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Well, here is the first attempt to put RW on my new computer. I hope that it will be worth it. I'll be implementing various changes over the next few months as I get used to the programs (and get a desk-top publisher - right now, this is solely done with WordPerfect 5.1).

This issue concludes the first game to run completely in RW. Congratulations to Marc Hight and Peter Kohnke for their draw in "Thistle and Shamrock" as France and Russia. Unfortunately, there isn't room for Hobby News, a continuation of my Summer Trip report or an interesting article by Joe Brooks.

I'd like to invite everyone to Origins next year - I'd like to meet all of you. There will be a Dip tournament run by myself. Current plans have it being held on Friday with a morning round followed by an evening final board. The rounds will be eight hours long, plenty of time to play a game. I'm still working on the other aspects of the tournament - and the folks in charge are very accommodating in the hopes of having a successful tournament. If there is anyone interested in helping me run this, let me know.

Congrats to Eric and Cathy Ozog on their new addition -- Shannon Marie Ozog (8-28-92). Eric's write-up of the birth in his Ramblings by Moonlight is great reading and he includes pics of the baby, as well as mom and dad. From the looks of things, the delivery was harder on Eric than on Cathy.

On the personal side, I'm going to Plano (just north of Dallas) next weekend to see Patrick Stewart at a Star Trek con. Then, there'll be only one more headliner from TNG that I want to see (Gates McFadden). Hopefully I'll get the chance to see her July 4th weekend in Dallas. She's a guest for the International StarFleet convention. It's the same time as Origins; but, I might just have to drive across town one afternoon.

Quick plug, The Roar of the Crowd (RuneStone Poll stats). Send \$5.00 to Eric Brosius (41 Hayword St.; Milford, MA 01757).

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The Brazilian Times

by Lulz Cláudio S. Duarte

Brazil is again in the highlight. This time it's not the rain forests or the national debt, but an exercise in high crime and dirty politics. Since May, President Fernando Collor has been progressively involved in a "mud sea" of graft, embezzlement, calumny, perjury, misuse of inside information and other criminal charges. A congressional committee investigated the charges, originally made by his brother Pedro Collor. The committee concluded that the President is involved and should be held responsible.

The conclusions of the committee were answered by a spontaneous wave of public demonstrations and rallies demanding the punishment of the involved, yet more stimulated by an ill-timed request of the President, asking that his supporters went to the streets wearing the national colors. (Since the presidential campaign in 1989, Collor has used these colors -- yellow and green -- as his personal badges.) The request backfired -- badly -- when the people went to the streets wearing black and asking his resignation. The manifestations have not yet subsided, and indeed probably will recrudescence soon, when the House of Representatives will vote the impeachment of the President.

These facts would be traumatic for any nation. In Brazil, however, they have become a very sore wound indeed, due to our recent history. Since 1945, when the military overthrew Vargas's dictatorship, four presidents could not end their government. One shot himself (Vargas, reelected), another one resigned (Quadros), another one was overthrown and still another one got ill and was substituted by a military junta (Costa e Silva). There was a fifth one (Neves) who got ill on the eve of his inauguration, whereby his vice-president took office when he died weeks later. The problem is that in all these events there was some kind of movement intending to keep the rightful successors of taking office -- always the military, often with support of influent civilians. Now, the first elected president since 1960 is facing impeachment -- and there already is a movement for keeping the vice-president from taking office. Fortunately, this time the military are not involving themselves and have already said that the vice-president must take office should the President be impeached.

The wounding is compounded by the fact that Collor was elected due to his fame and prowess as "maharaja hunter." Since some four years ago, politics who show apparent wealth incompatible with their declared wealth have been called "maharajas." Collor, as governor of Alagoas state, made his name nationally known when he tried to curb excesses in the salaries of the state's House of Representatives. This helped him on the presidential campaign, specially after the first turn of the elections, when only him and one other (leftist) candidate remained. Playing with the fears of the middle and upper classes of what his opponent would do in office, and promising to the poorer that he would put an end corruption, he got elected. Instead, he began his government by confiscating almost all money in the country and now we found that he and his personal entourage have been systematically plundering the country as if it was their personal property. Corruption has always been an endemic disease among our public men, but this gang took it to unheard-of levels.

The country now waits anxiously the verdict of the House. It is, however, just a political judgment; even if he is acquitted, the Attorney-General is already showing signs that he will bring charges against Collor before the Supreme Court. These events are a test of political maturity that I fervently hope my country will pass.



"THISTLE AND SHAMROCK"
MENSA #35 -- BN: 1991A

**Tracking the Celtic
Connection - Thistle
and Shamrock**

GAME ENDS, RUSSIAN/FRENCH DRAW
in Winter 1909

Sundays, 9 PM, KSTX

Summer 1909

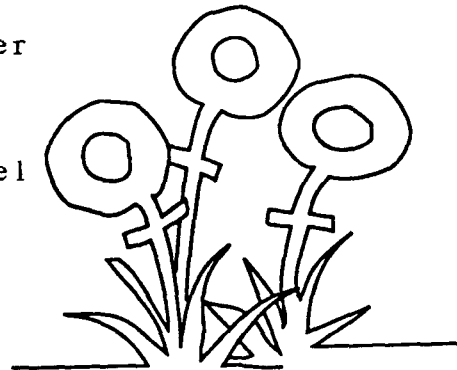
Fra: F eme-SYR

Fall 1909

- Turkey (Grose): F SMY-syr, F EME s f smy-syr, F AEG-smy,
f con s f aeg-smy (ann)
- Russia (Kohnke): A NWY holds, F HOL holds, A BER holds, A ukr-RUM,
A GAL s a boh, A BOH s a gal, A SER s a rum-bul,
A rum-BUL, F bul-CON, A ARM s fra f syr-smy,
F BLA s f bul-con, F ANK s f bul-con
- France (Hight): F ION-aeg, F TUN-ion, F NAP s f tun-ion, F bel-NTH
F TYN s f tun-ion, F SYR-smy, A YOR holds,
A MUN s a tyl, A TYL s a mun, A VEN s a tyl,
A APU s a ven, A bur-BEL, A ROM holds,
A ALB s aus a gre
- Austria (Lewis): A BUD s a tri, A TRI s a bud,
A GRE s rus f bul (nso)

CENTERS

- Turkey (1): Smy
- Russia (15): Mos/StP/Sev/War/Nwy/Swe/Den/Kie/Ber
Rum/Ser/Hol/Ank/Bul/Con
- Italy (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1907
- England (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1904
- France (14): Par/Bre/Mar/Por/Spa/Lpl/Lon/Edi/Bel
Nap/Tun/Mun/Rom/Ven
- Germany (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1906
- Austria (4): Vie/Bud/Tri/Gre



PROPOSALS

F Win -- 2 Yes, 2 No; F/R Draw -- 4 YES!!

DUE DATE for

End-Game Statements

October 22, 1992 at 12:00 noon

PRESS

- A/H-Fra: Sorry about the attack on TRI, just dot fever!, I guess.
- A/H-Rus: Thank you for GRE, it fits with my expansionary plans.
- A/H-Tur: What was that bet again?
- A/H-World: Hail to the victors valiant, Hail....

A/H-GM: Thank you!! <<No problem, I hope you enjoyed it!!>>
Fra-Aus: Do you not think that the level of understanding reached between the powers here might perhaps constitute a counter-example to Rand's dismissal of altruism?

Dateline Paris (Reuters - a French corporation now): President Le Pin has declared the entire month of October a national holiday in tribute to the new era of peace and understanding. Le Pin wished his admiration and respect for Turkey, Austria, and Russia to be known - the war is soon to be over.

(Turkey): Sultan Jim the Great, while fleeing his court in Constantinople, paused to reflect on his one fatal error: his misassessment of the infidels' approach to warfare.

It seems that they think that such silly higher moral values as loyalty and honesty are more important in this context than simple, naked power. Thus France and Russia have each passed on several chances to win, and instead have jointly planned a draw! Incredible!

We shall not grace Le Pin's last diatribe with a response, since he uses our previous words out of context, even inventing a few.

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<<"Whad 'Ya Know" cont.>>

Rus-Ger: I have no position to protect. I'll give Turkey my dots before I give you another. I hope Eng takes your vulnerable west.

Rus-Eng: I wish you well.

Rus-Ita: Is it possible to get a 2 for 1 special on last rites?

(Italy) "Where is that Montessori when I need him? Probably off carousing with some foreign women while Rome burns! I'll have him flogged when I catch him!"

"Monsignor, we are surrounded - perhaps we should surrender."

"God may forgive you for your treasonous words, my son, but I cannot. Guards, execute this traitor! Everyone else, OUT!"

Henri, muttering alone: "I do not understand the French attitude, so cavalier about the English & Germans. She gives up her homeland to invade ours. Brest will surely be taken this fall, and Paris fall to the Germans next year. Lord, save me from the fools around me! Those ignorant Austrians pursue vengeance unto death - wait 'til they're driven back out of Rumania, then they'll see what the Turk is really like. Austria may outlast me, but their inability to adopt to changing circumstances shall soon prove fatal. Russia offers help, but is too far away. I must pray for a miracle of deliverance. Agnus Dei,..."

Eng-Rus: "If you get a winter build please address your Northern Exposure!"

Eng-Rus: "I hope you kept up your bombardment of Stockholm."

Eng-Ger: "Your peace treaty arrived a turn late. Since my fleets already have their orders to bombard your bases in Scandinavia I can't withdraw from the Norwegian Sea & North Sea. Your offer of support into France is appreciated and if it is sincere may change my attitude for future moves!"

Fra-Tur: If you leave me alone in Italy, I will support your advance into West. Med. and France. Just tell me what to do.

Ger-Eng: We have nothing to gain bickering over Norway, I hope you liked my previous proposal. Please do away with Fra or I will.

Ger-Ita: I wish I could help.

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KEY

"WHAD' YA KNOW"
RW #2 -- MN: 1991Wrb32

Summer 1906

Ger: F ska-DEN
Tur: F rum-BLA



Fall 1906

- Turkey (): A NAP s fra a tus-rom, F ION-tun, F gre-ALB, A ARM-sev, A SER s a bul-rum, A bul-RUM, F BLA s a arm-sev
- Russia (): F bot-STP(SC), A SEV s aus a rum, A UKR s a sev
- Italy (): A tyl-VEN, A rom s a tyl-ven (r-apu/otb), F TUN-tyn
- England (): F SKA s rus f bot-swe (nso), F NWG-nwy, F NTH-den, F eng-BRE, F POR-spa(sc)
- France (): A tus-ROM, F TYN s a tus-rom, F LYO-spa(sc), A ven s a tus-rom (r-apu/tus/pie/otb)
- Germany (): A sil-WAR, A PRU s a sil-war, A HOL s a bel, A MUN holds, A BEL holds, F NWY s f swe, F DEN s f swe, F SWE s f nwy
- Austria (): A vie-BUD, F TRI s ita a tyl-ven, A rum s rus a sev (r-gal/otb)

If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS/BUILDS

- Turkey (8): Con/Ank/Smy/Gre/Bul/Rum/Ser/NAP = +1
- Russia (3): Mos/Sev/STP/war = EVEN
- Italy (2): Ven/Tun/rom/nap = -1 (even if r-otb)
- England(6): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Spa/POR/BRE/nwy = +1
- France (3): Mar/Par/ROM/por/bre = -1 (even if r-otb)
- Germany(9): Kie/Ber/Mun/Hol/Swe/Den/Bel/NWY/WAR/stp = +1
- Austria(3): Vie/Bud/Tri = EVEN (+1 if r-otb)

DUE DATE for

Autumn/Winter 1906 and Spring 1907

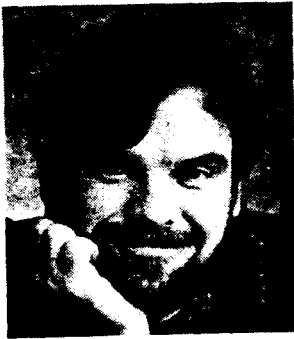
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PRESS

Aus-Ita: O.K., it looks like you're willing to cooperate, so now I am too. Hope you get Venice back.

Aus-Rus: Hope this works, or there'll be one pissed of Turkey, with ammunition.

<<Cont. after "Thistle and Shamrock">>



Mountain Stage host, Larry Groce

"Mountain Stage"

RW #3 -- MN: 1992Erb32
(No Press-Gunboat Game)

**Mountain Stage at
the Cutting Edge of
New Music**

Sundays, 10 PM, KSTX

Summer 1903

Eng: A nwy-FIN
Ita: A ser-ALB

Fall 1903

- Turkey (): F AEG s f con, F CON s rus f ank-bla (nso),
A SER s a bul-rum, A bul-rum (r-gre/otb)
 - Russia (): A STP s f nwy, F SKA s f nwy, A WAR holds,
F NWY s eng a fin-swe (nso), A BUD-ser, A rum-BUL,
F BLA s a rum-bul, F ANK-con
 - Italy (): A alb-TRI, A TYL s a alb-tri, A VEN s a alb-tri,
F ROM-tyn, F NAP s f rom-tyn
 - England(): A FIN-nwy, F NTH s a fin-nwy, A NWG s a fin-nwy,
F ENG holds
 - France (): F TUN s f wme-tyn, F WME-tyn, A mar-PIE, F MAO-bre,
A GAS-bre
 - Germany(): NMR; A BEL, A KIE, A SIL, A PRU, F BAL, F SWE all hold
 - Austria(): NMR; A VIE hold, a tri holds (ann)
- If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (4):	Con/Smy/Gre/SER/ <u>bul</u>	=	EVEN
Russia (9):	War/Stp/Mos/Sev/Swe/Rum/Ank/Bud/BUL	=	+1
Italy (4):	Rom/Nap/Ven/TRI/ <u>tun/ser</u>	=	-1
England(3):	Lon/Edi/Lpl/ <u>nwy</u>	=	-1
France (6):	Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por/TUN	=	+1
Germany(7):	Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol/Bel/SWE	=	+1
Austria(1):	Vie/ <u>tri</u>	=	EVEN

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Notes

- 01) The English player has been replaced. A standby has been called for Germany. Austria is in Civil Disorder.

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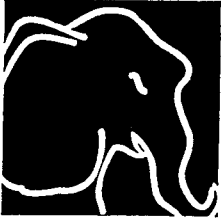
During the summer of 1990, The Japan Times carried a series of 16 articles entitled "Facing the Past," in which, as the first article headlined, "Japan starts to admit wartime aggression." The articles were by Japanese veterans, Korean forced laborers, Japanese and other Asian scholars, and others and told of Japan's aggression in the war.

The first article began, "Since the end of World War II, the damage suffered by Japan in the Allied Powers' air raids and the atomic bombings at the end of the war has dominated public consciousness. The issue of Japanese aggression has rarely been a focus of attention in the nearly half-century since the war, many scholars and observers agree. In recent years, however, an increasing number of Japanese have spoken out about the need to recognize Japan's responsibility for a side of the war that has hitherto escaped domestic discussion - the war against and invasion of Japan's Asian neighbors - and to respond to international criticism."

Excerpts. A photograph in the first article of "the bodies of Chinese strewn around a pond in a suburb of Nanjing after the December 1937 Nanjing massacre." The caption continued, "Civilians, their hands tied behind their backs, were shot to death by the Imperial Japanese Army." A photograph in the second article, entitled "Veteran tells of atrocities in China," was captioned "Japanese soldiers watch as Chinese citizens are buried alive during the rape of Nanking. In the infamous campaign, an estimated 100,000 Chinese were massacred by members of the Imperial Japanese Army between late December 1937 and early January 1938." The article stated, "The Imperial Japanese Army murdered, pillaged, and raped in Nanjing. More than 100,000 civilians and POWs reportedly were killed over a six-week period after troops seized the city on December 13, 1937, according to the International Military Tribunal for the Far East."

In a related story, the 8/14/90 Mainichi Daily News carried an article headlined "WWII Gas Attack on China Revealed." According to the article, a Japanese researcher had discovered Chinese Government documents which described the Japanese Army's use of approximately 1,500 mustard gas bombs and 1,500 chemical bombs when it captured Yi Chang City on 10/08/41.

Excerpts continued. The 4th article featured comments by a Japanese army doctor that he vivisected 14 Chinese captives, conducted an experiment on frostbite with Chinese captives who were left outdoors during cold winter nights, and participated in biological warfare research. Similarly, Brackman (p. 21) noted "In one Japanese account placed in evidence [at the trial], the deponent testified that live, healthy Allied prisoners had been used for medical demonstrations. [On] one occasion, 'the man was tied to a tree....A Japanese doctor and four Japanese medical students stood around him. They first removed his fingernails, then cut open his chest, and removed his heart, on which the doctor gave a practical demonstration.'"



"My Music!"
 Orphan from Been There, Done That
 (formerly "Duke Snyder")
 BN: 1989KH



Summer 1905

Ger: A mun-RUH

Fall 1906

- Turkey (Gonsalves): F BLA s aus a bul-con
- Italy (Schultz): A pie-TUS, A NAF holds, F wme-TUN, F tyn-NAP
 F CON s f ank, F ANK s f con
- England (Zarr): A stp-LVN, F bar-STP(nc), F swe-DEN, A den-PRU,
 F BAL c a den-pru, F NTH s fra a bel-hol (nso),
 A EDI holds
- France (Wallace): F lyo-MAR, F mao-SPA(sc), A BEL s a bur,
 F eng-MAO, A BUR s a bel, A GAS s f mao-spa(sc)
- Germany (Lutterbie): F KIE-ber, A RUH-mun, F HOL-kie
- Austria (Grose): A arm-SMY, F AEG s a arm-smy, A BUL-con,
 A ukr-RUM, A MOS holds, A BER s ger f kie (nso),
 A SIL s a mun, A MUN s a ber, A TYL s a tri-ven,
 A tri-VEN, F adr-ION

CENTERS/BUILDS

- Turkey (0): ELIMINATED, WINTER 1906
- Russia (0): ELIMINATED, FALL 1905
- Italy (5): Rom/Nap/Run/Con/ANK/smy/ven = -1
- England (7): Edi/Lpl/Lon/Nwy/Stp/Den/Swe = EVEN
- France (6): Par/Mar/Bre/Por/Spa/Bel = EVEN
- Germany (2): Kie/Hol/mun = -1
- Austria(14): Bud/Tri/Vie/Ser/Gre/Bul/Rum/War/
 Sev/Ber/Mos/MUN/VEN/SMY = +3

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<<Press after "RiverWalk">>

America's Classic Jazz with The Jim Cullum Jazz Band

"RiverWalk: Live from the Landing"
RW #4 -- BN: 1992L

Fall 1902

Turkey (Gonsalves): F ank-BLA, A smy-con (r-syr/otb), A arm-ANK
 Russia (Brooks): F CON s aus f aeg-smy, F sev-ARM, A RUM holds,
 A ukr-WAR, F BAL-kie, F NWY s a fin-swe,
 A fin-SWE
 Italy (Koehler): A pie-MAR, F LYO s a pie-mar, F ion-TYN,
 A VEN holds
 England (Clingman): F mao-BRE, F bel-HOL, A yor-BEL,
 F NTH c a yor-bel
 France (Wallace): F por-SPA(sc), a mar s a gas (ann), A PAR-bre,
A GAS s a mar, A PIC-bre
 Germany (Voogd): A BUR-gas, A mun-BER, A DEN-kie, F SKA-den
 Austria (Eastep): F TRI holds, A alb-GRE, A BUL s rus f con,
 F aeg-SMY, A BUD holds, A SER s a bul,

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (1):	Ank/ <u>smy/con</u>	= -2 (-1 if r-otb)
Russia (8):	War/Stp/Mos/Sev/Nwy/Swe/Rum/CON	= +1
Italy (5):	Rom/Nap/Ven/Tun/MAR	= +1
England(5):	Lon/Edi/Lpl/Bel/HOL	= +1
France (4):	Bre/Par/Spa/Por/ <u>mar</u>	= EVEN
Germany(4):	Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/ <u>hol</u>	= EVEN
Austria(7):	Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser/Gre/Bul/SMY	= +1

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On The Road With Riverwalk

Saturdays at 8 PM and Sundays at
noon, KSTX

DUE DATE for

Winter 1902 and Spring 1903

October 22, 1992 at 12:00 noon

Note

01) Dustin Clingman is now the player of record for England.

PRESS

Eng-All: Greetings ALL.

(Italy): Italian troops victoriously marched into Marseille this fall, proclaiming the city free of the oppressive French regime. The troops, supported by massive shore bombardment by the ships



Jim Cullum, leader of the band.

Riverwalk, Live From the Landing

of the Italian 1st Fleet, routed the demoralized and inferior defenders. The cheering crowds chanted: "Il Presidente! Il Presidente!" in reference to the distinguished ruler of Italy.
Eng-Ger/Fra: The Pope in Italy taught us God helps those who help themselves.

Ita-Rus: "You said we were moving on Austria last turn. What happened?"

Rus-Tur: "Thanks for reciting the first rule of Dip to me. Now I'll tell you the second rule of Dip. WRITE YOUR LETTERS/POSTCARDS LEGIBLY!!"

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<<"My Music" cont.>>

(A/H): Austro-Hungarian Forces reclaimed Munich this year and, as we've already made clear to three of you, our forces there will not move further forward. The Hapsburgs originally came from western Munich, so Emperor Jim reclaims this land with pride. Another province we lay historical claim to is Venice, which we held from 1797 to 1805 and 1814 to 1866. The interruption was due to that Corsican lieutenant, Napoleon I.

With the capture of Smyrna, our Turkish campaign proceeds as planned. Only in the north, where the treacherous English have promptly broken a deal, are we the least bit concerned.

Ger-Eng/Fra: I know Mr. Wallace has seen the light, but I'm not sure about Mr. Zarr. Without me, you fail, with me you could get a 2 way or a 3 way.

Eng-Aus: The issue is decided. Let's see if you have what it takes to win.

Ita-Aus: I knew it was coming but still I remained committed to my promises even when the whole world thought me crazy. Well, I think you moved too fast. It will be my pleasure to see your empire stopped and perhaps crumbled.

Ita-Fra: You told me so but I already knew it. No problem. My fleets are yours and I've joined the world community in order to thwart the expanding evil empire.

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<<"All Things Considered" cont.>>

Ger-Fra: Silence from "paille-au-nez"?

Ger-Eng: "Eastern" flank? "Northern" Plank? Think thrice.

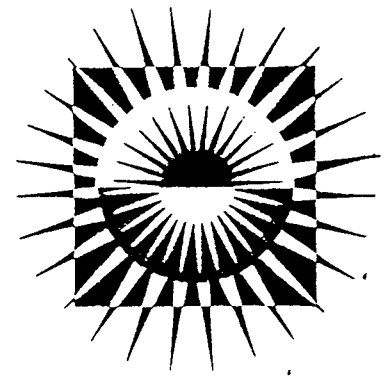
Ger-Aus: Big Brother is watching.

Ger-Rus: Are you having fun yet?

Ger-Tur: I see a Yellow Sea. It kills with Red hills. See how cultured we Germans are!

Berlin-Rome: Sorry couldn't respond sooner. German efficiency is not quite up to par with our culture.

(France): Recently Napoleon Bonesbitte addressed the parliament of the Second Republic of Greater France. Speaking with great emotion, he said, "I have but one goal in this life and let that be the goal of every Frenchmen on this soil or abroad. Yes, let every Frenchmen throw down his plow, his hammer, his vocation and let him hear the call to armies of his mother country. I have one aspiration, and that is to outlive that island of dishonor and ill-repute. That mass of chalk and sheep breeders, the England. We will fight to the last man and will ally with Satan himself if he promises to bring the kingdom of hell to England."



"All Things Considered"
RW #5 -- BN: 1992V

Spring 1902

Turkey (Castille): A rum-SER, F bul(ec)-RUM, F con-BUL(sc),
A SEV s f bul(ec)-rum, F smy-AEG, F ank-ARM
Russia (Hyatt): F SWE holds, A WAR-gal, A mos-UKR, A gal-BOH
Italy (Young): A tun-GRE, F ION c a tun-gre, F nap-APU,
A VEN holds
England (Goodwin): NMR; F LON, F EDI, F BRE, A Nwy, F NTH all
hold
France (Nesbitt): a spa-mao (nsu), A POR-spa, A BUR-bel,
A PAR-bre, F SPA(sc) holds (unordered)
Germany (Chrones): F den-SKA, A HOL-bel, A MUN-bur, A kie-RUH,
F ber-KIE
Austria (Rosenthal): F tri-ALB, A ser-TRI, A VIE s a ser-tri,
A BUD-gal

CENTERS

Turkey (6): Con/Ank/Smy/Sev/Rum/Bul
Russia (4): War/Stp/Mos/Swe
Italy (4): Rom/Nap/Ven/Tun
England(5): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Bre/Nwy
France (4): Mar/Par/Spa/Por
Germany(5): Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol
Austria(4): Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser
Neutral : Bel/Gre



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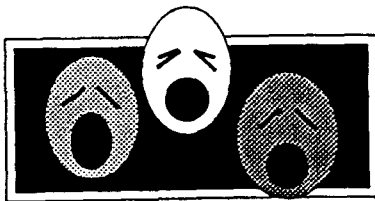
Fall 1902

October 22, 1992 at 12:00 noon

Notes

01) Would Dan Mathias (509 Bayview Dr.; Lusby, MD 20657) standby
for England?

<<Press after "RiverWalk">>



"Bluestage"
RW #6 -- BN: tba

Fall 1901

Turkey (Nesbitt): A bel-SER, A smy-ANK, F CON-bul (amb)
Russia (Hendricks): A UKR-war, A sev-RUM, F BLA s a sev-rum,
F BOT-swe
Italy (Stuart): A tus-PIE, A tyl-VIE, F tyn-TUN
England (Clingman): A WAL-bel, F ENG c a wal-bel, F nth-NWY
France (Anderson): A mar-SPA, F pic-BRE, A BUR-bel
Germany (Brush): F DEN-swe, A ruh-HOL, A sil-WAR
Austria (Gonsalves): A GAL s ger a sil-war, F alb-GRE,
A rum holds (r-bud/bul/otb)



CENTERS/BUILDS

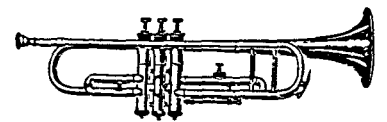
Turkey (4): Con/Ank/Smy/SER = +1
Russia (4): Stp/Mos/Sev/RUM/war = EVEN
Italy (5): Rom/Nap/Ven/VIE/TUN = +2
England(4): Lon/Edi/Lpl/NWY = +1
France (4): Bre/Mar/Par/SPA = +1
Germany(6): Ber/Kie/Mun/HOL/DEN/WAR = +3
Austria(3/4): Tri/Bud/GRE/vie/BUL? = +1/+2 depending on retreat

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DUE DATE for

Winter 1901



October 22, 1992 at 12:00 noon

Notes

- 01) A Boardman Number has been requested for this game. It will be announced upon its arrival.
- 02) The Turkish order to Bulgaria failed as it did not specify a coast.

Press

Tur-Ita/A-H/Fra: Your plot to wipe out Germany is transparent, even though A-H wants no blood on his hands.

Eng-Aus: I see what you mean.

<<Press cont. after The Green Goblin Speaks>>

The Green Goblin Speaks #4

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by John Breakwell

In England at the moment, talk is mainly about the European Monetary System (EMS) and how the Government isn't to blame for us being evicted from it. The concept behind the EMS was to stabilize the currencies of the Western European economies. The value of a currency could not fluctuate too much from a set value - governments were supposed to work together to ensure this didn't happen. At the moment, though, co-operation has not worked as ministers are having enough trouble keeping their own economies going without fiddling things to help other governments. So the System is beginning to fall apart - the UK started to hammer at the floor value for the Pound Sterling before eventually crashing through, forcing us to leave the EMS. As I write, France's Franc is also doing a crash dive as well and this from a supposedly stable and strong economy. Things are obviously not going to plan in Europe.

Things are not helped by the divided nature of the members of the European Community. Recently Denmark had a referendum on the EMS and the population gave a borderline NO. Only last Sunday, France went to the ballot box but this time there was a YES by the smallest margins - a 60:40 result in favour of the EMS was expected but this dropped to 51:49 as a protest against President Mitterand; the results showed a split between the rural (NO) and city (YES) areas caused by how being in the EMS and EC affected them.

In Britain, there will be no referendum as it is likely that the results will be a NO, or very close, which will show that the people are not behind the government. The last thing the Tories need at the moment is a vote of no confidence in their European policies. The dogs are already baying for the head of David Mellow, the Minister for "Fun" who has been caught up in a couple of scandals although the veracity of the accusations is to be questioned. Apparently one of the women involved has an agent promoting her who is famous for getting people into (or back into) the limelight and some of his plans could have been lifted straight from the National Enquirer.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a much maligned figure in British politics at the moment, is barely holding on to his job, pleading that outside forces (i.e. the German Bundesbank) are causing the fluctuations in the British economy and not his skill, or lack of it. What the Government really needs to do is admit that our economy is a weak one (imports nearly always exceed exports) and Sterling is no longer a major currency. I do admit, though, that with all the will in the world won't change anything if the financial world is going through considerable flux at the moment. Speculators are always after a quick buck and so at such times are going to throw their investments all over the place as they hunt down rich pickings. This has had the effect of putting certain currencies under stress as their governments try to cope with what is happening on the international scene.

In the near future Europe is still going to be financially unstable. It would be nice to have some linkage between the various currencies as it does improve trade between countries. Companies do not have to worry about exchange rates changing too much, if at all, which obviously helps in selling across borders. In the USA this principal exists - despite the geographical distances involved and the relative wealth between each state, trade goes very easily (with the occasional tax on top). What we need are such open borders and a common currency to improve trade. Once that has been achieved, the countries of Europe can start concentrating on trading better with the rest of the world.

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<<"BlueStage" cont.>>

(Russia): St. Petersburg, Military Commissar (General Announcement): On this day, to the cheers of Rumanian women & children, the Tsar personally led his personal guard into Bucharest. In overwhelming numbers, the men of Rumania petitioned to the Tsar to allow the formation of a new army in order to fight the oppressive Austrians. The Russian Empire has invited the Red Cross into Rumania to examine Austrian atrocities; defacing public restrooms, removing of mattress labels and the rape of cattle. The Host of the East has vowed to press on until Vienna repents and returns the cattle reportedly taken for the Austrian Emperor's personal use.

StP-Ank: The Russian Empire invites the Sultan to the opening of the Grand Mosque for Oppressed Moslem Peoples. The Tsar allows religious freedom for all his peoples, as long as they find Allah in the Tsar's service.

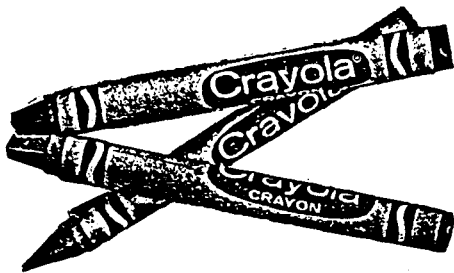
(England) Dateline Irish Sea - British forces encountered a poorly built Moslem ship today full of verminous swine. Heeding Turkey's warning against holding Moslems prisoner - the garbage scow was sunk.

Eng-Ger: So, you are a liar?

(Germany) His Majestic, "S'Tar Paul": You light up the northern sky - because everybody is turning on their lights to view the raving liar in the streets!

LAKE GENEVA FREEDOM MUSIC RADIO: Hi! It's Hans again, here with you on Europea Expose'D. To conclude our first story about English spokesman, Iva Biggen, we boldly strode forth, in the cover of darkness, to Mr. Biggen's summer home in Middlesex. In his driveway were 'His and Her' matching Audis, parked bumper to bumper. Not wanted Iva to think of us as 'strangers in the night,' my crew and I went to the back door, where we were confronted by a berobed Iva Biggen. He shouted, "I show you what I have!" and raised a fire-iron above his head to strike. I could see he was living up to his namesake (his robe opened up, too!), and I fled before his menacing poker could come into full view. Sprinting around to the front, I glimpsed an Audi screaming out of the driveway. "Could that be?" I thought "Lilly von Schtupp, the Teutonic Tw-Wonder?"

Be assured, loyal followers, the next edition will expose the truth. For Hans Onerrmuff in Lake Geneva, good tidings till next time!



"World Brief"
(Nuclear Destruction)
RW #7 -- MN: 1992HPrn34

January 1901

Turkey (Anderson): 1M ank-PRU, 1M con-SIL, 1M smy-RUH; has 0M
Russia (Koehler): 1M stp-LON, 1M mos-EDI; has 0M
Italy (Grose): 1M rom-BER, 1M nap-MUN, 1M ven-KIE; has 0M
England (Reynolds): 1M lon-UKR, 1M edi-FIN, 1M lpl-LVN; has 0M
France (Breakwell): 1M bre-VIE, 1M par-TRI, 1M mar-BUD; has 0M
Germany (Wallace): No missiles fired; has 0M
Austria (Nelson): 1M tri-MOS, 1M vie-SEV, 1M bud-STP; has 0M

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (4.5):	CON/ANK/SMY/cre/arm/syr	= +4.5 missiles
Russia (0) :	<u>stp/mos/sev/lvn/ukr/fin</u>	= OUT
Italy (4.5):	ROM/NAP/VEN/pie/tus/apu	= +4.5 missiles
England(2.5):	LPL/cly/yor/wal/ <u>lon/edi</u>	= +2.5 missiles
France (4.5):	BRE/MAR/PAR/pic/gas/bur	= +4.5 missiles
Germany(0) :	<u>ber/mun/kie/pru/sil/ruh</u>	= OUT
Austria(1.5):	tyl/boh/gal/ <u>vie/tri/bud</u>	= +1.5 missiles
Neutral :	alb/bel/bul/den/gre/hol/naf/nwy pol/por/rum/ser/spa/swe/tun	

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DUE DATE for

February 1901

October 22, 1992 at 12:00 noon

Notes

- 01) Two questions have been asked, first off Missiles can be built, moved to or stored in ANY non-nuked home province. Secondly, trade (giving missile points) is conducted BEFORE builds. Indicate it something like "Give .5 missile points to SEV". Conditional build orders are allowed.

PRESS

(Italy) Italy flexes its new-found nuclear muscle by attacking Germany. You and Russia are the only two who never wrote to us - and look what happened! Next time, don't rely solely on technology - try some old-fashioned diplomacy.

Eng-Rus: When you mailed your orders in early. I figured you had a plan to go with other than mine, which wasn't settled. Perhaps you chose to nuke me! I gotta pick someone - you've caught my attention (and my nukes!).

Eng-Fra: I hope you didn't "hang me out to dry!"

Eng-GM : Am I dead yet by my own machinations? <<Not yet>>

Eng-Tur: I resisted the urge to cross game -- did you?

Aus-World: I received a large number of letters, how many of *you* kept your word? How many? I suspect not many, not many at all.

Aus-Rus: Sorry! Nothing personal, you didn't write so I thought why not? Why not nuke the un-communicative sob out of the world...

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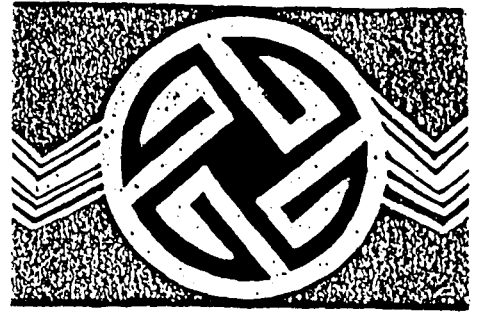
CON LISTING

- Oct 16-18 - HickCon, Hickory, NC. Contact Dave Hood (2905 20th St. NE; Hickory, NC 28601)
- Nov 7-8 - Rock-Con XX Game Fair, Rockton, IL. Contact Rock-Con Game Fair (14225 Hansberry; Rockton, ILL 61072)
- Nov 7-8 - LAGACON 15, Lebanon, PA. Contact Lebanon Area Gamers Association (806 Cumberland St.; Lebanon, PA 17042)
- Dec 13 - BeethovenCon, San Diego, CA. Contact Larry Peery (PO Box 620399; San Diego, CA 92162)
- Feb 5-7 - WarCon, College Station, TX. Contact MSCNOVA (Box J-1; Memorial Student Center, Texas A&M; College Station, TX 77844)
- Mar 26-28 - ConnCon, Danbury, CT. Contact ConnCon (PO Box 44; Sherman, CT 06784-0444)
- Jul 4th - Origins/DalCon, Fort Worth, TX. Contact myself at Wknd present. There WILL be a Dip tournament.
- Aug, 1st - CanCon VI, Toronto, Ont. (?) Contact Cal White Wknd (1 Turnberry Ave.; Toronto, Ontario; CANADA M6N 1P6)
- Labor Day - DipCon XXVI, San Fransisco, CA. Contact Don Del Grande Wknd (142 Eliseo Dr; Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339) or Pete Gaughan (1521 S. Novato Blvd., #46; Novato, CA 94947).

"Crossroads"

RW #8 -- MN: 1992HRrb32

Spring 1901



Turkey (): F ANK-bla, A con-BUL, A smy-ARM
Russia (): F SEV-bla, F stp-BOT, A WAR-gal, A mos-UKR
Italy (): A ven-TYL, A rom-APU, F nap-ION
England(): F lon-NTH, F lpl-YOR, F edi-NWG
France (): F bre-PIC, A par-GAS, A mar-SPA
Germany(): F kie-DEN, A ber-KIE, A mun-RUH
Austria(): F tri-ALB, A VIE-gal, A bud-SER
If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS

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/Tun

DUE DATE for

Fall 1901

October 22, 1992 at 12:00 noon

Notes

01) The Miller Number has arrived, it is listed above.

Press

Tur-Rus: Necessity must. Just the usual Spring manoeuvres.
Rom-Par: Peaceful co-existence -- at least for two years.
Rom-Vie: Go East, young man.
Rom-Mos: Friendship, cooperation, and mutual trust -- as long as you head South.
Rom-Ber: Go North, mein herr.
(England) Russia: The Anglo-Celtic people of Britain bring greetings and salutations to the most Holy Tsar of all the Russias. Recognizing that the peoples of Sweden and Finland are within the province of the protection of his most holy eminence, do not wish to upset his holiness when English forces arrive in



Norway. The Norwegian people fear Germanic intrusion and have applied for membership in the British Commonwealth. May our Christian forces emerge victorious from the oncoming onslaught of forces from central Europe.

(England) Turkey: The infidel Sultan of the Ottomans will soon feel the Christian wrath of his northern neighbor. The Godless pagan can expect no help if his cries for assistance are issued towards British (Christian) ears.

(England) France: Military force may be necessary on the part of the Republic to protect its cultural brethren in Belgium. Such action will not alarm the English people....so long as French fleets respect the neutrality of the English Channel. Since French incursion into the channel is unlikely, Britain predicts friendly relations with the free people of France.

(England) Germany: The peoples of Great Britain recognize the cultural responsibility of the Kaiser to protect his linguistic brethren in Holland and Denmark, and will not consider the movement of military forces to protect these areas as hostile. Should German fleets sail west of Denmark, though, the people of Britain can only view such action as hostile to themselves.

(England) Italy: The Italian people rightfully seek to re-establish the Roman Empire; the glorious civilization from which modern culture was born, at least in Britain. The only action which would cloud this brilliant Renaissance from the English perspective would be the appearance of an Italian fleet in the South Atlantic Ocean.

(England) Austria-Hungary; The infidel is upon you! The British peoples will gladly send Irish troops to assist in a modern crusade to regain the Orient.

Fra-Ger: If England didn't take the Channel, I'll support you into Belgium.

Fra-Eng: Don't take this to mean we can't be trusting - the Channel (was?)/is open.

Fra-Ita: Piedmont a neutral zone, Eh?

Fra-Aus/Rus/Tur: Warm fuzzies to y'all.

(Austria) Vienna Tribune Advises "Go West Young Roman."

Vie-Rom: The sincerity of my actions in all the diplomacy I should need with you! Please remove any patrols you may have in Austrian boundaries. Prolonged conflict between us will only kill us both and I could arrange that nay perfidy by you is met with a strong Turkish or Russian horde crashing across the Danube behind an Austrian horde across the Alps.

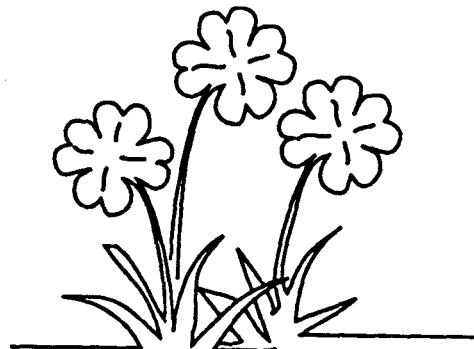
Vie-Tur: We can divide the Balkans evenly.

Vie-Rus: We can divide the Balkans evenly.

Vie-Ber: You know what I want. Do you wurst!

Vie-Lon: More than anyone I depend on you for balance. This will always be to your advantage. I can ask for no more.

Vie-Par: I will need no more.





"AfroPop Worldwide"

RW #9 -- BN: tba



Winter 1901

Turkey (Breakwell): has F ANK, A CON, A SMY
Russia (Duarte): has F STP(sc), F SEV, A MOS, A WAR
Italy (Charlton): has F NAP, A ROM, A VEN
England (Mathias): has F LON, F EDI, A LPL
France (Jewart): has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR
Germany (Anderson): has F KIE, A BER, A MUN
Austria (Grose): has F TRI, A VIE, A BUD

CENTERS

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
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DUE DATE for

Spring 1901

October 22, 1992 at 12:00 noon

**Latin and African
Sounds on AfroPop
Worldwide**

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NOTES

- 01) A Boardman Number has been requested for this game. It will be announced upon its arrival.
- 02) Please note the change in due date. There was an error last time.

POLL QUESTION

October's Question: "Response to Hurricane Andrew"

John Schultz: For once I find myself defending George Bush much as I find it to my distaste. He's gotten a raw deal in regards to the response to the first hurricane. ON top of that he gets a hard time for going to Florida to examine the damage, those pointing the fingers accusing him of playing politics with the disaster. This is absolutely ridiculous. It would have been political disaster not to have gone. I think both Bush and Clinton deserve credit for not playing ball with the media on this one, who would have just loved to see a political fight develop. There is no doubt the response was slower than it could or should have been. It's not warranted to blame any one person or group of persons or organization for the delay. Disasters don't play by the rules. As the new hurricane in the Pacific shows, timely response has been rethought by someone. The response was almost immediate. In this type of situation things don't ever work out perfect but I've been impressed by the response to this one. The trick will be to watch how natural and manmade disasters are dealt with in the post presidential campaign years. I believe the mechanics are available to deal swiftly in the future. The peace time military should be available to move quickly and should be prepared to do so. Every aspect. Protection of property. Shelter, food and other health needs. Beginning construction of dwellings and businesses. No one is better at that than the Army Corp of Engineers. They need something like a standing order to act in those situations. Or the country's leadership needs to delivers those orders in advance of the calamity.

Russell Wallace: Who's been doing all the fingerpointing? It seems to me that the relief efforts have been tremendously successful. he destruction in Florida and Louisiana was massive. How could things be taken care of better? I think we should put the fingerpointers in charge and see how well they do. Sometimes I feel that the media unfairly distorts the negative giving us false impressions.

<<Later>> After having sent my letter I have been thinking about what the responsibility of government really is. A government exists because the people allow it to exist. When the people want to change the government they do so, sometimes peacefully and sometimes violently. So what is it that the people gain when they band together and form a government and what do they lose. They gain protection at the cost of freedom. We all want protection so that we can earn a living in order to provide for our families and we are therefore willing to surrender some personal freedoms in order to assure ourselves of a safe productive life. We expect the government to keep us safe from civil unrest, from invasion, from those who want to take from us what we have earned without working for a living (I'm not talking about politicians are welfare recipients, just criminals) and to provide essential services such as fire departments, snow removal, roads, electric power, water, etc.

There is certainly a responsibility on the part of government to help out in the even of a natural disaster. Protection from the lawless (I guess that's why the Army is in Florida right now), temporary shelter (it was provided even before the storm hit) and food and water for the displaced. But for how long should the government continue to take care of the people beyond saving their lives so that they can decide to leave or stay? Do the people expect more from government than they should? How much of the rebuilding is the responsibility of the government and how much is the responsibility of the people? How much control should the government have?

Do we, as the private sector, have a responsibility to help those in need? Perhaps there is not enough of that in our society because we have a tendency to say, let "Big Brother" do it.

I think that Hubert H. Humphrey said it all, "the impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor." Florida is our neighbor. How much have you personally done to help out? I think that it is time to stop pointing our fingers at the government and for us to examine the real problem, us. It's time for us to start helping.

Richard Weiss: I have been in the eye of 2 hurricanes. One, Frederick, was one of the 10 most devastating in the United States. It wreaked total havoc. There wasn't a street that had 20 years clear of major tree limbs/trunks for miles. There was no chance for power lines, phones, potable water or any semblance of normal life for days into weeks into months of coping with rebuilding. There is no way a prompt response to devastation such as Andrew can occur. All low lying areas and poorly constructed areas can expect to be destroyed. The only way to cope is government mandated codes.

I lived in the Deep South 13 years (N. Carolina, New Orleans, Mobile). Everyone from the Tex-Mex border, through the Gulf Coast and up the Atlantic Coast past Hatteras expect a devastating hurricane will come each generation. Each coastal island community and anyone who builds within sight of the ocean knows that they are there temporarily. Andrew's destruction was immense. The response was nearly as good as could be expected, partly in large part due to the ability to evacuate. Now the response to prevent the next disaster is present - in building codes, flood plain building, etc.

I would rather live in earthquake country than hurricane territory. One will come. One may come.

Mark Lew: Relief agencies always get blamed for natural disasters. It happened here (Oakland) after the big fire last year, and three years ago after the big earthquake. People don't like to accept the fact that occasionally bad things happen, and it comforts them to have someone to blame. Government is the Mommy who is supposed to make everything all OK. When it doesn't happen (and of course, it can't) it's held responsible for the tragedy. How well aid is delivered makes little difference in this.

John Breakwell: On the UK news, the authorities seemed to do a good job of minimizing injury. Hurricanes are pretty popular in

the Caribbean so isn't the organization there to cope with this sort of thing? <<Yes, there is; however, this was an overwhelming disaster>>.

WAY: Some very good comments and thoughts from you, the readers. It is surprising that no one joined in the media chorus blaming the government, the president, the relief agencies for their response. Could it be the media is reporting the story in a slanted, dare I say biased, manner? I used to expect neutral, truthful stories when I read the paper and watched the news; however, the inflammatory reporting of the Los Angeles riots, the slandering of relief efforts in Florida/Louisiana and the witchhunting hiding in the guise of "investigative reporting" is quickly changing my opinion.

Russ has some excellent points. At what point does the government's responsibility to aid the victims end and at what point does that responsibility shift to their shoulders, their insurance policies and private sector support? I know that if I lived in a hurricane prone area, I would have proper insurance, store water/food in case of a strike and I would EVACUATE when directed (no hurricane party for me!!). Too many people are saying, 'poor me' when then should be kicking themselves in the pants for not being prepared. As Richard said, at least once every generation there is a devastating hurricane.

Regarding "An Alternative to Quayle" (September 1992):

Mark Lew: I don't think choosing Dick Cheney as running-mate would indicate Bush is more concerned with the rest of the world than with our own problems. Defense has been Cheney's job for the past four years, but it's not his main field any more than housing is Kemp's. By the way, I seriously doubt that Dan Rostenkowski would agree to run on a Republican ticket; like all House committee chairmen, Rosty is a Democrat.

Regarding "Rap Music" (August 1992):

Russell Wallace: John Breakwell claims that the hate we hear in rap music is a reflection of our nation's social injustice. All rap music is not hate filled. I have even heard Jesus rap music. No matter what the social conditions there are angry people composing angry music. It has always existed, but now it gets a lot of attention. If our society is so decadent that that can be profitable, then we shall reap what we sow and we shall get what we deserve. At what point does our society, the honest and the decent citizenry need protection? Will the music insight riots? How dangerous or disgusting? That's the only first amendment issue which is important. They don't make any money off of me.

Dustin Clingman: The funny thing about this question is that the reason for all the hype is being overlooked. The group "Body Count" is not a "rap" group. In actuality they are a metal group

(a bad one at that). Heavy metal music is primarily a white media. A majority of metal groups are white and a majority of metal fans are white. When "ICE-T" experiments into another media reserved for "white" humans he is quickly subdued and his attitude blamed for a plethora of problems when in fact "ICE-T" has been rapping this same or similar message for almost ten years now. The only difference being that he was telling people who were being exposed to the "friendly local policemen". I base my argument on my experience working in a music store in Orlando, and while I will admit these can only be applied to my city, I believe these attitudes to be true across the country due to coverage I have seen on MTV and national news media.

Another point in reference to this album was that it was specifically marketed to white fans that "ICE-T" gained on the "LOLLAPALOOZA" festival and on his subsequent tour with "BODY COUNT" showing us that the record company was setting this album up for controversy which of course is used to sell records. Controversy sells records. "Sista Souljah" is another example of controversy. The only reason she has attention is that she has a big mouth and screams and hollers every time she gets air time. I have seen her several times on talk shows and she always plays the angry black woman which I don't buy. All this and I am still anti censorship. Record companies cannot be held responsible but they should use discretion unto themselves which won't be happening anytime soon. I just wish the public could distinguish between this crap and a real musical form of expression. Like the guy who play piano on "WHAD' YA KNOW".

Adrian Appleyard: I've been having a look at the situation with regards to "Cop Killer" type songs here <<Australia>> compared to the US. IN this country legislation is to be brought in to punish "incitement to racial violence." This means that songs like 'Cop Killer' will probably be illegal in Australia. Censorship? Yes.

For way too long the right to free speech has been abused by racists, bigots, Nazis, the Klan, etc. People who use the right to free speech to incite others to kill, main, oppress or otherwise denigrate members of certain racial, ethnic, religious or other minority groups should lose this right. Or at least have it curtailed.

This system could be dangerous, though. I mean, where do you draw the line? Is 'Cop Killer' "incitement to violence," or merely a 'song' (if that's what you can call rap music) reflecting, as John Breakwell put it, social injustice?

I support this legislation in theory, but I am wary about its application. Only time will tell.

Question for November: A friend of mine recently decided to change his name. Apparently he's had deep resentment of his first name, given to him by his father with whom he had a poor relationship. Are you happy with your name? Do you fit the 'image' your name creates (for instance, if you read a note from "Bubba Jones", how would you imagine the person -- now think of your name)? If you changed your name, what would it be?

GAME OPENINGS

Gunboat (w/Press): five openings, \$5.00 NMR fee required. If you are signed up, there will be a red check ==>

Regular Dip: Six openings, \$5.00 NMR fee. Signed up: Handiboe

Regular. International: seven openings, \$5.00 NMR fee with two month deadlines and no split seasons. Signed up: none

Standbys: V. Lutterbie, DePalma, Reynolds, Schultz, Koehler, Kent, Lewis, McHugh, Wallace, Grose, Young, Gonsalves, Brooks, Mathias, Clingman, Acheson

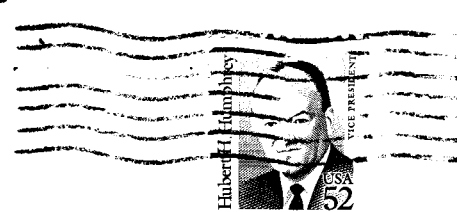
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Other game openings upon request of the readership. Contact the editor if you have a favorite game or variant.

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