# SJAB 67



"I dunno Koning... it's not that it's bad or anything, but are you sure they said to drink the hair restorer and pour the warm coke on our heads?"

"I'm not sure, Halle... but it certainly seemed better than doing it the other way around!"

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ADDRESS CODES are now a part of the mailing label. If your name is followed by a "P," this indicates that you are -- or once were -- a player in a game current in sTab. If followed by a "T," then we trade, or I wish we traded (traders who are also players don't get both letters). If you are a subscriber, then the number following your name is the last issue you will receive. If nothing follows your name, then you are one of the beloved, and I have chosen to blighten your life with a little sTab. There, don't things look blighter already?

JACK GREENE or whatever he calls himself was through Youngstown last Tuesday. He came to spend the night, on his way to New York to wave at someone as they changed planes on their way from Scandinavia to the West Coast ('well, that's what he told me)). From the very impracticality of this suggestion I knew that "Jack Greene" must really be Larry Peery. In any case, whoever he was, his visit though brief was enjoyable.

sTab #V "Winter 1908" 14 August 1970

HAL NAUS -- no moves received.

ENGLAND: Gamesmaster removes Fleet Western Mediterranean
FRANCE: Army Belgium is retreated to Picardy (its only open retreat). Army Burgundy is removed for lack of retreat.

#### DEREK NEISON

ITALY: Remove Fleet Tyrrhenian Sea

#### JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: Build Army Sevastapol, Army Warsaw, Army Moscow
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## TRANTOR

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"Fall 1917, Game Ill"

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#### ENGLAND ENGULFS GERMANY

#### AUSTRIA APPROACHES TURKEY

ENGLAND: A Mun-Ber; A Kie (S) A Mun-Ber; F Bal (S) A Mun-Ber; (Pournelle) A Ruh-Mun; A Bur (S) A Ruh-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; A Edi-Bel; F Nth (C) A Edi-Bel; F Nwg-Nat; F WMed-hold; A StP-hold; F Both (S) A StP

ITALY: A Ven (S) A Tri; F Adr (S) A Tri; A Tri (S) A Ven; (Clark) A Rom-Tus; F Cre-Aeg; F Alb-Gre; F Ion (S) F Gre-Aeg; F Apu (S) F Ion; A Tun-hold

AUSTRIA: F Aeg (S) A Rum-Bul; F EMed (S) F Aeg; A Rum-Bul; (Smythe) A Ser-Bud; A Vie-Bud; A Boh (S) A Tyr; A Tyr-hold; A Lvn (S) A Mos; A Mos (S) A Lvn; A Pru (S) A Ber; A Ber (S) A Pru

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Berlin is retreated to Silesia.

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ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Bel, Hol, Swe, Bre, StP, Den, Kie, Mun, Ber ((13)) Build ONE

Ber ((13)) Build ONE
ITALY: Nap, Ven, Tun, Spa, Rom, Por, Par, Mar, Tri, Ser, Gre ((10))
Build ONE

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Rum, Bul, Con, Ank, Eff, Smy, War, Sev, Mos, Ser ((11)) No change

VIENNA TO ROME The Austrian government is willing and eager to make peace with the Italian government, if Italy feels herself able to fight England with Austrian hwlp.

WHITEHALL His Majesty's Government announces that the Northern Seas Fleet will advance to Portugal and reclaim His Majesty's Protectorate of Portugal in the Fall of 1918 unless cogent reasons in objection are given by His Italian Majesty. His Britannic Majesty again reminds His Italian Majesty that Portugal is and has been a legitimate protectorate within His Birtannic Majesty's sphere of influence as earlier agreed by His Italian Majesty, and now that the threat of Austrian domination of Europe is dimished, His Britannic Majesty sees no reason why the protectorate of Portugal should not be restored to the United Kingdom.

LONDON (Reuters) Shouts of approval were heard in Parliament as the

news of the liberation of Berlin was heard here today. The Prime Minister announced that this completes the restoration of the more important domains of the United Kingdom's principal ally. It is unlikely, however, that the Kaiser will be actually restored to rule of the German Empire, and speculation is that the Imperial Diet of Germany will be asked to settle the crown on the King of England.

#### "Winter 1908, Came IV"

#### AUSTRIA REBUILDS

WHITE REGAINS THRONE

CEPMANY: Build Army Kiel

(Smythe)

AUSTRIA: Build Army Vienna, Army Trieste

(WHITE)

TURKEY: Build Army Constantinople

(Kuch)

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Came 1968AD

"Fall 1905, Game IV"

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#### FIRST MAJOR POWERS DESTROYED

#### FRANCE, AUSTRIA MISS CURTAI N CALL

MOTE: Turkey's Spring move should contain "F Adr-Ion" in place of "F Aeg-Ion"

Summer 1905? The Austrian Army Vienna and the French Army Munich are both annihilated for lack of retreat orders.

FNGLAND: F Nwg-Nwy; F Nth (S) F Nwg-Nwy; F Mid-Bre; F Por-hold; (Tnomson) A Bur-Par; A Ruh-Bel

ERANCE: No moves received. F Gas-stand (Naus)

GERMANY: A Mun (S) A Sil; A Sil (S) A Pru-War; A Pru-War: A Mar-(Beyerlein) hold; F Bal (S) F Swe; F Swe (S) ENGLISH I Nig-Nwy

#### Fall. 1905 MASSIF #73

ITALY: A Fie (S) A Ven; A Ven-hold; F Map-Tyrr; F Tun-Tyrr (Greene)

RUSSIA: A War-Lvn; A Ukr-War; A Gal (S) A Ukr-War; A Vie (S) TUPKISH A Tri-Pyr; F Arr-Sev; A StP-Fin; F Ske-Swe; (Nelson) F Both (S) F Ska-Swe

F Ion-Apu; F Adr-Ion; F Con-Ank; A Bul-Rum; A Ser-Bud; TURKEY: (Clark) A Tri (S) A Ser-Bud

Underlined moves do not succeed.

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#### BUILDS:

Lon, Lvp, Edi, Bel, Bre, Spa, Por, Par, Nwy ((9)) Build 3 Par, For, Man ((OUT)) Remove FLEET GASCONY Ber, Kie, Hol, Den, Swe, Mar, Mun ((7)) Build ONE ENGLAND: FRANCE:

CREMANA:

Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun ((4)) No change Vis ((OUT)) TALY:

AUSTRIA:

RUSSIA: Mos, War, StP, Sev, Khh, Mhy, Khd, Ank/ Vie ((5)) Remove 3 Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Tri, Ser, Ank, Rum, Bud TURKEY: ((9)) Build TWO no place for third build

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Jack Greene. Jr. Whitman College

eff. 1 September 1970 Walla Walla, Washington 99362 ISLE OF SAPHOS to ROME Sorry, the local feminist movement cannot swallow just a bit of peace. All or nothing at all.

For Sale: One vassel, willing to do dirty work, fight on a ROMA pay-as-we-go plan.

danzig (8/20/05) As HQ EAST prepared plans for another assault on Warsaw before Winter, word was received from Berlin that a new supreme commander had been named to the eastern front. Major Beneral Paul von Kroydon, commander of the Bavarian Blue Army, was sent to the Russian front after his victory in Munich three months ago. With von Kroydon; s leadership German troops are expected in Moscow before Easter.

Upon hearing of von Kroydon's appoint-KANSAS CITY, KANSAS (9/3/05) ment to the Russian front, Peter Hershey Olmes packed his bags a bought a one-way ticket to London.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (9/4/05) Ambassadors of the Great Powers met with the President in an attempt to learn why Olmes was going to Europe. The President said he would not let Olmes out of the country and that government agents were following

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Olmes' movements. Government agents following Olmes now admit that he escaped their surveillance somewhere between Chicago and Buffale.

# 14 August

ADVANCE EVERYWHERE!!

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ITALIANS BOGGED DOWN: NELSON INVESTIGATING

F Bre-Mid; F Edi (S) F Nth; F Nth (C) A Yor-Bel; F Mar-FRANCE: hold; F Lyon-Tyrr; F WMed (S) F Lyon-Tyrr; A Yor-Bel; (Halle) A Par-Gas; A Bur (S) A Kie-Mun; A Kie-Mun; A Hol-Kie

GERMANY: A Mun-Kie; F Den (S) A Mun-Kie; F Hel (S) A Mun-Kie (Lebling)

ITALY: No move received. F's EMed, Aeg, Ion, Rom; A's Pie, (Francis) Ven, Gal. Bud. Ser. Bul, Smy-stand

F Nwy-Ska; F Swe-Den; A Pru-Ber; A War-Gal; A Sev-Bul; RUSSIA: F Bla (C)A Sev-Bul; F Con (S) A Sev-Bul; A Rum (S) (Walker) A Sev-Bul; A Ukr (S) A Rum

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Italian Army Bulgaria is annihilated.

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KYIV 6 December 1904 (Ecben Press) Sources close to Tsar Daniel (Ivan Gregorovich Source and Pyotr Vladmirovich Source) confirmed today that the city had been struck by a 250 megalie weapon. The weapon is believed to have been the Imperial Russian Propaganda Ministry. The Ukranian forces more early beat off an attack by a 3000 megavacillation Goodell. and preparations are underway for the complete and final eradication of Boris II, now hiding out in Smolensk. (You realize, Bory, after that slander of My Hero and that nice Mr. Smith no quarter will be given.) In a daring raid on the Badenovist HQ, Ukranian commandos captured his mimeo, ink, stencil, and paper supplies. A blockade on such items will soon bring Boris to his knees.

NEW YORK 19 December 1904 (EP) The High Council of Triinsula today attacked DWE Press for garbling a despatch from the Californian front. The result made it appear that we regard San Diego as somehow more civilized than the rest of California. Of course, SMIAC will not rest long in its sanctwarres. The Free State is reliably reported to be preparing the most devastating horror weapon yet: a (Gasp!) seven megavote Jim Buckley!

GENEVA 21 December 1904 (DWE) Che does not attack the DWE Press with impunity (after all, who ever head of anyone being hurt by impunity?) or with words (sticks and stones, etc.), or even with Tyrolean sheepherders (who today remembers General Falderal?). To teach you fools a lesson we will hit New York with a 20 megapage sTab, to be delivered by a 25 megabrick John Smythe (president and founder of the John Brick Society) who will either stone you with his bricks or get stoned on your brew (depending on your supplies and his mood) after which he will stone you. At this very moment a 5 megapeery Jack Greene is on his way to give you all the bed news.

TARA 9 February 1905 (EP) Foreign Secretary Michael O'Quill returned today from a clandestine visit to England. He gave the following report on the French occupation there: "Evil, awful, nasty, bad, bad evil, pernicious, and sinful!"

Meanwhile, great hilarity prevails over the Russian belief that

Meanwhile, great hilarity prevails over the Russian belief that Ireland can be brought to her knees by the destruction of the minor village of Ath-a-Cliath. But the barbaric attack on the civilian population will not go unavenged. The High King intends to retaliate by despatching two corps of Ultonian drummers to Russia, together with half-a-dozen picked men from the Gaelic League Toastmasters' Committee.

- POSEN (11 February 1905) Rumors of a pogrom not withstanding, the occupation by troops of the Russian IVth Army has been peaceful, and General Rodeyvich (known as "the Walker") has ordered the execution of six soldiers for "indulging in excessive murder of local peasents."
- LONDON 11 February 1905 (EP) French occupation authorities here, when asked to comment on the O'Quill vizit, replied, "If we had known that he was a cabinet minister, we would have checked his luggage for guns."
- KEW GARDENS (EP) Rumor has it that "Towar of London" is Barbara Howar's second cousin.
- KIEL (13 February 1905) It is indeed a desolate sight here in the former headquarters for the German High Seas Fleet. Retreating German forces scuttled everything that could not raise steam and put to sea. Due to the prolonged French occupation of the Ruhr, that was pretty well the whole damn fleet. Similar scenes are the order of the day in Wilhelmhaven, Cuxhaven, Flensburg, Danzig, and the list goes on.
- LONDON 3 March 1905 (Butler Press) Queen Lottahuuha is still reported to be aused over reports from the no-sunk island of Ireland that She and Her entourage were transported out of this time-line on the 12th of October, when the world press was covering Her presence here as late as 23 December. "It just proves," She said, "that the Russians did the world a favor by ridding it of those potato-grubbers.

GRODNO 5 March 1905 (BP) The Imperial Horror Weapons Institute, now back under the control of His Imperial Majesty, Borts II, Tsar of All the Russias and Then Some, today acted to eliminate the utterly Irish Menace ((opps... that should be "to utterly eliminate the Irish menace...")). First, the entire island of Ireland was sunk by a 12,000,000,000 megapood Rotton Povato, which was dropped on Tara. Second, the Tara in Georgia was utterly devastated by a 1 megahill Charles Manson, which was smuggled into the country by a 10 megawitless Able Hoffman (especially bred in our own hydroponic tanks). And if you don't think Ireland was destroyed, just try sending a unit there, sweetie.

Much speculation has raged since the Pope. TOULON 8 Mærch 1905 Incestus XIII, ordered excommunication of the entire French nation and placed it under a curse. Most of the speculation had revolved around the pronunciation of curse, which the Pope pronounced "coooorse". Well, today the mystery cleared up. French warships stopped a freighter out of New Orleans bound for Genoa. On board were 24.000 cases of beer. The brand??? Coors. ((Of coourse.)) As His Majesty remarked; "With results like this. Incestus can curse us all he wants to. Pass another, John." #####AWWK.. see press release below datelined 30 June FIRST... jgk HELSINKI 27 May 1905 (BP) Queen Lottahuuha, on tour in America, journeyed aouthward today to view the ruins of New York and Environs. She noted to reporters that the ruins were indeed impressive. Her interview was conducted during an audience with the Archbishop of New York, who was permitted to kiss Her Majesty's big toe, while the cathedral choir chanted, "In we cest, in we cest, gloria in excelcis cest!" Her Majesty also reported that some of NewYork's ruins were under a dome of some sort, as reported in the extinct Irish press; they were the set for a motion picture, "Beneath the Planet of the Apes," a story about Christians.

BOSTON 30 June 1905 (BP) Forces of the Tsar today finally uncovered the Irish "forces" which "occupied" the capital of the Kingdom of Finland late last year. Three toothless old crones, muttering, "Ecben... ecben... ecben... ecben... ecben... ecben..." were taken into custody. They were fed to the dread firebreating 1,000,000 megabilge John Boardman, still resident at the Grodno IHWI for use "somewhere to the west."

GENEVA today (DME) The above two press releases might make more sense if you read the second one with the dateline of the first one, and the first one with the dateline and position of the second one. And then again, they might not.

CANTERBURY 15 July 1905 (BP) C.S. Lewis today paid homage to Her Majesty, Queen Lottahuuha of Hawaii.

#### "Winter 1907, Game 1968AB"

14 August 1970

#### RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

SMYTHE DECLARES ZELAZNY AS WINNER-TO-BE

FRANCE: Remove Army Picardy

(St. Cyr)

GERMANY: Build Army Berlin (Peery)

TURKEY: Build Fleet Smyrna, Army Constantinople (Zelazny)

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effective 8 September

ST. PETERSBURG As a consequence of the rather foolish German moves,

Turkey wins the game. Russia will withdraw all
units from combat with Turkey and pursue will all despatch the war
with Germany, irregardless of any losses which might be suffered
to the Turks. Congratulations, Monte, on your fifth win.

ST. PEERIGRAD 29 July 1907 (Late report by correspondence Peter Leif) This city today witnessed the first massive popular demonstrations in support of the new Supreme Peericrat, Satyricon Creelonius, who took control of the city and government early this morning in a surprise coup. Creelonius, former commander of the Imperial Peericratic House Guard, is believed to have the financial backing of Coronadonian factions within the capital. Rumors also indicate Creelonius is responsible for the new pro-Turkish policies of the government baths.

This afternoon thousands marched in support of the new regime.

BERLIN (1 October 1907) A new army, for the defense of the provincial capital, has been raised here. Command has been assigned to Ensign Paul Grinkevich, former commander of the Coronadonian navy. Grindevinch will be promoted to General.

BAD UN GOODE, RAVARIA (24 November 1907) The Peerireich Foreign
Minister met here today
with embassaries ((embassaries?)) from the Turkish Government to
discuss a mutual program of cooperation against the Russian aggresser.

37%P #67 One person, called Ron Runner, wants to de-annex part of the US and have it governed by a Monarch (not to be confused with the excollent Notes of the same name); while another, called Wee Linned, seems to be protesting that his particular territory is governed by a queen, Her Highness Queen County (apparently of the Royal Purple rather than of the Gay Pirk). Apparently, and here I may be making some mistake, John wants S.D. to be governed by a king or something, and wants New York City (have the ever found the Old York City?) to return to Democracy. He seems to be allied in this latter point with one person called Jahn W. Linzee, who seems to be the Pretender to the throne; or, as the native title goes, Pretender to Democracy, which means he pretends to know was Democracy me ans but doesn't, It's all very confusing.

Oh, yes, I almost forgot to tell you about the two other charming features. On the cover of #66 is what appears to be a selfportrait of Mr. Kaenig from the front and from the side. He looks a let like L.D. in a frizzy sort of way, though his picturesque spinny-type beanie gives him an air of maturity. But the Piece de Resistence (or part of the Guerilla, as the Yokels say) of #66 is a bit of humor (not to be confused with 'humour,' we're not dealing with the Bard, you know) deadline with Mik Anvil on his trip to a faraway and semi-mythical place called DiphomaCon II (the "II" probably belongs with "Queen County" but perhaps not). It is a delightfully droll little tidbit, but beneath the satire of organized Medicine which it obviously is there lie some really Deep Existensial Ideas, but treated with uncharacteristic laughter. In fact, it is so funny yet so Meaningfull I wonder if he didn't steal it from Dragnet. ((Gasp!))

Well my dead Z I had best not Tell All or you will not be so eager to get your own copy of sTab. It will, as they say, Make Your Day, though what it will do to Doris is anybody's guess; let's hope

for your sake it isn't illegal!

AND NOW ... AND NOW ... oh, I can hardly stand it ...

## Mike Hammer at the Dipcon III

CHAPTER TWO

The plane continued toward Oklahoma, Edi and I deep in conversation. Really Deep.

"What are those green things," Edi said, staring out the window with wide eyes.

"Trees."

"What kind of road is that? It keeps zig-zagging."

"That's the Mississippi river."

"Why are the wings bending up and down/"

"That's how the plane flies, Edi... Cheez, don't you know nothing?"

"I'm asking the questions here, Hammer!"

I broke two more of Birsan's fingers.

Edi told me tales of New York ... of how Charles Reinsel's visit had terrorized the East Village ... the true story of Strategy and Tactics... Charles Johnson's career as a super-schlep. amazed to find the Edi was in charge of my account with the Diner's Club. I immediately had visions of running up huge bills and having Edi write them off. Then I had visions of this fraud being discovered and Edi going to prison for a long time. I remembered all the good turns Edi had done me in various Diplomacy games in the past few years. I resolved to tip off the Diner's Club as soon as Edi was in too far to cover it up.

The time passed quickly. I drank my cocktails. I shot the man on my left and drank his cocktails, but left him the take-home glasses as souvenirs. A hi-jacker attempted to reroute the plane to San Diego. I shot him and drank his cocktails. A child in the seat ahead of mine peered at me and stuck out his tongue. He had already drunk his cocktails, however, so I spared him. We landed at the Oklahoma City airport just as I finished reloading.

I pushed through the crowd of summer-clothed tourists and natives, inconspicuous in my trenchcoat. Edi followed behind, with folded hands.

Suddenly my old friend John Smythe loomed ahead, "Who'er you?" I said warmly, drawing my gun.

"Your old friend John Smythe, Mike, You can call me 'Mr. Snythe?"

"Oh. I didn't recognize you without your viking helmet."

John was accompanied by a medium tall Prussian-looking man with a trim moustache and slightly glazed eyes who claimed to be Ed Halle. I knew this to be a lie. From rea ding Halle's letters and hearing rumors of his drinking habits I knew Ed Halle to be 7 feet tall, bushy headed, weighing about 300 pounds, with a distinct forward slouch. But I didn't let on that I had spotted the deception.

With "Ed" was his wife and child and Mary Ann Key. She told me that Jeff was in the hospital. "We played Fletcher Pratt last night," said Mr. Smythe. I smiled knowingly, confused.

We headed directly toward the DipCon (short, I assumed, for Conflagration), stopping only at several liquor stores.

I started piling our supplies, but when Smythe told me that Derek Nelson wouldn't be able to come I reduced our choice to only one three-gallon case of Coors.

"Hey, we're going to be here for two more days," said 'Halle,' carrying three cases of Coors, "and I don't want to run out." Mr. Smythe and I hastily added a quart of 151 proof Rum to our provisions but decided against a second case of beer. There was no sense being immoderate. One of us would just have to go thirsty. I had a feeling I knew who it would be, and checked the action on my pistol.

Back at the microbus that "Halle" was driving, Edi watched our loading operations with understanding, then asked the usual perceptive Birsan question. "What's that stuff?"

"Beer, Edi," I replied. "Rum," said Mr. Smythe.

"Life," said 'Halle' reverently. He certainly played the role Well. I began to wonder who he was working for.

"Ummm... what do you do with it?" asked Edi.

"We drink it, Edi, we drink it!!!" I said patiently, ripping out a handful of my hair (this is the true reason why I am balding, by the way... chalk up another score for Birsan).

They dropped me off at the Starlight motel. I picked myself up off of the gravel and limped to my room, however, and changed bullet-prooof vests. I practiced fast draws and put three shots

through my image in the mirror. Feeling lonely and nervous I broke one of my own fingers. It doesn't hurt to keep in practice. Not much, anyway.

Mr. Smythe returned with his bullet-proof Chrysler and we left for the Dipcon, Smythe recounting how he had blown up a cruiser the night before. "How refreshing," I thought, "water games!" I rechecked my armament and prepared for the fun.

#### ((to be continued))

DON'S MISS the future, exciting, spine-tingling, bone-dislocating chapters of MIKE HAMMER AT THE DITCON III, in which you'll meet Eric Just, fresh from the Oklahoma City Jail, in which you'll hear Edi Birsan say "Sure, I'll ally with you, as long as you don't plan to win," in which you will find the full details of Ed Halle's 3 am visit to Edi Birsan's bedroom (and the TERRIBLE SECRET he found there). Contributors are welcome to send in additions to this chronicle -- subject of rewriting for continuity's sake -- attendance at the Cipcon III is not a prerequisite for contributors, but it would sure help.

