

# DIPLOMAT

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The Diplomat is the home of 83AK(summary),83AL,83CG(summary),83CZ,83HY,83IF,84AP,84AQ,84??,84??.

Deadline for all games in this issue is 10:00 pm EST on September 28, 1984

1. The Kirk(1983CG) has ended in a 4-way draw between Austria, England, France and Turkey. End game statements are later in this issue. Here's the chart:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
Austria	5	6	6	7	9	9	8			Charles Lobdell (res, S07), Stephen Piper (draw, S08).
England	4	5	4	4	4	6	7			Robert Pierce (drop, W03), David Frick (draw, S08).
France	4	5	7	7	10	9	9			Nelson Heintzman (draw, S08).
Germany	5	6	4	3	0	0	0			David Blaylock (out, F04).
Italy	3	4	4	5	3	2	2			Steve Cartier (sur, S08).
Russia	5	3	3	2	2	1	0			John Crosby (out, F07).
Turkey	4	5	6	6	6	7	8			Bruce Kleinman (res, F02), Pat Pakel (draw, S08).

1. The Bismarck (1983AK) has ended in a 4-way draw. End game statements are later in this issue. The chart:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
Austria	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mike Frick (drop, S02), Steve Cartier (out, F03).
England	3	4	5	7	9	7	7	7	7	Bruce Kleinman (res, F03), Tim Allen (drop S06), Matt Fleming (draw F09).
France	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Rob Schmunk (draw, F09).
Germany	6	6	8	5	3	4	4	4	4	David Blaylock (res, S06), Ken Hager (draw, F09).
Italy	6	7	5	4	2	1	1	0	0	Alain Chabot (res, W03), Phil Redmond (out, F08).
Russia	6	6	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	David Baker (out, F07).
Turkey	4	5	7	10	12	15	16	17	17	John Crosby (draw, F09).

3. Our sincerest thanks to Kathy Byrne for an excellent job as Boardman Number Custodian. Kathy has resigned as BNC for unfortunate reasons, but her hard and honest work as BNC has earned her the respect of this GM and player. Sorry that your first game in *The Diplomat* (and the first female player in TD, too) turned out as it did, Kathy, but it was fun, right? Again, thanks for the good job as BNC.
4. Bill Quinn is the new BNC. Bill has been the publisher of the BNC's magazine for some time now and I am sure he'll do an excellent job. And to get you started Bill, you'll note the 2 game wrap-ups above - and 2 new games.
5. The Diplomat currently has no game openings. There are 2 game starts this issue. Good luck to all.
6. Please note COA's for Phil Senn and Rob Schmunk.
7. Eight NMR's this issue (Pat Pakel(2), Brian DeLaurentis(2), Brian Cukurs, Mary Simons, Jeff Sherer and Dan Young(WWIIIb only)). Let's get on the stick, guys. If I can GM 10 games without a delay and also play in 4 games personally, then you can get your orders to me in time. I have never NMR'd.

STANDBY LIST: Steve Cartier(see MacArthur), John Crosby, David Baker, Jeff Hines, Bob Sweeney, Ken Hager, James Early(see MacArthur), Scott Mercer(see Marshall), Brad Pavey, Steven Piper, Len Kay(see MacArthur), Melinda Holley, Stephen Dycus(see MacArthur), J.R. Baker, Dan Young, Randy Karmolinski(see Gandhi).

1983AL - John Paul Jones, F09

ENGLAND: (#26, Richard Reilly)

GERMANY: (#10, John Crosby)

ITALY: (#27, David Frick)

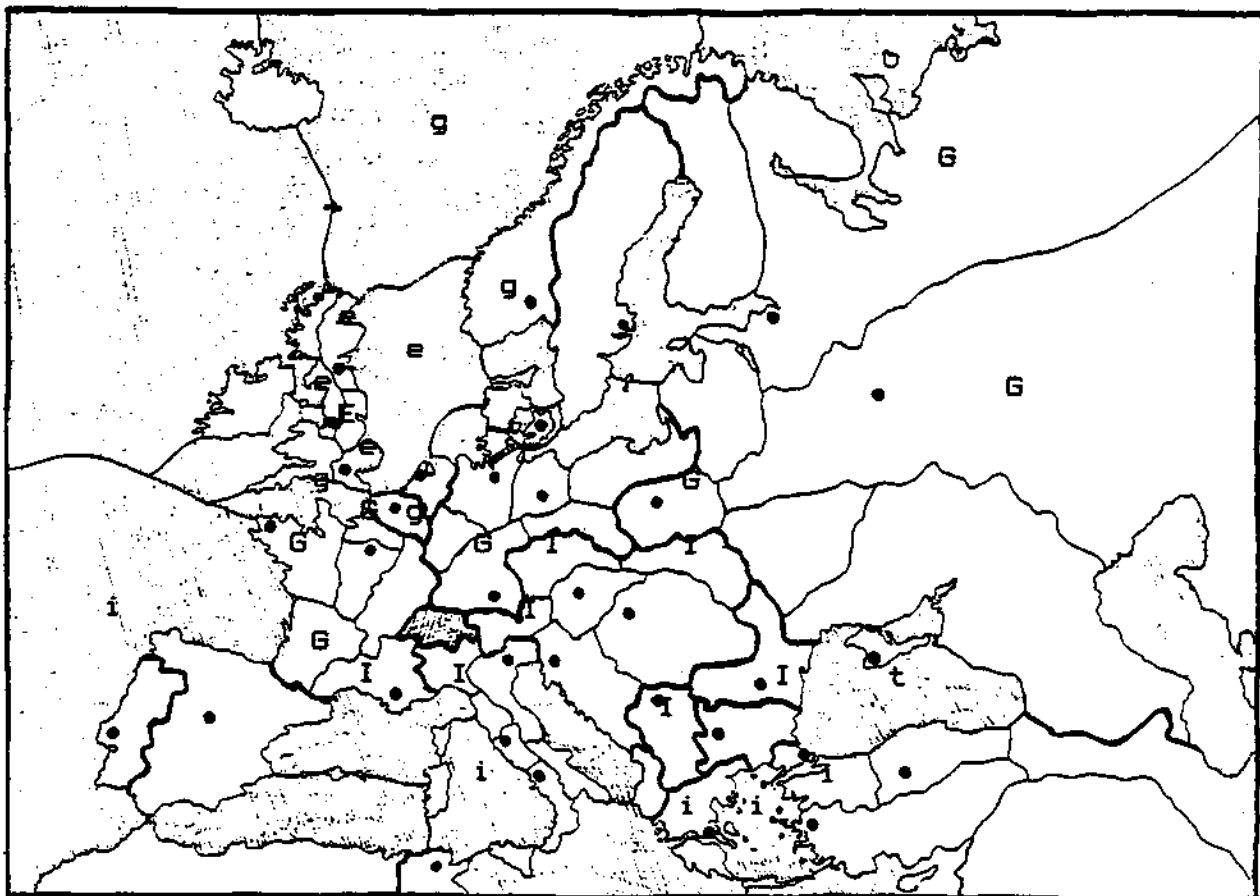
TURKEY: (#22, Jeff Jones)

A YOR S F edi, F iri-LPL, F LON S F eng-nth, F eng-NTH, F EDI S F eng-nth.  
 F NWY S A mos-stp, A mos-STP, A lvn-MOS, A sil-WAR, A MUN-tyl, A GAS-aar, A BRE H,  
 A PIC S A bre, F BEL S F nth-eng, F nth-ENG, F cly-NNG.  
 A nos R STP, F MID-spa(nc), A MAR-spa, F ion-TYN, F GRE-bul(sc),  
 A stp-nwy(d,fin,lvni), A SER S A bul-rum, A bul-RUM, A SAL S A bul-rum, F say-CON,  
 F AES S F smy-con, A vie-BOH, A TYL S A vie-boh, A ven-PIE.  
 A con-bul(d,ank), F sev-BLA, F rum S A con-bul(d,sev).

GAME NOTES: Winter 1909 and Spring 1910 orders are due.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

- AUSTRIA: 0- out.
- ENGLAND: 0- out.
- FRANCE: 0- out.
- GERMANY: 0- out.
- ITALY: 0- out.
- RUSSIA: 0- out.
- TURKEY: 0- out.



## 19830Z - The Talleyrand, SOB

AUSTRIA: (#03, J.R. Baker) B A BUD, A MUN H, A SIL-war, A BOH S A mun, A TYL S A mun, A VEN S A ser-tri, A ser-TRI, A bud-GAL, F TUS S turkish F ion-tyl.

ENGLAND: (#35, Phil Redmond) B A LON, A lon-BEL, F ENG C A lon-bel, F mar-LYO, F SPA(sc)-wes, F POR-spa(sc), F mid-NAF, F iri-MID, F ber-PRU, A kie-BER, F BAL S A kie-ber, A ruh-KIE, A bur-RUH, A gas-BUR, A mos-war(d,ukr), A fin-STP, F NWY S A fin-stp.

FRANCE: (#04, Pat Pakel) NMR. A ven R OTB, F WES H(u), F NAP H(u).

ITALY: (#32, Bob Sweeney) F tri-ALB.

TURKEY: (#22, Jeff Hines) A stp S A sev-mos(d,a), A LVN S A sev-mos, A sev-MOS, F aeg-GRE, F eas-ION, F ion-TYN, F TUN S F ion-tyl.

SAME NOTES: Fall 1902 orders are due. French retreat was by the GM. No standby will be called.

PROPOSALS: ATE draw fails (1 for, 1 against).

The ATE draw is repropoed. Please vote.

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: B- BUD, BUL, GRE, MUN, RUM, SER, VEN, VIE

ENGLAND: 16- BEL, BER, BRE, DEN, EDI, HOL, KIE, LON, LPL, MAR, MOS, NWY, PAR, POR, SPA, SWE

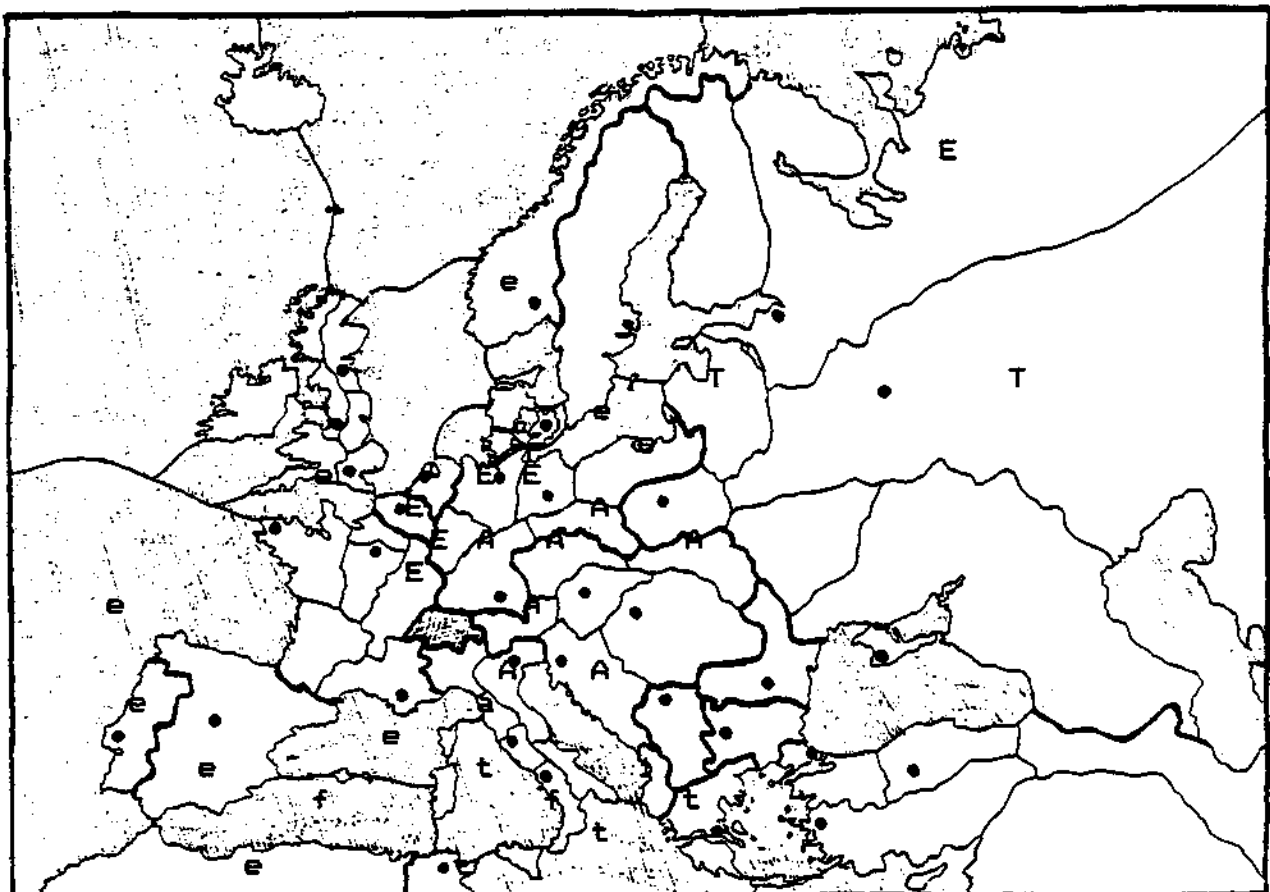
FRANCE: 2- NAP, ROM

GERMANY: 0- out.

ITALY: 1- TRI

RUSSIA: 0- out.

TURKEY: 7- ANK, CON, SEV, SNY, STP, TUN, WAR



## 1982HL - The Metternich, 509

ENGLAND: (#10, Alvin Kusumoto) A STP H, A den-KIE, F BOT S A stp, F BAL S A den-kie, F nth-NWG, F iri-LPL, F ENG H.  
 FRANCE: (#03, J.R. Baker) A HOL S english A den-kie, A BUR-mun, A RUH S english A den-kie, F nat-CLY,  
 F BRE-eng, F TYN S F nap, A TUN-lpl (imp), A spa-MAR, F ROM-tus,  
 F NAP S turkish F adr-ven(inso).  
 GERMANY: (#25, Brian DeLaurentis) NMA ber H(d,a), F kie H(d, hel).  
 RUSSIA: (#01, Phil Senn) B A WAR, A war-PRU, A MOS-stp, A LVN S A mos-stp, A pru-BER, A SIL S A pru-ber,  
 A MUN-kie, A PIE-tus.  
 TURKEY: (#39, Mark Schwendiman) B A ANK, A VEN-tus, A TRI-ven, F ADR S A tri-ven, F ION-nap,  
 F APU S F ion-nap, F GRE-ion, F AEG S F gre-ion, A ank-CON.

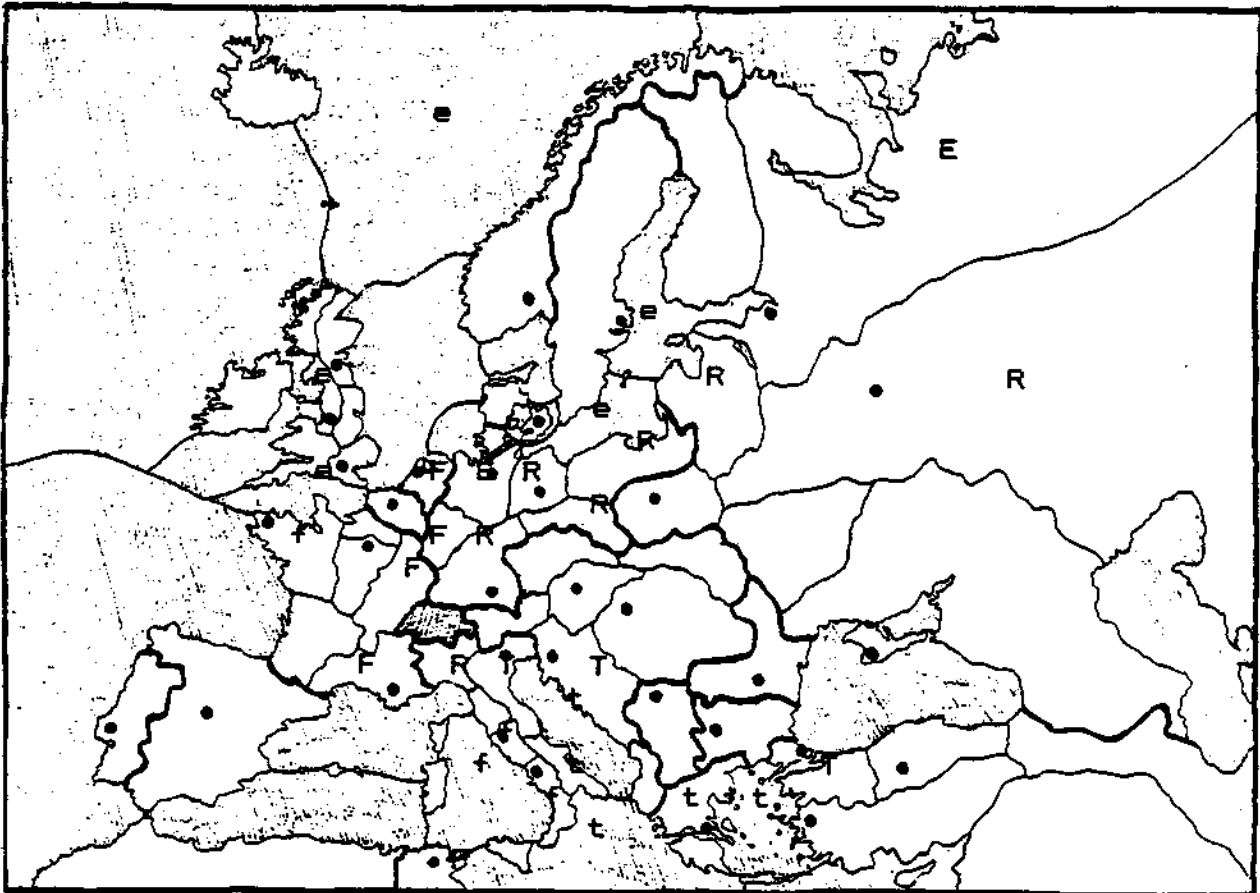
GAME NOTES: Fall 1909 orders are due. No standby will be called for Germany.

PROPOSALS: 1. EFBRT draw fails (3 for, 1 against).  
 2. EFRT draw fails (3 for, 1 against).

Concession to Turkey is proposed.

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 0- out.  
 ENGLAND: 7- DEN, EDI, LON, LPL, NWY, STP, SWE  
 FRANCE: 10- BEL, BRE, HOL, MAR, NAP, PAR, POR, ROM, SPA, TUN  
 GERMANY: 2- BER, KIE  
 ITALY: 0- out.  
 RUSSIA: 7- BUD, MOS, MUN, RUM, SEV, VIE, WAR  
 TURKEY: 8- ANK, BUL, CON, GRE, SER, SMY, TRI, VEN



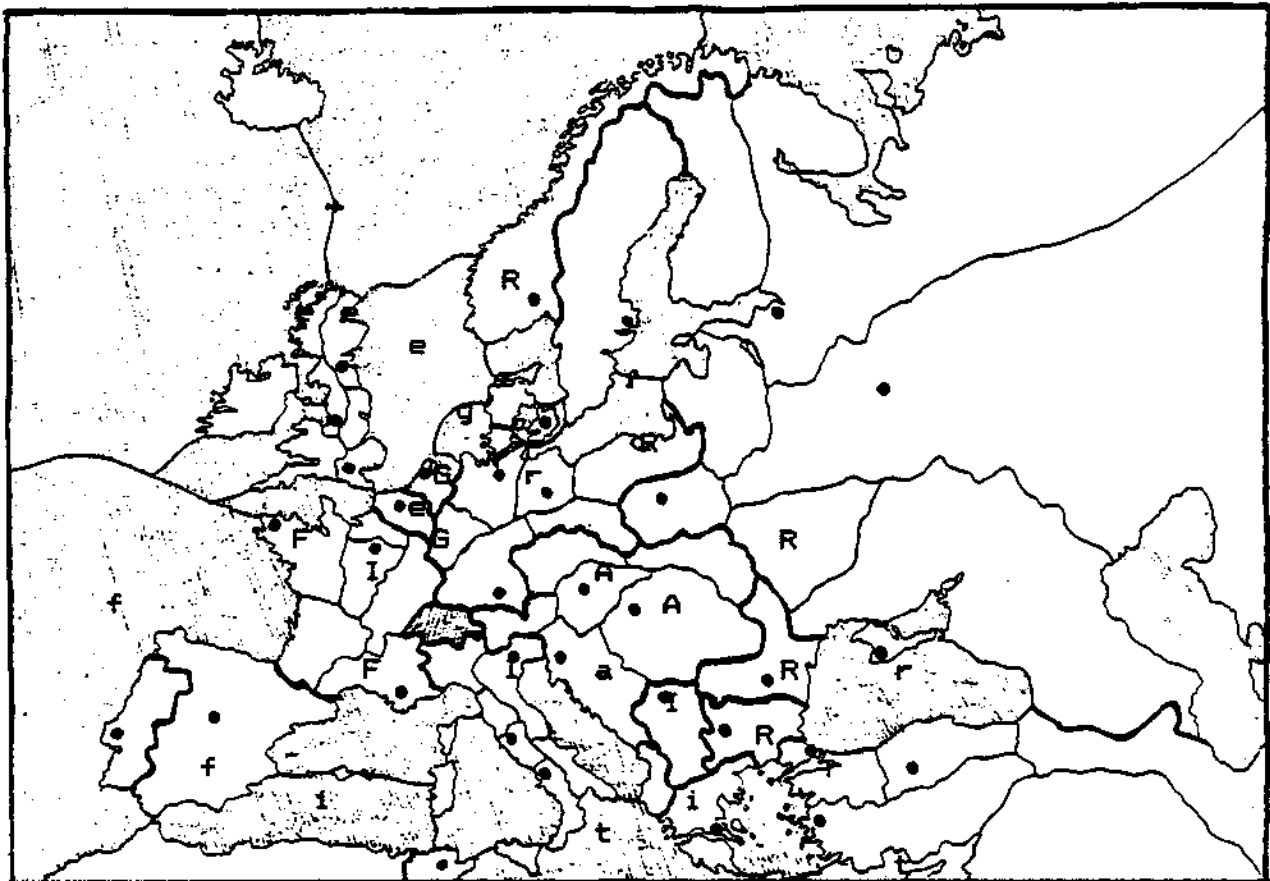
## 1983 IF - The Covenant, 505

AUSTRIA: (#05, David Baker) A VIE S A bud, F TRI H, A BUD S italian A ser-rum (nso).  
 ENGLAND: (#23, Melinda Halley) F BEL S F lon-nth, F EDI S F lon-nth, F lpl-CLY, F lon-NTH, A hol S F bel (d,a).  
 FRANCE: (#22, Jeff Hines) A MAR S F spa(sc), F SPA(sc) S A mar, A gas-BRE, F MID S A gas-bre.  
 GERMANY: (#09, Steve Cartier) A bur-RUH, F nth-bel (d,nwg,yor,eng,ska), A kie-HOL, F HEL S A kie-hol.  
 ITALY: (#32, Bob Sweeney) F naf-WES, F ion S F aeg-gre (d,tun,tyn,nap,apu,adr,alb,aeg), F aeg-GRE,  
 A GER S russian A rum-bul, A pie-VEN, A PAR S german A bur-mar (nso).  
 RUSSIA: (#35, Phil Redmond) A NWY H, F swe-DEN, F bal-BER, A PRU S F bal-ber, F sev-BLA, F say-CON, A rum-BUL, A gal-RUM,  
 A UKR S A gal-rum.  
 TURKEY: (#06, Matt Fleming) F EAS S F gre-ion, F gre-ION, A bul-ser (d,a).

GAME NOTES: Fall 1905 orders are due.

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 3- BUD, TRI, VIE  
 ENGLAND: 5- BEL, EDI, HOL, LON, LPL  
 FRANCE: 4- BRE, MAR, POR, SPA  
 GERMANY: 4- GER, DEN, KIE, MUN  
 ITALY: 6- NAF, PAR, ROM, SER, TUN, VEN  
 RUSSIA: 9- CON, MOS, NWY, RUM, SEV, SKY, STP, SWE, WAR  
 TURKEY: 3- ANK, BUL, GRE



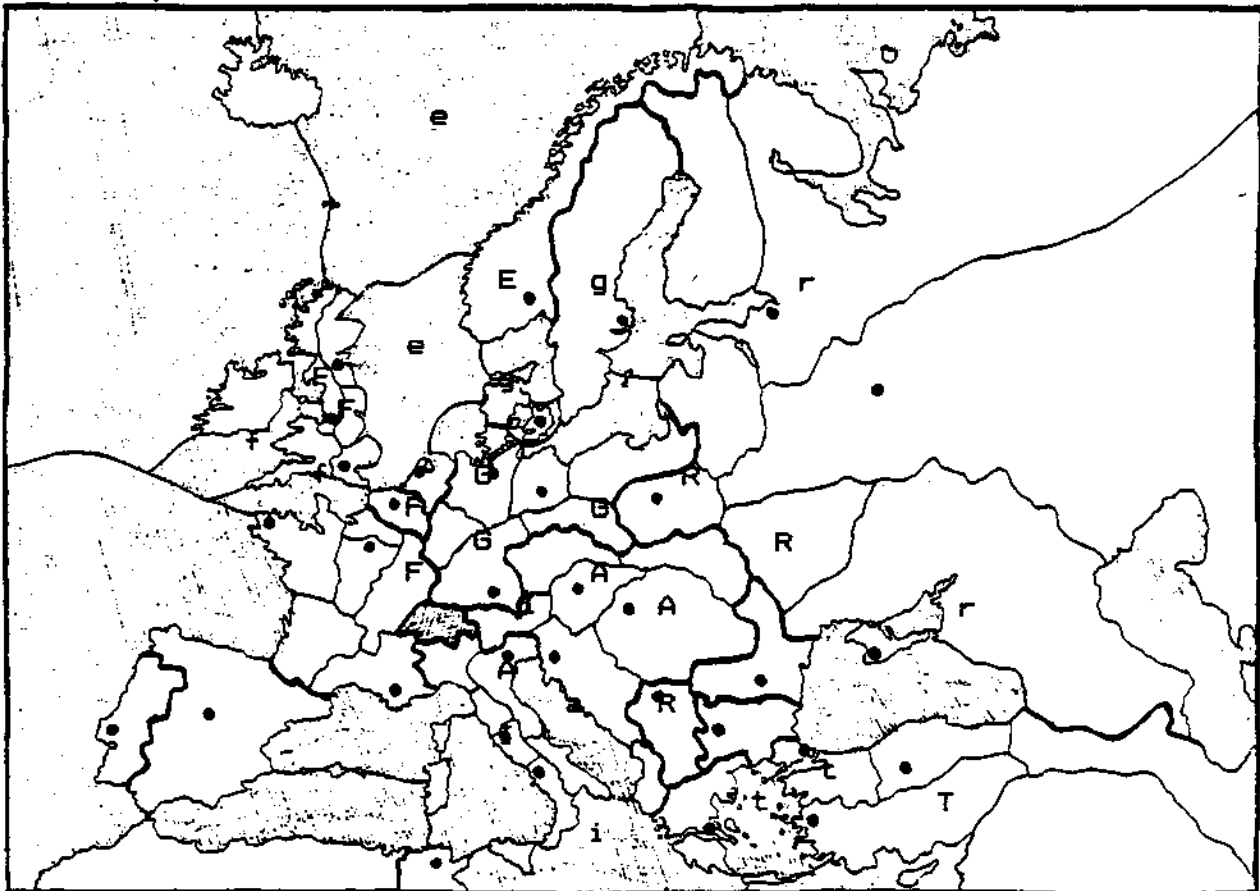
## 1984AP - George Marshall, SO3

AUSTRIA: (#48, Brad Pavey) A VIE S A tri-bud, A tri-BUD, A VEN H, F ADR S A ven.  
 ENGLAND: (#04, Pat Pake) NMR. A NWY H(u), F NW6 H(u), F NTH H(u).  
 FRANCE: (#17, Dan Young) A BUR S A bel, A BEL S A bur, A bre-LPL, F ENG C A bre-lpl, F IRI C A bre-lpl, A wal-YOR.  
 GERMANY: (#50, Tony Barbieri) F bal-SWE, F hel-DEN, A hol-KIE, A SIL-gal, A MUN-sil.  
 ITALY: (#36, Mike Sanches) A TYL-mun, A apu-ROM, F gre-ION.  
 RUSSIA: (#21, Rob Schmunk) B A WAR, A WAR-gal, A mos-UKR, F STP(sc) H, F SEV H,  
 A bud S italian A tyl-tri(d,rum), A bul-SER.  
 TURKEY: (#06, Matt Fleming) F con-AEG, F ank-CON, A ara-SMY.

GAME NOTES: Fall 1903 orders are due. Thanks to Len Kay for unneeded standby orders. Oh, and everybody noted that Italy did not have a removal. Also, the houserules require at least 2 requests for seasons to be separated. Will Scott Mercer (#38) once again submit standby orders for England? OK, Fleming, quit convincing people to try to win the PPA, will ya?

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 4- SER, TRI, VEN, VIE  
 ENGLAND: 4- EDI, LON, LPL, NWY  
 FRANCE: 6- BEL, BRE, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA  
 GERMANY: 5- BER, DEN, HOL, KIE, MUN  
 ITALY: 2- NAP, ROM  
 RUSSIA: 7- BUD, BUL, MOS, RUN, SEV, STP, WAR  
 TURKEY: 3- ANK, CON, SMY



## 1984AQ - Douglas MacArthur, 503

AUSTRIA: (#41, Rod Gilbert) B A VIE, B A TRI, A vie-GAL, A BUD S A vie-gal, A tri-VIE, A SER-rua, A RUM-ukr,  
A BUL-con, F GRE S italian F ion-aeg (nso).

ENGLAND: (#25, Brian DeLaurentis) NMF ENG H(u), F NTH H(u), F SWE H(u), A WAL H(u).

FRANCE: (#07, Mary Simmons) NMR. A BUR H(u), A GAS H(u), F NAT H(u), F MID H(u), F BRE H(u).

GERMANY: (#37, Brian Cukurs) NMR. F DEN H(u), A BEL H(u), A HOL H(u), A RUH H(u), A MUN H(u).

ITALY: (#42, Ken Hager) A tun-APU, A VEN H, F ION C A tun-apu, F AEG-eas.

RUSSIA: (#19, Jeff Sherer) NMR. A MOS H(u), A UKR H(u), F SEV H(u), F STP(sc) H(u).

TURKEY: (#13, John Crosby) F aeg R SMY, F bla-CON, F SMY-eas, A ANK S F bla-con.

## GAME NOTES: Fall 1903 orders are due. Standbys are:

Germany - Stephen Dycus (#24)

England - Steve Cartier (#09)

France - James Early (#43)

Russia - Len Kay (#08)

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA: 7- BUD, BUL, GRE, RUM, SER, TRI, VIE

ENGLAND: 5- EDI, LON, LFL, NNY, SWE

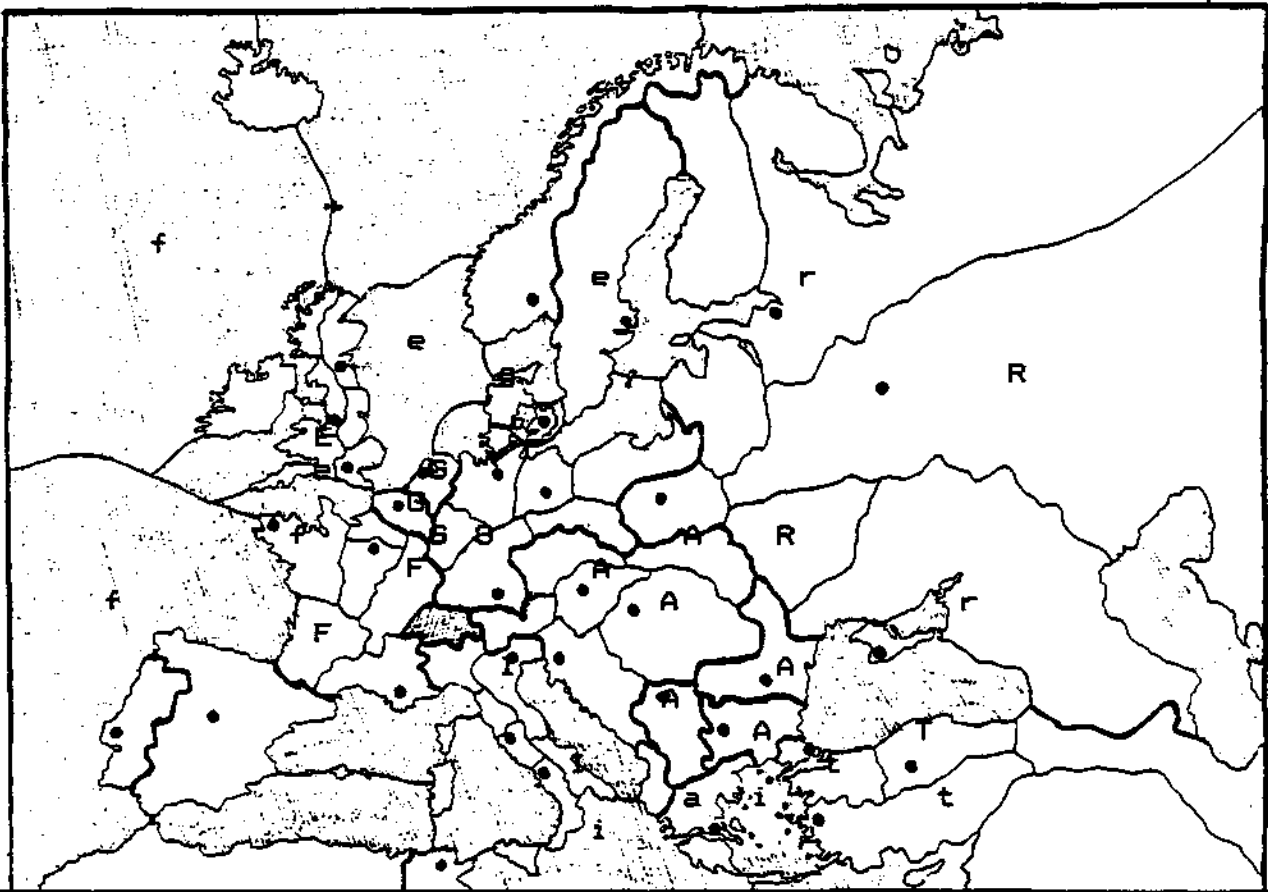
FRANCE: 5- BRE, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA

GERMANY: 6- BEL, BER, DEN, HOL, KIE, MUN

ITALY: 4- NAP, ROM, TUN, VEN

RUSSIA: 4- MOS, SEV, STP, WAR

TURKEY: 3- ANK, CON, SMY



1983HY - Poor Richard, WOS

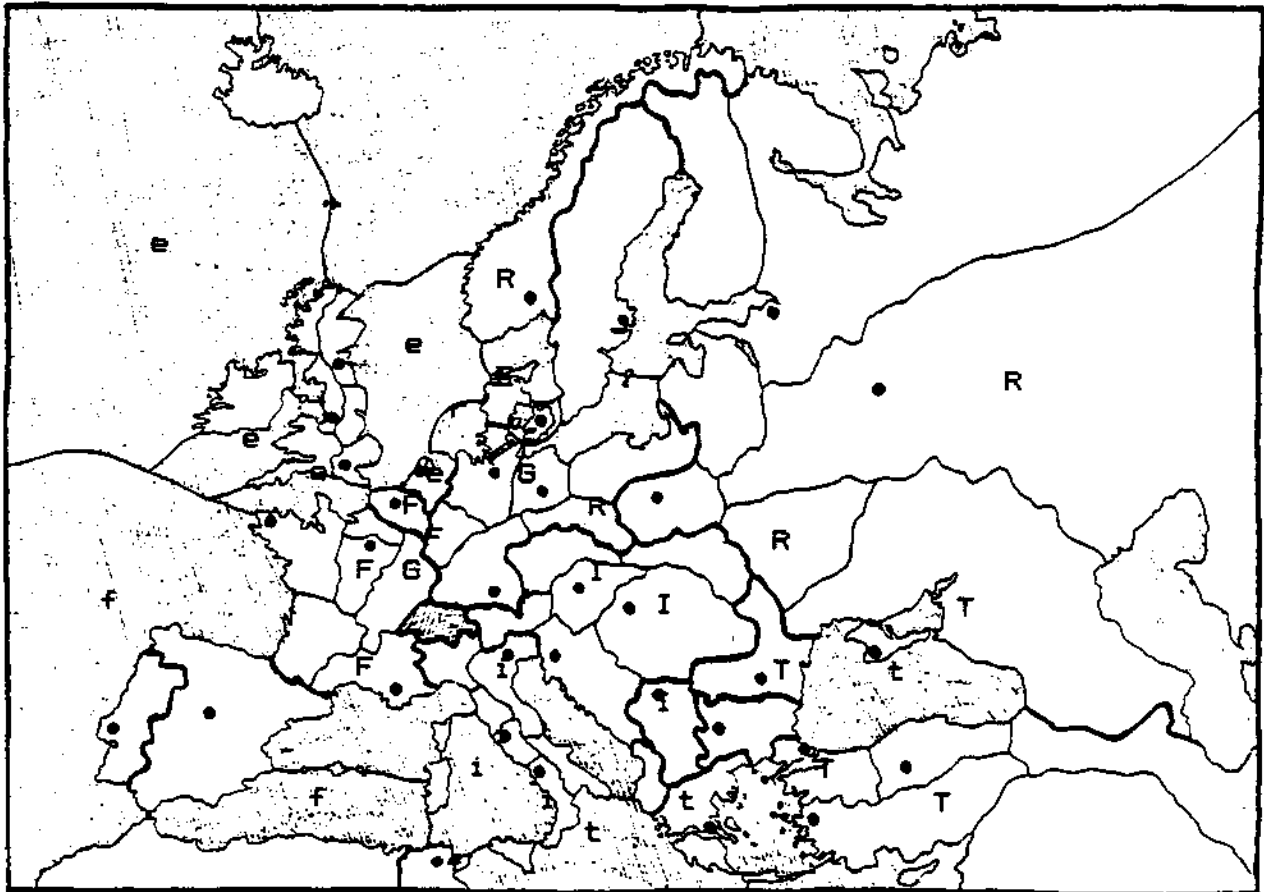
And we take a moment to remember Kathy...

- ENGLAND: (#49, Craig Mills) Has units: F IRI, F ENG, F NAT, F NTH, F HOL, A DEN.
- FRANCE: (#13, John Crosby) F eng R OTB, R A TYL. Has units: F MID, F WES, F TUN, A MAR, A PAR, A BEL, A RUH.
- GERMANY: (#09, Steve Cartier) B A BER. Has units: A BER, A BUR.
- ITALY: (#35, Phil Redmond) B F ROM, B F NAP. Has units: F ROM, F TYN, F VEN, A SER, A BUD, A VIE, F NAP.
- RUSSIA: (#03, J.R. Baker) Has units: F HEL, A NWY, A UKR, A SIL, A MOS.
- TURKEY: (#32, Bob Sweeney) B A CON, B A SMY. Has units: F BLA, A SEV, A RUM, F ION, F GRE, A CON, A SMY.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1906 orders are due. Separation of seasons per player request.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

- AUSTRIA: 0- out.
- ENGLAND: 6- DEN, EDI, HOL, LON, LPL, SWE
- FRANCE: 7- BEL, BRE, MAR, PAR, POR, SPA, TUN
- GERMANY: 2- BER, MUN
- ITALY: 7- BUD, NAP, ROM, SER, TRI, VEN, VIE
- RUSSIA: 5- KIE, MOS, NWY, STP, WAR
- TURKEY: 7- ANK, BUL, CON, GRE, RUM, SEV, SMY





## Bourse for 1983HY

PLAYER & COMPANY	US\$	A	E	F	G	I	R	T
(#13) CRIME (Crosby's Investment & Mercantile Exchange)	13860	0	2000	1500	0	3000	1000	2000
(#28) Tinseltown Cannonball Investments	9848	0	6935	2055	467	513	705	6058
(#01) Sensational Investments Numismatic Company	11835	0	5537	4940	0	1500	5119	3600
(#44) Madame K	3	0	185	6765	500	9492	7523	3965
(#05) Baker's Empire Investment Co., Inc.	20300	0	0	3000	1500	2500	2000	4500
(#32) Rancid Wretched	1226	0	1690	2000	3321	1334	3000	3000
(#03) IRA (International Russian Account)	4305	0	4576	1444	2000	6000	500	1500
(#22) Hinesight Investments	11805	0	2000	446	2978	11612	5684	3045
(#36) Mercurtio's Mercantile	1128	0	3000	12000	0	1000	1000	1000
(#49) Horsefeather's Pension Fund	0	0	0	0	0	4538	2500	1000
Old Value	1.00	0.00	4.60	3.96	2.06	3.93	4.06	5.00
Change		0.00	-0.26	0.73	0.11	0.60	-0.43	-0.49
Game Effect		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Value	1.00	0.00	4.34	4.69	2.17	4.53	3.63	4.51

## Delcasse - Game Start

Austria (#34, Ron Spitzer)	Has A BUD, A VIE, F TRI.
England (#38, Scott Mercer)	Has F EDI, F LON, A LPL.
France (#12, Kevin Clendienien)	Has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR.
Germany (#03, J.R. Baker)	Has F KIE, A MUN, A BER.
Italy (#13, John Crosby)	Has F NAP, A ROM, A VEN.
Russia (#50, Tony Barbieri)	Has F STP(sc), F SEV, A MOS, A WAR.
Turkey (#24, Stephen Dycus)	Has F ANK, A CON, A SMY.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1901 orders are due with issue 3.32. Preliminary Spring 1901 orders are due next issue. This game was named for Theophile Delcasse, who was "France's answer to Bismarck" in pre-World War I Europe. He was responsible for France joining Russia and England to form the Triple Alliance.

## Rasputin - Game Start

Austria (#02, Randy Karmolinski)	Has A VIE, A BUD, F TRI.
England (#48, Brad Pavey)	Has F EDI, F LON, A LPL.
France (#08, Len Kay)	Has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR.
Germany (#23, Melinda Holley)	Has F KIE, A MUN, A BER.
Italy (#17, Dan Young)	Has F NAP, A ROM, A VEN.
Russia (#43, James Early)	Has F STP(sc), F SEV, A MOS, A WAR.
Turkey (#40, Stephen Piper)	Has F ANK, A CON, A SMY.

GAME NOTES: Spring 1901 orders are due with issue 3.32. Preliminary Spring 1901 orders are due next issue. Brad Pavey submitted Grigori Rasputin, the monk of Tsarist Russia that was assassinated in 1916.

FRANK and ERNEST

By Bob Thaves



## 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 Schunk)

GAME NOTES: Fall 1909 orders are due. To answer a few questions, the Bond is a diplomacy variant called the Blindman's. In essence, the players only receive the adjudication results for their own units - therefore, they are blinded to the rest of the board. I must, SMing a game like this is quite rewarding. I could use a standby.

STANDBYS: none.

PROPOSALS:

1. Concession to Russia fails (4 for, 1 against).
2. R/F draw fails (3 for, 2 against).
3. R/E/F draw fails (3 for, 2 against).

Proposed for next issue: Concession to Russia, REF draw, RE draw, RF draw and TIG draw. Please vote.

## End Game Statements

BISMARCK - 1983AK

Turkey: Another game ended by the dreaded stalemate line. I congratulate the standbys Fleming and Hager who got in and worked together. But don't do it again!

England: Essentially I think that there were two phases to this game. Phase one had John convincing the whole board to play stupidly and let him have the win.

Phase two saw the idiots NMR out and brought in the standbys that could help Rob stop the Turks advance. Since the new players were Ken Hager and myself, naturally we saw the thing to do was stop the Turk's win. And it was a close thing, John almost got it. Too bad Mr. Phil couldn't get a survival.

Thanks for this game, Dave. Nice job, but you might come to regret having called me, as this game saw the rise of, who else, Lord Lycanthropy!

Germany: First, to Rob and Matt, congratulations on the effort. That was a nice job to throw together an alliance like that and then get into a stalemate line. I've enjoyed working with both of you.

I also offer my condolences to John for being stopped at 17 centers. Also, I'd like to thank you for the valuable inspiration that you provided that helped us to get out act together. Your press comments like "too little too late" and "too bad that collectively you are not better" certainly helped to provide the incentive to keep us going.

France: At long last, my first complete 'official' PBM Diplomacy game has come to an end. I'm glad to say that I've learned about several of the broad categories of players which you can meet in a game, from the utterly loyal ally to the duplicitous backstabber and from the gamer who takes writing letters seriously to the one who would never break under torture. I'll let those of you who kept an eye on the game decide who was who.

I don't have my back-issues or my letter file at hand, so I suppose the rest of this will just be some general impressions of the way the game went.

I started the game off on the right foot by promising England (then Bruce Kleiman) that I'd honor the Channel as a neutral zone. Come ordering time, however, I had honestly forgotten my promise and forged an alliance with Germany (then David Blaylock) to subjugate England. 1901 progressed, and I must admit Bruce took things well. No "I'll hate you forever" communiques, "dear scum" letters, etc. Just an "oh, well; hope to see you another game."

Austria's NMR in Fall 1901 changed things to Italy's (Alain Chabot) sudden rise to power with numerous builds. Germany and I both were concerned and thus formed a western triple. E and G went after Russia while I was trying to form some sort of alliance with Turkey (your favorite and mine, John Crosby, esquire) to calm things down in the Med.

Everything after that is sort of a haze to me. I remember that Russia succumbed fairly quickly and England gained St. Pete, only to find that he now only shared frontiers with Germany and I. Tim Allen was now in control, Bruce having dropped for unexplained reasons, and made the decision that always seem to screw up the Triple. I was just glad that it was Germany instead of me who got the pointy end of the dagger. Soon afterwards, Blaylock disappeared from the zine and Ken Hager took over.

Meanwhile in the south, Italy was fending me off pretty well. Somewhere along the line, though it was pretty early, Alain

resigned due to excessive responsibilities with a university in Canada, and in came Phil Redmond. Phil realized a lot earlier than I did what was going on down there, but I smelled supply centers and kept at him. What Phil had sensed was the oncoming Turkish juggernaut, which had been promulgated by Italy and Russia fighting two-front wars and a non-existent Austria. Nobody was really there to hold John back.

My alliance with Turkey was always shaky. It seems to me now that John never really did commit himself to anything, or make any promises. He would suggest that he would do something that help me out, but I'd then receive a letter saying due to problems elsewhere, "so sorry old chap, hope you'll understand."

Well, we now have Austria gone, Russia and Italy on the ropes, and the west in disarray. After communicating with Crosby, I was led to believe that if I turned around and knocked England down to size, John would halt at Italy and concentrate his efforts northward for the rest of the game. Essentially, I would be granted second-place to John's win. Well, I believed him and soon found out that he'd been leading me along for the entire game. Turkish fleets were west of Italy and I wasn't well-represented in the area.

About then, Allen NMRed out and in popped Matt Fleming to take over England. Thank, God. Matt pulled the western triple back together and the rest is history. With mutual cooperation, an EFG stalemate line was set up all the way from Spain to St. Pete and Crosby was forever held at 17 centers.

In conclusion, I'd just like to congratulate two players for excellent play. Take a bow, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Crosby.

BM: I always hate to see a game with so many substitutions as this one had, but the standbys (Steve, Ken, Matt and Phil) are to be commended in allowing the game to go on. It was a lot of fun toward the end to watch this well-played game. I knew what John was going through, as he was putting Randy Karmolinski through it in 1983U and I was hearing Randy's comments. Ah, stalemate lines - the dread of a powerful country and the motive for the little guys. John and Rob were the only surviving starters, and David Baker finished his position. All and all, the Bismarck was a very enjoyable game to run, and I only hope that each of the players enjoyed it as much as I did.

#### JAMES T. KIRK - 1983CG

Austria: I took over Austria in F07. For a standby, it was an excellent position. To me, it looked like Aus-Turkey was going to stalemate against Eng-France, but that never happened. In the eight weeks I played, I never received a letter from Pat. Kind of makes it difficult to continue the Aus-Turkey alliance. However, both France and England hinted at alliances. I answered both, and I let Russia die (to facilitate the English alliance). It was several more weeks before Dave bothered to write me again (and only after it was clear I was trusting Nelson not to attack). Nelson called me several times and wrote even more. With great difficulty, we came to an agreement (I would attack Turkey and he would go after England). I don't know if Nelson would have tried to stab me instead of going against England. However, since nobody else was willing to write, I felt I had little choice. I think Nelson would have gone against England (the whole time eyeing when to turn on me) and made it a very close game between the two of us. I was one of the two who NVR'ed. If I had realized there had been a proposal, I would have voted against it. The game was going to get more exciting, and I wanted to see what Nelson was going to do.

Italy: If they paid so little attention to the game that they didn't know they were supposed to vote, why do they want to continue? Further, if they don't want to be subject to your published house rules, why would you let them play in ANY game? Still further, if you are going to throw out that particular rule, then you should "continue" all the other games previously ended. What are the rules for, anyway? I don't think they should have any excuse for being so childish as to even ask such a thing.

I am willing to re-play the entire game from Spring 1901 and pay a new game fee for doing so (with the same original players, or the replacements, or with different players or any combination of the foregoing, with the same or different positions, but I suggest that some or all of us pay new game fees).

The James T. Kirk game was officially, and very properly, ended, according to your published rules (which have NOT been changed at all) and the only fair way to re-start it is with everyone back in their Spring 1901 positions.

I think its perfectly fine for a GameMaster to change his rules as often as he likes, but I have NEVER seen anyone make a rule-change retroactive (especially after the end of the game).

France: If this statement makes print, then obviously there was not unanimous agreement amongst the players to restart the game. As such, in my opinion, this game has come to an ill-timed, hasty, and premature death. I would also go so far as to opine that for those players who voted for the 4-way draw (with the exception of Italy, if he did so vote in favor), they chose the low road and copped out for tablescraps rather than risking a try for the main banquet. Not to spare myself, of course, much of the blame for this absurd travesty (approved by only 3 players) rests upon my shoulders. I freely confess that I was one of the two players who made the colossal blunder of forgetting about the draw proposal and failing to register a veto vote. Since my hobby writing effort seems to have declined markedly these past few months or so, it would appear that I will be making up for lost time

in this end-game statement. Well, so be it, then, and, in fact, I do have some rather pertinent observations to make about the play of myself and others in this particular game. So, hang on...

Taking myself to task, first, I feel I made 2 enormous errors in this game. The mechanical error of failing to veto the 4-way draw looks largest, of course; after all, that mistake helped end the game. Furthermore, it was plain and simple a boneheaded mistake. However, on a strategic level - perhaps more interesting to those hoping to learn from the mistakes of others - I also made a major error in the manner in which I conducted my alliance with Italy. Being a person who tends to favor alliances with those with whom I enjoy a pleasant rapport in my communication, I early on established such a relationship (in my view) with Steve Cartier of Italy. No regrets, there. Where the problem arose however, which I did not recognize until it was almost too late, was his sacrificial style of play. His encouragement and real board support allowed my France to grow at a rapid - too rapid - rate. While Steve succeeded in having two Italian armies uniquely positioned in Germany, he accomplished this at the expense, however, of losing all his home centers to the Austro/Turkish enemy. Consequently, due to his tactics - the ultimate strategic purpose of which I entertain only the foggiest notion of - I found myself in the position of being a 10-center front runner with no viable ally. Although Italy remained loyal, all he could do at that point was help me hold the stalemate line in northern central Europe and encourage me to attack England for additional centers. With his home centers lost, he was of no value to our cause in the south.

This situation was especially critical because I had been unable to achieve any other type of worthwhile alliance. Although I and Italy had agreed to attack Germany, the first English player ((Pierce)) would not actively assist us because - it was soon revealed - he was only in the game at the German's behest anyways! ((unknowingly to the GM, too)) It seems they both knew each other through SciFi PBM. Fortunately, though, his connections with the German player was somewhat tenuous and he agreed to at least not actively oppose us. As time went on, it became apparent that the English player's understanding of Dip was at best very rudimentary in nature. Given the pliability of this situation, I soon began to perceive that I might have in him a nice, subservient player who would enjoy a good game for himself - under my guidance - until such time as necessity determined the plug be pulled. Most unfortunately, however, this player proceeded to NMR out of the game! Thus, I was left high and dry without a friend at my back. And thus entered Mr. Frick...

This individual entered upon the standby position just when Cartier was urging me to attack England in order to get the builds to use in breaking the stalemate between us and the Austro-Turkish combo. And boy, was I drooping to do so! However, Frick turned out to be not at all tractible as the original English player. In fact, he turned out to be rather formidable. With my units already on his little isle, he made it quite clear that a continued attack on him would result in his devoting full attention toward me. Sober analysis of the board clearly revealed that in order to wage war upon England, I would have to divert key units essential to the maintenance of the stalemate line vs. Austria/Turkey. Frick took a hardball line and I was forced to bow to it (Italy being of little real value due to his board position). However, Frick's attitude during this period left a residue of resentment within me. And this feuling, piled with the paucity of his correspondence, left me constantly casting a glance over the wall toward greener pastures.

The only greener pasture, however, happened to be red and yellow in hue. And both of those parties, Lobdell "the Third" of Austria and Pakel of Turkey, seemed to have an alliance made in heaven. Or, at least they preferred to act that way. It appeared to be obviously AT all the way with Turkey insisting on leaving himself obscenely open to an Austrian stab...However, since the Austrian Lobdell never, ever, ever contacted me during the entire game (not even an intro), I rather suspected there would be no hope for an Austrian stab of Turkey. Thus, between the two of them, I found myself irritated by Pakel's naive innocence, infuriated by Lobdell's arrogance in not bothering to even extend the courtesy of dropping a line, and stymied by their love match. In addition, Pakel kept dropping me these letters wherein he advocated 3- and 4-way draws as early as 1905, which I also found nettlesome. Pat, my dear boy, the object of the game is to WIN! And, failing that, 2 or 3 ways are perfectly fine in a well-played game. But deliberately copping out for a 4-way so early on? Hell, that isn't even half the board gone. What kind of satisfaction can you receive from a situation wherein 7 players start a game and 4 of them figure in the final standings? Hardly worthwhile in my opinion...

Anyways, I reluctantly went along with Frick hoping he could send units north to attack Austria and break that stalemate line from the rear. However, his efforts to have an "English" army in Kiel (which my Italian army occupied and in any event fell within my sphere of influence) continued the process of hardly endearing himself to me.

Suddenly, however, matters took a dramatic turn with the abrupt resignation of Lobdell III. The new standby player, Piper, was completely unknown to me, but, joy of joy, I finally got my first correspondence from the Austrian position in this game. And wonderfully enough, he and I hit it off - so much so - in fact, that we reached an alliance agreement. Hence his moves to strike the wide open, exposed and vulnerable Turkish centers; thus, too, my beginning moves to swing back north vs. England - movement which would have been much more evident in the next season or so, my dear David...

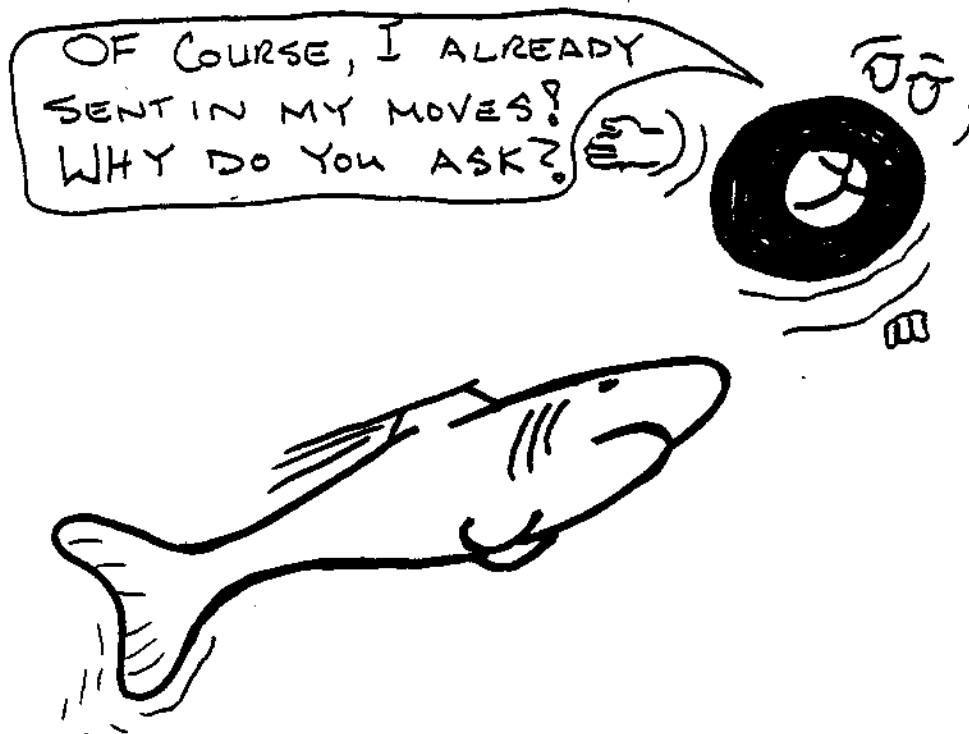
As should be evident, the upshot of my blunder in not vetoing the draw (although one other person failed to vote also, may I point out) definitely let Pakel, the Turkish player, off the hook. If this insipid draw proposal was your idea, I suppose you must get credit for it. However, that's one hell of a way to play the game: propose a ridiculous draw and hope for an NMR or two...But frankly, if it hadn't happened, you were dogeat, Pat - sweet and simple. Piper would have cleaned your clock like taking candy from a baby. My own efforts against Frick would have been much, much harder, and quite possibly, less successful. Eventually, I believe I could have worn him down, but it would have been long and drawn out and, quite possibly, Piper's conquest might have

given him an excellent shot for victory, while I was still messing around with Frick. But, I was willing to take that chance just to get another shot at England. I was at the point where I just wanted to give Frick a run for his money instead of slinking away like a cur the way I did before. Oh, well...instead we now have this stupid draw. I almost was going to resign from the draw (if that were possible), but, that probably would have been blunder #3 on my part. Instead, I've chosen to vent my feelings in the end-game statement in the manner you have just witnessed.

So, while I'm sorry the game ended the way it did, I am glad that Piper shared in part of the decision. I felt you effectively tempered trust with caution and I enjoyed our correspondence, Steve. I'd look forward to playing with you against as an ally. Frick also probably deserves his share of the win; after all, he did force me to back down. Still, real allies engage in real communication, my friend, and your propensity for spotty and snide correspondence is not an asset. Pat, all I can say is your willingness, nay, even eagerness, for 4-ways and what not, leaves the impression of a player who scrambles for the easy quick change instead of trying for the big bucks. Do large draws really turn you on that much? Steve, I definitely enjoyed your correspondence - your insight on the early hobby and on certain board situations was highly informative for me. Your style of play leaves me mystified, though, as clearly your goal in the game was not to finish well, necessarily. Just what are your goals, anyway? I haven't the slightest. After 15+ years of play, your perception of the game could well be something radically unique. Of the others, I really have nothing to remark upon. Until we meet again, fellows...

Oh, wait, wait...proper decorum mandates a few well chosen comments concerning the GMing, now doesn't it, Dave, eh? Well, what can I say? I s-u-p-p-o-s-e 6 months is a reasonable time to get our game year straightened out, right Hal? Nah, seriously, I feel our game was expertly GM'd. Dave, your straight forward, no nonsense approach works well especially for those who are basically interested in just playing the game. You are a fine GM and I would have no hesitation playing again in your zone or recommending others to do so. Also, tell HAL to correct my typos, eh?

GM: Well, Nelson, I may have just burned up a few of Hal's circuits. I thought that someone that wrote as much as you would have learned to type better. Well, in seriousness, this ending was something tough to handle. As Steve points out, the house rules are clear and the proposal was printed clearly, so why shouldn't the game end? I obviously knew that at least 1 person wanted to game to continue, so I proposed that to the players - giving everyone the chance to say, "No, it's over." As always, I was trying to please the players. Other than that - and the game year problem I had, this was a smooth game. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.



# WWIIb - The Gandhi

Argentina (#39, Mark Schwendiman)	F sw atlantic-URAGUAY, F falkland sound-S.PACIFIC, A BOLIVIA H.
Australia (#13, John Crosby)	F coral sea-PAPUA, F arafura sea-JAVA, A QUEENSLAND H.
Brazil (#21, Rob Schaunk)	F mouth of amazon-SURINAME, A GUYANA S A amazonas-venezuela, A amazonas-VENEZUELA.
Canada (#48, Brad Pavey)	F ALASKA H, F LABRADOR SEA C A quebec-iceland, A quebec-ICELAND.
China (#17, Dan Young) NMR	F S.CHINA SEA H, A KWANGTUNG H, A TSINGHAI H.
ECM (#20, Byron Yorensky)	F w.mediterranean-TUNIS, F north sea-NORWAY, A spain-MOROCCO.
India (#36, Mike Sanches)	F persian gulf-IRAN, A PAKISTAN S F persian gulf-iran, A BANGLADESH H.
Japan (#10, Alvin Kusumoto)	F HONSHU-sea of japan, F e.china sea-S.KOREA, A SAKHALIN H.
Egypt (#05, D. Baker)	F KENYA H, A SAUDI ARABIA H, A sudan-LIBYA.
Peru (#22, Jeff Hines)	F GULF OF PANAMA H, A ACRE H, COLUMBIA H.
B'wanaland (#00, Dave Kleiman)	F tanzania-WEST INDIAN OCEAN, F mozambique channel-MALAGASY, A angolia-ZAMBIA.
USSR (#27, David Frick)	F KAMCHATKA-sea of japan, A iran H(d.afghanistan, georgia, iraq, turkey, turkmen), A siberia-MONGOLIA, A SINKIANG S A siberia-mongolia, F finland-SWEDEN.
USA (#40, Steven Piper)	F GULF OF CALIFORNIA-gulf of panama, F bermuda triangle-CUBA, A mexico-HONDURAS.
Warsaw (#03, J.R. Baker)	F greece-E.MEDITERRANEAN, A yugoslavia-GREECE, A checkoslovakia-AUSTRIA.
W. Africa (#32, Bob Sweeney)	F central atlantic ocean-MID ATLANTIC OCEAN, A niger-CAMERDON, A algeria-MAURETANIA.

STANDBYS: Matt Fleming, Randy Karmolinski, more appreciated.

GAME NOTES: Winter 1990 orders are due. Would Randy Karmolinski (#02) submit orders for China?

PROPOSALS: 1. Combination of Winter 1990 and Spring 1991 fails (4 for, 3 against).

2. Change S. Africa to B'wanaland passes.

NEW PROPOSALS: 1. That S. Africa, Argentina, Australia (previously known as the "A" team) be recognized as "THE TRINITY FROM DOWN UNDER"

2. Switzerland be made passable.

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## SUPPLY CHART:

ARGENTINA:	5- BOLIVIA, BUENOS AIRES, LA PAMPA, SANTA CRUZ, URAGUAY
AUSTRALIA:	5- JAVA, NEW SOUTH WALES, NORTHERN TERRITORY, PAPUA, WESTER AUSTRALIA
BRAZIL:	5- BAHIA, BELEM, MATO GROSSO, SURINAME, VENEZUELA
CANADA:	5- ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, ICELAND, ONTARIO, QUEBEC
CHINA:	3- HONAN, SZECHWAN, TSINGHAI
ECM:	6- FRANCE, MOROCCO, NORWAY, SPAIN, TUNIS, UNITED KINGDOM
INDIA:	6- BANGLADESH, IRAN, MADRAS, PAKISTAN, PRADESH, RAJASTHAN
JAPAN:	5- HOKKAIDO, HONSHU, KYUSHU, SAKHALIN, S. KOREA
EGYPT:	6- EGYPT, KENYA, LIBYA, SOMALIA, SUADI ARABIA, SUDAN
PERU:	4- COLUMBIA, ECUADOR, INCA, NAPO
S. AFRICA:	5- ANGOLIA, MALAGASY, MOZAMBIQUE, TRANSVAAL, ZAMBIA
USSR:	7- GEORGIA, KAMCHATKA, KAZAK, MONGOLIA, RUSSIA, SIBERIA, SWEDEN
USA:	5- CUBA, CALIFORNIA, DIXIE, HONDURAS, TEXAS
WARSAW:	5- AUSTRIA, GREECE, HUNGARY, POLAND, YUGOSALVIA
W. AFRICA:	5- CAMEROON, GUINEA, MALI, MAURETANIA, NIGERIA

## The Press Column

### John Paul Jones

(Munich-Rome) Our alliance really worked out.

(Berlin-London) Can't we be friends again? Frick deserves our ire.

(Berlin-Ankara) German armies have been ordered to prepare for southern operations. Hope you're still there when they arrive.

### Talleyrand

(Italy-Indy) One more year, yes, one more year...

(Italy-England) Come on, Phil! Wrap this up already! Clue, I will hit the Ionian next fall...

(Austria-Italy) How long can you tread water?

(Austria-France) I see you're practicing Sweeney's favorite move ... one forward, two back. Also known as the funkier-chicken.

(Austria-England) Didn't ANYBODY tell you you can't take Moscow in the winter!

(Austria-Turkey) Is ANYBODY there?

### The Metternich

(Russia) Czar Senn sat straight up in bed. "Hickory!" he exclaimed. "Well, all right, I'll go to Hickory, but I'm expecting great things to come of this."

(France) Le Cream Puff was obviously pleased with himself this morning, as the waiting reporters could hear him singing in his shower, "Oh, I didn't want to do it, I didn't want to do it!"

(France-GQ) Well, boys, get ready for action, things should really start moving now!

### The Covenant

(London) The War Minister eyed the commander of the HMS Covenant. "Congratulations. You are now the new Admiral-In-Chief...or whatever it's called in the beknighted country."

"But...what happened to Admiral Sir Reginald Melville Smythe-Henderson?"

"Don't ask," The War Minister advised coldly while lighting a cigar. "Suffice it to say that while I could temporarily overlook an Italian fleet in our waters, a German fleet in addition to the Italian fleet is reprehensible. Get the point?"

"Yes, ma'am," the new Admiral quickly saluted and left.

After a moment the Minister summoned her aides. "I want these messages taken immediately to the French, Italian, German, Russian, Turkish and Austrian embassies and delivered to the respective ambassadors ONLY! And try not to get them mixed up, will you?" She turned to the last aide. "Put this message out over the BBC. 'All vessels in the area of the North Sea are advised that the German fleet is going to be blown out of the water. All vessels friendly to the English Empire are to immediately leave. Anything left in the North Sea will be assumed hostile and subsequently dealt with.'"

"Blown out of the water? Isn't that a little drastic?" The aide ventured to comment.

"Look, pipsqueak, when I want your opinion, I'll tell you what it is," The War Minister blew cigar smoke into his face. "Now do as you're told or you'll find out just what happened to Admiral Sir Reginald Melville Smythe-Henderson and I don't think you really want to know, do you?"

"No, ma'am," the aide gulped and exited.

"No, I really didn't think you did." The War Minister muttered. She quickly searched the office scattering maps and intelligence reports. Finally, she crossed the room and yanked open the door. "All right...which of you wiseguys swiped my book, Ten Easy Lessons to a More Pleasing Personality?"

(Turkey-Russia) What the hell, take it and run with it. Two wins in one zine?

(Italy-Germany) Frog fry!

(Italy-England) Should NEVER leave the NTH open like that!

(Italy-Austria) Comin' poppa!

(Italy-France) How impolite! Closing the MID yet!

(Berlin, via Moscow) Units of the Northern fleet are due to arrive here any day now to receive their trophy as victors in the recent Baltic Yacht Races. The races, sponsored by Kaiser Steve, suffered from some confusion, with the German Imperial Navy apparently losing their charts and heading west instead of east. Charges that Mighty White fiddled with the German compasses were heatedly denied by Czar Phillip, saying, "With our sense of direction, we couldn't sabotage anyone."

(Moscow) Wargames in the Balkans continue, as Russian troops continue to try to take Rumania. When told he already held Rumania, Czar Phillip replied, "All the more reason to take it. If we can't take our own city, how can we possibly attack a real enemy."

## The George Marshall

(St. Pete) Sorry there hasn't been much press lately, but I've been writing something for the anniversary of the Voice of Doom. I should get back into the literary scene pretty soon, though. Grams is supposed to get back from vacation in early October or so and will be available for the usual stunning repartee, graphic descriptions, etc. Good luck to those of you who are still in school this fall, especially you Mr. Young, since this is your first year at college.

(St. Pete) It looks like Mike Sanchez gets to share in the Pat Fakel Award. I hope the rest of us will do our best to ensure no one else gets a piece of the trophy.

(Indy-PPA) Why don't you hit Pat over the head with the award?

(Vienna) Andre Kholer watched in awed silence from the rear of the briefing room as the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, bedecked in his rotund, bearded finest, addressed the meeting:

"The attack on Budapest was obviously the Tsar's handiwork," he began. "Rostov couldn't be that stupid. He doesn't need another adversary. England to the north of him, Turkey to the south, and Germany to the west. Now he wants us to join the party. Provided Rostov can't control the Tsar, we will oblige, in the truest sense of the Austrian generosity." He slammed his fist down on the table. It shook under the impact. "I assure you gentlemen, we shall do so in every way in our power!"

(Graz-Paris) ((Austria)) A joke's a joke, son, but war is most definitely hell (on all fronts). Think before you speak. Good luck at UCLA.

(Vienna-Rome) It occurs to us that we may be in error. Therefore, the Austro-Hungarian government offers peace to our most Catholic brethren of Italy.

(SVT-LL) ((Austria)) Need volunteers for the firing squad?

(Muncie-World) As long as it appears that we have several chess-playing types out there, be it known that Brad Pavey is a certified Tournament Director with the USCF. Anyone interested in having their matches rated should contact me.

(Munich-France) Watch if with my "alien life form" theory. If my wife reads your uncontrollable utterance, she'll probably make herself look like Grace Jones and REALLY start belting me around. (If she reads this, I'm dead). Also, we must not waggle our tongues, else the ensuing conflict will make the Klingons versus the Federation seem like a cakewalk in comparison.

(Kaiser-King Young) The Kaiser is a Milford, MA transplant from Milwaukee, WI. The Bucks reign supreme. I predict that when Bob Lanier is in his forties, after about 100 knee operations, the Buck will win an NBA title. Likewise, the spirit of Lombardi hovers over Green Bay as Forrest Gregg prepares his team for superstardom.

(Kaiser-King Fakel) The Kaiser offers a deluxe Harts Doggy Bone to the English Bulldog and demands that he SPEAK or roll over and be a dead dog.

(Mrs. Barbieri-France) All I can say in reference to your report is that my husband, Tony, must have forgotten to take his medication on the day he wrote that statement.

(Italy-World) I bet you're thinking that just because I still have only 3 centers my cause is hopeless. Hah! I have lulled you into complacency and I have you just where I want you. Snicker, snicker.

(Italy, again) What fascinating tactics: Italy attacking Turkey; Turkey attacking Russia; Russia attacking Austria; Austria attacking Italy. Let me teach you guys a new word: A-L-L-I-A-N-C-E. Next turn I'll tell you what it means.

(Italy-Russia) I hope it was just frustration.

(Italy-Post Office) Ten days. Ten days!!! What do you want me to do, grease it for you?

(Italy-Germany) I hope this gives you something to be grumpy about. You have the manners of a barbarian.

(Italy-Indy) Two years and two centers are unowned. Have there been any games played where any of the centers stayed neutral; or are we basically a greedy lot?

(Indy-Italy) Hmmm. None in The Diplomat, but I can't say otherwise...

(Turkey-France (you too Kleiman)) Yea, I'll play. Moves are on their way.

Lord Lycanthropy presents "The Official TD Trivia Quiz"

#1 - The Landshark is

- The Diplomat's Official mascot.
- Possibly literate.
- Cannon fodder for Nelson Heintzman.
- From Indiana and therefore highly irrelevant.

#2 - When playing against J.R. Baker one should realize that

- Nelson Heintzman is cannon fodder for him.
- He makes Sweeney look like a consummate genius.
- He lets his computer make his moves for him.
- Is from Indiana and therefore is highly irrelevant.



#3 - Dave Kleiman bought a house so that

- a) He can hold a Con in October to celebrate my birthday (be there!).
- b) He can have an excuse to raise sub rates.
- c) His driveway is larger.
- d) He could remain in Indiana, and therefore would remain highly irrelevant.

#4 - If the natural restraints were removed, and various renditions of CLYDE were allowed to multiply unchecked

- a) Kleiman would have a good excuse to raise sub-rates.
- b) Randy Karmolinski might have gotten enough blocks to win MACHIAVELLI.
- c) Insomnia could be cured.
- d) Clyde is from Indiana and therefore is highly irrelevant.

#5 - If you are in a game with Phil Redmond and he tells you the truth you should

- a) Immediately stab him, for you have been granted your one truth for the game.
- b) Check and see if the cows are still giving milk.
- c) Pinch yourself.
- d) Move to Indiana.

(Indy-Luedi) Hey Mr. Luedi, he's Indiana-bashing again!

(Indy-All) Did you all know that Lord Lycanthropy thinks Indiana has only one county called "Wander"?



The Poor Richard

(North Sea-Ruhr) Who put you up to that? Come on now, no one can be that blind without help!

(Admiralty-Norwegian Sea) Standard operating procedure STOP reverse course STOP don't ask where you're going STOP

(Parsifal-Indy) I'll take the challenge if a fourth game is open. P-QB4 is my opening for White or My response to P-K4.

Opponent can pick side and contact me to arrange further moves and publication.

(Parsifal-Pasta King) Well, Phil, I finally saved your neck. Now can you get my fat out of the fire?

(London Times Ad) Wanted: Colonists for New Guinea, preferably glibble Germans, needed to reduce hunger problem among natives. Warm accommodations provided. Applications not needed, our headhunters, eh - executive search representatives -- will contact you on arrival.

(Parsifal-#3) Too slick. I'm beginning to imagine all sorts of sneakiness on your part. Did he really think that up all by himself? Was it just a mistake that you took Norway instead of Sweden? This is a little too soft a touch not to be suspicious. I know what that ax of yours can feel like.

(Rome) Count Redmondo, also know as Count Lazarus, returned to the capital and was greeted by throngs of well-wishers. Munching quiche as he spoke, he wished all loyal Italian subjects extra cheese on their pizzas and runs in their pantyhose. When asked about Kaiser Kathy, he replied, "Who?"

(Chicago-Flushing) Kathy! Oh, Kathy! Where are you Kathy? You're right - it was the pits. Tell me, do you always try to suicide? From Spring 1901?

(Con-Mos) If only you could write letters as long as that "You're getting better and better" speech. I note however, that while the length has increased, the contents STILL don't make sense.

(Con-Rom) I hope:

- 1) You built at least F NAP
- 2) You can hold onto the Ionian
- 3) My fleets go home NOW.

(Con-Indy) Beez! I never thought I'd survive let alone build!

(Indy-Con) This game is providing many surprises...

(Con-World) Flash! Frogs fry in west! Will Cripples dominate French Foreign Policy?

(JR-Sweeney) I know I thought I understood what I thought you said (Indy, he did say that, didn't he?). But obviously, what you said isn't what you meant to say, or was it just not what you meant? How do you get those size 13's in your mouth?

(#3-Steve Wonder) Don't you know, you can't die until I've sold your currency? Don't just do something, stand there!

(#99-Count Redmondo) Count to three and say the magic word: AH-LACK-A-DE-TURKEY-SANDWITCH!

A new strip is born!



Bond press

(Germany) Yes! God, yes! End this monster while I still survive!

(Bozeaan-Moscow) Hey, Richard, are you feeling guilty yet? By the way, you still owe me \$4.50 for the movie. I may be up to collect during the Bobcat-Vandal game if I can find a friendly car-owner who wants to go to the game.

(France) More Adventures of Agent #005:

#005 faced #005, each facing the other in a fighting crouch. Which was the REAL agent #005? They both looked alike. One the mirror image of the other. They slowly circled each other, waiting for the first move. The high hall was quiet except for the sounds of the two men. Suddenly, one of them moved fast as lightning, quicker than the eye can see, the other one countered the move. They became locked in a death grip which seemed unbreakable. Suddenly, the grip was broken and a series of lightning fast blows were exchanged, neither one seeming to effect the other.

How long could this battle last? Who was this other #005? Pick up issue#31 fo this mag to find out.

Bourse press

(RW-Criae, TCI, SinCo, HI) Stuck, eh?

(#3-Prudent Investor) And when I said buy Italian, you laughed, didn't you?

Gandhi

(Calgary) While vacationing at his ranch, the Prime Minister announced his forthcoming engagement to Miss Susan Burton of Muncie, adding: "I hope she accepts now that I've made it public." (before she knows I'm going to propose)

(Scott) Congratulations and good luck! (I sure hope that Maggie isn't too upset)

(W.Africa-ECM) Former days of African colonies, eh?

(W.Africa-World) Africa for Africans is a policy, long standing in the newly independant Africa. Foreigners beware!

(India prese agency) Gee folks, it's nice of you all to name the game after me. I guess it's because I always play Italy. Someone like that surely deserves an award.

(NEWSBREAK) President Marcos announced today that the rampant inflation in Buenos Aires has made necessary the conquest of more territory. Details at eleven.

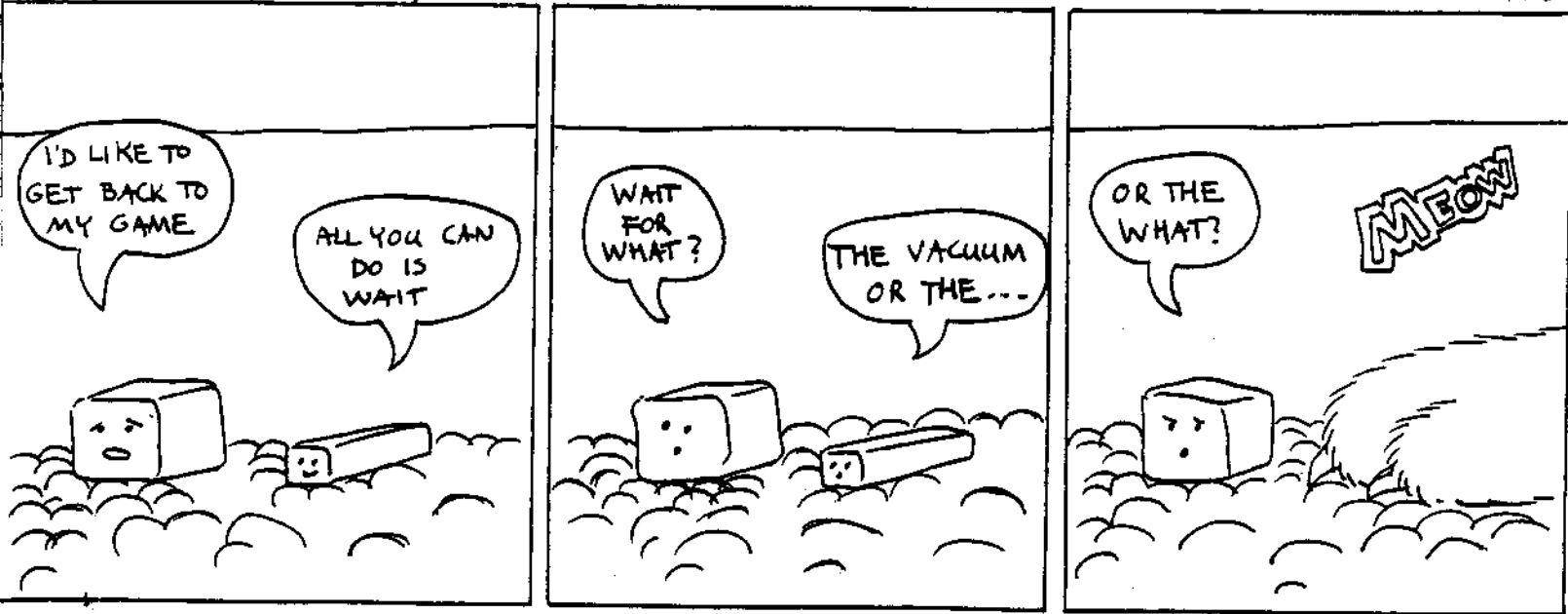
(Egypt) Denouncing troglodyte aggression in North Africa; Pharoah Amenuras I was heard to say: "stupid beasts could have had 3 builds if they has migrated south instead of north."

(ECM) The ECM announces that it's 3 battalions of the Boy George Brigade have finished it's training and are ready for combat.

(Warsaw) Judging from my empty mail box, there seems to be a severe shortage of integrity in this game!

CLYDE - Indycon will prove this, . . .

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