

IRKSOME!

"And the sign read 'closed on Thanksgiving.' None of us had ever heard of a city dump closed on Thanksgiving before, so with tears in our eyes we left in our red VW Microbus with shovels and rakes and impléments of destruction to find a place for the half ton of garbage"

MARLO GUTHRIE, "Alice's Restaurant" (paraphrased)

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Well, the zine isn't exactly closed for Thanksgiving, but close. I've had three obstacles come up this month, any one or even two of which I could have handled at one time, but not three. They are...

- 1) Finals at the U of M. Not such a big deal, but they do take time to prepare for. But I've done IRKSOME during finals before, and have failed finals during IRKSOME, but there is also...
- 2) A huge change in my life that might be coming up soon. I won't elaborate, but if it goes through, it would make college, the zine, and yes, even Diplomacy itself look very unimportant. But I've done issues with my mind elsewhere before, and couple with no mind at all, but add to this
- 3) Extreme poverty. I've been joking all fall about my student loan waiting til hell froze over to get to me. Well, it's not here yet, and that \$2000 plus was to play a big role in my budget for the year. And when you're counting on that much money in September and it's still not here in December, it hurts. Living on paycheck to paycheck is no fun especially when I work just 10 hours a week. And losing $\frac{1}{2}$ a paycheck at Thanksgiving hurt. Last issue caused a severe overdraft, and I can't afford it again.

That explains this month's vacation. ~~XX~~There's no need to worry about the future of the zine...the ~~staggames~~ are proceeding on schedule and players are getting game reports with this. But I thought I'd send this so y'all wouldn't worry about me. I'm gonna make it and IRK will too.

I should make a couple apologies. One is to my subzine editors. MOS EISLEY is enclosed, but Greg Stewart and Mark Lew both have issues waiting to be printed. It hurts not to publish, and they hurt too, I know. The other apology is to Kathy Byrne. We were both going to print this month what exactly we thought of Gary Coughlan's random attacks through the hobby the past few weeks. We were both hesitant until we found the other felt the same about Gary's ravings. But make sure you read Kathy's Korner this month if you get Whitestonia. I feel exactly the same as she on this. If you don't get KK, I'll explain in my next issue.

And when will that be? I'm pretty sure it will be the first weekend in Janurary. The deadline for all the games is then, and either I can afford to xerox or have time to mess with a ditto machine. Perhaps the future of IRK is in ditto...I can just hear all your purists cheering out there.

My last game opening is full. ~~XX~~The gamestart went out a week ago. Russ Rusnak has Cosmic ~~XXXX~~Encounter Dip, described last ish. Signed up are Kaplan, Rauterburg, Wall, Luedi, Hanson, and Appleton...one spot left. Write directly to Russ at 8002 S Nagle, Burbank IL 60459. Please send a pref list for both powers and countries.

Last issue wasn't meant to be a double issue, but if you add the cost of this notice you can either call last issue #20 and this #21, or last issue #20/21 and this a freebie. It works out the same either way.

My apologies, but we'll be back.

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THEE FOUR WEEK GAMES

sexual spectacle

828 ~~1/11/11/11/11~~ SPRING 1908 SO IF YOU DON'T WANT A FOUR-WAY, WHAT DO YOU WANT?

winter stuff: FRA bld A PAR, A MAR, no 3rd bld; GER F bot r FIN; ITA rem A apu.
AUSTRIA(Rusnak) F ven-ADR; A tri-VEN; A TYO-pie; A apu-ROM(S A NAP); F ION-tys;
A BUD S rus A rum-gal; F ALB S rus F aeg-ion.
ENGLAND(Frueh) F BOT & A NWY S A stp; F BAL & A KIE S fre A mun-ber; F naf-WES;
A STP supports quick death for German fleet:(H); A yor-DEN(C F NTH).
FRANCE(McCloud) A par-BUR; A MAR-pie; F wes-LYO; F TUN-ion; A mun-BER; A por-SPA;
A bur-RUH; F TYS s A rom.
GERMANY(Keller) F FIN-stp/sc; A vie-BOH.
ITALY(Bowen) A rom s fre F tys-nap(NSO)(d,r tus,OTB).
RUSSIA(Woodson) A MOS-stp(S A LVN); A SIL s A pru-ber; A rum-GAL; F AEG-ion; A PRU-ber;

FALL 1908 is due SEPT 24. The F/E/A/R draw failed 3y,3n. Proposed for next season are F/E/A/R and F/E draws. NVR is YES.

press

MOSCOW-GM: A game opening with no Mad players! If I had the time I'd sign up. All the games in my zine have been infiltrated by these things.

MOSCOW-ALL SUBSCRIBERS: Sign up now! An opportunity like this isn't likely to come up again.

BURNSVILLE-MOSCOW: We have arrived in the United States and have based ourselves in this dull unpretentious ~~Windsor~~ Twin Cities suburb. We understand that the woman Petersen is now in close contact with the GM(shudder) and the task will not be easy. It would be much easier to kill her.

MOSCOW-BURNSVILLE: No! We need her alive. Start the operation today.

BURNSVILLE-MOSCOW: Da!

GMN(E)-SEEC EX(R): We have the great pleasure of hanging the dreaded Aries in your game. He is on show in St. Georgeburg, of course, the only way you'll get to see the frozen blow hard is to let me have Moscow. Is that too much to ask?

SOMEWHERE OFF THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE BOARD: Russian commandos finally arrived in the "Great White North" only to discover the ARIES has died! It seems that the volume of propaganda flowing out of Moscow to him was too much to handle. The Press War has been won! When asked about what the "Great White North" was like, the returning soldiers said nothing (gasp!).

MOSCOW: Unaware of the victory in the Press War, the team of undercover agents sent to kidnap the woman Frauke Petersen returned in shame emptyhanded. After setting up shop in the inconspicuous suburb of Burnsville, the men waited until the subject and the GM (shudder!) were not together. This took great patience, but the time came when she was at the local university for a sports tryout. Normally, the GM (shudder!) would also have been there, but he took a trio to the local House of Hanson (obviously another of his many (gasp!) aliases) for some beer. Unfortunately, our brave men were not familiar with volleyball and were shocked by the velocity that the balls were propelled by Petersen and her cohorts, that they assumed that it must have been a new super-weapon being developed by the GM (shudder!) and ARIES (gasp!). Rather than face such destruction, they fled in their "Sea Harrier Jump Jets," only to find (to their great relief) that the war was over. They were hailed as heroes for their judgement in not starting another war.

MOSCOW-GM: You sold my orders for Frueh? I think they must have been worth more than that!

GM-MOSCOW: Actually, not...

DEAR PLAYERS

GAMES ONLY ARE BEING SENT OUT NOW...ANNIVERSARY ISSUE IS TAKING LONGER THAN I

THOUGHT. IT SHOULD FOLLOW IN A WEEK OR TWO. DEADLINE IS MOVED BACK TO SEPT 24

TO FIT MY SCHOOL SCHEDULE. LIFE IS QUITE HECTIC AT MOMENT. KEEP THOSE CARDS

AND LETTERS COMING.

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NO CALLS AFTER 10 PM WEEKNITES!

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F-Let Russ Rusnak assume the new country of Scruffy land. To be made up of three non-supply center spaces of Russ's choosing ((sea spaces, or spaces which used to be dots)) These spaces then become his home supply centers. He may build his choice of units on his three chosen centers ((If passed this will only happen if Russ wants to. Before, I disallowed a rule to state a specific standby player but I changed my mind. If anyone objects, let me know (NOW, not after Russ joins and screws you) Russ's units would start in summer 02 and therefore be +2))

G-Rescind Technology Rule

H-All fleets become armies and vice versa ((which means if you aren't on the coast you wither drown or get plucked off the board by Brux))

I-All future proposals pass

K-All spades are adjacent to all other spaces

L-Osuch's name shall rhyme with "Sausage"

((Now now boys, let's get serious)) ((L is about as enforceable as the bill some state legislature (AL, I think) passed saying that $\pi=4$, but it's legal))

I'm going to put the deadline on election night, November 2. That gives you about 2 weeks I think. If that's not enough, let me know before the deadline. It's cutting it close already so I won't be able to lax too much on it. Send your orders now and make it easy for me. COAs Barno: Box 1153, 25 Andrews Mem. Dr., Rochester, NY 14623 I think Osuch is back home by now, but I'm not certain.

PRESS:

ANK-M: Why not have your toadies type up their press in a neat and distinct manner, like this, and then cut it out and paste it, like Martin used to do? Saves time. They do have Scotch Brand Tape up there, don't they? And scissors?

DEAR LONE SUBMITTER: On your knees you whimpering oaf. Groveling for press is beneath 1% of the hoppy and we're that 1%. We'd only grovel beneath Kathy Byrne to be pressed. Even this press is too lowly to pass for grovel..

ANK -MOS: We're allies but one more joke like that last bundh and you're a dead man!

DISINTERESTED PARTY: All the good press goes to Linsey. He likes to type it. ((and gives you free issues for it to boot))

ANOTHER PARTY: It doesn't matter, you'd just scrawl it anyhow, Mark. Have they gotten the Beatles up in Anchorage yet? "I am the Walrus".. "Yellow Kayak"...."Day Sledder" ...totally awesome tunes. Somthin' to jam to.

COMMUNIST PARTY: Sorry, we don't believe in form over content

TORTURE THE LOO: Write a ton of press and demand that he handwrite Benzene.

KZOO-ANCH: That's why it's a myth ((Ah...))

FUTURE MYTH 2: ...Waving to the throng of newpollaks, newly elected dictator John Michalski tookover the reigns of Newpoland (formerly the USA) and declared everyone free and wealthy and shot at sunrise...

SMOKEY SAYS: Only you can prevent Benzene

KZOO: Hey Lew if you're not busy Oct 16 come to Kazoo for a Diplomacy session. You can stay over at my house bring your "teddy," the pink one.

((funny you should mention that but I'm spending my Oct 16 typing this zeen, I tried calling but you must have gone out for pizza or something. Quote of the page: "isn't that a long walk?" --Andy Lischett))

No thanks to John Michalski for submitting standby orders. We're still soliciting standbys, by the way.

I think that's everything.

ANOTHE R QUOTE: "Plus he doesn't know his ass from his elbow when it comes to GMing ethics" --Bruce Linsey