

***** HEY, KIDDIES! GUESS WHO'S BACK! *****

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ABOUT THOSE NEW GAMES:

There are openings still in both The Publishers' Game and one regular Diplomacy game. Three openings remain in the Publishers' Game, which sets you back only \$2.50 if you trade with us. The regular game has four spots left, at \$4 each, with a whopping 25% discount if you are an IDA member. We'd really like to get this one started by the end of the year, so why not help us out. Puleez...

HERE ON PAGE ONE, which may be the only one some of you read, is a great place to throw out a few final thoughts on the election results. Needless to say, I, or rather my candidate, lost (that could be the understatement of the year). But in looking things over, it has become apparent to me that people were not so much for Nixon as against McGovern. The gains in the Senate and Gubernatorial races made by the Democratic Party bear this out. There were a few surprises, as always, one right here in my own backyard where Rep. William Scott defeated incumbent Senator William Spong, Jr. to become the first Republican Senator from Virginia since 1883. Scott was a member of the House who decided to switch to the Senate because the six-year term would enable him to retire from politics on a pension. Great, huh? No wonder Virginia is for Lovers, you gotta have stars in your eyes to be able vote for some of the characters that come out of this state. But enough sour grapes. I'll go back into my hole for "four more years" and maybe if we're lucky, I'll be able to crawl back out. But before I am silenced (And remember: You do not convert a man just because you silence him) I would like to point out that no peace has been reached in Viet Nam, that Nixon has had his four years in which he stated he would end the conflict, and that no peace will be forthcoming. So when somehow the air war begins again, and somehow we suddenly need ground support again, think back to how you voted on November 7, 1972. I will, with pride.

INSIDE THIS ANIMAL: The Games, Lots from Lakofka, Political Ploemics, Coop, and his dog, whimpy, Sundry Shit, Coop's Corner, and lots more!

But don't take our word for it, move on to page 2 of

We do not rally to the support of policies that we deplore. But we do love this country and we will continue to beckon it to a higher standard.

--George McGovern



The First Faithful Friends Diplomacy Game...

#1971 IK

LIEUTENANT DeNORRIS SAILS TOWARD SAFETY AS HIS FORCES CRUMBLE; ITALY BUILDS MORE WAR MACHINES; RUSSIAN FACTORIES BUILD AN ARMY; FAITHFUL FRIENDS FIND FOES...

WINTER, 1905:

| | | Positions |
|------------|-----------------|--|
| AUSTRIA: | No Change | Armies Vie,Run,Ser,Gre,Smy; Fleets Ion,EMD. |
| (Cooper) | | |
| ENGLAND: | No Change | Armies Edi,Yor. |
| (Miller) | | |
| FRANCE: | Remove A Gas | Army Par; Fleet MAO. |
| (DeNorris) | Remove F WMD | |
| GERMANY: | No Change | Armies Pic,Bur,Mun,Ruh,Mos; Fleets ECh,Lon,GOB. |
| (Hirsch) | | |
| ITALY: | Build A Rome | Armies Mar,Rom; Fleets Por,Spa(sc),Tun,Tyrr,Nap. |
| (Chitlik) | Build F Nap | |
| RUSSIA: | Build A War | Armies Ber,StP,Sev,War; Fleet Nwy |
| (Norris) | | |
| TURKEY: | Retreat Sev-Ukr | Army Ukr; Fleets Bul(ec),Bla. |
| (Barents) | Remove F Aeg | |

NOTE: There was an error in the supply center chart last issue. Russia retains control of Warsaw, hence the build this turn. Germany stands with 8 centers.

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 THE DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1906 MOVES IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1972. no exceptions.
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Some comments from The House of Coop: It appears that France is dead. With the capability to hold only one center, and with Germany and Italy both at hand, the end is near. Trust Lt. DeNorris to turn and run. Italy is emerging as the new power as Germany has slowed and Austria has been having trouble with Turkey. With Russia now capable of defending herself, Germany will find the going rough. Turkey is going to need help either from Russia or Austria to survive, and is unlikely to find such aid from Austria. If the Austro-Russian alliance holds, look for Turkey to follow France off the board while Germany comes under rapid attack. Perhaps a German-Russian alliance could stop the Austro-Italina thrust, and make a game of it. Otherwise, there is little hope for France, Turkey, Germany, and England.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THIS GAME BEGAN, THERE IS NO PRESS...HISTORY IS MADE!!

THE INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION is holding elections for the coming year. New members will be eligible to vote if dues of \$2/year are paid by November 30, 1972. Info from and dues to Walt Buchanan, RR 3, Lebanon, Indiana, 46052. Info concerning those nominated will be available shortly in DIPLOMACY REVIEW, the IDA newsletter, published by John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr, Carlisle, PA, 17013.

THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION is holding a World Championship Diplomacy Tournament, with openings still available. The event is being gamesmastered by Chris Schleicher and will appear in his zine, ATLANTIS. Info from either Chris at or John Beshara, 155 W 68th St, #1021, New York, NY, 10023. Over \$300 in prizes are up for grabs.

AN AFFABLE AND APPEALING ARMADILLO ASSOCIATION is now accepting new members. Those applying must be able to walk on all fours, possess a nice tail, and ball well. Send photo and telephone number to whimpy, box 69, intercourse, pennsylvania, 16473.

The First Game...

1972 CV

ITALY MOVES ON GERMANY AS FRANCE AND ENGLAND OCCUPY THE LOWLANDS; TURKEY SEIZES SEVESTAPOL AS RUSSIA IS GRIPPED BY CIVIL DISORDER; AUSTRIA MOVES IN CIRCLES...

Fall, 1901:

- AUSTRIA: A Vienna-GALICIA
(Bonis) A Serbia-BUDAPEST
F Albania-GREECE
- ENGLAND: F Norwegian-NORWAY
(Thomas) A Edinburgh-HOLLAND
F NORTHSEA C A Edi-Hol
- FRANCE: F MidAtlantic-PORTUGAL
(Lowrance) A Picardy-BELGUIM
A BURGUNDY S ITA A Tyr-Mun
- GERMANY: A SILESIA-Munich
(Weber) A KIEL S A Sil-Mun
F Denmark-SWEDEN
- ITALY: A TYROLIA-Munich
(Hilliker) A Apulia-TUNIS
F IONIAN C A Apu-Tun
- RUSSIA: No Orders Received
(Stone?) F GOB H; A WAR H; F RUM H;
A Sevestapol-/D/
- TURKEY: A Armenia-SEVESTAPOL
(Hendry) F BLACK S A Arm-Sev
A BULGARIA-Rumania

FROM THE HOUSE OF COOP:

Far out set of moves this season! It would appear that someone has something up his/her sleeve! Let's go from the top: Austria's move to Bud is beyond reason (feminine logic, maybe?); the center could not have been attacked and by remaining in Serbia it would have assured a build in Bud, thus putting an army there anyway. France is in fine shape, with Spain reserved for 1902. England has benefited by Germany's rather unconventional moves, hence the gain in Holland. But all things considered, Germany has made a nice save of it. A probable build in Munich should stall Italy and France long enough to pick up Denmark. It is interesting to note that the best alliance at the moment would be England and Germany - the armies on the continent form a front against France while the fleets move from Scandanavia into Russia, who has probably sealed her own doom by missing this trun. Turkey is all alone and thriving in the corner. If I were Austria, I'd get in touch with Russia fast. Or maybe Italy, and see if I could convince her to send a fleet into the Aegean or the Eastern Med. Oh well.

| SUPPLY CENTERS AFTER FALL, 1901: | | Change | Total | Last Fall | House of Coop Ranking |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Austria: | HOME, Greece | +1 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| England: | HOME, Norway, Holland | +2 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| France: | HOME, Belgium, Portugal | +2 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Germany: | HOME, Sweden | +1 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Italy: | HOME, Tunis | +1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Russia: | STP, MOS, WAR, Rumania, SEV | 0 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| Turkey: | HOME, Sevestapol, Bulgaria | +2 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Neutral: | Spain, Denmark, Serbia | | | | |

Legend: HAD, ~~LOST~~, gained

ATTENTION STANDBYS: Jon Rush is requested to submit moves for Russia for Winter, 1901. Jeffrey Carroll and Mark Rutledge are each requested to submit moves as they see fit.

THE DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1901 ORDERS IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1972.

WHERE THEY'RE AT: Mark Thomas, 10 Terrace Place, Danbury, Conn, 06810.
Doug Weber, 102 George St, Wheaton, Ill, 60187. (11/18-11/26 ONLY)

Still need phone numbers and a yes or no on phone calls if no orders have been received at the deadline. And finally, I've put together new houserules.

And here on page 4, a note about this issue and what's happenin...

IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF US...

Indeed it does! This issue is about two weeks late, for which I deeply apologize. Thanksgiving is and always has been an unpredictable time of year for me, and this year was no exception. Although the date up there in the corner reads the 13th, this is being typed on the 26th. I got tied up with some exams prior to Thanksgiving, then spent the break playing when I should have been working, but, as I see it, I'm entitled to time off when I want it (and need it). Then this past Saturday, the defensive (and offensive) All-America candidate of the Sterling All-Stars was hit by one 6'3", 240 pound honcho (yours truly stands 5'9" and tips the scales at 165) in the left knee. The 6'3", 240 pound honcho won, and I tore the medial collateral ligament and the medial meniscus (there are those medical words I waste my time learning). I go into the hospital tomorrow and surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, the 27th. Therefore, due to all these events, this issue has been cut to just the games, and the deadline is reset for 22 DECEMBER, 1972. At that time The House of Coop will publish its Gala Christmas/Chanukah Issue, which will hit the newstands in time for New Year's Eve Celebrations. Again, I apologize for the delay on this, and in order to make all my readers and subscribers happy, I won't count this issue against your subscriptions. No hard feelings, I hope. So don't forget:

THE DEADLINE IN ALL GAMES IS NOW THE 22nd OF DECEMBER, 1972...no exceptions

And before we forget: ARMADILLO is proud to take into its belly Orphaned Game 1972 W! Conrad von Metzke has just informed us of this takeover of Rod Walker's former game in WILE 'N' WORRY. This game will have the same deadline as above, and players should have received an info sheet from Conrad. If not, please get intouch with me. There will also be a need for standby players for this one, so any interested readers are asked to let us know if you'd like being subjected to further abuse by playing in one of our games. And about Conrad's note concerning the cash to defray costs, just send in some postage stamps and we'll be happy. Winter, 1902 builds are due as above.

All of our features will appear in the coming Gala issue. If all builds in all games are in before the deadline, we will go to press early. HINT! And in keeping with the time of year, ARMADILLO would make an excellent stocking stuffer for your favorite uncle or your worst enemy. Why not give a gift subscription today, you cheapies!

Special thanks to John Boyer and Len Lakofka for articles submitted. They will be disposed of by printing them in our next issue. And there is plenty of space for you would-be writers to fill up. Get your words in today. We'll run it, maybe...

HEY YOU SPORTS FANS: OUR VERY OWN (ARMADILLO owns one share) WASHINGTON REDSKINS HAVE JUST BEATEN THE PACK FOR THEIR THEIR EIGHTH STRAIGHT AND TENTH VICTORY OF THE YEAR. THEIR 10 - 1 RECORD IS SECOND ONLY TO MIAMI, WHOM THEY SHALL MEET AND BEAT IN THE SUPER BOWL. YES, WE WANNA BET! GET YOUR TICKET REQUESTS ON THE WAY SOON...

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