

# WHY ME ?

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Game openings status: WM #13 has 5 players signed up as of today. I could fill this before the 'zine is filled. The second "blind" game has 5 signed up also, why not give it a try? Gamefee for all games is \$3.00. I will open no more games untill something in here ends. I may open a game outside of here if any newcomers request one. I hate to turn away new people.

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Boardman Number Custodian to change hands. Yes, Bernadette Agosta is giving up the numbers, and has found a successor--ME ! Yep, I will be taking over the numbers very shortly. Bernie is due to come down to my house on Sunday, Jan 13th to transfer the custodianship to me. I had a long talk with her on the phone this week, and we will do our best to make the transfer as orderly as possible. You may begin to send all requests to me immediately in order to prevent Bernie from having to forward too many 'zines to me. I will begin issmeing the numbers a short time after I have a chance to get all the materials in order.

Now I can hear some of you out there saying, "groan, Kendter is heading for a burnout". Not true ! Everything that I have ever done in the hobby has been very carefully thought out before I made any decision. Since I've made my decision to publish this 'zine, the enthusiasm I have for the hobby has not lessened, it has increased. I have never failed to get an issue out on time since I started to publish. I do limit the number of games that I run just for this reason. Most publishers take on too many games and that makes putting out a 'zine a burden. Once it becomes that much work it loses all of the enjoyment of doing it. Secondly, I have been cutting down on the number of games that I play in for several months now. At one time I played in as many as 20+ games at once. I am now under 15 and getting lesser all the time. I can see a time in the not too distant future when I will not play in more than 5 or 6 games at any one time. Next, none of the projects I do are done alone ! My two sons, Lee Jr and Bill, both assist me in doing this 'zine. Bill does most of the printing, collating, etc. He also helps me with the labeling, stapleing, etc. My wife, Sandy, even does some of the typing for me! So, I am not like a lot of others who are burdened with the entire job all by themselves. Therefore, I do not expect to have any problems doing a reliable, consciencetious job with the numbers.

Special note to all GMS/Publishers: I would appreciate all of you spreading the word of this as quickly as possible. The sooner that everyone knows to send requests to me, the smoother the transfer will be handled. I am going to ask for a donation of \$1.00 for a request for a number. I feel this necessary to cover the costs of postage, bookeeping materials, etc. As for Everything, I will try to publish an issue about 4 times a year. I feel that this will be often enough to keep the statistics from piling up too much. If more games start in a givin period than expected, I will print issues more than the planned frequency. I will not issue any numbers by telephone ! All requests must come by mail. Also, requests for information (other than a number) are asked to send a S.S.A.E.

That about covers it I hope. I sincerely hope that I will have your support in this endeavor. Lee, Sr.

1978 Icv Youngstown Fall 1907

GM:Karl Schuetz

China(Watson?) NMR F For, A Han, F Yel H, A Pek-H(dis-Imo, OTB)

England(Stimmel) F Por(s)F Eng-MAO, F Spasc(s)Ita A Pie-Mar(nso),

F Lon-Eng, F NAO-Nwg, F Den(s)Ger F Hol-Kie, F Eng-MAO,

F Nwg-Bar, F Nth(s)F Den, F Cel-Bor

France(C.D.) A Mar-H

Germany(Schleinkofer)A Pos(s)A Ber-Sax(ann), A Mun(s)F Hol-Kie(dis-

Ruh, OTB), F Hol-Kie, A Bur(s)A Gas-Mar, A Gas-Mar, A Ber-Sax,

A Boh had retreated to Ber

Italy(Decker) F Alg-Wmd, A Tri-Ven, F Tyn(s)F Tus-Lyo, A Pie(s)Fra

A Mar, A Tyo(s)Rus A Boh-Mun, A Bag(s) Rus A Arm-Ira, A Sah-

Alg, F Per(s)F Goa-Ara, F Mor(s)F Alg-Wmd, F Tus-Lyo, F Ion-

-Tun, F Con-Aeg, A Ank-H, F Sue-Red, F Goa-Ara

India(Tucker) F Jav(s)F Eio-Tim, A Sik-Can, F Bor(s)F Gos-Scs, A Lao--Tha, A Ann-Lao, F Wio-H, F Eio-Tim, F Bob-Eio, F Gos-Scs,

A Vit-Sik, A Sid-H, A Cal-Del

Japan(Heeley) F Hon(s)F Soj-Ecs, F Phi(s)F Ecs-Scs, F Man-Pek, F Soj-

-Ecs, F Ecs-Scs, F Kar-H (uno)

Russia(Schiwautz) A StP-Fin, A Sil(s)A Pru-Pos, A Kie(s)A Sax-Ber,A Sax-Ber, A Vie-Tri, A Ira-Afg, A Omo(s)A Sib-Man, A Kan(s)

Jap F Man-Pek, A Pru-Pos, F Bal(s)A Kie, F Nwy-Swe, A Boh-mun,

A Arm-Ira, A Skg-Tib, A Sib-Man, F Kor-Vla

Supply Center Chart

China: ~~For~~, Han, ~~For~~, For

2 remove 2

England: Home, Ire, Nwy, Bre, Por, Spa, Den, ~~Mor~~

9 remove 1

France: Mar

1 even

Germany: Ber, ~~Kie~~, ~~Mun~~, Hol, Bel, Par

4 remove 1

India: Home, Cey, Bum, Tha, Joh, Cam, Sai, Vit,

Jav, Bor, CAN

13 build 1

Italy: Home, Tun, Gre, Bul, Con, Smy, Bag, Egy, Yem,

Eth, Pen, ~~MOR~~, MOR, ANK

16 build 1

Japan: Home, Kor, ~~Man~~, PEK, KAR

7 build 1

Russia: Home, Swe, Pos, Vie, Bud, Clu, Ser, Rum,

Ira, Skg, Omo, ~~Kie~~, MAN, TRI, KIE, MUN

20 build 4

Turkey: ~~Kie~~

0 out!

Winter 1907 and Spring 1908 are Due to Karl on Feb 2nd, 1980. It

will take two requests to seperate the seasons.

74F | Spring 1914 We have reached Ww I GM: R. Sergeant

Austria(Kelly) A Nap-H, A Rom-H, A Ven(s)A Tyr-Tri, A Tyr-Tri, A Bud(s)  
A Ukr-Rum, A Gal(s)A Ukr-Rum, A Ukr-Rum

England(Kissner) A Lvp-H

Germany(Von Ulrich) F Lvn-Bal, A War-Sil, A Ber(s)A War-Sil, A Mun-  
Boh, A Kie-Mun, A Mar-Pie, A Gas-Mar, A Bre-H, F Iri-Lvp,  
F Por-Mid

Russia(Brennick)A StP-Nwy, A Pru-Lvn, F Edi-H, F Por-Mid

Turkey(Kendter,Sr) A Mos-Ukr, A Sev(s)A Mos-Ukr, F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul,  
A Smy-Gre, F Aeg(c)A Smy-Gre, F Spasc-Wes, F Tun-Ion, A Ser-H,  
F Lyo(s)Ger A Mar-Pie

Deadline for Fall 1914 is Feb 4th, 1980 to Bob Sergeant

BLIND GAME: First, the deadline will be Thursday Feb 7th, 1980

Next, I am calling for Winter 1901 AND Spring 1902. Since nobody gets to see the builds anyway, why seperate the seasons? If more than one of you disagree I will publish seperate seasons, but I see no reason to. Later in the game, when things will get more complex, I'm sure we will have a need for seperate seasons.

And now it is time for me to bitch ! I set the deadline for this game on a Thursday so I could get it done ahead of the others, yet two of you called your orders in on thursday!! I do not want this to happen again.

WM 12 (no boardman number yet) Spring 1901  
 Austria(Luckinbill) A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb  
 England(Costikyan) F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lvp-Edi  
 France(Hart) A Mar-Spa, A Par-Pic, F Bre-Mid  
 Germany(Perlmutter) F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh  
 Italy(Cartier) A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion  
 Russia(Townsend) A Mos-StP, A War-Ukr, F StPsc-Bot, F Sev-Bla  
 Turkey(Aucott) A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con, F Ank-Bla  
 DEADLINE for Fall 1901 is Feb 8th, 1980

Press: BERLIN: The coronation of Kaiser Franz Imboden Mutter took place on the first day of the new year. It was a gala affair with over one thousand dignataries attending. Among the guests were representatives of Italy, Austria and Russia. The new Kaiser was very pleased at the turnout but cautioned that the lack of negotiations from the west could lead to war. In fact the following quote was attributed to his majesty "Gentlemen saddle you horses, it looks like it will soon be a time of powder and rifle". Later in the evening after the wine had been served his highness added " I predict that within ten years all Europe will be German!". After even more wine was served the son of heaven continued "Let cleaveland sleep for when she wakes the whole world will tremble". To top off the vening the glory of Berlin sang a little song for his subject. Everyone enjoyed it very much, those that didn't were merrily executed. AHEM! Und sie mein freund, und sie mein fruend, wir sind alles zusammen!

The next morning his highness had a prohibition law passed and said to the world that all he wants from his neighbors is peace, thus he will not send the 71st crack mountain paratroops to Burgandy as some had thought. Later....had...the writer of this press ...release executed....becausethe poor...man had refered to his majesty as "He"....

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 78HR Fall 1907 Draw fails, war to continue GM:Sr

Austria(McLendon) A Pie-H, A Boh-Gal, A Tyr-Vie, F Ion & Feas(c) A Apu-Syr, A Apu-Syr, A Ser-Bul, A Gre(s)A Ser-Bul, A Alb(s)A Ser  
 England(Hart) F Nth-Lon, F NAO-Mid, F Eng(s)F NAO-Mid, F Cly-Lvp, A Yor(s)F Cly-Lvp, F Den-Kie, F StPsc-Bot  
 France(Hyatt) F Eng ret Mid. F Wal-Lon, F Mid(s)F Iri-NAO(dis- Naf, Wes, Spa, Por, Gas, OTB), F Iri-NAO, A Hol(s)A Bel, A Ber-Pru, A Kie(s)A Hol, A Ruh(s)A Kie, A Bel(s)A Bur-Pic, A Bur-Pic, A Gas-Bre

Russia(Kovalcik) A Mos-StP, A Lvn(s)A Mos-StP, A War-Pru, F Rum-H  
 Turkey(Heslin) F Bla-Sev, F Aeg-Smy, A Bul-H, A Con(s)A Bul  
 DEADLINE for Winter 1907 and Spring 1908 is Feb 8th, 1980

Draw votes: 2 yes, 2 no, 1 not voting no new proposals

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, Gre, Ser, Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun	9 even
England: Home, Nwy, Swe, Den, <del>Sxy</del>	6 remove 1
France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Mun, Ber, Hol, Kie	10 even
Russia: <del>Sxy</del> , Mos, Rum, War, STP	4 even
Turkey: Home, Bul, SEV	5 build 1

Thanks to Jim Heslin for taking over Turkey!

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 79HD Winter 1902 Seperation of seasons requested GM:Sr

Austria: removes A Alb, F Adr orders on file for all  
 England: Build F Lvp  
 France: No build recieved  
 Germany: Remove F Hol  
 Italy: Build A Ven  
 Russia: A Gal ret to Ukr (Conner takes over as Fristrom NMRs)  
 Turkey: Build F Ank  
 DEADLINE for Spring 1903 is Feb 8th, 1980

781A Fall 1908 Centers changing hands, is a conclusion near? GM-Jr.  
 France A Bre(ret)-Gas, Russia A Vie(ret)-Tyo, Ger A Bur(ret)Pic  
 Austria(Konrad Baumeister)A Vie-Tri, A Pie-Tyo, A Rom-Ven, F Apu-  
 Nap, F Tyr-Lyo

England(Cliff Hardisty) F Nth-Nwy, A Swe-Nwy, F Mid(sup)F Spa(sc),  
 F Spa(sc)-H

France(Phil Cooper)A Gas(sup)A Par-Bre, A Par-Bre, A Bur-Pic, F Por-  
Mid

Germany(Jim Heslin)A Pic-Par, A Bre(sup)A Pic-Par(Dis, ANN), A Mun-  
 Bur, F Hol-Bel, A Den-H, A Stp-H, A Sil-War

Russia(Ed Tucker)A Tyo-Vie, A Mos(sup)A Ukr-Sev, A Ukr-Sev, A Gal(sup)  
 A Gal(sup)A Tyo-Vie

Turkey(Fred Hyatt)F Tun-Naf, A Ser(sup)A Bud, A Bud(sup)Aus A Vie,  
 A Rum(sup)A Sev, A Sev(sup)A Rum, F Ion-Tun, F Bla(sup)A Sev, A Bul-  
 Gre, A Ank-H

Aus--Tri, ~~Sex~~, Ven, Rom, Nap Remove 1

Eng--Home, Nwy, Swe, Spa Build 2

Fra--~~Pax~~, Por, ~~Sax~~, Mar, Bre Remove 1 (was 1 short)

Ger--Home, Hol, Den, Bel, Stp, War, Bre Build 3 (1 ANN)

Rus--~~Swe~~, ~~War~~, Mos, Vie Remove 2

Tur--Home, Bul, Rum, Bre, Sev, Bud, Ser, Tun Build 1

Deadline for the winter 1908/spring 1909 moves is February 8, 1979

791Y Fall 1901 Germany and France exchange visiting rights ?

Austria(Ditter) F Alb-Tri, A Gal-Rum, A Ser(s)A Gal-Rum

England(Heeley) F Nwg-Nwy, A Yor-Den, F Nth(c)A Yor-Den

France(Oaklyn) A Bur-Ruh, A Mar-Spa, F Mid-Por

Germany(Michalski) A Mun-Bur, A Ruh-Hol, F Hol-Bel

Italy(Frost) F Tyrs-Tun, A Tus-Pie, A Ven-Tri

Russia(Turner) A War-Gal, A Ukr-Rum, F Rum-H, F Bot-Swe

Turkey(Conner) A Bul-Gre, A Con-Bul, F Bla(s) Rus F Rum

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, SER 4 build 1

England: Home, DEN, NWY 5 build 2

France: Home, POR, SPA 5 build 2

Germany: Home, BEL, HOL 5 build 2

Italy: Home, TUN 4 build 1

Russia: Home, SWE, RUM 6 build 2

Turkey: Home, GRE, BUL 5 build 2

DEADLINE for Winter 1901 is Feb 8th, 1980

Press: St Pete to London: Hey, over there, wake up. Try answering at least one of my letters.

Warsaw: A message from our great and forever leader, Nivik Renrut, to the people of the great land of Russia read as follows; "My beloved people, I regret to tell you that we have been forced into a war. However, we are not yet sure who is our enemy or friend. The fighting in the north has not yet started and I pray that it never will. But it does look pretty grim right now. I now ask you, the wonderfull people of this land, to rise up and fight for what is rightfully yours". After hearing this message the people throughout the land did rise as one and are now at the battle fronts, ready to fight for what they beleive in. So BEWARE.

Paris: The president expressed alarm at the sudden black plauge which emanates from the country known as Germany. Further, the intent of the Italian hordes were fully disclosed by a hastily written order which might have read, A Ven-Pie. Now, however, the cat is out of the bag. We know the intent of the German. We know the intent of the Italian. But, do we know the intent of the Russian ?

79AD Retreats: Both Eng A Lvp and Fra F Nwg tried to retreat to Edi, they are both destroyed. Ger A Mun retreats to Bur. Tur F Bul(fc) retreats to Con. Rusia retreats A Gal to War, A War-Mos. Fall 1905-- England Takes Kie but loses Lvp, Turkey takes Smy but loses Bul, Austria takes Bul but loses Smy....ahh you read it!  
 Austria(Cooper) F Smy-Con(dis-Eas, Syr, OTB), A Bul(s)F Smy-Con, A Gal-Rum, A Bud & A Ser(s)A Gal-Rum, A Sil(s)Ita A War, A Mun-H  
 England(Schuetz) F Ney-StP(nc), F Den-Kie, F Nwg-Nth, F Cly-Edi(ann)  
 France(Callahan) A Gas-Par, A Ruh-Bel, A Lon-Yor, F Lvp(s)F NAO-Cly, F NAO-Cly, F Nth-Edi  
 Germany(Loewenstern) A Hol-Bel, A Bur-Par, F Bal-Ber  
 Italy(Hart) A War-H, A Boh(s)Aus A Mun, A Tyr-Pie, F Eas-Ion, F Gre(s)Aus A Bul  
 Russia(McGranaghan) A Ukr(s)Tur Rum-Gal, A Mos-War  
 Turkey(Schaller) A Rum-Gal(dis-Sev, OTB), A Sev-Arm, F Con-Smy, F Aeg & A Ank (s)F Con-Smy

DEADLINE for Winter 1905 and Spring 1906 is Feb 8th, 1980. Remember it takes two requests to separate the seasons.

Supply Center chart

Austria: Home, Ser, Rum, <del>Smy</del> , <del>Ber</del> , BUL, MUN	7 even
England: Edi, Nwy, Den, Swe, <del>Lvp</del> , STP, KIE	6 build 3 (can't)
France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Lon, LVP	8 build 2
Germany: <del>Mun</del> , <del>Kie</del> , Hol, BER	2 remove 1
Italy: Home, Tun, Gre, WAR	6 build 1
Russia: MOS, <del>StP</del> , <del>War</del>	1 remove 1
Turkey: Con, Ank, Sev, <del>Mos</del> , <del>Bul</del> , SMY	4 remove 1

I sure hope I got that right ! I went over it 3 times.

Press: Moscow-Maybe we'll have to wait to take Afghanistan untill reinforcements arrive.

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 79V Fall 1905 Did Italy's stab really pay off ? GM:Sr

Austria(Tucker) Gre ret-Ser. A Ser-Gre, A Ukr-Gal, A Bud(s)A Tyr-Tri, A Tyr-Tri, A Vie(s)A Tyr-Tri, A Rum(s)A Ukr-Gal, F Bulsc-Aeg,  
 England(Cooper) A Swe-Den, F Nth-Hol, F Lon-Yor, F Edi(s)F Lon-Yor (F Edi dis-Cly, OTB)  
 France(Bunke) A Yor-Edi, F Nwg(s)A Yor-Edi, F Eng-Lon, F wal(s)F Eng-Lon, A Kie(s)A Bur-Mun, A Bur-Mun, A Hol(s)A Kie, A Bel(s) A Hol  
 Germany(Callahan) A Kie ret-Den. A Den & A Mun (s)A Ber-Kie, A Ber-Kie  
 Italy(McGranaghan) A Gal-Bud, A Smy-Con, F Aeg(s)Tur F Con-Bul, F Gre-H, A Tri-Ven, F Ion-Adr  
 Russia(Blau) A War-Mos, A Sev-Mos, F Bla-Rum, A Nwy-H  
 Turkey(Pierce) A Ank-Con, F Con-Bul(ambiguous, no coast given)  
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Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, Ser, <del>StP</del> , Rum, Bul	6 remove 1
England: <del>Lvp</del> , <del>Edi</del> , Swe, <del>Ber</del>	1 remove 3
France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Lvp, Hol, LON, EDI, KIE	11 build 3
Germany: Mun, <del>Kie</del> , Ber, DEN	3 even
Italy: Home, Tun, Smy, <del>War</del> , GRE	6 even
Russia: StP, Mos, Sev, Nwy, WAR	5 build 1
Turkey: Con, Ank	2 even

Press: Rome-Now that all of our tanks that only ran backwards have been recalled, what the heck are we going to do with the ones that only go sideways.

79C Fall 1906 Who goes first, Germany or France? GM: Sr  
 England(Harmon) F Eng(s)Fra F Mid, A Bel-Ruh, A Hol(s)A Bel-Ruh,  
F Ska-Nwy, F Den(s)Rus A Nwy-Swe, F Nth(s)F Den  
 France(Cooper) F Por(s)F Mid, A Bur(s)Eng A Bel-Ruh, F Mid(s)Tur  
 F Lyo-Spa(sc)(nso)  
 Germany(Frost) A Kie-Hol, A Ruh(s)A Kie-Hol(dis-ann)A Mun-Kie, F Bal  
 (s)A Mun-Kie  
 Italy(Kelly) A Mar(s)F Spa, F Spa(sc)(s)Tur F Naf-Mid, F Wes(s) Tur  
 F Naf-Mid  
 Russia(Hart) A Sil-Mun, A Boh(s) A Sil-Mun, A Tri-H, A Vie(s)A Tri,  
 A Bud-Ser, A Mos-Ukr, A Nwy-Swe, A StP-Nwy, F Bla-Con  
 Turkey(Michalski) F Lyo(s)Ita F Spa, F Naf-Mid, A Ven(s)Ger A Mun-  
 -Tyr(nso), F Alb-Adr, A Con-Gre, F Aeg(c)A Con-Gre, F Ank-Bla  
 DEADLINE for Winter 1906 and Spring 1907 is Feb 8th, 1980. There are  
 calls for a E-R-T draw, and a concession to Russia. Please vote.

Supply Center Chart

England: Home, Bel, Nwy, Den, HOL 7 build 1  
 France: Bre, Par, Por, ~~Mar~~ 3 even  
 Germany: ~~Mun~~, Kie, Ber, ~~Hol~~ 2 remove 1 (1 ann)  
 Italy: Rom, Tun, Spa, MAR 4 build 1  
 Russia: Home, Rum, Bud, Ser, Vie, Swe, MUN, TRI, CON 12 build 3

Turkey: ~~Con~~, Ank, Smy, Gre, Nap, Ven, ~~Tyr~~, Bul 6 remove 1  
 Press: Turkey calls for a concession to Russia. Why Not? No one is  
 interested in stopping him, and I sure can't do it by myself.  
 London to Moscow: Quick changes of plan are not to my liking. I must  
 have time to com-lain! For instance, Kiel is an impossibility.

79CP Fall 1905 Fierce fighting on all fronts GM: Sr  
 Austria(Councilman) A Tyr(s)Rus A Sil-Mun, A Vie-Tri, A Ser-Bul,  
 A Gre(s)A Ser-Bul, F Ion-Aeg  
 England(McGranaghan) F Hel-Kie, F Den(s)F Hel-Kie, F Ska-Nth,  
 A Lon-Yor  
 France(Benson) A Gas(s)F Mid-Spa, F Mid-Spasc, A Bur-Mar, F Eng(s)  
 A Bel, A Bel(s)Eng F Hel-Hol(nso)(Dis-Pic, OTB)  
 Germany(Cooper) F Nth-Bel, F Hol & A Ruh(s)F Nth-Bel, A Mun(s)F Kie  
 A Mun dis-Ber, Boh, Otb), F Kie(s)F Hol(dis-Ber, OTB)  
 Italy(Pierce)F Wes-Mid, F Lyo(s)A Pie-Mar, A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Tus  
 Russia(English) F Swe-Bal, F Nwy-Swe, A StP-Nwy, A Sil-Mun, A Sev-Arm,  
 F Bla-Con, F Rum(s)A Ser-Bul  
 Turkey(Pilant) F Bla ret-Arm. F Arm-Ank, F Con-Smy, A Bul-H(dis-ann),  
F Aeg(s)A Bul

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Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, BUL 6 build 1  
 England: Home, Den, KIE 5 build 1  
 France: Bre, Par, ~~Mar~~, Spa, Por 4 remove 1  
 Germany: ~~Kie~~, ~~Mun~~, Ber, Bel, Hol 3 remove 2  
 Italy: Home, Tun, MAR 5 build 1  
 Russia: Home, Rum, Swe, Nwy, MUN, CON 9 build 2  
 Turkey: Ank, Smy, ~~Con~~, ~~Tyr~~ 2 remove 1 (1 ann)  
 Press:

Moscow Daily Aristocrat: As we approach the new year, we ponder the  
 truly critical questions of our time. Will Italian bluster overcome  
 French ego? With a German fleet in the North sea and threatening the  
 whiskey supplies in Edinburgh, who will be the first to die-England  
 (of embarrassment) or Germany(of drunkenness)? Can Austria resist a  
 licious Italian backside? Can Turkey find a friend? Will he try?  
 And will our Czar's northern army ever find the front? answers to  
 these and many unasked questions may or may not be forthcoming in  
 the years ahead. We shall, as always, report the truth fairly, equal-  
 ly, and in good taste. ((more on next page))

1979CP press continued.

Moscow-London: Stiff upper lip, old man!

London: How does one say the Japanese word Banzai!! in english ?

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AND NOW, ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

I have tried to treat my relationship with the game of Dippy as I think any intelligent, sophisticated, urbane, wit would and that is-hey man, it's only a game-don't sweat it-kind of attitude. Got some news for you, it ain't happening that way. Geez, I knew I was in trouble when my wife said I carried on about some secret alliance with Russia that had been detected by France-this at 3 am while in a sound sleep. I knew I was in trouble when I called a fellow at work and his first words were-did you get Munich back?-and he doesn't play Dippy, nor have I ever discussed it with him. At any rate, while persuading The Profit by Kehlog Albran (if you haven't heard of Kahil Gibran I'm in trouble again), I knew it was starting again when I read more into the wise man's sayings than I think was intended.

"Anyone can amass a fortune if he struggles for only that. It is he who struggles to be poor and ends up wealthy with whom we should be annoyed" or, how can Germany pick up three builds in F'01 while telling everyone he is neutral?

"Stealing a rhinoceros should not be attempted lightly" or, being England in S'01 and demanding that Turkey support you into Piedmont in F'05 makes about as much sense.

"A condemned man does not request egg salad for his last meal. He also doesn't order Alka Seltzer" or, France with one center demanding to be included in a draw with a 16 center Russia and a 15 center England otherwise he'll throw his support to Italy with 2 centers in hand.

"Even the thickest pizza on earth will be delivered cold" or why do responses to detailed letters evade the original question?

"Arguments with furniture are rarely productive" or why do Austria and Turkey always fight?

"Even the best of friends cannot attend each other's funeral" or the game long alliance ends with a stab that was obvious three seasons ago.

"A condemned man does not start chain letters' or why correspond? I'm clairvoyant!

"A man innocent of all guilt is guilty of all innocence. But not vice versa" or reading between the lines is a necessity in Dippy since oaths of allegiance written in blood lost their popularity.

"Water boil. Ice does not" or if Turkey doesn't get Bulgariis in '01 then obviously he/she/it didn't listen to Mark Berch's three hour dissertation on the CON-BUL move at DIPCON.

Gads, am I continuing with this dribble?

The Grand Finale!, "A sense of humor is not related to a sense of smell. A sense of smell is no standard of intelligence. Intelligence alone will not make a man wealthy. Yet a wealthy man cannot purchase a sense of humor. So, a sense of humor is actually a blessing. Yet it remains true that it takes an infinite amount of blessings to pay one gas bill, or to win outright in Dippy!" or, I'm sure that Lee is wondering by this time-WHY ME!

Mike McGranaghan

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE..... Telephone orders have rules too!

I hate to keep harping on this, but you people can't seem to get the rules straight about telephoned orders. I only accept phone orders up to the night before the deadline day. Telephone orders are NOT taken on the day of the deadline!! Also, I do not take phone orders after 11:00 o'clock in the evening. DO NOT call me later than this! I hope you will all cooperate on this in the future.

Lee

1978 IX endgame statements.

France: Congratulations to Doug and Jerry on a well played game. Doug especially made good use of strategic concepts, stalemating the western front for the first two years while breaking the east wide open. Of course, Jerry was helped greatly by Italian NMRs at a crucial stage.

If anything this game illustrates the difference between postal and face-to-face Diplomacy. A F-T-F game would never have ended so quickly because alliances are usually more flexible. In this game it was clear early on that the Austro-Russian alliance could not be broken up, so there was little point in fighting a losing battle.

My own strategy and Diplomacy deserve little comment. From my point of view the game was a continuing series of mistakes, and I consider myself quite fortunate to have gained a third place finish.

Russell M. Blau

England: I'd like to offer my congratulations to Doug Hollingsworth and his silent partner in Austria for their outstanding play. The two way draw was well earned, especially after Russell Blau and I were unable to reach any kind of understanding. I can't say I was particularly happy with the results; however, I can't say my play warranted anything better. I'll look forward to playing with you all again.

Steve Decker

GM: This was a classic example of what can happen when a strong pair of allies stick together and the others fail to organize a coalition to stop them.

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Miscellaneous news and such:

Another 'zine bites the dust. The Ninth Circle has officially folded. Dave Bunke just does not have the time or interest in doing this one anymore. Most of the regular games will be taken over by Konrad Baumeister, at least temporarily. At least Dave did this in an honorable fashion and didn't just disappear (like MANY I could name). He and Konrad are arranging the orderly transfer of the games, so if you play in a game in T9thC expect to hear from Konrad soon.

Volkerwandering faked ! I received a fake issue of this a couple of weeks ago. At first I thought it was the real thing! However, upon close examination it had too many things wrong with it. The real one came a few days after the fake. Anybody care to guess who did it??

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Why Me ? to celebrate it's second anniversary in April. Last year I published a double issue on our anniversary. I am considering doing the same this year BUT I need lots of material from you readers out there. SEND ME SOME ARTICLES NOW!!!!



THROWN INTO THE BREACH-or, the plight of the standby player. Lee, Sr.

I've been asked a lot about the role of a standby player. This is an attempt to give my point of view on these questions. Keep in mind that I'm not talking about those 14 & 15 center positions that come up every so often (those amount to a "gift" win in most cases), but I am discussing the 2 -6 center positions that come up a lot. These are usually created when a player loses interest for one reason or other.

First, how important is a standby position? Well, his most important function, in my opinion, is to help the G.M. A standby player will help avoid the GM from making important decisions (removals, etc), and allows the GM to remain in a neutral position where he belongs. Often a crucial removal or retreat will affect the entire balance of the game. I know I've had to make some GM decisions I wish I didn't have to make.

The next important function of the standby is to try and be aware of the game situation, who's allied with who, etc. Often a standby position is part of a stalemate line that the others are trying to preserve at all costs. If the position is important to the others, they will most likely (and should!) write to you explaining the situation.

Another type of standby position is the one where you are being destroyed by somebody. Even this one is important to game balance, as without your moves and supports, one or more players might have an advantage in picking up your centers without a fight. In fact, if it is positive that a country is in Civil Disorder to stay, units can be shifted to other fronts because there is no fear of that country attacking you any more, and you can pick up it's centers at your leisure. Most GMs will never resurrect a country once in CD, but be sure, I had a GM once resurrect a CD country after it had been idle for 4 years!

Another question is should a standby write the others? Yes, to a degree. This depends on your own feelings towards being a standby. I've always felt that the other players should have the responsibility to write the standby and inform him of what's been happening. The new player should then respond and verify what he's going to do. This type of correspondance is usually more important than any you might initiate. If they don't write, they can't blame you for any action you might take!

So, in my opinion, a standby should take over the position in as conscientious a manner as possible. I know of a few people who don't. These types often use the position as a devise for revenge on a former (or present) enemy in another game. Sometimes these guys come in pairs and will both get into the game. If so, the game is a shambles from that point on. Unfortunately the GM can't do much about this unless he's aware of a particular relationship, and doesn't use that player in that situation. This is why there is a school of thought that standbys shouldn't be used at all. I can see the reasoning for this, as I've had several games ruined by some jerk standby. However, in most cases, I would much rather have a standby than a CD position.

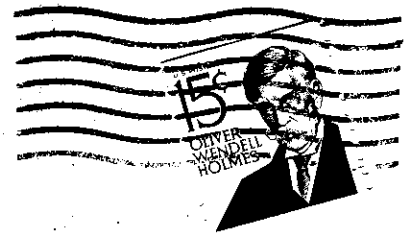
Finally, can a standby win a game? SURE! There are a few people who have made a career out of winning standby positions. However, I never take over a standby position with that thought in mind. I do it for the reasons that I've outlined above. If I should get a chance to win I'm not going to pass it up, but I personally do not place much value on standby wins or draws, simply because I didn't create the position in the first place. There is a lot of debate about this among ratingskeepers, and it will probably never be resolved.

So there you have it folks, my mutterings have been printed again. I hope that this will answer most of the questions that were asked. Anybody want to join my standby list?

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