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Decisions: Whaddaya know? Everybody agreed to the round robin system! (One stated he didn't like it but would go along; the rest said definitely yes, one or two with enthusiasm even.) So shall it be. As far as I am concerned each 'gamesmaster' is free to handle his individual issues any way he likes; when my turns roll around there will be another SEITENSTETTEN, when your turns crop up it's your baby.

One problem that occurred to me: What happens when one of us is eliminated from the game? Does he still publish on his turns (if he cares to)? Comments invited, direct them to next season's GM (see below). I vote yes, let such parties publish.

SEITENSTETTEN Mailing List: I have kept this list to a realistic minimum. There are, naturally, several people who need to have copies of each issue (aprt from the players, that is): archivists, the standby players (yes, there are a couple, just for safety), and the other two independent inventors of postal Diplomacy. I respectfully request that the rest of you follow this list and mail copies to all on it; if someone objects to this I'll be willing to work out a deal for postage with you privately.

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standby.

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Fourteen - not bad, and only $2\frac{1}{2}$ times per year at that. This means we will each spend \$2.80 per year on postage for the issues we print. Kind of inexpensive-seeming for being a Gamesmaster, eh?

If there are any objections to my compilation of such a list, please take it up with me, not the next GM. Naturally each person who publishes can send additional copies to whomever he likes.

Publishing order, with computation of future deadlines (hopefully):

Spring 1902 - Ward - January 6, 1973. ✓
Fall 1902 - Boyer - January 27, 1973. ✓
Fall 1902B - Reinsel - February 17, 1973. ✓ B0401
Spring 1903 - Holcombe - March 10, 1973. ✓
Fall 1903 - Neus - March 31, 1973. ✓
Fall 1903B - Scensny - April 21, 1973. ✓
Spring 1904 - von Metzke - May 12, 1973.
Fall 1904 - Ward - June 2, 1973.
etc.

In the case of build seasons, the Gamesmaster for each Fall turn, having adjudicated such moves, has the authority to call for builds and subsequent Spring moves together (latter conditional on former) if in his opinion the builds are sufficiently simple or minor (or even non-existent) to make this dual system feasible. Naturally if this happens the above seasons assigned to each will move up one.

Should any player be unable to publish in his turn, please advise me immediately you find this out and I will take the responsibility for solving the dilemma. Should any publisher fail to print and mail his issues within a reasonable time from the deadline (what? 2 or 3 days? comments?) he is asked to move subsequent deadlines ahead to compensate.

Now what in hell do we do if a player misses a move, and thus indicates he may be dropping out, on the turn prior to his publishing turn? I have no answer for this one. Ideas, anyone?

Incidentally, the first standby, Dave De Luca, has no possible way of publishing anything - I don't know about Steadman. So if these guys get into the game we will have to adjust to allow for it.

Any errors in adjudication must be reported, not to the guy who blew it, but to the next publisher in line.

For any missed moves, the publisher of that season is asked to call for standby orders from the two standby players, utilizing them in order. It is my normal practise, in my other games, to drop a player after two consecutive missed moves. Unless I am vehemently opposed on this I will presume it to apply here also.

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Let me say at this point that, while it reads back there as though I am attempting to dictate the entire structure of this game to the rest of you, actually I'm not. In the first place, anything I 'decree' that meets with any mass of protest would, I should think, be reversed. But more importantly, someone has got to make these preliminary technical decisions, and since I put this thing together I took it upon myself to do so. If we were to piddle around trying to develop a concensus and resolve any disputes, we might never get to the playing.

In case you're curious, the publishing order was selected at random except that (a) Len's turn was arranged to suit the times at which he has access to a duplicator, and (b) my turn was presumed to be the present issue.

I will be keeping close watch on this game in case of any breakdowns in the system. This does not mean I will be dictating terms or getting pushy.

Enough of serious shit. Let's play this damned thing.

1962-A - Fall 1901 Builds

Austria - a bud, a vie. England - f lvp. France - a par, f mar. Germany - a mun, f kie. Italy - f nap. Russia - a war, a stp. Turkey - f con.

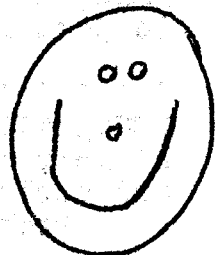
Positions:

A-- a's tri, ser, bud, vie; f gre (5).
E-- a yor; f's lvp, lon, nwy (4).
F-- a's por, spa, par; f's mar, bre (5).
G-- a's den, ruh, mun; f's kie, bel (5).
I-- a's tyo, ven; f's nap, tun (4).
R-- a's rum, mos, war, stp; f's sev, swe (6).
T-- a's bul, smy; f's con, ank (4).

Spring 1902 Moves must be in to Robert Vard on Saturday, January 6, 1973. If anyone cares to submit his phone number it might be useful to know. Mine is (714) 239-1574. Hal's is (714) 420-4237. Bob's is (916) 383-5946. Charles has none. John's is (717) 249-1343. I don't have Len's. I can't find Rich's. So there.

After ten years

we're UNDER WAY!



You might - and then again you might not - care to peruse the pitiful press page next side. Turn over, men!

whee...

Page Four -- THANK YOU, BOYER BABY! Now the rest of you....

MOSCOW: The Russian Government has been overthrown and replaced with a Republic governed by the people. Yesterday, the new president, Boris Karloff, announced that the Russian Government would establish a new foreign policy pending the new series of negotiations with all of her neighbors. We publicly realize that the old government was a dictatorship and its military hungry for war. We are peaceful, but we stand ready to defend the Motherland.

ST. PETERSBURG: The General of the Russian Northern Army was reported to have said that the best defense of the Motherland would be the active offensive military campaign. This report was only hearsay as the latest news from Moscow, the new capital, indicated that the General was ordered demoted for his political leanings towards the old government.

VILNNA: From out of the night, a clattering of hooves, a rushing of wind, a kersplat as one of the horses has a problem, and the Legions of the Lone Harbinger ride into the early rays of the rising dawn. They are headed west, proving that they may be rotten soldiers but they sure kept up on their Sir Walter Scott.

The Legions are led by the First Among Few (Fortunately), Baron Ignaz Meinhardt 'Knife' Scheissfuss. Steadfast at his side is Lt.-Baron Mihail Jozef 'Scepter' Flingkrappen. Flanking on the left trots Orestes Obadiah 'Whip' Grossgluteus. And bringing up the rear of the column is Hans Christiaan 'Screw Auger' Pinski, the Putrefied Polack. The Legions rear onward, ever onward, looking for action, defending the Dual Crown from its detractors (particularly from those with the power to enforce their scurrilous lies), and in general perpetrating a pogrom against personal placidity - which is the dammedest euphemism for rape and pillage you'll ever see!

BUDAPEST: Austria, and her sidekick Hungary, are forced to declare war. No choice is left us. Our honour has been impugned. Our sovereignty has been defiled. Our citizenry has been endangered. Our pride has been cast asunder. Our stock markert has gone plop. And our erstwhile insatiable blood lust has met with unnecessary resistance from our intended victims. Somebody gonna get got! So we issue this one last fair warning: Please don't walk on the grass when you get us, okay? Huh?

SAN DIEGO: A base appeal to all of you Johnny-come-latelies (no personal slight, Boyer): Look, guys, this is my first-ever postal game, it ain't yours. Now wouldn't it be the nice friendly thing to just sort of accidentally let me win?!? Just a little bit?

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SUGGESTION: When mailing your moves, seal them and mark them plainly so the GM can't miss. Maybe even seal them in one envelope and enclose that inside another?

Prediction: No player will miss a move on his own publishing turn.

hasta luego - take it away Bobbie!