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A new month and the start of some changes in Rambling WAY. Besides what's listed below, there's a gamestart (look for "StarDate" inside). But first, congrats to Jim Grose who was the winner in the Nuclear Destruction game! I was too wrapped up in watching the game I missed the end!! Another game has been opened. Also, a note for those of you watching, RW was mailed one day later than the normal Monday. The printshop was having problems over the Christmas weekend and couldn't get the issue printed as they normally do. I'm hoping this won't happen again.

The new feature is a Scattergories game (thanks to Stven Carlberg and Hoodwink for the idea behind it!!). The rules are listed, along with the first categories and letter. Anyone may play, there are no game fees or limits on participants.

I'm looking to update and revise my house rules and how I handle a few things in RW. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated and considered. There is one change that is going to take effect immediately.

Instead of an NMR fee, I'm going to collect a \$5 game fee for all future games (unless otherwise indicated). Of that, \$3 will actually be the game fee; while, the other \$2 will be donated to Texas Public Radio (the 'theme' of RW) on a quarterly basis. This idea germinated from Eric Ozog's Ramblings by Moonlight where he designates a portion of his game fee for the Orphan Service. If I ever take over a Hobby Service, I may change from TPR to that service. I figured this would be a good time to implement the long considered switch - it effects three individuals.

I'm looking at a revised method for game reports. Check out "BluesStage" and let me know what you think.

I've also expanded my convention list past what I can provide here. The current one is almost two pages long, and lists all international events I know of; as well as gaming cons here in the US. A complete list can be had for a SASE at any time.

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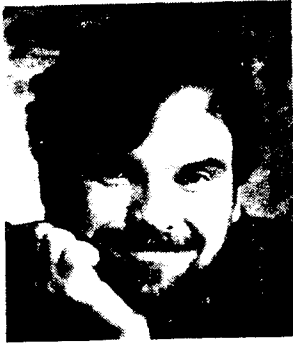
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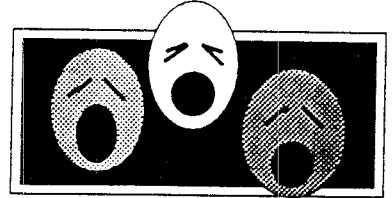
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Mountain Stage host, Larry Groce

"Mountain Stage"

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



Winter 1904

Fra: build F BRE

Spring 1905

- Turkey (): F con-ANK, F BUL(EC)-bla, A SMY s f con-ank,
A GRE-ser
 - Russia (): A STP s f ska-nwy, F ska-NWY, A WAR s a bud,
A SER-bul, F BLA s f ank, F ank s f bla (r-arm/otb),
A BUD-gal, A MOS s a war
 - Italy (): A TRI-ven, A TUS-ven, F ROM-tyn, F NAP s f rom-tyn
 - England(): A nwy-YOR, F NTH c a nwy-yor, F NWG-cly
 - France (): F TUN s f wme-tyn, F WME-tyn, F LPL-cly, F eng-WAL,
A pie-TYL, A mar-BUR, F bre-ENG
 - Germany(): NMR; A BEL, A DEN, A GAL, A PRU, F BAL, F SWE, A SIL
all hold
 - Austria(): A VIE-tri
- If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS

- Turkey (4): Con/Smy/Gre/Bul
- Russia (8): War/Stp/Mos/Sev/Rum/Ank/Bud/Ser
- Italy (4): Rom/Nap/Ven/Tri
- England(3): Lon/Edi/Nwy
- France (7): Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por/Tun/Lpl
- Germany(7): Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol/Bel/Swe
- Austria(1): Vie

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

Sundays, 10 PM, KSTX

DUE DATE for

Summer and Fall 1905

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

NOTE

- 01) The original Austrian and Russian players have returned. Contrary to the note last turn, a replacement player was not called for Germany. Orders were received on Monday following the deadline and before the issue was mailed (delayed a day at printers). All players in Mountain Stage were notified that no standby was called for the country. A standby will be called with this issue.

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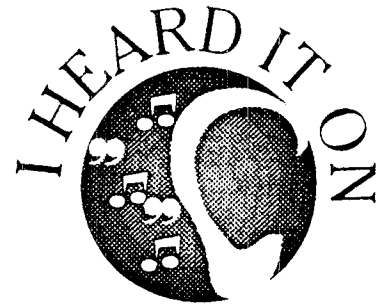
KEY

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

Summer 1908

Eng: F nth-EDI

Fall 1908



TEXAS PUBLIC
RADIO

- Turkey (): A NAP s fra a rom, F tun-WME, F tyn-LYO, A ukr-MOS,
A SER s a rum-bud, F TRI-ven, A rum-BUD, F aeg-ION,
F BLA s ger a war-gal (imp), A bul-RUM,
A SEV s a ukr-mos
- Russia (): A MOS-stp (ann)
- Italy (): A VEN s aus a bud-tri (nso)
- England (): F NWY holds, F EDI-nth, F ENG-lon, F NWG s f nwy,
F SPA(SC)-mar, F MAO-eng
- France (): A ROM hold, F MAR hold
- Germany (): A LVN-stp, A WAR-mos, A BEL-lon, F HOL s f nth,
F DEN s f nth, A PAR s a pic-bre, A pic-BRE,
F BAR-nwy, F NTH c a bel-lon, A SWE s f bar-nwy
- Austria (): A gal-VIE, A bud s a gal-vie (r-gal/otb)
- If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS/BUILDS

- Turkey (13): Con/Ank/Smy/Gre/Bul/Rum/Ser/Nap/
Tun/Sev/Tri/MOS/BUD = +2
- Russia (1): Stp/mos = +1 (due to ann)
- Italy (1): Ven = EVEN
- England (6): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Spa/Por/NWY/bre = EVEN
- France (2): Mar/Rom = EVEN
- Germany(10): Kie/Ber/Mun/Hol/Swe/Den/Bel/War/
Par/BRE/nwy = EVEN
- Austria (1): Vie/bud = EVEN (or -1
depending on retreat)

DUE DATE for

Autumn/Winter 1908 and Spring 1909

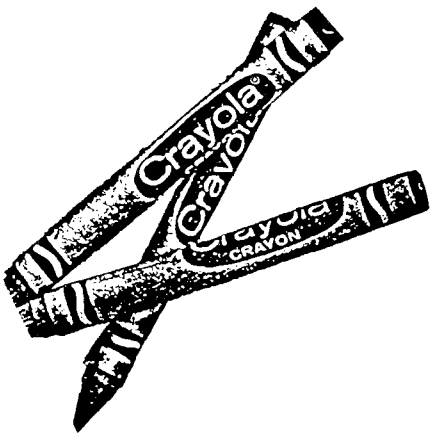
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NOTE

01) The original Austrian and Italian players have returned.

<<Press after "World Brief">>





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

THE VICTORY GOES TO JIM GROSE

Note

- 01) Game ended March 1901, with a victory for Jim Grose as Italy. I was enjoying the game so much, I missed the fact that Jim had reached the victory conditions. End-game statements due next time.

DUE DATE for

End-Game Statements

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

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PRESS
(for "Whad' Ya Know")

Rus-World: Bye

(Italy) Casa Viejo, Venice: "Giovanni, it seems we misunderstood Austria's signals. I shall rectify matters by supporting their army henceforth."

"As you wish, Monsignor Montessori. I shall send a message immediately."

"What thoughts have you, Dominic, about the French situation? Will they outlast us in our own lands?"

"Nay, milord, I think not. The Germans can easily take the province if they move south. Also, the time is ripe for the Turks to take Rome."

"I agree with your sharp assessment. I am quite enjoying the difficulty of their position. Now we must resist the Turkish forces with our last ounce of strength. England is looking for a way to halt the Turks. Carry a message requesting immediate aid. English fleets in the Med could make the difference in our own position. God bless us all."

Eng-Ger: "I give you my French holdings as a peace offering.

Turkey will win if my fleets must patrol my shores. I will trade you Por & Spain for Norway & Swe. We can then sail into the Med and sink the Turkish garbage scows. Your armies are the only infantry that can stop the Turkish armies. If you want you could take all or most of my dots but the Sultan will get 18 by that time. It is now time for you and I to form an anti-Turkish alliance if we want to stop the Sultan. Let me know your answer in spring so we can stop him as soon as possible."

Fra-Rus: Your thoughts are forgiven. Next time, please say your confession in French, our Latin is a bit rusty.

Riverwalk, Live From the Landing

"RiverWalk: Live from the Landing"

RW #4 -- BN: 1992L

Summer 1905

Rus: A den-SWE

Ger: A ber-MUN

Fall 1905



Jim Cullum, leader of the band.

Russia (Brooks): F AEG s aus f ion, F CON holds, A ukr-WAR,
A BER s aus a tyl-mun, A SIL s aus a tyl-mun,
F BAL s a swe, F NWY s a swe, A SWE s f nwy,
A FIN s f nwy, F BAR s f nwy
Italy (Koehler): F tyn-LYO, A ROM-ven, A PIE s a rom-ven,
F NAP s aus f tun-tyn (nso)
England (Clingman): F BEL s f nth, F DEN s ger a hol-kie,
F NWG-nwy, F NTH s f den
France (Wallace): F spa(sc)-WME, A PAR s a gas-bur, A bur-MAR,
A gas-BUR
Germany (Voogd): a mun holds (ann), A hol-KIE, F SKA-swe
A RUH s a hol-kie
Austria (Eastep): F ION c a gre-apu, A TRI s a ven, A gre-APU,
F TUN holds, A VEN s a gre-apu, A vie-TYL,
A BOH s a tyl-mun, A tyl-MUN

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1904
Russia (10): War/Stp/Mos/Sev/Nwy/Swe/Rum/Con/Ank/BER/den = even
Italy (3): Rom/Nap/Spa/tun = -1
England (5): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Bel/DEN = +1
France (4): Bre/Par/Por/Mar = even
Germany (2): Kie/Hol/mun/ber = -1
Austria(10): Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser/Gre/Bul/Smy/Ven/MUN/TUN = +2

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DUE DATE for

Winter 1905, Spring 1906 & Proposals

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

PROPOSALS: R/A Draw - 4 Yes, 2 No. Concession to Russia -
3 Yes, 2 No, 1 NVR(=no). Both are repropoed. NVR/NMR will be
counted as a "Yes" vote for both.

America's Classic Jazz with The Jim Cullum Jazz Band

NOTE

01) The French ordered A mar-BUR last time, not A bur-MAR. All players were notified by postcard of the error shortly after RW was mailed.

PRESS

Rus-Aus: "I'll hit 'em high & you hit 'em low."

Rus-Eng: "Please remove your boats from around Scandinavia. If you don't I'll be forced to do it for you!"

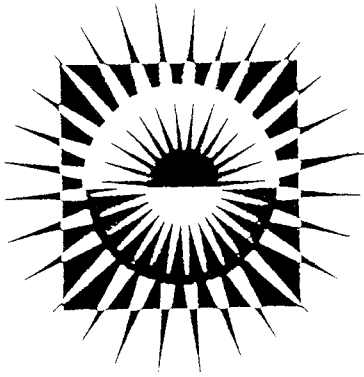
Rus-Fra: "Welcome back to the living. I thought you were a goner there for a while."

Ger-Fra/Tur: How about putting a lid on the whining about the 'poor' play of other players. Let's face it, the worst possible level of play in Diplomacy results in having all of one's neighbors attacking them. And that is a definition that fits both of you to a Tee.

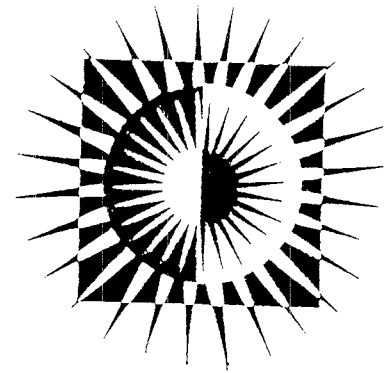
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CONVENTION LISTING

- Feb 21 - WimbleCon, Kingsnympton Park, England. Contact: Paul Stovell (24, Newdigate House; Kingsnympton Park, Surrey; ENGLAND KT2 7TJ)
- Feb 26-28 - Jaxcon '93, Jacksonville, FL. Contact (JAXCON, PO Box 4423; Jacksonville, FL 32201)
- Feb 26-28 - French Diplomacy Championship, Paris, France. Contact: Federation Francais des Jeux de Diplomatie et de Strategie (11 Rue Moliere; 75001 Paris; France)
- Mar 6 - BPBMA London, England. Contact Paul Evans (SFCP, 42, Wynndale Road; London, England E18 1DX)
- Mar 7 - Dragon's Call, Dunstable, England. Contact James King (28, Brewers Hill Rd; Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England)
- Mar 19-21 - Villecon 93, Maryville, MO. Contact Brad Mongar (517 1/2 W 7th; Maryville, MO 64468)
- Mar 26-28 - ConnCon, Danbury, CT. Contact ConnCon (PO Box 44; Sherman, CT 06784-0444)
- May 14-16 - LepreCon, Philomath, OR. Contact Joan Extrom (35096 Kings Valley Hwy; Philomath, OR 97370). HouseCon.
- May 29-31 - DixieCon, Chapel Hill, NC. Contact David Hood (2905 20th St., NE; Hickory, NC 28601)
- Jun 18-20 - AtlantiCon, Baltimore, MD?. Contact is unknown.
- Jul 1-4 - Origins/DalCon, Fort Worth, TX. Contact myself at present.
- Aug 5-8 - CanCon VI, Toronto, Ontario. Contact Cal White (1 Turnberry Ave.; Toronto, Ontario; CANADA M6N 1P6)
- Aug 5-8 - AvalonCon '93, Huntington Valley, MD. Contact TAHGC (4517 Harford Rd.; Baltimore, MD 21214)
- Aug 19-22 - Gen Con 1993, Milwaukee, WI. Contact 1993 GENCON Game Fair (PO Box 756; Lake Geneva, WI 53247)
- Sept 3-6 - PacifiCon/DipCon XXVI, San Francisco, CA. Contact Don Del Grande (142 Eliseo Dr; Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339) or Pete Gaughan (1521 S. Novato Blvd., #46; Novato, CA 94947).



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



Summer 1903

Tur: a ser-otb

Fall 1903

Turkey (Castille): F gre-ION, F BLA c a rum-arm, F ank-CON,
F AEG s f gre-ion, F EME s f gre-ion,
A rum-ARM, F con-BUL(SC)
Russia (Hyatt): F nwy-SWE, A gal-RUM, A mos-STP, A boh-SIL
Italy (Young): F ion-ALB, F APU-ion, A TYL s aus a vie (nso),
F TYN s f apu-ion
England (Mathias): F ENG s f bre, F NAO-mao, A stp-NWY,
F BRE s f nao-mao (ann), F NTH s ger a hol-bel
France (Nesbitt): A GAS s a pic-bre, A bel-hol (r-pic/bur/otb),
A pic-BRE, F MAO-eng
Germany (Chrones): F DEN holds, A bur-MAR, A RUH s a hol-bel,
F hel-HOL, A hol-BEL
Austria (Weiss): A TRI s a ser, A vie-BUD, A SER s rus a gal-rum

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (6): Con/Ank/Smy/Sev/Bul/Gre/rum/ser = -1 (due to ann)
Russia (5): War/Stp/Mos/Swe/RUM = +1
Italy (4): Rom/Nap/Ven/Tun = even
England(4): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Nwy/bre = even (due to ann)
France (4): Par/Spa/Por/BRE/mar = even (or +1 if
r-otb)
Germany(7): Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol/Bel/MAR = +2 (due to ann)
Austria(4): Vie/Tri/Bud/SER = +1

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CANADA

DUE DATE for

Autumn/Winter 1903 and Spring 1904

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

The Green Goblin Speaks #4

by John Breakwell

I am very grateful to Andrew for inspiring this issue with the Royal Family poll question. There was I scratching my head trying to think of something to write a page on and then *bing* Royalty! Of course, such a subject of world-wide interest but with negligible importance.

As the Queen said, 1992 was an "Annus Horribilis". Not that the previous few didn't have their ups and downs but for some 1992 was a turning point. There have always been discussions about whether the Royal Family should continue to exist, especially at the expense of the general public - we got rid of the feudal system some time ago! - but recently the press has been devoting column feet to the subject of their future.

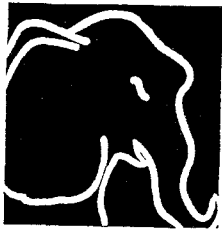
That wouldn't be happening if the public could take them seriously but they have certainly gone out of their way to dispel the mystique of Royalty. They are no longer the perfect people they use to be which makes them more human and that isn't the sort of person you want in charge. If Joe Public thinks that he's as good as the people at the top then he's going to want the things they've got (or bring them down to his level, whichever's easier). And the trouble is that the Royal Family ARE normal people!

Of the Queen's children, three have had their marriages fail and the fourth looks unlikely to be invited to his own wedding in the first place; in a time of recession, some of the more public figures spend a lot of time on expensive holidays abroad; similarly, the income of the top Royals is not taxable which means the world's richest woman get seven richer without making the basic contributions to the country that the rest of us do. All these and more are plastered across the newspapers seemingly incessantly which I find annoying, not because I particularly like the Royal Family but because I HATE soaps which is what they are - you only see these people in the media and its always only the highlights of an exaggerated plotline, just like Eastenders or Dallas.

Now what is going to happen in the near future is a trend towards a "smaller" Royal Family - not in the sense that there will be less of them but that only the central core of the Queen's family will get the privileges and money from the Civil List, the Government money paid to Royalty to cover expenses (staff, accommodation, transport, etc.), whilst the rest (hanger-ons in most people's eyes) will have to fend for themselves. The problem of tax has been solved by the Queen deciding that she will pay tax after all - not that this is such a big shake-up as Queen Victoria paid income tax but it does look good for public relations.

The Royal Family as a concept cannot yet be removed as the repercussions would involve major shake-ups in how the United Kingdom is run. For example, if the queen retires and takes the rulership with her, then the Constitution would have to change, taking such things as the two-tiered Parliament with it. A lot of people are arguing that this would be a "good thing" for Britain, that we need a fairer, more democratic, society. On the other

<<cont. after "All Things Considered">>



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



Spring 1908

Italy (Schultz): F NAP s fr f tun-ion (nso; r-apu/otb)
 England (Zarr): F BAR s a stp, a pru-sil (ann), F den-KIE,
 A STP holds, F NTH c a edi-hol, A edi-HOL,
 F BAL s ger f ber
 France (Wallace): F LYO c a mar-tus, F wme-TYN, F TUN s f wme-tyn,
A BEL-ruh, A mar-TUS, A PIE s a mar-tus,
 A BUR s ger a ruh-mun (nso)
 Germany (Lutterbie): NMR: F BER, A RUH hold
 Austria (Grose): A ank-CON, F con-AEG, A bul-SER, A vie-TYL,
 A ukr-GAL, A MOS-stp, A LVN s a war-pru,
 F tri-ADR, A SIL s a mun, A MUN s a vie-tyl,
 A VEN s a vie-tyl, A ROM s f tyn-nap, A sev-UKR,
 A war-PRU, F alb-ION, F tyn-NAP

CENTERS

Turkey (0): ELIMINATED, FALL 1906
 Russia (0): ELIMINATED, FALL 1905
 Italy (1): Nap
 England (7): Edi/Lpl/Lon/Nwy/Stp/Den/Swe
 France (7): Par/Mar/Bre/Por/Spa/Bel/Tun
 Germany (3): Kie/Hol/Ber
 Austria(16): Bud/Tri/Vie/Ser/Gre/Bul/Rum/War/
 Sev/Mos/Mun/Ven/Smy/Con/Ank/Rom



DUE DATE for

Fall/Winter 1908

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

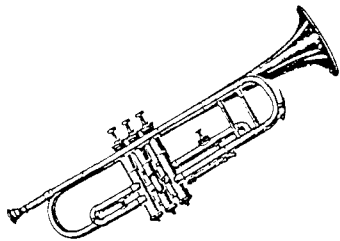
NOTES

01) Errors abounded last time. The Italian fleet could retreat to Apu and the English A Pru didn't make it to Silesia - it being annihilated instead. The game has been delayed to allow the players to make any changes in their orders based on these corrections. Orders on file will be used if not amended.

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New Subbers (add to your list)

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"BluesStage"
RW #6 -- BN: 1992AG

<Autumn 1902>, [Winter 1902], Spring 1903

Turkey (Nesbitt, Will; PO Box 1231; Front Royal, VA 22630):
[A ANK, F SMY]; F aeg-GRE, A gre-SER, A BUL s a gre-ser,
F con-BLA, A ank-SMY, F smy-EME
Russia (Hendricks, Paul; 3506 B King James Ct; Richmond, VA 23223):
A mos s a rum-ukr (r-stp/otb), A rum-UKR, F bla-SEV,
F stp(sc)-LVN
Italy (Stuart, Rick; 33 Sutton Pl.; Cincinnati, OH 45230):
[A VEN]; A pie-TYL, A vie-TRI, F ION s a ven-alb,
A TRI s a vie-bud, F ADR c a ven-alb, A ven-ALB
England (Clingman, Dustin; 3260 Kayenta Ct.; Orlando, FL 32829):
[F LON, F LPL]; A PIC-par, F ENG-mao, F den-NTH, F lpl-IRI
F swe-FIN, F LON-eng
France (Anderson, Lance; 696 Fox Ave., #100; Lewisville, TX 75067):
[A PAR]; A bur holds (r-gas/otb), F BRE s f por-mao,
A MAR s a bur, F por-MAO, A PAR s a bur
Germany (Brush, Mark; 476 Edith Ave.; Johnstown, PA 15906):
F kie-HOL, A RUH s a bel-bur, A MUN s a bel-bur,
F BOT s eng f swe-fin, A WAR s aus a ukr-mos, A bel-BUR
Austria (Gonsalves, Michael; 530 Trasure Lake; Dubois, PA 15801):
<F gre-ALB>; [a bud, f alb]; A ukr-MOS

CENTERS

Turkey (6): Con/Ank/Smy/Ser/Gre/Bul
Russia (4): Stp/Mos/Sev/Rum
Italy (6): Rom/Nap/Ven/Vie/Tun/Tri
England(5): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Nwy/Den
France (5): Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por
Germany(7): Ber/Kie/Mun/Hol/War/Bel/Swe/
Austria(1): Bud

**This Month on
BluesStage**

Saturdays, 11 PM, KSTX

DUE DATE for

Summer/Fall 1903

February 28, 1993 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

- 01) My explanation of the illegal disband order was challenged. However, the decision stands. The rules do not allow units to unilaterally disband without a loss of a supply center (rule XIII.2) or by retreat (rule XI).
- 02) It has been asked if a player may attack their own forces creating a retreat situation. Please refer to rule IX.3 regarding self-dislodgment.
- 03) Error last time with the center count. England controlled Sweden, not Germany. Players were notified of the correction.
- 04) Only one request was received for a separation of seasons.

PRESS

(Turkey) Ali Nesbar, unfortunately, will not be available for the memorial service that England and Germany have planned for Lance Anderson. Though the memorial is scheduled for Winter 1903, Ali has no intention of weathering a stormy Norman outdoor funeral, when he ponders the alternative. Ali much prefers the prospect of relaxing with a Romanesque beauty under each arm in the balmy sands of a Neapolitan beach. Ali continues to deny rumors that he will winter with a fat Russian babushka at a Crimean resort.

Tur-World Press: I love the press, and no offensive was taken, or intended at any time.

Tur-Eng: I'll meet you in the Baleric Islands.

Tur-Fra: Lance, if you pull this one out of the fire (without the assistance of a German or English NMR), I'll fly to Lewisville to shake your hand. Your goose is not yet cooked but it is ready for basting.

(Italy) Rome: the Italian Government today officially declared its support for the Tsarist regime. In a prepared statement before the Italian Senate the President made the following declaration: "We respect the right of all nations to prosper in peaceful coexistent. With respect to Imperial Russia we support the Tsar's right to govern his own nation and hope that other European powers will do likewise."

(Italy) Rome: Rutters Press -- The President of the Italian Republic in open session of the Italian Senate today declared with respect to current Italo-French relations: "regarding the lawful Republic of France we have not in the past been the first to violate her sovereignty, neither are we the second nation to do so in the present, nor shall we be the third in the future."

(Italy) Budapest: Rutters Press -- Rumors abound here in the chaotic capitol of the former Austrian Empire. The latest today concerns the goings on at the Theatre Machiavelli where last night the Italian Charge D' Affairs, Armani "AC/DC" Castrovalva, Count D' Moni, was seen with his latest love interest, the Turkish cinema starlet, Mad Donna, at the premier of her latest Cheese & Crackers film production, "Desperately Seeking Anybody". Speculation here is rife that Mad Donna is in reality a would-be Matta Hari in torn lingerie working for the Turkish government charged with passing secret communiques through the Count to the Italian President. When asked to comment on this possibility concerning the Smyiran Siren, Count D' Moni replied: "Stuff and nonsense. She only wanted to read my Vittorio's Secrets catalog!"

(Austria) Normally I would be upset if the postal service delayed my orders but in this case I say: Thank God!

Aus-Eng: As the gentleman in this game, I wish you luck.

Aus-Tus: You don't have a clue, Will.

Aus-Rus: We got off to a bad start Paul but, I am learning some respect. I hope we play again.

(Russia) Czar Paul I to King Lance IV: You and I struggle against the German/English forces alone, it seems. But with France and Russia gone, who will withstand these two?

(Russia) The Russian Press: Dateline, Budapest....Today, crowds openly wept as the missing Archduke stayed away from home all

night. Ringing cowbells, the somewhat miffed crowd cried out "Whither now, without Dukie? Where shall we look for the leader of the herds?" for several seconds before collapsing in apathy.

(Russia) Czar to the silent English Prime Minister: You could at least write a few lines on a post card, telling sweet lies to me like the Kaiser. The Czar is feeling jilted.

(Russia) Russian Security forces to Anonymous Frogmen of Death: The hand of Fate has intervened in your attempt to scuttle the Baltic Fleet, and the Czar's personal astrologer has forecast this as the beginning of the Age of Immortality for the Russian Fleet, nothing shall sink these brave Lions of the Sea! Onward!

Ger-Fra: Schizoid?!? And I thought that we would exchange pictures of our ugliest dates. (They do have moustaches, but I swear that they were women!)

Eng-All: Sorry about slow writing, last two turns were hectic.

Eng-Tur: You Crybaby! If you don't like the Austrian Government just go ahead and lower it from its present level to yours: swarthy and rotten.

(Switzerland) LGFM Radio: "...and on the request line we have the Slowhand and Co with "Can't Find my way Home" from Ali to Archie. And going out to Tsar Paul, here's Ali's request for "Lean on Me"

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SCATTERGORIES

Each issue, fifteen categories will be listed along with a letter. Without research, you must pick something that matches the category and that starts with the indicated letter. For persons, either the first or last name is eligible. Your goal is to pick unique answers - the person with the most unmatched answers will receive the next issue of Rambling WAY free. A particular answer can be used only once per round. If your answer is obscure, please give me a reference for it, otherwise I'll use materials I have handy to verify it. Rulings by the GM are final on whether an answer is acceptable or not. Suggestions for future categories are welcome.

DEADLINE: February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

The Letter for this Round is "J"

- 01) Spacecraft
- 02) Cars No Longer Made
- 03) Political Issues of the 1950's
- 04) Names of Battles
- 05) Commercial Computer Games
- 06) Countries No Longer in Existence
- 07) Chain Stores (in more than one state)
- 08) Star Trek Characters (any version)
- 09) Birds
- 10) Presidential Candidates (made the national elections)
- 11) Home Office Materials
- 12) Current Baseball Players
- 13) Archeological Words
- 14) Colleges/Universities
- 15) Television Shows

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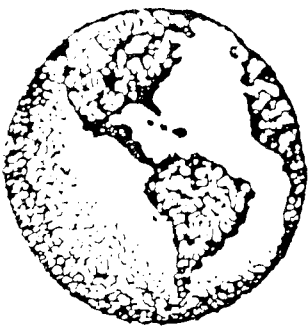
In December 1991, Japanese Diet (Congress) members were unable to agree on a joint statement about the war and Pearl Harbor as the government prepared for the visit of President Bush. In January 1992, Japanese Prime Minister Miyazawa's visit to Korea resulted in many articles in the press dealing with Japan's conscription of Korean (and other) "comfort women" during the war. The following background is from The Economist of London (1/18/92), and the 1/25/92 Nikkei Weekly.

The soldiers of Japan's old imperial army were often brutally treated by their officers. But they were well provided for sexually. From 100,000 to 200,000 women were taken from their homes in Korea (about 80 per cent), China, Burma, and Malaya, and put into military brothels so that Japanese troops could forget the misery of the front line for a moment or two. Records show that individual comfort women were used as many as 80 times a day. Many died from exhaustion, disease, and shame. Some were murdered to stop them giving evidence to the advancing allies.

In the past the Japanese government always claimed that the comfort facilities were operated by private concerns, and that there was no official evidence that the government or the military was involved. But last December, Shoji Motooka, a Socialist member of the upper house of the Diet, found a list on microfilm in the National Diet Library giving names and addresses of a contingent of Korean women who had been forced into prostitution. Earlier this month, Chuo University Professor Yoshiaki Yoshimi unearthed further documents in the Defense Agency archives showing the Japanese Army was deeply involved in the recruiting and controlling thousands of Asian women. Two days after Yoshimi's discoveries were reported in the press, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Kato stated, "According to private and Defense Agency records that have recently been located, involvement of the Japanese army is undeniable."

According to the 1/18/92 Mainichi Daily News, Prime Minister Miyazawa told the South Korean National Assembly on 1/17, "Never should we allow ourselves to forget the fact that, at certain moments in the history of our relations with your country for the past couple of millenia, Japan was the assailant and Korea was the victim. Allow me to take this opportunity to express our sincere remorse and apology for Japanese past actions which inflicted unbearable suffering and sorrow on the people of the Korean Peninsula.

Recently the issue of 'comfort women' in the service of the Japanese Imperial Army has come to light. I cannot help feeling acutely distressed over this and I express my sincerest apology. As one who lived through the last world war I believe that history must be taught correctly to the future generations...by teaching them our faults so that they will never again be repeated. That is the responsibility of our generation. While Japan has been working to disseminate correct understanding about the relationship between our two countries, we intend to continue to work hard to that end. I am determined to nurture in the Japanese people, especially our youth, the courage to face squarely the past facts, understanding for the feelings of the victims, and a sense of admonition that these misdeeds should never be repeated."



"AfroPop Worldwide"
RW #9 -- BN: 1992AH

Fall 1901

Turkey (Breakwell): F ank-BLA, A bul-GRE, A SMY holds
 Russia (Duarte): F BOT-swe, F sev-RUM, A UKR s f sev-rum,
 A war-LVN
 Italy (Charlton): F ION c a apu-tun, A apu-TUN, A VEN-tri
 England (Mathias): F NTH c a edi-hol, F nwg-NWY, A EDI-hol
 France (Jewart): F bre-MAO, A par-BUR, A MAR s a par-bur
 Germany (Anderson): F DEN-swe, A kie-HOL, A RUH s a kie-hol
 Austria (Grose): F TRI-ven, A GAL s tur a bul-rum (nso),
A SER s tur a bul-rum (nso)

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (4):	Con/Ank/Smy/GRE	= +1
Russia (5):	War/StP/Mos/Sev/RUM	= +1
Italy (4):	Rom/Nap/Ven/TUN	= +1
England(4):	Lon/Edi/Lpl/NWY	= +1
France (6):	Bre/Mar/Par/SPA/POR/BEL	= +3
Germany(5):	Kie/Ber/Mun/HOL/DEN	= +2
Austria(4):	Vie/Tri/Bud/SER	= +1
Neutral :	Bul/Swe	



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Winter 1901

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

**Latin and African
Sounds on AfroPop
Worldwide**

Saturdays, 10 PM, KSTX

ADDRESSES

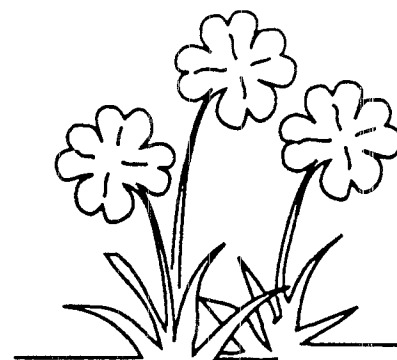
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 NEW ZEALAND
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Notes

- 01) The above center list is correct. Swe is still neutral, not Tun.
- 02) In response to a question, normally in my International Dip games I don't split seasons (player request). I keep the option open for unusual circumstances; with Winter 1901 being such a case due to the number of builds. <I don't think I've said otherwise, if I did; sorry, I erred>
- 03) Orders on hand for Germany, France, Italy and Austria.

"Horizons"
RW #10 -- MN: 1992J1rb32

Fall 1901



Turkey (): F ank-BLA, A CON-bul, A BUL-gre
Russia (): F bot-SWE, F sev-RUM, A stp-NWY, A UKR s f sev-rum
Italy (): F ion-TUN, A ven-TYL, A tyl-BOH
England(): F NTH s a edi-nwy, F NWG c a edi-nwy, A edi-NWY
France (): F mao-SPA(SC), A bur-BEL, A spa-POR
Germany(): F HOL s a ruh-bel, A kie-DEN, A ruh-BEL
Austria(): F alb-GRE, A gal-VIE, A SER s f alb-gre
If you are playing; a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS

Turkey (4):	Con/Ank/Smy/BUL	= +1
Russia (6):	War/StP/Mos/Sev/SWE/RUM	= +2
Italy (4):	Rom/Nap/Ven/TUN	= +1
England(4):	Lon/Edi/Lpl/NWY	= +1
France (5):	Bre/Mar/Par/POR/SPA	= +2
Germany(6):	Kie/Ber/Mun/HOL/BEL/DEN	= +3
Austria(5):	Vie/Tri/Bud/SER/GRE	= +2

DUE DATE for

Winter 1901

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

**Cultural Spirit and
Identity on Horizons**

Saturdays, 3:30 PM, KSTX

PRESS

(Russia) St. Petersburg: In today's news - A spokesman for Foreign Minister Lamdsdorf said that His Imperial Government is unconcerned by the recent Anglo-Japanese treaty talks. "After all," he continued, "We European peoples share common interests in the Far East. Our English friends would never encourage the backward Japanese armies to commit suicide by attacking our Imperial Asian possessions."

In other news - The Imperial Secret Service has confirmed reports that the latest series of industrial strikes in Minsk and Kiev have been organized by Swedish socialist infiltrators. Swift retaliation for this outrage is expected. Analysts have suggested that these hooligans may be part of an overall Scandinavian strategy. Reports of similar Danish infiltrators in Germany, and Norwegians in England are filtering in.

(Russia) St. Petersburg-Vienna: My Dearest Cousin Frankie...I have taken you at your word that Galicia shall become demilitarized. One slight problem there: your army is in there. Do remove it soon, please. You know that I long only for harmony among all nations. (But don't turn it into a bad Polish joke, if you get my drift.)...Your Loving Cousin, Nicki.

(Russia) St. Petersburg-Berlin: My Dearest Cousin Willie...How thoughtful of you to hold back your invasion of Denmark. Now you can give those pastry heads a licking while I show a thing or two

to those meatballs in Sweden. No doubt Cousin Bertie will make the Norwegians blue. With any luck, we seven can rid Europe of all those tasteless minor type countries by the end of this year. Isn't power great?!...Your Loving Cousin, Nicki.

(Russia) St. Petersburg-London: My Dearest Cousin Bertie...I do hope you do not plan on yachting in the cold Norwegian Sea through the winter. I can't tell you how cold it makes me feel just thinking about it. Are you sure you aren't interested in a southern cruise? Let's meet somewhere on the Norway/Sweden border and drink a toast to the New Scandinavian Order...Your Loving Cousin, Nicki.

(Russia) St. Petersburg-Constantinople: Hey, Abdul, you crazy Turk! How ya' doin'? I kept my boat out of the water this time, just like I said. Hope you did the same. You know, you're all right for a heathen. This could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Westward Ho!?... Your Northern Buddy, Nick Romanov.

(Russia) St. Petersburg-Rome: My Dearest Cousin Vic...I hear that you enjoy skiing in the Tyrolian Alps. This I am sure does not make our cousin Frankie very happy. I hate to see discourse among the royal families. How about you and I meet somewhere and discuss this. Perhaps Vienna? By the way, I hear that the wine in Trieste is very good this year...Your Loving Cousin, Nicki.

(Russia) St. Petersburg-France: My dearest Emile...Catching some rays on the sunny coast of Spain? You know that's not good for your skin. I recommend staying out of the sun in a foggy city (I think you know where I mean). Remember, except for that silly excursion east in 1812, France and Russia have always been long term allies. OK, so we disagreed on Crimea too. But that's all history now. You don't have such a bad country, even if you don't have enough sense to reinstall a king. Enjoy your Mediterranean holiday...Your friend in the East, Nick Romanov.

Fra-Aus: Greetings, I am also open to suggestions or invitations of alliance. I think that maybe our armies could meet in Munich or Rome for such discussions.

Fra-Eng: It looks like you have lost the race to Sweden. Let me know if I can be of any help in the north, especially against the bear with the big mouth.

Fra-Rus: Emile??? Nobody by that name here. Oh, wait! She took a slow dreadnought to Japan.

Aus-Board: Sorry for the NMR! I will avoid it in the future.

Ita-Aus: Thanks for the note. I too wish the center of the board to remain tranquil. I hope my presence didn't make you skitterish. I love Greece, so if I get there in the fall, my armies will be very tranquil.

Ita-Ger: Sorry if my units spooked you into not getting Belgium. That was not my intent. I am on my way to....?

Ita-Fra: Make your builds in Paris and Brest and I foresee a glorious friendship blooming between our nations.

Ita-Rus: Thanks for the note, Nick. Yes, Let's do lunch someday. Right now the Danube looks overcrowded, but you know that a horse's head can do wonders....Your lovin' cousin, Gino.

Ita-Tur: Assuming you're playing this round, I suggest you build an army and we do a waltz. I always loved that sweet music from 2001, A Space Odyssey, don't you?

Ita-Eng: Hi

(Austria) Hapsburg Empire to Former Roman Empire: Judging from the troop movements on Our Border, it seems that from your perspective, a Central European Empire is a zero-sum game between us, one wins, one loses. I saw it as a cooperative effort where we could move away from each other. I do not wish for war, but I will not shrink from it.

(Austria) Vienna to Russian Winter Palace: I have said to you, I wish Galicia to be demilitarized, and in evidence of my goodwill, I have ordered the Guards "Red" Cavalry to return from its reconnaissance mission on the eastern marches (incidentally, quite near your sacred land) into Vienna. I certainly hope that Galicia remains demilitarized for the foreseeable future.

(Austria) Archduke to Kaiser: My dearest cousin, Wie geht es Ihnen? These other non-German types are closing in on the neutrals and soon the Survival of the Fittest will begin in earnest. I remember the close ties shared by our peoples, and look to you for assistance and protection as I offer to you the same. Seeing that you are moving West, I withdrew from the East and will attempt to subdue the indigenous population within the realm of Greater Austria-Hungary.

(Austria) Emperor Franz to Prime Minister Jean Paul (France): Soon the Mediterranean Sea will be bursting with ships of Turkey, Italy and yourself. We as land-minded people are interested only in that our friends control the seas, our friends will receive any and all assistance from our long-shoremen union (usually doubling as our army) to find safe harbors to rest and refit. Are you our Friend?

(Austria) Budapest Bob to London Larry: Looking over the board, I noticed the positioning of your forces, and wondered if I may help in latest foray, the question is, where do I start? I will proceed as soon as I hear from you.

Austria-Hungarian Kingdom to Ottoman Empire: Is the government there stable? It seems that the princes have been jostling for power, now that the King is ill (too many Harem breaks). Are you moving north or west?

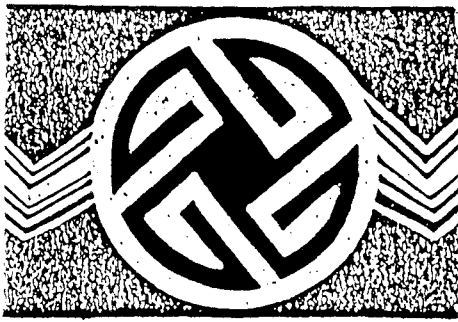
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<<"Crossroads" Press Continued>>

Aus-Ita: If your Ionian fleet is to remain there I would ask a favor (toll for using our Tyrolian roads?) support my Greek fleet into the Aegean (if not there now) or even help our crusade.

Aus-Rus: I hope you got Rum, if not I can help even more next time. If you have an army in Rum I insist on support for my Serbian liberation of Bulgaria. Perhaps your fleet could cut any Turkish support. If you have a fleet in Rum then just support directly the Serbians into Bulgaria. If you have not gotten Rum yet then I will support as I can. Oh, if not's not obvious already; yes I like your carving of Turkey.

Aus-Ita (again): 4 corner sounds OK but Habsburg shall not be ready to strike at Prussian.

(Switzerland) Channel 74: "...and our feature film in review is 'Blazing Saddles.' To get the best entertainment from this movie, I suggest viewing the unedited version. Where else can you get a definition for "Number Six" or see two men play chess?"



"Crossroads"

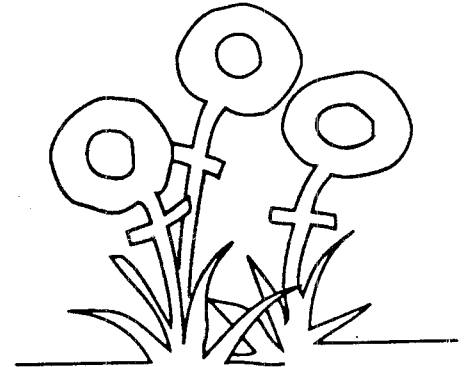
RW #8 -- MN: 1992HRrb32

Spring 1902

- Turkey (): F BLA s a bul-rum, A BUL-rum, A ARM-sev, F SMY-aeg
 Russia (): F SEV s a ukr-rum, F swe-NWY, A war-LVN, A UKR-rum,
 A MOS s F Sev
 Italy (): A tyl-PIE, A TUN holds, F ion-TYN, F rom-TUS
 England(): F nwy-SKA, A YOR-lon, F NAO-mao, F LON-nth
 France (): F mar-SPA(SC), F ENG s f bre-mao, A spa-GAS,
 A POR holds (uno), F bre-MAO
 Germany(): F kie-HOL, F DEN-nth, A hol-BEL, A RUH s a hol-bel,
 A mun-TYL
 Austria(): A BUD s rus a ukr-rum, F GRE-aeg, A vie-GAL,
A SER s rus f sev-rum (nso), A tri-ALB
 If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS

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



DUE DATE for

Fall 1902

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

PRESS

- Eng-All: The Italian Regent speaks wisely. Great Britain throws its "hat in the ring," to quote Our American cousins. Britain will emerge from this conflict or die whining....I mean trying.
 Eng-Rus: If my move was successful, I have a fleet in the Skagerrak. I propose two options: A) If German forces support French aggression in the North Sea this turn, I'll gladly support F Swe into Denmark. Or B) If F-Denmark has vacated for aggressive action, I'd appreciate support into said country, from where I could help F Swe into Kiel. Please don't savage The Crown by taking Norway immediately. Once My adversaries begin to reel, I'll vacate Norway and move into France.
 Eng-Aus: Doesn't Corporal Schickelgruber want his mommy to visit him in Berlin? Perhaps she needs a Viennese escort.
 Eng-Ita: His Majesty commends the New Caesar for encouraging common sense. Maybe it's time we rejoined the most holy catholic church. His Majesty would like to meet the Pope in Paris to discuss this possibility.

Eng-Ger: His Majesty has noted the formation of a fleet in Kiel with consternation and has requested this office to appeal to the Kaiser's good judgement. As stated previously, should the War with France go badly, England will have no recourse but to invite the Cossacks to protect this Sceptered Isle; or we must support them elsewhere while we're still able.

Eng-Fra: Bring it on cowboy.

Eng-Tur: Harem, eh? Hmmm...nah, What were We thinking? You can keep your soiled women. BUT, as a Christian regent interested in the conversion of the unholy, His Majesty recommends that the Ottoman learn how to read Cyrillic, and speak Austrian (with an Italian accent). P.S., We are rather proud of our Celtic nephews and loyal Indian cousins. One of their units is capable of keeping this glittering Isle secure.

Ita-Eng: With the Gaul and the Hun poised upon our mutual doorstep, it would appear that an alliance is in order.

Ita-Aus/Rus: Our travel to Byzantium, while still in future plans, will be delayed somewhat. Do not let this deter your travel however.

Fra-Eng: (concerning Tur) "Ottoman Boot"?? That's an oxymoron (- and I know my morons). I'm surprised that those barefoot heathens can even spell. By the bye, does that lend-lease program apply to me, too?

Fra-Ita: (and what's with all that thrusting?) Tell ya what, I have to go fight "me mates", so let us just pretend I closed my big mouth/capped my pen.

Fra-Ger: You will have my support into the Sea. (In the Bight?) Compare Gascone to a backless dress - just enough to cover my dots.

(France): An open appeal to Russian, Austrian and German: We propose a four point alliance amongst us. Consider the advantages: Spot-o'-tea and Olive-oil, who have become far too flowery, writing press with ever-flowing pens, would be brought to roll over and go fetch. To wise<?>: coordinated fleets and cruise incentives herald the death of the blues. And while the Turk is strangled, support in taking Venice loosens the green slime to ooze down the boot.

Rus-Eng: Just a precaution, not intended to be hostile.

Rus-Aus: I'm ready to push the Turk back if you are.

Rus-Tur: Austria has his choice of friends. Which one of us did he choose?

Rus-Ita: Which way will you go? Which way will you go?

Rus-Fra: We support the British request that you immediately vacate the English Channel.

Rus-Ger: We are a bruin, not an elephant. However, we do not forget acts of kindness nor acts of treachery. Your act of kindness has been duly noted as has the act of treachery by the Turk.

Ger-Ita: Oh little boot; trodding to war. Tho tongue does get thee laces in trouble. Be still or be shorn.

Ger-Tur: Did you read what mighty Italy has proposed?

Ger-Rus: Hi, and now be an elephant and remember my silent but life supporting deeds.

<<Press continued after "Horizons">>

POLL QUESTION



February's Question: Views of the Royal Family

John Breakwell (England): See his column, The Green Goblin Speaks

Jack McHugh (Upper Darby, PA): I believe that a Royal family can serve a limited purpose in a democracy by separating the head of state from the head of government. Thus not allowing debate to be inhibited by the fact that one must respect the office if not the man.

Having said that the monarchy must limit its cost to the people of the country. The monarch should also strive to be seen of the people, not above the people. This will also allow the monarch to be seen as more human and less than objects of worship.

The British monarchy would do well to copy their cousins in the smaller Scandinavian and Low Countries governments. Those monarchs are cheaper and closer to the people. They are allowed to be more human as well, so human failings are more easily tolerated.

Bob Theriault (Westbrook, ME): The British Royal Family serves a tremendous purpose. It provides tremendous opportunities for the press to print stories of interest and no redeeming social value. Gives everybody in Great Britain a common topic to fight and argue about. It provides the same type of cathartic response that sports provides for those who follow sports. Just think of all the characters and situations that have been covered over the past several years. The best part of the whole institution is that it doesn't cost the Americans a penny.

John Schultz (Michigan City, IN): It could be argued that the Monarchy never served a definite purpose. But I won't be the one to make the argument. On the list of my priorities whether Charles and Di are screwing around on each other holds about the same importance as whether Miss Piggy might marry Kermit someday. I find the pretentious belief that the 'Royal House' somehow represents the moral integrity or the soul of that nation ludicrous. Anyone who really believes that is either stupid, or blind, or both - and has ignored the history of the 'Roses'. I have a little sympathy for those who would argue to maintain the Monarchy for the sake of tradition. I don't agree with blindly following tradition, but I do understand it. It's their country, not ours. Let them do with it what they will. Irrelevant issue to me.

Me?: Well, I believe the Monarchy serves a purpose, and much of what John Breakwell says in his column is quite apt. The contributions that the royalty brings to the British society, as well as the (positive) publicity it provides to Great Britain is significant. Unfortunately, the press can't keep their noses out of personal affairs (see next month's question). Yes, I do believe that the monarchy should pay their fair share of taxes.

Regarding Impending Changes with Clinton in Office (January):

Bob Acheson (Edmonton, Alberta): ...have to comment regarding upcoming American foreign policy. It's the one thing that Bush can point to with pride. He went in and stopped Iraq when everyone else was waffling (sure he strongarmed the UN, but justifiably so). He went into Somalia, sure it was good PR, but before they went in hundreds were dying daily. This he's basically stopped.

Now, expect Saddam to pull off something - to test US resolve. I found John Schultz's comments about India/Pakistan and Cambodia interesting and don't disagree with them. John doesn't mention that the last time Vietnam invaded Cambodia, China got involved and expect to see it happen again.

I think that the problems in the West Bank will continue - but mainly as an irritant to the peace process there. Even the re-emergence of the Islamic fundamentalists in Egypt are in a minority at present.

The hot spot has to remain the Balkans and if Serbia is not curtailed quickly - expect to see this one expand. Tacit Serb support from Greece is noted by the Turks - who have expressed moral support for their Muslim brothers in Bosnia.

This one could easily still blow wide open and how will Clinton react if it does. If it does, hopefully he'll remember to call George and ask for advice.

Regarding Family Traditions (December, 1992):

Stephen Glasgow (Willowick, OH): My family always hit the road at holidays to visit grandparents, so we didn't establish many. One was making tree decorations from salt dough around the huge table in our farmhouse kitchen. My wife's birthday is December 14, and she always felt it got lost in Christmas events. So, we wait until after her BD to put up our tree and we don't travel until after Christmas Day. As a side note, our only child was conceived under a just-erected tree. Perhaps the magic will work a second time.

Question for March: I feel the press has been stretching the bounds of "the right for the people to know"? Look at the media circus on the Somalia beaches (I wonder what our WWII landings would have been like if proceeded by waves of reporters); or, "investigative reporting" that delves into people's personal lives (such as the British Royals). Do you feel the press is going too far; where should the line be drawn?

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HOBBY NEWS

- 01) Dave McCrumb (3636 Oldtown Rd.; Shawsville, VA 24162) is soliciting nominations for the 1993 Diplomacy Hobby Awards. Send, by April 1st, your candidates for the following awards:
- Don Miller Memorial Award for hobby service
 - Rod Walker Award for literary excellence
 - John Koning Memorial Award for outstanding play of Diplomacy
 - Melinda Holly Award for general participation in the hobby
- For a copy of the entire release (one-page), send me a SASE.

"Look, Up In The Sky..."

"StarDate"

RW #11 -- BN: tba

Winter 1901

Turkey (Smith): has F ANK, A CON, A SMY
Russia (Stuart): has F STP(sc), F SEV, A MOS, A WAR
Italy (Richardson): has F NAP, A ROM, A VEN
England (Ritcey): has F LON, F EDI, A LPL
France (France): has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR
Germany (Phelps): has F KIE, A BER, A MUN
Austria (Ouellette): 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
Austria(3): Vie/Tri/Bud
Neutral : Bel/Bul/Den/Gre/Hol/Nwy/Por/
Rum/Ser/Spa/Swe/Tun

DUE DATE for

Spring 1901

February 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

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NOTES

- 01) A Boardman Number has been requested for this game. It will be announced upon its arrival.
- 02) As all Rambling WAY games are, this is named after a Public Radio program.
- 03) Welcome to all the players. I hope you enjoy the game!!

As the 20th century plays out its final years, our attention turns skyward and to the realm of the stars. The appetite we demonstrate for things extraterrestrial seems limitless—witness this year's explosion of otherworldly television programs.

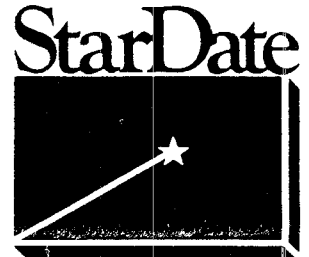
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