

Maniac's Paradise

Issue 5

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Here we go again, ladies and gentlemen. Once more into the mess, mudpie, and mistake that we all call Maniac's Paradise. I know many of you were hoping that I'd have wised up and folded this zine by now, but I'm not as smart as I look! Instead, I've decided to continue giving you, for an outrageous price, the worst-run, dirtiest, smelliest, least dependable, scum-of-the-Earth dishrag-of-a-Diplomacy zine you can find anywhere in the civilized world. Go ahead and send letters to your local politicians; it won't change anything. I'm still going to send this to you, no matter how many complaints I get.

It seems that a rash of marraiges have hit the Diplomacy world, not the least of which was my own on May 28. Thanks to those who wished us well. Our honeymoon was a real treat: we went to the poconos and spent a grand total of 45 minutes at the resort before we decided to boot it and head back to New Jersey for a suite and room service at the Hilton. I won't list the complaints with the resort here, but suffice to say that when a wasp's nest is in the room you are paying \$250 a night for, you would usually expect a better response from the management than what we got (a free can of wasp spray, yippee yahoo).

Anyways, back to more important crap. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Douglas Kent, publisher of this little toilet paper roll. My address is 54 West Cherry Street, #211, Rahway, NJ, 07065. I can also be reached by phone. My numbers are: Home (from 5pm to 9pm) 201-815-0361, work (weekdays from 10am to 3pm) 212-432-9824, fax (10am to 3pm) 212-432-1985, and computer modem/BBS (24 hours a say, seven days a week) 212-432-1992. Note that all of these times are Eastern, so you should adjust the times accordingly for whatever time zone you live in. DO NOT call me at home later than 9pm, or my wife will beat you around the head with a frozen roast. I get up at five am every weekday, and if by chance I happen to stay up past nine you can bet my wife will want most of my attention! Sub price is 75 cents an issue, with no game fees.

Zine News: Our third Diplomacy and no-press Gunboat games are nearly full. I haven't yet decided if there will be any more Dip games open once these are full, so if you are thinking about joining in, better say so now. As for the other games, Civilization and Kremlin need one player each before we can start them, so jump in before its too late. The Stock Market Game has three players signed up, and we'll probably be starting that next issue whether or not anyone else signs up for it. It's a simple, fun game, so if you own it, consider signing up as a change of pace. Finally, a few players mentioned that

the deadline announcement in the last issue was a little hard to find, so I'm going to post it twice this issue. You have no one else but yourself to blame if you can't find it this time!

Deadline for Issue 6 August 7, 1989

Game Openings

Diplomacy 3:

Description: Standard Diplomacy, will most likely only allow white press.
Players Signed Up: L. Behrendt, Slaughter, Diehl, Chinnery, McClung, need two more.

Gunboat 3:

Description: Standard Gunboat with no press permitted.
Players Signed Up: Four, still need three more to fill.

The Stock Market Game:

Description: PBM Stock Market (Avalon Hill), good for a change of pace.
Players Signed Up: Stimmel, McCrumb, Lilleleht, can take up to three more.

Civilization:

Description: PBM Civilization using modified rules similar to Mike Scott's.
Players Signed Up: Hakey III, Stanger, Chinnery, Becker, N. Behrendt, Scott, need one more.

Kremlin:

Description: PBM Kremlin using a few of the advanced/optional rules.
Players Signed Up: Reiff, Becker, Schenck, McCrumb, need one more player.

Yellowstone:

Description: PBM Yellowstone, a game made by Avalon Hill dealing with the exciting topic of migrating herds of animals, moving from summer to winter ranges.

Players Signed Up: Condit, (that's right, folks, someone actually signed up for this!) need three more before we can start the game.

Business Strategy:

Description: Another "leisure time" Avalon Hill game. This one deals with running a company, buying raw materials, selling the finished products, etc.

Players Signed Up: None. If no one expresses an interest in the next two months I'll pull it from the list and try again some other time.

Dune:

Description: The Avalon Hill version of Frank Herbert's famous novels.

Players Signed Up: None, a new offering this month, need five or so.

Woolworth Diplomacy:

Description: A kind of combination of Gunboat and Diplomacy, 10 nations, each player controlling two of them, one openly (as in regular Dip) and one secretly (as in Gunboat). My first try at GMing this one.

Players Signed Up: None, this variant takes five players to fill.

Possible additions for next month: Britannia, Circus Maximus, Conquistador, Gunslinger, Kingmaker, Merchant of Venus, other Diplomacy variants, anything else you'd care to suggest.

If you are interested in signing up for any of the games listed, either fill out a "Game Entry Sheet" or send me a legible letter telling me what you want to sign up for, and make sure you include a preference list for Diplomacy, Civilization, Yellowstone, and Dune, and team name/color for Kremlin, Stock Market, and Business Strategy.

Notes to Players: _____

Idiot's Ramblings

I decided I'd write up a few comments on the going's on around the world lately, both abroad and in our own back yard. Your opinions are welcome, and I'd be happy to print any coherent, non-vulgar replies to anything I or anyone else says here.

Minimum Wage: When I hear politicians talking about raising the minimum wage, I can understand on the surface why they are doing it, but I feel that if they would just look at the basic underlying principals involved they would see the error of their ways. Two basic points: when a minimum price is set for something, there is a surplus. When a maximum price is set, there is a shortage. The marketplace should be free to determine at what price levels services and products should be sold. Example of a price support/surplus - any of the homegrown grains. A ceiling/shortage - cabs in New York City, for one.

China: I have great sympathy for those killed in China, but I wonder why there was no "international outcry" when the Chinese were committing genocide in Tibet.

"Most Favored Nation": Speaking of China, now that we've seen how MFN status doesn't promote political change in Communist nations, why does President Bush do the exact opposite thing by trying to get the Soviet Union the same status?

Lunacy: Does *ANYONE* care at all about anything that the Rev. Al Sharpton has to say? If not, how do we get him to shut his mouth, and how do we get the media to stop running to him with cameras at the ready every time he blinks?

Professional Sports: Could baseball possibly get any more boring this year? Also, could the Mets possibly be any worse?

American Flag: The Supreme Court has decided that burning the American flag is a form of expression, and therefore protected under the Constitution. I know some people will argue that the soldiers we've sent to fight across the world don't fight for the flag, rather they fight for the ideas the country stands for, and the country uses the flag as its symbol. I don't care what you say, this just makes me ill.

Popular Music: Let's see, now. We've got a tour by the Who, a possible Stones tour, a reunion of most of the original Jefferson Airplane, a "Ringo and his all-Star Band" tour, a Paul McCartney album/tour, *maybe* a tour by what is actually four-fifths of the third, and what many people consider best, Yes. Does anyone notice anything these bands have in common? Right! They all *LIVE* on stewed prunes!

I guess that's it for now. I hope to get a few cries of disagreement from a few of our more opinionated readers, and if I don't I'll use that as confirmation that I am 100% right in all of the opinions I've stated here, and give myself a nice pat on the back.

Diplomacy 1 - "First Born" - 1989AL - Fall '01



Austria (Diehl): A Tyr-Mun, A Tri-Ser, F Alb-Gre.

England (Shulman): A Yor-Nwy, F Nth C A Yor-Nwy, F Eng-Bel.

France (L.Behrendt): F Bre-Mid, A Par-Bre, A Mar-Spa.

Germany (Erikson): F Den H, A Kie-Hol, A Ruh-Bel.

Italy (Oaklyn): F Tyn-Tun, A Tus S A Pie-Ven, A Pie-Ven.

Russia (Banozic): F Gob-Swe, A Gal-Bud, A Ukr-Rum, F Bla S A Ukr-Rum.

Turkey (Holley): A Bul-Rum, A Ank H, F Con-Bla.

PRESS

Constantinople - Austria: Isn't this a nice situation?

Constantinople - Moscow: If we're at war, I'll do my best to see you get none of my dots.

Russia - Austria: You know, it's a funny thing. Seems like 90% of the time when Austria does poorly its because Austria trusted Russia on the Galician "DMZ"... But what can I say? I'm just another maniac, too.

Trieste - Citizenry: If Austria gets one build consider your nation fortunate.

Trieste - Constantinople: A skirmish in Serbia is wicked.

Trieste - Venice: Welcome to beautiful Venice.

Trieste - London: My you're a wild thing!

Trieste - Paris: Relax, even with an NMR you're in better shape than poor Austria.

Trieste - Warsaw: Galician occupation by Russia is intolerable!

UNIT ADJUSTMENTS

Austria: Vie,Tri,Ser,Gre,Mun=5 Build 2

England: Lon,Lpl,Edi,Nwy=4 Build 1

France: Bre,Par,Mar,Spa=4 Build 1

Germany: Ber,Kie,Den,Hol=4 Build 1

Italy: Ven,Rom,Nap,Tun=4 Build 1

Russia: StP,Mos,War,Sev,Swe,

Bud=6 Build 2

Turkey: Con,Ank,Smy,Bul=4 Build 1

*****Remember to send in moves and builds by the deadline, August 7*****

Gunboat 1 - "In Control" - 1989 Yrb32 - Fall '01

Austria: A Ser-Gre,A Tri-Ser,
F Alb-Tri.

England: A Yor-Nwy,F Eng-MAO,
F Nth C A Yor-Nwy.

France: A Mar-Spa,A Par-Bur,
F Bre-Pic.

Germany: A Kie-Den,F Hol S A
Ruh-Bel,A Ruh-Bel.

Italy: A Pie-Mar,A Ven H,
F Ion-Tun.

Russia: F GoB-Swe,A Gal-Vie,
F Sev-Rum,A Ukr-Sev.

Turkey: A Arm-Sev,A Bul-Rum,
F Ank-Bla.



Unit adjustments on following page. Remember, builds are to be sent with spring moves.

UNIT ADJUSTMENTS

Austria: Tri,Bud,Ser,Gre=4 Build 1

England: Edi,Lon,Lpl,Nwy=4 Build 1

France: Bre,Par,Spa=3 Even

Turkey: Con,Smy,Ank,Bul=4 Build 1

Germany: Home,Den,Bel,Hol=6 Build 3

Italy: Ven,Rom,Nap,Tun,Mar=5 Bld 2

Russia: Home,Swe,Vie=6 Build 2

Diplomacy 2 - "Nudge Nudge" - 1989AZ - Spring '01



Austria (Obrien): A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Gal, F Tri-Alb.

England (Wallstrom): F Lon-Eng, F Edi-Nth, A Lpl-Yor.

France (Taylor): A Mar-Spa, A Par-Bur, F Bre-Eng.

Germany (Diehl): F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh.

Italy (Farha): A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Tyn.

Russia (Stanger): A War-Gal, A Mos-Ukr, F StP-GoB, F Sev-Bla.

Turkey (Boymel): A Con-Bul, A Smy-Arm, F Ank-Bla.

PRESS

Berlin - Europe: Here, now, what's all this!

Potomac - Stanger: In case anyone asks, I decided to attack you for one simple reason - the day I received the zine, I sent you a letter asking for an alliance. My first moves, sent to Dougie on June 8, were Con-Bul, Ank-Con, Smy H. Two weeks later, when I still had not heard from you, I sent in the obvious moves. With short deadlines, an ally who will not write quickly is a needless liability. Sorry, but perhaps we can do business some time in the future, perhaps in a zine such as Retal, with semi-annual deadlines.

Potomac - Rahway: Congrats on the wedding ((Thanks!)) (talk about deja vu... I just sent the same press to Schenck! ((Ahhh, but he still has time to change his mind!)) It can get very confusing when you start two games in the same month with the same country. If any of you guys get letters from me discussing the wrong game, sorry. Considering that my correspondence rarely makes much sense anyway ((you can say THAT again)), no big loss).

Austria - England: I accept your offer, one-two, all the way.

Austria - Turkey: The postman rang thrice, I was too tired to get out of bed.

Paris - Doug: Kiss the new bride for me. Also good job in the short turnaround.

Gunboat 2 - "Pork Bellies" - Spring '01

Austria: A Vie-Tri, F Tri-Alb,
A Bud-Ser.

England: A Lvp-Yor, F Lon-Nth,
F Edi-Nwg.

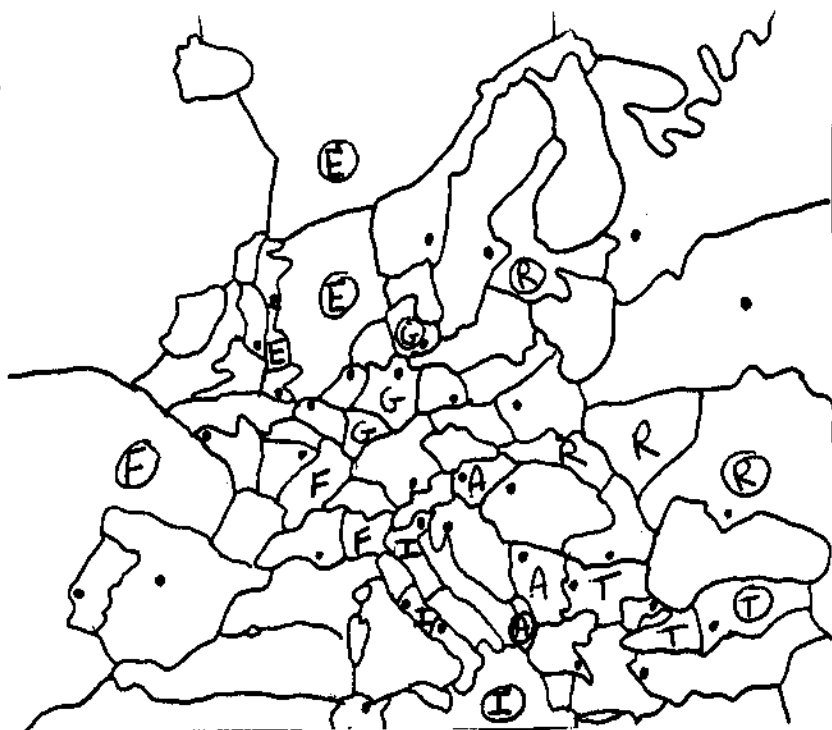
France: A Mar-Pie, A Par-Bur,
F Bre-MAO.

Germany: F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie,
A Mun-Ruh.

Italy: F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Ven,
A Ven-Tri.

Russia: F StP-GoB, A War-Gal,
A Mos-Ukr, F Sev-Bla.

Turkey: A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con,
F Ank-Bla.



Player List

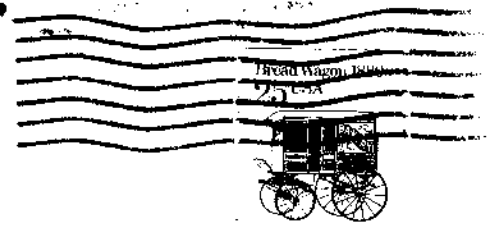
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