

The Prince

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"And here it should be noted that a prince ought never to make common cause with one more powerful than himself to injure another, unless necessity forces him to it, as before said; for if he wins you rest in his power, and princes must avoid as much as possible being under the will and pleasure of others..."

Machiavelli

The Prince is a warehouse zine published every three weeks by Jim Meinel, 628 Whitworth Lane So. Renton, Washington 98055. It is devoted to primarily the play of postal Diplomacy games with other bits of stuff occasionally thrown in. Game fees are \$5.00 and subs are available for 25¢/issue, 10 for \$2.50 or any multiple of that. Games are usually non-DIAS, non-black press games with three week deadlines and prophetic play (but see game opening below).

Yes, I have a third game I am trying to fill but it's coming along slowly so in order to speed things up it will be a STRAIGHT DIP game - no prophetic play for this one, standard retreats and adjustments handling. All other characteristics are the same. And for you houserules buffs out there, dislodged units of a country that NMR'd will not be disbanded. I have three players so far for this game so I need four more. No preference lists, so five bucks gets you in.

WINNERS of the quiz last issue. Of course, the Frenchman kissed his own hand like any Frenchie does and then belted the Nazi officer. Free issue to Mark Luedi and Pat Conlon since they both came in with the right answer at the same time. No one got the second one, the answer is on the back page if you still want to try and figure it out.

Enclosed is a ballot for the 1982 Freshman Class Zine Poll, run this year by Scott Hanson 939 18th Ave SE Minneapolis, MN 55414. Rate the new zines on the card from 1 to 10, "1" being the pits, and "10" being outstanding. You have to have seen at least two issues of the zine to vote. The deadline for ballots is February 19th so hurry up and send them in. If you've voted already pass the ballot on to someone else, or keep it as a dividend of this publishing house. There are a lot of fine new zines this year and all the publishers would be pleased to get a lot of feedback on their efforts through the poll.

I've been pretty busy lately; I quit my job at Safeco and thought that would give me a little more time to go to school. Well, I work about 20 hours a week for Kelly Services, am taking a full load at school, and of course still have the family and other things clogging up my life. So things are still hectic. I'm going to have to do something come March, since I'd like to start studying for the CPA exam coming up in May. But don't worry anyone, The Prince will always be coming out every three weeks with the games, I guarantee that. I knew all this stuff was coming up when I started publishing last September so it's all been planned for.

Medici 1982 IC
Spring 1902

RUSSIANS HEAD SOUTH FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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| AUSTRIA (G.Milewski) | F ION-Aeg, A Ser-BUL, A Tri-BUD, A VIE S A Tri-Bud |
| ENGLAND (D.Scheifler) | F Edi-NRG, F Lon-NTH, F NWY-Swe, A BEL-Hol, F ENG-Bel |
| FRANCE (M.Whitty) | F Por-SPA(s.c.), A Par-PIC, A Gas-PAR, A Spa-GAS, F MAR H |
| GERMANY (J.MacFarlane) | A MUN S A Bur, A BUR S ENGLISH A Bel-Pic(nso), F HOL H, A DEN H, A Kie-RUH |
| ITALY (K.Byrne) | A Ven-TYO, A PIE-Mar, F Nap-TYN, F GRE S AUSTRIAN A Ser-Bu1 |
| RUSSIA (L.McCloud) | F Rum-BLA, A Ukr-SEV, A Gal-RUM, A War-GAL, F SWE H, A STP H |
| TURKEY (K.Tighe) | A Bul-Gre(dis,ann), A Ank-CON, F Con-AEG, F SMY S F Con-Aeg |

The deadline for Fall 1902 orders, any conditional Autumn 1902 retreats AND Winter 1902 builds/removals is Thursday February 3, 1983 10:00 PM PST. There will be no separation of Winter season. Be sure to send in preliminary orders right away. Below are units which may need retreat orders written for them:

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| AUS: F Ion, A Bul, A Bud, A Vie | GER: A Bur, F Hol, A Den | TUR: A Con, F Aeg |
| ENG: A Bel, F Nwy | ITA: A Tyo, F Gre | |
| FRA: A Pic, F Mar | RUS: A Rum, A Gal, F Swe | |

In last seasons's adjudications France's build of A Paris was omitted. All players were mailed corrections the same day the zine was mailed out. Also, as a possible retreat Austria's F Gre was mistakenly listed. It should have read F Ion. Austria was notified as soon as I realized the error.

Press:

Tur-Ita: I'm hoping to pull a France this turn.

Ita-Tur: I may live a charmed life, but definitely not in this game.

Rom-Par: ESP, hell! Someone is a traitor - try England!

Par-Lon: Now we'll see just what kind of ally Germany turns out to be.

Ita-E/F/G: I really don't believe this phoney war, Eng builds F Edi and France builds F Mar. Either they're very friendly or France is a total fool!

Vie-Ber&Rom: You sure stuck it to France.

Par-Ber: Prepare to evacuate Burgundy, you wretched despot! Your horde of barbarian heathens has left its stain upon our sacred French soil for too long! Their trumpets shall soon sound the retreat, and they shall flee before the triumphant French army, back across the Rhine, never to return! PREPARE TO MEET THY DOOM!

Ger-Fra: Oh yeah?

Ita-Rus: It's your move!

Rom-Par: Austria can have the Ignian, it's my Christmas Gift - he's been a good son.

Ank-Lon: Can I help it if Austria has a mother complex?

Par-Rom: Shall we continue this conflict, or shall we crusade together against the infidel Turk? The soldiers and sailors of France are ready to face the growing threat from the East; are yours? The decision is in your hands.

Rom-Vie: Why am I trusting you? Good question. Ans: Because I'm a very sick person!

Par-Vie: Remember, the only thing more dangerous than a bear is a wounded bear.

Par-Mos: Your initial targets may be Austria and England, but after that, one of your current allies must be next.

Ita-Ger: Sorry about Tyro, but after seeing France's builds - I assume you will bounce me there.

Ita-Aus: Always remember when you play with men you must think like them. Since we're both handicapped in this area - I hope this works!

Tur-Rus: If these moves don't work I'll need to borrow a paddle.

Par-Ank: Do you feel bottled up?

Tighe-Jocasta: Hey, I may have called the Austrian a deaf mute, but I said nothing about his age. That would have been a cheap shot.

Me-GM: Please use my retreats for F Greece before you use Austria's retreat for fleet Greece as last time I looked it was green!

And a few comments from you about the music list last issue.

John Beck

Dec. 24th

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...I see that you are more than just a little interested in Rock. Well, I'm quite a rocker myself. My tastes run rather peculiarly. My favorites go from The Who (they're recent stuff is OK, but I prefer them when Moon was still with them.) to Bowie (I'm listening to Ziggy Stardust right now) to DEVO (I was at their concert the night before last). Although I don't play an instrument myself, most of my friends play one sort of instrument or another. I don't know why I seem to attract so many musicians but I do. Personally, I think the greatest album ever made was The Who's Quadrophenia. A close second would be Dark Side of the Moon. Then of course there's the Beatles. I grew up with them. I have two older sisters (26 & 28) who bought most of their albums and when they tired of them, they gave them to me and my brother (who's going to The Evergreen State College right now, which is also where my dad teaches). One thing I couldn't understand is why you hate RUSH. They may not appeal to you, but why do you put them with the pits!!!! ((ask Chuck why)) Well, I guess we could argue for hours over things like that. I know I spent enough hours with my brother quarrelling over which group is better. ...I am interested in Theatre and hope to make a career of it. Just this last summer, I went to a 5 week long school for young actors up in Bellevue. I am not doing anything now currently, but soon I will be directing a one-act play. Other than that, I am a pretty normal type of guy, except that I like to recite War and Peace whenever I hear a car backfire. But seriously folks...

((Who said the hobby doesn't have culture? John is a new subscriber to The Prince, and a Northwesterner to boot! Need more of them gems around.))

George Milweski

Dec. 23rd

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Your list ((no, no, not mine!)) of the prime and the pits was pretty close in my opinion. But I disagree about Survivor. The station I listen to didn't flood me with Eye of the Tiger, but on other stations they went into overkill...

((Hey, this letter printing is fun!. Especially when they're short, since I'm a two-finger typist. I guess I should learn how to type by June, or I'll be in real trouble...))

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The following is my standby list, which I am closing now. Those freebies add up, and until I get some more games running I think I have enough. As soon as I get more games running I'll try to pick up some more people.

MacFarlane, Conlon, Kurtz, McCloud, Gosselin, Heintzman, Shea, Sesler, Beck

If you are called as a standby and your orders are not used you will be put at the end of the standby list. If you assume the position I'll take you off but you'll still get the zine for free for the duration of your new game. If you want back on the list in that case let me know.

Hummmmmmm.... okay:

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Atreides 1982 IV
Winter 1900

SULTAN ABDICATES THRONE - PARTY AT GENEVA CONTINUES

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I'm asking Kevin Tighe to assume the Turkish position as no Turkish orders were received for Spring 1901. (Sorry, Kevin, about being a double-Turkey)

Also, please note the COA for John Shea(GER).

The deadline for Spring 1901 orders is Thursday February 3, 1983 10:00 PM PST.
I have orders on file from everyone except Turkey. Two requests and we'll delay the deadline to Feb. 24th. Hang in their guys, we'll get this game started yet!

And a little bit of Press:

Russia-GM: Among the items contributing to the insanity in my life is the question: What in the world does "Atreides" mean? My first guess is a rival family or House against the Medici in Renaissance Florence; my second guess is an ancient Greek personage of some sort. Do you wish to enlighten?

GM-barbaric Slavic: Your ignorance betrays you! House Atreides was the ruling family of the planet Caladen in Frank Herbert's classic science fiction work, Dune. The intrigue of the ruling House's to overthrow the Emperor centered around the son of the ruling Duke of Caladan. I won't spoil the storyline any further, read it!

Answer: The clerk in Las Vegas worked for an airline and witnessed the gambler buy two airline tickets, one round trip for himself and a one-way for his wife.

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