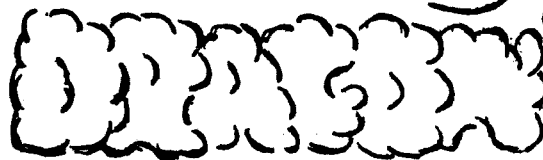




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Diplomacy is learning to say "You certainly are a man of firm convictions" instead of "You sure are a stubborn Ass."

36 days to go. I'm sure I don't have to explain that to anyone. I have spoken to players from the East and they seem to be having as much trouble with the weather as we are here in the Mid-West. The only report I have had that is at all favorable is from Doug Beyerlein who tells me the temperature is 55 and that it never snows in San Francisco. (All together now....BOOOOOOO! HISSSSSSS!)

In this issue, which marks the beginning of our third year, we have the report of the first game to end in these pages. I am not going to be opening a game at the present time. Perhaps after another game ends. The problem right now is that I am considering a move to the South or California this summer (seriously). If I should decide to, I would have no way of continuing St. George except by carbon copy, so I prefer not to get too involved until my situation settles. However, as always, I guarantee to carry to completion any game which I start.

We also have a rebuttle to my estimation of Close Encounters. I would like to point out we pay for articles of this sort at the rate of one free issue per 3/4 page, or there about. This article got its author two issues.

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1976R Medusa Winter, 1910
A: builds A VIE, E: builds F LON, F LVP, F EDI,
G: removes A lvn, A sil, I: builds F NAP

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? Spring, 1911

Austria(McArdle) A MAR H, A PIE H, A TYO S A BOH, A gal-SIL,
A BOH S A gal-SIL, A vie-GAL, A war-MOS, A UKR S A war-MOS,
A SEV S A war-MOS, F BLA H
England(Kelly) F lvp-NAT, F eng-IRI, F lon-ENG, F edi-NTH,
F BRE S F spa(nc)-MAO, F POR S F spa(nc)-MAO, A hol-RUH,
F spa(nc)-MAO, A ruh-BUR, A GAS S A ruh-BUR, F den-EAL
F swe-NWY, A stp-FIN
Germany(Cohen) A mos-STP, A MUN S English A ruh-BUR,
A BER S A MUN, A KIE S A MUN
Italy(Drews) F mao-NAP, F WES H, F LYO S F WES, F TYN H
A ROM H, F nap-ION, A ARM H



Medusa

There is a DRAW PROPOSED BETWEEN AUSTRIA, ITALY & ENGLAND. PLEASE VOTE.
Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place
of unit. Please note Ron Kelly's COA from Room # 120 to #119

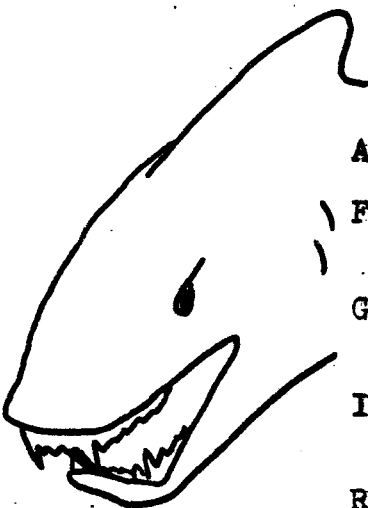
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1976IF Leviathan Winter, 1906
A: A gal R OTB, builds A TRI, F: builds F BRE, G: builds
A BER, plays 1 short, I: builds F NAP, R: removes F swe, F bar

Spring, 1907

INVASION OF RUSSIA CONTINUES

Austria(Nurse) A vie-GAL, A tri-VIE, A SRE & A BUD S A bul-
RUM, A bul-RUM
France(Cable) F bre-MAO, A LVP S A yor-EDI, A yor-EDI,
F NWG S German F NTH-nwy(nso), A MAR H, F mao-WES,
F SPA(SC) S F mao-WES
Germany(Berch) A MUN-boh, A WAR S Austrian A vie-GAL,
A ber-SIL, A der-SWE, A stp-MOS, F kie-DEN, A nwy-STP,
F NTH H
Italy(Beyerlein) F aeg-CON, F SMY S F aeg-CON, F nap-TYN
F wes-spa(sc)(d, r lyo, naf, tun, otb), A ven-TYO,
A PIE S A ven-TYO
Russia(McLendon) A con-BUL, F BLA S A con-BUL, A rum(d, r
ukr, otb) S A con-BUL, A gal-vie(d, r ukr, otb), A BOH S
A gal-vie, F cly-NAT, A SEV S a rum



Leviathan

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place of unit. COA: Cecil Nurse, 115 Hillside Ave. West, Toronto,
Ontario, Canada M5P 1G6. Press is on page 8.

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EDITORIAL(continued from page 2)

might even apply, sometimes, to a person who has just learned that he has but a few months to live. The setting for CE was the UFO experience, but there's nothing unique about that. It could have been any of the above situations and Roy would have had to deal with the same types of problems and turmoil.

Bob suggested that you see the movie. I agree - the special effects are stupendous. But I suggest to Bob that if you have the time and the money, see it again. This time, take your eyes and mind off the flying saucers and watch the people. They're what the movie's all about.

One final, unrelated point. Bob referred to the aliens as "satisfyingly alien". Did I see the same thing he did? I saw a creature standing erect on two legs, with a vertically disposed body trunk, 2 arms and topped by a head. Now I'll admit that the head was a bit misshapen the arms were closer to tentacles and the whole thing stood only 3-4 feet tall. Still the use of very humanoid aliens was a total cop-out to me and a bit of a disappointment in the otherwise excellent closing sequence.

First let me say that all the above parenthetical comments are the author's. By "satisfying alien", I was referring to the slope of the shoulders which precludes the possibility that the alien was a human in an alien suit the way it was obvious at times in Star Wars.

As for the idea that this movie could have been about someone on LSD that is precisely my complaint. There is no coherent explanation of why anyone is doing anything, or how the aliens induced them to behave so. I was brought up on the so-called "hard core" science fiction. I want to see plot, not unmotivated character studies.

1976IF Press--

Russia-Austria: In your last letter to me you boasted you and Italy could form a stalemate line without me. Let's see you do it!

Vienna(Nov., 1906) The Emperor woke up in a good mood and immediately summoned his aides. "Well, how did we do?" he roared. "How large is my empire?"

"We are, Your Majesty, one larger than last season, yes, yes, and one less than last year." they cringed.

"What!" he screamed, climbing across the bed and grabbing one by the nose. "Smaller than last year? What in God's name is the use of being smaller?" Suddenly, one had a brainstorm.

"Of course, Your Majesty! How did you guess? Look at Russia. He was twice our size, and what good did it do him? Soon, he will be smaller than us. You see! That is what it has done us!" The Emperor puzzled over it a little, but it sounded good. Or did it?

"You pea-brain!" he snarled. "Are you trying to tell me that if we get smaller, we'll end up bigger than Germany?"

more press on next page---

1976IF Press--

Berlin: Where's my Press Secretary?" bellowed the Kaiser.

A short, terrified man appeared and whispered, "Right here."

"What happened to our Royal press in Spring, 1906? Nothing appeared!"

"Well, sir, I forgot to label it explicitly as 'press'. It was placed right after the heading, date, etc. and right before the moves. However, his Supreme GMness, in a fit of extreme caution, decided it might be not-for-quoting commentary on the game. After all, it was of a rather unusual format for a press release."

"How do you know all this?"

"He explained it all in the last issue," said the P.S. waiving the iridescent lime-green evidence. "He even apologized."

"Ah, so it's been printed after all."

Er, nossir. He explained why he hadn't printed it before, but he didn't actually print it. I suppose we should ask him why."

"What for? That might just fetch another explanation-but not the press itself."

"Maybe he just didn't like it. Or likes to delay things. He did that once before, you know."

"Only one way to find out. Ahem! The following is the press release which my Press Secretary-make that my ex-Press Secretary- forgot to label as such...."

COMPUTER IS READY. BEGIN ENTRY, STATING CATEGORY

Postal Diplomacy Record, or tie for same.

STATE TYPE OF RECORD, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTION IF ANY

Largest Military alliance. Largest Military alliance in 1905.

STATE SIZE OF ALLIANCE AND GIVE DETAILS

Participation was by six countries against Russia. Game 1976IF, Fall 1905. Austria, Germany, France, England all attacked, or supported attacks on Russian units. Italy supported an Austrian unit which could only have only been dislodged by Russian action. Turkey supported an attack which, had it taken place, could only have been part of an anti-Russian military maneuver. Hence there was arguably a de facto sextuple alliance against Russia.

((Two points: 1. The press was not printed the second time because when I discovered that it was indeed press, I couldn't find it... now you know...the GM is not perfect.

2. You will be pleased to know that although I may not always recognize Press, I certainly know sarcasm when I hear it.))
