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The Diplomat is the home of 83U(finish this issue),83AK,83AL,83CB(finish this issue),83CI,83HY,83HL,83IF,84AP,84AQ.

Deadline for all games in this issue is 10:00 pm EST on August 17, 1984.

1. NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS FOR THE KLEIMANS. We should be moved in by the end of this week. Note that the phone number has changed, too. Oh, and that zip code is different - barely.
2. 1983U, the Machiavelli, has ended in a three-way draw between France (Randy Karaolinski), Italy (John Crosby) and Russia (Pat Pakel). Game summary will be next issue along with any end-game statements the players send.
3. 1983CB, the James Kirk, has ended in a four-way draw between France (Nelson Heintzman), England (David Frick), Austria (Steven Piper), and Turkey (Pat Pakel). Only 3 of the 5 surviving players voted, but NVR=yes, so the game ends in a draw. Game summary and any end-game statements submitted will be published next issue.
4. PLUG#1: Brad Pavey sends the following: UNICON I, an FRP-boardgame-simulations convention will be held Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 1984 at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Scheduled: Diplomacy Tourney, Fletcher-Pratt (naval miniatures), playtesting of "Boots and Saddles" (American frontier 1840-1890), speakers on fantasy&sci-fi writing and game-design. Cost is \$2 for Friday, \$3 for Saturday, \$3 for Sunday -- or \$5 in advance for all three days. For more information, send an SASE to UNICON I, c-o The Questors, L.A. Pittenger Student Center, Box 279, 200 W. University Avenue, Muncie, IN 47306.
5. PLUG#2: Craig Mills sends: Jeffrey Trout of 195 Claremont Avenue, Apt #39, New York, NY 10027 is starting an "Empire of the Middle Ages" campaign and needs some more emperors. Send Jeff a preference list!
6. October 26-28 are the dates. The place is 651 Fenster Court in Indianapolis. The event is what? Correct. This Diplomacy (and whatever else) Con has no name, but it will be the event of a life time (or at least the best thing to do that weekend in the Midwest). Yes, fans, Mark Luedi, Pete Gaughan (so what if he lives in Dallas, Texas), and I will host it. The Nixon Award winner will be here. Lord Lycanthropy will be here. Luedi even claims some elf from Chicago will be here. You should be here. Yes, this will be the opportunity to meet Whiskers and play Diplomacy and have a wonderful time. Plan on being here.
7. Well, #1 and #6 definitely should tell you that we've bought that house. Yes, the world of equity for the Kleimans. Hopefully, we'll be moving this week. Banking is all over (we've signed away the first-born child, etc.). And we are about to die here in this little scruffy apartment. I can't wait to mow a yard again!
8. GAME OPENING! SEND YOUR MONEY AND PREFERENCE LISTS TODAY!

STANDBY LIST: Steve Cartier, John Crosby, David Baker, Pat Pakel, Jeff Hines, Matt Fleming, Bob Sweeney, Ken Hager, Mary Simmons, Scott Mercer, Brad Pavey, Steven Piper, Brian Cukurs, Len Kay, Jeff Sherer, Melinda Halley, Stephen Dycus(see MacArthur), J.R. Baker, Dan Young, Randy Karaolinski.

1983AK - The Bismarck, F09

The line is maintained...

ENGLAND: (#06, Matt Fleming) F NAT S french F mid, A STP H, F BOT S A stp, F BAR S A stp, F LPL H(u), F WAL H(u).
 FRANCE: (#21, Rob Schaunk) F MID S F spa(sc), F POR S F spa(sc), F SPA(sc) S F mid, F MAR S F spa(sc),
 A GAS S F aar, A BUR S geraan A aun.
 GERMANY: (#42, Ken Hager) A BER S A aun, A MUN S A ber, A KIE S A aun, F BAL S A ber.
 TURKEY: (#13, John Crosby) A ara-SEV, A LVN-stp, A MOS S A lvn-stp, A ukr-WAR, A GAL-sil, A PRU-ber,
 A SIL-mun, A TYL S A sil-mun, A BOH S A sil-mun, A VIE-gal, A TRI-vie,
 F aeg-ION, F NAF-mid, F WEG-spa(sc), F LYO-mar, F PIE S F lyo-mar,
 F TYN-lyo.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1910 orders are due. The orders used for France, England and Germany are perpetual orders that are on file - and each of those countries wanted this fact public.

PROPOSALS: TEF6 draw fails (3 for, 1 against). Also, TEF6 draw is proposed again as part of Germany's perpetual orders.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 0- out.

ENGLAND: 7- EDI, HOL, LON, LPL, WNY, STP, SWE. Build 1 unit.

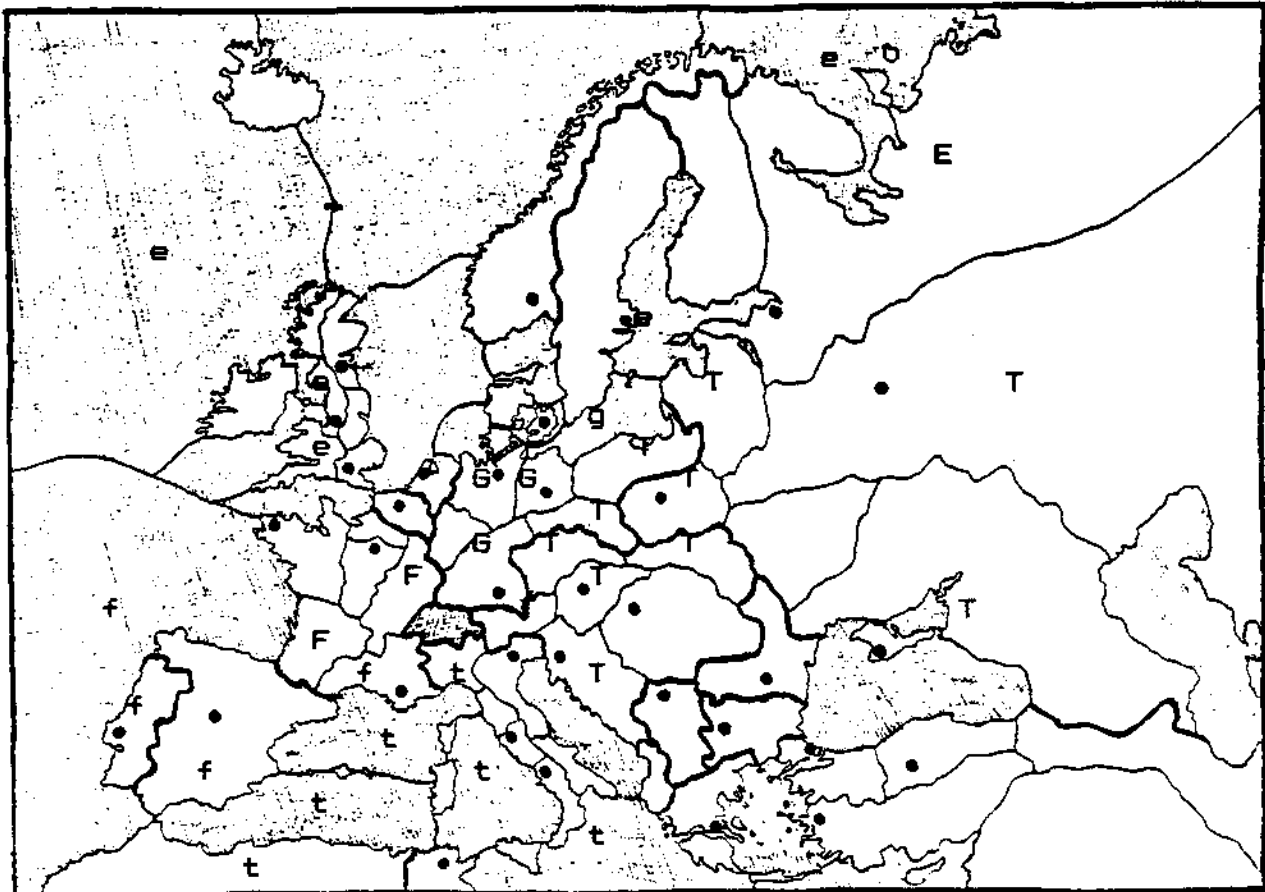
FRANCE: 6- BEL, BRE, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA. Even.

GERMANY: 4- BER, DEN, KIE, MUN. Even.

ITALY: 0- out.

RUSSIA: 0- out.

TURKEY: 17- ANK, BUD, BUL, CON, BRE, MOS, NAP, ROM, RUM, SER, SEV, SMY, TRI, TUN, VEN, VIE, WAR. Even.



1983AL - John Paul Jones, FOB

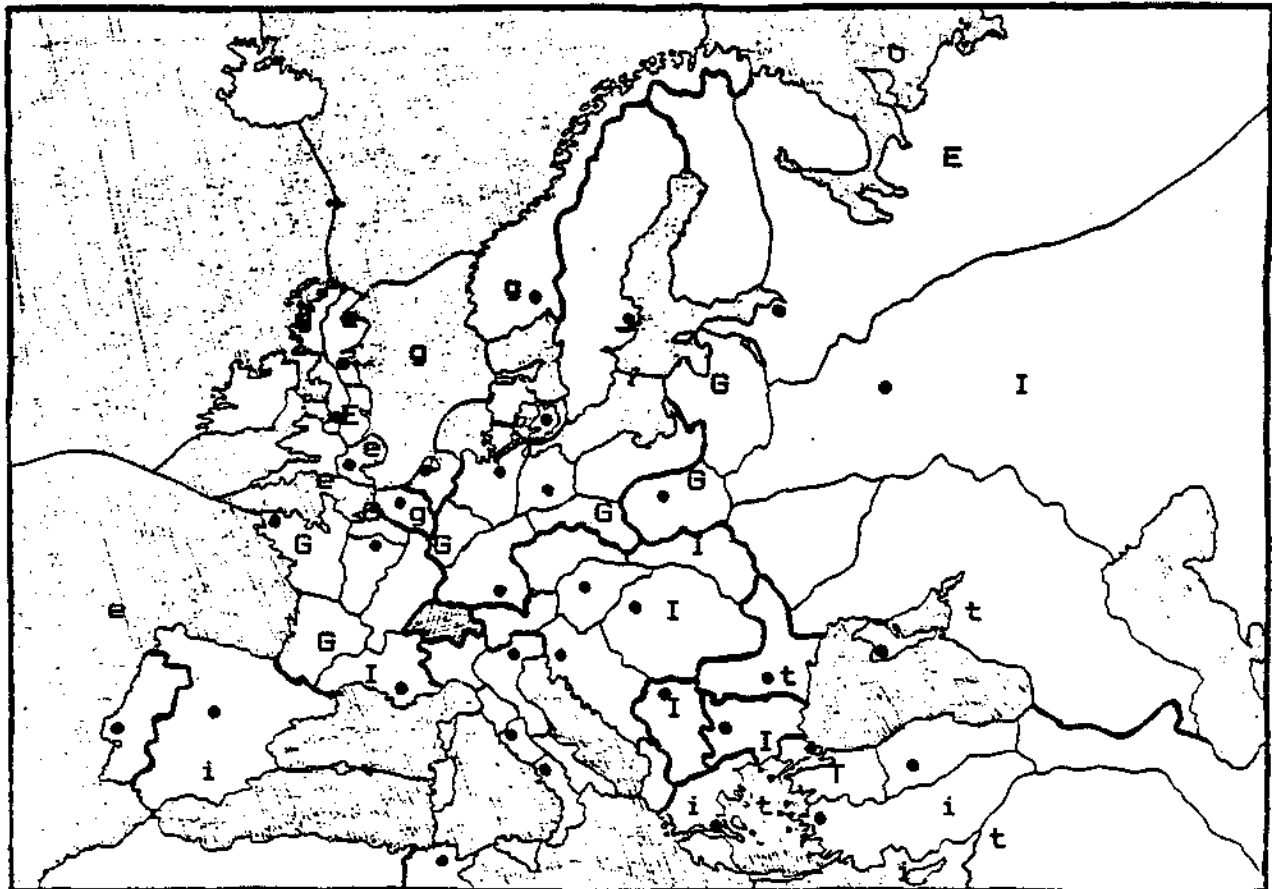
Russia eliminated as part of explosive Italian growth

ENGLAND: (#26, Rich Reilly) A STP S italian A lvn-mos, F eng-LON, F mid-ENG, F por-MID, A YOR S F edi, F EDI S A yor.
 GERMANY: (#13, John Crosby) A GAS S A bre, A BRE S A gas, A PIC S A bre, A RUH S F nth-bel, F nth-BEL, A SIL S A war,
 ITALY: (#27, David Frick) A WAR S english A sto-mos(inso), A pru-LVN, F nwq-CLY, F hel-NTH, F NWY S F hel-nth.
 RUSSIA: (#50, Tony Barbieri) F SPA(sc) S A war, A MAR S F spa(sc), A lvn-MOS, A GAL-rua, A tri-SER, A BUD S A tri-ser,
 TURKEY: (#22, Jeff Hines) F GRE-aeg, F EAS-svr, A BUL-con, F SMY-aeg.
 A rum R SER, A ser-rum(d,alb).
 F smy R SYR, F SEV-rua, F RUM-bul(ec), F SYR S F aeg-smy, F ASS-smy,
 A CON S F aeg-smy.

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

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

- AUSTRIA: 0- out.
- ENGLAND: 5- EDI, LON, LPL, POR, STP. Remove 1 unit.
- FRANCE: 0- out.
- GERMANY: 11- BEL, BER, BRE, DEN, HOL, XIE, MUN, NWY, PAR, SWE, WAR. Even.
- ITALY: 14- BUD, BUL, GRE, MAR, MOS, NAP, ROM, SER, SMY, SPA, TRI, TUN, VEN, VIE. Build 4 units.
- RUSSIA: 0- out.
- TURKEY: 4- ANK, CON, RUM, SEV. Remove 1 unit.



1983CZ - Talleyrand, S07

France/Turkey at war! England solidifies German holdings

AUSTRIA: (#03, J.R. Baker) B A VIE, F LYD S french F wes-spa(sc)(nso), A gre-SER, A PIE-bra(iap),
A TYL S A mun, A MUN S german A pru-ber, A gal-SIL, A vie-BOH.

ENGLAND: (#35, Phil Redmond) B F LPL, B F EDI, F kie-BER, F BAL S F kie-ber, A hol-KIE, A RUH-aun, A BUR S A ruh-aun,
A par-GAS, F MAR-spa(sc), F MID S F mar-spa(sc), F SPA(sc)-lyo, F lpl-IRI,
F nth-ENG, F BRE S F mid, F edi-NTH, A stp-LVN, A NWY-stp.
R F NAT, F WES-tyn, F NAP S F wes-tyn, A VEN S italian F tri (ots).

FRANCE: (#04, Pat Pakel) R A SIL, A PRU-ber.

GERMANY: (#33, Steve Knight) R F ALB, F TRI-ven.

ITALY: (#32, Bob Sweeney) B F CON, B A ANK, A MOS-stp, A WAR S austrian A gal-sil, A ank-ARM, F CON-aeg,
F AEG-ion, F ION-tyn, F TUN S F ion-tyn.

TURKEY: (#22, Jeff Hines)

GAME NOTES: Fall 1907 orders are due.

PROPOSALS:

F/A/T draw fails (2 for, 3 against).

E/A/T draw fails (2 for, 3 against).

A/T draw fails (3 for, 2 against).

Proposed now are 1. Concession to England and 2. Italian F TRI becomes A TRI.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 7- BUD, BUL, BRE, MUN, RUM, SER, VIE

ENGLAND: 15- BEL, BRE, DEN, EDI, HOL, KIE, LON, LPL, MAR, NWY, PAR, POR, SPA, STP, SHE

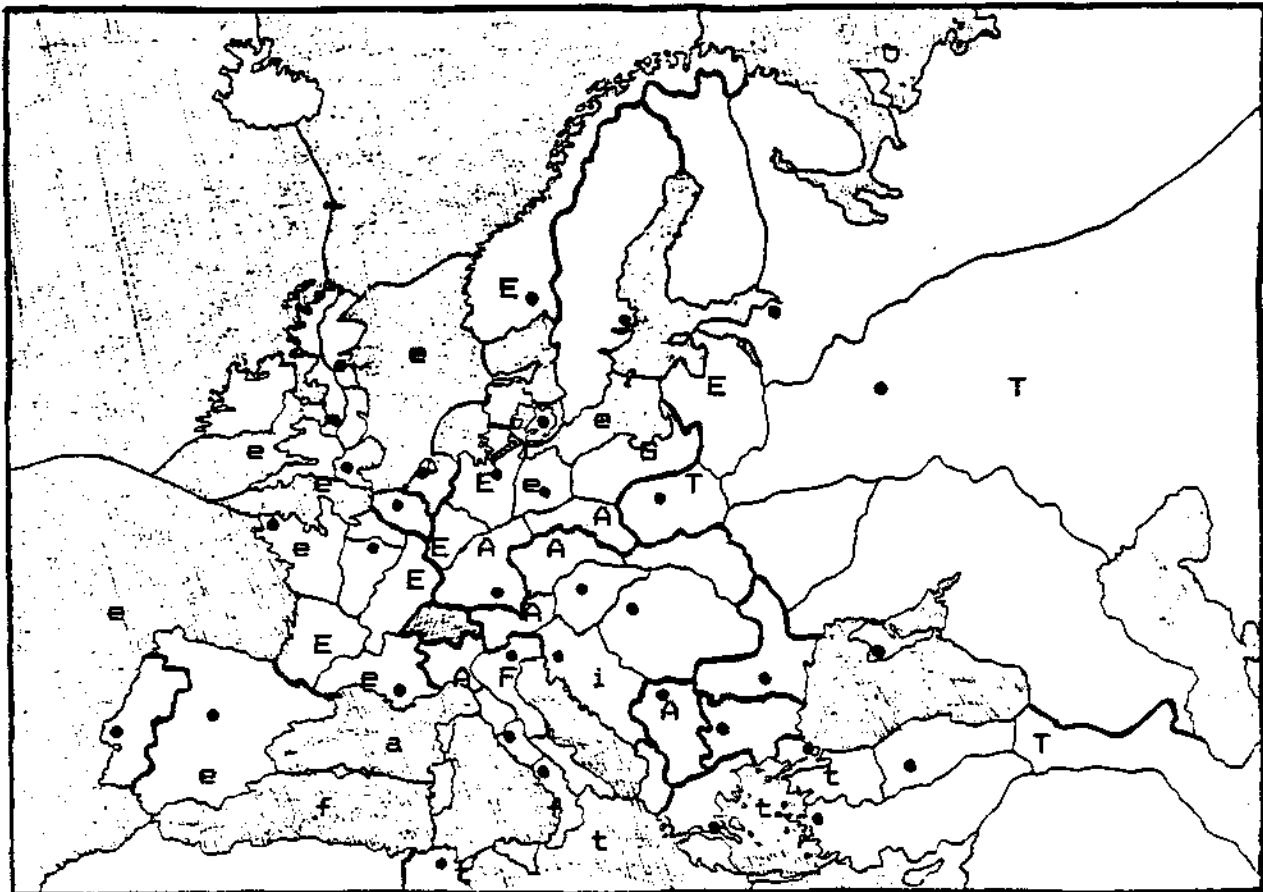
FRANCE: 3- NAP, ROM, VEN

GERMANY: 1- BER

ITALY: 1- TRI

RUSSIA: 0- out.

TURKEY: 7- ANK, CON, MOS, BEV, SMY, TUN, WAR



1982HL - The Matternich, SOB

German fleet added to the world's seas.

ENGLAND: (#10, Alvin Kusumoto) A DEN-kie, A STP H, F lvn-BAL, F BOT S F lvn-bal, F ENG-mid, F NTH-eng,
F cly-LPL, A WAL H(u).

FRANCE: (#03, J.R. Baker) F ion R APU, A bel-BUR, A MAR S A bel-bur, A HOL-kie, A RUH S A hol-kie, F IRI-mid,
F bre-PIC, A ROM-tun, F TYN C A rom-tun, F NAP-rom, F APU-nap.

GERMANY: (#25, Brian DeLaurentis) B F KIE, F KIE-bal, A BER-kie.

RUSSIA: (#01, Phil Senn) A war-LVN, A SIL S A mun, A MUN S german A ber-kie, A MOS S A war-lvn, A PRU S A war-lvn,
A TYL S turkish A pie-ven.

TURKEY: (#39, Mark Schwendiman) A ven R TRI, B F SMY, F say-EAS, A pie-VEN, A TRI S A pie-ven, F ION-tun, F AEG-ion,
F GRE S F aeg-ion, F ADR S F aeg-ion.

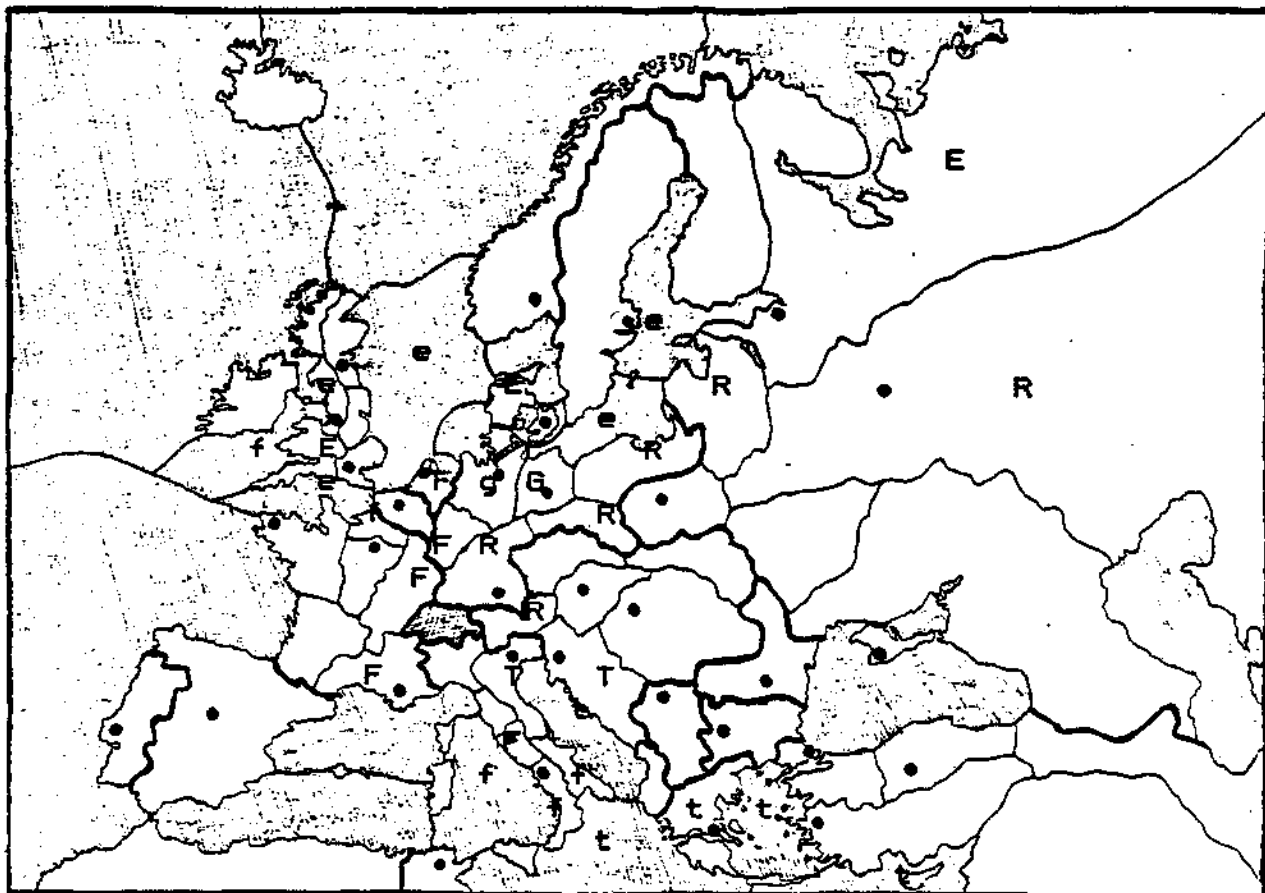
GAME NOTES: Fall 1908 orders are due. Conditional votes are illegal.

PROPOSALS: E/F/R draw fails (2 for, 4 against).
E/R/T draw fails (2 for, 4 against).
E/F/T draw fails (1 for, 5 against).
R/T/F draw fails (3 for, 3 against).
Concession to France fails (1 for, 5 against).

Proposed now are 1. EFBRT draw, 2. EFRT draw.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 0- out.
ENGLAND: 7- DEN, EDI, LON, LPL, NNY, STP, SHE
FRANCE: 10- BEL, BRE, HOL, MAR, NAP, PAR, POR, ROM, SPA, TUN
GERMANY: 2- BER, KIE
ITALY: 1- VEN
RUSSIA: 7- BUD, MOS, MUN, RUM, SEV, VIE, WAR
TURKEY: 7- ANK, BUL, CON, BRE, SER, SMY, TRI



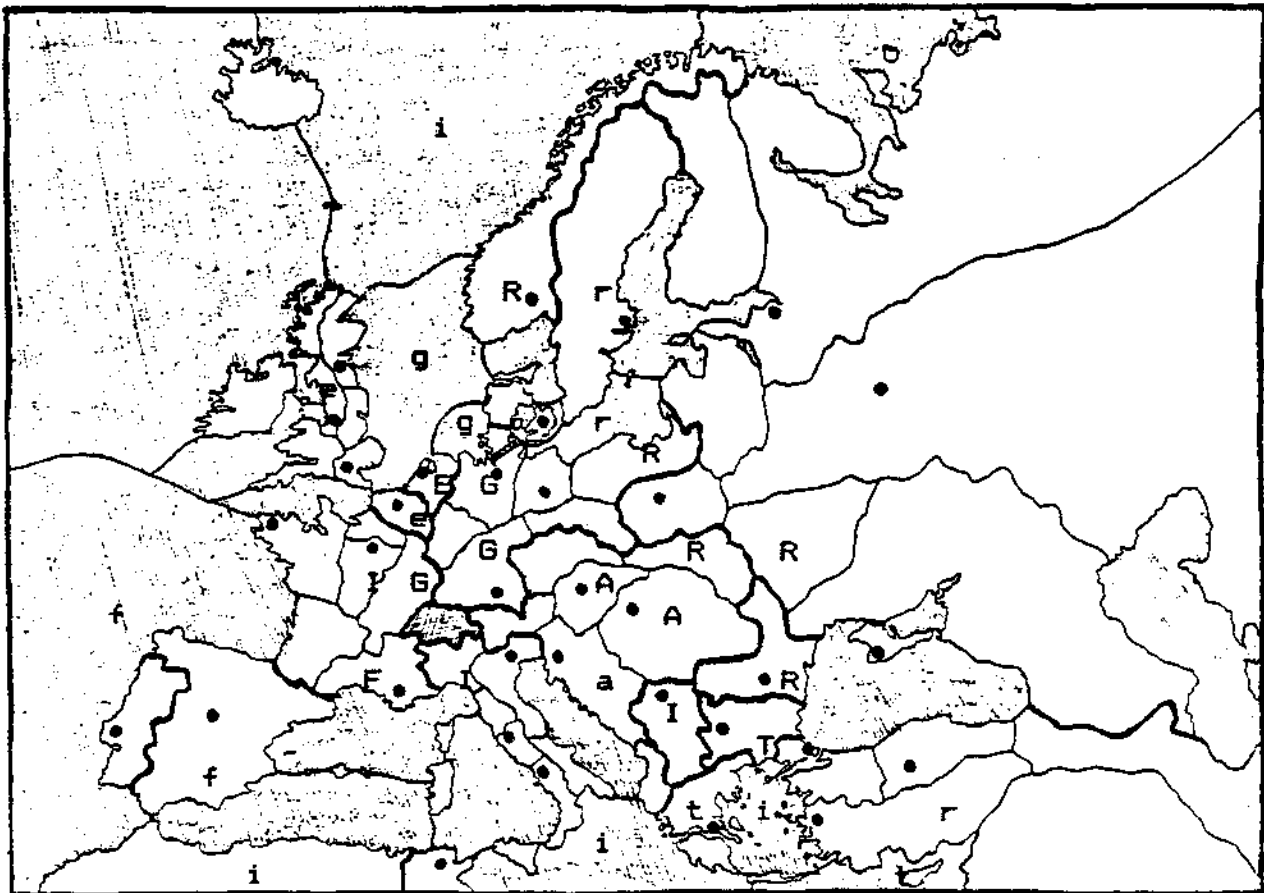
1983 IF - The Covenant, F04

AUSTRIA: (#05, David Baker) A VIE S A bud, A BUD S italian A tri-ser, F alb-TRI.
 ENGLAND: (#23, Melinda Malley) A HOL H, F nth-hel (d, edi, yor, lon, eng, ska), F BEL S A hol, F iri-LPL.
 FRANCE: (#22, Jeff Hines) a bur S english A bel-ruh (d, gas, pic), A spa-MAR, F por-SPA(sc), F MID-wes.
 GERMANY: (#09, Steve Cartier) F hol R HEL, F den-NTH, F HEL S F den-nth, A KIE-hol, A ruh-BUR, A MUN S A ruh-bur.
 ITALY: (#32, Bob Sweeney) A spa R GAS, F nat-NWG, F ion-AES, F nap-ION, F NAF-wes, A tri-SER, A ven-PIE, A gas-PAR.
 RUSSIA: (#35, Phil Redmond) A RUM-bul, A GAL-rua, A UKR S A gal-rua, F con-SMY, A swe-FRU, F BAL C A swe-pru,
 F bot-SWE, A NWY S F bot-swe.
 TURKEY: (#06, Matt Fleming) A BUL S F gre, F GRE S russian F con-aeg(nso), F smy-EAS.

GAME NOTES: Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 orders are due.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 3- BUD, TRI, VIE. Even.
 ENGLAND: 5- BEL, EDI, HOL, LON, LPL. Build 1 unit.
 FRANCE: 4- BRE, MAR, POR, SPA. Even.
 GERMANY: 4- BER, DEN, KIE, MUN. Remove 1 unit.
 ITALY: 6- NAP, PAR, RDM, SER, TUN, VEN. Remove 1 unit.
 RUSSIA: 9- CON, MOS, NWY, RUM, SEV, SMY, STP, SWE, WAR. Build 1 unit.
 TURKEY: 3- ANK, BUL, GRE. Even.



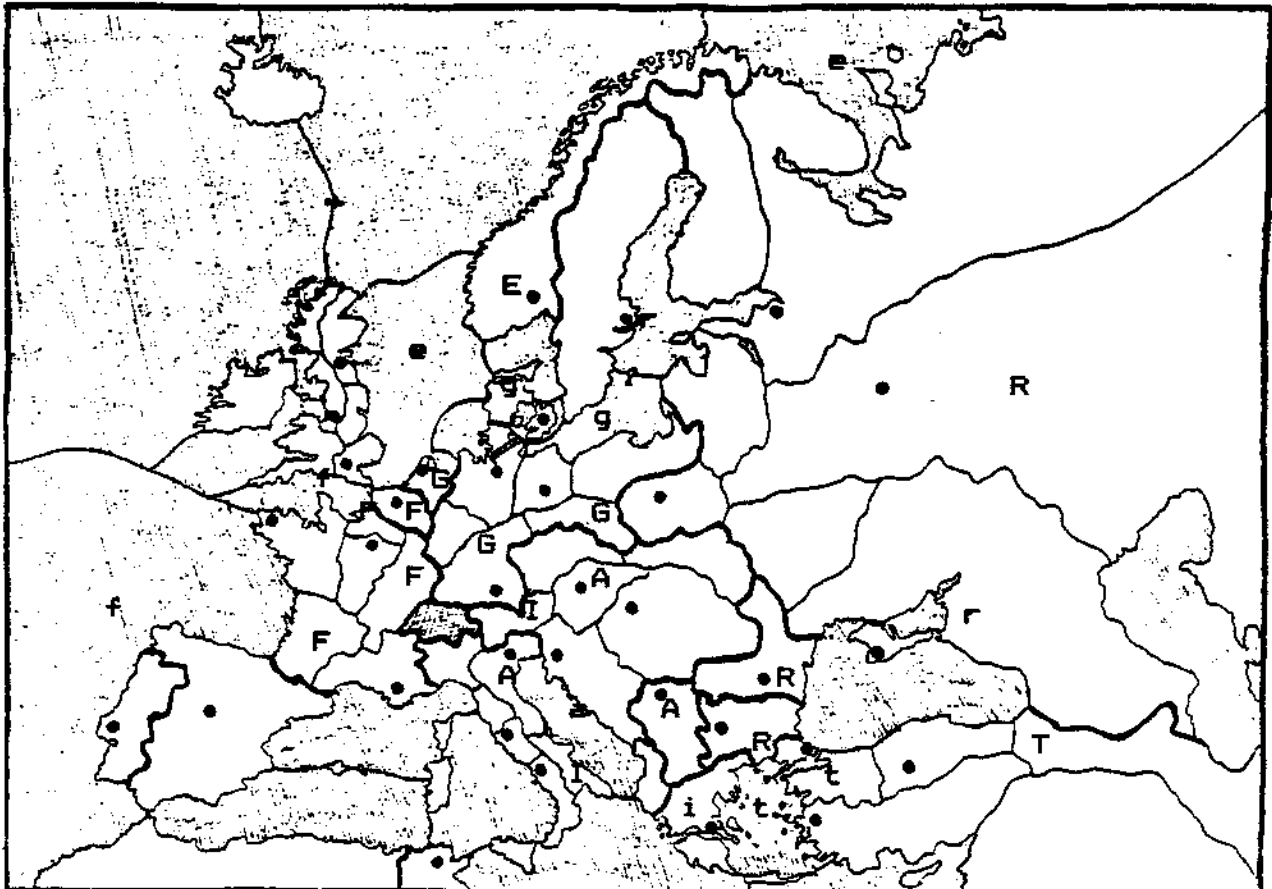
1984AF - George Marshall, 502

AUSTRIA: (#48, Brad Pavey) A tri-VEN, F ADR S A tri-ven, A VIE-tyl, A SER S russian A rua-bul.
 ENGLAND: (#04, Pat Pakel) A yor-NWY, F NTH C A yor-nwy, F nwg-BAR.
 FRANCE: (#17, Dan Young) A mar-BUR, A BEL S A mar-bur, F bre-ENG, F por-MID, A par-PIC, A spa-GAS.
 GERMANY: (#50, Tony Barbieri) A HOL H, A MUN S A ber-sil, F DEN-swg, F kie-BAL, A ber-SIL.
 ITALY: (#36, Mike Sanches) F ion-GRE, A TYL-ven, A ven-APU.
 RUSSIA: (#21, Rob Schaunk) F BOT-swg, F SEV-bla, A war-MOS, A rua-BUL, A gal-RUM.
 TURKEY: (#06, Matt Flesing) A bul-rua(d,a), F CON-bla, F say-AEG, A ank-ARM.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1902 orders are due.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

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



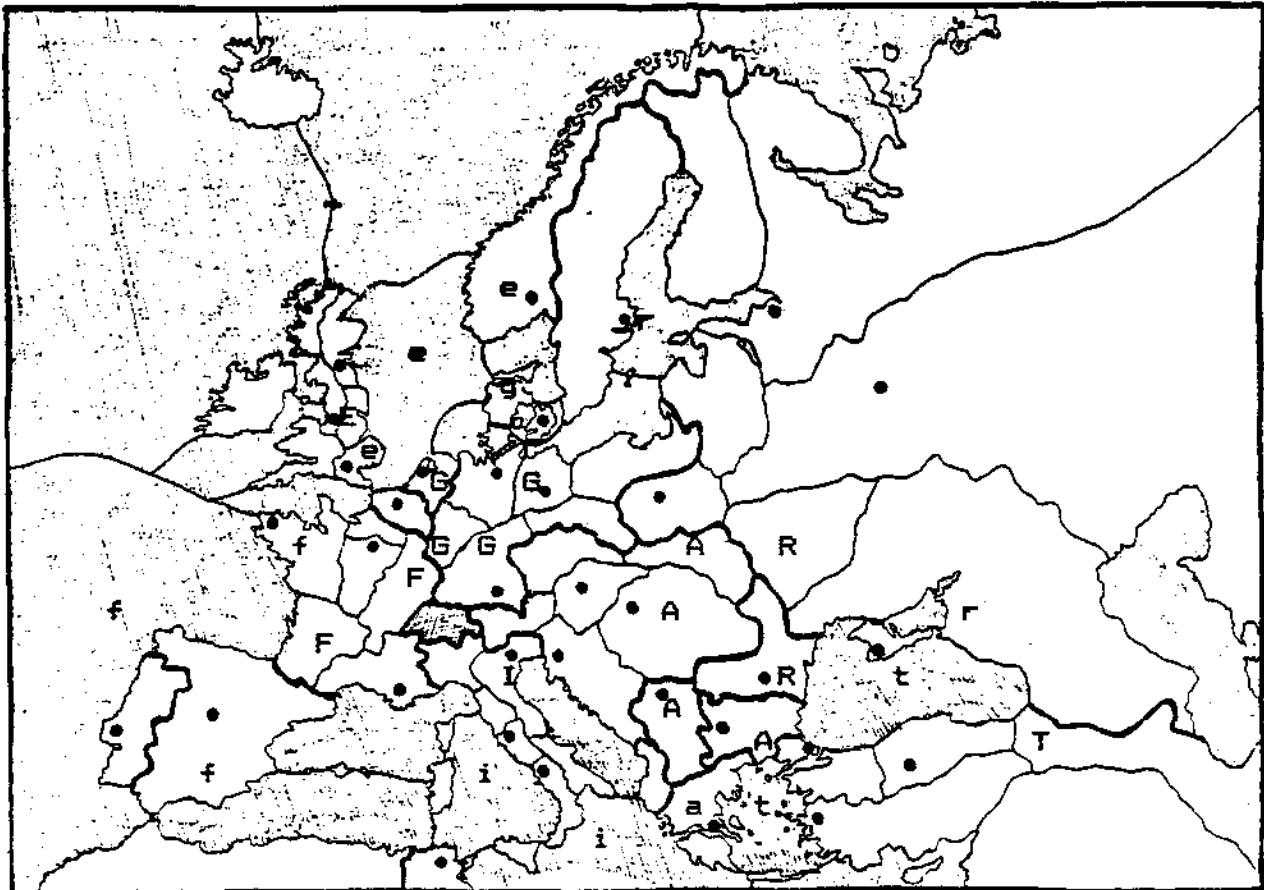
1984AQ - Douglas MacArthur, SO2

AUSTRIA: (#41, Rod Gilbert) A vie-GAL, A BUD S A vie-gal, A rua-BUL, A SER S A rua-bul, F alb-GRE.
 ENGLAND: (#25, Brian DeLaurentis) F NWY-stp(nc), A YOR-nwy, F NTH C A yor-nwy, F LON-eng.
 FRANCE: (#07, Mary Sizsons) A spa-GAS, A pic-BUR, F nar-SPA(sc), F por-MID, F BRE-eng.
 GERMANY: (#37, Brian Cukurs) NMR! A HOL H(u), A RUH H(u), F DEN H(u), A BER H(u), A MUN H(u).
 ITALY: (#42, Ken Hager) A VEN H, A TUN H, F nap-TYN, F ION S austrian F alb-gre.
 RUSSIA: (#19, Jeff Sherer) F SEV H, F BOT-stp(sc), A UKR S F sev, A gal-RUM.
 TURKEY: (#13, John Crosby) F BLA S A ara-sev, A ARM-sev, F con-REG, A gre-bul(d,a).

GAME NOTES: Fall 1902 orders are due. Would Steve Dycus submit standby orders for Germany?

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

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



1983HY - Poor Richard, 505

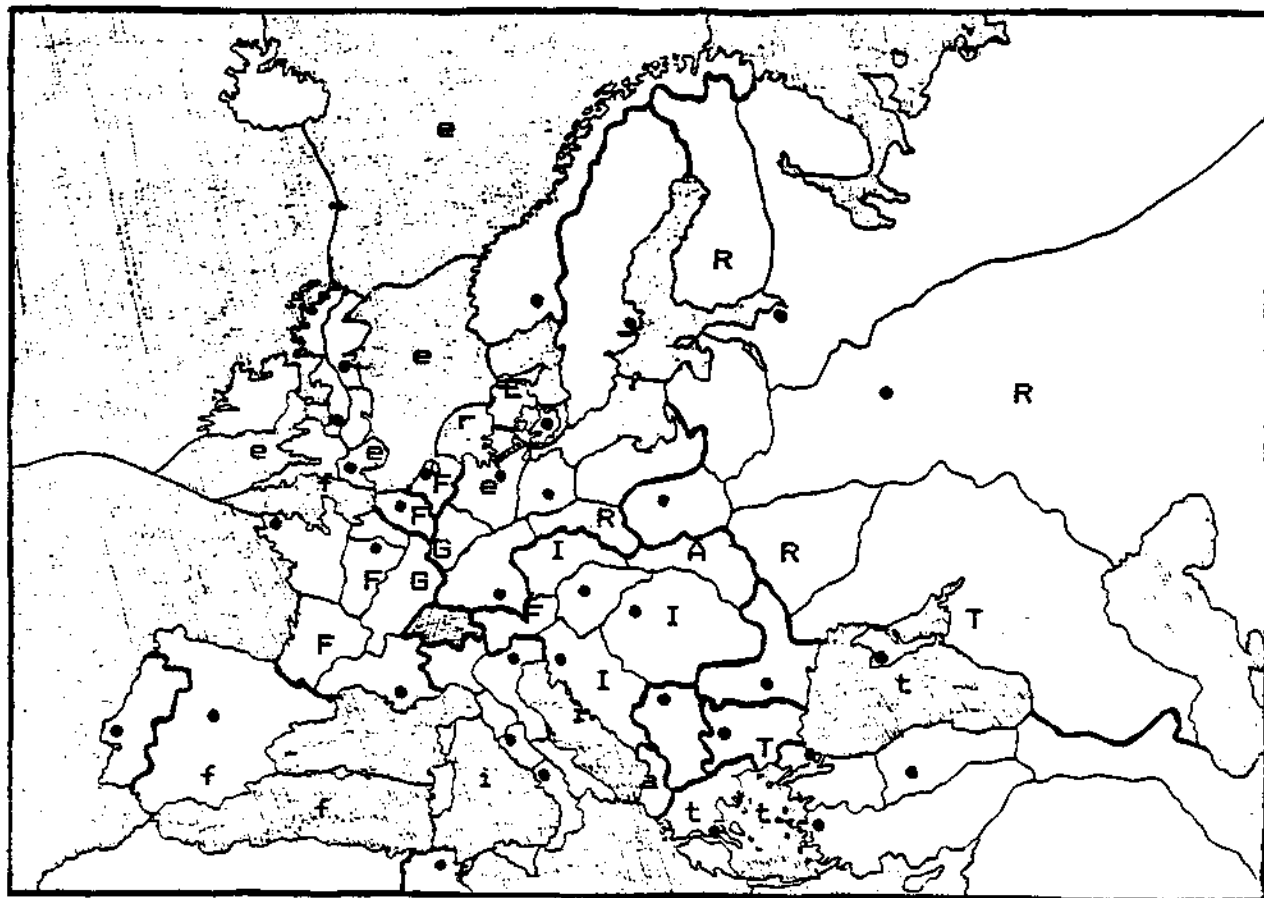
AUSTRIA: (#15, Kathy Byrne) A bud R GAL, A GAL-ukr, F gre-ALB.
 ENGLAND: (#49, Craig Mills) B F LPL, F lpl-IRI, F nwy-NWG, F nth-LON, F ska-NTH, F den-KIE, A swe-DEN.
 FRANCE: (#13, John Crosby) B A PAR, B F MAR, A ven-TYL, F TUN S F nap-icn(nso), F tyn-WES, A PAR-bur,
 A bre-GAS, F ENG S A bel, A BEL S A hol-ruh, A HOL-ruh, F war-SPA(sc).
 GERMANY: (#09, Steve Cartier) F hol R OTB, A SUR-bel, A RUH S A bur-bel.
 ITALY: (#35, Phil Redmond) B F NAP, F nap-TYN, F alb-ADR, A vie-BOH, A BUD-vie, A TRI-vie.
 RUSSIA: (#03, J.R. Baker) B A MOS, B A WAR, F kie-HEL, A stp-FIN, A sev-UKR, A MOS S A sev-ukr, A war-GIL.
 TURKEY: (#32, Bob Sweeney) F ion-GRE, F AEG S F ion-gre, A BUL S F ion-gre, A rum-SEV, F BLA S A rum-sev.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1905 orders are due.

PROPOSALS: Pink map pins be banned from play passes (2 for, 0 against).
 Russian press be uncensored fails (1 for, 1 against). ((GM sighs)).

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 2- BRE, SER
 ENGLAND: 6- DEN, EDI, LON, LPL, NMY, SWE
 FRANCE: 9- BEL, BRE, HOL, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA, TUN, VEN
 GERMANY: 2- BER, MUN
 ITALY: 5- BUD, NAP, ROM, TRI, VIE
 RUSSIA: 5- KIE, MOS, SEV, STP, WAR
 TURKEY: 5- ANK, BUL, CON, RUM, SBY



Score for 1983HY

PLAYER & COMPANY	US\$	A	E	F	G	I	R	T
(#13) CRIME (Crosby's Investment & Mercantile Exchange)	5115	3500	2500	2000	0	3500	1000	2500
(#28) Tinseltown Cannonball Investments	6250	9028	7935	3055	294	1513	1705	1482
(#01) Sensational Investments Numismatic Company	0	5501	6537	5940	1000	0	6119	3400
(#44) Madame K	0	0	1185	6533	501	9254	8528	1500
(#21) Roxxon	0	0	1210	5902	0	240	0	1166
(#05) Baker's Empire Investment Co., Inc.	14495	1000	625	3500	2500	1000	3000	4000
(#32) Rancid Wretched	310	300	1690	2000	2321	1344	3814	2400
(#03) IRA (International Russian Account)	25840	0	2576	2444	1340	1000	1500	666
(#22) Hinesight Investments	0	8029	3000	473	3978	12612	6684	1500
(#36) Mercutio's Mercantile	28923	0	3500	2500	500	1500	1500	1500
(#49) Horsefeathers Pension Fund	1644	500	800	600	500	1000	3500	500
Old Value	1.00	2.59	5.20	3.91	2.89	3.72	2.22	3.70
Change		-0.30	-0.42	0.34	-0.50	-0.33	2.24	-0.45
Game Effect		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Value	1.00	2.29	4.78	4.25	2.39	3.39	4.46	3.25

GAME NOTES: The game effect was miscalculated and therefore the prices have changed slightly.

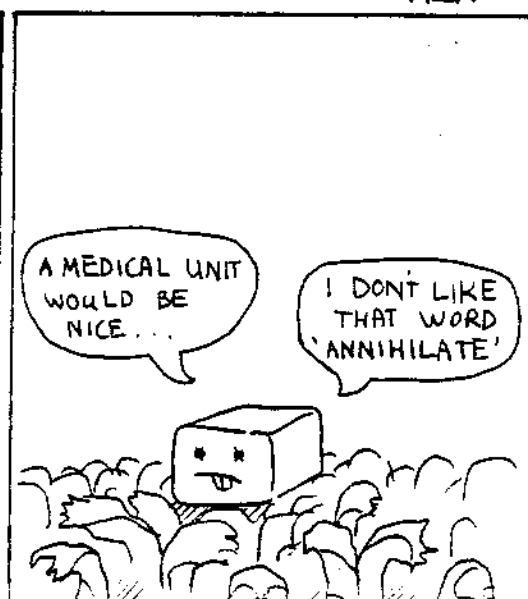
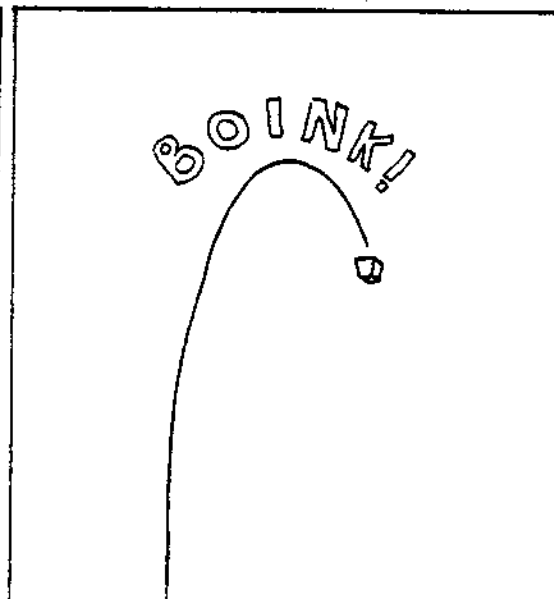
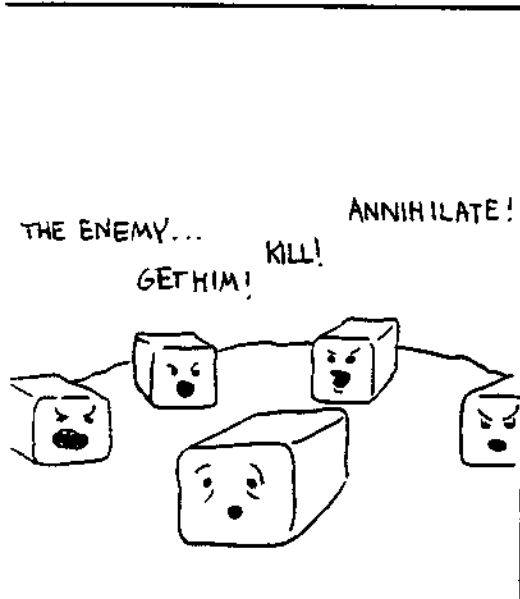
Bond, James Bond

- England (#09, Steve Cartier)
- France (#05, David Baker)
- Germany (#32, Bob Sweeney)
- Italy (#03, J.R. Baker)
- Russia (#26, Rich Reilly)
- Turkey (#21, Rob Schaunk)

GAME NOTES: This was Fall 1908, not 1909. Winter 1908 and Spring 1909 orders are due.
STANDBYS: Pat Pakel.

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WWIIb - The Gandhi

Argentina (#39, Mark Schwendiman)	F Buenos Aires, F Santa Cruz, A La Pampa.
Australia (#13, John Crosby)	F New South Wales, F Western Australia, A Northern Territory.
Brazil (#21, Rob Schaunk)	F Bahia, A Belem, A Mato Grosso.
Canada (#48, Brad Pavay)	F British Columbia, F Quebec(nc), A Ontario.
China (#17, Dan Young)	F Honan, A Szechwan, A Tsinghai.
ECM (#20, Byron Vorensky)	F Spain(sc), F United Kingdom, A France.
India (#36, Mike Sanchez)	F Madras, A Pradesh, A Rajasthan.
Japan (#10, Alvin Kusumoto)	F Honshu, F Kyushu, A Hokkaido.
Egypt (#05, D. Baker)	F Somalia, A Egypt, A Sudan.
Peru (#22, Jeff Hines)	F Ecuador, A Inca, A Napo.
S. Africa (#00, Dave Kleiman)	F Mozambique, F Transvaal, A Angola.
USSR (#27, David Frick)	F Kamchatka, A Georgia, A Kazak, A Siberia, F Russia(nc).
USA (#40, Steven Piper)	F California, F Dixie, A Texas.
Warsaw (#03, J.R. Baker)	F Yugoslavia, A Hungary, A Poland.
M. Africa (#32, Bob Sweeney)	F Guinea, A Mali, A Nigeria.

STANDBYS: Matt Fleming, more needed.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1990 orders are due. Please note that a larger (11x17) map was mailed about a week ago. It contained an error. It seems the Skagerrak Sea was omitted. Draw a line from Sweden to East Germany and label the sea created the "Skagerrak Sea". Therefore, the Baltic Sea does not touch Norway, Denmark or the North Sea. Also, New Zealand IS a supply center.

SM: Scott Mercer, 3320 Heather Ridge Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224. Phone: (317) 293-3083.

Press Column

Bismarck

(Germany-Indy) Unless the situation changes drastically very soon, you might have to invoke Houserule # VI C and call this thing a draw in Fall 1911.

John Paul Jones

(Livonia-Warsaw) Urgent note to leader of Warsaw army: My men are tired of dancing the two step (one forward, two back) - Please help.

(Rome-Turkey) I have the feeling you are reading my orders prior to sending yours in. Congrats on keeping me going in circles.

Talleyrand

(Austria) Evil often triumphs but never conquers!

(Italy-So Lonely) I wish I were an army....

(Italy-France) You took me - he has yours. All's fair - you greedy beggar! (By the by, are you still in MD games?).

The Metternich

(Berlin) Today, the Kaiser announced that the new Kriegsmarine dreadnought "Revenge" was putting to sea to launch the naval offensive against the English dog. Also, the Kaiser requested a summit conference between himself, Premier Baker and Czar Senn.

The Covenant

(England-Austria) It's not Russia's embrace that I'm worried about!

(St. Pete) The forces of Mighty White continue to deploy against Germany. Fresh from their triumph in the recent Baltic yacht races, the Northern fleet is preparing to shell Denmark. It is hoped by all peace loving people that some solution short of war can be reached. Perhaps ritual suicide?

(Italy-Indy) An Italian fleet where?!?!?!?

(England-Italy) Sorry. I got an offer I couldn't refuse.

(Moscow) Czar Philip continues his self imposed isolation in the Kremlin. Reportedly, the Czar was heart-broken when Sultan Matti Al-Fleeming betrayed his earlier in the year. In an effort to repair relations, urgent messages have been sent to the Sultan via the Military Governor of Constantinople. All Russia awaits the response.

(Italy-Russia) Just an emissary...really.

(Mighty White-Lord Lycanthropy) If you get really nasty I'm going to call in the Balkan Bloodsucker...

(Indy-Mighty White) But wait, Mr. Phil, something nastier than the BB has invaded these waters...

(Fleeming-Kleiman) 'Amen', huh? You should have never said that!

(Somewhere off the Maxos coast) The great fish moved silently through the night water, propelled by short sweeps of its crescent tail. It swam in expectance of easy prey. And the hours swept by as easily as the water that brushed against the white monster's gills. Oh, the dread that awaited the sun-filled beaches of the awaiting day.....

---twelve hours later---

It was the same crowd that always filled the beaches. Ernst and Andre Kholler were having a family get together. Captain Idaho, the Master of Chaos and Rigel Reilly were building sand castles. Madame K had packed a lunch and Whiskers was frolicking in the sand. The old Goat and Honey Bee were making goo-goo eyes at each other, while dust bowl Sweeney was trying to guard his bald head from the sun. Mr. Phil was trying to sell plots of Ocean front real estate, and Steve Knight was peddling his pastries. Even Nelly Heintzelman had struggled to the beach this morning.

Up above the crowd, sitting at his post, was Lord Lycanthropy. After battling his heavy eyelids for ten minutes, he gave into the inevitable and settled down for his nap. Two miles out the huge fin surfaced.

Fat Pakel was unaware of what lurked below. He quietly floated on his raft as the fin approached. nanua...nanua...nanua. The landshark swam closer, and closer, closer still, and swiped at Pakel's raft. The landshark missed! Would he strike again? Would Lord Lycanthropy wake up in time to save Pakel and alert Maxos Island? Tune in next issue as we hear His lordship say 'zzzzz'.

(Indy) 'zzzz'.

(Italy-Austria) You didn't, did you?

(London) The new War Minister eyed the Admiral. "Why is there an Italian fleet in the North Atlantic? Didn't you receive your orders?"

"With all due respect, madae, your predecessor..."

"Was a jackass!" the War minister shouted. She turned to her aides, "Shoot the imbecile."

"What?" one of the aides gasped.

"Must I do everything myself?" the minister shouted. "Never mind!" She turned back to the Admiral. "If one city is lost, if that fleet lands anywhere on English soil, do you know what I'll do to you?"

The shaken Admiral shook his head.

"And you don't want to know, either." The War Minister patted the Admiral's arm and escorted him out the door. The War Minister turned back to her aides. "Does anyone else have a comment to make?" When no one answered, she smiled. "Thought not."

The George Marshall

(Shutyor Von Trapp-Lord Lycanthropy) I did not leak! I do not leak! Nor do I intend to leak! You have impuned Austrian integrity, sir. Therefore, we must say: "You've been balkin' in the Balkans too long -- GET OUT!"

(Vienna-Rome) Just call my moves this season life insurance.

(Vienna-St. Pete) Trust given is trust returned. Remember...

(Turkey-EM) Really, I don't think I am able to withstand the temptation. Mark Frueh watch out.

(CON-SEV) Now that you mention it, the R/T does seem to have slowed down a bit.

(Somewhere near Ipswich) ((via Turkey)) "...I regret that I have but one more NMR for my country."

And with that, the blindfold fitted, the cigarette lighted, and the firing squad in place.

"Uhhhhh, your Lordship, YOUR LORDSHIP! WAKE UP!!!!!!!"

"HUR? Oh yes, ready, aim fire." A rousing command if there ever was one.

(Constantinople-Paris) Sure, I'll challenge you. P-Q's 2.

(Indy-Constantinople) Oh, you're not trying to play chess, are you?

(Fleeming-Kleiman) I play Chess like I play missile command. As long as I have my King left, I'll attack with every other

piece! Tora, to ra.

(Lord Lycanthropy-Grass) I can hardly believe that people are actually complaining to me that I have slacked off in writing press. You and Captain Idaho had better watch out now.

(LL-DK) And no interference from you, Herr Landshark!

(Indy-All) OK, I'll admit I'm the "Landshark", but I'll never tell why. Stupid Dallas parking lots...

(Graz-Indy) ((Austria)) Yes, I did say that. What's more, putting my press in the Talleyrand is an insult to me (or to them, I haven't figured out which.)

(Vienna-World) Vice-Chancellor Herr Von Pavey has decided to adopt the nom de guerre "Shutyor Von Trapp." Please take note.

(Vienna) Life had again returned to the hills around Vienna. Ernst Kholler loved to walk these hills this time of year. Something about the air helped clear his mind. And in the Spring of 1902, he had alot to clear out.

He still couldn't believe what Andre had passed to him. After beating back two dastardly attacks the previous fall, both had extended the olive branch. His older brother gave no indication of which direction the Emperor was leaning. Only one thing was certain; Austria could no longer remain neutral.

The lines of Shakespeare's Sonnet #129 seemed to echo in the hills.

The expense of spirit in a waste of shame
Is lust in action; and till action, lust
Is perjur'd, murderous, bloody, full of blame,
Savage, extreme, cruel, not to trust;
Enjoy'd no sooner, but despised straight;
Past reason hunted; and no sooner had,
Past reason hated, as a swallow'd bait,
On purpose laid to make the taker mad;

Ernst hoped Austria didn't take the wrong bait... (TO BE CONTINUED)

Douglas MacArthur

(Moscow-World) Sorry to all of you who I didn't write to this season, but it seems like everyone I ever knew dropped in on my house this month.

The Poor Richard

(Parsifal-Indy) He may be the worst, but he's fun to watch. I doubt he'll keep the title long, now that I'm in hobby.

(Ukraine) I'm still waiting for "The Best Offer" (other than Money's - no one can top that).

(Kiel) Dirty deeds done dirt cheap.

(JR-TD) If Mark F. got me Saturday and then Mark L. got me Sunday - Doesn't that make me reMARKable?

(Indy-JR) Sads. You and Pavey belong in a game together. You both are very punny.

(Russia) One outstanding success can often cover a multitude of blunders.

(Count Quiche-Bozo) If only I had a brain! Guess I'll settle for these Austrian supply centers, even though they do have cooties.

(Vienna) Count Redondo was honored today with the coveted Gerald Ford award for most inept performance of 1904. The Count not only failed diplomatically with all his neighbors, but he even failed to commit suicide successfully. In an emotional acceptance speech, the Count thanked the Academy for the honor, although expressing surprise that it was 1904 already. "My, time flies when your having fun."

(Chicago-Loving Neighbors) Oh, please, stab me again. It feels so good when you touch me there.

(PPA Custodian-GM) Actually, it's quite simple, all we do is take votes on who most clearly resembles Simple Simon. Qualifications could be numerous NMR's or any such thing. Who do you vote for?

(Indy) Squirm, squirm. Uh, I'll abstain.

(Austria-Turkey) If I make it to Ukraine with last dying breath - I'll help you into SEV!

(Austria-Pasta Face) I would say it has been a pleasure, but in your case, I'll tell the truth. It has been the pits.

(Austria-Germany) Last one out is a rotten egg!

(Austria-England) There is a moral to this story - never play Austria.

(Austria-Russia) Even in death, I want to be close to you.

(Austria-France) Figures with his dying breath - Germany would hit you!

(Turkey-Russia) Destiny, don't you know?

(Turkey-Indy) Yea I say - Censor Russian press for he knows not what he's saying (or doing).

Bond press

(Germany) Now where am I? (.....DTB?.....)

(Germany-Indy) Can't wait to see this drawn up.

(Italy-World) If you guys give up, just vote a 6-way draw!

(Naples-Sultan Schmunk) Guess where my fleet is hiding? HINT: Look at the postmark on this letter)

(John Bob-005) Well, I couldn't find enough money to pay your passages (they charge by the pound) so I made arrangements to send the Sultan to you!

(France-England) Steve, I really didn't mean to do it. It was an accident. I couldn't see where I was going or who to strike back at. Will you forgive me?

(France) Adventures of #005: When last seen, #005 had been taken captive by the Turks and was being taken to see the Sultan.

At last he arrives at the palace. The guards surround him but he is not tied or chained in any way. The walk as a group toward the audience chamber. As they near the end of the long corridor, they see two huge doors begin to open toward them. On either side of the doorway are two guards, all four Russian. The Turkish guards halt outside the chamber.

"You will complete the remainder of your journey under the guidance of such as these," said the Guard commander, gesturing at the Russians. "Good luck to you, Mr. Smith." With that, he and the guard turned and walked away.

As #005 turned and walked into the chamber, he couldn't help but wonder, "What are these Russians doing in the Turkish capital? Who was really in control here? (to be continued...)

Gandhi

(Warsaw Pact) Dave, I've tried everything (even making A-H my first choice, but I still get it! I guess I'll just keep trying 'til I get it right, BUT, did you have to put me right in the middle of my three favorite enemies?

(Indy-Warsaw Pact) Remember, Mercer is your GM, not Kleiman. He probably thought you deserved your fate...

(Ottawa) What timing! Trudeau steps down and I roll up. Do I get to date Maggie, too... Aw, pleasee...

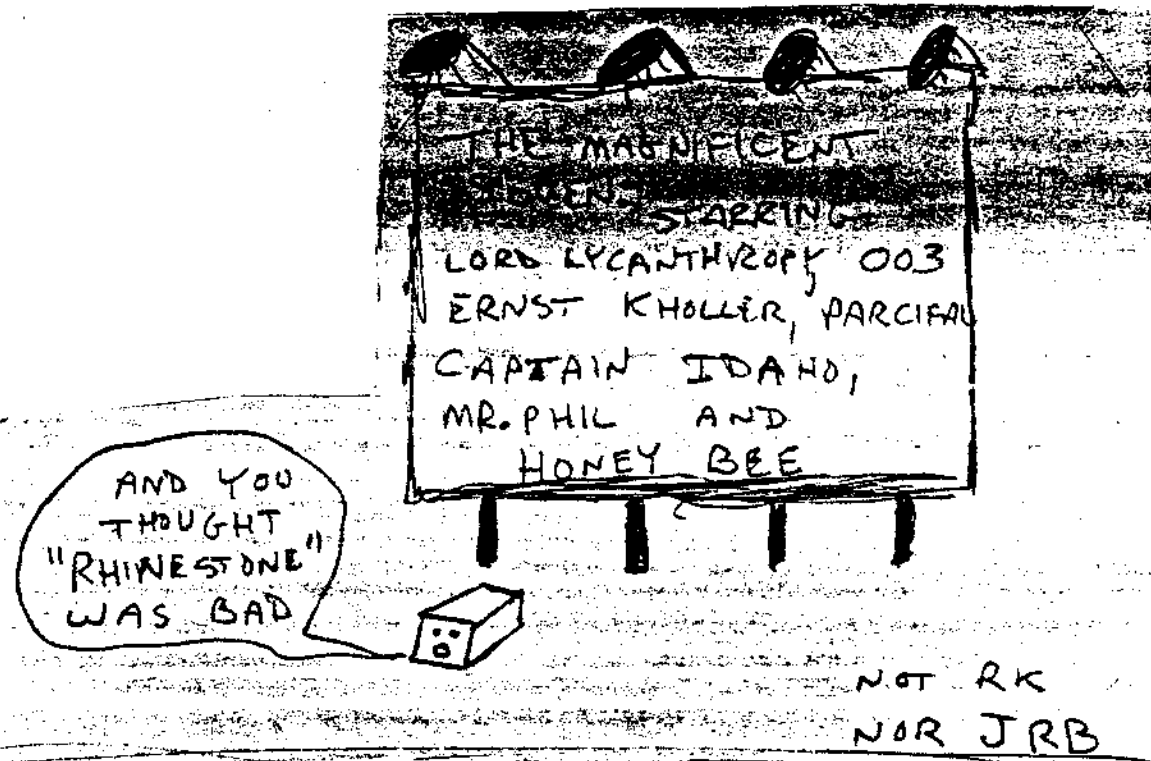
(Ottawa-USA & USSR) It is our intention to remain neutral in any conflict between the Superpowers.

(West Africa-World) Spears & Pungi Sticks. I love it!

(West Africa) West Africa announces the "Africa for Africans" Society...already there are three charter members...

(China-World) The Chinese would like the announce that they are tearing down the Great Wall as a symbol of goodwill, to welcome foreign communication.

(Union of South Africa-World) B'wana Kleiman announced that to avoid confusion his nation should be addressed as South Africa, or B'wanaville. Please avoid use of U. of S.A. - which is similar to U.S. of A.



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