

# ***Eternal Sunshine #94***

**November 2014**

**By Douglas Kent 911 Irene Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149**

Email: [diplomacyworld@yahoo.com](mailto:diplomacyworld@yahoo.com) or [dougray30@yahoo.com](mailto:dougray30@yahoo.com)

On the web at <http://www.whiningkentpigs.com> – or go directly to the Diplomacy section at <http://www.whiningkentpigs.com/DW/>. Also be sure to visit the official Diplomacy World website which can be found at <http://www.diplomacyworld.net>.

All Eternal Sunshine readers are ***encouraged*** to join the free Eternal Sunshine Yahoo group at [http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/eternal\\_sunshine\\_diplomacy/](http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/eternal_sunshine_diplomacy/) to stay up-to-date on any subzine news or errata.

Check out my eBay store at <http://stores.ebay.com/dougsrarebooksandmore>

My book "It's Their House; I'm Just a Guest" is available in softcover and Kindle from Amazon at [http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1501090968/ref=ox\\_sc\\_act\\_title\\_1?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKXODER](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1501090968/ref=ox_sc_act_title_1?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKXODER)

**REMEMBER: NO STANDBY PLAYERS WILL BE CALLED IN ANY GAMES. CONSECUTIVE NMR'S = CD**

---

## **Meet Me In Montauk**

### **The Eternal Sunshine Letter Column**

**Andy York:** Well, not Diving into the latest ES right away - and I agree with you about the Rangers in September. An excellent run; however, beyond being a potential spoiler for the A's, it didn't mean much for this year. Some great, young, players are out there that the team knows can produce at the major league level. I see some strategic trades of older players over the winter.

Didn't get to a game this year in either Houston or Arlington (just Boston). I'll have to do better next year.

Did you see the big changes in the AAA league? Six teams shuffled their teams with Houston's team ending up in Fresno. Also, Colorado's team moved from Colorado Springs to Albuquerque. Very odd....all started with LA buying Oklahoma's franchise and moving there (causing Houston to move) and Frisco wanting to move to Sacramento from Fresno.

***[[I'm rather ignorant about why these minor league teams change hands like that.]]***

I can't say for sure as I'm not well versed in why minor league teams move around. But, in some cases, I can give a bit of background based on second-hand info:

Express moving from Houston to Texas a few years back - the Express are owned by the Ryan's and Nolan had become part of the ownership/management of the Rangers. So, it made sense to flip, sending Houston to Oklahoma City and Texas's AAA team to Round Rock. Now, with Nolan working with the Astros, the elder son (Reid) as Houston's president and Houston's contract with Oklahoma ending, its was speculated that they'd flip back. But, as LA bought the Oklahoma franchise outright and moved their AAA team there from Albuquerque I'm guessing the Rangers wouldn't agree to having their team end up on the west coast (they've a contract through '17 with Round Rock). Thus, Houston was stuck with the move out there.

As part of this moves above, San Francisco had always wanted to move from Fresno to Sacramento. So, in all the shuffling that was already going on, they were able to move there (with Oakland ending up in Nashville). That left Fresno open for the displaced Houston team. Last, Colorado moved their team from Colorado Springs to Albuquerque and Milwaukee jumped from Nashville to the Springs.

(I think I got all those moves right...)

The current team in El Paso was in Portland OR. However, that city decided to convert the stadium from a multi-use venue to a dedicated Major League Soccer arena. So, the Portland franchise was kicked out and temporarily ended up in Tucson (which had a AAA team a long time ago). Meanwhile, El Paso (and I'm sure other places) vied for the former Portland team. They won and had to build a stadium which just opened this year (and the Chihuahua's were in the Pacific Coast League).

When Round Rock's team was brought to Texas 15 years ago, the Ryan's bought an existing franchise in Canada (Edmonton?) and brought it here after a stadium was built.

So, many and varied reasons for minor league teams moving around. And, if the San Antonio/Austin area ever get a major league team (Tampa?), then Round Rock likely would be displaced along with the AA team in San Antonio (the AA team in Corpus probably would stay).

Hope that helps somewhat....

***[[I have a headache now.]]***

**Brendan Whyte**: On how the Gospels disagree on nearly every detail in their resurrection narratives:

These narratives are found in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20-21. Read through the accounts and ask yourself some basic questions: Who was the first person to go the tomb? Was it Mary Magdalene by herself (John)? or Mary along with another Mary (Matthew)? or Mary along with another Mary and Salome (Mark)? or Mary, Mary, Joanna, and a number of other women (Luke)? Was the stone already rolled away when they arrived at the tomb (Mark, Luke, and John), or explicitly not (Matthew)? Whom did they see there? An angel (Matthew), a man (Mark), or two men (Luke)? Did they immediately go and tell some of the disciples what they had seen (John), or not (Matthew, Mark, and Luke)? What did the person or people at the tomb tell the women to do? To tell the disciples that Jesus would meet them in Galilee (Matthew and Mark)? Or to remember what Jesus had told them earlier when he had been in Galilee (Luke)? Did the women then go tell the disciples what they were told to tell them (Matthew and Luke), or not (Mark)? Did the disciples see Jesus (Matthew, Luke, and John), or not (Mark)? Where did they see him? only in Galilee (Matthew), or only in Jerusalem (Luke)? ?

This completely misses the point. Imagine today if you and a group of friends went to a tomb expecting to see the body of a dear friend, some sort of rebel, who had been executed, so that mere association with him would bring the suspicion of the authorities on you. He's told you he cannot be killed, and you are fearful of what it all means if he really is dead, and equally fearful of what it means if he is alive after you saw him die.

Now imagine that the body was gone, and someone standing there told you that he'd got up from the tomb and walked away earlier in the day. Then get interviewed some time later, and see if you account of who/what/when matches in every detail the account of someone else who was there. Of course it won't, any more than in any court case today, witness statements don't match up: was the getaway car red or blue? Did the driver have long blonde hair? A moustache? Were they driving east or west? At what speed? How many shots were fired? JFK springs to mind as a famous case, that even with audio and video of the incident, who shot who and how many times, is still debated. But that doesn't mean that JFK wasn't shot dead that day.

The fact that we have so many different (and so-called contradictory) accounts is to me proof that Jesus \*was\* raised from the dead. If they all matched in every detail, we'd surely be very suspicious of some cooked up story.

But all in all this argument is completely beside the point. The question is not 'who saw Jesus first?', or how many of them there were who went, but 'WAS Jesus resurrected?'. If he wasn't, then it doesn't matter who saw what, when or with whom. But if he was resurrected (and he was), then that is the significant fact. He said he would be, he was, and the implications of that are such that many people cannot face the truth, but seek to argue themselves out of facing it by nitpicking the irrelevant detail.

An argument that claims to debunk Jesus' divinity and resurrection simply because it finds supposed inconsistencies in the evidence, is flawed from the start. And when it starts playing the 'antisemitism' card, its hollowness rings loud and clear.

Here endeth the sermon.

*[[Is it time for coffee and donuts yet?]]*

---

## Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?

### Round 1

**Hank Alme:**

Joan Rivers in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

**Tom Howell:**

John Cusack in Bangui, Central African Republic

**Richard Weiss:**

Oliver Cromwell in Asuncion, Paraguay

**Kevin Wilson:**

Edgar Allen Poe in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

**Andy Lischett:**

Terry Thomas in Tarrytown, New York

**Jim Burgess:**

Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo

**John Biehl:**

Sir Francis Drake in Utica, NY

**Brendan Whyte:**

Diana Rigg on Wake Island

**Rick Desper:**

Chevy Chase in Chevy Chase, Maryland

**Marc Ellinger:**

*Vladimir Putin in Kiev, Ukraine*

**Jack McHugh:**

Plato in Lima, Peru

**Mark Firth:**

Kim Jong-un in Torremolinos, Spain

**Hint to the Person in the Closest Geographical Guess:** You're alive and I am dead.

### Round 2

**John Biehl:**

Ayatollah Khomeini in Bogota, Columbia

**Jack McHugh:**

Thomas Hobbes in Bangkok

**Brendan Whyte:**

Diana Rigg in Ouagadougou

**Andy Lischett:**

Phil Silvers in Silver Springs, Maryland

**Tom Howell:**

Abraham Lincoln in Cheremkhovo, Russia

**Richard Weiss:**

Hillary Clinton in Beijing

**Hank Alme:**

Charles Dickens in Cairo, Egypt

**Marc Ellinger:**

*Constantine the Great in Istanbul*

**Rick Desper:**

Britney Spears in Nome, Alaska

**Mark Firth:**

Sir Isaac Newton in Dasoguz, Turkmenistan

**Jim Burgess:**

Pope Gregory XII in Jerusalem

**Kevin Wilson:**

Abraham Lincoln in Novosibirsk

**Hint to the Person in the Closest Geographical Guess:** I was born about 12 centuries after you.

### ROUND 3

**Jim Burgess:**

William Shakespeare in Sevastopol

**John Biehl:**

Vlad the Impaler in Edirne (Adrianople), Turkey

**Jack McHugh:**

Nicolaus Copernicus in Odessa, Ukraine

**Hank Alme:**

Martin Luther in Worms, Germany

**Kalvin Miller:**

Jimi Hendrix in Belgrade, Serbia

**Andy Lischett:**

Christopher Columbus in Budapest, Hungary

**Tom Howell:**

*Ferdinand Columbus in Helsinki, Finland*

**Richard Weiss:**

Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni in Stockholm, Sweden

**Brendan Whyte:**

William Shakespeare in Kersch, Ukraine

**Rick Desper:**

Christopher Columbus in Sofia, Bulgaria

**Mark Firth:**

Catherine Parr in Yalta

**Hint to the Person in the Closest Geographical Guess:** Wrong country of birth, but I did spend a large chunk of my life in yours.

### Round 4

**Richard Weiss:**

Michel Nostradamus in Warsaw, Poland

**Marc Ellinger:**

Claude Duval in Donetsk, Ukraine

**Tom Howell:**

*Christopher Columbus in St. Petersburg, Russia*

**John Biehl:**

Rembrandt in Simferopol, Crimea

**Andy Lischett:**

Jimmy Durante in Oslo, Norway

**Mark Firth:**

Tycho Brahe in Brno, Czech Republic

**Kalvin Miller:**

Ferdinand of Aragon in Bucharest, Romania

**Jim Burgess:**

Queen Isabella in Prague, Czech Republic

**Hint to the Person in the Closest Geographical Guess:** You died before I was born. I spent many years in the country that financed your work.

**Round 5**

**Brendan Whyte:**

Giotto in Balaclava, Russia

**Tom Howell:**

John of Austria (1547 - 1578) in Moscow, Russia

**Andy Lischett:**

Nolan Ryan in Minsk, Belarus

**Kalvin Miller:**

Ferdinand of Aragon in Krakow, Poland

**Marc Ellinger:**

***Charles the I of Spain (Charles V of the HRE) in Tallinn, Estonia***

**Richard Weiss:**

El Greco in Moscow, Russia

**Jim Burgess:**

El Greco in Vilnius, Lithuania

**Mark Firth:**

Anne Frank in Chisinau, Moldova

**Hint to the Person in the Closest Geographical Guess:** I moved to the nation of your death about 20 years after you passed from this mortal realm. I have also now been identified, but not by you.

**Round 6**

**Jim Burgess:**

***El Greco in Helsinki, Finland***

**Tom Howell:**

Charles I of Spain in Murmansk, Russia

**Andy Lischett:**

El Greco in Riga, Latvia

**Brendan Whyte:**

John of Austria in Vitebsk, Belarus

**Mark Firth:**

El Greco in Rostock, Germany

**Marc Ellinger:**

El Greco in Pskov, Russia

**Kalvin Miller:**

John of Austria in St. Petersburg, Russia

**Richard Weiss:**

El Greco in St. Petersburg Russia

**Hint to the Person in the Closest Geographical Guess:** You know who I am, you know what country I am hiding in, but you still have not found me.

**Round 7**

**Jim Burgess:**

El Greco in Espoo, Finland

**Brendan Whyte:**

El Greco in Smolensk

**Andy Lischett:**

El Greco in Novgorod

**Richard Weiss:**

***El Greco in Turku, Finland***

**Marc Ellinger:**

El Greco in Adazi, Latvia

**Mark Firth:**

El Greco, in Parnu, Estonia

**Richard Weiss Wins! All closest guesses from prior turns have been put in bold and italics.**

---

## Excerpts from "Kings and Queens of England"

by Paul Milewski

All page citations are to "Kings and Queens of England" by Eric Delderfield, in which we find out that the English had their own revolution long before the French had theirs, and that today the Royal family is essentially a bunch of krauts.

---

### RICHARD I (COEUR-DE-LEON)

On his way home [from the crusades] Richard was captured by the Duke of Austria, who sold him to the Emperor Henry IV: so a crusade begun for the rescue of the Holy Land ended with the sale of one Christian monarch to another. For fourteen months, until his ransom was paid, Richard was imprisoned in a secret imperial castle, where, legend tells us, he was found at last by his minstrel, Blondel. Never again did an English king leave his realm to go crusading. [Pages 45-46]

---

### HENRY VII

During the reign of Henry VII, playing cards were first invented (1486): the portrait of his wife, Elizabeth of York, has appeared eight times on every deck of playing cards for nearly 500 years. [Page 68]

---

### HENRY VIII

He wrote a book on the Sacraments in reply to Luther, for which he received the title of "Defender of the Faith" from the Pope, a title since borne by all his successors. [*The title is still to be found on current British coinage, in the forms Fidei Defensor, Fidei Def., Fid. Def., or just F.D.*] His full title was: "By the Grace of God, King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and in earth under God of the Church of England and Ireland; the Supreme Head and Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter." [Page 69]

---

### CHARLES I

Things went from bad to worse. The Civil War became inevitable, a struggle for supremacy between King and Parliament, between High Church and Puritans. In 1642 Charles' standard was raised at Nottingham, and the war began which for four long years tormented the realm. Very roughly the middle classes and tradesmen supported Parliament and the nobility and peasant class took the side of the King. It is estimated that the parts of country controlled by Parliament, including the ports of London, Hull, Bristol and Plymouth, contained some two-thirds of the population and three-quarters of the country's wealth; with the annihilation of the Royalist troops at the Battle of Naseby by Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army in 1645, the end was in sight. A year later Charles surrendered himself to the Scots, who handed him over to the English. Eventually, in 1648, he was arraigned before a tribunal

---

consisting of 135 judges, but he refused to plead. Sentence was passed by sixty-eight votes to sixty-seven, and by one vote Charles lost his head, being executed in Whitehall. [Page 90]

---

#### OLIVER CROMWELL

He became Lord General of the Commonwealth and then, in 1653, Lord Protector, a position which was a virtual dictatorship, even though in theory the nation was ruled by a Council of State, comprising seven Army leaders and eight civilians. England and Wales were divided into eleven districts with a Major-General over each. Later Cromwell was offered the title of King, but the Republican section of the Army so resisted the suggestion that he declined.

At his death he was buried with great pomp in Westminster Abbey, but at the Restoration [of the Monarchy] his body was gibbeted at Tyburn and afterwards buried there.

His son, Richard Cromwell, succeeded to his position, but was not a strong enough character to settle such a divided nation. Army and Parliament were unable to agree on a government, and the Restoration in 1660 was more or less a transaction between Royalists and Puritans against the Army-intended more as a Restoration of Parliament than of the King [Charles II] himself. Richard Cromwell had to go to France, but returned, and lived peaceably through four reigns, dying in 1712 at the age of eighty-six. [Page 91]

---

#### CHARLES II

He was forever short of money, and was at the beck and call of France, from whom he secretly accepted bribes. Dunkirk was sold to France for £400,000; after a quarrel with Holland a Dutch squadron sailed up the Thames and burned English warships at Chatham—an incident regarded as high damaging to British prestige.

After years of war and exile, Charles had hoped for an easier life: he married the Portuguese Catherine of Braganza in 1662, glad of her dowry of £300,000 with the naval bases of Tangier and Bombay, but he also had thirteen known mistresses, including Lucy Walters (mother of James, Duke of Monmouth), Barbara Villiers (later Countess of Castlemaine) and the famous Nell Gwynne.

The Great Plague of London and the Great Fire took place during his reign, in 1665 and 1666. The *Habeas Corpus* Act was passed in 1679. Politics were moving into a new age, and the emergence of the two-party system, Whig and Tory, became apparent. [Page 93]

---

JAMES II (VII of Scotland)  
(third son of Charles I and brother of Charles II)

James had embraced Catholicism openly when the Test Act was passed in 1673. The Act limited government offices to those who subscribed to the Anglican sacraments; James, therefore, had had to relinquish his position at the Admiralty. The violent anti-Catholic feeling which followed the Popish Plot in 1678 had made him very unpopular and he was persuaded by the King to go abroad. Charles, however, duly thwarted attempts made to exclude James from the succession.

Within six months of James's accession to the throne, another James, the Duke of Monmouth, illegitimate son of Charles II by Lucy Walters, landed at Lyme, Dorset, and was proclaimed King by Protestant adherents at Taunton. A battle fought at Sedgemoore crushed the rebellion at one stroke. Monmouth was captured, the King refused a pardon and he was executed.

Religious persecution began again on a large scale. James committed every stupid error that was possible and for his intrigue with the French King, his packing of Parliament with his supporters, and the ruthless crushing of Protestantism, he became hated.

In November 1688, William of Orange [of Holland], who had married Mary, the daughter of James, landed at the head of a strong army at Brixham, Devon, to start the "Glorious Revolution" at the invitation of Parliament, which declared that James was no longer king. At first the men of the West were slow to join William, having bitter memories of the Monmouth Rebellion, but as he neared the capital men of all parties rallied around.

James fled the country, and the throne was vacant. He made an effort to regain it later, but was heavily defeated at the battle of the Boyne in Ireland and returned to France where he died. [Buried at St. Germaine in Paris] [Pages 94-95]

---

#### HANOVER to WINDSOR

During the latter part of the seventeenth century, the question which dominated all others was that of the Royal succession. In 1689, the deposed James II (1685-1688) and his infant son James (b. 1687), were effectively excluded from the throne by Act of Parliament. The Act said that henceforth no Catholic, nor anyone married to a Catholic, could be sovereign of England.

William II (1689-1702) and his wife Mary II (died 1694) had no children. When the last of Queen Anne's seventeen children, the Duke of Gloucester, died in 1701, provision for the succession had to be made. The Act of Succession, 1701, vested it in the nearest Protestant relatives of the Stuarts—Sophia, the wife of the Elector of Hanover, and her descendants. Sophia was the fifth, and only Protestant, daughter of Elizabeth of Bohemia—James I's only daughter. This Act



deliberately passed over the superior hereditary rights of the Stuarts, represented by the Catholic James II and his son. The Hanoverian claim was purely statutory—on the score of heredity the family had no real right to the throne. (In 1910 it was estimated that there were over 1,000 descendants of Charles I who had hereditary precedence over Queen Victoria, her son and grandson.)

Sophia of Hanover died a few months before Queen Anne (1702-1714), and on 1 August 1714 Sophia's son George became the first Hanoverian King of England as George I. Hanover was an offshoot of the duchy of Brunswick-Luneberg, which had been governed by the Guelph family since the twelfth century; hence the Hanoverian kinds were referred to in England as Hanoverians, as Guelphs or as the House of Brunswick.

The accession of Queen Victoria in 1837 saw the separation of England from Hanover, which had become a kingdom in 1814. As the succession to the throne of Hanover was governed by the Salic law and therefore could not pass to a woman, it passed to the nearest male relative, Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, fifth son of George III; and to mark the change the German arms were removed from the Royal arms of England, leaving them as they are today.

Edward VII, the eldest child of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort, took his father's family name—that of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha—but popularly the Royal family was still known as the House of Hanover or Brunswick. In July 1917, during World War I, King George V announced that he had abandoned all German titles for himself and his family, who would be known henceforth as the House of Windsor. [Pages 104-105]

---

#### VICTORIA

Queen Victoria was the only child of the second marriage of Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg to Edward, Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III. Her father died when she was eight months old, and his place was filled by her uncle Leopold of Saxe-Coburg (later king of the Belgians).

In February 1840, the Saxe-Coburg influence upon her life was strengthened by her marriage to her cousin, Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (1819-1861). Tactless, serious, conscientious and very German, Albert never endeared himself to the English people. There was no precedent, maintained the Archbishop of Canterbury, for his being included in the customary prayers for the Royal family; he was excluded from any official position in the political life of the country; although he was made a British citizen, he was never granted the titular dignity of an English peer; nor, until he and Queen Victoria had been married for seventeen years (1857), was he made Prince Consort. [Pages 122-123]

Jim Burgess, 664 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908-4327 USA, (401)351-0287, jfburgess of gmail.com

E-MAIL/WEB ONLY ISSUE! PDF will be available on the website. We also are being reproduced in *Eternal Sunshine*.

Web Page Address: <http://www.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/index.html>

We continue with Kendo Nagasaki, join ANY time, just send me a guess!!!

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 keep going. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing (note that has been expanding). I'm set on the GMing, and I'm starting to write a bit, hope there might be more. Let's get the new Diplomacy game going. Since Doug may be winding down, I may have to flip that back around again and be the centerpiece for all the subszines, we'll see.

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.

General information about the mailing list is at: <http://www.diplom.org/mailman/listinfo/tap> You can sign up from there, or send E-Mails to: Tap-request of diplom.org; with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions. You must know your password to change your options (including changing the password, itself) or to unsubscribe.

#### THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE FEATURES SECTION (CONS/LETTERS/MUSIC)

*((For upcoming cons around the world: <http://devel.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>, but note that some of the Americans have stopped posting the tournaments there. Shame, shame, shame... We know that Carnage in Vermont will end off the Nor'Easter sequence of events the first weekend in November, the rest of the year in the Northeast is clarifying slowly. Carnage talk is all about, if you're interested in going, now is the time to make arrangements. I think most of you have seen it, but David Hill's article on being smoked at World DipCon (see: <http://grantland.com/features/diplomacy-the-board-game-of-the-alpha-nerds/>) has been generating lots of commentary, along with the appearance on This American Life, which you also can listen to on the web from the This American Life web site: <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/531/got-your-back>. At <http://diplomacycastle.com/files/other/DiplomacyCastEp31.mp3> you also can listen to the DiplomacyCast interview of David Hill. Also, I will be running TempleCon again, February 6-8, 2015, here in Providence.))*

#### NEW FEATURE: ROCK AND ROLL BANDS AND MOMENTS THAT MATTER

*((If anyone from TAP or ES has ideas for more things to talk about here let me know. I do have five or six ideas lined up here already that I just have to write.*

*Richard Thompson's appearance down here (over in Fall River) sold out almost as soon as the tickets went on sale, and I couldn't go that night anyway but from my house in Maine on Columbus Day weekend, Ghod was playing at the new theatre in the Westbrook, ME middle school. I'm going to split this up into multiple parts going into next issue. Richard is doing this tour to support a new acoustic album that mostly recrafts old hits (if you can call his songs hits, as he joked during the concert). So, it was him and an acoustic guitar, until the encores. Then he brought on electro-acoustic violinist Joyce Andersen, who I think is supporting some more of his shows, but I'm not sure how many. It was an amazing concert, more below.))*

### DIPLOMACY WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT IS ONGOING – YOU CAN STILL JOIN!

This is the latest incarnation of this team based tournament. I am helping to lead the Nor'Easter team for people in the Northeast part of the United States. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123795024327261/> is the Facebook page for the event.

And you can sign up for the Tournament at: <http://aqmn.asciiking.com/>. Other US regional teams are the ones in the Pacific, Dixie, and Chicago. Its unique aspect, that continues to be distorting, but in interesting ways, is its "solo only" feature. You advance from the preliminaries to the finals only by soloing, and then need solos in the finals against the other soloists. Though this started last January, it probably will be going on for at least another year, and there is PLENTY of time to jump in. As usual, for those who know me well, I screwed up my first game and allowed a solo to someone from team US. And then I could have soloed the second game, but well, I can't exactly say how I did it, but the Canadian player soloed there, with help from me. I still don't have a solo in over three decades, and now I'm waiting for my next game to start, you can join and get more games going!!! You can easily throw games, and in this format you can do it. I wonder why people like to drop the levels of the game in this way. It fascinates me. But in the finals of this tournament, it shouldn't happen, should it? The rules for the finals have been tweaked and the finals are now starting, everyone has been queried. But you also still can join the qualifiers, openings are there now!!! Word is we may cancel them, I think the finals should reignite interest. We also are picking up some discussion for a successor Diplomacy World Cup. I think we all realize that this interesting experiment has not been completely successful.

### THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

I am continuing to note cut or failed support orders with a small "s" instead of a capital "S". This will make it easier on the E-Mailed version of the zine to see what happened, since the italics don't show there. The italics DO show on the web page just fine. Since I'm not postal mailing the zine any more, I've dropped back to just reporting the disguised E-Mail addresses. As someone notes, if you need some more contact information, go back to past issues or ask me.

Standby lists:

Dick Martin, Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Steve Emmert, Vince Lutterbie, Paul Rauterberg, Doug Kent, Heath Gardner, Paul Kenny, and Hugh Polley stand by for regular Diplomacy. I've pared down the standby list according to who I'm actually in touch with. If I removed you and you want to be added back, just say so. Otherwise, just let me know if you want on or off these lists, especially OFF given the new policies.

### GAME OPENING INFORMATION

I'm going to start the game opening list over. Under the new regime, who wants to play what?

SPY DIPLOMACY: Heath Gardner (not sure if that is still active), need at least six more.

REGULAR DIPLOMACY: need seven for another game start, the new one starts this issue.

### THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1901 IS NOVEMBER 15TH, 2014

THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1901 IS DECEMBER 20TH, 2014

*Spring 1901*

AUSTRIA (Ozog): a bud-SER, a vie-BUD, f tri-ALB.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): f lon-ENG, f edi-NTH, a lvp-YOR.

FRANCE (Ellinger): f bre-MID, a mar-SPA, a par-PIC.

GERMANY (Abbott): f kie-DEN, a ber-KIE, a mun-RUH.

ITALY (Holley): f nap-ION, a ven-TYO, a rom-VEN.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): f stp(sc)-GOB, f sev-BLA, a MOS h, a war-UKR.

TURKEY (Burgess): f ank-CON, a smy-ARM, a con-BUL.

*E-Mail Addresses of the Participants*

AUSTRIA: Eric Ozog, [elferic@juno.com](mailto:elferic@juno.com)

ENGLAND: Fred Wiedemeyer, [wiedem@telus.net](mailto:wiedem@telus.net)

FRANCE: Marc Ellinger, mellinger of blitzbardgett.com  
GERMANY: Will Abbott, wjja9 of yahoo.com;  
ITALY: Melinda Holley, genea5613 of aol.com  
RUSSIA: Paul Rauterberg, paul.rauterberg of att.net  
TURKEY: David Burgess, burgesscd of roadrunner.com or dburgess of glensfallshosp.org

*Game Notes:*

1) Thanks for the press, we had lots of you promising more, but it didn't quite come. I would remind you in the TAP tradition to promote press, that the deadline for Fall 1901 is not technically until December, the next deadline is a press only Summer 1901 season. If you want to move along faster, send orders and tell me they're final, but otherwise, write some more press. I had a couple of you say the deadline sneaked up on you a bit, feel free to take a bit longer for Fall.

*Press:*

(WILL ABBOTT, GERMANY): I never had the honor of playing with Don Williams. I have not appeared often in the pages of *TAP*. Nonetheless, I avidly read *TAP* when it comes out, even the game reports. The games with Don were usually the ones with the most entertaining press. Even in the items he did not write, he was often a leading character, and he seemed to bring out creativity in others. I can only hope to write press as entertaining as that which I read in his games. I also encourage my fellow players to strive for this level.

*((Me too, I don't think any of my press over the last four decades would have been anywhere near as good without Don's influence. It probably still is pretty lame...))*

I strongly believe that Diplomacy can be a spectator game. I have been around the championship game at Gencon several times, and it always attracts not only other players from the tournament, but wandering gamers who may not have played for years, or ever. I find the showcase games in *Diplomacy World*, with their commentary, extremely interesting and entertaining. In a game like this, without the commentators, the best way to make it a spectator game is through press. The readers can't see our negotiations, but we can make it a fun game for them by entertaining them in the public press.

(GERMANY to GM): I was considering doing 57 duck jokes, followed by 57 toad jokes. I was afraid that you wouldn't be down with that, and I didn't want the press in this game to croak.

(AUSTRIA to ITALY): "Trust me"

(TURKEY to INDIA): Watch out, I'm coming East!!!

(JIM to GANG): "Indians scattered on dawns highway bleeding, ghosts cloud the young child's fragile eggshell mind."

(RICHARD THOMPSON to BOOB): How'd I do?

(BOOB to RICHARD THOMPSON): Quite good! Despite your cold, the singing and arrangements were very powerful.

(MUNICH to KIEL): How do you have a whole fleet? You're just part of a boat!

(KIEL to BOARD): Anyone know a cure for the Heligoland Blight? I hope it's not contagious.

(WILL to BOARD): If you're stabby and you know it draw your knife,

If you're stabby and you know it draw your knife,

If you're stabby and you know it,

then your face will never show it,

If you're stabby and you know it draw your knife.

(PARIS): This morning the new Premier of France dedicated the largest war memorial in European history, the Arc dDon Williams. "This memorial celebrates the great victories of our soldiers over the last thousand years under the leadership of Field Marshal, Marquis Don Williams," the Premier remarked. "Under Marquis Williams, every nation in Europe has bowed to the French will and, in his honor, they will continue to bow in the future!"

Unnoticed in the crowd were the quiet orders issued to the French army and fleet to sally forth. As the fleet in Brest slipped its anchors, La Marseillaise was heard blasting from every ship, "Aux armes, les citoyens..."

In Marseilles, troops hailed their generals and pledge fealty to the Premier and started on the long arduous march across the Pyrenees. "We love our Italian brothers, but the Spanish scum must be tamed," noted one poilu after receiving their orders. Press inquiries were quietly rebuffed.

(KOBLENZ, GERMANY): The trio of agents from the Imperial Chamberlain's office escorted Wilhelm Fedewa out of his house at 57 Erwinsstrasse. The four of them enter a stagecoach waiting for them. Beside the driver is an armed soldier, and two additional stagecoaches full of soldiers form an escort. One soldier in the second of them says to another, "Do you think that Karl Benz's new motorized carriage will replace these?"

"Not for military use," says his companion. "They are too complicated. Besides, a good horse is faster."

The agents and Fedewa ignore this. Once in the stagecoach, the most senior agent addresses the new Kaiser. "Before your coronation, we need to do two things. First, we need to visit parts of your realm. We shall take you to Munich, where you will meet with the Duke of Bavaria. Then, we shall take you to Kiel, where you will inspect the fleet. After your visits, we will take you to Berlin, where you will meet your staff and plan your coronation."

"Ordo Romanus 45," the new Kaiser replied.

"Entschuldigen Sie, bitte?" Excuse me, Sire?

"I want the basis of my coronation to be the ritual in Ordo Romanus 45. The monastery at St. Gall has a copy."

"St. Gall is in Switzerland."

"Find a patriotic monk, and send him there for a copy."

#### THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1911 IS NOVEMBER 15TH, 2014

THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1911 IS DECEMBER 20TH, 2014

*Spring 1911: Carnage and Surprises Abound!!!*

AUSTRIA (Burgess): a VIE S a tri-tyo, a BUD S a vie, f CON s f ion-aeq (nso),  
a GAL S ENGLISH a sil-war, a tri-TYO, a SER h.

ENGLAND (James): f nwg-NTH, a LVN s a stp-mos, f bar-NWG, a fin-BER, a sil-WAR,  
a STP-mos, f nth-ENG, f ion c ITALIAN a gre-nap (d r:aeg,alb,nap,otb), f GOB C a fin-ber,  
a KIE S a fin-ber, f BAL C a fin-ber.

FRANCE (Holley): f tyh-ION, f gol-TYH, a nap-APU, a BUR-mun, a ven-TRI,  
f ADR S a ven-tri, a ber s a bur-mun (d r:sil,otb), f TUN S f tyh-ion, a tyo s a ven-tri (d r:ven,pie,otb).

ITALY (Crow): a GRE-nap (convoy disrupted).

RUSSIA (Kent): a MOS s f pru-lvn, a MUN s FRENCH a ber-kie (nso), a war s a mos (d r:ukr,otb),  
a BOH S a mun, f EAS-ion, f PRU-lvn.

#### *E-Mail Addresses of the Participants*

AUSTRIA: David Burgess, burgesscd of roadrunner.com or dburgess of glensfallshosp.org

ENGLAND: Drew James, kjames01 of twcnv.rr.com or karelanddrew of gmail.com

FRANCE: Melinda Holley, genea5613 of aol.com

GERMANY: Marc Ellinger, mellinger of blitzbardgett.com

ITALY: John Crow, johnny.crow of hotmail.com

RUSSIA: Doug Kent, dougray30 of yahoo.com

TURKEY: Fred Wiedemeyer, wiedzem of telus.net

#### *Game Notes:*

- 1) The DIAS, EF, EFR, and concession to E all failed. There are no new proposals
- 2) Still send all good thoughts to Heath Gardner, but he is doing a quite a lot better, except financially.

I think a lot of us have helped him there too though.

#### *Press:*

(ENGLAND to WORLD): Since we can't end the game with a draw, let's have some fun.

(RUSSIA - ENGLAND): Thanks for the note. Glad to know someone will write me, even if it is the nation who is clearly going to win.

(ENGLAND to RUSSIA): I know you got at least one email this season...

(AUSTRIA to RUSSIA): Off with your head!!!

(ENGLAND to FRANCE): Nothing personal and, yes, I know this was probably dumb, but I thought I would breathe some life back into the game.

(AUSTRIA to FRANCE): Oh, the tangled web we weave...

(DMB to WORLD): Help, I need somebody, help, not just anybody, help, you know I need someone, help!!!

(ENGLAND to ITALY): Did you make it back home after a long exile in Greece?

**FOR THE MEKONS ET AL.: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules**

**THE DUE DATE FOR TURN 11 IS NOVEMBER 15, 2014!!**

*Turn 10: All the remaining Sprint Points claimed and a third rider dropped from the pack*

90 (replenish with a 3)	Katniss Everdeen
89 (replenish with a 4)	Peeta Mellark
88 (no replenishment)	None
87 (replenish with a 3)	Haymitch Abernathy, Effie Trinket
86 (no replenishment)	None
85 (no replenishment)	None
84 (replenish with a 3)	Floyd Little
83 (replenish with a 4)	Travis (4), Larry Csonka (2)
82 (replenish with a 6)	Ernie Davis (3)
81 (replenish with a 7)	Jim Brown (1)
<del>-S-P-R-I-N-T- -F-I-N-I-S-H- -L-I-N-E-</del>	
80 (no replenishment)	None
79 (no replenishment)	None
78 (replenish with a 3)	Arciszewski, CMOT Dibbler, Moist von Lipwig
77 (replenish with a 6)	Sam Vimes
76 (no replenishment)	None
75 (replenish with a 3)	Dziewulski
74 (replenish with a 4)	Bowie, Mustrum Ridcully
73 (replenish with a 6)	Houston
72 (replenish with a 7)	Roberto Rojas, Sylvester Carmouche
71 (replenish with a 9)	Ryan Leaf
70 (no replenishment)	None
69 (replenish with a 3)	Jean Van de Velde
68 (no replenishment)	None
67 (no replenishment)	None
66 (no replenishment)	None
65 (replenish with a 3)	Cwierzakiewiczowa
64 (no replenishment)	None
63 (no replenishment)	None
62 (no replenishment)	None
61 (no replenishment)	None
60 (no replenishment)	None
59 (no replenishment)	None
58 (no replenishment)	None
57 (no replenishment)	None
56 (replenish with a 3)	Crockett
55 (no replenishment)	None
54 (no replenishment)	None
53 (no replenishment)	None



available for you, for next turn. Just for fun, I keep track of total replenishment, by turn, which is a rough measure of how the teams are doing. Of course, it is lining up to get across the sprint (40/80) and final (120) lines in the right places that really counts. We can calculate an "efficiency score" later, which will be the ratio of scoring points per replenishment. If I'm predicting how the future of this will come out based on doing this before, about half the players will get scores below 5% and getting better than a 10% score will be really tremendous for this measure.

2) More records for low replenishment. Racing Froggy has no points, but is catching up in total replenishment, will he break out soon?

*Press:*

(RACING FROGGY-ALL): "Does anyone have a clue what's going on? We seem to be pedalling backwards..."

(RACING FROGGY-DISTRICT 12): "I don't include you in my question, obviously, which is just as well because I don't think you'll hear us from way back here."

(RACING FROGGY-ALL): "Who can we bribe to throw nails on the road in front of the District 12 team?"

#### WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI

#### THE DUE DATE FOR TURN 10 IS NOVEMBER 15, 2014!!

Kendo Nagasaki games in *Eternal Sunshine* continue to multiply like weeds... I'd like to get more people engaged here, not just the usual suspects from Doug's games. The full rules for Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki are in: <http://www.whiningkentpigs.com/DW/es58.pdf>. The player who was closest for Turn 9 has been notified by E-Mail. Note that the official rules say you're supposed to get this by TURN 10, so you have one more shot.

#### TURN 9

**Brendan Whyte:**

Jeremy Clarkson in Copacobana, on the shores of Lake Titicaca

**Tom Howell:**

Mario Falcone in Cuya, Chile

**Heath Gardner:**

No Guess this Time

**Doug Kent:**

Karl Pennington in Oruro, Bolivia

**Rick Desper:**

Craig Ferguson in Iquique, Chile

**Kevin Wilson:**

No Guess this Time

**Hank Alme:**

John Cleese in Santiago de Machaca, Bolivia

**Mike Ruttinger**

Piers Morgan in Plaza, Peru

**Steen Alme:**

John Oliver in Tacna, Peru

**Edi Birsan**

No Guess this Time

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** You have nailed my location, but someone else has identified me.

#### TURN 8

**Brendan Whyte:**

Rush Limbaugh in Copacobana, on the shores of Lake Titicaca

**Tom Howell:**

Rush Limbaugh in Pisagua, Chile

**Heath Gardner:**

No Guess this Time

**Doug Kent:**

Alec Baldwin in Sajama, Bolivia

**Rick Desper:**

Sean Hannity in Antofagasta, Chile

**Kevin Wilson:**

No Guess this Time

**Hank Alme:**

Glenn Beck in Tacna, Peru

**Mike Ruttinger**

Keith Olbermann in Santiago de Machaca, Bolivia



**Steen Alme:**  
Stephen Colbert in Oruro, Bolivia

**Edi Birsan**  
No Guess this Time

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** I am NOT an American, but most Americans will have access to the TV show me and my buds have, one way or the other, and I am nowhere near as obnoxious as you apparently think I am.

#### TURN 7

**Brendan Whyte:**  
Al Franken in Santa Cruz, Bolivia

**Tom Howell:**  
Rush Limbaugh in Salinas de Garci Mendoza, Bolivia

**Heath Gardner:**  
No Guess This Time

**Doug Kent:**  
Gene Simmons in Oruro, Bolivia

**Rick Desper:**  
Bill O'Reilly in Arequipa, Peru

**Kevin Wilson:**  
No Guess This Time

**Hank Alme:**  
Glenn Beck in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

**Mike Ruttinger**  
Sarah Lee née Gore in Tacna, Peru

**Steen Alme:**  
Jon Stewart in Montero, Bolivia

**Edi Birsan**  
Michelle Obama in La Paz, Bolivia

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** You still have the wrong gender, while also being quite confused about the real name of the person you accuse me of being.

#### TURN 6

**Brendan Whyte:**  
Mrs. Bill Clinton in Sucre, Bolivia

**Tom Howell:**  
Sonny Bono in Jesus de Machaca Municipality, Bolivia

**Heath Gardner:**  
No Guess This Time

**Doug Kent:**  
George Will in Toledo, Bolivia

**Rick Desper:**  
Rush Limbaugh in Potosi, Bolivia

**Kevin Wilson:**  
No Guess This Time

**Hank Alme:**  
George Clooney in Sucre, Bolivia

**Mike Ruttinger**  
Jane Fonda in Arica, Chile

**Steen Alme:**  
No Guess This Time

**Edi Birsan**  
John Boehner in Honolulu, Hawaii

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** My appearances on TV are still for entirely different reasons than yours have been, I have referred to something in which you appeared on my show though.

#### TURN 5

**Brendan Whyte:**  
No Guess this Time

**Tom Howell:**  
Jimmy Carter in Cochabamba, Bolivia

**Heath Gardner:**  
No Guess this Time

**Doug Kent:**  
Harry Reid in Oruro, Bolivia

**Rick Desper:**  
John Boehner in Antofagasta, Chile

**Kevin Wilson:**  
Angela Merkel in Managua, Nicaragua

**Hank Alme:**  
John McCain in La Paz, Bolivia

**Mike Ruttinger**  
Nancy Pelosi in La Paz, Bolivia

**Steen Alme:**  
Michelle Obama in Trujillo, Peru

**Edi Birsan**  
No Guess this Time

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** Although I have discussed the possibility of running for some much, much lesser office someday, it's likely you have never heard of those statements of interest of mine; I much more famously have labeled as an "idiot" a person in a similar specific elected position as you have.

#### TURN 4

**Brendan Whyte:**  
Mrs. Al Gore in Ascención, Paraguay

**Heath Gardner:**  
No Guess this Time

**Rick Desper:**  
Hillary Clinton in Lima, Peru

**Hank Alme:**  
Katie Couric in Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Steen Alme:**  
Hillary Clinton in Bogotá, Colombia

**Tom Howell:**  
Michelle Obama's husband in Cochabamba, Bolivia

**Doug Kent:**  
Bob Barker in Santiago, Chile

**Kevin Wilson:**  
No Guess this Time

**Mike Ruttinger:**  
Dennis Rodman in Bogotá, Colombia

**Edi Birsan:**  
President Obama in Honolulu, Hawaii

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** OK, but I am part of a larger group than that. ((*CLARIFICATION: I am a member of a larger group than the group you imply by your guess.*))

#### TURN 3

**Brendan Whyte:**  
Diana Rigg in Anchorage, Alaska

**Heath Gardner:**  
Gov. Chris Christie in Hamhung, North Korea

**Rick Desper:**  
Stephen Colbert in Brasilia, Brazil

**Hank Alme:**  
Landon Donovan in Quito, Ecuador

**Steen Alme:**  
Al Gore in Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Tom Howell:**  
Michelle Obama in Valparaiso, Chile

**Doug Kent:**  
Mark David Chapman in San Francisco, CA

**Kevin Wilson:**  
Stephen Colbert in Santiago, Chile

**Mike Ruttinger:**  
Tom Brokaw in Caracas, Venezuela

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** Oooh, I think you have the wrong gender, try again.

#### TURN 2

**Brendan Whyte:**  
Diana Rigg in Pyongyang, North Korea

**Heath Gardner:**  
Henry Kissinger in Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Rick Desper:**  
Zsa Zsa Gabor in Beverly Hills, CA

**Hank Alme:**  
Stephen Ambrose in Seattle, WA

**Steen Alme:**  
Kim Jong-Un in Sevastopol, Ukraine

**Tom Howell:**  
Jennifer Jones in New York, New York

**Doug Kent:**  
Harrison Ford in Mexico City, Mexico

**Kevin Wilson:**  
Dennis Rodman in La Paz, Bolivia

**Mike Ruttinger:**  
Scarlett Johansson in Havana, Cuba

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** While I also have appeared on television in some form, I have done so for different reasons than you.

## TURN 1

**Brendan Whyte:**

Diana Rigg in Anchorage, Alaska

**Heath Gardner:**

Jimmy "the Greek" in Las Vegas, NV

**Rick Desper:**

Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards in Sochi, Russia

**Hank Alme:**

Ian Fleming in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

**Tom Howell:**

Rex Roberts in Alexandria, Egypt

**Doug Kent:**

Charlton Heston in Rome, Italy

**Kevin Wilson:**

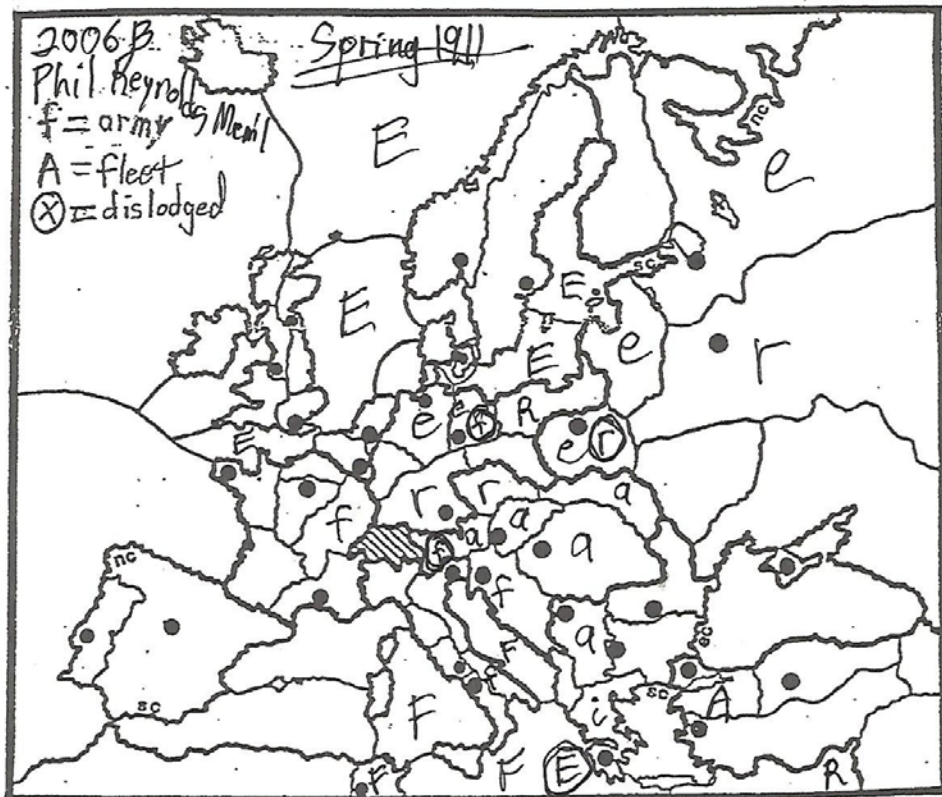
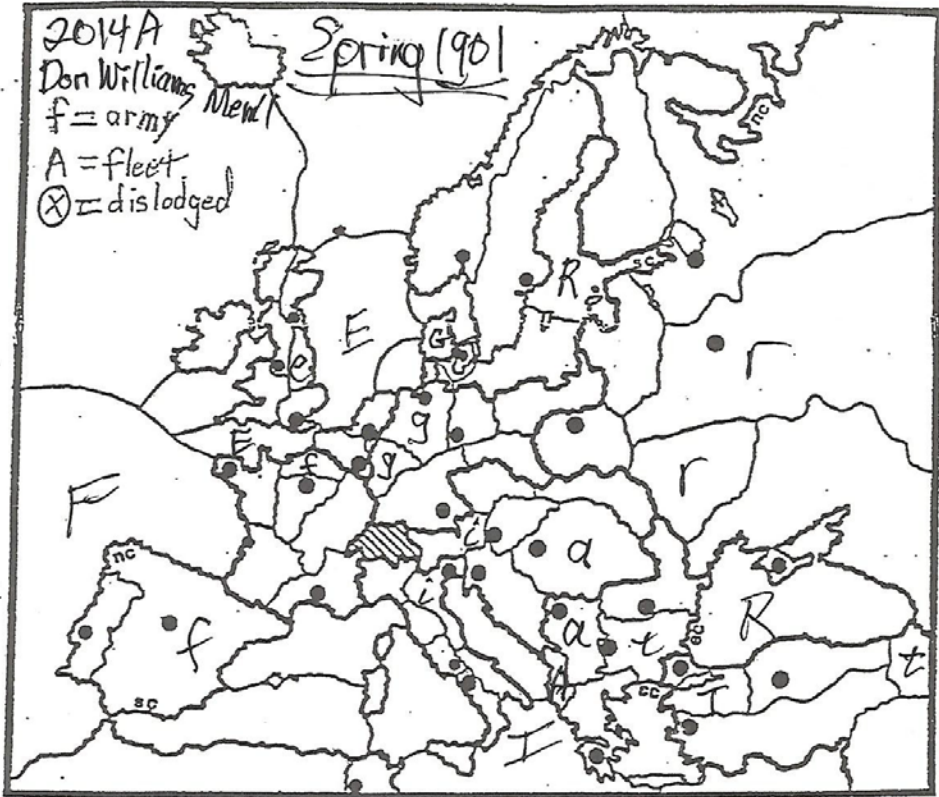
Pierre Trudeau in Montevideo, Uruguay

**Mike Ruttinger**

George McArthur in Seoul, South Korea

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** Unfortunately, you are very much dead, while I am very much alive.

*LAST WORD:* So, let's finish off this page with the first part of a review of both the Richard Thompson concert and the accompanying album *Acoustic Classics*. I decided intentionally to refrain from buying or listening to the album until after the concert and I didn't write down all the songs he played in almost two hours including the encore. But I think he played nearly all of the fourteen tracks on the album. And to me it easily is his best album in the last couple of decades on first listen and hearing the songs in concert. Of course, that at least partly is because it could be viewed as a "greatest hits" album, although most people wouldn't put such a downer song as "From Galway to Graceland" on a greatest hits album. Richard Thompson is a god of modern music to those of us absolutely convinced that he is primarily for two reasons. First, he is flat out 100 percent THE best guitar picker alive, and possibly ever. I didn't hear some of the classic mid-20th century pickers live, so I won't make comparisons that are too strong. I say specifically "pickers" since his picking style is fast, light, tuneful, and pretty much unlike anything anyone else can do. But I wouldn't try to line Thompson up against the standard rock guitar heroes. Neither the insiders like Steve Vai and Jim McCarty nor the classics like Pete Townsend, Keith Richards and Eric Clapton play anything like Richard. Jeff Beck and Jimi Hendrix are the comparisons to me for their unique styles of playing. Somehow Richard Thompson never ends up on these lists, and I simply don't get it. Really! "1952 Vincent Black Lightning" has always been the song you send people to in order to demonstrate the whole package, the tune, the concept of the song, the songwriting and singing, and above all the guitar picking. You sort of knew before you even started that this song would be on this album, in this tour, and be a true acoustic classic (the 1991 original also was acoustic, but I think this one benefits from all of Richard's work on improving the resonance of his rich baritone voice). This version is the all-time keeper for me already. Taking songs from their full band versions to stripped down acoustic guitar solos has been a bit of a mainstay in the music world for a while now, but Richard is nothing if not blatantly uncommercial in his approach, so it is unsurprising that he hits up this idea now rather than ten years ago when it was really hot. Richard last released an acoustic album like this in 1982, "Small Town Romance", that I have on vinyl and haven't played in two decades! Second, of course, is that Richard Thompson's choices always are uniquely his own and emphatically non-commercial. If you really want to study this in depth, and I have, though I don't expect you to do so. The way to do it is to compare closely the released version of perhaps his best album ever, *Shoot Out the Lights* with the Gerry Rafferty mixed "supposed" commercially mastered version that you can find on CD if you look about enough. Listening to this version, that both Richard and Linda Thompson hated, and pretty much everyone thought was a failure with hindsight in tow, there is NO doubt to me at all, though I infinitely prefer almost all of the versions in the released album, that this album would have been the hit that Richard Thompson never had. But why would he do that? I am pretty darned sure he is happier doing what he did and being as aggressively non-commercial as he is. Thus, he is the indie's indie hero. More detail in review next issue.



# Eternal Sunshine Game Section

## Acquire Game #2 - "Juliet" – Eternal Sunshine

Players: Tom Howell, Mark Firth, Andy Bate, Richard Weiss, Hank Alme

### Turn 5

Hank plays 1-E and buys 3 American.

### Turn 6

Tom plays 4-B and buys 2 Luxor.

Mark plays 6-G. Festival is merged into Continental. Andy receives \$3,000 and Mark receives \$1,500. Mark trades 4 Festival for 2 Continental and retains 2 Festival. Andy trades 8 Festival for 4 Continental and retains 1 Festival. Richard sells his 1 share of Festival. Mark buys 2 Worldwide.

Andy plays 11-A and founds Festival. He gets one free share, and buys 3 Worldwide.

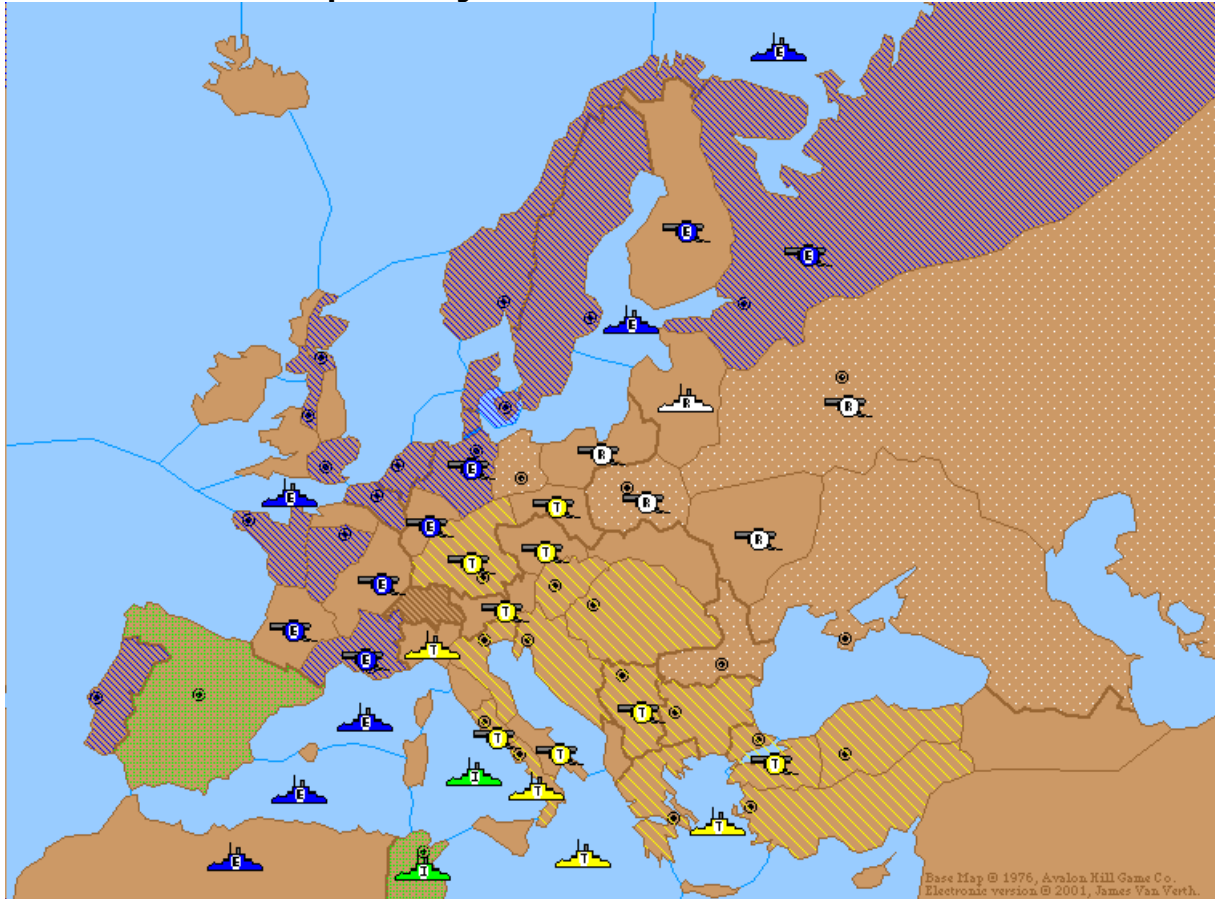
Richard plays 2G and buys 2 Imperial.

Hank is up!

Player	Cash	Tower	Luxor	American	Worldwide	Festival	Imperial	Continental
Tom Howell	\$ -	1	7	0	1	0	0	10
Mark Firth	\$ 900	0	0	0	2	2	0	11
Andy Bate	\$ 3,200	0	1	7	3	2	0	4
Richard Weiss	\$ -	1	0	9	4	0	3	0
Hank Alme	\$ 600	4	0	9	0	0	4	0

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

## Diplomacy "Jerusalem" 2012A, F 12



**England (John Biehl – jerbil "of" shaw.ca):** F Barents Sea Supports A Norway - St Petersburg, A Burgundy - Munich (\*Fails\*), A Finland Supports A Norway - St Petersburg, A Gascony - Marseilles (\*Fails\*), F Gulf of Lyon Supports F Western Mediterranean - Tyrrhenian Sea, A Kiel Thumbs Nose at A Berlin (Holds), A Marseilles - Piedmont (\*Fails\*), F North Africa - Western Mediterranean (\*Fails\*), F North Sea - English Channel, A Norway - St Petersburg, A Ruhr Supports A Kiel, F Sweden - Gulf of Bothnia, F Western Mediterranean - Tyrrhenian Sea (\*Fails\*).

**Italy (Mark Firth – mark.r.firth "of" capita.co.uk):** Retreat F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea..  
~~F Naples - Tyrrhenian Sea (\*Disbanded\*)~~, F Tunis Supports F Tyrrhenian Sea - Western Mediterranean,  
 F Tyrrhenian Sea - Western Mediterranean (\*Fails\*).

**Russia (Richard Weiss – richardweiss "of" higherquality.com):** A Berlin – Prussia, A Livonia – Warsaw, A Moscow Supports A Livonia – Warsaw, F St Petersburg(sc) – Livonia, A Ukraine Supports A Livonia - Warsaw.

**Turkey (Geoff Kemp - ggeoff510 "of" aol.com):** F Aegean Sea Supports F Ionian Sea, A Apulia Supports F Rome – Naples, A Bohemia Supports A Munich, A Budapest – Serbia, A Bulgaria – Constantinople, F Ionian Sea Supports F Rome – Naples, A Munich Supports A Berlin (\*Ordered to Move\*), F Piedmont Unordered, F Rome – Naples, A Silesia Supports A Munich, A Tyrolia Supports F Piedmont, A Venice - Rome.

**All Proposed Draws Fail. Now Proposed – E/R/T, Concession to England  
 Please vote. NVR=No.**

**W 12/S 13 Deadline is November 25th at 7:00am my time**

### Supply Center Chart

England: Belgium, Brest, Denmark, Edinburgh, Holland, Kiel, Liverpool, London, Marseilles, Norway, Paris, Portugal, St Petersburg, Sweden=14, Build 1  
 Italy: Spain, Tunis=2, Even  
 Russia: Berlin, Moscow, Rumania, Sevastopol, Warsaw=5, Even  
 Turkey: Ankara, Budapest, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Munich, Naples, Rome, Serbia, Smyrna, Trieste, Venice, Vienna=13, Build 1

## PRESS

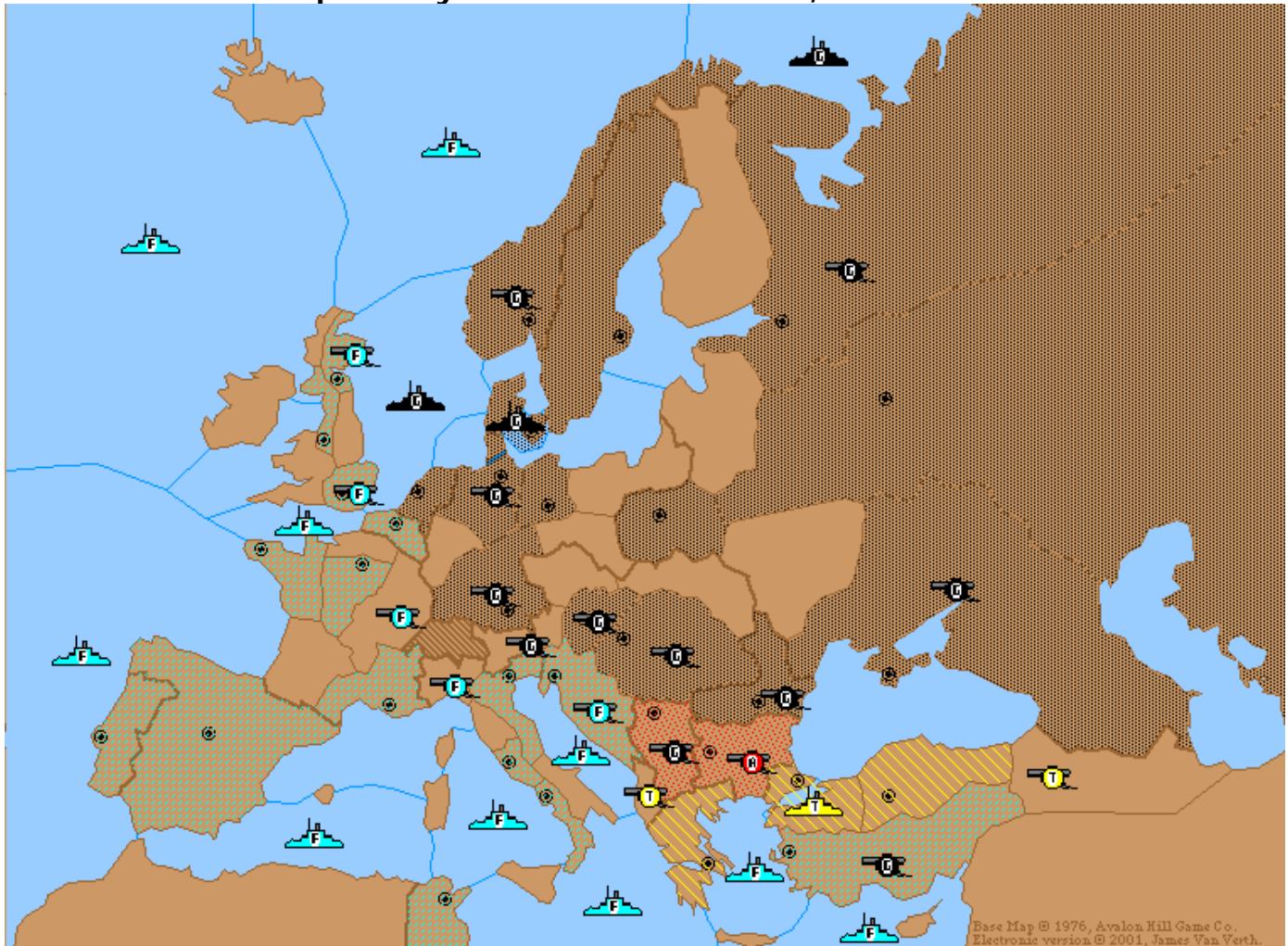
**London (Apr 1, 1912):** The Foreign Ministry will support the Italian government to repel the heathen Ottomans and strongly condemns the traitorous christian schismatics of Russia for their perfidious lack of opposition to their traditional enemy, the Ottoman Empire. One anonymous official had a single word to describe the Russians, he characterized them as "spineless".

**Silly misordering Russian, who covets all things Ukrainian, to GM:** Why do you keep changing the spelling of "Ukraina?" The maps and game board I have, yes very old, show Ukraine spelled in the traditional Ukraina style, with the A, showing female, as Ukraina means "the forest." Thus, "The Ukraina" is redundant.

**GM – Silly Somebody:** If I knew what you were talking about, I'd still deny all knowledge.

**Torpid Tunis – maelstrom:** Ahhh, was expecting a separation of seasons there. Sorry about that.

### Diplomacy "Walkerdine" 2012D, W 07/S 08



**Austria (paul.milewski "of" hotmail.com):** A Bulgaria - Serbia (\*Fails\*).

**France (Jim Burgess – jfburgess "of" gmail.com):** Build A Brest, A Marseilles..

F Aegean Sea Convoys A St Petersburg – Smyrna, A Brest – London, A Burgundy Hold, A Edinburgh Hold,  
F English Channel Convoys A Brest – London, F Ionian Sea Convoys A St Petersburg – Smyrna,  
A Marseilles – Piedmont, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Convoys A St Petersburg – Smyrna,  
F North Atlantic Ocean Convoys A St Petersburg – Smyrna, F Norwegian Sea Convoys A St Petersburg – Smyrna,  
F Smyrna - Eastern Mediterranean, A Trieste Supports A Budapest – Serbia,  
F Tyrrhenian Sea Convoys A St Petersburg – Smyrna, F Venice - Adriatic Sea,

F Western Mediterranean Convoys A St Petersburg - Smyrna.

**Germany (Steve Cooley – tmssteve "of" gmail.com):** Build A Kiel, A Berlin..

F Barents Sea Convoys A St Petersburg – Smyrna, A Berlin – Munich, A Budapest – Serbia,

F Denmark Supports F North Sea, A Kiel Unordered, F Kiel - Helgoland Bight (\*No Such Unit\*),

A Moscow - St Petersburg, A Munich – Tyrolia, F North Sea Hold, A Norway Hold,

A Rumania Supports A Budapest – Serbia, A Sevastopol - Armenia (\*Fails\*), A St Petersburg – Smyrna,

A Tyrolia – Vienna, A Vienna - Budapest.

**Turkey (Civil Disorder):** Removes F Greece.. A Albania U, A Armenia U, F Constantinople U.

## Deadline for F 08 is November 25th at 7am my time

### PRESS

**Paul pleads:** I sure wish I knew what "play this out properly" meant.

**(JIM-BOB to HANK):** Gee, you went all the way out? We will miss you! Maybe there will be another easy ending, maybe not, but only Paul has anything to say about it.

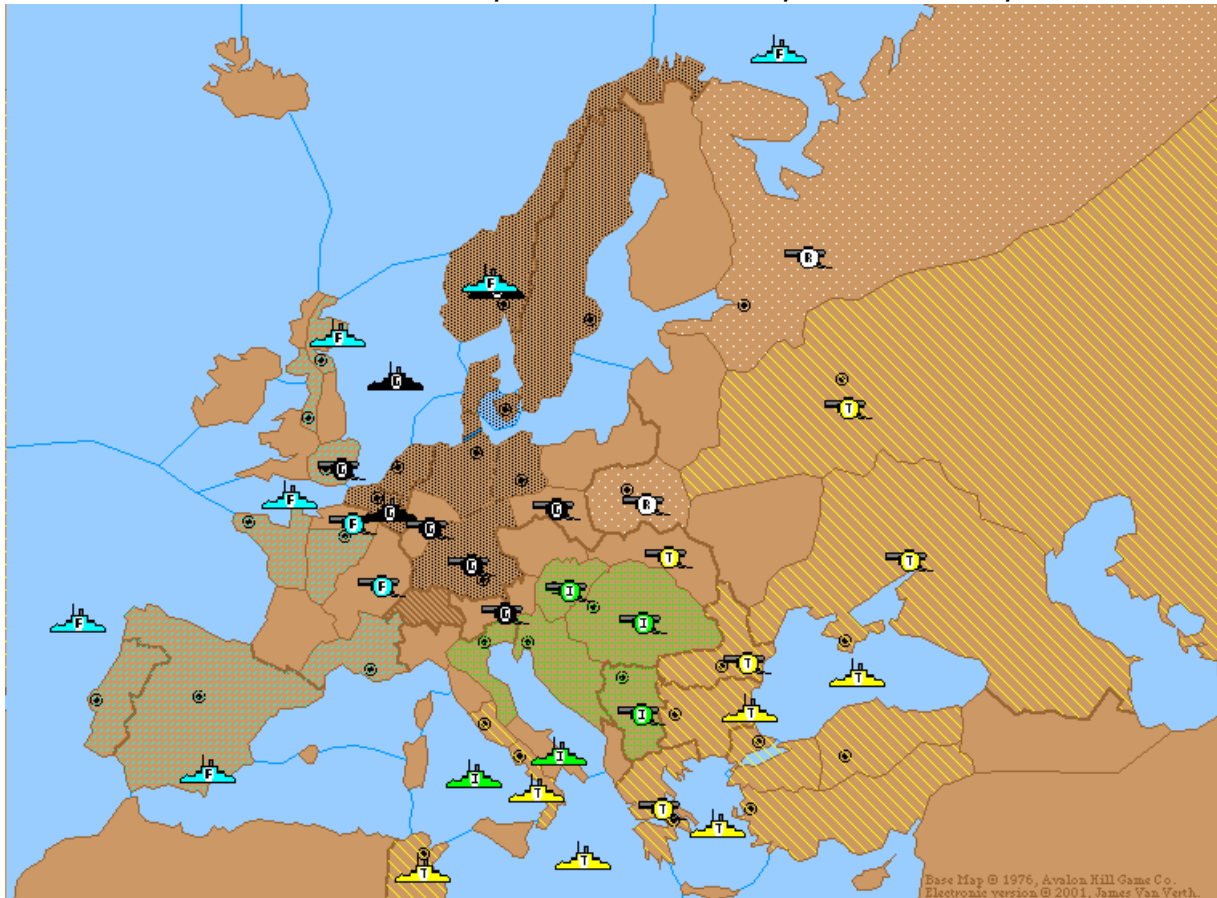
**(JIM-BOB to PAUL):** What do YOU have to say?

**Dateline Berlin:** Against all odds, the feisty little German army pushes it's way into the Balkans. But, I've got to say it: they need a rest. Maybe some time in the Med? Is it nice this time of year?

**Berlin-Constantinople:** So, I'm thinking "CD" is kind of a plea for help? You do want order restored, yes?

**Austrian Government in Exile-Berlin, Paris:** keep coming boys! You're about to endure one of the most embarrassing thrashings in all of history.

## Black Press Gunboat, "Fred Noonan", 2013Arb32, S 10





**France:** F Barents Sea Supports F Norwegian Sea – Norway, F Brest - Mid-Atlantic Ocean, A Burgundy Supports A Picardy, F Edinburgh - North Sea (\*Fails\*), F English Channel - Belgium (\*Fails\*), F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - Spain(sc), F Norwegian Sea – Norway, A Picardy Supports A Burgundy.

**Germany:** F Belgium Supports F North Sea (\*Cut\*), A Holland – London, A Kiel – Munich, A Munich – Tyrolia, F North Sea Convoys A Holland – London, ~~F Norway Supports F North Sea~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Sweden or Skagerrak or OTB), A Ruhr Supports A Kiel – Munich, A Silesia Supports A Warsaw (\*Ordered to Move\*).

**Italy: Civil Disorder.** F Apulia U, A Budapest U, A Serbia U, F Tyrrhenian Sea U, A Vienna U.

**Russia:** A St Petersburg Supports A Warsaw – Moscow, A Warsaw - Moscow (\*Fails\*).

**Turkey:** F Ankara - Black Sea, A Bulgaria – Greece, F Constantinople - Bulgaria(ec), A Galicia Supports A Rumania, F Greece - Ionian Sea, A Moscow Supports A Silesia - Warsaw (\*Void\*), F Naples Supports F Greece - Ionian Sea, A Rumania Supports A Galicia, A Sevastopol Supports A Moscow, F Smyrna - Aegean Sea, F Tunis Supports F Greece - Ionian Sea.

## All Draw Proposals Fail Deadline for F 10 Will Be November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7am My Time

### PRESS

**(SWISS OBSERVERS):** Yes, you all really DO suck, there had better be press now!

**(TURKEY to GERMANY):** Italy NMRed and fell into Civil Disorder, we now need to work together to take down France. Here I come!!!

**(FRANCE to GERMANY):** Don't you dare think about moving into England. With the loss of Italy, unless we do something quickly, Turkey is going to win.

**(RUSSIA to GERMANY):** So, are you going to help me stop Turkey or not??? The time is now..

## Diplomacy "Sweet Spot" 2013A, End Game

E/F/I/R/T Draw in Winter 1908; Zine - Eternal Sunshine; GM - Douglas Kent										
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08		
<b>Austria</b>	4	1	0						<b>Fred Wiedemeyer</b>	<b>DROP F02</b>
									<b>Paul Milewski</b>	<b>OUT F03</b>
<b>England</b>	4	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	<b>Harold Zarr</b>	<b>DRAW W08</b>
<b>France</b>	5	6	9	7	7	7	7	7	<b>Melinda Holley</b>	<b>DRAW W08</b>
<b>Germany</b>	3	5	4	3	1	0			<b>Jack McHugh</b>	<b>OUT F06</b>
<b>Italy</b>	5	7	8	9	9	8	8	8	<b>Heath Gardner</b>	<b>DROP F06</b>
									<b>Hank Alme</b>	<b>DRAW W08</b>
<b>Russia</b>	4	5	5	7	8	9	10	10	<b>Chris Babcock</b>	<b>DRAW W08</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	4	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	<b>Larry Peery</b>	<b>DRAW W08</b>

**Larry Peery (Turkey):** IT WAS A TOUGH TIME FOR TURKEY  
By Larry Peery

#### Intro

2013 – 2014 was a rough time to be in Turkey or be a Turkey. In Turkey a country was torn by internal dissent. In 2013A, a Sweet Spot became a bad after taste as the game wore on.

#### Background

As long as I live I'll never forget that summer day in 2009 when I pulled my trusty old Diplomacy board that I'd gotten in 1965 and hadn't used in years to look up something on a map I thought I knew by heart. As I looked down at the board I realized that I couldn't see it. No blue seas or green or brown land spaces. No black lines. No black dots. No nothing. All I could see was a white fog that obscured everything. This lasted for several minutes. I finally stood up, shock my head, and looked out the front door on what should have been a bright, sunny afternoon. Instead I saw a sort of hazy mist filled with obscure shapes. Just a few weeks before, feeling fine, I had found a doctor named Hai Le, originally from Vietnam, down at Scripps and for my 62nd birthday I decided

to give myself a complete physical exam although I hadn't been to a doctor since I was in my forties. On the appointed day I drove down to the Clinic, parked the car, and walked in. After a good hour of poking and prodding and asking questions Dr. Le, who'd had a smiling cheerful look on his face when I walked in looked at me seriously and said, "Mr. Peery, you're a walking time bomb." He walked out of the exam room for a few minutes and then returned. He asked if I had anyone with me and I said no. He asked how I'd gotten there and I told him I'd driven myself. He wanted to know if there was someone who could come and get my car. I thought he meant to drive me home and I said I could do that myself. He looked at me again. "No, you're not going home. You're going to Scripps Hospital in Encinitas. Now. The ambulance is on the way." I spent the next week in Scripps Encinitas while they did a multitude of tests and various doctors came in and did more poking and prodding. Nobody was telling me much but they all had that serious look on their face that tells you that all those cheap hamburgers and rotgut have finally caught up with you. What nobody had told me was that the reason I was in Scripps Encinitas was because 1) They were afraid something really serious might happen at any moment; and 2) They were waiting for a team of doctors and an OR to become available at Scripps Hospital in La Jolla, their main facility. After a week in Scripps Encinitas, the chief doctor that had been keep track of me came in and gave me my first idea of what was wrong and what to expect. He seemed concerned that I hadn't had any visitors and my admission records showed no family or emergency contacts. I explained to him that I had no family and my emergency contact was on the other side of San Diego. He said OK and not to worry about it, he'd take care of things for the moment. By then the ambulance was there, complete with a ride along RN. They wasted no time in loading me up and down the freeway we went. It seemed almost surrealistic to be on the inside of one of those ambulances that I'd passed so many times on that same freeway without even thinking about who might be inside or why.

Scripps La Jolla is a major regional medical center and one of the best heart hospitals in the country. As I lay in my private room on the 7th floor I looked out at the view that, under other circumstances, would have been pleasurable. I could see the UCSD Library building across the freeway, and the Torrey pines at the Golf Course where I'd watched Tiger Woods win the local event in January. I realized that almost everything I could see had been built in my adult lifetime, including the building I was in. Soon the procession of doctors started coming in one by one, like supernunneries in an opera by Bartok. I began to learn that there was a definite pecking order to their appearances each day. The first one to appear was the anesthesiologist and, as I learned later, he was one of the most important members of the OR team and usually the biggest cause of problems in a surgery. Most anesthesiologists don't really want to be one but it's the fastest, cheapest way to becoming a doctor. They also tend to be over-worked and over-stressed which leads to alcohol and other drug issues. They often fail to show up on time, especially if you have an early morning Monday surgery scheduled. Mine happened to be on Tuesday, but sure enough the anesthesiologist was 1.5 hours late showing up and the entire OR team stood around waiting for him. Eventually, after a string of other specialists came in and introduced themselves and briefly explained their role in what was to happen, the chief cardiologist who would actually do the important work came in. He introduced himself, told me that while it was a difficult procedure and I wasn't in the best of shape to go through it he had done that procedure some 400 times during his career and he had confidence in his skills and his OR team. It wasn't until he told me that they were combining two procedures into one trip to the OR and it would require a total of 14 staff and take somewhere between 12 and 15 hours (Actually it took 17.) that I began to realize this wasn't just another "Don't worry, Mommy will kiss it and make it better" situation. Finally, he paused and looked at me and asked if I had any questions. I just looked at him, wanly smiled, and said. "I trust you. Let's do it."

17 hours in the OR. 24 hours one on one with a pre-ICU nurse, then another 24 hours in the ICU, and then back to a private room. The next morning the LVN walks in and smiles at me and says, "Mr. Peery, you're doing well. Do you feel like a walk?" I said sure. She disappeared and not knowing what else to do, I proceeded to get out of the bed, wrapped a robe around myself, and started off down the hall toward the other wing of the floor. By the time the nurse, in a state of near panic, found me 15 minutes later I was cheerfully telling some visitors what all the buildings they could see from the view window were. My nurse walked up and said, "You weren't supposed to go this far and not without a walker and me." "Oh." I said, and turned around and walked back to my bed. Three days later I was home.

It wasn't an easy recovery from the quad bypass and carotid artery surgeries. There were missteps along the way: another week in Scripps Encinitas with congestive heart failure. Then there was a week in Tri City Hospital, just down the street from where I live, due to a car accident that led to pneumonia. A false alarm heart attack. And then there was the tongue problem. It seems funny now but the doctors were concerned that I might have had a minor stroke during the operation or, horror of horrors, they might have touched a raw nerve in my throat which caused my tongue not to work properly. They did all kinds of tests but came to no conclusion, telling me that if all went well it should go away in four to six weeks. Well, eventually it did, but in the interim my diet and eating habits changed radically and probably for the better. I could track the consequences each day as I weighed. Going into the hospital for the surgery I weighed just under 250. At my lowest during the tongue

malfunctioning period I had dropped to 187. I was still technically over-weighted for my size but I hadn't weighed that little since I was in high school. The doctors were happy. All my signs were good. The 12 different meds I was taking were working, etc. etc. By then almost two years had gone by. I discovered the reason for the white out vision I had just before the surgery was because my brain was only getting 30% of the oxygen it needed and consequently my brain was shutting down non-essential services to conserve energy. Apparently being able to read a Diplomacy board is not considered an essential service to a brain struggling to survive.

Slowly I began to come back. I was up and about doing things I hadn't done in years. I resumed my writing and other work, travelled a bit and felt better than I had in years. It was time to open up that old Diplomacy board and take another look, and so I did.

From writing about the game and hobby the jump to playing again wasn't that difficult although I kept telling myself I hadn't played a game of Diplomacy in close to twenty years. But when Doug Kent asks most people find it easier to say yes and give in then to say no and then deal with his abuse

became 2013A, I agreed, partially because of his prodding and partially because of Chris Babcock's cajoling. I had met Chris while writing for TDP and he suggested that he, I, and Heath Gardener, who I didn't know, could make a good alliance.

□ So when

And so it happened.

You may be wondering why I went to such length to tell this story about my hospital experience since everybody knows the last thing anybody wants to read about is somebody else's hospital experiences. I did it simply to make a point, perhaps the most important point I can make about this or any other Dip game: Watch for the Warning Signs. I didn't at the time and it almost cost me my life. That's the real world we live in.

In Dip it's not quite a matter of life and death although it might seem like it at the time, but the effect of making the same mistake, not watching for the warning signs around you, can be just as devastating. Sweet Spot was filled with many of these moments and I'm sure. There are two kinds of warning signs you need to be watching for: the kind you receive and the kind you send.

Warning signs are usually given by one of the senses. We all have those: Sight, Taste, Touch, Hearing, Smelling, the mysterious Sixth sense, and for Dippers, the Dip sense.

In the Beginning

The original players in Sweet Spot were:

A – Fred Wiedemeyer: Didn't know him at all and that can be good or bad. In Fred's case, although he tried valiantly to change the tide he couldn't do much to save himself when Italy, Russia and Turkey decided to go after him.

E – Harold Zarr: I didn't know him at all and had little to do with him during the game. Had things gone according to our plan he would have been the next player eliminated. However, his determined defense impressed all of us enough that we decided to include him in the final five way draw.

F – Melinda Holley: Melinda played in some games I GM'd back in the 1980s. Frankly what I remember wasn't too good: Terrible orders badly written with bizarre colored papers and ink. Still, she was a nice person and I hope she'd keep England and Germany while Italy and Russia got into position.

G – Jack McHugh – I knew only reputation as a ferocious fighter, so I hoped Russia and France would take him down with England's help if possible.

I – Heath Gardener – Didn't know him prior to the game but he seemed like a very nice guy and we hit off well in the beginning, but he proved a high maintenance ally and I spent more time reassuring him than doing anything else.

R – Chris Babcock: I knew Chris from TDP but I'd never played in a game with him (Not that that was that big a deal since I'd never played a game with any of these folks.) Chris was the kind of ally you dream about having but then...

T – Larry Peery - I like playing Turkey and when I do, all other things being equal I usually try to get a strong non-aggression pact with Russia, take out Austria with Italy and then see what's going on with France as a potential ally against Italy or as a target for Italy, thus keeping him (Italy) out of my hair while I await developments in Germany.

### At the Peak

Things went pretty much according to plan in the early years and Italy, Russia and I worked well together. I basically proposed to both of them that: 1) I would not attack them; 2) I would not ally with either of them if they participated in an attack on each other; 3) I would patiently wait in my corner watching what happened and mind my own business while they expanded westward. It took some doing but I think I convinced Russia of my sincerity early on. Italy was a bit more difficult. He was always testing me and telling me not to do things I'd already told him I wasn't going to do.

France surprised me with her aggressive play against England and Germany and she made better head way against Germany than Russia did. Russia seemed to have problems dealing with England, who fought tenaciously to defend himself, but he finally got moving.

By the end of 1902 Austria was down to one new center and had a new player, Paul Milewski who was an old timer that I barely remembered. England had four. France had six. Italy was up to seven! Russia was at five, as was Turkey. Holland remained unoccupied.

By then I was more interested in the real world events going on in Turkey than I was in the game and my press showed it. What was going on in Istanbul reminded me so much of what I'd seen in Prague in 1968. It was like watching history all over.

With Austria gone, Germany going fast, and England about to be pounded, I decided on a slight change of my long term plan. As I was more impressed by Russia's play, which was excellence well into the Mid Game, I begin to wonder if perhaps he could actually pull off a solo win. I told him privately that if he wanted to go for it I would maintain my neutrality and stay out of the battle between him and France and Italy, hoping that the two of them would be at each other's throats before they realized he was coming after them. I could tell he was intrigued with the idea of pulling it off but that he didn't have the lust for the dots to make it happen.

By the end of 1903 Austria was gone, England was down to two, France gained three to go to nine, Germany was even at four, Italy was up to eight, Russia was still at five, and I had gone to six.

### Over the Hill

The big change in 1904 was Russia suddenly coming to life and picking up most of Scandinavia and occupying two German spaces. France and Italy were facing off in the Western Med area. Things looked interesting. The multiple draw proposals were flying fast and furious which irritated me as I saw no reason for it.

1906 saw England pick up a center to three. France was still at seven. Germany was gone! Italy was at eight, Russia had gone to nine and Turkey stayed at seven. By this time most of my orders involving any movement involved an Army wandering between Syria and Armenia as I tracked the progress of the real world fighting going on in Syria and Kurdistan.

### Not With a Bang But With a Whimper

By 1907 Heath had dropped out as Italy and been replaced by Hank Alme, who quickly signed off on the French, Russian and Turkish plan for a four way draw as soon as England was eliminated. By the end of the year England was at two, France even at seven, Italy at eight, Russia at ten, having taken Denmark and Berlin. Turkey continued at seven. Russia NMRed in the Winter 1907 and Spring 1908, another sign that interest was fading in the game when the biggest player on the board NMRs. England continued his defensive moves and tried to cause trouble where he could. France, Italy and Turkey pretty much just stood and supported themselves.

Because of a change in the House Rules a ten center Russia having two NMRs was put into Civil Disorder after the Spring 1907 turn without a stand by being called. The remaining players less England, decided it was pointless to continue and informed the GM that they would vote for a five way in the Winter that would include England, France, Italy, Russia and Turkey. We included England because of his strong effort to defend himself anyway possible and we included Russia, even though in Civil Disorder, as an acknowledgment of his fine play. Once we told England we were going to include him in the Draw he stopped voting against them.

### End of Game Players

A – Eliminated

E – Harold Zarr: Liverpool, London = 2, Even

F – Melinda Holley: Belgium, Brest, Holland, Kiel, Marseilles, Munich, Paris = 7, Even

G – Eliminated

I – Hank Alme: Naples, Portugal, Rome, Spain, Trieste, Tunis, Venice, Vienna =8, Even

R – Civil Disorder: Berlin, Denmark, Edinburgh, Moscow, Norway, Rumania, Sevastopol, St.Petersburg, Sweden, Warsaw = 10, 1 short

T – Larry Peery: Ankara, Budapest, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Serbia, Smyrna = 7, Even

What If?

If the Draw Proposal in Winter 1908 had failed I was prepared to take action. Obviously the race would be for Russia's supply centers and it seemed to me from his final positions that the board set-up favored me in that contest. I would have taken Rumania and Sevastopol the following year and perhaps even Warsaw or Moscow. The challenge would be to keep France and Italy from allying against me before I could build some fleets in the Mediterranean (I had only one fleet at this point.). And there was always the question of what would England do?

The Might Have Been?

I mentioned at the beginning of my comments about Warning Signs. As you may have noticed I didn't use a lot of examples of this game. I'm sure you, as you read the various statements and go back and look at the game reports, can find many moments that were, in effect, Warning Signs of things to be looked for. But there was one in this game that no one could have anticipated because it all took place inside my head.

It all happened on a Fall turn late in the game. Everything between myself and my ally Russia had gone well. The deadline was two hours away and I suddenly realized I hadn't heard from him since the Spring results had been published. My peerinopia went into over-time. Within 20 minutes I'd convinced myself that he was planning a stab of me with Italy, who'd been making various threatening and contradictory remarks for several seasons. I quickly decided I had to respond to that perceived attack and wrote up an email with orders that would send my Army in Syria into Armenia (or Armenia into Sevastopol, whichever was possible), take Rumania and even make a grab for Galicia. In a single, brilliant turn I figured southern Russia would be at my mercy. My finger was, literally, inches, from the SEND button, when I suddenly realized that the Warning Signs I had seen were all inside my head and that nothing in reality justified that kind of thinking. So I backed up, rethought the situation and decided that while such an action might be the best move for me in the short run it would definitely be a disaster in the long run, especially if I'd guessed wrong and Russia and Italy weren't attacking. Now that would have been embarrassing. So, my orders remain unchanged, Russia remained my ally, and Italy went off to fight the battles going on inside his head.

Finally my thanx to Doug for running the game and patiently putting up with us all and, in particular, answering my almost endless and sometimes stupid questions. Oh yes, and publishing all that Peeriblah with only a few complaints.

My EOG statement was written shortly after the announcement of the draw was made and without benefit of much reflection or going back and looking at the moves, press, and such. As such it contains some things which were incorrect. However, when I read Peter Paul Koch's recent story in TDP about A Smyrna H, I realized that my opening moves in Sweet Spot were much more interesting and unusual than I had realized. That has resulted in a 36 page article on the subject of a single opening move, A Smyrna - Syria. Yes, three words grew to 36 pages! Is that vintage Peeriblah or what? Actually, it's mostly a lot of cut and paste. However, if you want an understanding of what Turkey was doing in 2013A you need to read that article which should be in the October or December issue of TDP. Look for it.

---

### Woolworth II-D "Coney Island" 2013Bcb19, W 07/S 08

**Balkans (Secret):** Bld A Vie..A Bur S A Ruh-Bel, A Par S A Gas-Bre, A Alb S F Tri, F Tri S A Alb, A Ser S F Tri, A Swi S A Bur, A Vie-Tyr

**England (Secret):** A Pic-Par, F Bre S F Mao, ~~F Mao S F Bre~~(ret Nao, Iri, Bob, Bas, OTB).

**Italy (Secret):** Bld F Nap..F Por S Hao-Mao, F Mad S F Hao-Mao, A Gas-Bre, A Rom-Tus, A Ven S F Tri, F Wms S F Hao-Mao, F Nap-Tys.

**Russia (Jim Burgess - jfburgess "of" gmail.com):** Bld F Stp(sc)..F Stp(sc)-Gob, F Bal S F Stp(sc)-Gob, A Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, F Hel S A Kie-Den, F Hol-Nth, A Ruh-Bel, A Mun-Ruh, A Sev S A Rum.

**Scandinavia (Geoff Kemp - ggeoff510 "of" aol.com):** F Wao S F Mao, F Ech S F Mao, F Nth S A Den, F Swe S A Den, A Den H.

**Spain (Civil Disorder):** ~~A Bel+U~~.

**Turkey (Hugh Polley – hapolley "of" yahoo.ca):** F Ion-Cre, A Rum S Bul, A Bul S Rum, F Hao-Mao, F Mor-Hao, F Ems-Ion, A Tun-Alg.

**Deadline for F 08 is November 25th at 7am My Time**

