

## THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #352

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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 flipflopped 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. Rob Premus hasn't said anything about his tournament though. But expect updates in this space... Tempest will be coming up on Columbus Day weekend as usual too. I think most of you have seen it, but David Hill's article on being smoked at World Dip-Con (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.*

*So, you will recall that I wrote these words a few issues ago about my nephew-in law Mark Abraham's band Enter the Haggis: "pondering this question about whether they want to keep being a rock and roll band or a roots band." I hadn't talked to Mark about this, but when I did a few months ago, he admitted that they'd been pondering it and that they decided to change their name to release their new record. This would cement their move to being a rock band. I didn't say anything about it last issue since I didn't want to be a leak*

source, but a few weeks ago they broke the news on their facebook page that they are now Jubilee Riots. It is a fascinating problem, you start a band, play Irish/Scottish tinged music with bagpipes, and name your band something very specific. But you grow and change, and when you really become a rock band, the name holds you back. I think they made the right decision to change the name, you can see their web site or facebook page. This article I also liked: <http://961wodz.com/enter-the-haggis-is-jubilee-riots/?trackback=fbshare>. The big issue though is all those people who tattooed ETH on their bodies... oh well, just another reason why tattooing is so interesting, and so risky. The more things change... the more they change. I'll review the new record and say a bit more in a few issues. Up next issue, Ghod is touring the US with his new acoustic album, see where Richard Thompson is appearing near you and go!))

### **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 SHOULD start soon, 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.

### **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 szine 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 szine 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 SPRING 1901 IS OCTOBER 18TH, 2014**

*Winter 1900*

AUSTRIA (Ozog): has a BUD, a VIE, f TRI.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): has f LON, f EDI, a LVP.

FRANCE (Ellinger): has f BRE, a MAR, a PAR.

GERMANY (Abbott): has f KIE, a BER, a MUN.

ITALY (Holley): has f NAP, a VEN, a ROM.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): has f STP(NC), f SEV, a MOS, a WAR.  
TURKEY (Burgess): has f ANK, a SMY, a CON.

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GERMANY: Will Abbott, wjja9 of yahoo.com  
ITALY: Melinda Holley, genea5613 of aol.com  
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TURKEY: David Burgess, burgesscd of roadrunner.com or dburgess of glensfallshosp.org

*Game Notes:*

1) We have a game start. The players have been notified, Tom Howell (the BNC) has given us a number (the first of the year), and we even have some Winter 1900 press.

2) The game is a memorial for the late Don Williams. The 57 comes from our shared ages, I turn 57 next week and Don would have turned 57 precisely a month earlier on August 29. I expect press will take the 57 number in all sorts of directions. I'd like this to be a good press game, let's see if we can keep up the good Winter 1900 start. Reminder, press around here is black, let me know if any other house rules need explaining. Most of this press was in "E-Mail to all".

*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.

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.

(FRED): Is Heinz 57 sponsoring this game? A year's worth of the red stuff? Seriously, bless Don – was in a number of games with him.

(PAUL to FRED): We could use Heinz 57 to simulate "blood" if you want to....

(KOBLENZ, GERMANY) The town is draped in black. The anarchist organization, the Black Spleen, successfully assassinated every living Hohenzollern. The resilience of the German Empire, though tested, was not broken: the Imperial Guard rounded up the entire organization. Most are no longer among the living. The remainder envy the dead.

Yet what is an empire without an emperor? Various relatives of the late Kaiser Wilhelm II remained among the royal houses of Europe, especially in Britain and Russia. Yet the princes of the various German states, while they might consent to the rule of another German, were more likely to choose independence over rule by a foreign house. The unity of the empire demanded a German on the throne.

But which German? Prussia would never accept one of the princes of the southern German states, let alone a pretender to a throne they extinguished before 1870. And so the Imperial Government was looking everywhere for someone to put on the throne. A pedigree was not necessary; papers showing an appropriate lineage could be easily forged.

And so, three agents of the office of the Imperial Chamberlain are standing on a doorstep in a small city of the West Prussian Rhineland. The name above the door says, "Fedewa". They knock.

"Guess dich. Wie kann ich Sie helfen?" Greetings. How can I help you?

"Ist Wilhelm hier?" Is Wilhelm here?

"Ja, Ich bin." Yes, that's I.

“Kommen Sie bitte mit uns. Sie sind der neue Kaiser unseres Volk.” Come with us, Sire. You are our people’s new Caesar.

(WILL): I am honored to be in this game honoring Don Williams, and to be playing against such esteemed players. I only ask that you keep your knives sharp, as that will make your stabs simple and painless. :- ) It might be interesting to work the number 57 into any ongoing press storylines. Also it might be interesting to work in references to Don.

(PAUL to WILL): You are asking me to stab you? I have been known to stab people “long distance” (diplomatically) – essentially “playing the board” – but I don’t like doing it in a knee-jerk manner. Really! But if you want a knife in the back... well, you can ask.

(MELINDA): \*takes a deep breath\* \*slowly looks at the opposition\* \*evil smile\* “Let the games begin”.

(MARK): I am honored to be in a game named after Don, what a great guy! You guys (and lady) on the other hand... are a bunch of scoundrels, cutthroats of the highest order... in other words, my kind (and Don’s) of people! Looking forward to this one!

(DAVID to MARK): Scoundrel... Cutthroat... Thanks for the compliment! That’s the nicest thing anyone has called me in a while...

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

#### **THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1911 IS OCTOBER 18TH, 2014**

##### *Autumn and Winter 1910*

AUSTRIA (Burgess): bld a vie; has a VIE, a BUD, f CON, a GAL, a TRI, a SER.

ENGLAND (James): R a pru-SIL; rem f apu; has f NWG, a LVN, f BAR, a FIN,  
a SIL, a STP, f NTH, f ION, f GOB, a KIE, f BAL.

FRANCE (Holley): R a mun-BUR; has f TYH, f GOL, a NAP, a BUR,  
a VEN, f ADR, a BER, f TUN, a TYO.

ITALY (Crow): has a GRE.

RUSSIA (Kent): has a MOS, a MUN, a WAR, a BOH, f EAS, f PRU.

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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, wiedem of telus.net

##### *Game Notes:*

1) The DIAS game ending proposal failed. New draw proposals, to vote with your Winter orders are: DIAS, EF, EFR, and concession to E. If more than one proposal passes, the SMALLEST one that passes goes. If you fail to vote, you veto any proposal you do not vote on. Methinks there are changes afoot, but that’s up to you all.

2) Still send all good thoughts to Heath Gardner, but he is doing a bit better.

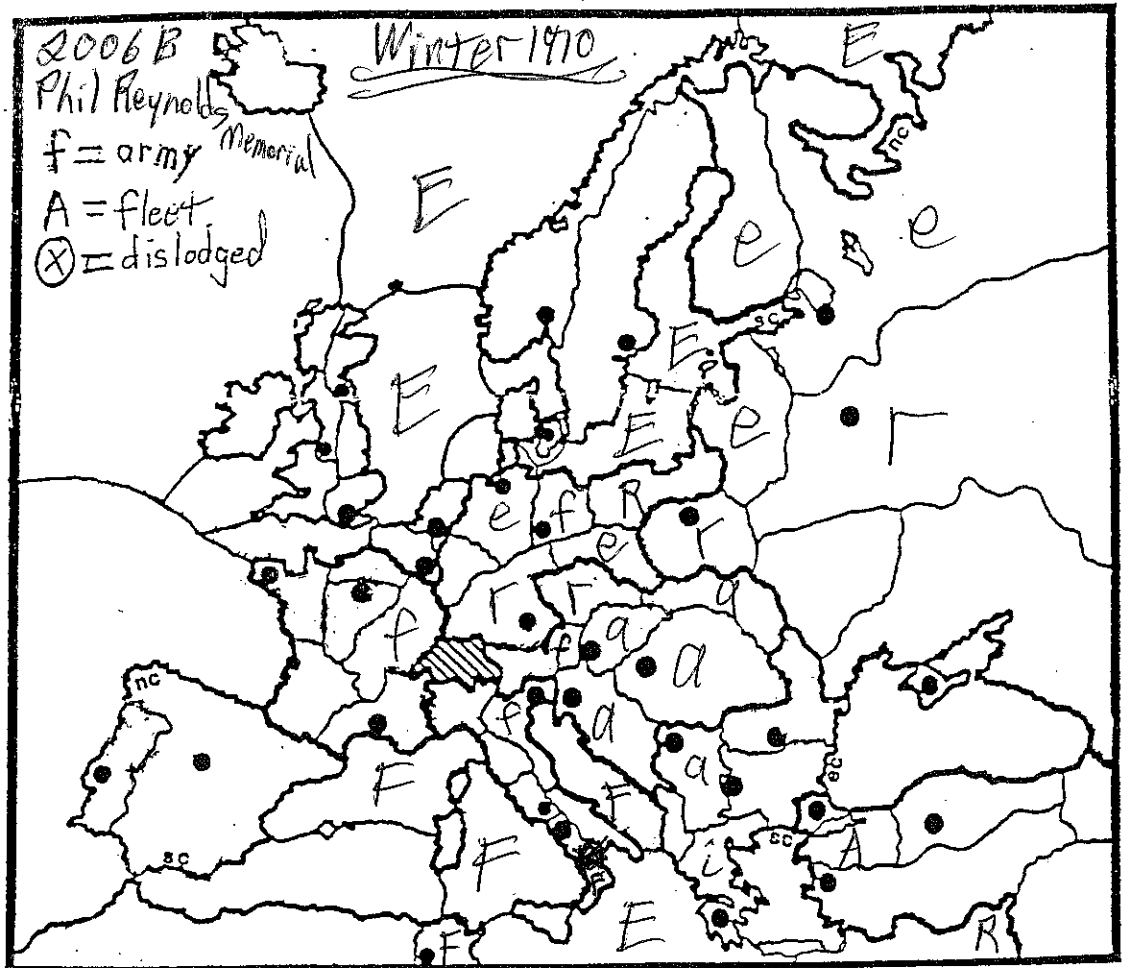
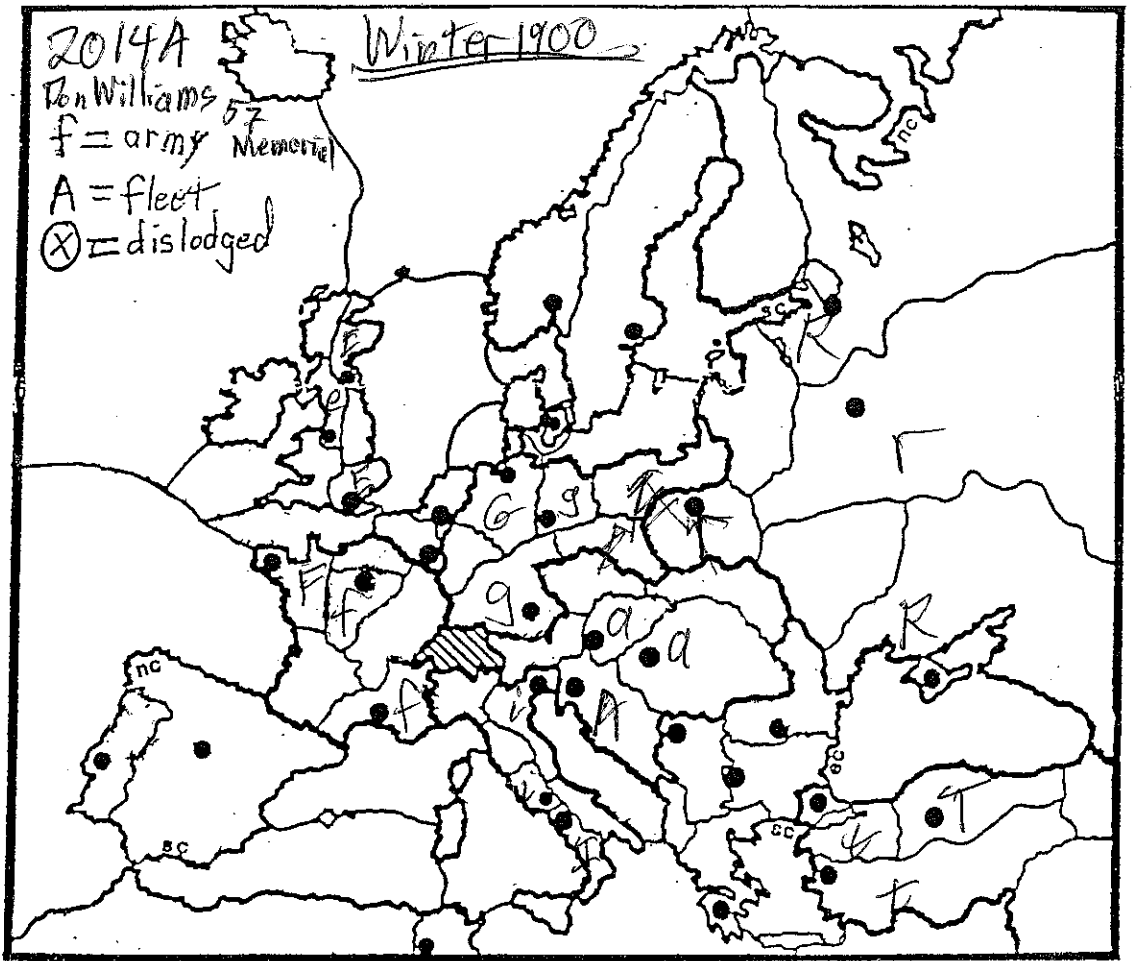
##### *Press:*

(RUSSIA - ALL): At least if I was in some forest and I fell a tree would hear me. This is more like starring in Alien...in this game no one can hear you scream.

(JAMES to WORLD): OK, who didn’t vote for the DIAS? Seriously? OK, I guess we are going to keep playing. I’m good with that...

(MOSCOW - WORLD): Maybe if I just veto every draw and try to screw this game up as long as I can, SOMEONE will reply to my emails. But, I doubt it. Sack McHugh gets more emails in a true Gunboat game than I do here.

(JAMES to JIM): Am I the last of the original 7 in the game? Exactly when did this game start anyways?



(BOOB to JAMES): Not at all, more than half the players are original. My brother David and Johnny Crow each have been in this since the beginning as well, which was September of 2006.

**FOR THE MEKONS ET AL.: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules  
THE DUE DATE FOR TURN 10 IS OCTOBER 18, 2014!!**

*Turn 9: The Pack Reforms but No One Replenishes Enough to Get to the Sprint Line*

86 (replenish with a 3)	Peeta Mellark
85 (replenish with a 4)	Katniss Everdeen
84 (replenish with a 5)	Haymitch Abernathy, Effie Trinket (5)
83 (no replenishment)	None
82 (no replenishment)	None
81 (no replenishment)	None
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80 (no replenishment)	None
79 (replenish with a 3)	Travis, Ernie Davis
78 (replenish with a 5)	Larry Csonka
77 (no replenishment)	None
76 (no replenishment)	None
75 (no replenishment)	None
74 (replenish with a 3)	Moist von Lipwig
73 (no replenishment)	None
72 (no replenishment)	None
71 (replenish with a 3)	Bowie, Mustrum Ridcully
70 (replenish with a 5)	Dziewulski
69 (replenish with a 6)	Arciszewski, Jim Brown
68 (replenish with a 8)	Ryan Leaf, Floyd Little
67 (replenish with a 10)	Sam Vimes, Sylvester Carmouche
66 (replenish with a 12)	CMOT Dibbler, Houston
65 (replenish with a 14)	Jean Van de Velde, Roberto Rojas
64 (no replenishment)	None
63 (no replenishment)	None
62 (no replenishment)	None
61 (replenish with a 3)	Cwierczakiewiczowa
60 (no replenishment)	None
59 (no replenishment)	None
58 (no replenishment)	None
57 (no replenishment)	None
56 (no replenishment)	None
55 (no replenishment)	None
54 (no replenishment)	None
53 (replenish with a 3)	Crockett
52 (no replenishment)	None
51 (no replenishment)	None
50 (no replenishment)	None
49 (no replenishment)	None
48 (replenish with a 3)	Barszczewski

*Addresses of the Participants – Their Team and Their Cards*

TEAM 1 (Hank Alme): cobblers of gmail.com (0 points)

Team Name: Vetinari's Terriers; TEAM CAPTAIN: Sam Vimes

A: Moist von Lipwig	(7) 3, 4, 3
B: Mustrum Ridcully	(3) 3, 3, 3
C: Sam Vimes	(6) 6, 3, 10

D: CMOT Dibbler (4) 3, 3, 12

Total Replenishments:  $47 + 32 + 30 + 42 + 16 + 19 + 12 + 17 + 28 = 243$

TEAM 2 (Andy Bate): andydbate of gmail.com (0 points)

Team Name: Racing Froggy; TEAM CAPTAIN: Jean Van de Velde

A: Jean Van de Velde (3) 14, 4, 14

B: Roberto Rojas (5) 7, 8, 14

C: Sylvester Carmouche (6) 8, 5, 10

D: Ryan Leaf (7) 12, 3, 8

Total Replenishments:  $18 + 29 + 42 + 52 + 21 + 29 + 17 + 27 + 46 = 281$

TEAM 3 (David Burgess): burgesscd of roadrunner.com or dburgess of glensfallshosp.org (19 points)

Team Name: Syracuse Orangemen

A: Ernie Davis (5) 3, 3, 3, 3

B: Jim Brown (11) 12, 3, 6

C: Floyd Little (9) 16, 3, 8

D: Larry Csonka (3) 4, 4, 5

Total Replenishments:  $79 + 55 + 19 + 29 + 17 + 14 + 12 + 29 + 22 = 276$

TEAM 4 (Rick Desper): rick\_desper of yahoo.com (48 points)

Team Name: District 12

A: Katniss Everdeen (3) 7, 5, 4, 4

B: Haymitch Abernathy (3) 3, 5, 5

C: Peeta Mellark (3) 3, 3, 3

D: Effie Trinket (6) 3, 3, 5

Total Replenishments:  $92 + 90 + 16 + 12 + 16 + 28 + 15 + 15 + 17 = 301$

TEAM 5 (Brendan Whyte): BWHYTE of nla.gov.au (1 point)

Team Name: The Reverse Polish Notationists (a.k.a. The Unpronounceables)

A: Arciszewski (12) 9, 6, 3, 3

B: Barszczewski (3) 3, 3, 3

C: Cwierzakiewiczowa (6) 4, 3, 3

D: Dziewulski (5) 3, 3, 5

Total Replenishments:  $50 + 46 + 14 + 14 + 15 + 17 + 17 + 21 + 14 = 208$

TEAM 6 (Andy York): (0 points)

Team Name: Team Alamo

A: Travis (3) 9, 4, 3, 3

B: Crockett (3) 3, 3, 3

C: Bowie (4) 6, 4, 3

D: Houston (3) 3, 7, 12

Total Replenishments:  $44 + 65 + 20 + 31 + 15 + 19 + 13 + 13 + 21 = 241$

#### Game Notes:

1) The rules are on the *TAP* website in the *Tinamou* section. Ask if you have any questions. Rules at: <http://devel.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/Tinamou/rules/BreakingAway.htm>

Up above in parentheses is the card you played to get to where you are in the field. The replenishment card is the last card in your list. Be careful to note that the card you played (the one in parentheses) is not 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) Wow, no one replenished above a total of 17, and two of you had the minimum replenishment of 12. When will the pack reform, or will it? Remember that the next Sprint Line is at 80 (getting to 81 to score).

Press:

(BOOB to RIDERS): You CAN write press, you know, even if it is to yell at Rick as he pedals out of sight.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI

### THE DUE DATE FOR TURN 9 IS OCTOBER 18, 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 8 has been notified by E-Mail. Note that the official rules say you're supposed to get this by TURN 10, time to get a bit closer on WHO Kendo is.

#### TURN 8

**Brendan Whyte:**

Rush Limbaugh in Copacabana, on the shores of Lake Titicaca

**Heath Gardner:**

No Guess this Time

**Rick Desper:**

Sean Hannity in Antofagasta, Chile

**Hank Alme:**

Glenn Beck in Tacna, Peru

**Steen Alme:**

Stephen Colbert in Oruro, Bolivia

**Tom Howell:**

Rush Limbaugh in Pisagua, Chile

**Doug Kent:**

Alec Baldwin in Sajama, Bolivia

**Kevin Wilson:**

No Guess this Time

**Mike Ruttinger**

Keith Olbermann in Santiago de Machaca, 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

**Heath Gardner:**

No Guess This Time

**Rick Desper:**

Bill O'Reilly in Arequipa, Peru

**Hank Alme:**

Glenn Beck in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

**Steen Alme:**

Jon Stewart in Montero, Bolivia

**Tom Howell:**

Rush Limbaugh in Salinas de Garci Mendoza, Bolivia

**Doug Kent:**

Gene Simmons in Oruro, Bolivia

**Kevin Wilson:**

No Guess This Time

**Mike Ruttinger**

Sarah Lee née Gore in Tacna, Peru

**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

**Heath Gardner:**

No Guess This Time

**Rick Desper:**

Rush Limbaugh in Potosi, Bolivia

**Tom Howell:**

Sonny Bono in Jesus de Machaca Municipality, Bolivia

**Doug Kent:**

George Will in Toledo, 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

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

**Heath Gardner:**  
No Guess this Time

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

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

**Kevin Wilson:**  
No Guess this Time

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

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

**Steen Alme:**  
Hillary Clinton 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Steen Alme:**

Al Gore in Buenos Aires, Argentina

**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.

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**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:* The deadline for *Diplomacy World* is coming up at the end of September. Can I inquire if we can get some more interest in writers to write things for it? Someone seems to have awakened Larry Peery and reignited the monster. If it was you, can you please try to write as much as he writes? Even if it wasn't you, how about trying to write us something. Of course, we all know that notes like these in my last word essentially have no effect. But prove me wrong. The International Diplomacy Hobby is really heating up, if you've never been to a Diplomacy convention in Europe, think about making a caravan trip over there to partake of the joys of FTF Dip in another country.

More locally, we are trying to organize a local house game. Is anyone who is close to me or Boston willing to get together to play? I think it is time for the fifth reinvention of the local New England hobby. Come on, I know some of you are close, E-Mail me and join us.

Last note: keep thinking good thoughts about Heath Gardner as he fights through his troubles.