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The new format for the game reports went over well, the only problem I heard about was some difficulty in determining if there was a build or a removal during the Winter season. So, I'll note what they are from now on.

I've also made a decision to expand the selection of games offered. I've had requests for larger games (such as Colonia) and for games that are difficult to run inside a zine (Fog of War is a good example). Thus, I'll run them on flyers with a slightly higher game fee. The deadlines will not coincide with normal RW deadlines, and I won't promise an overnight turnaround (though most of the time I can). I'll publish summaries in each RW.

I've listed a few that are immediately open inside. If there is little interest, or they remain open for awhile, I'll probably try something else. I welcome any suggestions. Of course, Regular Dip, International Dip, Gunboat Dip and Scattergories will continue inside.

If you want to plan your summer con schedule, I've included the list of conventions I know about through Labor Day. It seems the first weekend in April and Memorial Day are very popular each with seven cons scheduled.

Now, I want everyone to check your mailing label. I've transferred your account information to it and I want to be sure that it is correct (and that your address is right). The number in the last issue in your subscription (so if it is under #30, you're near or at the end - please send more \$\$). "Comp" is a complimentary subscription (hobby custodians, et al) and "trade" is what else, but we trade 'zines.

The numbers after "NMR" are the games you've paid an NMR fee for; the indications after "gf" are those that you've paid a game fee for. If you feel there is any error, let me know by the next issue so that I can update and correct the mistakes.

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CON LIST: A listing of all conventions known to me is available for a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

HOUSE RULES: The second edition is available upon request. All game are currently run using version 2.1.

The Turkish Power Position in Diplomacy
By Charles Green
Part II: Strategic Approaches

This is the second installment in a short series analyzing the dynamics involved in playing Turkey. The first one articulated Turkish characteristics, which included a positional advantage in expansion and defense along with a flexible build strategy. Having dealt with these initial considerations, we can now examine the dynamics of the strategic approaches available to the Turks in the short-term continuing through to mid-game.

The most obvious route of expansion for Turkey is across the "land bridge" to Europe, going through Bulgaria then continuing into the Balkans. There are five centers within two moves of Turkish home centers - Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, and Sev. In addition, a solid path of centers leads all the way to Vienna. Therefore, expansion in that direction offers the most possible rewards. Variations on this theme would direct Turkey either north (Rum & Sev) or west (Ser & Gre). We can now list the three possible paths of expansion:

1. Moving outward from Bul towards Vie. This necessitates conflict with Austria.
2. Moving northward from Bul to Rum-Sev with placement of the fleet in the Black Sea. This initiates war with Russia.
3. Moving westward from Bul to Gre with the fleet in the Aeg initially. This can lead to conflict with Austria, Italy, or neither, depending on the diplomatic situation and whether Ser is an objective or not.

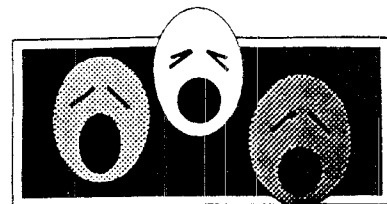
Trying to do more than one of these in the first few years will lead to ruin, since that requires simultaneous conflict with two other major powers (the "two-front" syndrome). On the other hand, if by the mid-game Turkey is successful in achieving one of the above three goals, accomplishing one of the remaining two is quite probable. The selection of which path to follow, however, is based not only on geography but on the alliance structure that is operating in the region. Expansion directed in Austria's direction is not realistic without having either Russia or Italy as an ally. Similarly, the Turk will have his hands full if he attacks Russia while facing a hostile or even neutral Austria. Westward expansion in Italy's direction is possible without allies, but is unlikely to get beyond Greece without active Austrian aid or the appearance of France or England in the Mediterranean "back door."

Given this, if the Turkish player wishes to plan his own strategy, he must start out in Fall 1901 with active and directed diplomacy in support of his objectives, which should be spelled out as much as possible (though not necessarily to his opponents). If this does not succeed, it is probably prudent to make the best of the situation as is and pursue the strategy appropriate to the alliances that appear.

In the next installment, a closer analysis of the strategies and alliances will be presented with a view towards establishing what the "best" choice is for the Turkish player.



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



<Autumn 1908>, [Winter 1908], Spring 1909

Turkey (): [build A ANK, F SMY]; A NAP s fr a rom, A ser-TRI,
F WME s f lyo-spa(sc), F LYO-spa(sc), F tri-ADR,
A MOS s a rum-ukr, A BUD s a ser-tri, F ion-TYN,
F BLA c a ank-rum, A rum-UKR, A SEV s a mos,
A ank-RUM, F smy-AEG

Russia (): [NBR]

Italy (): A VEN s aus a vie-tri (nso)

England (): F nwy s f nwg (r-ska/stp(nc)/otb), F EDI-nth,
F ENG s f edi-nth, F NWG s f edi-nth,
F SPA(SC) s f mao-wme, F MAO-wme

France (): A ROM holds, F MAR holds

Germany (): A LVN-war, A WAR-ukr, A bel-YOR, F HOL s f nth,
F DEN s f nth, A par-PIC, A BRE holds, F bar-NWY,
F NTH c a bel-yor, A SWE s f bar-nwy

Austria (): <a bud-otb>; A VIE holds

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

CENTERS

Turkey (13): Con/Ank/Smy/Gre/Bul/Rum/Ser/Nap/Tun/Sev/Tri/Mos/Bud
Russia (1): Stp
Italy (1): Ven
England (6): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Spa/Por/Nwy
France (2): Mar/Rom
Germany(10): Kie/Ber/Mun/Hol/Swe/Den/Bel/War/Par/Bre
Austria (1): Vie

DUE DATE for Summer/Fall 1909/Proposal: March 25, 1993
at 12:00 noon
Proposal: Concession to Turkey; NVR=No, NMR=Yes

PRESS

Ger-Eng: I will not turn my back on you to fight the Turks. If you want to save Europe, send two fleets into the Mediterranean.

Ger-Fra/Ita/Aus: How did three civilized nations let themselves be defeated by the Barbaric Turks?

(Italy) Casa Viejo, Venice: "Monsignor Montessori, the Austrians have fallen in Budapest!"

"Perhaps, Giovanni, those remaining will now make Trieste their target. This is our last chance before reinforcements arrive."

"Milord, the French are doing nothing but drink themselves senseless on our wine."

"They are senseless even when sober! Tell them, Dominic, that they shall be swept off the beaches by a tide of Turks if they sit still. They shall not share his victory, for they are merely an impediment to the Sultan's goal of world domination."

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

Sundays, 10 PM, KSTX

"Mountain Stage"

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



Mountain Stage host, Larry Groce

<Summer 1905>; Fall 1905

- Turkey (): F ANK-R&R on the Black Sea (imp), A GRE s f bul(ec),
F BUL(EC)-R&R on the Black Sea (imp), A SMY s f ank
- Russia (): <F ank-ARM>; A STP s f nwy, F NWY holds, A WAR holds,
A SER s a bud-tri, F arm-BLA, F bla-RUM, A bud-TRI,
A MOS s a war
- Italy (): A tri-ven (r-tyl/alb/otb), A TUS-ven, F rom-TYN,
F NAP s f rom-tyn
- England(): A YOR s f nth-lon, F NTH-lon, F NWG-nth
- France (): F TUN s it f rom-gre (imp), F lpl-CLY, A TYL-mun,
F WME s it f rom-ion (imp), F WAL s f eng-lon,
A BUR s a tyl-mun, F ENG-lon
- Germany(): A BEL-bur, A den-KIE, A gal-BOH, A pru-LVN, F bal-SWE,
F swe-SKA, A SIL-mun
- Austria(): A VIE holds
- If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS/BUILDS

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|-------------|---|----------------------------|
| Turkey (5): | Con/Smy/Gre/Bul/ANK | = +1 |
| Russia (9): | War/Stp/Mos/Sev/Rum/Bud/Ser/NWY/TRI/ <u>ank</u> | = +1 |
| Italy (3): | Rom/Nap/Ven/ <u>tri</u> | = -1 (or even if r-otb) |
| England(2): | Lon/Edi/ <u>nwy</u> | = -1 |
| France (7): | Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por/Tun/Lpl | = even |
| Germany(7): | Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol/Bel/Swe | = even |
| Austria(1): | Vie | = even |

DUE DATE for Autumn/Winter 1905/Spring 1906: March 25, 1993 at
12:00 noon

NOTES

01) The original German player has returned.

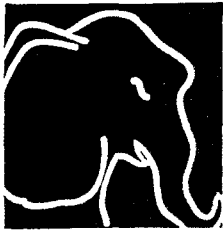
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New Subbers--Add to Your List

Herbst, Bob; 2033 Harding; Oak Grove, MO 34075
Martin, Scott; 3479 W Mesa; Fresno, CA 93711-1545

New Address--Update Your List

Carlberg, Stven; 3024 Whispering Hills Dr.; Chamblee, GA 30341
Hendricks, Paul A.; 148 Sunny Drive; Ashland, VA 23005
Richardson, Will; 4000 Dauphin St., Box 903; Mobile, AL 36608
Thomas, Chris; Summit 3; UPJ; Johnstown, PA 15907



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



JIM GROSE WINS in Winter 1908

<Summer 1908>; Fall 1908

Italy (Schultz): <F nap-APU>; F APU s fr f tyn-nap (nso)
 England (Zarr): F BAR s a stp, F KIE s ger f ber (nso),
 A STP hold, F NTH s a hol, A HOL s f kie,
F BAL s ger f ber (nso)
 France (Wallace): F LYO-tus, F TYN s f lyo-tus, F TUN s f tyn,
 A bel-RUH, A TUS-ven, A PIE s a tus-ven,
 A BUR s a bel-ruh
 Germany (Lutterbie): f ber-kie (ann), a ruh-kie (ann)
 Austria (Grose): A con-BUL, F AEG s f ion, A ser-ALB, A pru-BER,
 A TYL s a ven, A gal-BOH, A MOS s a lvn-stp,
A LVN-stp, F ADR s a ven, A SIL s a mun,
 A MUN s a pru-ber, A VEN s a rom, F NAP s a rom,
 A ROM s f nap, A ukr-WAR, F ION s f nap

CENTERS - Winter 1908

Turkey (0): ELIMINATED, FALL 1906
 Russia (0): ELIMINATED, FALL 1905
 Italy (0): nap; ELIMINATED, FALL 1908
 England (9): Edi/Lpl/Lon/Nwy/Stp/Den/Swe/HOL/KIE
 France (7): Par/Mar/Bre/Por/Spa/Bel/Tun
 Germany (0): ber/kie/hol; ELIMINATED, FALL 1908
 Austria(18): Bud/Tri/Vie/Ser/Gre/Bul/Rum/War/Sev/Mos/Mun/Ven/Smy
Con/Ank/Rom/NAP/BER

DUE DATE for End-game Statements: March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

PRESS

Eng-Fra: We have fought the good fight, and with luck we may be able to hold Austria at seventeen. My future armies will continue the attack if you can hold out in the south.
 Aus-Ita: You made a fatal error in removing both of your Black Sea fleets. Leaving only one would have tied up several of my units, making a French counter-attack easier.
 Aus-Eng: Attack France!
 Aus-Fra: Attack Germany!
 Aus-Ger: Attack England!



America's Classic Jazz with The Jim Cullum Jazz Band

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

[Winter 1905]; Spring 1906

Russia (Brooks, Joe; 300 Market St.; Navarre, OH 44662)
F aeg-ION, F con-AEG, A war-PRU, A BER-kie, A SIL s aus a mun,
F BAL s a swe-den, F NWY s f bar-nwg, A SWE-den, A FIN s f nwy,
F bar-NWG
Italy (Koehler, Stephen; 6166 Winged Elm Ct; Charlotte, NC 28212)
[remove f nap]; F LYO c a pie-spa, A rom-TUS, A pie-SPA
England (Clingman, Dustin; 3260 Kayenta Ct.; Orlando, FL 32829)
[NBR, plays one short]; NMR: F BEL, F DEN. F NTH all hold,
F nwg holds (r-edi/cly/nao/otb)
France (Wallace, Russell; PO Box 256; West Lynn, MA 01905)
F wme-TYN, A PAR s a bur, A MAR s ita a pie (nso),
A BER s ger a ruh-mun (nso)
Germany (Voogd, Eric; 22620 Byron St.; Hayward, CA 94541)
[remove a ruh]; A KIE s aus a mun-ber (nso), F SKA s eng f den
Austria (Eastep, Roger; 14715 Soft Wind Dr; North Potomac MD 20878)
[build A VIE, playing one short]; F ion-NAP, A tri-VEN,
A APU s f ion-nap, F tun-WME, A ven-ROM, A TYL s a tri-ven,
A BOH s a mun, A MUN holds, A vie-TRI

CENTERS

Turkey (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1904
Russia (10): War/Stp/Mos/Sev/Nwy/Swe/Rum/Con/Ank/Ber
Italy (3): Rom/Nap/Spa
England (5): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Bel/Den
France (4): Bre/Par/Por/Mar
Germany (2): Kie/Hol
Austria(10): Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser/Gre/Bul/Smy/Ven/Mun/Tun



Jim Cullum, leader of the band.

DUE DATE for Autumn/Fall 1906: March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

PROPOSALS: R/A Draw - 3 Yes, 1 No, 1 NVR(=yes).
Concession to Russia - 3 Yes, 1 No, 1 NVR(=yes).

NOTE: Would Jim Lewis (14741 Balsam; Southgate, MI 48195) standby for England?

PRESS

Ita-Fra: "I'll show you bad play...."
Fra-Ger: Whoa, I'm not responsible for the acts of someone else. It is not bad playing which necessarily results in someone attacking you, it just happens. I survived, will you? My Diplomacy obviously kept your triple alliance off balance enough to survive. Your alliance never realized until too late that I was not going to collapse before Turkey, and none of you took the necessary steps to keep Aus and Rus in check nor Turkey alive. That is the worst possible level of play in Diplomacy, or in any game for that matter. Narrow field of focus causing loss of sight of the overall picture spells defeat. That fits the 3 of you, all losers. I guess I'm in good company.

Riverwalk, Live From the Landing



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

<Autumn 1903>; [Winter 1903]

Turkey (Castille, Michael; 3201 Tenth St.; Port Arthur, TX 77642)
[remove a arm]; has F ION, F BLA, F CON, F AEG, F EME, F BUL(SC)
Russia (Hyatt, Fred; 60 Grandview Pl.; Montclair, NJ 07043)
[build A WAR]; has F SWE, A RUM, A STP, A SIL, A WAR
Italy (Young, Eric; 4784 Stepney Rd., RR#2, C2; Armstrong, BC
VOE 1B0 CANADA)
has F ALB, F APU, A TYL, F TYN
England (Mathias, Dan; 509 Bayview Dr.; Lusby, MD 20657)
has F ENG, F NAO, A NWY, F NTH
France (Nesbitt, Will; PO Box 1231; Front Royal, VA 22630)
<A bel-BUR>; has A GAS, A BUR, A BRE, F MAO
Germany (Chrones, Jamie; 2117 Wildwood Dr., RR1; Duncan, BC
V9L 1M3 CANADA)
[builds A MUN, A BER]; has F DEN, A MAR, A RUH, F HOL, A BEL,
A MUN, A BER
Austria (Weiss, Richard; 554 Liberty St.; San Francisco, CA 94114)
[builds A VIE]; has A TRI, A BUD, A SER, A VIE

CENTERS

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



DUE DATE for Spring 1904: March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

NOTE: Two requests for a separation of seasons were received, and it was granted. Orders on file for all players. Press not specifically identified as for Winter was held.

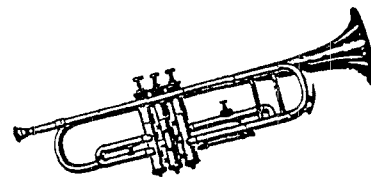
PRESS

Ger-Unoccupied France: I don't remember ever being your ally.
You are right: your demands are SIMPLE. French passion and glory has never been a match for German luck.
Ger-Rus: My backdoor swings both ways; thank the French for making me lucky enough to get 2 builds.
Ger-Rus/Eng: Cousins, Cousins! No in-family fighting as little Willy gets very excited and might hurt somebody.

**This Month on
BluesStage**

Saturdays, 11 PM, KSTX

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



<Summer 1903>, Fall 1903

Turkey (Nesbitt, Will; PO Box 1231; Front Royal, VA 22630):
F GRE holds, A ser-RUM, A BUL s a ser-rum, F BLA-sev,
A smy-ARM, F eme-AEG
Russia (Hendricks, Paul; 148 Sunny Drive; Ashland, VA 23005):
<A mos-STP>; A UKR s a stp-mos, F SEV-rum, F LVN-bot, A STP-mos
Italy (Stuart, Rick; 33 Sutton Pl.; Cincinnati, OH 45230):
A tyl-VIE, A BUD s a tri-ser, F ION holds, A tri-SER,
F ADR s f ion, A ALB s a tri-ser
England (Clingman, Dustin; 3260 Kayenta Ct.; Orlando, FL 32829):
NMR: A PIC, F ENG, F NTH, F IRI, F FIN, F LON all hold
France (Anderson, Lance; 696 Fox Ave., #100; Lewisville, TX 75067):
<A bur-GAS>; F BRE s f mao, A MAR-bur, F MAO s f bre,
A PAR s f bre, A GAS s a par
Germany (Brush, Mark; 476 Edith Ave.; Johnstown, PA 15906):
F HOL s a ruh-bel, A ruh-BEL, A MUN-bur, F BOT-stp(sc),
A WAR s aus a mos, A BUR-par
Austria (Gonsalves, Michael; 530 Treasure Lake; Dubois, PA 15801):
A MOS s eng f fin-stp(sc) (nso)

CENTERS/BUILDS

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| Turkey (6): | Con/Ank/Smy/Gre/Bul/RUM/ <u>ser</u> | = even |
| Russia (2): | Stp/Sev/ <u>rum/mos</u> | = -2 |
| Italy (8): | Rom/Nap/Ven/Vie/Tun/Tri/BUD/SER | = +2 |
| England(6): | Lon/Edi/Lpl/Nwy/Den/Swe | = even |
| France (5): | Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por | = even |
| Germany(6): | Ber/Kie/Mun/Hol/War/Bel | = even |
| Austria(1): | MOS/ <u>bud</u> | = even |

DUE DATE for Winter 1903/Spring 1904: March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

- 01) English Standby: Steve Koehler (6166 Winged Elm Ct.; Charlotte, NC 28212).
- 02) Last time, the Italian ordered A vie-BUD, not A vie-TRI. All players were notified by postcard.
- 03) Paul Hendricks has a new address. It is listed above.
- 04) The only negative comment I received regarding the new format was that in the winter season it was difficult to know if the country built or removed a unit. For example, last time Austria disbanded a bud and f alb; while France built A PAR. I will indicate this in the future.

PRESS

(Italy) St. Petersburg: Rutters Press -- As the armed forces from three different nations began their final concentric attacks on the former capital of the Russian Empire today, at the Italian

Embassy in the Nevsky Prospectus, the former Russian finance Minister-Without-Portfolio, Duke Constantine Blabovich and his Under-Secretary-Without-Linen, Nadia Callmebitch, have presented themselves to Count D'Moni asking for political asylum. It is rumored that the request was forwarded with a rather substantial (some reports say weighty) contribution to the Italian War Effort. When asked to comment on his reasons for granting the requests, Count D'Moni later replied, "Well, Connie's not really a bad sort you know, just a little misunderstood -- though he does make a great White Russian doesn't he. As for the young lady in question, well, it's awfully hard to say no to someone dressed in boots with five inch spikes now isn't it!"

The Ruins of the Russian Empire to the Confederation of Martian City-States: I think now would be a good time to send the armoured space storm-commandos!

(Russia) Moscow, ah...Warsaw, er...Livonia to Archduke: I appreciate your latest press. Given freely, and accepted freely. Actually if you would advance from Moscow to say...India, perhaps, I would be even more grateful.

Rus-Ita: Thank you for your support, both tacit and public.

Rus-Tur: Don't make me regret our alliance so far. At this point, all you would get is maybe one center and an enemy with whatever forces I have left.

Fra-Tur: Thanks, but I think you won't be needing to book a flight anytime soon. See you in the afterlife...

Fra-Rus: I'm thinking no one will weather their blitzkrieg but then neither will I so...why worry?

Fra-Ger: Since I am an ordained priest, I do not have 'dates'. As to your bearded women-perhaps you were looking at the wrong end..

(Italy) Rome: (Rutters Press) It is reported today by unconfirmed circles that the Charge D'affaires in St. Petersburg, Count D'Moni, has disappeared today under mysterious circumstances. Foul play is suspected.

(Germany) German National Anthem: I'm a NUT, I'm a NUT....

Ger-Rus: Sorry for not lying to you this turn, I've been a tad bit sane and depressed lately. - But the doctors will take me off the medication soon.

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SCATTERGORIES (cont)

DEADLINE for the next round: March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

The Letter is "C":

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| 01) Legal Documents | 11) Fictional Leaders |
| 02) Music Groups | 12) Movies about WWII |
| 03) Naval Ship Names | 13) Fruits & Vegetables |
| 04) Journalism Terms | 14) Tourist Traps |
| 05) Auto Parts | 15) States/Provinces |
| 06) Constellations | |
| 07) Card Games | |
| 08) National Organizations | |
| 09) Current cities with over 50,000 population | |
| 10) TV Actors | |

SCATTERGORIES

Responses this time were received from Jack Jewart, Steve Koehler, Kirk Irby, Richard Weiss, Stven Carlberg, John Schultz, and Will Richardson

AND THE WINNER IS: John Schultz with 12 unduplicated answers!!

Runners Ups were: Steve Koehler with 9 and Jack Jewart with 8.

Duplicate responses are marked with an asterix, disallowed entries are underlined. Those with question marks have comments below.

SpaceCraft: JATO?, *Jupiter 8, *Jupiter, Juggernaut

Former Cars: *Javlin, Jeep Wagoneer, Jaguar, John Wayne's car, jalopies

'50s Political Issues: Junta in Cuba, Japan's Reconstruction, Joint Association of Races (Civil Rights), Jewish Settlements, Justice, Juvenile Delinquency

Battles: *Jericho, Jutland, Jena

Comm. Comp. Games: *Joust, Jupiter Lander, Return of the Jedi, Jeopardy, Jai-a-lai

Former Countries: Jugoslavia, *Judea/Judah, Jentle?

Chain Stores: JC Penney, Jayhawks, Jewel Osco, JJ Newberry, Jiffy Lube, Jerry's Big Boy, Jack-in-the-Box

Star Trek Char.: John Decker, *James T. Kirk, Jed, Jakar

Birds: *Jay/JayHawk, Jacana, Jailbirds, Jaeger

Pres. Candidates: *Andrew Jackson, Juarez (Mexico), Jefferson Davis, James Garfield, Richard Johnson

Home Office: *Journal, Joy Stick, Jacks, Jewel Cases, Jot-pad

Cur. B-Ball Players: John Franco, Randy Johnson, Juan Samuel, John Smoltz, Bo Jackson, Jose Canseco

Archeological Words: *Jurassic, *Java Man, Jars

Colleges/Univ.: James Maddison Univ., Juniata College, Jamestown, *Jackson St., Julliard?, Johnstown College

TV Shows: Jetsons, Jeopardy, Jewish Voice, Jimmy Jones Show, Judd for the Defense, Johnny Ringo, Jack Palance Show

Comments: JATO - not a craft, it is a method of launching.

Jentle - I can't find a reference for this anywhere.

Julliard - I believe this is an alternative high school in New York City

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.

<<SCATTERGORIES continued after BluesStage>>



"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 mao-POR, A bur-BEL, A mar-SPA
 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

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|-------------|-------------------------|------|
| 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 | |



DUE DATE for

Winter 1901

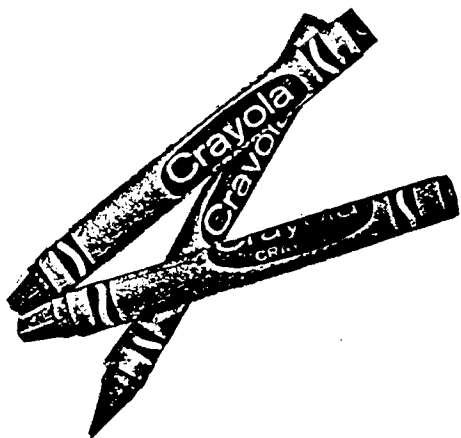
March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

ADDRESSES

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Notes

- 01) The game is delayed one month. I only just found out I had forgotten to update the locations of the French units. The center chart was fine. Also, I'm missing builds from two players.
- 02) Orders and press held for next time. They are on hand for everyone except Turkey and Russia.



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



THE VICTORY GOES TO JIM GROSE

Center Chart

| | Jan | Mar | |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----------------------|
| Turkey (Lance Anderson) | : 4.5 | 0.0 | -- Eliminated March |
| Russia (Steve Koehler) | : 0.0 | 0.0 | -- Eliminated January |
| Italy (Jim Grose) | : 4.5 | 4.5 | -- WINNER |
| England (Phil Reynolds) | : 2.5 | 0.5 | -- Survival |
| France (John Breakwell) | : 4.5 | 0.0 | -- Eliminated March |
| Germany (Russell Wallace) | : 0.0 | 0.0 | -- Eliminated January |
| Austria (Mark Nelson) | : 1.5 | 1.5 | -- Survival |

End-Game Statements

Jim Grose (Italy): Rule 7: "A game should last up to September."
 Ha! Not when it's orchestrated by an Italian opera conductor!

I started by proposing identical Mutual Defence Pacts to each of you. Austria-Hungary, England and Turkey agreed. Why would anyone not agree? I chose Germany (at random) as my first target and told each of you (except Germany). This was a gamble - someone might have told Kaiser Russell - but I wanted to gain credibility and prevent overkill.

On the issue of Andy mentioning that January 1901 moves had been received from Russia, I don't think our GM is at fault. When England saw Russia had submitted January 1901 orders, he assumed he was the Russian target and "of course...didn't bother writing...again." When England didn't reply, Russia assumed England was attacking him, so changed his orders to attack England. Incredible! If either of them had bothered to write, instead of simply assuming the worst, one of them might now be the winner.

Russia claims he only heard from Germany and England. Did you not get my letter? Did he write to anyone? I never heard from him. Even if he did write unanswered letters to four of us, did he write follow-up letters?

England used strange logic to conclude he would be the Russian target. Even if he knew for a fact it would be true, why didn't he try to change the Czar's mind?

Make a deal! Make threats! Spread lies! Write, write, write and play the game to its fullest potential!

I would like to take the credit for persuading France and Turkey to nuke each other in March, but actually each made up his own mind before telling. I just made sure each was made aware of the other's intentions, before anyone changed his mind!

So, I guess the fact that I won without being nuked once is due mainly to the many letters I wrote to each of you.

<<end-game statements cont. after Horizons>>

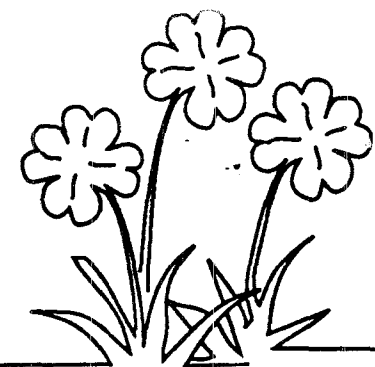
**Three Headed Bears
and Others On
Horizons**

Saturdays, 3:30 PM, KSTX

"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-FIN, 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: March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

NOTE: I erred last time by listing the Russian A StP-Nwy, instead of A StP-Fin. The game is delayed as I did not have enough time to notify all players. Orders on file for all and will be used unless revised. Previous press has not been reprinted.

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World Brief (cont.)

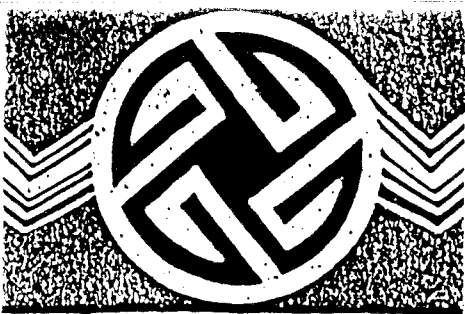
Sultan Lance didn't you read Rule 5? "A nuke always hits its target." Were you hoping for stand-offs at Arm and Syr?

Thanks to Mark Nelson for an interesting variant and to Andy for publishing the results promptly (as usual).

Hail Caesar Jim, Ruler of the New Nuclear Roman Empire!

Phil Reynolds (England): Well, there really isn't much to say since the game was over so fast. I tried to organize a complex strategy whereby my allies would take each other out after eliminating the non-allies first. This worked for the first turn, more or less, before some coordination problems arose. By then, Italy had it made since he had yet to be attacked. I didn't mind - I just wanted to exact what little revenge I could for perceived wrongdoings. First, against Russia, for reasons mentioned in earlier press; second, against France, for not doing what he had promised. The game was over much too quickly. I have little interest in playing it again.

Me, The GM: It seems to be a much quicker variant than I had thought; however, it does accomplish its goal as a good "mixer" game - probably better played face-to-face. I'll keep it on the opening list for the time being.



"Crossroads"

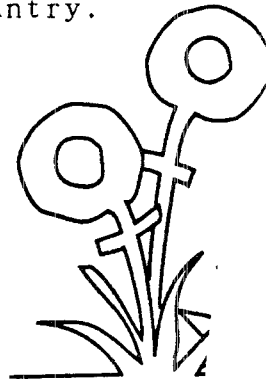
RW #8 -- MN: 1992HRrb32

Fall 1902

- Turkey (): F BLA s a bul, A BUL holds, A ARM-sev, F SMY-aeg
 - Russia (): F SEV s a ukr-rum, F nwy-SWE, A lvn-WAR, A UKR-rum,
A MOS s f sev
 - Italy (): A PIE-ven, A tun-ROM, F TYN c a tun-rom, F tus-LYO
 - England(): F SKA-nth, A yor-WAL, F nao-IRI, F LON s f ska-nth
 - France (): F spa(sc)-WME, F ENG s ger f hol-nth, A gas-MAR,
A por-NAF, F MAO c a por-naf
 - Germany(): F hol-NTH, F DEN s f hol-nth, A BEL holds, A ruh-MUN,
A TYL-ven
 - Austria(): A BUD s a gal-rum, F GRE-aeg, A gal-RUM, A ALB-gre,
A SER s a gal-rum
- If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country.

CENTERS/BUILDS

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



DUE DATE for Winter 1902/Spring 1903: March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

PRESS

- (Ger) Hun to Bruin (Is that Hay ward Hale?): I have chosen to leave Austrian sc's alone for two reasons: 1st is a friend of a friend is a friend, the 2nd is France's request for a 4-way opening versus the witches and flowery press writers. The sword is mightier. Let's go!
- (Ger) Hun to Fra: I admire backless dresses and strapless bras. Even more I admire support for F Hol-Nth!
- Fra-Ita: Psych!
- Fra-Ger: Good Show, OLD MAN! Hopefully Tunis is open and my favour is returned. Me thinks we got your Sea back. London for you in Spring; and Belgium for moi in Fall? Your army must be tired of waffles by now.
- Fra-Eng: I know who I am and I know who you are - that makes me twice as smart! "...savage the crown." Yee How! Love that tongue.
- Ita-Aus: Our original intent was to support the Austrian drive to Byzantium; however, threats to the Pax Europa in the Western sphere required our attention. We sympathize with your reluctance to confront the Prussian, but can you be certain the Hun's desires are equally benign?
- Ita-Eng: We view with definite concern, if not outright alarm, the precarious situation confronting our Anglican brother. The

rapacious aggression of the Hun bodes ill for the rule of Parliament.

Ita-Rus: Once again we urge our Orthodox cousin to put aside his fruitless dispute with the Anglican. The Prussian fist will turn eastward, rest assured. Far better to parry the blow on his soil and your terms than vice versa.

Ita-Fra: In strongest terms possible we direct our Gallic neighbor to cease his aggression against Britannia and ourselves. Our recent actions should provide sufficient evidence of our determination in this matter. If you would but turn your attention toward Prussia, we shall withdraw and return to our previous pursuits. Continue this current course of action, however, and you will incur our lasting enmity.

Aus-Tur: "1905"

Aus-Rus: Sorry about the delay for Rum: this is the only way I can be sure that the unholy infidel will not postpone the date to be inscribed on his tomb. Also I have a Bavarian Bat in my attic and had to ensure it did not ravage the hair of the fine ladies of Vienna. Send your Ukrainian Bruins into Rum in Spring 1903 with my support and blessing. If the Turkish Oppressors in Armenia have convoyed to Holy Constantinople then our plan will require your fine sailors of Sevastapol to harass the Turkish fleet in Spring 1903. So it is written; God Bless this HOLY CRUSADE!

Aus-Ita/Ger: "Nature abhors a vacuum." Keep to my highlands.

Aus-Fra: 4 point sounds OK too! But Habsburg actually like Olive-oil.

Aus-Eng: How's that for a thin red line?

Rus-Aus: I would gladly support you into Bulgaria, if I was in Rumania.

Rus-Tur: I'd gladly help you against the Aus if you weren't threatening Sev.

Rus-Ger: You seem to have the bull by the horns. Were you greedy as well?

Rus-Fra: It looks like Italy and Germany want to exploit your grid lock with the Brits.

Eng-All: God Save the King.

Eng-Rus: Whoops! Oh well. If I have to die, I'd prefer that it be at friendly hands. You are hereby invited to send forces on furlough in Edinburgh and London.

Eng-Ger: I'm not dead yet.

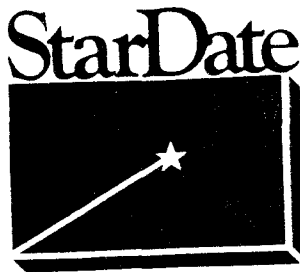
Eng-Fra: With my last breath I curse at thee, with my last blood I spit at thee, o accused frog....

Eng-Ita: Sorry to have collapsed so soon. Good Luck.

Eng-Aus: So long pal. The one thing you can be sure of is that the only country which won't feed off my carcass is France.

Eng-Tur: As usual we are doing things faster & better than you. I'm losing my empire faster & am being conquered more convincingly so sod off.

Texas Public Radio On The Move!



"StarDate"
RW #11 -- BN: 1993G

**"Look, Up In The
Sky..."**

Spring 1901

Turkey (Smith, David; 5038 Boca Raton; Garland, TX 75043)
F ank-CON, A con-BUL, A smy-ANK
Russia (Stuart, Rick; 33 Sutton Pl.; Cincinnati, OH 45230)
F stp(sc)-FIN, F sev-RUM, A mos-UKR, A WAR-gal
Italy (Richardson, William; 1913 Old Government; Mobile, AL 33606)
F nap-ION, A rom-TUS, A VEN holds
England (Ritcey, Jerry; 9 Windemere Ct.; Truro, Nova Scotia
B2N 5Y1 CANADA)
F lon-NTH, F edi-NWG, A lpl-EDI
France (Thomas, Christian; Summit 3; UPJ; Johnstown, PA 15907)
F bre-MAO, A par-BUR, A mar-SPA
Germany (Phelps, Andreas J.; 4544 Cadison St.; Torrance, CA 90503)
F kie-HOL, A ber-KIE, A mun-BOH
Austria (Ouellette, Ed; 2730 S. Chautauqua, #310; Norman, OK 73072)
F tri-ALB, A VIE-gal, A bud-SER

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



*Sandy Wood, host
of Star Date*

DUE DATE for Fall 1901: March 25, 1993 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

- 01) A Boardman Number has arrived. It is listed above.
- 02) Chris Thomas has a new address. It is listed above.
- 03) Press was submitted this time anonymously. Per RW houserules no press may be anonymous unless it originates from Geneva or Switzerland. The anonymous press was not printed this time.

Press

Rome-World: Greetings All! I hope none of you mind our inevitable conquest of Tunis, and our recent subjugation of Brazil. On to Argentina!

Geneva-World: Once upon a midnight dreary.

Fra-Ger: You should write me more often.

Fra-Rus: I have watched how you play, I have great respect for your abilities.

Fra-Ita: Do you think that the pope will want to move back to France to reform the Avignon Papacy?

(Turkey) Constantinople: The Ottoman Empire today announced the initiation of Turkey's "Good Neighbor Policy." Thousands of copies of the Koran are being bundled off to the Balkans and on Black Sea freighters to enlighten the lives of infidels everywhere. Economic plans include raising taxes, reducing the size of the Sultan's harem, and putting thousands of the jobless to work in building mosques in Bulgaria. Allahu Akbar!

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HOBBY NEWS

- 01) Phil Reynolds (USF #4286; 4202 Fowler Ave.; Tampa, FL 33620) is running his annual Hobby Favorites Poll. A ballot, is elsewhere in the zine. Deadline is April 1st.
- 02) The Marco Poll run by Pete Gaughan (1521 S Novato Blvd., #46; Novato, CA 94947) is open, see ad on the back of the zine.
- 03) Luca Barontini (Via Marradi 103; I-57125 LIVORNO, Italy) publishes a zine in Italy, which I've been receiving for quite some time. It is almost entirely in Italian; however, there are No-Press Gunboat games and International games available.
- 04) The results of the 1993 British Zine Poll are:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 01) <u>Dolchstoss</u> | 17) <u>Sidewalk</u> |
| 02) <u>Y Ddraig Goch</u> | 18) <u>Ode</u> |
| 03) <u>NERTZ</u> | 19) <u>Realpolitik</u> |
| 04) <u>Spring Offensive</u> | 20) <u>Small Furry Creature Press</u> |
| 05) <u>Take That You Fiend</u> | 21) <u>Hopscotch</u> |
| 06) <u>C'est Magnifique</u> | 22) <u>Mopsy</u> |
| 07) <u>Age of Reason</u> | 23) <u>Ac Mong</u> |
| 08) <u>Bloodstock</u> | 24) <u>Gallimaufry</u> |
| 09) <u>A Little Original Sin</u> | 25) <u>A Step Further Out</u> |
| 10) <u>Electric Monk</u> | 26) <u>Shadowplay</u> |
| 11) <u>Greatest Hits</u> | 27) <u>Obsidian</u> |
| 12) <u>Cut & Thrust</u> | 28) <u>Pyhhric Victory</u> |
| 13) <u>Arfle Barfle Gloop</u> | 29) <u>The Laughing Roundheads</u> |
| 14) <u>Borealis</u> | 30) <u>Variants & Uncles</u> |
| 15) <u>The Mark Nelson Exp</u> | 31) <u>Up Around the Bend</u> |
| 16) <u>Smodnoc</u> | 32) <u>Springboard</u> |

I receive Y Ddraig Goch, A Little Original Sin, C'est Magnifique and The Mark Nelson Experience and quite enjoy the flavour of the British hobby. If you're interested in the addresses for any of these, contact me or Pete Gaughan (his address is above).

- 05) Vince Lutterbie (1021 Stonehaven; Marshall, MO 65340-2837) is now the Official BNC. Thanks to Gary Behnen for a job well done!!

CONVENTION LISTING

- Mar 20-21 - GryphCon, Guelph, Ontario. Contct Wayne Hepburn
((519) 824-4120)
- Mar 20-21 - Chicagoland Boardgaming Championships, Squk Village, IL
Cont: Joel Klien (326 N Cuyler; Oak Park, IL 60302)
- Mar 25-28 - SimCon XV, Rochester, NY. Contact SimCon, CPU #277146
(Univ. of Rochester; Rochester, NY 14627)
- Mar 26-28 - ConnCon, Danbury, CT. Contact ConnCon (PO Box 44;
Sherman, CT 06784-0444)
- Apr 2-4 - Pentecon V, Ithaca, NY. Contact CSSS (29 White Hall;
Cornell University; Ithaca, NY 14853)
- Apr 2-4 - GamesFair, Cambridge, England. Contact TSR Limited
(Church End, Cherry Hinton; Cambridge, England CB1 3LB)
- Apr 2-4 - Pocono 93, Pocono Manor, PA. Contact Pocono Encampment
(POB 390; Effort, PA 18330)
- Apr 2-4 - Spring Offensive, East Peoria, IL. Contact The Game
Room (116 Walnut; Washington, IL 61571)
- Apr 2-4 - Coastcon XVI, Biloxi, MS. Contact Wayne Trovinger
(Rt 4, Box 360; Ellisville, MS 39427)
- Apr 3 - Scrycon, Poughkeepsie, NY. Contact Scrycon (POB 896;
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569)
- Apr 3-4 - Winds of War 93, Greensboro, NC. Contact Raymond
Woloszyn (7162 Mantlewood; Kernsville, NC 27284)
- Apr 8-10 - Spring Fantasy Revel, Arlington Heights, IL. Contact
Kieth Polster (Box 27; Theresa, WI 53091)
- Apr 9-11 - BaltiCon 27, Baltimore, MD. Contact BaltiCon 27
(PO Box 686; Balitmore, MD 21203-0686)
- Apr 15-18 - Baycon, Exeter, England. Contact Bob Mulholland
(66, Magdalen Rd; St Leonards, Exeter, England EX2 4TN)
- Apr 17-18 - Havoc IX, Boston, MA. Contact BG Boston (c/o Harry
Carter; POB 528; Somerville, MA 02143)
- Apr 23-25 - PointCon XVI, West Point, NY. Contact USMA Wargames
Committee (PointCon XVI; POB 62; West Point, NY 10997)
- Apr 23-25 - Zine-con, Kahrlsruhe, Germany. Contact Lukas Kautsch
(Seiterichstrasse 5, D-7500; Kahrlsruhe 1, Germany)
- Apr 23-25 - Call to Arms, Kansas City, MO. Contact Dave Grosdeck
(10100 W 51st Street; Merriam, KS 66203)
- May 14-16 - LepreCon, Philomath, OR. Contact Joan Extrom (35096
Kings Valley Hwy; Philomath, OR 97370). HouseCon.
- May 14-16 - Hexacon VII, Braubach, Germany. Contact Ulrich
Blennemann (Rosental 76; D-4320 Hattingen, Germany)
- May 15-16 - Beer & Pretzels IV, Burton-on-Trent, England. Contact
Phil Bootheirstone (Spirit Games, 98/99; Horninglow
St.; Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England DE14 1PJ)
- May 15-16 - Madison Games-Con, Madison, WI. Contact Bill Bodden
(6640 Odana Road; Madison, WI 53719)
- May 21-23 - Conwest, Albuquerque, NM. Contact Conwest '93 (c/o
The Weregamer's Guild; SAC Box 48; UNM, NM 87131)
- May 21-23 - Adventure Game Fest 93, Portland, OR. Contact
Adventure Game NW (6517 NE Alberta; Portland, OR 97218)
- May 22-23 - Enfilade!; Lynnwood, WA. Contact: Mike Pierce (15315
SE 25th St.; Bellevue, WA 98007)

- May 28-30 - Nashcon 93, Nashville, TN. Contact Gavin Gossett
(2713 Lebanon Road; Nashville, TN 37214)
- May 28-31 - Furrycon, London, England. Contact Paul Evans (SFCP;
42, Wynndale Rd.; London, England E18 1DX)
- May 28-31 - Gamex, Los Angeles, CA. Contact Strategicon (PO Box
3849; Torrance, CA 90510)
- May 28-31 - Northwest GameFest, Clackamas, OR. Contact NRMR
(PO Box 6068; Salem, OR 97304).
- May 28-31 - GamesCaucus II, Walnut Creek, CA. Contact Trigaming
Assoc. (POB 4867; Walnut Creek, CA 94595)
- May 29-31 - DixieCon, Chapel Hill, NC. Contact David Hood (2905
20th St., NE; Hickory, NC 28601)
- May 29-30 - MIGSCon XIV, Hamilton, Ont. Contact MIGSCon (Apt. #8,
142 Caroline St, S; Hamilton, Ontario; L8P 3K9 CANADA)
- Jun 18-20 - AtlantiCon, Baltimore, MD. Contact: Atlanticon
(PO Box 91; Beltsville, MD 20704-0091)
- Jun 18-20 - Wyvercon 93, Vernon, WA. Contact SVGA (POB 2325;
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273)
- Jun 18-20 - Glathricon 93, Evansville, IN. Contact Evansville
Gmaing Guild (POB 15414; Evansville, IN 47716)
- Jun 18-22 - PoolCon, Marshall, MO. Contact Vince Lutterbie
(1021 Stonehaven; Marshall, MO 65340-2839). HouseCon.
- Jun 25-27 - EastCon, Radnor, PA. Contact Flying Buffalo, Inc.
(PO Box 1467; Scottsdale, AZ 85252)
- Jul 1-4 - Origins/DalCon, Fort Worth, TX. Contact GEMCO
(Box 609; Randallstown, MD 21133)
- Jul 15-19 - Flying Buffalo's Convention, Scottsdale, AZ. Contact
Flying Buffalo, Inc (PO Box 1467; Scottsdale, AZ 85252)
- Jul 16-18 - DragonCon '93, Atlanta, GA. Contact John Froehlich
(140 Village Lane; Fairburn, GA 30213)
- Jul 16-18 - Quincon VIII, Barry IL. Contact Mark Hoskins (1181
Pratt; Barry, IL 62312)
- Jul 23-26 - Manorcon, Birmingham, England. Contact Richard
Walkerdyne (6 Honeybourne Way; Wickwar, Wooton-under-
Edge, England GL12 8PF)
- Jul 29-
Aug 1 - Historicon 93, Annapolis, MD. Contact Bob Coggins
(POB 222; Annapolis, MD 21401)
- Jul 30-
Aug 2 - CanGames 93, Ottawa, Ontario. Contact: CanGames 93
(Box 3358, Station D; Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6H8 CANADA)
- Aug 5-8 - AvalonCon '93, Huntington Valley, MD. Contact TAHGC
(4517 Harford Rd.; Baltimore, MD 21214)
- Aug 6-8 - CanCon VI, Toronto, Ontario. Contact Cal White
(1 Turnberry Ave.; Toronto, Ontario; CANADA M6N 1P6)
- Aug 6-8 - King Con 93, Dayton, OH. Contact King Con 93
(POB 31174; Dayton, OH 45431)
- Aug 19-22 - Gen Con 1993, Milwaukee, WI. Contact (1993 GENCON Game
Fair; PO Box 756; Lake Geneva, WI 53247)
- Aug 27-29 - DragonFlight, Seattle, WA. Contact: Seattle Metro
Gamers, 1139 NW Market St.; Seattle, WA (206) 781-0047)
- Sept 3-6 - PacifiCon/DipCon XXVI, San Francisco, CA. Contact Don
Del Grande (142 Eliseo Dr; Greenbrae, CA 94904) or
Pete Gaughan (1521 S Novato Blvd #46; Novato, CA 94947)
- Sept 3-6 - Vertigo Games, Paoli, PA. Contact Brad Wilson
(PO Box 126, Wayne, PA 19087) HouseCon

POLL QUESTION



March's Question: The Intruding Press?

Jack Jewart (WA): I really think the major problem with the press is NOT the stretching of the bounds but the amount of coverage they can give an article these days with National & International TV, etc. Example: Battle of New Orleans was fought AFTER War was over, was it not? Communications just didn't move fast enough for everyone to get the word. Modern Communications is not only fact, but worldwide & as they say, Enquiring Minds Want To Know!

Jack McHugh (PA): I think the press should be permitted to do what it wants and we should draw our own lines. As for Somalia - I have no sympathy for the Department of Defense, when the DoD controls the news, it inevitably slants it for its own purposes. What the DoD considers a breach of security is so ridiculous that if it were up to the military we'd only now be finding out about WWII.

John Schultz (IN): I have problems with the term 'free' country but that discussion is for another time. To the extent this country is free, it's due in huge part to an aggressive press...unhindered by regulation. I admire them greatly. They're as brave and determined as any warrior. That said, they can be incredibly cruel and stupid...as any warrior. But no worse than they've ever been and better than they have been historically at times. Just visit some archives to see the truth of it. At one time the press readily and routinely called for the literal genocide of indigenous people. The 'free' press wrote, in solemn earnest, that Lincoln was a result of his mother's affair with a negro. Just to mention a couple. The press has always been a part of combat and I wouldn't want to see that change. I was appalled at Reagans stranglehold on the press during the Grenada 'training exercise'. That said, I was also appalled (to put it mildly) at the press' handling of the beach landing in Somalia. As I believe I mentioned to you before, Andy, if Marines had died in that landing I believe the press would have been guilty of premeditated murder. The press should use reason in those situations. The government should call for reason and work something out with the press, rather than use such incidents to garner political leverage for the purpose of shackling the press.

Russell Wallace (W Lynn, MA): Now you really hit a topic I'm interested in. What's wrong with the media? The disgraceful showing of the media in Somalia and the destructive gossip about people's private lives area really 2 separate issues. Gossip sells papers to the ignorant. It just shows that money is more important than people and it is just one symptom out of many which are indicative of the moral decline of Western Civilization. But the other issue, ie Somalia. Getting the "scoop" is important. Since all the news organizations are present, or try to be present at major events, how do they get the "scoop" or the "real" inside story? Sometimes it flat has to be staged, such as the fiasco concerning GM and NBC. (If I need to explain this recent event,

you don't follow the news so what difference would it make.) Or, if the major stations aren't faking the news, they are trying to predict the future. Time magazine made Bill Clinton Man of the Year. Boy, figure that one out will you. He won an election, Big Deal. He still hadn't done anything. He's the liberals "Great White Hope." So they made him Man of the Year to get a "scoop". Who else would pick Clinton? They wanted to be prophetic. It is no longer enough to instantly report the news of the day, in order to beat the competition they have to accurately predict the future. So yes, I agree the media is out of control and has gone too far.

Me?: I guess my phrasing of the question gives you how I feel about the press in general. I completely agree that a free press is necessary, and imperative, in a democratic society. On the other side of the coin, the press must act in a responsible manner. Sensationalistic stories that only serve to sell papers or draw viewers only hurts the image of the press. The incident Russ mentions about GM/NBC only reinforces this point. With revelations such as these, the credibility of the press is questioned - thus diminishing their ability to perform their role in our society. True investigative reporting (ala Woodward and Bernstein) is what the press should be doing; not digging in the trash to discover which starlet is sleeping with the producer or creating their own version of reality by staging their own story.

Question for April: The incident yesterday (February 26th) in New York was likely caused by a terrorist bomb. If so, terrorism in the United States is now an everyday concern. Over the past decade, there have been hundreds of 'bombing' incidents every year; however, most were of a minor nature. What is your view of terrorism in the US - and do you feel threatened?

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Gunboat (w/Press): seven openings. Signed up, if a check ==>
Regular Dip: five openings. Signed up: Herbst, Martin
Regular Dip, International: six openings. Two month deadlines and
no split seasons. Signed up: Grose
Landbridge III Variant: five openings. Signed up: Brooks, Irby
Nuclear Destruction: seven openings, NO gamefee. Signed up: none

FLYER GAME OPENINGS

Acquire: four openings, \$5.00 gamefee. Signed up: none
Don Diplomacy: seven openings, \$8.00 gamefee. Signed up: none
(This is a variant I was exposed to in an Australian 'zine
Popular Cutlery. The overtones are off-color, so only adults
for this one. Almost anything goes in the press).
Fog of War: seven openings, \$8.00 gamefee. Signed up: none
Origins of WWII: five openings, \$8.00 gamefee. Signed up: none
This is an old A/H game - not a variant.

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