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GRAND TOURNAMENT DIPLOMACY

1976 Dhd

Spring 1903

TURKEY CRIPPLED BY DEFECTIONS AS NORMAND JUMPS TO ITALY. MCGEE TAKES THE UNITS AND RUNS BACK TO RUSSIA, LEAVING GERMANY WITHOUT FLEETS.

Turkey

W. McCallum F Bul (SC)-Aeg (acc. defec. of A Ser, F Aeg, F Apu) (NSO)
B. Normand A Gre-Bul (defec. to Italy)
A Ank (S) ITALIAN F Aeg-Smy (defec. to Italy)
D. Staples A Arm-NMR
N. Pawlak F Smy (S) F Bul (SC)-Aeg (dislodged)

Germany

J. Diehl A Ruh-Hol
L. Kendter A Kie (S) A Ruh-Hol
P. McGee F Nwy-Swe (defec. to Russia)
F Stp (SC)-Bot (defec. to Russia)
F Den-H (defec. to Russia)
K. Scheutz A Sil-Pru

Italy

B. Sacks A Boh-Sil (Acc. defec. A Ank, A Gre) (acc. Defec. A Kie) (NSO)
J. Machir F Aeg-Smy
F Apu-Ion
K. Scheutz A Ven-Tyr

Austria

B. Martin A Ser (S) TURKISH (?) A Gre-Bul (acc. Defec. A War, A Rum) (NSO)
C. Doehrer A Gal-Boh
A Bud-(S) RUSSIAN A Rum
F Adr (C) ITALIAN A ven-Alb (NSO)

France

H. Jordan A Bur (S) A Bel-Ruh
C. Doehrer A Bel-Ruh
D. Klein F Mid-NAO
F Pic (S) A Bel (imp)

France (cont'd)

J. Kador F Bre-Eng
no commander A Spa-NMR

England

J. Kador F Hol-Hel
C. Dupuis F Nth (C) A Yor-Hol
D. Rittel F Ska-Nwy
A Yor-Hol

Russia

N. Pawlak A Sev-Mos (acc. defec. F Nwy)
F Den, F Stp (SC))
V. Tsao A Rum-Ukr
A War-Pru
I. Jeffrey F Bla (C) TURKISH A Arm-Bul (NSO)
A Ukr-War

underlined orders fail.

Proposed Rules Changes

A number of proposed rules changes are now being submitted for your consideration. Every player has the power to veto these changes. If anyone objects to any of these changes, such change will not take effect. A player's objection to these rules will not be made public.

Rule 18.5 Royal Standby Orders.

In the event that a player misses a move, standby orders submitted by the king or grand duke of the country to which such commander's units belong will take effect.

Rule 18.2 Purge for Incompetence.

In the event that a player misses a move, the king or grand duke of the country to which such player's units belong may be assigned to new commanders effective with the following season.

Rule 17.5 Royal General Orders.

Kings and grand dukes may submit to

the Gamemaster general standing orders to be consulted by a neutral player in making substitute orders for any player who fails to submit orders. The decision of the neutral player in making such substitute orders will be final. Such general standby orders may not include specific moves directions.

Press

(Dennis Klein) I apologize for not writing this past move. I am home for a Winter break (until Dec 31) and have a job in the shipping department of a catalog house where I work 11-plus hours a day and Saturdays. I will probably be silent until after I get the next Rebus so please stand by- I'll write.

ATHENS (T.P.) The Sultan of Salonika today announced that he has ordered his janissaries to aid the Christian forces in the liberation of the oppressed Bulgarians (especially their women- he added)

ANKARA (T.P.) Answering the call of their Sultan, 50,000 Bektashi Dervishes began dancing their way to Constantinople.

BOHEMIA-SUR-MANTZ (H.P.) The Bohemian Swartz-Pressen stated that their correspondent in Mecca reports wide spread speculation of a Jihad being called against the Caliph of Constantinople. Fragmentary reports reaching Jeddah tend to confirm this speculation and have added that the Caliph will be exposed as an imposter.

The Caliph, who claims decent from the Prophet by way of his daughter Fatima (many times removed of course), has been accused of being only a camel herder's son who has substituted for the last of the degenerate Abbasids when the former Caliph's only heir was pushed to his death and drowned while cheating in a floating crap game.

Commentary

I'm very glad to see that the game has started to pick up. The players are start-

ting to get a feel for the expanded rules of the game. Now that you have seen the wonders of the defection rule, I'll discuss other rules that may be useful to you.

The grand duchy

is something players should consider with every set of orders.

With proper planning, the grand duchy can be used as a puppet state. Very often a larger country, of say- 9 or 10 centers, will find it difficult to expand because of the great distances between home centers and a front. A non-Mediterranean country, like Germany, is severely hampered by an inability to raise fleets in the area. Turkey, when expanded to the Baltic, is usually halted there because of a lack of Northern fleets.

The establishment of a puppet state grand duchy is the way around the building problem. A king and his most trusted commanders can pick out a few choice centers for building, and establish a new little country for just that purpose.

A true puppet state would be one which would have commanders who are also commanders of the controlling country. Such a puppet would truly be an appendage of larger country because the king would have effective control over its commanders by way of his build and purge powers. At the close of the game the puppet state can be merged with the parent state by means of mock conquest or defection. The problem presented by the true puppet state is that, because its commanders are also those of the larger country, it must receive diplomatic recognition before it can make builds. Such recognition would have to be bargained for as part of the regular diplomatic process.

It is possible to establish a new country for building purposes by means of Papal recognition, but this requires that the commanders of the new country not hold commands of units of any other country. This requires careful planning to insure that three commanders have all of their units in approximately the same area. This is difficult to achieve and probably can only be done by shifting commands.

The grand duchy is a very useful tool for subversion. History shows that the most effective way to subvert a prince or a general is to offer him a crown of his own. To break up a good defensive line, a king should offer a commander whose unit is important to that line other commanders to make up a new country. A clever commander when asked to defect could ask instead for help in starting up a new country for himself.

The offering of a crown to a subverted commander dovetails into the plan to establish a puppet state. Recruiting turncoating commanders makes it easy to put together the three needed commanders for a grand duchy.

Of course, the grand duchy can be established by commanders on their own, without direction from any kings, simply so that one of them can have the fun of being king, and the commanders get out of a dying country.

FIRST REGULAR GAME

1976 BE

Winter 1903

EUROPE BUILDS FOR MORE WAR

Turkey

R. Nelson

no builds

has: A Sev, F Bul, A Con

Italy

J. Rogowski

build A Ven

has: A Pie, F Rom, F Ion, A Mun, F Smy

Germany

J. Diehl

remove A Hol, A Ruh

has: F Bal, F Bot, A Kie

Austria

D. Malmquist

build A Vie

has: F Gre, A Rum, A Ukr, A Gal, A Ser

England

D. Rittel

build F Edi

has: A Den, F Nth, F Swe, F Hel

France

B. Normand

Build A Par

has: A Tus, F Mar, F Pic, A Bel, F Wes

Russia

B. Sergeant

remove F Ank

has: A Sil, A Mos, A War, F Bla, F Nwy (retreat A Sev-Mos)

note: This game had a number of orders that came in late. You guys have much too much faith in the USPS. Orders must be mailed in four days before the deadline.

SECOND REGULAR GAME

1976 DG

Fall 1902

RUSSIA FIGHTS ON

Austria

C. Gibson

F Ion-Tyr

A Vie-Boh

A Gal-Ukr

A Ser-Rum

Turkey

D. Staples

A Bul (S) A Rum

F Bla (S) A Arm-Sev

A Rum (S) A Arm-Sev

A Arm-Sev

Germany

J. Harpur

A Hol (S) A Kie

A Kie (S) A Hol

F Bel-Nth

Russia
C. Dupuis

A War (S) A Ukr
A Ukr (S) F Sev
A Mos (S) F Sev
F Sev-H (annihilated)
A Swe (S) ENGLISH F Ska-Den
(NSO)

France
J. Machir

A Bur-Mun
F Mid-Spa (SC)
F Eng-Mid
A Ber (S) A Bur-Mun
A Spa-Mar

Italy

F Tyr-Lyo
F Wes-Spa (SC)
A Tyl-Tri
A Pie-H

England
R. Kelly

F Nth (C) A Lon-Den
A Lon-Den
F Hel-Kie
F Ska (S) A Lon-Den

Supply Center Chart

Austria

Vie, Bud, Tri, Gre, Ser (4-even)

Turkey

On, Ank, Smy, Rum, Bul, Sev (6-build 2)

Germany

Ber, Kie, Hol, Bel (3-even)

England

Lon, Liv, Edi, Nwy, Den (5-build 1)

Russia

Mos, War, Stp, Sev, Swe (4-even)

France

Par, Bre, Mar, Mun, Spa, Ber (6-build 1)

Italy

Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun, Tri (5-build 1)

Press

Lon to Mos: How do you expect me to answer your card, when you didn't bother to include your return address?

THIRD REGULAR GAME

1976 IL

Spring 1901

Austria

J. Dittmar

A Bud-Ser

A Vie-Tri

F Tri-Alb

DITTMAR SCREWS UP AGAIN, IS EXCOMMUNICATED!

note: Jad Dittmar missed this move. Under house rule #6 the above orders take effect. Since this is not the first game that Mr. Dittmar has screwed up, he is now removed from the game. Substitute players are being sought.

England
G. Bakich

F Lon-Nth
F Edi-Nwg
A Liv-Edi

France
E. Veneske

A Par-Pic
A Mar-Spa
F Bre-Eng

Germany
R. Enzler

F Kie-Den
A Mun-Ruh
A Ber-Kie

Turkey

J. Rogowski

F Ank-Bla

A Con-Bul

A Smy-Arm

Italy
M. Berch

A Ven-Tyl
A Rom-Ven
F Nap-Ion

Russia

T. McNally

F Stp (SC)-Bot

A Mos-Ukr

A War-Gal

F Sev-Bla

Press

PARIS (French Free Press Daily News and Weather Report)- The Commander of the great northern campaign, General Amneste, gave an impromptu press conference here yesterday. Sighted leaving Mme. Fifi's Massage Parlour and Taco Emporium, the general was quickly surrounded by rather rabid looking reporters. Finally forced to take off the false nose, the general consented to make a statement. "Gentlemens, I 'ave all ze confidences for zis campaign. We are fighting on ze side of ze right, and I 'ave always said that honor is ze best defense (as long as it is supported by a couple of good howitzers). As you see, I 'ave been checking up on civilian moral, and I 'ave found zat ze French people are always ready to support ze cause." Then, redonning his rubber nose, the general slipped into a passing Mercedes and was soon out of sight...Low 50's, some rain.

ALGIERS (via Paris) Recent reports have it that members of the Qokabollakonga tribe of the Northern Sahara have decided to involve themselves in the coming European conflict. In a close vote of 34-31, the tribe decided to ally with France. When asked by a correspondent the reason for the choosing France, one tribesman replied: We here dey got dis place called Mme. Fifi's something or other..." A highly placed official in the French Government, when informed of the aid offer, said, "Who cares? Let the schmucks yuk it up in the boonies, for all I care. All those guys care about is sex, a comfortable pair of shoes, and a warm place to (expletive deleted)." This Statement has been widely regarded as a diplomatic blunder.

GENEVA (Critica) The World Press Humor Institute noted here that the recent reports from Algiers have been witty.

NOTA BENE

1. Deadlines. The deadline for all moves in all games is JANUARY 11, 1977.

2. Change of Address. The new address for George Bakich is;

116 Lincoln Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

3. Change of Houserule. Effective immediately, orders sent on post cards will be accepted.

I should point out that the practice of sending orders on postcards is not recommended. The ability of the USPS to screw up the delivery of a postcard is much greater than that for a business sized envelope. All of their equipment is built to handle business mail.

4. Publisher's Rant. This issue is delayed by one day. The delay, in spite of the lack of feature material, could not be avoided. Diplomacy publishers have a general rule of fairness that orders sent in well before the deadline will be counted even after the deadline. TODAY, December 15, we received an order that was postmarked on December 3. The USPS has outdone themselves this year!! We know that you players hate to wait as long as twelve days for your results, but to do otherwise is impossible. In order to be fair we would have to recall previous adjudications as properly sent in orders are received after publication.

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