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Red - DW #30 and Arda #9 both look just fine to me...

RE: Dip Con -

- ① I will put in the MDG bid for Dip Con 83
- ② I will accept nomination for Comm. of 1-2-3.

Hub's been informed, as has Fred. I'll be putting out a formal letter later this week on it.

I've written Fred about the chances for setting up an FTF board game at Oregon's during our copious free time. I'd like to get you, Lew and Fred together at a minimum (plus enough to fill the board, of course) and just might design something for the occasion. Comments? Yours,
Glenn

Opening Guns

"O.K. Overby. Burnout issue, you say? Whaddaya think you're doing, anyhow, making some kinda sick joke?"

Would that I were.

The only difference between yours truly and 98% of the guys who've "burned out" over the 20 years of postal Diplomacy is that I may still be around to talk about it.

I urge everyone to read my short piece on page 2 of this issue. It conveys quite well where I've been, why I was late...and maybe it'll keep somebody someday from traveling the road I've just been down. If you think it's any good, permission to reprint is specifically granted.

Now for an important announcement--

DEADLINE for ALL GAMES IN THIS ISSUE -- May 15th, 1982 at 11:59 pm EDT.

Good News and Bad News Dept.

The good news is, of course, that JIHAD is alive and well, and living at a new address in Detroit.

The bad news is that I've had to reduce my gameload in order to ensure the zine's survival, both economically and in terms of time I spend on it. With this issue, I'm reducing my gameload by 25% as follows:

1979 HW, fortunately, is ending of its own accord.

1981 N is being transferred through the U.S. Orphan Service.

Both Kingmaker games have been placed with Roy Henricks of Envoy, who will be trying to farm them out to his stable of guest GMS.

AMF 81 will be transferred if and only if I can find a GM to run it. They're hard to find, though.

Since the three PAX games are proceeding merrily along on a schedule different from the main zine, this means that I'll only be looking at 12 games in each issue of JIHAD (plus the one that Mother's running in FWO) which should prove to be a more manageable load.

I can't begin to express how much it hurts to transfer any games... but I feel that it's in the best interests of everyone who plays here to take this step. This way, all the games will be completed (instead of abandoned) and JIHAD will live long and prosper, bringing more games to more people over the long haul.

I will, of course, negotiate financial adjustments on request.

Please accept my sincere apology for all that's gone wrong.

Changes of Address

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Dan R. Wilson - PO Box 18826, San Antonio, TX 78218 (lots of games)
Steven Duerr - 8315 University Ave, La Mesa, CA 92041 (" " " ")

Standbys

I'm in the process of updating my standby lists. Variant standbys, in particular, are desperately needed--if you want a position, several are available in this issue. Just see which ones you want, and contact me.

Any subscribers out there going to Origins/DipCon in Baltimore in July?
If so, let me know. We might arrange some kind of get-together.

Burnout In The First Person

A lot of people toss the word "burnout" around as part of the standard hobby jargon. Everybody knows what it means--some guy gets involved with Dippy, adds more and more to his involvement, gets overloaded, and drops out of sight, leaving a trail of NMRs/orphans/bad feelings in his wake.

But that's not what burnout means to me any more. I've been there. I didn't fit the classic pattern, though--because I'm still here, active in the hobby, and willing to talk about it. Most of those who burn out are never heard from again.

Let me tell you about burnout.

It starts with good intentions--nobody deliberately sets off on this course. The hobby is fun, and addictive. It's easy to get involved, if you really want to, and tie up as much of your time as you desire. And then some.

Sometimes (I know I did) you'll even get lots of helpful advice. "Don't try to do everything at once." "I never run more than X games." "You'll get more out of each game you play if you don't play so many." And so on and so forth.

You hear the advice, and you look over your schedule. "Well, I can handle this much..." and off you go. Things are fine for a while.

Then something changes--old Murphy resurrects his Law, and some of your time/money/desire starts to disappear.

Gradually time begins to fly. Your systems for meeting deadlines break down, and NMRs show up--or your zine grows late. When your hobby friends ask after you, it's "It'll be all right," or "Everything's OK now," or it's a set of excuses. It doesn't really matter which.

But the devastating part hasn't come yet. All of this is cumulative.

"It'll be all right" is the beginning of the end, if you have to repeat it much. You start to lose your positions in games for multiple NMRs. You wind up not delivering writings you promised. If you publish or GM, your zine/results get later and later.

And because this is all the product of good intentions, you start to feel embarrassed...and, eventually, ashamed. You become afraid to talk to even your friends, because you've let them down and you don't think they'll understand. You've made your commitments, you've failed to live up to them, and you feel like you look like the biggest liar on the planet.

It's a cycle that starts feeding on itself...eventually, the hobby press will begin to help it along...until, finally, the easiest thing to do is drop the whole thing and walk away.

My personal story ends before the last line. I've been lucky--even during the worst of it all, I've had friends sticking their necks out for me, and most of what's been written has been pretty favorable. Most people aren't that fortunate.

I think the story behind the burnout story is this: Burnout starts the moment you get down on yourself. Other causes may trigger this feeling, or egg it along, but this is the key first step.

I didn't think it could happen to me, but it did. Heaven forbid that I--or anyone else who reads this--should cause this to happen to anyone.

Especially oneself.

1981 C "The Press Game" Fall, 1904

Byrne Byrnes Some More; Up To 11 Dots. First NMR Of Game Serious, But By No Means Fatal. Only The Limeys Continue To Slide To Oblivion.

Austria (Kathy Byrne): a tyo-MUN; a BOH s a tyo-mun; a ven-PIE; a gal-UKR; a bud-GAL; a SER s a rum; a BUL-con; a RUM s Russian f bla-sev (not so ordered); f ion-AEG.

England (Arturo Guajardo): Retreats a bel-pic. a PIC s f mid-bre; a EDI s German f hol-nth (impossible); f mid-BRE; f lon-ENG.

France (Al Pearson): f iri-LPL; a spa-POR; a bre*holds; a mar-SPA; a BUR-ruh.

Germany (Jack Masters): N.M.R. a BEL, f HOL, f DEN, a NWY, a ber*, a RUH all hold.

Italy (Gerald Carne): a TUN holds.

Russia (Keith Mercer): f NTH-edi; a SMY s f bla-con; a arm-SEV; f bla-CON; a ukr-WAR; a pru-BER; a SIL s a pru-ber; a fin-SWE; a STP holds.

Supply Center Chart

- Austria bud tri vie gre ser bul nap rom ven mun rum (11) build 2
England edi lon ~~lpl~~ ~~bre~~ (3) remove 1
France ~~lpl~~ mar par spa por lpl (5) even
Germany ~~kie~~ ~~hol~~ ~~den~~ bel nwy (5) even
Italy tun (1) even
Russia mos sev stp war ~~sm~~ ~~con~~ ank ber swe (9) even

German a ber disbands; France must retreat a bre to gas, par or otb. Will Michael Whitty, 2510 Leon, Austin, TX 78705 please stand by for Germany?

Winter 1904/Spring 1905 orders due by next deadline. Press follows.

London to Paris - Al, old buddy, let's let bygones be bygones. Just to show you what a pal I am, I'll let you walk into Liverpool.

Foolish Frenchie to Artful Austrian - What do you mean I told you Mercer was going after you? Do you think Mercer confides anything in me? It seems once again you are trying to justify one of your stabs by blaming someone who couldn't have anything to do with it.

Austria to Russia - I really hope you gave me one more chance like you promised. I really needed the time to get into position. I try not to do these things, but I get these overpowering urges and besides Al encourages me!

1981 C to 1981 AQ - Quantity can never make up for quality.

Damsel to Rusty - Why do I get the feeling we are doing this wrong? I thought the knight was supposed to save the damsel, not the Damsel rescue the Rusty Knight!

Hazel Park to Damsel - He told you he was Rusty...

Austria to Russia - Why do I get this feeling you're going to be mad at me? Remember all's fair in Diplomacy, especially if you get stuck with stinky Austria. And it's even worse if you get stuck with Austria and Mercer, Pearson, Black Jack and Arturo are in the game. I mean, after all, I'm only a novice!

Hazel Park - No comment.

Friendly Al to Any Friend - Won't anybody help me direct my units? I obviously don't know what I'm doing. How about a scholarship to the Flushing School of Diplomatic Tactics?

1981 C to Mensa Menagerie - Dummy up eggheads and play.

Hazel Park to Writer of Above - OK. We'll have one of the "eggheads" stand by here, just to make you happy. PS--I don't like that word.

LIES to Verheiden - But that isn't what you told us!

London to Tunis - Never fear, I'm coming to the rescue.

Austria to Tunis - Would you like me to bring you a light? I could flick my Bic! Don't worry, it might take a while, but I'll come visit you with my lighter and Blueberry Whip!

- London to Verheiden - I don't plan to go down gracefully. I plan to fuss, bitch, p--s and moan.
- Austria to Eric Verheiden - That's the first time anyone ever said I have expertise - they usually just call me insane! Is that the same thing?
- Paris to London - Stab? What stab? I doubt the two of us did each other any harm. Let's see what these other guys have in mind.
- London to Vienna - I hope you take this game, and I hope you'll let me know if I can help. That way I can show Kaiser Black Jack what I think of his "New" Calhamer Point system. If you go ahead of me in the ratings, more power to you, my dear. You're a super player. As for myself, I'm destined to return to total obscurity--where I belong.
- London to Berlin - I hope that you appreciate my support into North Sea. I had hoped to rename it the English Lake, but that seems like a pipe dream now.
- Austria to France - Don't get nervous - I'm just trying to keep you honest. I wouldn't want you slipping behind my lines, that's a very nasty thing to do.
- Paris to Rome - When I had German units in Burgundy, I thought fleets were not as useful as armies, so, if nobody minds, give me some centers and I'll build some fleets; somebody will have to be a naval power.
- Hazel Park - True. I've never seen a midgame so empty of fleets--only ONE fleet in the entire Mediterranean??
- London to St. Petersburg - Don't ask me how I knew. I just guessed. I figured either you or Al would get a center from me. Since you stabbed first, you lose. I'll give Al some grief later, maybe in Brest.

1981 AQ (Mensa #14) Winter, 1902
Spring, 1903

- Austria (Mark Larzelere; resigns): Remove f alb. a tri*s a vie-bud; a vie*bud.
- England (Pete Gaughan): Even. f NTH-hol; f ska-DEN; f NWG-nwy; a YOR commences annual Officers' Solitaire Tourney.
- France (Mike Casucci): Retreats a mun-boh, even. f BEL-hol; a BUR-bel; a PAR-bur; a MAR s a par-bur; f wes-TUN; a BOH s Italian a bud-vie.
- Germany (Errol Platt): N.B.R., plays one short. N.M.R. a MUN, a RUH, f HOL, f KIE all hold.
- Italy (Peter Simpson): Retreats f gre-aeg, removes f nap. a bud-VIE; a ven-TRI; a TYO s a ven-tri; f aeg*smy.
- Russia (Michael Whitty): Even. a FIN-nwy; a gal-BUD; a RUM s a gal-bud; f SWE s German f kie-den (not so ordered); f SEV s a rum; a ukr-GAL.
- Turkey (Paul Larsen): Build f smy, f con. f SMY s f con-seg; f con-AEG; a SER s Russian a gal-bud; a GRE s a ser; a BUL s a ser; f BLA s a bul.

Italy must retreat f aeg to eas, ion or otb. I would not normally call for a standby for the two-center Austria, thus the position passes to CD and both units disband.

Will Rick Slaughter, Holiday Estates #3, Flora, IL 62839 please stand by for Germany?

Fall 1903 orders due by next deadline. Press follows.

Ankara - The Sultan today formally requested an apology from the Italians for plotting against Turkish interests. The Sultan himself asked, "Why did you do it, Umberto?"

STUD Service - Infuriated by premature reports of Austria's downfall and the Russian liberation of Hungary, the Tsar placed the blame on Marshal of the Army Mikhail Whitski and his staff for poorly planning the Balkan Campaign of 1902. The Tsar immediately broke off the engagement of Marshal Whitski to the Tsar's daughter, Princess Anesthesia, and demoted Whitski to a captain. Captain Whitski then requested, and was granted, service on the Galician front. Princess Anesthesia broke down in tears when told the news. "I shall never take any man as my husband but Mikhail!" wept the Princess as she was comforted by her good friend, ne-Baron Umfried von Dalrymple of Hesse.

Dublin (Royal Information Press) - Prime Minister Gaughan has been busy this week trying to prepare arrangements for the British delegation to the funeral of Austria-Hungary's emperor, Mark IV. Fortunately the body has not yet been located, so the delegation, which will include 15 former P.M.s (all from the Opposition), has plenty of time.

Hazel Park to Dublin - Better hurry...

Paris (PFI) - Emperor Michel Napoleon I today welcomed with open arms the diplomatic mission sent by King Umberto of Italy. He privately thanked the King for not sending Princess Trollina and her entourage. "My wife, the Empress, would not understand the necessity of having another beautiful woman around the palace."

This mission signifies a new era in Franco-Italian relations. "As I have said in the past, the Franco-Italian alliance is the only natural alliance in Europe. Umberto, my friend, your wine supply is assured."

Virginia Beach to Pam - Just noticed the cover of JIHAD #16. Air Force? Blecch!

Antarctica (R.I.P.) - Royal Chief Astronomer John Oxbridge has informed H.R.H. King Edward that the recent "broadcasts" from Mars are indeed authentic, as Prof. Edwin Ransom has already publicly surmised. However, Ransom has disappeared, and all other Martian experts in the U.K. with him. A house-to-house search is being conducted in an unnamed village where the Cambridge don was last seen; the village reportedly is the same one which reported five UFOs last week, though Oxbridge vigorously denies any connection.

London (R.I.P.) - The King today removed John Oxbridge from his post as Royal Chief Astronomer. No replacement has been announced.

France 1981 AQ to France 1981 C - No matter what, mon ami, watch the Hun. In any game they are "un tas de fumier."

Petrograd - In an official announcement, the Tsar declared his full support for Tunisian independence. "The King of Tunis is the only government of Tunis that Russia will ever recognize," declared the Tsar, "and he shall receive the full support of Russia's forces in North Africa! LONG LIVE INDEPENDENT TUNISIA!"

Hazel Park, relaying Tunisian radio message - There goes the neighborhood! Marseilles (FROGI) - Reports persist of a German-Austrian alliance, with the possible installation of a German puppet government in Vienna. The reports do not state whether the puppet will be Howdy Doody or Knucklehead Smith.

Constantinople and Smyrna (Turkish Royal Press) - Two new Turkish fleets were unveiled today as a signal to the world of the sincerity of the Turkish "clean the seas" campaign. Since the Turkish fleet was so successful in cleaning the Black (sic) Sea, the Sultan ordered the new fleets to do the same to any other nearby dirty sea.

STUD Service - Budapest was finally liberated by Russian troops this spring, and leading the way was a platoon commanded by the former Marshal of the Army, Captain Mikhail Whitski. "I just wanted to prove I could do it," Whitski reportedly remarked. The captain was commended for his bravery and was immediately summoned to Petrograd. There, he was reinstated as Marshal of the Army and the Tsar announced his consent for Whitski to marry Princess Anesthesia. "That's a my boy!" the Tsar said in praise of his newly rehabilitated future son-in-law.

Bainbridge (R.I.P.) - The Officers' Club here has challenged the Yorkshire base to a poker tournament, since, according to Lieutenant Billy Wickham, "It seems they won't be shovin' off for a couple years now. We should clean up."

Yorkshire to Bainbridge - Shut up and deal!

Paris (PFI) - The Emperor today thanked the government of Great Britain for its support of the recent French liberation of Belgium from the oppressive Hun. "Germany is a threat to the stability of Europe," stated the Emperor. "If England and France continue to work together, instead of against each other, by 1939 Germany should be a respected member of the European community."

Paris to Moscow - It was nice talking to you, Mikhail. I have been delinquent in writing you. Let's correspond more in the future.

London to Munich - Sie werden schon in der Überleben, weil sie einen Handel mit dem Teufel angeschlossen haben!

Admiral Bryxtil Quomquat, commander of the Martian Expeditionary Force, to Helium HQ, Mars - The M.E.F. successfully landed on the planet Htrae with a minimum of complications. As per instructions, we landed in the center of the continent upon which the most warlike nations have been detected. Our exact landing site was not within one of those nations, but within a neutral nation with rugged, mountainous terrain. The high altitude and low atmospheric pressure gave the troops the best chance of adjusting to the new planet. However, the gravity of Htrae is higher than that of Mars, and until our motorized vehicles are completely assembled, we are only sending out a few scouting missions. Our landing site is in a secluded valley, but one of our scouts did discover a Htraeling. The creature resembled a Martian in build and size, but his pale complexion was foreign to the black, green and red races of Mars. The Htraeling was dressed in a white shirt, green short pants held up by red suspenders, and a green felt hat. When he spotted our scout, he cried out "Yodel-odel-ay-ee-oo!" which must have been a warning to his fellow creatures. Unfortunately, the Htraeling escaped our scout, who was handicapped by the higher gravity. We are keeping a close watch for any attacks by the alien creatures. All else is going as planned. -- Admiral Quomquat, commanding.

Serbia - The peasants again rejoiced today at the establishment of "Serbia Day." On this newly proclaimed holiday all workers are given a paid vacation from work, and are allowed to do anything they want within the law. Every citizen is also given the responsibility to tell the Sultan by letter any suggestions he might have to better the Republic. There were no riots, but a few hangings were reported.

Ankara (TRP) - The Sultan today dispatched the Italian ambassador back to his "vile piece of ground he has deluded himself to call home."

Geneva - The Swiss Astronomical Telescope Team (SWAT Team) reported that several meteorites were seen crashing down in a remote part of the Alps. The SWAT Team was sent to investigate, but reported seeing nothing but funny-looking cone-shaped ski condominiums inhabited by green-, red-, and black-skinned tourists who didn't move around much.

Cork (R.I.P.) - Home Secretary Win O'Wicklow today met with the press. His main statement read: "If we do not solve the problem of undocumented Italians by tighter Coast Guard patrols, we will simply bomb New York and Rome. In that order, by the way, since everyone knows there are more Italians in New York."

Paris (PPI) - The leading chefs of France today greeted their English counterparts. "The French people love that traditional English meal, poisson et pommes frites. The only reason 'Le Quotidiens Mensonge' is published is to wrap them in," stated head chef Henri Fricasse.

Zines of Interest

DIPLOMACY WORLD #30 is out, and the new editorial team definitely seems to have a good thing going. Of course, I should like this issue, as my Woolworth Diplomacy II variant is published for the first time therein. (Aside to Dave Carter--I hope you'll make your new section in Sleepless Knights a W.D. II--if you need copies, just shout.) There is, as usual, a wide variety of stuff in DW, of which Dennis Duncan's excellent piece on telephone Dip was perhaps the best.

ARDA #9 has also been released. This zine is the official publication of the North American Variant Banks, and is the best source of current information on the variant subhobby--though I try hard!

Both of these zines are available from R.C. Walker, "alcala", 1273 Crest Dr, Encinitas, CA 92024. Diplomacy World is a quarterly, with subs at \$6.00 per year. Arda is an irregular publication, costing 5¢ per side plus postage--average about 60¢ per issue. I'd suggest sending about \$3, and Rod will do the bookkeeping.

1979 HW

AUSTRIA WINS

Fall, 1909

The Party Finally Ends In Marseilles

Austria (Tom Thornsen): f lyo-MAR; a PIE s f lyo-mar; f TYH-wes; f ION-tyh; f TUN s f tyh-wes; a SIL-mun; a BOH s a sil-mun; a TYO s a sil-mun; a GAL s a war; a UKR s a mos; a rum-SEV; f con-AEG; a ANK holds; a WAR holds; a MOS holds.

France (Keith Mercer): f SPA(sc)-wes; a POR-spa; f cly-EDI; a LON para-troops to Ankara (impossible).

Germany (Kevin Mooney): a STP s a lvn; a LVN s a pru; a PRU s a lvn; a BER s a mun; a KIE s a mun; a MUN holds; f NAF-tun; f MID-wes; a GAS s French f spa(sc)-mar (not so ordered); f ENG-mid; a edi-YOR; a BUR s French f spa(sc)-mar (not so ordered).

Italy a mar*holds and votes YESYESYESYESYESYESYESYESYESYESYESYES (drunk again).

Turkey (Steve D'Alessandro): no units on board.

Supply Center Chart

Table with 4 columns: Country, Units, Status, and Notes. Includes Austria (18) WINS, France (5) build 1, Germany (11) remove 1, Italy (0) OUT, Turkey (0) OUT.

Congratulations to Tom Thornsen for a hard-fought win...and to Kevin Mooney and a bunch of loyal standbys for playing to the bitter end.

Endgame statements should be submitted by next deadline; the final wrapup will be in JIHAD #21.

1980 KW

THE ANIMALS GROW MORE

Fall, 1905

Bear and Frogs Expand

England (Ron Kelly): N.M.R. f lon*holds.

France (Ned Nichols): f eng-LON; a YOR s f eng-lon; f spa(sc)-MID; f lyo-SPA(sc); a MAR holds; a BUR holds.

Germany (Steve D'Alessandro): N.M.R. f EDI, a KIE, a MUN, a BER, f DEN all hold.

Italy (Deane Sperdakos): f wes-TUN; f TYH s f wes-tun; a rom-TUS; a VEN s a rom-tus; a TRI s a ven.

Russia (Steven Duerr): f NWG-edi; f BAL c a swe-pru; a swe-PRU; a nwy-SWE; a SIL-ber; a vie-BUD; a SER-gre; f BUL(ec) holds; a smy-ANK; a RUM s f bul(ec).

Turkey (Debbie Osborne): Retreats a bul-con. f BLA c a ank-sev; a ank-SEV; a CON s a gre-bul; a GRE-bul; a tus*rom; f tun*holds.

Supply Center Chart

Table with 4 columns: Country, Units, Status, and Notes. Includes England (0) OUT, France (8) build 2, Germany (6) build 1; no room, Italy (5) even, Russia (11) build 1, Turkey (4) remove 2.

Turkey must retreat a tus to pie or otb, and f tun to ion, naf or otb. Will Mike Steagall, 8837 Ellenwood Circle, Spring Valley, CA 92077 please stand by for Germany?

Steven Duerr and Ned Nichols have COAs on page 1. Winter 1905/Spring 1906 orders due by next deadline.

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Number Six

From Women Only is a subxyn of JIHAD, devoted to the open discussion of female perspectives in the postal Diplomacy hobby. It is edited by Jeri and Pamela Overby, and is available only through subscription to JIHAD.

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For those of you who are actually keeping track of our game - all both of you - here's the last game report from FWO 5 1/2, which went out with Glenn's PAX earlier this month.

Scorpio - 1981 HT
 Fall 1901

- AUSTRIA (Gaughan): a SER s f alb-gre; f alb-GRE; a VIE-gal.
- ENGLAND (Peery): f NTH c a edi-bel; a edi-BEL; f nwg-NWY.
- FRANCE (Bragg): a BUR-mun; f mid-POR; a SPA-mar.
- GERMANY (Wilson): a RUH-mun; f HOL s English a edi-bel; a kie-DEN.
- ITALY (White): f ion-TUN; a ven-TRI; a PIE-mar.
- RUSSIA (Caruso): a WAR-gal; a ukr-RUM; f BLA-ank; f bot-SWE.
- TURKEY (Anderson): a BUL holds; f con-AEG; a SMY-ank.

- AUS ~~ZzZ~~, Vie, Bud, Gre, Ser (4) build 1
- ENG Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nwy, Bel (5) build 2
- FRA Par, Mar, Bre, Spa, Por (5) build 2
- GER Kie, Ber, Mun, Hol, Den (5) build 2
- ITA Rom, Ven, Nap, Tri, Tun (5) build 2
- RUS StP, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Swe (6) build 2
- TUR Ank, Con, Smy, Bul (4) build 1

The deadline for the next orders (Winter 1901) is May 1, 1982.

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Well, here we are together again. Sorry we got everything so messed up. We'll try not to let it happen again.

Pam is engaged to Ronald Padavan--a master sergeant in the Air Force. You ask, "Is this the same one?" Of course not. That's just one of the more chaotic happenings around here. I'm certain Glenn has mentioned a few others. There is never a dull moment at our house.

We are in the process of moving to our new apartment at the Belcrest. I'll never have to worry about getting the grass cut or the snow shoveled again. Wonderful! Also--wedding plans are taking shape for a November 6th wedding. I've earned a lot more gray hairs, so the next time any of you see me they'll all be white.

We're getting ready for another MichiCon, too. I'm still running the auction, so if any of you want to work let me know right away. There's an auction each day and you get free admission (normally \$14) for the entire con by working one shift. It's a chance to meet other nice ~~people~~/gamers, too.

That's all for now. Glenn's keeping everything short this month...

Jeri

Well, I didn't really mean you had to keep it THAT short...

Second Annual Freshman Class--Class of '81--Poll Results

Rank	Zine	SubZ	Name	Rating	Votes
1			EUROPA EXPRESS	8.24	34
2			Sleepless Knights	8.18	22
3			The Schemer	7.08	13
		1	From Women Only	7.00	4
4			Irksome	7.00	23
		1	Phyllis' Pyramid	7.00	4
4			Tacky	7.00	6
6			Give Me A Weapon	6.50	28
7			Paranoiacs' Monthly	6.47	17
8			Dot Happy	6.33	30
		3	Diplomatic Immunity	6.22	9
9			Coat of Arms	6.14	22
		4	Magnificent 7	6.00	4
10			Anduin	5.90	20
		5	The Snake Pit	5.88	8
11			Great War In Modern Memory	5.80	20
			Y'All	5.77	13
12			Erebor	5.27	15
		6	Bersaglieri	5.17	12
			Peek	5.14	14
		7	East of Eden	5.06	16
		8	Ace In The Hole	5.00	13
13			The White Duke	4.86	21
14			Klepto Mania	4.00	8
15			The Chamber	3.67	27

Publications_Named_on_Less_than_10%_of_Ballots (44 total, 4.4 rounded to 4)

- 10: Kathy's Korner
- 9: Woodpecker
- 8.5: Snafu
- 8: Blarney Stone
- 7: Diplomacy by Moonlight, Magus, Winsome/Losesome
- 6: Grab Dots, Scotch Brand Tape, Stab Is A Four Letter Word, Wry Me
- 5.5: Dobson St. Conspiracy, Pax, Reborn to Dip, Russ-Q
- 5: Toxic Shock Syndrome
- 4.5: Benzene
- 3.67: Navel Orange
- 1: Born to Dip

NOTE: There are a number of ineligible publications listed in this second section. All votes received were tallied, eligible or no.

Egads! Thanks to generous publicity from several of my fellow pubbers, the number of people voting this year jumped nearly 150%.
 Congratulations to Gary Coughlan on his well-deserved #1 ranking, and to Dave Carter who almost beat him out of it.

I'll save most of my pungent comments for next issue, as 17 (!) commentators put their 2¢ worth in on the Class of '81.

Game Openings

I don't have any right now. If I announced one, I'd be lynched--and rightly so.

As games end in the main zine, though, I will consider opening games on a 1 opening for 2 ending basis, gradually bringing the old gameload down a bit more.

I'm accepting suggestions for games to run, especially different Dip variants. I may start a waiting list or two next month, if I hear from all you subscribers out there. All ideas are welcome.

1981 HG

WHAT? NO PRESS?

Fall, 1902

- Austria (Rick Slaughter): f gre-ALB; a ser-TRI; a BUD s a ser-tri; a VIE s a ser-tri.
- England (John Chisholm): f SWE holds; f NWY-stp(nc); f nth-LON; f ENG-mid; a BEL s German a bur.
- France (Pete Gaughan): Retreats a bur-pic. f SPA(sc)-mid; f mid-BRE; a PIC s f mid-bre; a PAR s f mid-bre; a gas-MAR.
- Germany (Debbie Osborne): a BUR holds; a MUN s a bur; a ber-SIL; a DEN holds; f kie-BAL.
- Italy (Mike Maston): N.M.R. a TYO, a VEN, a tri*, f ION, f TUN all hold.
- Russia (Greg Murray): Retreats f swe-bot. a BOH-vie; a war-GAL; a sev-RUM; a UKR s a sev-rum; f BOT-stp(sc).
- Turkey (Dan Wilson): f ank-BLA; f aeg-ION; a rum*s a bul-ser; a bul-SER.

Supply Center Chart

Austria	bud vie gre gre <u>tri</u>	(4) even
England	edi lon lpl bel nwy <u>swe</u>	(6) build 1
France	par mar bre spa por	(5) even
Germany	mun kie ber hol den	(5) even
Italy	nap rom ven ven <u>tun</u>	(4) even
Russia	stp mos war sev sev rum	(5) even
Turkey	ank con smy bul <u>ser</u>	(5) build 1

Italian a tri is annihilated; Turkey must retreat a rum to bul or otb. Dan Wilson has an address change on page 1.

Will Michael Spink, 53 Pin Oak Hills, Wheeling, WV 26003 please stand by for Italy?

Winter 1902/Spring 1903 orders due by next deadline. No press.

1980 IF

WHAT A TIME TO N.M.R.!

Spring, 1906

New "G/I Bill" Invades France As Kiel Falls

- England (Dan Wilson): a EDI-lpl; f den-KIE.
- France (Alan Dickinson): N.M.R. f MAR, f ENG, a PIC, a BEL, f LON, a LPL, a PAR, f NWG all hold.
- Germany (Keith Mercer): a ruh-BUR; a MUN s a ruh-bur; a HOL-bel; a PIE-mar.
- Italy (John Daly): f tyh-LYO; f wes-MID; f ven-APU; f tri-ADR; a ser-TRI; a vie-BOH; a BUD-gal; a GAL-ukr.
- Russia (Roy Henricks): a SEV s a war-ukr; a WAR-ukr; a SIL-war; f NWY s English f den-nth (not so ordered); a SWE s f nwy; a STP holds.
- Turkey (Al Pearson): a smy-ARM; a RUM s Italian a gal-ukr; a BUL s a rum; f GRE s a bul; f con-BLA; f ION wonders how it ever got here.

Will John Chisholm, 119 Bay State Rd, Boston, MA 02215 please stand by for France?

Fall 1906 orders due by next deadline. Press follows.

Hazel Park - Dan Wilson has an address change! on page 1.

E.L.O. to S.K. - Or maybe you meant my offensive was magic; hm, I have heard of increased druid activity in northern England.

Germany to England - So I have underestimated you. It shall have a definite outcome in this game because I now prefer to see France slowed down more than you. Good luck.

Ankara to Rome - As has been said many times before, Go West, young man!

England to France - I do hope we think alike more often, especially in regard to my home supply center (singular!). If you don't protect your home front right away, Germany and Italy will eat you up. We can't have that happen at all.

Ankara - Sultan Al-Said, Sultan of All the Turks and some various other assorted refugees, announced a new military policy--"Strength through Stupidity." Al-Said told reporters, "The game was getting too stale; I thought I would liven it up." When a reporter asked if the Sultan wasn't just covering up for an expansionist policy aimed at Russia, Al-Said retorted, "Says who?"

Germany to the French Fertilizer Manufacturer - A Surrender? I'm afraid this word does not appear in any of our dictionaries. Besides, why declare war on me now since I did have Brest at a much earlier date and it didn't seem to bother the French government then, why let Piedmont bother you now? Oh well, to war we go.

English L.O. to Sour Kraut ((Hazel Park here--I think I reversed the order of two releases)) - No, no, you've got it all wrong; that's not D & D, it is B & D and it very readily describes my (and many others) offensive against you. In easy to understand terms, it is your bondage and my domination. And you're very welcome, it was either help France out or have him help me out--right out of the game! But that now seems to be your future, doesn't it? Hm, from Hapsburger with cheese to Knockwurst with beer.

Ankara to Berlin - Looks like you could use some help, my lad. Would a couple of units moving north from my position help? Let me know if this helps pay off my debt.

England to Russia - You can no longer afford to join in any action in the North. Your southern provinces are under heavy siege and may fall if you don't do something about it. John and Al seem to have teamed up against you. I do appreciate the help you gave me, but it will be all for naught if you don't protect yourself.

1981 HR (Mensa #15)

Spring, 1902

Gee, Isn't A Lepanto Fun!?! Balkan Morass Sees Two Armies Annihilated.

Austria (Larry McCloud): a BUD-rum; a ser-BUL; f GRE s a ser-bul;
a gal*s a bud-rum; a VIE s a gal.

England (Mark Warner): a yor-EDI; f edi-NWG; f bel-HOL; f NTH s f bel-hol.

France (J.R. Douglas): a SPA holds; a BUR s a par-pic; a par-PIC;
f bre-ENG.

Germany (Dan Wilson): a ber-SIL; a MUN s a ber-sil; a kie-RUH; f hol*bel.

Italy (H.D. Bassett): a TUN holds; f ion-EAS; f nap-ION; a BOH-sil.

Russia (Ronald J. Brown): f stp(nc)-NWY; f swe-DEN; a rum-GAL; f SEV-rum;
a WAR s a rum-gal; a UKR s a rum-gal.

Turkey (Lynn Cicotte): f con-AEG; f SMY s f con-aeg; a ank-CON; a bul*gre.

Austrian a gal and Turkish a bul both died horribly; Germany must retreat f hol to hel, kie or otb.

Fall 1902 orders are due by next deadline. Press follows.

London - (AAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRGGHGHGHGHGHGHGHGHGHGHGH!!) General Butterfingers, former head of the Army at Yorkshire, has been cashiered for issuing orders contrary to the spirit and well-being of his troops. His cousin, Admiral Slipshod McGraw, is relieved of his post for malfeasance, being drunk on duty, and dereliction of duty during invasion. Conspiracy is suspected with General Butterfingers--investigation continues...

TBDP 1981 HR to Petrogreed, Texas, 1981 AQ - Now ya'll just leave ole Petrograd alone, ya hear? Ifen ya'll just look long enuf, you'd see that hisn move was just a pure down-home friendly way to show he were not goin' fer me. Ole Czar Ronald and me got us this here a-gree-ment goin' to be downright neighborly to each other, so don't you go gallivantin' off at the whiskey blower makin' his moves inta sumpin' they ain't. Anywho, you got yar self a hell of a situation to worry over. Haint you got no allies a'tall?

German Ministry of War, Misinformation and Chaos - That Russian in 1981 AQ has accepted the gauntlet thrown in his face as a challenge for a Press War. His secret weapon, though, seems to be a double-edged sword. I would be willing to wager that the more heated this war gets, the more vodka he will use, and not for pen dipping either. So let's stoke the fires and set this press war to sizzling!!

Trusting Tsar to Terrible Turk - Go get 'em, tiger!
 Anonymous to Edward in London - Better lay off the Stout when doing orders.
 E.Z. One (German Intelligence) to F.F.R. (Paris) - Why Mon-sour, why didn't
 you just say so? We'd be more than happy to send you any number of
 German-speaking tour guides. The only problem is that we will probably
 have more tour guides than you have tourists. Oh well, I'm sure the
 extra troops, uh, I mean guides will be able to OCCUPY their time
 wisely.
 England to Russia - Oh, YELLOW, eh? I thought one played checkers with
 BLACK or RED pieces.
 Germany to England - I do believe your talk of pillage, torture and the
 rack has thrown the French into fits of anticipation. They even
 brought their fleet home to participate in the festivities. Shall we
 disappoint them? I think not.
 Frog to Ruddy Baron - Sticks and stones may break my bones...whatever
 happened to Gemutlichkeit?
 Anonymous - Beware of Austrian fidelity, it's like Swiss cheese!
 Berlin to Paris - Too many cooks spoil the broth.
 England to Turkey - Looks like the Russians aren't going to pay for that
 tent they ordered. Should have remembered the AFGHANS.
 TBDP (Germany) - Amazing! Four times as many Press releases last time was
 fantastic. If we keep this up, by 1904 we'll be bigger than 1981 AQ and
 1981 C combined. By that time we (all three games) will probably take
 up half the zine. I wonder what Glenn would think about a sub-zine
 named "PRESS WARS"?
 Hazel Park to TBDP - As little as possible, thank you--actually, it would
 make fun reading and horrid typing.
 Brest to Anonymous - A fowl comment!
 England to Germany - Thanks for the Belgium holiday. Perhaps I can return
 the favor someday.
 Berlin to Rome - Where, oh where is that army headed? I do thank you for
 ignoring the offered support by France, but I can only wonder where
 you are going now. You've got to admit that you did miss a golden
 opportunity to rip into Austria. I don't think I could have avoided
 the temptation. If you want proof of what Austria can do to Italy just
 look at 1981 C!
 England to France - Getting suckered twice in one turn is not the way to
 get to the top fast. NEXT time when I'm telling you I'm going to
 Belgium, you can believe me.
 Germany to Austria - Now, Larry, you shouldn't get so upset; why, it's an
 honor to be rapped like that. If you are even half as good as the
 Bloodsucker, you're a formidable opponent.
 St. Petersburg - The Tsar today witnessed the launching of a new fleet of
 ships especially designed to sail across ice. Also they are painted
 white, so as to be invisible in the fog-shrouded northern waters.
 Switzerland - This country has announced that it will renounce centuries
 of neutral tradition due to threatening moves by the German war machine
 and will declare never ending war on Germany, until they are CRUSHED.
 Holland (G) to Belgium (E) - France did not trust you at all; I did, and
 gave you support at the same time. Are you willing to stick with what
 we talked about before? I am, if I can get some reassurances from you.
 After all, word comes from all over that your long-range plans for me
 are not to my benefit.
 Munich - The English speak of waffles, but it seems they are best at
 waffling, and I don't mean the eating kind.
 Paris to Moscow - Whatever you do don't eat the lutefisk!
 Anonymous to France - Heh, Heh, Heh, Heh, HA, HA, HA, HA...
 Zebra to Turkey - OOPS! Guess who's coming to dinner?
 England to Italy - Tch, tch, tch - You sure you aren't related to my
 Gen. Butterfingers or Adm. McGraw? A target on both sides and you
 attack right up the middle. Or, maybe this is part of a Grand Strategy?
 An attack on RUS with one army seems a mite weak - but maybe they are
 especially trained for bear hunting?
 Germany to England - I still think we would have been better off if there
 were English troops in Belgium instead of Limey swabs.
 Germany to England - You See? No fleet action, just like I promised. Now,
 how about you making some promised moves? Otherwise France is talkin'
 awful nice lately.

Paris to Rome - Did you lose your Munich roadmap?
 Zebra to France - The French never could travel far--they always had to return to port for more wine.
 E.Z. One - What in the hell is this one lonely Italian army unit doing roaming around the buffer zone between Germany and Austria? They act lost. Surely they can't be on their way to attack Russia! Why, the very audacity of that action literally stuns the senses. Mon ami, I publicly salute the bravery of your forces, and offer the services of the Freud Center for Mental Illness. Maybe we can yet salvage the sanity of the unit commander.
 TBDP to Hazel Park - How come no one's run a poll on the best PRESS writers in the hobby? PRESS is just as important as play; well, almost.
 Zebra to England - What? Trouble with mutiny already?
 England to Austria - Franz, me bucko, nice moves last year; but it's an uphill struggle from now on.
 Marseilles to England - If the bear has a fleet in the Northlands we're in trouble.
 England to Russia - The build in St. Pete bodes not well for a quiet northern border. I will achieve and maintain NOR as a base!
 Paris to London - I failed pillage, but looting and burning were my strong subjects. Can I join your search for the Holy Grail?
 England to Willi - The number of rocks and "hard places" seems to abound. I'm adding another rock.
 Moscow to Rome - You could have had Trieste and Vienna by now had you written instead of wandering around in Bohemia. You're supposed to be in centres with dots in them.
 Hazel Park to Moscow - So THAT'S what I did wrong in Small World!!
 England to Turkey - Oh! My! I hope looks are deceiving.
 Anonymous - Dost I see a weak position or two? Looks like a three frontier map. I predict the demise of Turkey first, then Italy, then Germany, then England or France. Whoops!! That prediction heralds an Imperial Russian victory!!
 Warsaw to Budapest - You've an interesting way of demilitarizing Galicia. Back off or it's war!
 St. Petersburg to London - The Tsar is going on an investigative tour of Norwegian sex shops. It is his opinion that such places are not suitable for English soldiers who do not have the moral restraints of sailors. That's why he warned you about sending armies into Scandinavia. He has only your best interests at heart.
 England to France - Planning on buying a box of "munchkins" in Munich? Skiing trip, perhaps? Or just browsing?
 England to Italy - A few frontiers left unguarded, it looks like.

1981 Bpw02 (Machiavelli)

Spring, 1516

I have only one question: are you gentlemen interested in continuing this game? I only have 2 sets of orders on file (Aus/Pap).
 Yes, there have been problems--but I think that's behind us now. I want to keep this game going.
 Deadline for Spring 1516 orders is extended to May 15.

A Mighty Fortress 80

1543

This game is coming under separate cover. I just unpacked it last night from the move, and it'll take another day or two to do.

Misplaced Contest Corner

This certainly is! Or perhaps I should say, "It certainly was!"

I have a doozy of a contest coming up, but it'll have to wait until next issue because I need to find it again. Chalk it up (like the AMF 80 slowdown above) to the trials and tribulations of being "between addresses".

1981 Ffn02 (The Song of the Night)

Winter, 5002
Spring, 5003

All Proposals Fail. Lack of Progress Begins to Show in Fem Mark Orders.
Massive Battle Near Byssa Results In Standoff.

Spellcasting: A W/Liane-SON-Myrrha
W/Shavthro-SON-Byssa
W/Kolinar-AGE-self
K/Lousy-CHA-Esgair
C K-CHA-Esurian
W1-SON-Pera Mts. (releases captured F)

- A "Fourdor" (Mark Larzelere): Build a troom, a amyr, w/Kolinar andemon. H/Aygee+A demonland-IBIAN; A TROOM-byssa; F WESTERN SEA c a troom-byssa; F YVNAD s a troom-byssa; Trolls ORVALD-myrrha; W/Liane ORVALD-myrrha; W/Shavthro HIDICH-banbeck; W/Kolinar andemon-YVNAD; A AMYR-zaar; A ZAAR-fanna (***) ; K/Lousy+N ESGAIR holds; Ring w/K; Scrollos w/W/Kol.
- B (Civil Disorder): K+N BANBECK, H1+A ISTA, W1+F BYSSA.
- C "Ducastrian" (David Anderson): Remove a aptor. H1+N MYRRHA-byssa; k shallow straits-foggy sea (Maelstrom; the King is Dead!); F pera mts-EBONY STRAITS; A ESURIAN-kasmon forest (Elves ALLY) (Jinn); F SEA OF FERTILITY-western sea; W1 SEA OF FERTILITY-placid sea (Serpent).
- D "Befuddled Ones" (Mike Crane): N.M.R. K+W1+A+Sword DERAIS, H1 CATH, F BLUE SEA, N+Sword COBLE, ScrollIMM BITRA.
- E "Androlep" (Richard Carlson): N.M.R. K+Amulet DOL SHAIAC, A REMLAP, A NORTHERN MARCHES, H1+Helm IDNAK, F VANISHING STRAITS, F DEEP SEA, Dwarves OJZANLAI, 1 piece captive.
- F "Fem Mark" (Debbie Osborne): invalid removal order "scuttle the fleet" received--GM removes queen/Hippolyta Lemos and a siwel. N.M.R. Giants HORTHNESS, H/Atlanta SIWEL, Scrollos+ScrollVC LEMOS, Horn SIWEL all hold.

Non-Allied Creatures on Map: Dragon Logol Mts., Barbarians Mormune, Ghost Army Benden, Barbarians Lendour, Sea Serpent Placid Sea, Goblins Kislovan, Dragon Igen, Mermen Vast Sea, Children Pera Mts., Children Kark (EW1 w/ScrollBKD captive), Goblins Belesden.

Castles: Andemon, Banbeck, Esurian, Joaz, Dol Shaiac, Eus, Kislovan, Arjenol Mts, Draschade, Belesden.

Mountains: Arjenol, Logol, Pera.

Forest: Kasmon.

Maelstrom: Foggy Sea.

Transporter: Northern Marches.

With only two of five "live" positions submitting valid orders this turn, the proposals to concede to A and for an A/C draw are repropoed. Abstentions count as YES votes.

. Fall 5003 orders due by next deadline.

*** Correction to a GM almost-error--add Barbarians w/Hero Fanna to Non-Allied Creatures on Map above...

Silver Jubilee Issue #25

Given the circumstances of the last few months, I'm not doing a 2nd anniversary issue (which would, if done, come out next month).

However, I'm now soliciting contributions for a "blowout" 25th issue along the lines of my infamous 36-page issue 13. Virtually anything--humor, reviews, articles on strategy, variant designs, etc.--is welcome. Your "pay" will be in sub extension, plus the ego-boo of getting your name in a byline. How can you resist?

By the way, you'll have until September 1st--at least--to get things in. I'd like to see the kind of participation I got last time...

1981 Erm22 (Woolworth Diplomacy I)Winter 03

Separations Seem To Be Becoming The Norm Here...

Austria Even - has a BUD, a WAR.
 Balkans Build f GRE, a BUL - also has a TRI, a RUM, a SER, a SMY, f AEG.
 England (David Anderson): Retreats f kie-BAL, even - also has f NWY, f SWE, a EDI, f ENG, f BEL.
 France (Fred Davis): Retreats a spa-otb, builds a MAR - also has f LON, a PIC, a BRE.
 Germany Even - has f KIE, f HEL, a BER, a SIL, a SWI.
 Italy (Caroline Blessing): Remove f lyo, a rom - has a VEN, a TYO.
 Russia Build a STP - also has a MOS, f SEV.
 Scandinavia (Mark Luedi): Even - has f DEN.
 Spain (Steven Duerr): Build f MOR - has f SPA(nc), f POR, f NAP.
 Turkey Remove f bla - has a ANK.

A minor correction--in the Supply Center Chart last time, Balkans should own Serbia, not Austria. This makes Balkans (8) build 3, room for 2 and Austria (2) even--in other words, it didn't make a difference in the adjustments.

Caroline Blessing has resigned, due to her impending move. I do have orders on file for her for Spring 04, and will accept a volunteer to stand by for Italy starting after the Spring moves (I won't let a standby start without giving all players a chance to negotiate with him/her).

If your Spring 04 orders aren't in yet, they're due by next deadline. Orders on file may, of course, be changed.

1980 Icv (Youngstown IV)Winter, 1902

Separation of Seasons Granted, But Apathy Still Runs High. Japanese Emperor Resumes Throne After Disappearance. Confusion In Vienna Leads To Slide In Military Recruitment.

Austria (Keith Mercer): Build a vna, a BUD (plays 1 short) - also has a VNA, a TRI, a GAL, a BUL, a RUM, f GRE.
 China (Steven Duerr): Build a HAN, a CTN - also has f KOR, f SCHI, f TON, a SIB, a KAN, a OMO.
 England (Dan Wilson): Build f LON, a EDI - also has f AND, f THA(wc), f STP(nc), f NPACOB, a NWY, f NTH, f HOL, f BEL.
 France (David Anderson): Build f SAI, a MAR - also has a BRE, a BGY, a SPA, f MATL, f NATL, f CAM, f BOR.
 Germany (John Strain): N.B.R. plays 1 short - has f SWE, a BOH, a PRU, a WAR, f DEN, a RUH.
 India (Glen Taylor): Build f MDR - also has f CEY, f MAL, a SHA, a BRM, a AFG.
 Italy (Victor Ricci): Build f NAP, plays 1 short - also has a PIE, a VEN, f ADR, f TUN, a EGY, f SOM.
 Japan (Eugene Prosnitz): Build f TOK - also has f KAR, f JAP, f ECHI, f FOR, f CEL.
 Russia (Greg Stewart): N.R.R. GM removes f bla - has a SEV, a UKR, f BTH, f VLA, a TUR.
 Turkey (Jim Bragg): Build f SMY - also has f AEG, a CON, a SYR, a YEM.

Volunteer standbys will be considered for Germany and Russia, but see Woolworth adjudication above for more on this.

Spring 1903 orders due by next deadline.

1981 Cna02 (North America: 2020)

February, 2021

Canada, Texas Rebound From Last Season's Reverses. Europe Rides To The South's Aid As America Presses Home Attack. Cajuns Toss Out Wetback Invaders. The Wild, Wild West Stagnates.

Event: Card #12, Foreign Intervention. Die rolls place a foreign army/fleet (FA/FF) in the MAO under Confederate control after this move. They will serve through November 2021.

Canada (Steven Duerr): f npo-VAN; a ANC holds; a sau-FTR; a thu-SAU; a wpg-THU; a bil-WPG.

C.S.A. (Keith Mercer): f BOS holds; a mem*holds (ret STL); "f EGM-florida(wc)" (ambiguous).

Deseret (Mike Scott): N.M.R. f BER, a SEA, a PHO, a SLC, f POR all hold.

Mexico (David Anderson): a LAR-hou; f nor*s a lar-hou (ret WGM); a yuc-OAX; a ELP holds; a MTY s a elp.

Quebec (Debbie Osborne): a OTT s a tor; a TOR s a mtl-hul; a mtl-HUL; a que-FRE; a AUG s a que-fre.

Texas (Don Swartz): h MGY s a hou-nor; a hou-NOR; a DAL-hou; a alb-AMA.

U.S.A. (Greg Stewart): a MIN holds; a DEN holds; a det-MAR; a pit-BUF; a LIN s a min; a DES s a min; f NYC-bos; a RAL s a cin-mem; a cin-MEM.

Supply Center Chart

- Canada van edm wpg thu ~~xxx~~ hal ftr anc (7) build 1
C.S.A. ~~xxx~~ mia atl bos (3) even***but adds FA/FF MAO through event.
Deseret slc las pho por sea (5) even
Mexico mty dur mex yuc elp ~~xxx~~ (5) even
Quebec mtl-mtl que ~~xxx~~ ott ~~xxx~~ tor (5) even
Texas okl dal hou kan nor (5) build 1
U.S.A. ~~xxx~~ det pit chi min lin den nyc ric mem (9) even

Mike Scott has contacted me twice since this NMR; he's expressed his intent to continue, but would like to get out when I can get a standby. The first person to volunteer can take over Deseret with the turn AFTER this one; I won't let a standby start without giving all players a chance to negotiate with said standby first.

March 2021 builds and April 2021 moves due by next deadline. No press.

Looking at Next Month

Dare I? Why not!

Aside from being on time (a novelty in itself of late), JIHAD #21 will feature the ups and downs of the zines of the Class of '81, as told by 17 commentators.

The endgame statements/report for 1979 HW will also be featured, and I've an item or two in my files that have rotted for months...but which may finally see the light of day.

Then there's the press war--now between three games, as both of the all-Mensa games 1981 AQ and 1981 HR fight it out with the press-writers invitational 1981 C for some sort of (dubious?) supremacy.

Finally, I've been informed by one of my subbers that a real shocker will be ready for next month...but said subber isn't giving me many details. (If it explodes, I don't want it!!!!!!)

All in all, it should be fun. It's great to be back...

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