

Congratulations to us all for being here and able to enjoy another issue. The credo of Zero Sum is and shall remain, "Communicate, Compete, Enjoy!"

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GAME OPENINGS:

GUNBOAT, WITH PRESS: Has 5, needs 2 more

CHAOS, AUTOCRATIC: Has 4, needs 3. This is the version where you order all units on the board; but, don't know which yours are. After a while everyone knows who they are and the game proceeds in its normal fashion.

REGULAR: Has 2, needs 5

GUNBOAT No Press: Has 4, needs 3 more

PERESTOIKA: Has 4/5

7 X 7 Gunboat, won't start until 1993

7 X 7 Regular Zero Sum Rules, has 1, needs 6. You play each country against the same other 6 people -- whom you know and with whom you write/negotiate. No press!

FOG OF WAR, GUNBOAT: Those who were in Phil Reynolds have first priority.

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EXCEPT PATTON which is JANUARY 19TH. I WILL BE THE DOCTOR ON A SMALL CRUISE SHIP IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ FROM 1/9 - 1/24, SO THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNICATION THEN. What a life!!!

DIOGENES REGULAR ZERO SUM DIPLOMACY

WINTER 1902 &
SPRING 1903 ORDERS:

AUSTRIA (Kent):

No Room to build
[[F-BUL(sc)-S-A-SER-GRE(ann)]
[[A-VEN-ROM]],
A-VIE-TRI, A-TRI-ALB,
A-SER-GRE, [[A-BUD-SER]],

ENGLAND (Hyatt):

REMOVE F-NWG
[[A-BEL-S-F-A-RUH-HOL(ann)],
F-SKA-DEN, A-LON-H,
F-NTH-S-F-SKA-DEN,

FRANCE (Burke):

F-ENG-S-A-RUH-BEL,
A-RUH-BEL,
F-PIC-S-A-RUH-BEL,
A-MAR-H, A-PAR-H,

GERMANY (BWilson):

[[A-BUR-BEL]], A-MUN-RUH,
A-KIE-S-A-MUN-RUH,
F-HOL-S-A-BUR-BEL,
[[A-DEN-H(ann)]],

ITALY (Vaporis):

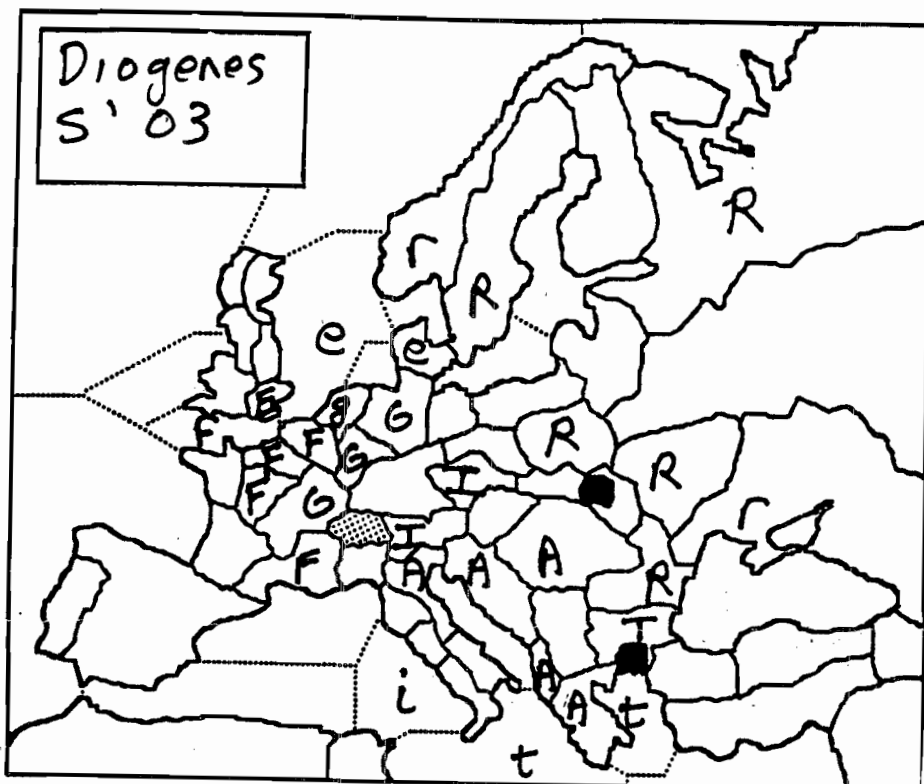
A-SIL-BOH, [[A-TYO-VEN]],
[[F-TYN-ROM]],

RUSSIA (Rautenberg):

BUILD A-WAR, A-MOS
[[F-SEV-RUM]], [[A-RUM-SER]],
A-SWE-S-F-NWY,
[[F-NWY-S-G-F-HOL-NTH(nso)],
A-STP-S-F-NWY,
[[A-WAR-S-I-A-SIL-GAL(nso)],
A-MOS-UKR

TURKEY (Scharf):

RETREAT A-BUL-CON
REMOVE A-SMYRNA
A-CON-BUL, F-AEG-S-A-CON-BUL, F-EAS-ION



PRESS:

FRA-ITA: I still can't help. Maybe a different target?

Ger-Fra: Go north young man, go north.

Tur-Aus: "Ouch!" And I thought you wanted to be friends.

Rom-Con: I think we are allies now.

Ger-Ita: Go south, young man.

Rom-STP: Want to make it a 3-way?

Rom-GM: I realize that my moves have been strange but what is it about this game that makes it a variant?

GM-ROM: 2 of you think this is not a variant and one does. Plus, most importantly the Boardman Number Custodian thinks its a variant and won't give numbers out. So we are in limbo still.

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART AS OF WINTER 1902
AUSTRIA: HOME, VEN, SER, GRE, BUL = 7, plays one short
ENGLAND: HOME, BEL = 4,
FRANCE: HOME, SPA, POR = 5,
GERMANY: HOME, HOL, DEN = 5,
ITALY: TUN, NAP, ROM = 3,
RUSSIA: HOME, SWE, NWY, RUM = 7,
TURKEY: HOME, LOST BUL = 3,

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PHIL REYNOLDS FOG OF WAR GUNBOAT NO PRESS VARIANT.

It is the worst of days while I type this. Despite all of the letters and communication about cross-gaming and other ethical considerations of Diplomacy, despite the houserules in Zero Sum not allowing draws with less than seven participants, and despite the players in this game knowing that "gunboat" means you do not know against whom you are playing, two players in this game have been communicating with each other and planning a strategy. This game is therefore terminated -- like an annulment, this game will never have been. The names of the 7 players will not be disclosed.

I am very sorry for those of you who are playing in the game. After great deliberation I see no alternative. There are lots of alternatives for what else I might do in regard to this situation. After two days of meditation, this is what I have decided.

The two players will not be allowed to play in any other gunboat games in this zine, now or for as long as I remember. Next month, after further comments and consideration, I plan to offer the names of these two players to any other GM who requests them and promises to keep the names otherwise secret. I would appreciate others sending in comments on what they would do, as well as any comments from the two offending players. These can be declared not to be published if you so wish.

I am immediately offering a new game of Fog Of War Gunboat, and first preference goes to you who are already in this game. It will be a new game start, with name random country assignment. Again, I am sorry for the hassles/disappointment.

"NRA"

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GUNBOAT NO PRESS

BELOW ARE ORDERS
FALL 1903

AUSTRIA:
RETREAT A-TRI-VIE (IMP/ANN)
[[A-SER-GRE(ret/alb/otb)]]

ENGLAND:
F-IRI-LVP
F-ENG-S-A-PIC-BRE,
F-HOL-S-A-BEL,
A-BEL-S-F-HOL, A-PIC-BRE,
FRANCE: (STANDBY NMR)

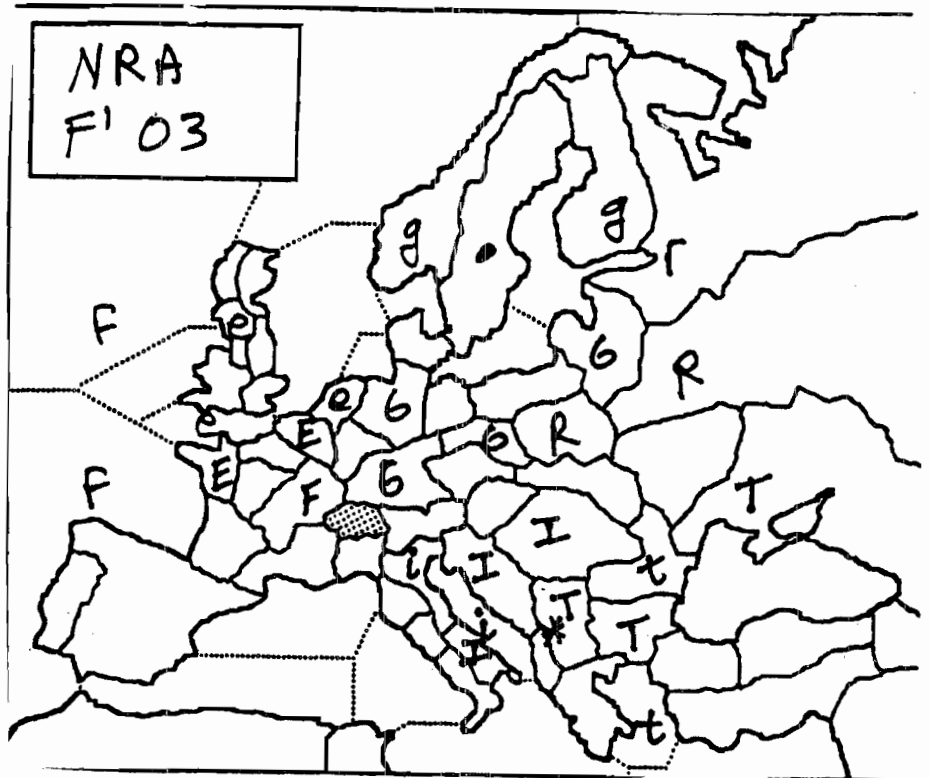
A-PIC-RETREATS OTB,
A-BUR-H, F-NAO-H
F-MAO-H,

GERMANY:
A-LVA-R-PRU, A-KIE-H,
F-NWY-S-F-FIN-STP,
A-RUH-MUN, A-MUN-SIL
[[F-FIN-STP(SC)]],
A-PRU-LVA,

ITALY:
A-TRI-BUD, A-TYO-TRI,
A-ROM-APU,
F-ADR-S-A-TYO-TRI,
F-VEN-S-A-TYO-TRI,

RUSSIA:
F-STP(SC)-H, A-LVA-WAR, A-MOS-S-F-STP,

TURKEY:
A-RUM-SER, [[F-AEG-GRE]], A-SEV-S-F-BLA-RUM,
A-BUL-S-A-RUM-SER, F-BLA-RUM,



Supply Center Chart FOR WINTER 1903

Austria: GRE, = 1, EVEN
 ENGLAND: HOME, HOL, BEL, BRE = 6, ADD ONE
 FRANCE: MAR, PAR, POR, SPA = 4 MAY ADD ONE
 GERMANY: HOME, DEN, SWE, NWY = 6, EVEN
 ITALY: HOME, VIE, BUD, TUN, TRI = 7, ADD TWO
 RUSSIA: WAR, MOS, STP = 3 EVEN
 TURKEY: HOME, BUL, SEV, SER, RUM, = 7, ADD TWO

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 03 & SPRING 1904 ORDERS IS
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COUNT FLEET REGULAR DIPLOMACY

ORPHAN FROM DIPLOMACY DOWNS

BELOW ARE ORDERS
FOR SPRING 1905

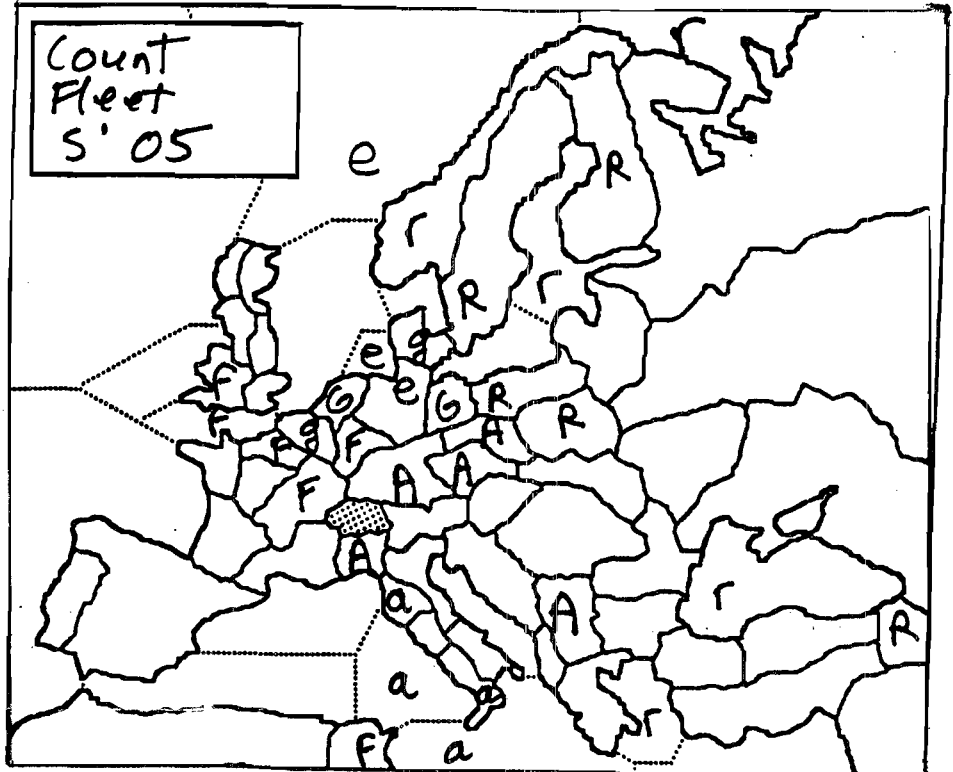
AUSTRIA (Kozlowski):
A -BUL-SER, A-TYO-MUN,
F-ROM-TUS, F-NAP-TYN,
F-ION-S-F-NAP-TYN,
A-VEN-PIE, F-APU-NAP
A-BQH-S-A-TYO-MUN,
A-SIL-S-A-TYO-MUN,

ENGLAND (Roberts): NMR
F-NWG-H, F-KIE-H, F-HEL-H,

FRANCE (S Cameron):
F-ENG-WAL, F-BRE-ENG,
[[A-BEL-S-A-BUR-RUH(ann)]],
A-GAS-BUR, A-PAR-PIC,
A-BUR-RUH, F-TUN-H,
[[A-MUN-S-A-BUR-RUH(ann)]],

GERMANY (J SCHULTZ):
A-BER-S-F-A-MUN,
A-HOL-S-F-NTH-BEL,
F-NTH-BEL, [[F-DEN-BAL]],

RUSSIA (Sasseville):
[[A-SWE-DEN]], A-WAR-PRU, A-FIN-S-F-NWY, [[F-GOB-BAL]],
A-SMY-ARM, F-CON-AEG, F-RUM-BLA, F-NWY-S-F-STP(NC)-BAR,
A-MOS-WAR, F-STP(NC)-BAR,



PRESS: [WHITE ONLY IN THIS ORPHAN]

Would Eric Voogd please standby for ENG.

Ger-World: These orders are a direct result of psychic influences. That's the only reason I can possibly give (excuse?).

Aus-World: I hope 1993 starts of with a bang. This could very well be a very disastrous turn for me.

Ger-Eng: Now it's my turn to be surprised. You didn't need the Helgo fleet.

Ger-Fra: I'm still not convinced you and England aren't in cahoots... but I sure wish you'd turn all that military might sou'-eastward.

Aus-Fra: Sorry. If Russia stabbed me, I will be your legal puppet. If not, I will try to annex MAR, SPA, and POR. Right now I will maintain my loyalty to RUS.

Ger-GM: I'm not as worried as I usually am about who tricked me. I'm pretty sure everyone did.

GM: No tricks anywhere, just brute force of the east moving west.

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART for WINTER 1904
 AUSTRIA: HOME, SER, GRE, BUL, VEN, NAP, ROM = 9,
 ENGLAND: EDI, LON, KIE, = 3
 FRANCE: HOME, POR, SPA, MUN, TUN, BEL = 8,
 GERMANY: BER, HOL, DEN, LVP, = 4,
 ITALY: ELIMINATED
 RUSSIA: HOME, CON, NWY, ANK, SMY, RUM, SWE, = 10,
 TURKEY: ELIMINATED

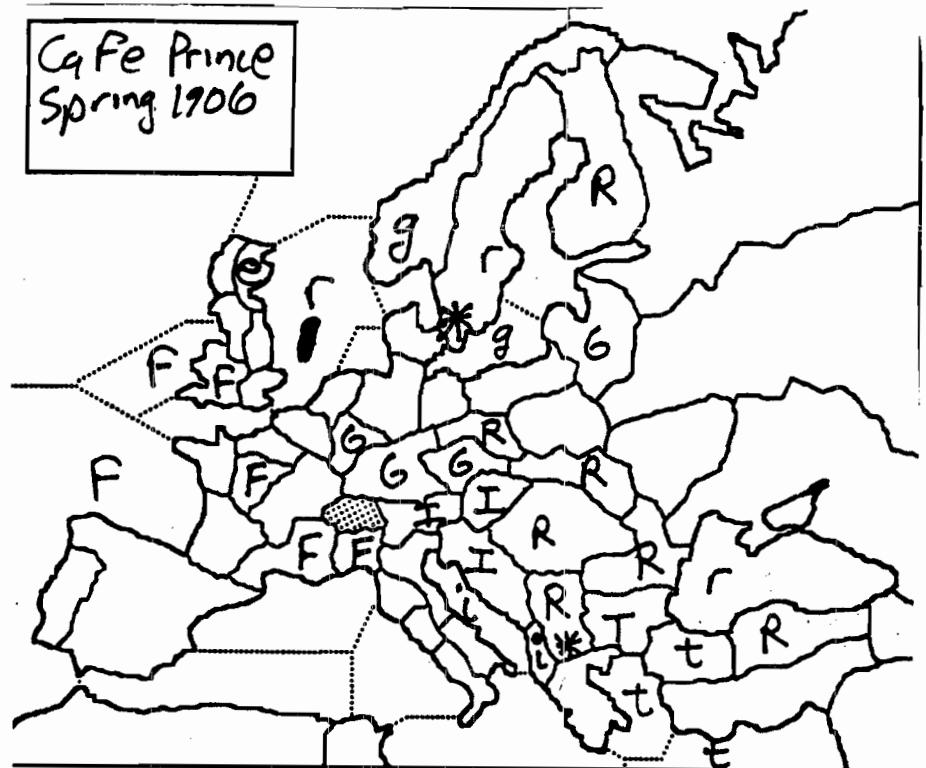
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MOVES ARE FOR WINTER 1905
 & SPRING 1906

ENGLAND ():
 REMOVE F-YOR, F-CLY-EDI,
 FRANCE ():
 BUILD F-BRE,
 F-BRE-MAO, A-GAS-MAR,
 A-MAR-PIE, A-PIC-PAR,
 F-ENG-IRI, F-LON-WAL,
 GERMANY ():
 BUILD A-BER,
 F-BAL-C-A-BER-LVA,
 A-BER-LVA,
 A-SIL-BOH, F-NTH-NWY,
 A-BEL-RUH, A-RUH-MUN,
 [[A-SWE-S-F-NTH-NWY(net)],
 ITALY ():
 BUILD A-VEN
 F-ADR-S-A-VEN-TRI,
 A-TYO-S-A-TRI-VIE,
 A-TRI-VIE,
 F-ION-ALB, A-VEN-TRI,
 RUSSIA ():
 RETREAT A-SWE-FIN,
 A-WAR-SIL, A-SEV-RUM,
 [[A-ANK-CON]],
 A-BUD-S-A-RUM-SER,
 [[F-BLA-BUL]],
 A-FIN-S-F-NWY-SWE
 A-VIE-GAL, A-RUM-SER,
 F-NWY-SWE, F-EDI-NTH,
 TURKEY ():
 NMR
 A-ALB-REMOVED OTB
 F-AEG-, A-BUL-, F-CON-, A-SER-, F-EAS,



SUPPLY CENTER CHART: WINTER 1904

AUS: ELIMINATED

ENG: LVP, = 1,

FRA: HOME, POR, SPA, LON = 6,

GER: HOME, BEL, DEN, HOL, SWE = 7,

ITALY: HOME, TRI, TUN, = 5,

RUSSIA: HOME, RUM, NWY, BUD, VIE, EDI, ANK = 10,

TUR: CON, SMY, BUL, GRE, SER = 5,

PRESS:

MOS-BER: I'm still hopeful that we can work something out. My moves in the north are to generate a stalemate--assuming you attempted to defend your holdings nothing will have happened. I still insist that you MUST remove your forces from Sweden -- no other course will lead to lasting peace between us. I'm willing to give you a chance to rectify the situation, but you must act soon or else the dogs of war will be unleashed. I believe I have been more understanding than you have any right to expect, given your theft of SWE. I am a patient player, but once roused I am implacable. Do your civilians a favor and back off. With France apparently headed for the Med, a power vacuum exists in the West. Exploit it.

Ger-Rus: Your press makes my decision easy. I will take you on. A victory for me would be supporting TUR into SEV from MOS. A victory for you would be supporting Italy or France into Munich from BER. Possibly, but not necessarily, we'll stalemate each other. En Garde! We have an exciting and thrilling battle ahead of us.

GER-Fra: My requests of you are to send your fleets north to hit Rus in the Scandinavian area. Support yourself into the NTH and I'll retreat forward into RUS territory. Enlist ENG aide to kick Russia out of EDI -- or take it yourself, I don't care. My preference is for ENG to be our ally. Sending A_MAR_PIE would annoy Italy and help me defend MUN.

Fra-Ger: BEL, HOL, EDI, and all of Scandinavia are yours. I wish only LON, LVP, & Iberia. If I were you I'd watch out for Italy. I'll help you there. Also, while you have him on the run, you should blast RUS. I'll use my two northern fleets to help you versus EDI once I have LVP.

Ger-F/E/T: The I/R alliance has 15 centers, and could conceivably pick up some TUR centers with aggressive play and good guessing. We must send every unit we have against them. I will draw as many RUS units as I can away from his other borders, but it's up to you guys to deliver the knockout blow. Good Luck. What an interesting game. (I know, Turkey hates my press ... sorry dude!).

Ger-Ita: Plan your stab of Russia carefully, and you will gain a lot of centers. If RUS suicides against me as he promises, then careful timing could net you VIE and BUD, solidifying your position immensely. Otherwise TUR will just take them, and RUS will have just left you to rot.

Mos-Rom: Given your "tactical genius" press of last turn I'm tempted to say something rude about the disaster Italian forces suffered in Albania (shades of 1940-41 I guess) but given my present situation that wouldn't be too wise, I guess.

Mos-Rom: If Germany refuses to make peace then I will be throwing open the floodgates of my rage. Mun will very definitely be yours, plus whatever else I can help you into. I have moved to SER because it was a sure bet, as I expect you will be attacking ALB. Obviously I understand that SER is rightfully yours and I will vacate it as soon as you are in a position to take it over. On the other hand, you might have a solid crack at taking GRE this fall, and if by your movements or by your press it looks like you're planning that, I won't make leaving SER THIS fall a high priority. I suggest our strategic goals, for the near term, should be to reduce TUR to a manageable nubbin, if not outright kill the sucker. Revenge on GER can wait, for me at least. Besides we may yet be able to turn the fellow around, and that would be a good thing for both of us if we can pull it off. Watch out for FRA.

Ita-Rus: I just know you don't take an alliance with me seriously, so I'm joining the other side -- permanently.

Mos-Con: I'm sure you'll give us a good fight. I'll be interested to see if you put any proposals on the table.

Fra-Rus: What can you offer me that isn't mine? You are the enemy, aaand Germany the good guy.

Mos-LVP: Now that you're down to a single army, you will probably be unable to retake EDI, unless I manage to slip into the NTHa. I suggest you move back to LVP and guard your only remaining center. Note wetll Fra's press of last turn. Obviously there is no room for ENG in a Franco-German world. Personally I have no problem with a rump England based on the west coast seaport. Godspeed -- and good luck!

ENG-Rus: I do have an idea...GET THE HELL OUT OF MY HOMELAND!!!

Mos-Par: Your anti-Russian press is somewhat surprising. I personally think your long-term strategic interests would be served by dealing with Prussian aggression at the source. BEL was yours for the taking -- you could have ended up with two obuilds instead of just one. RUS would still desire close, cordial relations with FRA, and extends the good hand of fraternal fellowship. Let me know how I can help...

Ita-Tur: Is it too late for us to join in an alliance vs RUS? I had wanted this all along, but you didn't seem interested.

Ita-FRA: If your armies need something to do, come over this way and back me up by moving to TYR and BOH. If you really want to stop RUS, then don't be so quick to take my centers, or my front-line units will start disappearing.

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DEADLINE FOR FALL 1906 US TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1993

BUCKEROO BANZAI

REHOUSED FROM ACROPOLIS

BELOW ARE THE S '05 MOVES

C (CHINA / McHugh): NMR! A-SHA-H(BG),
I (INDIA / REYNOLDS): [[A-KAB-AFG]],
A-MOD-S-A-CAL-NEP, A-DEL-S-A-CAL-NEP, F-EIO-ADA,
A-CAL-NEP,
U (INDO-CHINA / VOOGD):
A-DAC-S-F-MAD-CAL, F-CAN-S-A-CHU-SHA, [[A-NEP-MOD(net)]],
F-MAD-CAL, [[A-CHU-SHA]], A-LHA-H, F-CEY-BOB, A-RAN-MAL,
D (INDONESIA / DAVIS):
F-TPT-AFS, [[F-KYU-CPO]], F-TAI-S-F-ECS-PPS, F-ECS-PPS,
A-BOR-H, F-SCS-S-F-ECS-PPS,
J (JAPAN / Rikko Kohman):
F-CPO-SHIPS CANNED DOLPHIN TO GUAM, [[F-FST-SHA]],
[[A-OSA-KYU]],
F-SEO-YEL, A-PYO-SEO,
P (PERSIA / Garrett):
F-WIO-S-V-F-MAD(nso), [[A-TEH-AFG]], F-BAU-LAR,
F-ABS-S-A-AFG-BAU, A-AFG-BAU,

RUSSIA: (DAVE ANDERSON)
A-Tas-H, A-INN-KAN, A-PEK-S-J-F-FST-SHA, A-TSI-TIB,
F-NPO-S-J-F-CPO(otherwise ordered), A-KAN-TSI, A-GEO-GOR,
F-VLAD-JAP

PROPOSAL: D/R/U DRAW & CONCESSION TO RUSSIA BOTH FAIL
(NVR IN 1905 = YES, EXCEPT COUNTRIES IN CD DON'T GET A VOTE)

PRESS:

U-GM: Concession to Russia. HaHaHaHaHaHaHaHaHaHaHaHaHa.

U-I: You really must stop proposing all those silly
draws.

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART EFFECTIVE WINTER 1904

CHINA: SHA = 1, EVEN

INDIA: CAL, BOM, DEL, ISL, KAB, = 5,

U/INDOCHINA: BAN, RAN, SAI, CAN, CHU, LHA, CEY, KUA, = 8,

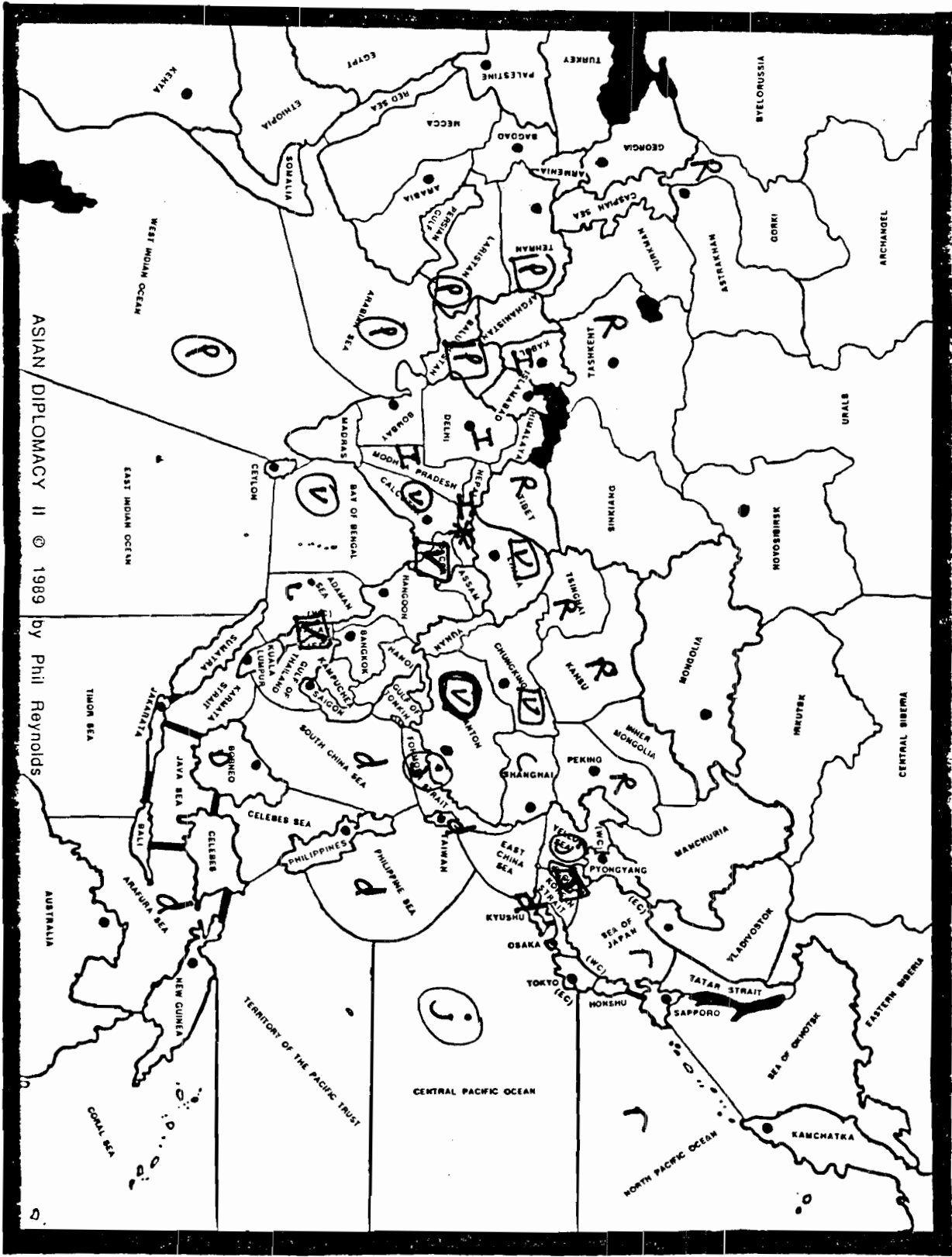
D/INDONESIA: JAK, BOR, NGU, AUS, PHI, TAI, = 6

JAPAN: TOK, OSA, SAP, SEO, PYO, = 5,

PERSIA: BAG, TEH, ARA, KEN, PAL, = 5,

RUSSIA: AST, NOV, TAS, VLA, GEO, MON, KAM, PEK, = 8,

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BELOW ARE THE FALL 1903 MOVES

AUSTRIA (): A-RUM-R-GAL, [[A-SER-S-A-GAL-RUM]],
[[F-ALB-GRE]], A-BUD-S-A-GAL-RUM, A-TRI-S-A-SER,
A-GAL-RUM,
ENGLAND (): F-NWY-R-NTH
F-LVP-IRI, F-LON-S-F-NTH-ENG, F-NTH-ENG,
F-NAO-S-F-LVP-IRI,
FRANCE (): F-IRI-MAO, [[A-BUR-S-I-A-TYO-MUN(NSO)]],
A-SPA-GAS, F-ENG-S-E-F-NTH-BEL(nso)(ret:wal/bre/pic/otb),
F-MAO-SPA(SC),
GERMANY ():
F-HOL-S-A-BEL, A-DEN-S-F-SWE, A-BEL-S-A-HOL,
A-WAR-S-A-LVA-MOS, A-LVA-MOS, F-SWE-H, A-MUN-H,
ITALY (): F-ION-AEG, A-TYO-H, A-VEN-APU,
F-EAS-S-F-ION-AEG,
RUSSIA ():
A-FIN-S-F-STP-NWY, A-MOS-STP, F-NWY-SKA, F-STP(NC)-NWY,
TURKEY ():
F-BLA-S-A-A-RUM-SEV, A-RUM-SEV, [[A-GRE-S-A-BUL-SER]],
F-AEG-SMY, [[A-BUL-SER]],

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART FOR WINTER 1903

AUSTRIA: HOME, RUM, SER, = 5, EVEN
ENGLAND: HOME = 3, MINUS ONE
FRANCE: HOME, SPA, POR = 5, EVEN OR ADD ONE
GERMANY: HOME, BEL, HOL, DEN, WAR, SWE, MOS = 9, ADD TWO
ITALY: HOME, TUN = 4, EVEN
RUSSIA: STP, NWY = 2, REMOVE TWO
TURKEY: HOME, BUL, GRE, SEV = 6, ADD ONE
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BELOW ARE FALL '03 MOVES

AUSTRIA ():
A-SER-GRE, F-ALB-S-A-SER-GRE, A-BUD-RUM,
A-GAL-S-A-BUD-RUM,
ENGLAND ():
[[A-DEN-KIE]], A-SWE-PRU, F-BAL-C-A-SWE-PRU, F-WAL-H,
[[F-NTH-HOL]], [[F-LON-NTH]],
FRANCE (): F-WES-S-F-MAO-NAF, A-BUR-S-A-RUH-MUN,
A-BEL-H, A-GAS-MAR, F-MAO-NAF, A-RUH-MUN,
GERMANY ():
GERMANY ():

[[A-KIE-S-A-MUN]], F-HEL-S-F-HOL, [[A-MOS-S-A-UKR-SEV]],
A-UKR-SEV, F-HOL-IMP,
[[A-MUN-H(net:sil/boh/tyo/ber/OTB)]],
ITALY (): F-EAS-ION, A-TUN-H, A-VEN-PIE,
F-AEG-BUL(SC),
RUSSIA ():
[[F-SEV-S-A-A-BUD-RUM]], [[A-STP-MOS]],
TURKEY :
F-BUL(EC)-BLA, A-RUM-SER, [[A-GRE-S-A-RUM-SER(ann)]],
[[F-SMY-S-I-F-AEG(nso)]], F-CON-S-F-SMY,

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART FOR WINTER 1903

AUSTRIA: HOME, RUM, GRE, =5, ADD ONE
ENGLAND: HOME, NWY, SWE, DEN = 6,
FRANCE: HOME, BEL, POR, SPA, MUN, = 7, ADD ONE
GERMANY: BER, KIE, HOL, WAR, MOS, = 5, REMOVE ONE
ITALY: HOME, TUN, BUL = 5, ADD ONE
RUSSIA: SEV, STP = 2,
TURKEY: HOME, SER, = 4, REMOVE ONE

JONES 1992HGrb32 GUNBOAT 7X7 ZERO SUM DIPLOMACY

BELOW ARE THE FALL 1903 ORDERS

AUSTRIA (): A-RUM-UKR, [[A-SER-GRE]], F-ADR-S-A-VEN,
A-TYO-MUN, A-VEN-H,
ENGLAND (): A-STP-R-LVA
[[A-LVA-S-T-A-SEV-MOS(NSO)]], [[F-BAL-KIE]],
F-SWE-S-A-DEN, F-NTH-BEL, [[A-DEN-S-F-BAL-KIE]],
F-ENG-S-F-NTH-BEL, [[F-IRI-LVP]],
FRANCE ():
F-MAO-WES, F-NAF-S-F-MAO-WES, A-SPA-H, A-PIC-BRE,
A-MAR-PIE,
GERMANY ():
[[F-HEL-DEN]], [[A-KIE-S-F-HEL-DEN]], A-RUH-S-A-KIE,
A-SIL-WAR, A-PRU-S-A-SIL-WAR,
ITALY (): F-MAO-R-NAO, A-VEN-R-ROM,
A-ROM-S-A-PIE-TUS, A-PIE-TUS, F-TUN-H, [[F-NAO-LVP]],
RUSSIA ():
[[A-MOS-WAR]], F-STP(SC)-H
TURKEY (): F-BLA-CON, A-SEV-S-A-A-RUM-UKR,
[[A-BUL-GRE]], F-ION-TYN, F-CON-AEG,

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART FOR WINTER 1903

AUSTRIA: HOME, RUM, SER, MUN, VEN =7, ADD TWO
ENGLAND: HOME, NWY, SWE, DEN, BEL =7, ADD ONE
FRANCE: HOME, POR, SPA = 5, EVEN
GERMANY: BER, KIE, HOL, WAR, = 4 LOSE ONE
ITALY: ROM, NAP, TUN = 3, LOSE ONE
RUSSIA: STP, MOS = 2, EVEN
TURKEY: HOME, SEV, BUL = 5, EVEN
NEUTRAL: GRE

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BELOW ARE THE FALL 1903 ORDERS

AUSTRIA (): F-GRE-R-OTB,
A-VIE-S-A-TRI, A-SER-S-R-A-RUM, A-TRI-S-A-VIE,
ENGLAND ():
A-NWY-S-F-BAR-STP(NC), F-NTH-LON, [[F-BAR-STP(NC)]],
F-NWG-CLY,
FRANCE ():
F-SPA(SC)-H, A-BEL-WAL, A-BUR-BEL, F-IRI-LVP, F-MAO-NAO,
F-ENG-C-A-BEL-WAL,
GERMANY (): A-MUN-R-BER
F-BAL-C-A-BER-LVA, A-FIN-S-A-LVA-STP, [[A-BER-LVA]],
[[F-HOL-KIE]], [[A-LVA-STP]],
ITALY (): [[F-GRE-S-A-F-AEG-BUL(SC)(nsu)]],
A-VEN-S-A-TYO, [[A-TYO-S-G-A-BOH-VIE(nsu)]],
F-ION-S-F-GRE,
RUSSIA (): A-UKR-S-F-SEV,
[[A-RUM-S-A-A-SER-BUL(nso)]], [[F-SEV-S-A-RUM]],
F-DEN-KIE, A-MUN-S-F-DEN-KIE, F-STP(SC)-H,
TURKEY (): F-BLA-S-A-ARM-SEV, A-ARM-SEV,
[[A-BUL-S-A-F-ALB-GRE(nsu)]], F-CON-S-A-BUL,

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART FOR WINTER 1903

AUSTRIA: HOME, SER, = 4, ADD ONE
ENGLAND: LON, EDI, NWY, = 3, REMOVE ONE
FRANCE: HOME, POR, SPA, BEL, LVL = 7, ADD ONE
GERMANY: BER, HOL, SWE = 3, REMOVE TWO
ITALY: HOME, TUN, GRE = 5, ADD ONE
RUSSIA: HOME, DEN, RUM, KIE, MUN = 8, ADD TWO
TURKEY: HOME, BUL = 4, EVEN

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BELOW ARE THE FALL 1903 MOVES

AUSTRIA ():
A-TRI-S-A-TYO-VEN, A-SER-S-F-BUL(SC), F-BUL(SC)-H,
[[A-TYO-VEN]], A-BUD-S-A-GAL-RUM, [[A-GAL-RUM]],
ENGLAND ():
F-NAO-LVP, A-NWY-EDI, [[F-POR-SPA(NC)]],
F-NWG-C-A-NWY-EDI, F-MAO-S-F-POR-SPA(NC),
FRANCE (): A-PIC-R-BRE, A-RUH-R-BEL,
[[F-CLY-NWG]], A-BRE-S-A-PAR, A-PAR-H,
[[A-BEL-RUH(net)]],
GERMANY (): A-RUH-BEL, F-SWE-H, A-HOL-S-A-RUH-BEL,
A-BUR-GAS, A-MUN-S-A-PIC-BUR, A-PIC-BUR, [[A-SIL-WAR]],
ITALY (): [[F-WES-SPA(SC)]],
[[A-VEN-S-G-A-MUN-TYO(nso)]], A-PIE-S-A-VEN,
F-LYO-S-F-WES-SPA(SC),
RUSSIA (): [[A-UKR-WAR]], A-RUM-S-F-SEV,
F-SEV-S-A-RUM, F-STP(SC)-H, A-MOS-S-F-STP(SC),
TURKEY (): F-BLA-C-A-ARM-RUM, [[A-ARM-RUM]],
F-CON-S-F-BLA,

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART FOR WINTER 1903
 AUSTRIA: HOME, SER, GRE, BUL = 6, EVEN
 ENGLAND: HOME, POR, NWY = 5, EVEN
 FRANCE: HOME, SPA = 4 EVEN OR ADD ONE
 GERMANY: HOME, DEN, HOL, BEL, SWE = 7, EVEN
 ITALY: HOME, TUN = 4, EVEN
 RUSSIA: HOME, RUM, = 5, EVEN
 TURKEY: HOME = 3, EVEN

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BELOW ARE THE FALL 1903 MOVES

AUSTRIA ():
 [[A-TRI-S-G-A-MUN-TYO(nso)]], F-VEN-S-A-TRI,
 A-BUD-S-A-TRI,
 ENGLAND (): A-LON-H, F-ENG-S-F-MAO-BRE, F-MAO-BRE,
 FRANCE ():
 [[F-BRE-S-F-SPA(SC)-MAO(net)]], A-BEL-S-A-BUR-RUH,
 A-POR-H, A-PIC-S-A-BEL, A-BUR-RUH, F-SPA(SC)-MAO,
 GERMANY (): F-NTH-C-A-DEN-EDI, [[A-HOL-KIE]],
 [[A-MUN-KIE]], A-SIL-BER, A-DEN-EDI,
 ITALY (): [[F-ALB-ION(net)]], A-TYO-PIE, A-VIE-GAL,
 A-BOH-TYO,
 RUSSIA ():
 F-STP(NC)-NWX, A-WAR-SIL, A-SWE-S-F-BAL-DEN,
 A-UKR-S-F-RUM, F-RUM-S-T-A-BUL, F-BAL-DEN,
 TURKEY ():
 A-BUL-S-A-SER, F-EAS-ION, F-AEG-S-F-EAS-ION, A-ANK-CON,
 A-GRE-ALB, A-SER-S-A-GRE-ALB,

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART FOR WINTER 1903
 AUSTRIA: BUD, TRI, VEN = 3, EVEN
 ENGLAND: LON, LVL, BRE, = 3, EVEN
 FRANCE: PAR, MAR, SPA, POR, BEL = 5, REMOVE ONE
 GERMANY: HOME, HOL, EDI = 5, EVEN
 ITALY: ROM, NAP, TUN, VIE, =4 EVEN OR ADD ONE
 RUSSIA: HOME, SWE, RUM, NWY, DEN = 8, ADD TWO
 TURKEY: HOME, BUL, GRE, SER = 6, EVEN

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BELOW ARE THE FALL 1903 MOVES

AUSTRIA (): A-TYO-VIE, A-SER-S-A-TRI-BUD, A-TRI-BUD,
 [[F-GRE-S-T-F-BUL(SC)-AEG(NSO)]], F-VEN-H,
 ENGLAND ():
 [[A-STP-NWX(net)]], [[F-IRI-IMP]], [[F-NTH-LON]],
 F-NWG-S-F-NWX-NTH, [[F-NWX-NTH]],
 FRANCE ():
 [[F-MAO-IRI]], [[A-BEL-IMP]], A-MAR-PIE, [[F-ENG-LON]],
 A-PIC-S-A-BEL,

GERMANY ():
[[F-SWE-NWY]], A-RUH-S-A-MUN-BUR, A-MUN-BUR,
[[A-WAR-S-T-A-SEV-MOS(nso)]], [[F-DEN-NTH]], A-SIL-MUN,
[[F-HOL-BEL]]
ITALY ():
F-TUN-ION, [[A-BUD-TRI(ret)]], [[A-ROM-VEN]], F-ION-AEG
RUSSIA ():
A-MOS-STP, F-GOB-S-A-MOS-STP,
TURKEY ():
F-BUL(SC)-S-A-F-GRE, A-SEV-LKR,
A-RUM-S-F-BUL(SC), A-ARM-SEV, F-BLA-S-A-ARM-SEV,

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART FOR WINTER 1903
AUSTRIA: HOME, TRI, SER, GRE, = 6 ADD ONE
ENGLAND: HOME, NWY, = 4, REMOVE ONE
FRANCE: HOME, SPA, BEL = 5, EVEN
GERMANY: HOME, HOL, DEN, SWE, WAR = 7, EVEN
ITALY: TUN, ROM, NAP, = 3 REMOVE ONE
RUSSIA: MOS, STP = 2, EVEN
TURKEY: HOME, SEV, RUM, BUL = 6, ADD ONE
NEUTRAL: POR

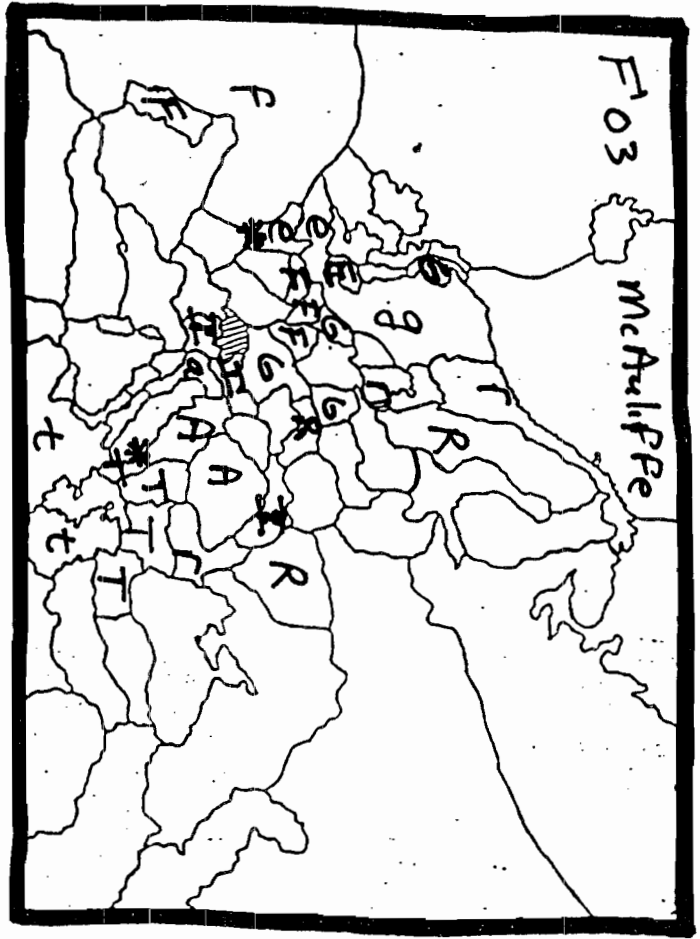
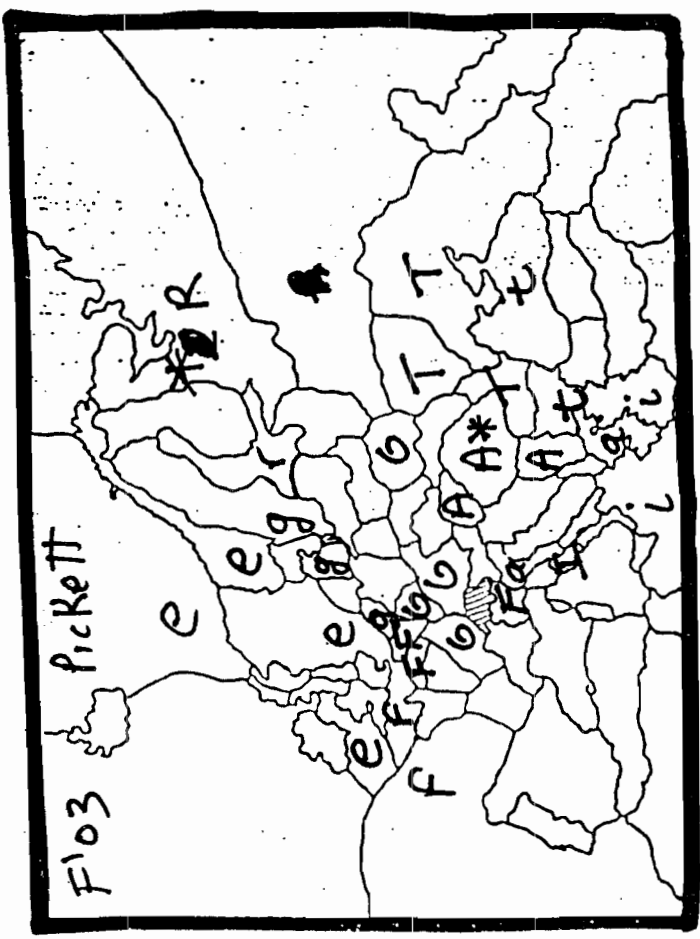
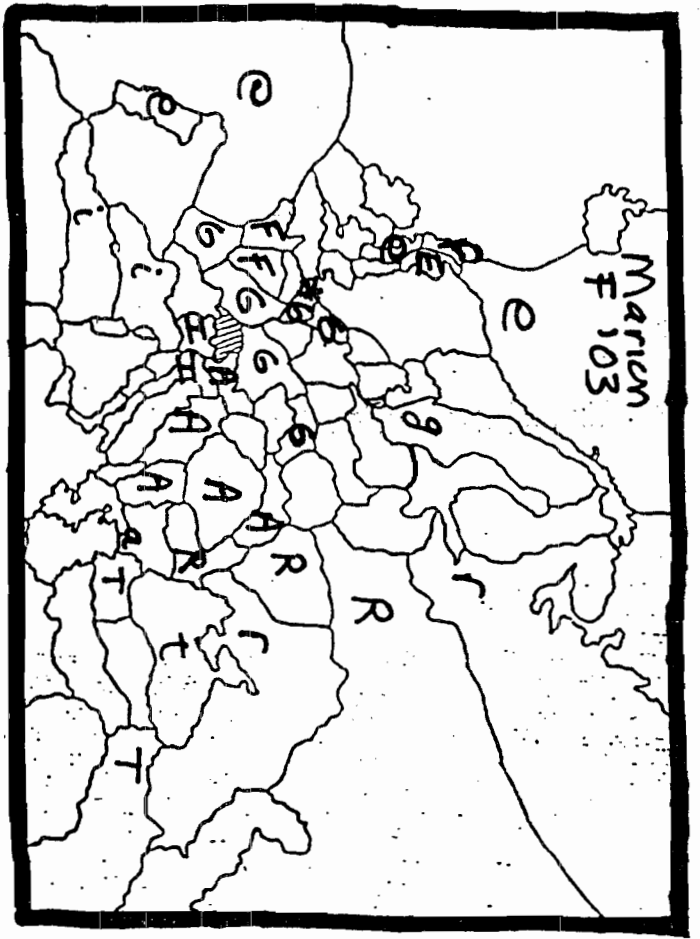
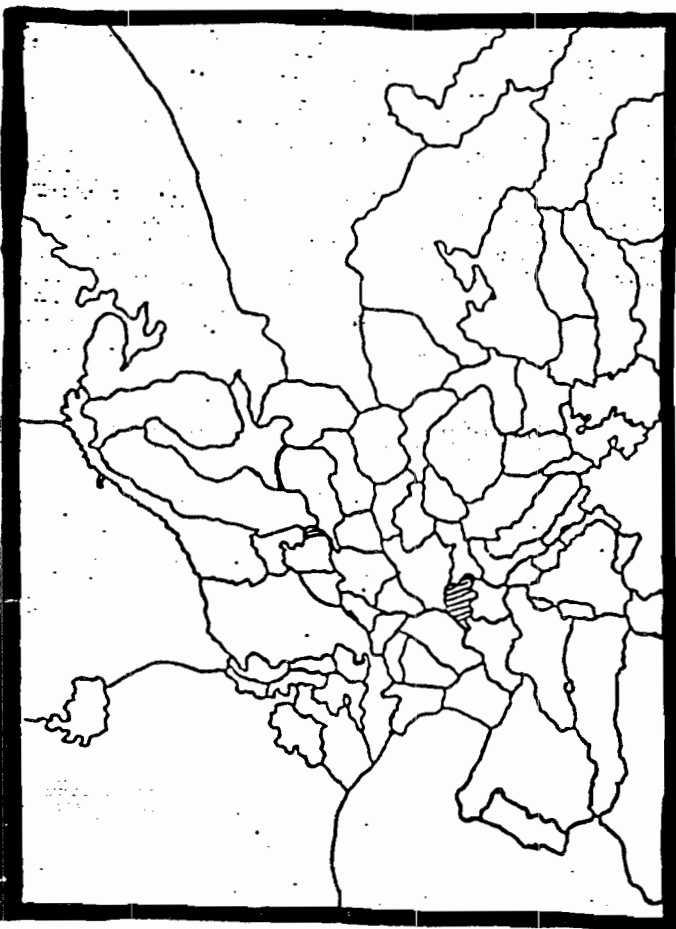
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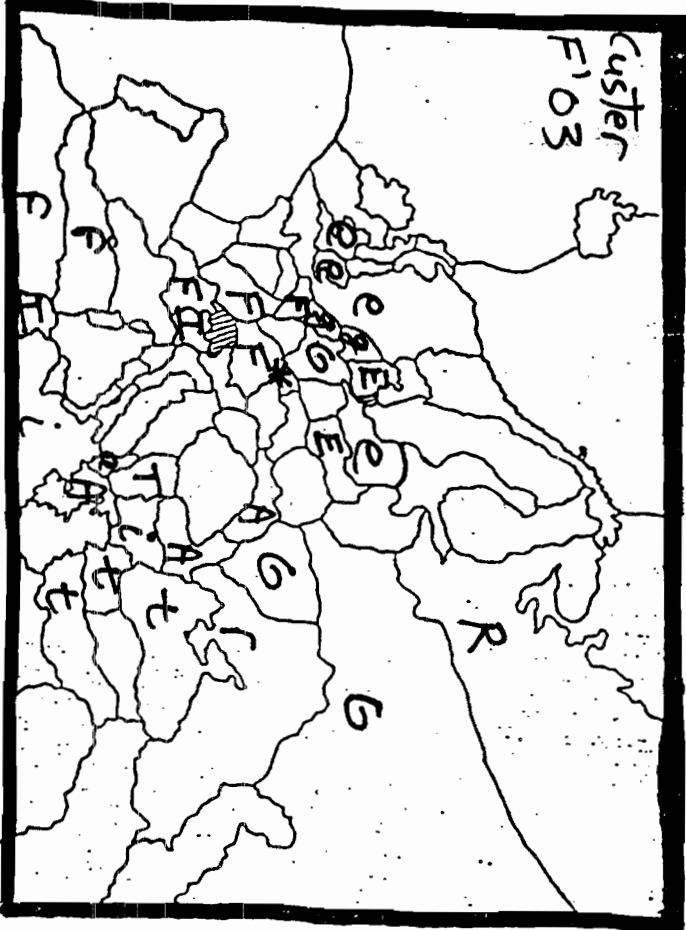
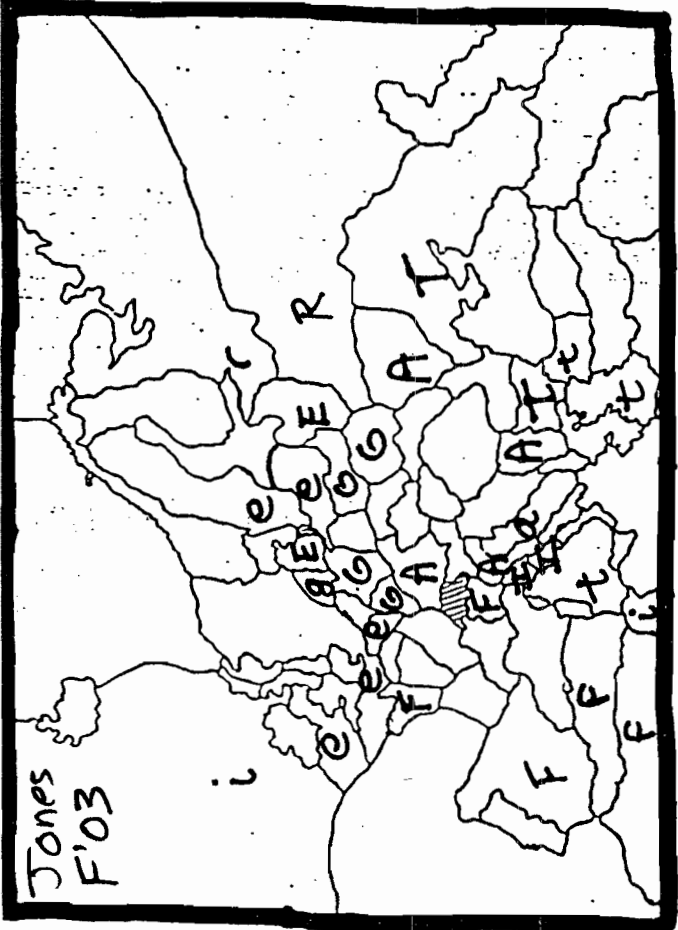
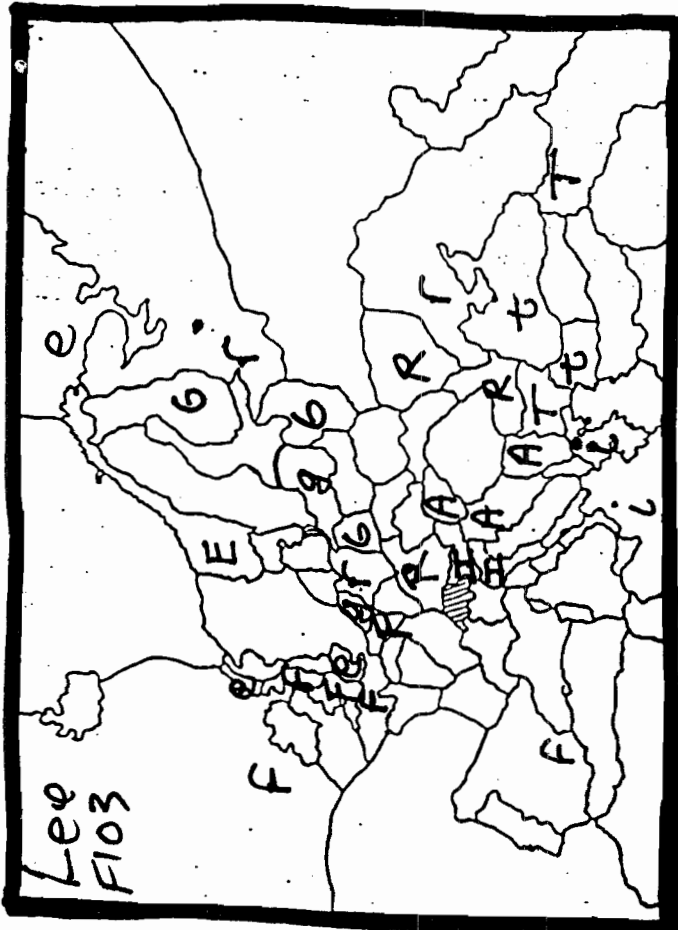
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with their corporate headquarters there, siimilar to South Africa, RJ Reynolds, etc.

I am sorry that one of your favorite sources of information seems to make such universal judgements, unless that was sarcastic. From a guerila theater point of view, I guess that could be funny. If you were supporting strict gun control laws, then hooray! As you can tell, a little comparative political perspective can be quite revealing. There hasn't been much in the news here for the past 10 days besides Joe Montana is going to play, is playing, did play. A lot of hype for a TV rating scam I suppose.

Well, let me know how this stacks up to your local area, Mike and others.]]





All but one was in favor of all secret orders, and he was in favor of every third being blind, so, these orders are blind. I'd like to go with the majority here, but will not change rules either implicit or explicit without full consent. So, for now every third set of orders will be blind, but this will include the spring orders also, so as not to get to the same season, each time. Also, if the one wishes to change his vote then we will go all secret.

The request to have ties go to the home general was not supported in the comments. Therefore ties are randomly decided.

I goofed on the rules to vote for unit movement. It is clearly stated that the votes go by SC's supplied. This seems better and I am sorry for not rereading everything carefully or creating any confusion. Implied in this voting by SC # is that one country could designate so many votes for one move and some for a contrary move. This could unsettle the GM's disposition but might be tactically necessary at some point.

2 people only sent in their own builds. Even builds are democratically controlled since undercover espionage agents are everywhere!

WINTER 1901 ORDERS

AUSTRIA (KOELLER): BUILD F-TRI, A-BUD
ENGLAND (HEDEGARD): BUILD F-LON
FRANCE (KOHMAN): BUILD A-PAR
GERMANY (VAN DOK): BUILD F-KIE, A-MUN
ITALY (SCHEIFLER): BUILD F-NAP
RUSSIA (SCHARF):
BUILD F-SEV, A-WAR, A-MOS
TURKEY (LEWIS): BUILD F-SMY

ADJUDICATED MOVES:

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART

AUS: HOME, SER, VEN = 5, ADD 2
ENG: HOME, BEL = 4, ADD 1
FRA: PAR, BRE, SPA, POR = 4, ADD 1
GER: HOME, HOL, DEN = 5, ADD 2
ITA: ROM, NAP, MAR, TUN = 4, ADD 1
RUS: HOME, SWE, NWY, RUM = 7, ADD 3
TUR: HOME, CUL = 4, ADD 1
NEUTRALS: GRE

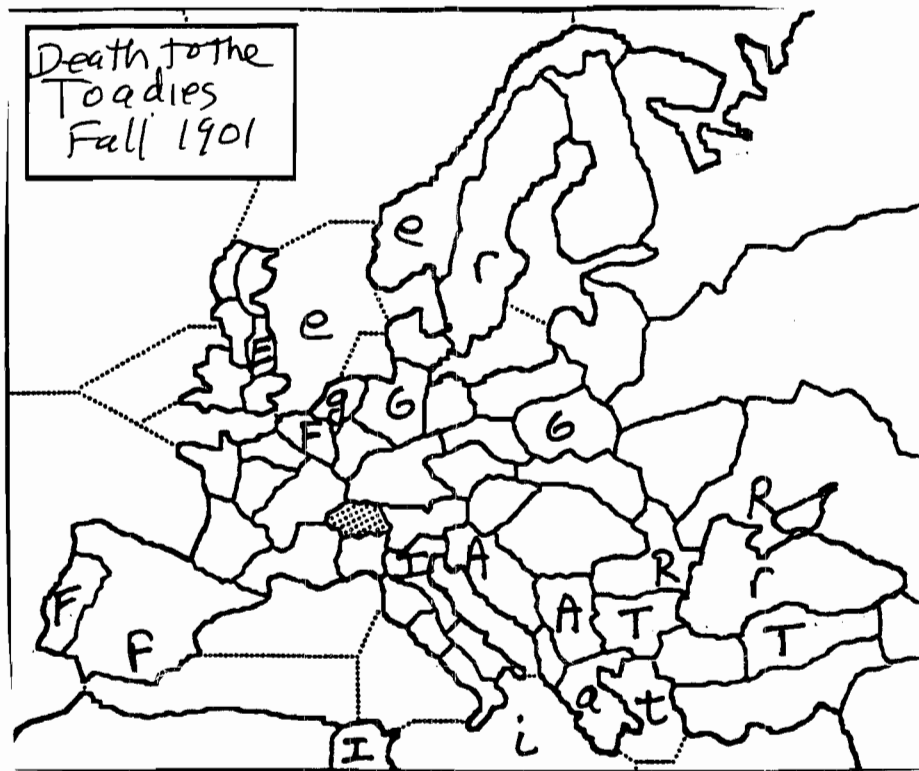
THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION TO THE UNORDERED ORDERS COUNTING. "UNORDERED" CANNOT BE A MAJORITY VOTE.

ADD the above builds to the last map. There are no maps printed for winter only seasons.

DEATH TO THE TOADIES REGULAR ZERO SUM DIPLOMACY

BELOW ARE THE
FALL MOVES 1901

AUSTRIA (GORHAM):
A-TRI-H, A-SER-S-F-ALB-GRE,
F-ALB-GRE,
ENGLAND (BARENTS):
[[A-YOR-DEN]], F-NWG-NWY,
F-NTH-C-A-YOR-DEN,
FRANCE (MAGNUSON):
F-MAO--SPA(SC), A-BUR-BEL,
A-SPA-POR,
GERMANY (SASSEVILLE):
F-HOL-H, [[A-KIE-DEN]],
A-SIL-WAR,
ITALY (LANG):
F-ION-C-A-APU-TUN,
A-APU-TUN, [A-VEN-TRI]
RUSSIA (HEDEGARD):
[[A-SEV-ANK]], A-UKR-RUM,
F-BLA-C-A-SEV-ANK, F-GOB-SWE,
TURKEY (FARRIS):
F-CON-AEG, [A-ANK-CON]
[A-BUL-CON]



PRESS:

Ita-Rus: As you can see from my moves, I wish peace with RUS. I'm sorry that I haven't written. Because Austria desires war with TUR, I am in need of an ally! How can I convince you to fulfill my need. If we were to ally, all I would want from a successful conquest of AUS would be SER and GRE. You could have the rest. If you are interested please write.

Ita-Aus: Because you do not want peace from your Moslem neighbor, you will not get it. A POX upon all Hapsburgs!

Ger-VIE: Why does your empire not desire peace with humble GER? We are also a Christian Nation. Peace negotiations should begin soon or I will have to assume the worst.

Ger-Eng: Watch out for Russians, they are sneaky.

Ger-Fra: Thanks for the note. Look at my name. I'm a natural French sympathizer! Non?

Ger-Tur: If there are Christian remnants in CON and you survive the Ita - RUS attack, I'm sure we can talk.

UPI ROME: In today's Papal mass, Pope Luigi III announced his plans for cleansing the Balkan peninsula of it's "Repulsive Eastern Orthodox taint." He has called for every able bodied soul to "come to the aid of the true church and bring about the second coming of the Holy Roman

Empire." His scathing sermon came to a fever pitch when he dubbed the Sultan of Turkey "a god-forsaken demon spawn put on the face of this earth for the sole purpose of spreading satans liies through the military subjugation of honest christians and the forceful indoctrination into the false church of Islam."

Pope Luigi III also condemned the government of Austria-Hungary, claiming that the entire high council and royal family are "muslim sympathisizers." He further pointed out that there are mosques in the cities of Arad and Osijet and added that "any right thinking Catholic would have burned them down centuries ago."

Austrian officials were unavailable for comment.

SUPPLY CENTER POSSESSION CHART

AUSTRIA: BUD, TRI, VIE, WAR, SER, GRE = 6 BUILD THREE
ENGLAND: EDI, LON, LVP, NWY = 4, BUILD ONE
FRANCE: BRE, MAR, PAR, BEL, POR, SPA = 6, BUILD THREE
GERMANY: BER, KIE, MUN, HOL, WAR, = 5 BUILD TWO
ITALY: NAP, ROM, VEN, TUN, = 4 BUILD ONE
RUSSIA: MOS, SEV, STP, RUM, SWE = 5, BUILD ONE
TURKEY: ANK, CON, SMY, BUL = 4 BUILD ONE

DEALINE FOR WINTER 1901 ONLY IS TUESDAY 1-26-93

LOKI 1992HZrd22 THIS IS A FOG OF WAR GAME ZERO SUM RULES

REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS, KNOWN PLAYERS, PRESS

AUSTRIA -- F. HYATT
ENGLAND -- S. HEDEGARD
FRANCE -- K KOELLER
GERMANY -- W. SCHARF
ITALY -- D. SCHEIFLER
RUSSIA -- M. MAGNUSON
TURKEY -- D. PALMER

ONLY THE RULER OF THE COUNTRY CAN SEE ANYTHING HERE
YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR UNITS LOCATION AND WHAT IT CAN SEE

PRESS:

BUCHAREst-RUM: Thousands of frightened citizevs returned to their homes today after several weeks of heavy fighting throughout the country between Austrian, Turkish and Russian forces. Anonymous souwces deep within the Austrian high command have stated that early this fall 3 divisions of Budokan shock troops stormed across the Transylvania alps with support of several units stationed in Serbia. Though encountering little local resistance, the Austrian storm troopers were met by a combined force of Turkish grenadiers and Russian marines. Casualties on all sides appear to be heavy and the combatants have apparently withdrawn from the surrounding countyside for the time

being to regroup and await reinforcements. Rumanian Prime Minister Turnu magurele in an announcement earlier today commented "The fighting has completely destroyed this years harvest and with the coming of winter, the people of Rumania can expect much hardship, but the hardships will be much easier to endure with the knowledge that we are still a free people."

Rome-Out of Mind: One of us is about to be gutted by French fleets. How about we share info, so we know when the other gets it.

Tur-Rus: I'll make every effort to make this a painless process, but you did leave yourself exposed to infiltration.

Tur-Ita: You couldn't have done what you say you have...austria wouldn't let that happen... would you, Fred?

F-ION-F-Con: No fair peeking!

Nap-Smy: Are you talking about the game? Or was that the old "I'll show you mine, if you show me yours" I learned from the girl next door when I was 6?

Tur-Aus: Your share is there for the taking, but it's in the north, not the south.

Tur-West: All quiet out there, boys/girls?

Ita-West: The only thing worse than not knowing what is happening out there, is not even hearing partial facts, rumors, guesses, and lies. Is this e/f/g strategy, a matter of too little time, or a case of "out of sight, out of mind?"

Rome-World: Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good fight.

Ita-Rus: For potential allies, we're sure not talking much. Are you still interested, or have you (become) occupied elsewhere?

VEN-Out of sight: Okay, so I'm occupied in the East, as you requested. Now just don't build a fleet in MAR and everything will be hunky-dory.

Nap-Little Time: Hang in there, kiddo. I can only imagine what might have happened to you this turn, but imagination suggests that BER is now a Russian province.

Rome to Santa: One night of work and twelve months off. Pretty cushy job you got there, m pal. Now that your big night is over, mind if I borrow Rudolph to lead my armies?

CONTINUATION FROM CAFE PRINCE PRESS

Eng-All: Why don't all of you just exchange names and addresses so you can write each other. The blatant diplomacy in everyone's press is disgusting. I dare all of you to divulge your identity. God, I can't even suicide fast enough to get out of this game!

Eng-GM: Call me Turbo, but I love your turnaround time. Keep up the good work! I look forward to every issue.

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1906 IS TUESDAY, ~~DECEMBER~~ ^{January} 26, 1993

CONTEST CONTESTS CONTEST CONTESTS CONTEST

THE JON CARROLL TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE CONTEST

Below are the true names to go with the original facts. Below each persons name and facts are the 3 statements which they submitted, 2 are true and one is purportedly a lie. Send me each persons name and which is his lie. Each correct guess on the lie gets one point.

Remember, comments/press is welcome and can be black/grey/white as in all other original Zero Sum games.

Below the list of people and their boasts are the scores for who tried to match up the names of the entrants and their "facts." Congratulations to those who entered and guessed. If you miss one turn, or even two, no problem, join right in. Anyone receiving the magazine can still guess or kibbitz, although only the entrants can win the contest.

NEXT MONTH SEND IN TWO TRUTHS AND ONE LIE ABOUT YOURSELF

1. Doug Kent: 24. Director of Operations, married, no kids, I never untie my sneakers, hobby: reading.

2. Steven McKinnon: 26. Security guard. Single, no kids, have lived in England, US, France, Lebanon & Egypt. Hobby: listening to alternative music.

A. I fell through a plate glass window when I was 5 years old.

B. I got run over by a donkey on a beach when I was 3.

C. I got hit by a baseball behind the Rangers dugout when I was 9.

3. David Anderson: 30. clerk, married (& proud of it!!!), lives in a mobile home and hobby is going to the arcade.

4. W. Andrew York: 32, police officer, single, no kids, hobby is wargaming/Star Trekking. Other fact is enjoys the music of Andrew Lloyd Weber.

A. I live in a single room, efficiency apartment.

B. I haven't seen a movie in a theater in over a year.

C. I drive a Blue Buick.

5. Martin Burke: 24, lift operator, girlfriend (1 & 1/2 years, no plans discussed), no children, skate/snow boarding. I've been to Canada twice.

6. Ron Newmaster: 47, second level supervisor of Civil Servant programmers for the US Navy, Married with 2 children (daughter 10, son 8). Holds a black belt in Judo and is a sometime collector of US postal stamps.

7. Mike Magnuson: 26, professional student/painter. Single. Is the oldest child. Hobby: hunting/fishing.

A. Captain of a collegiate rugby squad.

B. Never Donated Blood

C. Grandmother is a practising Budhist.

8. William Scharf: 35, cartographer, second and last marriage, no kids. Favorite hobby either gaming or gardening and other fact is has 3 brothers and no sister.
 A. I had an internship with National Geographic.
 B. I had an internship at Disneyland.
 C. I had an internship with the National Forest Service.
9. John Schultz: 41, semi-retired, single, hobby is art (sketching, oil, etc). Other fact is weighs 15 stone.
 A. I enjoy motorcycling.
 B. I enjoy flying.
 C. I enjoy spelunking.
 (with at times maniacal zeal to the detriment of other aspects of my life.)
10. Frank vanDok: 48, mathematician, single, has 2 cats, and bicycles.
11. John Armstrong: 24, student/intern/peon. Single, 2 prospective girlfriends, just finished his first symphony, favorite hobby is musical performance (classical piano) and composition.
12. David Palmer: 42, geologist, married, 2 kids, non-dip hobby is softball.
13. Steve Cameron: 24, single with girlfriend, an accountant, plays Frisbee Golf. Other fact is received 3 H.S. basketball letters.
14. Andy Lischett: 42, married, no children, has blue eyes and likes cars.
 A. I did not vote for Nixon in '72.
 B. I did not vote for Ford in '76.
 C. I did not vote for Reagan in '80.
15. Brad Wilson: 29, free-lance writer, single (thank god), no kids (thank god), collects music for a hobby and other fact is attended college (BA) in 3 different states.
 A. All my grandparents are dead.
 B. Episcopalian.
 C. Voted for George Bush.
16. Mike Barno: 28, computer programmer, potato-chip packer. Single, steadily involved since mid-year with a 39-year old female. No kids. Other hobby is auto racing (former official) and "factoid" is: enroute to third league championship, fifth division title in United Soccer (a postal strategy/tactics/dice-out game).
 A. Voted for the same party for the last 3 Presidential elections.
 B. Saw Richard Petty, A.J. Foyt and Butch Hartmasnn in the same race.
 C. Prefers German bock beers and English rich ales to American chem-piss.
17. Stephen Dorneman: 37, professional services coordinator for the Intravenous Nurses Society, married & no children. Hobby: role-playing games and other fact is published a dipzine for past 6 years.
 A. I have a gold mastercard with a \$14,000 credit limit.
 B. I have a BS in Biology from Pennsylvania State University.

C. I drive a 1989 Mazda.

18. Don Scheifler: 30, Theatre manager, married with 2 children, favorite non-dip hobby is Titan and fact is "All-time favorite movie is "Roman Holiday."

A. I have scars from severe facial burns received when a drain cleaner exploded in my face.

B. I have never had my picture taken in one of those instant photo booths you see in malls.

C. A book I'm currently reading predicts that the world will end in 1994, with the return of Jesus, and the calling up of the righteous.

19. Rikko Kohman: 45, illustrator, no-significant-other, one child and one granddaughter, nondip hobby is collecting comic books. Had entered the seminary to become a priest.

A. I like to eat escargot.

B. I like to eat liver.

C. I like to eat sardines.

20. Bruce Roberts: A design engineer, 31, married with 2 children, one boy and one girl, hobby is classic cars (60's) and fact is "I'm a head banger."

21. Richard Weiss: 40, MD, divorced, two children (daughter 12, son 6), non-dip hobby is reading the sports page is the true answer. My glasses have no frames.

A. While in college I was a drug addict.

B. While in college I flunked the Army induction physical for psychiatric reasons.

C. I graduated from college in 6 semesters.

22. (a late addition): Pete Gaughan, 32, a salesman, married without kids. Favorite non-dip hobby is birdwatching and other fact is he knows the Phi Beta Kappa secret handshake.

A. I flunked a history class in college

B. I haven't gotten a traffic ticket since 1984

C. I don't know any of my neighbors.

FIRST STAGE ENTRANTS AND GUESSERS WITH NUMBER GUESSED CORRECT:

Dave Anderson

4

Mike Barno

5

Don Scheifler

0

John Schultz

5

(all people who did not list me, still get me counted as one correct, since some did list me, and I want to make the percentage higher. By the way, John stated that "I was reasonably sure of only 5 including myself. [[he got only 4 of those]]. I found that surprising as I do know eleven of the twenty. It was sort of fun...)

W. Andrew York

no guesses

Andy Lischett

9

***** The near winner because he used deductive reasoning to deduce Palmer is only "oil" address for a "geologist"

Brad Wilson

7

Stephen Dorneman

8

Steve McKinnon

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Pete Gaughan (the late entry) guessed 12 right, including John Schultz (by convoluted logic). Therefore he is the "Winner." Congratulations. [[After Mike Vaporis does some multiple regression by years in the hobby and years pubbing, there may be another winner.]]

Those most often identified were Brad Wilson and Steve Donneman with 5 each, then Mike Barno and Andy York with 4. Those who were not identified even once were Frank vanDok, and Steve Cameron, with John Schultz only having one correct guesser. To those of you in the rarely guessed category, come on, write some letters, open up, enjoy the hobby, don't be so narrow in your communications -- and that means you also Mr. Schultz ! (I guess that stone stuff/semi-retired fooled 'em).

NEW:

What profession adheres to the principles of "Firmness, Commodity and Delight?"

Mike Barno guesses either prostitution or mattress making.

I've lost the attribution, but someone guessed "bra-making."

Alexandra is an architect, and the motto/principles of architecture during the renaissance and persists to a lesser degree now is "firmness, commodity, delight." Now a-days we'd probably say form, function and aesthetics, but the intent is similar.

ECONOMIC PREDICTIONS FOR 1993 CONTEST

Winner gets a one issue extension to his/her subscription for each person who enters the contest. There are 10 parts to the contest. Make a prediction in each part. The one who is closest gets a point. If two or more are exactly right they each get a point. If two or more are equally off, then they split the point. Whoever gets the most points wins. If there is a tie, then we will use the prediction to the tiebreaker prediction. If there is still a tie, the extension will be divided.

Give me your prediction for each of the following:

1. 1993 USA debt (the amount added in 1993, not the total USA, accumulated, such as 253 billion...)
2. 1993 inflation rate for the year
3. the 12/31/93 (or closest to that date published), 3 month T-Bill rate
4. the Prime rate effective 12/31/93
5. National Unemployment Rate for the last full week of 1993
6. The percent growth (or decline) in the USA's GNP for 1993
7. The 1993 Income-Export trade Gap

8. The price of an ounce of gold, as published in the SF Chronicle on the last Sunday of 1993

9. The close of the Dow Jones Industrial Average on the last day stocks are traded in 1993

10. The price of the cheapest airline ticket between Boston and San Francisco, round-trip, sold by an airline which I can find on 12-1-93 for travel over the Christmas Holidays of 1993. (I don't know the current value, but 198-398 is probably the range over the past few years).

TIE--BREAKERS:

This only serves to adjudicate a winner if there is a tie after the first ten. Tell me what the exchange rate will be at the end of the last business day of 1993 for the Dollar to the Yen.

It is my belief that there is only economics and politics which are truly "real" in our world -- and much of politics is determined by the economic. This can be evinced by the outcome of the current election, as many others. So, this is a prediction contest which has real impact to most of us, and I believe we each ought to be thinking about in some way, anyway.

I will admit that I would look very silly predicting these things without some sort of minor research, like looking in the Sunday newspaper, and you may feel that this is too much bother. I will look up a couple of things. I will enter this contest. All of my entries will have been finalized before the zine goes out. If anyone doubts my ability to not cheat, then ask me to send you a copy as soon as you get this zine, and you can be the verifier. I cannot win however. [[Sometimes I wonder about my ability to not cheat!]]

FOOTBALL PREDICTION CONTEST

Below are the entrants for the football contest. Teams are listed by name, within their division, while the columns are the initials of the entrants and their predicted # of wins with the last column being the final standings. The first entrant is Drew Pearson, as predicted and published in the Dallas Cowboy Weekly before the season began. Then my own, Jack Garrett and Steve Cameron. The last entry in each column is the absolute number off from the prediction to the actual. Since our predictions came out after the season had already started, I'm not surprised that we did better than DP.

Houston was the team with the closest prediction to actual while San Diego had the widest gap.

AFC EAST	DP	RW	JG	SC	ACTUAL
Buffalo	10	13	10	11	11
Miami	9	9	7	9	11
NY Jets	9	7	9	8	4

Indianapolis	6	5	4	5	9
New England	6	3	5	4	2
AFC CENTRAL					
Cleveland	9	7	6	7	7
Houston	9	10	10	10	10
Pittsburgh	8	8	8	7	11
Cincinnati	6	7	5	6	5
AFC WEST					
Kansas City	10	10	9	12	10
LA Raiders	9	6	9	8	7
Denver	8	11	10	10	8
San Diego	7	4	7	4	11
Seattle	6	6	7	5	2
NFC EAST					
Washington	11	11	11	10	9
Dallas	10	12	9	10	13
Philadelphia	10	12	9	11	11
NY Giants	8	6	7	7	6
Phoenix	6	4	4	5	4
NFC CENTRAL					
Detroit	9	10	9	10	5
Minnesota	9	9	9	8	11
Chicago	8	8	9	7	5
Green Bay	6	4	6	4	9
Tampa Bay	5	7	3	6	5
NFC WEST					
Atlanta	11	9	8	9	6
San Francisco	10	11	10	10	14
New Orleans	9	10	9	10	12
LA Rams	8	5	6	5	6
Differences	68	62	69	64	

So, thank you Jack Garnett and Steve Cameron. While I am the actual winner Jack and Steve will split the prize of the subscription extension, Steve with one and Jack with 2 issues. See you next year. Go Cowboys.

LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

Hello again this month. I am not turbo fast this month due to having a life. I had the deadline on Tuesday because ordinarily I only work half a day on Tuesday, however, most of the other doctors in my group were on vacation so I had to stay later. Plus, I was on call and had to return to the hospital (cross the Bay Bridge) twice and that took up a lot of time. Then the next night I had a date with my daughter to see the Sharks play the Flyers, unfortunately minus Eric

Lindros. They lost. The next day I again worked late and had a dinner party to go to for New Years Eve, and then the rest of the New Year's Festivities, etc. On Friday, after awakening it was go back to my house and prepare for my first party in my own house. 12 people for a Southern New Year's Day dinner. Ham for good health. Cabbage for luck. Black eyed peas for money. A little cornbread, some other stuff and luckily someone was bringing dessert. Still, it was all day of cleaning, cooking, worrying, etc. All went well. We played "Dream On," which is a lot like "Dictionary" or "Fictionary", the interpreting of a dream symbol by everyone and then guessing which is right, points for guessing which is right and points if someone voted for your guess. We had fun. It will easily be adaptable to play by mail, and if you don't see it in Perelandra or Dipadeedoodah first, after 2 Truths and a Lie ends, you may see a version of it here. Oh, maybe coincidentally with a game of Yahtzee. Anyway, I didn't finish the zine in time to get it to the printer for turn around on Saturday, so we have a Monday postmark.

I forgot to wish everyone happy holidays with my last issue. Something about Freud and the rush to get the zine out on the turbo schedule of the next day, etc. I am an atheist; however, I celebrate any holiday which can be paganized. There are lots at this time of the year.

My last name sounds Jewish. My Mother was a Baptist, so I'm not Jewish by birthright. Many people assume that I am. My kids celebrate Christmas. I buy presents like a true believer. I have however, never told my kids one of the biggest lies which exist in our society -- namely that there is a Santa Claus. Under penalty of divorce, I never told them that there wasn't one, however. I would be vague in my response, honest but not confrontational.

Recently, Alexander asked me about Santa Claus again. He's 6 and 3 months. Many of his peers have informed me that they know that there is not really a Santa Claus. He asked me if there really wasn't a Santa Claus, could there be a Santa Claus like person in each country? One who gave presents to all the kids in that country? Then he went on to wonder if that would still be as good?

Why me, Virginia?

I hope you all had wonderful holidays. I trust that you were responsible on New Years, and if you made any resolutions are fulfilling them. May this be the best year ever for each of us. Enjoy Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday in my absence -- while I am cruising.

There has been a tragedy to occur within Zero Sum since the last issue. Please see the Phil Reynolds game page for details.

(This is an open letter to my subscribers & to Garret Schenck, the publisher of the Zine Register)

Dear Garret;

I thought the Zine Register was a tremendous piece of work. I gained lots of information about the hobby, the people in it, and especially about the scope and breadth of the zines. I found many that I did not know about and looked as though I wanted to know more, and am sending the GM's a copy of this issue of Zero Sum in an offer to trade. My hat is off to you for the effort you put in.

I do have a bone to pick with you however. In your review of my zine you said that it has generally been timely and that you advised no one to play in it because you were afraid that it would be a messy burnout because of the rapidly expanding load. I would have appreciated some facts about the zine and letting others decide.

You and others, including the next ZR publisher have advised me to go slowly in my growth. When I decided to publish, I had quite a trepidation that no one would want to play under the Zero Sum house rules, no one would want to play in another zine, etc. I offered to take something from the Orphan Bank -- thus Cafe Prince and Count Fleet, one in 1905 and one in 1906. Another zine in which I was playing (Acropolis) had one GM burnout, and I offered to take over those two games. This happened almost simultaneously with my sending out issue #1. One game is in 1911 and the other 1905. Besides these games I was inundated with subscribers and letter writers. I consider myself very fortunate to have had the response which I have had.

I did delay the onset on a second 7X7 gunboat tournament specifically to avoid burnout, and my readers are aware that this has filled but won't start for a while. The other 7 X 7 offering has had no takers, and is also no press, so the turnaround time if it ever starts will be rather short. Fog-of-War actually takes less time to type and adjudicate than regular games.

So, in short, I am cognizant of the risk of doing too much and therefore changing play into work. I believe that I have taken adequate safeguards for me to continue publishing this without problems. The money is not a problem. The time is not a problem. The continuing dedication is not a problem. Remember, I studied for 8 years after high school to be able to practice my profession. That was delayed gratification and goal-directed behavior. This is a gratifying hobby with some work and tedium and lots of fun.

I would like a wider player base. I do hope some new people join the subscriber list, enter into the contests and participate in the letters and general fun. I do realize that to offer subscriptions is to enter into a reciprocal relationship with each subscriber. I intend to keep my part of the bargain.

Again, thanks for the tremendous amount of work which you did. I salute you and hope the rest of the hobby does also. I am reprinting one of your camera ready ads below. I hope that each of my subscribers gets a Zine Register and

reads it cover to cover. I have!

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*Sincerely,
Duo*

"Hey Rocky, watch me pull a rabbit out of a hat!"

Again? Sure, why not? Remember, this will be your last chance to see *Zine Register* the way it was meant to be...Totally Turbo®!

Change is good. Along with a new three-column format, we've added scanned pictures of almost every zine in the hobby, so you can "see before you buy." This makes issue #21 more of a "catalog of zines" than a dry and dusty "dictionary of zines." You can browse through it, drool over your favorite zine(s), or use the descriptions of those you don't care for as toilet paper (hey, that's what they used to do with the Sears & Roebuck catalog, too)! Freedom of choice, as always...

Some things haven't changed, however, as we have numerous "guest reviews" contributed by "the Usual Gang of Idiots," the very latest info on gamestarts, eulogies to recently departed zines (i.e., folds), "sidebars" on many different aspects of the postal games hobby, and more listings of foreign zines than any *Zine Register*.

If you want to receive your very own copy of *Zine Register* #21, be sure to get in line by sending a mere \$2.50 (\$4.00 for overseas buyers) to:

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Pete will be publishing his first *Zine Register* in May 1993. But he's as anxious to start doing the Zine Bank as I am to get rid of it, so he's taking over ZR's companion service starting now. His address: 1521 S. Novato Blvd. #46, Novato, CA 94947-4147.

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I've already received a response from Garret to a card I sent him and a letter from the next *Zine Register*'s editor, Pete Gaughan. Pete says, "I am enjoying the hell out of your zine but I agree with Garret's comments in the *Zine Register* (I would not have said it so harshly or in so much excess, but there you are): you are doing so much that you look like a classic candidate for burnout. You may have the finances to sustain 34 pages or more each month, so that's not the problem (many past flameout victims were college students with limited income). But I have no idea how much time ZS sucks out of your leisure, and there are now two other people with demands on you. [[referring to Hannah and Alexander, my kids]]. But for as long as you keep it up, I'm game. [[Then he enters two truths and a lie.]]

Garrett wrote a very nice letter. This is my edited version: "...I apologize for my review of Zero Sum. I think it's the single worst review in the entire ZR this time around. Perhaps it's because it was one of the last things I did on the issue -- maybe I was overtired, or worn out or something [[I'd call it "punchy"]]...."Don't misunderstand me. I think you ARE headed down the road to burnout... I could have said what I did A LOT MORE POLITELY. Especially lacking in my review is any significant mention of your zine's good points...I truly wish you all the best of luck, and may the powers that exist in our world prove my prophecies of your zine's imminent demise be spectacularly wrong! Here's hoping the new year brings you and your zine all the success you could have hoped for. Thanks for listening. [[THANK YOU! Topic finished.]]

Letter to Burrard (Buz) Eddy:

Buz;

Thank you for your quick response to my query in Zero Sum # 8. As I understand it, your system rates players for both PBM and FTF games of which you have received the results. You have entered into a data base over 1,700 games. Holy mackerel man, get a life (as Garret would tell me). For each game you enter in the then current ratings for each of the 7 original players. The minimum rating is 1,000 and the current highest is Gary Behnen at over 13,000. You take these 7 point ratings and multiply each times a factor between 5% and 9%. You then sum these factored ratings and multiply the sum times 1.4. This is what you call the "Contribution" or the value of points in the pot. You divide these points among the winners. In your system there are solo wins, draws, and losses. Any original player who quits is a loser. Any survivor not part of the draw is a loser. The total number of dots is irrelevant.

While you do not divulge your exact formula to me, you have to Diplomacy World and in #68 Fritz Juhnke analyzed it. You state that a very close approximation of the value can be determined by using 7% as the factor for all seven players/countries. The formula is old rating - contribution + award = new rating.

Let me give an example below. I recently started a game in "Crimson Sky" called Fishers Hill. The players ratings are 13,522, 1133, 1672, 1,983, and 3 of us whom I cannot find listed, so we will assume that we each have a rating of 1,000. Thus, the "contribution" of each player is, 946 (although as Italy, I'm sure this one is the 5%), 79, 117, 139, and 70 three times. This totals 1,491 and if I understand correctly, is multiplied times 1.4 for a total of 2,087. So, if I were to win this game, I'd have a new rating of 3,087, while everyone else (except those at 1,000) would be corrected down by their contribution to the pot. If it's a two way draw, then I'd get half of the total or about 1,000 points and get catapulted into being a Master. If I manage to reach a quick 4-way stalemate I'd get 500 points and climb into the rankings as an Expert.

I have two negative things to say. One is that we should all play in games with Behnen and then conspire to take him out and survive and we will all become Senior Masters in no time. This seems unfair and unrealistic but taking Gary away from the ratings, this is much less likely to occur in any given game and seems okay.

The second is much more serious. I do not think that a solo win should be the equivalent of two two-way draws, or 4-four-ways draws.

I have a neutral comment about the ratings. That is, as these become available, then that will influence the games. This is "cross-gaming" material. Before, one

developed a knowledge of players which was imprecise and shaded by personal experience. The subjective error may have been great. Now, some will play the numbers, but that is not so new.

I have a very positive statement to make about the Maelstrom ratings. I think they are well designed and thought through. I think they are an addition to the hobby. I am in favor of them. I will send you my results. I think that because of the win/draw/lose categorization and lack of attention to any number of SC's that this allows the individual game to go on and allows a more general game to be played, or not as the players wish. By more general I am referring to people who play with an eye towards the ratings.

Thank you so much for doing the 1,700 game data entries, which if we multiply times 7 and then add a result we are talking about more than 15,000 entries before you even got started doing anything.

And yes, I will be sending Zero Sum in trade.

Sincerely,

Letter from Buz, which accompanied some of the Maelstrom issues. ... "The comments from David Wang about players attempting to maximize ratings and the anonymous "the fucking ratings ruin the game" are perhaps best responded to with Zero Sum reader, Ron Newmaster's observations." He then quotes Ron, and closes with... "I guess I don't understand the point the anonymous reader was trying to make. You will find no stronger advocate of the position that people who "play for survival" ruin the game of Diplomacy than myself.

"The premise that "you win, you draw, or you lose" undergirds Maelstrom ratings. I'd compare this to Zero Sum Diplomacy, but other than seeing a passing reference to "win Only" I don't know what this is."

[[There are only two conditions for the end of a game in Zero Sum. One is that there is one winner and six losers. The other is that there are 7 who tie for not losing. Thus the end result is always zero.]]

and now this from Ron Newmaster, courtesy of Buz Eddy: "Will some people play for ratings? of course. Will some people game the system. Of course. Some people are insufferably obnoxious about letting you know their IQ test scores or SAT scores from twenty years ago! It still comes down to sitting at the table or taking pen in hand and playing. Those people who embroider their rating on their lapel just add to the burden they carry into negotiations. The people who say they can do then show they can do deserve the right to flaunt as much as they want. Those who do not care about ratings will not care about ratings. Those who are concerned about ratings will find that the topic is of interest only to those who also care."

And now, the Maelstrom ratings for those in Zero Sum,
as provided by Buz.

GRANDMASTER
Andy Lischett 5,313

SENIOR MASTER
Mike Gonsalves 3,350
Steve Swigger 3,348

MASTER
Jack Garrett 2,467
Rick Kohman 2,569
Kevin Kozlowski 3,172
Eric Ozog 2,422

EXPERT
David Anderson 1,310
John Armstrong 1,801
Mike Barno 1,629
Jim Burgess 2,147
Roger Cox 1,564
Randy Davis 1,215
Stephen Donneman 1,304
Pete Gaughan 1,437
Fred Hyatt 1,672
Tom Johnston 1,250
Lee Kendter, Jr. 1,143
Doug Kent 1,482
David Lang 1,395
Mark Lew 1,395
Ron Newmaster 1,814
Phil Reynolds 1,411
George Rifle 1,925
Don Scheifler 1,255
Garret Schenck 1,810
John Schultz 1,539
Mike Vaporis 1,269

I am not listed because I am not good enough to have accumulated the minimum number of points to be an expert. I do not know if there are categories under expert other than novice, or rank, or bumlbers, but that is my category. There are others of whom I am surprised that they are not here, but oh well. To those of you listed above, whether you care or not -- CONGRATULATIONS.

Mike Barno sent a letter he wrote to Buz Eddy and included another brief comment. I've only included the brief comment specifically germane to this zine. "There's about 60 zines with Dip content in North America and a somewhat larger number in the rest of the world. So my advice to those encountering an inbred group of established, buddy-buddy overfhlooded players is to try a few other zines

which have different people active in their games. Honestly, there's no monolithic "mainstream" where all the old mainstays make the same deals everywhere and ignore the new blood. And in any given zine, only a few will actually be concerned with ratings or reputations. There's close to a thousand people out there without crossing the oceans, you shouldn't have to join games where you've played against most of the others."

Pete Gaughan again: "Live in the real world. Newcomers will always feel uneasy and have a harder time succeeding than established hobby members. We're human. (And even hyenas haze newcomers!) I WANT to believe that the longer I'm at this, the better chance I have of winning! I don't care about my rating, but I don't mind playing against people who do care. If I can't deduce somebody's goals in a game soon enough to stop them from achieving those goals, then I deserve to lose.

John Armstrong: "I don't think it's necessary to pursue the copyright debate further.... [[agreed, almost]] Between my arguments of the ethical implications ("It's just a hobby folks") to Karl's discussion of the law ("I'm just trying to be informative") we've about covered it.

"Speaking of ethics, I think I'll move on to the cross-gaming. It is my belief that a mature player should be able to make war with someone in one game while being allied with him or her in another. I know this sounds idealistic but I've done it and I know that you have as well (I remember how in Swiss Observer you and John Schultz went to war in American Diplomacy but became allies in Fog of War). Past games should not have any influence on current ones. I've ignored you in the two games we've played together but that doesn't necessarily mean we'll ignore each other in any future games.

"What is this about people playing for and worried about custodian ratings? Who cares? Get a life!

"One other note: I'll be coming out with the (new) Swiss Observer soon along with one or two game openings for Global Diplomacy (3rd edition). If you wish to trade (or give me a plug) you're more than welcome to do so."

THIS IS A PLUG. SEND SOME MONEY TO JOHN ARMSTRONG AND PLAY DIPLOMACY IN SWISS OBSERVER. THE OLD CLIENTELE WAS PLEASANT, GOOD, COMMUNICATIVE, AND THE GAMES WERE SPARKLING, EFFICIENTLY GM'D AND "NICELY" CRITIQUED. John, I think I am already carrying you as a form of a trade, so send me something back and it will be official. No rush though, as I told you before, I enjoyed playing in your zine for so long that I have years of payback to give before you owe anything. (That's another plug, subscribers!). But true.

Karl has sent me a letter and a cartoon. Excerpts and then the cartoon. "Also enclosed is a comic strip that ran in "The Amateur Cartoonists Journal." I am offering it as a substitute while I contact David Anderson. My offer will remain open to anyone who has a complete (Humorous) idea

that needs an illustration. Just so you know what is legally transpiring here, I am giving you permission to copy and distribute in Zero Sum mu unaltered (except for size) cartoon "Gunky Mouse," without consideration. I hope you enjoy it. If not, just affix it to your favorite inanimate object.

"Have you heard from any syndicate yet? Did you inquire with anyone besides Universal Press? [[no, no]] My prediction is that Universal Press will be so overwhelmed and awestruck by the bold honesty and professionalism of your request that they will put Zero Sum under their syndication, send you copies of all their publications and the owner will ask you to marry his daughter!

"To answer your question from issue #8, Yes, it absolutely is stealing if you sing or quote the lyrics of a song. That is why I always hum or whistle. It is illegal to perform a copy-protected song on a musical instrument only if it is played on an accordian. Profits from bar bets must be declared for tax purposes but are not illegal because the "spirit of the law" has not been violated. Consult either an attorney or a medium regarding the spiritual legality.

"I would like to answer your questions if I could but my Father taught me to be ignorant of laws so I'd have an excuse. ... Now, if I may extract my tongue from my cheek ..."

[[Good, I finally have found someone with a lead on the saying, "Play an accordian, go to jail!]]

This segues to Mike Magnuson's letter about as well as anything else above, so here goes. "I'm house sitting in a little mountain cabin for 2 weeks. These people should really consider insulating this place sometime. My job is to keep the fire going and feed their animals. They have 4 horses, 2 donkeys, 5 dogs, 12 - 14 cats (I haven't been able to count them), 4 turtles, and a piranna. The piranna is the funnest to feed. He eats a dozen gold fish a day, a pretty big piranna! I brought my dog up too, so the place is quite a zoo. the good thing here is that I'm only about 1/2 hours from my Mom's house, so I'll spend Christmas with her and my Sis. Santa is going to be toting a pretty small bag from my house this year. The economy in Pueblo is REAL bad. I haven't been able to find a job other than fast food for 3 months. I'm about out of savings. But I think I've got a gig lined up to build a garage in late January. I'm also starting to get painting lined up for the spring. Hope I make it to March.

"Maybe we can do a little comparative politics. In this area, most people are wondering why we are spending so much money to send the troops to Somalia when there are such widespread problems here in America. When we see pictures of Marines setting up checkpoints in Magadishu and confiscating guns, we wonder why there are no check points in areas like Watts, ?, Red Hook, and Harlem. One of my

closest friends and favorite sources of wisdom said the otherday 'Somalia is just like it is over here, a bunch of dirt poor blacks with no education wreaking havoc with guns. The only difference there is that they are fighting for food not crack.' My personal belief is that Bush sent in the troops with a late Jan timetable for withdrawal to set up Clinton with baggage so that whoever runs for the Republicans in '96 can claim the glory if everything works out or shift the blame to Clinton if the troops end up having to stay or things go badly after they leave. I believe that no trick is too dirty for George Bush.

"I was quite disappointed when Clinton bowed to the Women's lobbies and appointed a less qualified woman to the Department of Energy instead of Tim Wirth. I was also hoping for a more moderate cabinet. But, it seems that ol Slick Willie is packing it with superliberals. Pete Gaughan should be happy.

"As you probably know, we passed an amendment here that precluded the granting of special rights to homosexuals. Every day, we hear about somebody else joining in the boycott on Colorado. Most of what I hear people like Barbara Streisand say is 100% correct. The boycott is the only issue that I can claim to agree with Ruch Limbaum on. What do you hear about the amendment/boycott in your area?...

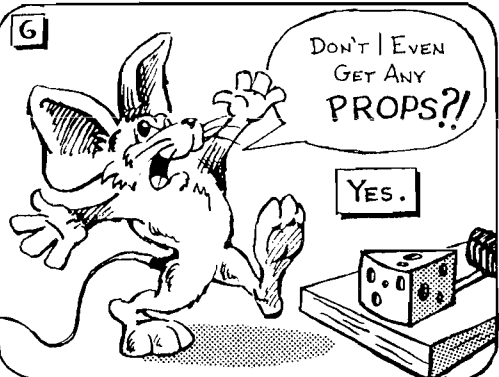
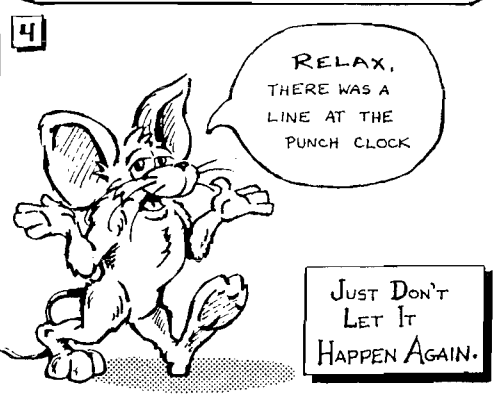
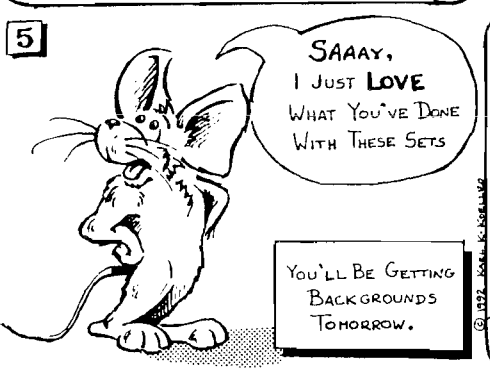
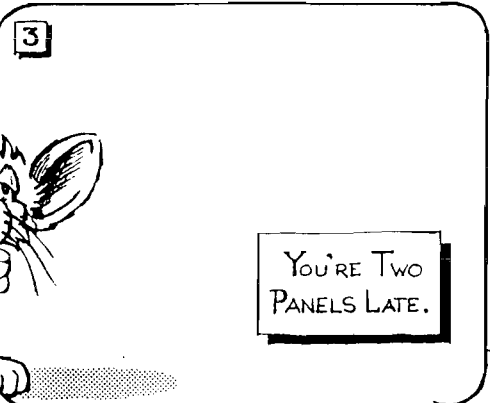
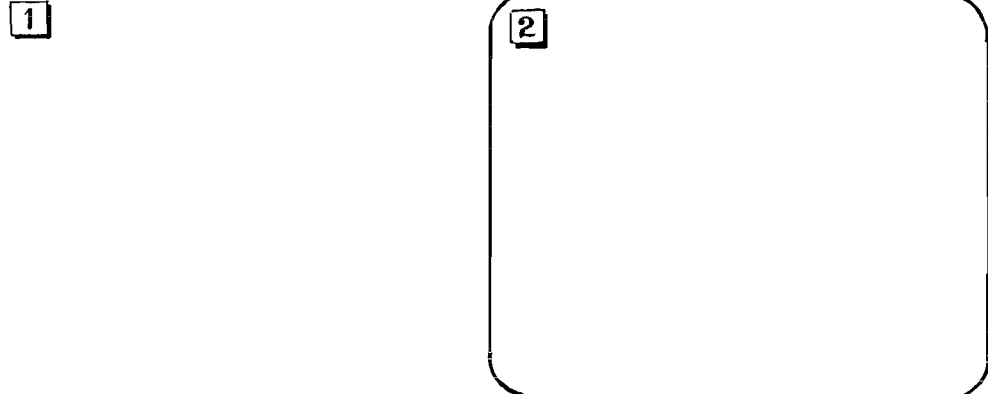
..."I've been looking for somebody who knows how to get the fan zine "Cheap Truth." I think it comes out of Houston, and is a sci-fi zine dedicated solely to cyberpunk. If you have a lead, I'd appreciate the tip."

[[A lot of stuff there. I do know that if we were all vegetarians there would be so much more food available that there would be enough for all if properly distributed.

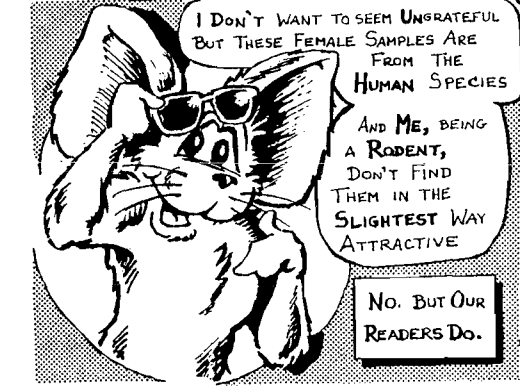
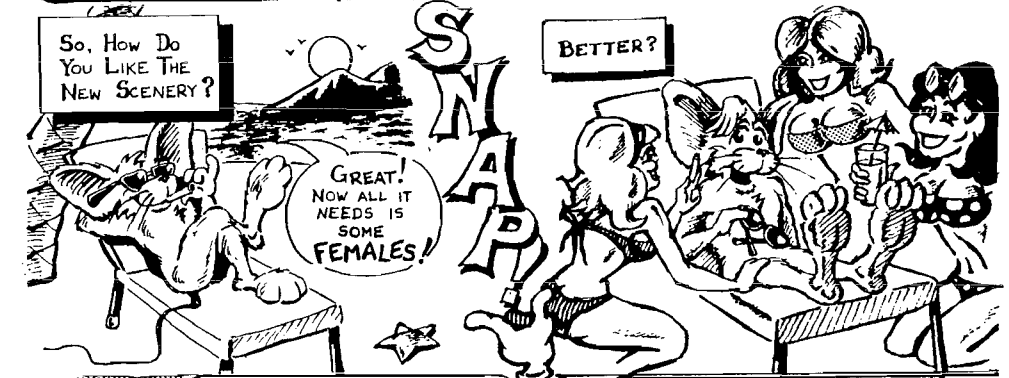
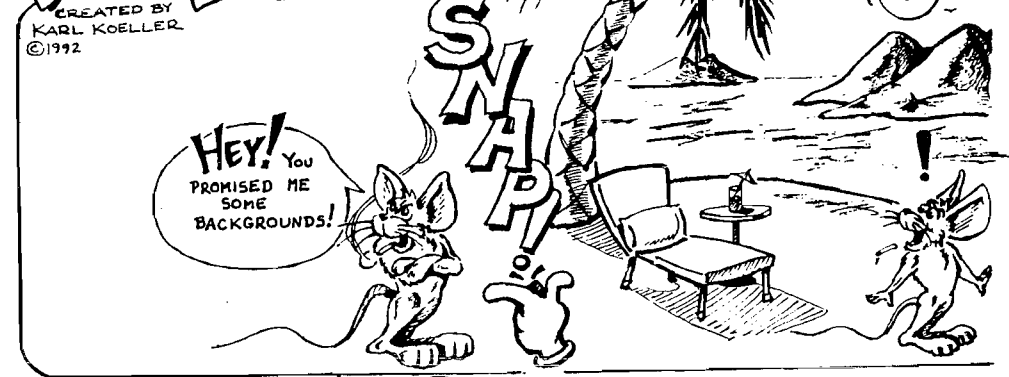
I live in San Francisco for a variety of reasons none of which are really political. San Francisco was a liberal mecca carrying forward the ideals of the flower children, so anything I hear is very biased. After all, everyone I knew was going to vote for Mondale/Ferraro in that election. Also, the City is strongly influenced by the gay/lesbian community. One of the lesbian supervisors has been very influential in the Clinton transition team choices. She was a parent of one of my son's classmates in preschool, etc.

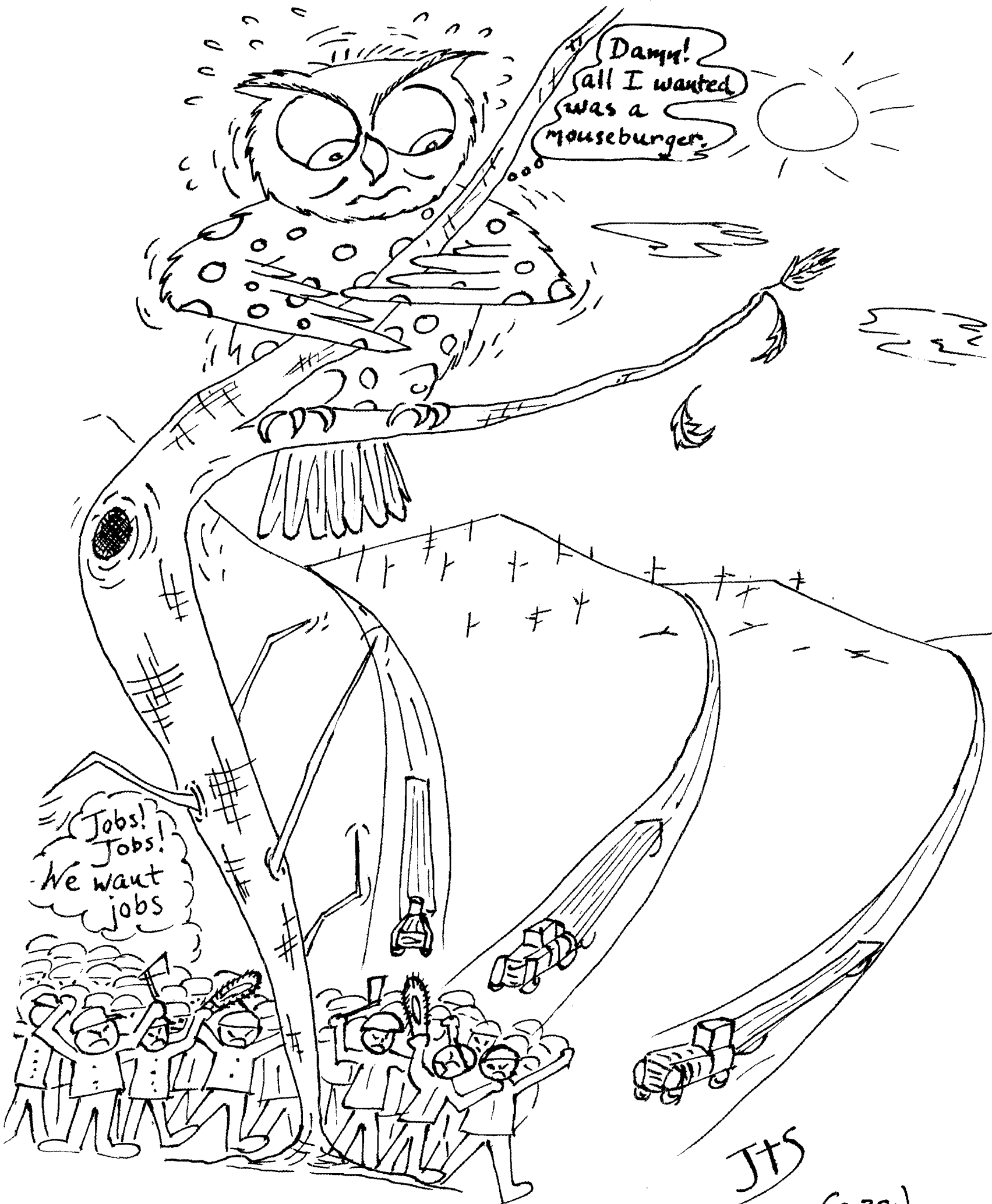
I hear that Bush would do anything for a means that seems to justify his ends, however corrupt. I heard he will resign and let Quayle pardon him. I know that others deaths are but part of the "game" he plays. I hear that the cabinet is too moderate and assorted and there are too many conservative and good-old boy type nominees. I hear that all the people of Colorado will suffer by their political short-sightedness and that the ban on "special gay laws" will be overturned as the economic brunt of the boycott is felt. I know that the City of San Francisco has voted to end all economic relationships with Colorado, not allow any city travel to the state, nor do business with companies

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