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TURKEY KNOCKED OUT OF WAR!

ENGLAND (Becker):

F Edd-Norwegian Sea
A Lon holds
F Bar (S) GERMAN A StP
A Norway (S) F Swe-Fin
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F Den-North Sea

FRANCE (Comber):

A Par-Bur
A Ven-Rom
F Lyo-Tyr
A Mar-Pie
A Pic-Bel
F Wes (S) F Lyo-Tyr
F NAfr-Tun

TURKEY (Thompson):

A Con /unordered, dislodged & annihilated/

GERMANY (Lakofka):

A Ber (S) A Mun /no such unit, A Ber holds/
F Bot (S) A StP
F Bal-Liv
A StP (S) F Bal-Liv
A Tyr /unordered, holds/

ITALY (Gygax):

A Rom-Ven
F Ion (S) F Tyr
F Tyr (S) F Tyr
F Tyr (S) F Tyr

TURKEY (Vacant): A Bul holds /moves made by neutral player/
 A Arm-Sev
 F Bla (S) A Arm-Sev

Underlined moves do not succeed. A Substitute player is needed for Turkey, the first person to submit "Fall 1902" moves will take over play. The "Fall 1902" moves are due 28 December 1970 to Christopher Schleicher, 5122 W. Carmen, Chicago, Illinois 60630.

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A RULES TALE

by

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In recent weeks we've seen a flurry of activity within the Diplomacy press concerning the cloudy area of rules. So there be no doubt as to the official position of ATLANTIS, some of the issues warrant clarification.

1. Normally two units cannot directly exchange spaces. There is one wide exception to this rule often referred to as "Costal Crawl" in the split-coast provinces of Spain and Bulgaria. (St. Petersburg is excluded because a fleet on one coast cannot move to any of the spaces to which a fleet on the other coast may move.) There are actually only six such direct exchanges possible, all of which are allowed by ATLANTIS:

- a. F Spa (nc)-Mid, F Mid-Spa (sc)
- b. F Spa (sc)-Mid, F Mid-Spa (nc)
- c. F Spa (nc)-Por, F Por-Spa (sc)
- d. F Spa (sc)-Por, F Por-Spa (nc)
- e. F Bul(ec)-Con, F Con-Bul (sc)
- f. F Bul (sc)-Con, F Con-Bul (ec)

Note if any of these units were armies the exchange would not be allowed.

2. There are other ways by which two units may exchange spaces but they must be done indirectly by use of a convoy. For example:

- a. A Lon-Bel, F Nth C A Lon-Bel
 A Bel-Lon, F Eng C A Bel-Lon
- b. A Bel-Hol, F Nth C A Bel-Hol
 F Hol-Bel

The first example may seem silly but it could be expedient. You can readily see the need if A Bel was English and A Lon was French; it might be the only way to cement a new alliance. But these examples are merely illustrative of numerous variations.

3. When an army is being conveyed it is important to know the direction of the movement is that of the last conveying fleet, not the point of origin. If the convoy is dislodged, the army does not move, it remains at its point of origin and is totally impotent to affect any action at its desired destination.

- a. ENGLAND: A Lon-Hol
 F Nth C A Lon-Hol
 A Bel S A Lon-Hol
 F Eng S F Nth
- FRANCE: F Hol-Nth
 F Den S F Hol-Nth

Note A Lon is attacking Hol from the Nth with the support of A Bel, while F Hol is attacking the Nth with the support of F Den. A standoff occurs because both countries are attacking from and to the same space with equal support, and since F Eng is supporting F Nth the convoy is not dislodged.

- b. ENGLAND: A Lon-Bel
 F Eng C A Lon-Bel
 F Nth S A Lon-Bel
- FRANCE: F Bel-Eng
 F Bre S F Bel-Eng

In this example A Lon is attacking Bel from the Eng with the support of F Nth. But it is the army that is being supported, not the conveying fleet. Hence, because of superior force F Bel does succeed in dislodging F Eng and A Lon does not move.

4. Cutting support: If a unit ordered to support is attacked by a unit of another country, the support is cut. There is one exception to this rule: When the supporting unit is attacked from a space into which it is giving support, the support is not cut.

- a. A Diddle S A Doodle-Daddle
 A Daddle-Doodle does not cut the support

Why there is inordinate confusion about this is a puzzlement. To be mundane:

- b. A Mun S A Tyr-Boh
 A Boh-Tyr does not cut the support

5. Until recently the generally accepted practice was a country could not cut its own support. No distinction was made as to whether the support was being provided by a unit belonging to the same country or a foreign country.

- a. GERMANY: A Tyr-Boh
 A Mun S A Tyr-Boh
 A Boh-Mun

AUSTRIA: A Boh holds

Even though Germany is moving against Mun, the consensus of opinion is the support is valid. With this principle I do agree. However, I question the logic of those who say the support is still valid if A Mun belonged to another country with all the moves identical.

b. GERMANY: A Tyr-Boh
A Bur-Mun

ITALY: A Mun S GERMAN A Tyr-Boh

AUSTRIA: A Boh holds

To assert the support of A Mun is still valid leads to the ridiculous: If Austria had A Boh S GERMAN A Bur-Mun, then Germany would not only get Bohemia but also gobble up Munich! That's really cutting it on both ends, Greek style!

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The rules of ATLANTIS are as indicated by
John Beshara, with the impossible moves underlined.

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A substitute player is needed for the position of Austria. A new player has been found for the position of Turkey, he is Mr. Ira Berlin, P.O. Box 45139, Chicago, Illinois 60645.

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/Southern Rhovanion, 1038 FA/

Willie Von Fluffy, now one of the travelers, proved to be a great inhibition to their forward movement. Roddy Wacker was growing weary of seeing Von Fluffy trip, drop his belongings, fall off his horse, put his armor on backwards, etc. This plus the obnoxious din of Budding Trevanion's incessant singing, with no apparent care or regard for anything else, was making poor Wacker a nervous wreck. Yet, enforced by the daily call from Ion Lumberman to come to Barad Buch Land, he moved ever onward. Each day he removed the huge stone of milk-white Acheronite from his pack at exactly five hours past dawn. As he stared at the stone it appeared to grow in size and pulsate slowly. Its color changes from red to orange to yellow to green to blue to purple took seconds at first, but grew more and more rapid until the stone was a grayish-white in color. Now it would flash once brightly and then become crystal-clear. Wacker, totally transfixed, was then summoned by the image he saw before him to move ever onward. His trance was so

deep that he never noticed the sympathetic color changes and flash that occurred a few short leagues away in the blue stone of a golden ring borne by the figure who had followed him so far.

On the third day of Nénime the party arrived at the castle of King Leomund of Eyeaff Dubbleue, the realm of the South just north of the kingdom of Morgoth. The party entered the splendid castle and travelled through the 12 gates to the inner chambers of the King. Here they met with the nobles of the Court — Prince Paul of the Cote Valley, Lord High Chancellor Willie Voyeur and Keeper of the Keys Lenomir Tück. While they were in animated conversation the figure in blue entered the Royal Chamber by a side passage. Pausing briefly, he departed and went to meet with the King.

King Leomund, a regal figure of a man, was bedecked in a Blue Cape of the finest velvet brocade in gold and jewels. Beneath he wore a suit of pale blue mail and beside him his great sword Vetoë, with which he ruled the kingdom. Leomund greeted the blue-clad figure with a salutary bow as the man removed his deep blue tunic and bowed low before the King.

The noble wizard, Gygax the Blue, quickly told the King of his passage from Mirkwood and of the plans of Morgoth, Lumberman and Wacker.

Leomund listened intently and confirmed his knowledge of Morgoth's and Lumberman's plans. His golden ring, with a large red stone of Acheronite, seemed to glisten as he told Gygax of what he knew. "Only five more rings were cast, my investigation has revealed. The Yellow and Orange were destroyed in the building of Thangorodrim. The Green is in the possession of King Trevanion, sire to that singing whelp he calls a son who is a traveler with Wacker. The Purple is held by Count Willie von Fluffy; who in trying to wield its power, broke under its spell and is now a hopeless mental nothing. Of the White I have little knowledge. I believe it has travelled to the far West and gone over the great waters, but I have no sure facts. When I have used the Red to search for it I have not been able to get a firm grasp of its location, but I know it still exists. In it is the power to rule all the rings of color. But until it appears, the Red and Blue have the most power."

"Then we shall allow Morgoth's plan to continue as we have collaborated?", said Gygax.

"Yes" replied Leomund. "Now let me have Council with Wacker and see what I can learn. We shall have to speak with von Fluffy also and see if we may obtain the Purple from him."

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