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Quote Of The Month – "Now! Now! I have to go! I have to see the frozen Charles tonight!"
(Clementine in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind")

Welcome to **Eternal Sunshine**, the only Diplomacy zine where the publisher leaves the front page for last, which means he has little energy and even less time to say anything of interest! So, I'll keep this amazingly short. Sign up for some games! Check out the columns and subzines, including the two – count 'em – two issues of The Abyssinian Prince that are included here. Participate, so I don't fold this zine like a paper airplane. Oh, and when the Movie Photo quiz ends next issue, I'll be going back to quotes. See you in July!

Playlist: The Complete Hits Collection – Billy Joel; Greatest Hits – Neil Young; Dulcinea – Toad the Wet Sprocket; Caldera – Raina Rose.

Hypothetical of the Month

Last month, we gave you these hypothetical questions or situations: #1 – *A friend who is a strict vegetarian is coming for dinner. You're feeling proud of your bean stew, until you remember that you used a beef stock. Do you keep quiet and serve the dish?* #2 – *You promise to sublet your apartment to someone. Another person offers you \$1,000 cash if you rent it to him instead. Do you keep your word to the first party?*

Heather Taylor - #1 – No, I tell them and let them decide if they want it or want something else---yes it is a pain but I would want them to do the same if it were me.

#2 – Yes, but I would tell the first party that I had another offer. I would want to make sure that they are really wanting it. If they are not sure or say no, they changed their mind then I will tell them I am going with the other offer.

Melinda Holley - #1 - No. I would apologize to my friend and explain what happened. Then I'd offer to spring for dinner somewhere.

#2 - Yes. Since I've promised this to somebody else, it's reasonable to figure that this person has made plans based on that promise. I'd like to think our friendship is worth more than \$1000.

Phil Murphy - #1 - I'm tempted to say yes, but sadly my conscience would force me to admit it. I'd try and offer an alternative.

#2 –Since it's not a written agreement, no. Any agreement I would make to sublet would have to be in writing, and I would not consider myself bound to the promise unless it is in writing. I would however telephone the person immediately and advise them of what has taken place.

Had the agreement been in writing then of course I would abide by the agreement.

Heath Gardner - #1 - Of course not. That would be a mega dick move.

#2 - I always keep my word to my friends. Money is meaningless compared to human connection. It's what we're here for.

Robin ap Cyran - #1 - Yes. It makes it taste better anyway. But I'd say what was in it; down to them whether they eat it or prefer an omelet.

#2 – No. Serious property transactions are never binding unless evidenced in writing (in the UK anyway).

Dick Martin - #1 - nope. i'd reveal and if they're strict and opt not to have any...oh well

#2 - if there's enough lead time for person 1 to find another place, yes - assuming that both parties are equally qualified otherwise as roomies & renters.

Don Del Grande - #1 - Absolutely not! For all I know, my friend is vegetarian for a medical reason.

#2 –Absolutely! If your word stops being your bond, then you had better stop living your life as if you don't need to depend on anyone else.

Richard Weiss - #1 - Vegetarian and beef stock: Nah, been there never done that. You did call the person a "friend." Respect. Disclosure. choice on the other's part.

#2 - I'm the mortgagee (?) for my daughter's 3rd floor of 4 story building in SF, not a nice area, but not far from one, 3 stories occupied, 3 BR tenants-in-common flat (TIC is below condo status and value). One BR with shared bath and access to all common areas is way more than \$1k a month. The entire flat/apartment would be in access of \$3K per month. And yes, \$3K is above the mortgage due each month. Two renters nearly equal the payment. Nah. and Nah. The difference would have to be in six or seven figures for me to do away with all these years of honesty and the value of my stated word.

Tom Howell - #1 - I did something similar to this once. Served rabbit and let the guests assume it was chicken. They were squeamish due to having a pet rabbit... Now, though, if I'd forgotten an item like that, very unlikely, I'd scramble to set things right: start an new - quicker - dinner, take them out somewhere, whatever necessary.

#2 - Yep.

Hugh Polley - #1 - NO! HE WILL TASTE IT, AND IF HE IS YOUR FRIEND HE WILL FORGIVE YOUR MISTAKE.

#2 – IF THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON PRICE WITH FIRST PARTY YOU GET BACK TO HIM AND ASK FOR A RENT WHICH WILL OVER 1 YEAR BE ABOUT \$1000 MORE THAN YOU WERE INTENDING TO MAKE. IN BUSINESS ONE SHOULD BE KNOWN FOR KEEPING HIS WORD UNLESS DOING SO WILL RESULT IN EXPENSES BEING GREATER THAN REVENUE. SO IF FIRST OFFER WILL RESULT IN PROFIT THEN WORD SHOULD BE KEPT.

Andy Lischett - #1 - I apologize and tell him of the beef stock. He's vegetarian for a reason, and it's not up to me to ignore it.

#2 - I ask the first person if he will sublet for sure. If yes, then I stick to the agreement. If he's not sure then I explain that I have someone else interested (without mentioning the \$1000 bonus) and ask him to decide.

John Biehl - #1 - Yes, you tell your vegetarian friend about your beef stock and also prepare a small batch of the same recipe without using the beef stock to serve him/her.

#2 - I would sublet my apartment to the first person and forgo the 1,000 cash. A deal is a deal and that first person offered to sublet first and might be stuck for a place if you turned him/her down. Also, who in their right mind would pay extra to get a rental - just go out and find something else.

Don Williams - #1 - I shouldn't be this intolerant, but I generally think of true vegans as pains in the ass. I get that they're making both a political and religious statement, but I wish they'd do it more quietly – let them model the behavior, not mouth off about it. That said, I'd have to honor the commitment my friend has made and offer a vegan PB&J sandwich over my super-duper soup.

#2 - You honor your promises. End of story.

Andy York - #1 - I'll serve the dish presuming other folks are joining us and I can whip up a suitable replacement dish for my vegan friend. Otherwise, presuming there isn't sufficient time to create a new dish, when he got there I'd confess and offer to treat at his favorite local restaurant.

#2 - My answer remains the same for those types of situations, I'd honor my original agreement. However, in this case, I might talk to the original subleser and see if we could split the \$1000 if he'd make other arrangements.

For Next Month (For the time being, I am usually selecting questions from the game "A Question of Scruples" which was published in 1984 by High Games Enterprises). Remember you can make your answers as detailed as you wish.: **#1 (From Don Williams)** - *You and your spouse decide to go to the movies. You're running late as you get to the theater and opt to valet park. As you enter the theater you remember that in your rush to go you've left \$40 cash in the center console of your car and mutter "dammit" under your breath. When the car is returned after the movie you check the console and, sure enough, the two \$20 bills are gone. You don't accuse the valet of theft but inform him that he won't be getting a tip tonight as "someone" has taken the \$40. He swears that's not true but you drive off feeling stupid and pissed off for leaving the money there in the first place. The next day, you pull two soggy \$20 bills out of the washing machine – they came from the jeans you were wearing before you went to the movies last night. You mutter "dammit" under your breath again. What do you do next?* **#2** – *The house next to you was vacant for a while, but now a family has bought it and moved in. They have seven people in a two bedroom house, and four cars which come and go at all hours of the night. They seem to have made it their mission to slap every door of every car whenever they get into one, and they constantly move cars in and out of the driveway to let another one out. They have junk in their backyard, and a highly annoying, un-collared and likely unregistered little yappy dog which can escape from their back yard whenever it wants to. When it does it tears up trash, barks incessantly, and probably impregnates other dogs in the neighborhood since they won't get it fixed. You've decided to burn down their house in an attempt to get them to move, and to possibly plant false evidence of a meth lab inside before the fire. Do you do it yourself, or hire someone?*

The Dining Dead -

The Eternal Sunshine Movie Reviews

Seen on DVD – Solstice (B-, not a terrible little movie, more a bit creepy than scary); **Suburban Mayhem** (B+, a ton of fun and the lead actress was super cute); **Village of the Damned** (B, the original, great for its time); **Dorothy Mills** (D+, just utterly boring), **A Nightmare on Elm Street Part 3 – Dream Warriors** (C-, the scenes which were cool when it came out are laughably bad now); **Safety Not Guaranteed** (B, from the people who brought you Puffy Chair and Baghead, another low budget winner).

Meet Me In Montauk

The Eternal Sunshine Letter Column

Phil Murphy: As always, enjoying the most recent issues of Eternal Sunshine. So will we see TAP make a return in ES #77? Perhaps we should start a pool on which issue it will be? I am calling dibs on ES #88 by the way.

[[You lose...it's this issue, double...]]

I should not talk... Th' Edge of Th' Abyss is still on hiatus after two issues... and three years.

The problem is time. None of us can manipulate the laws of time and space to suit our ends. And zines are hard work, as I discovered the hard way.

[[Amen, brother.]]

Speaking of time, real life has mortgaged mine of late. I should also point out that I have recently gotten engaged... and I sadly cannot make herself a Diplomacy Widow (after the ceremony is time enough *grin*). No date set, no finalized plans as yet. We're in wait and see mode and just enjoying the moment.

[[I want some lingerie shots so I can approve.]]

Now that you're steaming along towards the full century, do you have any plans to mark the 100th issue of Eternal Sunshine?

[[Fold?]]

Keep up the good work Doug. Eternal Sunshine's got great things going for it, and long may it reign supreme!

P.S. Does this mean my stock gets a boost? ;) Or do I have to actually release an issue of TEOTA at last?

[[Letters count.]]

Mark Firth: Actually listened to a link somewhere for once (SHEL) and was glad I did. Ta.

[[SHEL is great. You should go back and try some of the other musical interviews I've done. Raina Rose's new CD, for example, is excellent.]]

W. Andrew York - I'll be in Arlington on Thursday for the Rangers' game against Arizona. A friend got tickets nearly on the field (3rd row) a little bit beyond 1st base. It'll be my first Major League game for the year. I'm also definitely going to have to go to Houston for some games - with Reid Ryan (up 'til then he ran the Round Rock Express) there, things should turn around (though fixing the team will be a major effort).

[[I hope they fare better at home. Then again they had a 13-inning game against Seattle at the worst possible time: the night before a doubleheader against Arizona.]]

The Twisting Tale

This is a rotating story, with a different author every issue, and a chapter of 500 words. If you'd like to participate, please email me and let me know, and I'll let you know when your turn comes up. **We need more participants!** Email me at dougray30@yahoo.com if you'd like to participate!

Chapter 20 – by Mark Firth

There was no sudden crack, no stark announcement of his arrival. Rather, the screen parted and the revealed wall fissured. Just a little at first, then sufficiently for his still glistening head to gain an incipient emergence.

First and final.

With each flexion, his confidence grew; as the cell walls yielded, his certainty of mission solidified, a mirror to the firming of his skin in the outside air, curiosity succeeding mere atavistic compulsion.

Still timeless, his world grew around him. Now there were fresh movements, undreamed scents.

And there were others.

Other opaque capsules, not yet discharged of their prisoners. He sensed time and discerned he was first.

Final -- ?

Turning in the warmth he manoeuvred his body, so best to address the issue.

Cognate Issue.

A flood of impulses unwonted:

- Recognition, of primogeniture
- Desire, of this condition
- Will, to maintain it

(Of a kind) he had jaws, did he not? ...Coils, newly sprung?
(Why) let his brethren meet his gentle kiss, his tender embrace!

How far his purpose could now take him. How high his imagination might elevate him.

How rapidly, apotheosis.

So, to primal action. He contorted his frame and rose unsteadily. An augmented perspective. Swaying watchfully, he towered above the fracturing shells, each shard a laurel to life's brief victory.

Soon to be a wreath.

From here, the brood was divested of all semblance of similarity. Lesser things.

Playthings.

Nor this mattered. Were kinship in his genes, or conscience in his blood, they remained as yet unawakened. And this was no creature of empathy.

One of the latecomers strove to rid itself of its carapace, stuck deeper into the nest and implacable to its writhing.

That one would surely wait.

Another rippled to the nest's edge, as though aware of and in flight from imminent doom.

That need not.

Here now, a larger one began itself to climb. An ascent no more faltering, perhaps, than his own. But crucially an age later.

Not first then, but to be first now!

He prepared to strike, noting his prey seemed unaware of his intent - or even his presence. His jaws widened, his back tensed...

It was done.

With the fleetest descent she came upon him. In an instant he was taken up, taken in, devoured.

First, final.

She settled alongside the nest, beholding with satisfaction the remaining hatchlings, now free of the first tyranny.

-- Final?

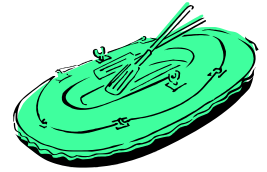
It is our way, new ones. The first, the cursed. Always we must sacrifice, so always we prosper. Now, eat and grow. I must sleep.

- Fin -

Next up – Chapter 21 by Jim Burgess

LIFEBOAT!

A game of survival, bad breath, and fish odor...



This is the simple game of Lifeboat. Everyone plays this, whether you participate or not. Each turn everyone still alive in the lifeboat may make a single vote to throw someone off the lifeboat, or a single vote to remove one vote from yourself (a defensive measure). The high vote getter is thrown overboard, as well as any player getting 2 or more net votes (due to the damage caused when Sanka was tossed overboard). In a tie, everyone with that score is thrown over. Last one in the boat wins. I'll probably give a prize, as usual. **Press is encouraged.** Note that the votes themselves are NOT revealed. I just simply announce who is thrown overboard. If you're not listed as in the lifeboat right now but want to be, email me and I will add you next issue. If you are listed and don't want to be...well, too bad. There is no suicide in this game; you just can ignore it if you want to.

Currently in the lifeboat:

Hugh Polley and John Biehl

Carol, lonely for the company of Andy Lischett, jumps into the water. She quickly discovers being eaten by sharks is NOT as romantic as any of the scenes in Titanic.

Thrown Into the Shark Infested Waters: Douglas Kent, Jack McHugh, Chris Babcock, Paraic Reddington, Sanka the Cat (safely made it to land), Andy York, Toby the Helpful Kitty (safely made it to land), Phil Murphy, Fred Wiedemeyer, Don Williams, Kayza the Dog (safely made it to land), Michael Quirk, Dane Maslen, Larry Cronin, Chuy Cronin, Richard Weiss, Tom Howell, Jeremie Lefrancois, Harley Jordan, Cal White, Andy Lischett, Rick Desper, William Wood, Jim Burgess, Hank Alme, Kevin Tighe, Per Westling, Kevin Wilson, Jeff O'Donnell, Graham Wilson, Melinda Holley, Michael Cronin, Pat Vogelsang, Robin ap Cynan, Lance Anderson, David McCrumb, Heather Taylor, Brendan Whyte, David Burgess, David Latimer, Allison Kent, Amber Smith, Geoff Kemp, Michael Moulton, Martin Burgdorf, and Tom Swider, Paul Milewski, Marc Ellinger, Carol Kay.

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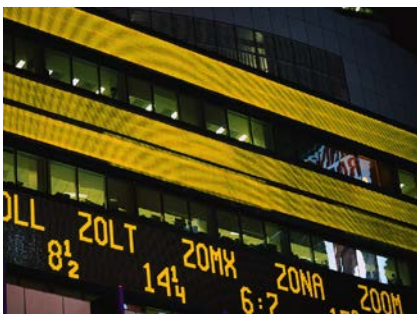
Shark to John: What do you call a couple of shark bellies full of lawyers?

John to Shark: A good start?

Shark to Carol: Are you coming to dinner next? You look like a tasty bit. Or, are you going to trick one of those unappetizing guys into helping you throw the other in?

Anonymous: Any of those three lawyers? I know I'm not (am I still in the raft?).

Deadline for your vote and any press is June 25th at 7:00am my time



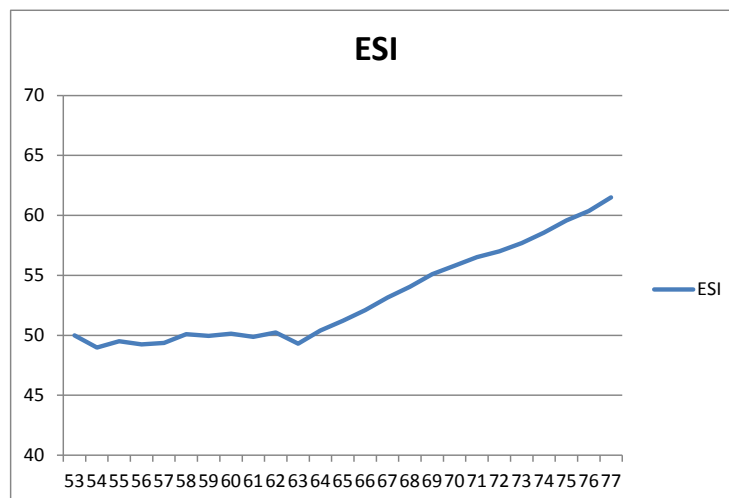
Eternal Sunshine Index – ESI
A Scientific Measure of Zine Health
Current Index: 61.49 + 1.88%

The **Eternal Sunshine Index** is a stock-market-like index of the zine. You don't do anything in this game, except write press or commentary on price movements (or why you think your stock should have gone up or down). I move the prices beginning with next issue based on my own private formula of quantity and quality zine participation (NMR's, press, columns, etc.). Any new zine participants become new issues valued at at 50, but the stock for anyone who disappears will remain listed. The average of all listed stocks will result in the ESI closing value each month, which will be charted issue to issue after we have a few months' worth of data. If you

don't like the stock symbol I have assigned you, you may petition the exchange to change it. Blame Phil Murphy for suggesting this section to me.

Market Commentary: The return of The Abyssinian Prince and the other subzines and columns (as well as only a single NMR) kept the index moving higher yet again. Is this a sign of Federal Reserve stimulus, or something else? Only time will tell. Getting some more sign-ups on the Game Opening page could really push the index to new highs.

<u>Stock</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>% +/-</u>			
AJK - Allison Kent	71	1.4%	HLJ - Harley Jordan	84	2.4%
ALM - Hank Alme	29	3.6%	JOD - Jeff O'Donnell	84	1.2%
AMB - Amber Smith	0.01	0.0%	KMP - Geoff Kemp	97	2.1%
AND - Lance Anderson	0.01	0.0%	KVT - Kevin Tighe	35	-12.5%
BAB - Chris Babcock	4	33.3%	LAT - David Latimer	83	1.2%
BIE - John Biehl	110	1.9%	LCR - Larry Cronin	0.01	0.0%
BRG - Martin Burgdorf	99	2.1%	MRK - Mark Nelson	0.01	0.0%
BWD - Brad Wilson	115	1.8%	MCC - David McCrumb	40	-9.1%
CAK - Andy Lischett	101	1.0%	MCR - Michael Cronin	0.01	0.0%
CAL - Cal White	0.01	0.0%	MIM - Michael Moulton	22	-8.3%
CHC - Chuy Cronin	0.01	0.0%	MRC - Marc Ellinger	96	2.1%
CIA - Tom Swider	0.01	0.0%	OTS - Tom Howell	94	2.2%
CKW - Kevin Wilson	98	-3.9%	PER - Per Westling	94	2.2%
CKY - Carol Kay	25	-10.7%	PJM - Phil Murphy	32	6.7%
DAN - Dane Maslen	97	1.0%	QUI - Michael Quirk	13	8.3%
DBG - David Burgess	0.01	0.0%	RAC - Robin ap Cynan	69	1.5%
DGR - David Grabar	3	-40.0%	RDP - Rick Desper	102	2.0%
DTC - Brendan Whyte	93	1.1%	REB - Melinda Holley	100	2.0%
DUK - Don Williams	88	2.3%	RED - Paraic Reddington	106	1.9%
FRD - Fred Wiedemeyer	94	2.2%	RWE - Richard Weiss	114	4.6%
FRG - Jeremie Lefrancois	0.01	0.0%	SAK - Jack McHugh	188	7.4%
FRT - Mark Firth	95	3.3%	TAP - Jim Burgess	121	7.1%
GAR - Heath Gardner	63	3.3%	VOG - Pat Vogelsang	0.01	0.0%
GRA - Graham Wilson	0.01	0.0%	WAY - W. Andrew York	98	2.1%
HAP - Hugh Polley	38	5.6%	WLK - Richard Walkerdine	141	0.0%
HDT - Heather Taylor	98	2.1%	WWW - William Wood	0.01	0.0%
			YLP - Paul Milewski	125	4.2%



Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?

Rules in ES #58. Send in your guesses. I've played this in Brandon Whyte's Damn the Consequences a few times and it's fun, takes only a minute or two each turn, and helps you work your brain! As soon as this one ends, a new one will begin.

Comments from Last Game

Phil Murphy: This game seems simple. But isn't. I'd never have gotten the answer this time round. Oh well...

Kevin Wilson: Once again I waited to the last minute and ran out of time. I was pretty sure it was Phil Spector. Not from any analysis I did but from the guesses in the previous round leading me there. But I didn't have a clue where he was.

Dane Maslen: Curses! I'd calculated that there was a narrow arc of places that Phil Spector could be hiding in. The places of any significance within the arc certainly included Billings and Cheyenne, while Calgary, Denver and Edmonton were all sufficiently close to the edge of the arc that I wasn't sure if they were in or out. It seemed best to pick one or other of the two I was sure of. Alas it turned out to be one of the ones I had been unsure of.

Andy Lischett: I got sucked into looking in Africa after Round 2 when the hint mentioned that the person guessed and the mystery person probably did not share favorite foods. I Googled the people guessed and thought that Wikipedia only mentioned Steve Jobs as having a favorite food. I guess I missed Cromwell. After Round 5 it was obviously Phil Spector and I worked backwards and randomly picked a city north of Cheyenne.

NEW GAME - ROUND 1

Brendan Whyte:

Phil Spector in Edmonton

Phil Murphy:

Stephen King in Lincoln, NE

Kevin Wilson:

Socrates in Lima, Peru

Tom Howell:

John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough in Melbourne, Australia

Paraic Reddington:

Winston Churchill in Lagos, Nigeria

Dane Maslen:

Archimedes in Nairobi, Kenya

Jim Burgess:

Sir John Franklin in Thule (Qaanaaq) Greenland

Richard Weiss:

Oliver Cromwell in Novosibirsk, Russia

Jack McHugh:

Adolf Hitler in Johannesburg, South Africa

Andy Lischett:

Little Richard in Little Rock, Arkansas

Marc Ellinger:

Julius Caesar in New York City

Martin Burgdorf:

Charles Aznavour in Paris, France

Jim Biehl:

Leonard Nimoy in Juist, Germany

Mark Firth:

Lassie in Laramie, Wyoming

Hint to Closest Guess Geographically: I was born within a year or two of your death.

Deadline for Round 2 is June 25th at 7:00am my time



Brain Farts: The Only Subsubzine With It's Own Fragrance
By Jack "Flapjack" McHugh - jwmchughjr@gmail.com
(or just email Doug and he'll send it to me)
Issue #55

I figure I'll be out of my house by the end of the summer. I can't afford to move, and I don't really have anywhere to go but to my mom's. I'm not happy with the living arrangements there so I may decide just to live out of my car. I'm still looking for a job. These interviews I go on are a waste of my time. I went to one where specific Cisco experience was one of the requirements. But of course they didn't list that on the job, or tell me when they set up the interview, and that ISN'T on my skills list or my resume. So why the hell did they call me in? Did they think I had that skill but I was HIDING it, keeping it a secret? I think the next time I go on a job interview and find out they start asking me questions which are answered by my resume, proving they never looked at it, I'm just going to tell them to go fuck themselves and walk out. Oh, and every fucking time I go to the city I get a parking ticket.

Yes, I know my attitude sucks. The only distraction I have is Fantasy Baseball. And that's simply depressing. I run three teams, and two of them suck. The only good team I run I co-own with Sackiepoo, and of course he makes most of the good moves and constantly reminds me that he should get the credit. Fucking whiner.

Thanks for all the support you haven't shown me. I hope each and every one of you find a decaying rat the next time you bite into a jelly donut. No jokes, just pics, because I hate you.



You Suck At Parking Cards

GO HOME R2D2



YOU'RE DRUNK



OPPORTUNITY

He has taken it with both paws.



THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #336

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Some of you are still not on the E-Mail list for this szine, I keep trying to sign you up, please accept the offer! I am being a bit more systematic about that right now. I am going ahead and finishing all the games here, and then we'll see what happens.

This issue continues the szine/subszine inversion. As most of you know, this thing began as a "Subszine" to Terry Tallman's *North Sealth, West George*, then became its own szine with a host of subszines. The subszines remaining will appear as sub-subszines to our new flipfopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. Doug's incessant nagging is not keeping us on schedule, but will make it so we will charge forward and finish the remaining games that I have in here. After that, we'll see how it goes and what I do next. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing. You all should see first what I actually do.

For production, in addition to the HTML's of each separate product on the web page, I will also have a PDF that you can print of the entire subszine (including my famous handdrawn maps!). You can just print the maps if you like, but remember maps are for pikers anyway, you don't need no steenkin' maps, keep them up in your head where they belong. I don't think there are very many people I owe money, but if you think I owe you money, just ask and I will pay. ONE GROUP that is definitely owed money is the players with NMR insurance. NMR insurance still continues, I will still call you for it, and when your game ends, I will refund the money.

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THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

((Let's keep talking about FTF tournament diplomacy! World DipCon is fast approaching in August 23-25 in Paris. See the WDC 2013 Facebook site or www.worlddipcon.com. At this point, I don't think I'm going to be able to go, but YOU all should. And I might still yet change my mind. This is going to be a pretty tremendous turnout, led by the inimitable Toby Harris...))

((For these and other upcoming cons around the world:

<http://devel.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>))

Warren Goesle (Thu, 28 Mar 2013 14:24:01 -0500)

Subject: That time again... *((Note that this all was before the season started...))*

What if they gave a baseball season and Summer decided to not show up?

The good news is that it looks like we could be talking about the Bruins and Blackhawks well into June.

The bad news is that they might be able to play the Stanley Cup Finals in outdoor games at Wrigley and Fenway. Actually, given the Cubs' and Red Sox' predicted fortunes that might be good news.

So where do we start this year?

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

((OK, so what do I have to say about this year of baseball? I have always been a "the enforcement of the rules on PEDs are the enforcement of the rules" guy. I think the baseball writers are some of the most hypocritical lame writers on the planet if they won't vote for anyone for the HOF who they wrote positively on when they were playing and refused to see the glaring evidence in their faces. Within the power of the baseball writers was to force an end to the PED era. But they were enjoying the HRs too much. Period. Nevertheless, A-Rod's physical problems could not be happening to a more deserving guy, and you all saw where Manny is playing right? Yeah. Are PEDs out of baseball now? Of course not, though they are less pervasive, and it seems that those still using, like A-Rod, are mostly reaping the downside of PEDs. Yet, eternal optimist that I am, I really am looking forward to a great season of baseball this year! Who do I think will prevail?))

((AL East: I think this "love of the Blue Jays" is way out of line. Did they see how these players screwed up the other teams they were on before? But they still have enough talent to finish third. And the Red Sox don't have enough hitting, but they DO have enough pitching, the second best pitching in the toughest division in baseball, behind the Rays. So, that's the order. Rays, Red Sox (WILD CARD), Blue Jays, Orioles, Yankees, but only 13 games separating top to bottom in the division.))

((AL Central: Tigers, Indians (Yes, Tito IS a good manager), Royals, White Sox, and Twins are useless in last. The Tigers are the class of the American League and it will be fun with such great managers going up against each other. The Indians don't have the talent to win, but they have the talent to make it fun.))

((AL West: Rangers and then the Angels yet again, taking the second WC. The A's magic is only enough to be third. Then a big jump to the Mariners, and finally the Astros, who aspire to be the worst team in baseball again now, BUT watch out in three years.))

((Tigers and Red Sox go to the ALCS, and Tigers win.))

((NL East: Everyone thinks the Nationals go for it again, history suggests some regression to the mean and a WC spot. I really like the Braves team. So Braves, then Nationals, then Phillies, then Mets, and the other team that wants to be last, the Marlins, taking up the rear.))

((NL Central: Cardinals surprise and beat out the Reds, with both teams doing poorly enough so the Reds don't get the WC. Then Pirates, then Brewers, finally Cubs, another team playing for three years from now.))

((NL West: Giants, then Dodgers as WC, Diamondbacks, Padres, and Rockies take up the rear.))

((Playoffs: Giants and Braves come through to play in NLCS, and the Giants win again as Tim Lincecum makes a brilliant comeback.))

((Giants repeat World Series.))

((A-Rod is waived by the Yankees, they keep paying people to try to get out of the basement and spend \$300 million. Verlander and Lester vie for Cy Young in the AL, a Nationals pitcher does NOT win it in the NL, probably a Phillies pitcher wins it, if Lincecum doesn't. MVP is Miguel Cabrera in the AL, unless it is Longoria; NL I am tempted to take PED superstar Ryan Braun, but bet he gets injured and Bryce Harper surprises here.))

((I'm looking forward to it!))

Rick Desper (Sat, 30 Mar 2013 20:19:28 -0700 (PDT))

You're picking the Yankees for last? *((Why not??))* Well I guess that's not as weird as picking the Blue Jays to finish ahead of and behind the Red Sox. *((Yeah, I fixed that typo above.))*

AL East: Rays, Yankees (WC), Orioles, Red Sox, Jays really, I have no idea.

AL Central: Tigers, White Sox, Indians, Royals, Twins

AL West: Angles, Strangers, Aaaaas, Mariners

NL East: Nats, Braves (WC), others

NL Central: Reds, Brewers, Cardinals, bad teams

NL West: Giants, Dodgers, whatever

Jim is pretty badly wrong about the Nats, who have the best pitching in the NL. Strasburg should be able to give the team an entire season this year. Regression to the mean doesn't mean that the team with the best run differential should suddenly get worse.

((UPDATE at Press Time: As of this date, my predictions for the NL East are right on... we'll see how it goes for the rest of the season.))

OTOH, the Orioles are likely in trouble, since regression to the mean does mean that a team that won an unusually large number of close games is likely to lose more.

I'll randomly pick an Angels-Nats WS, that the Nats win.

The Red Sox are not going to make a huge comeback this year. Some of the pitchers should rebound under Farrell's management, but others won't, most notably Lackey, who is about five years removed from being a strong starter. But Lester and Buchholz will be good. Too bad they don't have any good young power hitters. Well, I suppose they had to let Adrian Gonzalez go to get rid of two hideous contracts (Crawford and Beckett).

Rick, rick_desper of yahoo.com

Warren Goesle (Sun, 31 Mar 2013 19:30:37 -0400 (EDT))

So in a very unpredictable year it surprises me that my predictions really aren't all that different from either Rick or Jim-Bob. For a change I see a leveling of the playing field, and for a change I see a lot more teams in it. I did have to alter my philosophy of picking teams that spend the most money to picking the teams that spend the most money to players who will actually be playing, and playing for those teams paying them...

AL East: Sitting down? I think NEITHER the Yankees or Red Sox make the playoffs. In fact I think that, to their eventual detriment, the Yankees stay close enough in a very down division to NOT be sellers at the deadline, even though they should be. I'm not sold on the Blue Jays either, but I am on the Orioles. Baltimore, Tampa Bay, Toronto, NY Yankees, Boston. NO wild card from this division.

AL Central: Ok, it's Detroit and then everyone else. But some of those everyone else's aren't bad, Twins excepted. Detroit, Cleveland (WC), Chicago, Kansas City, Minnesota. Royals get to 80-82 by losing their last 6 games, after being in it most of the year.

AL West: The Astros move took 4 wins away from each of the other NL Central teams and gave them to the AL West. They might have BOTH wild cards, but I'll take Los Angeles, Texas (WC), Oakland, Seattle, Lastros. Is that trademarked? Houston could break the record for futility this year.

NL East: I think the Nationals come together BETTER than last year, and might wind up with the best record after 162. Washington, Atlanta (WC), Philadelphia, NY Mets, Florida.

NL Central: The only division worse than the AL East. Cards are down, Brewers are down.

Pittsburgh can't get enough wins without Houston. Cincinnati, Milwaukee, St. Louis (below .500), Pittsburgh, Chicago. My Cubs are better than last year's 61-101...so make it 67-95. Tell me about this Theo guy again?

((Yeah, well, we'll see, won't we?? We in Boston think we're doing just fine without Theo. I like him as a guy, but maybe he really isn't such a good GM?))

NL West: 3 legitimate WS contenders. Here I think the Giants take the dive far enough to miss the playoffs. Los Angeles, Arizona (WC), San Francisco, San Diego, Colorado.

ALCS: Tigers over Angels.

NLCS: Dodgers over Nationals.

WS: Detroit.

Goz, warrengoesle of wowway.com

Warren Goesle (Wednesday, May 1, 2013 1:26 PM)

Subject: Ok, so it was a bad idea to begin with

I put a Cubs' sticker on my laptop.

Now it won't Save or Close.

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

Dave Partridge (Wednesday, May 01, 2013 12:59 PM)

The choke on my car wasn't working so I put a Red Sox sticker on it.

Dave, rebhuhn of rocketmail.com

Warren Goesle (Wed, 1 May 2013 15:36:33 -0500)

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TEMPLECON 2013 REPORT

(First Round of Four Tournament Nor'Easter)

Thanks to everyone and to the great TempleCon hosts, I reserved two crash rooms this year for five people. I think having crash rooms is a really important part of helping travelers who come from a distance to the con.

FINAL RESULTS:

NAME	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Raw Total	Adj.	Final Total
Randy Lawrence-Hurt		110	26.32	20.34	156.66		156.66
Robert Rouse	15.09	12.96	31.58	35.59	95.22	-12.96	82.26
Bill Hackenbracht		33.33	22.81	15.25	71.39		71.39
Roland Cooke	26.42	7.41	8.77	15.25	57.85	-7.41	50.44
Colin Davis		33.33			33.33		33.33
Jim Burgess (TD)	15.09	7.41			22.50		22.50
Alex Amann	15.09	0		6.78	21.87		21.87
David Burgess	15.09	0	5.26		20.35		20.35
Carl Ellis	7.55	0.5	1	6.78	15.83	-0.5	15.33
Paul Camina		5.56	5.26		10.82		10.82
Will Abbott	5.67	0		0.75	6.42		6.42
Jim Burgess 2 (TD)		0			0.00		0.00
Daniel Feagans		0			0.00		0.00
Adam Sigal		0			0.00		0.00

Here are the game results with detour09 basic points in parentheses)

Round	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
1, Board 1								
Austria (Jim Burgess TD):	4	3	5	5	6	6	6	(15.09)
England (Alex Amann):	5	6	4	5	5	5	6	(15.09)
France (Robert	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	(15.09)

Rousse):

Germany

(Carl Ellis): 5 4 4 4 3 3 2 (7.55)

Italy

(Will Abbott): 4 4 3 2 1 1 1 (5.67)

Russia

(David Burgess): 5 6 7 6 7 6 6 (15.09)

Turkey

(Roland Cooke): 5 5 5 6 6 7* 7* (26.42)

Round

2,
Board 1 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10

Austria

(Adam Sigal): 5 6 6 7 8 10* 12 13 11 9 (0.00)

England(Randy

Lawrence-Hurt): 4 5 6 7 11* 11 11 13 14 18 (110.00) BEST ENGLAND

France

(Will Abbott): 5 4 3 2 2 3 1 1 1 0 (0.00)

Germany

(Alex Amann): 5 5 6 7* 4 1 1 0 - - (0.00)

Italy

(David Burgess): 4 3 3 4 3 2 1 0 - - (0.00)

Russia

(Jim Burgess-2 TD): 5 5 5 4 3 3 5 4 4 3 (0.00)

Turkey

(Daniel Feagans): 5 6 5 3 3@ 4 3 3 4 4 (0.00)

@Carl Ellis took over for Daniel Feagans in 1906.

Round

2,
Board 2 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10

Austria

(Roland Cooke): 4 5 4 5 5 7 6 3 3 2 (7.41)

England

(Colin Davis): 5 6 8 7 7 9 11 15 13 13 (33.33)

France (Paul Camina):	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	(5.56)	
Germany (Jim Burgess TD):	5	5	7	7	7	5	3	2	2	2	(7.41)	
Italy (Robert Rousse):	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	(12.96)	BEST ITALY
Russia (Carl Ellis):	5	3	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.50)	
Turkey (Bill Hackenbracht):	4	5	8	8	9	8	10	10	12	13	(33.33)	BEST TURKEY

Round 3, Board 1	01	02	03	04	05	06						
Austria (Carl Ellis):	4	4*	4*	1	0	-					(1.00)	
England (Robert Rousse):	5	6	8	9	10	11					(31.58)	
France (Randy Lawrence- Hurt):	5	6	7	8	10	10					(26.32)	BEST FRANCE
Germany (David Burgess):	5	5	5	3	2	1					(5.26)	
Italy (Roland Cooke):	5	5	3	4	3	2					(8.77)	
Russia (Bill Hackenbracht):		6	6	5	7*	7	9				(22.81)	BEST RUSSIA
Turkey (Paul Camina):	3	2	2	2	2	1					(5.26)	

Round 4, Board 1	01	02	03	04	05	06						
Austria (Robert Rousse):	5	6	9	8	10	11					(35.59)	BEST AUSTRIA
England (Roland Cooke):	4	5	6	6	7	6					(15.25)	

France (Alex Amann):	4	4	3	4*	2	2	(6.78)	
Germany (Bill Hackenbracht):	5	5	6	6	6	6	(15.25)	BEST GERMANY
Italy (Carl Ellis):	4	4	3	2	2	2	(6.78)	
Russia (Randy Lawrence- Hurt):	6	6	6	8	7	7	(20.34)	
Turkey (Will Abbott):	4	3	2	0	-	-	(0.75)	

This is also the first tournament in the regional sub-Grand Prix tournament that is in its fifth year that we've dubbed the "Nor'Easter". The next tournament in that group is the new Philly Massacre in Philadelphia the first weekend of July; the new NYC/Brooklyn con in September; and Carnage, November 8-10 in Vermont, now at Killington. We will again have a First Place Nor'Easter prize to be awarded and with more help from Robert Rousse (Carnage co-organizer) we should have Second and Third Place prizes as well. More on that to come.

Drop Dead Time Deadlines: These worked like a charm as usually, this is the way to play tournament dip, you're always moving, no waiting around while people write orders. The games really moved along, I again used my loud voice with reminders to people as needed, and people respected other players' space with need for order writing time. And the atmosphere was great. I ended up going again with the 17 minute spring, 15 minute fall continually running clock that gives more time for beer after the games.

More experience on selling Diplomacy on site: I was still not as successful as I would like to be here. I was very careful to post notes on the game forums on the web site so that people knew we were there. These generated discussions but only one actual player. I did a lot of my usual tricks, trying direct E-Mails to Judge players and other players I could identify as being in the area, this again was not successful, but I will keep trying again. I didn't try walking around the Con playing Edi Birsan's Teaching Videos from You Tube again like I did a few years ago.... don't believe me, yes, I really, really did this a few times, but it didn't really gain anything but laughs, especially from the miniatures players, so I didn't do that this time around.

Although the TempleCon people are lovely, having TempleCon on SuperBowl weekend just doesn't get the travelers that it might. We all agree that an early year northeastern tournament is a good idea, but we wondered if we should have just held it ourselves outside of a gaming convention. We will continue that discussion as the year progresses.

Some time I'd like to run a DipCon or World DipCon, but that probably won't be able to be at TempleCon.

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Pre-Fall 1907

AUSTRIA (Burgess): has f ION, a GAL, a VEN, a VIE, a TRI, f NAP, a SER, a BOH.

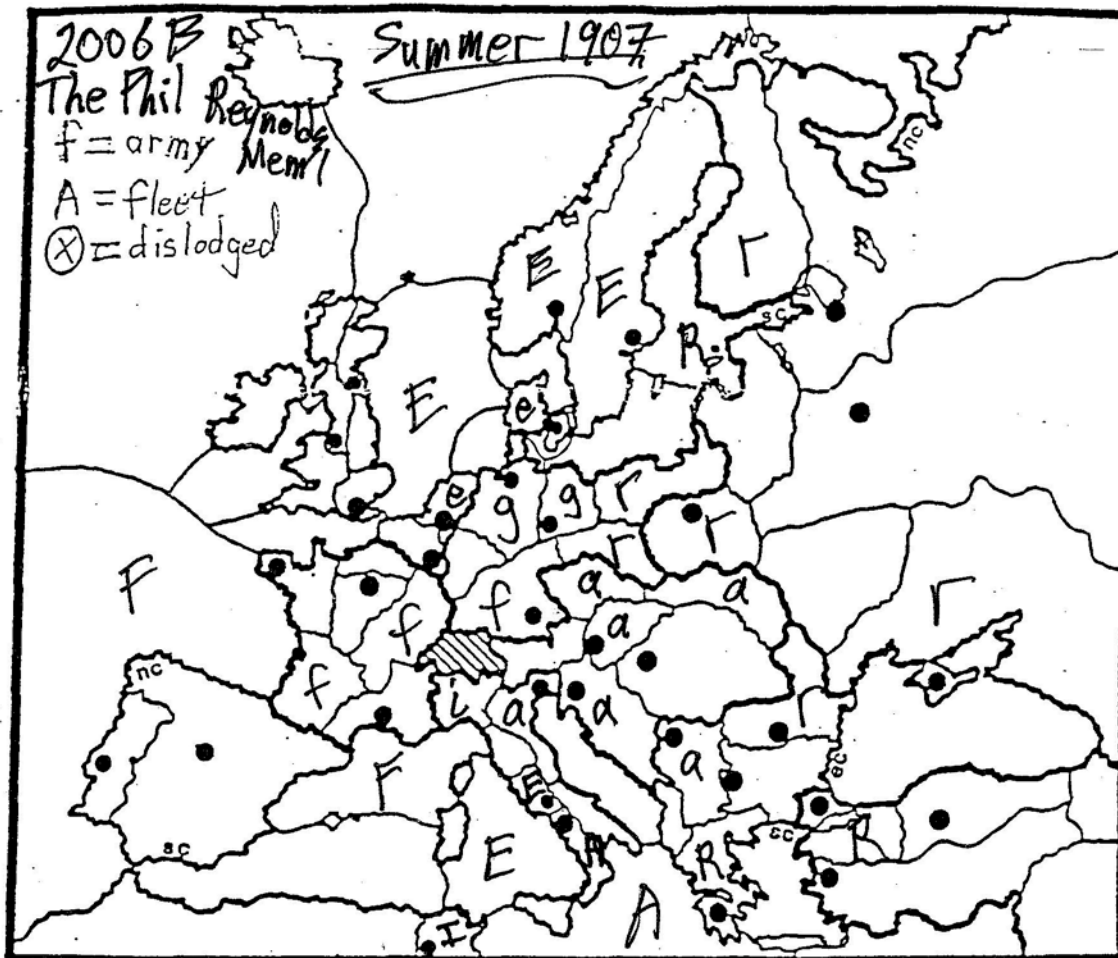
ENGLAND (James): has a DEN, f NTH, f TYH, f NWY, a HOL, f ROM, f SWE.

FRANCE (Williams): has a GAS, f MID, a BUR, f GOL, a MUN.

GERMANY (Ellinger): has a KIE, a BER.

ITALY (Crow): has f TUN, a PIE.

RUSSIA (Barno): has a SEV, a WAR, a SIL, a FIN, f CON, a PRU, f GRE, a RUM, f GOB.



E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

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GERMANY: Marc Ellinger, mellinger of blitzbardgett.com

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RUSSIA: Mike Barno, mpbarno of gmail.com

TURKEY: Fred Wiedemeyer, wiedem of telus.net or wiedem of shaw.ca

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Press:

SPIRALS OF PARANOIA: 2005A, Regular Diplomacy

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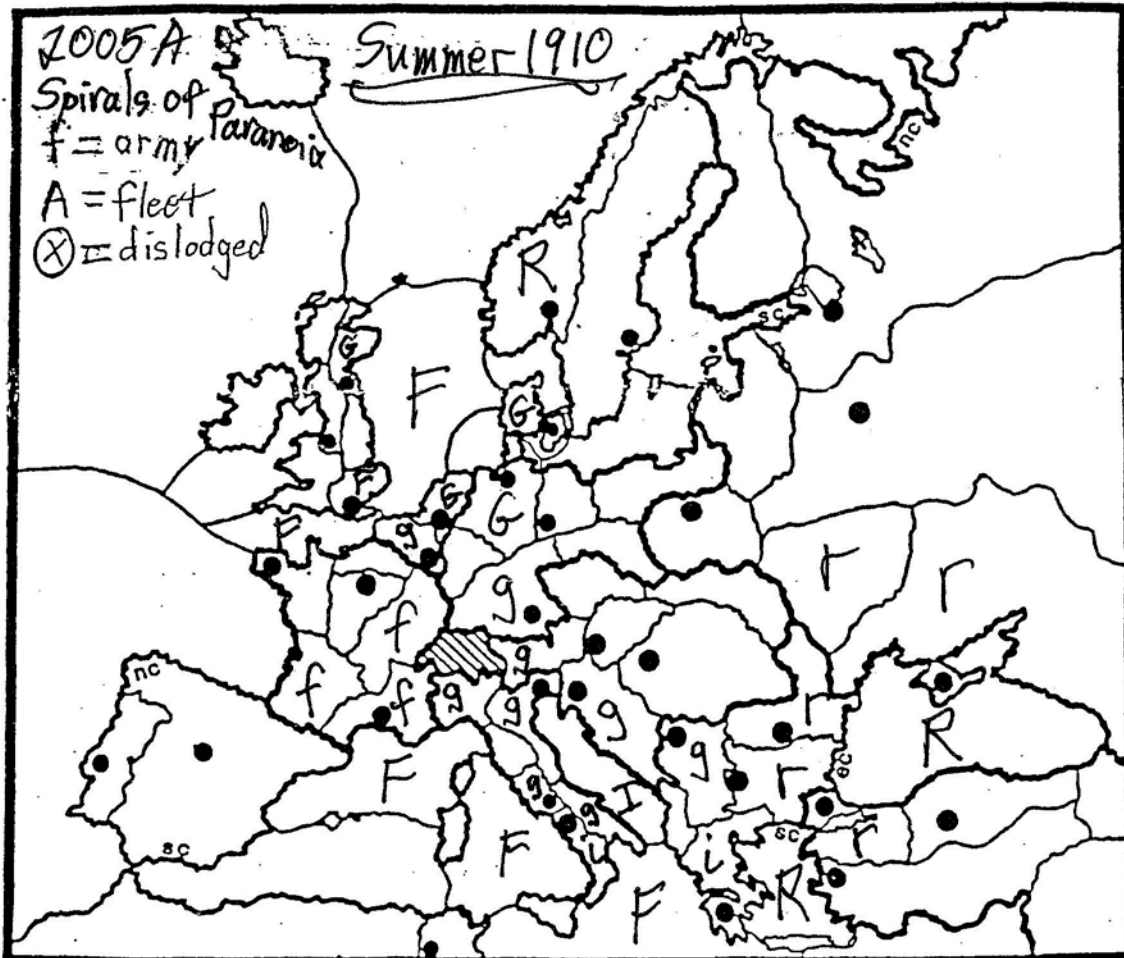
Pre-Fall 1910

FRANCE (Jim Tretick for Buddy Tretick): has f ENG, f NTH, a GAS, f GOL, a BUR, f TYH, f ION, a MAR, f LON.

GERMANY (Ozog for Tallman): has f KIE, a MUN, f HOL, a TYO, a PIE, a SER, a TRI, a VEN, a ROM, f DEN, a APU, a BEL, f EDI.

ITALY (Kent): has a NAP, f ADR, a GRE.

RUSSIA (Sundstrom): has f NWY, f BLA, a UKR, f AEG, a RUM, a BUL, a CON, a SEV.



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Game Notes:

- 1) We now have two medical replacements, as Buddy's son Jim (who some of us played with many years ago as James Alan) will be playing for Buddy as Eric is playing for Terry.
- 2) I have orders from about half of you, I will follow up with people in the next week or so, so you will be sure what orders I have on file for you. I know some of you really wanted the maps and that's what you have with this issue.

Press:

FLIP FLOP: 2003G, Regular Diplomacy

TURKEY WON, CONGRATULATIONS AL LEVINSON! SC CHART NEXT TIME

Supply Center Chart

ENGLAND (Kent):	EDI,LVP,LON,por,den,kie, nwy,swe,ber,stp	
FRANCE (McHugh):	PAR,MAR,BRE,spa,bel,hol	
TURKEY (Levinson):	ANK,SMY,CON,bul,sev,ser,gre, tun,rom,rum,nap,ven,tri,mos,bud,vie,war,mun	(18, WINS!)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

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ENGLAND: Doug Kent, dougray30 of yahoo.com

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GERMANY: Matt Sundstrom, Matt.Sundstrom of bbdoch.com or mattandzoe of earthlink.net

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RUSSIA: Sean O'Donnell, sean_o_donnell of hotmail.com

TURKEY: Alexandre Levinson, al of tolkin.nl (\$5)

Game Notes:

- 1) Congratulations, Al, for sticking this out to the solo!!! I'll have a Supply Center Chart next time and I still am interested in endgame statements. I know this has been hanging for a while, and I might have some endgame statements in hand, if you think you sent one and you're unsure if I have it, check with me.

LAST WORD: COME TO WORLD DIPCON in PARIS, YOU CAN DO IT!!! Or go to DixieCon in North Carolina this Memorial Day weekend coming up, get out and play some Dip!!!

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #337

May 22, 2013

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Some of you are still not on the E-Mail list for this szine, I keep trying to sign you up, please accept the offer! I am being a bit more systematic about that right now. I am going ahead and finishing all the games here, and then we'll see what happens.

This issue continues the szine/subszine inversion. As most of you know, this thing began as a "subszine" to Terry Tallman's *North Sealth, West George*, then became its own szine with a host of subszines. The subszines remaining will appear as sub-subszines to our new flipflopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. Doug's incessant nagging is not keeping us on schedule, but will make it so we will charge forward and finish the remaining games that I have in here. After that, we'll see how it goes and what I do next. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing. You all should see first what I actually do. For production, in addition to the HTML's of each separate product on the web page, I will also have a PDF that you can print of the entire subszine (including my famous handdrawn maps!). You can just print the maps if you like, but remember maps are for pikers anyway, you don't need no steenkin' maps, keep them up in your head where they belong. I don't think there are very many people I owe money, but if you think I owe you money, just ask and I will pay. ONE GROUP that is definitely owed money is the players with NMR insurance. NMR insurance still continues, I will still call you for it, and when your game ends, I will refund the money.

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THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

((Let's keep talking about FTF tournament diplomacy! World DipCon is fast approaching in August 23-25 in Paris. See the WDC 2013 Facebook site or www.worlddipcon.com. At this point, I don't think I'm going to be able to go, but YOU all should. And I might still yet change my mind. This is going to be a pretty tremendous turnout, led by the inimitable Toby Harris...))

((For these and other upcoming cons around the world: <http://devel.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>))

Nothing this time...

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Fall 1907

AUSTRIA (Burgess): f ion-AEG, a GAL-rum, a VEN h, a VIE S a boh-gal, a tri-BUD, f nap-ION, a SER S a gal-rum, a BOH-gal.

ENGLAND (James): a DEN S a hol-kie, f nth-BEL, f TYH S f rom, f NWY S f swe, a hol-KIE, f ROM S f tyh, f SWE S f nwy.

FRANCE (Williams): a gas-MAR, f mid-WES, a BUR-mun, f GOL S a gas-mar, a mun-TYO.

GERMANY (Ellinger): a kie s a ber-mun (d r:ruh,otb), a ber-mun (d ann).

ITALY (Crow): f TUN S ENGLISH f tyh, a PIE-mar.

RUSSIA (Barno): a SEV S a rum, a WAR-gal, a sil-BER, a fin-STP, f con-SMY, a PRU S a sil-ber, f GRE h, a RUM h, f GOB h.

Supply Center Chart

AUSTRIA (Burgess):	TRI,VIE,BUD,ser,nap,ven	(has 8, rem 2)
ENGLAND (James):	EDILVP,LON,nwy,bel,swe,hol, den,kie,rom	(has 7, bld 3)
FRANCE (Williams):	PAR,BRE,spa,por,mun,MAR	(has 5, bld 1)
GERMANY (Ellinger):	none	(out)
ITALY (Crow):	tun	(has 2, rem 1)

RUSSIA (Barno):

WAR,STP,SEV,MOS,rum,con,ank,

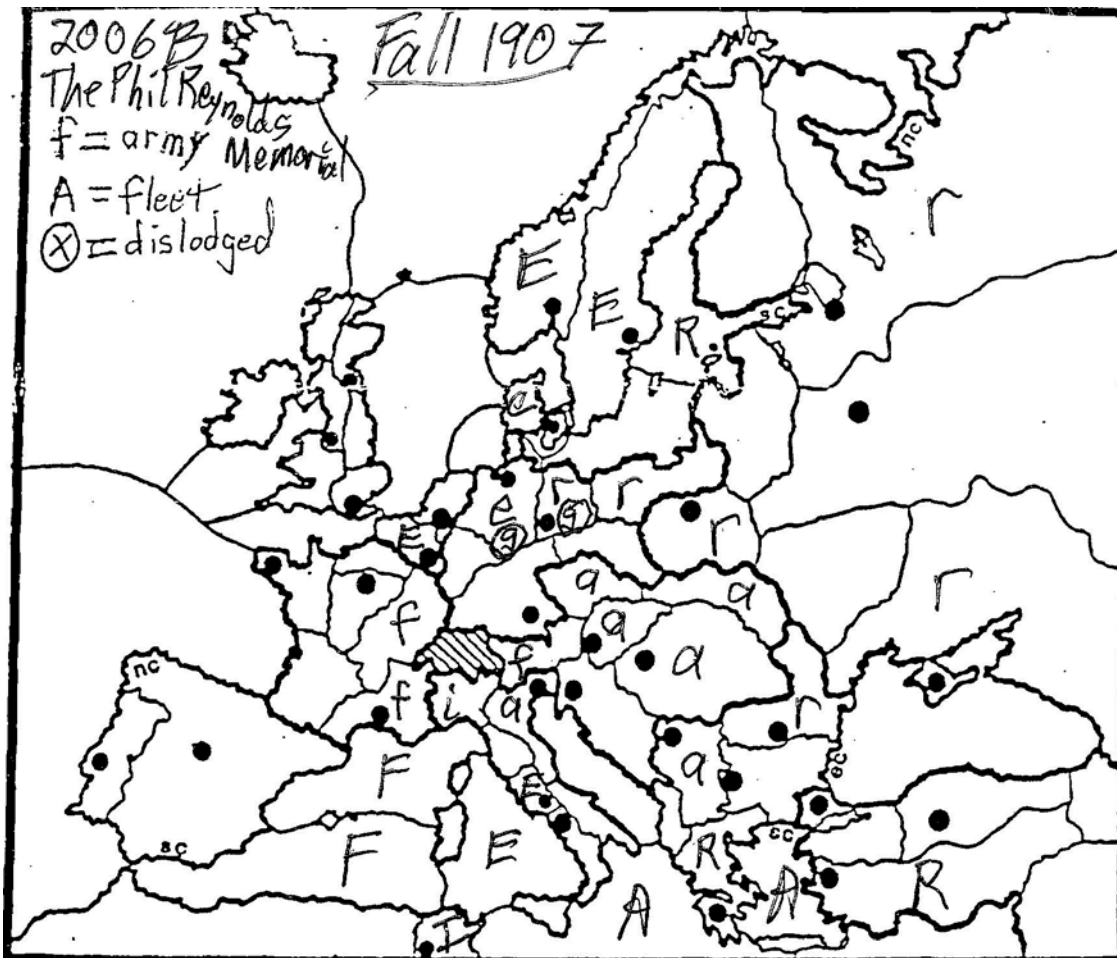
(has 9, bld 1(PLAYS ONE SHORT))

gre,bul,ber,smy

Neutral:

none

(Total=34)



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Game Notes:

1) Here we go, back in business. Thanks to Marc for playing out the German position.

Press:

(ENGLAND to WORLD): I can't remember who stated this war, why it started, or even who my enemies are anymore. That said, I'm out to be on the winning side!

(BOOB to ENGLAND): Sorry you had to wait so long, you win the prize this turn for the most builds...

(FRANCE to ITALY): I do this with an almost heavy heart. I say "heavy" because this was not the way we envisioned this would go... what?... seven?... eight?... ten?... a score?... four score and seven?... years ago when we started. I say "almost" because, unlike us, you may be done with this misery before you succumb to old age, and so I must confess I feel as though I'm doing you a favor.

(BOOB to DON): It has "only" been seven...

(DON to MIKE): Working on it... he's been away or something.

(FRANCE to WORLD): Do you realize that, if this game were counted in dog years, it'd now be over the age of fifty...? Another way of looking at it... I was seven years from retirement age when this started and now I'm seven months beyond it... Hell, Jim, let's get on with it before your grandkids start at Brown...

(BOOB to FRANCE): I'm game for that... let's see who else will draw the time comparisons?

(JAMES to JIM-BOB): Since this game started I've changed where I work and have had four different jobs there. My oldest son has graduated from both high school and college. My youngest son has "graduated" from Middle School, Jr. High, High school, and completed his freshman year of college. I've celebrated both my 20th and 25th wedding anniversaries. This game has been going on longer than WWII! But hey, if you think it still has life, then I'm on board to see it through. However, if you could hold off 1908 for another 5 years I'll be retired and could put more thought into the game...

SPIRALS OF PARANOIA: 2005A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR WINTER 1910 IS JUNE 15TH, 2013

THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1911 IS JULY 20TH, 2013

Fall 1910

FRANCE (Jim Tretick for Buddy Tretick): f eng-NTH, f nth-NWG, a gas-PAR, f gol-TYH, a BUR h, f tyh-NAP, f ION s f tyh-nap, a MAR h, f LON S f eng-nth.

GERMANY (Ozog for Tallman): f kie-HEL, a mun-RUH, f HOL S a bel, a tyo-MUN, a pie-TUS, a SER S RUSSIAN a bul-gre, a TRI S a ser, a VEN S a rom, a ROM S FRENCH f tyh-nap, f DEN S f kie-hel, a APU S a rom, a BEL h, f EDI-nth.

ITALY (Kent): a nap h (d ann), f ADR s f tun-ion (nsu), a gre s a bul-ser (d r:alb,otb).

RUSSIA (Sundstrom): f NWY-nth, f bla-CON, a UKR S a rum, f AEG-ion, a RUM S a con-bul, a bul-GRE, a con-BUL, a sev-MOS.

Supply Center Chart

FRANCE (Tretick):	PAR,BRE,MAR,spa,lvp,lon, por,tun,nap	(has 9, even)
GERMANY (Ozog/Tallman):	KIE,BER,MUN,hol,den,bel,swe, vie,rom,bud,ven,tri,ser,edi	(has 13, bld 1)
ITALY (Kent):	none	(out)
RUSSIA (Sundstrom):	WAR,STP,SEV,MOS,rum,ank,con, smy,nwy,gre,bul	(has 8, bld 3)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

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Game Notes:

- 1) We still have two medical replacements, as Buddy's son Jim (who some of us played with many years ago as James Alan) will be playing for Buddy as Eric is playing for Terry.
- 2) Here we go again, and there is real cooperation still going on! I'll keep this chunking along now. Thanks to Doug for playing this out to conclusion, not only are his strings cut, but his survival has run out.
- 3) With three survivors left, a DIAS FGR and a GR draw are both proposed. Please vote with your Winter orders, as always no vote is a veto.

Press:

(ITALY -- GERMANY): You seem to have forgotten I was a puppet by choice. Now that you're trying to cut my strings, I'm going to let someone else hold them.

(BERLIN-BELGIUM): Sorry to write you off, but your retreat path may be more useful.

(BOOB to BELGIUM): Doesn't look like you were going anywhere...

FLIP FLOP: 2003G, Regular Diplomacy

TURKEY WON, CONGRATULATIONS AL LEVINSON! FULL SC CHART NEXT TIME

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Game Notes:

1) I have to go research this back to 2003 to build the SC chart and I want to get this out before Memorial Day just to stun the players in the other two games. I have one Endgame statement from Doug Kent, so let me print that now in hopes it generates some others. But hey that was TEN years ago...

End Game Statement:

DOUG KENT - ENGLAND: I think I entered this game as a standby, but I'm not sure. Sackiepool McHugh and I managed to work together, but Brad Wilson was crushed and had no hope of joining the fight. I blame Turkey's win on Don Williams entirely. If he had done things differently the results would not even resemble these. Sackiepool and I remain blameless. If you can't see what I mean by going back and looking over the prior seasons, you have no business playing Diplomacy.

LAST WORD: COME TO WORLD DIPCON in PARIS, YOU CAN DO IT!!! Or go to DixieCon in North Carolina this Memorial Day weekend coming up, get out and play some Dip!!! OR, if you can't make it that far, our very own Matt Sundstrom is hosting a game at his place in Glenview. Last I knew, they needed four more players to make it happen. Who's interested? The game will start at 11 a.m. See <http://windycityweasels.org/current-games-signup>. In other Chicago area Dip news, Weasel Moot VII is coming up in the Chicago suburb of Willowbrook on June 22-23, that's exactly ONE month from now. I hear that big time politician Edi Birsan is going. You can find more details on the Weasels website at: <http://windycityweasels.org/wm7>. How can you stay home??? And there you are, and for those who thought it wouldn't happen (Cough, Doug; Cough, Don) here we are.

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- Current Games:
1. Yahtzee (in process, no new players)
 2. What's My Line – new panelists encouraged to join in at any time
 3. Drone Wars – a variant Diplomacy

GM Musings: May's my favorite month. Growing up in Vermont, at higher elevations and before global warming, spring arrived, for sure, in May. Here in Folsom, we've already had 90 degree days. No 100 degree days yet. Non-watered areas at low elevation are turning yellow-brown. A color more pleasing to me than the late Fall drabness and the early spring dirty-snow look of Vermont.

The Golden Gate Bridge has eliminated its toll-takers. Cars either have an electronic signal box or a picture is taken and an invoice for the toll is mailed to the owner of the car. I would bet only some lanes allow pictures and some require the electronic box and going through those will carry fines. The Golden Gate Bridge spans the "Golden Gate," the passage of water boats must traverse to get in or out of San Francisco Bay. The Golden Gate has that name because (later in this subzine is the answer)

NEW GAME OFFER NEW GAME OFFER NEW GAME OFFER

Drone Wars Diplomacy Game offer to the world of Eternal Sunshine. First seven to sign up are in for this Gunboat with Press variation based on Jim Burgess's game that might have been called Evil Yuppie Empire Nuclear War Diplomacy. Send me your interest to play and a ranking as to which country you want to be. First in gets first choice. Game will be named *Margaretha Geertruida Zelle*. My email remains: richardweiss@higherquality.com

Drone Wars Diplomacy is a variant based on the variants Evil Yuppie and Black Hole Dip. Seven players, each a regular country on the Dip board. Gunboat with press. One drone stocked with one nuclear weapon each supply center owned. Each turn order your units and your drones. No requirement to move or bomb. Units ordered same as regular dip. Drones are ordered as to what map location to bomb. Drone orders are valid to any map location. You can name your drones, number them, or just order "Drones to:" and a list of map locations to bomb.

A piece that ends a turn in a map location that experienced a drone attack that turn is annihilated. Once a space is bombed, the space remains contaminated with 225 rem (2+ Sieverts) for slightly more than 100,000 years. You may order units through a space with 225 rem radiation. Each unit can survive going through one map location with 225 rem of radiation. Your unit remains carrying the 225 rem of exposure for the rest of its life.

You may build new units in home SCs that have no or 225 rem contamination. SCs that have no or 225 rem both count towards how many drones you can order and how many units you can support

The same map location can experience more than one drone attack. Each drone attack increases the level of radiation by 225 rem. 450 rem is lethal (the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's 50/30 level, with 50 being % of population expected to die and the 30 being the number of days it will take for that 50% of the population to die). Go through two spaces with 225 rem and the unit dies. Go through one space with 450 rem and the unit dies. Cannot birth (build) a unit in a home SC with 450 rem. Units built in home SCs with

225 rem carry that dose with them and die going through another contaminated space (or staying in the home SC for another turn). [Sounds complicated. Play won't be.]

Start Spring 01. No season separations. Spring and Fall. Autumn retreats, Winter builds and Spring orders together. Last country with a unit and a SC with less than 450 rem contamination wins.

I don't have an e-map version of Diplomacy. Thus, I am begging for one (probably I need instructions how to use) from those who GM Dip games. Otherwise, this will be one lame appearing game. (Beg, beg)

Is there still a custodian who assigns variants numbers and such? Fisher? Boardman? Andy York?

YAHTZEE AND YAHTZEE VARIANTS

Rules for regular Yahtzee published in Eternal Sunshine #65. Scoring and play modified from Milton Bradley's Yahtzee Game copyrighted 1982. Hasbro lists the official rules at:

<http://www.hasbro.com/common/instruct/Yahtzee.pdf>

Yahtzee Game: Kim Philby

First Roll of Round 7 was: 6,4,5,5,4

Doug saved the 4,4,5,5.

Kevin saved the 4,4.

Dane saved 5,5

Geoff saved 4,4,5,5

Second Roll of Round 7 was: (sequentially) 3,5,2

Doug saved the 4,4,5,5 (and no prayer)

Kevin saved the 2,3,4,5

Dane saved 5,5,5

Geoff saved 4,4,5,5 and a prayer

Third Roll of Round 7 was: (sequentially) 1,3

Doug scored the 4,4 as Fours for 8

Kevin is NMR, had the 2,3,4,5 and added the 1. Kevin scored 1,2,3,4,5 for a large straight = 40.

Dane scored 5,5,5 as Fives for 15

Geoff scored 3,4,4,5,5 as Chance for 21

First Roll of Round 8 was: 6,6,3,4,3

Doug saved the 3,3

Kevin saved the 3,3,

Dane saved 6,6

Geoff saved 3,4,6

Second Roll of Round 8 was: (sequentially) 1,1,4,3,5

Doug saved the 3,3

Kevin saved the 3,3, and added the 1,3,1 and is looking good without orders, but, with divine intervention, seeing he has Aces and a full house, the YahtzeeMaster saves 3,3,3.

Dane saved the 6,6

Geoff saved the 1, 3,4,6

Third Roll of Round 8 is: (sequentially) 1,3,1,3,5

First Roll of Round 9 was: 3,2,6,3,6

Doug saved 6,6,3,3

Kevin NMR'd and has to take the most popular choice of others, the 3,3,6,6.

Dane saved 3,3

Geoff saved 3,3,6,6

Second Roll of Round 9 is: (sequentially) 5,3,2,3,2

First Roll of Round 10 is: 1,5,4,2,4

For the next issue of Zero Sum, send in what you want to score for Round 8, what you want to save after Round 9, Roll 2, & what you want to save after Round 10, Roll 1.

Scoring at the End of Round 7

<i>Upper</i>	Doug Kent	Kevin Wilson	Geoff Kemp	Dane Maslen
Ace = 1	1	4	3	2
Twos = 2	6	6		6
Threes = 3				
Fours = 4	8		8	
Fives = 5	15	15		15
Sixes = 6	24	24	18	
Total				
Bonus +35 if >63				
Total Upper				
Lower				
3 of a Kind			24	22
4 of a Kind			28	28
Full House = 25		25		25
Sm Straight = 30	30	30		30
Lg Straight = 40		40	40	
YAHTZEE = 50				
Chance	24		21	
Yahtzee Bonus				
Total Lower				
GRAND TOTAL	108	144	142	128

End of the Seventh Scoring Round

Oleg Kalugin: What's My Line?

Apologies, if any needed, in stealing a great idea from the original producers/creators. Per Wikipedia (retrieved 3 May 2013) Produced by [Mark Goodson](#) and [Bill Todman](#) for [CBS Television](#), the show was initially called *Occupation Unknown* before deciding on the name *What's My Line?*

Oleg Kalugin officially started on 3 May, when Andy Lischett was the first panelist to submit questions. Andy is also the only panelist. My fedora is off to you, Andy.

Next Turn: I will answer the question set of ALL players who send them to me (become a panelist). If you know my occupation but want to submit strange and unusual questions that may or may not contain clues to others, please do.

Panelist: Andy Lischett's questions:

1. Do you work predominately in an office? **YES**
2. Do you or your employer create a tangible product? Like vacuum cleaners rather than insurance? **NO**
3. If so... Is it smaller than a bread box?
4. Is it computer related?
5. Do you sell counterfeit Rolexes? **NO**

Panelist: Mata Hari's questions:

1. Is the State Flower of the state in which you live the Golden Poppy? **Yes**
2. Is the State in which you live famous for a gold rush? **Yes**
3. Is it true that when non-natives first sailed into SF Bay the gold was not flowing into the waters?
Yes
4. Is the State Flower indigenous to the State? **Yes**
5. When Non-natives first sailed into SF Bay, were the hills covered with lots of the state flower?
Yes
6. Is the color of the flower the reason the Golden Gate Bridge spans the Golden Gate? **Yes**

Excerpts from Adam Smith's The Wealth of Nations by Paul Milewski

Adam Smith lived from 1723—1790, and his great work covers a variety of subjects. Here are a few favorite selections of mine. The page numbers in square brackets are from the 2000 Modern Library Paperback Edition, ISBN 0-679-78336-9.

By the 8th of Elizabeth, chap. 3, the exporter of sheep, lambs or rams, was for the first offence to forfeit all his goods for ever, to suffer a year's imprisonment, and then to have his left hand cut-off in a market town upon a market day, to be there nailed up; and for the second offence to be adjudged a felon, and to suffer death accordingly. [Page 701]

In England, it becomes every day more and more the custom to send young people to travel in foreign countries immediately upon their leaving school, and without sending them to any university. Our young people, it is said, generally return home much improved by their travels. A young man who goes abroad at seventeen or eighteen, and returns home at one and twenty, returns three or four years older than he was when he went abroad; and at that age it is very difficult not to improve a good deal in three or four years.

In the course of his travels, he generally acquires some knowledge of one or two foreign languages; a knowledge, however, which is seldom sufficient to enable him either to speak or write them with propriety. In other respects, he commonly returns home more conceited, more unprincipled, more dissipated, and more incapable of any serious application either to study or to business, than he could well have become in so short had a time, had a lived at home... Nothing but the discredit into which the universities are allowing themselves to fall, could ever have brought into repute so very absurd a practice as that of travelling at this early period of life. By sending his son abroad, a father delivers himself, at least for some time, from so disagreeable an object as that of a son unemployed, neglected, and going to ruin before his eyes. [Pages 832-3]

The post office is properly a mercantile project. The government advances the expence of establishing the different offices, and of buying or hiring the necessary horses or carriages, and is repaid with a large profit by the duties upon what is carried. It is perhaps the only mercantile project which has been successfully managed by, I believe, every sort of government. The capital to be advanced is not very considerable. There is no mystery in the business. The returns are not only certain, but immediate. [Page 881]

The tax was afterwards repealed, and in the room of it was established the window-tax, which has undergone too several alterations and augmentations. The window-tax, as it stands at present (January 1775), over and above the duty of three shillings upon every house in England, and of one shilling upon every house in Scotland, lays a duty upon every window, which, in England, augments gradually from two-pence, the lowest rate, upon houses with not more than seven windows; to two shillings, the highest rate, upon houses with twenty-five windows and upwards. [Page 911]

In some parts of Lancashire it is pretended, I have been told, that bread of oatmeal is heartier food for laboring people than wheaten bread, and I have frequently heard the same doctrine held in Scotland. I am, however, somewhat doubtful of the truth of it. The common people in Scotland, who are fed with oatmeal, are in general neither so strong nor so handsome as the same rank of people in England, who are fed with wheaten bread. They neither work so well, nor look so well; and as there is not the same difference between the people of fashion in the two countries, experience would seem to show, that the food of the common people in Scotland is not so suitable to the human constitution as that of their neighbours of the same rank in England. But it seems to be otherwise with potatoes. The chairmen, porters, and coal-heavers in London, and those unfortunate women who live by prostitution, the strongest men and the most beautiful women perhaps in the British dominions, are said to be, the greater part of them, from the lowest rank of people in Ireland, who are fed with this root. No food can afford a more decisive proof of its nourishing quality, or of its being peculiarly suitable to the health of the human constitution. [Page 185]

The discipline of colleges and universities is in general contrived, not for the benefit of the students, but for the interest, or more properly speaking, for the ease of the masters. Its object is, in all cases, to maintain the authority of the master, and whether he neglects or performs his duty, to oblige the students in all cases to behave to him as if he performed it with the greatest diligence and ability. [Page 824]

Game Openings

Diplomacy (Black Press – Permanent Opening in ES): Signed up: Dax Gorham (?), Paul Milewski, Arthur Shulman, Brad Wilson, needs three or four more.

Youngstown IV (Black Press): Ten-player variant, with off-board boxes to make it “worldwide.” A classic. Rules on request. Signed up: Brad Wilson, Heath Gardner, Andy Bate. Needs 7 more.

By Almost Popular Demand: Same as By Popular Demand, except the top choice in every category scores zero. *Join at any time.*

Eternal Sunshine Movie Photo Quiz: Join anytime. When this is over the next quiz will either be quotes again, or maybe overly-simple plot descriptions.

Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?: Rules in ES #58. *Join anytime!*

What’s My Line?: In Richard Weiss’ subzine. Ongoing, join anytime!

Drone Wars: Diplomacy variant being offered in Richard Weiss’ subzine. Sign up now!

Coming Soon?: 1898, Colonia VII-B. If you’re interested in one of these variants, or have a suggestion, let me know.

Standby List: HELP! I need standby players! – Current standby list: Richard Weiss, Jim Burgess (Dip only), Hank Alme, Martin Burgdorf, Paul Milewski (Dip only), Brad Wilson (including Woolworth), Chris Babcock, Don Williams, Marc Ellinger, Heath Gardner, and whoever I beg into it in an emergency.

I’m going to continue to go through my files and seeing what other variants I can offer, until I find one that gets enough interest to fill. When I offer a variant I’ll give it an issue or two, but if nobody signs up I’ll drop the opening and replace it. If somebody wants to guest-GM a game of anything, just get in touch. If you have specific game requests please let me know.

Eternal Sunshine Game Section

Acquire – “Winterbloom”

Players: Tom Howell, Hank Alme, Per Westling, and Martin Burgdorf.

Turn 6

Tom Howell: Plays 9-D, forms Worldwide. Gets one Worldwide free and buys three Festival.

Hank Alme: Plays 10-E. Buys three Festival.

Per Westling: Plays 3-B, merging Tower into American. Per receives \$3,000 and Tom gets \$1,500. Per trades two Tower into one American, keeps the rest. Tom trades two Tower for one American. Nobody else owned any Tower. Buys one Imperial.

Martin Burgdorf: Plays 7-F. Buys three Festival.

Tom Howell: Plays 6-F. Buys three Festival.

Turn Order for Turn 7: Hank Alme, Per Westling, Martin Burgdorf, Tom Howell, Hank Alme.

A	A	A	4-A		6-A	7-A	8-A	9-A	10-A	I	12-A
1-B	2-B	A	4-B	5-B	6-B	7-B		9-B	10-B	I	12-B
1-C	2-C	A	A	5-C	F	7-C	8-C	9-C	10-C	I	12-C
A	A	A	A	5-D	F	7-D	W	W	W	11-D	12-D
1-E	2-E	3-E	A	5-E	F	7-E	8-E	9-E	W	11-E	12-E
1-F	L	L	4-F	5-F	F	F	8-F	9-F	10-F	11-F	12-F
1-G	2-G	L	4-G	5-G	6-G	7-G	8-G	9-G	10-G	11-G	C
1-H	2-H	3-H	4-H	5-H	6-H	7-H	8-H	9-H	C	C	C
	2-I	3-I	4-I	5-I	6-I	7-I		9-I	10-I	11-I	12-I

Player	Cash	Tower	Luxor	American	Worldwide	Festival	Imperial	Continental
Martin Burgdorf	\$ 600	0	3	0	3	6	4	0
Tom Howell	\$1,700	0	1	5	3	9	0	5
Hank Alme	\$ -	0	0	12	0	6	1	1
Per Westling	\$3,700	2	7	7	0	0	1	0

Deadline for Turn 7 is June 24th at 7pm my time.

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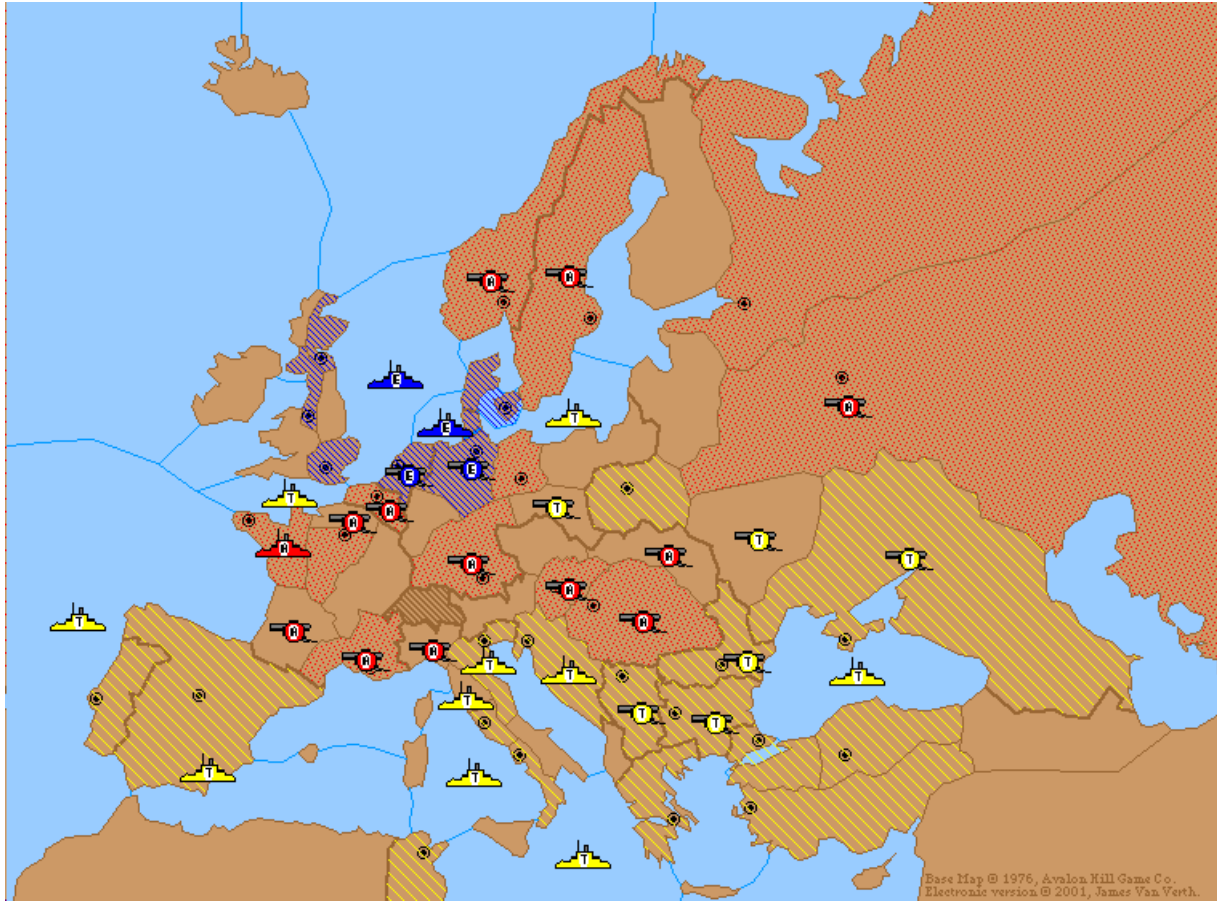
Austria (Martin Burgdorf – martin_burgdorf "of" hotmail.com): Retreat A Kiel - Munich...

A Belgium Supports A Holland (*Cut*), F Brest Supports F North Sea - English Channel (*Void*),
A Budapest Supports A Galicia – Rumania, A Galicia - Rumania (*Fails*), A Gascony - Spain (*Fails*),
A Holland Supports A Munich – Kiel (*Dislodged*, retreat to Ruhr or OTB),
A Marseilles Supports A Gascony – Spain, A Moscow - Warsaw (*Bounce*), A Munich - Kiel (*Fails*),
A Norway - Sweden (*Fails*), A Picardy Supports A Belgium, A Piedmont - Venice (*Fails*),
A Sweden - Denmark (*Bounce*), A Vienna Supports A Budapest.

England (Hank Alme – almejh "of" alumni.rice.edu): F Helgoland Bight Supports A London – Holland,
A Kiel - Denmark (*Bounce*), A London – Holland, F North Sea Convoys A London - Holland.

Turkey (Jim Burgess – jfburgess "of" gmail.com): F Aegean Sea - Ionian Sea,
F Baltic Sea - Denmark (*Bounce*), F Black Sea Convoys A Constantinople – Sevastopol,
A Bulgaria Supports A Rumania, A Constantinople – Sevastopol, F English Channel - Belgium (*Fails*),
F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Supports F Spain(sc),
A Rumania Supports A Serbia (*Cut*), A Serbia Supports F Trieste, A Silesia - Munich (*Fails*),
F Spain(sc) Supports F Mid-Atlantic Ocean (*Cut*), F Trieste Supports F Venice, F Tuscany - Piedmont (*Fails*),

A Ukraine - Warsaw (*Bounce*), F Venice Supports F Trieste (*Cut*).



W 23/S 24 Deadline is June 25th at 7:00am my time

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Belgium, Berlin, Brest, Budapest, Marseilles, Moscow, Munich,
Norway, Paris, St Petersburg, Sweden, Vienna=12, Even or Remove 1
England: Denmark, Edinburgh, Holland, Kiel, Liverpool, London=6, Build 2
Turkey: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Naples, Portugal, Rome, Rumania, Serbia,
Sevastopol, Smyrna, Spain, Trieste, Tunis, Venice, Warsaw=16, Even

PRESS

(BOOB to MARTIN): We just don't seem to see eye to eye ANYWHERE, do we?

(BOOB to HANK): I hope we are the friendly witches in the new Graustark game too!!!

(BOOB to DOUG): And I hope we are somewhere where I can just make you spin in that same game!!!

Doug – Boob: Three of us have already agreed you're the initial target regardless of what nation you play.

(BOOB to DOUG): Don't expect this to end anywhere before 1930.

Doug – Boob: Assuming you don't screw it up. And if you don't, you act like I care how long it goes!

“Dulcinea” Diplomacy Bourse

Billy Ray Valentine: Probably in his limousine.

Duke of York: Travelling.

Smaug the Dragon: Sells 500 Crowns. Buys 300 Piastres.

Rothschild: Sells 500 Crowns and 500 Piasters. Buys 1660 Pounds.

Baron Wuffet: Eating spider stew.

Wooden Nickel Enterprises: Gluing up sawdust for nickels.

VAIONT Enterprises: Sells 500 Crowns. Buys 438 Piastres.

Insider Trading LLC: Prison.

Bourse Master: Taking some courses.

	<u>Austrian</u> Crowns	<u>English</u> Pounds	<u>French</u> Francs	<u>German</u> Marks	<u>Italian</u> Lire	<u>Russian</u> Rubles	<u>Turkish</u> Piastres	Cash	Total Value
Opening Value	\$1.9021	\$1.2276	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.1739		
Closing Value	\$1.7521	\$1.3936	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.1977		
	Player Holdings								
Billy Ray Valentine	500	1677	700	1000	700	700	1500	\$ 0.59	\$6,510.26
Duke of York	0	5000	0	0	0	0	4134	\$ 10.21	\$16,063.50
Smaug the Dragon	586	0	0	1371	0	4750	2350	\$ 358.16	\$6,549.49
Rothschild	173	1660	8360	650	0	0	4424	\$ 0.93	\$12,340.04
Baron Wuffet	986	3367	0	822	400	300	622	\$ 0.29	\$7,787.08
Wooden Nickel Enterprises	6980	0	0	0	0	642	0	\$ 0.96	\$12,230.62
VAIONT Enterprises	4821	0	0	0	0	0	1993	\$ 0.41	\$12,827.30
Insider Trading LLC	2475	1232	0	0	0	0	1866	\$ 730.81	\$10,885.08
Bourse Master	0	0	0	0	0	1000	4088	\$ 0.84	\$8,985.04
<u>Any New Players</u>	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	\$ -	\$5,343.40

PRESS

Smaug the Tiny Lizard to ALL: Um... someone get Rick Moranis in here! I need embiggening!!!! *snorts flamelessly*

SMAUG THE MAGNIFICENT TO BILBO: Come here.... barrel rider. I promise you won't suffer. *hssssss hsss hssst*

Bilbo to York: Second breakfast was scrumptious! Third breakfast was even better! Time for a smoke and a nap. You may join us for the smoke, but find your own furz bush for your nap.

Head Churner to Duke: We certainly hope so!

Duke of York to Churners: I am unafraid of your market manipulations! The continued success of the English already has been exploited in these quarters, I am the Duke of York after all!!!!

Next Bourse Deadline is June 24th at 7:00pm my time

Graustark Diplomacy Game 2006A, F 22

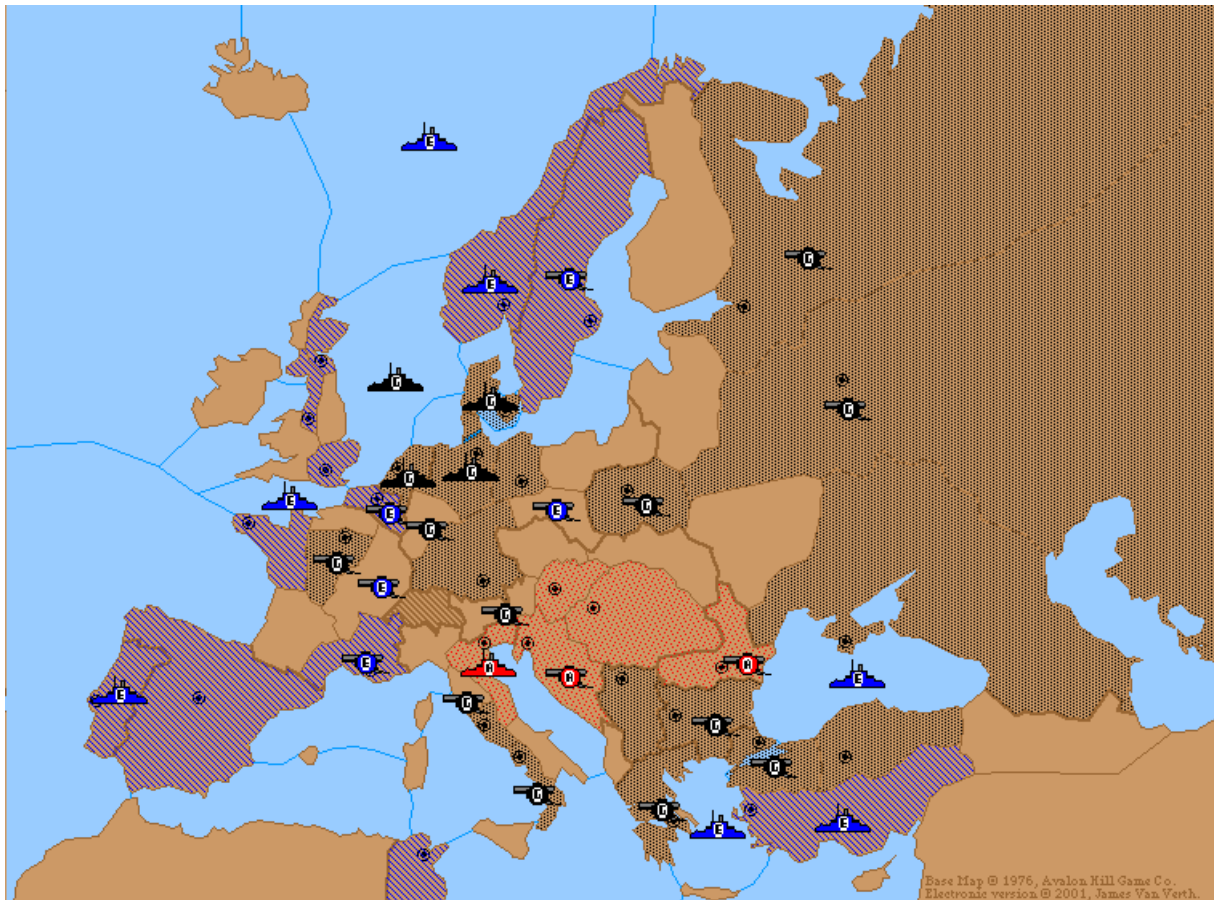
Austria (Don Williams – dwilliams "of" fontana.org): A Rumania - Sevastopol (*Bounce*),
A Trieste Supports F Venice, F Venice Hold.

England (Fred Wiedemeyer – wiedzem “of” telus.net): Retreat F Bulgaria(sc) - Aegean Sea, A St Petersburg - Finland.. F Aegean Sea Supports F Constantinople – Smyrna, A Belgium Hold, F Black Sea - Sevastopol (*Bounce*), A Burgundy - Munich (*Bounce*), F Constantinople – Smyrna, F English Channel Supports A Belgium, A Finland – Sweden, A Marseilles Hold, ~~F North Sea – Denmark~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to London or Helgoland Bight or Skagerrak or Edinburgh or Yorkshire or OTB), F Norway Supports A Finland – Sweden, F Norwegian Sea Supports F Norway, A Silesia - Berlin (*Bounce*), F Spain(sc) - Portugal.

France (Hank Alme – almehj “of” alumni.rice.edu): No units.

Germany (Harley Jordan – harleyj “of” alum.mit.edu): Retreat A Marseilles - Piedmont..

A Ankara – Constantinople, A Bulgaria Supports A Ankara – Constantinople, F Denmark Supports F Holland - North Sea, A Greece Supports A Bulgaria, F Helgoland Bight – Holland, F Holland - North Sea, F Kiel - Berlin (*Bounce*), A Moscow Supports A St Petersburg, A Naples Hold, A Picardy – Paris, A Piedmont – Tyrolia, A Rome – Tuscany, A Ruhr - Munich (*Bounce*), ~~A Smyrna Supports A Ankara – Constantinople~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Armenia or Ankara or Syria or OTB), A St Petersburg Supports F Sweden – Norway, ~~F Sweden – Norway~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Skagerrak or Baltic Sea or Gulf of Bothnia or OTB), A Warsaw - Silesia (*Fails*).



W 22/S 23 Deadline is June 25th at 7:00am my time

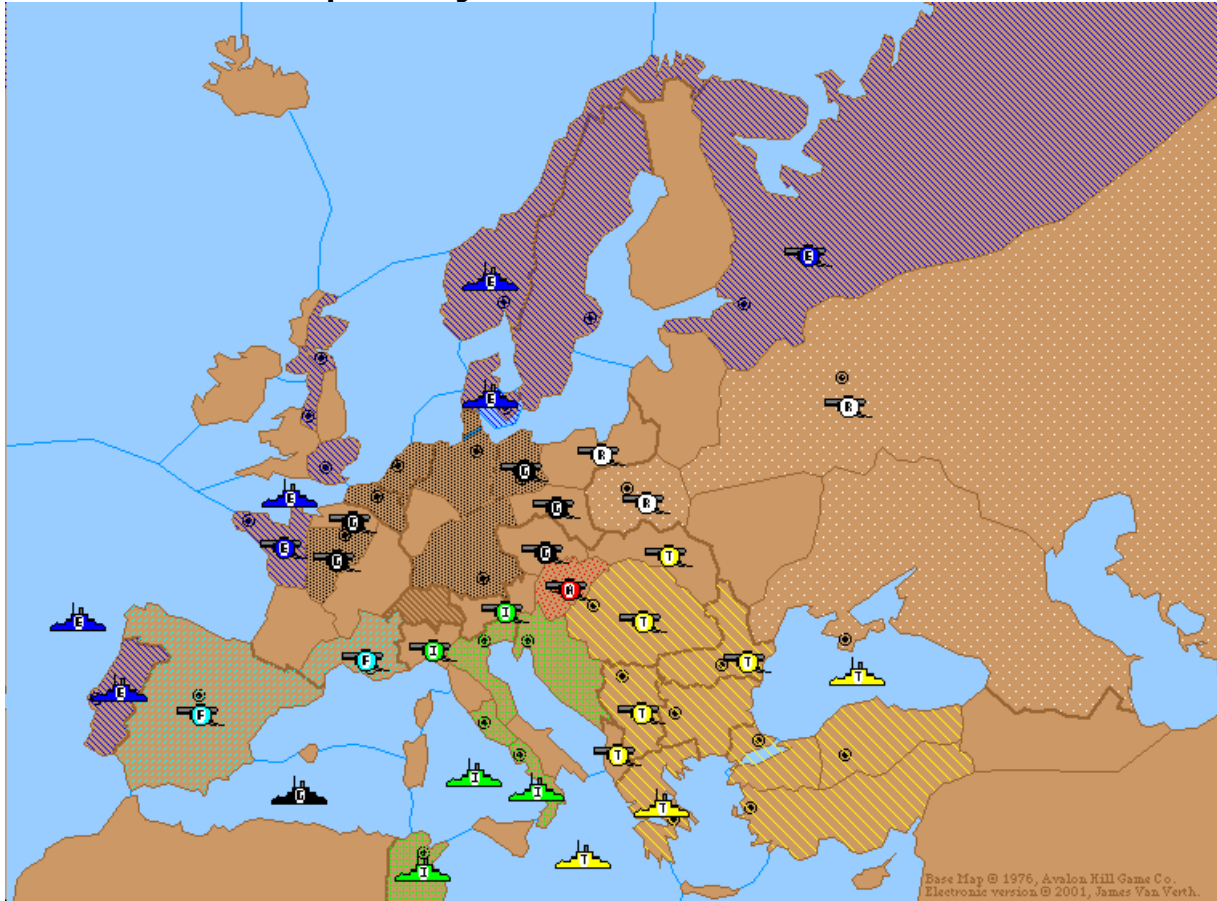
Supply Center Chart

Austria: Budapest, Rumania, Trieste, Venice, Vienna=5, Build 2
 England: Belgium, Brest, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Marseilles, Norway, Portugal, Smyrna, Spain, Sweden, Tunis=12, Even or Remove 1
 France: None=0, OUT!!
 Germany: Ankara, Berlin, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Denmark, Greece, Holland, Kiel, Moscow, Munich, Naples, Paris, Rome, Serbia, Sevastopol, St Petersburg, Warsaw=17, Even or Build 1 or Build 2

PRESS:

None. You guys suck.

Diplomacy "Jerusalem" 2012A, F 05



- Austria (Melinda Holley – genea5613 "of" aol.com):** A Vienna Supports A Galicia - Bohemia.
- England (John Biehl – jerbil "of" shaw.ca):** F English Channel Convoys A London – Brest, A London – Brest, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Supports A London – Brest, F North Sea – Denmark, F Norway Hold, F Portugal Supports F Western Mediterranean - Spain(sc), A St Petersburg - Moscow (*Fails*).
- France (Jack McHugh – jwmchughjr "of" gmail.com):** F ~~Brest Hold~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Gascony or OTB), A Marseilles Supports A Spain, A Paris Supports F Brest (*Dislodged*, retreat to Gascony or OTB), A Spain Supports A Marseilles (*Cut*).
- Germany (Don Williams – dwilliams "of" fontana.org):** Retreat A Marseilles - Burgundy..
A Berlin Supports A Silesia (*Cut*), A Bohemia Supports A Vienna (*Cut*), A Burgundy – Paris, A Picardy Supports A Burgundy – Paris, A Silesia Supports A Bohemia, F Western Mediterranean - Spain(sc) (*Fails*).
- Italy (Mark Firth – mark.r.firth "of" capita.co.uk):** F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea, F Naples Supports F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea, A Piedmont Supports A Venice – Tyrolia, F Tunis Supports F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea, A Venice – Tyrolia.
- Russia (Richard Weiss – richardweiss "of" higherquality.com):** A Moscow - St Petersburg (*Fails*), A Prussia - Berlin (*Fails*), A Warsaw Supports A Galicia - Silesia (*Void*).
- Turkey (Geff Kemp - ggeoff510 "of" aol.com):** F Aegean Sea - Ionian Sea, A Albania - Trieste (*Bounce*), F Black Sea Hold, A Budapest Supports A Rumania - Galicia (*Fails*), A Galicia - Bohemia (*Fails*), F Greece Supports F Aegean Sea - Ionian Sea, A Rumania - Galicia (*Fails*), A Serbia - Trieste (*Bounce*).

W 05/S 06 Deadline is June 25th at 7:00am my time

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Vienna=1, Even
 England: Brest, Denmark, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Norway, Portugal, St Petersburg, Sweden=9, Build 2
 France: Marseilles, Spain=2, Even or Remove 1
 Germany: Belgium, Berlin, Holland, Kiel, Munich, Paris=6, Even
 Italy: Naples, Rome, Trieste, Tunis, Venice=5, Even

Russia: Moscow, Sevastopol, Warsaw=3, Even
 Turkey: Ankara, Budapest, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Rumania, Serbia, Smyrna=8, Even

PRESS

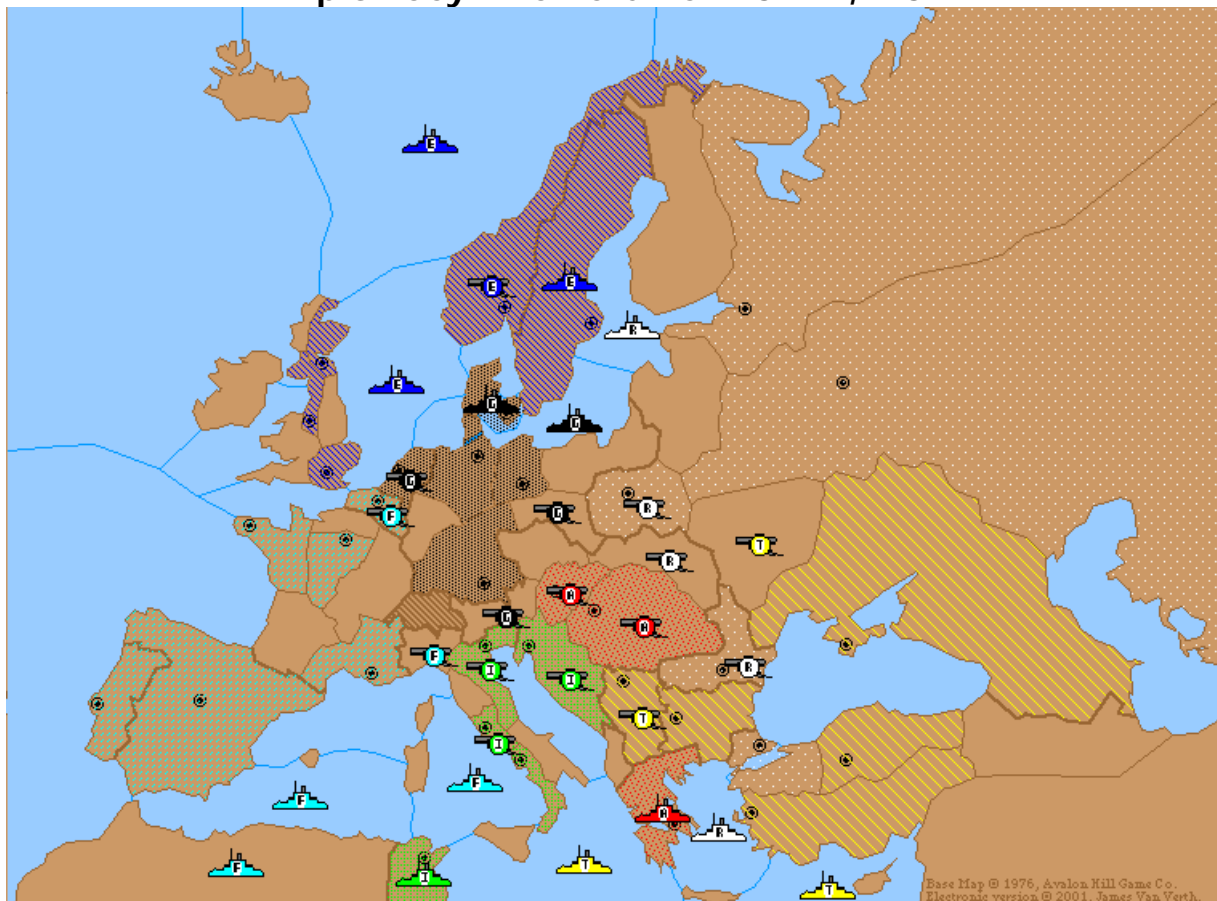
(Heard throughout the halls of the Austrian Chancellory) - "Don't bother me with military matters! I'm listening to Mozart!"

Moscow - London: Please resume sending press. I'll pretend your press is really diplomatic communications. Then there would be some in this game.

Warsaw - Dresden: I have some bombs for you. That reminds me, Mr. GM, I request a game of Evil Yuppie Empire Nuclear War Diplomacy. Maybe one of your subzines would offer it, if you're too chintzy to do it yourself, or if you want to drop a few big ones on someone. Oh, never mind, go look in Zero Sum and join the new variant game there - DRONE WARS Diplomacy.

Black Sea - Istanbul: Stay calm. Mother Nature likes it that way.

Diplomacy "Walkerdine" 2012D, F 02



Austria (Jeff O'Donnell – unclestaush "of" yahoo.com): Retreat A Tyrolia - Trieste..
A Budapest Supports A Serbia (*Cut*), F Greece Supports A Serbia (*Impossible*), ~~A Serbia Supports F Greece~~
 (*Dislodged*, retreat to Albania or OTB), A Trieste Hold (*Dislodged*, retreat to Albania or OTB),
 A Vienna Supports A Budapest.

England (Marc Ellinger - mellinger "of" bbdlc.com): F English Channel - North Sea,
 F North Sea - Norwegian Sea, A Norway - St Petersburg (*Bounce*), F Sweden Hold.

France (Jim Burgess – jfburgess "of" gmail.com): A Belgium Hold, F Gulf of Lyon - Tyrrhenian Sea,
 A Marseilles – Piedmont, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - North Africa, F Spain(sc) - Western Mediterranean.

Germany (Steve Cooley – tmssteve "of" gmail.com): F Baltic Sea Supports F Denmark,
 F Denmark Supports F Baltic Sea, A Munich – Tyrolia, A Ruhr – Holland, A Silesia - Galicia (*Fails*).

Italy (Harold Zarr - skip1955 "of" hotmail.com): A Rome Supports A Venice, F Tunis - Ionian Sea (*Fails*),
 A Tyrolia – Trieste, A Venice Supports A Tyrolia - Trieste.

Russia (Hank Alme – almehj "of" alumni.rice.edu): F Constantinople - Aegean Sea,

A Galicia - Budapest (*Fails*), F Gulf of Bothnia - St Petersburg(sc) (*Bounce*), A Livonia – Warsaw, A Rumania Supports A Bulgaria - Serbia.

Turkey (Don Williams – dwilliams “of” fontana.org): F Aegean Sea - Ionian Sea, A Bulgaria – Serbia, F Eastern Mediterranean Supports F Aegean Sea - Ionian Sea, A Ukraine Unordered, A Galicia – Warsaw (No Such Unit).

Deadline for W 02/S 03 Will Be June 25th at 7am My Time

Supply Center Chart

Austria:	Budapest, Greece, Vienna=3, Even or Remove 1
England:	Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Norway, Sweden=5, Build 1
France:	Belgium, Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain=6, Build 1
Germany:	Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Munich=5, Even
Italy:	Naples, Rome, Trieste, Tunis, Venice=5, Build 1
Russia:	Constantinople, Moscow, Rumania, St Petersburg, Warsaw=5, Even
Turkey:	Ankara, Bulgaria, Serbia, Sevastopol, Smyrna=5, Build 1

PRESS

(BOOB to VATICAN): You're just lucky I like bad puns. You better watch out for me, Boobs are very dangerous for you!

(BREST to BOOB): Hey, you're stealing my moniker!!!

(BREST to ST. PETE): We'll see if we're still friendly homes or if the expansionist Brits are taking over the world.

(BURGESS to WILLIAMS): Sure, let's go ahead and concede to Marc or Cooley now.... oh, you meant we should concede to you?!?! MOOOahahahahaha, I'm rolling on the floor.

GM – Burgess: Why? Fell out of your high chair again? Or off your high horse?

(FRENCH FLEETS to SHUFFLED FLEETS): Yeah, yeah, we prostrate ourselves before your brilliance.

(BREST to VIENNA): I hope you're right.

Italy to France: Our mutual danger is ultimately Turkey. My build was designed to show my friendly intentions. I hope you with understand.

Rome-Vienna: I'm heading your way. You can't stop me and I won't be contained. "Fortress Italia" eh? I'm a gonna show you some a dis Italia, eh?

Vatican-Italy: Y'know, on second thought, the Pope thinks your build was . . . terrible, beyond redemption, something only a Protestant could love.

GM – Vatican: Harry, I would like you to sell me a condom. In fact today I think I'll have a French tickler.

GM-Williams: Good news for you, Donnie me boy! We can take the concession vote now, so please, stop proposing it! 6 emails was enough.

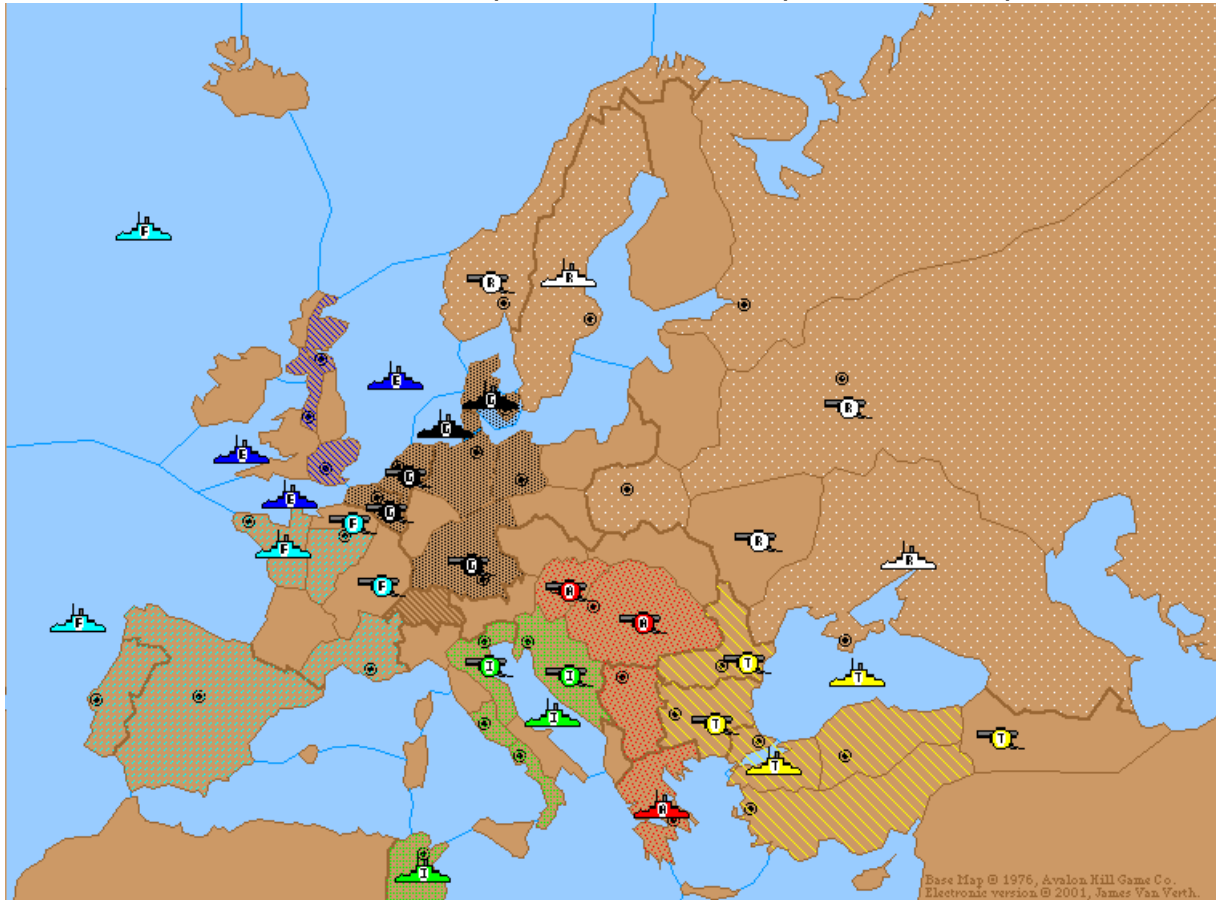
Munich-Boob: I thought you said Turkey was weak?

GM – Munich: No, he said Turkey was the flavor of the week.

Berlin-Boob: Hey pal, just be thankful you've got hair to tear out! Btw, you make a fine Santa Claus—so may we presume you're giving your dots away?

GM – Berlin: Doubtful. He's a Grinch.

Black Press Gunboat, "Fred Noonan", 2013Arb32, F 02



Austria: Retreat A Vienna - Galicia.. A Budapest Supports A Galicia – Vienna, A Galicia – Vienna, F Greece - Ionian Sea (*Bounce*), ~~A Trieste Supports A Galicia – Vienna~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Albania or Serbia or OTB).

England: ~~A Belgium Hold~~ (*Disbanded*), F English Channel Supports F North Sea, F Irish Sea - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (*Fails*), F North Sea Supports A Belgium (*Cut*).

France: F Brest Supports F Spain(sc) - Mid-Atlantic Ocean, A Burgundy – Picardy, A Gascony – Burgundy, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - North Atlantic Ocean, F Spain(sc) - Mid-Atlantic Ocean.

Germany: F Denmark Supports F Helgoland Bight - North Sea, F Helgoland Bight - North Sea (*Fails*), A Holland Supports A Ruhr – Belgium, A Munich Hold, A Ruhr - Belgium.

Italy: F Apulia - Adriatic Sea, F Tunis - Ionian Sea (*Bounce*), A Tyrolia – Trieste, A Venice Supports A Tyrolia – Trieste, ~~A Vienna Supports A Tyrolia – Trieste~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Bohemia or Tyrolia or OTB).

Russia: F Black Sea – Sevastopol, A Moscow Supports F Black Sea – Sevastopol, A Norway Supports F Sweden, F Sweden Supports A Norway, A Ukraine Supports F Black Sea - Sevastopol.

Turkey: F Ankara - Black Sea, ~~A Armenia - Sevastopol~~ (*Fails*), A Bulgaria Supports A Rumania, F Constantinople Supports F Ankara - Black Sea, A Rumania Supports A Armenia - Sevastopol.

Deadline for W 02/S 03 Will Be June 25th at 7am My Time

Supply Center Chart

Austria:	Budapest, Greece, Serbia, Vienna4, Even or Play 1 Short
England:	Edinburgh, Liverpool, London=3, Even
France:	Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain=5, Even
Germany:	Belgium, Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Munich=6, Build 1
Italy:	Naples, Rome, Trieste, Tunis, Venice=5, Even or Build 1
Russia:	Moscow, Norway, Sevastopol, St Petersburg, Sweden, Warsaw=6, Build 1
Turkey:	Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Rumania, Smyrna=5, Even

PRESS

Rome to Constantinople: Budapest is nice this time of year, cool wine cellars and hearty food. Check it out!!

Rome to Germany: I see you're busy.

Ger - Fra: I understand your defensive move in Burgandy. However, I'm sincerely hoping you can read the board as well as I & understand I have no aggressive intentions towards La Belle France.

Ger - Rus: No harm in trying. I hope you understand I couldn't allow such a large neighbor at this point. My eyes are fixed elsewhere and not on you. Your northern holdings are safe from me. Good luck in the south.

Ger - Eng: Sorry, but you lost the coin toss.

T => I: You can have the Austrian home scs as long as I get all of the Balkans.

T => A: It's a deal, I get all of the Balkans, and you try to defend your home scs.

T => R: Once I have got the whole coast of the Black Sea, I shall have no interest in further conquests of Russian scs.

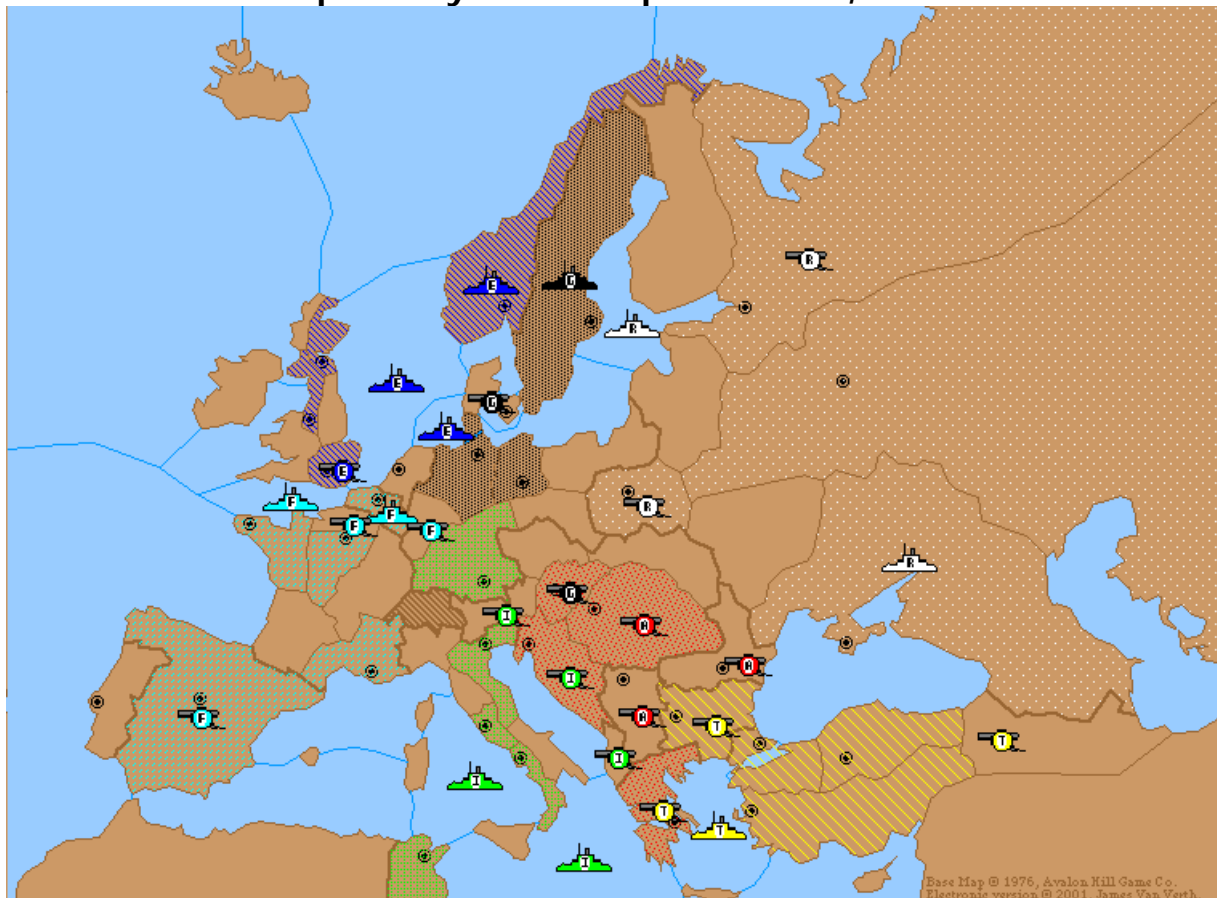
RUSSIA - GERMANY: ☺

France to GM: An Austria army in Trieste, yet the territory is "painted" green! And there is both an Italian army and an Austrian army in Vienna! Very strange.

GM - France: You can't make me believe you don't know what's going on. But for anybody who can't, "painting" only changes after the Fall turn, and two units in one province means the one on the bottom must retreat.

France to GM: The convoy to Ireland will be in place very soon. I have decided to open up trade relations with the Irish by exchanging Irish whiskey for French wine. Good times to had by all!

Diplomacy "Sweet Spot" 2013A, S 02



Austria (Fred Wiedemeyer – wiedzem “of” telus.net): A Budapest Supports A Galicia – Rumania, A Galicia – Rumania, F Greece Supports F Ionian Sea – Aegean Sea (*Disbanded*), A Trieste - Serbia.

England (Harold Zarr – skip1955 “of” hotmail.com): F London - North Sea, F North Sea - Helgoland Bight, F Norway Supports F Sweden (*Cut*), A Yorkshire - London.

France (Melinda Holley – genea5613 “of” aol.com): F Belgium Supports F Brest - English Channel, F Brest - English Channel, A Burgundy – Ruhr, A Paris – Picardy, A Spain Hold.

Germany (Jack McHugh – jwmchughjr “of” gmail.com): A Bohemia – Vienna, A Kiel – Denmark, F Sweden Supports A Kiel - Denmark.

Italy (Heath Gardner - heath.gardner “of” gmail.com): F Ionian Sea Convoys A Tunis – Albania, A Munich – Tyrolia, F Naples - Tyrrhenian Sea, A Tunis – Albania, A Venice - Trieste.

Russia (Chris Babcock – cbabcock “of” asciiking.com): F Baltic Sea - Gulf of Bothnia, F Sevastopol - Rumania (*Fails*), A Silesia – Warsaw, A St Petersburg - Norway (*Fails*).

Turkey (Larry Peery – peery “of” ix.netcom.com): F Aegean Sea Supports A Bulgaria – Greece, A Bulgaria – Greece, A Constantinople – Bulgaria, A Syria - Armenia.

Deadline for Fall 02 Will Be June 25th at 7am My Time

PRESS

(Versailles) - The Woman leaned forward and looked over the balcony at the magnificent gardens below. Taking a deep breath, she sighed, "Ah, Paris in the Springtime." Several massive sneezes immediately followed. After blowing her nose several times, the Woman wrathfully glared at the garden. "Damn pollen!" Turning, she marched back into her office, slamming the glass doors shut behind her. "Robert! Robert!" Impatiently, the Woman pointed to her aide. "Robert!" she screamed.

The aide looked around then grimaced. "It's Etienne...I mean...Pierre, Madam." He gulped at the glower thrown towards him. "Robert. Yes, Madam."

The Woman sighed. "Any word from the foreign embassies?"

"No, Madam. Our agents in Munich report the Italians are still...making merry."

"Well, the Italians like to party," the Woman admitted. "Did you send that case of wine to them?"

"Yes, Madam. They were most appreciative."

"Appreciative, hmmm. Well, we'll find out just how appreciative."

NEWS FROM TURKEY: A MOSQUE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF By Larry Peery

Nearly two thousand years ago the apostle Mark wrote, "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25).

Four hundred and fifty years ago Europe was divided for over a hundred and fifty years by a series of religious wars fought between Catholics and Protestants.

A hundred and fifty-five years ago Abraham Lincoln's House Divided Speech said much the same thing when talking about the dangers slavery posed to the Union.

A generation ago Europe was a continent divided against itself: West vs. East, Christian vs. Communist. Today Europe is still divided against itself: North vs. South, Christian vs. Muslim.

If Lincoln were a Turk living today he might write something like the following: "A mosque divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this Republic cannot endure, permanently, half secular and half fundamentalist. I do not expect the Republic to be dissolved---I do not expect the mosque to fall---but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other. Either the opponents of secularism will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction; or its advocates will push it forward, till it shall become lawful in all the Provinces, old as well as new--cities as well as in rural areas. "

At times the battle between secularists and fundamentalists seems funny. At others not so much. Consider the recent stories circulating about Turkish Airlines. First the airline announced it was banning lipstick. Then it said it

was only banning red lipstick. Then it said it was only banning bright lipstick. And finally it said pastel lipsticks were OK. Modern stewardess uniforms are out and the new ones require full length skirts and head coverings. The Airline announced it was banning alcohol on its flights, but after international travelers raised a ruckus the Airline said the ban would only apply to flights to and from Russia because of their unruly passengers. In the meantime Turkish Airlines is buying 117 new Airbuses, Istanbul Airport will become the world's largest by 2020, just in time to host the Olympics Turkey is hoping for. And then just a week ago the international media featured a story of a couple who had intended to fly from Los Angeles to Dakar, Senegal, but ended up 7,000 miles away in Dhaka, Bangladesh because the airline (Turkish Airlines, of course) coded their tickets and luggage LAX-IST-DAC instead of LAX-IST-DKR. Not to worry, the Turkish Air Force is replacing its F-16s with locally built (with Swedish Saab's assistance) jet fighters. Perhaps it intends to use them to shoot down passenger jets arriving at its new airport for the 2020 Olympics?

On a more serious note, and returning to the mosque analogy I mentioned above, Istanbul has 19 mosques (some of which are now museums) that were originally built by the Byzantines but converted to mosques by the Ottomans. Istanbul has 39 purpose built mosques built by the Ottomans. Istanbul has 1 mosque, the Sakirin Mosquem built in the post Ottoman period. It opened in 2009, and is built on top of a three level parking garage! End of story? Not quite. ANS Amed reports: "Some 17,000 new mosques have been built during Turkish Premier Recep Tayyip Erdogan's 10 years of leadership. In the same period the amount of public schools has remained at 32,000, while the number of mosques has jumped from 76,000 to 93,000. Turkey's secular opposition has accused Erdogan of having a "secret plan" to re-Islamize the nation. Erdogan recently announced the construction of a new mega-mosque in Istanbul which will "be seen from every corner of the Bosphorus" and will have the tallest minarets in the world."

And what of Turkey's foreign affairs?

Turkey conquered the Balkans five centuries ago. Now Turkish power is making inroads through friendlier means according to a Washington Post article, "In Bosnia, Turkey brings back a gentle version of the Ottoman Empire." (24 March 2013). Still, many in the Balkans think they are merely a way point on the route to Turkey's broader goals. "They are a big regional power," said Hayruddin Somun, a former Bosnian ambassador to Turkey. "The Balkans was always their path to conquering Europe. They had to come through here." Will history repeat itself in "Sweet Spot?" Only time will tell.

At about the same time Time was saying, "Turkey's Big Week Means New Clout In An Emerging Middle East." (Time, 28 March 2013). Time hailed Obama's role as peacemaker between Israel and Turkey, Ergodan's success in brokering a deal with the Kurdish PKK, and Turkey's growing influence in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Reuters, a couple of months later, lauded Turkey's becoming a "creditor" rather than "debtor" nation after it finished paying off its IMF loans, capping a decade of rapid growth, financial stability and political reform by a "tiger" economy on the seam of Europe and Asia. Still, as EU members around the Mediterranean wallow in financial crises, Turkey remains outside the EU because of Cypriot and French obstruction.

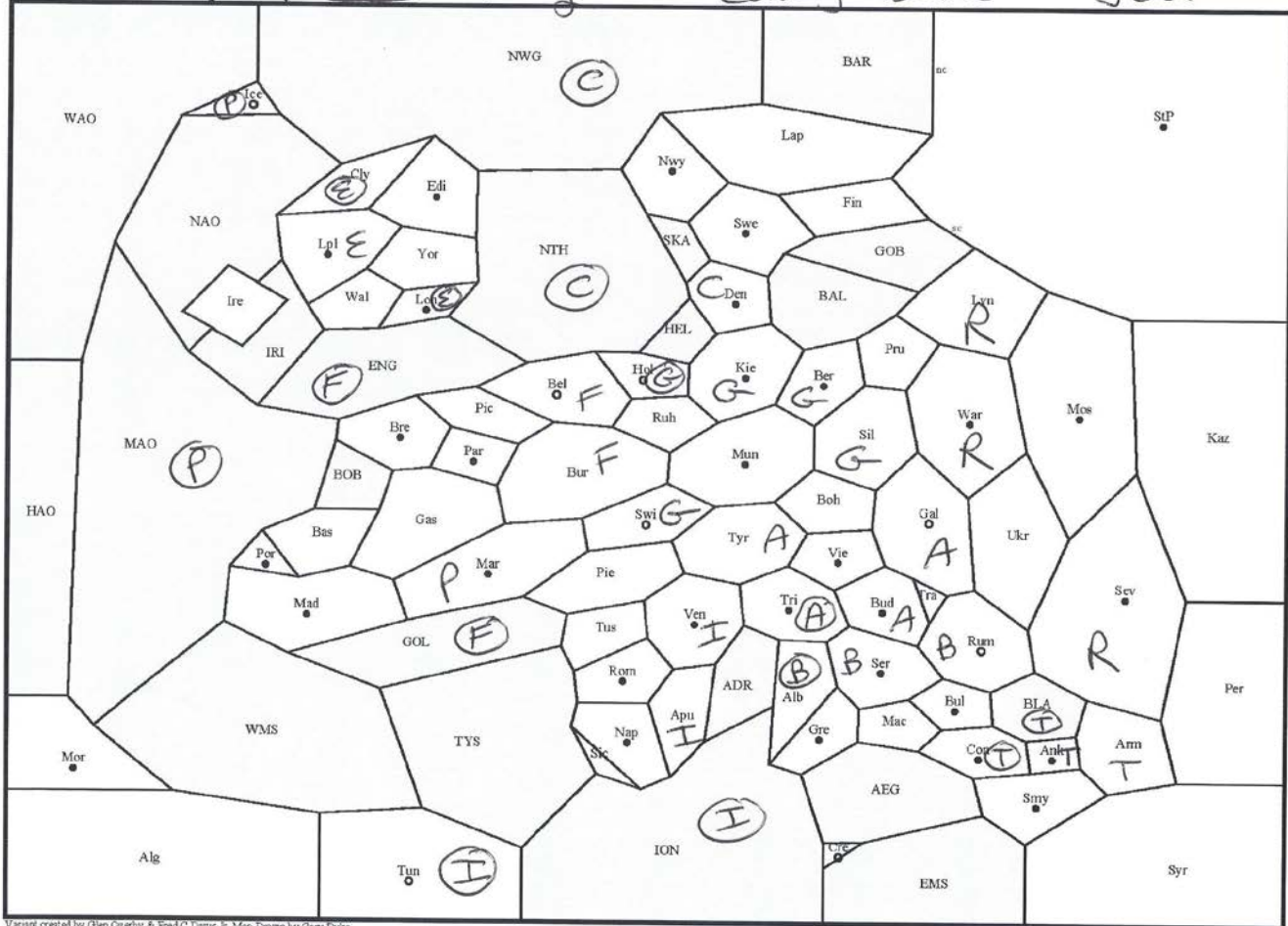
Erdogan visited Washington in late May for talks with President Obama. The two discussed Syria, and peace in the Middle East. Both supported the idea of getting rid of Assad and supported peace in the Middle East, but offered no clear idea of how to achieve either. The possibility that Turkey's agreement with the PKK and Kurds, and its deal with the Iraqi government to bring oil fields in the Kurdish area of Iraq back on line may give pause to oil producers in the Bakken oil fields of the USA. Not mentioned, I'm sure, was the fact that Erdogan has lost prestige at home in the last couple of years. The winds of history seem to be blowing in a different direction and nobody is now calling Erdogan a "neo-Ottoman Sultan."

Finally, if you're unhappy with your current bank and tired of dealing with ATMs, online banking systems that don't work, and telephone banking operations that never seem to do what you want instead of what they're programmed to do, I have an alternative. Pay a visit to the Sovereign Bank's Dorchester, Massachusetts branch on Morrissey Boulevard and talk to Santina. Santina moved into the bank's building courtyard last winter and was quickly adopted by employees and customers alike. A 20-pound female turkey of sweet temperament, unlike more aggressive, territorial tom turkeys, Santina's curious about how to help you. In fact, when she sees you in the windows and doors, she'll come toward you. Oh, and if you decide to ignore the "Do Not Feed" signs Santina will happily take your deposits of popcorn, sunflower seeds, and turkey feed; but no chicken feed please.

England to Russia: I'm impressed with your skill in the game. Lots of movement, no builds in the first year. If Austria and Turkey can get on the same page, I predict a short life for the Russian bear!

Woolworth II-D "Coney Island" 2013Bcb19, W 01/S 02

Woolworth II-D Diplomacy Fleet Army "Coney Island" 502



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Austria (Secret): Build A Vie..A Vie-Tyr, F Tri-Ven, A Gal S A Bud, A Bud S A Gal

Balkans (Secret): A Rum S A Ser, A Ser S A Rum, F Alb-Gre.

England (Secret): F Edi-Cly, A Wal-Lpl, F Lon-Ech.

France (Heath Gardner - heath.gardner "of" gmail.com): Build F Mar..A Bel S A Bur, A Bur S A Bel, F Bre-Ech, F Mar-Gol.

Germany (Marc Ellinger - mellinger "of" bbdlc.com): Build A Mun, A Ber..A Ber S A Mun-Sil, A Mun-Sil, A Kie S F Hol, F Hol H, A Swi H.

Italy (Secret): Build A Nap..F Ion-Gre, F Tun-Ion, A Ven S F Tri(OTM), A Nap-Apu.

Russia (Jim Burgess - jfburgess "of" gmail.com): A War H, A Lvn H, A Sev H, ~~F Bla H(Destroyed)~~.

Scandinavia (Geoff Kemp - ggeoff510 "of" aol.com): F Nwy-Nwg, A Den H, F Nth S F Bre-Ech.

Spain (Secret): F NAO-Ice, F Mid S F Bre-Ech, A Gas-Mar.

Turkey (Hugh Polley - hapolley "of" yahoo.ca): Build F Con..F Bul-Bla, A Per-Arm, A Arm-Ank, F Con S F Bul-Bla.

Deadline for F 02 is June 25th at 7am My Time

PRESS

Italy to Balkans - We will support the Austria in all matters regarding Tri, ADR, Ion.

Italy to Austria - notice we have supported Tri as promised against any outside power. Our relationship is not an alliance but rather a promise to help out whenever a third party enters territory along our joint border.

Ank for Ser: What happened, I expected to be stood off in Bul not to take it! Consider me your partner in the STOP Russia alliance. Your humble servant the very grateful Sultan of Turkey. I pledge to use the Fleet loan wisely; never aid the Austrian against you, and to support your units when ever viable!

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Ank for Bud: I will not help you out against my buddy in the Bulkans but if you are in position to cause Russia some trouble, and I can lend a hand, expect help. The taking of Bul was not expected. Hope my buddy has an easy time taking it back.

Ank for Ven: Damm! I was hoping to take a run at Cre but Russia moved to Bla ruining my Con move to Aeg. You are doing well, I was not expecting such an easy time for you in conquest of Tun. Is move to WMS in cards?

Eng - Scan: Thanks to your meddling, we might have to jpin forces to get it, Although is that such a bad idea in these early stages?

Eng – Spain: Rather than a grab at Iceland, can we divide France better?

Austria to Balkans: Hey, I'm stuck down here, how about if someone gives me some room, I'm all about peaceful co-existence.

Separators to Non-Separators: If Spring goes forward those of us lazy Separators may have some problems as secret powers are revealed.... Or are they???

By Almost Popular Demand

The goal is to pick something that fits the category and will be the a popular answer **but NOT the "most popular"** answer. You score points based on the number of entries that match yours. For example, if the category is "Cats" and the responses were 7 for Persian, 3 for Calico and 1 for Siamese, everyone who said Persian would get 7 points, Calico 3 and the lone Siamese would score 1 point. **However, if your answer is the most popular answer, you score ZERO.** The cumulative total over 10 rounds will determine the overall winner. Anyone may enter at any point, starting with an equivalent point total of the lowest cumulative score from the previous round. If a person misses a round, they'll receive the minimum score from the round added to their cumulative total. **In each round you may specify one of your answers as your Joker answer. Your score for this answer will be doubled.** In other words, if you apply your Joker to category 3 on a given turn, and 4 other people give the same answer as you, you get 10 points instead of 5. Players who fail to submit a Joker for any specific turn will have their Joker automatically applied to the first category. And, if you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds, and the score is doubled for Round 10. A prize will be awarded to the winner. **Research is permitted!**

Round 4 Categories

1. A film featuring Kevin Spacey.
2. A flavor of ice cream.
3. A character from the television show M*A*S*H.
4. Part of a cat.
5. Another word for beautiful.

Selected Comments By Category

Kevin Spacey – Brad Wilson "almost said Glengarry Glen Ross but no one will remember that." Kevin Wilson "Lots to pick from here. Lots of good stuff too. I think this one will get some picks but not be #1. Seven or American Beauty I think will be #1." Andy Bate "Not being a film buff, I'll just go see what I have to choose from... LOL Looks to be a toss-up between American Beauty, L.A. Confidential and The Usual Suspects." Marc Ellinger "Maybe I should be embarrassed, but this is the only movie I can think of with Spacey in it....are there others?"

Ice Cream – Phil Murphy "Vanilla - Especially nice with good quality chocolate sauce in my view." Kevin Wilson "Surely vanilla or chocolate will be #1."

M*A*S*H – Kevin Wilson "I think Hawkeye will be #1." Andy Bate "Immediate reaction is Radar, so going to avoid that one on the basis that it could be the most popular. Hotlips has to be in the running for that accolade, too, even though it wasn't anywhere near the top of my list. I've just started watching the DVDs from the beginning, so let's go with Trapper John and hope most people remember the later series." Marc Ellinger "So many great characters from my childhood through high school, but it really focused on Hawkeye."

Cat – Dane Maslen “I thought ‘tail’ was the obvious answer for 4 so I’ve desperately avoided it. No doubt everyone else will too so ‘claw’ will score zero instead.” Andy Bate “Tail seems to be the obvious choice.” Marc Ellinger “I hate cats, so if you bury one this is all that sticks up!!!! (Just kidding...sort of!)” John Biehl “The (cat)egories this time are, I think, particularly ‘feline fiendish’. There are so many good answers to each (cat)egory {notice how slyly a ‘cat’ got insinuated in} {btw, I like cats too} that it will be most interesting to see which answer comes in second for each.”

Beautiful – Marc Ellinger “Gorgeous – Just like my wife!”

<u>Player</u>	<u>Spacey</u>	<u>Ice Cream</u>	<u>M*A*S*H</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Beautiful</u>	<u>Turn</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dick Martin	<i>The Usual Suspects</i>	Vanilla	Hawkeye	Whiskers	Lovely	21	76
Heath Gardner	Se7en	Vanilla	Hawkeye	Nose	Gorgeous	9	64
Robin ap Cynan	American Beauty	Chocolate Chip	Hot Lips	Nose	Lovely	14	58
Kevin Wilson	The Usual Suspects	Strawberry	Klinger	Whiskers	Gorgeous	19	58
Michael Quirk	LA Confidential	Rocky Road	Klinger	Paw	Lovely	24	57
John Biehl	K-Pax	Chocolate	Henry	Whiskers	Lovely	13	56
Geoff Kemp	<i>The Usual Suspects</i>	Strawberry	Klinger	Whiskers	Gorgeous	21	54
Melinda Holley	<i>Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil</i>	Banana	Hawkeye	Whiskers	Exquisite	9	52
Brad Wilson	<i>The Usual Suspects</i>	Coffee	Radar	Tail	Dazzling	14	51
Paraic Reddington	American Beauty	Vanilla	Hawkeye	Tail	Handsome	11	48
Jim Burgess	The Usual Suspects	Vanilla	Radar	Tail	Gorgeous	6	47
Per Westling	Se7en	Strawberry	Radar	Paw	Pretty	15	45
Hank Alme	American Beauty	Chocolate	Klinger	Claw	Hot	16	45
Andy Bate	LA Confidential	Pistachio	Trapper John	Whiskers	Gorgeous	12	44
Martin Burgdorf	American Beauty	Chocolate	Sidney	Tail	Pretty	9	43
Brendan Whyte	American Psycho	Vanilla	Radar	Arsehole	Cantik	4	42
Dane Maslen	Superman Returns	Chocolate	Radar	Claw	Attractive	9	42
W. Andrew York	Pay it Forward	Strawberry	Hot Lips	Meow	Ravishing	14	42
Mark Firth	American Beauty	Raspberry Ripple	Radar	Eyes	Gorgeous	2	39
Carol Kay	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	2	39
Richard Weiss	American Beauty	Strawberry	Radar	Whiskers	Gorgeous	5	39
Andy Lischett	LA Confidential	Vanilla	Radar	Gut	Gorgeous	7	36
Heather Taylor	American Beauty	Peppermint	Hot Lips	Ass	Stunning	11	36
Allison Kent	American Beauty	Vanilla	Radar	Tail	Pretty	4	34
Rick Desper	LA Confidential	Mint Chocolate Chip	Radar	Legs	Gorgeous	12	34
Don Williams	LA Confidential	Rocky Road	Father Mulcahy	Paw	Stunning	15	34
Marc Ellinger	American Beauty	Vanilla	Hawkeye	Tail	Gorgeous	5	31
Jack McHugh	American Beauty	Cookies and Cream	Radar	Tail	Pretty	5	24
Phil Murphy	<i>The Usual Suspects</i>	Vanilla	Radar	Claw	Gorgeous	15	24
Hugh Polley	None	Tiger	Radar	Paw	Linda	8	17
Larry Peery	None	Avacado	iseu jeong-wonsa	Litterbox	None	5	14
MOST POPULAR	American Beauty	Vanilla	Radar	Tail/Whiskers	Gorgeous		

Congrats to Michael Quirk who scored 24. Poor Mark Firth hit the bottom with 2.

Round 5 Categories

1. A film featuring Chevy Chase.
2. A company which makes fine crystal.
3. A fictional detective.
4. A ship associated with Christopher Columbus.
5. An Ivy League school.

Deadline for Round 5 is June 25th at 7:00am my time

Eternal Sunshine Movie Photo Contest

There are ten rounds of movie photos, and each round consists of ten photos. **Identify the film each photo is from.** Anyone may enter at any point. If you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds. A prize will be awarded to the winner – **and it might be a very good prize! Research is not permitted! That means NO RESEARCH OF ANY KIND, not just no searches for the photos themselves. The only legal “research” is watching movies to try and locate the scenes.** Each round will also contain one bonus question, asking what the ten movies being quoted have in common. **The player with the most correct answers each round gets 3 points, 2nd place gets 2 points, and 3rd place gets 1 point. In the event of ties, multiple players get the points (if three players tie for first, they EACH get 3 points). High score at the end of ten rounds wins the game, and a prize (unless you cheated). If there’s enough participation I may give a prize for 2nd and maybe even 3rd place overall too. The final round will be worth double points.**

Round 9



1
The Sting. Correct – KW, RD, PR, JM, DW



3
The Rosary Murders. Correct – DW. Klute – RD.
Invasion of the Body Snatchers – PR.



2
The Man With One Red Shoe. Correct – RD,
DW. Splash – PR. Philadelphia – AL.



4
O Brother Where Art Thou. Correct – KW, RD,
PR, JM, DW, AY



5
Dog Day Afternoon. The Parallax Effect – RD.
 Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind – PR. Dirty Harry –
 AL. Man From UNCLE – DW.



8
Starting Over. Correct – DW. Network – RD.
 Sleepless in Seattle – PR. Carnal Knowledge – AL.



6
Dick Tracey. Correct – KW, RD, PR, AL, DW



9
The Front Page. Correct – JM. Save the Tiger –
 RD, DW. The China Syndrome – PR. Gengarry Glen
 Ross – AL.



7
IQ. Correct – PR. Sleepless in Seattle – RD, AL. I
 Love You – DW.



10
True Confessions. Correct – PR, DW. The
 Godfather – JM. Schindler's List – HA.

Bonus – What do these films all have in common? Charles Durning Appears in All of Them. All Based on a Classic Story – KW. Won Oscars for Best Score – RD. All Won Best Picture – JM. Don Williams – They All Have a Con Artist.

Points This Round: Don Williams [DW] – 7; Paraic Reddington [PR] – 5; Rick Desper [RD] – 4; Jack McHugh [JM] – 3; Kevin Wilson [KW] – 3; Andy York [AY] – 1; Andy Lischett [AL] – 1; Hank Alme [HA] - 0.

Scores So Far: Rick Desper [RD] – 21; Kevin Wilson [KW] – 10; Paraic Reddington [PR] – 8; Andy Lischett [AL] – 7; Hank Alme [HA] – 7; Andy York [AY] – 5; Jack McHugh [JM] – 5; Don Williams [DW] – 4; Kevin Tighe [KT] – 3; Brad Wilson [BW] – 2; Heather Taylor [HT] – 1.

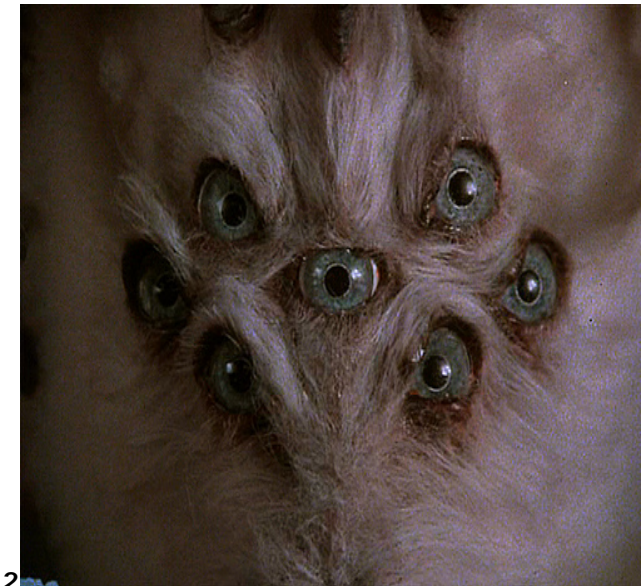
Round 10 – DOUBLE POINTS!



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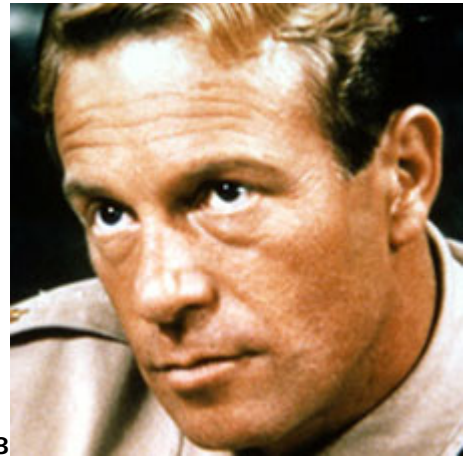
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Bonus – What do these films all have in common?

Deadline for Round 10 is June 25th at 7:00am my time

**General Deadline for the Next Issue of Eternal
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See You Then!**