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1984?? MOCKINGBIRD W 1900

CHATTER RAUCUS AT TALKS TABLE
AS LSD VETS TAKE NEW SEATS

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> I need gamefees from Don and Paul.

> PRESS--

JOE-LSD: Will it be Mesquite? Mexican?
Mescalero?

LSD-JOE: The mockingbird is the national
bird of Texas. It isn't a brightly colored
bird, but it does have a pleasant and varied
song, and can mime man-made sounds. The
nest may contain three to six pale blue-
green eggs, which the parents defend
courageously against such enemies as snakes,
which eat both eggs and young.

LSD-BIRDS: I hope you live up to your
namesake! you know, talkative, as in lots
of press.

> PLAYER BACKGROUND--

As you can see, two players got their
first choices, four got their second, and
one did not express a preference. All but
one of these players have suffered under my
GMing, so it is especially satisfying for me
to see them here once more. Here's a brief
rundown on them.

Greg Fritz and David Pierce have been
playing Italy and England, respectively,
from the beginning of LSD's Jalapeño (82AM).
As it now ends its eighth gameyear, they are
the leading powers, a result of effective
alliance play, but it looks like they may be
coming to blows soon. Joe Gallagher started
the same game as Russia, but had to resign
before 1901 was completed.

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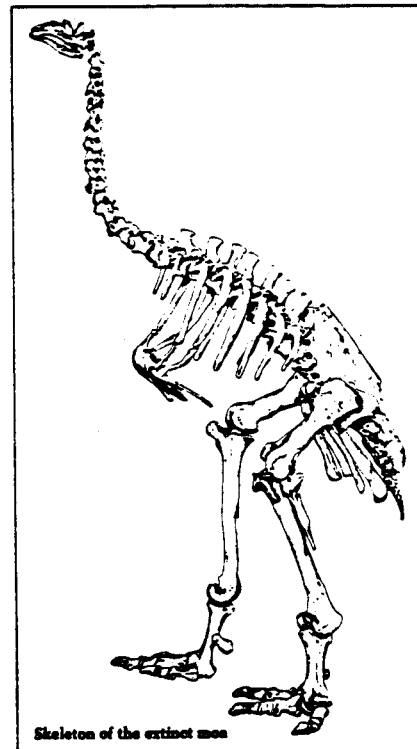
Dear Mike,

Bob the extinct Moa has again been
nominated for Official Hobby Mascot. In the
previous election Bob finished a promising
21st out of 22 candidates, and hopes to
improve on his vote total of 1.

Currently there is no Vice-Mascot, but
a spokesman has said that if elected, Bob
will create that position and appoint
Geraldine the Giraffe. Responding to
imaginary criticism that Bob is seeking this
office to capitalize on the recent trend to
run dead animals, the spokesman asserted
that Bob was extinct long before Bill the
Cat was dead.

Use your Bob bumper sticker, and VOTE
FOR BOB!

Andy Lischett
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Skeleton of the extinct moa

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Dear Mr. Conner,

I am writing to place my name into the
competition for the title of Hobby Mascot.

My name is Jaspur Wrobach, and I am a
well-groomed male tabby in the prime of
life. As a creature of the feline order, I
am uniquely suited to carry on in Caruso's
paw prints. Not only am I a perfect

--continued on next page

Mockingbird continued:

David also played England, while Greg was France in Cactus (80IZ), but they didn't do quite as well there. They ended up with 2 and 6 centers, respectively, and Bob Sergeant's Russia blitzed to an outright win in fall 1906.

David played Russia in Derrick (80KG), but was eliminated in 1909, the year before Ned Nichols' Austria claimed a sole win.

Greg and Joe are the original Austrian and Russian players in Longhorn (83H). It's now spring 1905 and they have an alliance which has wiped out Turkey. Now they face strong pressure from expansionist opponents to the west.

Paul Milewski was a starter for Germany in King Ranch (82HU), where he has been involved in western battles since the beginning of the game. The eastern powers have been pushed back to three last units. The game is in 1907, and Paul, who has stayed near the level of four units, may soon be the smallest power on the board. But his central position may enable him to play his bigger neighbors off against each other. Was this his gameplan all along?

Doug Tatsch is a veteran of LSD's kickoff game, Armadillo (79HS), in which he played Germany to a 3-way draw with Italy (John Koehler) and Russia (John Daly) in fall 1910. Endgame statements in LSD#19 may give some insight into Doug's playstyle.

Jeff Albrecht played with Doug and Joe as Germany, Italy, and England in Independence (81CE), which resulted in a conceded win to Jeff after nine gameyears. Doug finished a fairly strong second, and Joe barely survived with one unit, but he showed great staying power, since he was a one-center power for the last seven years of the game.

Don Tinker is the mystery man in this lineup, since Mockingbird is his first LSD game. He was my unflinching gamelong ally in CHEESECAKE's Desmondromic game (80AR), and it was a great pleasure to work with him. He was trustworthy, communicative, and innovative, but our enemies probably thought he was unprincipled, sneaky, and predictable. We shared a 2-way draw.

It's a promising cast of characters at the negotiating table this time around. Good luck to all, and come out fighting!

MORE NOMINATIONS & OTHER LETTERS:

physical specimen, my mind has also reached a level superior to entire species, such as rodents, canines, and ducks.

Currently I serve as Chaircat of the organization Feline Eggheads Naturally Superior to All (FENSA), with a specialization in the Catnip Special Interest Group (SIG). My subspecialty is free-basing and fire-prevention. As an organizational biggie in FENSA, I have been certified as being in the top 2% of the top 2%.

Furthermore, I have caught and killed five birds and two field mice this season.

I am also quite active in the postal Diplomacy hobby. My favorite zine is, of course, WHITESTONIA, although I prefer 30 MILES OF TOILET TISSUE for my catbox liner. (It's squeezeably soft.) I play in several



postal games under my pseudonym, "Bob Olsen", and regularly provide advice and encouragement to my human servant, Ed Wrobel, on his feuds with various prominent Dipdomites.

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Dear Mike,

Contrary to what some people think - I am not running a hobby mascot poll. However, the KK readers are looking for some "sick" thing to become a KK mascot. This includes readers in the zine, rooms, animals - actually you would be amazed at what might wind up as the KK mascot. I will plug the hobby mascot poll as soon as I know who is eligible.

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Dear Readers,

There you have it: two fine candidates and one unknown quantity. (Due to the smallness of the field, I am interpreting the latter as a nomination for Some "Sick" Thing.) Please help get out the vote! This is one of the most prestigious offices in Dipdom. We will have a short campaign season. Ballots (on postcards or 3" X 5" index cards) will be accepted until the deadline of Tuesday, November 6, 1984. Write-in votes will be accepted.

Dear Mike,

Steve Langley and I (he playing by mail, i.e., giving me advice) have completed Zork I and II and are going through III now. Since we were reduced to a state of mental collapse at the 90% point of Zork II, rather than see you go bonkers, if you need a hint let me know. Z-III so far seems easier than II. It took us 4 months for Zork I, and 8 months for Zork II, so you must be smarter than us.

Best wishes, Bob Olsen
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Thanks for the offer, Bob, but I finished all three just before your offer arrived, but not necessarily because I'm smarter, just obsessive!

Dear Mike,

Here's my input concerning the proposed houserule changes.

#1. I like the rule as it stands. I think pass/fail is sufficient. You claim that by printing the [numerical] results the players might change alliances if they knew a draw they were in was defeated, say 3 to 1. Even if the numerical result wasn't known the player is still speculating who voted against the draw, and may become suspicious of another player anyway and change his strategy. I think pass/fail leaves a lot more to the imagination and makes a player conduct a lot more diplomacy.

#2. I definitely think the old rule was better. Letting only one request cause a delay really sucks. Delays are a pain in the butt and really mar the game. Being a GM, I know that players ask for delays for the most ridiculous reasons. You're asking for trouble if you change this rule. Writing conditional orders is part of the

1982AM JALAPEÑO F 1908

ITALIANS BLITZ BAVARIA;
BRITISH TAKE 2ND BLACK SEA PORT

ENGLAND (David Pierce): A Mun
s German A Gal-Boh [dsl, ret
to Ruh, Bur, Ber, Tyo, or dsb],
F Nat-MID (F ENG s), A Nwy-BEL
(F NTH c), A Stp-KIE (F BOT c), A Bur-MAR,
A War-GAL, A Sev-RUM (A UKR s), A Mos-SEV.
GERMANY (Terry Suitor): F BAL c English
A Stp-Kie, A SIL s English A Mun,
A Gal-BOH.
ITALY (Greg Fritz): F Ion-TUN, F Adr-ION,
F Wes-SPA(sc), F Trh-LYO, A Ven-PIE,
A Boh-MUN (A TYO s), A Tri-VIE, A ALB-Ser,
F GRE h.
AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): A BUD & A SER s
Turkish A Bul-Rum [nsol].
TURKEY (Dick Martin?): NMR!! F ARM, F EAS,
F AEG, & A BUL h.

- > England must retreat dsl A Mun.
> DRAW PROPOSAL: Your votes for an E/G draw
will be counted before winter adjustments
are implemented.
> Supply center status for W'08 adjustments:

E: Home, Hol, Bel, Par,
Bre, MAR, Mun, Kie,
Nwy, Stp, Mos, Sev,
RUM 14/build 2
G: Ber, Den, Swe, War 4/build 1
[played 1 short]
I: Home, Tun, Mar, Spa,
Por, MUN, Vie, Tri,
Gre 10/even
A: Bud, Ser, Rum 2/even
[1 ann]
T: Home, Bul 4/even

- > COA: Terry Suitor, 426 West Hall,
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> Will John Mayes, 5200 N. Lamar #F301,
Austin, TX 78751, please stand by for
Turkey?
> HOUSERULE CHANGES: not adopted.
> PRESS--

LONDON-LSD: Please publish the English vote
on the S'08 E/I draw proposal.
LSD-LONDON: As you wish.
LSD-PEPPERS: England votes no to E/I draw
proposal. Hmmm. I guess it's no secret
that the policies of the two former allies
have recently diverged.
BUD-EUROPE: I voted yes this time, men.
BUD-GREG: Peace be with you.
GERMANY-AUSTRIA: It isn't too late for us
to form an alliance, only trouble I doubt we
could defend Boh and Sil, much less take on
the world, but I'll try anything once.



DEADLINE for all games:

November 7, 1984

STILL MORE LETTERS:

postal game. Postal Diplomacy is unique,
let's not try to make a game last 5 years
because somebody can't write conditional
orders.

I like the new look. I think the
switch to computer really turned out great.
I've always thought LSD was the best and
even more so now.

Gregg Fritz
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The response to the proposals was sparse and
evenly divided between pros and cons. No
changes will be made, but the GM does have
the power to declare a separation when it is
deemed justified. Thanks for the kind words
about LSD. I personally don't think the
dot-matrix print is as legible as the IBM
Electronic typewriter's, but when it is
photoreduced, there's not much loss. I am
still working with the basic capabilities of
WordStar and a TI-850 printer, so I cannot
yet do some fancier stuff, like italics,
true proportional spacing, etc., but on the
whole I don't have a lot of complaints. I
recently acquired a couple of graphics
packages. One creates very simple 8-color
drawings. The other is a heavy-duty
drafting program called AutoCAD with a thick
instruction manual. I haven't had time to
play around with either one, but you'll
probably know when I do.

Dear Mike,

LSD #37 asked the burning question,
"Does anybody know the whereabouts of George
Cunningham?" George Cunningham is alive and
well and running for the U. S. Senate in the
state of South Dakota on the Democratic
ticket....Now at least you know the
whereabout of one George Cunningham,
although I'm not sure this is the one you
are trying to find.

Cordially, Jeff Albrecht
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Dear Mike,

George Cunningham's address is reported
to be Box 325B, Williston, VT 05494.
Paul D. Milewski, CPA
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P.S. Schiefler has only one "f".

> LSD readers are so helpful! I will send
the current issue to both George
Cunninghams. Will the real one stand up,
please? Thanks, Jeff, for the neat
bumpersticker with the picture of Mt.
Rushmore on it. I like the way he is shown
on the campaign literature in front of a
sign with his slogan: Not Just Another
Pretty Face! LSD wishes you good luck,
George! As for the Vermont G.C., I suspect
he's the one we're looking for. If he write
me and confirms, I'll send him the LSDs he
missed. Thanks to you too, Paul, I think.
I'm more confused than ever about how Don S.
spells his name, though. And how is it
pronounced: SHEEF-ler or SHIFE-ler? Is it
German, Dutch, or what? Let's have a few
more details, please. By the way, is it
Mi-LUE-skee or Mi-LEV-skee or Mi-LEF-skee?

1982HU KING RANCH S 1907

ITALY TRIPLES FLEET, HEADS WEST;
RUSSIA FADES; TURKS HANG IN

- > Autumn 1906: Russia NRR!
GM dsb dislodged A Rum.
- > Winter 1906: England builds
A Edi, A Lpl, A Lon; France builds F Mar;
Germany builds F Ber; Italy builds F Rom &
F Nap; Russia NRR, GM removes A Ank;
Turkey removes F Eas.

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ENGLAND (Don Scheifler): F STP(nc) h,
A Nwy-FIN (F SWE s), F DEN-Bal, A EDI-Den
(F NTH c), A LPL-Wal, ALON-Wal, AWAR-Sil.
FRANCE (Conrad Minshall): F MID-Wes,
F ENG-Mid, F Mar-LYO, A Bur-MAR, A Pic-BUR
(A BEL s).
GERMANY (Paul Milewski): F BER-Bal,
A Ruh-HOL, A Mun-RUH, (A KIE s).
ITALY (Bill Quinn): F Rom-TUS, A Tyo-PIE,
F Nap-TRH, F TUN-Wes, A Sil-PRU,
A BOH-Sil, A Rum-UKR (A GAL s), A Bud-RUM
(A SER s), F Bul(sc)-AEG.
RUSSIA (Fred Winter?): NMR!! A Fin h [dsl,
ann], F BLA h.
TURKEY (Seth Owen): A Smy-ANK (A CON s).

- > No standby will be called for Russia.
- > Vote on an EFGI draw. Results will be
implemented before fall moves.
- > HOUSERULE CHANGE: not adopted.
- > PRESS--

GERMANY-TURKEY: Well poised? How about
collapsing quicker than a soufflé in an
earthquake?
GERMANY-ITALY: If you want Munich, I'm not
going to try to stop you. I suppose it
would be easier to sell a nun a
prophylactic.
FRANCE-ITALY: Drop me a line sometime.
GERMANY-FRANCE: Looking for a 3-way E/F/I
draw? Don't hold your breath.

1983H LONGHORN S 1905

FRENCH SURROUND ITALIAN BOOT
ALL QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

- > Several of you noticed that
the map printed last time did
not correspond very well to
the orders. It was the result
of an altered state, no doubt. As in most
other zines with maps, the written orders
prevail when there is a discrepancy. This
policy will be followed for LSD games.



ENGLAND (Seth Owen): F Swe-BAL, A Hol-KIE
(F DEN s), A Bel-NWY (F NTH s), F NWG-Bar,
F EDI-Nwg, A LPL-Edi.
FRANCE (Rick Ragsdale): A PAR-Bur
(A MAR s), A PIE-Ven, F Ion-ADR,
F Nap-APU, F Trh-ION, F Lyo-TRH.
GERMANY (John Mayes): A RVH-Bur (A MUN s),
A Kie-Ruh [dsl, ret to Hal, Ska, or dsb].
ITALY (Mark Luedi): A ROM s French
F Nap-Apu, F EAS s French F Trh-Ion.
AUSTRIA (Greg Fritz): A Apu-VEN (A TYO &
A TRI s), A Vie-BOH, F GRE s Russian F
Con-Aeg, A BUL h.
RUSSIA (Joe Gallagher): F STP(nc)-Bar
F Ska-SWE (A FIN s), A Lvn-PRU, A Gal-SIL,
F Con-AEG (F SMY s), A Ank-CON.

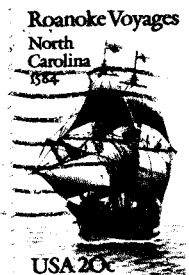
- > Germany must retreat dsl A Kie.
- > PRESS--

TAIPAN-FRANCE: The Limey is sniffing around
to find a new partner. Beware.
BERLIN CASUAL READER: The Kaiser today
announced a major offensive to take out "the
corner country".
RUSSIA-AUSTRIA: How are your sea legs,
matey? That last French build should make
it much easier to punch a hole through to
Italy!!
RUSSIA-ENGLAND: Well, I've done as you
requested, and I trust you will respond
accordingly.

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