

Therefore, questions 1 and 5 are defeated. Question 2 was carried unimpressively, and Richard Hull has been determined to be the individual whose destiny has been the issue. At this point, Richard, all I can say is thanks, and if a dispute occurs which can't be settled by vote, we'll give it to you. I am presuming that we shall poll the players first in order to resolve future problems, and only if there is a tie vote (which now requires an odd number of non-votes) would the issue be referred to Mr. Hull.

As for question 3, we have agreed that if the next GM in line notifies a current GM before the current GM's publishing date that the next GM wishes a change from our tri-weekly schedule, it should be granted within reasonable limits.

For the record, my vote against question 5 was not against the concept that it would be beneficial to have a non-player (hopefully the "Judge") receive copies of moves. I favor all players sending copies of moves to Hull if he's willing to accept the task of checking them against the resultant publication. My vote is an indication of my disinterest in sending moves to any more players than necessary. It's bad enough that one player has to sort his "national" mail from his "GM" mail, let's not add the next GM in line.

This has been published in order to terminate this series of questions, and it is not my intent to continue them. Naturally comment to Hal will help him determine what sort of new proposals might be helpful for the game. It does seem further thought is warranted, and so

Certain Observations on the Perambulating GM Role and Seitenstetten Rules

Away back in Ss 3, Conrad posed several potential problems on page two. To the best of my knowledge nothing has been done to confirm our handling of these issues. Primarily they deal with missed moves, tardy publication and situations where a scheduled publisher can't (or doesn't) make it. His final paragraph appears to have been accepted in that whenever a non-publishing player misses a turn, the standbys will be asked to submit orders for the next season (he would be replaced if the standby orders had to be utilized the following season). But you can't do this with the GM.

It seems to me that there is a relationship between delinquent publishing and mispublishing as brought to our attention by John. Delinquent publishing can lead to situations where the game is seriously disturbed unless some "judge" has access to the moves. Agreed that we are a reliable lot, but I cite the difficulty I've encountered in getting 1972BD going, and that came from one of the most reliable publishers extant.

On page four, Conrad suggested players take action to make it easier for a GM not to open moves prematurely. The enclosed envelope appeared most reasonable to me. After all players do write one another in this game (don't they?), and how is the GM to tell if an unmarked envelope contains "national" communication to be read immediately, or GM material that should not be prematurely read? It was quite interesting for me to note an unusual correlation between the care players exercised in sending these moves to me and the vote on issue two. The players who clearly marked what they didn't want opened seem to be the same ones who want to see the game to be conducted on a basis that would tend to minimize question or doubt.

Others seem to prefer the honor system. Could this be an experiment?

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ENG (R. Holcombe): F Nwg-Nat, F NtS (s) F EnC (s) F NtS.
 FRA (H. Naus): F MAO-WMe, F Lyo-Tyn, A Bur-Ruh, A Gas-Bur, A Spa-Mar.
 GER (C. Reinsel): F Bel H, F Hel-Den, F Kie-Hel, A Den-Kie, A Mun H,
 A Hol (s) F Bel.
 ITA (R. Ward): F Ion-Tyn, F EMe-Ion, A Tyo-Pie, A Apu-Rom.
 AUS (C. von Metzke): F Gre (s) ITA F Ion-Aeg, nso, A Alb-Ser (s) by
 A Tri & A Bud d/r Vie or /a/.
 RUS (J. Boyer): F Nwy (s) HNG F NtS, F Sev (s) A Rum, A Fin-Swe, A StP
 (s) F Nwy, A Ukr (s) A Rum, A Rum & A Gal (s) TUR A Ser-
 Bud.
 TUR (L. Scensny): F Smy-Syr, F Con-Smy, F Bla-Con, A Ser-Bud, A Bul-Ser.

Summer retreat and Fall orders must reach Hal Naus, 1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista, CA. 92011 by Saturday, March 31. Fall orders may be conditional upon the Austrian retreat.

Change of Address (for the period March 10-24 only)
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Press Releases

London: A great uneasyness has become noticed in the capitol. None of our neighbors seems particularly friendly, and special concern has been created by Emperor Charles I's naval expansion. The Government is taking steps---the first of which has been to arrest all charwomen.

Paris: SILENCE, SILENCE, SILENCE, WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN SILENCE? Actually, I've been here meditating this beautiful blond I see every morning on my way to work. Austria standing pat on his toes is a feat I'd like to see. He'd get nosebleeds from having his head in a cloud. Okay Turkey, throw stones, but dammit don't skip them, one flew right over Conrad's head, and that's a big skip!

Marseilles: Just stretching a little, Bob.

Burgundy: Hi Charlie, come over for some Pork chops and Hawaiian salad.

Berlin: Damn you Boyer, how you expect me to get a move in on the 9th when I don't get the moves 'till the 7th? Why didn't you answer other two letters???? ((as always, typed as received))Ed.

Roma: The Italian Second Fleet, adrift in the Med for six months was today rescued by Troop 16 of the Baranary Coast Sea Scouts and redirected to its home port. The estimated arrival date is late 1903, as the fuel source, decomposed anchovy pizzas, is running low and will have to be conserved by travel at slow speeds. It is expected that a contract will soon be signed with the Warsaw Navigation Company to convert the fuel source as it is reliably reported that the Russian Navy has had great success with using Polish soup as a fuel source, though the smell is somewhat worse than with decomposed anchovy pizzas.

Warsaw: Those brave fighting pilots of the 1st Polish Air Squadron did it again! They managed to get lost on their mission! It was not easy because there were too many Austrian troops movements below to indicate any lack of direction. ((John must have put this sentence in to test if I really print them as received--Ed)) Anyhow, with typical aplomb, the White Baron led the sortie right over the little Austrian town of Ogeid Nas, situated

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in the Austrian Alps about 200 miles west of Vienna. There, they met their first serious resistance from the Austrian Air Force. In fact, the famous (or infamous, depending whose side you're on) Conrad von Metzke, otherwise known as their Red Baron, was leading the defense of the little town. In short order, then, a wild fight broke out as the outnumbered Austrians tried to shoot down the Poles while avoiding being rammed by the invading enemy. In a personal duel, the White Baron took on the Red Baron in a terrific aerial battle, the likes of which the war had never before seen. First, the Red Baron got behind the Polish Ace, Stanislaus Leszczynski, and was homing in on his tail, but, with a double loop, the White Baron was suddenly on the Red Baron's tail. However, at that point, the gun jammed on the Polish Ace's plane, and since the Poles won the air fight by having more planes left over after all the mid-air collisions, the White Baron and the Red Baron broke off their duel, and promised each other that they would meet again. So, as the Austrians limped home, we see the victorious Polish 1st Squadron head for Poland into the east.

Italy to Russia: John, I hope your sense of European geography is better than your sense of California geography. Oakland is not in Southern California, with or without earthquakes. It is in fact, as is well known, a slum just to the east of San Francisco, built mostly of the packing crates used to transport parts of San Francisco. It is also about 100 miles southwest of the cultural, intellectual, and governmental heart of the State, Sacramento.

England to Tangelo: I trust you won't let this perverse prattle from the paddies go unanswered. North, South, nonsense; everyone knows Central California gets all the good quakes now with all that machinery the scientists have set up around Oxnard.