

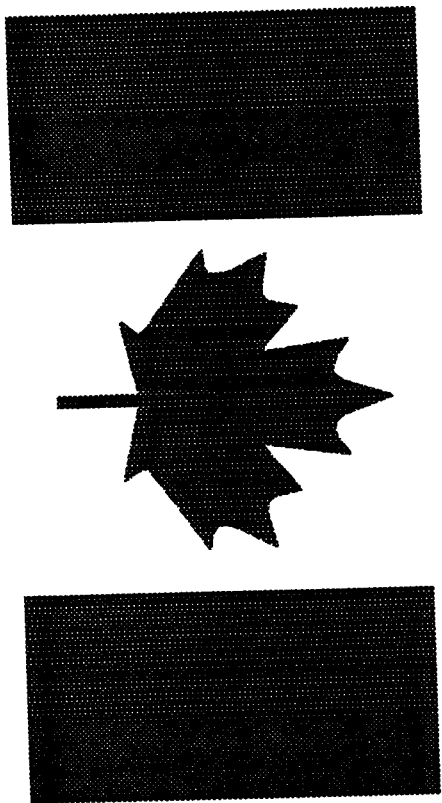
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*congrats on getting a Cdr. tocm.  
I understand that the next World Dipcom may  
have a higher roster rate from UK - why? ✓*

# THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT

## #48

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SUB FEES

One issue - \$1. Send all sub fees to R. Acheson.

GAME FEES

Regular and Gunboat Diplomacy, \$4.00 per gamestart.  
All other games (except 34 Man) \$2.00. 34 Man Anarchy games - \$1.00 (voluntary).

STANDBYS Regular Diplomacy:

Weseman, Schultz, MacArthur, Carter, Gonsalves, Easton, Kent, Hodgins, Falkiner, Gorrell, McKee, Johnson, Anderson, Gautron, Barno, Stark, Hickey, Brad Wilson, Wall, Holley, Thomas, Wolff, Klien, Duncan, Watson, Young, York, Quist, Wetmore, Cadieux

STANDBYS Diplomacy variants:

Gonsalves, Easton, Kent, Burgess, Thomas, McHugh, McKee, Johnson, Gautron, Wall, Holley, Hickey, Brad Wilson, Anderson, Watson, Stark, Kemp, Wolff, York, Young, Quist, Wetmore(gt), Cadieux

STANDBY POLICY

When you assume a standby position, all your issues from that point on, until you are either eliminated, draw, survive or win, are free.

THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT HOUSE RULES

1. I'm always right, until proven wrong.
2. Follow the rule book, if a dispute occurs, I'll abide by the decision of an ombudsman. The Canadian ombudsman is Randolph Smyth.
3. Any error by the GM must be pointed out by the next deadline or it stands.
4. Winter/Spring and Fall divisions are used. Winter/Spring will be separated upon at least two requests.
5. Moves may be made conditional upon builds, retreats, and removals.
6. A NMR in Spring 1901 will result in all the NMR'ing players units holding Neutral 1901 moves will not be allowed.
7. Sign your orders. I suggest that you also

date them. If I receive two sets of orders without dates, then I will use the latest set.

8. If you attempt to deceive the GM, then you will be removed from the game. This is subject to an ombudsman appeal and decision, of course.
9. If you find it necessary to phone your orders in, then be prepared to give me your home phone number so I can confirm you identity (collect).
10. I reserve the right to delete any press or letters if I find them to be in poor taste.
11. If you NMR twice in succession then you will be replaced in the game. A Standby will be appointed after the first NMR. With the original players moves being used if both players send them the following season.
12. All retreats for units in civil disorder will follow rule XIV #4 in the rule book.
13. Black press is allowed, or at least until my next vote on it, sometime in the far future.
14. On draw proposals, abstentions and NMR's count as Yes votes.
15. When more than one draw vote passes, I will use the one that includes the most players.
16. If two draw votes pass and both draws include the same number of players, both sets will be thrown out and a re-vote requested.

**The Birds**



Swarms of crows have been attacking farm animals near Potsdam, Germany, with a savage fury that has appalled residents and evoked some of the most frightening scenes from Alfred Hitchcock's film *The Birds*. "For weeks they live with the herd, then all of a sudden they pounce on the animals," said farmer Norbert Droese. "The defenceless beasts don't have a chance—usually calves, or cows that have just given birth." Droese has seen the birds claw out the animals' eyes then tear them apart, right down to the spinal column. Specialists say this behavior is unusual, even considering the cunning and cruel nature of the birds. It is believed that the crows have become more audacious as the increase in mechanized farming has taken humans out of the fields.

GAME OPENINGS & LISTINGSRegular Diplomacy

Game #1	1985 E	Ended #25	Watson Win
Game #2	1985 J	Ended #27	Lowes-Polley Draw
Game #3	1985 AM	Ended #32	Swigger Win
Game #4	1985 HH	Ended #29	Fuchs Win
Game #5	1986 U	Ended #30	D.Acheson-Wall-Wetmore Draw
Game #6	1986 AX	Ended #35	Hodgins Win
Game #7	1987 CU	Ended #37	Grigsby Win
Game #8	1987 CI	Ended #41	Watson Win #2
Game #9	1987 HU	Ended #36	Abdullah-Veer-G.Wilson Draw
Game #10	1987 IW	Ended #45	Stark Win
Game #11	1988 I	Summer & Fall 1912	England Stabs France
Game #12	1989 CH	Ended #45	Cameron-Falkiner-B.Wilson Draw
Game #13	1989 CB	On flyer from Fred Wiedemeyer	- Subwithnname
Game #14	1990 CH	Winter 1907 & Spring 1908	Austrians in Belgium
Game #15	1991 CA	Winter 1906 & Spring 1907	Russia expanding !
Game #16	1992 I	On flyer from Fred Wiedemeyer	- Subwithnname
Game #17	1993 CA	Winter 1902 & Spring 1903	France-Germany Go To War !
Game #18	1994 CA	Fall 1902	Russia takes Norway !
Game #19	1989 CK	Winter 1906 & Spring 1907	Another alliance shift!
Game #20	1995 C	Spring 1901	Russia attacks everyone !
Game #21	1995 G	Spring 1901	Turks In The Black !
Game #22	1995 P	Spring 1901	English Fleet in the Channel !
Game #23	1995 Q	Spring 1901	English Fleet in the Channel !
Game #24	1995 R	Spring 1901	Channel is Quiet.
Game #25	1995 S	Spring 1901	Another English Fleet in Channel !
Game #26	1995 T	Spring 1901	Channel Clash, Turks in Black !
Game #27	1995 U	Spring 1901	Italians Take Trieste !
Game #28	1995 ?	Need 4 - Signed up:	Watson, MacArthur, Van Marck

Gunboat Diplomacy

Game #1	1985Drb32	Ended #26	Hickey Win
Game #2	1985Jrb32	Ended #44	Anderson-Hickey-Wetmore Draw
Game #3	1985Nrb32	Ended #31	Wall-Washington Draw
Game #4	1986Drb32	Ended #28	Anderson-Watson Draw
Game #5	1986Trb32	Ended #28	Anderson-Rice Draw
Game #6	1986AFrb32	Ended #35	Barno-Easton Draw
Game #7	1986aqrb32	Ended #37	Bakken-Easton-Grigsby Draw
Game #8	1987Vrb32	Ended #39	Belanger-Easton Draw
Game #9	1988abrb32	Ended #45	Kendter-Paulson-Peters Draw
Game #10	1988HPrb32	Fall 1911	Germany held at 17 !
Game #11	1989JCr32	Winter 1908 & Spring 1909	Italy takes Galacia !
Game #12	1990HOrb32	Fall 1908	Russia takes two !
Game #13	1993Urb32	Fall 1904	English land in Belgium !
Game #14	1994AKrb32	Fall 1901	Turkey builds two !
Game #15	1995 ?	Winter 1900	Another one gets underway.
Game #16	Need 5	Two signed up.	

Anarchy Diplomacy

Seven player, randomly selected centres:

Game #1	1985Ors01	Ended #22	Anderson-Wall Draw
Game #2	1986AOrs32	Ended #27	Grigsby Win
Game #3	1989Crh03	Ended #43	Gautron Win
Game #4	Need 4	Signed Up - Fleming,McHugh,Andruschak	

Seventeen player, randomly selected centres:

Game #1	1986Ars17	Ended #41	Davis-Fuchs-Grigsby Draw
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Thirty-four player, variant:

Game #1	1987Yrs36	Winter 1913 & Spring 1914	Warsaw-Vulgaria on the move !
Game #2	1989JMrh06	Winter 1909 & Spring 1910	Drips-Rednecks Battle!

Game #3 Need 5 Signed Up - Fleming, Anderson, Easton, Gonsalves, Carter, Cox, Copeland, Falkiner, Asker, Holley, Eddy, Current, Wiedemeyer, Lesco, Cameron, D. Acheson, Kent, Watson, Barno, Andruschak, Wolff, Quist, B. Wilson, Burgess, York, Wetmore, Wall, Schultz, Gesell

Stonehenge Diplomacy (Early British 10 player variant)

Game #1 1987Cmb04 Ended #43 Wetmore Win  
Game #2 Need 2 GM Brent McKee Signed Up - The G.C.D.D., Anderson, Hickey, Quist, Falkiner, B. Wilson, Wetmore, Andruschak

Cline 9 Man Diplomacy (Persia, Barbary States added to map)

Game #1 1989Tcn05 Winter 1908 A matter of Tyrolia

Youngstown IV Diplomacy (Japan, India, China added to map)

Game #1 1991Dxm02 Summer & Fall 1908 Japan/Russia Allies or Enemies ?

Colonia VI (Nine player World map variant)

Game #1 1987Qgh09 Ended #40 Falkiner-Grigsby-Wetmore Draw  
Game #2 1989Dgh09 Ended #47 Hyatt-G. Wilson Draw

African Diplomacy (Six player variant)

Game #1 1993Tdm04 Summer & Fall 2003 Zaire at 10 !

**DEADLINE**

**THE DEADLINE FOR GUNBOAT GAMES IS - MAY 31ST**

**THE DEADLINE FOR ALL OTHER GAMES - JUNE 9TH**

**GM NOTES - READ THIS**

Unless there is a late change of plans I will be in Thailand from the end of April to the end of August. For those who are familiar with the pubbing schedule of T.C.D. will probably figure 'no big deal, see TCD in September'. I plan to put out the game results on flyers, SO ... Send in your orders quickly, Do not hope to rely on Ellie taking them accurately over the phone. She doesn't care about armies and fleets and ordering - F Brest over the phone will probably get you a verbal rebuke.

☑The devil doesn't bother me, it's God that pisses me off. Him and his rain. You wait until I meet the motherf\_\_er. Doesn't he know who we are ? We're the Rolling Stones!☑  
- Keith Richards

Excerpt from Home Economics textbook used in Ontario schools during the 1950s  
**"TO BE A GOOD WIFE "**

Get your work done. Plan your tasks with an eye on the clock. Finish or interrupt them an hour before your husband is expected home. Your anguished cry, "are you home already?" is not exactly a warm welcome.

Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before to have a delicious meal on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking of him and are concerned for his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospects of a good meal are part of the warm welcome needed.

Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so that you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift. \_

Clear away the children. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives. Then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order and it will give you a lift, too.

Reprinted as a guide for my loyal toadies. - G.C.D.D.

1988I

SUMMER & FALL 1912

ENGLAND STABS FRANCE, BUT AUSTRIA/TURKEY REMAIN ALLIES

AUSTRIA Thomas A Boh s A Sil-Mun, A Sil-Mun, A Tyr s A Sil-Mun, A Pie-Mar,  
A Ven uno H, A Vie s A Boh NSU, F Tus-Pie, A Bud uno H,  
F Nap s TUR F Tys IMP

ENGLAND G.Wilson F Bar-Nwy, F Swe H, F Bal-Ber, A Yor-Den,  
F Nth c A Yor-Den, F Wes-Tun, F Naf s F Wes-Tun

FRANCE Wiedemeyer A Sil ret Pru, F Mao s ENG F Wes IMP, A Stp s A Lvn,  
F Eng s F Mao, A Lvn s A Pru, A Ber s A Pru, F Tun s ENG F Wes NSO,  
A Spa s A Mar, A Mar s A Spa, A Bur s A Mun,  
A Mun s A Ber (d. Ruh, Kie, otb), A Pru s A Lvn

RUSSIA Anderson A Mos H ANIH

TURKEY Hickey A Ukr s A Sev-Mos, F Tys s F Ion-Tun, A Sev-Mos,  
A War s A Sev-Mos, A Gal s A War, F Ion-Tun, F GoL s AUS A Pie-Mar

BUILDS FOR WINTER 1912

AUSTRIA 9 b. 1 Home, Italy, Gre, Ser, Mun

ENGLAND 8/9 b. 1/2 (depending on Fra retreat) Home, Hol, Bel,  
Nwy, Den, Swe, Kie ?

FRANCE 8/9 r. 2/3 dep. on ret. Home, Spa, Por, Ber, Stp, Tun, Kie ?

RUSSIA 0 Out Thanks Dave

TURKEY 8 b. 1 Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, War, Mos

DRAW VOTES

The A/E/F/T draw was defeated - 3 Yes, 1 No, 1 NVR

The concession to Russia was defeated - 4 No, 1 NVR

DRAW PROPOSAL

Please vote on an Eng/Turkish draw.

PRESS

Aus-All: Whoms the funny guy who proposed a concession to Russia ?

Eng-Fra: Sorry Fred, but this game was becoming just too damn boring. Turkey and I figured out a way to really liven things up. Of course, if Arthur didn't live up to his end of the bargain, I'm up the proverbial creek without a paddle.

1990CH

WINTER 1907 & SPRING 1908

AUSTRIANS TUNNEL INTO BELGIUM OVER WINTER,

ENGLISH SURPRISE AUSTRIANS IN MUNICH

AUSTRIA Wiedemeyer A Bur ret Bel, b. A Vie, A Tri, A Bud H, A Vie-Boh,  
A Mar-Spa, A Pie-Mar, A Tyr-Mun, A Sil s A Ber, A Mun-Bur ANIL,  
A Ber s A Tyr-Mun, A Tri-Tyr, A Bel s A Mun-Bur, A War s TUR A Ukr-Mos

ENGLAND Watson F GoL ret Spa sc, A Bur s A Bre-Par, F Eng-Bel, F Bal-Ber,  
F Mao s F Spa sc, F Nth c A Edi-Nwy, A Edi-Nwy, A Ruh-Mun, A Bre-Par,  
A Kie s A Ruh-Mun, A Stp-Mos, F Spa sc s F Wes-GoL,  
F Wes-GoL (d. Naf, otb)

GERMANY McKee A Par H

TURKEY Easton b. F Smy, A Gal-Ukr, A Ukr-Mos, F Bla H, F Smy-Aeg,  
F Ion-Tys, F Tys-Wes, F Tun s F Tys-Wes, F GoL s A Mar-Spa,  
A Lvn s A Ukr-Mos

DRAW VOTE

The Aus/Tur draw was defeated - 2 Yes, 1 No, 1 NVR

DRAW PROPOSAL

Please vote on an AUS-TUR draw.

GM NOTES

Last Fall I omitted an Austrian retreat option to Bel which Fred picked up on. Paul was advised and thus onward we go ...

PRESS

Eng-Aus/Tur: OK, OK, I give up, 3-way draw ?

Eng-Aus: Fred - whats this about 3 times being bad. Utter nonsense.

Please - don't make me grovel. Grovel, grovel... (GM: I like your style)

Eng-Tur: And after all we've meant to each other. Frank - be reasonable.

Stab Austria, Vote Yes.

Eng-GM: Can't you NMR those other two? Just claim their moves were lost in the mail.

GM-Eng: I have to be carefull around Fred, he's my tax accountant.

## 1991CA

## WINTER 1906 &amp; SPRING 1907

## RUSSIA EXPANDS NORTH AND SOUTH

AUSTRIA Gautron A Vie s F Tri, A Ser s RUS A Bul-Gre,  
F Tri drinks to the Tsar's health and says goodbye to the Kaiser. H

ENGLAND McKee b. F Lon, F Yor-Nth, F Edi s F Yor-Nth, F Lon s F Yor-Nth

FRANCE McMaster b. F Bre, A Mar, F Hol H ANIH, A Bel-Ruh, F Eng uno H,  
A Bur-Mun, A Pic-Bur, A Mar-Pie, F Bre-Eng

GERMANY Wiedemeyer r. F Den, F Ska, A Ruh-Bel, A Sil-Mun, F Hel-Hol,  
A Kie s F Hel-Hol

ITALY Wolff A Gre H, F Aeg s A Gre, F Smy H ANIH, F Eas s F Smy,  
A Tyr s FRA A Bur-Mun NSO, F Ven H

RUSSIA Swigger F Smy ret Syr, b. F Stp nc, A Swe-Den, F Syr-Smy,  
F Nwy-Ska, F Nwg-Nao, A Con s F Syr-Smy, A Ank s F Syr-Smy,  
A Bud s AUS F Tri, F Bla s A Con, A Bul-Gre, A War-Sil, F Stp nc-Nwy

## DRAW PROPOSAL

Please vote on a Fra/Ita/Rus draw.

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## PRESS

Ita-Aus: Why did I know that you would side with the vile Russians? You have  
Bud for the taking and we were set to push Russian forces out of Bul, yet I  
knew that this turn you would change sides again! I have let you be in hopes  
that you will come to realize the real threat in this game.

Ita-Rus: I really don't know what you were so upset about in this last season.  
Most of what was promised was delivered.

## 1989CK

## WINTER 1906 &amp; SPRING 1907

## SURPRISES CONTINUE AS TURKEY HELPS FRANCE.

## MAJOR BATTLE FOR ST. PETES SET FOR FALL

AUSTRIA Wolff b. A Bud, A Tyr H, A Ven-Tus, A Lvn s A Stp,  
A Bul H, A Stp H, F Adr-Ion, A Pie s A Ven-Tus

ENGLAND Gonsalves b. F Liv, F Liv-Iri, A Swe-Fin, F Nwy-Stp nc,  
F GoB s F Nwy-Stp nc, A Bel-Pic, F Nth-Lon, F Den-Nth

FRANCE Wiedemeyer F Spa sc ret Por, r. A Ruh, F Eng-Iri, A Par-Gas,  
F Por-Spa nc, A Gas-Mar

GERMANY Falkiner b. A Ber, A Ber-Pru, A Spa-Por ANIH, A Bur-Mar,  
A Mun-Sil, A Hol-Ruh, A Kie-Mun

ITALY Schultz A Tus-Rom, A Apu-Nap

TURKEY Lesco F Ion-Tys, A Mos s AUS A Stp, A Con-Bul, A Gre-Bul,  
F GoL s FRA F Por-Spa nc, F Naf-Mao, F Wes s F Naf-wes

## PRESS

Ger-Fra: Your plan was sound, but I would never be sure when you would  
want to take your centers back.

Ger-A/T/E: The only thing I know for sure is that I don't know what I am doing.  
Better yet. I feel like a man with 10 wives and they just found out about  
each other.

Ger-GM: Do you suggest I cast; a charm spell or an invisability spell?

GM-Ger: Just tell them that you're armed with Fireballs and Magic  
Missiles (maybe one will think that they're smokable and be your bud).

Ger-GCDD: I worship thee, oh great God of ??????. My pagan ways are going to  
get the best of me yet.

GCDD-Ger: I'll put you on my steady standby list. With a review shortly for  
potential full membership. It should read Great God of All Of What He Surveys.

Con-Ber: Sorry, Jerry, Fred offered so much more and he drives a hard bargain.  
This doesn't have to mean we're through. In fact, if it turns out I've been  
crossed up, I know exactly where we can work together.

Ger-Aus: Had to make a choice, suspected A Vie-Boh or Gal.  
 Fra-Ger/Eng: I'm tired of these petty stabs at me: Spa/Bel etc. Might as well speed this game up !  
 Aus-Fra: Be assured that your support at this time will reap France benefits at the end.  
 Aus-Ger: We needed a fleet in Berlin, not another army. Another army has only one purpose - to assist the new Eng/Ger alliance. With WAR safely in Austrian hands perhaps you will remember your pledge of the past.

1993CA

WINTER 1902 & SPRING 1903

ENGLISH IN DEEP COMA, GERMANY AND FRANCE GO TO WAR !

AUSTRIA Wiedemeyer b. A Vie, A Bud s A Ser-Rum, A Tri-Ser, A Vie H, A Ser-Rum, F Gre-Bul sc  
 ENGLAND Gorrell NMR ! F Eng ret otb, F Nwy ret otb, NMR ! A Yor H, F Nth H  
 FRANCE Stark F Eng s A Pic-Bel, F Mao-Iri, A Bre-Par, A Pic-Bel, A Bur s A Pic-Bel  
 GERMANY Watson b. F Kie, F Kie-Hel, F Bel-Pic (d. Hol, otb), A Den s RUS F Swe IMP, A Mun-Bur, A Boh-Mun, A Ruh s A Mun-Bur  
 ITALY Holley F Ion ret Tun, F Tun-Ion, A Apu-Nap, A Tyr-Ven, A Gal-Ukr,  
 RUSSIA Copeland A Ser ret Alb, b. A Mos, A Stp-Nwy, A Mos-Ukr, F Rum s TUR A Con-Bul (d. Sev, Bla), A Alb s TUR A Bul-Ser NSO, A War s A Mos-Ukr, F Nwy-Nwg, F Swe-Ska,  
 TURKEY Cox A Bul s RUS A Alb-Ser NSO, F Aeg c A Con-Tun, A Con-Tun, F Ion c A Con-Tun

STANDBY

Can Frank Easton please standby for England.

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PRESS

Ger-Rus: Need some help against England ? It's yours.  
 Ger-Ita: You seem kind of lost in Galacia. What happened ?  
 GM-Ger: No, she seems to have a definite destination in mind.

1994CA

FALL 1902.

THE RAT'S ARE BUDD, RUSSIA TAKES NORWAY AND

FRANCE TAKES AN INTEREST IN THE MED !

AUSTRIA Perkins A Vie-Tyr, A Bud-Vie, A Ser s F Gre, F Gre H, A Tri s A Vie-Tyr  
 ENGLAND Heintzman A Nwy s GER F Bal-Swe NSO ANIH, F Nth-Den, F Nwg s A Nwy, F Edi-Nth  
 FRANCE Duncan A Pic s A Bur, A Bur s A Pic, A Mar-Pie, F Spa sc-GoL, F Eng s A Pic  
 GERMANY Quist A Sil-Boh, A Mun-Bur, A Hol s A Bel, A Bel s A Hol, F Bal-Pru  
 ITALY Holley A Boh-Tyr, A Ven-Tri, F Nap-Ion, F Tun s F Nap-Ion  
 RUSSIA MacArthur F Rum H, F Swe s A Fin-Nwy, F Bar s A Fin-Nwy, A Stp s A Fin-Stp, A War H, A Fin-Stp  
 TURKEY Copeland F Aeg-Ion, F Eas s F Aeg-Ion, A Con-Smy, A Bul-Con

BUILDS FOR WINTER 1902

AUSTRIA	5	Even	Home, Ser, Gre
ENGLAND	4	Even	Home, Den
FRANCE	5	Even	Home, Spa, Por
GERMANY	5	Even	Home, Hol, Bel
ITALY	4	Even	Home, Tun

RUSSIA 7 b. 1 Home, Rum, Nwy, Swe  
TURKEY 4 Even Home, Bul

PRESS

France: It is March 15, 1995 and not a note nor nary a letter has graced my mail box since February 1. In this game at least. The other guys at least have some live bodies and minds.

HUMOUR

Question: Why are women different from computers ?

Answer: Most computers will accept a three and a half inch floppy.

1995C

SPRING 1901 - REPRINT

RUSSIANS OPEN AGGRESSIVELY AGAINST THE ENGLISH, THE AUSTRIANS  
AND THE TURKS ! FRENCH AND ENGLISH CLASH IN THE CHANNEL !

AUSTRIA	Hickey	F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tri, A Bud-Ser
ENGLAND	Carter	F Edi-Nth, F Lon-Eng, A Liv-Wal
FRANCE	Cadieux	F Bre-Eng, A Mar-Spa, A Par-Gas
GERMANY	Falkiner	F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh
ITALY	Van Marck	A Ven H, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion
RUSSIA	Andruschak	F Stp sc-GoB, A Mos-Stp, A War-Gal, F Sev-Bla
TURKEY	Perkins	A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con, A Smy H

PRESS

Rus-Ger: Glad to help you against England.

Aus-Ita: How do cockles grow ? ((OK, how do they ?))

Aus-Tur: Say it with serendipity filled cupcakes.

Aus-Rus: Whoa there big fellow.

Ger-Rus: A letter in S01. It must have been a New Years resolution. I will write you in the fall just to find out. I'll bet Bob is impressed ((You bet)).

England: It's been a while. Big pieces are fleets, right ?

Ger-Ita: I understand your concerns, but it is very unlikely I would have an interest in your centers. My focus is elsewhere.

Ger-Rus: Sweden is all yours. It still looks a little wet in California.

Ger-Aus: Shhh! I promise I won't tell them you wrote.

Eng-GM: Thankyou Bob. A S01 standby position. What a way to treat an ex-toady. Now if only everyone will co-operate I can be out of this by 1902.

GM-Eng: I'm still in the market for a few good toadies.

Ger-Shmugamoo: Is that an Indian name for a friend or the last person who bought you a beer ? ((Actually it's Patricks nickname)).

1995G

SPRING 1901 - REPRINT

A FEW CLASHES, TURKS SLIP INTO THE BLACK

AUSTRIA	Easton	F Tri-Ven, A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser
ENGLAND	Wiedemeyer	F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Liv-Yor
FRANCE	Hickey	F Bre-Mao, A Par-Pic, A Mar-Bur
GERMANY	Renken	F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Bur
ITALY	O'Reilly	A Ven-Tri, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion
RUSSIA	Pasko	A War-Gal, F Sev-Rum, A Mos-Ukr, F Stp sc-GoB
TURKEY	Winder	F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con

PRESS

Fra-Eng: Bon appetit.

Fra-Ger: Didn't hear from you. That's why I moved to Bur before you did.

Fra-GM: Don't you love the smell of new blood.

GM-Fra: Not me, I've dedicated my Diplomacy endeavors to try and assist in the transition period for all new members of the Diplomatic community.

I live by my motto of, trust me.

Fra-Pope: Have you ever heard of Melinda Holley !

Fra-A/R/T: Cast your eyes not this way.

Aus-World: Watch for a Russian-Turkish juggernaut ! After me ...



GM NOTES

In response to a question about the Fall/Winter moves. At the conclusion of every Fall move your gains/losses are listed. The following season I ask for a combined Winter builds and Spring orders. Noting that you can make your Spring orders conditional on someone else's builds. I will grant a season separation if I get a 50% request. So, for Winter 1901 I would need four requests.

DEADLINE

The deadline for 1995C & 1995G is May 5th, the results printed above were mailed out by flyer earlier.

1995P

SPRING 1901

FRANCE ASSAULTED BY ENG/GER/ITA OFFENSIVE

A LITTLE RUSSIAN-TURKISH ACCORD TO START

AUSTRIA	McKee	F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, <u>A Vie-Gal</u>
ENGLAND	G.Wilson	F Lon-Eng, F Edi-Nth, A Liv-Wal
FRANCE	Polley	F Bre-Mao, <u>A Mar-Bur</u> , A Par-Pic
GERMANY	Falkiner	F Kie-Hol, <u>A Mun-Bur</u> , A Ber-Kie
ITALY	Hickey	F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven
RUSSIA	O'Reilly	F Stp sc-GoB, A Mos-Ukr, <u>A War-Gal</u> , F Sev-Rum
TURKEY	Gesell	F Ank-Con, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Ank

PRESS

Aus-Rus: If you didn't move to Gal. I apologize and will decamp next turn for home. If you did move to Gal, my eternal vigilance has been rewarded.

Establishing a communication link WOULD be nice.

Ger-World: Lets have world peace, I call for a G/F/E/A/T draw.

GM-Ger: I'm sure that Italy and Russia will be pleased with that.

Ger-Fra: You were just kidding about Belgium, weren't you ?

Ger-A/I/R/T: From the letters I received, someone has to be fabricating the truth. You can't all be friends.

Ger-Rus: The people of Germany are happy to see the paw of the Bear exerted on the rogue Swedish empire.

Ger-GM: Getting eloquent in my old age, aren't I ?

GM-Ger: Yeah, you're a regular Patrick Henry on the assembly floor.

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ENGLAND MOVES AGAINST FRANCE !

A LITTLE BOUNCE IN THE BLACK AND USSIANS MOVE INTO GALACIA !

AUSTRIA	Wolff	<u>F Tri-Ven</u> , A Vie-Bud, A Bud-Ser
ENGLAND	Lesco	F Edi-Nth, F Lon-Eng, A Liv-Wal
FRANCE	Perkins	A Mar-Spa, <u>A Par-Bur</u> , F Bre-Mao
GERMANY	Young	F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, <u>A Mun-Bur</u>
ITALY	Watson	F Nap-Tys, <u>A Rom-Ven</u> , A Ven-Tyr
RUSSIA	Grose	F Stp sc-GoB, A War-Gal, A Mos-Ukr, <u>F Sev-Bla</u>
TURKEY	Lowes	A Con-Bul, <u>F Ank-Bla</u> , A Smy-Con

PRESS

Turkey: The Sultan of Turkey welcomes all peoples of this glorious game. I would like to get to know each of you better, but preferably when I come to visit you, not the other way around. My country is very poor and I can't offer much in the way of hospitality if you drop over. However, I throw a real party when I visit.

Ger-All: Howdy, everybody. Best of luck and may the best man (me) win.

Oh, sorry. Did I say that ?

Ger-Fra: Sorry, Northern Europe has to end up two against one.

It's us against you.

Rus-Ita: Hello ?

Rus-Tur: Didn't think you'd take the Bla., did you ?

Ita-World: Welcome fellows. Have fun - trust no one but me and maybe Alvin - he's from Alberta too.

Rus-A-H: Relax, just visiting.

Rus-Ger: Deal.

Rus-Eng: Let's not get greedy.

Rus-Fra: Keep your neighbours occupied - but not literally.

Aus-Rus: We wish the Russian people long life and prosperity. We are in agreement to your proposals.

GM-Aus: Did those proposals mention Galicia ?  
 Aus-Ita: Be assured of our concern for a peaceful border.  
 Aus-All: Good luck all !  
 Par-Europe: The President of France, having just returned from a good-will tour of the Hawaiian Islands, would like to extend an apology to the rest of the leaders of Europe for his lack of correspondence. He will try to make up for it in the coming weeks.

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FRANCE SECURES BURGANDY AND A LITTLE BOUNCE IN THE BLACK

AUSTRIA	Gavrilovic	A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tri
ENGLAND	Duncan	A Liv-Yor, F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nwg
FRANCE	Wiedemeyer	A Par-Bur, A Mar s A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mao
GERMANY	Copeland	A Ber-Kie, <u>A Mun-Bur</u> , F Kie-Den
ITALY	MacArthur	A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Ion
RUSSIA	Easton	F Stp sc-GoB, A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal, <u>F Sev-Bla</u>
TURKEY	D.Acheson	<u>F Ank-Bla</u> , A Con-Bul, <u>A Smy-Ank</u>

PRESS

From The Palace: Her Royal Majesty, upon hearing the many declarations of mobilization that are ringing from the rooftops of Continental Europe, was heard to sigh and declare, Well, I suppose we will have to do the same. Pity. She then had her cuppa Earl Grey and declared, Engagem.  
 COA: Dan Gavrilovic, 59 Deerfield Rd., Scarborough, Ontario, M1K 4X2 (effective April 30th)

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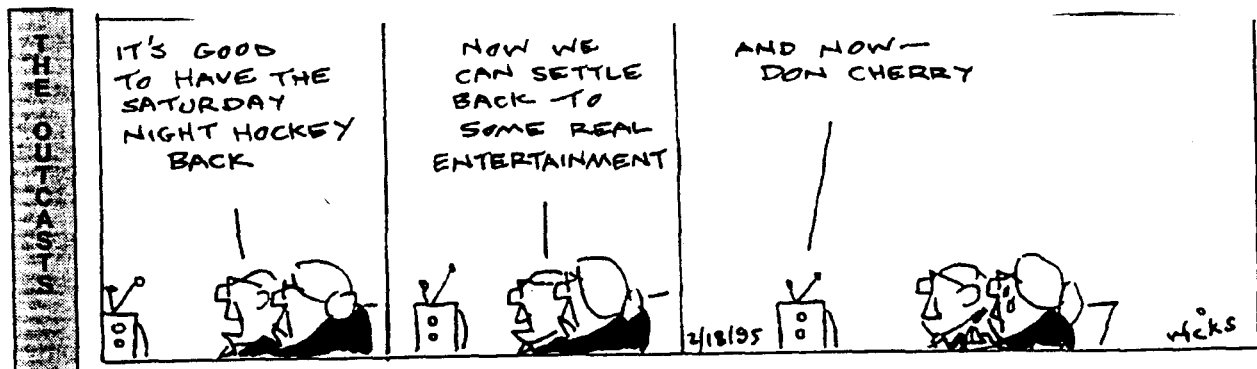
TUKEY MOVES INTO THE BLACK AND ARMENIA !

ENGLAND TAKES THE CHANNEL

AUSTRIA	O'Reilly	<u>A Vie-Gal</u> , A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb
ENGLAND	D.Acheson	F Edi-Nth, F Lon-Eng, A Liv-Wal
FRANCE	Grose	F Bre-Mao, A Par-Bur, A Mar-Spa
GERMANY	Lowe	A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Den
ITALY	G.Wilson	F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven
RUSSIA	Watson	F Stp sc-GoB, F Sev-Rum, A Mos-Ukr, <u>A War-Gal</u>
TURKEY	Duncan	A Con-Bul, A Smy-Arm, F Ank-Bla

PRESS

The Hareem: I suppose I will have to put down the sword and pick up the weapon with the longer reach. But, perhaps I had best do this. The Hareem could always use new faces.  
 Say, did you hear the joke about the Christian who only had one wife?  
 Fra-E/I: Hello ?  
 Fra-Ger: At least you wrote - but were you honest ?  
 Fra-A-H: Meet you in the Med ? Munich ? Murmansk ?  
 Fra-Tur: ~~I~~ not worried.  
 Germany: The beloved Kaiser of the Grand Republic of the Free German States would like to take this opportunity to welcome all peoples to this great game. Let there be peace and good will towards all, except the neutral countries. Good luck to everyone.  
 Rus-GM: OK Bob, it's like we agreed - I'll send in my moves after you fax me the other six sets.  
 GM-Rus: Judging from Turkey's opening your going to need it.  
 Rus-World: Hi - good luck.  
 Fra-Ger: While your letter seemed peaceful, you never came out and said you would not order A Mun-Bur.  
 Fra-Rus: Keep in touch.



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TURKEY ASSAULTS RUSSIA, ENG/FRA CLASH IN THE CHANNEL !

WHAT'S AUSTRIA DOING IN VENICE ? I'D SAY THAT FRANCE WANTS BELGIUM

AUSTRIA	Easton	F Tri-Ven, A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser
ENGLAND	Gesell	F Edi-Nth, F Lon-Eng, A Liv-Yor
FRANCE	Copeland	F Bre-Eng, A Par-Pic, A Mar-Bur
GERMANY	Perkins	F Kie-Den, A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Kie
ITALY	Falkiner	F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Apu
RUSSIA	Wolff	F Stp sc-GoB, A War-Ukr, A Mos-Stp, F Sev-Rum
TURKEY	Gavrilovic	A Con-Bul, F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Arm

C.O.A.

Dan Gavrilovic, 59 Deerfield Rd., Scarborough, Ontario, M1K 4X2  
(Dan tells me that this will be effective April 30th)

PRESS

Ita-Aus: After all these years, can I trust you ?

GM-Ita: After all these years, you need ask.

Ita-Fra: Do you consider the GoL neutral.

Ita-GM: For some reason, I don't play Italy very well.

Rus-Aus: With respect to Galacia, there is no question that it is

Austrian territory, it is just that units there create uncertainty  
in the region.

Rus-Tur: We expect the Black Sea to remain neutral.

Rus-Eng: We trust our proposals met with your satisfaction.

Rus-Ger: The Government of Sweden has requested our presence to help  
stabilize the region.

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LOT'S OF ACTION ! ITALY IN TRIESTE !

BOUNCES IN BLACK, CHANNEL AND BURGANDY !

AUSTRIA	Wiedemeyer	A Vie-Bud, A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb
ENGLAND	Young	F Lon-Eng, A Liv-Yor, F Edi-Nth
FRANCE	MacArthur	F Bre-Eng, A Par-Bur, A Mar-Spa
GERMANY	McKee	F Kie-Den, A Mun-Bur, A Ber-Kie
ITALY	Polley	F Nap-Tys, A Ven-Tri, A Rom-Tus
RUSSIA	Lesco	F Stp sc-GoB, A Mos-Ukr, A War-Mos, F Sev-Bla
TURKEY	Hickey	F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con

PRESS

Ank-Ber: Why no letter shouldn't we be discussing a certain northern neighbor's  
fate ?

Eng-All: It's going to be very interesting to have all of us in two games at  
once. We all can read our friends' and foes' press in the other game they're  
in. You can ignore mine in #23. Let's try to make the press lively.

Eng-Fra: Ditto #23.

CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

POINTS OF INTEREST, OPENINGS

English Channel: 2 bounces, 3 successful English openings.

Burgandy: 3 bounces, 1 supported French opening.

Galacia: 2 bounces, 2 successful Russian/ 1 successful Austrian opening.

Black Sea: 3 bounces, 2 successful Turkish opening.

While the bounces in the Black Sea, Burgandy and Galacia don't surprise me, the  
action in the English Channel does. Only one of the six games had what is  
considered to be the standard English opening.

THAILAND

I will do my best to keep these games flowing. Unless there's a change in plans,  
Ms. Ellie will be sending all the moves to me June 5th. I'll be sending out the  
game results by flyer. So, I'll strongly recommend that you all send in a quick  
set of orders and DO NOT rely on last minute changes OR plan on phoning the  
orders in. Ellie may/ or may not take them. In addition, you managed to cajole  
her into taking the orders there's no guarantee that they'll be taken down  
correctly.

HOBBY NEWS  
CAN CON, JUNE 16-18TH  
JERRY FALKINER'S HOUSE  
(SEE BELOW)

Jerry Falkiner: Dear Shmugamoo & Ellie; Flowers are peeking out of the ground here. Spring is just around the corner. Are you doing the gardening thing and inspection tour this year? The date for the con is set for June 16-18. I was hoping that you would both be able to make the trip, but work comes first. Are you planning a trip later in the summer?

Could you add a few notes in your zine about the con Bob? The map took up most of the page so people could actually find the place. The participants will need a sleeping bag and pillow for crashing later on. A small plaza is only a 5 or 6 minute walk. It includes a sub/pizza place, store, laundramat, and a grocery store. A McDonalds is about a four minute drive away. Most of the bars and food chains are within 20 minutes, but the beer store is across from the McDonalds in a plaza. In case most of you are wondering, Cambridge has about 100,000 people. If people want a copy of the map, they can call 519-623-7344.  
(A copy of the map is reprinted on the next page - RA)

The house is a small bungalow on a semi-quiet street. There is enough room to play two boards without any problems. Three boards would be tight, but if it doesn't rain, it too won't be a problem. There are two bathrooms with showers. Feel free to bring towels and such and use them. My wife has only one rule: smoking must be done outside.

That should cover the major topics. I have been trying to come up with a scoring system for cons. There is almost always one or two people who must wait. If the games were limited to 4-1/2 hours, but a point system employed for each center, it may speed up the game and make the tactical aspect of the game important. For instance, at the time allotted, if draws are not accepted, I propose that a 2 or 3-way draw be calculated by points. Each center is worth points according to who owns them.

i.e. if London is controlled by:

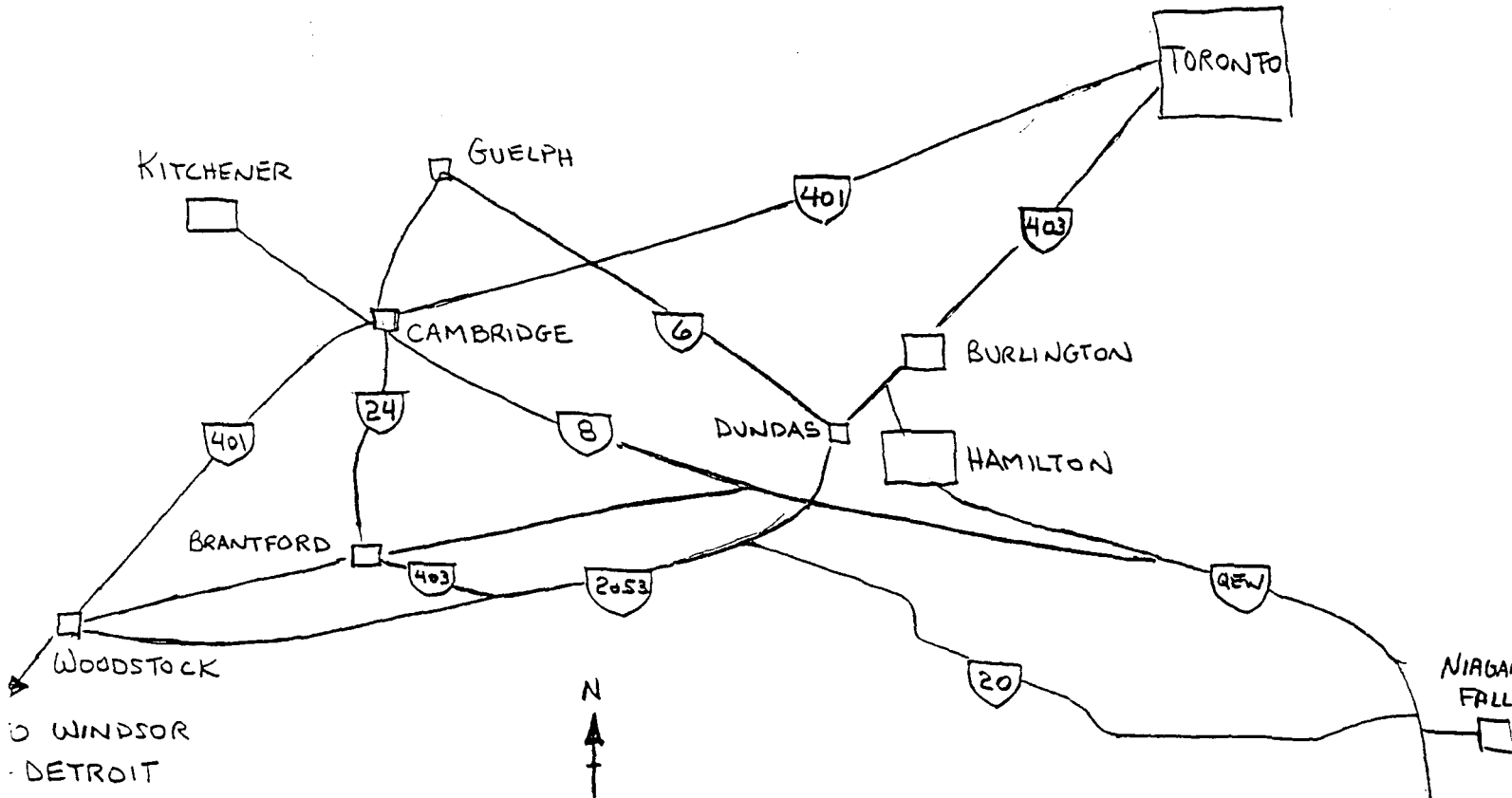
England	1.0 points
France	1.3 points
Germany	1.5 points
Russia	1.7 points
Italy	1.9 points
Austria	2.2 points
Turkey	2.5 points

Each center would be pointed this way, based on the difficulty of achieving it. If you have for instance more than 10 points, you are included in a draw. What do you think? It certainly makes for interesting scenerios. You could also say more than 20 points gets a win. I doubt if more than one person could accomplish this without a 2-way being accepted anyway. The week-end can be tallied based on wins, draws, and points. Any ideas? The thought is to balance the game based on the capabilities of each country to obtain a certain center. Is there such a system out there now ?

((Jerry, I don't have too much experience with scoring systems. I'm not sure if I agree with the concept of giving a win based on point totals. The majority of points at any con should be based on the actual or voted win. I do like the concept of a center point system. Figuring one out may be a major headache though. I recommend that you seek out the advice of Cal White and Mike Gonsalves, both of whom are con veterans. I'd love to be at the con, but as we've discussed Thailand is a major barrier to that. Maybe, I can convince Mad Dog Fleming to attend and represent the family tradition. Let's see with lots of notice and with brother Doug (Note that I didn't mark him for my stand-in, not enough talent !), Jay Cadieux, Dave Carter, Vance my nemesis Copeland, Frank Easton, Robert Lesco, Rob Lowes, Robert MacArthur, Glenn McMaster, Martyn Phillips, Steve Swigger, Robert Sorfleet (& son), Cal White, Dan Gavrilovic and Graham Wilson all fairly close I would hope that you will get at least two boards. Let me know the overall winner and I'll come up with the prize or make a donation for one. Anyways, I expect that the other Canadian pubbers will plug this and even some of our Southern neighbours (Robert Lesco, just has in Northern Flame).

UPDATE

Over the past couple of weeks I've spoken to - Easton, Copeland, and Lesco who affirmed that they should be able to make it. Also Mike Gonsalves said that he would try to be there, with Nelson Heintzman as a tentative.



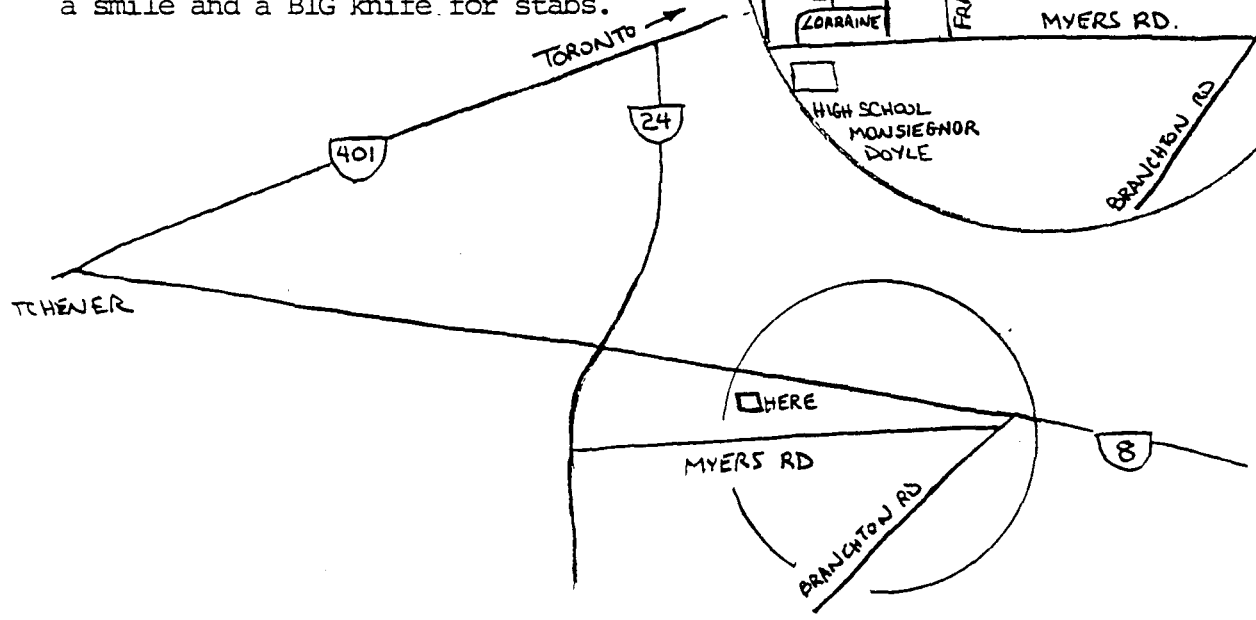
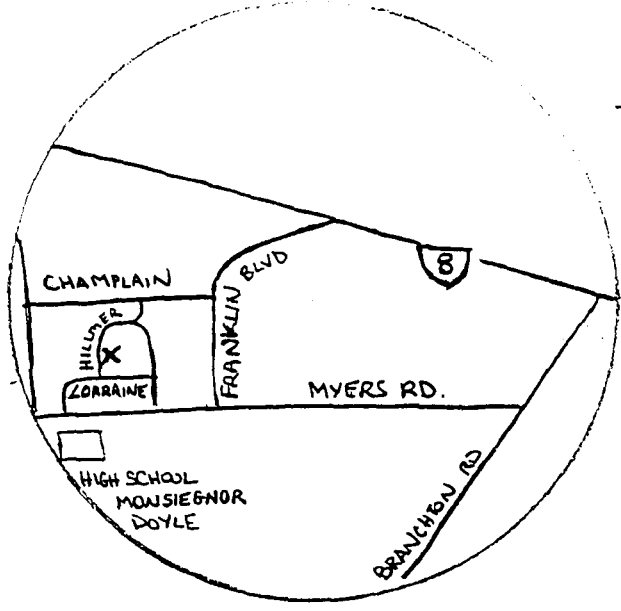
WINDSOR  
DETROIT

Jerry Falkiner  
PLACE: 201 Hillmer Rd.  
Cambridge, Ont  
519-623-7344

DATE: Friday June 16 - 8pm approx.  
Saturday June 17 - all day/night  
Sunday June 18 - 2 pm last game finish

You need a sleeping bag, pillow, booze,  
a smile and a BIG knife for stabs.

TO BUFFALO  
& FORT ERIE



MORE HOBBY NEWS  
MANIAC'S PARADISE ZINE RECAP

(reprinted from #73)

Cheesecake #164. Never ally with Boob Acheson...never !  
((The above comment was from Doug Kent, another member of my adoring public. Interestingly enough, on my copy of Cheesecake, Andy Lischett had scrawled, "You Rats", on the cover. I call on both of the above reprobates to recant their scurrilous comments or I'll issue the first call to arms for my loyal toadies. Where they all rally around the banner, defend the GCDDs honour, and give me their centers.))

DIPLOMACY WORLD

KENT - PEERY - ??

It's becoming apparent that Jack McHugh's tenure with Diplomacy World is just about over. To my knowledge there has only been one (??) issues put out since Jack assumed control. Last month I was talking to Doug Kent about the state of DW and of some of his options. (Doug publishes DW when it is ready and will dictate the immediate fate of DW) I understand that Larry Peery is interested in taking over DW or having it officially folded. Or, Doug could take it as well as the other hobby functions that he runs (When he leaves the hobby, there will be one big black hole).

I wonder if there's any other interest out there. Given DW's past schedule of four issues a year, I could publish it from here. Especially if I got help from my fellow Canadian GMs. At present I'm not sure what Doug will decide to do with DW, but I did tell him that I was interested in taking DW north of the border (already have the World Series, may as well take DW as well). If anything, maybe this will promote a few comments. From what I can remember of Larry's time as editor, DW was a clearing house, selling the Peery DW archives.

UPDATE

Just received Maniac's Paradise where Doug announces his intention of taking over Diplomacy World. Doug, has issued a call for any Diplomacy related articles and the G.C.D.D. has promised him one. My lucky subbers will get to read it here first. I was talking to Robert MacArthur last month and I wonder if DW could be used to update the postal element on the happenings of Internet and Compu-Serve Diplomacy area. Robert is fairly involved with the latter.

RUNESTONE POLL

Enclosed is the annual Runestone Poll ballot. This is the poll that asks you to rate Zines, Subzines and GMs on a scale from 0 to 10. The deadline is June 30th and the ballots can be mailed to, Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward St., Milford, MA 01757

EVERYTHING #91 - THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Robert Lesco	Russia	1990CG	Mark Fassio	Russia	1993HK
Charles Gregor	Italy	1991W	Michael Jansen	Russia	1994P
Bruce Roberts	Germany	1991AM	Allan Jenkins	England	1994S
Michael Gonsalves	Turkey	1992C	Eric Roche	Russia	1994V
Robert Acheson	Russia	1992D	Steve Smith	Germany	1994AG
Tom Boyd	Germany	1992P	Larry Widing	Russia	1994AZ
Stephen Koehler	England	1992AG	Bill Shelton	Turkey	1994AW
Robert Koehler	Turkey	1992AI	Martin Loeber	England	1994IB
Russ Rusnak	Austria	1992AL	Jerry McGovern	France	1994IY

Amazing, one of my toadies gets a win ! Congrats to Robert Lesco.

I also note that two "soldies", Michael Gonsalves and Russ Rusnak managed to savvy their way to victory lane. Whom's that "other's" name of hobby renown ? Yes, it can only be, The Great Canadian Diplomacy Deity. I expect all my toadies to bow their heads in contemplation of that mighty deed. Like Robert Lesco, if follow the teachings of the master, then they too can aspire to climb the ladder of success.

I feel sexy getting dolled up. Being in panties and a cutout bra works for me. But I'm kind of a plain Jane. I don't have a good smile, I have no waist, and I'm never thin enough.

- Denni Moore

((She's got a peeler movie coming out shortly. I'll be there. - RA))

March 8, 1995

Dear Publisher/GM,

It's Runestone Poll time! The 1995 ballot is printed on the back of this letter. The Poll started rating Diplomacy-related zines in 1977 and has since expanded to cover GMs and subzines. We'd like you to help by distributing copies of the ballot to your players and readers—we won't be contacting them all directly.

Anyone *may* obtain a ballot by writing to us at the address below. Please let your readers know this if you don't want to distribute ballots yourself. You can even vote without using a ballot—just include your name and signature, indicate one way in which you participate in the North American Diplomacy hobby (sub to zine XXX, play in game YYY, etc.), and list the zines, subzines, and GMs you wish to vote for. Rate each from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. Do not rate yourself or your publication.

You may *only* vote for GMs under whom you've played a postal or e-mail game since July 1, 1994, and whose competence you can rate fairly. Any game qualifies, not just Diplomacy or its variants. To vote for a zine you don't have to subscribe, but you must be able to rate it fairly. This means you've seen (or should have seen if not for delays) *at least* two issues since July 1, 1994. You may not vote for us or our publications.

Don't take the Poll too seriously. This is a hobby, and our goal is to have fun. But *do* vote carefully, not out of spite, or for zines you haven't seen. On the other hand, even if you've seen only one zine, you're welcome to rate it as long as you've seen enough of it to rate it fairly. We want input from everyone, not just a select few.

The Poll publication includes a list of voters. If you vote, but you don't want to be listed as a voter, please tell us by marking the spot indicated on the ballot.

We will tally the results on June 30; any ballots received after that will not count. To order the results, check where indicated on the ballot and send the corresponding fee. If you want only the pages of the Poll publication that deal with you, your zine, or your subzine, send us a SASE and let us know what you want.

Some of you may not want to take part in the Poll. If so, we respect your decision and we apologize for sending you a ballot. We thought it would be better to send a ballot and let you decide rather than run the risk of omitting someone who wanted to take part.

If you have any questions, please let us know! Thanks in advance for all your help—we couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

Eric and Claire Brosius  
41 Hayward St.  
Milford, MA 01757-3554 USA

# The 1995 Runestone Poll

## ZINE 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, 1994. 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.

_____ Absolutel	_____ The Diplomatic Pouch	_____ Pantevedria
_____ The Abyssinian Prince	_____ Dippy	_____ The Prince
_____ Against the Odds	_____ The Eccentric Diplomat	_____ Protozoan
_____ Akrasia	_____ Electric Trains	_____ Ralls by Mail
_____ Alpha & Omega	_____ Emplre	_____ Rambling WAY
_____ American Diplomacy	_____ The Encounter	_____ Ramblings by Moonlight
_____ Appalachian General	_____ Everything	_____ Rebel
_____ Aren't You the Guy...	_____ Foolhardy	_____ River City Rwy Gazette
_____ The Armchair Diplomat	_____ The Gamer's Zine	_____ S.O.B.
_____ Bark of the Dawg	_____ GOL	_____ The Sports Page
_____ Batyville Gazette	_____ Graustark	_____ Starwood
_____ Belongered	_____ Hoodwink	_____ The Strategist
_____ Blut und Eisen	_____ I Still Live	_____ Suicide Squeeze
_____ Boast	_____ Imaginary Friend	_____ The Swiss Observer
_____ Boris the Spider	_____ Lemon Curry	_____ The Tactful Assassin
_____ Call Me President	_____ Lime House	_____ Ter-ran
_____ The Canadian Diplomat	_____ Making Love in a Canoe	_____ War Fair
_____ Carolina Cmd & Cmnlry	_____ Maniac's Paradise	_____ Won If by Land
_____ CDD Medical Journal	_____ Meet George Jelson	_____ Zero Sum
_____ Chesecake	_____ Metamorphosis	_____ _____
_____ Cogniscenti	_____ Niccolo	_____ _____
_____ Costaguana	_____ Northern Flame	_____ _____
_____ Crimson Sky	_____ off-the-shelf	_____ _____
_____ Diplococus	_____ Orphan Son	_____ _____
_____ Diplomacy World	_____ The Peery Dipl Letter	_____ _____
_____ Diplomag	_____ Perelandra	_____ _____

## GM POLL

You may rate any GM under whom you played any postal or e-mail game since July 1, 1994 for long enough to judge him or her fairly. Only North American GMs are eligible, but anyone may vote. List GMs alphabetically by name (not zine). Rate each GM from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. GMs may not rate themselves. Do not vote for me.

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## ADVERTISEMENT

For the main lists (zines, subzines, and GMs) send 64 cents, two 32 cent U.S. stamps, or an issue of your zine in which you publish a ballot. For the Poll publication, send \$5.00 or more and check here \_\_\_\_\_. Last year's publication was 74 pages long. It contained main lists, articles, statistical analysis, and lots more! Thanks for your donations; they really help.

## SUBZINE POLL

A subzine is a regular section of a zine which is (a) edited by someone other than the zine editor(s), or (b) edited by the zine editor(s), but devoted to a specific hobby service. Any subzine of a North American zine is eligible. The other instructions are the same as those for the Zine Poll.

_____ A New Dawn	_____ Interim	_____ Strategic Intelligence
_____ Across the Bow	_____ Iron Mike's Subzine	_____ The Tar Pits
_____ And Now... Rev. LaBoon	_____ It's Good to be Right	_____ Tralfaz (Blechl)
_____ Beginner's Luck	_____ It's Me Again	_____ The Unzine Voice
_____ The Brazilian Times	_____ Joe's Subzine	_____ Vaginal Discharge
_____ By the Waters of Babylon	_____ Male Shall...	_____ The Voice of Santy
_____ ByWAY	_____ Mara's Recipe...	_____ WAYside
_____ College Football Ratings	_____ Modern Diplomacy	_____ WAYwords
_____ Fred's Column	_____ Mr. Toad's Wild Ride	_____ You're the One
_____ The French Connection	_____ Octopus's Garden	_____ _____
_____ The Genetel Debauchment	_____ Plausible Paraphernalia	_____ _____
_____ HardBop	_____ Sandy's Spotlight	_____ _____
_____ Historical Spotlight	_____ Snowball Fighting	_____ _____
_____ Imp's Press	_____ Steve's Spot	_____ _____

Send this ballot to **Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward St., Milford, MA 01757**.  
 Your ballot must arrive by June 30, 1995. Please vote early if you can.  
 Indicate one way in which you take part in the North American postal or e-mail gaming hobby (sub to zine XXX, play in game 1995YY, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (If I can't tell who you are or your ballot isn't signed, it may not be counted!)

Print your name neatly \_\_\_\_\_

Check here \_\_\_\_ if you do not want your name on the list of voters.

## RUNESTONE POLL CONTEST

Guess the Zine Poll winner—the prize is a travel Diplomacy board with magnetic pieces. To be eligible you must vote in the Poll and correctly guess the winning zine. I will pick the contest winner at random from the set of eligible entrants. The names of the winner and any other eligible entrants will be published in the Poll publication.

To enter, \_\_\_\_\_  
 print your \_\_\_\_\_  
 address \_\_\_\_\_  
 neatly: \_\_\_\_\_

The zine you think will win: \_\_\_\_\_



# 1995 MARCO POLL

This Poll is designed to list your favorite Diplomacy zines and to list your choices for the five best players. One reason for it's popularity is that it's a positive poll. You are asked to rank your five favorite zines and your picks as the five best players.

Last year I got 28 votes, I would like to do better this year so all you traders out there PLUG this poll.

**DEADLINE: APRIL 30TH**

**ELIGIBILITY: ANY ZINE (PREFERABLY DIPLOMACY) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT (SORRY ROBERT LESCO). ANY PLAYER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROBERT ACHESON. NEXT YEAR I'LL HAVE TO PASS THIS POLL OFF SO I CAN WIN BOTH CATEGORIES.**

	<b>FAVORITE ZINES</b>	<b>BEST PLAYER'S</b>
# 1.	_____	_____
# 2.	_____	_____
# 3.	_____	_____
# 4.	_____	_____
# 5.	_____	_____

**VOTER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POLLMASTER: Robert Acheson, 15715-92 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta,  
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**GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY**  
**1988HPrb32 - FALL 1911**

**IT'S STILL NOT OVER**

**FRANCE** A Mar s A Spa, A Hol ~~looks~~ wistfully at A Lon ~~H~~ ANIH, F Por-Mao, A Lon H (d. Wal, otb), A Spa s A Mar, A Ven H, F Ion-Tys, A Lvn-Pru, F Stp nc-Nwy (d. Bar,otb)

**GERMANY** A Nwy s A Mos-Stp, A Mos-Stp, F Yor-Lon, F Eng s F Yor-Lon, A Mun-Ruh, A Bel-Hol, A Kie s A Bel-Hol, F Bre-Mao, A Bur-Mar, A Gas s A Bur-Mar, A Par-Pic, A Tyr-Tri, A Arm-Sev ANIH, A Sev-Rum, A Gal s A Sev-Rum, A Bud s A Tyr-Tri (d. Vie,otb), A War-Mos

**TURKEY** A Smy-Arm, F Eas-Syr, A Ank s F Smy-Arm, A Ser s A Rum-Bud, A Tri s A Bul-Rum IMP, A Bul-Rum, A Rum-Bud, F Bla s A Bul-Rum

**BUILDS FOR WINTER 1911**

**FRANCE** 8 Even Mar, Spa, Por, ITALY, Tun, Liv

**GERMANY** 17 b. 1/2 dep. on ret. Home, Hol, Bel, Den, Swe, Nwy, RUSSIA, Lon, Edi, Bre, Par, Vie

**TURKEY** 9 b. 1 Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Tri, Bud  
 PRESS

Fra-Tur: Ah well - we tried.

Fra-Ger: Congrats on not getting frustrated and giving up. Well done.

GM-Fra: Better hold off on those salutations, at least for another season.

**1989JCrb32**

**WINTER 1908 & SPRING 1909**

**FRANCE RETURNS TO KO ENGLAND**

**ITALIAN ARMIES VICTORIOUS IN MOUNTAIN BATTLES**

**ENGLAND** F Edi s RUS F Nwy-Nth NSO ANIH

**FRANCE** A Mun-Sil, A Hol-Edi, F Nth c A Hol-Edi, A Cly s A Hol-Edi, A Bur-Mun, F Eng s F Nth, A Ruh-Kie, A Par-Bur, F Nwg-Nwy (d. Nao, otb), F Lon-Yor

**ITALY** b. A Ven, A Rom, A Syr-Smy, F Eas s A Syr-Smy, A Bul s A Con, A Ven-Tyr, A Con s A Syr-Smy, F Aeg s A Syr-Smy, F Gre s F Aeg, A Rom-Ven, A Vie-Gal, A Boh s A Vie-Gal, A Rum s A Vie-Gal, A Bud s A Rum,

**RUSSIA** A Rum ret Sev, A Ber s F Kie, F Kie s A Ber, A Den s F Kie, A Sev-Rum, F Bar-Nwg, F Nwy s F Bar-Nwg, A Sil s A Ukr-Gal, A Ukr-Gal, A Arm-Ank

**TURKEY** F Smy-Con ANIH, A Ank s F Smy-Con

**1990HOrb32**

**FALL 1908**

**RUSSIA TAKES FROM BOTH ITALY & FRANCE**

**FRANCE** F Nth-Hel, F Edi-Nth, F Por s F Mao, F Mao s F Bre-Eng, A Spa H, F Bre-Eng, F Kie-Den, A Bur-Ruh, A Tyr-Ven

**GERMANY** F Swe s A Nwy, A Nwy s F Swe, F Den-Kie

**ITALY** A Pie-Ven, A Bud s A Vie, A Vie s A Bud ANIH, A Ser-Tri, A Bul H, F Aeg s A Bul, F Tys-GoL, F Naf-Mao, F Wes s F Naf-Mao

**RUSSIA** F Stp sc s GER A Nwy, F Ber-Bal, A Pru-Ber, A Sil-Mun, A Gal-Vie, A Con H, A Boh s A Gal-Vie, A Rum-Bud, A Smy s A Con, F Wal-Lon, A Ukr-Gal

**BUILDS FOR WINTER 1908**

**ENGLAND** 0 Out Thanks Dave

**FRANCE** 9 Even Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Edi, Kie

**GERMANY** 3 Even Den, Swe, Nwy

**ITALY** 9 b. 1 Home, Tun, Tri, Bud, Ser, Gre, Bul

**RUSSIA** 13 b. 2 Home, Turkey, Rum, Ber, Vie, Liv, Lon, Mun

**DRAW PROPOSAL**

Please vote on a Fra/Ita/Rus draw.

**PRESS**

Ita-Rus: If it's not too late - you have my commitment. No more fighting in the Balkans. I shall shift to fight France in the south.

With you in the north we should prevail. Mea Culpa, mea culpa.

Ita-Rus/Fra: Common guys, let's have a 3-way.

**MORE PRESS NEXT PAGE**

Rus-Ita: Can we not find some way to disengage ? We are both fighting France on different fronts - if we can resolve things on our border, a two-way is inevitable. All we're doing now is exchanging centres !  
 Fra-Rus: There is a certain confidence with being able to negotiate from a position of strength. True diplomacy requires faith in weakness. I will be most interested in seeing your latest moves to see if there is room for negotiation or assistance.  
 Rus-Ger: Your repeated ~~sturtling~~ actions is a major cause of concern as support for action has been refused to many times.

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FALL 1904

## SOMETHING IS HAPPENING HERE

AUSTRIA A Vie s A Tri (d. Gal, Bud, otb), A Tri s A Vie, A Alb s A Tri, A Ser s A Tri, F Gre-Ion  
 ENGLAND A Edi-Liv, F Eng-Bel, F Nth s F Eng-Bel  
 FRANCE F GOL-Tys, A Mar-Pie, F Iri-Liv, F Mao-Nao, F Bre H  
 GERMANY A Ber-Mun, F GoB-Swe, F Ska s F GoB-Swe, F Den s F GoB-Swe, A Ruh-Hol, A Yor-Liv  
 ITALY A Tyr-Vie, A Boh s A Tyr-Vie, A Ven-Tri, F Ion-Tys  
 RUSSIA A Sev s F Rum, F Rum s A Sev, A Ukr s F Rum, A War H, F Bar-Stp nc, F Swe-Bal, A Nwy H  
 TURKEY NMR ! A Smy H, F Con H, F Bul ec H, A Arm H

BUILDS FOR WINTER 1904

AUSTRIA	4	Even/r.	l dep. on ret.	Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre
ENGLAND	4	b. l	Home, Bel	
FRANCE	5	Even	Home, Spa, Por	
GERMANY	6	Even	Home, Hol, Den, Swe	
ITALY	5	b. l	Home, Tun, Vie	
RUSSIA	6	r. l	Home, Rum, Nwy	
TURKEY	4	Even	Home, Bul	

## STANDBY

Can \_\_\_\_\_ please standby for Turkey.

## PRESS

Ita-Fra: I really think you moved too quickly. You haven't resolved your situation with England and now you have to contend with me !  
 It's not too late to withdraw !  
 Eng-Ger/Fra/Rus: I'm not just a toy to play with and discard. Pigs, I shit on all of you.  
 Ger-Fra: We had a VERY good alliance, I hope that we can re-establish it. I moved into Lpl again because my support for you could have been cut. If I can't not in, then I'll try again next turn from where ever I end up (Yor or Wal).  
 Ger-Eng: Our destiny is to fight over the North Sea. I shant let you keep it very long.  
 Ger-Rus: This is crazy. You make one move that is off the wall and force me to respond. I do so, thereby ruining my position against England. Then you back off and tell me to have a jolly time in Merry Olde. I believe you have cost me a centre in the Low Countries. Therefore, I have taken one of yours. I do NOT want to fight with you AT ALL. I will give the centre back next year because I should be able to regain the centre from England. Nwy & Swe are yours, other than that GO SOUTH and everything will be fine. I will stick to this course, so back your units off again if you have moved towards me.  
 Ita-Aus: I'll be pulling back to deal with France. Forgive me ?  
 Eng-Tur: Hi, wanna be my ally. I'll promise you anything.  
 Ger-Ita: You have been an honorable player. My move was only meant to reduce any un-due temptation.

GUNBOAT GAMESTART NUMBER 15

YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ AND YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

1994AKrb32

FALL 1901

## RUSSIA HELPS TURKEY TO A SECOND BUILD

## ENGLISH MISORDER MAY PROVE COSTLY

AUSTRIA A Ser-Bul, A Vie-Gal, F Tri-Vie IMP  
 ENGLAND A Yor-Nwy, F Nwg c A Yor-Nwy IMP, F Nth s FRA A Tur-Bel NSO  
 FRANCE A Bur-Pic, F Mao-Spa sc, A Spa-Por  
 GERMANY F Den H, A Kie-Hol, A Ruh s A Kie-Hol  
 ITALY A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Tys  
 RUSSIA F GoB-Swe, F Rum s TUR F Con-Bul sc, A Ukr-Gal, A War s A Ukr-Gal  
 TURKEY A Bul-Gre, F Con-Bul sc, A Smy-Con

## BUILDS FOR WINTER 1901

AUSTRIA	4	b. 1	Home, Ser
ENGLAND	3	Even	Home
FRANCE	5	b. 2	Home, Spa, Por
GERMANY	5	b. 2	Home, Den, Hol
ITALY	3	Even	Home
RUSSIA	6	b. 2	Home, Swe, Rum
TURKEY	5	B. 2	Home, Bul, Gre

## PRESS

Sultan-Kaiser: Not much. Hoow about you ?

Aus-Ger: Seems as if we have a Russian-Turkish Juggernaut heading west.

I do hope you stood Russia out of Sweden this turn.

Rom-World: Italy is no longer ruled by the Pope, but is now a modern, 20th - century democracy, which loves peace. The government shall do whats best for the Italian people, and invites diplomats from all the world to share their thoughts.

Fra-World: Watch for R/T ! With Italy's NMR, there will be no help for Austria and they'll be rolling quickly ! I suggest we work together until both of them are contained !

Eng-Fra: Please reply - I would like a solid 20 year E/F alliance. Absolute trust wins. D'accord ? To show my good faith I will support you into Belgium this time and next time if necessary. In return, I would then like support into Holland - probably an army from Yorkshire. I'll let you know. Please seriously consider this offer. It's for real.

Fra-Ger: Notice my move to Pic. We need to work together for now to contain R/T - let's stay out of each other's hair.

Ger-Rus: I could have bounced you in Swe. but I would like to extend my hand in friendship and co-operation. So it's yours.

Sultan-Tsar: Thanks for your support....but Greece sounds nicer.

Rus-Tur: Hey buddy !

Rom-Ger: Calm down, mein Kaiser ! We will help you against your enemies, not attack. The Axis of Europe must pull together.

Rom-Fra: The move to Pie is strictly tactical. We have no designs on French possessions.

Eng-Ger: Need any help vs Russia - Let me know.

GM-Eng: I think that he's still reading your press to France.

Fra-Eng: Hugs and kisses ! Do a number in the north !

Ger-Fra: You nasty little tarte. I'm going to smash your big nose in.

Rus-Ger/Fra: Can we talk ?

Fra-Ger: Don't worry about my move to Burgandy. Honest, I'm after Italy, not you.

Tur-Aus: We will have to talk about Greece.

Aus-Ita: My fleet move is strictly defensive, in case you moved both armies north. Let us make peace, and you do a delayed Lepanto against Turkey, OK ?

Rom-Aus: It's OK.

Eng-Rus: Need any help vs Germany - let me know.

Rus-Eng: I spit on all things English, you're dead.

Ger-Hol: I need Hol in case the French sneak into my open drawers and take Mun., sorry.

Con-Rom: How do you feel about Austria's attack on Venice ?

Aus-Eng: Please move against Russia, not Germany.

## LETTER'S FROM MY ADORING PUBLIC

Paul Watson, Well heres a change. Letters - ontime - will wonders never cease. Re: Quiz #22. I got #7, 5 out of 5. You erred in giving me 1 out of 5. But, since you're a redneck and an Albertan. I'll forgive you, this time. Re: voting - idea for a bumper sticker. Don't vote - it just encourages them. A bumper sticker I just got - Kill your television.

Re: American Diplomacy, haven't heard from Buzz Eddy for forever. How about you ? Re: Super Bowl bore: Imagine - you have \$200.00 on the game (And let's be honest, the NFL wouldn't exist if not for gambling). I mean, the CFL, twice as exciting is barely surviving. Soccer rules !! Anyway, back to the Superbowl. The score on the final play of the game is what I forgot? - 38-17 ? Anyway, the line is 18-1/2 points. All us SF bettors are winning. But, San Diego has the ball, SF 35 yard line. The SF players are busy celebrating. San Diego wants a TD and there's no opposition. Last play of the game - a bomb to the endzone. If it's caught, San Diego beats the spread. Anybody with a buck on the game had their heart in their mouth until the final whistle. Believe me - it was not a bore.

((Paul, my select few toadies should not question the GCDD about trivial things like quizzes. I haven't heard from Buzz in a couple of months (or more). In the past I've been shown a lot of tolerance from fellow GMs re TCDs schedule, so I say have a little more patience. Re. the Super Bowl, guess I missed the ending. My Sports Select ticket was probably gone by that point. Note the next page, it's printed in your honour.))

## DUMB MEN JOKES

What's a man's idea of helping with the housework ?  
Lifting his legs so you can vacuum.

How many men does it take to screw in a light bulb ?  
One...Men will screw anything.

## MORE LETTERS

- Philip O'Reilly, #1) What is the frequency of your publication ?  
((Somewhat quarterly, but don't ask Fred Davis))
- #2) Is it possible to get rules (and maps) for the Diplomacy Variants ?  
((Ask and you shall receive, Stonehenge needs only 2 more))
- #3) From reading your House Rules, I've come to the conclusion that you use American Seasons. Is this correct ?  
((I don't use the prophetic retreats that the Europeans use. Other than that I'm not very big on houserules))
- #4) What is Black Press ?  
((Black Press is allowing any player to release a press statement from any country/center on the board. I allow it))
- #5) Who initiates the Draw Proposals ?  
((Any player who is still in the game. Thanks for the questions))

Stan Johnson, The two stories you cite are a couple of the 100s x 1000s of things I read about my gov. doing that makes me crazy. Not only do they Tax the Hell out of us, They don't deliver on the most basic things a gov. is supposed to do. The integrity of our borders is a joke, we are invaded by 100s of thousands a year. Just because they are unarmed, makes it no less of an invasion; yet we blow how many Billions on defense ?

I read warnings 10-15 years ago that the ease with which U.S. currency could be counterfeited, was a big threat to us, but nothing was done. Now hundreds of millions of counterfeit circulate abroad and has affected confidence in our money. Our so called liberty, only extends to limit gov. (?). Hundreds of thousands are jailed for moral crimes involving drugs, prostitution ect. According to constitution this is clearly illegal; but the gov. and especially DEA wipe there asses on the constitution, and view the Bill of Rights as implements. The gov. has made big money through illegal seizures of peoples property. Now they are setting up private corporations to run prisons. It is the new growth industry. Never underestimate the stupidity of the American voters.

Insiders stole billions through the SXL debacle, then billions more through cleanup organization which bends over backwards to avoid inditing those who stole the money. The Republicans run up a 3 trillion dollar debt, then blame all countries troubles on welfare mothers, AND the voters believe them.

And the people wonder why I want to live in Costa Rica. How could I ever

leave the U.S. ? They say, never been out of it themselves. I am very tired of hearing, whenever, any trouble crops up anywhere in the world What will the Americans do about it ? Personally my usual reply is Frankly I don't give a damn.

((Stan, hopefully Brent McKee may chose to add his comments because it was his article in The Unzine Voices that you responded to. From my own point of view, I agree and disagree with some of your comments. Re. the Savings and Loans, find blame, and then throw the bastards in jail. Re. the DEA and the illegal seizures of property. Doesn't most of this apply to drug busts ? If so I have little sympathy. What is the cost to American productivity that this is costing the country. One reason why people are streaming into California is that they can tap into more government benefits than they currently get (abject poverty is probably a better reason). No card, no school or health benefits. Currently there's a big debate in the U.S. about whether the Federal or the State should provide school lunches. Why is the government involved with this at all ? I find that I do agree with you about American involvement in external affairs. Save your money and stay at home. Brent ??))

**DEDICATED TO PAUL WATSON**  
**SUBTITLED I'VE GOT THE PROLINE BLUES**



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✓		PIT TO WIN		3.10
31	NOV27 94	CHI AT ARZ	<FTB>	
✓		TIE GAME		2.95
33	NOV27 94	BAL AT BCF	<FTB>	
X		BAL TO WIN		2.70
34	NOV27 94	CAL AT DET	<BKT>	
✓		DET TO WIN		3.40
38	NOV27 94	IND AT POR	<BKT>	
✓		POR TO WIN		2.95

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✓		OVER		33.5
25	DEC24 94	GB AT TB	<FTB>	
✓		OVER		41.5
26	DEC24 94	NWO AT DEN	<FTB>	
✓		OVER		44.5
27	DEC24 94	NY AT HOU	<FTB>	
✓		UNDER		34.5
29	DEC24 94	WSH AT LA	<FTB>	
✓		UNDER		40.5

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## DIPLOMACY VARIANTS

## ANARCHY DIPLOMACY

1987Yrs36

WINTER 1913 &amp; SPRING 1914

## VULGAR POLES ON THE MOVE

EASTON Warsaw b. A War, A Mos-Stp, A War-Lvn, A Sil-Pru, A Gal-Sil,  
A Vie-Boh, A Tri-Ven, A Tyr s A Tri-Ven, A Rom s A Tri-Ven, A Ser-Tri  
JOHNSON All America 82nd ABN b. F Liv, A Edi H, F Lon-Nth, F Bel-Hol,  
F Liv-Cly  
WATSON Redneck A Kie ret Ber, A Ber-Kie, A Mun s A Ber-Kie (d. Ber, otb),  
F Nth s F Hol, F Den s A Ber-Kie, F Hol s A Ber-Kie (d. Hel, otb)  
THOMAS Real Bud A Pic-Bel, A Kie-Mun, A Bur s A Kie-Mun,  
A Ruh s AA F Bel-Hol, A Tus-Ven, A Pie s A Tus-Ven  
WALL NRR ! A Mun ret otb, NMR ! F Adr H, A Ven H (d. Apu, otb)  
SWIGGER Vulgaria b. F Bul sc, A Gre-Bul, F Aeg-Ion, F Tun-Wes,  
F Ion-Nap, F Bul sc-Aeg

## DRAW PROPOSAL

Please vote on an Easton-Swigger draw.

## PRESS

ANOM: Hey GM ! Hark ! Was that a knife I heard being unsheathed behind  
someones back ?  
Redneck-Real Bud: Hey whassa matta you ? You wanna be a real bud or not.  
Lemme alone. OK, OK - I'll write.  
Redneck-Illuminati: Stupid name - illuminati, what's that - an Italian  
light bulb, or an aluminum door mat, or what ? Paisano.  
Redneck-Warsaw: Thanks Frank. I'm at your service. Thank god there's somebody  
in this game with some class.  
GM-Redneck: Still feel that way ?

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WINTER 1909 &amp; SPRING 1910

## DRIPS AND REDNECKS BRAWL IN RUSSIA

## TWO ONERS SET TO DISAPPEAR

GONSALVES Golden Toady #1 F Nwg s CAP F Nth-Nwy NSO  
MCLELLAN The Capers b. F Mar, F Mar-GOL, A Pie-Tus, F Tun-Tys,  
F Nap s F Tun-Tys, F Hol H, A Bel s F Hol, A Bur H,  
A Par s A Gas, F Nth-Ska, F Eng-Nth  
ANDERSON Driperlin b. A Stp, A Liv-Wal, A Ber-Pru, A Lvn-Mos,  
A Stp s A Lvn-Mos, A Sil s A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Boh, A Ruh-Kie  
A War uno H (d. Lvn, otb)  
MCKEE The Quick & The Dead A Ven s POPE A Rom  
KENT The Pope Knows A Rom s QD A Ven  
WATSON Redneck II A Tri-Ven, A Tyr s A Tri-Ven, F Ion-Adr,  
F Aeg-Ion, F Gre s F Aeg-Ion, A Sev-Mos, A Ukr s A Mos-War,  
A Gal s A Mos-War, A Boh-Sil, A Bud-Tri, A Vie H, A Mos-War  
WOLFF The Drifter F Nwy H

## DRAW PROPOSAL

Please vote on a DIAS draw proposal. Draw includes all survivors.

## PRESS

The Drifter: Now why couldn't Driperlin NMR when I needed it !  
Redneck-Quick: I agree. You one center wonders deserve more respect. You've got  
your one horse towns and your one term presidents and your one for all and all  
for ones and your Juan Marichals and your Don Juans and hole in ones and your  
wanna dances. So let's vote. I raise my hand for the affirmative. Good luck.  
GM-Redneck: What does a pitcher for Giants (late 60s), have to do with one  
center wonders ?  
Redneck-Driperlin: Thanks for the NMR, but could you let us know next time before  
you do it. Capers & I would appreciate it.



## CLINE 9-MAN DIPLOMACY

1989Tcn05 - WINTER 1908

## A GM ERROR CAUSES WINTER ONLY

AUSTRIA Kent Even A Rom  
 BARBARY STATES Swigger r. F Gos, F Ion, F Tun, Has: A Lib, F Sme, F Nap  
 ENGLAND Civil Disorder Even F Lon  
 FRANCE Polley b. F Mar, Has: F Eng, F Mar, A Wal, F Mao, A Par, A Bur,  
 F Spa sc, A Tyr  
 GERMANY Johnson (A Mun was ANIH last fall, I had listed a retreat option)  
 r. F Nwg, Has: A Ber, F Nth, F Hel, A Kie, A Ruh  
 RUSSIA G.Wilson b. F Stp nc, Has: A Ser, A Vie, F Ska, F Nwy, F Den,  
 F Stp nc, A Swe, A Pru, A Fin, F Bal, A War, A Mun, A Boh  
 (GM didnt list Mun last fall, Graham picked it up but didnt  
 submit a build, plays one short)  
 TURKEY Thomas b. F Smy, A Con, A Ank, Has: F Smy, A Con, A Ank, A Ven,  
 F Apu, F Cre, F Aeg, A Gre, F Egy, A Eth, F Alg, F Mor  
 (I listed Turkey at 14 centres last fall. A recheck shows that  
 he has 13 centres. He is still one unit short)

## DRAW VOTES

The Rus-Tur draw failed, 4 Yes, 1 No, 1 NVR

## DRAW PROPOSAL

Please vote on a G/F/T/R Draw.

## PRESS

Steve-Bob: Please attest to the fact that I voted yes to the draw proposal in the press.

GM-All: Since this was a request, Yes he did.

Fra-Rus: Sure we're friends, but Germany isn't our only enemy. How friendly are you ?

Graham-Bob: You know Bob, cross-gaming doesn't tick me off, but whining does.

Eng-Rus: Your enemies are my enemies. Can I be your friend too ?

Pirate-Sultan: I've struck my colours and present you the opportunity to show yours. My fleets are yours to command. I ask only that you leave me a centre to sustain my army on its journey to Moscow. I'll repeat my order for F Nap in the fall (Austria had no business taking my centre anyways).

Steve-Bob: Well, I've pressed the knife into the Sultan's hand as firmly as I can and am curious to see what he'll do. If you were in his position could you resist - your ally is engaged, you've got lots of builds in his rear, you've just acquired a toady, and you've more supply centres within your grasp than you can build over the next two years. Sound pretty tempting ?

Bob-Steve: I'm not in a position to comment on what I would do (endgame).

Steve-Bob: You're quite right, you know (stunned silence from your reading audience), it's not my place to criticize what outcomes others are willing to settle for. The frustration I was expressing was for the time wasted, especially mine, when a committed to, and acceptable, outcome is reached but not concluded. To me, the game should end when the outcome cannot be changed, and only then. While the overall outcome is in doubt I'm not quite prepared to spend my time even when my best outcome may be just a survival. I see that as my obligation as a player to the other players. What I expect in return is that if it's a done deal - do it. If both these guys are committed to the draw then let's wrap it up because the rest of us can't change the outcome. If one of them is only posturing, and I'm doing my best to test Turkey's faith, then let's keep rolling ! Tally ho !!

I'd be interested in having you expound further on the Andy Lischetti alliance theory you subscribe to. I'm not familiar with it. My own philosophy of the game is this - there is one winner unless a stalemate can be forced. This is the essence of the game as I believe Calhamer designed it and intended it to be played. It forces players to reconcile mutually incompatible short-term goals with mutually incompatible long-term ones. The draw negates that reconciliation and in my view robs the game of the core of its intrigue. Pushing blocks around the board can be fun, and some people are masterful tacticians, but Diplomacy at its purest and most enjoyable is much, much more. I've always told the people I've taught the game to, is that's what makes it special and unique is that only one person can win, but you can't win by

PRESS CONTINUED TWO PAGES OVER

Ger 1989 Tcn05 Press

Hugh - Steve:

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France to Barbary States

Dec 31/94

Dear Steve:

I like that move to the east med. You are certainly to be commended for your spirited fight against the R/T alliance. I wish Germany was so motivated instead of attacking me.

Other than attack Ven and support your F GoF there is little I can do to help you out as I am being hard pressed to hold on to what I have.

You will now be tempted to take Mars or Pie. If you do not I will be grateful. The next time I enter a game remind me of this and I will make good by assisting you.

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This is the letter I sent Steve. I hoped this letter would incite him to move on pie or mars believing I would not be defending them. What I was really afraid of was a possible move behind my lines. I did not realize he was so upset with R/T that there was little worry there.

As for cross gaming, I have, on occasion, in exchange for help from a minor player, offered to return the favor given a similar circumstance. If more people did this NMR's would go down. I mean if you have only one or two units and no hope, why not help out another player in exchange for similar help, in the future.

As for major positions, I would factor cross game situations into the game. I mean how can you avoid doing so when stabbing in one game means defeat in the other one. Still I have on occasion stabbed a player in one game knowing it would mean trouble in the other one. I figure one out of two is an acceptable score.

One must also consider what kind of success you have had with a player in another game. If you have good experiences in the past why not try for a repeat in the future. Of course the inverse must also be considered. 'Hey! This guy's a good player if I don't help take him out at the start I will finish no better than second.'

Personally I consider the revealing of a diplomatic confidence a far greater sin than cross gaming. I doubt Steve will ever receive a sensitive communication from me again.

yourself. Knowing how to structure deals in your favour, and when to stab before being stabbed is what separates winners and losers. There are no ~~down~~ cards. Everyone sees the same board and can talk to the same people. It's managing others' perception of reality that makes all the difference. There's a big difference between stabbing for a transient, short sighted gain. Those who do the latter are unreliable. Those who do the former are very reliable. They're doing what should be expected of them, and the only crime is failure. Diplomacy is at its core a game of balancing interests - and knowing when your interests, and your allies, start on divergent paths.

I'd sooner play in an unending game of perpetual ebb and flow than one that ends in a draw agreed to at an early stage. Everyone's entitled to their own view and have their own reasons for playing. For those who've never tried it on the edge, I'd recommend they give it a try.

Bob-Steve: The Andy Lischett school of Diplomacy says that any draw must include him. I think that it only applies to when your a small power. I plan to submit this to Diplomacy World if you don't have any objections. Maybe under the title of the Essence of Diplomacy.

#### AFRICAN DIPLOMACY

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SUMMER & FALL 2003

ZAIRE HALF WAY HOME, IVORY COAST SQUARES OFF WITH THE SAUDI'S

ETHIOPIA	Schultz	F Nio-Mad, F MzC s F Nio-Mad, F Som-Nio, A Tan-Uga, A Ken s A Tan-Uga, A Sud s A Tan-Uga
IVORY COAST	G.Wilson	A Mor-Tun IMP, A Wsa s A Mor-Alg, F Spa-Wes, F Mao-Nao, F Abi-Mao, A Cha H, A Nig s A Cha, A Nga s A Cha
LIBYA	Kent	A Cha ret Cam, A Cam-Cha, F Tun H (d. out)
SAUDI ARABIA	Lesco	F Wes-Tun, F Ion s F Wes-Tun, A Tri s F Wes-Tun, A Esa s A Tri, F Ben-Eas, A Egy-Kor, A Dam-Egy
SOUTH AFRICA	Quist	F MzC ret Mad, F Mad H (d. Sio, otb), A Moz-Zam, A Zim s A Moz-Zam
ZAIRE	Polley	A Con-Mit, A Kis s A Uga, A Uga s A Zam-Tan ANIH, A Zam-Tan, F Seo-Swa, F Cap-Por, A Kal-Pre, F Gab-GoC

#### BUILDS FOR WINTER 2003

ETHIOPIA	6	Even	Home, Mad, Uga, Kha
IVORY COAST	9	b. 1	Home, Sen, Nga, Tbk, Mor, Spa, Cha
LIBYA	0	Out	Thaks Doug
SAUDI ARABIA	9	b. 2	Home, Ben, Ira, Gre, Egy, Tri, Tun
SOUTH AFRICA	2	r. 1/2 dep. on retreat	Zim, Zam
ZAIRE	10	b. 3	Home, Gab, Ang, Nam, South Africa, Tan

#### PRESS

IvyCst-Sara: You've gotten a bit too close for comfort. Time for me to kick some butt.

### Killer Catfish



Malaysian officials conducted a frantic search for a huge catfish after it gobbled up two dogs struggling in floodwaters of the swollen River Endau in Johore, the southernmost state of the Malay Peninsula. Relief officials said they were determined to catch it for fear that the creature could swallow up children as the river rose even further. Armed with 36-kilogram lines, eight rescue workers set off in two speedboats with hopes of reeling in the monster. The catfish is thought to be about three metres long with a one-metre-wide head. Sharp spines on three fins carry a toxin that can paralyze anyone who comes in contact with the fish.

### Sino Triangle



A poisonous cloud produced by rotting plants is the force behind the mysterious disappearance of hundreds of people in the area known as "China's Bermuda Triangle," according to a scientific survey. Decaying plants around Black Bamboo Ravine, in Sichuan province, produce a "poisonous miasma" that accumulates in the air, "suffocating people and making them fall into the abyss," the Xinhua news agency reported, citing the findings of 50 unnamed scientists. The ravine, located in a remote, cold and mountainous area, is also said to exert a strong magnetic force capable of disabling compasses and causing planes to crash. The most famous disappearance was in 1950 when 100 Nationalist soldiers fighting the Communists vanished at the ravine.

CAUSTIC ROSE  
 BY ERIC ROSENBERG

## LIFE

Life is like a mountain stream  
 That flows among the rocks  
 While coming down that rushing  
 torrent  
 We take our bumps and knocks  
  
 Sometimes, caught up in an eddy  
 we feel as though we'll drown  
 Then rescued by a miracle  
 Further down the stream we're bound  
  
 To wind our way out thru life's  
 desert

Where the banks are far between  
 The love lite there is a cactus tree  
 And the grass more brown than green

Finally we come to the big waters  
 edge  
 Where grass and evergreens grace  
 and shore -  
 But once we've come that far it don't  
 matter a damn  
 Cause our life in the stream is o're

## YOUNGSTOWN IV DIPLOMACY

FALL 1908

AUSTRIA Klien A Ven-Tri, A Clu s A Vie-Gal, A Nap uno H, A Rom-Apu,  
 F Aeg-Bul sc, A Gre s F Aeg-Bul sc,  
 A Ser s F Aeg-Bul sc (d. Alb, Mon, otb), A Vie-Gal, A Tri-Vie

ENGLAND Civil Disorder F Cey H

FRANCE G.Wilson A MorOBB-Eaf, F Nao-Nwg, F Sao-SaoOBB, A Pos-Pru,  
 A Sax-Sil, A Kie-Den, A Mun-Boh, A Sah-Fez, F GoL-Tys, F Tys-Ion,  
 F Tun s F Tys-Ion, F Ann s Sai-Scs, F Sai-Scs, A Lao-Cam, F Den-Bal,  
 A Gas-Bur, F Eng-Nth, F Spa sc-Mao

INDIA Anderson A Tha ret Cam, F Mad-Eio, A Tib-Kan, F Bob s F Mad-Eio,  
 A Vtn H, A Cam-Sai

ITALY Gautron F Ion-Pen (d. Apu, Adr, Alb, Aeg, Lib, otb),  
 F Egy ec s F Ion-Pen, F Yem H (d. Ars, Ade, Red, otb)

JAPAN Kent A Han-Sik, A Sik-Bma, A Phi H, A Kan-Tib, F Pek s A Man,  
 A Tha s A Sik-Bma, F Joh s A Tha, F And s A Sik-Bma, A Man H,  
 F Mls-Eio, F Spo-Scs, F Kor s A Man, F Scs-Sai, F Gsi s F Scs-Sai

RUSSIA Gonsalves A Man ret Imo, A IMo-Pek, A Sib-Man, A Skg s A Omo,  
 A Omo s A Sib-Man, A Rum s TUR A Bul-Ser, A War s A Gal-Sil,  
 A Gal-Sil, F Sev s A Rum, F Stp nc-Nwy, F Nwy-Ska, F Swe s F Nwy-Ska

TURKEY Johnson A Irn-Bag, A Bul-Ser, A Sud-Eth, F Nej ec-Yem, F Con-Smy,  
 F Eas-Egy nc, F Png s F Neg ec-Yem, F Pen s F Eas-Egy nc

## BUILDS FOR WINTER 1907

AUSTRIA	9	Even or b. l	dep. on ret. Home, Gre, Ven, Rom, Nap, Bul
ENGLAND	1	Even	Cey
FRANCE	19	b. l	Home, Por, Spa, Mor, Bel, Germany, Hol, Ire, Lon, Edi, Liv, Tun, Den
INDIA	5	Even	Home, Vtn, Cam
ITALY	2	b.l/Even/r.l	dep. on retreat Mog, Egy
JAPAN	17	b. 3	Home, Phi, For, Bor, Vla, Kar, Kor, China, Jav, Joh, Man, Tha, Bma
RUSSIA	10	r. l	Nwy, Swe, Omo, Stp, Sev, War, Mos, Oms, Rum, Sin
TURKEY	9	b. l	Home, Irn, Pen, Ser, Eth, Yem

## STANDBY

Dave Anderson has resigned. Can John Schultz please take over for India.  
 Also my zine for Eric Klien was returned. I've asked G.Wilson to have Eric  
 send me his correct address, so far I've heard nil. Anyone else know Eric's  
 current address?

## DRAW VOTE

The Fra-Jap draw was defeated, 2 Yes, 2 No, 3 NVR  
 The Fra-Jap-Rus draw was defeated, 2 Yes, 2 No, 3 NVR

## DRAW PROPOSAL

Please vote on #1) Fra-Jap Draw, #2) Fra-Jap-Rus Draw  
 PRESS

Fra-Rus: Nice try, but you blew it.  
 Fra-Jap: Allying with Russia will only bring you down. Get them dots while  
 you can. Shall we meet in Omsk?  
 Jap-Fra: Sure, I'll move on Russia. Just as soon as I see you stab Austria.

## The Unzine Voice # 17

This is issue # 17 of **The Unzine Voice**, brought to you through the kind auspices of Bob Acheson and **The Canadian Diplomat**. But of course you know that part, since you are taking a break from the game reports to read this. Incidentally, Bob has proven me wrong. After one issue of Bob typing the zine instead of Margaret I predicted in my review of TCD for **The Zine Register** that if anything the publication would take longer to get out and look uglier. Happily, Bob has proved me wrong. Indeed the worst looking thing in the last issue was uh **The Unzine Voice**. It was less unseen, than unseeable in some places.

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### A Tragedy Of Life And Death

Tracy Latimer died at birth. Twelve years later her father, Robert Latimer, killed her.

The Latimer case is, in a very real sense a tragedy, a story with no bad guys, no winners and no simple answers.

Tracy Latimer did indeed die at birth. Medical people worked for about half an hour to restore her back to life. Whether or not they should have is a question that has to be asked in light of later events. Tracy Latimer suffered from severe Cerebral Palsy, apparently related to the circumstances of her birth.

According to the encyclopedia, Cerebral Palsy is "a condition in which control of the muscles is impaired or lost by injury to the cells in the motor area of the brain." It is not a form of retardation, the children can be intelligent and alert, although often the lack of muscular control means they are unable to speak. In Tracy's case she was unable to sit up without assistance, or to speak. She vomited every day. Tracy's weight deteriorated to about 38 lbs. for a 12 year old girl. As she grew up she was in constant pain. She suffered from scoliosis or twisting of the spine. In 1992 the family agreed to have two metal rods installed in her back and anchored to the pelvic bones. The treatment helped, but then Tracy's hip became dislocated. In spite of heavy medication, she was in extreme pain. The doctors suggested exploratory surgery in an attempt to discover the source of the hip problem. Which is when Robert Latimer apparently decided to act.

On the morning of October 24, 1993 Laura Latimer took her three youngest children to church. Robert Latimer remained at home with Tracy. When Laura Latimer returned home, she found Tracy in her bed, dead, apparently of natural causes. However, a police investigation established the cause of death as carbon monoxide poisoning. Robert Latimer then told the police that he had killed his daughter by taking her to his truck, and running a pipe from the exhaust to the passenger compartment. Robert Latimer was charged with murder in the first-degree, which carries a sentence of life imprisonment without opportunity for parole for 25 years. In a video tape used as evidence during the trial he showed the police how he had done it. Yet, when the case came to trial Latimer, who was being defended by Mark Erayford one of the top criminal lawyers in Saskatchewan, pleaded guilty. He didn't deny that he had killed his daughter, rather he claimed that what he had done had been an act of mercy.

The Crown Prosecutor didn't accept that. More to the point he couldn't. He was pushing for a conviction for first-degree Murder, claiming premeditation. The case was heard before the Court of Queen's Bench in Battleford. Following the presentation of the evidence, the Crown held that the only possible verdict could be guilty of Murder in the first-degree. However, in his charge to the jury, the Justice conducting the trial explained that there were in fact three verdicts they could consider. The first was Not Guilty. The second was guilty of Murder in the first-degree Murder. The third was guilty of Murder in the second Degree. Because they were given this choice, the jury found Robert Latimer guilty of second-degree Murder. By law the minimum sentence for second-degree Murder is life in prison with parole possible after 10 years, as opposed to 25 years

for first degree Murder. He was released on bail shortly before Christmas, pending appeal.

Naturally, the press jumped on the Latimer case from the beginning. The media in Saskatchewan were basically fair, and in editorials leaned towards support for Latimer, especially after sentence was passed. Media from outside the province have treated the family less kindly. Linda Slobodian, a writer for the Sun newspaper chain, in a "interview" with Laura Latimer, tried to paint Robert Latimer and his family in dark tones. Talking about the trial Slobodian wrote "Some people call it mercy killing. The jury saw it for what it was." Describing the house she says, "Several cats and kittens - one so severely neglected its ears froze and fell off - meow in vain to get in from the bitter cold. It's a sober place - completely hidden by trees. But nowhere near as sober as Latimer, decidedly not a meek woman, and one who displays not a hint of emotion." About the other Latimer children Slobodian writes, "They are sent to watch TV, not allowed to listen, or say what they thought about Dad killing their big sister - and Mom now agreeing with what he did." In a final shot, Slobodian comments on Laura Latimer's statement that all she has had are supportive calls: "People across Canada have expressed anger and grief over the fact that a father could kill his own defenceless child. Yet Latimer insists no called to called to condemn."

Linda Slobodian should have checked a few facts before she rushed into print. The description of Laura Latimer as displaying "not a hint of emotion" simply does not jibe with the woman people in Saskatchewan have seen on television. When she talks about her husband and her family, and especially what Tracy went through in her short life she can be very emotional. The jury verdict was also not the unequivocal condemnation it was painted as. The judge offered what seemed to be an easy out for them. It was clear that Latimer had committed a crime, and equally clear that he should be punished for it. Yet, had the only choices been between Not Guilty and Guilty of murder in the first-degree, I am convinced that Robert Latimer would have been a free man. Following the trial in fact, several members of the Latimer jury have indicated that Latimer's mandatory 10 year sentence was too long.

Finally, there is the matter of support for the Latimer family, which Slobodian dismisses as not being as strong as Laura Latimer claims. In Saskatchewan, within days of the verdict, petitions directed to the federal Justice Minister, and the Governor General were being circulated either to have Latimer's sentence overturned or reduced. When the petitions were presented in Parliament recently, They contained over 25,000 signatures, collected in roughly a month.

My name is not among them. While I don't think that Latimer's sentence should have been as long as it was, I do believe that he should have been convicted, and should serve some time in prison for what he did. Latimer called it a mercy killing, and I am convinced that not only does he believe that, but that he might even be right. What I disagree with is the general principle. What gives him the right to make a judgement like that about the life of another human being?

Possibly the most famous case of mercy killing in Canada is the Sue Rodriguez case, but the situation there was light years away from the situation here. Sue Rodriguez was a Victoria area wife and mother who was stricken with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease after its most famous victim. Rodriguez wanted to commit suicide, to die with dignity, before the advance of the disease totally incapacitated her. The disease advanced too quickly and she was unable to kill herself without assistance. She therefore tried, through the courts, to have a physician legally assist her in carrying out her wishes. The case went through a number of appeals ending up in the Supreme Court of Canada where, in a close vote, her appeal was denied. Shortly thereafter Sue Rodriguez, attended by her political ally and friend Svend Robinson, had an unidentified doctor administer a lethal injection.

In the Rodriguez case, Right to Life advocates intervened to protest her position. Right to

Lifers see assisted suicide as the thin edge of the wedge, with the situation in the Latimer case being the wide end. According to those people, by allowing assisted suicide you open the door to physicians and others, to decide when a case is hopeless or that a patient is in too much pain and "putting them out of their misery". As a result, the "Death with Dignity" types must regard the Latimer case as their worst nightmare. For all his good intentions and deep love for his child, Robert Latimer has committed exactly the sort of abuse that the Right to Lifers warn about. The Latimer case has also raised the ire of advocacy groups for the mentally and physically handicapped. In their case the anger is understandable. Here was a case in which others were making a decision for one of them, reminiscent of the actions of doctors in the past who supported eugenics. They fear the precedent that overturning the Latimer verdict might set and have sought leave to intervene in the appeal on the side of the Crown.

Part of the problem is societal. Often doctors don't give fatally ill patients high dosages of pain killers, for fear of "creating" addicts, and out of a misguided belief that pain is good. The fact is that many of the patients who choose suicide do so because of the pain. Then too there is the question of the adequacy of support, both governmental and personal, in dealing with the situation. I don't know the specific situation in the Latimer case. In an article in the Toronto Sun of November 20, 1994 a woman who did not know the Latimer's circumstances wrote "His [Latimer's] family were probably not given the support they needed to cope with Tracy's degree of disability. It's likely they were isolated from other families in similar circumstances. Families gain strength from each other by sharing information and their ups and downs." I find it inappropriate for someone who does not know the specifics of the Latimer's situation to diagnose the causes of the tragedy and supply examples of how things could be different if only the proper supports were on hand. Still the point of view has some validity.

Which leads inevitably to the question of where to draw the line. For my part, I cannot support what Robert Latimer did. The difference between the deaths of Sue Rodriguez and Tracy Latimer is who decided on the time to die. Sue Rodriguez chose the time she would die; Tracy Latimer had the decision made for her. Admittedly the decision was made by someone who loved her, but she had no way of making her wishes known. Robert Latimer must have thought that it was the right thing to do, and maybe in the same situation I would have done the same thing. I have been fortunate enough not to have walked that mile in his shoes. However, where I draw my personal line today has the Sue Rodriguez case on one side, the acceptable side, and the Robert Latimer case on the other, unacceptable side. Viewing Robert Latimer's decision as being acceptable means that someone else has the right to decide when you or I die without any form of oversight, not simply through the removal of artificial means but by taking direct action, and that is something I cannot be reconciled with.

