

WHY ME ?

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What's happening; First, the "blind" game starts this issue, and I think this will be a lot of fun. It's a shame that none of the readers will be able to follow it. Maybe when it's done I'll run a synopsis. WM #11 also starts this issue. This has an interesting cast.

Print quality to improve? I've been a little disappointed lately at some of the blurry spots in the issues. Not knowing much about my mimeo except how to run it, I'm at a loss as what to do. A.B. Dick, who manufactured my machine is no help. They have a large office in this area, but they completely ignore any requests I make for information. I guess I'm too small of a customer to be bothered with. But, after asking around, I've ordered a new ink pad. I've been told that my old one is probably too worn out. So next issue will not have as many poor spots to read. (I HOPE !)

Game openings: I still have 6 spots left in WM #12. Tell your friends that I have openings! Gamefee: \$3.00 plus a sub maintenance.

GO EAGLES ! How many of you saw my Philadelphia Eagles beat up on the Dallas Cowboys last Monday night? I really enjoyed that game ! I am not a Football fanatic (I never watch any College games), but the Eagles are becoming worth watching for the first time in many years. I know we are not Super Bowl contenders yet, but this is a team for the future ! Watch out Washington & Dallas !

The Postal Diplomacy Tournament: This is now ready to sign up players. Tournament Fee will be \$20.00 per player, which signs him up for 3 games. A breakdown of how this fee is used is as follows.

\$15.00 of this fee will go to the GM's at \$5.00 per game. The \$5.00 remaining will go into the prize fund.

The field is restricted to 63 players at present. If additional GM's become available by the starting date, additional entries will be accepted. No entries will be accepted after December 31st.

Entries will be on a first come first served basis, with GM's receiving no preference.

Tournament Director is Robert Sergeant, 3242 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Mark Berch will be the tournament Ombudsman. I will be GMing and playing in this tournament. I think that this is a very worthwhile project, so why not enter today ?

Plug Dept: Emhain Macha is a new 'zine that I just received. It looks like another nice venture into publishing. This is published by a Michael Mills, 3457 Makyes Road, Nedrow, N.Y. 13120 . Subs are 12 issues for \$4.80 and gamefees are \$2.00 plus a \$1.00 refundable deposit. I don't know anything about Mike, but an exchange of letters with him gave me a very favorable impression. Good luck Mike !

Blade Folds: For those of you who wondered where 1979 V & 1979 AD came from, those were running in my subzine, Blade. Now that we have more room in Why Me, I decided to put them in here. They are both quite interesting games. I hope you game-analyzer types enjoy them.

Bernie get your facts straight or IN DEFENSE OF NEED A GAME

As most of you know, I am the Need-A-Game editor for Diplomacy World. I also make this service available on an up-to-date basis for a 15¢ S.S.A.E. In this way, people who are looking for a postal game can always have a source to turn to.

I do this for no personal gain. In fact, I lose money on every list that is sent out.

Now, "Bernie Oaklyn" has maliciously slandered me and my service in his 'zine. In Front du liberation du diplomacy, Vol IV, issue 7, page 2, Bernie writes some rather ridiculous comments about Need-A-Game. I'll not try to comment on the entire article, but there is one point in particular that really made me sick, and I must rebut this. 1) Bernie states: "Could this ((ned-a-game)) be a mechanism to get everyone to subscribe to his gamezine, being player therein, or not?" MY REPLY: NO ! If Bernie had actually ever looked at one of my Need-A-Game sheets that I send out (which I doubt); he would have seen that nowhere on the sheet does it even mention that I publish a zine! So how the hell does that get me subscribers???? A group of select publishers that get my lists regularly will gladly verify this.

Bernie has totally distorted the facts in this matter, and I urge all publishers to reprint my side of the story. I know that Bernie won't because of his biased style against me. Enough said.

BLIND GAME STARTS. Below are the players and their country selection for the Blind game. I had 6 preference lists, but a few of you all wanted the same country, so a couple of you got very low choices.

Austria: Vern Schaller, 207 Garfield Ave., Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034
 England: John Kador, 20 Hilltop Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910
 France: Karl Schuetz, 20 Toledo Lane, Willinboro, N.J. 08046
 Russia: Jerry Muto, 578 Autumn Cir, Webster, N.Y. 14580
 Italy: Phil Cooper, 80 East Brandis Ave, Staten Island, N.Y. 10308
 Germany: Art Schleinkofer, 3108 E st., Phila., PA 19134
 Turkey: Mike McGranaghan, 3564 Chalfont Dr., Phila., PA 19154

Incidentally; The two Philadelphians do not know each other. I know both of them and I know they have never met. Ordinarily I would never allow two from Philly, but this is a special case. Actually, I have met everyone in this game FTF except Jerry Muto !

~~DEADLINE for Spring 1901 is December 13th a THURSDAY.~~ I will always have this game a day ahead of the others due to the work involved in doing it.

RULES comments; First, save the basic rules from last issue as they are not available separately. Next, a couple of questions were asked and here are my answers.

- 1) will NSU and NSO be used? Nope! If you order a support to a unit that you cannot sight, you will only have the player who asked for the support to ask if it succeeded. And, he can lie !! (CHUCKLE)
- 2) Will I be informed if a unit I can't see can retreat to my homeland? Yes, on your sheet I will say that "an enemy unit might retreat to _____". You will have to make conditionals on whether or not the enemy unit is there.

I can't wait for this to start. it should be a lot of fun for all.

Look for a small sheet of paper stapled to your zine. If this paper is not there notify me at once.

ARTICLES are still needed for why Me. I can't believe that nobody out there doesn't have an urge to write me something. I was getting a nice flow for a while, now it has dried up. Come on, please?

Regular Game starts: WM #11 has filled, and her's the lineup.

Austria: Don Ditter, P.O. Box 325, Grand Chenier, LA 70643

England: Steve Heeley, Hinman Box 1349, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. 03755

Germany: John Michalski, Rt 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK 73165

Italy: Jack Frost, RR 4 Box 138B, Lockport, Ill 60441

France: Bernie Oaklyn, 13412 Brackley Terr, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Russia: Kevin Turner, 23440 Shadow Dr, Auburn, CA 95603

Turkey: R. Michael Conner, 3214 Beverly Rd., Austin, Texas 78703

Only two of you sent preference lists, so country assignments were picked by random draw. DEADLINE for spring 1901 is Dec 14th, 1979
If any of you do not have houserules let me know. Have fun !

1978 Icv YOUNGSTOWN Winter 1906 only GM:Karl Schuetz

China(Watson) Removes A Ann, F Scs, England(Stimmel)Build F Lon, and F Lvp. Germany(Schleinkofer) Build A Mun. India(Tucker) Builds F Cal, F Mad, A Del. Italy(Decker) Builds A Ven, F Nap, F Rom. Japan(Heeley) Builds F Kyo. Russia(Schiwautz) Builds F StPnc, A Mos A Oms, A War

Tony Watson, 201 Minnesota St., Las Vegas, Nev 89107 is the new player for China. A Seperation was requested, thus Wnter only.
DEADLINE for Spring '07 is Dec 8th, 1979

The Why Me trivia quiz. I've seen these before in other 'zines, the most recent being Eggnog, so I thought I'd try one. Answers on P 10

- 1) In what year was the first adhesive postage stamp issued?
- 2) On Star Trek, who was the Enterprise Captain before James Kirk?
- 3) How old was the longest living survivor of the Revolutionary war when he died?
- 4) Who was the original female lead in the Avengers British T.V. show
- 5) Name the only U.S. Battleship that was not named after a state
- 6) Whose picture is on the \$100,000 bill ?
- 7) Who was inaguratted as Vice-President in 1933 ?
- 8) Who won the oscar for best actor in 1956 ?
- 9) What was the name of the play Lincoln was watching when he was shot
- 10) What nation built a circular warship ?
- 11) Who played the Lone Ranger in the 1938 movie serial ?
- 12) Which president was elected even though he did not win the popular or electoral vote ?
- 13) What country used the first aircraft in warfare ?
- 14) The world's worst train disaster occurred on Dec 12, 1917. How many people were killed, and where did it occur ?
- 15) Who was the only pope that was the target of an attempted assassination in the 20th century ?
- 16) Who was the line of Lionel trains named after ?
- 17) In what country did the most people die during an earthquake, and what year did it occur ?
- 18) Who played Quarrel in the James Bond movie Dr No ?
- 19) In WW II the U.S. lost one destroyer in a Hurricane. What was the name of it ?
- 20) What was Civil War general "Stonewall" Jackson's full name ?

Most of the research for these was done by Lee Jr. We don't have a trivia quiz book so we used a lot of sources for these. I put a few real oddballs in there on purpose. Try to see how many you can get without peeking at the answers !

Anybody out there have an old Diplomacy set they want to sell ? I'm refering to the Games Research version. Lee Jr is looking for one and will pay a good price for one in good condition. Let us know how much you want .

79AD English F Lvp retreats to NAO.

GM Sr

Fall 1904 Berlin finally falls, I'm still confused.
 Austria(Cooper) A Sil-Ber, A Gal-War(dis-Sil, Vie, OTB), F Aeg-Smy,
 A Ser & A Bud(s)A Rum, A Rum(s)Ita F Gre-Bulsc
 England(Schuetz) F Cly(s)A Lvp, A Lvp-H, F Nth-Lon, F Den-Nth,
F Swe-Bal
 France(Callahan) F Eng(s)A Wal-Lon, A Wal-Lon, F Iri-Wal, F NAO-Nwg,
 F Mid-NAO, A Bel-H, A Bur(s)Ger A Mun
 Germany(Loewenstern) A Mun(s)A Ber, A Ber(s)A Mun(dis-ann), F Kie-Bal,
A Hol-Kie
 Italy(Hart)A Boh-Mun, A Tyr(s)A Boh-Mun, A Pru(s)Aus A Sil-Ber,
F Gre-Bulsc, F Eas(s)Aus F Aeg-Smy (see c.o.a.)
 Russia(McGranaghan) A War-Gal
 Turkey(Schaller) F Smy-H(dis-Syr, otb), A Ukr(s)Rus A War-Gal,
A Sev-Rum, F Bulec(s)A Sev-Rum, F Con(s)F Bul

Deadline for Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 is Dec 14th, 1979

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, Ser, Rum, ~~W/L~~, SMY, BER 7 build 1
 England: ~~Loy~~, Edi, Nwy, Den, Swe, LVP 5 even
 France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, ~~Lyp~~, LON 7 even
 Germany: ~~Ger~~ Mun, Kie, Hol 3 even (1 ann)
 Italy: Home, Tun, Gre 5 even
 Russia: StP, War 2 build 1
 Turkey: Con, Ank, ~~Szy~~, Sev, Mos, BUL 5 even

C.O.A. For Bill Hart, 312 Dunhagan Place, Cary, N.C. 27511

Press: Ankara: It only hurts when I sit down and count my supply centers.

Ankara to Paris: It would seem to me that you and Austria should have a great deal to talk about.

Moscow-Never have so few done so little for no return! Say Berlin, can we get together with Ankara in this? A Little fun is still to be had!

74F1 Fall 1913 Last season Aus A Gal was not listed GM: Sergaent

Austria(Kelly) A Pie-Mar, A Rom-H, A Nap-H, A Ven-Ele, A Vie-Bud,
A Tyr-Mun, A Boh(s)A Tyr-Mun, A Gal-Sil, A War(s)A Gal-Sil
 (A War-Ann), A Ukr(s)A War
 England(Kissner) F Por(s)Rus F Spa(dis-Ann), A Edi-H(NSU) A Lvp-I (un)
 Germany(Von Ulrich) A Kie(s)A Mun, A Mun(s)A Ber-Sil, A Ber-Sil,
 A Sil-War, A Bur-Mar, Gas(s)A Bur-Mar, A Par-Bre, F Ivn-H
 F Mid(s)Rus F Spasc-Por, F Iri(s)F Mid,
 Russia(Brennick) F Spasc-Por, A StP(s)Ger F Lvn, F Edi-H, A Pru(s),
 Ger A Sil-War
 Turkey(Kendter Sr) A Bul-Ser, A Mos(s)Ger A Sil-War, A Ser-Ukr,
 F Aeg-H, F Naf-Tun, F Wes-Spasc, F Ljo(s)F Wes-Spasc

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, ~~Mos~~, Nap Rom, Rum, ~~Sev~~, Ven, ~~W/L~~ 7 remove 2 (1 ann)
 England: Lvp, ~~Por~~, ~~Szy~~ 1 even (1 ann)
 Germany: Home, Bel, Bre, Den, Hol, Lon, Mar, Par, WAR 11 build 1 (can't)
 Russia: Edi, Nwy, StP, Swe, POR 5 build 1 (can't)
 Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Sev, Tun, MOS, SER, SPA 10 build 3

All draws were defeated There is a call for a G-A-T draw

DEADLINE for Winter 1913 and Spring 1914 is Dec 10th, 1979 to Bob

HELP One of the reasons that I get this out so quick is that I type EVERYTHING out the games themselves beforehand. When you send me an end-game statement, or a long press release on the day of the deadline, it really makes for a LOT of extra work. The games, the running off of the pages, the collecting, the labeling, the stapeling, the postage stamps, etc, take a lot of time. So, every thing additional slows me down. PLEASE mail extras early. L.A.K.

781A Winter 1907

Austria(Konrad Baumiester)F Ion(Ret)-Tyr
France(Phil Cooper)NBR Plays one short
Russia(Ed Tucker)Remove F Swe
Turkey(Fred Hyatt)Build A Con, A Ank)
Orders on file for A,E,F,G,R. Spring 1908 orders due by December 14, 1979.

781X Spring 1905

G.M.-Jr.

Austria-Russia keep gaining, draws fail.
Austria(Jerry Muto)A Con-H, A Bul(sup)A Con, A Mun-Rur, A Boh-Mun, A Vie-Tyo, A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Rom, F Nap(sup)A Ven-Rom, F Tri-Adr, F Ion-Tun
England(Steve Decker)F Lvp-Nat, F Eng-Nth, F Nat-Nwg, F Nth-Nwy, F Den-Swe(Dis, Ret)-Ska, OTB), A Hol(sup)Fra A Bur-Rur(NSO)
France(Russell Blau)F Mid-Spa(sc), A Spa-Por, F Rom-Tyn, A Bur(sup) A Bel, A Bel(sup)A Bur, A Mar(sup)A Bur, F Bre-Eng
Italy(John Kador)F Wes-Tun
Russia(Doug Hollingsworth)A Kie-Den, F Bal(sup)A Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Sil-H, A Ukr-Mos, A Nwy-Swe, F Hel-Nth, F Aeg-H, A Con-H, A Ank-Arm
The Austrian-Russia draw failed:3 Yes, 2 No vote. Another Austria-Russian draw has been proposed. As the last one failed by no votes, failure to vote will be a YES vote. Deadline for the fall 1905 orders is December 14, 1979.
Press:Paris-Moscow: Since I did not hear from you I assumed there was no agreement. Let me know if you feel otherwise.

79HD (FD)

CHANGE IN BOARDMAN NUMBER !

GM:Sr.

We were inadvertainly given the wrong Boardman number for this game. The correct number is 1979 HD not FD. I was just informed of this by the Boardman Number custodian. SPRING 1902
Austria(Hyatt) A Ser(s)F Tri(dis-Alb, OTB), A Bud-Gal, A Vie(s)A Bud-Gal, F Tri-H
England(Schleinkofer) F Lon-Eng, F Nth(c)A Edi-Nwy, F Nwy-Bar, A Edi-Nwy,
France(Pierce) F Bre-Pic, A Pax-Bur, A Bur-Ruh, A Spa-Mar, F Por-Spasc
Germany(Howe) A Den-Swe, F Ber-Bal, F Hol-Bel, A Mun-Sil, A Kie-Mun, A Bel-Pic
Italy(Hardisty) A Tyr-Vie, A Ven-Tri, F Nap-Apu, F Tun-Ion
Russia(Fristrom) A Gal-Bud, A Rum(s)Tur A Gre-Ser, F Bla(s)A Rum, A War-Sil, A StP-Nwy, F Swe-Bal.
Turkey(Fritter) A Gre-Ser, F Bulsc-Aeg, F Smy-Eas, A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con
Cliff Hardisty is still in, but thanks to Ed Tucker for standbys !
Deadline for Fall 1902 is Dec 14th, 1979

79CP

English F Nwy retreats to Nwg.

GM:Sr

Fall 1904 Do I detect a few knives here ?
Austria(Counselman) F Alb-Gre, A Gre-Bul, A Tri-Ser, A Tyr-Mun
England(McGranaghan) F Nwg-Nth, F Nth-Den, F Ska(s)F Nth-Den, A Yor-H
France(Benson) A Gas-Spa, F Mid-Spasc, A Bur-Mar, A Pic-Bel, F Eng(s)A Pic-Bel
Germany(Cooper) F Bel(s)F Hol, F Hol(s)F Bel, A Ruh-Mun, A Sil-War, F Bal-Swe, A Den(s)F Bal-Swe(dis-Kie, OTB)
Italy(Pierce) F Wes-Spasc, F Tyrs-Lyo, A Pie-Mar, A Ven-H
Russia(English) A Ukr-War, F Sev-H, F Bulec-Bla(dis-Rum, OTB), A Fin(s)F Swe, F Swe(s)Eng F Nth-Den, F Nwy(s)Eng F Nwg-Nth
Turkey(Pilant) A Arm-Bul, F Bla(c)A Arm-Bul, F Con(s)A Arm-Bul

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1979 CP continued

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, BY , SER, GRE	5 build 1
England: Home, NWY , DEN	4 even
France: Home, Spa, Por	5 even
Germany: Home, Hol, Bel, LY	5 remove 1
Italy: Home, Tun	4 even
Russia: Home, Swe, Rum, NWY	7 build 1
Turkey: Home, BY , BUL	4 build 1 (1 ann)

DEADLINE for Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 is Dec 14th, 1979

Press: Ankara-Moscow: Have abandoned northern campaign and am turning east.

Moscow-London: These Norwegians certainly know how to eat. We are having difficulty rounding up enough men to continue the journey, as they have been gorging themselves since our arrival. So be prepared for a long stay in Denmark. And the literature you requested is being shipped down from stockholm, in a plain brown package.

Gadzooks, indeed !

Moscow-Ankara: Isn't this fun ?

Moscow news and world report: A fellow, whose roots are in Staten, Moved east the Russkies to flatten. But tempers did flare, before he got there, and he failed his hatches to batten .

Paris-The Emporor denounced the Italian incursion as "something a munched out drunkard hungry for centers might stumble upon". He announced his intention to fight below the belt due to obvious shortcomings. When asked about the Belgian question, he replied, "I have answered it"

London-The fall 1902 clash between the army and navy football teams resulted in a 22-8 army win. The importance of that to this game is in direct proportion to the Queen's chances of making it to Ankara for the annual Harem Ball to be held this year in 1903.

79V Fall 1904 Italy and Austria still rolling along. GM: Sr Austria(Tucker) A Gal(s) Ita A Ukr-War; A Bud(s) A Rum, A Gre(s) F Bul, A Tyr(s) Ger A Mun, A Ser-Tri, A Rum(s) A Gal, F Bul(3c)(s) Ita F Aeg-Con (nso)

England(Cooper) F Nwg-Cly, F Nth(s) F Lon, F Lon(s) F Nth, A Swe-Den

France(Bunke) F Iri-NAC, F Lvp-Cly, A Wal-Yor, F Eng-Nth, A Ruh-Kie A Hol(s) A Ruh-Kie, A Fel(s) A Hol, A Bur-Mun

Germany(Callahan) A Mun-H, A Por(s) A Mun, A Kie(s) A Mun, F Hel(s) A Kie

Italy(McGranaghan) A Ukr-War, A Smy-Con, F Aeg(s) A Smy-Con, F Ion, A Ven-H

Russia(Blau) A StP-Nwy, A War-Gal(dis-Mos, Liv Fru, Sil OTB), A Sev & F Bla (s) Ita A Ukr-Rum(nso)

Turkey(Pierce)* F Con-Smy, A Ank(s) F Con-Smy

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Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul	7 even
England: Lon, Edi, Swe, NWY , DEN	4 even
France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Lvp, Hol	8 even
Germany: Home, LY	3 remove 1
Italy: Home, Tun, Smy, WAR	6 build 1
Russia: StP, Mos, Sev, BY , NWY	4 even
Turkey: Con, Ank	2 even

Autovino has missed again so pierce takes over

Press: Moscow: Tsar Kermit urges the Austrian leader to pay more attention to his spelling. There's a big difference between a "P" and an "M".

Rome: In negotiating with the lesser powers, we are reminded of Katz' Law as told to a venetian boatman: "Men and nations will act rationally when all other possibilities have been exhausted" As this caused the boatman to wince, it has since been known as the venetian Blind Law.

79C German A Sil retreats to Mun

GM:Sr

Fall 1905 What, no Russian gains this year ?

- Austria(Hardisty) no units
- England(Harmon) F Nth-Den, F Lon-Nth, F Nwy(s)F Lon-Nth, A Bel-Hol
- France(Cooper) F Eng-Mid, A Pic-Par, A Bur(s)F Mar, F Mar(s)F Spasc
F Spasc(s)F Eng-Mid(dis-Por, OTB)
- Germany(Frost) A Mun(s)A Ber, A Ber(s)A Mun, A Kie-Hol, A Liv-Mos(ann)
F Bot(s)Eng F Nwy-StP (nso)
- Italy(Kelly) A Pie-Mar, F Lyo-Spasc, F Wes(s)F Lyo-Spasc
- Russia(Hart)*A Swe(s)Eng F Nth-Den, F StPnc-H, A Mos(s)F StP, A War-
-Liv, A Pru(s)A War-Liv, A Sil-Boh, A Vie(s)A Sil-Boh, F Bla-
-Bulec, A Rum-Ser, A Bud(s)A Rum-Ser *(see c.o.a.)
- Turkey(Michalski) F Tun-Naf, F Tyrs-Lyo, A Apu-Ven, A Ser-Tri,
F Alb(s)A Ser-Tri, A Con-Bul

DEADLINE for Winter 1905 and Spring 1906 is Dec 14th, 1979

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Y	0 out
England: Home, Bel, NWY, DEN	6 build 2
France: Home, Por, Spa	4 remove 1
Germany: Mun, Kie, BER, Hol, Den, Swe	4 even (1 ann)
Italy: Rom, Tun, Yen, SPA	3 even
Russia: Home, Rum, Bud, Ser, Txx, Nyy, Ber, VIE, SWE	9 remove 1
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Nap, VEN, TRI	8 build 2

Press: From the dark forests of Germany: Once upon a time there was a Poldylock who lived in Turkey. He thought the bear was his friend so he sailed far away to the west and left his friend, the Bear, a key to his home. While he was gone, the Poldylock's friend, the Bear, raped the Poldylocks wife and sold the Poldylocks children into slavery. But the Poldylock didn't care. After all, he was in Italy now. So who needs a wife and kids ?

Sevastapol to Constantinople: The Serbs requested that the Russians assist the Turkish army in relocating the road to Italy.

Warsaw to the Kiaser: Do you ever keep your word ?

ALMOST FORGOT! C.O.A. for Bill Hart, 312 Dunhagan Place, Cary, N.C. 27511

78HR English F Kie retreats to Helg

GM:Sr

Fall 1906 "Phantom" unit drives GM Crazy!

- Austria(McLendon) A Sil-Gal, A Bud-Vie, A Tri-Ser, A Gre(s)A Tri-Ser,
F Ion(s)A Gre, F Tyrs-Tun, A Rom-Ven, A Apu(s)A Rom-Ven
- England(Hart) A Yor-Lvp, F Nth-Lon, F Nwg-Cly, F Bar-Nwg, F Bot-StPsc,
F Bal-Den, F Hel-Nth (see C.O.A.)
- France(Hyatt) F Iri-Wal, F Eng(s)F Iri-Wal, F Mid-Iri, A Hol(s)A Kie,
A Kie(s)A Ber, A Bre(s)A Kie, A Ruh(s)A Hol, A Bur-Bel,
A Tyr-Mun, A MAE-H (Phantom unit-explanation below)
- Russia(Kovalcik) A W... , A Gal-Ukr, F Rum-...
- Turkey(Price) A Bul-Gre, F Aeg(s)A Bul-Gre, A Con-Bul, F Bla-Con

Phantom unit explanation: While doing this years supply chart I was missing a French unit. It took me a while to find it. Here's the explanation. (1) In Fall '05 France had an A Bur. In Winter '05 he built an A Mar. In Spring '06 he moved A Mar-Bur but did not order the A Bur at all ! (2) The A Mar-Bur should have failed since that would give France 2 armies in Eur. BUT, nobody, including myself, noticed this! (3) My ruling on the matter is this; Since France already had an A Bur the A Mar held. Therefore, he still has an A Mar that was unordered this turn. I see no other way to rule on this and be fair to the players. Sorry Fred, you should try and keep track of your own units. If I were to do otherwise we would have to play the entire year over and that would be a farce. (supply chart at the bottom of P 8)

Turkey

This game was my first in postal Diplomacy (and also the first postal game I've finished), so I'm more than satisfied with a two-way draw. Ed Tucker should win an award for being a trustworthy and faithful ally. Not just at the end, but at several points during the game, he could have had a sole win if he had wanted it, but instead stuck with me.

By a not-so-strange coincidence, Ed was the only player who kept up a regular correspondence with me. During the first half of the game there was still a fair amount of negotiating going on, but after 1903 or so I rarely got letters from anyone but Ed. Jerry Jones, in particular, could have livened up the game if he had chosen to take an active role as Italy, but instead he refused to answer my letters. As a result the last few game-years were nothing but a tactical exercise, which isn't what this game is all about for me. Jerry, the next time we're in a game together, I hope things are different.

This game is a classic example of the successful Russo-Turkish alliance. Two factors contributed to this success: (1) The Italian attack on Austria, which weakened the only roadblock to my expansion in the south; and (2) the failure of any of the Western powers to break the stalemate on that front. Indeed, the only thing that spoiled the game as an example of how to win with Russia was the numerous NMR's in the west. In most games a Russian player can probably expect a bit more resistance from England.

Finally, I cannot end without a note of thanks to Lee Kendter. He is easily the most reliable GM I have come across so far. There is a problem in starting one's postal career in Why Me?, though -- after getting used to Lee's top notch work, it's hard to accept the run-of-the-mill service performed by some other zine publishers!

Russia

I was a bit surprised at the ease the Turkish-Russian alliance dominated this game. I was fortunate enough to begin with both Austria and Turkey as allies so I could focus my attention to the North. Of course in the end Turkish diplomacy paid off to Austria's detriment. From there it was smooth sailing as England and then Germany collapsed in front of me while Turkey fought against a stubborn Italian defense. As for giving up a win if I had any idea my planned last moves would work so perfectly the draw wouldn't have passed. Still a draw is satisfactory, though not as great as a win. Congratulations to Russell for his part of the draw and to Jerry for sticking it out to survive both England and Germany. Thanks Lee for an excellently run game, one in which I really enjoyed.

1978 HR Supply Center Chart

Austria:	Home, Gre, Ser, Rom, Nap, Rum , VEN, TUN	9 build 1
England:	Home, Nwy, Kie , Swe, Den, Nap , STP	7 even
France:	Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Zur , Mun, Ger, Vez , HOL, KIE	10 even
Russia:	Sev, Mos, S/P , RUM, WAR	+ build 1
Turkey:	Home, Bul	4 even

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Press: London: French forces are staggering! ... it form too much wine?

The answer to last month's puzzle is NOT in this issue because of a couple of discrepancies. Some of the parts of the answer do not jive with the original puzzle. I hope to have the answer for you next ish.

Since a fair number of Diplomacy players are also wargamers, I thought it would make sense to start up a column devoted to different articles about wargames. I am starting the ball rolling by introducing MIDWAY-an Avalon Hill game that came out in 1964. I plan to include articles about other games in the future and would also invite others to submit articles about their own favorite games, subject, of course, to any space constraints as determined by Lee Kendter Sr.

MIDWAY-Essentially, this game attempts to re-create the battle of Midway in 1942. There are two players-one representing Japan and the other the United States. So-what were you expecting?-India vs Paraguay? Each player commands a fleet of ships which include aircraft carriers. The objective of the Japanese player is to capture Midway within a certain period of time, for which he gets points. The U.S. player gets points by foiling the Japanese objective, and both players receive points for sinking enemy ships. The winner of the game is the player who gains the most points, and it is possible for the Japanese player to win without capturing Midway.

There are two game boards- a search board and a battle board. The search board is simply a "map" of part of the pacific and this board is used for ship movements and air searches. All ship movement is hidden in that your opponent does not get to see where your ships are located but must search for them by calling out search zones. If contact is made, a player may conduct an air strike during the operations phase of his turn, and this consists of a combination of Dive bombers and Torpedo planes against enemy ships. Fighter planes are also provided to attack enemy fighters as well as protecting one's own ships. All air strikes are resolved on the battle board.

Both the boards and the playing counters are attractive and well designed, especially the larger counters representing individual ships. I believe one failure in this game is that a lot of vital information is somewhat scattered. For example, the only place the ship classifications (carrier, battleship, etc) are indicated are on the small ship counters used on the search board. There should be one sheet that brings together all of this information.

The game has a few problems as a FTF game, not the least of which is the fact that the game depends on the mutual trust of both players. To my way of thinking-trust is good, but control is better. Midway is an excellent PBM game when a game moderator is included. I am currently playing in such a game.

The games attraction and interest as far as I am concerned involves three points: 1) placement and movement of ships in an attempt to fool your opponent. 2) Timing of air strikes, and 3) numbers and composition of aircraft involved in an air strike, and allocation of aircraft to be directed against specific ships. Defense against air strikes is also an interesting element. Altogether, I believe this game offers a real challenge without the high complexity one usually associates with AH games.

Vernon E. Schaller

There you have it folks. A new feature to Why Me?. This will be seen on a semi-regular basis if you readers decide you want it to be. I will accept almost anything for this column that I consider of interest. Tactics, strategy, game reviews, etc. All I ask that you avoid is anything obscure that the average wargamer wouldn't understand.

Lee, Sr.

MAIL EARLY NEXT MONTH !

Trivia quiz answers.

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| 1) 1847 | 11) Lee Powell |
| 2) Christopher Pike | 12) John Quincy Adams |
| 3) 109 | 13) Italy |
| 4) Honor Blacman (not Diana Rigg) | 14) France, 540 killed |
| 5) Kearsarge | 15) Pope Paul VI |
| 6) Wilson | 16) Joshua Lionel Cohen |
| 7) John Garner | 17) China, 1556, 830,000 died |
| 8) Yul Brynner | 18) John Kitzmiller |
| 9) An American Cousin | 19) USS William D. Porter |
| 10) Russia Called Novgorod | 20) Thomas Johnathan Jackson |

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