

StabBack

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This is STABBACK, a monthly journal of Diplomacy and other Diplomacy variants. These variants are 1939 III and Final Conflict III. 1939 III is a five player game of World War II. Final Conflict III is being run by James Early in his subzine Malaguena. Final Conflict III is a seven player World wide nuclear game. Subscriptions to STABBACK are 10/\$5.00. Game fee is \$5.00 + subscription. STABBACK is edited and published by: Howard R. Christie, P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17846.
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The best index to a person's character is
(a) how he treats people who can't do him any good, and
(b) how he treats people who can't fight back.

Abigail Van Buren

1984CO, 1984CT, 1984CZ, 1984HN, and 1984Mqh08, games in process

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES: March 25, 1985

STABBACK #6

This game seems to be filling slowly. So anybody signed up for this game, please be patient. I need more players for this game. So if you or anybody you know wants to play a game tell them about this opening. The following players are signed up for STABBACK #6:

Steve Decker, Doug King, Chris Bruck, and Phil Cooper.

This is the eleven issue of STABBACK. At this time we have 4 regular Diplomacy games, 1 1939 III game and we have 1 game opening in regular Diplomacy. Game turns run every 21 days. STABBACK will be published within the next seven days. IF you or a friend need a copy of the house rules just send a S.A.S.F. Only one thing I want to say this time around. We had nine NMR's this issue. Let's not have anymore of that. Why play if you NMR?

A POLL ON THE RUNESTONE POLL

I'm very happy to report that the majority of North American publishers will support the 1985 Runestone poll as currently organized. A total of at least 29 publishers will support Bruce Linsey as poll custodian. Four stated that they would say nothing publicly one way or the other out of general principles. A few others either had not made up their minds at the time of the poll, or had not responded. Only nine supported a boycott of the Runestone Poll or the establishment of a rival poll.

The nine are: John Boardman, John Caruso, Steve Langley, Dick Martin, Jim Meinel (propser of the boycott), Robert Sacks, Terry Tallman, Tom Mainardi and Ed Wrobel. I am happy to say that only one of these parties is currently on the STABBACK mailing list. My zine is for those people who are in the postal hobby for the fun of it. I must be saying this to my face is blue, but there I went agian.

The ROLL OF HONOR of the 29 publishers who will openly and publicly support Bruce Linsey's Runestone Poll are: Jim Benes, Mark Berch, Doug Beyerlein, Ron Brown, Ron Brown (one is from Can and the other from Cal) Scott Cameron, Dave Carter, Howard Christie, Mike Conner, Gary Coughlan, John Daly, Fred Davis, Don DelGrande, Greg Ellis, Paul Gardner, Roy Henricks, Steve Heinowski, Bob Howerton, Steve Hutton, Micheal Lee, Jerry Lucas, Bruce McIntire, Larry Perry, Bruce Poppe, Marc Peters, Jeff Richmond, Rod Walker, Earl Whiskeyman, and James Woodson. Lets here for these people.

ON WITH THE RUNESTONE POLL!!!!

PROPSAL MADE TO END FEUD

Doug Beyerlein has proposed (in EFGIART) that an ombudsman be appointed to settle the Kathy Byrne-Bruce Linsey feud. This has been seconded in print by Konrad Baumeister (Give me a weapon) Rod Walker (Erehwon) and Fred Davis (Bushwacker), and may be seconded elsewhere before you read this. Baumeister recommends that Doug Beyerlein himself would be the best choice for the obudsman, as he is "impartial, logical and intelligent as one could hope for" in reviewing this affair. Let's hope something comes of this.

All of the above gentlemen point out the danger of a permanent hobby rift if the Bryne-Linsey matter is not resolved. Back in 72/73, the Postal hobby was split into rival groups called "TDA" (The Diplomacy Assn.) and "IDA" (International Diplomacy Assn.). It took some time to get over that split. Let's hope we're not about to have a repeat of that sad era of our history. I know that most players in STABBACK don't know about that hobby rift so I thought you might like to learn a little about it. Our hobby is full of rich history.

I'll add my second to Doug Beyerlein's proposal, and to Konrad's nomination of Doug to the Ombudsman.

Winter 1904: The the Austrian Army TRI RT to BUD. The Austrian Armies WAR, and GRE RT OTB. England built A LPL, F LON and F EDN. Germany EVEN, Italy EVEN, Russia EVEN. Turkey built F SMY, A ANK, A CON. Austrian removed A BOH and A TYL.

AUSTRIA (James Early): a VIE s aa bud; a BUD s ga sil-gal (2)

ENGLAND (Phil Cooper): a liv-WAL; a SPN-mar; f STP(sc)-gob; f SWE-bal; f edn-NWG; f lon-ENG; f mid-WES; f por-MID; f gol-TYH; f TUN s ef gol-tyh (10)

GERMANY (Andy Clough): a mun-BUR; a bel-PIC; a KIE-den; a HOL-kie; a BER s ga hol-kie; a SIL-gal; f LIV-gob (7)

ITALY (James Young): a gas-MAR; a PIE s ia gas-mar; a TRI s ta ser-bud; f ADR s ia tri; f tyh*gol (5)

RUSSIA (Bob Smith): f BAL-den (1)

TURKEY (Steve McKinnon): a unk-GAL; a WAR s ta unk-gal; a SER-bud; a con-BUL; a ank-ARM; f bul-RUM; f smy-EAS; f aeg-ION; f GRE s tf aeg-ion (9)

A draw has been proposed between England-Germany-Turkey. All players are to vote. An abstention will count as a negative vote. Would you send in your votes with the next turns orders. The Italian fleet TYH must RT to TUS, ROM, or NAP. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Fall 1906 orders will be due by March **25**, 1985.

PRESS:

BERLIN-VIENNA: Well, are you with us?

BERLIN-LONDON: Which one of us get Ankara?

BERLIN-OBNOXIOUS GASCONY ARMY: You won't get anything from me!

BERLIN-EQUALLY OBNOXIOUS BALTIC FLEET: Neither will you!!

VIENNA-CON AND ROME: Gee guys! Was it something I said? Oh well, I'm not going to worry about it. In fact, you just did me a favor!! I've really never liked this game from the beginning. (ask Howard, he'll confrim this) You guys aren;t going to win anyway. Steven, your only only chance of winning was to stick with me, and now you've blown it. and Jamie you're about to be carved up into mince-meat!! So have fun! Phil and Andy, congratulations.

RUSSIAN FLEET-WORLD: The Czar hates long cruises, when will I see land agian?

1984CT

SEPERATION REQUESTED

WINTER 1903

AUSTRIA (Andy Clough): RT F TRI-VEN; Built A VIE; has a vie, a bud, a ser, a mos, f tri (5)

ENGLAND (James Early): Built F LPL and F EDN; has a bel, f stp(nc), f nwy, f eng, f lpl, f edn, f bre (7)

FRANCE (Bob Smith): RT A BRE-GAS; Removed A MAR; has a gas, a par, f mid, f spn(sc) (4)

GERMANY (Phil Cooper): Built A BER and A KIE; has a ber, a kie, a war, a mun, a bur, a pic, f swe (7)

ITALY (Kevin Turner): NMR!!! Remove F GOL; has a pie, a tun, f ion (3)

RUSSIA (Paul Schembari): NMR!!! Remove F GOB and A ARM; has a sev (1)

TURKEY (James Young): Built A CON and F SYM; has a con, a tri, a alb, a rum, f adr, f gre, f smy (7)

Would Hugh Christie please stand by for ITALY. Hugh Christie, 43 E. Houston Ave., Montgomery, PA 17752. Would Jay Brumbaugh please stand by for RUSSIA. Jay Brumbaugh, 1534 Bluegrass Cove, Germantown, TN 38138. I have orders for the following countries on file: Turkey, France. Spring 1904 orders will be due by March 25, 1985.

PRESS:

VIE-CON: I have yet begun to fight.

VIE-ROM: Sorry, but I would rather take it then give it to the Turks.

LONDON-PARIS: Will you please shut up!!!

LONDON-VIENNA: May the mental instition your mother is committed to be run by the members of Monty Python!

LONDON-CON: You already HAVE gotten me back for 1984CO. You took Trieste. How about trying to relax and forget about that game when you play this one. I HATE cross-gamers.

LONDON-ALL: No one listen to FRANCE or TURKEY says!

JAMES-ANDY: Frankie say: RELAX! Don't do it!!

LONDON-CON: "Would you please roll over and die" indeed! What a ridiculous statement! Sounds like something you'd say!!

PARIS-LONDON: DEATH TO YOU MY ENEMY!!!

PARIS-BERLIN: France is yours, as long as England doesn't get any.

CON-VIE: So you want to play games, do you.

CON-CON: Just what I would think a bear would do!!!

- AUSTRIA (Doug King): a TRI s aa vie; a VIE s aa ser-bud; a SFR-bud; a ALB-ser (4)
- ENGLAND (Chris Bruck): NMR!!! has a wal, f mid, f nao, f nth, f lon, f nwy (6)
- FRANCE (Steven McKinnon): a POR-spn; a pic-PAR; a bel*hold; f eng-IRI; (4)
- GERMANY (Hugh Christie): a ruh-BEL; a HOL s ga ruh-bel; a kie-RUH; a DEN s gf bal-swe; f bal-SWE (5)
- ITALY (Greg Doyle): NMR!!! has a mar, a ven, f tyh, f spn(nc) (4)
- RUSSIA (Willis Beaver): a BOH-vie; a GAL s ra rum-bud; a rum-BUD; f sev-RUM (4)
- TURKEY (Pete Satirstein): NMR!!! has a gre, a bul, a con, f aeg, f ion, f nap (6)

Will Phil Cooper please send in stand by orders for ITALY. Phil Cooper, 80 E. Brandis Ave., Staten Island, NY 10308. Will Andy Clough please send in stand by orders for ENGLAND. Andy Clough, 11033 Barman Ave., Culver City, CA 90230. Will Bob Smith please send in stand by orders for TURKEY. Bob Smith, Romm 509, McKeon Hall, University Park, PA 16803. Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 orders will be due by March 25, 1985. The supply center chart is shown below:

A - vie, tri, tri , ser	(3) Remove 1
E - home, nwy, stp, stp , stp	(5) Remove 1
F - bre, par, par , por	(3) Remove 1
G - home, den, swe, hol, bel	(7) Build 2
I - rom, ven, tun, mar, spn	(5) Build 1
R - mos, war, sev, rum, bud	(5) Build 1
T - home, gre, bul, nap	(6) Even

PRESS:

- MOSCOW-BERLIN: England is our true enemy. What are we going to do about it?
- MOSCOW-CON: Lets chew up those Austrians for lunch.
- MOSCOW-VIE: War is HELL!!! - —

STANDBIES

If your name appears below you are on STABBACK's stand by list. If you want on or off let me know. BRUMBAUGH, COOPER, YOUNG, SMITH, CHRISTIAN EARLY, MCKINNON, CLOUGH, BEAVER, MCCRUMB, I need more standbies!!!!

- AUSTRIA (Mike Perry): EVEN; has a boh, a bud, a ser, a gre, f aeg (5)
- ENGLAND (Hugh Christie): Built F LPL and F EDN; has a swe, f nwg, f lon, f lpl, f edn (5)
- FRANCE (Paul Schembari): NMR!!! Plays one short; has a bur, a bel f gol, f bre, f wes (5)
- GERMANY (Chris Downs): NMR!!! a BER RT OTB; Remove f NTH; has a kie, a hol, f hel (3)
- ITALY (Phil Cooper): Built F ROM; has a mun, a tus, f rom, f tyh, f tun (5)
- RUSSIA (Jay Brumbaugh): Built A WAR; has a war, a ber, a unk, a sev, f bal, f rum (6)
- TURKEY (Chris Bruck): NMR!!! A RUM RT OTB; Plays one short; has a arm, f bla, f bul(sc) (3)

Would Jamie Young please stand by for TURKEY. A1C James A. Young Jr., PSC #1, Box 2126, McGuire AFB, NJ 08641. Would David McCrumb please stand by for FRANCE. David McCrumb, Route 1, Box 109, New Castle, VA 24127. Would James Early please stand by for GERMANY. James Early, 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, TX. I have orders on file for Russia. Spring 1903 orders will be due by March 25, 1985.

PRESS:

GM-GAME: This game is pretty hard to follow. I wonder if this game will ever get past 1905 in the next year.

OUROBUS

This is the name of the new zine I wrote about last issue. I regrete to ino from you that it doesn't exist. Please don't send any mail to that address. I would like to say that I am sorry for making such a statment in this zine. Andy Clough is not starting a zine now or in the future. Chris Bruck told me some false information. Which I did believe was true. Andy informed me that it was not. So there is no new zine. I hope you got your laugh Chris, but you are making enemies very fast.

1984Mqho8

RUSSIANS TAKE OVER TURKEY, ITALIANS IN EGYPT, SPRING 1941
GERMANS CRUSH SWEDEN WITH RUSSIAN HELP,
FRENCH ATTACK ITALIANS AND ENTER THE MID,
ENGLISH GOVERNMENT IN CHOAS, UNABLE TO DIRECT
MILITARY

ENGLAND (Chris Bruck): NMR!!! has f eng, f nth, f iri (3) EVEN

FRANCE (James Early): a PAR-bur; a PIC s fa par-bur; a NAF-tun;
a CAF s fa naf-tun; f spn(sc)-MID; f BRE s ff spn(sc)-mid;
f NAO s ff spn(sc)-mid (7) EVEN

GERMANY (Hugh Christie): a Bel s ga bur; a Bur s ga bel; a HOL s ga
bel; f jut-NWY; f kie-JUT; f pru-BAL; f den-SWE; a mun-AUS;
a aus-HUN; a POL s ga aus-hun (10) Built a mun, f kie, f pru

ITALY (James Young): a lib-EGY; f EAS s ia lib-egy; a GRE s ta tur;
a YUG-rum; f ION s if tun; f tun s if nap-tyh; f nap-TYH (7)
Built f nap

RUSSIA (Phil Cooper): a arc-MOS; a RUM s rf bul; a PER s rf cau-tur;
f FIN(sc) s gf den-swe; f BUL s rf cau-tur; f cau-TUR; f sev-
BLA (7) Built f sev

The English F EGY must RT OTB. The Swedish A SWE must RT OTB.
The Turkish A TUR must RT OTB. Underline moves fail and capital letters
show unit positions. Would Robert Smith please send in stand by orders
for England. Robert Smith, Room 509, McKeon Hall, University Park, PA
16803. Fall 1941 orders will be due by 25 March 1985. James Early is
resining from the French position. Mike Perry is taking it over next
turn. Mike Perry, 1205 Armor, Pasadena, TX 77502.

PRESS:

PARIS-WORLD: I, the illustrious president of France, am resigning
and moving to America. The mighty Micheal Perri will take my place.
I encourage the great leaders of the U.S.S.R, Great Britian, and the
Italian Empire to work with Mr. Perri agianst Adolf Hitler before it
is too late. (Note that he is already halfway to victory in the second
game year) Have fun boys!!!

GM-JAMES: Are you sure the world will be safe for Democarcy. If Germany
does win the war in Europe, the USA would be the next target.

PARIS-MOSCOW: It was in the Fall of 1941 in which Hitler invaded Russia.
This time there is no Russian winter or Americans to save you. Heed
my warning while ther is still time.

GM-JAMES: It is true that Hitler did invade Russia in Fall 1941 but
there wasn't a France to bother him either.

ROME-WORLD: Who said that the Italians couldn't fight?!?

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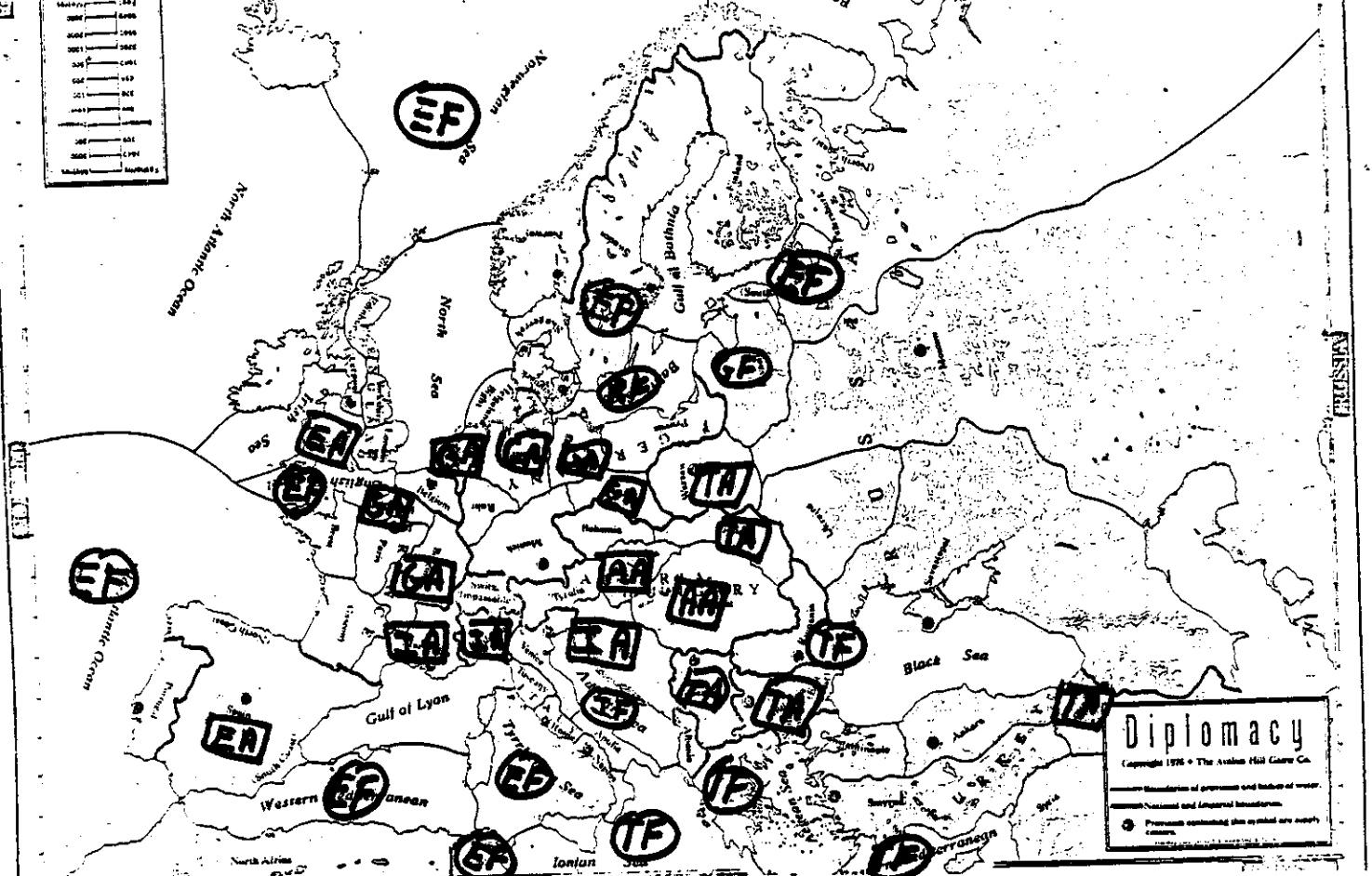
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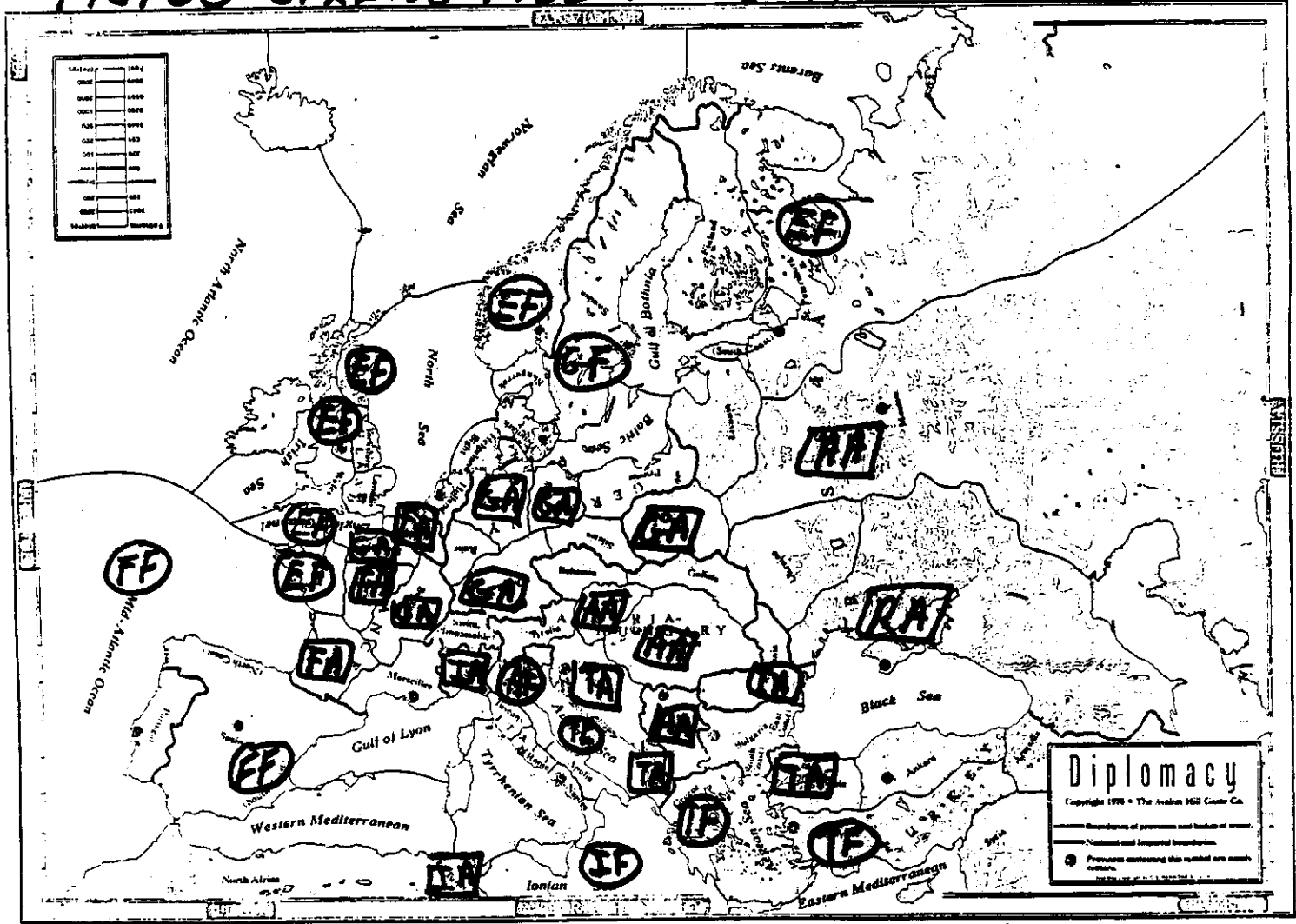
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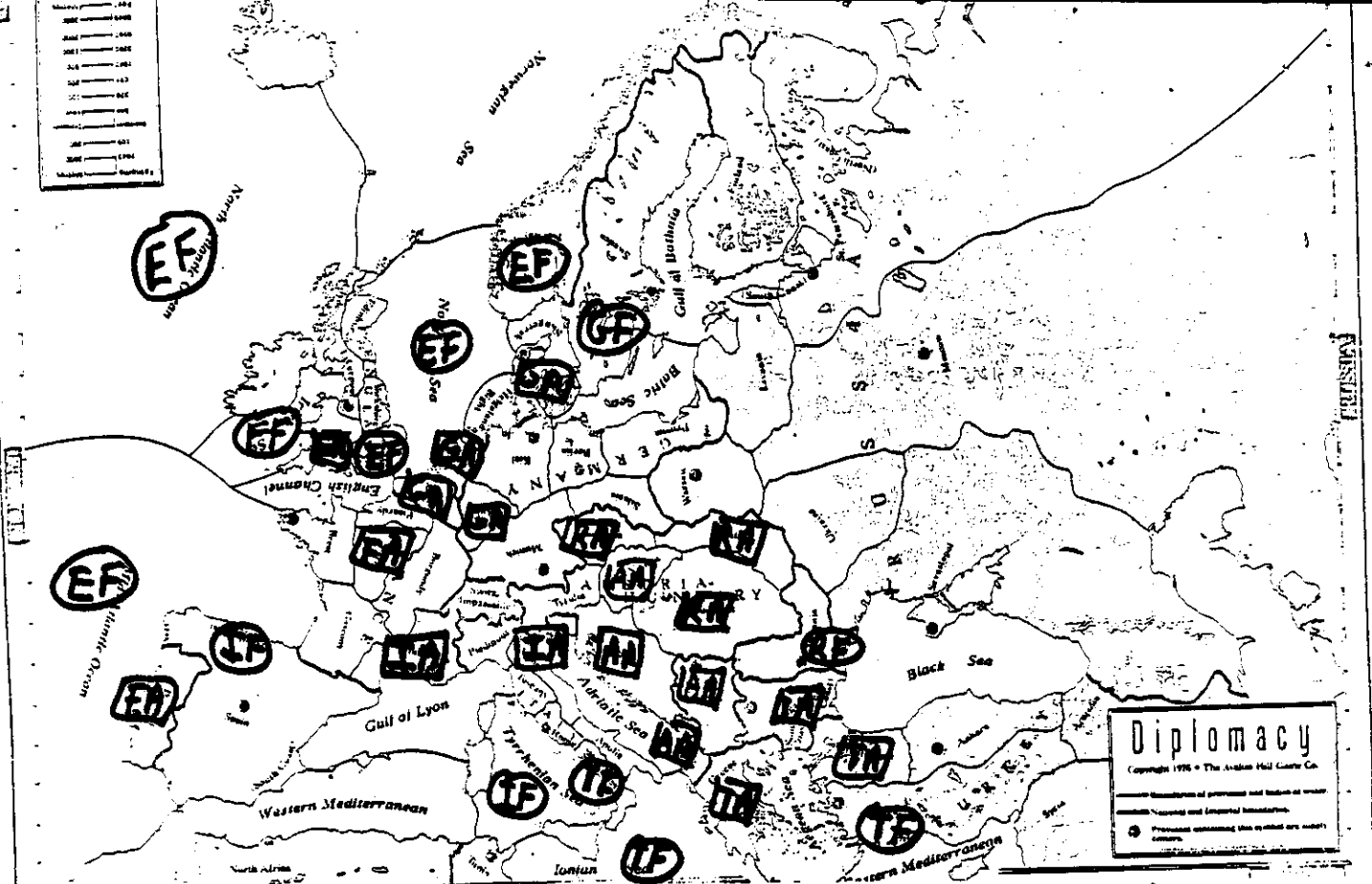
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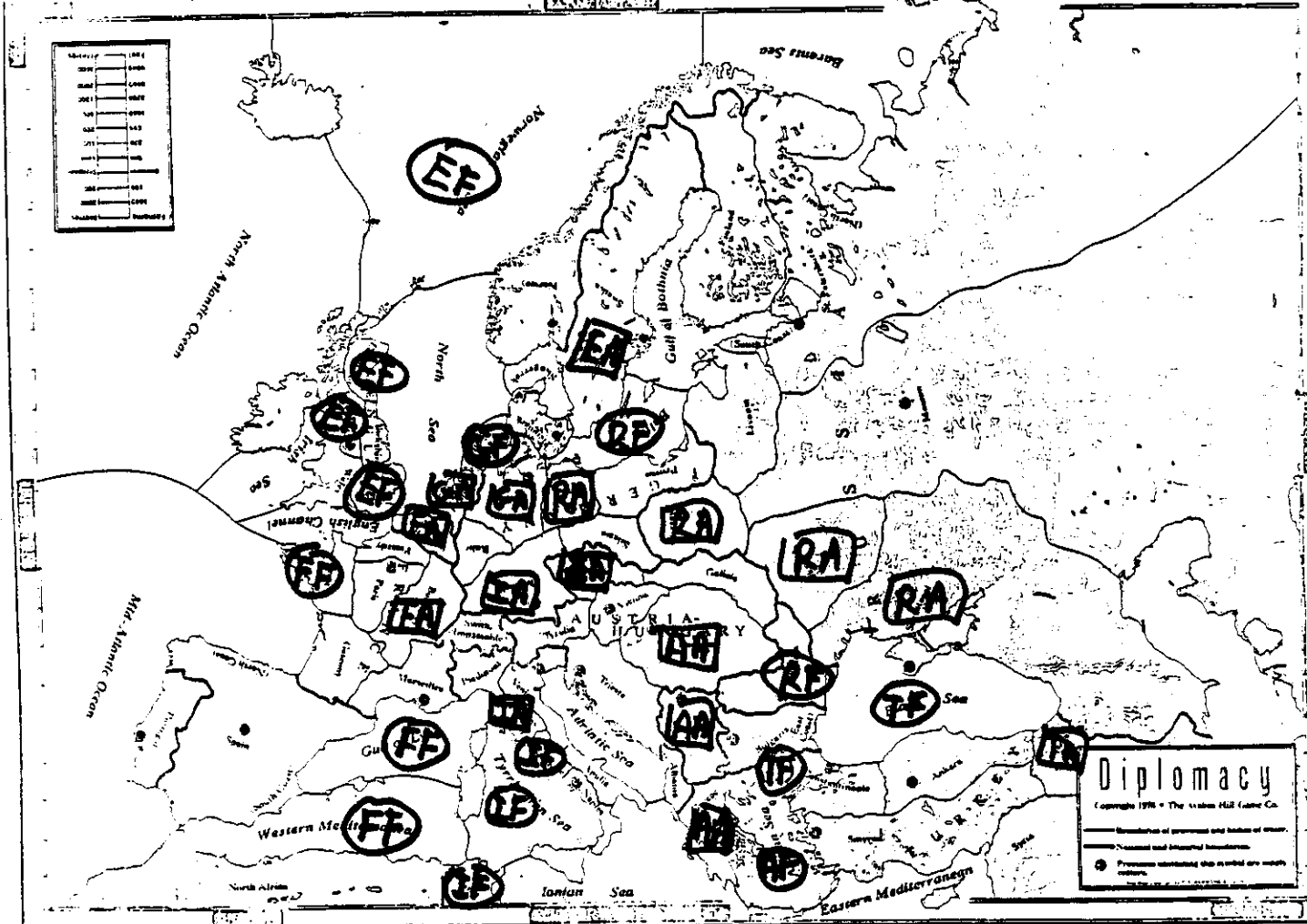
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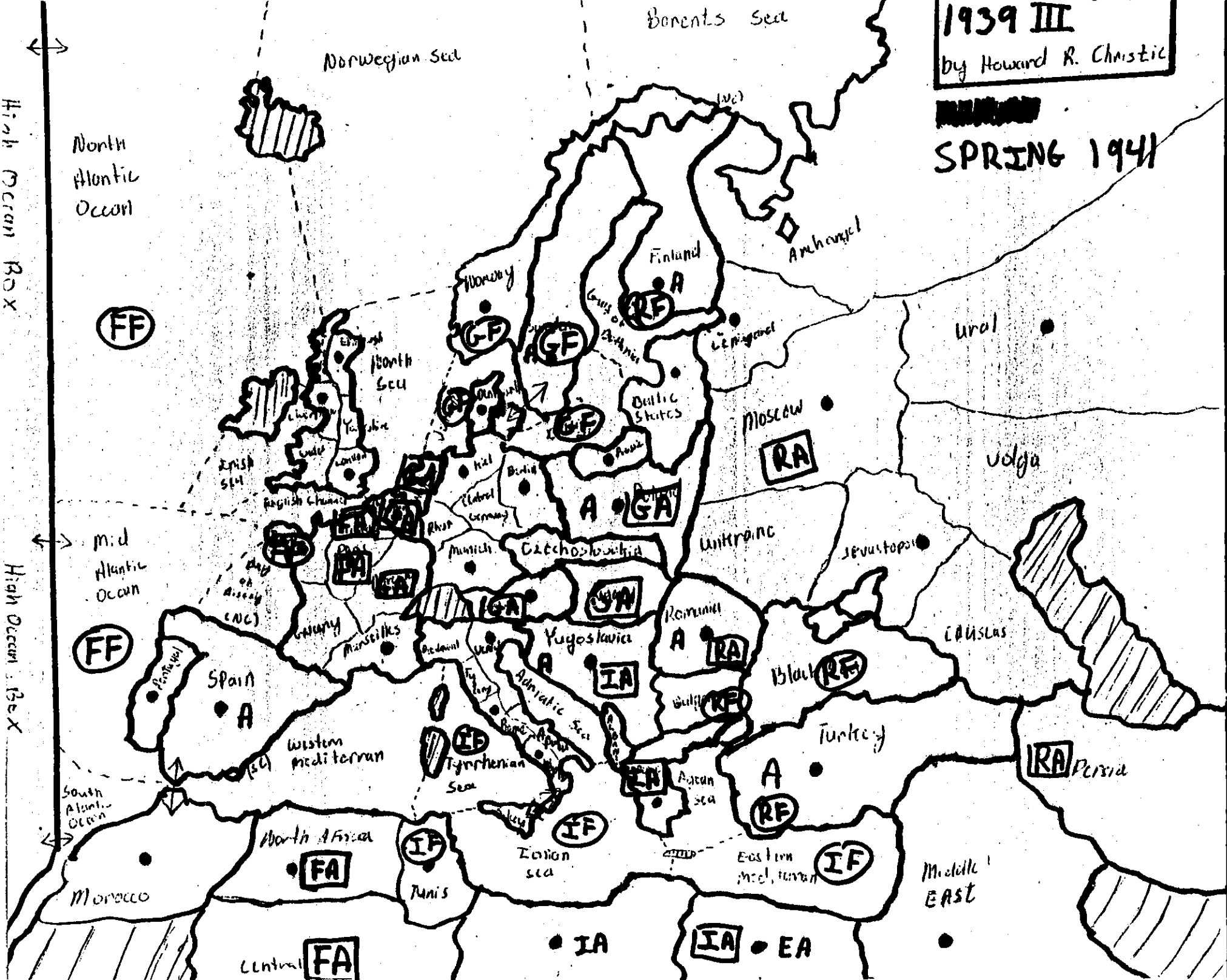
1984C2 Fall 1904 ↑

↓ 1984HN Winter 1902



1939 III
by Howard R. Christie

SPRING 1941



Barents Sea

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South Atlantic Ocean

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Malaguena

Issue #5

February 18, 1985

Malaguena is a subzine devoted to the playing of Final Conflict III and to the discussion of virtually everything, especially FC and Diplomacy. Malaguena is edited and published by *The Razor's Edge*, 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, TX 77504.

Greetings, my fellow Americans!! I am overjoyed at the quality of this issue. In case you haven't noticed, it looks a hell of a lot better than last issue. Why? My brother bought an Apple Macintosh computer! I believe this change will be permanent as long as he and I both live here. If not, there's always my printer! (break out the eyeglasses!).

Nobody seems to believe me about my changing my name to "The Razor's Edge". Why? I would like to hear from you about why or why not you believe me. Gary Coughlan believes me!

It is time for me to come out and state my standing on the silly feud which is tearing apart this great hobby. For those readers who don't know what I'm talking about, there has been a gigantic feud between Bruce Linsey (Former publisher of The Voice of Doom) and Kathy Byrne (Former BNC and now editor of Diplomacy World). Each has several supporters. The feud has been going on for over a year, and is getting worse and worse. Bruce has finished all his publishing, and is helping with The Zine Register. In addition, Bruce has relieved Randolph Smyth of the duty of running the Runestone Poll (the hobby's major zine, subzine, and GM poll), and is undertaking the project himself. On the other side, Kathy, who did a fine job of being the BNC, was forced to resign by all the attacks on her.

She has relieved Rod Walker (who has been overloaded with problems) of the burden of editing DW. Doesn't sound so bad until you hear what has been going on recently. First of all, Jim Meinel, someone from Alaska, has circulated a letter encouraging people to boycott the Runestone Poll because he doesn't trust Brux to tabulate the votes correctly. Some are even thinking about starting another poll! This is ridiculous! Brux accepts the fact that many don't trust him, and has offered to let someone else, a

neutral party if you will, tabulate the votes of those who don't trust him for him, and then forward them to him. Sounds like an almost foolproof system to me. I hope that Meinel and the others (who I'm sure include Byrne) will, for their own sake and ours, accept it.

Also, some anti-Linseyites headed by Robert Sacks are even saying that they are starting their own Zine Register! This is ridiculous! You saw the letter in Stabback's last issue. It is a bunch of ridiculous assumptions, and I highly disapprove of it. These hotheads that are opposed to the RP and the ZD under Linsey ought to at least give him a chance. If he really bungles it, he can be replaced.

If this garbage keeps up, we may even see the Linseyites boycott DW just because Byrne is doing it, and start their own DW! I definitely do not want this to happen. In conclusion, I want to state that my position in this ridiculous feud is like many other publishers: one of neutrality. I, and I speak for many other helpless publishers, do not want to see two polls, two Zine Registers, two DWs, or two anythings! To quote Abraham Lincoln, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Okay, enough of that touchy subject. But one more thing. I personally will not have anything to do with the feud, and Malaguena will not be a grounds for hobby feuding. Now, on to more fun things. I would like to second Howard's statement that it feels good to be with the Stabback and Malaguena crew. It is like a big happy family. And I hope that it gets even bigger and that we can get to be even better friends in the future. And Howard, you're doing a fine job. Keep up the good work.

Another announcement: Late this Spring, or early this summer, I am going to publish my own zine. It will carry all the games currently running in Malaguena, and will open a few more, mostly variants. Everyone will, of course, have to pay the sub fee if they wish to continue playing, but no one who has already payed a game fee will have to pay again.

Mikey Perry has created what looks to be an interesting Dip variant. It is called "Confusion Diplomacy". In it, the countries are randomly picked by the GM but not told to the players. Each player submits orders for all seven countries, and the orders for the country that that player is are used. Each player can only guess what his country is by a process of elimination. Some people may never know what country they are! It looks like fun to play, and even more fun to run! I will run a game of this if there is sufficient interest.

There are two more openings in the Regular Dip game which I will run. It should be ready next issue. The following people are signed up to play: John McKeown, Blake Ramsey, Jim Petersen, Phil Cooper, and Larry Perry. I have John McKeown's game fee. All players are please asked to send me the game fee as soon as possible. Also, let's have a couple more players, please! I'm ready to go.

STANDBY POOL: Brumbaugh, Bruck, Cooper, B. Baker, Hu. Christie, Hd. Christie, Cox, King, Perry. I need more volunteers, please.

SOVIET STEAMROLLER KEEPS ROLLING!!
 ARABS OCCUPY INDIA!!
 AUSSIES, CHINESE, CLASH IN INDOCHINA!!

AUSTRALIA (King): f nei-SUM, f sei-NEZ, f jav-MAL, p PER s f jav-MAL.

BRAZIL (Young): a bol-COL, f ARG s a bol-COL, f gui-VEN, f MWA s f gui-ven.

CHINA (McKinnon): a pek-MON, f man-KOR, a VIE-mal, f yel-JAP.

PAN-ARAB LEAGUE (Cox): f med-IBE, a sau-SOM, a pak-IND, p TEH s a sau-SOM.

U.S.S.R. (Petersen): a pol-GER, a mon-SIN, f vla-SOJ, f nwg-ENG, p kaz-OMS.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cooper): a zam-ZAI, f mea-SEN, f nwi-KEN, f swi-MAD.

UNITED STATES (Christie): f car-MEX, f mep-CEN, a que-SAS, p los-CEN.

Underlined moves fail, and capital letters show final positions.

OWNERSHIP AND INCOME

AUS : PER, BRI, SYD, MEL, ade, dar, ~~sum~~, **MAL**, **NEZ**. Income - \$21 - \$12 maintenance - \$9 to spend.

BRA : RIO, SAL, BEL, AMA, mat, arg, bol, gui, COL, VEN. Income - \$22 - \$12 maintenance - \$10 to spend.

CHI : PEK, SHA, CAN, MAN, ~~kan~~, kor, mon, VIE, JAP. Income - \$20 - \$12 maintenance - \$8 to spend.

PAL : EGY, SAU, BAG, TEH, syr, kur, pak, IND, SOM, IBE. Income - \$24 - \$12 maintenance - \$12 to spend.

RUS : HUN, MOS, ARK, VLA, OMS, kaz, sib, pol, kam, sin, ENG, GER. Income - \$26 - \$15 maintenance - \$11 to spend.

SAF : CAP, MOZ, RHO, NAM, bot, zam, mad, ken, SEN, ZAI. Income - \$22 - \$12 maintenance - \$10 to spend.

USA : NEW, CHI, LOS, ALA, pas, neb, haw, cen, sas, QUE, MEX. Income - \$23 - \$12 maintenance - \$11 to spend.

The deadline for Winter, 2101 money transfers and build orders will be March 8, 1985 (which, incidentally, is my 17th birthday.). Remember, you can have an army and a plane, or a fleet and a plane, in one space but you may **not** have more than one army/fleet or plane in a space. Nukes do **not** count towards stacking.

PRESS :

Canberra - Moscow : You are a hose!!!

Vladivostok - Yellow Slitfaces: such was the expected reaction of the jaundiced race to superior reasoning ability.

Soviet Union - World: "Mother, please forgive them,
for they know not what they do.
Looking back, in history's books,
it seems it's nothing new.
Aw, let my mother live.

Heaven is for heroes,
and hell is full of fools.
Stupidity, no will to live,
they're breaking God's own rules.
Please let my mother live.

-First two stanzas of "Revelation (Mother Earth)" from "Blizzard of Ozz" (Ozzy Osbourne)

GM- Moscow: Your press is **already** getting boring and offensive. You're lucky I'm not like Jeff Richmond, or you'd never get a single press item printed.

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