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Notes from the Publisher

1. Anyone interested in 2-week deadlines for games? If so, write Mark Luedi, PO Box 2424, Bloomington, IN 47402. Mark is starting some two week deadline games of Diplomacy outside of his very satirical Thirty Miles of Dad Road. If memory serves me correctly, the gamefee is \$10.00 and the NMR deposit is \$6.00. I just finished a two-weeker elsewhere, and it was interesting (and fast).
2. A couple of you wanted to know where I play my games. Well, I'm in two games in Herb Barents' Boast. Then, of course, there's the Rigel game, in The Voice of Doom. Bruce Linsey is an excellent GM and an excellent publisher. I playing with Heintzaan, Knight, Reilly and Sweeney (currently in games in this magazine) and Linsey and Hare also both sub here (and one of these days, they will play here, right guys?) Oh, and I am in a very punctual and very well GMed game in Jim Benes' Dipny (so is Phil Senn and Dwayne Dwayne Shreve - I'm at war with both of them). How am I doing? Well, I've got a 4-center Russia in 1904, a 3-center Turkey in 1903 (and in big trouble), an 8-center Italy (as a standby from 2-centers), an 8-center England (by stabbing Phil Senn). Oh, and I am about to start in one of Luedi's games. That's about it.
3. I've got at least 2 people interested in another game - should I start another game of Diplomacy, or perhaps, a variant? Let me know what you want.
4. Also, let me know if you want to be in the Bourse variant that will be played with the Poor Richard game. (Bourse is a variant that is played by any number of players NOT in the regular Dip game. Basically, you buy and trade the currencies of the countries in the game). I'll announce it next issue, but if you want in right away let me know (Oh, as you can tell, you can join the game at any time) (no game fee).
5. A very Merry Christmas to all. Please note that the next issue will be published in 4 weeks, but I would suggest that the players send their orders EARLY, as the postal service is getting slower.
6. Well, one person suggested that I drop the stamp award, one person suggested that I just couldn't possibly drop it, and one person nominated someone from each of their games to be on the Committee. I am still mulling this one over (and I can still be influenced).

The Stamp Award

How about a new subber for the stamp award?!?! Congrats to Alvin Kusunoto for the Uniquest stamp this issue: It's a stamp of Charles Steinmetz, and electrical theorist - I guess it got to me, an old Physics-Electronics student.

STANDBY LIST: Bob Sweeney(see 1982HL), Steve Cartier, John Crosby, David Baker(see Jones), David Blaylock, Pat Pakel, Jeff Hines, Phil Redmond(see Kirk), Alvin Kusunoto(see Bismarck), David Frick(see Kirk), Phil Senn(see 1982HL).

1983e - The Kissinger, W06

Peace was so near;

Italian F gre r ALB. Russian A mos r STP.

AUSTRIA (#23, David Blaylock)

NMR. Has A SER,A BUD.

ENGLAND (#01, Phil Senn)

Builds F LPL. Also has F NTH,F HEL,F DEN,F BAL,A SWE.

FRANCE (#09, Steve Cartier)

Removes A PIC. Has A TYL,A MAR,A BUR,F SPA(sc),F POR,A RUH.

GERMANY (#05, David Baker)

Builds F BER. Also has F KIE,A HOL,A MUN.

ITALY (#02, Randy Karmolinski)

Removes A VIE. Also has F WES,F LYD,F TUN,F ALB,A TRI,A PIE.

RUSSIA (#07, Allen Jackson)

Removes A LVN. Has A STP.

TURKEY (#03, J.R. Baker)

Builds A CON,F SMY. Also has A MOS,A GAL,A RUM,A UKR,F EAS,F BUL(sc),F GRE.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1907 orders are due by 1984. Winter and Spring were separated by player request. Please note that no standby will be called for Russia or Austria.

Proposals

1. "Votes be published" failed (4 for, 2 against).

2. "A-E-F-G-I-R-T draw" failed (5 for, 1 against).

England, France, Germany requested that it be published that they voted FOR both proposals.

A A-E-F-G-I-T draw is proposed.

Supply chart

Austria: 2 - ser,bud

England: 6 - lon,lpl,edi,nwy,swe,den

France: 6 - mar,par,bre,spa,por,bel

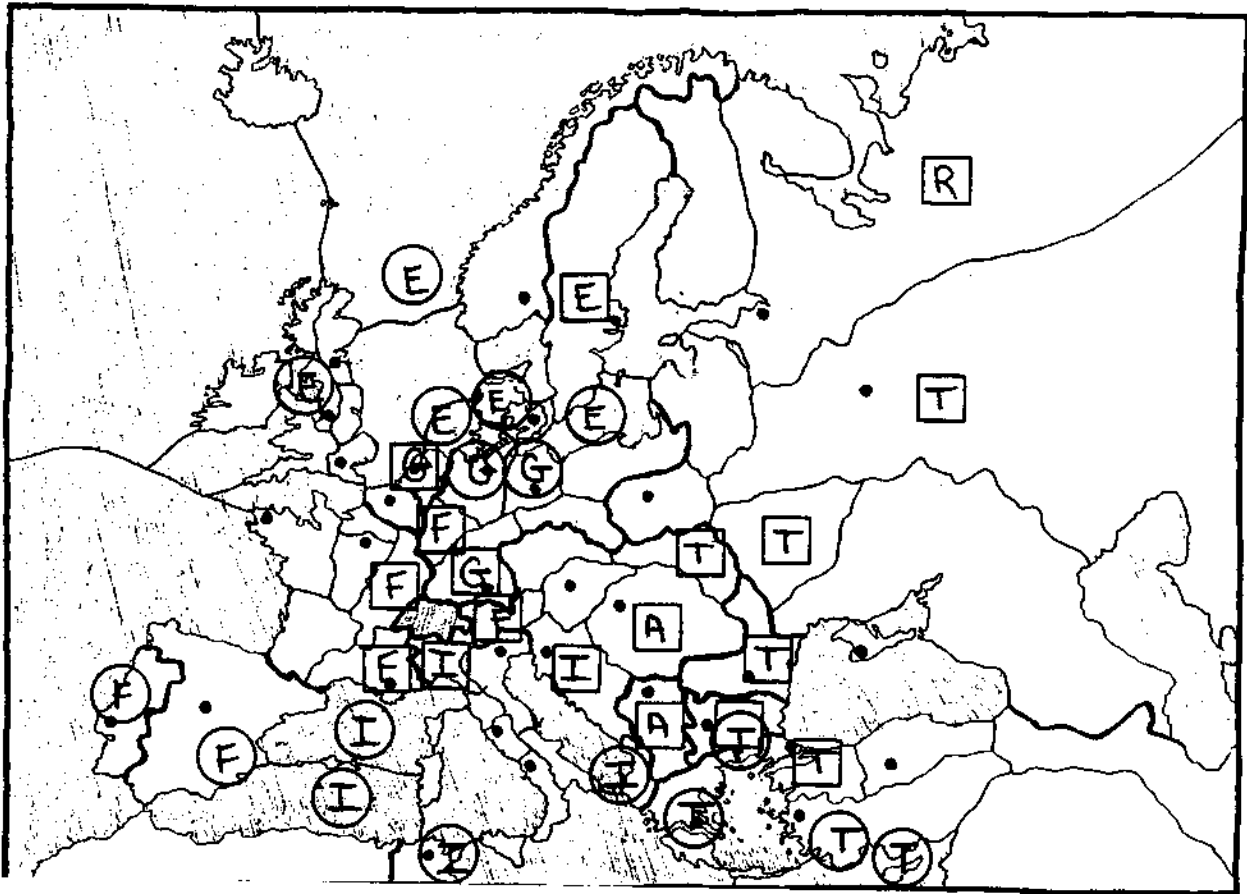
Germany: 4 - mun,ber,kie,hol

Italy: 6 - nap,rom,ven,tun,vie,tri

Russia: 1 - stp

Turkey: 9 - con,say,ank,sev,war,bul,rum,mos,gre.

Map



1983U - The Machiavelli, W05 & S06

Turkey gets blitzed; tensions mount in the Western Mediterranean; Russia looses in the north

FRANCE (#02, Randy Karmolinski) Builds F BRE, A MAR. F mid-POR, F bre-MID, A MAR-pie, F NTH C A yor-nwy, A yor-NWY, A HOL H, A bur-MUN, A mun-SIL, A BER S A mun-sil, A KIE-den, F SKA S A kie-den, F NWG S A yor-nwy, F BAR S A yor-nwy.

GERMANY (#07, Allen Jackson) Removes A PRU, F HEL. A war-MOS.

ITALY (#13, John Crosby) Builds A VEN, A ROM, F NAP. F ion-TUN, F nap-TYN, F ADR H, F AEG S F eas-smy, F eas-SMY, A VEN-pie, A ROM-ven, A vie-TYL, A bu3-VIE, A sev-RUM, A BUL-con.

RUSSIA (#04, Pat Pakel) Removes A CON. A SWE-nwy, A DEN-kie, F BAL S A den-kie, A BOH-sil, A gal-UKR, F ara-ANK, F BLA S F ara-ank.

TURKEY (#05, David Baker) F smy-con(d,r syr,otb), A ank S F smy-con(d,a).

GAME NOTES: Fall 1906 orders are due by 1984. No standby will be called for Germany.

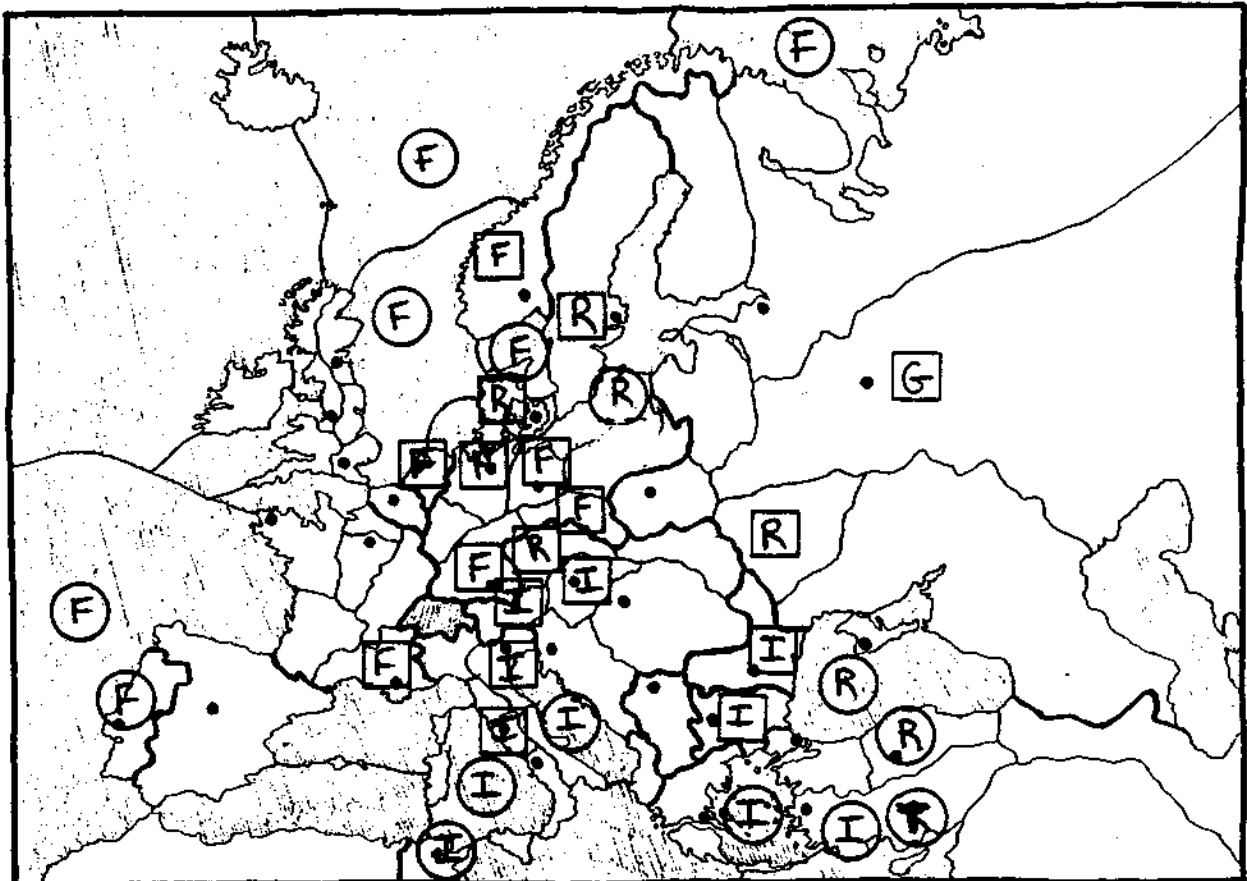
Proposals

1. Concession to France is proposed.

Supply Chart

Austria: 0. Out, F03.
 England: 0. Out, F04.
 France: 13 - bre,par,mar,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 - smy,ank

Map



1983AK - The Bismarck, 504

Italy and France dance some aore; Turkey heads north; England consolidates

ENGLAND (#34, Tim Allen)
 FRANCE (#21, Rob Schmunk)
 GERMANY (#23, David Blaylock)

F BAR S A stp, A STP S german A lvn-mos(nso), F nwg-NAT, F lon-ENG, F NTH H.
 A bre-GAS, A SPA-mar, F MAR-lyo, F WES S F mar-lyo, A PIE-tus, A ven-APU.
 NMR. A MUN H, A KIE H, A BOH H, A SIL H, A LVN H, A war H, (d,r,pru,otb), F BOT H,
 F SWE H.
 F TUS H, F LYO S F tyn-wes, F TYN-wes, A tri-VEN, A VIE S russian A gal.
 A MOS S A gal-war, A UKR S A gal-war, A gal-WAR.
 F TUN S F gre-ion, F gre-ION, F say-AEG, F con-BLA, A ank-ARM, A SER S A bul-rum,
 A bul-RUM.

ITALY (#35, Phil Redmond)
 RUSSIA (#05, David Baker)
 TURKEY (#13, John Crosby)

GAME NOTES: Deadline for Fall 1904 is 1984. Would Alvin Kusunoto(#10) submit standby orders for Germany.

Proposals

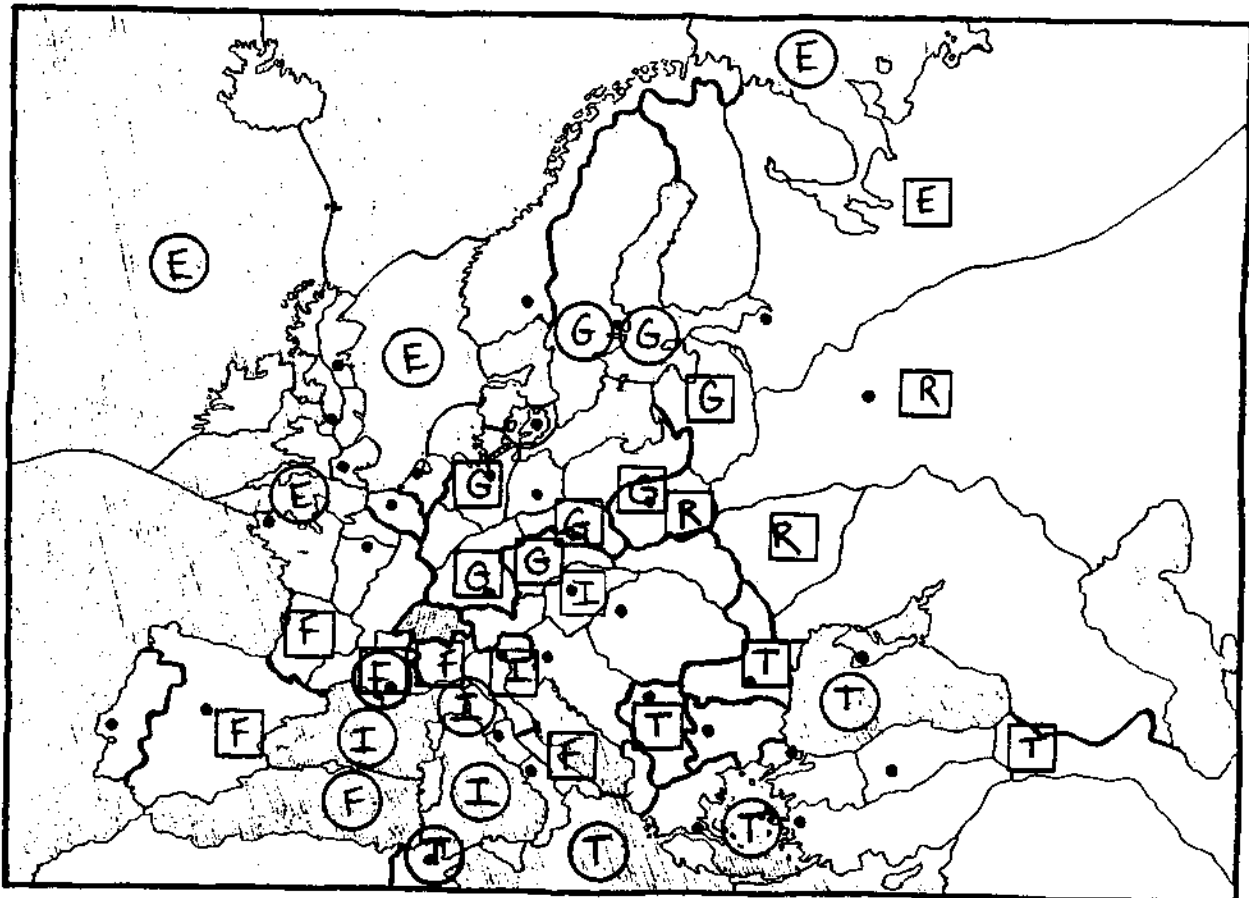
1. It has been proposed that Winter & Spring seasons be recombined. Players should remember that since The Bismarck originally had a Canadian player, Winter and Spring seasons were separated permanently. Since Mr. Chabot has left this game, it makes a certain amount of sense to recombine the seasons (i.e., revert back to the normal houserules).
2. F-B-T draw has been proposed.

Supply Chart

Austria: 0
 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, rua
 Turkey: 7 - ank, con, smy, bul, gre, tun, ser

Out, F03.

Map



1983AL - John Paul Jones, S03

France and Russia fail to move; Italian-English confrontation brewing in the Mediterranean?

ENGLAND (#26, Rich Reilly) A stp-MOS, F edi-NW6, F lpl-IRI, F MID S F lon-eng, F lon-ENG, F spa(sc)-LYO, F por-SPA(sc).
 FRANCE (#25, Brian DeLaurentis) NMR(2). F BRE H, A GAS H, A bur H(d, r pic, par, war, otb).
 GERMANY (#13, John Crosby) F fin-BOT, F swe-DAL, A ber-MUN, A mun-BUR, A RUM S A mun-bur, A BEL S A mun-bur, A hol-KIE.
 ITALY (#27, David Frick) A SER S russian A rum-bul(nso) A GRE S russian A rum-bul(nsu), F ION-aeg, A vie-BOM, A TYL S A vie-boh, A ven-PIE, F rom-TUS, F nap-TYN, F tun-WES.
 RUSSIA (#23, David Blaylock) NMR. A WAR H, A RUM H, F SEV F, F bla H(d, r ara, otb).
 TURKEY (#22, Jeff Hines) F CON S F ank-bla, A BUL-gre, F AEG S A bul-gre, F ank-BLA.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1904 orders are due by 1984. Would David Baker(#05) please submit standby orders for Russia?

Proposals

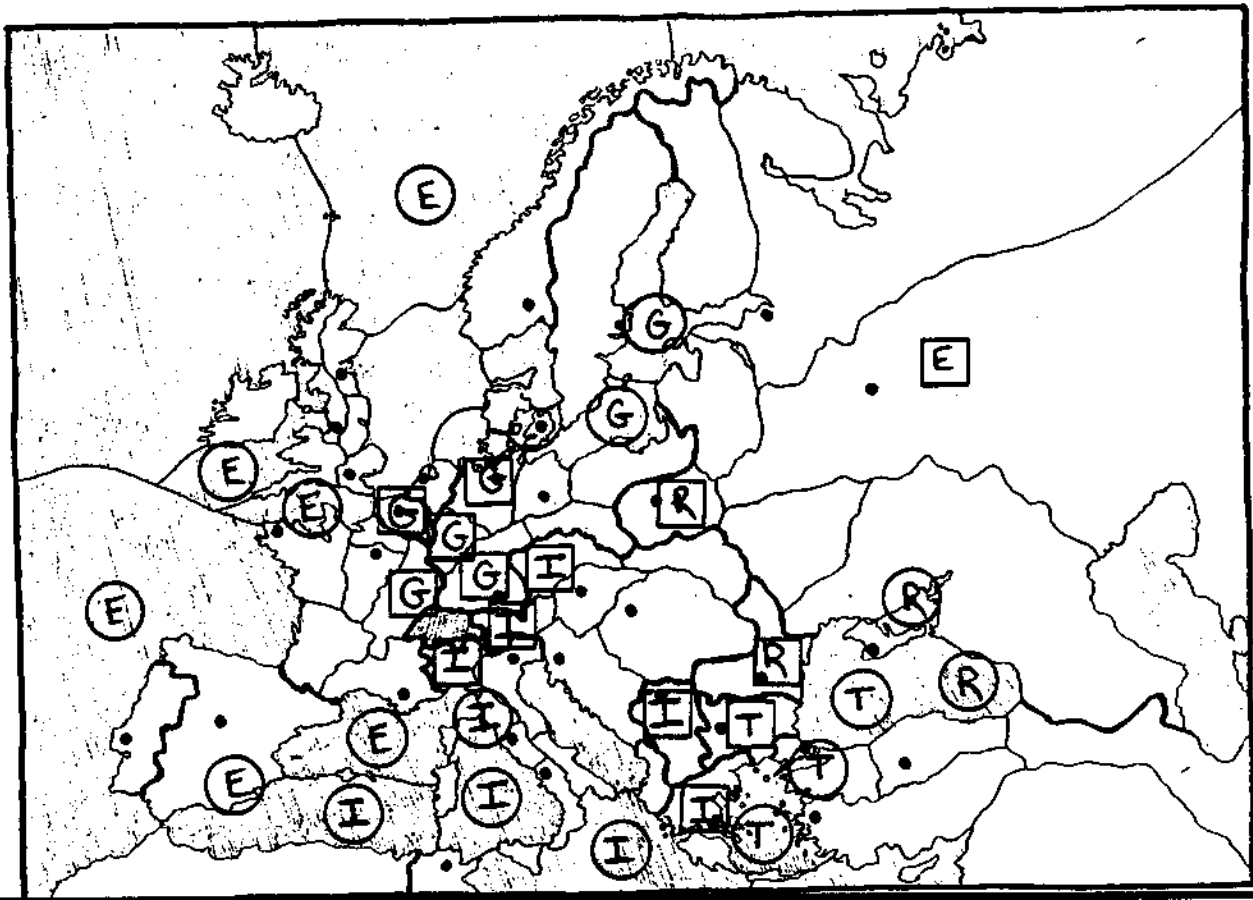
1. It is proposed that Rich Reilly strip naked, cover himself with unique stamps and mail himself to Moscow.
2. Permanent separation of seasons is proposed (I assume we are talking about Spring and Winter seasons).

Supply Chart

Austria: 0
 England: 7 - lon, lpl, edi, nwy, stp, spa, por
 France: 3 - ear, 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

Out, F03.

Map



1983CG - James T Kirk - F03

France invades Germany with Italian help; Turkey & Austria continue to pressure Russia.

English F stp(nc) r OTB by GM.

AUSTRIA (#30, Charles Lobdell)

ENGLAND (?????????????????)

FRANCE (#16, Nelson Heintzman)

GERMANY (#23, David Blaylock)

ITALY (#09, Steve Cartier)

RUSSIA (#13, John Crosby)

TURKEY (#04, Pat Pakel)

A UKR S turkish A sev-mos, A GAL-war, A rum-SER, A BUD-gal, F GRE H, A VIE H.

NMR. F NTH H, F NMY H, A LON H.

A pic-BEL, F ENG S A pic-bel, A bur-MUN, A war-BUR, A spa-GAS.

NMR. A BER H, A KIE H, F DEN, A HOL, A bel H(d,r ruh,otb), A mun H(d,r ruh,otb).

F ION S austrian F gre, A TYL S french A bur-mun, A BOH S french A bur-mun, A SIL S french A bur-mun.

F bot-SWE, A STP-mos, A mos-war(d,r lvn,otb).

A sev-MOS, A bul-SEV, F BLA C A bul-sev, F con-BUL(sc), F AEG-ion.

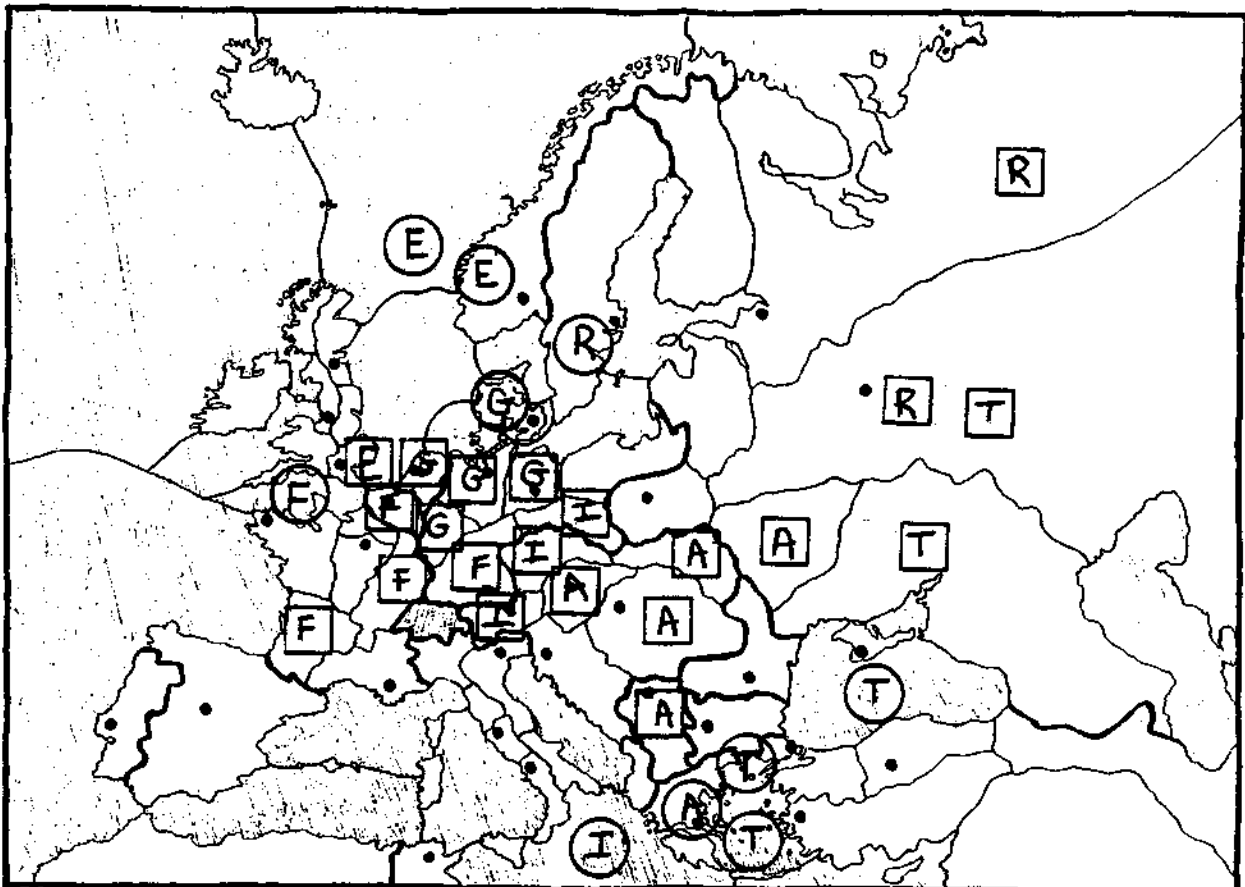
GAME NOTES: Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 orders are due by 1984. Would David Frick(#27) submit standby orders for England? And would Phil Redmond submit standby orders for Germany(#33)? Allen Jackson failed to send standby orders for England.

Supply Chart

- Austria: 6 - vie, bud, tri, ser, gre, rum
- England: 4 - lon, lpl, edi, nwy
- France: 7 - war, par, bre, spa, por, BEL, MUN
- Germany: 4 - ber, kie, den, hol
- Italy: 4 - nap, rom, ven, tun
- Russia: 3 - war, swe, STP
- Turkey: 6 - ank, sey, con, bul, sev, MOS

- Even.
- Build 1 units.
- Build 2 units.
- Remove 1 unit.
- Even.
- Even.
- Build 1 units.

Map



1983CZ - Talleyrand - 502

Russia denied Rumania, gets Sweden, but loses St. Petersburg!

Austria (#03, JR Baker)
 England (#35, Phil Redmond)
 France (#04, Pat Pakel)
 Germany (#33, Steve Knight)
 Italy (#32, Bob Sweeney)
 Russia (#13, John Crosby)
 Turkey (#22, Jeff Hines)

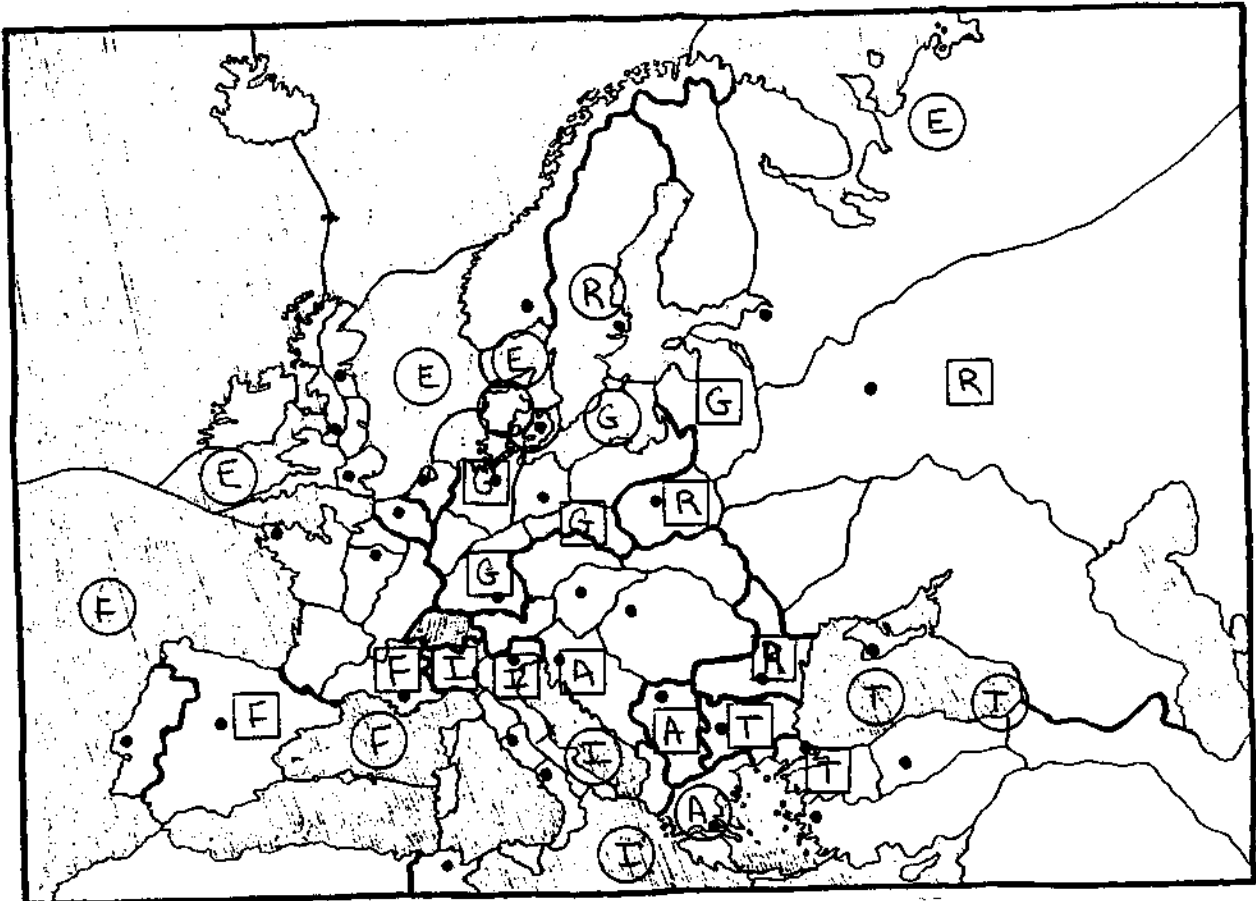
A TRI-yen, A SER S A gal-run, A gal-RUM, F alb-GRE.
 F nwy-STP(nc), F nth-SKA, F edi-NTH, F lpl-IRI, A BEL H (bravely).
 F bre-MID, F spa(sc)-LYO, A MAR-pie, A por-SPA.
 A pru-LVN, A ber-SIL, A MUN S A ber-sil, A hol-KIE, F den-BAL.
 F nap-APU, F tun-ION, A VEN-tyl, A PIE-tyl.
 A sil-WAR, A stp-MOS, F bot-SNE, F SEV-run.
 F ank-ARM, F BLA-sev, A BUL S con, A CON S A bul.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1902 are due by 1984.

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, sey, bul

Map



1982HL - Orphaned game, post-F03

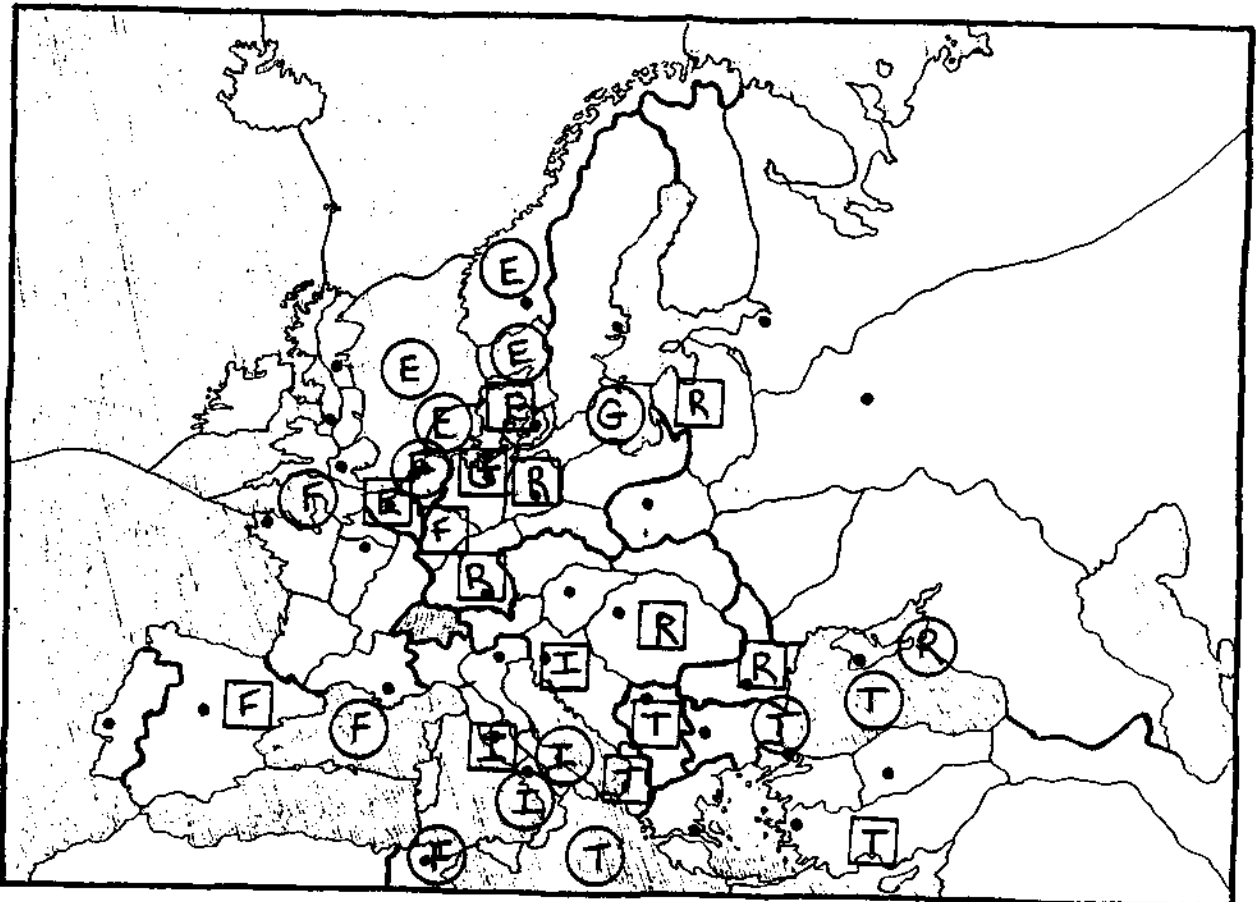
AUSTRIA (#19, Jeff Sherer)	No units.
ENGLAND (#10, Alvin Kusumoto)	Has F SKA, F NWY, F HEL, F NTH, A DEN, A BEL.
FRANCE (#03, J.R. Baker)	Has F LYD, F TUN, A SPA, F ENG, A RUH, F HOL.
GERMANY (#25, Brian DeLaurentis)	Has A KIE, F BAL.
ITALY (#36, Mike Sanches)	Has F APU, A TRI, F NAP, A ROM.
RUSSIA (#38, John McCleerey)	Has A BER, A RUM, F SEV, A BUD, A MUR, A LVN.
TURKEY (#39, Mark Schwendiman)	Has F BUL(ec), F BLA, F ION, A SMY, A SER, A ALB.

GAME NOTES: Winter 1903 adjustments are due by 1984. This game was originally run in Embassy Whispers by Roger Lewis. Would Phil Senn(#01) submit standby orders for Russia? And would Bob Sweeney(#32) submit standby orders for Turkey.

SUPPLY CHART

Austria:	1 - vie	Build 1 unit.
England:	7 - bel, den, swe, nwy, edi, lpl, lon	Build 1 unit.
France:	6 - par, mar, bre, spa, por, tun, hol	Build 1 unit.
Germany:	1 - kie	Remove 1 unit.
Italy:	4 - tun, ven, rom, nap	Even.
Russia:	8 - mos, sev, war, rna, bud, ber, mun, stp	Build 2 units.
Turkey:	6 - ank, smy, con, gre, bul, ser	Even.

Map



1983HY - Poor Richard, WOO

Winter 1900 press from Austria; BNC assigns a number to the game

AUSTRIA (#15, Kathy Byrne)	A BUD, A VIE, A 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)	F KIE, A BER, A MUN.
ITALY (#35, Phil Redmond)	A VEN, A ROM, F NAP.
RUSSIA (#03, J.R. Baker)	A WAR, A MOS, F SEV, F STP(sc).
TURKEY (#32, Bob Sweeney)	F ANK, A CON, A SMY.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1901 moves are due by 1984.

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: Fall 1903 moves are due by 1984.

Please note that if a unit is dislodged or stood off, no mention will be made of the countries involved. Valid retreats will be listed.

STANDBYS: Rob Schunk.

Thomas Covenant, Game Start!

AUSTRIA (#05, David Baker)	Has A VIE, A BUD, F TRI.
ENGLAND (#30, Charles Loddell)	Has F EDI, F LON, A LPL.
FRANCE (#22, Jeff Hines)	Has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR.
GERMANY (#09, Steve Cartier)	Has F KIE, A BER, A MUN.
ITALY (#32, Bob Sweeney)	Has F NAP, A ROM, A VEN.
RUSSIA (#35, Phil Redmond)	Has F STP(sc), F SEV, A WAR, A MOS.
TURKEY (#08, Dwayne Shreve)	Has F ANK, A CON, A SMY.

GAME NOTES: Deadline for Spring 1901 orders is two issues from now, on January 21, 1984 at 10:00 pm EST.

the PRESS Column**Press (Kissinger)**

(Germany) Chancellor Von Baker called a press conference to announce a major development in world politics. "My fellow Germans, I have received an ultimatum from the British, by way of the criminal Senn. It is this: Peace, between all the major powers of Europe OR an assassins bullet! Having no desire to die like the scum Helwig, I have voted for peace. Long Live Germany! Praise be to 'The Diplomat'!"

(Paris) Merry Christmas everybody!

(Indy) Yes, a very Merry Christmas to all!

(Sayrnia) The Middle East, we are beginning to get tidings of comfort and joy from the area where some people are claiming to have seen the witch called "NOE" (Noel with no "L"). We go live now, to our roving news team reporter Willy Finder - Willy?

"Thank you. Well, as far as we are able to make out from piecing together a number of eye-witness reports, last night, while these poor shepherds lay keeping their sheep, this young lady did say what has been claimed to be "No-Well?". According to one of the shepherds who were all seated at the time "a glory shone all around her". She told them to "fear not" and water began to flow out of a crack in the rocks. This story was confirmed by several merry gentlemen whom she advised "Let nothing You dismay."

(Clyde) "Travers," said Senn from behind his desk. "Pull the file on one Steve Cartier. Let's take a look at what he's got." After momentary shuffling in the library, Travers came into the study carrying a large manilla envelope.

"This is all we have on him, sir," said Travers. "Just some back issues of a magazine entitled The Diplomat, which is used to develop tactical skills."

"Well, it'll have to do. Let's take a look at it." Senn began reading - his eye well trained for detail. "Let's see, he entered his first game in March. Controlled Austria and took everything south." pondered Senn. "Bad luck I suppose - the Italian jumped right on him."

"Yes, sir," said Travers. "Lepanto opening, I would guess."

"Well, there's one way to find out." Senn grabbed the next issue. "And it worked beautifully, too! Turkey's in big trouble already with Russia. But the Italian's getting two builds, things could get awfully dicey with the red army."

"Yes, sir," said Travers. "The crux will be whether there is a build in Trieste or Venice."

"Right you are, Travers! Right you are!" Laying the document aside, Senn flipped to the next season. "Haaa." said Senn. "Italy found himself surrounded in Serbia and built in Venice to protect himself."

"Or so it seems," said Travers. "See the Russian build in Moscow?"

"My my my. Travers you are positively cunning! Things are very unshaky at this point. Alliances could go any which way but loose."

"And poor Turkey is stuck in a clay house with three hungry wolves looking in." said Travers.

"Predictions?" asked Senn as he held the magazine up for Travers to take a closer look.

"Haaa," studied the servant. "Hard to tell. I'd say Italy and Russia have been talking though."

"Well, hindsight is always best; let's see!" Senn grabbed the next issue. The two stared in puzzlement for a while.

"He supported Italy into Bulgaria, and attacked him at the same time," said Senn.

"He probably thought it was clever at the time," said Travers.

"Look at the Russian. He's got Budapest next season if he wants it. And better still - a new Italian ally."

"An Italian ally that has a fleet in the East Med" corrected Travers.

"Next!" said Senn as he snatched up the next issue of The Diplomat. As he opened the pages to the game in scrutiny, the two immediately stifled a shock. "He's - he's lost - it all." said Senn.

"In one season," said Travers.

"He lost Greece, Vienna, Trieste, Budapest in one season." repeated Senn.

"I think the record speaks clearly" said Travers, straightening. Senn was in a daze.

"Never have so many become so few in such a short amount of time."

"Indeed." said Travers. "He joined a new game that issue, too."

"I think it's time we wrote the Italian."

(Con-Indy) I give up. What do you do with a balance? Quack? Not to mention feathers?

(Indy-Con) Well, you see, one of my favorite scenes from Monty Python's "Holy Grail" is a scene that uses some of the most ridiculous logic to determine if a particular girl is a witch or not. The logic goes something like this (I am sure that it will suffer in the translation): What do you do with a witch? Well, you burn her. And what else burns? Wood, of course. And wood floats. What else floats? Why, a duck. Therefore if she weighs the same as a duck then she must be a witch. The scene concludes with she and a duck sitting on a giant balance - and of course, they weigh the same.

Press (Machiavelli)

(Rome-Paris) Fleet Mid makes me nervous. Hope F Mar does not appear to make me more nervous.

(Indy-Rome) Well, I bet you're more nervous, now.

(Rome-Ankara) Nice Russian NMR. How lucky can you get?

(Turkey) There's a time to live and a time to die!

(Indy-Turkey) Guess what time it is.

Press (Bismarck)

(Rome) The recently installed Italian government invites correspondence from its loving neighbors, especially since it probably won't have long to get to know them.

(Ankara-Paris) Army Brest?!?! What a build.

(Chicago-Indy) ((Chicago, Italy)) It's bad enough to give me Italy in the anniversary game (a "random" selection-sure), but in this game, too? My record as a perfect loser will be tainted forever with this kind of country assignment. Perhaps a trade with Germany or Turkey - just to show you what I can do?

(Indy-Chicago) I thought this game would be a challenge - you'll be hard pressed to be last in this one...

(Russia) If I close my eyes, face Germany and concentrate hard, I can almost feel the knife coming. Ah, yes! There it is.

(Ankara-Moscow) What a defensive position - the Imaginou Line.

(Indy-Ankara) Very punny.

Press (John Paul Jones)

(Berlin-Rome) If you have problems with the English - that's your problem. If you want to have problems with Germany, move to Bohemia.

(London-Paris) I think you exaggerate slightly...

(Rome-Paris) Tho the Dark Blue advances - hang on.

(Constantinople) The Sultan (in a rare news conference) announced today that all is not lost on the Turkish front. He assured the public that with a renewed effort and a little help from Allah that the stench of those pizza breath Italians will be forever cleared from the world.

(Rome-London) I guess you just don't think that anything but fleets will do you any good. Well, rumor has it that you have been building in such haste that you have resorted to using chewing gum to hold the hull together. I don't think it will stand the pressure of the NES seas.

(Indy-Rome) Chewing gum?! I've heard of the Good Ship Lollypop, but the Good Ship Bubble Yum?!?!?

(Berlin-London) Shall we put the Black & Blue on the light blues?

(Rome-Warsaw) Come on, I'm getting tired of fooling around in Med.

(Rome) After the release of the last will and testament of Archduke VonBaker, a press notice was sent by the King of Italy. In general, he stated, "It feels so good, thanks for the memories."

Press (James Kirk)

(Paris) French officials were asked their reaction to the apparent crisis in the British government. One apparently shrugged his shoulders and replied, "C'est la vie."

(Rome) Officials here have denounced the scurilous rumour that Italian forces have invaded Germany. It was announced today that some Italian units are in Germany's war games in Poland at the invitation of the Kaiser.

(France-Indy) Well, some games generate press, others don't...

(Moscow-World) Russia seeks one active ally. Don't bother to send application. Just do something FAST.

(Germany of James Bond-Indy) Well, if you want my ramblings in all your games, here's one for the James T. Kirk - RIGEL! (Besides, David has been known to ramble quite a bit).

(Indy-Germany of James Bond) I suppose (I hope) that even though you are out of the RIGEL, you will continue to ramble in that game. That is legal, according to the Voice of Doom house rules.

(France-Indy) ~~Hummmmmmm~~, Jupiter? (Or is that taken)

(Indy-France) Of course, it's taken.

(France-Turkey) You gotta be kiddin'.

Press (Talleyrand)

(Italy-Austria) Conditional orders, don't you know.

(Berlin-World) Massive apologies to everyone for my sorry lack of correspondence this last season. The method I've been trying to use just doesn't look as though it's allowing me to finish the letters as regularly as I'd like, so I'm switching to alternatives. Please bear with me.

(Italy-France) What balls! Playing one short with English and German and Italian armies on your border! It's me or nothing, eh!

(London) The optical firm of Wee, Cheatan & Howe, LTD. announced record export sales in the past quarter, due in large measure to camera shipments to Trieste. Company spokesmen confirmed that the export model was especially suited for photographing cunning stunts on the Italian coast line.

(Berlin-Indy) Don't you think you're taking Italy's proclamation of your divinity just a little too seriously when you casually destroy all the French units as a reward?

(Indy-Berlin) Careful, Steven, do you want your units to disappear, too?

(Indy-World) Sorry about the omission of the French units on the map last issue...

(Italy-Indy) Didn't I label my last set of ramblings (i.e. press) S'02? (It's a good thing I only ramble in the press!)

(Indy-Italy) For the record: No, your press last issue was not labelled S'02. Off the record: I would have printed it even if it had been labelled S'02 (you know how often I screw up press).

(Italy-Russia) So, what's new? Thanksgiving a long way away - watch out for TURKEY's!

(Indy-Italy) Do you have any idea how many presses in every single 'zine I pick up makes a crack about Thanksgiving and Turkey?

(Berlin-New regime in Constantinople) Russian centers! Get 'em while they're hot!

(Moscow-World) If anybody knows what is happening, let me know.

(Indy-Moscow) If you think you're lost in this game, you ought to see the board position in the James Bond variant...

(Italy-World) It was announced today that General Electric has accidentally shorted himself while trying to grasp (simultaneously) 2 nude Italian bathers. His charred and cindered body will be carried (in state by the 2nd Italian Armored Division) to Trieste (Conditional Press, don't you know).

(Indy-Italy) What do you mean "Conditional Press"? There's no such thing in The Diplomat.

(Berlin-John Paul Jones England) Go, Rich, go! But a nine-center Italy in '03?

(Berlin-Indy) Does that count as cross-gaming? (Come on, that's a straight line if I ever heard one!)

(Indy-John Paul Jones England) Do you pay him to write these things?

(East Cheap, London) Ground was broken today for the world's first "over the Alps" telescope. The project designed to promote better understanding of those funny countries on the Adriatic, will be trained first on the beaches near Venice. Lord Redmond, a strong supporter of scientific progress, has volunteered to operate the telescope during its testing phase. "It's a nasty job, but someone has to do it."

Way to go, Mr. Phil!

(Indy-Mr. Phil) According to my sources, the new telescope will be in the testing phase for many, many years...

(Italy-Indy) Can people write press with my dateline on it (i.e. Rome, Italy, etc?) I sure don't remember ROM-CON last issue, but if I did I must have meant it!

(Indy-Italy) See, I told you I'd mess up your press. Sorry.

(Constantinople) A new Sultan reigns in Turkey! The new Sultan Abdul Habab Habab wishes it to be clear that all Laws and treaties made with the previous Sultan Abdul Be Headed are subject to reconsideration.

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

This is the story about our neighbors, but I have changed the names to confuse everybody- There was a move to be made and everybody was asked to make it. Everybody was sure that somebody would make it, anybody could have made it, but nobody did. Somebody got angry about that, because it should be Everybody's center. Everybody thought anybody would block it, but nobody wouldn't do it. Now everybody blames somebody because nobody moved where anybody could have.

(Indy-Anybody) Somebody has to have understood that. I would like anybody who understood that to write and tell me and everybody. Nobody should be allowed to write that kind of press.

(Indy-TALLEYRAND) Last issue (2.17) press, Rome-Constantinople, should have been labelled Berlin-Constantinople. Sorry about the mis-type.

(Berlin-Rome) Just so you don't feel neglected in this game...JUNIPER! No, wait, that's not quite right...

(Indy-Rome) JUPITER. Now that's QUITE right.

Press (James Bond)

(Russia-Germany) Okay, Okay, I get the picture: If you really want Sweden that badly, you can keep it!

(Germany-Con) Thought it would be more of a surprise this way! (Didn't Russia surprise you?)

(A Rome) How about a proposal to see the game every 4th year, guys?

(Germany-Indy) What team?!?!? (or is it which team?)

(Germany-Indy) R-R-R-I-I-I-I-P-P-P-P! Spirt! Splatter! Ping! There goes the old disk drive (I warned you! Your drive is now cursed!)

(Indy-Germany) Wrongo! I curse my disk drive.

(Russia-England) So, how'd you like some support into Sweden?

(Germany-Rose) Did you get THE KNIFE?

(Russia-Indy) Cats, a superior breed? That's their problem: they think they're superior to everybody. At least dogs know their place. (And they're happy to be there.)

(Indy-Russia) You lie down with dogs, and you get up with fleas...

(Indy-All) Yep. That's your "Music Trivia" question for this issue.

(Germany-Russia) Kill him! Imagine hurting dogs! Now if he said skin a cat...

(Indy) ...he'd be looking for a new 'zine. Oh, that criminal Leudi returned Whiskers. He'll be sorry...

(Russia-Turkey) AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARRGH!

(Germany-Russia) Was ist gut? (were the little Rumanian girls good?) Did ju maken der sulders mary the leetle girls? (Did your soldiers make honest women of them?)

(A Naples) If only I could walk on water.

(Germany-Austria) Scumbunny? Any relation to Nerfherder?

(Russia-Indy) I believe Rob Schaunk might be able to tell you what a scumbunny is. But then, it perhaps means something different to him than it does to me.

(Indy-Rob Schaunk) You'd better help me out: I am now confused about "scumbunnies" and what the heck is a "nerfherder"?

(Germany-France & England) Now! Who did what is the question! AND Whom to punish for it! (or IF to punish at all!)

(Germany-Indy) Oh, for just one peek (you beedy eyed bugger!) at the master board! Start at \$100.00?

(Indy-Bond) Send a check and after it clears...

(Russia-Italy) What?! No more scriptures? I mean, I'm not religious or anything, but I kind of enjoyed reading all

all conjecture (of course).

(Indy-Munich) (Of course).

(Munich-Austria) Such a tight lipped fellow. Come on, slander someone - it's fun.

Press (Poor Richard)

(Russia-World) The traditional roast turkey can prove boring after 29 (and holding) Christmas dinners, so why not try something different? A good goose will prove popular with all the ladies. Although goose-plucking is hard work, a large gander will feed the most ravenous crowd with ease. Fourteen hours at 325 degrees will cook your goose once and for all, and it will give you a bonus of two quarts of goose grease - and everybody knows what you can do with goose grease (not to mention feathers).

(Indy-Russia) Feathers...oops, you said not to mention feathers...sorry.

(Russia-Austria) I've never played with a young lady (and I have a promising oil lease for sale!) What should we call you? Her Majesty's Queen B. or will "Honey" do?

(Indy-Russia & Austria) Ah, those random country assignments...



YOU LIED TO YOUR BROTHER.
YOU STABBED YOUR NEPHEW,
YOU MADE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL,
AND NOW, YOU WANT DIPLOMACY
FOR CHRISTMAS?

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Dear former foes, allies and neutrals,

Lately I have no doubt built for myself a deserved reputation for not answering game-related letters and also NMRing to death. While I believe I had good reasons for not being able to participate more fully in the games I was a party to, it became clear to me that those reasons were compelling me to resign from all those games, which I did. Before I bore you with the platitudes of my reasons and excuses, I wish to apologize to all those that have been slighted by my behaviour (or lack thereof) of late.

In Quebec we have a saying that upon translation goes a bit like this:
"When booze (or dope or sex or wargaming) interferes with work, quit working!"

Maybe I'll try that one day, but really at this point in my life working seems to offer more of a future. When I decided to join the Diplomat I had no way of foreseeing how cluttered my schedule would be this year. Actually I was fairly faithful at first. But a number of things have since occurred. However, in order to put things in perspective, let us remember that in order to play in these games from up here one has to put up with the compounded inefficiencies of 2 Postal Services. In Canada, if the distance between the sender and addressee is less than 300 km, don't mail it, walk it there. Special Delivery is a joke: they stamp the damn thing at every intervening Post Office or so it seems. The latest issue of the Diplomat took 8 days to get here. That's the ~~normal~~ transit time. Times 2 because I have to write back and there are 5 days left between 2 moves for me to get in touch with allies and foes. It simply does not work. So one gets on the horn and one day the wife gets her hands on the phone bill and says: "Whom do we know in Galveston, TX; and in Georgia; and in Indianapolis; and...". Whom you answer honestly 3 phone bills in a row it gets harder to bitch about phone calls to the in-laws. Meanwhile your phone bill gets larger than your mortgage payments. The automatic season separation between Fall and Winter went a long way to solve part of this, but not enough. And anyway, with a maximum of 5 days to do your move, if you happen not to be at home during those days, you are in trouble. I happen to be away at conferences a lot.

None of the above would have made my life so miserable had I not fallen into the hectic schedule I have now. I teach 5 courses (one for the first time ever) and supervise 4 labs. I am the Faculty Union President, and we are presently Bargaining for our next Collective Agreement. I also sit on the Provincial Executive of the Faculty Union Federation, on its National Council and I am a Trustee of its Defence Fund. Why accept all these responsibilities when it will cut into my Diplomacy time? Question of priorities. I could have foreseen the problem, but did not, and have resigned from the games earlier rather than aggravate the other players. I should not have signed up for The Talleyrand, that's for sure. But you feel you can always squeeze one more thing in your schedule until you do such a poor job of it that you leave yourself open to the things that happened to me in the Bismarck. Not being a very good player is bad enough, but if you get neglectful, then you're asking for it. I got it. It surely can make a bonus out of me for whomever happens to have the power next to me, but while this player grows at the expense of both my inexperience and my carelessness, all things are not equal for the other fellows. This is why I have, albeit belatedly, resigned from the games, if only in order not to spoil the fun of the other people.

Alain Chabot