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The Diplomat is the home of 83U,83AK,83AL,83CG,83CZ,83HY,82HL,83IF,84AP,84AQ.

Deadline for all games in this issue is 10:00 pm EST on July 6, 1984.

1. Please note COA's for Mike Sanchez and Bob Sweeney.
2. A few of you have asked how I handle regular Diplomacy game signups. Basically, when I decide that I can open another game, I just announce that a game is open. Then, on a first-come, first-serve basis, I accept game fees and preference lists. I will not accept game fees-preference lists in advance of the game opening. Currently, there are no game openings in The Diplomat. I will open another after two of the current games end. I will add that there are at least 2 games that are very close to ending, and based on that, I can assume that I will have openings toward the end of summer. If you are game, the standby list is a good way to get into the games (not to mention you earn large quantities of respect from me). Unfortunately, I've had to use the standby list this issue...
3. Speaking of game openings, Steve Cartier has asked me to plug a new game that is filling slowly in Costaguana. It is published by Conrad von Metzke, PO Box 27273, San Diego, CA 92128. The game fee is \$7 and this includes the sub. I have not seen Costaguana, so I might suggest you send a SASE for a sample. I do know that Conrad has been in the hobby for some time, and I can only assume that with his experience and Steve's recommendation, it is good.
4. Generally speaking, if you are interested in a game, send a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) to Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024 for Pontevedria. Pontevedria is a list of publishers that have game openings. Many of you first came to the Diplomat through this service. Also, Known Game Openings by Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY 10034 provides a list of game openings. Now, there is an apparent disagreement between Mr. Sacks and Mr. Walker about who should be providing this service for the hobby. But as long as there are two sources for game openings, then you may consider asking each of them for a copy.
5. DIPCON-Origins 84 is next weekend in Dallas. I will be there, along with subscribers Mark Luedi, David Baker, Matt Fleming, J.R. Baker, David Frick and maybe more!? I'll get one of these guys to do a write up about DIPCON so you'll all know about it. I'm not sure I'll be able to live through meeting all of you in a matter of days...
6. NWIIIb is still open. We've got at least 15 players that have shown interest, but we're short a few game fees...
7. Personally - well, I'm looking for a new job and Lori and I are trying to buy a house. Not such new...

STANDBY LIST: Steve Cartier, John Crosby, David Baker, Pat Pakel, Jeff Hines, Matt Fleming, Bob Sweeney, Ken Hager, Mary Simons, Scott Mercer(see Marshall), Brad Pavey, Steven Piper, Brian Cukurs, Len Kay(see Kirk), Jeff Sherer(see Machiavelli), Melinda Halley, Stephen Dycus(see Talleyrand), Dan Young.

1983U - The Machiavelli, F09

Munich falls to Italians; Russians in civil disorder

FRANCE: (#02, Randy Karmolinski) A BUR H, A RUH H, A mun-BER, A hol-KIE, A kie-FIN, A PRU S A mun-ber, A STP-ees, A GAS S F mar, F MAR S F spa(sc), F SPA(sc) S F mar, F POR S F spa(sc), F MID S F spa(sc), F NAT S F mid, F BAL C A kie-fin, F BOT C A kie-fin, F NWY-stp(nc).

ITALY: (#13, John Crosby) F NAF-mid, F WES S F naf-mid, F TUN S F wes, F tus-PIE, F LYD S F tus-pie, F tyn-TUS, F ion-TYN, A pie-TYL, A tyl-VIE, A boh-MUN, A SIL-ber, A GAL-sil.

RUSSIA: (#04, Pat Pakel) NMR. A LVN H(u), A WAR H(u), A MOS H(u), A UKR H(u).

GAME NOTES: Winter 1910 and Spring 1911 orders are due. Will Jeff Sherer (#19) please submit standby orders for Russia?

PROPOSALS: F-I-R draw fails (1 for, 1 against). F-I-R is proposed again.

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 0- out.

ENGLAND: 0- out.

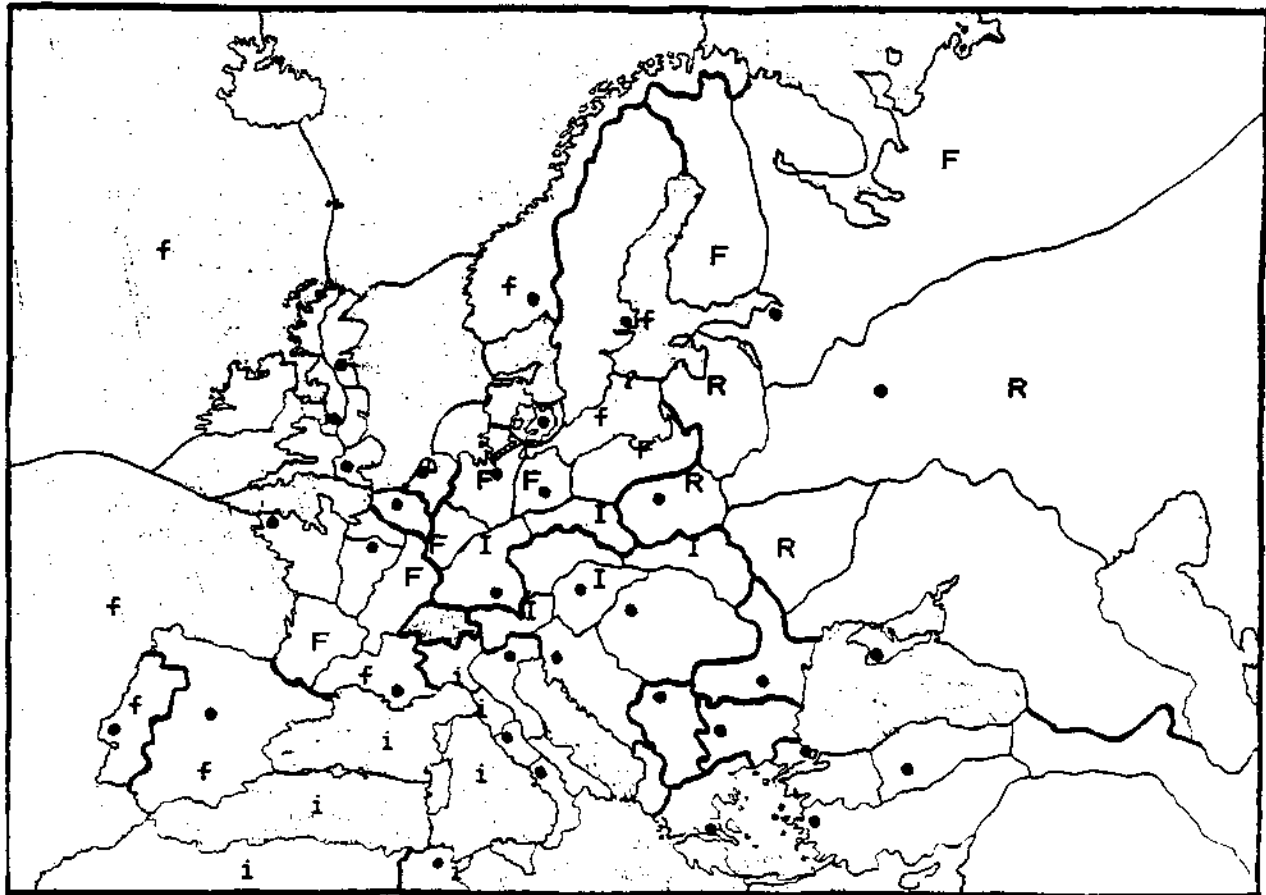
FRANCE: 16- BEL, SER, BRE, DEN, EDI, HOL, KIE, LON, LPL, MAR, NWY, PAR, POR, SPA, STP, SWE. Even.

GERMANY: 0- out.

ITALY: 14- BUD, BUL, CON, GRE, MUN, NAF, ROM, RUM, SER, SMY, TRI, TUN, VEN, VIE. Build 2 units.

RUSSIA: 4- ANK, MOS, SEV, WAR. Even.

TURKEY: 0- out.



1983AK - The Bismarck, FOB

Italy falls!

ENGLAND: (#06, Matt Fleming)

FRANCE: (#21, Rob Schunk)

GERMANY: (#42, Ken Hager)

ITALY: (#35, Phil Redmond)

TURKEY: (#13, John Crosby)

F NAT S french F mid, F den-SWE, A stp-LVN, A fin-STP, F BAR H(u), F LPL H(u), F WAL H(u).

A BUR S german A mun, F MAR S F spa(sc), A GAS S F mar, F SPA(sc) S F aid,

F POR S F spa(sc), F MID S F spa(sc).

A BER S F pru, A MUN S A ber, A KIE S A mun.

A ven-rom(d,apu,pie,tus).

F NAP-mid, F WES-spa(sc), F LYO S F pie-mar, F PIE-mar, F TYN-rom,

F bla-CON, A sev-MOS, A tri-VEN, A UKR S A sev-mos, A bud-GAL, A TYL S A tri-ven, A VIE S A tyl

A BOH-mun, A SIL-ber, A WAR S A lvn-pru, A lvn-PRU.

GAME NOTES: Winter 1908 and Spring 1909 orders are due. In answer to a couple of questions, perpetual orders are accepted; and proposals will be accepted if they are not proposed but all players vote on them in writing.

PROPOSALS: TEFB draw is proposed.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 0- out.

ENGLAND: 7- EDI, HOL, LON, LPL, NWY, STP, SWE. Even.

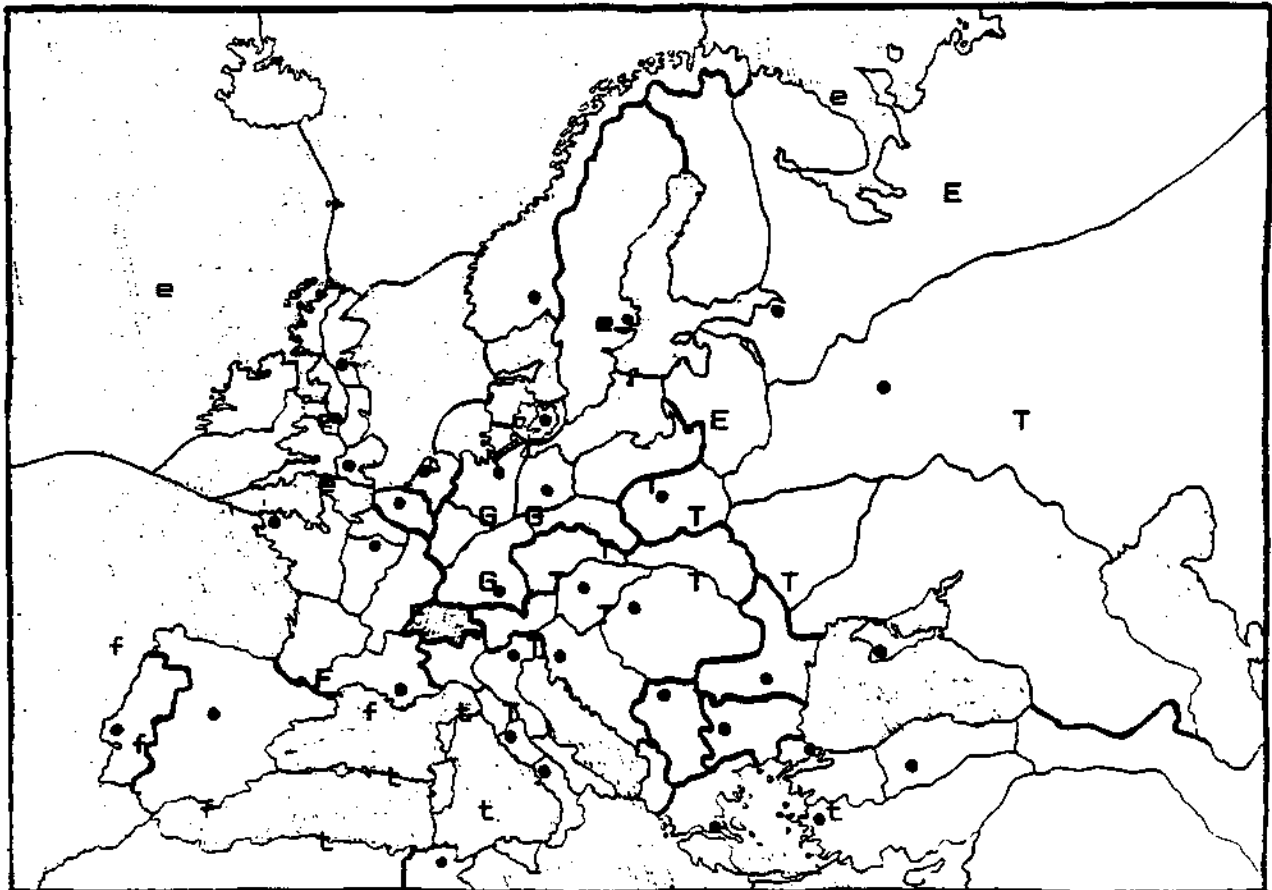
FRANCE: 6- BEL, BRE, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA. Even.

GERMANY: 4- BER, DEN, KIE, MUN. Build 1 unit.

ITALY: 0- out.

RUSSIA: 0- out.

TURKEY: 16- BUD, BUL, CON, GRE, MOS, NAP, ROM, RUM, SER, SEV, SNY, TRI, TUN, VEN, VIE, WAR. Even.



1983AL - John Paul Jones, W07

Western Mediterranean naval powers reduce forces; Turkey introduces fleet in the east

ENGLAND: (#26, Rich Reilly)

R F SPA(sc). Has units: A MOS, F NWG, A YOR, F ENG, F MID, F POR.

GERMANY: (#13, John Crosby)

B F KIE, B A MUN. Has units: F KIE, A MUN, F NWY, F NTH, F HOL, A WAR, A SIL, A BER, A PIC, A BRE, A MAR, A BUR.

ITALY: (#27, David Frick)

R F LYO. Has units: A LVN, A GAL, A BUD, A SER, A BUL, F EAS, F AEG, A MAR, F ION, F WES.

RUSSIA: (#50, Tony Barbieri)

Has units: A RUM.

TURKEY: (#22, Jeff Hines)

A bul R CON, B F SMY. Has units: F SMY, F SEV, F BLA, F GRE, A CON.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1908 orders are due. Season separation was due to player request.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 0- out.

ENGLAND: 6- EDI, LOH, LPL, MOS, POR, SPA

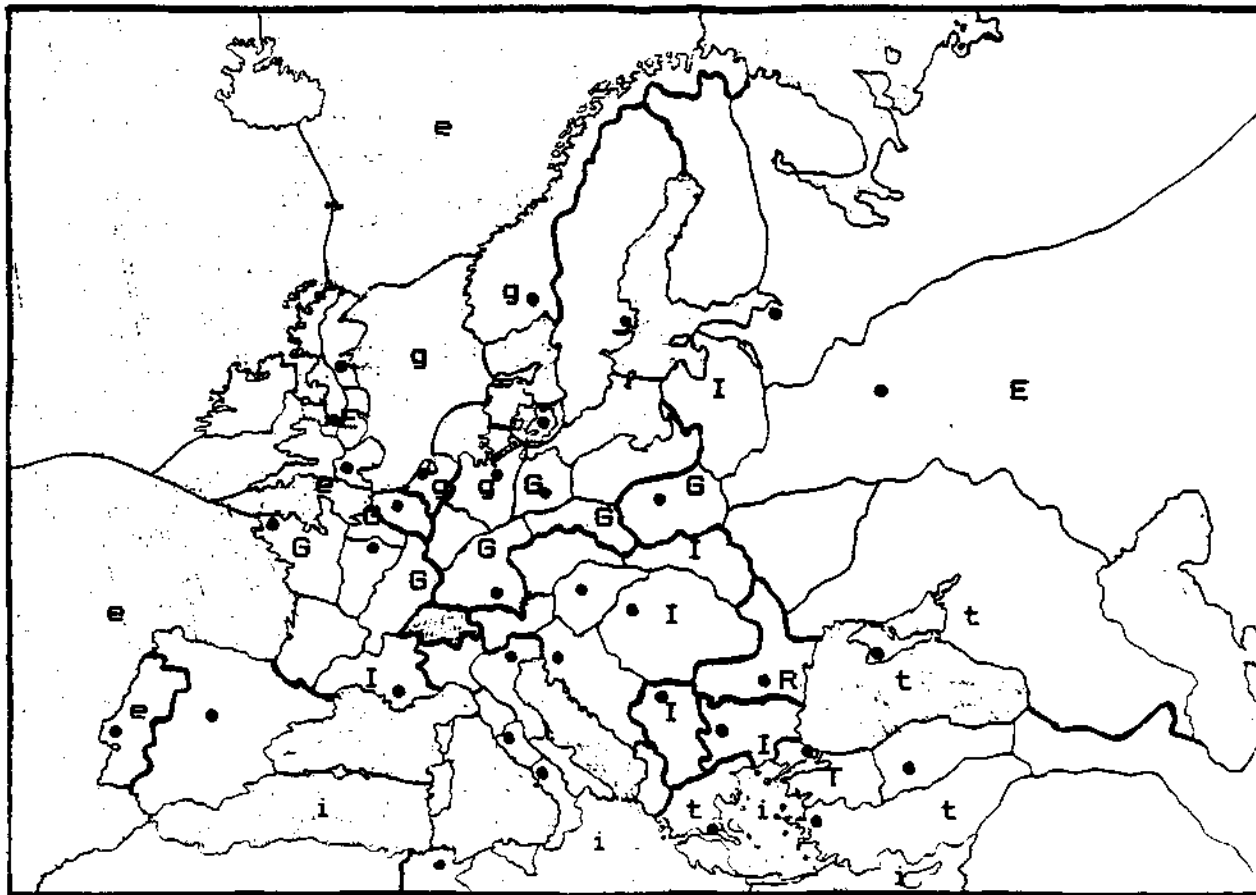
FRANCE: 0- out.

GERMANY: 12- BEL, BER, BRE, DEN, HOL, KIE, MUN, NWY, PAR, STP, SWE, WAR

ITALY: 10- BUD, BUL, MAR, NAP, RDM, SER, TRI, TUN, VEN, VIE

RUSSIA: 1- RUM

TURKEY: 5- ANK, CON, SRE, SEV, SMY



1983CG - James T. Kirk, F07

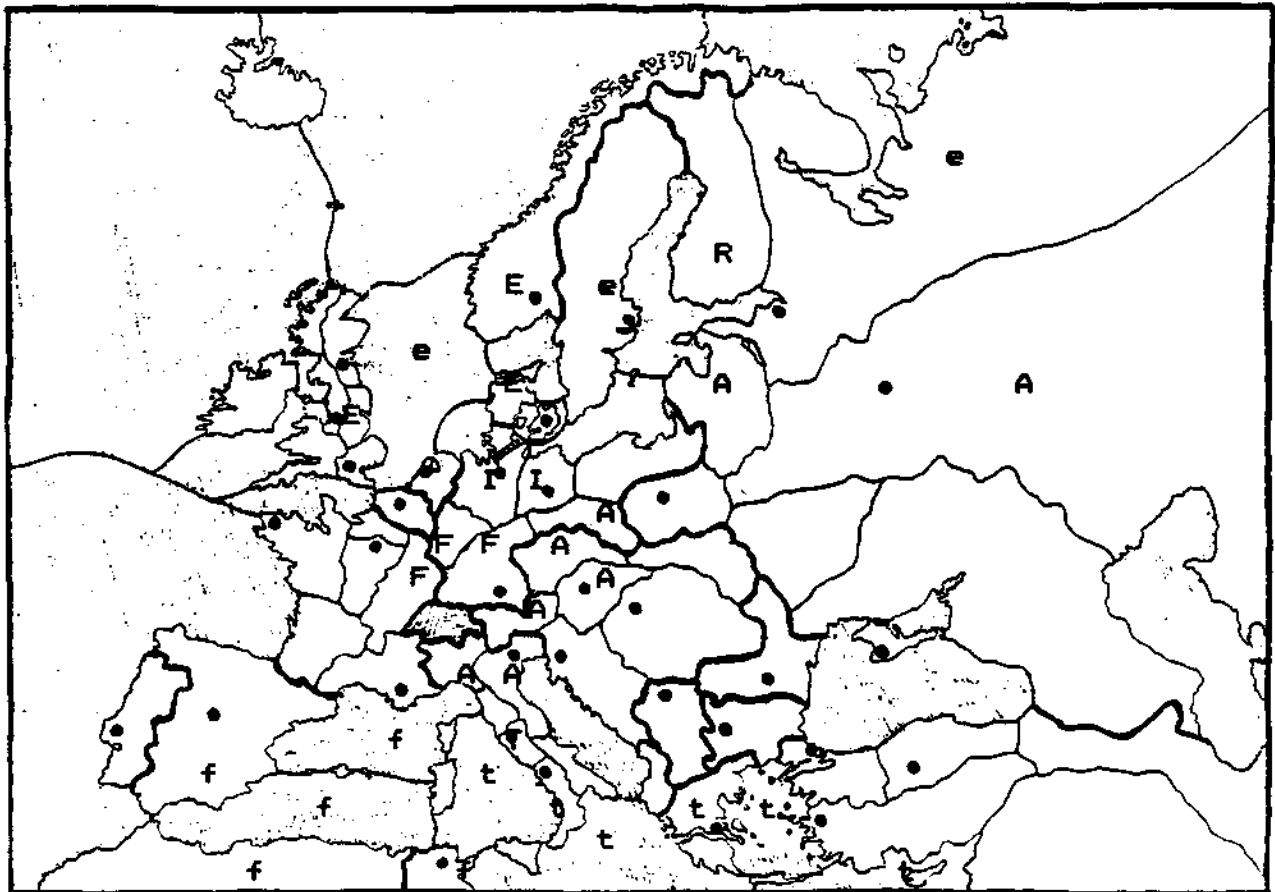
Turkey, where are you?

- AUSTRIA: (#40, Steven Piper) A tus-PIE, A VEN S A tus-pie, A TYL S A tus-pie, A BOH-mun, A SIL S A boh-mun, A VIE-boh, A war-LVN, A MOS H.
- ENGLAND: (#27, David Frick) A YOR H, A edi-NWY, F NTH C A edi-nwy, F STP(nc) S A edi-nwy, A DEN-kie, F SWE H.
- FRANCE: (#16, Nelson Heintzman) F mid-NAF, F TUN H, F WES S F tun, F SPA(sc) S F lyo, F LYD S A pie, A pie H(d,war), A BUR S A mun, A RUH S A mun, A MUN S italian A ber.
- ITALY: (#09, Steve Cartier) A KIE S A ber, A BER S french A mun.
- RUSSIA: (#13, John Crosby) A FIN-stp.
- TURKEY: (#04, Pat Pakel) NMR. F AEG H(u), F EAS H(u), F TYN H(u), F NAP H(u), F ION H(u), A ROM H(u), F GRE H(u).

GAME NOTES: Winter 1908 and Spring 1908 orders are due. Will Len Kay submit standby orders for Turkey?

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

- AUSTRIA: 8- BUD, MOS, RUM, SER, TRI, VEN, VIE, WAR. Even.
- ENGLAND: 7- DEN, EDI, LON, LPL, NWY, STP, SWE. Build 1 unit.
- FRANCE: 9- BEL, BRE, HOL, MAR, MUN, PAR, POR, SPA, TUN. Even.
- GERMANY: 0- out.
- ITALY: 2- BER, KIE. Even.
- RUSSIA: 0- out.
- TURKEY: 7- ANK, CON, GRE, NAP, ROM, SEV, SMY. Even.



1983CZ - Talleyrand, 506

France fails to respond!

AUSTRIA: (#03, J.R. Baker)
 ENGLAND: (#35, Phil Redmond)

F TYN-lyo, A bul-GRE, A PIE-mar, A TYL S A boh-mun, A GAL-war, A boh-MUN.
 B A EDI, B A LON, B F LPL, F SPA(sc)-lyo, F POR-spa(sc), F ENG-aid, F IPI-IRI,
 A bre-GAS, A BUR-mar, A bel-RUH, A lon-YOR, A STP S russian A lvn-mos(nso),
 F bal-BOT, F KIE H, A edi-NWY, F NTH C A edi-nwy.

FRANCE: (#04, Pat Pikel) NMR.

A pie R OTB, F MID H(u), F TUN H(u), F NAP H(u), A ROM H(u).

GERMANY: (#33, Steve Knight)

A PRU S A mun-sil, A mun-SIL.

ITALY: (#32, Bob Sweeney)

F gre-ALB, F ven-TRI.

RUSSIA: (#13, John Crosby)

R A WAR, A LVN-stp.

TURKEY: (#22, Jeff Hines)

A ukr-WAR, A MOS S A ukr-war, F smy-EAS, F ION S F aeg, F AEB S F ion.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1906 orders are due. Will Stephen Dycus please submit standby orders for France?

PROPOSAL: Concession to England is proposed. It is also proposed that Italy be the lackey of the game.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 6- BUD, BUL, RUM, SER, TRI, VIE

ENGLAND: 14- BEL, BRE, DEN, EDI, HOL, KIE, LON, LPL, MAR, NWY, POR, SPA, STP, SWE

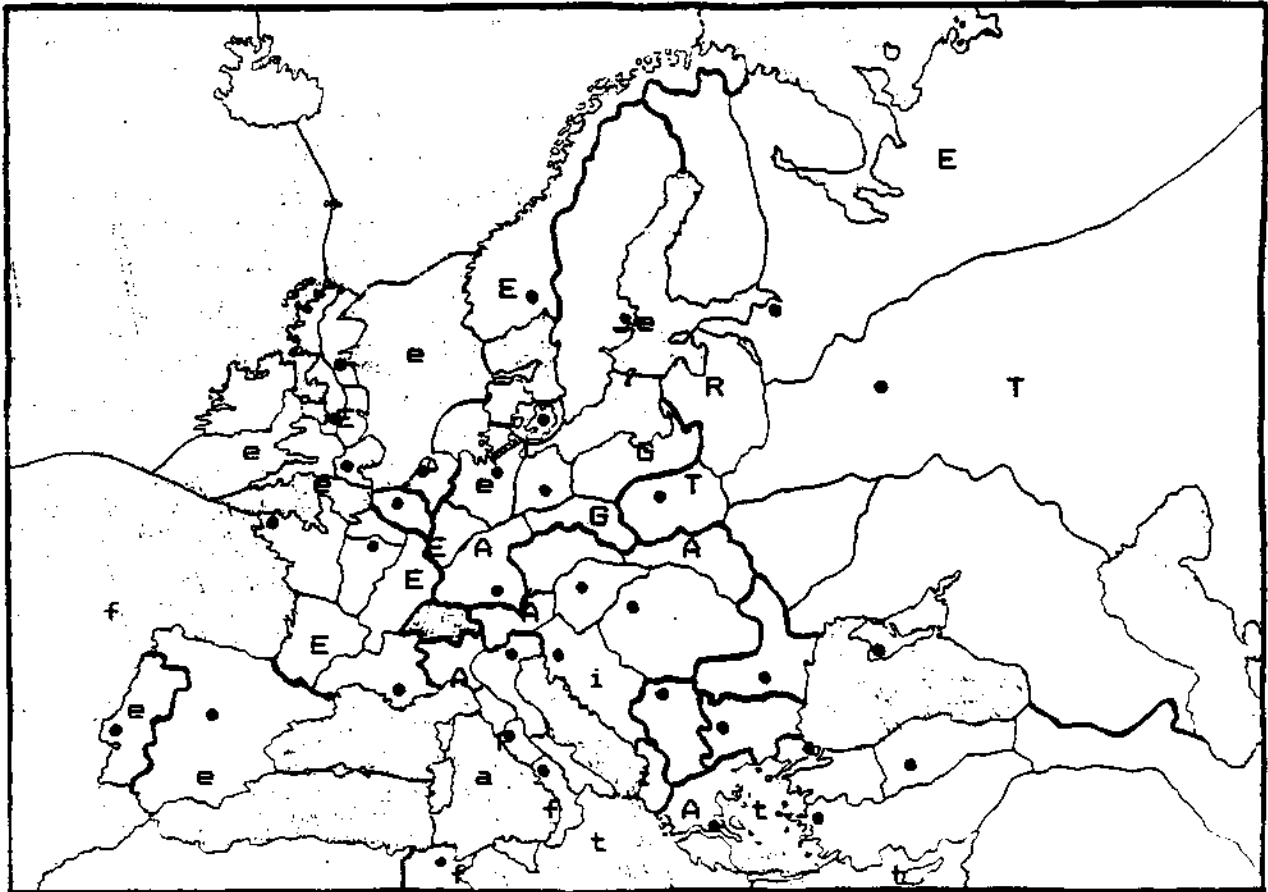
FRANCE: 4- NAP, PAR, POM, TUN

GERMANY: 2- BER, MUN

ITALY: 2- GRE, VEN

RUSSIA: 1- WAR

TURKEY: 5- ANK, CON, MOS, SEV, SMY



1982HL - The Metternich, 607

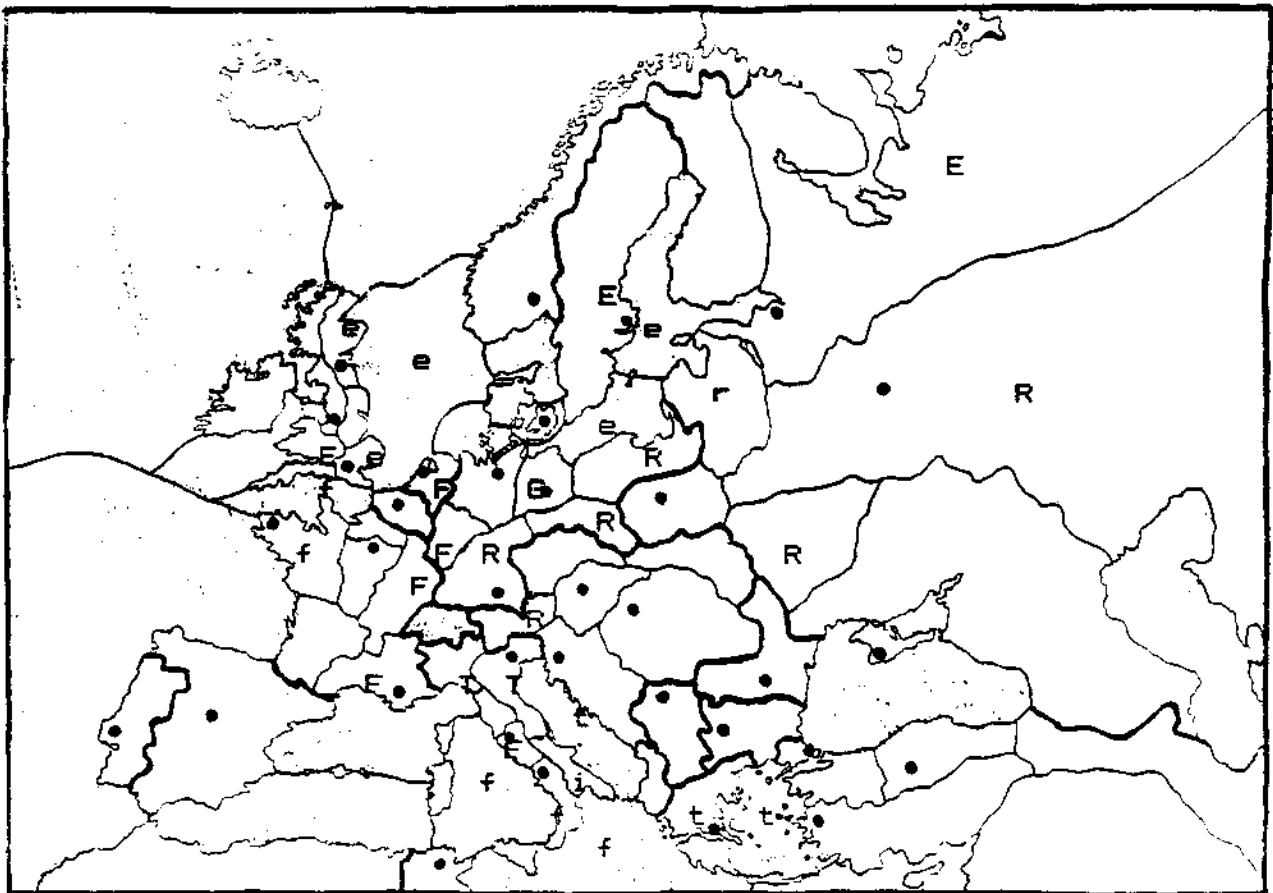
French fleet in London is destroyed; Russia/England continue northern struggle...

- ENGLAND: (#10, Alvin Kusunoto) F LON S F hel-nth, F EDI S F hel-nth, F hel-NTH, F BOT S F ber-bal, F ber-BAL, A nwy-SWE, A WAL S F lon, A STP-mos.
- FRANCE: (#03, J.R. Baker) F lon R DTB, B F BRE, B A MAR, A BUR-aun, F BRE-eng, A MAR-pie, F tun-ION, F NAP S F tun-ion, A ROM S italian F ven-apu, F TYN S F tun-ion, F ENG-nth, A HOL S german A kie(ota), A bel-RUH.
- GERMANY: (#05, Brian DeLachantier) A kie-BER.
- ITALY: (#36, Mike Sanchez) F ven-APU.
- RUSSIA: (#01, Phil Senn) A rum-UKR, A boh-TYL, A SIL S A aun, A MUN S german A kie-ber, A MOS-stp, A war-PRU, F bal-LVN.
- TURKEY: (#39, Mark Schwendiman) A ven R TRI, R F EAS, A tri-VEN, A PIE S A tri-ven, A apu-rom(d,a), F ion-nap(d,alb,eas), F GRE S F ion(ota), F ADR S A tri-ven, F AEG S F ion(ota).

GAME NOTES: Fall 1907 orders are due.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

- ENGLAND: 8- EEP, DEN, EDI, LON, LPL, NNY, STP, SWE
- FRANCE: 10- BEL, BRE, HOL, MAR, NAP, PAR, POR, ROM, SFA, TUN
- GERMANY: 1- KIE
- ITALY: 1- VEN
- RUSSIA: 7- BUD, MOS, MUN, RUM, SEV, VIE, WAR
- TURKEY: 7- ANK, BUL, CON, GRE, SER, SMY, TRI



1983 IF - The Covenant, F03

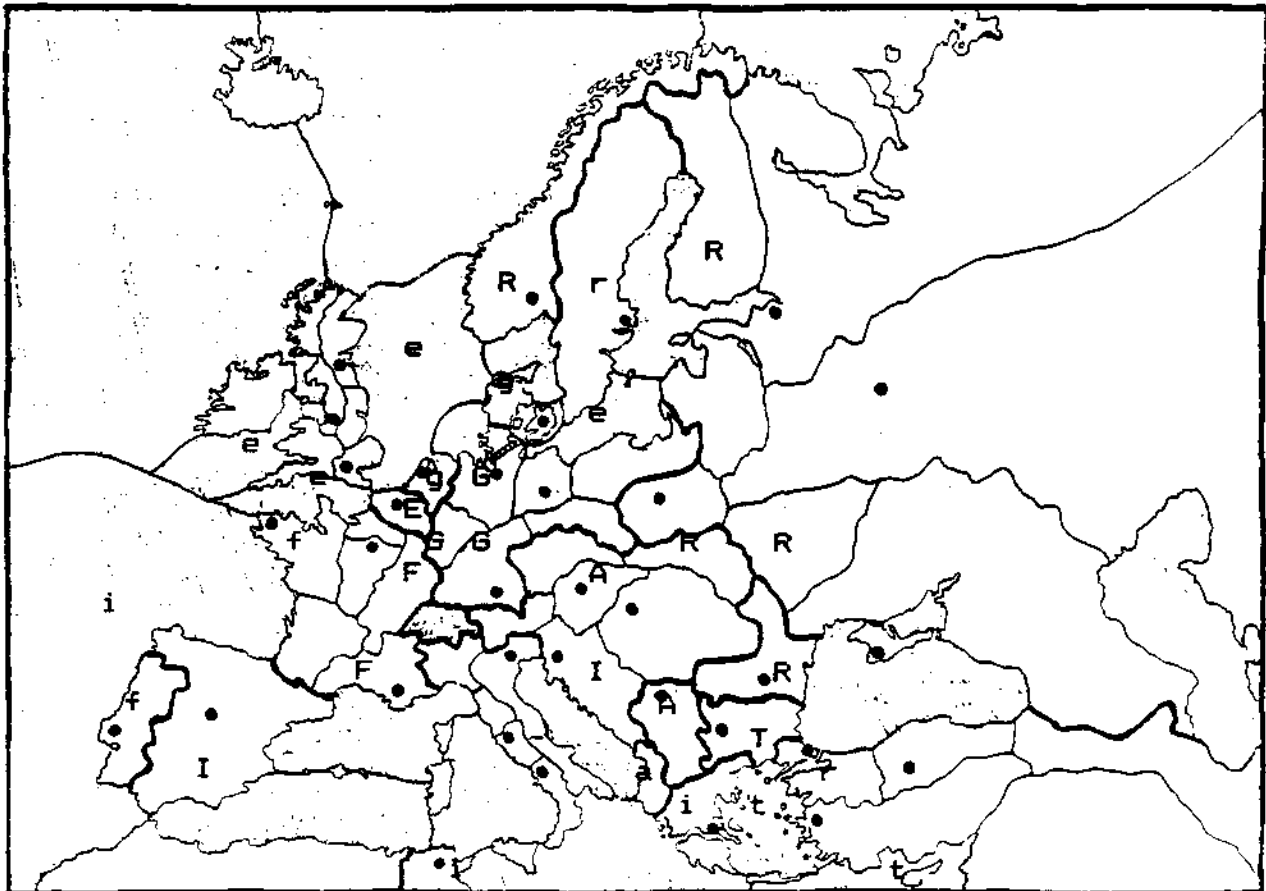
GM error/new ruler in England proopts delay in game.

AUSTRIA: (#05, David Baker) A VIE-bud, A bud-SER, A rum-bul(d,a), F ALB S italian F ion-gre.
 ENGLAND: (#23, Melinda Halley) F den R BAL, F BAL-den, F NTH S F bal-den, A BEL H, F ENG S A bel, F IRI-mid.
 FRANCE: (#22, Jeff Hines) F mid R POR, F BRE-mid, A BUR S A mar, A MAR S A bur, F POR H.
 GERMANY: (#09, Steve Cartier) F DEN S russian A fin-swe(nso), A KIE S F den, A ber-MUN, F HOL-bel,
 A RUH S F hol-bel.
 ITALY: (#32, Bob Sweeney) F ion-GRE, F tva-TUN, A TRI S austrian A bud-ser, A SPA-mar, F MID-ocr.
 RUSSIA: (#35, Phil Redmond) A rum R UKR, A sev-RUM, A UKR S A sev-rus, A GAL-bud, F nwy-SWE, A FIN S F nwy-swe,
 A stp-NWY, F CON H(u).
 TURKEY: (#06, Matt Fleming) A ser S russian A gal-bud(d,a), F EAS H, F AEG-qre, A BUL S F aeg-qre.

GAME NOTES: Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 orders are due. This is a corrected game report.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 3- BUD, SER, VIE. Even.
 ENGLAND: 4- BEL, EDI, LON, LPL. Remove 1 unit.
 FRANCE: 4- BRE, MAR, PAR, POR. Even.
 GERMANY: 5- BER, DEN, HOL, KIE, MUN. Even.
 ITALY: 7- GRE, NAP, ROM, SPA, TRI, TUN, VEN. Build 2 units.
 RUSSIA: 8- CON, MOS, NWY, RUM, SEV, STP, SWE, WAR. Build 1 unit.
 TURKEY: 3- ANK, BUL, SMY. Even.



1984AF - George Marshall, FO1

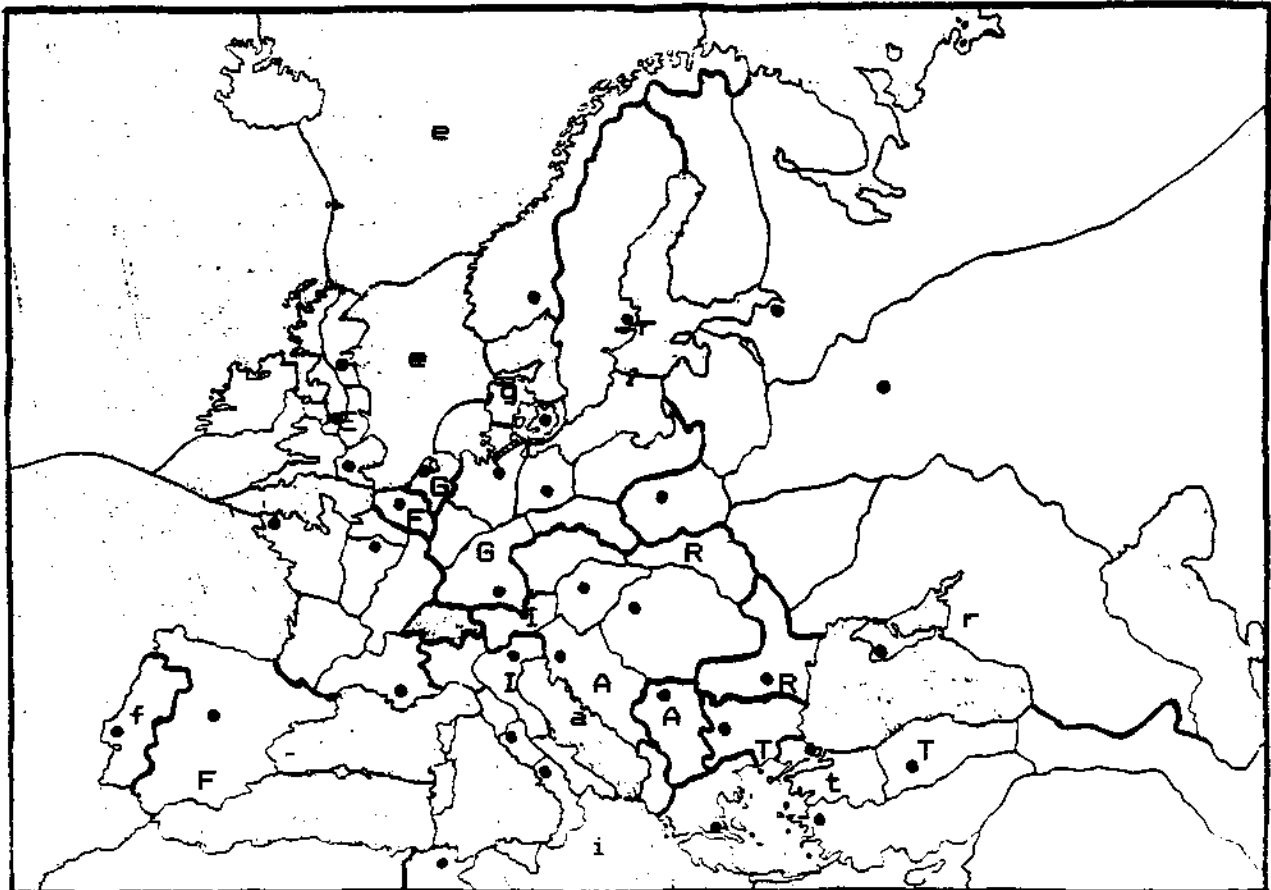
England fails to move - denied any builds in 1901.

AUSTRIA: (#49, Brad Pavey)	<u>A SER-bud, A TRI S A ser-bud, F ADR-ven.</u>
ENGLAND: (#04, Pat Pakel) NMR.	A YOR H(u), F NWG H(u), F NTH H(u).
FRANCE: (#17, Dan Young)	A mar-SPA, A pic-BEL, F mid-POR.
GERMANY: (#50, Tony Barbieri)	<u>F DEN-swe, A kie-HOL, A MUN-tyl.</u>
ITALY: (#36, Mike Sanches)	<u>A TYL S A ven-tri, A VEN-tri, F ION-gre.</u>
RUSSIA: (#21, Rob Scheunk)	<u>F BOT-swe, F SEV S A ukr-rus, A ukr-RUM, A GAL-bud.</u>
TURKEY: (#06, Matt Fleming)	<u>A BUL-gre, F CON-bul(sc), A smy-ANK.</u>

GAME NOTES: Winter 1901 orders are due. If Pat does not respond by next issue, a standby will take over England.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 4- BUD, SER, TRI, VIE.	Build 1 unit.
ENGLAND: 3- EBI, LON, LPL.	Even.
FRANCE: 6- BEL, BRE, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA.	Build 3 units.
GERMANY: 5- BER, DEN, HOL, KIE, MUN.	Build 2 units.
ITALY: 3- NAP, ROM, VEN.	Even.
RUSSIA: 5- MOS, RUM, SEV, STP, WAR.	Build 1 unit.
TURKEY: 4- ANK, BUL, CON, SMY.	Build 1 unit.



1984AQ - Douglas MacArthur, FO1

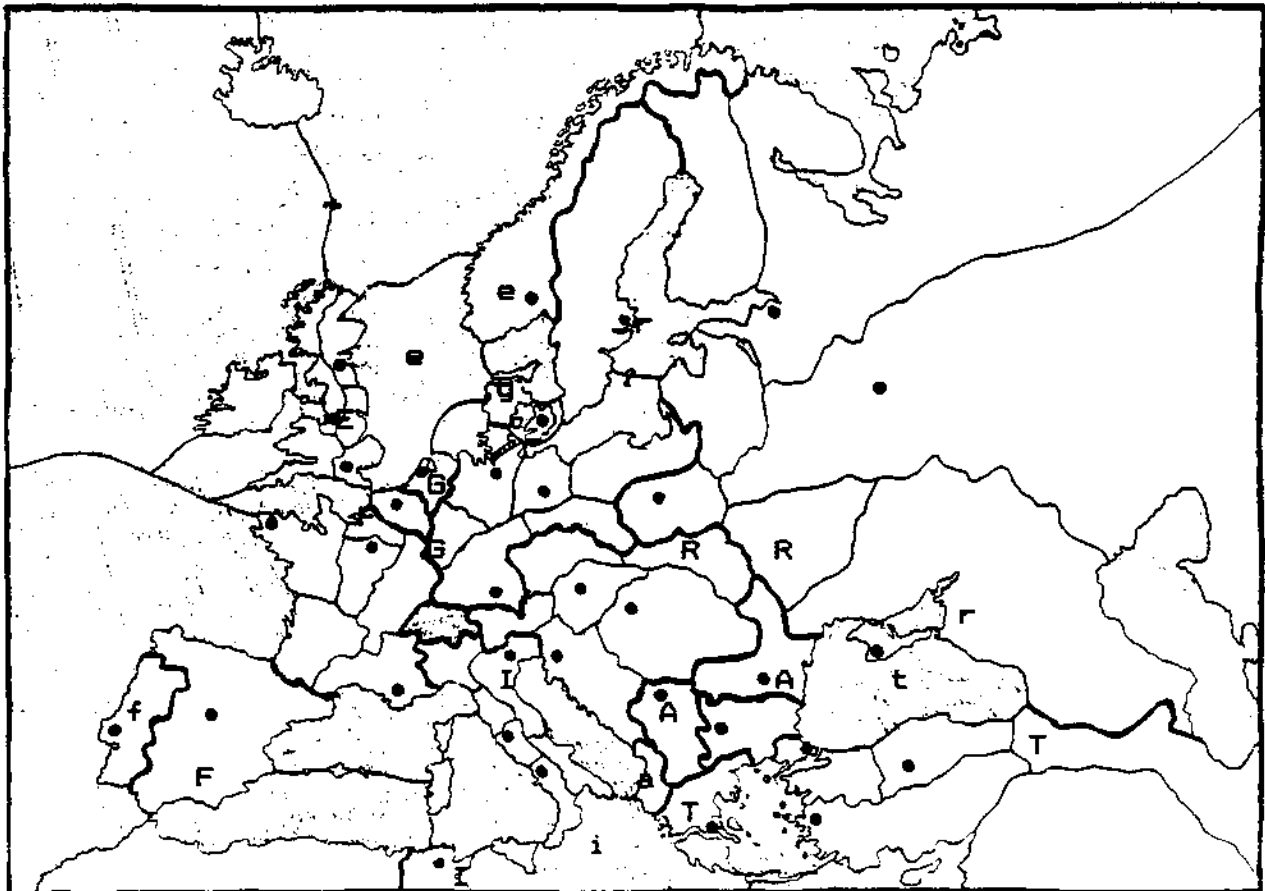
Russia denied any builds; Everyone wants Belgium.

AUSTRIA: (#41, Rod Gilbert)	A gal-RUM, A SER S A gal-rum, F ALB S turkish A bul-gre.
ENGLAND: (#25, Brian DeLaurentis)	A YOR-bel, F NTH C A yor-bel, F nwg-NWY.
FRANCE: (#07, Mary Simmons)	A PIC-bel, A gas-SPA, F mid-POR.
GERMANY: (#37, Brian Cukurs)	A kie-HOL, A RUH-bel, F DEN-swe.
ITALY: (#42, Ken Hager)	A apu-TUN, F ION C A apu-tun, A rom-VEN.
RUSSIA: (#19, Jeff Sherer)	A UKR S A war-gal, A war-GAL, F SEV-rum, F BOT-swe.
TURKEY: (#13, John Crosby)	A bul-GRE, F ank-BLA, A ARM-sev.

GAME NOTES: Winter 1901 orders are due.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 5- BUD, RUM, SER, TRI, VIE.	Build 2 units.
ENGLAND: 4- EDI, LON, LPL, NWY.	Build 1 unit.
FRANCE: 5- BRE, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA.	Build 2 units.
GERMANY: 5- BER, DEN, HOL, KIE, MUN.	Build 2 units.
ITALY: 4- NAP, ROM, TUN, VEN.	Build 1 unit.
RUSSIA: 4- MOS, SEV, STP, WAR.	Even.
TURKEY: 4- ANK, CON, GRE, SMY.	Build 1 unit.



1983HY - Poor Richard, S04

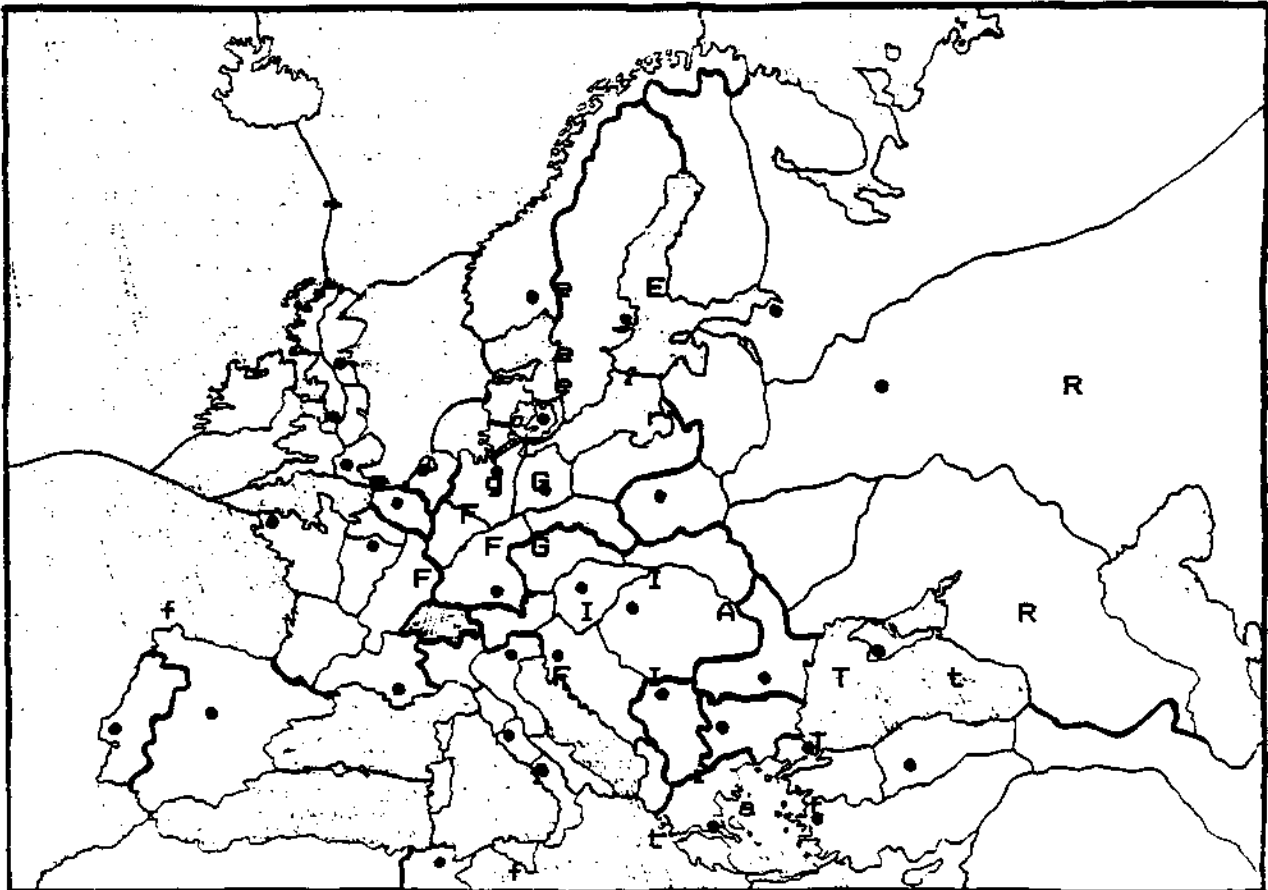
Austrian center falls to Italy. England invades Sweden and the Channel. Turkish/Russian war continues.

AUSTRIA: (#15, Kathy Byrne) A BUD S turkish A bul-rum(nso), A tri S italian A tyl-ven(d,ser),
F GRE S turkish F aeg-ion.
ENGLAND: (#49, Craig Mills) F lon-ENG, F nwg-NWY, F SKA S A den-swe, A den-SWE, F hel-DEN.
FRANCE: (#13, John Crosby) F lyo-TYN, F TUN-ion, F naf-MID, A pie-VEN, A PAR-bur, A bur-RUH, A BEL S A bur-ruh.
GERMANY: (#09, Steve Cartier) A MUN-bur, A ruh S A mun-bur(d,a), F HOL S A kie, A KIE S F hol.
ITALY: (#35, Phil Redmond) A ven-TRI, A TYL S A ven-tri, A VIE-bud, F ion-ALB.
RUSSIA: (#03, J.R. Baker) F swe S english A den(d,bat,fin), F BAL S german A kie, A MOS S A ukr-sev,
A rum S A ukr-sev(d,gal,ser,ukr), A ukr-SEV.
TURKEY: (#32, Bob Sweeney) A sev-RUM, A BUL S A sev-rua, F ank-BLA, F con-AEG, F aeg-ION.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1904 orders are due.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 4- BUD, GRE, SER, TRI
ENGLAND: 5- DEN, EDI, LON, LPL, NWY
FRANCE: 7- BEL, BRE, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA, TUN
GERMANY: 4- BEP, HOL, KIE, MUN
ITALY: 4- NAF, ROM, VEN, VIE
RUSSIA: 5- MOS, RUM, STP, SWE, WAR
TURKEY: 5- ANK, BUL, CON, SEV, SMY



Bourse for 1983HY

PLAYER & COMPANY	US\$	A	E	F	G	I	R	T
(#13) CRIME (Crosby's Investment & Mercantile Exchange)	11540	0	3000	2500	500	1500	1000	3000
(#28) Tinseltown Cannonball Investments	10391	9028	2274	2504	1294	2513	2705	2482
(#01) Sensational Investments Numismatic Company	11100	6501	1037	6940	2000	500	2000	4400
(#44) Madame K	7600	500	1685	7533	1501	3500	4154	2500
(#41) Red Stripe	1	0	2405	4246	1536	700	0	5816
(#21) Roxxon	8651	0	2210	1257	0	740	0	2166
(#05) Baker's Empire Investment Co., Inc.	10	2000	1625	4000	3500	500	2500	5000
(#12) Melting Pelican	16	0	6101	1000	1700	565	500	2100
(#32) Rancid Wretched	28	800	1285	2000	2821	1644	2800	2400
(#03) IRA (International Russian Account)	9830	0	3576	3444	2340	0	2500	1666
(#22) Hinesight Investments	0	9029	4000	1473	4978	8868	2227	2500
(#51) AMTS (The Austrian National Trading Service)	11849	1000	700	3500	3042	1000	5475	4300
(#36) Mercutio's Mercantile	8193	0	4500	3500	1500	2500	2500	2500
Old Value	1.00	2.54	3.74	4.78	3.77	1.40	2.72	4.65
Change		0.03	-0.50	-0.50	-0.45	0.96	-0.25	-0.50
Game Effect		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Value	1.00	2.57	3.24	4.28	3.32	2.36	2.47	4.15

GAME NOTES: This is a re-calculation of last season. I used the previous set of orders for AMTS, and since the Diplomacy game was delayed, I think that it is appropriate to delay the Bourse. All orders will be held and new orders will be accepted.

Bond, James Bond

England (#09, Steve Cartier)
 France (#05, David Baker)
 Germany (#32, Bob Sweeney)
 Italy (#03, J.R. Baker)
 Russia (#26, Rich Reilly)
 Turkey (#01, Bob Schunk)

GAME NOTES: Winter 1908 and Spring 1909 orders are due.
 STANDBYS: Pat Pakel.

LWWIIb Variant - game openings

The following players have submitted game fees and preference lists and are in the game:
 D. Baker, Vorensky, Pavey, Crosby, J.R. Baker, Piper, Kusumoto, Sweeney, Frick

The following players have submitted game fees and no preference lists and are in the game:
 Kleiman, Sanches

The following players have expressed an interest in the variant but no game fee has been received. Please submit game fees immediately, as the game will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis:
 Schwendiman, Hines, Young, Fleming, Schunk, Cukurs

Press Column

Bismarck

(England) That's it, let us end it here. I have just so many stamps.

(Germany-Turkey) You really should hold off from eliminating Italy unless you're successful in cracking our stalemate line. His continued presence really doesn't hurt you, nor does his destruction help you. If this game is destined to end in a draw then you might as well show mercy in the interests of improved relations in future games.

(France-Indy) I haven't been paying too much attention to the RIGEL press lately, so I've been wondering if Rich ever returned Whiskers to you. He hasn't mentioned anything about it and I haven't been over to his house yet to check for new cats.

(Indy-France) Funny, Rich and I haven't been paying much attention to the RIGEL either...

John Paul Jones

(Indy) All press was held until next issue.

James Kirk

(France-Board) Well, hasn't this suddenly become an easy game for me to play...

(France-Heathen Infidel) How do you say a stalemate line in Armenian? Oh, excuse me, that's rapidly becoming a dead language in your part of the world, isn't it?

(France-England) Enjoy!

(London-Paris) You are right - my builds and moves will tell the story. Now if you will get going in the south, we can do something.

(London-Paris) I don't write long letters - I just communicate information. Some people relate length to quality.

(Moscow) Friends, Romans, and Englishmen, lend me your guns;

I come to bury the Tsar, not to praise him. The good is oft interred with their bones,

But the evil men do lives after them;

So let it be with the Tsar. The noble David

Hath told you the Tsar was ambitious:

If it were so, it was a grievous fault,

And grievously hath the Tsar answer'd it.

Here, under leave of David and the rest-

For David is an honorable man;

So are they all, all honorable men-

Come I to speak in the Tsar's funeral.

He was my friend, faithful and just to me:

But David says he was ambitious;

And David is an honorable man.

The Tsar brought great glory to his country.

Did this in the Tsar seem ambitious?

When that the weep have cried, the Tsar hath wept:

Ambition should be made of sterner stuff:

Yet David he says he was ambitious:

And David is an honorable man.

Do ye not recognize the sacrifices

The Tsar made for his land and people?

This is the mark of ambition?

Yet David says he was ambitious;

And, sure, he is an honorable man.

I speak not to disprove what David spoke.

But here I am to speak what I do know.

That one greater than ourselves here has fallen.

What cause withholds you then, to mourn for him?

O judgement! thou art fled to brutish beast,

And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;

My heart is in the coffin with the Tsar,

And I must pause till it comes back to me.

Talleyrand

(London) Severe building shortages continue to plague the English war effort. Despite round-the-clock efforts, backlogs continue to grow. In a fine spirit of international friendship, it is understood that the governments of Austria and France have

offered to help solve this problem. Mr. Phil sends his heartfelt thanks.

(Rome (via London)) It can be confirmed that M. Fakel, the former President of France, a former country in Europe, has been found. He has been hiding under the name Don Luigi Pakello to escape Austria agents. However, diplomatic sources in London fear the plucky lad has been brainwashed by the evil Archduke.

(East Cheap) Diplomats are still buzzing over Mr. Phil's last press conference. After announcing, "I am not a crook," the Minister of State heatedly denied charges that he had bugged the embassies of France and Germany, much less participated in any "coverup". Meanwhile, reporters are talking of "a cancer on the Ministry."

(Indy) Must be a brain tumor.

(Austria/Hungary-Allies) The war against England goes poorly - yet we must endeavor to persevere.

(Prussia-World) No, folks, I'm not sulking. I'm just frantically trying to finish my thesis. Apologies...

The Metternich

(Paris) Today, Le Cream Poof announced a three year plan to colonize the Balkans by Russian Lackies.

(Germany-England) You may beat me down, you may torture my people, but you will NEVER conquer me.

(Turkey) Sultan Schwendiman sat alone in the great hall, bowing towards Mecca, in a private conference with Allah. "Schwendiman sounds distinctively German to me," said his lord.

"Well, everyone knows that there are many Turks in Germany and I've always been a bit turned around," replied the Sultan.

"I will accept that," replied Allah, "but to be the leader of such a great nation is a grave responsibility. How do you propose to deal with the infidels?"

"The deacon JR is worse than the slickest jackel and deserves to fry in Hell," Schwendiman pouted.

"Indeed, he has sinned and his road shall be long and arduous. However, my son, you say with impunity that you are without sin?"

The Sultan pondered this, "No, father, I can not, I have been stabbed and will stab again if it becomes necessary, though I pray it will not."

His lord sailed, "You have done well and are absolved. Go forth and defend your nation from the great pack of infidel dogs."

He turned as if to leave, and then added as an after thought, "One more thing, be careful not to catch Czar Senn's Press Fantasy disease. It is highly contagious and there is no known cure."

The Covenant

(Indy) All press was held for next issue.

The George Marshall

(Vienna-Rose) Sure you are!

(Vienna-London) Just thought I'd say hello!

(Vienna-St. Pete) A war-BAL? Was that nice?

(Pavey-Kaufeld) Hi, Jon, still nothing on graduate funding. Maybe I could borrow from ANTS, huh?

(Vienna) There was a knock at the front door later that night as Kholler supervised the press run. As he opened the door, he was greeted by a huge, burly man in a more than slightly scudged uniform of a cavalry major.

"Hello, brother."

Kholler was amazed; "Andre, come in! What's happened? Why're you here?"

"I've ridden all day from the Tyrol, Ernst." Andre frowned, stepping through the doorway. "The Italians, they seem to be massing."

"They're Catholic, too, Andre." Ernst shrugged, grinning.

"Massing for an attack, you fool!" Andre frowned. "And the Russians are in Galacia," he coughed.

"Galacia? My God! Come upstairs," Ernst beckoned, then called to his apprentice: "Carl, bring us up some cognac." He led the way upstairs to the living quarters.

Once alone in the house's secluded study, Andre sat down wearily in a winged-backed, leather chair as Ernst stirred the embers in a large flagstone fireplace. Karl, a boy of about fifteen, entered with a decanter of cognac and a pair of wineglasses. After placing the decanter and glasses on a table, he began to withdraw. Andre waved for him to stop.

"Stay. He should hear this, Ernst. After all, we'll be using him in a few years."

"You don't need to remind me," Ernst mumbled, putting down the poke. "Can anything be done?"

"Something can always be done," Andre nodded. "We'll defend, and who knows, by the new year, we might find an ally in the strangest places. Operations went well against the revolting Serbs, by the way."

"Are they that bad-looking?" Karl asked innocently.

"What?" Andre blinked.

"You said they were revolting, sir."

The brothers laughed heartily at this as Ernst went to the table and poured two cognacs. Taking one and raising it in a toast, he offered the other to Andre; "To 1902!"

"To survival!" Andre returned.

(Con-GM) His Lordship is ready with the firing squad should someone NMR!

(Kaiser-Rome) I thought Tyrolia was neutral. And what's this about "just passing through-really"? Who else besides the Austrian is there? Perhaps Germany is in need of reform.

(Kaiser-Russia) Just plenty worried of the efficiency of the Russo-Turkish alliance. The Kaiser wants you to expand - just not too fast.

(France-Indy) "It has been proposed that NMR's be disallowed. Perpetrators will be shot (Houserule 453)." Get with it, man! Does this mean that perpetrators of NMR's be shot? Or does it mean that perpetrators of proposals of NMRing parties be shot? Does houserule #453 provide for NMR's to be disallowed, or does it provide for perpetrators of whatever to be shot? Bruce Linsey would have a fit.

(Indy-France) But Bruce likes to have fits about houserules...

(Gascony-Lord Lycanthropy) You mean, you're the nephew of ART FLEMING! THE ART FLEMING?!?!? Hey everybody, we've got a celebrity here!

(Indy-France) Yes, and I'll take New Players for \$40...

(Picardy-Lord Lycanthropy) Send your poem to the author of "Dirty Little Limericks". How about writing something for our game?

(Paris-Europe) Lord Lycanthropy? Crimean Crackpot? OK, guys, it's "Think of a weirdo nickname" season. Send yours in NOW!

(Marseille-Europe) To all interested parties: I'm forming a pool. It's called "When-Will-Gary-Hart-Concede-The-Nomination?" Everyone send in a dollar and a guess. No fair picking "About the same time Hell freezes over."

(Indy-Marseille) But who cares who it is that Reagan beats in November?

(Brest-Europe) In a characteristic display of immodesty, Dan R. Young would like to announce that he is graduating from high school on June 15, 1984. (That's right on a deadline date - thanks a lot Kleiman). He is accepting all graduation presents. (Bob Sweeney dung samples will be sent back postage due.).

(St. Petersburg) Count Rostov arrived in the national capital today, only to find Czar Nicholas on the verge of declaring war on all of western Europe. It seems that our glorious ruler was incensed that none of the western powers had seen fit to have their ambassadors visit with the Czar during the summer months. Count Rostov, however, was able to prevent any such precipitous action by reminding the Czar that the Russian ambassadors abroad had not been instructed to deliver any notes to the various heads of state.

(Schmunk-the Western nations) If it wasn't for my comic subscriptions, my mailbox would be darn empty. I've been taking spring finals. What's your excuse?

Douglas MacArthur

(London-Paris) Ne parlez pas Anglais?

(London-St. Pete) Can I come to your funeral?

(Moscow-TD) ((Overlooked from last issue)) Not a game goes by without someone talking about Vienna (as in Ohio) in comparison to Vienna (as in Austria). Not alot of people know this, but Vienna, Ohio is pronounced VI' ANNA with a long I sound, not VE' ENNA with a long E sound. Actually, I don't live in Vienna. I live in Fowler township, but our post office is in Vienna township. Now about Fowler, Austria...

(Russia-GM) ((Overlooked, too)) Why did you have to put me by Crosby? Why couldn't I play Cuba or maybe Zimbabwe?

(Warsaw-Germany) ((Also, overlooked)) Anytime you'd like to talk...

(Russia-England) ((The last of the overlooked)) Your suggestion about the north is fine with me.

(Kaiser-World) The weather here in Berlin has been very rainy and this, combined with the pressures of running the state, has made me very GRUMPY. Without replies to my ambassadors I am powerless to make decisions pertaining to the movement of fleets and troops. Therefore the consequences of movements made without input from other world leaders often leave results which are undesirable to anyone.

(Kaiser-Sultan) Es istt gern geschehen.

(Cukurs-World) Here's to hoping the Celtics have (as this goes to print) won the series!

(Indy) And, of course, they have. Sorry, LA, as another Hoosier shows the world how to play basketball!

(Warsaw-Austria) Yes, I did learn alot about Austria's weaknesses last game. One of them seems to be that the Austrian player always seems to trust Russia when he just moved into Russia's neighboring province after it has been declared "neutral".

(Sevastopol-Turkey) Here's our big chance to become allies. Don't screw it up.

(Russia-Germany) Here's our big chance to remain allies. Don't screw it up.

(Russia-England) Here's our big chance to remain neutral. Don't screw it up.

(Russia-Italy) See press regarding England.

The Poor Richard

(Berlin) A quote from John Wayne in "True Grit" would be in order here, but, for the sake of delicacy, please don't print it.

(Chicago-Con) Sorry, but your linkup with Austria instead of me gives me no choice but puppethood. And I DID tell you what would happen if I had no winning chances left...Surely Talleyrand proved I go for the win?

(Rome) Rumors persist that Count Redondo, that notorious quiche eater and Minister of State, has been replaced by a wooden puppet. Citing as proof his wooden-headed diplomacy, opposition leaders have demanded his resignation. Meanwhile, the count sits quietly in his office, picking splinters out of his pantyhose...

(Rome-Honest John) Did I do good, did I, huh, huh, did I???

(Austria-GM) What do you mean the pace slows as the "powers" want to see where they stand? I demand equal treatment for us pitiful players! Right, Pasta Face?

(Bozo-Pasta Head) I'll bet anything that your moves this turn are as pitiful and stubborn as the rest of your moves! If they are, my only comment to you is - take a standing ovation before you retreat to the grave!

(Austria-Con) I really don't mind the fact that you called me a woman, now if you called me a whale, that might get me mad!

(Honey Bee-Old Goat) But Curly is my ally, if I support you into Bulgaria - he'll get mad! Then he might bite me, then I might get rabies!

(Austria-Germany) Want to start a pool to see who is the first to depart, you, me or Italy?

(Indy-Austria) The pool is already started. I call it a Bourse.

(Austria-England) Just think, someday you can tell your grandchildren that JR kicked your butt!

(Austria-France) Bon Voyage!

(Austria-Pasta Face) James Watt? Nah, I think you deserve the Pat Pakek award for most closely resembling Simple Simon!

(London) Arthur knelt before the Archbishop and kissed his ring. "Forgive me for this unusual timing, Thomas, but I have an urgent need for absolution," he said softly, in a familiar tone, despite the formality of his gesture. They were in plain sight of Arthur's retainers, and decorum had to be maintained in public, even between friends. "Quite alright, your highness," Thomas answered, smiling at the crowd and blessing them and Arthur as he spoke. "I always make room for those whose hearts are tender to their spiritual need. Shall we retire to my office for our chat?" Arthur nodded, and king and cleric walked back into the cathedral.

When they had entered the Archbishop's office and shut the door behind them, Thomas softened the public smile and offered the King a glass of wine. But Arthur refused and sat down by the window rubbing his hands. "My, you are taking this seriously," Thomas chuckled as he saw the wrinkled look on Arthur's young face. Unfortunately, Thomas found it hard to take anything very seriously.

"I have committed a grave sin, Thomas," Arthur said in a grave tone.

"Why, Arthur, I find that hard to believe," the Archbishop replied. "There's not a cleaner saint in all the land! What could you have done that could cause you such anxiety?"

"I have made PROMISES" the King said softly, yet with great emphasis.

"Promises? That hardly seems like a capital crime..."

"You don't understand, Thomas! Does not the Word say that it is better not to make a promise than to make one and not keep it."

"Yes, though I believe the proper word is vows, Arthur. As in promises made in God's name or religious obligations..."

"I cannot draw such fine lines as you, Thomas. Plain sense, that's what I understand. At any rate, while I was just a country squire, I could make promises all I wanted, because I honestly supposed I could keep them. At least, if I failed to keep them it was only human frailty..."

"And you know that the Lord understands our frame..."

"Quite. But now I am King, I know that I cannot fulfil any promises. I make deals, negotiate opportunistic alliances, but I am no longer at liberty to unilaterally offer anything. A promise binds me against the best interests of the land. I can't allow myself to be so trapped by my words. But, Thomas, promise making is habit with me! In a moment of crisis, I made promises that I knew I had no desire to keep, and which I know I would break if I only had a chance. I fear at any moment that chance may arrive, and I will be in danger of my soul!"

"Hmmm," mumbled Thomas, "this IS serious. Your sin seems unavoidable unless Providence prevents the opportunity from arising." Then he brightened. "We must operate as if the sin as already occurred. That allows me to both absolve you of your guilt and relieve you of the anxiety of its impending occurrence. I know that the Pope will have no objections to granting you an indulgence on this matter since you have been a faithful son of the church from the beginning. But we will have to assign you a penance of renouncement..."

"I am new at this, Thomas, inexperienced." The penance will do me good, help me get out of a habit."

"Good. I'm glad you can see the benefit that comes from the Lord's discipline. Now, since we have that settled at last, will you now accept that glass of wine...?"

(Parsifal-#003) "Thank's for the help, but there is a problem. I now have too many friends. In fact, I think at the moment, I haven't a convinced enemy in the world. (though that may change drastically with this turn.) Secondly, my most mighty friends are

my closest neighbors. Thirdly, among my closest neighbors appear to be, from my intelligence, some who would most likely be willing and able to take a chunk out of my homeland without notice. Not a healthy situation.

In an aggressive world I cannot be without enemies, so I must pick one. Against my most powerful neighbors I must counter balance an opposing force. Those who seem most likely to do me harm I must help eliminate. So among friends I must make choices, and I have made my choice.

(Norway-Skag-Denmark) It is the pleasure of the royal navy to declare its solidarity with the Sultan in the assault on the Russian bear. The shadow-boxing is over.

(Parsifal-#003) I really tried to think of a valid reason why I should let your fleets into the North Sea. I tried to think of a way England could grow without attacking your. I tried to figure out how you could help me in a war against you-know-who. But for the life of me, I couldn't think of a single thing that didn't give you all the advantages for little return. I hoped for another way, but I guess all along I knew it have to be inevitable.

(Channel-Paris) I know I'm not supposed to be here. I originally didn't plan to be. But there just isn't a better place to put it. It was kind of spur of the moment like, but....Aw Shuck's, I just couldn't help myself!

James Bond

(Italy-Turkey) Take that - and that and THAT!

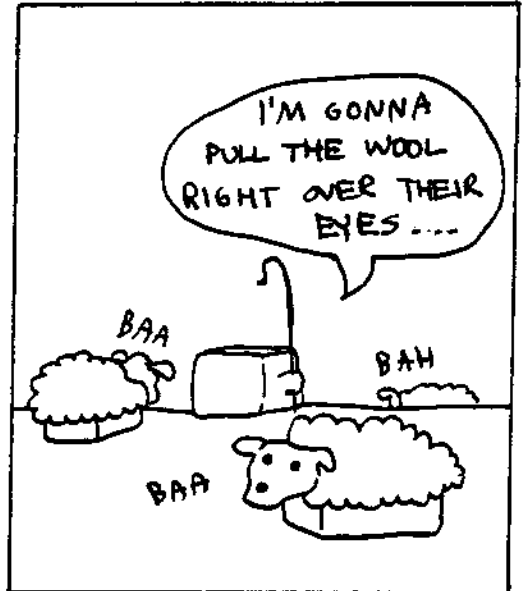
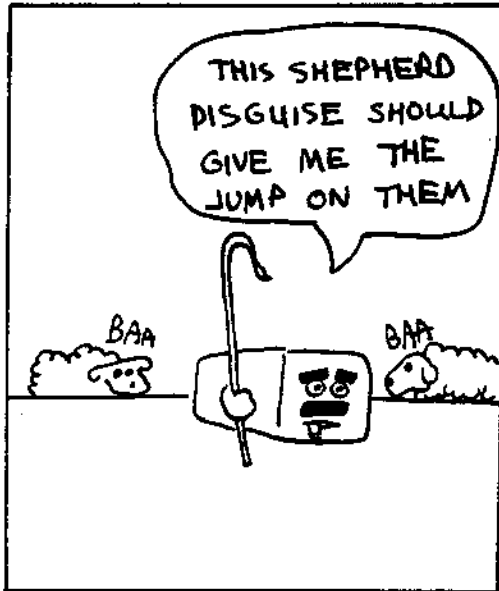
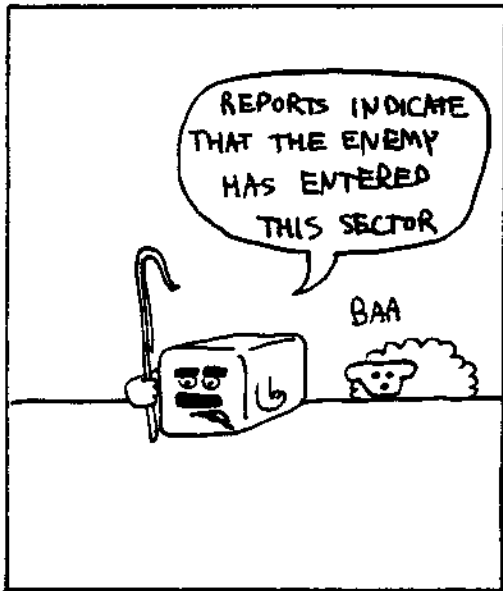
(Pope John-Bob to #005) It is good that you come on bended knee, asking for help and salvation for He can save you, brother! But did you have to bring the entire army?

(Turkey-Indy) Sorry, Dave, but no more Far Horizons. It seems like a couple of players got screwed and screamed, gasp, GM interference. Their claims were well-warranted though, so I suppose it's just as well.

(Indy-Turkey) How about some detail about the game? Perhaps another game housed elsewhere?

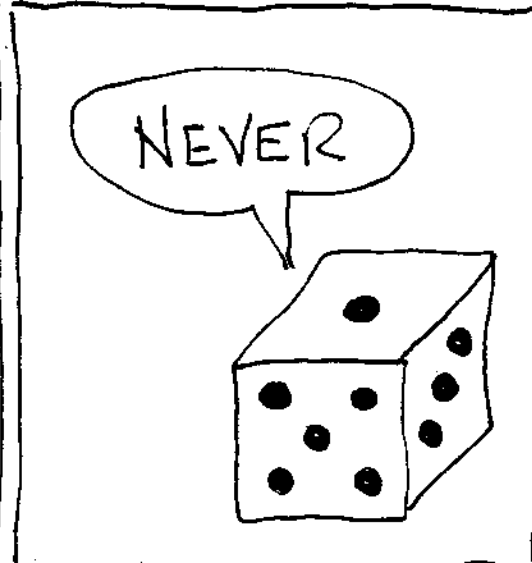
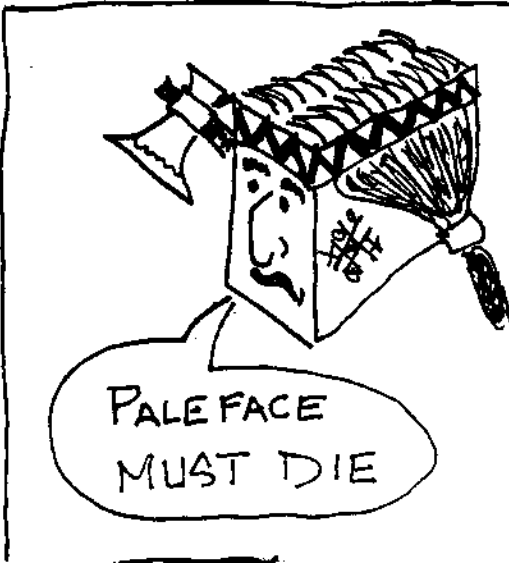
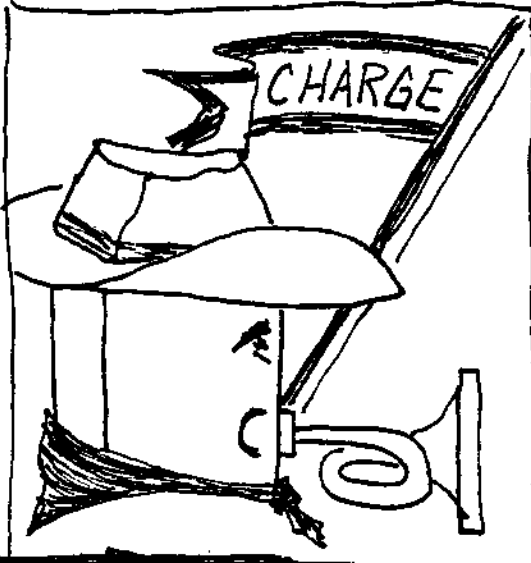
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