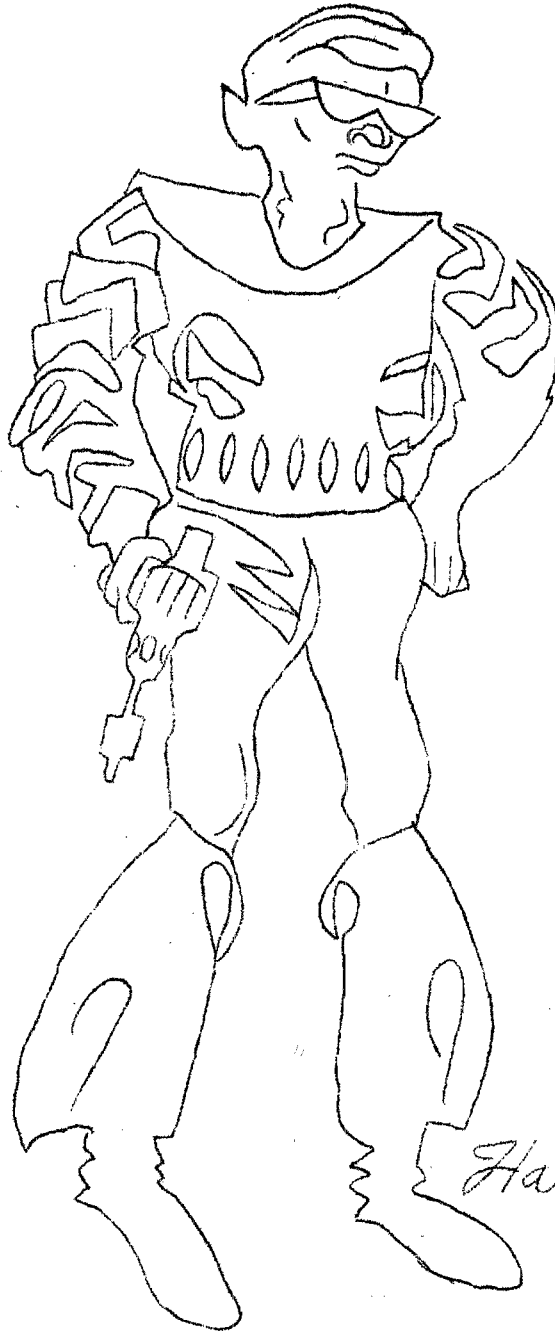


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"Gash, fellows... you mean everybody doesn't dress this way for a Diplomacy game??"

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CORRECTION DEPT. In sTab #24, in the last set of moves in 1964D (Trantor I), France's move A Bre-Pic was erroneously reported to have failed. In fact it succeeded, causing the Austrian Army Picardy to retreat to Belgium, and it (France's force) was thus not annihilated as was reported. France still would have only one piece remaining on the board at the game's end, however, since he would have had to remove one for the loss of Brest.

sTab #II "Winter '03; Spring '04" 28 January 1967

"Winter 1903"
DEREK NELSON: TURKEY: Builds Army Smyrna

"Spring 1904"

EARL THOMPSON

ENGLAND: F Lvp-hold; A Yor (S) F Lvp; F Nwg-hold; F Nth-Eng;
F Helg-Kiel; F Den (S) F Helg-Kiel

JOHN SMYTHE

FRANCE: A Bel-Ruhr; A Bur-Mun; A Pied (S) ITALIAN A Ven; F Iri-Eng;
F Nat-Mid; F Tyrr-Ion
GERMANY: F Bel-Bal; A Hol (S) A Ruhr-Kiel; A Ruhr-Kiel
ITALY: F Apu (S) A Ven; A Nap (S) F Apu; F Tun (S) FRENCH
F Tyrr-Ion; A Ven (S) F Apu

DEREK NELSON

AUSTRIA: A Tyr-Ven; A Tri (S) A Tyr-Ven; A Vie-Tyr; F Alb-Gre
RUSSIA: F Bal (S) ENGLISH F Helg-Kie; A Pru-Ber; A Sil (S)
A Pru-Ber; A Boh (S) A Mun; A Mun (S) A Pru-Ber;
F Aeg (S) TURKISH F Ion
TURKEY: F Adr-Apu; F Ion (S) F Adr-Apu; F EMed (S) F Ion;
A Ser-Alb; A Smy-hold

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Underlined moves ((see page 2)) do not succeed. The German Fleet Berlin is destroyed.

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1904" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1967

LONDON Ye Ghods, how do I get out of war with Smythe? All I wanted was to grow like a cancer.

HELGOLAND BIGHT A serious outbreak of oral diarrhea is sweeping the German prisoners taken in the liberation of Denmark. Could it be that this was caused by the same source that recently killed all the fish near Kiel?



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Game 1966I

"Fall 1905"

28 January 1967

R U S S I A A N D A U S T R I A G O U N D E R
 FIRST CASUALTIES IN EUROPEAN WAR

ENGLAND: F Nth (S) A Bel; F Swe-Den; A Fin (S) RUSSIAN A Liv-StP;
 (Cartier) F Iri-Mid; A Lvp-Wal; A Lon (S) A Lvp-Wal; A Bel (S)
Hansel and Gretel out of the woods

FRANCE: F Mid (S) F Eng; F Eng (S) A Pic-Bel; A Bur (S) A Pic-Bel;
 (Tzudiker) A Pic-Bel; A Ruhr-Kiel

GERMANY: F Kie-Den; F StP (SC) (S) A Mos-Liv; A Mos-Liv; A Vie
 (Naus) (S) TURKISH A Ser-Tri; A Gal-War; A Mun-hold; A Ber (S)
A Mun; A Hol-Kie

ITALY: F Ion-Nap; F Tyrr (S) F Ion-Nap; A Ven-Rom; A Tri-hold
 (Wells)

AUSTRIA: No moves received. F Adriatic holds
 (von Metzke)

RUSSIA: No moves received. A Livonia holds
 (Latimer)

FLASH!
 Italian A Tri
 retreats to
 VENICE

TURKEY: A Ser-Tri; A Bul-Gre; A Rum-Bud; F Nap (S) F Aeg-Ion;
 (Davidson) F Aeg-Ion; F Bla-Con

NOTE: After the Spring 1905 moves the Russian Army St. Petersburg retreated to Livonia, and the Turkish Fleet Ionian retreated to Naples. Concerned players were notified by pc.

Underlined moves do not succeed. The English Army Belgium is annihilated. The Italian Army Trieste may retreat to either Tyrolia or Venice or Albania. The Italian player has until THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 1967 to submit his retreat. The French and Turkish players will be informed of the direction of this retreat by pc, but may

TURKEY: F Lyon (S) ITALIAN A Ven-Pied; F Tyrr (S) F Lyon;
 (Smythe) F Ion-goes fishing for snail; F Bla-Con; A Tri-hold;
 A Tyr (S) ITALIAN A Ven-Pied; A Boh (S) A Gal-Sil;
 A Gal-Sil; A Sev (S) A Mos; A Ukr (S) A War; A Mos (S)
 A War; A War (S) A Gal-Sil

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Fleet Piedmont is annihilated.

 DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1908" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1967

BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Swe, StP, Den, Ber, Kie ((9)) No change
 FRANCE: Bre, Par, Mar, Bel, Spa, Por, Mun, Hol ((8)) Build TWO
 ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, ~~Tyr~~ ((4)) No change
 TURKEY: Ank, Smy, Con, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Sev, War, Mos, Bud, Vie,
Tri ((13)) Build ONE

----- "Spring 1901, Game III" -----

EUROPEAN POWERS ON MOVE
 FIRST CLASH IN BLACK SEA

ENGLAND: F Edi-Nwg; F Lon-Nth; A Liv-York
 (Pournelle)

FRANCE: A Par-Bur; A Mar (S) A Par-Bur; F Bre-Mid
 (Reinsel)

GERMANY: A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruhr; F Kie-Den
 (Latimer)

ITALY: F Nap-Ion; A Rom-Apu; A Ven-Pied
 (Clark)

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Tyr; F Tri-Alb
 (Smythe)

RUSSIA: F Sev-Bla; F StP-Both; A Mos-StP; A War-Liv
 (Nelson)

TURKEY: F Ank-Bla; A Con-Bul; ASmy-Arm
 (Nelson)

Underlined moves do not succeed.

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1901" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1967

LONDON The First Minister reminds all European Powers of the solemn treaty obligations to respect Belgian neutrality which have been undertaken by all Powers.

LONDON Sir "Jackie" Fisher, First Sea Lord, speaking for the Admiralty and the Crown announced that the Norwegian Government has requested protection from His Britannic Majesty, and that the

Privy Council has approved. The Gloucestershire Regiment, with units of the Highlanders, has been ordered to Yorkshire preparatory to embarkation. His Majesty announced that it would constitute an act of war with Britain if any power attempted occupation of Norway without consent of the British Government.

German refusal to sign the Treaty of Sark has greatly concerned the Foreign Office, which advises that Germany seems intent upon a naval rearmament which could only end in war with His Britannic Majesty.

ROME (1901) Despite possible untoward appearances in these hectic and warlike times, Italy guarantees the territorial integrity and unbesmirched sovereignty of all her neighboring Great Powers, none of whom is held in higher esteem than another. Defensive alliances with any other threatened powers are earnestly solicited.

MESSINA (1901) The Mediterranean is Mare Nostrum!

ANKARA (May 1901) "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed is the will of the Lord. She was wise and understanding, firm and charitable, just and merciful and called beloved by her people. Queen E. Barbara Phillip was buried today after 64 years of rule. She ascended the throne at age 22 and led her people and mankind to peace and prosperity. Now that peace, that prosperity, and that very mankind is threatened. I ask that our nation unite to meet this challenge to the civilization of Man. Humbly, I ask HIS guidance and your undivided support so that the history of Man will not end in Chaos. As your new monarch, I, Queen Sarah F. Allen do implore this of you, my people and of all mankind. Let us strive to achieve peace with honor, justice with mercy, and understanding with love, for all mankind. For then HE shall honor and reciprocate with love and mercy for his creation to the end of eternity."

MISSIF:

JAMES MACKENZIE (22 Cliffside Dr., Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Diplomacy is a funny sort of a game. The first time you play, you want only to win, but once you have that first win, future victory becomes less important. You fight or ally with other countries on more of an emotional basis than on a rational basis. You deliberately clash against stronger opponents in search for competition rather than against the weaker opponents in search for supply centers. And all of a sudden you know why the world is in its present state.

PHIL CASTORA (3177 West 5th, Los Angeles, Calif.) I-while discussing why he rated Austria and Italy so low on his preference card for the new game-I Of course, if Italy can get the drop on Austria the former has a better chance of staying in the game a while; but Italy has, I think, little chance to win. And I play to win. If you don't be-

lieve me, just ask Smythe -- I just clobbered him in SuperDip (Nostrillia), and am about to finish him off.

Of course, he was asking for it; I was playing Avis to his Hertz, and he left me an opening big enough to drive a '57 Lincoln thru (there is nothing bigger than a '57 Lincoln); what would you do? What would any Diplomacy player in as near to his right mind as he ever gets do?

It gave me a great feeling of satisfaction, of course, because Smythe is a good player. It did, I must admit however, almost hurt my conscience, because John Smythe is a good man and I like him, and tell him I said so and see if he doesn't start thinking "Now what the hell's he up to?" I don't really know John that well, but I never met a Diplomacy player that wasn't just a wee bit on the paranoiac side.

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S I X M A N G A M E

The following game was played before Christmas during a visit by Charles Reinsel, John Smythe, and me to the Cleveland Diplomacy Group's frequent meetings at Charles Wells' apartment. Although it is quite short (4 years) and ended in a declared draw, it is printed because -- as Wells suggested -- it is almost a textbook example of an Eastern vs. Western alliance war, and offers, as a result, some interesting examples of balanced play.

| | | | |
|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| ENGLAND: | John Koning | AUSTRIA: | John Smythe |
| FRANCE: | Charles Reinsel | RUSSIA: | Liz Roach |
| GERMANY: | Bill Roach | TURKEY: | Charles Wells |

In this version, the suggested 6-man game with Italy out, the three Italian pieces are left on the board, standing apparently in civil disorder.

Spring 1901

| | |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| ENGLAND: | F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nwg; A Liv-Edi |
| FRANCE: | A Mar-Spa; A Par-Gas; F Bre-Mid |
| GERMANY: | F Kie-Hol; A Mun-Ruhr; A Ber-hold |
| AUSTRIA: | A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Adr |
| RUSSIA: | F StP-Both; A Mos-StP; A War-hold; F Sev-Rum |
| TURKEY: | A Con-Buh; F Ank-Con; A Smy-hold |

All goes well on all fronts. England, France, and Germany make the classic Western Alliance for 2-2-2 builds. In the East, Austria is to get Venice and permit Turkey to take Greece. Russia is to fight in the north, and retain Rumania.

Fall 1901

| | |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| ENGLAND: | A Edi-Den; F Nth' (C) A Edi-Den; F Nwg-Nwy |
| FRANCE: | A Spa-Por; A Gas-Spa; F Mid-WMed |
| GERMANY: | A Ruhr-Bel; A Ber-Mun; F Hol-hold |
| AUSTRIA: | F Adr (S) A Tyr-Ven; A Tyr-Ven; A Ser-hold |
| RUSSIA: | F Both-Swe; F Rum-hold; A StP-Fin; A War-Sil |
| TURKEY: | A Bul-Gre |

The Italian Army Venice was destroyed. England declared that if its move to Norway was blocked he declared war on Russia, and plan-

ned to drink much beer... the only consolation losers have in Cleveland-Youngstown games.

In 1901 the conflict already began to shape up, though neither side really considered the war as a 3-3 team-type game. France declared war on Italy, but the lion's share went to Austria.

Winter 1901

ENGLAND: Builds A Lon, F Edi ((gained Den, Nwy))
 FRANCE: Builds A Par, F Mar ((gained Spa, Por))
 GERMANY: Builds A Ber, A Kie ((gained Hol, Bel))
 AUSTRIA: Builds A Tri, A Vie ((gained Ser, Ven))
 RUSSIA: Builds F StP (NC), A War ((gained Swe, Rum))
 TURKEY: Builds F Smy ((gained Bul, Gre))

Turkey commented that he knew he had two builds coming. Wells was doing something I'd never seen before: saving one of his builds until his strategy was set.

Spring 1902

ENGLAND: A Den-Swe; F Nth (S) F Nwy; F Edi-Nwg; F Nwy (S) A Den-Swe; A Lon-hold
 FRANCE: A Par-Bur; F May-Lyon; F WMed-Tun; A Por-Spa; A Spa-Mar
 GERMANY: F Hol-Kie; A Kie-Ruhr; A Bel-Hol; A Ber-Sil; A Mun (S)
 A Ber-Sil
 AUSTRIA: F Adr-Ion; A Ven-Tus; A Tri-Ven; A Vie-Tyr; A Ser-Tri
 RUSSIA: F Swe-Nor; A Fin (S) F Swe-Nwy; F StP (S) F Swe-Nwy;
 F Rum-hold; A War-Pru; A Sil (S) A War-Pru
 TURKEY: F Smy-EMed; A Con-Ank; F Bul-Aeg; A Gre-hold

The English Fleet Norway retreated to Skaggerak. The Russian Army Sillesia retreated to Warsaw.

Fall 1902

ENGLAND: A Lon-Nor; F Nth (C) A Lon-Nor; F Nwg (S) A Lon-Nwy;
 A Swe (S) A Lon-Nwy; A Lon-Nwy ((forgot F Skag; ouch))
 FRANCE: A Bur (S) A Ruh-Mun (GERMAN); A Mar-Gas; A Spa-hold;
 F Lyon-Tyrr; F Tun (S) F Lyon-Tyrr
 GERMANY: F Kie-Bal; A Hol-Kie; A Ruhr-Mun; A Mun-Ber; A Sil (S)
 A Mun-Ber
 AUSTRIA: A Tus-Rom; A Ven (S) A Tus-Rom; A Tyr-Pied; A Tri-Vie;
 F Ion-Tyrr
 RUSSIA: F Rum-Bul; A War-Sil; A Pru-Ber; F Nwy-hold; A Fin (S)
 F Nwy; F StP (S) F Nwy
 TURKEY: F EMed-Ion; A Ank-hold; A Gre-hold; F Aeg (S) F EMed-Ion

The Austrian Fleet Ionian retreats to Apulia. The Italian Army Rome is destroyed.

Winter 1902

FRANCE: Builds F Mar ((gained Tun))
 AUSTRIA: Builds A Bud ((gained Rom))
 RUSSIA: Builds A Mos ((gained Bul, Nwy; lost Swe))

At this point France and Austria began to argue, since Austria had apparently promised to split the conventionally Italian centers two-two, but now aimed at a three-one split.

Spring 1903

ENGLAND: A Lon-Nor; F Nth (C) A Lon-Nwy; F Nwg (S) A Lon-Nwy;
F Skag (S) A Lon-Nwy; A Swe (S) A Lon-Nwy
FRANCE: A Bur (S) A Gas-Mar; A Gas-Mar; A Spa (S) A Gas-Mar;
F Mar-Lyon; F Tun-Ion; F Tyrr (S) F Tun-Ion
GERMANY: F Bal-Pru; A Kie (S) A Mun-Ber; A Mun-Ber; A Ruhr-Mun;
A Sil (S) F Bal-Pru
AUSTRIA: A Rom (S) F Apu-Nap; F Apu-Nap; A Pied-Mar; A Ven-Tyr;
A Vic-Boh; A Bud-Gal
RUSSIA: A Mos-Liv; A Fin (S) F Nwy; A War-Sil; A Pru (S) A War-Sil
F Bul-hold; F Nwy-hold; F StP (S) F Nwy
TURKEY: F Ion (S) AUSTRIAN F Apu-Nap; F Aeg (S) F Ion; A Gre-hold
The Russian Fleet Norway retreats to Barrents. The Italian Fleet
Naples is destroyed.

Fall 1903

ENGLAND: A Swe (S) A Nor-Fin; A Nor-Fin; F Nwg (S) F Skag-Nwy;
F Skag-Nwy; F Nth (S) F Skag-Nwy
FRANCE: A Bur (S) GERMAN A Kie-Mun; A Mar-Pied; A Spa-Mar;
F Tun (S) F Tyrr-Tun; F Tyrr-Tun; F Lyon (S) A Mar-Pied
GERMANY: A Kie-Mun; A Mun-Tyr; A Ber (S) A Sil*Pru; A Sil-Pru;
F Bal (S) A Sil-Pru
AUSTRIA: A Pied (S) A Rom-Tus; A Rom-Tus; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh (S)
A Gal-Sil; A Gal-Sil; F Nap-Tyrr
RUSSIA: F Bul-hold; F StP (NC) (S) A Fin; F Bar-Nwy; A Liv (S)
A Pru; A War (S) A Pru; A Fin (S) F Bar-Nwy; A Pru (S)
AUSTRIAN A Gal-Sil
TURKEY: F Ion (C) A Gre-Apu; A Gre-Apu; A Con-hold; F Aeg (S) F Ion
The Russian Army Finland and the German Army Silosia were destroyed.
The Austrian Army Piedmont retreated to Venice.

Winter 1903

ENGLAND: Build A Edi ((gained Nwy))
GERMANY: Centers filled, can't build to replace annihilated A Sil
AUSTRIA: Build A Tri ((gained Nap))

Spring 1904

ENGLAND: F Nwy-Bar; F Nwy (S) F Nwy-Bar; A Swe-Liv; A Edi-Nwy;
F Nth (C) A Edi-Nwy; A Fin-StP;
FRANCE: A Pied-Tus; A Bur (S) GERMAN A Mun; A Mar-Pied; F Tun
(S) F Tyrr; F Tyrr (S) A Pied-Tus; F Lyon (S) A Pied-Tus
GERMANY: F Bal (C) ENGLISH A Swe-Liv; A Mun-hold; A Ber-hold;
A Kie (S) A Ber
AUSTRIA: F Nap-Tyrr; A Tus (S) A Ven-Pied; A Ven-Pied; A Tri (S)
A Tyr; A Tyr (S) A Boh-Tyr; A Boh-Mun; A Sil (S) RUSSIAN
A Pru-Ber
RUSSIA: A War-Mos; A Liv (S) F StP; F Bul-hold; F Bar (S) F StP;
A Pru-Ber; F StP-hold
TURKEY: F Aeg (S) A Con-Bul; A Con-Bul; A Apu-Rom; F Ion (S)
ITALIAN F Nap-Tyrr ((this support was allowed as a "badly
written order which admits only one interpretation. The
move failed anyway, so the question was academic.))

The Russian Fleet Barrents was destroyed. The Austrian Army Tuscany retreated to Venice. The Russian Fleet Bulgaria was not retreated, and was destroyed. This was a planned move to give Russia another Army to fight in the north.

Fall 1904

ENGLAND: A Nwy-StP; F Bar (S) A Nwy-StP; A Fin (S) A Nwy-StP;
 A Swe (S) A Fin; F Nth-Skag; F Nwg-Nth
 FRANCE: A Bur (S) GERMAN A Mun; A Mar-Pied; A Tus-Ven; F Lyon (S)
 A Mar-Pied; F Tyrr-hold; F Tun (S) F Tyrr
 GERMANY: A Mun-hold; F Bal (S) A Ber; A Kie (S) A Mun; A Ber-hold
 AUSTRIA: A Pied (S) A Ven-Tus; A Ven-Tus; F Nap (S) TURKISH A Rom;
 A Tyr-Mun; A Tri-Tyr; A Boh (S) A Tyr-Mun; A Sil (S) A Tyr-
 -Mun;
 RUSSIA: A Pru-Ber; A Liv (S) F StP; A Mos (S) F StP; F StP-hold
 TURKEY: F Aeg (S) F Ion; A Bul-Gre; F Ion-hold; A Rom (S) AUSTRIAN
 A Ven-Tus

The Austrian Army Piedmont retreated to Venice. The French Army Tuscany was destroyed.

Winter 1904

FRANCE: Build F Mar ((for A Tus, annihilated))
 AUSTRIA: Removes A Tri ((lost Rom))
 RUSSIA: Builds A War, A Sev ((two fleets annihilated))
 TURKEY: Builds F Smy ((gained Rom))

At this point a tie was called. It was recognized that England could bring a fleet into the Gulf of Bothnia in another year and take St. Petersburg, without disturbing the German defenses. If was conceded, however, that neither side could make further gains, and that the game was stalemated unless a shuffling of alliances took place. Rather than make any more enemies that day, the game was discontinued.

I think that the game illustrates Russia's inability to defeat England in the North while occupied in conflict with any other power. ...whether Germany, Austria, or Turkey. It is also interesting to note that in the crucial year 1904 the Eastern alliance might have taken Munich in the Spring by tripling up on it, and that England might have likewise taken St. Petersburg in the Spring, had he not been set on a methodical annihilation of the Russian Fleets. In fact, the stalemate might never have occurred if England had retaken Norway in the Fall of 1902 instead of in the Spring of 1903. Oh well

A supply center chart appears below:

| Year | 1900 | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ENGLAND | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| FRANCE: | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| GERMANY: | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| AUSTRIA: | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| RUSSIA: | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| TURKEY: | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 |

So much for this issue. See you in three weeks. jgk