

# The DIPLOMAT

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## Notes from the Publisher

1. This is it - issue 17 and our first anniversary. I would like to extend a special thanks to all subscribers for making The Diplomat a success. I would like to especially thank the original players: J.R. Baker, David Baker, Allen Jackson, Randy Karolinski, and Phil Senn. It is particularly nice to note that each of them are still in the Kissinger (I wonder if the 7-way will pass?).
2. Another special thanks to all that submitted their comments about the anniversary game. It was difficult to choose only 7 players, but I believe that it will be an excellent game.
3. HELP NEEDED IN THE STANDBY AREA. We have experienced massive NMR's coupled with 4 resignations in the last 2-3 issues and I have severely depleted my standby list. All current standbys will remain active, although some of you may wish to get off the list if indeed you take over the country that you are standing by for. Let me know if you want on or off by next issue.
4. Speaking of next issue, I would like to point out that Christmas time is upon us, and historically, the postal service gets slower (yes, that is possible). So, get your moves in early. Oh, issue 19 will have deadlines of December 31, 1983, NOT December 24, 1983 (which would be three weeks). We will resume 3-week deadlines with #20.
5. You will notice a change in map style this issue. It's smaller and probably violates fewer copyright laws. This one is temporary - Randy Karolinski has just finished an excellent one, but alas, I have only his original at this time. So, next issue we will premier his work of art (Thanks REK).
6. I received one press release concerning the Stamp Award. Unfortunately, the interest in that silly idea appears to be dying. What do you all think? Should it be scrapped?

[From Big Brother-- WARNING, ONLY 49 DAYS UNTIL 1984. ALL HUMANS BEWARE. I AM WATCHING YOU]

## The Stamp Award

Congrats to Allen Jackson and Pat Pakel for selecting the only interesting stamp: a dedication to the St. Charles street car of New Orleans, 1923.

BMC Note: Hey, Kathy. How about a number for the anniversary game that you are a part of? Is 1983TD in use? (Get it - TD stands for The Diplomat...)

STANDBY LIST: Bob Sweeney, Steve Cartier, John Crosby, David Baker, David Blaylock, Allen Jackson (see Kirk), Pat Pakel (see Machiavelli), Jeff Hines (see Talleyrand), Phil Redmond (see Bismarck).

## Anniversary Game

As you are all aware, in honor of our first birthday, The Diplomat will host a special game. To play in this very special game, each potential player had to submit a "justification". But before we reveal those writings, let's examine the diplomats submitted to name this game after. The winner will receive 5 free issues of The Diplomat.

MacArthur, submitted by Bob Sweeney:

General of US Armed Forces, Military Governor of Japan, Leader in Peace and War.

MacArthur received a "second" from Lori Kleiman, as she is employed in Douglas MacArthur Elementary School.

Al Capone, submitted by Phil Redmond:

Al Capone summarized his own style of diplomacy with the pithy saying:

"You can go a long way with a smile, but you can go a lot farther with a smile and a gun."

Cain, submitted by David Baker:

First, he was the first born son of Adam, somewhat equivalent of the 1st birthday of The Diplomat.

Second, "Cain" is synonymous with murder and conflict - something that there is plenty of in this game.

Third, he is probably the first recorded diplomat. When asked, "Where is your brother Abel?", He lied and tried to act innocent, "I don't know, am I my brother's keeper?"

Fourth, he was also the first city builder, making him the father of civilization. Without civilization, this game of civilized warfare could not exist.

Poor Richard's, submitted by J.R. Baker:

In honor of Benjamin Franklin (also submitted by Rich Reilly) Jan 17, 1706-April 17, 1790. Painter, Publisher, Scientist, Inventor, and Statesman. Though his efforts in England were slow to bare fruit, what he did in France made the dream become a reality. He was the only person to sign all four: The Declaration of Independence, The Treaty with France, The Treaty with England, and The Constitution.

Dave Kleiman, submitted by Rich Reilly:

Yes, I'm serious. Why not name a game after yourself? I'll bet if the other players heard of the idea they'd all vote for it. Besides, you're an above average diplomat, and a tres bien 'zine publisher.

But, if you think it'd sound too egotistical, or something, you could always use my name...

Marque de Sade, submitted by Mark Luedi:

After all, his diplomatic techniques were rather effective.....

Genghis Kahn, submitted by Mark Luedi:

I think I spelled it right. ((I know you spelled it wrong)).

And the winner is Poor Richard, in honor of Ben Franklin. Reilly and Baker will each receive 3 free issues.

Now, who should play in the Poor Richard. Well, here's their reasons:

Bob Sweeney:

I propose that I play in this game because:

...I've played postal Dip for less than one year and haven't succeeded in playing every country yet.

...I anticipate lots of press (after all, we've got to write press to get in!) and you enjoy slandering friends and foes.

...that the Anniversary game should contain certain exciting moves (of which I have several experimental sets just waiting to go).

...Finally, because I'd really like to play and I've only MMR'd one time (due to a double move from TX-Detroit-Kansas) and will not cause you to go into convulsions calling in a standby - besides - I'm great at hack-n-slash!

Phil Redmond:

Every game needs losers. After all, most players are going to lose anyway, so isn't it better to have happy experienced losers instead of people fanatically dedicated to victory?

In that spirit, I feel I must modestly recommend myself. When it comes to losing, I'm a "10". The imaginative ways I have snatched defeat from the jaws of victory have earned me the admiration and gratitude of many a surprised winner. With me in the game, no player need lose heart or give up a position in disgust. In short, I provide the kind of play balance so often missing in Diplomacy.

((So, Phil, where else do you play? I could use a victory...))

PS. Of course, it would be only fair for me to start with twice as many units as anyone else. After all, you wouldn't want me out of the game too soon.

David Baker:

First of all, I am one of the original players of The Diplomat. I've been here from the start.

Second, I feel that I must be at least an average player because I'm still in all the games that I've entered and taken over for others. I feel that the players in this game should be among the best and this record, though not the best, at least shows that I'm competitive.

Third, I almost always write press in every game that I'm in. I believe that press is one of the most important aspects of the game. It would be great if all the players of this important game were good press writers who consistently send in press. I'm not the best press writer, but I am consistent.

Fourth, I'm not going to MMR out of this game. I've got a subscription paid up through #30 to prove it. I believe that we should get only the most dedicated players in this one.

Fifth, last, but not least important, I'm too cheap to pay the \$5.00 game fee and this one's free.

Henry Kissinger:

Dear Dave,

I understand that you are looking for diplomats to play in a postal game of Diplomacy. I believe that I might qualify for the game. I served under Richard Nixon in many diplomatic roles, including Secretary of State. But most importantly, I do not even know where Watergate is. Also, contrary to popular belief, I do believe that the postal service is a good thing.

J.R. Baker:

Murray, a special birthday jamboree  
And in it we will all play free  
These few lines will help you see  
Why, of course, you must chose me

You must pick the very best  
Some from North, South, East and West  
This special game will be the test  
To see who's better than all the rest

Some of the others are very good  
And seem to do just what they should  
Some poor fools just wish they could  
And some are lucky, knock on wood

While some of them won't tell a lie  
And others won't stop until they die  
I wouldn't do that, or would I?  
I'm consistantly inconsistent.

Kathy Byrne:

I think that I should be in your special anniversary game. My reasoning is quite simple - looking over your list of players, I see that you are either into sex discrimination or you lack a female willing to play in your "all male" zine!

I really need another game like I need another hole in the head, but I really believe that it is time for the Diplomat to integrate. Believe it or not, females are players too!

I believe that it is time for The Diplomat to open it's doors to my sex, for a year, you have ignored us! There is a world outside of Indiana, a world filled with women. Some of us even know how to play Dip! So let me be the female to break the sex barrier in your zine!

If you have preference lists, I'd like to play England or Austria! I won't play Turkey - it takes a real man to play Turkey.

((Kathy must know I am currently playing Turkey in 2 postal games)).

Bob Sargeant:

Because of all the years that I've played postally, I've never been in a game with Kathy Byrne.

((Doops. I seems as though I let something slip at LudeCon)).

Mark Luedi: ((Speaking of LudeCon))

Dear Dave,

As promised (threatened?!).

Why I should be in The Diplomat's special deluxe anniversary game. By Mark A. Luedi, Bloomington, IN.

Well, I knew that sooner or later I'd have to let the cat out of the bag. What cat?, you're probably asking. Dave's cat, of course. You see, when I found out he was offering a game to highly deserving individuals, I thought, hey, I'll steal his cat (Kidnap a cat?!) Come on, you gotta steal it.) and he'd have to let me in the game in order to

get his cat back. (The astute reader will notice, however, that The Diplomat is better off without the cat.) Of course, this is merely a desperate plot on my account since Dave has already forgotten who it was who made him famous (or nearly so) in our postal Diplomacy hobby.

Yes, it is to my credit that you know Dave Kleiman as he is today. No, this accomplishment was not the result of painstaking years in the laboratory, but rather of discrete and timely.....(I'd best not say at present). Even Kathy Byrne has now heard of this intrepid and obscure Midwestern publisher (even though she has to be constantly reminded of his name - his 'zine - who he is) ((and how to pronounce his name)) thanks to my intervention in numerous conversations with the Chairperson of Boardman. And, does not the name of Dave Kleiman provide the conspicuous Voice of Doom with innumerable opportunities for ridicule and derision? Don't think for a moment this "arrangement" happened by accident!

But, it was at DipCon that people finally stood up and took notice of Dave Kleiman. An otherwise mild-mannered Hoosier finished third in the National Diplomacy tournament. How?! Did you notice that Bruce Linsey got a different job - a high-paying job with General Electric in Pittsfield, MA? It's very easy to give away your dots when faced with a lucrative offer like that. Life is also a lot better for a few other "victims" on the top boards at Dipcon, too. But, somehow Dave forgot these favors and so I must extemporize my way into a game in his 'zine (not to mention stealing his cat).

But don't think for a moment that Dave "owes" me a favor to get into this game, and that otherwise I'm a totally undeserving individual. After all, I am eminently qualified. No one else could make proposals to make the Ionian impassable, to require all players to submit two pages of press, to give Nelson Heintzmaan a new name, or to turn the Austrian units into radishes. No one can befuddle the opposition of the GM to such an extent with his orders. No one else can claim to destroy a position by the press he submits. No one else can blackmail Dave into giving him a position in this game! (That should settle it! If not, additional threats may be forthcoming).

((Well, I guess I better explain a few things. First, Mark is a patient, not a student, in Bloomington. Secondly, Mr. Luedi did kidnap Whiskers, but thanks to a peace-keeping corps of Marines, she was rescued. Oh, and finally, I cannot differ with his ability to confound his GM's and publishers, as this letter is certainly confounding))

From John Crosby:

Who else, pray tell? The most prolific of players in The Diplomat surely deserves a spot. I'm sure you will agree.

From Steve Cartier:

"How I Spent My Summer Vacation Wanting to be in The Diplomat Anniversary Game"

At camp this summer, I met a yellow butterfly. The butterfly asked me if I was in The Diplomat's anniversary game. I said "No." "Well, then," said the butterfly, "I shan't talk to you!", and he flew away.

Then I met a green frog. The frog asked me if I was in The Diplomat anniversary game. I said "No." "Humph!", said the frog, "I don't know you!", and he hopped away, splashing and on me.

Then I met a bird and the bird was dark blue. The bird asked me if I was in The Diplomat anniversary game. I said "No." "Too bad," replied the bird, "I don't need you!" and the bird soared over my head and did an awful thing.

(You can get out of reading more of this drive! by putting me in the game right away).

(To be continued!?!?)

From Phil Senn:

"Why I should not be in The Diplomat's anniversary game"

The  
Hobby

Eventually

Digresses  
 Into  
 Painful  
 Longsuffering  
 Over  
 Mailing  
 Atrocities  
 Today.

## 1983xx - The Poor Richard

Country assignments were randomly determined.

AUSTRIA (#15, Kathy Byrne)	A BUD, A VIE, F TRI.
ENGLAND (#17, Bob Sargeant)	F LON, F EDI, A LPL.
FRANCE (#13, John Crosby)	F BRE, A PAR, A MAR.
GERMANY (#09, Steve Cartier)	A MUN, A BER, F KIE.
ITALY (#35, Phil Redmond)	A VEN, A ROM, F NAP.
RUSSIA (#03, J.R. Baker)	F STP(sc), F SEV, A WAR, A MOS.
TURKEY (#32, Bob Sweeney)	F ANK, A CON, A SMY.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1901 orders are due by 10:00 pm EST, December 30, 1983. Please note that this game listing will follow the Talleyrand starting with next issue.

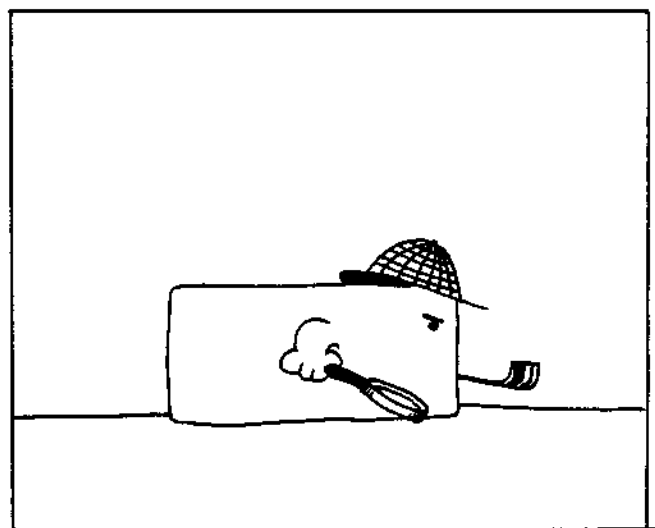
Now, I must admit that this line up will cause me much typing as I am sure that press will run rampant. Fortunately, I have increased my typing speeds up to 4.5 words per minute. Oh, I note that I still have one opening in the Covenant game. Therefore, the first person that submitted a reason for the anniversary game and did not get a position can have that spot without game fee (it's the least I could do - besides, that game has been open for years...).

ARMY  
 CLYDE



CLYDE GOES TO THE POLICE FOR ASSISTANCE.

R.E.K.



CLYDE SETS OFF ON HIS OWN.

**1983E - The Kissinger, F06**

Turkey is moving in the south and north; Fleets gather in the Western Mediterranean

AUSTRIA (#23, David Blaylock)	A SER S A bud, A <u>BUD S</u> italian A <u>vie-qal</u> .
ENGLAND (#01, Phil Senn)	A nwy-SWE, F swe-BAL, F DEN S F swe-bal, F HEL S german F bal-kie, F <u>SKA-NTH</u> .
FRANCE (#09, Steve Cartier)	A RUH S german F bal-kie, A bel-PIC, A <u>TYL-boh</u> , F spa(sc)-POR, F war-SPA(sc), A GAS S F war-spa(sc), A bur-MAR.
GERMANY (#05, David Baker)	F bal-KIE, A HOL S F bal-kie, A <u>MUN-boh</u> .
ITALY (#02, Randy Karmolinski)	F WES S F tyn-lyo, F tyn-LYO, F <u>ion-TUN</u> , F <u>gre-ion</u> (d,r alb,otb), A <u>TRI-ven</u> , A <u>PIE-ven</u> , A <u>VIE-qal</u> .
RUSSIA (#07, Allen Jackson)	A <u>LVN-war</u> , A eos S A lvn-war(d,r stp,ukr,otb).
TURKEY (#03, J.R. Baker)	A <u>GAL-war</u> , A war-NOS, A <u>RUH-bud</u> , A SEV S A war-eos, F <u>EAS-ion</u> , F aeg-GRE, F BUL(sc) S F aeg-gre.

GAME NOTES: Winter 1906 and Spring 1907 orders are due by 10:00 pm EST, December 3, 1983.

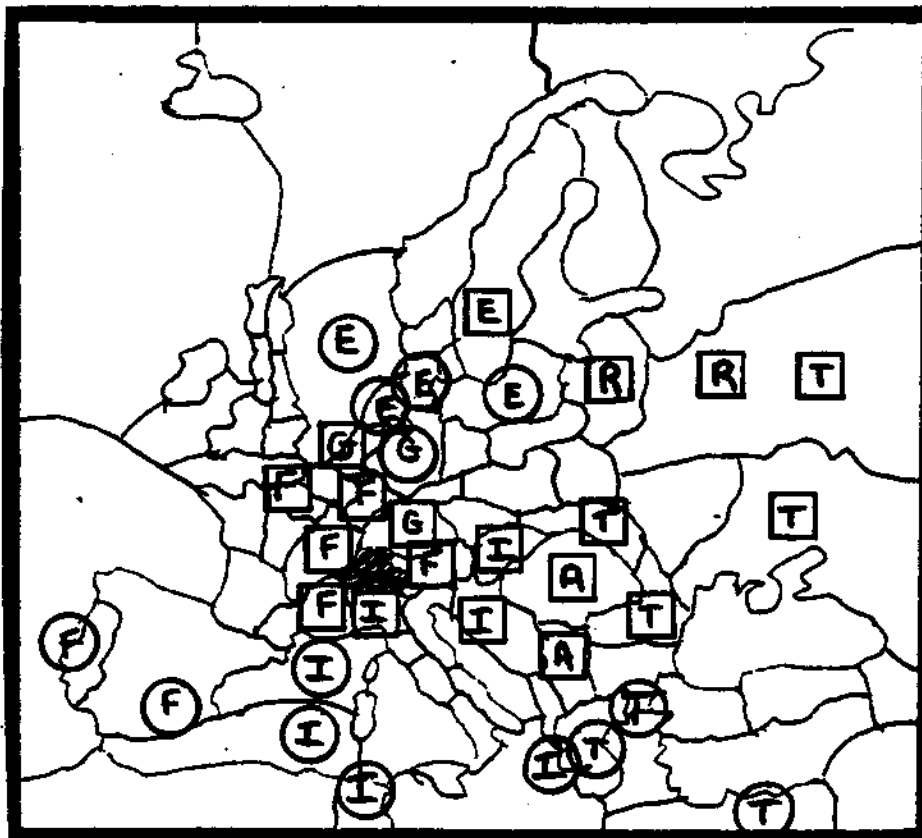
**Proposals**

1. It is proposed that the vote of each power for proposal#2 be published.
2. A-E-F-G-I-R-T draw is proposed.

**Supply chart**

Austria: 2 - ser, bud	Even.
England: 6 - lon, lpl, edi, nwy, swe, DEN	Build 1 unit.
France: 6 - war, par, bre, spa, por, bel	Remove 1 unit.
Germany: 4 - mun, ber, kie, HOL	Build 1 unit.
Italy: 6 - nap, rom, ven, tun, vie, tri	Remove 1 unit.
Russia: 1 - stp	Remove 1 unit.
Turkey: 9 - con, smy, ank, sev, war, bul, rum, NOS, GRE	Build 2 units.

**Map**



## 1983U - The Machiavelli, F05

The knife goes deeper into Russia and Germany.

Russian F nwg r DTB, Turkish F aeg r SMY, German F kie r HEL.

FRANCE (#02, Randy Karmolinski) F nwg-BAR, F nth-SKA, F nat-NMG, f edi-NTH, A YOR H, F eng-MID, A BUR S A mun, A MUN S A kie-ber, A ruh-KIE, A HOL S A ruh-kie, A kie-BER.

GERMANY (#07, Allen Jackson) A WAR H, A PRU-ber, F HEL-kie.

ITALY (#13, John Crosby) A VIE S A bud, A BUD S A vie, A rum-SEV, A BUL S F aeg-con, F ADR-ion, F ION-aeg, F AEG-con, F EAS-say.

RUSSIA (#04, Pat Pakel) NMR. A SWE H, A DEN H, F BAL H, A BOH H, A GAL H, F BLA H, A CON H, F ARM H.

TURKEY (#05, David Baker) F SMY-con, A ANK S F say-con.

GAME NOTES: Winter 1905 and Spring 1906 orders are due December 3, 1983 at 10:00 pm EST.

Jeff Hines could not standby for Russia; Pat Pakel is asked to take the Russian position.

### Supply Chart

Austria: 0.

England: 0.

France: 13 - bre, par, aar, spa, por, bel, hol, lpl, edi, lon, mun, KIE, BER

Germany: 1 - war

Italy: 11 - nap, rom, ven, tun, tri, ser, gre, bul, BUD, VIE, SEV

Russia: 7 - mos, stp, swe, nwy, rum, den, con

Turkey: 2 - say, ank

Out, F03.

Out, F04.

Build 2 units.

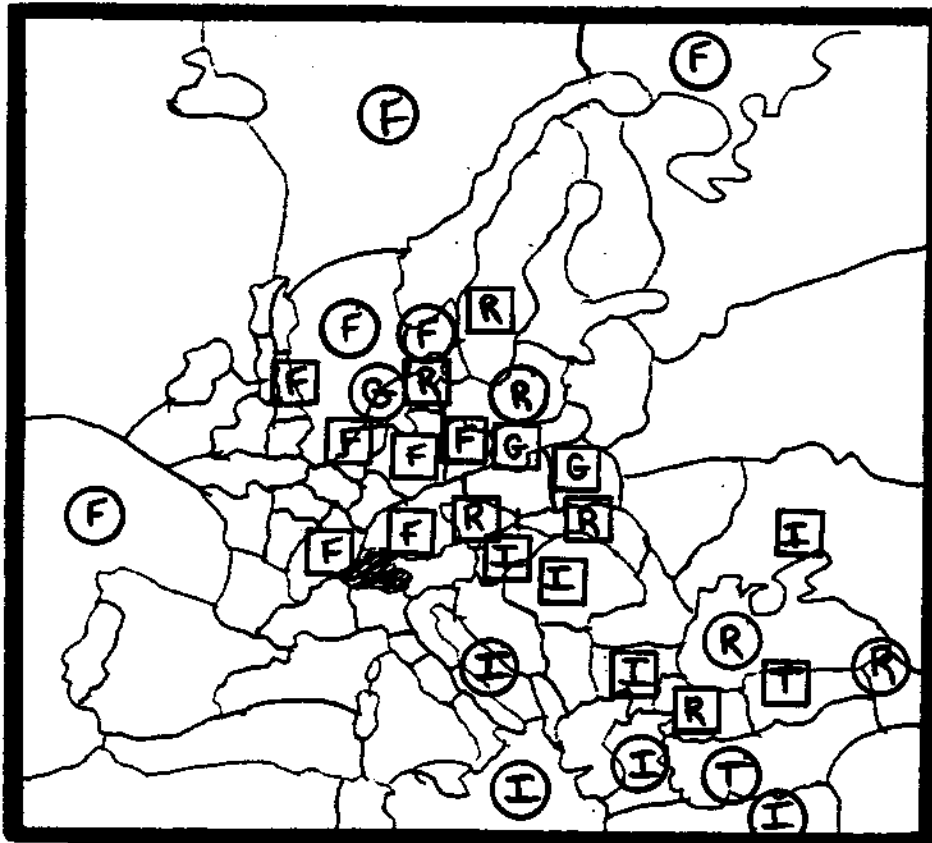
Removes 2 units.

Build 3 units.

Remove 1 unit.

Even.

### Map





### 1983AK - The Bismarck, W03

Russia abandons Scandinavia; the King of Italy is replaced.

French F lyo r MAR,Russian F bot r FIN.

ENGLAND (#34, Tim Allen)	Builds F LON. Also has F NTH,F NMG,F BAR, A STP.
FRANCE (#21, Rob Schmunk)	Builds A BRE. Also has A SPA,F MAR,F MES,A PIE,A VEN.
GERMANY (#23, David Blaylock)	Builds A MUN,A KIE. Also has A BOH,A SIL,A WAR,A LVN,F BOT,F SWE.
ITALY (#20, Alain Chabot)	Removes A BUD. Has F LYO,F TYN,F TUS,A TRI,A VIE.
RUSSIA (#05, David Baker)	Removes A SEV,F RUM,F FIN. Has A MOS,A GAL,A UKR.
TURKEY (#13, John Crosby)	Builds F SMY,A ANK. Also has F TUN,A BUL,A SER,F GRE,F CON.

GAME NOTES: Deadline for Spring 1904 is 10:00 pm EST, December 3, 1983.

Alain Chabot has resigned as Italy and I am asking Phil Redmond(#35) to take over Italy.

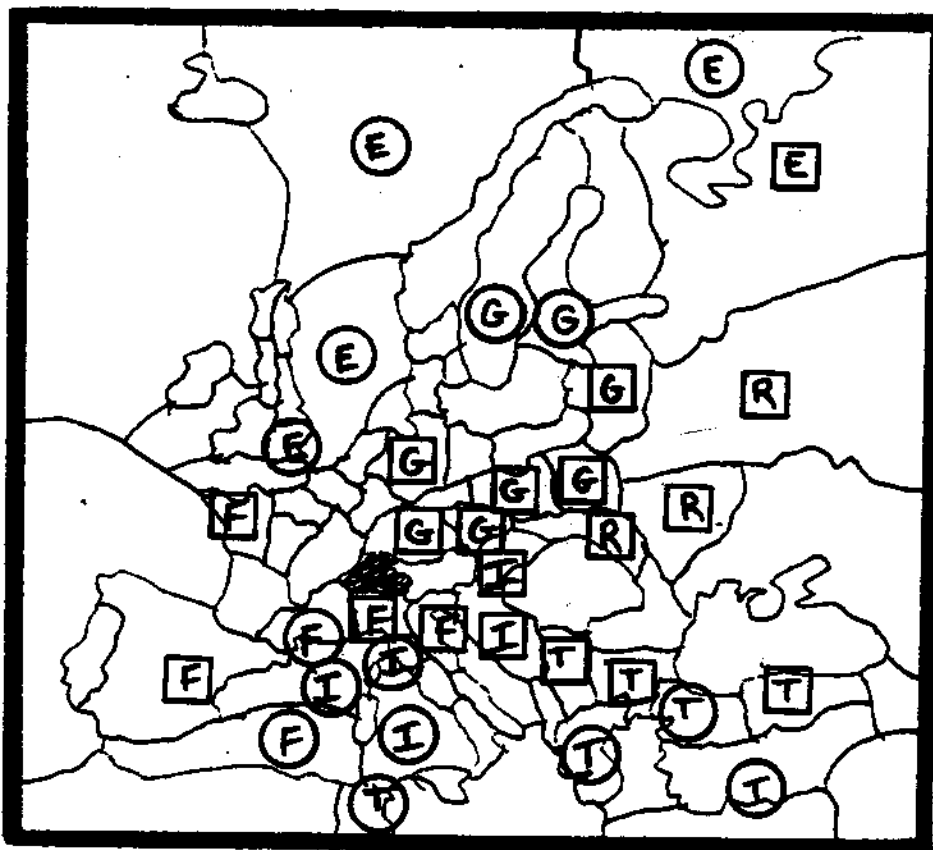
#### PROPOSALS

E-F-6 draw fails. 1 for, 1 against.

#### Supply Chart

Austria: 0	Out, F03.
England: 5 - lon,lpl,edi,nwy,stp	
France: 6 - par,bre,mar,por,spa,ven	
Germany: 8 - bel,hol,mun,ber,kie,den,war,swe	
Italy: 5 - rom,nap,bud,vie,tri	
Russia: 3 - sev,mos,rum	
Turkey: 7 - ank,con,smy,bul,gre,tun,ser	

#### Map



**1983AL - John Paul Jones, W03**

Lots of dark blue navies; a lot less light blue units.

Turkish F bla r ANK.

ENGLAND (#26, Rich Reilly)

FRANCE (#25, Brian DeLaurentis)

GERMANY (#13, John Crosby)

ITALY (#27, David Frick)

RUSSIA (#23, David Blaylock)

TURKEY (#22, Jeff Hines)

Builds F LON, F LPL, F EDI. Also has F SPA(sc), F POR, F MID, A STP.

Removes A PIC, A PAR. Has F BRE, A BUR, A GAS.

Has F FIN, A BER, A RUM, A MUN, A BEL, F SWE, A HOL.

Builds A VEN, F ROM. Also has A TYL, A VIE, A SER, A GRE, F ION, F TUN.

Removes F BOT. Has A WAR, A RUM, F BLA, F SEV.

Builds F CON. Also has A BUL, F AEG, F ANK.

SAME NOTES: Spring 1904 orders are due December 3, 1983 at 10:00 pm EST.

Please note that Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 seasons were separated by player request.

**Proposals****Supply Chart**

Austria: 0

Out, F03.

England: 7 - lon, lpl, edi, nwy, stp, spa, por

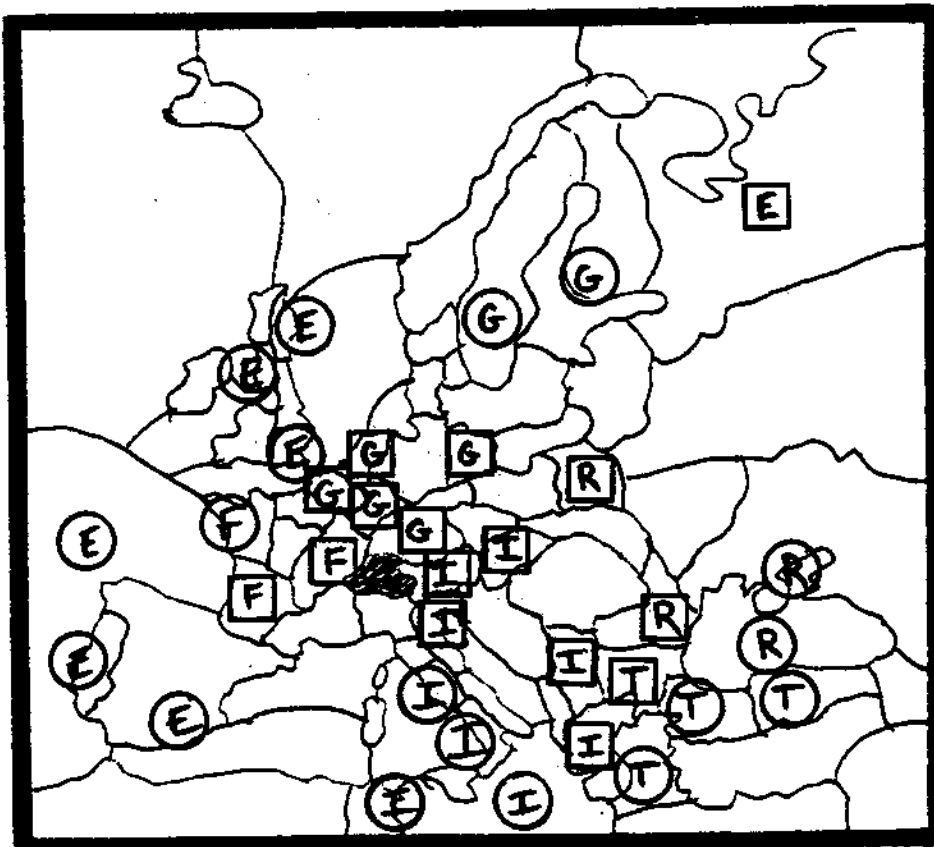
France: 3 - war, par, bre

Germany: 7 - ber, kie, mun, bel, hol, den, swe

Italy: 9 - nap, rom, ven, tri, vie, bud, ser, tun, gre

Russia: 4 - sev, war, mos, rum

Turkey: 4 - ank, con, smy, bul

**Map**

1983CG - James T Kirk - W02&S03

Austria invades Russia; Italy invades Germany.

AUSTRIA (#30, Charles Lobdell)	Builds A VIE. A rum-UKR,A bud-GAL,A VIE S A bud-gal,A tri-BUD,A ser-RUM,F GER H.
ENGLAND (#31, Robert Pierce)	NMR. F NTH H,F NWY H,A LON H,F stp(nc) H(d,r bar,otb).
FRANCE (#16, Nelson Heintzman)	Builds A PAR. F pic-ENG,A par-PIC,A BUR S A par-pic,A MAR S A bur,A por-SPA.
GERMANY (#23, David Blaylock)	Builds A BER. A MUN H,A KIE S A mun,A BER S A mun,F DEN H,A BEL H,A HOL S A bel.
ITALY (#09, Steve Cartier)	Builds A VEN. A boh-SIL,A tyi-BOH,A ven-TYL,F tun-ION.
RUSSIA (#13, John Crosby)	Removes A GAL. F BOT S A nos-stp,A nos-STP,A ukr-NOS.
TURKEY (#04, Pat Pakel)	Builds F CON. F AEG S A bul,F CON S A bul,F BLA S A sev,A BUL H, A SEV S austrian A rum-ukr.

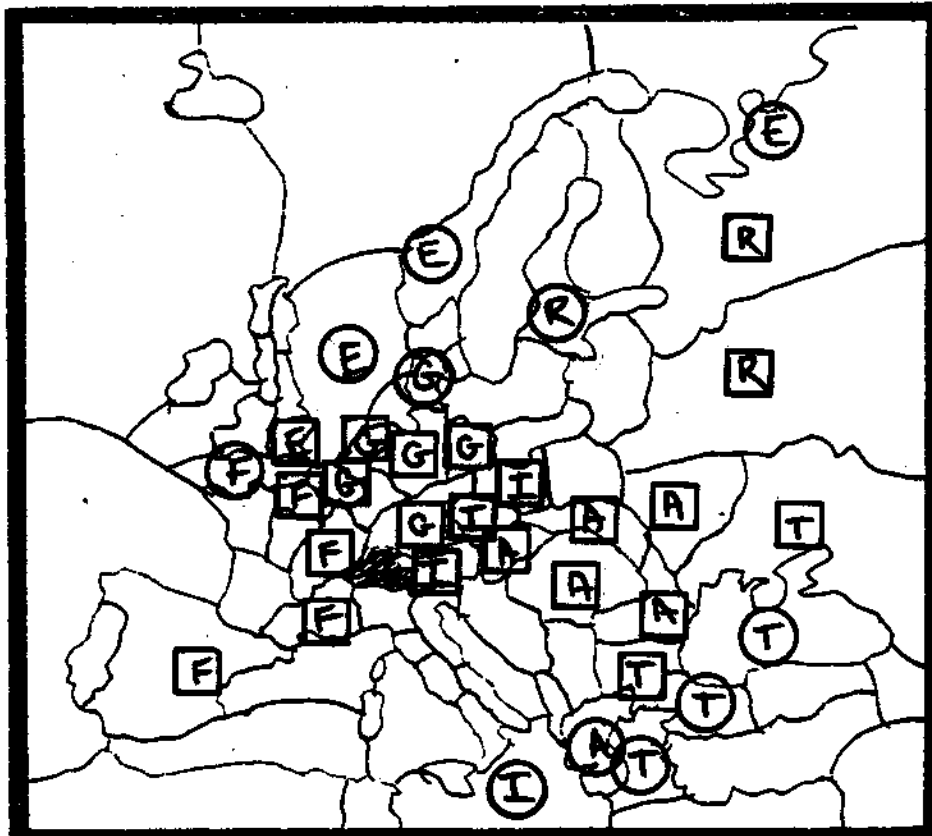
GAME NOTES: Fall 1903 orders are due on December 3, 1983 at 10:00 pm EST.

Supply Chart

Allen Jackson (#07) standby for England.

- Austria: 6 - vie,bud,tri,ser,gre,rum
- England: 5 - lon,lpl,edi,nwy,stp
- France: 5 - war,par,bre,spa,por
- Germany: 6 - ber,kie,mun,den,bel,hol
- Italy: 4 - nap,rom,ven,tun
- Russia: 3 - war,nos,swe
- Turkey: 5 - ank,say,con,bul,sev

Map



## 1983CZ - Talleyrand - W01

A new Sultan reigns.

Austria (#03, JR Baker)	Builds A TRI. Also has A SER, A BAL, F ALB.
England (#35, Phil Redmond)	Builds F EDI, F LPL. Also has F NTH, A BEL, F NWY.
France (#04, Pat Pakel)	Builds F BRE. Also has F SPA(sc), A POR, A MAR (France will be 1 short).
Germany (#33, Steve Knight)	Builds A BER, A MUN. Also has F DEN, A HOL, A PRU.
Italy (#32, Bob Sweeney)	Builds F NAP. Also has F TUN, A PIE, A VEN.
Russia (#13, John Crosby)	Has F BOT, A STP, A SIL, F SEV.
Turkey (#20, Alain Chabot)	Builds F ANK. Also has F BLA, A CON, A BUL.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1902 orders are due at 10:00 pm EST, December 3, 1983.

Alain Chabot has resigned as Turkey. I am asking Jeff Mines(#22) to take the Turkish position.

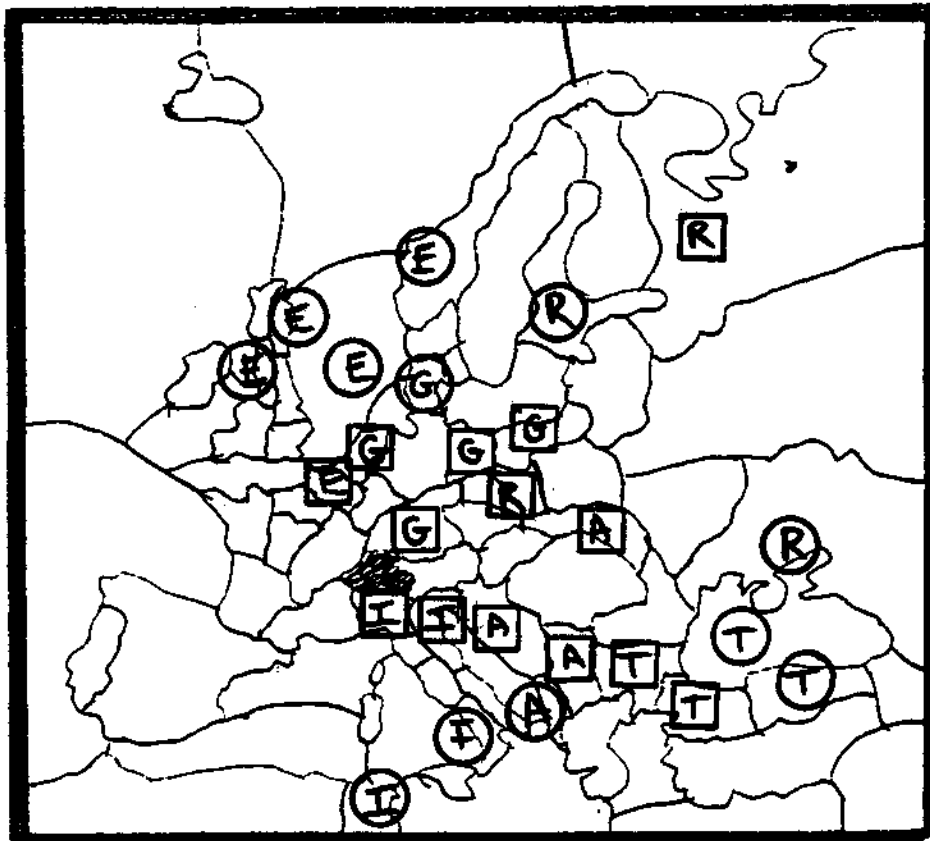
## Proposals

Season separation fails. 0 for, 2 against.

## Supply Chart

Austria:	4 - vie, tri, bud, ser
England:	5 - lon, lpl, edi, nwy, bel
France:	5 - par, mar, bre, spa, por
Germany:	5 - ber, kie, mun, hol, den
Italy:	4 - nap, rom, ven, tun
Russia:	4 - stp, war, mos, sev
Turkey:	4 - con, ank, say, bul

## Map



## Bond, James Bond - F02

Austria (#07, Allen Jackson)  
England (#09, Steve Cartier)  
France (#05, David Baker)  
Germany (#32, Bob Sweeney)  
Italy (#03, J.R. Baker)  
Russia (#26, Rich Reilly)  
Turkey (#34, Tim Allen)

GAME NOTES: Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 orders are due on December 3, 1983 at 10:00 pm EST.  
STANDBYS: Rob Schunk.

## Thomas Covenant, Game Openings

Jeff Hines submits Thomas Covenant as a diplomat. Covenant was the hero(?) of Stephan Donaldson's bi-trilogy book series about The Land. Covenant was a leper that find life once again in The Land. His mysterious powers centered about his white gold wedding band, and coupled with his stubborn sense of survival allowed him to save The Land from destruction. He was a diplomat in a very liberal sense of the word.

- 1) Jeff Hines
- 2) Dwayne Shreve
- 3) Charles Loddell III
- 4) Phil Redmond
- 5) Steve Cartier
- 6) Bob Sweeney

## the PRESS Column

### Press (Kissinger)

(Naples, from the King) "The treachery and doubledealings of my fellow Europeans have destroyed my innocent trust and faith in non-Italians. Only the English and Russians have not stepped on our toes, but I feel that they would if they were closer. Therefore, let it be known that the King will never again vacation in Southern France. I will own it. I will no longer aid the Austrians, for that have not followed the prescription I hath given unto them. I will not eat yellow jelly beans. I no longer recognize Germany as a country. It is a French territory. I will not play with English fleets in the bathtub. Finally, I will not buy Russian savings bonds. It is hoped that these and other sanctions will once again teach non-Italians honor."

(Warsaw) Tinkle, tinkle on the Tsar!  
What my goodness think you are?  
Upon the Sultan you make war,  
'Tis funny joke! Har,Har,Har!

(Sweden) A ship's captain with a double chin stood on the bridge peering through his binoculars. Nothing could be seen off the coast, but instrumentation told of an enemy fleet in the Baltic.

"Arm warheads," said the captain.

"Arm warheads," repeated a second lieutenant. His hands were unusually sweaty, and his face paler than normal, but he still carried out his duty. As he pulled a lever toward himself, it locked into place, a red push button glowed ominously to the left. "Warheads armed, sir."

"Enemy fleet heading three five on, bearing 17 knots," whispered a technician.

"Steady as she goes," said the captain. "Prepare for sighting - three five three - mark." A reporter, who had been

standing in the back finally decided to speak up.

"You're not really going to attack, are you?" he asked.

"Of course not," said the captain, looking at the other man with a smile. "But we've got to be ready. If they one, then we'll fire one."

"Fire one," said the second lieutenant as he pushed the red button.

(Rome) The Dean at the University of Rome was on hand today to deliver a speech. Celebrated was the bestowing of an honorary degree to the King. In light of the King's actions and perseverance in dealing with the French government, he was awarded an honorary degree in Proctology.

(Constantinople) "Pinocchio Plague strikes Pope's Palace"

For the past several days, rumors have been running rampant in the city of Constantinople. Many more worldly members of the Sultan's entourage have been scoffing at the thought of the Pope suffering from the dreaded Pinocchio disease. Today, however, Sultan received a call on the "green phone" and was heard by the entire court as he answered:

"Well, if the strength of my troops offends your preponderous proboscis - then cut it off!" as he slammed the phone down, the Sultan was suddenly taken by a fit of giggling, laughing, chuckling and general giddiness to such an extent that he has retired to Smyrnia for a well deserved bit of R & R. (Turkish Star (UPI))

(Parliament, London) There was standing room only for members of the press and general public as the news leaked out that Master Senn had return to his rightful chair in the House.

A hush fell as the Speaker entered the room. A moment later, Master Senn was called upon to speak. As he rolled his wheelchair up the ramp, the hush intensified. Positioning the microphone, he cleared his throat to announce the beginning of his speech.

"Mr. Speaker, sir," said Senn. "Five years ago, this country was called upon to aid in the defense of our Scandinavian allies. As you know, sir, these helpless neighbors of ours were attacked by foreign powers, and we saw fit to restore their freedom." Here-here's were heard from a few right-wing backbenchers.

"It is my honor to inform you that these provinces lie safely in the arms of this country's able-bodied militia. Never again will they fall into the yoke of bondage that has in times past threatened even our beloved island." At this point he had to stop to give the audience a chance to applaud.

"And where to next? This is our question. Until now, this country has had singleness of purpose - unity. Conservatives voice the same views as liberals; for we have all known that the safety of our country has relied upon the absense of foreign fleets. But I tell you Mr. Speaker, that I would much rather have a dischord among my countrymen and peace, than to have political unity and war." A solemn truth that deserved applause from both sides of the house.

"With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I will propose before the House, as well as all of Europe, that we cease this futile waste of human lives.

"I propose a vote! A vote for a seven-way draw, and further, that the voting be cast in open ballot." The audience broke in a cloud of excitement and hub-bub. Finally, after much gavelling, the Speaker was able to turn the floor back to Master Senn.

"I pray to God, sir," said Senn in his closing remark, "that at least six countries declare their vote. But even if they do not - that we should openly show that this country will stop at nothing to end this 'game' that diplomats in every state department are now playing."

(Smyrnia) "Witch Hunt in Progress"

The Sultan has bestirred the country with his demand for a witch hunt. "We must find a young witch of the south!" He said, "Someone to fill Granny's ruby slippers. She must be more sensitive than The Diplomat's censor, she must be faster than the Italian stab, stronger than the French silence, able to leap over stumbling Hungarians. She must have more curves than an English Lord has lines and more evil spells than big brother has addresses - but most of all, she must have a Divine Right" and after a snicker, the sultan continued, "And of course, a left to watch."

(Indy-Sultan) If you need any help in identifying a witch, all you need is a giant balance and a duck...

### Press (Machiavelli)

(Norwegian Sea) "They're retreating, sir," said a nameless face from the seas of my imagination.

"Yes," replied Colonel Gilyeat. "They are."

"But where will they retreat?"

"I don't know. Maybe the Barents..."

"But suppose..."

"No, they couldn't..."

"I see..."

"Then you understand."

"Yes."

The Good Ship Clouseau continued sailing off into the north.

### Press (Bismarck)

(London-Paris & Berlin) The E-F-B alliance has done well, especially if the world is talking about a concession in 1903! I intend to continue to successful policies of my predecessor, which have contributed to the overwhelming alliance of the the West. We have 19 centers between us, and we have broken the last big stalemate line. The East is doomed.

(France-World) Wondering about that press release in last issue? Well, to explain things away, please understand that it was meant to be preceded by another article, but the Postal Service struck and things got messed up. Oh, well, so much for literary efforts.

(Paris Match - 21 October 1903)

Following allegations of forged evidence and nonexistent witnesses, the Surete has come under a cloud as a result of its investigations into the assassination of President Valois on 23 September.

While a follow-up investigation is being conducted, President Rutan and Foreign Minister de Robespierre have invited the Turkish ambassador to remain in Paris until the investigation is concluded. The Chamber of Deputies has also delayed voting on a resolution declaring war against the Ottomans until an unspecified date.

### Press (John Paul Jones)

(Paris-Berlin) I wonder if you've noticed - England can attack you when she pleases, but you'll never be able to attack her. Not too bright.

(Paris) Because of German ineptness, I call upon all the powers to unite and check the English lion. Too soon he will overwhelm France, followed by Germany and Italy. If France falls, England wins!!!

(OBIT: Archduke VonBaker) ((via Austria)) Although the Archduke spent his last days raving and rambling, he left this last will and testament:

To England, I leave the deep blue sea  
and a map of how to get to me  
To France, I leave an empty glass  
and the knowledge that you won't be last  
To Russia, I leave a cup of tea,  
in hopes that England will drink, you see  
To Germany, A prophecy that will come to pass  
sooner or later, he'll bite you in the [censored by author]  
To Turkey, I leave a mad bee hive  
in hopes that you can stay alive

To Italy, an empty promise, no jive  
 by now we could have had twenty-five.  
 The charge of treason, you'll have to dismiss,  
 it wasn't me, only the post orifice.

(Reilly to All Diplomat Players) I propose that, in the future, all stamp awards be selected by vote. Each game will elect one player as a representative on the Stamp Award Committee (SAC) which will review the stamps Dave receives each month. Dave will be allowed one vote, but only when needed as a tie-breaker. (Thus ends the Kleiman Stamp Award tyranny)

(Indy-Reilly and all that read that silly idea that Rich proposed) Ok, I'll do it. Every Saturday afternoon after 3:00 pm, the SAC will meet to discuss the stamps that I have recieved. The meeting will be held in Big Brother's room, and refreshments will be served. Each game should elect a representative.

Press (James T Kirk)

(Indy-Kirk) It seems that Germany's press from the James Bond was published for this game last issue. I'm sure that no one confused Bob's ramblings for something that David might say. My apologies.

(Indy-Kirk) It seems that if I had not made that mistake, then the Kirk would have been PRESSLESS! Get with it, guys.

(Budapest) The Archduke was reported to be mildly upset over Indy's last remark concerning the world situation. "Who knows' indeed", retorted the Archduke. "I know! I know everything! So why doesn't anybody listen to me?" His rage quickly dissipated as the Archduke broke down sobbing. It was later reported that in order to cheer himself up, the Archduke has decided to destroy Russia.

Press (James Bond)

(Con-World) What a tight-lipped bunch?! Russia apparently built three and is steamrolling Austria and me - and none of you are willing to coordinate a counter-attack. So we all die: it's only a game? Come on! Fight! Live! Glory! etc.

(Indy-Bond) Go! Team! Go!

(A KIE-world) ((via Germany, of course)) Germany applauds Russia in its latest military move into the war troubled province of Sweden. It is hoped that Russian administration will bring stability to this troubled region.

(A KIE-Indy) Jupiter-Yeah-h-h-h!!! If I ever hear that, that word again - I'll dismantle your disk drives.

(Indy-A KIE) But what if you READ JUPITER again?!

(A KIE-Paris) ((still from Germany)) What Burgandy problem? Bouncing each season is fine with me.

Proposed (sigh) by Germany:

1. That Germany never have its press placed in another game (I just know he did it deliberately)

(Indy-Germany) Yes, deliberate as this JUPITER!!!!

(A KIE-Rome) ((Of course, via GERMANY)) Intelligence has it that France is sneaking up on you - have you got the point yet?

(A BER-Indy) ((Via Germany)) Yep, Jeopardy qualifies you.

(Indy-A BER) Guess who forgot to send in his press for the latest Voice of Doom? Sorry Knight, Reilly, Heintzman, Sweeney, Linsay...



(Russia-Austria) I don't understand...why do you want to crush our dogs? I mean, what'd they ever do to you...?

(Indy-Russia) Personally, it's OK to crush dogs. Cats are much superior breed.

(Whiskers-all) Meow.

(Moscow-Berlin) No, we did not rape the little Rumanian boys. (Translation: there were more than enough little Rumanian girls.) And we like you too! (Translation: I'll stay the hell out of Germany if you stay the hell out of Russia.)

(Italy) I would like to take this space and time to apologize to any and all fellow players and-or staff who have been offended by my previous press. I would like to assure you that it was not my intention to slander nor mock "The Good Book". It was my intention to share with you the heart felt sensations that have gone hand in hand with man, God and impending battle for generations. I had felt that these few passages were apropos, however, rather than risk our comradery, I shall desist.

(Russia-Austria) Oh, I get it! When you say "dogs" you're referring to the Russian people! Goooooooh, I'm mad now you..... you.....you SCUMBUNNY you!!!!

(Indy-Webster) What's a scumbunny?

### Press (Talleyrand)

(Berlin-Moscow) What can I say? Nothing's irrevocable; I'll write you if you'll write me.

(Trieste) General Electric has come out of retirement today and taken command of the new 3rd Armored unit. This all volunteer unit has grown at an unbelievable rate since the announcement of nude bathers along the Italian coast line. All volunteers are required to bring their own camera and telescope. When asked why his unit had grown so fast, the General replied, "These men have pride in their country, and the cause they're fighting for! After all, as the Italian ministry of state so plainly put it, "Alla we want isa pizza."

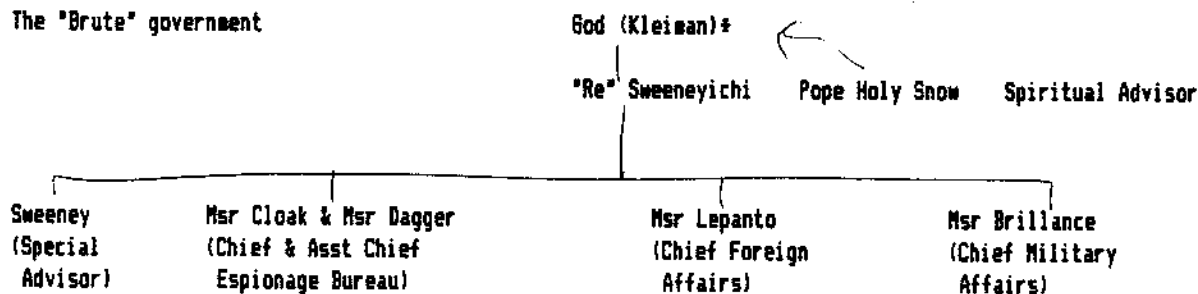
One more question, General, "What's the difference between the French naval maneuvers and the Italian beach bunnies?" The General turned back to his telescope as he answered, "The French naval maneuvers are a bunch of cunning stunts."

We were unable to confirm the General's observations, as there is a shortage of telescopes in Trieste.

(Berlin-Rome) SHHHH! I don't want to draw attention to myself!

(Italy) Confusion reigns through out the world! Monarchs, kings and emporors don't know who to contact concerning Italian affairs. Please see the chain of command below:

The "Brute" government



\*Also known as "Indy".

Please direct your questions to the appropriate agency.

(Rome-Constantinople) How old are you? It's been said that young children should be seen and not heard; I'd just like to check whether or not the converse holds true.

(Italy-World) It's "fry a frog" time (usually right after Miller time, about and it's been a long time baby...).

(Budapest) At his press conference today, the Archduke read the following formal statement:

"Fellow countryment, in these troubled times, with Italian forces marching toward our cities and Turkish-Russian conflict in our backyard, it gives me great pleasure to announce a three year plan for the development and industrialization of our nation. It is my hope that we can become the world's largest arms dealer."

As he was leaving, one of the reporters asked, "What do you call an English lord with a hundred willing females?" The Archduke pondered a while, and replied, "A shepherd."

(Pink Floyd, recording in Berlin for a broadcast to Vienna) Hello...hello...hello? Is there anybody there?

(Italy-Indy) I sure like to write press when I'm in a daze.

(Indy-Italy) Excuses....

(Berlin-Indy) Is RIGEL in Jeopardy again? (Or would you prefer a more subtle hint?)

(Indy-Berlin) My apologies. It's written, but it's still laying right here. Oooops.

(Italy-Austria) I'd love to DMZ Ven and TRI - but France is mean and uncool! Oh, well.

(Italy-france) (Ahem!) A poem for you.

My trouble is a frog on the Ocan,  
With those funny little blocks of green.  
He states he's heading through to Turkey.  
(Personally, I think Pakel is a queen).

He swears his intentions are true and honest,  
(He really must think I am a fool!)

However, no one's eager to see him expand,  
So he'd better keep his cool!

Little blocks of black and blue are near  
To ensure his progress is slow.  
If ever we three combine and attack him  
On to Paris and Brest we go!

So quietly, quietly he makes his gains,  
But soon his movements will prove him insane.  
Then Iberia and France will fall to us  
We'll watch 'old' Pakel go down the drain.

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