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ANOTHER ISSUE THIS IS ONE MUCH BELATEDLY FINALLY HITS THE NEWS STANDS ALLOVER THE CONTINENT IT'S THE

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POLITICIAN AS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER WAS THE BEST ZINE IN NORTH AMERICA THIS YEAR OF FALL

SURPRISE OF SURPRISES

Thanks to the people who voted POLITICIAN to a tie for fifth best North American 'zine in 1979-80! I was really rather surprised and most elated about it all. But EGGNOG placed a bit further down the list...one reason being that EGGNOG has attracted a few people it shouldn't have attracted who do not really do anything but vote me zeros (I ended up with a decent score, though). I'm most pleased to say that POLITICIAN has attracted only the best in players. You're great, and I thank you all.

YEAH, I'M PRETTY LATE THIS TIME

Can't win 'em all. As you know, I'm in college now, and don't have hardly any time at all...for much of anything besides studying. In any case, though, I'm typing this at the first opportunity. The mail "service" here at GU is miserable. I haven't received a letter from anywhere (including two from about ten miles away) which had not been in transit for at least 8 days...most of it storage at Hoya Station. (Take this into account when sending orders.) Uli mailed me the adjudications for the two remaining POLITICIAN games and they took 11 (eleven, XI, etc) days to get to me. (There also isn't any Saturday mail delivery around here.) So this is my first opportunity to do much of anything. Next, since I can't get decently priced repro around here, the only way to cure my current publishing impotence (unable to reproduce!) is to send typed masters back to Uli who runs them off on my machine at home, and then sends out the stuff. And that all takes more time again. Hope you'll all bear with me until I can get something working right. Sorry. I'll try to fix deadlines so that all will work out nearly all right.

THE NEXT DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 25, 1980, and send orders to Uli Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, WI 53130. Not to Konrad. To Uli.

GAME END STATEMENTS

First let's get the end-game statements for 1978Sfh (Colonia) out of the way. There weren't that many, so to 'em.

PHIL COOPER (Spain): Initially, I concluded a game-long alliance with Austria and Portugal. Very early on we were aware of the Anglo-Russian alliance. While France was at odds with Austria and Portugal, he and I enjoyed excellent

relations. Austria and I arranged to swap his Pacific centers for my North American ones to consolidate our positions. The Ottoman was allied to Russia for most of the game. The Dutch and Chinese, though putting up a tremendous fight, were quickly eliminated from serious consideration. It was here that the game was lost. England and Russia should've been fought, but we were all concerned with our own little spheres. Then, Portugal suddenly moved on Austria without warning -- creating problems for me who was allied to both -- and I mistakenly took a Portuguese center believing it was neutral. At this point, England moved on Portugal who was completely outplayed. Portugal's Pacific centers fell to me while the hastily arranged Franco-Austrian alliance seized North America. Russia had by now moved on France while England and Austria were at odds in Central America. I had been fighting the Ottoman rather successfully, but eventually ran into Russian-English units coming the other way. We frantically attempted to turn Russia/England on each other, but they stuck together. Africa fell to them, while France, Austria and I hung on in Europe. My strength was in the Pacific and when Russia moved at me things were effectively over. With their possessing 20-30 units more than us, little could be accomplished even by coordinating the defense. We were simply spread too thin. My congratulations to Fred and Kari for an excellently played game; to Bob and Lee, "It was a nice try," and a special thanks to Peggy who's a real doll!

ROBERT STIMMEL (China): When I entered the game I had units in southern China and India. Russia was so strong I couldn't defend China, but did gain a unit in Indochina from England.

Soon my war with England ended. I gained a third center in India and England took back his center.

By then, I called myself Emperor of India and China and sent press from India. My survival was due in part to the original Ottoman player's dropping, and I survived, with 3 units, beyond the two years the GM predicted for me.

1978Jev

PHIL COOPER (China): Perhaps the turning point in this entire game really occurred in the diplomacy prior to S'01. Anxious to secure the western building centers in Asia, I concluded a non-aggression pact with Russia -- who wanted it as much as I did -- an alliance with Japan -- with the island centers going to him -- and a defensive alliance with India. I happened to inform Austria of my dealings with Russia, whereupon an Austrian-Turkish-English alliance formed to prevent the expected Russian move west. Germany also joined in, while at the same time allied with England against France. Meanwhile India and England were concentrating on fleet builds against each other. In W'01 with Russia even and France removing his only Asian unit, Japan and I had a free hand. England, occupied with India, could do little and the Asian continent, east of Turkey's sphere, fell quickly. By 1909, Turkey and I were facing each other across a long front. Japan had gained the Atlantic. Suddenly, both India and Japan NMR'ed. Since Turkey and I had both long realized the futility of full-scale war between us in Asia, and had seen the situation degenerate into feints involving Cel, I moved on India and Japan. Turkey had already attacked India, so England and I joined forces to hold our Western fronts. This was easily accomplished, allowing me to move into the seas -- a fact made easier by Japan's movement into the Atlantic. Despite the new Japan's frantic efforts at truce I was by that time committed. Phase 2 of the game could be dated from this time. I now planned to take out Japan and gain access myself to the Atlantic. England could do little else but follow my advice. To my west, the situation assumed a political, not military atmosphere. Both Austria and I began to barrage each other with demands that each make the initial move against Turkey -- who sat between us. Turkey countered with threats that he would suicide against the

person who did attack him in favor of the other. Several times Austria and I seemed committed to a simultaneous attack on Turkey, but we both failed to take the step. I argued that the east was effectively stalemated and I needed an Austrian attack to divert Turkish units west to weaken his Asian line, and that Japan's excellent play necessitated that my fleets go in that direction. Austria argued that he couldn't move on Turkey since he was already heavily engaged in the West against Germany, France and then England. So, the draw naturally evolved from this point. Had I gained the Atlantic earlier, I could have stabbed England. A win possibly could have resulted. As it was, Austrian and Chinese fleets met in the south/Mid Atlantic and I would have had to fight a long drawn out war -- probably past 1920 -- with only a slim chance of a solo win. Therefore, it was decided to go with a three-way draw. Since England and Germany both had 6 centers, we decided to exclude them from a share in it. A harsh decision, but realistic. Other than congratulating Fred and Lee, special kudos to Bob Kluge for his loyalty and Bob Cheek for excellent defensive play.

ROBERT STIMMEL (France): When I took over France it was under attack by England-Germany and Italy. One player called my position "hopeless."

However, England proposed peace as he could gain probably one center only from me. I then received a letter from Germany's original player.

With difficulty, I kept a truce between England and Germany for some years. Italy had concentrated against me, allowing an attack on himself from Austria.

For awhile, it appeared that the game was coming to an early draw (almost a stalemate). To end this situation, England agreed to assist Austria in the war against Germany. The result was a part in the final draw for Austria with some losses for England.

I WISH THAT THIS SPACE WOULD FILL ITSELF UP QUICKER BECAUSE I HAVE TO GET TO GOING TOOT TODAY

THE GAMES

1979Pjd -- Atlantica III -- April 1871

ENGLAND (Hooton): F Lyp-Iri, F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nwg, F Wai S F Lyp-Iri, F Dea S F Hol-Nie, A Swa-Pin, F Hol-Nie, F Ice-Arc, F Gre-Arc, F Heb S F Lyp-Iri

FRANCE (Cheek): F Atlantic-Mid, F Azo S F Atl-Mid, A Par-Pic, F Bre S A Par-Pic, F Spa(sc) S ITA F Mid-Can, A Bur-Ruh, A Mun S A Bur-Ruh, A Mar-Bur

GERMANY (CD): F Kia H/a/, A Ruz H/w

ITALY (Cooper): A Ven N, A Pru-Eur, A Sil S A Pru-Eur, F Suez/Indian-Panama Box, F Cub-Gom, F Sak-Bah, F Mid-Can/R Godad bez RHR/, F Can-Sak, F Mau S F Can-Sak

CANADA (Charnig): 2A Alaska/Yukon-Siberia Box, F Nat-Exp, F Ice-Nat, F Grand Dav, F Hal-Grand, F Wit S F Hal-Grand, F Cheslay-Md, F Phil S F ChesRay-Md, A NY H

CSA (Davis): A Ken-Mis, A Ric-Ten, F Bah-Gar, F Ber-Bah, F Jan S F Ber-Bah, F Nca-Ber

USA (CD): F Bos H, F LIS H

Uli thinks this is right. Since I don't have a map, I don't know. Send May 1871 orders to Uli by October 25, 1930. Press:

AZOBERS TO ENGLAND: We will never surrender!

The draw failed, obviously. The same draw as last time was repropoed.

1980Ev -- Youngstern IV -- Winter 1902 only

AUSTRIA (Phil Paulson): Eld A Vic

ENGLAND (Cooper): Eld F Lon, F Jch (F Joh)

FRANCE (Gene Paulson): A Bur R Par, Eld F Bre, F Sai, A Max

GERMANY (Hyatt): F Bal R Pos, Eld F Ber

ITALY (Cheek): Eld F Wob, F Nep, A Rdu

JAPAN(Zipper): F Phi R SPO
CHINA(Dupont): Bld A Can
RUSSIA(Prosnitz): Rem F Bot
INDIA(Kluge): Bld F Mad (COA to 8513 Waldes, St. Louis, MO 63123)
TURKEY(Charnley): Bld A Bag

Of course there was plenty of press this time, so here we go...

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY NEWS SERVICE: The only man intallect enough to become President of the United States in 1980 is John Anderson. Agreeable?

POLITICIAN: Not to me. Carter, I think, would technically have the highest I.Q. and be the most intelligent. But over the last four years he's hardly done one intelligent thing. Despite his shortcomings, Reagan's my man. Anderson is pretty much what Carter says he is...and I'm not too happy with him. Baker would have been a good President, but...

ANKARA TO MOSCOW: I will give Sevastopol back to you in exchange for your support against India.

LONDON TO NEW DELHI: Thankyou for allowing my to capture Java last year. Now I, Turkey and Russia will be in a better position to destroy you!

ROME TO NEW DELHI: I want peace with you, or better stated, piece of Dai, Mad, Cal, Cey, Bur, Ira, and then your (especially any) letter of resignation from the game.

ANKARA TO BUDAPEST: I promise to move out of Greece, but you may find a Ukraine Army in Rumania.

LONDON TO ITALY: If France and I take out Germany, Austria-Hungary takes our Russia and you take out Turkey, then we can decide on the victory conditions. Agreeable?

PEKING TO BUDAPEST: Write to me. If Japan sides with France, then I always have Turkey to support me.

MOSCOW TO BERLIN: Revenge is sweet, on the phone, in letters, and on this press, I shall not stop moving toward you until you surrender.

LONDON TO MOSCOW: I'll grab Denmark, please give me the support needed to satisfy your vengeance. The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

PARIS: By popular demand, the French government is pleased to resume the publication of the Laws of Diplomacy. Excerpts from Volume Five are as follows:

1. Paulson(E) Principle: THE lemmings are right.
2. Hyatt's Rebuttal: I know this game isn't habit forming. I've been playing it for years.
3. Cooper's Fifty-Fifth Law of Stabbing: There's always one more son of a bitch than you counted on.
4. Kluge's Corollary to Cooper's 55th Law: Even with a nightcap, a wolf looks nothing like Geanny.
5. Paulson's (P) Lament: No matter how much you need or want, they, whoever they are, don't want to let you get away with it, whatever it is.
6. Hyatt's Law of Alliances: A real ally is someone who sticks with you through all the troubles you wouldn't have had if you hadn't allied with him in the first place.
7. Cooper's Refutation of Hyatt's Law of Alliances: Son, when you starve with a tiger...the tiger starved last.
8. The English Principle: You can always tell a real diplomacy player, he goes in after the war is over and bayonets the wounded.
9. Cheek's Postulate: Honesty is the best policy, there's no competition.
10. Cooper's Lament: Trying to get a Paulson to follow a logical plan is like trying to teach a pig to sing -- it's a waste of time and it only annoys the pig.

PARIS TO BERLIN: Your move in the 23rd was a very unfriendly move. If you would force me to go to war against you, so be it! But the freedom loving French people still will leave the lines of communication open for a peaceful

settlement. Let the world know that it was the Germans that attacked and put an army on French soil first. Not the other way around, as he has been spreading in his lying propaganda.

Viva la France.

PARIS TO LONDON: We thank the English for attacking Brest and Cambodia, you now have let this government know that you are a far more dangerous adversary than the Hun. We are ready for your next move so make it a good one.

AUSTRIA TO KONRAD: In view of your new home I hope this 'zine's title isn't prophetic!

INDIA TO WORLD: Keep those cards and letters coming, ground up they make great fertilizer!

ITALY: Our Laws of Diplomacy!

1. Konrad's 2nd Law: 99% of all press is shit but I print it anyway!
2. Cooper's 3rd Law: One good man is worth 10 idiots.
3. Cheek's Fifth Law: If the press fits, wear it.
4. Kluge's 8th Law: Read no evil, write no evil, hear no evil.
5. Hyatt's 2nd Law: You only go around once in life you have to grab all the centers you can.
6. Paulson's 3 7/8 Law: Reach out and touch someone!
7. Zipper's 1st Law: Askes t_o ashes, dust to dust, if China doesn't get me, the Russian's will!
8. Dépont's 4th Law: Life is like a garbage disposal.
9. Cheek's 2nd Law: Bad press is worth repeating.

INDIA: Prime Minister Bob has just married and will resume negotiations September 15th.

INGE (D) TO VIENNA: A Man may build himself a throne of bayonets, but he cannot sit on it.

PEKING TO VIENNA: But you can try.

CHINA TO AUSTRIA: Disregard previous message. I rescind the declaration of war. Congratulations on retaking Serbia. Best wishes in Cluj. We hope you have nice times getting into Montenegro. In the worlds of Marlowe (P), "I bent over the spread map, looking for..."

MILTON (J) TO AUSTRIA: To-morrow to fresh woods, and pastures new.

PEKING TO ROME: Get back in touch.

PEKING TO LONDON: Look away, look away, Dixieland!

PEKING TO BERLIN: Costikyan didn't even RSVP to a party invite.

CONEHED Press Service: The neutrals are all used up -- go pick o_n someone your own size.

ZIPPER'S THIRD COROLLARY: When in doubt, punt.

DATELINE ANKARA: The Sultan Kazahites today announced his abdication. In his announcement he indicated that he recognized his country's critical situation due to foreign govt's refusal to deal with him. He will stay on until Allah (GM) indicates a suitable replacement. He hopes that this action may result in more successful negotiations with other governments. (On a personal note, I have recently gained some added responsibilities on my job and returned to college part time. As a result I find that I am overextended. Therefore I am resigning from selected games where either my position is hopeless or it appears that someone else might be more successful with the position. I AM going to remain active in Dippy and other gaming. My time problems should settle down by Nov.-Sept. as some games I am will wind down by then. My apologies to any hurt or inconvenienced by my actions. Chip Channley.)

POLITICIAN: I will have to ask somebody to be a standby for the Turkish position. I have someone in mind, but I have to inquire. I'll stay in touch. Spring moves are due to Uli by October 25, 1980. And be sure to send in the press.

Oh, I might need a volunteer from outside of the game as a gamekeeper some time in the future. Contact me if you're interested at all.

WELL, I HAVE SOME SPEACE LEFT

What to do with it? Well, for one thing, I ought to say that I'm busier than I figured possible. That's why Ull will be doing most of the work from now on, and he deserves a lot of credit. For subscription renewals, I still get the money, and send checks to KONRAD BAUMEISTER. I will inform Ull what to do about the money angle. It will work fairly smoothly, I think.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON COLLEGE LIFE:

You Know You're Really in Collage When:

- You apologize to your instructor for missing the last class and he says he didn't even know you were taking it.
- Your parents rent your room.
- You know who Carlos Castaneda is.
- You own a shirt with an alligator on it.
- Somebody asks YOU for directions.
- You have to yell "flush" when someone is in the shower.
- Your textbooks don't have any pictures.
- You get used to standing in line for everything.
- You have 500 pages of economics to read and memorize thenight before an exam.
- You spend a beautiful spring day in the library.
- You wear the bathes your aunt gave you for Christmas because you haven't had time to do the wash.
- You find out that Spinoza isn't a disease.
- You discover that the late movies you used to think were so silly are, in fact, "cinema."
- The cafeteria's Fri-day-evening "meat loaf surprise" isn't a surprise anymore.
- Your latest letter to your parents includes the words "snead money."
- The movies you watch are always being interrupted by mechanical failure.
- There are six people in your seminar and all five copies of the prof's textbook are checkout out of the reserved section.
- You have leftover pizza for breakfast.
- People start using words like "Kafkaesque" at parties.
- Your high school sweetheart tells you she "wants to meet other people."
- Your everyday vocabulary includes the word "existential."
- You look at the world from a Marxist perspective -- as in Trougho.
- You discover why you should have learned to type.

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