

# THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN

## THE FRONT PAGE

For the sake of a fairly quick turn around time this issue is minus any great pontification on my part. I just don't seem to have any item that is burning me up right at present. I really was hoping that by printing the map for the Asian game I might get a couple of takers. We got one but then another pulled out due to time pressures. I really would like to have this one run because I want to watch and analyse how the game plays. I've seen enough of African to know that I don't particularly like it. Asian seems nice, but hasn't been played enough. I know that many GMs will withdraw an opening if it doesn't fill quickly, but I'm going to hang in there until it flies. Maybe we need a number custodian for game openings that never filled?

## DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

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## GAME OPENINGS:

*Regular Diplomacy:* Have 3 (Wiedermeyer, Touchette, Ritcey); Need 4. Game is for anyone. 3\$ NMR fee.

*Gunboat Diplomacy:* Have 0; Need 7. This game is open to anyone. To be played with press. 3\$ NMR fee.

*Asian Diplomacy:* Have 5 (McHugh, Robison, Dousette, Clingman, McKee); Need 2; Please. 3\$ NMR fee.

Since the only comment I got about a game open to Canadians was "Not enough time." I'll go back to a general opening. The gunboat did fill so we have another game start. I am requesting preference lists and pseudonyms with this issue so it will actually start up with next issue. If the players are all quick I might be able to notify them of the country assignments by phone and we can go right away.

If there are any other types of games that you would like to try let me know. Fog of War usually involves only seeing your part of the map but knowing the other players. It might be more interesting if it ran gunboat. Want to try?

## LETTER BOMBS

**Robert Lesco:** Egads, I'm bedating with someone who finds the CBC "reputable". I still can not accept your view of Japan as a socialist state. [Incidentally, a differential is a part on your car.] "The corporations have money but we don't". Sound familiar? Actually, it's Kobe resident Yuriko Kite quoted on page D1, Globe & Mail, 13 March 93. It hardly sounds socialist to me. These are people, the article goes on to state, who work an average of 2000 hours per year, compared to 1600 in Germany.

The practice of investment houses re-imbursing their large accounts for losses on the stock market certainly doesn't benefit the entire society. Nor does the continual corporate bribery of government officials, for example the scandal that cost Prime Minister Takana his post. I just don't see it.

Two issues ago the recession of the early 80's was Reagan's fault. Now, it may have had its initial causes elsewhere." It doesn't sound like you've got your recessions in order to me. How can you say that the USA became the only place where one could still get a return on investment? Page B21 of the 20 March 93 Globe & Mail prints a chart courtesy of Melland-Walwyn of the Best Performing Markets which I reproduce here: 92-Hong Kong; 91-Hong Kong; 90-UK; 89-Germany; 88-Australia; 87-Japan; 86-Japan; 85-Germany; 84-Hong Kong; 83-Australia; 82-USA [once!]; 81-Singapore; 80-Hong Kong; 79-Hong Kong; 78-Japan.

Clearly, lots of places did well. Rates of return for managed portfolios show similar results.

Did you see the review of Martin Moore-Ede's book, *The Twenty-Four Hour Society*? He proposes that, on average, we operate on a 25-hour cycle. The hypothalamus must be kicking itself. Missed it by THAT much!

It must be frustrating for the UN in Yugoslavia. How can we stop people from hating? My view is that the Serbs are using UN imposed cease-fires as a means of dealing with their new neighbours one at a time. Once there is peace with Bosnia I wouldn't want to be in Macedonia. I rather hope I'm wrong.

**ECY:** You are of course correct that Japan is not an openly socialist country. My premise is that their society operates in the same manner as if it were a socialist country. In a true socialist state there is an agreement between government, labour and capital

which acts to the mutual benefit of all concerned. They do not have the adversarial system that western capitalism seems to foster. They all get behind the same ideas and then work like heck. They waste much less time and energy on non-productive activities.

I conceded that Reagan may not have caused the recession of the early 80's but he certainly did manage it. He determined how it was played out. In that sense it was HIS recession. I was agreeing with your point, that it was on its way when he came in. There is no confusion in my mind about it, nor how it was handled. You should check the balance of investment figures for the USA over the same period as your table. You will find that massive amounts of capital flowed in during that recession. Lots of places did well, but in comparison to the previous decade the USA did very well. It is always the rich who do best in a good, deep recession because they are the only ones who have any capital [tho' reduced] with which to scoop up the 'fire sale' bargains.

I fear you are only too right about the Serbs. The Jews showed everyone how to handle cease-fires and really outdo ones antagonists, when they were fighting to set up Israel.

**Brent McKee:** The big question about the UN's role is when do you use its power. In the old days the power could only be used when the issue wasn't Communists vs Capitalists. Hence the UN involvement in Cyprus and the Congo rather than Vietnam. Korea was an aberration - the Russians weren't around to disagree. Today, because there really is only one superpower, the decision is less clear cut. The amount of UN power used depends on the opinion of that one superpower. Thus you have extraordinary deployments to Kuwait and Somalia, supporting US interests in the former and US public opinion in the latter. On the other hand there are the "normal" deployments to Cambodia and Bosnia. US interests aren't as involved there. Is this cynical? Maybe. Is it true? I suspect it probably is.

**ECY:** Not so sure about Korea. It was the Chinese who backed the North and even then the Soviets didn't mind that China should take a few licks to keep them closely tied to the Soviet hand and path.

**Robert Staats:** Are you still stuck on the idea of that world government will solve many of the problems we currently deal with? Such as war, famine, and possibly wide-spread poverty. Please. In order for the UN, or any body, to enforce policy upon nations many changes need to be made in the current political environment. 1st- Nations must be willing to give up sovereignty. Not likely to happen anytime soon, countries such as Iran or Pakistan would not be willing to do so on religious reasons alone. 2nd- Who wants to pay? Try hitting up Russia, Mexico or China for the billions needed. 3rd- Who will serve in this force? Try telling ma back in Mississippi that her only son was killed by a Somalian capitalist (or

whatever you want to call the warlords). She ain't gonna be too happy.

These are just a few of the reasons why the UN does not work today. I might mention that a world body (whether it be polity or military) may not be the best for the people of the planet Earth. In the US we are having a hard enough time separating the powers of the Federal, State and local governments. Throwing in a world government will not make law much easier to enforce. Granted, you are only advocating a body to prevent atrocities such as those in the former Yugoslavia. But the vast number of people on this planet may not want a world body looking over their government. I might also mention that many nations that we don't commonly think of (eg. Indonesia, Guatemala) do not have the infrastructure or constitution that our government had in 1820. Meaning, they are conceivably 150 plus years behind us in government institutionalization. Interesting considering Indonesia's population is 180 million people!

**ECY:** Well you guys, it seems that no one wants a world police force. On the one hand the bully doesn't want it because he doesn't want to lose the sons and daughters nor does he want to pay for it. On the other the little guys don't want it because they are still at the stage where they like to pound on their own people. I don't think that anybody has to give up sovereignty. As long as a country is acting within its own borders and the world community is not advised of any atrocities then it's okay. If anyone sends troops into another country then the UN steps in to stop it. The problem is the US. Being the big guy, it has to agree to keep its troops at home forever unless the UN calls. Most people in the US are pretty isolationist anyway and it helps out ma in Ole' Miss. If everyone agrees, then the political will is there. Who pays? Always the same question. I love it when I hear that if the world spent 10% of the money it does on arms, on food, no one would ever be hungry. There's plenty of wealth and money, we just spend it badly.

**Julien Beasley:** I disagree with your and Jim Lewis' view on the draft. When you join a society you agree to a "social contract". You agree to give up certain rights, including freedom, for protection. A group of people living without a social contract live with no property rights, no rights at all. People can steal from you, murder you, and no one will be there to stop it. It's like living in South Central L.A. Obviously, it is advantageous to form a society which will protect you from these dangers. This protection is given in the form of a constitution, police, army, etc. It doesn't come free! You can't just pull soldiers out of thin air! We have a paid standing army, like we have a paid police force. But it is inefficient and economically wasteful to have a paid standing army the size we need it to be when we go to war. Therefore, we draft citizens, the society has no army and has no defence against threats, and can't do its duty of

protecting you. If you oppose a draft, you either want economic waste or you don't want to live by a social contract. If the former is what you want, vote Republican. If the latter's the case, fine. You can start by following rapper Ice Cube's advice in How to Survive in South Central, Rule #1: Get yourself a gun.

ECY: I can buy in to just about all of your argument except when you "exclude the middle". You set everything up and then say, "See, it's black or it's white!" What happened to gray? Sure, we all give up certain freedoms in agreeing to live by the same set of rules. It does not follow that the only means to supply an army in time of crisis is to draft people against their will. That may be necessary, but it may not, depending on the severity of the crisis. If the cause is just then the enducements to fight in it should be great enough to draw the numbers needed. I also feel that as citizens we should all have the right to stand up and say that the way the society is going is wrong and that it should re-assess what it is doing. An attitude of "America, Love it or Leave it!" is patently harmful to the society. There are a multitude of correct ways of thinking. Are you sure that you meant to say that Republicans are in favor of economic wastefulness? [I likewise feel the political spectrum could use some 'gray' areas between Repub's and Demo's.]

## NINJISTICS

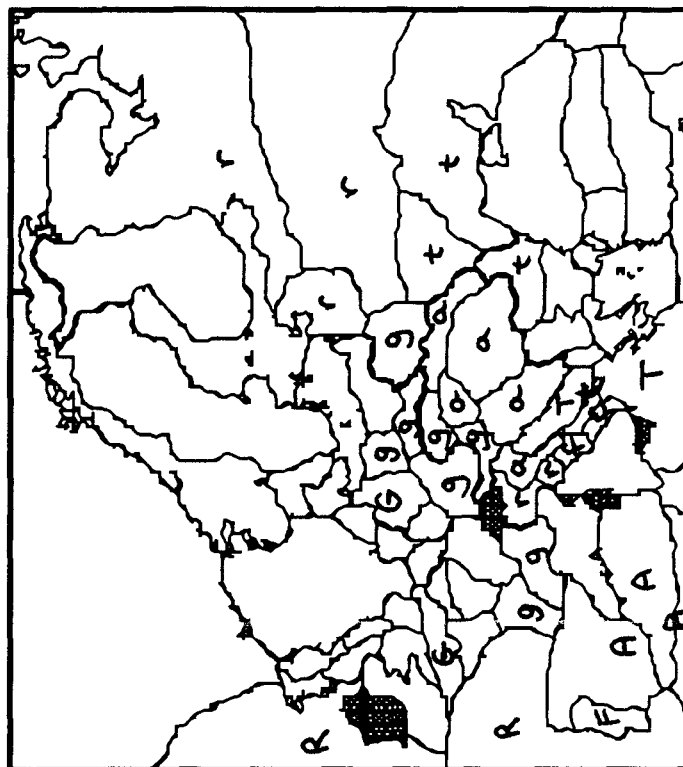
Brent was the only one to offer solutions for the 15 boxes:

1. Almost a century. 2. Plug into. 3. Middle of nowhere. 4. Mass confusion. 5. Blind ambition. 6. Fool around.
7. Conflicting reports. 9. Blow down. 10. Treading on thin ice. 11. At cross purposes. I'd add:
1. Just short of a century. 8. A B52 in the dark. 12. ?
13. Two kilos of crow?? 14. Bad drugs?? 15. A drift net??

Randy says he's looking forward to this year's NFL contest. Then he says, "Are you going to have a MLB contest? It wouldn't matter much if the season will have started, everyone would have the same advantage. I know baseball's boring, but these contest are always fun for me." The last sentence convinced me. So same rules: got to have at least five to make it worth while. Year's sub is the prize, if I win then the contestants share in paying me one sub. Send in your predictions and prepare to be bored to death. [Boy, I'll take more heat over this, than all my left wing stuff.]

### WINTER 1913 ADJUSTMENTS

Austria: Build: A Tri  
Germany: Build: F Kie, A Ber



Mensa #33: 1990HT: FALL 1913

Austria (Fuchs) A Tri-Ven A Vie s A Gal  
A Gal H A Bud s A Gal F Spa (sc) s FREN F Por  
F WMed s F Spa (sc) F Naf-MAO

France (McCabe) A Ven-Rom A Nap s A Ven-Rom  
F Por s AUS F Spa (sc)

Germany(M.) A Mar s FRE F Por-Spa(nc) A Ber-Sil  
A Boh-Tyr A Mun s A Boh-Tyr F Eng s RUS F MAO  
A War H A Gas s FRE F Por-Spa(sc) A Sil-Boh

Russia(K.) A Rom-Ven(d. ret->Tus) F NAO s F MAO  
F MAO s FR F Por-Spa(sc) A Pie s GER A Mun-Tyr  
A Mos s GER A War A Liv s A Mos A StP s A Mos

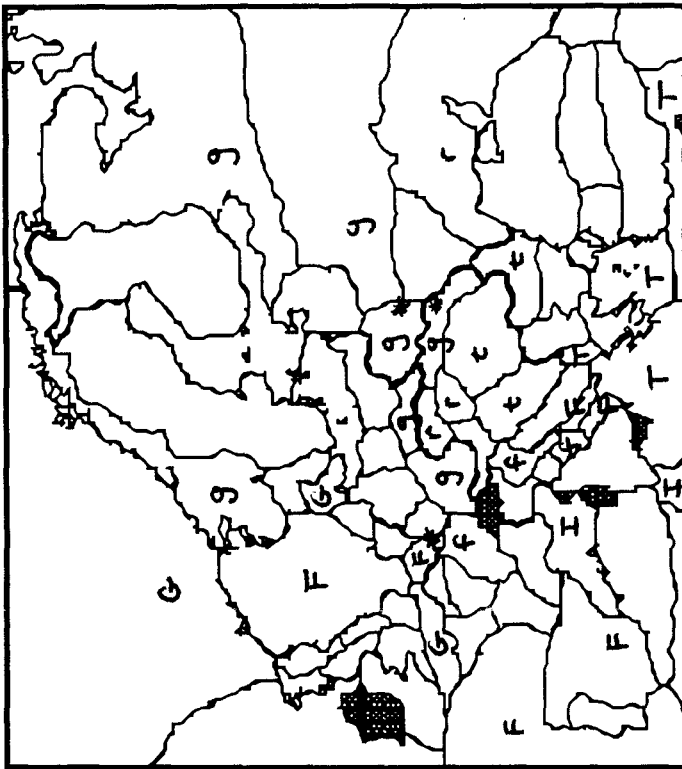
Turkey (York) A Apu-Rom A Rum s AUS A Gal  
A Sev s A Ukr A Ukr s AUS A Gal  
F Aeg-Ion F Adr s FREN A Ven(NSO)

Proposals: 5 way Draw & A/G/R/T; Vote Next Time.  
Press: FAT to GR: Well, we have established an undisputable stalemate line. Let's vote to get this over with.

### SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1913

Austria(8)	Hom, Ser, Gre, Tun, Spa, VEN	+1
France(3)	Por, Nap, ROM	+0
Germany(10)	Hom, Den, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre, War, MAR+2	
Russia(7)	Mos, StP, Swe, Nwy, Eng	+0
Turkey(6)	Hom, Bul, Rum, Sev	+0

WE WILL PLAY SPRING & SUMMER 1914 NEXT TIME



#### Dunkerque; 1990 CC: FALL 1910

I hate this, I always make at least one mistake? Goofed on the support, Nap bounces in TyS. The only fair thing is to hold and resubmit Winter/Spring 1911.

France (Heintzman) F Apu-Nap A Rom S F Apu-Nap  
F Nrg-NoS F EngC-Bel F Nap-TyS A Ven H  
F Mar-Spa(sc) F MAO-WMed A Bur S F EngC-Bel  
Note the placement of the two fleets in Apu & Nap!

Germany(Acheson) A Pru-War A Mos S A Pru-War  
A StP S A Mos A Tyr-Mun F Bal-Den  
A Boh-Gal A Sil S A Boh-Gal F NoS-EngC  
F Edi-Nrg A Bel-Bur(d.ret->Pic,Ruh,Hol)  
A Nwy H

Italy (Klien) F TyS-GoL F Tun-WMed

Russia (Dousette) A War-Mos(dis. ret->Ukr,Liv,OTB)  
A Vie-Boh A Gal-War(dis. ret->Ukr,OTB)  
A Sev S A War-Mos A Bud-Vie

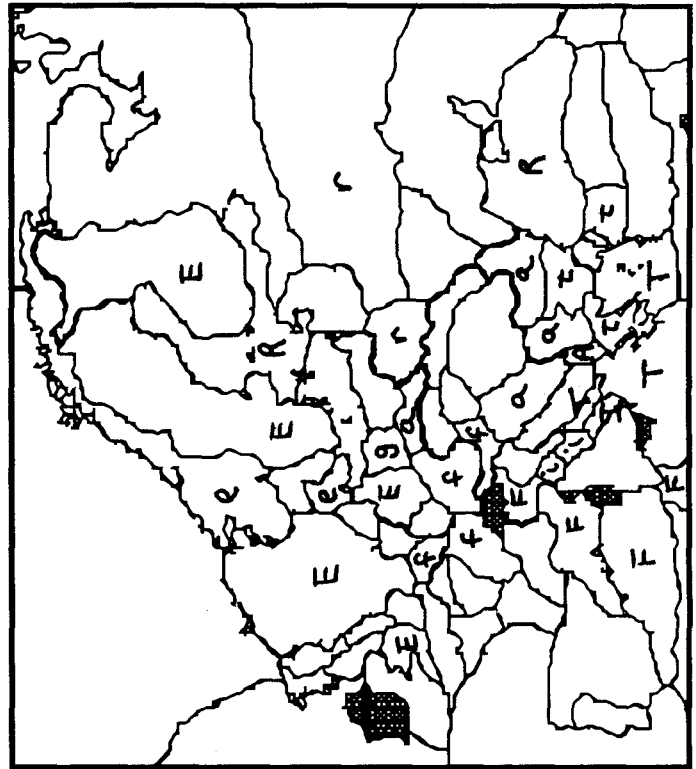
Turkey (Lesco) F EMed-Ion F Aeg S F EMed-Ion  
F Ion-TyS A Tri S GER A Tyr-Vie A Ser-Bud  
F Alb S A Tri A Rum S A Ser-Bud

#### SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1910

France(10)	Hom,Spa,Por,Lpl,Ven,BEL,ROM,NAP+2	
Germany(12)	Hom,Hol,Lon,Edi,Scan,StP,MOS,WAR	+1
Italy(1)	Tun	-1
Russia(2)	Sev, Vie	-3
Turkey(9)	Hom, Bul, Gre, Ser, RUM, BUD,TRI	+2

Press: Voogd-Klien: When you get the win, I expect an acknowledgement for my help!

WE WILL PLAY WINTER & SPRING 1911 NEXT TIME



#### Salt of the Earth; 1992?; SPRING 1905

Austria (Parkes) A Ser s A Rum A Rum s A Ser  
A Sil-Mun F Alb-Vie (Impos) A Bud-Tri

England (Clingman) NMR! F Wal H F NoS H  
A Nwy H F Swe H F Fin H A Den H F Kie H  
[Paul Milewski asked to stand-by]

France (Staats) F Naf-Tun F WMed s F Naf-Tun  
F GoL-Tus F Mar-Pie A Tyr-Ven  
A Pic-Bur A Hol-Bel A Mun H

Germany (McHugh) A Ber H

Italy (Paulson) F TyS-Nap A Rom s F TyS-Nap  
A Tus-Ven

Russia (Acheson) F StP-Bot A War-Sil  
A Sev-Mos F Bla H

Turkey(Robison) A Bul-Ser A Gre s A Bul-Ser  
F Aeg-Ion F Nap s F Aeg-Ion (d. ret->Apu)  
A Con-Bul F Ion-Alb

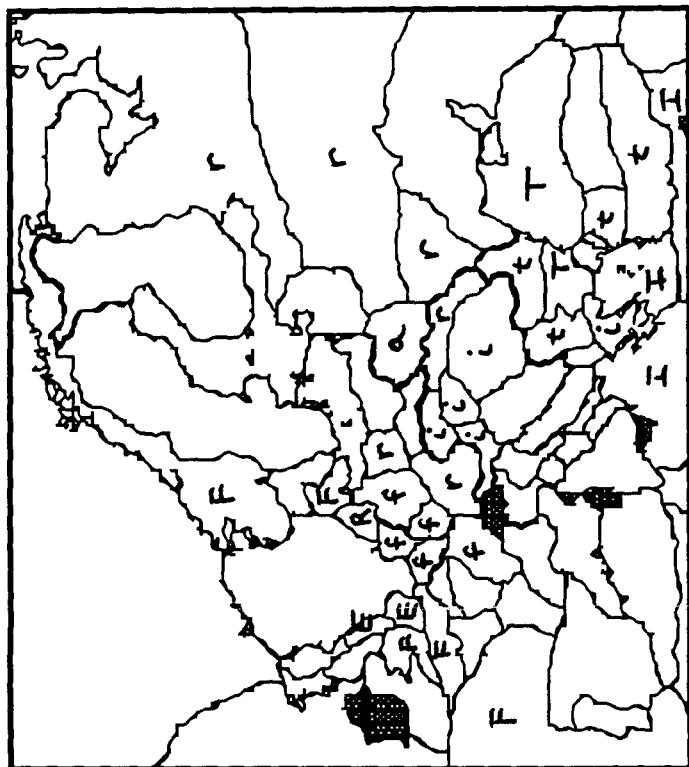
Press: Aus-Rus: Okay. We must make peace or Eng/Fra will win. Thanks for the letter.

Rus-A/T: Unless we react to E/F now, this one is over!  
Aus-Tur: Leave Ser & Rum alone and I'll leave Gre & Bul alone. P.S. Ease up on Italy, eh!

Fra-Eng: It's good to see that the new King is a much better diplomat than his predecessor. Cheers!

ECY: Perhaps, but the British Post seems a bit off.

WE WILL PLAY FALL & WINTER 1905 NEXT TIME



**In Another Land;** 1991Krb32; SPRING 1910  
Austria (2nd Wife) A War-Sil

England (Trust Me!) F Lon-Yor F EngC-Lon

France (Spock) F Nrg-Nwy F NoS-Den  
F MAO s F Bre-EngC F Bre-EngC A Par-Bur  
F Lpl-Wal A Ruh-Kie A Bel s A Hol  
A Hol s A Ruh-Kie A Mun s A Ruh-Kie(d. ret-Ruh)

Italy (Rockhead) A Tri-Bud A Vie s A Tri-Bud  
F Aeg-Bul(sc) A Ser s F Aeg-Bul(d. ret->Gre)  
A Tyr-Boh F Ion-Ion(?) F EMed-Aeg A Ven-Tyr

Russia (Bugs Bunny) A Kie-Mun A Ber s A Kie-Mun  
A Mos-StP A Sev-Mos A Ukr s A Sev-Mos  
A Gal-Sil F Hel-Hol

Turkey (Hi Roller) A Bud-Ser A Rum s A Bud-Ser  
F Bla-Con F Bul-Bla A Arm-Smy A Con-Bul

Proposals Fail: F/R: 2-2; F/I/R: 2-2.

New Proposal: French concession. Vote next time.

Press: 2-Wife-All: Speak not. I have my bunny.

Roller-GM: The line was "Whatta Maroon" not "What a Moron". (ECY: Sorry 'bout dat.)

2-Wife-Bunny: If I'm in Sil you have support for A Ber-Mun. It works if you also F Hel-Hol & A Kie-Ruh. Thanks for another season!

Bugs-2nd: 'Sbeen nice playing with you, too. My mistake was stabbing Trust leaving me short to help you. Now, if you'd kindly be gone, this wascally wabbit can get on with his business.

Bugs-Roller: Paranoia's got the better of me alright, I hope for your sake that goes for you, too! The mighty F/I alliance is looking pretty gnarly, dude. The ball's in your court now, to stop them you must act now.

Roller-Bugs: Do I need to tell you that you have enough troubles of your own without partnering up with Italy. Devoting your energies to beating me will give France the win. But then I don't know that he can be stopped anyway.

Roller-Rock: How sharper than a serpent's tooth is an ungrateful ally.

Rock-Roller: Yes, today's headlines may read "SCUMBAG ITALIAN DEFEATS HONEST TURK" but as time goes by, SCUMBAG and HONEST will fade from the title.

Bugs-Rock: Your help has come too late for me, I'm afraid, unless of course Spock is sending some of that firepower your way. In which case I'm, eh, all ears.

Rock-Bugs: It may seem that I'm grabbing as many centers as I can. And, well, I guess I am. If you're not in Rum this turn, I'll support you there next time. I'll give you Bul when I've got Smy. We'll work it out.

Roller-Spock: Playing properly, I think you can get an win by Fall 1912 without ever entering the Med. Go for it!

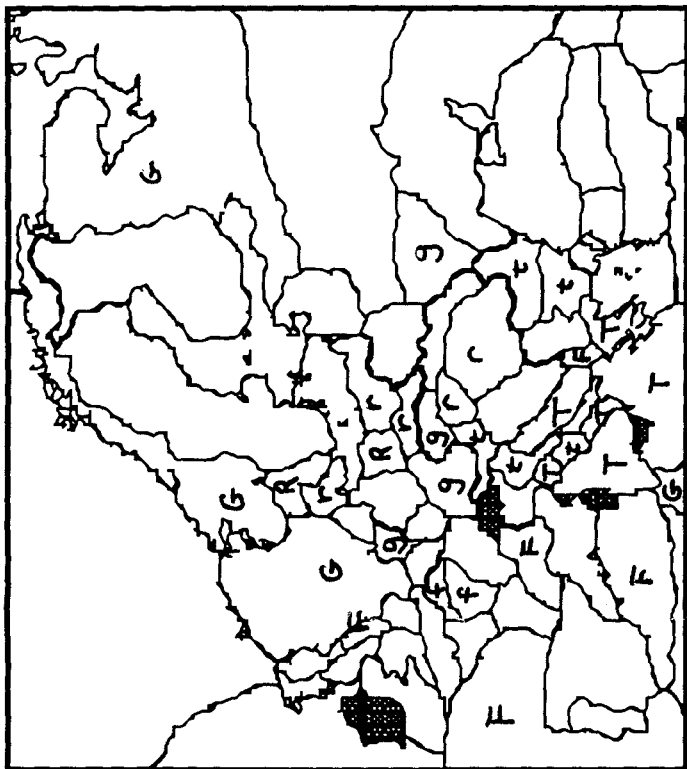
Rock-Spock: Go north young man.

Bugs-Spock: I'd like to team with you, but somehow I get the feeling you won't be able to resist heading my way. I'd like to see our forces disengage, but you've been awfully quiet lately. Say something.

Bugs-Trust: My apologies for my blunders, I think I've created a monster.

Roller-2-Wife: Hi now, low later? You're probably right. I don't think I'll be as easy a nut to crack as some people think, but I realize that unless there are some changes in this game, I likely won't win or participate in a draw. At the moment I am giving odds on the results of this game. Russia win is a 20-1 shot; Italy win is at 5-1; Italy-France draw is even money. The favorite is a French win at 2-7. All other possibilities are in the field at 33-1.

WE WILL PLAY FALL & WINTER 1910 NEXT TIME



Citadel; 1991T: SPRING 1909

France(D) F Edi-Yor F MAO-EngC F WMed-GoL  
A Bre-Pic A Par-Bur F Alb-Tri F Mar-GoL

Germany (Staats) F Swe-Nwy F StP s F Swe-Nwy  
F NoS-EngC A Kie-Hol A Tyr-Mun(d. ret-Boh  
A Mun-Bur A Gal-Ukr F Tun-WMed  
A Ber-Kie(annihilated)

Russia (Dousette) F Bal-Ber A Sil s F Bal-Ber  
A Den-Kie A Bud s A Vie F Nwy-Swe(d. ret-Ska)  
 A Vie s TURK A Pie-Tyr A Pru s F Bal-Ber

Turkey (Voogd) F Ion-TyS FTus s F Ion-TyS  
A Con-Bul A Pie-Tyr A Ven s A Pie-Tyr  
F Aeg-Ion F Nap s F Aeg-Ion A Apu-Rom  
F Adr-Tri F Gre-Alb A Ser-Rum

Proposals Fail: T: 2-2; F-R-T: 2-2; F-T: 2-2  
Press: Fra-Ger: I'm expecting you to growl with a capital G, so c'mon, let me have it! Whether I'm a truly BAD Dip player and will be eliminated is yet to be proven, but I must say that my brutal stab has made this an interesting game! If I'd stuck with the alliance, I'd be at only six with no room to grow except into your centers, so I figured I'd better get the jump before you took up Turkey's proposal of a two-way G/T. As it stands now, Turkey will probably win unless the three of us get together, or the Sultan is nice to someone and lets him in on a two-way.  
Ger-Fra: The Kaiser is deeply dismayed over these new events. Fighting a two front war is not on the current agenda. So the Czar may be the largest

beneficiary of your last moves. I still find it unusual for such a move against this great country. I'll enjoy reading of your defeat at the hands of Russia and Turkey.

Tur-Fra: I'm still not convinced this stab thing is real. Convince me!

Fra-Tur: How's this for exciting? No more boring R/T vs. F/G. I'm glad Germany thought your offer of a 2-way was a joke! I'd like to offer you a 2-way, no joke.

Ger-Rus: Good fortune is coming your way, although you will still have to make good moves.

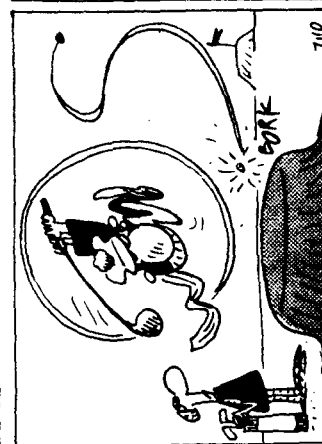
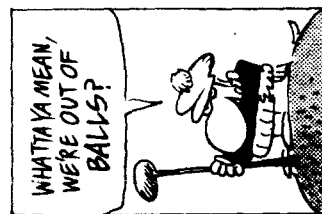
Fra-Rus: How certain are you of your ally, Turkey? Perhaps the three of us can iron out our differences?

Ger-Tur: He who laughs last, laughs best (who first said this?) Good diplomacy.

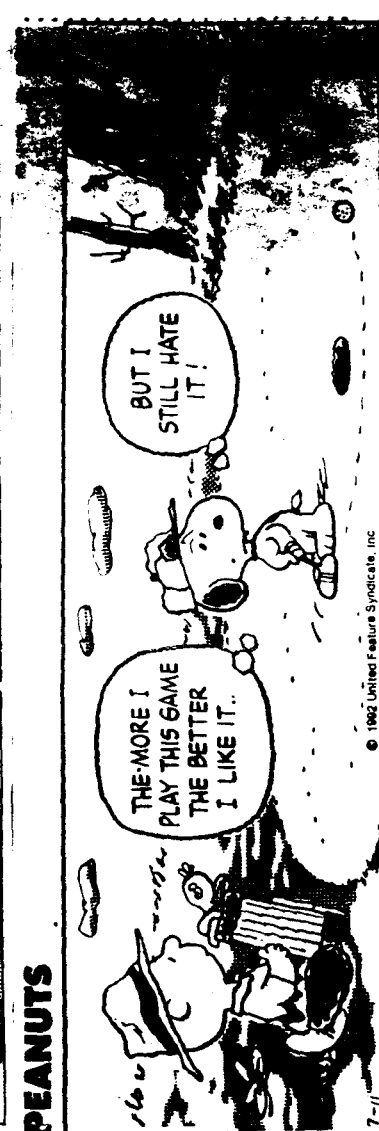
ECY: I think it was Italy.

Tur-Ger: OOOPS. I guess you were just kidding about that press. Oh by the way, I won't be offering you that two-way.

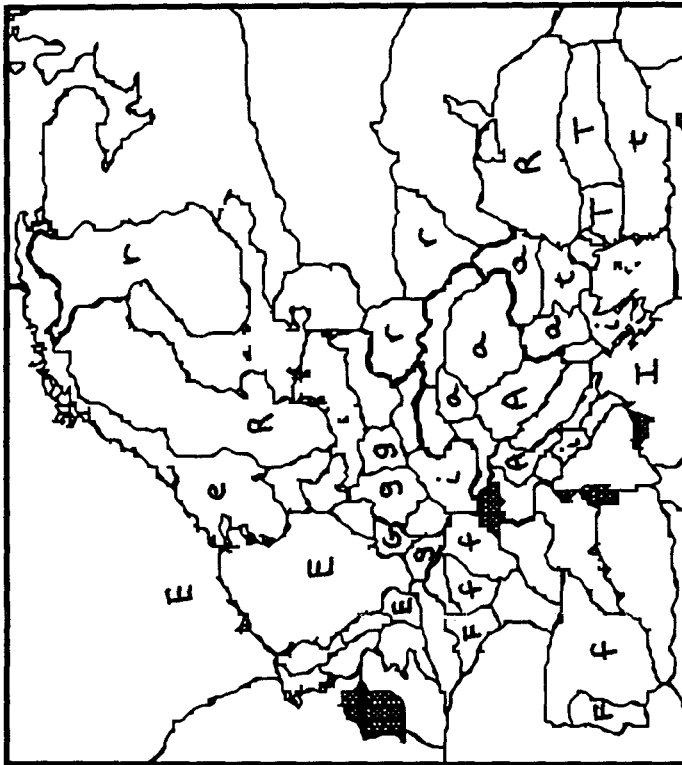
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# WIZARD OF ID



# PEANUTS



Mensa #40; 1992?; FALL 1901

Austria (Glasgow) A Gal-Rum A Ser s A Gal-Rum  
F Ven H

England (Gaddy) A Edi-Nwy FNrg c A Edi-Nwy  
F NoS-Den

France (Lewis) A Bur s ITL A Tyr-Mun  
A Mar-Spa F MAO-Por

Germany (Fuchs) A Ruhr-Bel F Hol s A Ruhr-Bel  
A Kie-Den

Italy (Klein) A Apu-Gre F Ion c A Apu-Gre  
A Tyr-Mun

Russia (Grose) F Bla-Rum A Ukr s F Bla-Rum  
F GoB-Swe A StP-Fin

Turkey( Beasley) A Bul s AUS A Gal-Rum  
F Con-Ank A Smy-Ank

Press: Dateline somewhere in the Baltic: HA! HA! HA!  
HA! We have those Turkish idiots in the palm of our  
hand, your Eminence. While the fools attack Austria,  
Ankara will be ours! In the north, the English moron  
actually thinks that we are on his side. We will stab  
him so fast he won't even know what hit him! Then,  
while they and the Frogs attack our German puppet,  
we will finish off the remnants of the Turkey and wipe  
out the stupid Austrians, too! HEE! HEE!  
Dateline StP: Russia leaves Warsaw exposed, gambling  
that, for once, Emperor Glasgow is not lying.

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Aus-Tur: You can't trust a Russian naval officer.  
Rus-Itl: Dennis, tear yourself away from the wine,  
women and Wien for a moment and write to us!  
Con-Mos: I don't like that fleet of yours. Nope, not  
one bit. No-sir-ee bobert! Not at all.  
Aus-Tur: You can't trust a Russian naval officer.  
Con-Bud: What an interesting opening! The "southern  
hedgehog", right? Looks good for making enemies.  
Aus-Rus: You can't trust a Turkish army officer.  
Con-Par & Ber: Now this is going to be a fun one to  
watch. My prediction: both armies go to Bel but only  
the Ger gets in. How did I do?  
ECY: I'd say fair to middlin.  
Con-Lon: You swim with dangerous fish!  
Con-Rom: Yeowch! How did that happen?  
Aus-Itl: I like it so much here I just couldn't see  
leaving.  
Con-Bud: What an interesting opening! The "southern  
hedgehog", right? Looks good for making enemies.

### SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1901

Austria(6)	Hom, VEN, SER, RUM	+3
England (4)	Hom, NWY	+1
France(5)	Hom, POR, SPA	+2
Germany(4)	Ber, Kie, HOL, BEL	+1
Italy(4)	Rom, Nap, GRE, MUN	+1
Russia(5)	Hom, SWE	+1
Turkey(4)	Hom, Bul	+1
neutral(2)	Gre, Den	

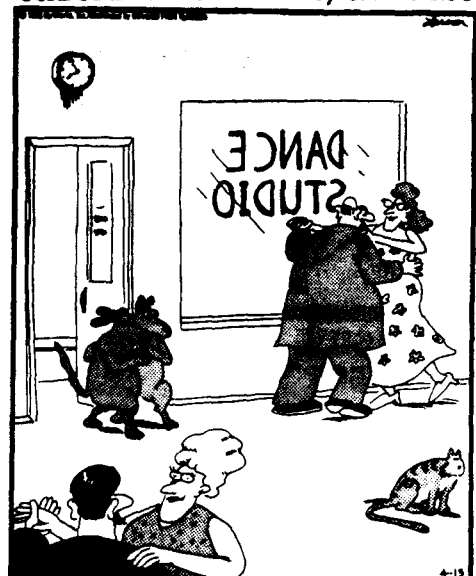
### WINTER 1901 ADJUSTMENTS

Austria:	Build F Tri, A Vie, A Bud
England:	Build F Lon
France:	Build F Bre, A Par
Germany:	Build A Ber
Italy:	Build A Rom
Russia:	Build A War
Turkey:	Build F Ank

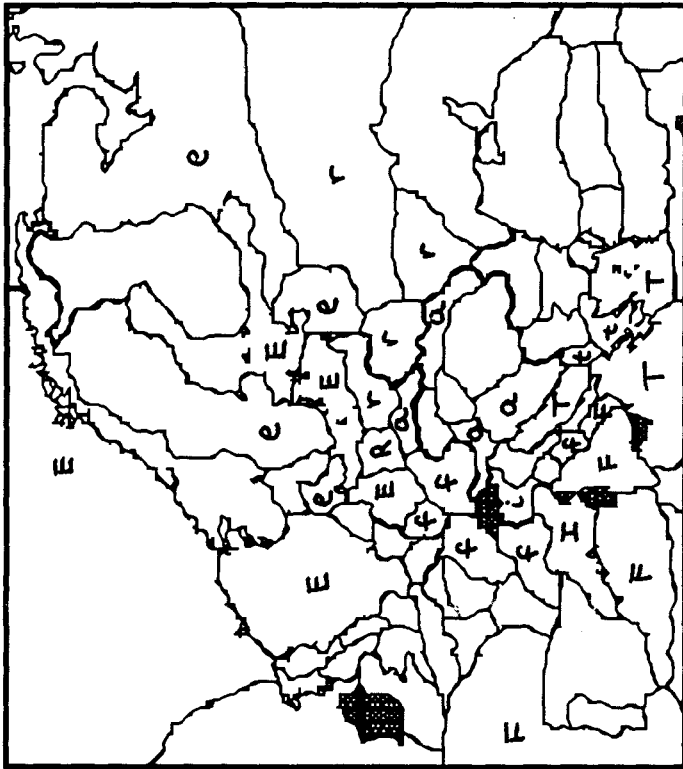
WE WILL PLAY SPRING & SUMMER 1902 NEXT TIME

### THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



As witnesses later recalled, two small dogs just  
waltzed into the place, grabbed the cat,  
and waltzed out.



No Expectations; 1992?; FALL 1905

Oh, my, another error, two in fact. Nice had a build last Fall in War. Its support of Liv made no difference, except that the retreat went to Pru. Players phoned. Carry on.

Austria (Li'l Tank) A Sil s RUS F Ber H A Gal-Boh  
A Tyr-Mun A Tri s ITL A Pie-Ven (NSO)

England (Jack the R) F Bot-Liv A StP s F Bot-Liv  
A Liv-Pru F Bal s A Liv-Pru A Den-Swe  
A Yor-Den F NoS c A Yor-Den F Nwy-Nrg  
F Kie-Ber

France (W. Thing) A Ruh-Mun A Bur s A Ruh-Mun  
F Spa-WMed F MAO s F Spa-WMed F Nap s F TyS  
A Mun-Boh F TyS s ITL F WMed-Tun  
A Rom s ITL A Pie-Ven A Mar-Pie

Italy(Julius C.) A Pie-Mar F WMed-Spa (d. re-GoL)

Russia(M. Nice Guy) A Mos s A War A Ukr s A Mos  
A War s A Pru A Pru s F Ber F Ber s A Pru

Turkey (P E #1) F Gre-Ion F Aeg s F Gre-Ion  
A Alb H F Ion-Adr A Bul-Gre

Proposals: R-A-T; E-F; Please vote next time.

Press: Jack-Wild: Fleets on the way to the Med. Let's keep the pressure on! I'll be convoying in the army Den-Ber starting next year to get another army in position (for support purposes that is). Thanks for the continued help.

Wild-Jack: Sorry to let you down regarding support into Kiel, but I think you will agree that the prospect of a wall of armies facing us is more fearsome than the delay of one build. I hope you slipped into Prussia.

Tank-Wild: No one will be greasing Mr Nice Guy so you don't have to worry about any more clever phrases.

Tank-Nice: I will continue support for your F Ber so we can establish the Northern/Central stalemate line.

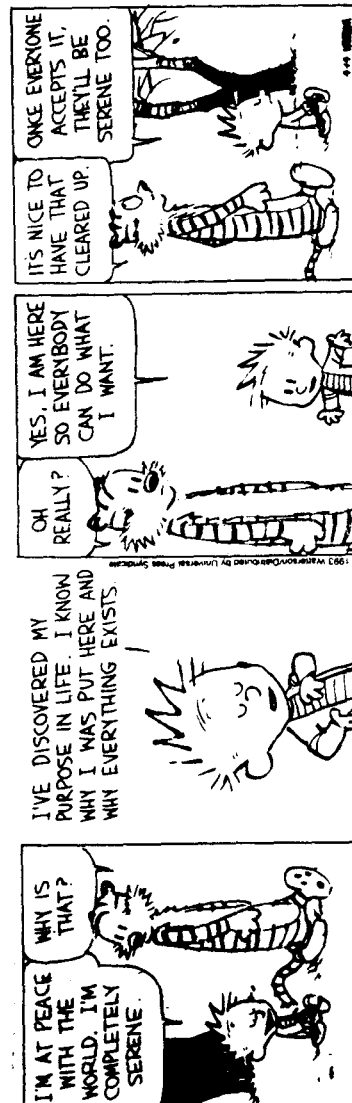
Tank-PE#1: Best of luck in the Med, it looks like its up to you to plug it up and halt the Wild advance.

Tank-Julius: Hang in there, I'll support your pullback to Ven if you feel that is necessary. Let me know what to do.

#### SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1905

Austria(4)	Hom, Ser	+0
England(9)	Hom, Scan, Hol, Kie, StP	+0
France(9)	Hom, Bel, Spa, Por, Mun, Rom, Nap+0	
Italy(2)	Ven, Tun	+0
Russia(5)	Mos, War, Sev, Rum, BER	+0
Turkey(5)	Hom, Bul, Gre	+0

WE WILL PLAY SPRING & SUMMER 1906 NEXT TIME





## ZINE POLL

# The 1993 Runestone Poll

## SUBZINE POLL

You may rate any amateur postal or e-mail zine that you've read enough of to rate fairly. This means you've seen (or would have seen if not for delays) at least two issues since July 1, 1992. Only North American zines are eligible, but anyone may vote. Rate each zine from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. Do not rate your own zine. Blanks are for zines I forgot to list. Do not vote for me or my publications.

Absolute!	Election Headquarters	Pontevodia
The Abyssinian Prince	Electric Trains	The Prince
Acropolis	Electronic Protocol	Protocol
Against the Odds	Empire	Prolozoan
Alpha & Omega	The Encounter	Punchdrunk
Angst United	Excelsior	Quest for Power
The Appalachian General	fast trax	Rails by Mail
Aren't You the Guy...	Footballerdy	Rainbow Warrior
The Armchair Diplomat	Frueh's Folly	Rambling WAY
Autumn Madness	The Gamer's Zine	Ramblings by Moonlight
Batville Gazette	Get Them Dots Now!	Rebel
Benzene	iGOL!	So I Lied!
Boast	Graustark	Son of Flip
Boris the Spider	Heroes of Olympus	Standard Gauge
Buckeye Rail Gazette	The Home Office	Starwood
Call Me President	Hoodwink	Suicide Squeeze
The Canadian Diplomat	Inoculated City	The Swiss Observer
Canyon	Kathy's Korner	The Tactful Assassin
Caroline Cmd & Cmnty	Kempelen's Turk	Ter-ran
Caveat Emplor	Lemon Curry	36 Miles of Trouble
CheeseCake	Loco Motives	This Train...
The Coach Express	Maelstrom	Touche
Cogniacenti	Making Love in a Canoe	Upstart
Concordia	Maniac's Paradise	Vertigo
The Continual Crisis	The Metadiplomat	War Fair
Costagiana	Metamorphosis	Well, Martha...
Counlemeasure	Niccolo	Where's Kevin Tigne?
Crimson Sky	Northern Flame	Wild Gypsy Rose
Dipadeedoodah!	off-the-shelf	World Diplomacy
Diplodocus	Orphan Son	Zero Sum
Diplomacy World	... Pedro...	Your Zine of Zines
Diplomat	Penguin Dip	The Zine Register
Dippy	Pennant Madness	
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Down at the Mouth	Pilot Light	

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Fred's Column	Seriously Folks	
I Guess You Could...	Slappy's Sports Section	

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