

C I R C L E T R I G O N E I G H T

CIRCLE TRIGON is edited and published by Bob Ward, 8665 Florin Road # 176, Sacramento California. The opinions expressed herein may or may not correspond with your perception of reality. I don't much care in either case. This issue chronicles games 1972 FJ and almost chronicled 1973 AA on which see below.

P O L I T I C S A N D P O K E R

This column is a carry over from MARSOVIA my circa 1968 magazine and appears when I have something to say about real life political or diplomatic activity. Today's topic is amnesty for draft evaders and deserters.

Amnesty is far more an emotional question than it is a legal, or even political, one. Thus it is an area where it is especially important to set forth the background from which my opinions come. I am a veteran of the Vietnam Era (1968-1970) who did not serve in Vietnam. I knew, in my army days, close friends who deserted to Canada, and equally close friends who were killed in action. I also knew, in my immediate pre Army days, close friends who refused induction and were tried and sentenced and others who split to Canada. My opinions then largely resolve around these people.

I can support unconditionally a full and immediate pardon for those sentenced to prison for draft refusal. They have made a conscious moral decision and shown themselves willing to pay the cost of that decision. I find it courage of an equal type, but no higher, than that required to accept service in Vietnam. Their principles and willingness to be consistent with them deserve respect and response. I deliberately do not use the term forgiveness, for to these we have nothing to forgive. It was their sacrifice which focused attention on the war, and changed the public climate from "Win" to "get out".

For those who left for Canada in place of trial I am less generous. Some, even most, of them may be morally committed. But others clearly used morality as a cloak for cowardice, laziness, and plain criminality. Even those who made a moral decision showed themselves unable to accept the consequences of their action. For them a case by case review is necessary, and in the overwhelming number of cases alternative service is the minimum we should require. I would not be very put out at all if none of them ever came back.

The question of deserters is especially touchy. It is hard to see what else could have been done, in some cases. Many of the deserters I knew had legitimate moral objections to the war. They had tried for discharge as conscientious objectors, and were sincere in doing so. They were denied under an unconstitutionally narrow definition of objection, and could have won court cases had they the money, or the volunteer lawyers to fight them. There were also too many deserters who had trouble from other sources, never were able to adjust, and used the war as an excuse to desert; here case by case review is especially appropriate.

This then is where I stand. I don't expect it to please every one, and won't be all that suprised if it pleases no one. I'll print any comments received, without editing or editorial interjections.

WHO'S WHO IN POSTAL DIPLOMACY

Larry Peery, and the Institute for Diplomatic Studies, is embarked on a new project. He proposed to compile a Who's Who guide for the hobby. The requirements for inclusion are:

- 1) Publish
- 2) Gamesmaster a regular game
- 3) Be an officer in any Diplomacy related organ ization
- 4) Win a game, be rated in the Beyerlein Poll, or have played in at least two different magazines.

If you qualify, and want to be listed, complete the quesrionaire on the back page of the form (attached at the end of this issue) and send it to Larry Peery by April 1. The address is: Box 8416

San Diego CA 92102

1972 FJ NATIONS RAISE NEW UNITS AS AGRESSOR CONTROL SNOOPS AROUND

ENGLAND: No builds Required

FRANCE: Build A Par, A Mar

GERMANY: Build A Kie, A Mun

AUSTRIA: Build A Tri

ITALY: Build F Nap

TURKEY: Build F Son, F Smy

RUSSIA: Retreat F Rum off the board, Build A War

Locations following Winter 1901:

England: F Nth, F Nwg, A Edi

FRANCE: A Par, A Mar, A Bur, A Bel, F Por

Germany: A Hol, A Boh, F Swe, A Kie, A Mun

Austria: A Tyo, A Ser, F Adr, A Tri,

Italy: F Nap, A Rom, A Ven, F Tun

Turkey: F Con, F Smy, A Rum, A Bul, F Bla

Russia: A Stp, A Pru, F Bal, A War

Spring 1902 moves due Friday March 30th at 6:15 PM.

SEVASTOPOL: Russia denied the existence of any such Fleet Rumania and hereby commissi ns the Brand and Glorious "do nothing" Army of Poland at Warsaw.

AGGRESSOR HOMELAND: If I had a fleet that tried to support a unit 3000 males north with its six inch guns I would deny its existence to o.

ROME: Christians Unite! Destroy the unholy pagans east of the Adriatic Sea!"Better be dead than Red" quotes the Pope.

AGGRESSOR HOMELAND: Agressor Central to all Controls, Europe. The recent Papal cry for a "Holy War" offers the best opportunity for profit since the Fourth Crusade. All agents infiltrated into ecclesiastical structures are to echo this call. Control-Turkey is to press for a "jihad" against the pagns West of the Bosperous and north of Anatolia. The Orthodox Churches are to be encouraged to enter the fray. Effective at once mark up all munitions prices thirty per cent and pray!

Istanbul: The Grand Sultan of the True Religion wishes to make known his thoughts of his adversaries and allies:

Asutria: In regard to the noble Metzke I endow my highest esteem and respect for bis abilities as a leader and general of a truly noble race. Turkey pledges her fidelity towards a never ceasing alliance.

France: Under the firm hand of ex revolutionary Luca, the Third Republic is destined to sucess. Hopefully his lack of tact within the realm of Diplomacy will be overcome by his cut of the opium market.

England: Of England I can express but pity and sorrow. May the English find condolence in the fact that they host because Lord Norman dared not to fight. (I've damn well quit trying to decipher his pink crayon correspondences.)

Germany: Kaiser Rush is the man of the hour. With Russia and France eager to overrun the ruhr this knight of chivalry must rise to the occasion and defend as if he were the Iron Chancellor himself.

Conflicts will always exist between the rich and the poor, the intelligent and the insipid. So let it be with Turkey and Russia. Let the dog of Kiev wallow in his cesspool of misery and captivity, learning obedience from the Turks.

What has been said is purposefully clear. Turkey will never become apathetic to the safety of Europe. Oh, by the way I forgot to mention Reinsel. Shucks, but what can be said of a dead man?

AGRESSOR HOMELAND: Central to Control-Turkey. Congratulations on your quick and excellent response to Operation Enmity. However, we note that your ruler was cool towards only three of the six major powers. Work to creat distrust and eventual break up in the alliance structure. Of course, the conflicts of your sucess should double near term profits!

Paris: Dec 3, 1901: In a press announcement today, the President, Duke of Luca, conceded that in the Paris Roundup of 75 spies and secret agents last month, all were German and had little or no connction with "Agressor Homeland". He went on to explain his certainty of this fact by reporting it was due to the first bits of information which were beginning to filter through from the French double agents stationed in Aggressor Homeland. These agents have close ties with governmental leaders of that nation, and their influence on them should begin to show soon. Meanwhile security has been trippled on all navy and army installations in the country necessary for internal security and as Duke put it "there is absolutely no chance of sabotage".

French Underground, Aggressor Homeland, Dec 12, 1901: Report to External Defense Council: Have succeeded in setting up secure position through out Aggressor Control, and governmental leaders are beginning to show signs of crackigg; either that or a serious me ntal deficiency. Have threatened to continue, and expand, their program of distributing lies and propaganda aimed at the French Homeland. These are not to be taken seriously, however, for you can now be sure that there is no truth to any of these Aggressor Control reports.

AGGRESSOR HOMELAND: The Ruling Council today branded as "ridiculous" the claim of the French President to have infiltrated Aggressor Control. " Just two monthes ago this madman was referring to us as a "corrupt drug dealing organization" and "so-called government"; now all at oce he claims to double agents who have miraculously made "close ties with governmental leaders". We must conclude that the "Duke" has delusions of grandeur to match his paranoia. The only truth in the purorpted report from their alleged agents was contained in the observation that governmental leaders are cracking or have serious mental deficiency. We can only admire the sense of humor in the French Pressoffice who could so accurately lable his leader while concocting this report. For the true, if subtilè, evaluation of this hoax simply reread the last clause of the purported report.

73AA ALL EUROPE GATHERS TO MOURN PASSING OF FRANZ JOSEF

Jerry Bennett, playing Austria has found it necessary to resign. Walter Blank, 101 Summit Avenue, Eau Claire Wisc 54701 is therefore named as the new Austrian player. The new Standby will be Tom McCloud 26540 Chisholm Court # 4 Hayward CA 94544

In addition John Morgan, playing Russia, has a change of address to:

Box 253 Lazo B.C. Canada

Players may change their 1901 moves if desired. New deadline is Friday March 30th and 6:15.