

# StabBack

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This is STABBACK, a monthly journal of Diplomacy and other Diplomacy variants. The one variant that is being played is 1939 III. 1939 III is a five player game of World War II. 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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Some people will believe anything if it is whispered to them.

Pierre de Marivaux

1984 CO, 1984CT, 1984CZ, 1984HN, and 1984MqhoS games in process.

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES : April 19, 1985

Welcome one and all to the 13th issue of STABBACK. At the present time we have four regular Diplomacy games and one 1939 III game in progress. The big news is that STABBACK #6 has started. (this issue is the Game start) I have one more regular game opening at this time and there are 3 people signed up for this game. The next biggest thing is that James Early's subzine "Malagueña" has folded and he has started his own zine called "The Razor's Edge". (Sounds familiar doesn't it?). If anybody out there needs a copy of the house rules just send a S.A.S.E. Game turns run every 21 days and STABBACK will be published within seven days after the deadline.

This issue is full of articles and all sorts of surprises. Don't forget to vote in the Runestone Poll. How could you forget with the special issue sent to you from Florida. I did bring home alot of the warm weather. It got up into the 60's up here. I am thinking about getting a FTF game at my place some weekend. All of you out there which or might be interested in coming up tp play give me a call or write. I think I will call it CHRISTIE CON I, because there will be at least three Christie's at it.

## STABBACK #6

The start of STABBACK #6 has finally happened. The players, their, positions, and their addresses are shown below:

AUSTRIA: David McCrumb, Route #1, Box 109, New Castle, VA 24127  
ENGLAND: Robert Smith, Room 509, McKeon Hall, University Park, PA 16802  
FRANCE: Phil Cooper. 104 E. Brandis Ave., Staten Island, NY 10308  
GERMANY: Steve Decker, 7012 Lafayette Ave., Ft. Washington PA 19034  
ITALY: Doug King, 4363 Argentina Circle, Pasadena, TX 77504  
RUSSIA: Douglas Christie, 43 E. Houston Ave., Montgomery, PA 17752  
TURKEY: Bert Levy, 7 Yorktown Court, Bluebell, PA 19422

The Boardman Number for this game will appear in the next issue of STABBACK. Players should use STABBACK #6 for all correspondence concerning this game. I would like to point out to the following people that they still owe me the Game Fee for this game: David McCrumb, Steve Decker, and Doug King. I would like to receive this GF by or with the first set of orders. The deadline for Spring 1901 orders is by April 19, 1985. Have a good game and watchout for that so called ally.

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## STABBACK #7

Since James Early is folding his subzine in STABBACK and went out on his own. I have decided to open a new game in STABBACK. So come one come all. The following players are already signed up for the game:

Phil Cooper. Mike Perry, and Chris Bruck.

Don't forget to send in your game fees!!!!

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## 1984 FRESHMAN ZINE POLL

The results of the 1984 Freshman Zine poll are out. Steve Langley published three results. One was ranked by vote average, another by preference, a third was a combined ranking. I would like to thank all those people that did vote in the poll. Here is the list:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Flick of the Wrist    | 8. Frobozz                |
| 2. The Inner Light       | 9. STABBACK               |
| 3. Not New York          | 10. Feuilletonist's Forum |
| 4. So I Lied             | 11. Costaguana            |
| 5. The Concert of Europe | 12. Electric Penguin      |
| 6. Feudesse              | 13. Command               |
| 7. Rebel                 | 14. Hansard               |

I am sort of surprised that STABBACK even got in the poll. I didn't even mention the poll in STABBACK and the ballot I did see didn't even have STABBACK on it. So I would like to say thanks for the showing guys.

## THE 1985 LIFERS

Don Del Grande, publisher of Life of Monty, has decided that we need a different type of award to spice things up. He says the lifer Awards will be a cross between the "silly" awards called Rusty Bolts given in Britain, and the "typical awards formerly presented by Mike Mills in his Eminent Awards. Anyone connected with the Postal Hobby is entitled to submit nominations of up to five people in each of the following categories:

Dirtiest Fold; Most Boring Topic; Hobby Genius; Most Improved Zine; Best zine for games other than Diplomacy; Best Zine for Hobby News; Best Game Other than Dip or its Variants; Biggest Hobby Personality; True Hobby Master.

Deadline for Nominations is April 20, 1985. The top five nominees in each category will appear on a ballot which Don will distribute in LIFE OF MONTY, and request other publishers to reprint. Send your nominations to: Don Del Grande, 142 Eliso Dr., Greenbrae, CA 94909

This sure looks like fun. It will hopefully bring the hobby back together for some fun, instead of all this silly feuding. I am going to send in my ballot real quick, I hope the rest of you do too.

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## ADDITION OF HOUSERULE #15

I thought I would make an addition to my Houserules. This will go into effect immediately, even though I haven't been effected by it. So cut this out and tape it on your houserules or keep this handy.

15.0 If a player misses the Spring 1901 moves, the following neutral moves will be used:

A: f tri-alb; a bud-ser; a vie-tri  
E: f lon-nth; f edn-nwg; a lpl-yor  
F: f bre-mid; a mar-spn; a par-pic  
G: f kie-den; a ber-kie; a mun-ruh  
I: f nap-ion; a rom-ven; a ven-apu  
R: f stp(sc)-gob; f sev-rum; a mos-unk; a war-hold  
T: f ank-hold; a con-bul; a sym-con

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## THE RAZOR'S EDGE

James Early has let his subzine go and went out on his own. The name for his zine is The Razor's Edge. I got the first issue about two weeks ago. He is continuing all his games in his new zine. At this time he has two regular Dip games opening and a variant called "Confusion Diplomacy". his sub Fee is 10/\$5.00 and his Game fee is \$2.00. So if you want to get into a new zine write James Early. 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, TX 77504.

I would like to say that I will be missing James and that I am glad I could help him out in his first subzine which did turn into bigger things. The Razor's Edge is a little small for now but he is promising articles, contests and more games. I am recommending this zine to anybody to get. If you want to see me playing in a game you can by sending in a sub fee to James. Good luck James and have a good time publishing.

## NO-GO ON PROPSAL TO END FEUD

I received a letter and saw an article in BUSHWACKER, published by Fred C. Davis Jr., on the latest news on the big feud. Kathy Byrne has turned down the suggestion that Doug Beyerlein serve as Ombudsman to resolve her feud with Bruce Linsey. Bruce had promptly agreed to that arrangement. Konrad Baumeister reports that Kathy "has gone outside the hobby to procure legal aid in the matter, allegedly to put a stop to Linsey's harrassment (?!) of her family and herself." Tragic. It looks like we are one step closer to having two separate Postal hobbies in the U.S.

Why does this have to happen? It is like a large Civil War. When somebody makes a good proposal and one side jumps on it and the other flatly refuses to do it, it sounds fishy to me. I would like to raise a question. Why is Kathy Bryne going outside the hobby? or is this just an excuse to continue this dreadful feud. Many times I have stated how silly this is. Why can't players just end this stupid feud or are they thriving on it. I feel that they must be or they wouldn't do it at all. Well, ~~I~~ had it!! and I won't waste anymore space with it.

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## TRADES

FROBOZZ: Jeff Richmond publishes FROBOZZ, a zine about the same age as STABBACK. Jeff has alot of regular Diplomacy games and one WWIIb game in his zine. At this time he doesn't have any game openings at the moment. If you are interested in seeing more zines, why not write for a sample of this one? You'll find the address on STABBACK's SUBSCRIBER page.

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## A LETTER FROM BRUCE LINSEY

Dear Howard,

Just a quick note to thank you for your support and publicity of the Runestone Poll. A special issue---- boy, if that's not supportive, what is? I'll be sure to send you the results when they come out in early July.

While ~~I~~ got you, I wanted to tell you that I thought your comments on feuds were very well reasoned. For your information, I did accept Doug Beyerlein's offer to arbitrate, but Kathy Byrn refused.

Keep up the good work.

Best,  
Brux

P.S. You brought back a ray of sunshine for me from florida, right?

( I would like to comend Bruce for agreeing to the ombudsman. I hope the poll goes well and I heard that over 75% of the hobbies publishers are supporting the poll. Bruce, thanks for the kind words on STABBACK and yes I brought everbody a little bit of Florida)

1984CO

RUSSIAN FLEET SUNK IN THE NAVAL BATTLE OF THE  
BALTIC

FALL 1905

AUSTRIA (James Early): a Vie s aa bud; a Bud s aa vie

ENGLAND (Phil Cooper): a wal-BRE; a SPN-mar; f ENG c ea wal-bre;  
f nwg-NWY; f stp(sc)-GOB; f swe-BAL; f mid-WES; f wes-GOL;  
f TUN s ef tyh; f TYH s ef wes-gol

GERMANY (Andy Clough): a pic-BUR; a bur-MUN; a kie-DEN; a hol-KIE;  
a BER-pru; a SIL-pru; f LIV s ef swe-bal

ITALY (James Young): a MAR-hold; a PIE s ia mar; a TRI-bud; f ADR-tri;  
f nap-ROM; RT f tyh-NAP

RUSSIA (Bob Smith): f bal\*ber

TURKEY (Steve McKinnon): a WAR s ta unk-gal(imp) a unk-gal(nsu) a GAL-  
hold; a arm-SEV; a bul-RUM; a SER s ia tri-bud; f rum-BLA; f gre-  
ALB; f ION s tf gre-alb; f EAS s tf ion

The Russian Fleet BAL must RT OTB. The proposal to the E-G-T draw failed. The vote was 1 NO and 4 YES. A E-G draw has been proposed. Players are asked to vote on this draw with their next set of orders. An abstention will count as a negative vote. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Winter 1905 and Spring 1906 orders will be due by April 19, 1985.

PRESS:

CZAR-WORLD: I'am sailing away, set an open course for a virgin sea.

CZAR-GM: Thought I would give you some good music for your zine.

VIENNA-BERLIN: Fuckin' A, bub!

VIENNA-LONDON&BERLIN: One of you guys ought ought to put an ARMY in STP or LIV.

VIENNA-ROME: Are you going to defend your homeland or are you going to keep after me?

VIENNA-ALL: IT JUST DOESN'T MATTER!!!!

GM-VIENNA: To that one press stament I didn't print, you were right.

ROME-VIENNA&WORLD: It wasn't what you said Jim, it's what you DID!  
I told you that if you stabbed me I would be after your Blood and I'm as good as my word. As my rapidly Deteriorating Situation, I can only say that I inherited a very bad position as a standby player and had no hope of winning. I have, without any alliance with England, Germany, or Turkey, SURVIVED as the fourth most powerful country on the board thus far. As for the three way draw, I will accept the terms, because I realize all too clearly that England and Turkey must fight on my soil for either to win. My congratulations on a game well played.

1984CO CONTINUED:

BERLIN-CONSTANTINOPLE: You sure do have a lot of nerve proposing a 3 way draw.

ANDY-JAMES: Thanks for the vote of confidence. Now, if only Jamie & Steve would agree with you.....

BERLIN-MOSCOW: No need for long cruises. Now you can settle down in your capital.

The supply center chart for Winter 1905 is shown below:

A - vic, bud	2 EVEN
E - home, nwy, swe, stp, bre, spn, por, tun	10 EVEN
G - home, den, hol, bel, par	7 EVEN
I - home, mar, tri	5 EVEN
E - mos	1 EVEN, Build 1, Bal-OTD.
T - home, sev, bul, gre, ser, rum, war	9 EVEN

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STANDBY LIST

If your name appears below you are on STABBACK's standby list. If you want on or off just let me know. Any player that plays out a standby position will receive three free issues to STABBACK. You will only get the three free issues once you have played out the standby position. I do need more standbys. Names do not appear in any special order.

BRUMBAUGH, COOPER, YOUNG, SMITH, CHRISTIE, EARLY, MCKINNON, MCCRUMB, WILCOX, and BEAVER.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Phil Cooper: 104 E. Brandis Ave., Staen Island, NY 10308.

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RATING SYSTEM

Coming up next issue I will be discussing STABBACK'S rating system for players playing in STABBACK. I also will discuss what happens to winners of STABBACK'S games. This is only for people that play in STABBACK's games. I would like to hear some of your input into this issue. Write soon!!!!

1984CT

GERMANS VISIT AUSTRIAN LANDS AND RUSSIANS IN MOSCOW

SPRING 1904

AUSTRIA (Andy Clough): a SER-rum; a BUD s aa ser-rum; a mos-UNK; a VIE s af ven-tri; f ven-TRI

ENGLAND (James Early): f bre-MID; f ENG s ef bre-mid; a bel-PIC; f lpl - IRI; f edn-CLY; f NWY plays poker with German F swe(Holds) f STP(nc)-ank(imp)

FRANCE (Bob Smith): a par-BRE; a GAS s fa par-bre; f mid\*eng; f SPN(sc)-mar

GERMANY (Phil Cooper): a pic-PAR; a BUR s ga pic-par; a kie-HOL; a ber-sil; a mun-TYO; a war-GAL; f SWE-holds

ITALY (Hugh Christie): a PIE-mar; a tun-APU; f ION c ia tun-apu

RUSSIA (Paul Schembari): a sev-MOS

TURKEY (Jamie Young): a tri\*bud; a Rum s ta tri-bud; a ALB-ser; a con-BUL; f GRE s ta con-bul; f aeg-CON; f ADR s ia tun-apu

The Turkish A TRI must RT OTB. The Fench F MID must RT to POR, WES, NAF, NAO or OTB. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Fall 1904 orders will be due by April 19, 1985.

PRESS:

PARIS-LONDON: Get your paws off my BREST. You grubby non-heterosexual.

ANDY-JAMES: Frankie say: WAR! Hide Yourself!

VIENNA-CON: I not only like to play games, I like to win them.

CON-WORLD: King James eats QUICHE!!!

CON-VIENNA: That fleet in Venice may have given you another build, but it was sure a diplomatic blunder on your part. I'm gonna enjoy watching the Italians crawl all over your back, MEAT-HEAD!

CON-ROME: I'll offer you aid you require, and also my word that your homeland is safe from me. I am glad there is a Pope that I can finally reason with.

CON-SEV: I'm looking forward to actually seeing how smart you really are.

LON-CON: Apology accepted.

LON-BER: If you 'll move F SWE-DEN, i'll move F NWY-NWG.

LON-ROM: WIMP!!!!

LON-VIE: When you want to go to it!

LON-PAR: You sure are a nice friendly guy!

AUSTRIA(Doug King): NMR!!! Has, a tri, a vie\* a bud\* Disband a alb

ENGLAND (Andy Clough): f mid-BRE; f nao-LPL; f LON s ef nth-eng; f nth-ENG; f nwy-STP(nc) Disband a wal

FRANCE (Steve McKinnon): a POR-spjn; a par-GAS; a bur\*s ra boh-mun(nso)  
Disband f iri

GERMANY (Hugh Cristie): a bel-PIC; a ruh-BUR; a MUN s ga ruh-bur; a den-SWE; a hol-BEL; f kie-HEL; f swe-SKA; Built f kie, a mun

ITALY (Phil Cooper): a MAR-spjn; a VEN-apu; f`SPN(nc)-por; f rom-NAP;  
f TYH s if rom-nap Built f rom

RUSSIA (Willis Beaver): a BOH s ra bud-vie; a bud-VIE; a gal-bud; a sev-rum; f rum-BLA Built a sev

TURKEY (Bob Smith): a bul-SER; a GRE s ta bul-ser; a con-BUL; f AEG s ta con-bul; f ion-TUN; f nap\*apu Even

The Austrian Armies VIE, BUD must RT OTB. The French Army BUR must RT to PAR, or OTB. The Turkish Fleet NAP must RT to ION, or OTB. I just noticed that ther is only two original players left in this game. Very interesting for a Diplomacy game. Would Stephen Wilcox (5300 W. Gulf Bank #103, Houston Tx, 7708) please send in standby orders for Austria. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Fall 1905 orders will be due by April 19, 1985.

PRESS:

FRANCE-RUSSIA: I leave it to you, Beaver.

FRANCE-ITALY&ENGLAND: Tell me if you're going to NMR next time.

BERLIN-WORLD: The Kaiser sips on Burgundy wine as he surrounds the French capital.

NEW ENGLAND-GM: Now tell me. Who's playing what country?

LONDON-BERLIN: No fleets, right?

MOSCOW-BERLIN: Did you build that 2nd fleet or an army? If an army you have caught me with my pants down, if not you caught the English with their fly open.

MOSCOW-LONDON: I want my capital back!! Please vacate,your lease is up.

MOSCOW-TRIST: I hope that your once so called country is under its proper rulers,if not I sure am in trouble.

MOSCOW-ROME: Let us open the line of communication.

MOSCOW-CONSTANTINOPLE: I hope you made SER, if not there is always the Fall.



AUSTRIA (Mike Perry): a BUD-gal; a BOH s ia mun; a ser-BUL; a GRE s aa ser-bul; f AEG s aa ser-bul

ENGLAND (Hugh Christie): a SWE-den; f nwg-NWY; f edn-NTH; f lon-ENG; f lpl-IRI

FRANCE (Paul Schembari): a BEL-hold; a BUR-mun; f bre-MID; f GOL-tyh; f WES s ff gol-tyh

GERMANY (James Early): a HOL s ga kie; a KIE-hold; f HEL-den

ITALY (Phil Cooper): a MUN s ga kie; a tus-VEN; f rom-TUS; f TYH s if rom-tus; f TUN s if tyh

RUSSIA (Jay Brumbaugh): a BER-kie; a war-SIL; a UNK-gal; a SEV-unk; f BAL s ra ber-kie; f RUM s tf bul(sc)(NSO)

TURKEY (James Young): a arm-SMY; f bul(sc)-CON; f BLA s tf bul(sc)-con

Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Fall 1903 orders will be due by April 19, 1985. This game looks to becoming very intresting. Good luck guys!!

PRESS:

VIENNA-BRUCK: You finally made an intelligent move, you NMRed. Two more things; What happened to the fabulous Zine? and how have your phone bills been lately?

VIENNA-WORLD: Bruck, or no Bruck: Turkey is MINE!

KIEL-BERLIN&MUNICH: Back! back!, you slimes! Return to the dust from whence you came! (sound of whip cracking!)

AN APPEAL TO ALL: Would someone please help me?!?

HOWARD-JAMES: Take a good look at yourself and then ask that question again.

JAMIE-EUROPE: Hello Everyone! Before I just roll over and die, I'd like to tell you what a pleasure it is to be here. I hope to be hearing from you all soon. I mean if I'm going to get anything out of this crummy position it oughta be SIX MORE pen pals, right?

JAMIE-GM: Was it something I said?

HOWARD-JAMIE: What do you think?

CON-MOSCOW: I would suggest you aid me IMMEDIATELY or start an offense against me before the Austrian DOGS get it all. I cannot hold them off alone.

ENGLAND (Bob Smith): f NTH s ef eng; f ENG s ga bel-pic; f IRI-lpl

FRANCE (Mike Perry): a naf-MOR; a caf-NAF; a pic-PAR; a par-GAS; f mid-WES; f BRE-eng; f NAO-iri;

GERMANY (Hugh Christie): a bel-PIC; a bur-MAR; a hol-BEL; a pol-MOS; a hun-POL; a aus-HUN; a ~~jut~~-HOL; f nwy-NWG; f swe-FIN(sc); f bal-SWE

ITALY (James Young): a GRE-tur; a YUG-bul; a EYG s if eas-MEA; f TUN-hold; f ION-aeg; f TYH s if tun

RUSSIA (Phil Cooper): a mos-UNK; a PER s rf bul-tur; a RUM s ia yug-trenton, NJ(imp); f TUR-aeg; f BLA s rf bul-tur; f BUL-tur; f fin(sc)-GOB

Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions, Winter 1941 and Spring 1941 orders are due by April 19, 1985. A concession to Germany has been proposed. Players are asked to send in there votes with the next set of orders. Not sending in a vote counts as a NO vote. The supply center chart is shown below:

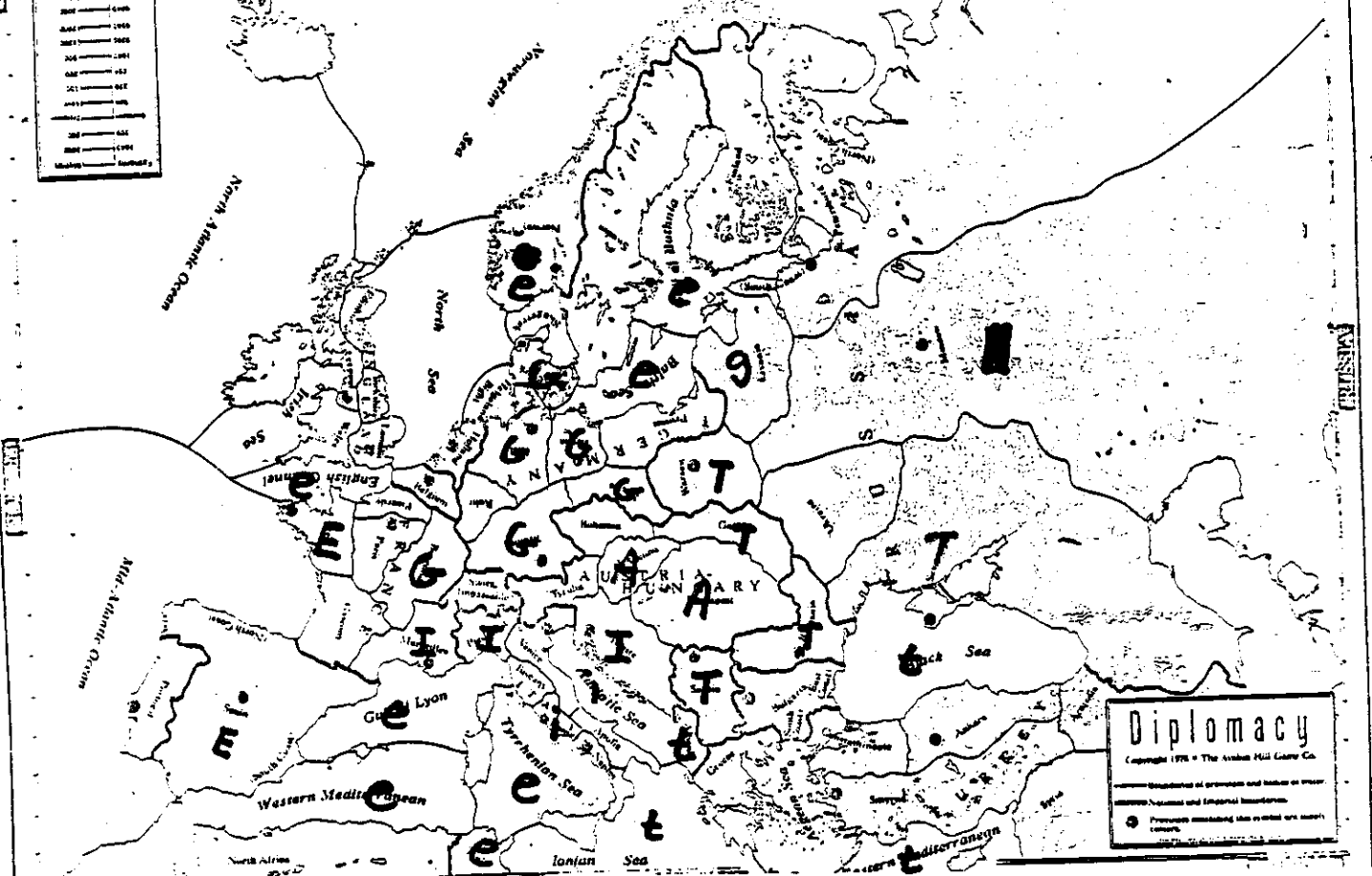
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G - home, pol, den, nwy, hol, bel, swe, fin, mar, mos, aus	(14)Build 4
I - home, tun, gre, yug, egy, mea	(9)Build 2
R - len, <del>par</del> , sev, ura, <del>par</del> , bas, rum, tur	(6)Disband 1

PRESS:

ROME-PARIS: Since I did not receive a reply from you, I hope for your sake that your campaign in the MED is not an aggressive one this turn cause you won't gain much leverage agianst DER FÜHRER with me crawling up your behind.

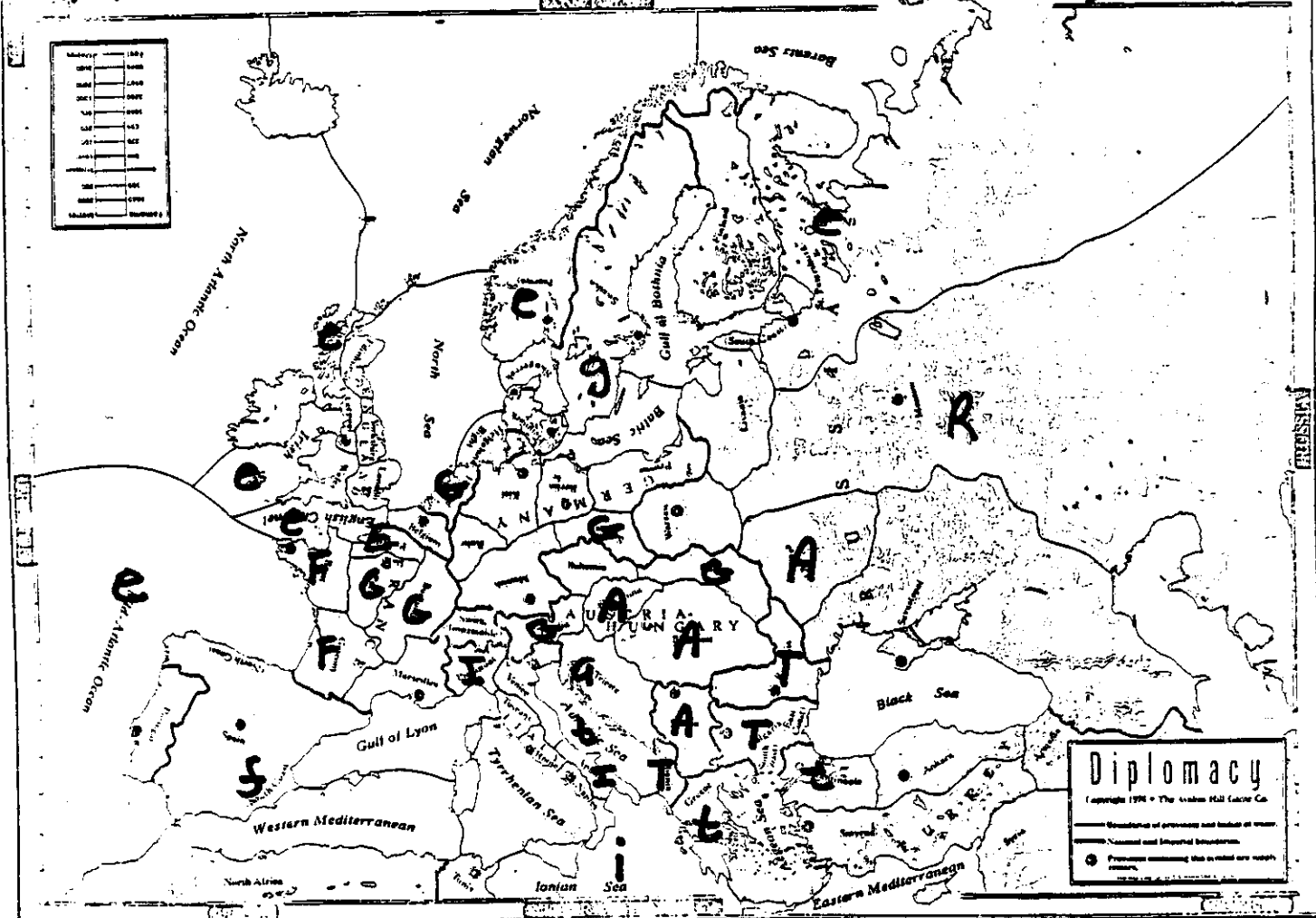
UPI NEW YORK: Today Adolf Hitler launch~~ed~~his own invasion of the Soviet Union. Reports are sketchy but it is said that two Army groups and one fleet where invol~~ed~~ed. The firstarmy has captured Moscow. Can the Russians hold out or will the light of free people be put out by the Nazi Hord~~es~~es.

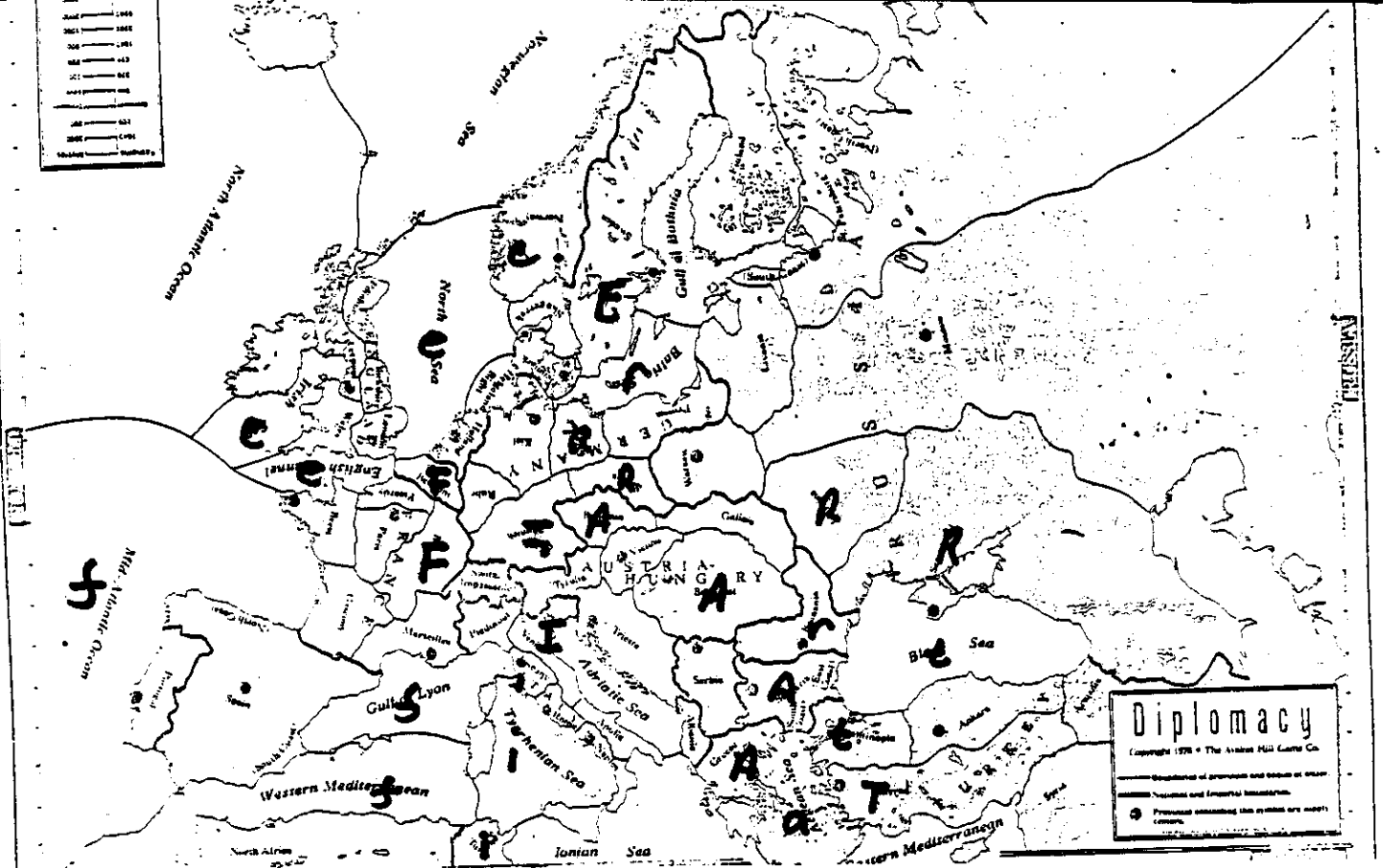
ROME: Today Mussolini addressed the crowds outside his window. " We have crushed the weak English and are fighting the dirty commies" " We the proud, strong and victorious Italian people will soon dominate Europe" The crowds then went crazy and fires burned into the night.



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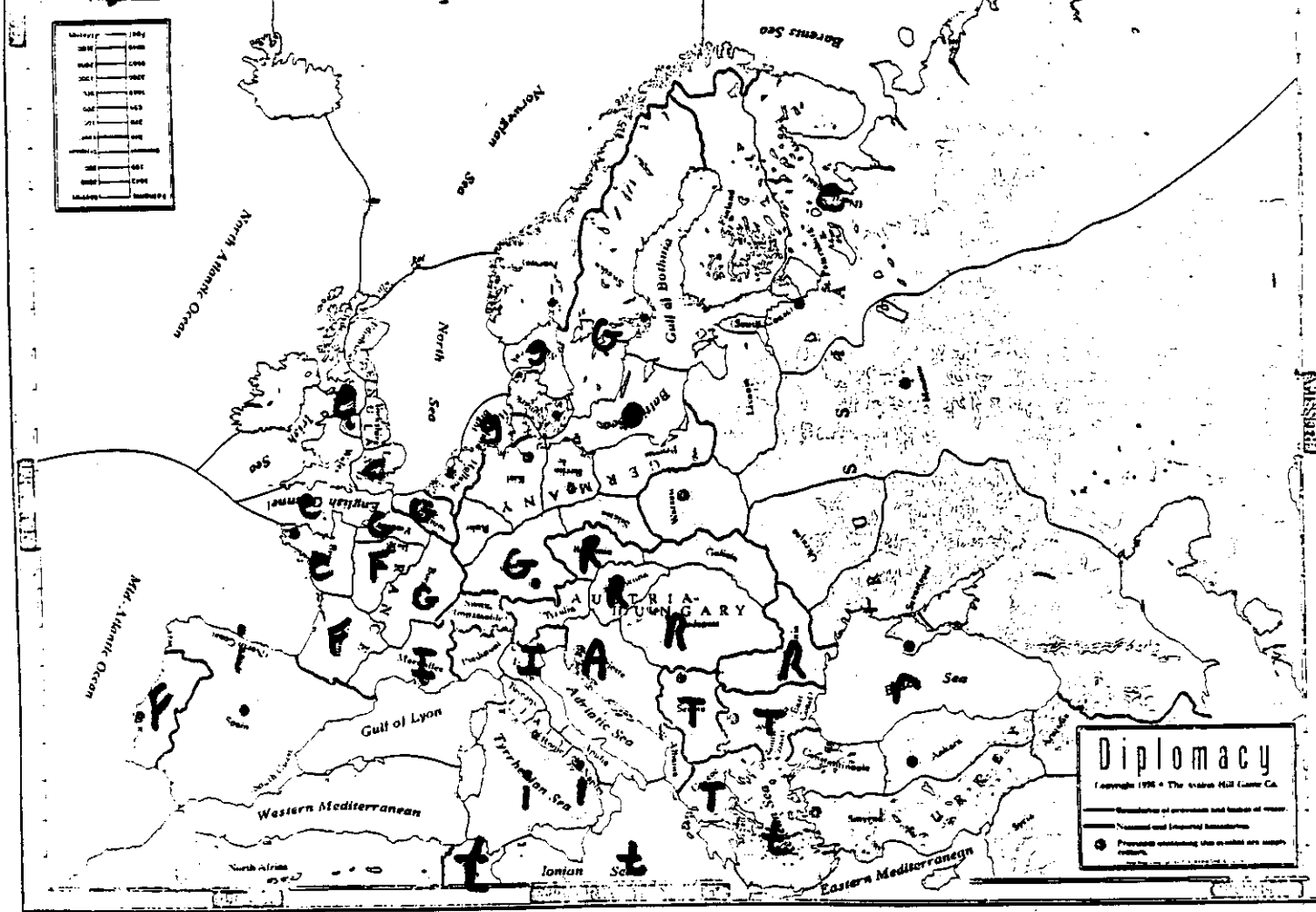
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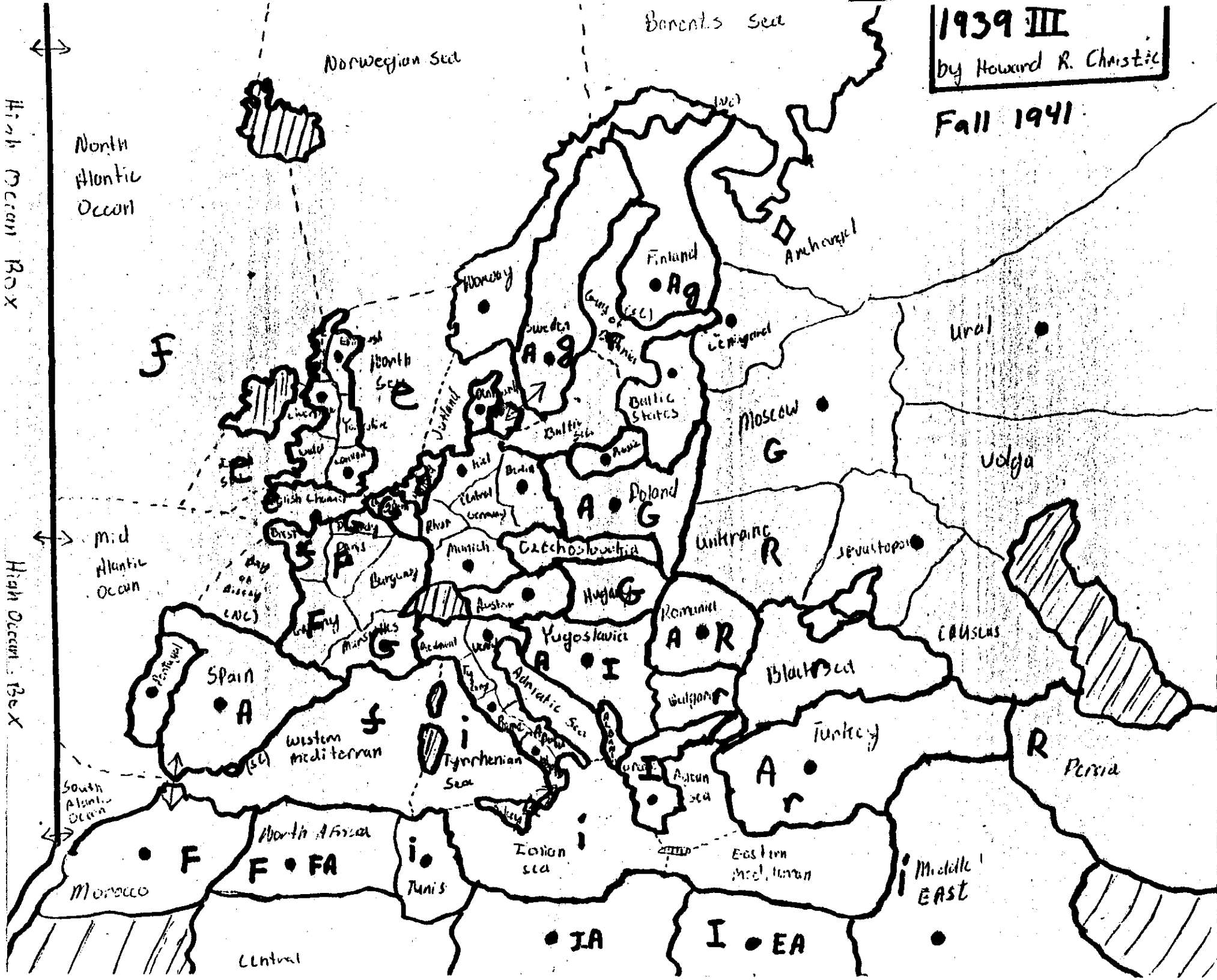


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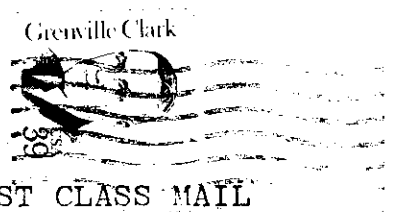


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