

BARAD-DUR

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EDITORIALS

The A game is back on its feet again after a long and unfortunate squabble which, we hope, will not be repeated by anyone in any game. It is sincerely hoped that the game can now return to a peaceful and enjoyable game session. The matter of accusations discussed last issue brought forth many letters of support and encouragement to the Gamesmasters, which is gratifying.

Donald Miller submitted a lengthy letter expressing shock at any such charges, explaining his difference with the Gamesmaster was solely procedural, based upon the matter of time limits, and that he now considered the matter done and calls for a general resumption of game hostilities. I had meant to publish the letter, but decided that the spirit of all players in A is such that this editorial will close the matter -- permanently.

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Players are warned that propaganda need not be signed. For instance, Britain could submit a thorough account of treaties made between Germany and Russia, and sign it IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY. Do not always assume that the parties covered by or signing propaganda are the ones who wrote it. The liar's propaganda, whereby you represent yourself as someone else and attempt to disunite allies, etc., is a very valuable tool in the game. Always remember that propaganda is just that -- propaganda -- and don't think that just because a dispatch is signed Austria and concerns Austrian troop movements that it's actually Austria speaking!

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GB-1965-C will begin with BARAD-DUR 6. Gamesmaster is Jack L. Chalcker. It will be noted that, in all 3 games so far, the players, with 2 exceptions (Barr and Atkins) live within 50 miles of one another, and may seem to have a regional nature. Don't you complain, though -- inadequate publicity, due mostly to the lack of decent, on time TNFFs, plus lack of response, has simply resulted in few or no applications from non-area members. The D game, it is hoped, will have more variety.

GB-1965-C is unusual in that, for the first time, players have been able to choose their countries in order of application. This is an experiment, and the results have been very unusual indeed. The initial C roster -- which includes some new folk as well as repeaters -- will illustrate this point, for I will number them in order of application. D will also have this feature.

BARAD-DUR will not handle more than 4 games simultaneously. However, if needed a second Postal fanzine will be begun under another Gamesmaster duo.

JLC

MASSIVE MILITARY BUILDUP BEGUN BY FOUR NATIONS, A FIFTH ANNOUNCES CAPABILITY, BUT DOES NOTHING!

GB-1965-A

WINTER, 1901

A total of six new military forces have been created this Winter by four nations, three of whom have not been considered "great" for centuries. Drawing upon the increased supply capabilities of their newly acquired territories, France, Turkey, Russia, and Italy have embarked on a new voyage of Imperialism and Conquest.

Nation	Supply Centers now held	Units Built
France . . . .	.Paris, Brest, Marseilles, Belgium, Portugal.	Army Paris Fleet Marseilles
Germany. . . .	.Berlin, Kiel, Munich, Denmark	No Build
Italy. . . . .	.Venice, Rome, Naples, Tunis, Trieste	Fleet Venice Army Rome
Russia . . . . .	.Sevastopol, Moscow, Warsaw, Rumania, St. Petersburg	Army Moscow
Turkey . . . . .	.Constantinople, Smyrna, Ankara, Bulgaria.	Fleet Constantinople

Those two Nations unable to build hold the centers:

England.London, Liverpool, Edinburgh

Austria-Hungary Vienna, Budapest, Serbia.

SECRET L.N. SPY REPORTS WINTERING LOCATIONS OF EUROPE'S MILITARY FORCES!

Delivered in the wee small hours of a recent morning, by a panting, but not bloodstained messenger was a tightly rolled scrap of paper secreted in the base of a Plaster Buddha on which were scribbled the Winter defensive setup of all Europe's forces. Following, is the portion of the document which is all I dare to print:

Austria-Hungary. Fleet Albania, Army Serbia, Army Vienna

England.Fleet North Sea, Fleet Norwegian Sea, Army Edinburgh

France , , , , .Army Burgunday, Army Belgium, Fleet Portugal, Army Paris
Fleet Marseilles

Germany.Army Kiel, Army Ruhr, Fleet Denmark

Italy.Army Trieste, Army Tyrolia, Fleet Tunis, Fleet Venice,
Army Rome

RussiaArmy Sevastopol, Army silesia, Fleet Rumania, Army Moscow,
Fleet Gulf of Bothnia.

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Turkey Army Bulgaria, Army Armenia, Fleet Black Sea, Fleet
Constantinople

The Deadline for the Spring, 1902 move orders is October 7, 1965 (Thursday)

PROPAGANDA PAGE

"Czar Millerinski extends his full apologies to the government of Turkey for the lack of communication between our two great nations which has resulted in a misunderstanding with respect to the intentions of the Russian forces stationed in Rumania and Sevastopol. We have discovered, to our dismay, that our Ambassador in Ankara doesn't speak Turkish - and, to our added distress, that the Turkish Ambassador in Moscow doesn't speak Russian! May we suggest a way out of this dilemma - let's trade Ambassadors - then we will have a Russian-speaking ambassador in Ankara, and a Turkish-speaking ambassador in Moscow!

"The Czar also advises the Pope to stay out of politics; his meddling in the affairs of Italy has induced the Italian Armies to attack our good friends in Austria-Hungary. The Pope is hereby excommunicated from the Russian Orthodox Church, and is warned that any further meddling in Italian affairs will result in his excommunication from the human race!

.....The Czar

Letter received by Maximus Bounder from Machiavelli of Italy:

Dear Sir:

As Foreign Minister to his Most Royal Majesty, King Cola III, I wish to announce the Pact of the Two Monarchs signed this week between the kindly, old Emperor Franz Josef and the Gallant Cola II.

This treaty calls for an immediate armistice, effective December 25th, 1901. This will give a rest period to the war-weary armies of both nations; the treaty also calls for the cession of Tyrolia to Italy.

Another Major Provision calls for the withdrawal of troops from Dalmatia by Italy, on March 21, 1902. Cola III will still retain the rights and privileges of an Austro-Hungarian Prince, as the recognized Prince of Dalmatia, this position IS NOT HEREDITARY, but is Cola III's for life.

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As a gesture of friendship, His Majesty will send the Prince Royal, Umberto, to the Imperial Austro-Hungarian naval maneuvers in Albania this Winter.

Sincerely Yours,

Nicollo Machiavelli

Foreign Secretary to His Majesty, Cola III; King of Italy, Prince of Rome, The Two Sicilies, Sardinia, and Dalmatia; Duke of Milan, Venice, and Tunis.

Note to the players of Game A from the Gamesmaster:

Subject: More Deadline Messages

The postmark deadline is a guide which tells the Gamesmaster approximately when he can expect, reasonably, all the moves to be in. If local players mail on or before the deadline by surface mail, and players farther away send their moves in by perhaps airmail, as they should, then the Gamesmaster can reasonably expect all moves to be in by no later than three days after the postmark deadline. If the move doesn't get here by then, and if it was mailed on or before Deadline, either it was delayed by the U.S. Post Office, or the player didn't send it in such a way as to insure its earliest reception. The first can't be helped, but the player can determine the second. If it takes a week to arrive, instead of 3 days, corrections will have to be mailed out because of the publication schedule.

GB-1965-B:

WINTER, 1901



RUSSIA.....BUILDS FLEET ST. PETERSBURG (NORTH COAST)

ARMY WARSAW

ARMY SEVASTAPOL

GERMANY.....BUILDS ARMY KIEL

ARMY MUNICH

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY..BUILDS ARMY TRIESTE

TURKEY.....BUILDS FLEET SMYRNA

ENGLAND.....BUILDS FLEET LONDON

ITALY.....BUILDS FLEET NAPLES

FRANCE.....BUILDS ARMY PARIS

FLEET MARSAILLES

All builds succeed. There were no retreats, so no retreat dept. The next move is SPRING, 1902. Deadline for the spring, 1902 move is THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7. Moves must be postmarked on or before that date to be accepted.

PROPAGANDA

Geneva, December 25 (Reuters). It would appear that four of the major European powers have decided to give themselves a Christmas present at the expense of Austria-Hungary. Russia has annexed Rumania and Budapest, and has also laid claim to Galicia; they have also claimed Serbia and Vienna, but are being disputed in these claims by Turkey and Italy (Serbia), and Germany (Vienna). Turkey has annexed Bulgaria, and claimed Greece and Serbia. Italy has decided to lay claim to Tyrolia, Trieste, and Serbia, and Germany has claimed Bohemia and Vienna. No one seems to want Albania at the moment.

MEMO FROM SWITZERLAND TO AUSTRIA HUNGARY: Congratulations on the new addition to the household. Now I can see why your propaganda last time was a bit disorganized!

DIRECT FROM THE BRITISH EMPIRE TO YOU -- The Food of the Gods.

Paris, Dec. 11 (AP) In the Estates General yesterday, the French Emperor bitterly denounced the treacherous attack on Marsailles by the Italian army presently in Piedmont. "Only the valiant efforts of the French army halted this vile stab in the back by the decadent autocracy that rules the Italian people. France will no longer honor any agreement with Italy."

MEMO FROM IMPERATOR GAIUS JULIUS CAESAR AUGUSTUS MEBANNICUS, ETC. TO THE ESTIMABLE PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND. The Emperor wishes to call to the attention of the President the consistent misspelling of the Gallic province of Marseilles in the pages of BARAD-DUR.

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND TO THE ITALIAN EMPEROR:
So you never heard of a Romanch accent?

DIPLOMATIC NOTE RECEIVED FOR PUBLICATION & GENERAL RELEASE:
Imperator Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus Mebannicus, Princeps, Pater Patriae, Pontifex Maximus, Consul in Vita, etc. etc., Senati Populique Romani in nominibus, dicit: Carthaginem deleui.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE RECEIVED FOR PUBLICATION AND GENERAL RELEASE:
"Sultan Donald (hereafter to be known to the world as Mohammed Ali Donald) has returned to his palace to complete his recuperation from a strained back received while bowing towards the east last March. Due to this injury, and his previously-sustained partial blindness from staring into the sun, the Sultan has proclaimed that, from this point on, all Turks will wear sunglasses while worshipping Allah, and the position of worship will be the prone position, arms extended above the head, face downward with weight of head supported by nose, eyes straight downward, legs straight with ankles together, toes pointed downward at 45 degree angle, stomach in, chest out, hips parallel to the ground."

MEMO TO THE SULTAN OF TURKEY FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND:
Mecca is west of Constantinople....

GB-1965-C

This is (double vision) BARAD-DUR 4 1/16, a rider with BARAD-DUR and also a special to those who have applied for GB-1965-C.

DEAR PLAYER:

YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR A POSITION ON THE "C" POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME OF THE N3F GAMES BUREAU PUBLICATION.

THE GAME WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 21, 1965. THAT IS THE SPRING, 1901 MOVE DATE, AND ALSO THE DATE BY WHICH DUES MUST BE IN.

DUES ARE \$4.00 PER GAME, UNLESS YOU HAVE PAID THE \$4.00 RATE FOR A PREVIOUS GAME, IN WHICH CASE YOUR FEE IS \$2.00. THAT IS YOUR TOTAL EXPENSE FOR THE GAME.

OR, YOU MAY PAY 75¢ PER GAME YEAR, TO A TOTAL OF \$6.00, BUT SINCE ALL BUT #7 HAD THEIR CHOICE OF COUNTRIES, AND SINCE #7 CAME OFF WITH A GOOD COUNTRY, I SEE NO REASON FOR A 75¢ RATE.

REMEMBER, DUES AND MOVES MUST BE IN BY OCTOBER 21. THAT, LIKE ALL DATES USED IN BARAD-DUR, IS A POSTMARK DATE. MOVES AND DUES POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. YOU WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPLACED.

ALL MOVES, DUES, PROPAGANDA, SHOULD BE SENT TO YOUR GAMESMASTER. HE WILL ALSO ANSWER ANY REAL OR THEORETICAL PROBLEMS YOU MAY RUN INTO, IF YOU ASK HIM. HE IS HONOR BOUND NOT TO REVEAL ANY DIPLOMACY QUESTIONS OF A REAL SITUATION NATURE.

THE ROSTER BELOW IS THE C ROSTER. YOUR GAME WILL BE THE LAST IN THE ISSUE, AND WILL HAVE AN OLD-ENGLISH LETTER "C" BEFORE IT STARTS. THIS IS THE ONLY SECTION COVERING YOUR GAME.

HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD ALSO ALWAYS CHECK THE FRONT PAGE, FOR NEWS OF NEW AND GENERAL GAMESMASTER RULINGS. IF THE RULING SAYS IT COVERS "C" OR "ALL GAMES," IT IS EFFECTIVE. IF IT SAYS IT COVERS "ONLY A" OR "ONLY B," YOU ARE NOT AFFECTED.

DEADLINES ARE IMPORTANT. MISS A DEADLINE AND YOU MISS A MOVE. ALL UNITS STAND AS THEY ARE. THE SAME WITH BUILDS. NO BUILD ORDER, NO BUILD. NO RETREAT ORDER, UNIT IS ELIMINATED.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU FOLLOW THE GAME ON A DIPLOMACY CONFERENCE MAP. MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AT 2/5¢ FROM RON W. BOUNDS, 803 PARK AVE., BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201.

ALL DEADLINES ARE TWO WEEKS APART. NO MOVES ARE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. EVEN IF THERE IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE PLACE FOR A UNIT TO RETREAT TO, A TWO-WEEK BAD SEASON RETREAT PERIOD WILL BE HELD.

DIPLOMACY FOR C BEGINS NOW. MOVES AND DUES MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 21.

NUMBERS BELOW ARE THE ORDER OF APPLICATION. EVERYBODY GOT 1st CHOICE.

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