

"Beware the Dark Side of the Hobby, for once you start down the short and easy path, forever will it dominate your destiny. Consume you it will, as it did Linsey. You will ignore friend, employer, and spouse, and publish drivel like this Issue 75 of

The BRUTUS BULLETIN

ET TU, BRUTE

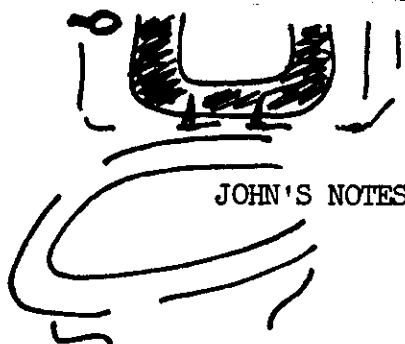
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THIS ISSUE is pretty warehousy on the face of it, but these games pile up fast at the rate we clip through them. I'm often amused to see zeens that claim to be 'player-oriented' and then perk along at a rough five week pace, issues coming out one to three weeks after a deadline, lots of NMRs of course, but pushing the line of "we do it all for you". I have never said anything along those lines, and never will. THIS zine is set up and run the way I think a zine ought to be published; that's why I'm doing all this instead of playing with the kids, rolling in the sack with the wife (or whoever..), or any of the other things I ought to do (write some dipgame letters, that would help me a lot...), cleaning up, mowing grass, whatever. Since more than 3 out of 4 people who subscribe resub, and my mailing list continues to edge slightly upward despite what seems to me to be my high prices and rare openings, I must be doing something right. Maybe like the "unseen hand" of capitalism, you work for your own benefit, and lo, all benefit.

There ARE a lot of games though, with just a couple of letters, but I plan to have the 79 Iid Blind Madman game history completed this issue, plus what I think you will find to be an interesting/irritating proposal/response excerpted from recent WHITESTONIAS inside, plus a couple of nonsense items, letter/feud material, and a courtesy contribution from Robert Sacks. So, it's warehousy to me, but probably contains more than you'd get in the average dipzine, so I'll console myself with that.

One thing it doesn't have is a good four pages of ZINES RECEIVED, which is about what it would take to give fair coverage to the MASSES of really nice issues of things that have been coming in during the past few weeks. For instance, Tony Watson has come out with a 10-page RURITANIA chock full of goodies on THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK speculation, and an announcement that RURI may be cutting back somewhat in the future from its already stretched pace too, I'm afraid. John Caruso sent a 15 page issue of his WHITESTONIA out; I've received samples of the two new zines, TEL AMIFIRS JOURNAL and PLAGUE TIMES, incl. a sub check from the former; Mark Berch has put out DIPLOMACY DIGEST #39, another 'Ethics' issue that contains some good dispute material involving Boardman plus other treats; Hell, even straight-laced old Steve Heinowski's TER-RAN, the only zeen in the hobby to be published without a title or masthead at all, has had some smatterings of good things in it: attacks by Kathy Byrne, deep philosophy such as this gem: "Is there life on Uranus/ is a thought pondered by many scientific minds. My only comment is that if there is, some good flea powder will probably fix you up in no time at all", and other such use-~~less~~ful stuff. Masters has put out ANOTHER of his BLACK FROGS again, and yes, this one



JOHN'S NOTES

Late Insert:

The MARK BERCH Dept.

The weather here is beautiful now; twice a year, for ten to sixteen weeks, we have that wonderful time when there's no need for the furnace or air conditioner. Too dry, but nice. A fuller report next time. Don't mention it, Mark.

has another full color picture in it. Then there's Linsey's 34 page anniversary issue #26, to compliment the fake VD #26; Mike Mills put out a 15 page issue of his EMHAIN MACHA (#12) with play articles plus the usual; 2 other BLACK FROGS in the pile, just under the cute-cover issue of McLendon's DRAGON & THE LAMB #48, a better than average issue with letters, humor, editorial commentary, etc.; and the 24 page issue of MUR'DRING MINISTERS that Ron Brown introduces his new and highly legible mimeo repro.; the first issue of JUST AMONG FRIENDS, just starting out; even Fred Davis' variant zine BUSHWACKER came out with an interesting short story, article, and editorial. See what I mean? I barely have found time to read all those goodies, let alone sit down here and type about them at the length they deserve. SO, if you're new, or not enough involved in this hobby of ours, here's your chance to sit down and write away for some worthwhile samples. Mention me and send a stamp or two to (no particular order):

- * BUSHWACKER, Fred Davis Jr, 1427 Clairidge Rd, Baltimore, MD 21207
 - BLACK FROG, John Masters, 25711 N Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, CA 91355
 - * MUR'DRING MINISTERS, Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Place, Bakersfield, CA 93304
 - DIPLOMACY DIGEST, Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304
 - * TER-RAN, Steve Heinowski, 1630 W 28 Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052
 - * PLAGUE TIMES (brand new), Marion Bates, P O Box 381, Kalkaska ("trout capital of the universe"), Michigan 49646
 - * TEL AMIFIRS JOURNAL, P O Box 22, West Hill, Ontario, Canada M1E 4R4 (another newcomer)
 - * WHITESTONIA, John Caruso, 42-34 Saull Street, Flushing, NY 11355
 - RURITANIA, Tony Watson, 1481 S Palm #207, Las Vegas, NV 89104
 - THE DRAGON AND THE LAMB, Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598
 - * THE VOICE OF DOOM, Bruce Linsey, Bldg 11 Apt 21, Leisureville, Watervliet, NY 12189
 - VOLKERWANDERUNG, K Arnett, 1500 Waterway Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320
- plus a few others that may be too far down the pile to be readily discoverable. Like EMHAIN MACHA, 1585 Quaker Rd, Macadon, NY 14502

* = Has
Openings

that I see I left laying on the other side of the typewriter and almost forgot.

Have I completely snowed you already? I almost did it to myself. So I'll list Bob Arnett's VOLKER above to remind me that I need to comment on it for sure. It came out a month ago (Sept 15)—oops, no, make that Sept 29, I was looking at EMHAIN MACHA's cover—and in addition to the usual good reading material, VOLKER offers, had a really dumb editorial/article calling on people to really trounce the top 20 players in the ratings charts (whom he lists) every time you come across them in order to punish them for getting "too heavily involved in this pasttime." Hell, it is those of us who are "too heavily involved in this pasttime" who make the hobby worth being in! (I'm not in the top 20 though, not by a long shot). True, if you started answering your phone by saying "The Voice of Egnog" or some such, maybe you are going a little too deeply into this business. On the other hand, you may also be putting out one of the best hobby zines as a result, doing hobby chores and/or providing services, etc. If you concentrate on WINNING, well, at least you're avoiding publishing, and if you prefer to concentrate on these games, write, stuff like that, instead of just have fun, try goofy stuff, and write occasional sick press like me or Perlmutter or Martin do, well, go ahead. Maybe you can learn something from these folks. I've learned things from even gross ol' Fluff Shaffer. Maybe all you'll pick up is that winning isn't everything, but hell, I like to win if I can. Nothing wrong with that. In principle, it is quite possible to go overboard with this hobby, but in practice, I say more power to you.

Lots more I wanted to comment on too, but I guess it will have to wait, except for this final note: Do not be misled by all the BS about "get out and vote". If you don't want to, fine, stay home and skip it. It ain't worth the gas, and mainly, it will make MY vote count for that much more. Vote LaFosse!!

J.M.

Down 'n' DIRTY

"... My other two persons planning to run subzines ... will not come on line for at least a few more months..."

-- BB #73

He lied to you again, folks. I'm Dave Marshall, here to announce the kickoff of Down 'n' Dirty, an all-new BB subzine (more or less) that offers experienced GMing, longer deadlines, open press, and some other goodies besides.

To get this thing rolling, I'm opening two regular Dip games using 21-day deadlines. Players will receive game results direct in DnD and John will reprint 'em whenever he ~~needs the filllet~~ gets the chance. Gamefees are \$2.50 for BB subbers and \$3.50 for anyone else. There's no separate subfee for players.

To accommodate the more sensitive types out there along with the rowdies, one game will run grey press only, while the other will feature the usual black. Outside press is permitted in either game from non-players who maintain a current DnD "press sub" at 5 issues for a buck. (Free xerox makes this low rate possible but also requires press subs to be limited to \$1 worth at a clip.)

Player-oriented houserules are now in the works and will be sent upon receipt of gamefee or free for an SASE.

Remember those other goodies I mentioned? As space and 15¢ postage permit, Down 'n' Dirty will also feature:

- Player profiles
- Contests
- Editorials (okay then, diatribes)
- Letters
- Awards
- And more!

So c'mon -- send those checks to me, Dave Marshall, at 1547 Maplegrove Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121. Include a country preference list and state which game (grey or black press) you want to join.

PUBLISHERS: Please advertise.

Yes, Virginia, this is another subzine of Brutus Bulletin, and of course, it is published by Scott Hanson, 701 15th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

I wish I could be print a game start for my two week game right now, but since I only have four ~~players~~ players signed up, I can't just yet. So if any of you know someone who is just dying to get into a Diplomacy game with two-week deadlines and black press, just give them my name and address. Game fee is \$2 for BB subbers, \$3 if you're not.

Speaking of black press, I'd really love for the game to have it, but if enough of you don't want it, just let me know with your first orders. If at least four players say no, there won't be black press.

I will use John's house rules, which I will paraphrase right here to save myself some money.

1. Illegible or ambiguous orders will fail (e.g. F Con-Bul/which coast?... A Ven-Try/Tri? Tyr?...F Ska-Nor/ Nth? Nwy?) but UNambiguous oversights will succeed. "A Xxx S A Yyy-Zzz" will be interpreted to include "A Yyy-Zzz" but please list it separately. If you leave a unit unordered on purpose, please list it any way (A Xxx unordered); I'll list it that way if you mention it or not, but mention it anyway.
2. If a player misses two consecutive seasons, the country will be placed in civil disorder. No stand-by will be called.
3. Orders must include the player's name, country, season, date of order, and MUST be signed. If I ever run a second game, also include the game number and put no more than one games orders on a sheet of paper.
4. Seasons will be separated only if requested by a majority of players, Winter 1901 will be separate in any case.
5. Deception of the GM, whatever that may be, will result in expulsion from the game and the reasons for it published.
6. If an error occurs but is not noticed until after the next deadline, it will be allowed to stand. If you notice an error, please let me know right away so the other players can be notified.
7. Draws and concessions will be by secret ballot. Vote must unanimous by all players voting.
8. Abbreviations: IMP-impossible OTM-ordered to move OTB-off the board H-holds a-annihilated d-dislodged r-retreats to S-supports C-convoys NSO-not so ordered NSU-no such unit NMR-no move recieved U-unordered
9. Conditional moves will be accepted, but please include "for all other cases" with one of the conditions.
10. Phone orders will be accepted until 10:00 pm central time the night before the deadline. My number is (612) 623-0283, but I never guarantee to be home. I don't guarantee the ~~herks~~ people I live with will take the right message.
Deadline will be every other weekend.

That's about all. I know my typewriter doesn't work right-you'll just have to put up with that. Also, this is to acknowledge I have recieved game fee from each of you.

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THE PERILS OF PAULINA
(as featured in the
Brutus Bulletin)

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NMR CITY IN THE WEST

Fall 1903:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A BOH S ITALIAN A Tyo-Mun(NSO); A Bud-GAL; A TRI
H; A SER-Bul; F AEG-Smy

ENGLAND (Sniegowski): NMR. F BAR, SKA, NTH H; A NWY H/d/r to Fin, Otb

FRANCE (Bricken): F Mid-POR; A Par-GAS; A MAR S A Par-Gas; A Pic-PAR

GERMANY (Stark): NMR! A BUR, MUN, BEL, HOL H; F DEN, HEL H

ITALY (Henry): A Tyo-PIE; F VEN H; F Tun-WES; F Tyn-LYO; A GRE S AUS-
TRIAN A Ser-Bul

RUSSIA (Goodrich): F RUM S F Sev; F SEV S F Rum; A Lvn-STP; A MOS S
A Lvn-StP; A StP-NWY; F SWE S A StP-Nwy

TURKEY (Petrie): F BLA-Bul(ec); F CON S F Bla-Bul(ec); A ARM-Smy

Geez, this game went from no NMRs to two in one season. Que pasa? It's a good thing John published his dwindling standby list in the last issue of BB. Will Eric Kirchner, 9036A McConnell St., Laughlin AFB, TX 78840, please submit standby orders for England? Will Dave Grabar, 1583 Truman St., Chowchilla, CA 93610, please submit standby orders for Germany? Will Blovinski Sklvankovich, 3068 Yoktom Squeegie Dr., Dupayosh, Poland, please submit standby adjudications for me? Will...

Deadline for England's retreat, Winter 1903 adjustments, and Spring 1904 will be Wednesday, October 15, 1980. Center Chart & press follow.

1903	#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
	5	0	Austria	Vie, Bud, Ser, Bul, Tri
	3	0 or -1	England	Edi, Lvp, Lon, NWY
	5	+1	France	Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, POR
	6	0	Germany	Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Den, Bel
	5	0	Italy	Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Gre
	7	+1	Russia	StP, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Swe, NWY
	3	0	Turkey	Ank, Con, Smy
	0		Neutral	P67
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PRESS

VIE: I'm tired of you assholes using my dateline to spew out your black press. From now on all Austrian press will contain a secret code. Stabler fades back back, he throws a bomb! Billy (White Shoes) Johnson is in the end zone. TOUCHDOWN!

MID: Movie review time. I saw "The Exterminator". WOW! When you walk out of the movie house you feel like blowing away the first Puerto Rican you see. BER-CHI: And I thought Goodrich's black press was bad. It takes a real asshole to condemn other people's black press and then make the most disgusting comment I've ever heard! "Circle jerk" indeed. Why don't you keep your religious beliefs to yourself?

PAR-BOB(CIRCLE JERK) OSUCH: Hey, Shaffer tells me that you call the FTF games at your house "The Wide World of Spurts".

MOS: Kathy and Dick went up the hill/ To fetch their friend, Bob/ Kathy came down with a ten dollar bill/ Because she gave both boys a _____.

CHICAGO: Look for Dave Perlmutter's EITDOL in BB #73. Lots of putrid press. Sounds like I irritated someone with my guess of "circle jerk" last time. Oh well, it WAS the obvious choice.

HAVE WE REACHED AN IMPASSE?

Winter, 1906: Germany builds A Berlin

SPRING, 1907:

AUSTRIA (Fuchs): A Ven-ROM; A Tri-VEN; A Tyo-PIE; A SIL H; A BOH S A Sil

FRANCE (Howe): F Bre-MID; A Mar-GAS; F Spasc-MAR; F Por-SPasc; A Par-BUR

GERMANY (Kirchner): F Lon-NTH; A Lvp-YOR; A MUN-Sil; A BER S A Mun-Sil; A TUS S
French A Mar-Pie(NSO); A Kie-PRU; F NAL C A Kie-Pru; A LVN S A Kie-
Pru; A STP S A Lvn; A Bur-RUH; F Den-HEL

ITALY (CD): F NAP H

RUSSIA (Sniegowski) CD: A WAR H; A MOS HTURKEY (Mooney): A SEV S Russian A Mos; A Rum-GAL; A Bul-RUM; A GRE H; F Tyn-LYO;
F WES S F Tyn-Lyo; F Ion-TLN; F Apu-ION; A UKR S A Rum-Gal

Well, Dave Pilant failed to submit standby orders for Russia, so it, too, lapses into Civil Disorder. A question has been raised as to whether or not a country in CD can return to the game in an ensuing season and submit viable orders. In all previous cases where I've seen this situation in BB, the country in question is in permanent civil disorder. Since I had said I would use the BB house rules (though this case isn't specifically covered in them), I must handle this as Michalski would (punt).

My own personal view of the situation is this: If a player shows so little interest in the game that he NMRs twice in a row, I say kick him out of the game, and good riddance to him. He has done the game more harm than good anyway, and doesn't deserve to continue at that point or in the future. I guess that's all I have to say on the matter. Any conflicting views?

I set this game up on the old Dip board and the Western situation looks fairly stable, while in the East there is still room for adventure. If things remain as they are, I'm going to go way out on a limb and predict an A-F-G-T draw. Aw shucks, I know I'm brilliant.

Fall 1907 orders will be due Wednesday, October 22, 1980.

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MISSED ORDER AND MISSED GUESS TIES UP TURKISH REAR.
PHONEY WAR IN WEST GOES ON...

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Winter, 1910: Austrian A Vie r OTB; England builds A LON; Germany builds
A KIE, A BER; Turkey builds A CON

SPRING, 1911:

AUSTRIA (Guaardo): A GAL-Vie; A VEN-TyoENGLAND (Osuch): A Lon-BEL; A RUH S A Lon-Bel; A BUR S A Ruh; F NTH C A Lon-Bel;
F ENG S F Nth; F Lyo-TUS; A PIE S F Lyo-Tus; F WES-Tyn; F TYN-
Rom; F TUN S F Wes-TynGERMANY (Howe): A Nwy-STP; F Den-SKA; A HOL H; F HLG S A Hol; A Ber-SIL; A MUN
S A Ber-Sil; A KIE S A Mun; A SEV-Ukr; A Mos-WAR; A Vie-BUD;
A TYO-Vie; A BOH S A Tyo-VieTURKEY (McCarty): A TRI S Austrian A Gal-Vie; A RUM-Ukr; A CON-Rum; F BLA C A Con-
Rum; A ARM-Sev; A Gre-Ser/NSU; A BUL U, H; F ION H; F ADR S F
Ion; A Tus-ROM; F NAP S A Tus-Rom

There is a call for an AEGT draw. NVR will equal a "yes" vote. Votes and moves for FALL, 1911 will be due with my mail received at home MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1980. Press follows.

CON: Anyone for a 4-way draw? Besides me, that is?

BUDAPEST: With the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the SEETO alliance, two free republics, one of Venice and the other of Hungary declared an alliance to stamp out pan-German aggression. The armed forces of the Hungarian republic are led by the feared and notorious Arturo the Hun. Germanic sympathizers in Vienna are urged to flee for their lives.

79IZ

DRAW ALMOST PASSES, NOT
MUCH ELSE HAPPENS.
GER-ENG "WAR" WINDS DOWN: SURPRISE!

October 11, 1980

FALL, 1911

AUSTRIA (Guaajardo): A Gal-Bud/d/r Ukr, Boh, Otb; A VEN S Turkish A Tri
ENGLAND (Osuch): F NTH H; F ENG S F Nth; A BEL S A Ruh-Bur; A Ruh-BUR;
A Bur-MAR; A PIE-Ven; F TYN-Rom; F TUS S F Tyn-Rom;
F TUN S F Wes-Tyn; F WES-Tyn
GERMANY (Howe): A Sev-Rum/d/r Ukr, Otb; A BUD-Ser; A Boh-VIE; A T -Tri;
A StP-MOS; A Sil-GAL; A WAR S A Sil-Gal; F Ska-NWY; A Kie-RUH;
A HOL & A MUN S A Kie-Ruh; F Hlg-DEN
TURKEY (McCarty): A BUL-Ser; A CON-Bul; A Arm-SEV; F BLA S A Arm-SEV; A TRI & A
RUM S Austrian A Gal-Bud; F ADR S F Ion; F ION H; A ROM S Austrian
A Ven; F NAP S A Rom

Winter, 1911, and Spring, 1912 will be due with my mail received at home MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1980. There is a lot of press.

1911: Austria: Bud Ven	1	Remove 1
England: Home Par Mar Bre Por Spa Bel Tun	10	even
Germany: Home Hol Swe Den Nwy StP Mos War Sev Vie BUD	12	even
Turkey: Home Bul Ser Rum Gre Nap Rom Tri SEV	11	Build 1
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Press

ZURICH, Switz.-- An act of violence marred the European Peace Talks this past weekend when the representative of the newly proclaimed Republic of Venice was assassinated in the midst of the proceedings.

The Venetian representative had become the focal point of a bitter debate over the shape of the peace table only a week before. The Venetians and their allies, the Turks insisted upon a square table, while the German and English delegations refused to allow the Venetians to be seated at all, claiming that The Republic of Venice was not truly an independent nation, but merely a Turkish puppet. They pointed out that winged lion of St. Mark depicted on the Venetian flag traditionally did not sport a star and crescent. The Venetians argued that they wanted to distinguish between the old Venetian Republic of the 16th century and the present republic.

The matter was finally settled when the great powers agreed to be seated at a triangular table while Venice was to be seated in a common school desk facing a corner and wearing a dunce cap.

As the Turks made a motion for a four-way truce and a halt to the fighting, the Venetian delegate rose to second the motion and vote yes for the proposed peace initiative. As he rose, a shot was fired through the window, striking the Venetian delegate in the head. His last words were, "I vote yes on any draw proposal that includes Austria-Hungary." He died in that state of delirium.

Swiss police apprehended a Serbo-Croatian radical and charged him with the murder; however it is rumored throughout diplomatic circles here that the assassin was employed by the German government.

PEST, Hungary -- Despite the valiant efforts of Arturo the Hun, the Republic of Hungary has fallen to Imperial German stormtroopers. The Germans have initiated a huge manhunt to track down the former head of the Hungarian armed forces, but thus far the dashing guerrilla has eluded capture. Rumor has it that he is no longer with his outlaw band in the Carpathian mountains, but has slipped through the German lines and is now in Constantinople petitioning the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire for political asylum.

Meanwhile, as column after column of German troops marched into the capital of this shortlived Hungarian republic, a sullen and docile populace greeted the invaders with signs of submission that read, "This BUD's for you,"

((More follows))

80D

ALPINI CORPS SACRIFICES ITSELF FOR GALICIANS!
 PENINSULAR CAMPAIGN MOVES TO ALGERIA. FRANCE,
 TURKEY DOWN FOR THE COUNT? CZAR SHAKEY.
 VIENNA REJOINS EAST.

SEP 25 1980

Winter, 1908:

England builds A Lon; French F Cly rOTB; Germany builds A MUN, A KIE;
 Italian A Vie r TRI; Russian F Nth r OTE(!)

SPRING, 1909:

ENGLAND (Mitchell): A Por-NAF; F MID C A Por-Naf; F Wes-LYO; F Iri-LVP; A Lon-YOR; F Edi-NTH; F Nwy-NWG; F Swe-NWY
 FRANCE (Johnson): F Nwg-EDI
 GERMANY (Cummings): A Kie-DEN; F Den-BAL; A Mun-TYO; A PIE S A Mun-Tyo; A Vie-Gal/ann.; A BOH S A Vie-Gal; A SIL & A PRU S A War; A WAR H
 ITALY (Grabar): A Tyo-Boh/ann.; A VEN-Tus; F Rom-NAP; A TRI S A Bud-Vie; A Bud-VIE; A BUL-Con; F AEG S F Eas-Smy; F Eas-SMY
 RUSSIA (Kirchner): A GAL S Italian A Tyo-Boh; A UKR-War; A LVN & A MOS S A Ukr-War
 TURKEY (Becker): A CON-Bul; F Smy-Aeg/d/r Syr, Otb; F TUS S English F Wes-Tyn/NSO; F Tun-ION

Two annihilations and a retreat...1909 is looking like a non-dull-type year here! Let's see what the joys of FALL, 1909 bring with my mail received at home SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1980. Press follows.

CON-ROM: Screw you. In the terms of Richard Sharp, you're an armored duck. Quack!

ROMA: The Italians have found that fortune smiled upon them once again.

(No dateline): Food, fuel, ammo almost gone; English ships are closing in on all sides.

We must sign off. But we will fight to the last man. Viva la France!

LONDON (Reuters): Algernon Whitney, DOM, CS, the new first sealord released the following statement: Progress in our war with the enemies of the crown would be more rapid if communications with our allies were restored.

NATE! Call off your pigeons! P.U. What do you do with all that crap?

WES: HMS Flatulent, flagship of the Med Fleet: So this is what being "Mr Nice Guy" gets me.

SCAPA FLOW, UK: HMS Flaccid: Button, button, who's got the button?

JOHN: Delay of game will cost you 5 yards. ((And you about a week every 2 gameyears))

adopted from RUNESTONE:

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IT'S A THREE PLAYER GAME NOW...

October 11, 1980

Spring omission: England, A Bre-PAR, F Lvp-IRI

Summer, Austrian A Vie r BOH

FALL, 1908:

AUSTRIA (Cartier): A BOH S A Tri-Vie; A Tri-Vie/ann. (for sure)
 ENGLAND (Reese): F KIE S A Ber; A BER S A Ruh-Mun; A RUH-Mun; A Bre-GAS; A PAR S A Bre-Gas; F Mid-SPAsc; F Eng-MID; A War-Mos/d/r Gal, Sil, Lvn, Otb; F IRI S F Eng-Mid; F Nth-ENG; F Bal-GOB; F STPsc H
 FRANCE (Columbo): F Spasc-POR; F ROM S F Nap; F NAP H; F TUN H; A TYO S A Ven; A VEN H; A BUR-Ruh; A MUN-Ruh; A PRU-Ber
 TURKEY (Guajardo): A BUD S A Vie; A MOS S A Ukr-War; A Ukr-WAR; A VIE, SER, & F ADR S F Alb-Tri; F Alb-TRI; F AEG & F APU S F Ion; F ION S F APU

1908: A: ~~Vie Tri~~ 0 -2, out
 E: Home Nwy Swe Den Bel Hol Kie Ber StP ~~War~~ Bre SPA PAR14 +1
 F: ~~Par~~ Mar ~~spa~~ Por Mun Ven Rom Nap Tun 7 -2
 T: Home Bul Ser Gre Rum Bud Sev Mos WAR VIE TRI 13 +3
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Winter, 1908, and SPRING, 1909 will be due with my mail received FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1980.
 There was no press.

1979 IZ press, continued

F11

CON-BER & LON: Dear Sirs: Go
do not collect \$200.

to hell. Go directly to hell. Do not pass Go,

GAL: There once was a sultan named Dave,
Who took so much more than he gave,
that a large change occurred:
Of his friends it's been heard
That their battlefield is now their grave.

CON-US POSTAL SERVICE: See above.

CON-AUS: You deserved better, sorry.

80D

FRANCE EXITS, GERMANY & TURKEY GROW WEAKER. RUSSIA
STARTS UP THE COMEBACK ROAD AS ENGLAND READIES
TO FACE ITALY.....

OCT 14 1980

Summer, 1909: Turk ish F Smy r SYR

FALL, 1909:

ENGLAND (Mitchell): F LVP H; A Yor-EDI; F NWG S A Yor-Edi; F Nwy-BAR; F Nth-NWY;
F Mid-WES; F Lyo-TYN; A NAF H

FRANCE (Johnson): NMR! F Edi H/d/r OTB

GERMANY (Cummings): A PIE S A Tyo-Ven; A TYO-Ven; A BOH-Gal; A PRU & A SIL S A War;
A War H/ann.; F BAL-Lvn; A DEN H

ITALY (Grabar): F NAP-Rom; A VEN H; A TRI S A Ven; A VIE hopes he doesn't get hit (H);
A Bul-CON; F Smy S A Bul-Con/d/r Aeg, Otb; F Aeg-GRE

RUSSIA (Kirchner): A GAL-Sil; A LVN-Pru; A Mos-WAR; A UKR S A Mos-War

TURKEY (Becker): A Con-SMY; F SYR S A Con-Smy; F Ion-EAS; F TUS-Rom

1909: E: Edi Lon Nwy Swe Bel Bre Spa Por LVP

F: ~~Vfp~~

G: Home Hol Den Par Mar ~~Vfp~~ ~~Vfp~~

I: Home Bud Tri Ser Gre Bul VIE CON

R: StP Mos Sev Rum WAR

T: ~~Vfp~~ Ank Smy Tun

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build 1, will play 2 short

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Remove 1

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This is being mailed a few days too late because of the other two games I had to adjudicate this last weekend. I thought this one was due tomorrow, Wednesday, until I checked it for preliminary setup today.

With France out, a separation will take 3 requests to pass, so despite it being a difficult turn coming up, please send in something even if you call for a separation and expect others to as well. They might fib.

Winter, 1909, and SPRING, 1910 will be due with my mail received at home WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1980 and may be conditional on builds which can be conditional on retreats, etc. Press follows.

SMY: If it ain't Turkish, I admit defeat. A lot of good my allies did me. Pppttttfff! Sour grapes.

LON: His Majesty's government has announced the cessation of Anglo-French hostilities. A treaty of peace and cooperation between the Empire and people of France will be officially signed in Paris.

HMS TUMESCENT, flagship of the northern fleet: Jeez, hit's cooold up ere!

(No dateline): Dave! Looks like all the "pigeons" are coming home to roost. Postcards the day after deadline just don't cut it!

LON-ROM: What's in it for me! Looks like a great deal for you! My end looks suspiciously "brown".

(No dateline): "...Ease myself down, comin' up Brown..." —apologies to Paul Simon

This is Issue #5
Featuring EDL#1 (1980IE)

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...these 800,000,000 chinese walk into a bar. The bartender says "What'll you have?" The chinese ask for

EXTREMISM-IN THE DEFENSE OF THE RISING SUN LIBERTY

(Which of course is yet another silly
subzine of the Ramsey Clark Bulletin)

1980IE.....WINTER 1901..... Is Man Good?

- *FRANCE BUILDS F MAR, NOT BRE, DOES HE TRUST SHAFFER?*
- *PILANT SCREWS UP AGAIN, CAN HE KEEP UP HIS HOT STREAK?*
- *SHAFFER PREPARES TO BLITZ THE WORLD, STOP LAUGHING WORLD!*
- *THE SHOGUN SAYS "TODAY NBC, TOMORROW THE WORLD!"*

AUSTRIA (Fraunces)	Build A Vie, F Tri	Has A Bud, A Ser, F Gre
ENGLAND (Shaffer)	Build F Lon, F Edi	Has A Bel, F Nwy, F Nth
FRANCE (Cummings)	Build F Mar, A Par	Has F Por, A Bur, A Spa
GERMANY (Leritte)	Build F Kie, A Ber	Has A Hol, A Den, F Bal
ITALY (Wilson)	Build F Nap	Has A Pie, A Tun, F Ion
RUSSIA (Blant)	Build F StP(sc), F Sev	Has A Ukr, A Mos, F Rum, F Swe
TURKEY (Pilant)	Build F Smy	Has A Arm, A Bul, F Bla

And so the dogs of war sharpen their fangs. The turn-around this time will be better as for once the campaign headquarter's copier did not break down on deadline day. Cross your fingers. In explanation for the kooky title. Shogun and the high quality of Toyota's have convinced me that the Japanese will soon conquer the world. Hence The Rising Sun. Laugh and you won't hear us coming. Are we not weird? No we are Perlmutter. Important notice to players! Σφογγυθδ ξφισγδθ ιιτρ Υηδιε σνωψσικ ικφδφενν νιξδ ιδσνγ 45;τυθδγ υροοδον τυδκμφ αωζωμοιτρ ερσ φκοραωζι,ιτότι σελλπονθφ α κστε \$67 ροφα οπρ σ κηυσ,ζωανιυ σγολρω νοσβ τηε ανφ ολπφ ταβνε οφδ £32 ξκθ. And don't you think you can get away with it fluff!

PRESS:

BER-LON: You do sound a lot like Michalski!

MOSCOW-WORLD: "Back to work", that was the word from peasant leaders who were on strike. The workers were demanding food claiming it was "difficult to be happy" when hungry. However it seems they (the worker-peasant class) would rather starve to death than aid Pilant's butt-fucker troops in this latest war effort.

MERION: In the words of Jimmy Carter "Let them eat peanuts."

DEL CITY MERION: Oil rigs are sexy!

MERION-DEL CITY: So are pink perfumed letters Kerry.

VIE: Shaffer blows Harper Oil Co.

GRE-JACK FROST: Kiss Shaffers dong, slowly.

MOSCOW-WORLD: Rasputin announced today that the women of Del City OK had very smelly(Kerry goes on to make some good points about the frequent use of crude petroleum is sex by Oklahomans)....

MERION: Please guys more press! DEADLINE FOR SPRING 1902 IS MONDAY OCT 3

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...And I say that the election in November will decide whether we have peace or war. I have proof that Ronald Reagan loves...

EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENSE OF RONALD REAGAN LIBERTY

(Which as you may know is another badly
typed zinette (subzine) of the one and
only Charles DeGaulle Bulletin)

1980IE.....SPRING 1902.....Allah Be

GM BLOWS IT ALL AGIAN, WISHES HE COULD DIE

SIGH, WON'T PILANT EVER MAKE A FRIEND?

GOD BLESS YOU CUMMINGS-YOU GET YOUR ORDERS IN ON TIME

BLANT NMR'S BUT RUSSIA LIVES ON

AUSTRIA (Fraunces)	F Tri-Adr, F Gre S A Ser-Bul, A Ser-Bul, A Bud-Gal A Vie-Sil.
ENGLAND (Shaffer)	F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, <u>F Nwy-Swe</u> , F Nth-Ska, A Bel H
FRANCE (Cummings)	F Mar-Lyo, F Por-Mid, A Spa-Mar, A Bur S A Spa-Mar A Par-Pic.
GERMANY (Leritte)	A Den-Swe, F Bal S A Den-Swe, F Kie S A Hol A Ber-Pru, A Hol H, <u>A Tehran H</u> (no such unit)
ITALY (Wilson)	A Tun-Alb, F Ion C A Tun-Alb, A Pie-Tyo, F Nap-Tyr.
RUSSIA (Blant?)	F StPsc H, F Swe H (d/r OTB), F Sev H, A Rum H A Mos H, A Ukr H.
TURKEY (Pilant)	Sixer/Sixer <u>A Arm-Rum</u> , F Bla C A Arm-Rum <u>A Bul S A Arm-Rum</u> (d/r Con or OTB) F Smy-Aeg

I tried to reach Kerry three nights in a row-no luck. I hope this NMR was simply an oversite on his part. I did goof on the deadlines but I gave all of you ample time to get moves in. Please don't wait until the last minute. Remember-no standbys here. So one more NMR and Russia goes into CD. Good news for you eh-Dave?

The above headline refers to the many cheap shots that Jimmy has been making against Reagan. This kind of stuff may lose JC the election, so I hope he continues. Whether Ronnie wins or loses I will try to improve my low par GMing. Glad the Leeder poll is still far off.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1902" IS FRIDAY OCT. 17th.

PRESS:

(CANADIAN JOKES) There was ~~was~~ a young Montrealer named Johnny Fucker-faster. One day as he was in the bushes screwing his girl, his mom came outside and yelled "Johnny, Johnny Fuckerfaster?" Johnny replied "Yes mon I'll be right there".

(BILL LAFOSSE) Ho, ho. Dat's funny.

(PAR-MIKE MILLS) Here's a laugher for you- MR. Potatoe Head, the once was an Irishman who was so drunk he beat the Pope's foot with a shovel and kissed his wife.

(ANOTHER LETTER) Dear Dave, Thanks for writing. Yeah sure we plan to take over the world again. Why not? Shit, just between you and me those A-Bombs hit fake cities. We are now rebuilding and plan to hit Pearl again soon.

Best, Emperor Hirohito



VIE-ROM: You can hear us coming now, the fresh look on the scene...

LOCKPORT-EDMOND: "Take me, shake me, any way you want me. Long as you whip me, kick me, lick me, long as you love me..."

JOKES THEY TELL IN FLUSHING NY DEPT.: " So then Byrne jumps on top of the table, rips off her blouse and says "Beat me Curtis".

BRUCE LINSEY: Hah, hah that's very funny

CON: Ok if you guys want the real truth about the Leeder poll I'll give it to you. Byrne screwed Linsey by getting everyone she knew to give Linsey as GM and VoD a big fat zero. Linsey did the same to Whitestonia. Now me, I got together a whole bunch of people to some fixing of our own. We decided to rig the voting so the two worst zines in Canada and the U.S would get #1 and #2. It worked! Fol Sie Fi, even with what-his name's blatant homosexuality reeking through the pages got numero uno, and Volker-Masters scored two. That just breaks me up.

MOORE-MERION: The Rams may get to the Superbowl without Tyler, but Frost can't make it to the bathroom without help.

MERION-BOORE: My point is this. As soon as Wendell Tyler returns to the lineup and all those holdout problems are solved the Rams will have the best team in both leagues. They will go to the Superbowl and trounce Houston.

BERLIN-LONDON: I don't care if Kathy Byrne has a revolving door to her bedroom. She can still be a good ~~XX~~ ally. She's not in the game anyhow, so why bring it up?

MERION: But you've got it all wrong George. Elvis Peacock has great potential it's just that he's been out of action for two years.

?: Ass Pilant fucked it again.

TO CZAR NIKOLAI: So you're Little Father? Frost is Big Muthuh, so I guess the Kaiser is mediu, bastard.

MERION: Wrong again John. I think Johnnie Johnson proved in Green Bay just what a great draft pick he was. An interception for 99 yards!

CHICAGO-HALES CORNERS: Kiss my butt Baumeister. It's fucking asshole, pussy licking liberals like you who are undermining this country. Go back to your slime pit and puke yourself to death!

MERION: I think the facts speak for themselves Ferragamo simply is a better QB. That proves that within five years all the world will be Japanese. The sun rises and will never set. Hai!

MICHALSKI'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT DEP'T:

...Jack Frost is a great American.

...Dave Grabar is a loyal ally.

...Dave Pilant is a good poet.

...Uli Baumeister does not give blowjobs for a quarter.

...Shit don't stink.

Bob Osuch never Crossgames.

JOKES ULI BAUMEISTER TELL AT PARTIES: Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?
A: Because the jews controled all the cars, trains andother means of transportation.

BER-CON: Great tactics Dave.

BER-MARK BERCH: Stop writing me. Stop intruding on this game. Why do you hate Cummings so much?

MOS-PAR: Austria says you're an asshole. He says you want to attack Italy, is this true?

LON-ROM: If you could see the way you look, you'd be surprised.

MIKE MILLS TELLS THIS JOKE AT IRA MEETINGS: So then the old man says "What 200,000,000 heavily armed men with tanks, and you expect us to fight fair?" So then the officer says "Yeah". Hah,hah,hah.

BER-ARNETT: What?

? : We're Jack Frosts only crossgaming club band.

ANK-MOS: Perlmutuhuh tell me you give your typewriter head.

BILL SHAFFER'S VIETNAM STORIES: So anyway : there we were all alone in the Jungle, half the platoon stoned out of their minds on mary Jane, coke and hash. So the Captain sees this little village in the trees. Lot's of peasant tilling their fields. He calls in an air strike from Guam. No more village. We had the steak and Bud flown in. What a war!

VIE-ROM: Kick meh balls will you?

JACK FROST'S LIFE IN PICTURES: #1-THE EARLY YEARS.



(Jack being carried by nurses from the delivery room. He was the only baby ever to need fumigation. The doctor refused to touch him.)

JOKES JOHN BOARDMAN TELLS AT PARTIES: Q-How many orange convertables does it take for meaningless phrases to bounce off the ceiling? A-Twelve

HALES CORNERS: Hah, hah, yes I understand that. That is funny.

MORE HALES CORNERS JOKES: Duh, Churchill must have started WWII, I read it in a book.

FAMOUS PERSONS LETTERS TO EDL #1 IN A SERIES:

Dear Dave,

Thank you for sending me the sample copy of your zinette. Boy Diplomacy sure sounds like a lot of fun. I love that press! Shucks between you and me all that stuff in the fake BB was true. I mean c'mon man you know that the collective I.Q of Watts and Harlem barely beats a baseball score. The only reason I got my cushy job is that Carter thought I'd rape Roslynn or something if I didn't. I'm glad I'm where I belong now, as first string running back for the Georgia semi-pro Honkyfuckers. I tried being QB, you know like Doug Williams, but we ended up in the parking lot. From now on I let white men QB.

Sincerely,

Former Asshole-At-Large in the United Nations

Andrew Young

MERION: And that is that. See you next time guys.

Just a couple of

LETTERS

this time.

MARK BERCH (Diplomacy Digest)

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I found the write-up of the Blind Madman game quite interesting and I think you did a good job with the commentary. That gives me a much better understanding of why people enjoy such games. However, I'm still not tempted. The game has far too much pure guesswork to it for my tastes, and the blind feature cannot help but reduce the meaningfulness of the negotiations. Plus 79lid turned out to be just a five player game, again reducing chances for negotiation. Question: In F05, you say that "T" is not aware of the attempted attack on Rum? Why? Won't he be suspicious when his F Bla-Rum fails, but he still retains Rum?

Turning to the Caruso letter on Linsey, I am somewhat responsible for the delay in the Novice Project package. Bruce's original plan was for the usual 10 page affair, probably written mostly by himself. I have a number of such items in my files. They're OK, and will do if the person is already enthusiastic, but inevitably a lot will be left out from the package. Anyhow, after some letters (and a cassette tape) He was persuaded to expand it considerably, and to get lots of writers. This of course means delays, particularly if people you count on don't come thru with something usable. And Bruce wanted to retype everything himself. But there is a great advantage to doing it that way --- it exposes newcomers to all sorts of different writing styles and viewpoints, which, methinks, increases the attractiveness of the hobby. Anyhow, he sent the draft to me, I did some more proofreading, sent additional sheets back (even for very minor errors). Then it was off to my printer, followed by massive folding and stapling on my part (a lot done during "SHOGUN"). This morning, UPS is picking up and sending it back to Bruce --- all 35 pounds (300 copies), so by the time your readers see this it should be available. And it will knock your eyes out. Looking only at the original articles (nad there's good reprinted stuff there too) it has more different writers than any publication I have ever seen, including Handbooks.

Caruso says "Bruce Linsey has proved that anyone with enough power, left unopposed, will abuse that power." Huh? ANYone will --- even, presumably, John Caruso? Similarly, "This is not a hobby for a select few, no matter how powerful..." But "power" in this hobby is mostly an illusion. Yes, GMs have power over their players, but GMs are hardly a "select few." And the scope of this power is very limited. Yes, the BNC can call a game irregular, but aside from ratingsmasters nad a few players, who cares? The Ombudsman have some power, but only if asked, and again the scope is so limited. The only True Power in this hobby is held by those who can write persuasively. A good article on an opening could influence the play of that country. A good editorial or letter could, conceivably, influence attitudes, or generate an entertaining discussion that might not otherwise take place. And this is for the good --- after all, this is supposed to be a hobby for people who like to be persuasive! So beware of someone who complains that X has too much power, or of someone who says that he himself has too little power. Unlike politics or the military, the authentic power to influence people in this hobby, when it exists at all, is generally earned.

I do wonder about Caruso's statement that a player was thrown out "with phoney proof". As I have said before, I do not think people should bring charges against each other in this hobby unless they can back them up. That is the technique I have used in the Tretick affair --- I can back up

everything I have said against him, so he has never "caught" me. I wonder how Caruso can back this charge up. Bruce, in his final editorial on the subject, quoted directly from McKibbin's letters, and offered to send Xeroxs to anyone who asked. If Caruso considers this to be phoney, I think it is on him to explain just how, or withdraw the charge.

I too am surprised at the number of subs I get from DW mentions --- I can tell when they send in the old sub rates. I appreciate your re-printing the DIPLOMACY DIGEST Third Anniversary Awards

((The oddest thing I found about the awards was the irony in how poorly an awful lot of the folks mentioned get along with each other...

On Linsey, I think John's reference to "phoney proof" meant the admission Brux made in a VoD a few issues back that he had, uh, "overstated" or some such, some of the evidences or occurrences in the affair. I don't exactly remember how he stated it, but it was a clear statement of having distorted things. I remember I was pretty well floored by it when it came out. I've sold those back issues of mine, tho, so I can't quote exactly, and therefore want to tread carefully here. On the 'power' issue, you're right.

I'm glad to hear something useful got done during SHOGUN. For all the hoopla about it, I found it boring in what little I saw, and wouldn't be any more inclined to waste time on it now than before it ran. Seemed poor filler to me, though I understand there was a good deal of gore in at least parts of it that may have thrilled a few.

On Iid, you're right, I was thinking Serbia was Austrian or Italian. In fact Linsey's Turkey owned it, so he did see the attack then. I stayed late at work tonight to finish that monster up at long last, and will do my best to get it into this issue. If not, it will be in #76 for sure)) 8.7.7.

Here's another item submitted by Kathy Byrne's other friend, John Caruso. (Hell, John Caruso says Linsey tosses her name around to gain stature, so why shouldn't I follow suit? How many other publishers get the kind of sweet, suggestive, insane letters from her that I do? Like Braniff says, 'If you got it....')

BRUCE LINSEY: THE TELEPHONE STALKER by John Caruso

For the first time since mid-summer, Bruce Linsey has called me up. And once again I refuse to talk to him. Why? Well, there are 2 reasons. One reason is that Linsey and I are no longer friends and I have lost all respect for him and the second reason is that I don't carry on a conversation, with a ranting, raging, illogical person. And when Linsey calls here, that's just what he turns into. I can usually discuss matters with people I'm not friendly with, but I can not carry on any kind of normal conversation with him, so I avoid talking to him. He's just not the type of person you can rationalize with and talk over "TOUCHY" things to. He gets totally irrational, goes off the deep end and over-reacts to everything discussed with him.

Anyway, Kathy gave in and listened to his comments. Needless to say, he said "John Lied" about the Novice Package being incomplete. Well, at the time I wrote the story, it wasn't finished. How do I know? Bruce Linsey promised me a copy as soon as it was complete. Everyone knows Linsey is honest and would never have lied to me about supplying me a copy. I still haven't received a copy. Therefore, the Novice Package isn't complete, unless someone "SPEAKETH WITH A FORKED TONGUE". Where's my copy Brucks?

In person, Mr. Personality is a bit dull and unclear. In writing, Mr. House-rule is very ambiguous and repetitious. But on the phone, Mr. Brucks is at home, and excels. He nit-picks and twists things you say, around. That is why I won't talk to him. A word of advice to anyone who talks to Linsey on the phone. Be very careful what you say and how you say it. It may be wise to have the whole conversation taped, or have a witness on an extension or very close by. If you don't take cautions, you may find yourself expelled or black-balled. Don't fall prey to the TELEPHONE STALKER.

Response to "Player Board - About Time"
by John R. Kevern

I agree in part with Kathy's article about the "Player Board" but that is only the surface of the problem confronting the hobby. The real problem is the complete lack of discipline in the hobby. I can remember back 7 or 8 years ago when the I.D.A. was supposed to try to upgrade the hobby with the intent of bringing it to the status of international chess. The I.D.A., as far as by limited association with it, was nothing more than a sales gimmick, flash in the pan. What we really need in the hobby is an independent "National Diplomacy Association" with some muscle. It could be structured as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Title	Duties
Pres.	Overall supervision of the hobby & the executive board
1st VP	Ombudsman for player complaints - decisions are binding on membership under penalty of dismissal from the N.D.A.
2nd VP	Ombudsman for GM complaints. Shall also designate the official GMs of the N.D.A. Establish a standard of house rules for all publishers and players of PBM Diplomacy.
Recording Secretary	Record & file copies of all incoming and outgoing correspondence with the Executive Board and the membership.
Treasurer	Maintain a list of members, dues received, custodian of Boardman numbers.

The Executive Board's Mission:

- A - Provide a forum for formal grievances and pass judgement if grievances cannot be adjudicated otherwise. Decisions are final and binding on the hobby.
 - B - Establish standards for designation as an official Gamemaster for N.D.A.
 - C - Establish membership dues, boardman number fees and publish semi-annually for all members:
 - 1-A list of recognized gamemasters & their zines
 - 2-A list of grievances received & their present status.
 - 3-Any pertinent info regarding the membership.
- What is NOT its mission is to plug any zine or game company or manufacturer of games.

Those of you who have taken the trouble to read this far may well say what I advocate is pie in the sky. I couldn't disagree more with that type of thinking and in fact is the type of thinking that permeates the discord within the hobby now. Where can we find the caliber of person to fill the Executive Board? Why they are right in the hobby now, some as players & others as GM, it may well be you. I've been around PBM dippy for quite a few years and without trouble can conjure up at least five persons who care enough about our hobby to take an active part in it and whose integrity is unquestionable. I'm quite sure any of you could do the same.

Now lets briefly take a look at some of the problems that confront us in the hobby & how the Board would help:-

GAMEMASTER - Presently this is some person who for whatever reason decides he/she would like to be one. Then goes about soliciting players, selects some catchy title for their zine & establish a set of house rules for players. Sounds simple enough doesn't it. Well, how about the experience of the self proclaimed gamemaster; how about the quality of the zine itself; how is the player protected and what recourse has the player. It should be said now that for the most part the gamemasters now in the hobby are honorable people who became gamemasters only because they cared about the hobby. For most, it is a financial loss regardless of the game or zine fees. However, if you subscribe to more than one zine, you probably are confronted with house rules that are all encompassing or far to rigid, or anything in between. In short, you are stuck with whatever the GM decides now or in the future. Remember

the right to change the house rules etc...". With standardization of house rules by The Board, this catchall would be eliminated and changes could only be made by them and would effect all recognized gamemasters.

For brevity I'll not mention any other gripes. I'm sure you can think of your own. By now I should have stimulated enough thinking by you in how to improve things.

There is no reason a string N.D.A. couldn't establish an area rating system or provide a national PBM tournament with entry fees & prizes. Why must PBM and PBM be intergrated yearly at a PBM or an Origins? Why must we go outside the hobby to establish an area rating? The answer to both questions is we lack organization. That precisely is why we do need our own organization be it called N.D.A. or whatever, just as long as the organization is not subverted to outside influences.

How do we establish such an organization in dippy? Therein is the biggest problem and may well be the reason there isn't one. Before one can be organized, it must be first established wether or not one is wanted by a majority of persons involved in PBM. If there is sufficient support, then candidates for office should be submitted and a committee established of non-candidates to determine office tenure and act as custodians of the last phase, that of counting ballots. The committee should consist of at least three persons who are willing to volunteer. However, first lets find out how you feel about creating our own organization. To start the ball rolling, I call upon someone who is either loved or hated, but none the less well known throughout the hobby, John Caruso, to conduct a canvass of his own dippy players and use his persuasive ways with other gamemasters to do the same. When the results of the canvass are in, send them to John or myself. The results of the overall canvass will be made known to all participating GMs for publication in their respective zines. It's now up to you the player to decide wether or not you wish to be regulated with the aid of improving the hobby and its standards or stop your bitching and live with what you have.

((My response mailed to John Caruso follows))

Dear John,

I was very disappointed--indeed, almost disgusted--reading John Kevern's Player Board response. Personally, I'm more than a little tired of folks writing about the Good Old Days of the hobby, the needs (sic) for hobby "discipline and organization", and the inevitable call for the creation of a national (or international, or galactic) board of dedicated seers and oracles to sit on Olympus and lead us untutored and helpless hobbyists, GMs, and publishers along the True Path to hobby greatness and glory. I don't know where John K's head is, but to those out there who, for your own reasons, believe that there is a need for a hobby ruled and disciplined by some board or committee or Pusher, let me point out some embarrassing realities that you have obviously overlooked.

1. The hobby today EXISTS only because of the independent publishers who give it a forum and life. The fact that this variety of personalities results in a variety of styles, rules, and policies that force the player, to sample many wares before finding those he likes best, is not at all a liability. The alternative is one "approved" system that will likely be unpalatable in at least part to everyone, without choice. Only the shallowest of thinkers could believe that one approved system, one "official" party line, is best. To heap abuse on the multitude and variety of policies and rules and ratings is to attack the very best qualities, and most attractive qualities, the hobby offers the prospective member.

2. No "rule" is possible unless you start over and create your own hobby, and one with a different game at that. There is no leverage anyone has over the independent publishers: HE pays the bills, he does the work, he writes his house rules, he runs his games as he and his players see fit. If any of them don't like it, they move on. The only remote tool you might have would be the issuance of Boardman numbers, as Kevern includes. To try and use this tool to force compliance would simply destroy the Numbers, for the one redeeming grace of them is the universality of the system. To deny them to postal games that don't toe the official line would simply mean that many, and I believe MOST, games would soon be running without numbers. Note that the ENC now must all but ram them down some publisher's throats; if some publishers ignore them the way they do now, what will happen when you tell these same people that they must do as YOU feel is best "or else"? If they barely report gamestarts and conclusions NOW, how much leverage will number denial be in the future? The simple fact is, there IS no control possible over free individuals and their own publications. And I say, thank God!!!

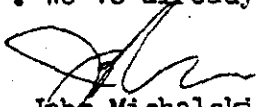
3. Comparison to chess is absurd. DIPLOMACY can never be organized even remotely like international chess, even if someone wanted to. The simple reason is that people

care about chess, even if they can't play it. The man in the street knows about chess, and if Boris Spassky is playing Kathy Byrne for the world championship, people can identify with it and will take some interest in it. No one gives a shit about Diplomacy, guys. Sure, it's not a nice thought, but after all, isn't it a standing joke that all hobbyists are viewed as wierdos by any non-hobbyist? If you're driving to Michigan for a regional chess playoff, your wife can tell the neighbors or relatives that as a fact, and it's a point of interest. If you go to Michigan for a Dippy tournament, she's probably too embarrassed to admit the truth, or if she will, it will be "he's gone 600 miles to go play that damn stupid game he's always messing with". And if she doesn't say it, they will think it on their own. If that were'nt the truth, Dippy would already be as organized as chess is.

4. No hobby organization exists because none is needed. The only work that needs to be done, is done, and is done by individuals who opt to volunteer the effort. Everything in this hobby worth having is accomplished by individuals acting on their own. No committee has ever accomplished a thing, except maybe collect dues for itself. Just because John K. feels that it is a "problem" that GMs run their games as they see fit instead of how he sees fit, doesn't mean that it is. If he is unwilling to look for a zine he likes to play in, and instead prefers that they were all the same to save him having to read HRs and think a little, doesn't at all mean that thought or free choice are "problems".

If John K wishes to make a positive contribution along the lines he alludes to, why not instead do as the others do who are making a positive contribution? To wit, make up some suggested house rules and propose to the hobby that these be considered as a master? If they have any merit over what the individual GM is using now, those GMs will readily accept it. I would. My own zine is, in fact, run the way it is because in my hobby experience, this is what I've found is best. That runs from the way I print adjudications right on up to waiting for the wrapup to appear in EVERYTHING before closing the file on a game. Ditto on permitting open black press, and fast deadlines, and no standbys anymore, and a dozen other things. Show me a better way and I'll use it. ORDER what you think is a better way, and I will support the opposition. If such opposition fails to develop, I will organize the opposition myself. If John K. thinks that one rating system for all cons would be best, do as others have done: present your thoughts and, if they're as good as you think they are, everyone will unanimously accept the system by acclaim. If John K. thinks that a forum is needed for player complaints, let him go and publish himself, providing such a forum (as in fact, any number of publishers now will do, unless the argument seems too trivial to them to merit publication. This may tick off the angered player sometimes, but it may save him or her from making a fool of himself in print as well. But if John disagrees, he can run his 'forum' as he sees fit).

Or in short: if you think a problem exists, do as did those who have always gotten hobby problems solved have done: get off your own dead butt and solve it. But please, spare us anymore "hobby service organizations". We've already had a decade too much of that garbage.


John Michalski
The BRUTUS BULLETIN

((All the above has been submitted to John Caruso's WHITESTONIA for publication, probably before this thing gets out, or maybe about the same time. Steve Heinowski, publisher of the very reliable TER-RAN, has also expressed an interest in opening a discussion of the merits of these proposals. Please feel free to comment to John or I or both. Caruso's address is 42-34 Saull St, Flushing, NY 11355. You know me; Steve Heinowski is at 1630 W 28 Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052. John has OPENINGS too, by the way, though he recently spoiled his zine by 1. calling it a zein, and 2. printing house rules. Before he followed the eminently practical system of having none; "I run the games by the rules", and left it at that, I believe. Heck, good as any, right? Presumed a degree of confidence and faith in the GM that was refreshing in its openness. Or am I thinking of the Linsey fake of WHITESTONIA? ? ?))

The First Blind Madman Game
The History of 1979iid, conclusion

SPRING, 1907:

AUSTRIA (Pillant): A Por-SPA; A GAS-Par (sees Ger A Mun appear)
ENGLAND (Howe): F MWG S F Nwy; F NMY S RUSSIAN A Sva/NSU; F Hlg-DEN; F SKA S F
Hlg-Den; F ION-Nth; F HOL S F Lon-Nth (sees nothing)
GERMANY (Madman): A PIC-Par; A Tyo-MUN
ITALY (Grabar): F TYN-Ion; F TUN S F Tyn-Ion; F Rom-NAP; F Mid-BRE; A Tri-Ven/d/
rTIO, Oth; (sees Turkish A Tri, A Ven, F Apu)
RUSSIA (Shaffer): A StP-FIN; A Mos-STP; F NTH S A Kie-Hol; A KIE-Hol; A War-SIL;
F Den-SWE; A Rum-BUD; A CAL S A Rum-Bud; A Sev-ARM (Sees
English F Den, Turkish A Rum)
TURKEY (Linsey): A VIE S A Ser-Tri; A Ser-TRI; A Apu-VEN; F ADR S A Apu-Ven;
F Ion-APU; F GRE S F Aeg-Ion; F AEG-Ion; A Bul-RUM (Sees
Russian A Bud, A Arm)

Notice England using F Nwy to go on a "fishing" trip to see what's in Sweden. He may have been thrown off by this, as a Russian F appears in Sweden via movement that turn, even tho there was "no such unit" during the turn. Note the Russian advance also, into Budapest and Armenia. The collapse of Italy is beginning in earnest now.

FALL, 1907:

AUSTRIA (Pillant): A Spa-GAS; A Gas-Par (Sees German A Mun)
ENGLAND (Howe): F DEN S F Hol-Kie; F Hol-KIE; F Lon-NTH; F SKA S F Den;
F MWG S F Nwy; F NMY S F Nwy (Sees Russian F Edi)
GERMANY (Madman): A PIC U, H; A MUN U, H; A Tyo S RUSSIAN A Cal-Boh/NSU
ITALY (Grabar): F TYN-Rom; F TUN-Ion; A TIO-Mun; F BRE U, H (Sees
Turkish A Ven, Tri, F Apu)
RUSSIA (Shaffer): A STP-Nwy; A FIN S A STP-Nwy; F SWE S A Kie-Den; A Kie-Den/d/rRUM, Oth;
F Nth-EDI; A Cal-VIE; A BUD S A Cal-Vie; A Sil-BER; A Arm-SMY
(Sees Turkish A Rum, English F Kie, Den)
TURKEY (Linsey): A VEN-Rom; A TRI-Ven; A Vie-Tri/d/r BOM, Oth; F ADR S A Vie-Tri;
F ADR-Nth; F GRE S F Aeg-Ion; F Aeg-Ion; A RUM H (Sees Russian
A Vie, Bud, Smy)

1907:

A: Mar Spa Por PAR	4	Was 2 sht, still is
E: Lon Lvp Bel Hol Nwy DEN KIE	7	+1, builds A LVP
G: MUN	1	-1, A Pic r OTB
I: Rom Nap Tun ERE	4	-1, F Bre r OTB
R: Home Bar Sva VIE BUD EDI SMY	10	+1, builds F SEV
T: Ank Con Bul Gre Ser VEN TRI RUM	34	even

This year we see the start of the final patterns in the charts. Russia has massive losses, not to England's favor, but England will make only slow, grudging progress against Russia, the only viable power he is in contact with. Yet Russia will hold even or gain slightly due to massive gains from Turkey. Turkey will sweep a large number of centers with Russia, usually coming out a tad short but not always, and making up the difference by taking from Italy. Italy is saving the game for the others except Turkey by "fighting the good fight" and hanging on vs Linsey's onslaught alone and without assistance, while being screwed in the rear by Austria.

SPRING, 1908:

AUSTRIA (Pillant): A Gas-BRE; A PAR S A Gas-Bre (sees nothing)
ENGLAND (Howe): A Lvp-YOR; F NMG-Nwy; F NTH S F Nwy-Nwy; F Nwy-SWE;
F DEN & F SKA S F Nwy-Swe; F Kie S F Den/d/r Bal* Oth (ann.);
(Sees Russian A Kie, F Edi)
GERMANY (Madman): A MUN S RUSSIAN A Ber-Kie
ITALY (Grabar): A TIO-Ven; F Nap-Ion; F TUN & F TYN S F Nap-Ion (sees Austrian
A Bre, Turkish A Rom, Ven, F Apu)
RUSSIA (Shaffer): A Smy-CON; A BUD S F Sev-Rum; F Sev-RUM; A Vie-TRI; F EDI-Nwy;
A STP-Nwy; A FIN S A STP-Nwy; F Sva-Ska/d/r CoB, Bal*Oth;
A Ber-KIE; A RUM S A Ber-Kie (Sees English F Swe, Turkish A Ukr)
TURKEY (Linsey): A Boh-SIL; A Ven-Rom; F ADR S A Tri-Ven; A Tri-VEN; F APU S
F Ion-Nap; F Ion-Nap/d/r Alb Gre EAS Oth; (Sees Russian A Tri,
Con, F Rum)

Both England and Russia retreated to the Baltic, snidhling each other. Both were informed before the next deadline. Don't you envy Italy, who no sooner removed his F Bre than he sees the note "Austrian F Bre appears"? Watch the Russian F Edi begin an odyssey here that will take it to Spain and Marseilles by game's end!

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FALL, 1908:

AUSTRIA (Pillant): A BRE S A Par; A PAR S A Bre (sees nothing)
ENGLAND (Howe): A Yor-EDI; F MWG S A Yor-Edi; F NTH-Hol; F DEN-Kie;
F SWE S F Ska-Nwy; F Ska-NMY (Sees Russian A Kie, F Edi r CLY)
GERMANY (Madman): A MUN S Russian A Kie
ITALY (Grabar): A TIO-Ven; F ION-Nap; F TUN-Ion; F TYN-Rom (Sees Austrian A Bre,
Turkish A Ven, A Rom, F Apu)
RUSSIA (Shaffer): A StP-LVN; A Fin-STP; A KIE S A Ruh-Hol; A RUM-Hol; F Edi-Nth/d/
r CLY, Oth; A TRI S A Bud-Ser; A Bud-SER; F Rum-BULec; A CON S F
Rum-BULec (Sees Turkish F Smy, A War, A Mos, English F Sva, A Edi)
TURKEY (Linsey): F Eas-SMY; F AEG-CON; A Ukr-MOS; A Sil-WAR; F ADR-TRI; A VEN S F
ADR-TRI; F APU-Nth; A ROM S F Apu-Nth (sees Russian A Con, F Bulac,
A Ser, A Tri)

This was Italy's last hurrah. He held what he could, and(perhaps unknowingly)helped Russia hold on to Trieste. This is a typical year for Russia: lose five, gain five others. Turkey again gains from Italy, again loses to Russia despite the flamboyant taking of both Warsaw and Moscow from Russia, again holds even. Turkey becomes like Israel vs the Arabs: a brilliant victory is hollow; a holding action is average; but a single defeat and he will be lost forever. All Shaffer must do though is to win big ONCE. And he is trying... Note how Shaffer all but abandons the nor th. This being a blind game, however, Gary won't ever notice it.

1908:A: Mar Spa Por Par BRE	5	+1, will play 3 short
E: Lvp Lon Bel Hol Nwy Den EDI SWE	8	1 arm., +2, +A LON, A LVP
G: Mun	1	even
I: Nap Tun ERI	2	-2, F Tun, F Tyn rOTB
R: StP Nth Sev Ber Vie Bud KIE TRI	10	1 arm., +1, +A SEV
T: Ank Bul Gre Ven Rum ROM SMY MOS WAR	8	even
	34	

SPRING, 1909:

AUSTRIA (Pillant): A PAR-Bre; A Bre-PIC (sees nothing)
ENGLAND (Howe): F NMY S F Sva; F SWE S F Den; F DEN S German A Mun-Kie/NSO;
F MWG S F Nwy; A Lon-BEL; F NTH C A Lon-Bel; A LVP S A BAL;
A EDI S A Lvp (sees nothing)
GERMANY (Madman): A Mun-BER
ITALY (Grabar): NMR! A TIO, F ION H (sees Turkish A Pic, A Rom, F Nap)
RUSSIA (Shaffer): F CLY-NRO; A Lvn-MOS; A SEV & A STP S A Lvn-Mos; A Lvn-MOS;
A KIE-Den; A RUM-Bul; A Tri-ALB; F BULec S A Ser-Rum; A Ser-RUM;
A Con-ANK (sees German A Ber, Turkish F Tri, A War, F Con)
TURKEY (Linsey): A ROM S F Apu-Nap; F Apu-NAP; A Ven-PIE; F ADR-TRI; A War-GAL;
A Mos-Sav/d/r WAR Ukr Oth; F AEG S F Smy-Con; F Smy-CON
(sees Russian A Rum, A Mos, A Ank)

The Italian NMR only hastens his demise. A lot of players today might have given up even before this. Oddly enough, Austria will now NMR out from these positions just before hitting England's Low Countries, this despite Pillant walking into my office here a few times each week. A heavy school load at this time didn't help, but one can see the game didn't have him on pins and needles at this point then either...

FALL, 1909:

AUSTRIA (Pillant): NMR! A PAR, A PIC H (sees Turk ish A Mar)
ENGLAND (Howe): A Edi-HOL; F NTH C A Edi-Hol; A LVP S Russian F Net-Tri/lap;
F MWG S F Nwy; F NMY S F Sva; F SWE S F Den; F DEN S German A
Sva-Kie/NSO; A BEL S A Edi-Hol (sees nothing)
GERMANY (Madman): NMR! A BER H
ITALY (Grabar): NMR! CDI A TIO, F ION H (sees Turkish A Rom, F Nap)
RUSSIA (Shaffer): F NMO-Lyp; A MOS S A StP; A STP S A Mos; A Alb-GRE; A ANK S F Bulac-
Con; F Bulac-CON; A Sev-Ukr; A RUM S A Sev-Ukr; A KIE S A Ruh-Nap;
A Ruh-MUN (sees Turkish F Tri, A Bud, A War, German A Ber)
TURKEY (Linsey): A ROM S F Nap; F NAP S A Rom; A Pie-MAR; F TRI S Russian A Ser-Alb/
NSU; A Cal-BUD; A WAR S Russian A Sil/NSU; F AEG-Sav; F Con-Sav/d/
r BLA, Oth (sees Russian A Ank, Gre, Mos)

1909:

A: Spa Por Par Bre	4	-1, was 3 short, even
E: Home Hol Bel Nwy Swe Den	8	even
G: BER	1	even
I: Tun	1	-1, F Ion r OTB
R: StP Sev Vie Kie Ser Bul Con	12	+2, can only build 1, + A SEV
T: ANK GRE Mun Rum MOS	8	even
	34	

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1979 Iid, Fall 1909, cont'd

At this point, notice how both England (illegally) and Turkey (successfully) are using some of their people on "fishing trips" to show what or who might be around them. The "imp" English order means that he doesn't even see the attack on Lvp, so for all he knows, Shaffer is long gone. Linsey, on the other hand, checks out surrounding areas via "NSO"/"NSU" results and learns a little something about how Shaffer is laid out. Note again the Russian and Turkish lines on the year-end chart. Quite a melee going on.

SPRING, 1910:

AUSTRIA (Pillant): NMRI CDI A PAR, A PIC H (sees nothing)
 ENGLAND (Howe): A Lvp-YOR; F Nth-ENG; F Nwg-NTH; F NMY S F SWE; F SWE S F Nwy; F DEN S A Hol-Kie; A Hol-KIE; A Bal-RUH (sees nothing)
 GERMANY (Madman): NMRI A BER H
 ITALY (CD): A TYO H
 RUSSIA (Shaffer): F Net-MID; A Kie S A Mun-Ber/ann.; A MUN-Ber; A MOS S A Ukr-War; A Ukr-WAR; A STP-Nwy; A SEV-Rum; F Con-SMY; A ANK S A F Con-Smy; A GRE S A Rum-Ser; A Rum-SER (Sees English A Kie; Turkish A Rum, F Bulsc); F ELA S A Bud-Rum; A Bud-RUM; F Aeg-BULsc; F Tri-ALB; A War-GAL; A Mar-BUR; A Rom-VEN; F Nap-TYN (sees Russian F Smy, A War)

TURKEY (Linsey): Turkey plays on logically, setting up his next moves, while Russia is totally oblivious as to who was where and what might they do next time. This being a blind game, though, Shaffer is in his element. Look how well such a fugg-it attitude is doing for him! Also, notice in the north the preponderance of English strength vs no real opposition at all. Yet, when he sees an occasional support cut, was it a why-not-type 1/1 like this, or did Wey barely hold on? He couldn't tell, and thus STP will never be threatened despite the barely token forces of Russia's between Germany and the north pole...

FALL, 1910:

AUSTRIA (CD): A PAR, A PIC H
 ENGLAND (Howe): F NMY S F SWE; F SWE S F Nwy; F DEN S A Kie; A KIE S A Ruh-Mun; A Ruh-MUN; A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel; F Eng-BRE
 GERMANY (Madman): A BER S ENGLISH A Ruh-Mun
 ITALY (CD): A TYO H
 RUSSIA (Shaffer): F Mid-SPAac; A Mos-LVN; A STP S A Mos-Lvn; A SEV-Rum; A SER S A Sev-Rum; A Gre-Bul/ann.; A ANK-CON; F SMY S A ANK-Con; A Mun-Bur/d/r Sil BOH Oth; A WAR H (Sees English A Kie, A Mun; Turkish A Rum, F Gre, F Bulsc)
 TURKEY (Linsey): A BUR-Mun; A Ven-TRI; F Tyn-TUN; F Alb-GRE; F BULsc S F Alb-Gre; A RUM S F Bulsc; F ELA S A Rum; A Cal-BUD (Sees Russian F Smy, A War)
 1910: A: Par Par 2 -2, was 2 short, even
 E: Home Hol Bel Nwy See Den MUN KIE BRE 11 +3, builds F LON, A EDI, A LVP
 G: Ber 1 even
 I: 0 -1, out
 R: STP Sev Mos Vie Ser Ank Con SPA WAR SMY 10 1 ann., was 1 short, +1, builds A MOS
 T: Smy Ven Rom, Nap Mar Tri Bud BUL 10 +2, can't build, will play 2 sht
 RUM GRE TUN 34

Nice even spread, for 3 different styles of play. This is Linsey's finest hour, but he hasn't anywhere to build, and never will. Gary prepares to make more slow sure progress in the center, but watch Shaffer's Russian F Spain...

SPRING, 1911:

AUSTRIA (CD): A PAR, A PIC H
 ENGLAND (Howe): F Bre-MID; A Bel-BUR; F Lon-ENG; A Lvp-WAL; A Edi-BEL; F NTH C A Edi-Bel; F NMY S F SWE; F SWE S F Nwy; F Den-BAL; A KIE S A Mun-Ber; A Mun-BER (sees nothing)
 GERMANY (Madman): A Ber-Mun/ann.
 RUSSIA (Shaffer): A STP-PIN; A Mos-STP; A Lvn-PRU; A Boh-Vie; A War-SIL; F Spasc-WAR; A Sev-Rum/d/r UKR Mos Arm Oth; A SER S A Con-Bul; A CON-Bul; F SMY-Aeg (sees Turkish A Sev)
 TURKEY (Linsey): A Bur-BUR; F Tan-WES; F GRE-Aeg; F BULsc-Con; A TRI-Ser; A BUD-Vie; A Rum-SEV; F ELA S A Rum-Sev (Sees Russian F MAR appear!)
 FALL, 1911:
 AUSTRIA (CD): A PAR H, A PIC H
 ENGLAND (Howe): F Mid-POR; A BUR-Pat; A Wal-BRE; F ENG C A Wal-Bre; F NTH S F Nwy; F NMY S F SWE; F SWE S F Nwy; F BAL S A Ber; A Kie-MUN; A BER S A Kie-Mun; A BEL-Ruh (sees nothing)
 RUSSIA (Shaffer): A STP-Nwy; A PIN-SWE; A PRU-Ber; A SIL S A Pru-Ber; A Boh-VIE; A SER-Tri; F SMY-Con; A CON-Bul; A Ukr-RUM; F MAR S Italian A Gre-Spa/NSU; (sees Turkish A Sev)
 TURKEY (Linsey): NMRI A Ruh, Tri, Bud, Sev H; F Wes, Gre, Bulsc, Hla H (sees Russian A Rum, F Mar)

1911: A: Par

E: Home Hol Bel Nwy See Den MUN Kie Bre	1	-1, A Pic r Oth
Bre BER POR	13	+2
G: 0	0	out
R: Mos War StP Vie Ser Ank Con Smy	11	+1
Smy Spa RUM MAR	9	-1, was 2 short
T: Ven Rom Nap Tri Bud Bul Gre Tun SEV	34	

Just as Shaffer was getting ready to really roll again, and even England gets ready to make a big push into the West that has been open for years, the game ends. Can you imagine poor ol Linsey, fighting crazy Shaffer tooth and nail, and finally seeming to maybe be getting a chance at the upper hand, getting in those Spring results with the little "other events" note at the bottom saying "Russian F Marseilles appears"? No wonder the game was voted a three way draw.

For the long haul, Howe's England seemed in the best spot to make it a flat-out win (as he did in the second Blind Madman game), despite what you must remember was a atrocious start here. On the other hand, Shaffer only now lost the lead; he must have had at least a mathematical chance, and I'd guess 33-40%, of just maybe pulling it off himself. I'd give Gary Howe a 60% chance, and 0-7% to other possibilities, such as a concession to Austria.

The game was a lot of fun for me, but a hell of a lot of WORK too. Others have since tried this—Kendter, McLendon, Arnett to some extent—but I think this format was clearly superior to theirs (I'm playing for two of them).

The original chart follows, modified only for the change of ownership of Sevastopol which I only noticed now in typing this history up.

1979 Iid in Review

Austria	6	7	5	4	3*	4**	4**	5***	4**	2	1
England	3	4	6	5	5	6	7	8	8	11	13
France	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	5**	5**	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	0
Italy	5	5	5	7	5	5	4	2	1	0	-
Russia	5	5	5	6	8	9	10	10	12**	10	11
Turkey	5	7	9	9	10	8	8	8	8	10**	9
Neutral	3	1	1	0							

Our cast of players:

Austria, David Pillant, dro S10, CD
 England, Gary Howe, drew F11
 France, Roberto Guajardo, dro F01, CD, out F 02
 Germany, Madman, out F11
 Italy, David Grabar, dro F09, out F10
 Russia, William Shaffer, drew F11
 Turkey, Bruce Linsey, drew F11

Zine: ERUTUS BULLETIN GM: John Michalski

THESE COMMENTS WERE
 WRITTEN UP AT GAME'S
 END, JUNE 1980

The chart doesn't do the game justice at all, but I can do the chart on a lunch hour whereas I cannot get near doing 22 game seasons like that. In fact, it will be some weeks before I can get that into gear, as I still have half of Mid to finish up, and it is only 2/3s as long as Iid was. For the interim, I have done up some maps like I did for the end of the 1st 10-day-deadline game '79E, to give you a graphic view of the happenings by centers owned each year. It too is distorted in that Austria, for instance, has a large west European empire the last half of the game, but as you will see from the blow-by-blow history, it was created and maintained solely by two remnants armies that were either fleeing the Turks thru Munich in one case, or being uncerimoniously expelled from N Italy in the other. Pillant took 5 centers in the west by 1908, mostly out of Italy's hide to Linsey's benefit. Shaffer and Linsey played a wild game which does not show up here, but does fairly well on the maps: one season Shaffer lost 4 to Linsey, yet gained 5 at his expense in a not-untypical wild brawl these two were engaged in. Even 1901 seems bland on the chart, but fails to show the truth in specifics. Russia, for instance, appears to have a mediocre start, yet in reality took 3 centers in 1'01. Only problem is that he lost Warsaw and Sevastopol to his two southern neighbors in the process, and wound up with a mediocre "5" on the chart. It wasn't mediocre in play, though! Another cute thing that won't show up is the press. Linsey did it up well, writing stuff like "Shaffer is really a GOOD ally, you just need to know how to talk to him" while fighting off a massive Russian invasion! It was a lot of fun to GM (more so than to play, I think), but I'll not be doing anymore. Way too damn much work. Also, diplomacy is a quicker casualty than France was, as I've seen in blind games others are running in which I am a player.

Well done, but I'm glad it's over.

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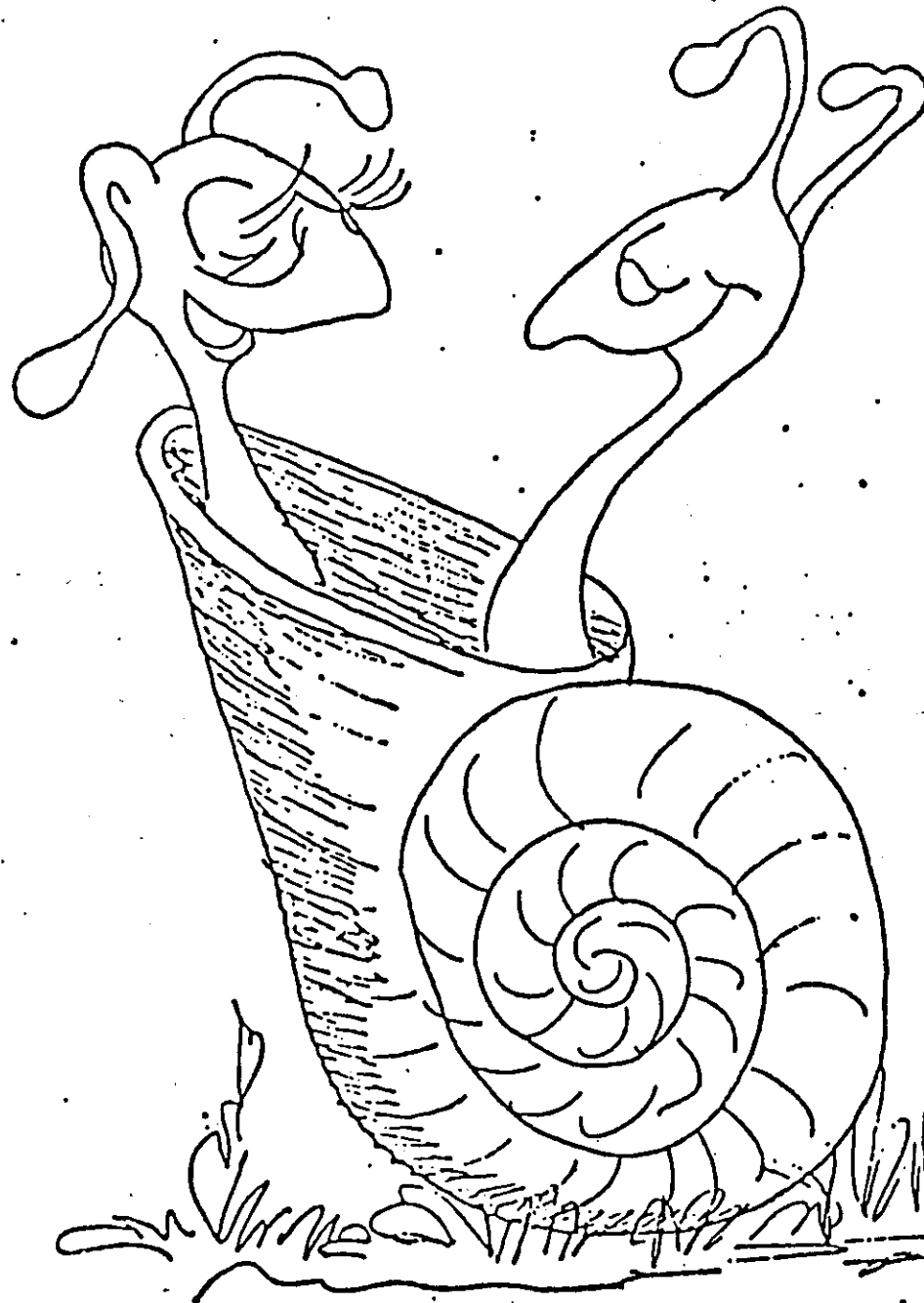
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COMING ATTRACTIONS: Good thing there was a little room here; some late news, but not much space to squeeze anything in. Someone who has asked to remain anonymous has kindly submitted a MARIJUANA REVIEW for next issue. Jack Masters has submitted a review of the contents of his glove compartment; and 5 letters have arrived in the last two days! All in #7!

Contribution from Jeff Albrecht, if I'm not mistaken. (If I get these wrong or leave you out of the credit, let me know)



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