clearly shows, Japan is expanding its influence in Asia. One method is for Japanese companies to relocate part of their operations abroad to benefit from lower costs and cheaper labor. Another method might be called the "buy and build" plan. A Japanese firm might purchase already existing facilities (e.g., office building, hotel) or might buy the land and build new facilities (e.g., hotel, golf course) thereon. A third way Japan expands its influence is by exporting its products. During the past decade or so, Japan has used each of these methods to expand its influence in the United States. One of the jobs of your diplomats in Japan is to expand U.S. influence here. In the next column, I will explain some of the ways we do that.



## POLL QUESTION

Last Month -- What is on the TOP of your New Year's Resolution list? or, What is the worst Christmas present you received?

Peter Gaughan: No bad Christmas presents here this year. Ever? A door-knocker with a Scripture verse on it. No New Year's resolutions either--I spend enough time beating myself over the head with my shortcomings that I'd rather not set aside a special time of the year for even more guilt!

Myself?: No bad presents for myself, either. As for the top of my Resolution list, it would have to be drop a few pounds. The middle-age spread is definitely spreading.

Regarding which charities you support (January 1992):

Peter Gaughan: ...dropped Public TV as I'm down to maybe watching one hour a month; otherwise I still support the Sierra Club, Audubon Society and Yosemite Association, plus a couple of scholarly societies like Phi Beta Kappa. A short list, mainly because any group I get into gets my time and activity as well, as my money and time is short! (Does the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory count--it's a non-profit and scientific, but not public-service, group....) <<Yes>>.

Regarding gun control (November 1991):

Phil Reynolds: Yes, I am a big supporter of gun control. For starters, we need to ban sales of all semi-automatic weapons. These are military firearms that are designed solely for the purpose of killing lots of people fast. (You don't see one of these wacked-out disgruntled postal workers go on a shooting spree with a revolver, do you?) Then, any civilian caught committing a crime with one of these illegally obtained guns gets the electric chair. Other guns - revolvers, rifles, shotguns, etc. - can be sold with a waiting period for a background check. There's no way we could totally abolish guns if we wanted to do so, but measures such as these will contribute towards saving innocent people's lives. Traditionally, the Gun Lobby and other firearm freaks cling to the Second Amendment as their God-given right to wield any weapon. The Second Amendment states: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." First, our nation is not at war necessitating its citizens to defend themselves from invasion as hinted at by the Amendment. Second, we do not have a well-regulated militia; we have a bunch of people acting independently to further crime with semi-automatic weapons. Third, the founding fathers never could have envisioned such killing machines as we have today. For all of these reasons, we need to make semi-automatic weapons illegal with the appropriate punishment waiting for violators.

Jack McHugh: As for my two cents - I am in favor of strong gun control. I thought Curt Milbourn was right - yes, we have strong gun control laws but no space in prison to enforce them. Currently, Philadelphia is forced to release prisoners from city jails to meet a mandated cap on the city's prison population. One cannot crowd an

infinite number of citizens into jail - eventually it becomes "cruel and unusual punishment."

I do disagree with the notion that "people kill people" and that if a person wants to kill they will do so without a gun simply by switching to another weapon.

Generally speaking, countries with much stricter weapons owning policies - W. Europe and Japan - generally have much lower homicide rates. If "people kill people" and not guns - then why are their rates so much lower and generally that pattern holds across the entire developed world. The more guns per capita the more deaths from homicide per capita.

As for the philosophical argument - I am entitled to a gun as a free citizen or I need a weapon to defend myself. I would answer that government, which we all have agreed has the sole monopoly on deadly force, is to be the final arbitrator of our disputes. As such guns should play no part in resolving differences between law abiding citizens and they are too dangerous to allow us to use them to protect ourselves from criminals. One is equally dead if shot by a criminal or if shot by a civilian attempting to stop a criminal. I also don't feel one needs guns to guarantee the liberty of the general populace from a tyrannical or an unjust government. There is no historical proof guns are a guarantee against tyranny. Unrestricted social warfare with each of us armed to the teeth is a method of tyranny - witness Lebanon.

Regarding social program sponges (October 1991):

Jack McHugh: I just have this to add as an aside. It seems that when "welfare mothers" were moved from segmented public housing - i.e. the type of housing where it is ALL PUBLIC HOUSING and like the projects - they didn't work. As part of a new program at HUD many were dispersed - this had nothing to do with WORK or getting people off of welfare - just getting more housing available without building more "projects" - over 60% of the welfare recipients found jobs. Why? (1) Now that they were living in suburban areas - it was in Chicago - they were able to find jobs - e.g. most job growth in the US is in the suburban, not urban areas. (2) They were embarrassed because unlike in public housing projects, everyone works, so they wanted to work too and fit in with their neighbors.

POLL QUESTION for March: The day after this issue is mailed, the President will give his "State of the Union" address. What is your opinion of the State of the Union?

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## RESPONSE TO A. MACHIAVELLI

by Joe Brooks

Your alliance between Italy, Austria and Russia has some flaws in it. I can see your plans materializing only if the Russian player is a very poor player. I believe NO Russian would stand for Austria getting two builds while the Russians stand a good chance of receiving NO builds. The typical first year Russian dot of Rumania is given to Austria. Sweden is never a gimee since the German can bounce any Russian move while maintaining his control of Denmark. Rumania then will almost certainly be the break-up of this three-way.

If Austria is to get two builds the first year and support the Italians into Greece, the Austrian army in Rumania will be unsupported. The Czar, fearing that he will get no builds in winter, will NEVER be able to let Rumania remain in Austrian hands.

If Russia receives no builds in the first year, he will be expecting a dot or two in '02 in exchange for his patience in '01. How can the Austrian or the Italian aid the Czar in obtaining any Turkish dots in '02? Only if the Russians have control of the Black Sea (which is possible) can they expect to get a Turkish dot. But here, again, if the Austrians have Rumania the Russian fleet will have to leave the Black Sea to drop anchor in a Turkish port.

Mr. Machiavelli's plan could work if Russia is played by a novice who is more worried about survival rather than actually winning.

Entering Tyrolia is another matter. If Austria allows the Italians to get away with this in Spring '01, the Italian should consider taking Tunis with his fleet and stabbing Austria right now while the Austrian is extending eastward. If this succeeds, the Turk should be writing to you sending you his blessing. With two builds in Winter '01 you now can continue the conquest of Austria or build some ships and rule the Med.

# *The Legend Begins*

## THE AFRIKA KORPS 1941

*The Legend Begins* is an operational level game on the North African War from March 1941 to December 1941. The period covers the Tobruk siege, Operation Brevity, Battle Axe, and Crusader.

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*The Legend Begins* includes three adjoining maps (total length 49"), 400 die-cut 1/2" unit counters, a Turn Record/Reinforcement Card, a Set-up and Scenario Card, two Game Table Cards, two Organization Cards, two Display Cards and a 24 page rule booklet. All packaged in a ziplock bag.

*The Legend Begins* is available for shipment now for \$22.00 (CA residents add 6% sales tax). Postage is paid within the U.S.; Canadian orders please add 10%, overseas orders add 20%. The first 250 games produced will be signed, numbered and registered.

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Mark Simonitch  
President



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