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AT LONG LAST, the QUESTIONNAIRE!

Well, about two months ago I sent out a questionnaire with EURALIA #3, dealing with certain rules problems. The sheet was sent to all current Gamesmasters, as well as to Conrad von Metzke, who was then just ending his activities, and to Allan B. Calhammer. The response was slightly disappointing. I only received 10 questionnaires back (including my own.) The Baltimore group, all well-known for not answering letters and the like, followed through by not answering this, though Don Miller had a good long discussion in DIPLOMANIA #14-15 on problems brought up here as well as other problems, quotations from which are used in place of questionnaire answers in this zine. Allan B. Calhammer also failed to respond, as did most of the California gamesmasters. However, the major Gamesmasters, except for Miller, sent responses, and maybe some of the others will be impelled by this zine to send in responses, so that a further supplement may be published. So, c'mon, Ron, Hal, Allan, Charles, Dan/Steve, and the rest. (anyone who needs a copy of the questionnaire, just write, but you should be able to answer on a plain sheet of paper from the details given here.)

RESPONDEES:

John Boardman, John Koning, John McCallum, Charles Wells, Dave Lebling, Conrad von Metzke, John Reiner, Rod Walker, Bob Speed, Don Miller (in essence) and of course, Jim Sanders.

1. KONING'S RULE

unit

The basic situation is that ~~annnnnn~~ an attempting to enter a province is dislodged by an attack from that province. Can that army stand off another unit attempting to enter that province from a different direction.

KONING'S RULE APPLICABLE: Wells, Koning, McCallum, Walker, Reiner, Speed, Lebling, Miller

NOT APPLICABLE: Boardman, von Metzke, Sanders

COMMENTS: "It is my feeling that both the "intent" and the "realist" school are right... What the rules seem to be saying here is that the stand-off occurs in the case where the attack comes from the side. The rules really say nothing about when the attack occurs from the ~~main~~ province to which the move was directed, rather than from the side." - Don Miller.

"Yes, on present games, may not on future games." John McCallum.

WELLS' EXTENSION OF KONING'S RULE

Same situation as Koning's rule, except that the unit attempting to

enter the province is supported, the attack that dislodges the first unit is doubly supported, and the unit entering from another direction is unsupported.

IN FAVOR: Koning, McCallum, Reiner, Wells, Walker, Miller, Lebling
OPPOSED: Boardman, Sanders, von Metzke, Speed.

RETREATS: a May a player deliberately choose to destroy a piece rather than retreat it?

YES: Koning, McCallum, Wells, Reiner, von Metzke, Miller, Walker, Speed

NO: Boardman, Lebling (but see part d) Sanders

b. May the Gamesmaster make a retreat if there is only one possible retreat open?

Yes: McCallum, Speed, Reiner, Boardman, Lebling, Sanders

YES (but with the player having the option to order it destroyed instead)

Koning, Walker, Wells, von Metzke

NO: Miller

c. If two forces of different countries must retreat, and one has only one possible retreat, while the other has more than one, may the second piece retreat to the one option that the first piece has?

YES: All but Sanders and Speed.

d. If no retreat may is received, and there are several retreats open, may the gamesmaster choose one of them at random, rather than destroy the piece?

NO: All but Reiner and Sanders

4. SPLIT COAST SUPPORTS:

a. May a fleet in the South Coast of Spain support an attack on Gascony? (or the equivalent with St. Pete and Bulgaria)

YES: none

NO: All

b. May a fleet in Gascony support a fleet into the South Coast of Spain?

YES: Sanders, McCallum, Koning, Wells, Walker, Miller (yes, with reservations)

NO: von Metzke, Lebling, Boardman, Reiner, Speed.

BRANNAN'S RULE: A convoyed attack is presumed to come from the direction of the last convoying fleet"

USED: all but Reiner and Von Metzke

THE MISLAID ARMY: If an army is ordered convoyed to a given province by an ally, and the ally orders the piece convoyed, with the same fleet, to a different province, does he go to the second province, or does he remain in place?

REMAINS IN PLACE: All but Reiner

CROSSFIRE SITUATION: If an army is attacked, with support, from two separate places, both main attacks being equal, is the army destroyed, or does it remain in place?

REMAINS IN PLACE: All but Reiner, Lebling (Lebling, in fact, has the attack by the hostile player succeeding!)

VICTORY CRITERION: What is a victory in your games?

Majority of pieces on the board at any time: McCallum, Lebling, vonMetzke, Boardman, Walker, Wells, Koning

Majority of Supply Centers Reiner

18 units on board at end of a Winter move: Miller, Sanders

"Majority of supply centers (18) held for one move, unless it is obvious that the majority can be retained" (??) Speed

COASTAL CRAWL: a. Is such a move as F Spa (S.C.) - Portugal; F Port-Spa (N.C.) legal?

YES: Reiner, McCallum, Sanders, Koning, Walker, Boardman, Lebling, Speed

NO: Miller, Wells, vonMetzke

b. If the piece in Portugal is an army?

YES: Walker, Sanders, Speed

NO: von Metzke, Miller, Wells, Lebling, Boardman, Koning, McCallum, Reiner

THOMPSON'S TRY: If a unit is ordered to attack, may it be supported in place? YES Reiner NO All others

THE SPRING RAID: May a territory be "liberated" on a Spring move, and be thus left open an unoccupied on the Fall.

NO: All

Are Convoyed supports legal?

NO: All but vonMetzke, Reiner

Are convoyed retreats legal?

YES: Speed NO: all others

THE CUTTING OF THE CUTTING OF SUPPORT: Can a dislodged army cut support on an attack elsewhere?

YES: Boardman, Wells, Koning, Walker, vonMetzke, Miller, Speed, Sanders, Lebling

NO: Reiner

NO COMMENT: McCallum

14. May two armies exchange places by convoy?

YES: Walker, Lebling, Boardman, Sanders, Koning

NO: Miller, McCallum, Reiner, Speed, Wells, vonMetzke

Are conditional retreats accepted?

YES: All but Reiner

Conditional builds accepted?

YES: All

MISSED MOVES AND REPLACEMENTS:

I better quote or summarize:

Boardman, Lebling, . . . and Sanders use a system where after one missed move a stand-by is requested to send in moves which are used unless the original player submits moves (As does Miller)

Speed replaces a player or puts the government in collapse

if two moves are missed in succession.

von Metzke "2 consec. or any 3 missed moves = out!! Replacements arranged by GM as necessary"

Koning, Wells, and McCallum do not use any form of replacement system (Wells uses one for current games, but not for any future games) but permit a player to miss as many moves as he likes. Walker and Reiner both say they use "A stand-by system" but are not specific.

SUPPORTS TO UNORDERED AND FRIVILOUSLY ORDERED PIECES:

May an unordered piece be supported in place?

Yes: All but Miller

May a frivolously ordered piece be supported in place (Frivolously ordered piece would be one like A Mun-Allan B. Calhammer; A Syr-Cly)

YES: Boardman, Koning, McCallum, Wells, Reiner, Sanders

NO: ~~XXXXX~~, Lebling, Wells, Miller

IF THE MOVE IS TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE (I.e. Syr-Cly) NO; OTHERWISE, YES
Speed

"God damn, what a question!!! Technically, NO, but I'd hate to have to rule on it." vonMetzke

Well, that is all the material I have. I gave up the idea of quoting after the first question when I discovered it would extend the supplement to unmanageable lengths. Sometime in the near future, possibly during the summer, I should be able to publish a giant zine with extensive comments on all the involved situations, but this won't be for some time. Again, any game masters out there who want to get their opinions on record, send them in and I will print them in the letter section of EURALIA or in another supplement. Thank you for your cooperation. Also if anyone feels he has been misquoted, or has changed his mind, or wants to expand a bit, send in letters. I knew I'd get a decent letter column someday. Well, that seems to be it for the first issue of BARODIA. See you in EURALIA and BARAD-DUR, and remember

DO NOT TEAR, FOLD, SPINDLE, OR MUTILATE

Jim Sanders