

WHY ME ?

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Game openings: None at the present time, but hopefully that situation will improve in the near future. A couple of games in here are close to some kind of conclusion. (see later report on page 2)

ORIGINS; my impressions.

I was not as pleased with this years Origins as much as I was with past ones. First, the dealer area was crowded into much too small of a room. It was very difficult to see much of the displays due to the wall-to-wall people. I know that I didn't spend all the money that I took with me simply because I didn't get a chance too ! You would think after all this time those turkeys would learn how to run one of these things.

Next, the Diplomacy tournament was crowded into much too small of a room. It was very hot and uncomfortable, and it was very difficult to find room to even negotiate with the others without bumping into someone else. However, I did enjoy meeting a great many of you that I had never seen before. I guess that's my biggest enjoyment at these things. It's always interesting to see the face behind the signature. I only wish that I could have had more time to sit down and discuss things with more of you, but in a mob scene like we had it was impossible. I understand that Origins will be in San Francisco next year. I won't see any of you there ! I simply can't afford to travel that far . Maybe in 1982 in Baltimore (?). I hear that this is unofficial but that Avalon Hill is pushing for it to be in Baltimore again. I hope so, as Baltimore is a reasonable distance for me to travel.

BRUCE LINSEY...the next "Bernie Oaklyn" ?

I rarely discuss other hobby personalities in here as I try very hard to avoid controversy, but Bruce has overstepped all bounds of decency as far as I'm concerned. Bruce, already infamous for throwing people out of his 'zine, has gone to far this time ! In his latest Voice of Doom, Bruce has maliciously slandered my son. Lee Jr and Bruce played on the same board (round 2) at Origins. Some words were exchanged in the heat of battle, and now Bruce has seen fit to try and ruin my son's reputation (and mine to a degree) in the Hobby. Bruce claims that my son vowed a cross-game grudge against Bruce and that makes him a cross-game grudge player. First, my son claims he did NOT say the things attributed to him by Bruce ! Next, a lot of things are said in tournament games which are not meant. Bruce, I ask you, haven't you ever said anything in anger that you didn't really mean ?? I have, and I've usually been more rational once I've had a chance to calm down. Or are you so perfect that you don't ever lose your temper ?

I feel that Mr Linsey has been totally unfair in this matter, and I can only advise everyone to avoid his 'zine. Bruce seems to enjoy playing God with his publication. Keep it up Bruce and you'll be on a par with "Bernie Oaklyn" and his Front Du Fraud .

How come most of the other dipzines I read get more articles sent to them than they can even use, and I get none ?? I would love to be enlightened by anybody out there who can explain this to me . I need your contributions unless you want this to go warehouse!

1978 Icv Yougstown Game over as draw passes !

The game has ended with an Italian/Russian draw. Congratulations to Bill Schiwautz and Steve Decker ! The chart follows.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
A	7	7	7	6	2	0	-	-	-	Konrad Baumeister
C	6	6	8	8	9	4	2	2	2	Vic Ricci(droS'06), Tony Watson(droF07)*
E	7	5	7	7	8	10	9	8	7	Marck Morrison(droF02), Robert Stimmel
F	8	8	7	6	5	1	1	0	-	David Loewenstern(droF05), C.D.
G	4	6	6	5	5	6	4	3	3	Fred Weidemeyer(resW02), Art Schlein-Kofer
In	4	6	6	9	9	12	13	11	10	Jim Diehl(resF'02), Ed Tucker
It	6	9	10	10	13	15	16	18	19	Joe Grailey(drow01), Steve Decker(DRAW)
J	4	4	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	Steve Heeley(droF'08), Phil Cooper
R	8	10	10	11	13	17	20	22	24	Bill Schiwautz (DRAW)
T	7	8	5	4	3	1	0	-	-	Fred Hyatt

* China was C.D. to the end.

Thanks to Karl Schuetz for running a good game. Several people have asked about another Youngstown or some other variant. I am willing to run another variant game IF there is enough interest, AND if there's a guest GM out there willing to run it. Anyone interested in a game (of whatever), send me a note saying "I'm interested in _____". Send NO money. Also, anyone interested in being a guest GM is asked to notify me also. Guest GM's for a variant will be paid a portion of the gamefees. (the amount is determined by the game and fees).

Oh yes. If anyone wishes to submit an end game statement, feel free.

GAME OPENINGS IN WHY ME ?.

The status of new games opening in here does not look good right now. Why ? Because a couple of games that I thought would end have not done so, and it looks as if nothing will end in the immediate future. I would like to offer new games (I get a ton of requests), but I now GM all the games in here and I can't handle any more. My son is no longer interested in GMing any, and guest GM's can be a problem. So, untill some of my other games end there will be no new ones. Sorry.

FLASH.....Late breaking news ! Karl Schuetz just called me and he is willing to run another "Blind" game for me. Anyone who is interested is asked to write to me now. Gamefee will be \$3.00 . The first 7 who notify me get in . Deadlines will be 3 weeks to allow Karl time to get the results out to me. Blind rules are free for an SSAE .

Blind #1 and Blind #2 are both due on August 21st, 1980

RULES CLARIFICATION: If you have an enemy unit sighted in your home, I will continually report that unit as being there. If it does not show up in your sightings, it has moved !

Retreat reminder: If you want to know if your retreat succeeds ahead of time (and avoid conditionals) send me a self addressed postcard.

Blind #2 press: (Italina origin) St Peters Square: Bring back the neutral commentary! I've succeeded in getting both armies into Apulia like you suggested Mark, but when I try to convoy them out to different places, Lee keeps underlining both as "ambiguos- 2 orders for unit and they sit. What do I do NOW ?

EXPIRING SUBS.....Lots of subs expire with this issue or next issue. This is a reminder. Expired as of this issue; Berch, Callahan, Fritter, Frost, Hart, Kelly, Expiring with # 32; Aucott, Bunke, Cartier, Ditter, Rubinowitz, Townsend. Please renew !

Also, Jack Brawner now owes me sub money since we no longer trade .

1980 CB Spring 1902 Why does everybody dislike France ?

Austria(Cummings) (see COA). A Vie-Tyr, A Bud-Vie, A Tri(s)A Vie-Tyr,
A Ser-H, F Gre-Aeg.

England(Ronderos) F Lon-Eng, F Nth(s)F Lon-Eng, A Yor-Lon, F Nwy-H

France(Ragsdale) F Bre-Eng, A Pic-Bur, A Mar-Bur, A Spa-Gas, F Por-Mid

Germany(Kelley) A Ber-H, A Mun-Bur, A Den-H, A Bel(s)A Mun-Bur,
F Hol(s)A Bel, A Kie-Ruh

Italy(D.Tucker) A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, F Tun-Wes, F Nap-Ttrs

Russia(Wilson) F Rum-Bla, A Sev-Arm, A Ukr-Rum, A Mos-Sev, A War-H,
F Swe hopes Al & John can be trusted (H)

Turkey(Stallngs) A Bul-H, F Bla(s)A Bul, A Con(s)A Bul, F Smy-Aeg

DEADLINE for Fall 1902 is August 22nd, 1980

Press:

Ankara: The Sultan announced the execution of his entire cabinet today. In a terse statement he said that..."headless chickens could give better advice" In other news, the office of Diplomatic relations announced that it had completed its move from the Imperial Palace to their new quarters, located in a stall in the market.

St Petersburg to Berlin-No problem with your hurried note, John. Just wish the USPS would hurry a bit too.

St Pete-London: OK, you're after France. Germany says the same thing. Look out Rick.

St Pete to Vienna: Wayne, sorry no reply to that note, very busy of late. But the idea & target are fine-write soon!

St Pete to world-The Czar will be on vacation from Aug 4-9 and from Aug 21 to Sep 4. So if you've got something to say to me before the next deadline, say it soon!

Rome-Vienna: That better?

Budapest: The winner of round 1 is Germany with 3 builds. Remember though, "one battle does not a War make".

C.O.A. for Austria. 817 Charles st, DeKalb, Ill 60115 (as of 8/15)

1978 HR Winter '10 Eng rem F Lon, Aus Blds F Tri, A Vie, Rus ret
F Con OTB blds F StPnc

Spring 1911 Not much happens as lines hold

Austria(McLendon) A Mun(s)Rus A Pru-Ber, A Boh & A Tyr(s)A Mun,
F Tun-Wes, F Lyo(s)F Tun-Wes, A Pie-Mar, F Mid-H, A Vie-Tri,
A Bud-Vie, F Tri-Adr, A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul, A Ank-Con, A SmyH

England(Hart) F Bal-Bot, F Edi-Nth, F NAO-H

France(Hyatt) F Eng-Bre, F Nwg-Nwy, A Por(s)F Spasc, F Spa(s)A Mar,
A Mar-H, A Bur(s)A Kie-Mun, A Ruh(s)A Kie-Mun, A Kie-Mun,

A Den(s)Eng F Bal-Swe(NSO), A Ber(s)A Kie-Mun

Russia(Kovalcik) F Nwy-Ska, F StPnc-Nwy, A Fin(s)A Swe, A Swe(s)F StP
-Nwy, A Pru-Ber, A Sil(s)Aus A Mun, A Ukr-War

DEADLINE for Fall '11 is August 22nd, 1980. A concession to Austria is called for. Not voting is a YES vote.

1980 AN Spring 1902 Intentions become much clearer!

Austria(Brawner) A Ser(s)Ita A Apu-Gre(NSO/NSU), A Bud-Tri, F Tri-Alb,
A Gal-Vie

England(Ditter) F Lvp-Iri, A Lon-Wal F Nth-Eng, F Nwy-Nwg

France(Masters) A Par-Bur, A spa-Gas, A Por-Spa, F Eng-Iri, F Bre-Mid

Germany(Sergeant) F Kie-Hol, A Hol-Ruh, A Ruh-Bur, A Mun(s)A Ruh-Bur,
F Den-H

Italy(Ledder) A Tun-Alb, F Ion(c)A Tun-Alb, F Nap-Apu, A Ven-H

Russia(McLendon) A Rum-Arm, F Bla(c)A Rum-Arm, A Ukr-Rum, A Mos-Sev,
A War-Liv, F Swe-H

Turkey(Blank)(See COA) A Gre-Bul, A Con(s)A Gre-Bul, F Ank-Bla,
F Smy-Aeg

DEADLINE for Fall 1902 is August 22nd, 1980 (See next page !)

1980 AN Explanation of Walter Blank's COA. Walter will be at his present address untill July 29th. He will then be at 1926 Kernan Ave, Appleton, WI 54911 untill August 2nd. He will then be on his way to Germany, where he will be for the next two years. Now, Walter will be continueing the game, but due to his being difficult to reach for the next month or so he has appointed his own standby for at least the next season, who is; Dave Crockett, 2954 W. Belle Plain, Chicago, Ill, 60618. I have agreed to accept this. Walter will send me his German address as soon as he knows it. O.K. ?

 1979 CP Winter '05 Aus Blds F Tri, A Vie (2 short). Eng rem F Bal, F Den. Fra Bld F Mar.

Spring 1906 Slugging match continues.

Austria(Counselman) F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tyr, A Ven(s)A Vie-Tyr, A Mun-Bur, A Boh-Mun, A Nap-Rom, F Wes-Spa, A Gre-Ser, A Gal-Rum, F Alb-Ion, A Con-H(dis-ann)

England(Beyerlein) A Kie-Yor, F Hel & F Nth(c)A Kie-Yor

France(Kelley) A Pie-Tyr, A Pic-Bur, A Hol-Kie, F Mid-Spasc, F Mar(s) F Mid-Spa, F Naf-Mid

Germany(Cooper) F Liv-StPsc

Russia(Mercer) A Ank-Con, F Smy(s)A Ank-Con, F Rum-Bulec, A War-Gal, A Mos-StP, F Ber-Kie, A Ruh & A Den(s)F Ber-Kie, F Swe-Ska, A Nwy(s)A Mos-StP

DEADLINE for fall 1906 is Auguat 22nd, 1980

COA for Russia: R.D.#6, Mercer, PA 16137 as of August 1st

Press: Moscow-England-For the betterment of this game and England's well being the government of Russia requests that you retreat from your present position in Kiel and surrounding wters before you have nothing left.

St Pete Times- Our beloved Czar announced today that our government is preparing to regain lost ground in the southern regions of Austria. Part of the reasoning behind this is that Austria has grown too fast and should be slowed to permit the other major powers to catch up with it plus the disagreement of who should control what and where. The czar would not say how much or how long he plans on fighting the Austrian empire but our armed forces have been well supplied for a long stay.

 1979 AD Red & Green units continue to romp...France crushed!

Fall 1908

Austria(Cooper) A Spa-Gas, A Kie & A Boh(s)Ita A Mun, A Sev-Arm, A Ukr-Sev, A Rum(s)A Ukr-Sev, A Bul-H, A Smy-Ank, F Eas-Smy

England(Schuetz) F Mid-Bre, F Iri-Lvp, F Nwy(s)Ita A Liv-Stp (dis-Swe, Nwg, Bar, Ska, Nth, OTB)

France(Callahan) A Bel-Bur, A Bur-Ruh, A Par(s)A Bel-Bur, A Gas (s) A Bel-Bur(dis-ann), F Naf-Tyrs (imp), F Hel-Kie, F Swe-Bal

Germany(Loewenstern) A Ruh-Bel, A Hol(s)A Ruh-Bel, F Nth-Lon

Italy(Hart) A Mun(s)Aus A Kie-Ruh(nso), A Mar(s)Aus A Spa-Gas, F Lyo(s)A Mar, F Tyrs-Tun, F Wes(s)F Tyrs-Tun, A Liv-StP,

A Mos(s)A Liv-StP, F Con(s)Aus A Smy-Ank

Russia(Kador) A StP-Nwy, A Fin(s)A StP-Nwy

Turkey(Schaller) A Arm-Ank, F Bla(s)A Arm-Ank

DEADLINE for winter 1908 and spring 1909 is August 22nd, 1980

Supply center chart

Austria:	Home, Ser, Rum, Bul, Sev, Spa, Ber, KIE, SMY	11 build 2
England:	Nwy , Swe, Por, BRE, LVP	4 Can't bld
France:	Mar , Par, Bre , Bel , Lvp , Lyp , Edi	2 remove 4
Germany:	Hol, Kie , Den, BEL, LON	4 can't bld
Italy:	Home, Tun, Gre, War, Mun, Sky , CON, MOS, STP, MAR	11 build 3
Russia:	Mos , StP , NWY	1 remove 1
Turkey:	Lon , Ank	1 remove 1

1980 AE Fall 1902 Do I detect a few knives ?

- Austria(Fraunces) F Gre-Bulsc, A Bud-Rum, A Ser(s)A Bud-Rum, A Tri-Ven,
A Vie-Boh
- England(Conner) A Swe-Fin, F Nwy-Swe, F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth(s)F Nwg-Nwy,
F Bel-H
- France(Ditter) F Mid-Naf, F Spasc-Wes, F Lyo(s)F Spa-Wes, A Mar-Pie,
A Gas-H
- Germany(Hardisty)* F Den-Bal, A Ber-Pru (dis-Sil, OTB), A Kie-Mun,
A Hol-Kie, A Tyr(s)Fra A Mar-Pie (*Hardisty is the new player)
- Italy(Tucker) F Nap-Ion, A Boh-Vie, A Ven-Tri, F Tyrs(s)F Nap-Ion
- Russia(Frost) F Bal-Ber, A Pru(s)F Bal-Ber, A Ukr-Gal, A StP-H
- Turkey(Turner) A Arm-Sev, F Bla(s)A Arm-Sev, A Rum-Ukr, F Aeg(s)Aus
F Gre-Ion(NSO)

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, BUL, RUM	7 build 2
England: Home, Nwy, Bel, SWE	6 build 2
France: Home, Por, Spa	5 even
Germany: Mun, Kie, Boh , Hol, Den	4 remove 1
Italy: Home, Tun	4 even
Russia: Mos, War, StP , StP, BER	4 even (1 ann)
Turkey: Home, Sev , SEV	4 even

DEADLINE for Winter 1902 AND spring 1903 is August 22nd 1980

Press: Turkey Fleet Aegean to newly arrived French Fleet North Africa-
May the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpits!

Austro-Turkish peace talks(Bulgaria) Discussed in these talks was the
condition of the world and they came to the conclusion that Russia has
bit the dust. They also talked of italy of which they came to the same
conclusion.

Vienna-Con: Did you trust me? I hope so!

Budapest-World: Hey, Thanksgiving is coming up in the near future,
would anyone like a juicy slice of Turkey?

Berlin: I am sorry if I did not get to write all of you. I did not
have all the address'.

1979 C Winter 1909 Concession fails again, 3 yes 1 no

Ita Removes F Eng, A Ven ret to Tus. Eng F Bre ret to Pru. Russia
F Nwy ret to Bar, Builds F Sev. Tut F Por ret OTB, A Smy ret to Arm.

Spring 1910 Can Russia do it this year ?

- England(Fleming) F Nwy-Swe, F Swe-Bal(nsu), F Pru-Ber, A Hol-Bel,
F Bot-StPsc, F Nwg-Bar, A Kie(s)F Pru-Ber(dis-ann), A Bel-Ruh,
F Ska unordered-H

Germany(Frost) A Bre-Par

Italy(Kelly) A Tus-Rom, A Bur-Par, F Spasc-Mid

- Russia(Hart) A StP-Nwy, A Fin(s)A StP-Nwy, F Bar(s)A StP-Nwy, A Ber-
-Kie, A Mun & A Den(s)A Ber-Kie, A Ruh-Helg ? (imp), A Sil-Ber,
A Tyr-Pie, A Ven(s)A Tyr-Pie, A Rom(s)A Ven, F Rum-Bulec,
A Gre(s)F Rum-Bul, F Sev-Bla, A Ukr-Sev, F Smy-Con, A Ank(s)
F Smy-Con

Turkey(Michalski) A Pie(s)Ita A Tus-Ven(nso)(dis-Mar, OTB), F Con-Bla
F Con-dis/ann, A Arm-Sev, F Aeg-Bulsc

DEADLINE for fall 1910 is August 22nd 1980

WHY ME?....and my puncuality.

One player in here didn't get his 'zine this moth because I had made
a mistake on his address label. The 'zine was finally returned to me
a week before the deadline. Fortuneately I sent the issue back to the
player in tim for him to phone orders in. Otherwise I would have had
to delay the game. My point ? I ALWAYS mail this within 48 hours of
the deadline. If you have not received your copy in 10 days then you
know something's wrong. If this happens, NOTIFY ME ! I may not do a
lot of things right, but I do get this out as scheduled.

1980 A Winter 1902 Turkey builds F Smy

Spring 1903 Everybody offers support...nobody accepts it !!
 Austria(Parker) F Tri-H, A Vie & A Bud & A Ser(s)F Tri
 England(Van Meter) F Lon-Eng, A Wal-Lon, F Nth(s)Ger A Hol-Bel (nso),
 F Ska-Nwy
 France(Schiwautz) FEng-Mid, F Bel(s)Eng F Nth-Hol(nso), A Ruh-Kie,
 A Bur(s)F Bel, A Gas-H
 Germany(Collins) A Ber-Mun, A Sil(s)A Ber-Mun, F Den(s)F Bal-Kie,
 F Bal-Kie, A Hol(s)Eng F Nth-Bel(nso)
 Italy(Arnott?)NMR A Tyr, A Ven, F Adr, F Ion all Hold (standby below)
 Russia(Callahan) A War-Pru, A Ukr(s)A Sev, A Sev-H, A Gal-Rum,
 F Swe(s)Eng F Nth-Den(nso)
 Turkey(Hardisty) A Arm-Sev, F Bla(s)A Arm-Sev, A Rum(s)A Arm-Sev,
 F Bulec(s)A Rum, F Smy-Aeg, F Gre(s)F Smy-Aeg

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I don't ever remember typing so many (nso) in my life !

Press: paris-Rome: A simple explanation for your actions will suffice.
 Why not drop me a line or two?

Constantinople: With the hot air pollution increasing from the north,
 Turkey has decided to increase it's protective screen to stop it.

Ankara to Moscow: You need a new (mind) record, as yours is either
 warped, warped, warped, or cracked, cracked, cracked.

English fillet now in the channell hopes france has no hard feelings.

England considers France generous and will honor him with a roast.

How about it!

Standby for Italy: Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Dr., Paoli, PA 19301

1979 KQ Winter '03. Aus NMR GM removes A Ser. Eng Rem F Ska.

Fra Build F Bre. Ita Build A Ven. Tur build A Smy.

Spring 1904 Not much in the way of movement.

Austria(CD) A Vie & A Bud hold

England(Costikyan)*F Cly uno H, F Edi(s) Fra F Lvp-Cly(nsu/nso)

France(Hart) F Bre-Eng, F Mid(s)F Bre-Eng, F Lvp-H, A Bel-H, A Bur(s)
 A Bel, A Mar-H, F Spasc(s)A Mar.

Germany(Perlmutter) A Tyr-Mun, A Boh(s)A Tyr-Mun, A Wal-Lvp, F Hel-
Hol, F Hol-Bel, F Nth(s)F Hol-Bel,

Italy(Cartier) A Tri(s)Ger A Tyr-Vie(nso), A Ven(s)A Tri, F Naf-Mid,
A Pie-Mar, F Lyo(s)A Pie-Mar .

Russia(Townsend)F Nwg-Nth, F Nwy-Nwg, A Swe-H, A War-Gal, A Gal-Bud,
A Rum(s)A Gal-Bud, F Sev(s)A Rum

Turkey(Aucott) A Smy-Arm, A Bul-Rum, F Con-Bla, F Ion-Tyrs, F Gre-
 -Ion, A Ser(s)A Bul-Rum .

DEADLINE for Fall 1904 is August 22nd, 1980

PRESS.....

Berlin-Europe: This game is getting very boring Diplomacy-wise. I
 think it may be time for us to stat thinking about who is going to be
 in a draw. Well let's wait a few seasons and see. All of you have
 played very well except of course Luckinbill, snicker, snicker..

Berlin-Ankara: Are you thinking what I'm thinking? If so let's talk
 about it.

Berlin-Paris:Yes. Berlin-Rome:Sure I Like Aucott, Why?

Munich: Q. What the heck is going on in this game? A. I have no idea.

I'm supposed to be allied with Russia and Italy against France. But

Russia is Turkeys ally and Turkey is attacking Italy and..I'm confused.

Q.So what do you plan to do?

A. When in doubt:stab. Russia maybe.

Germany-Hart:No.

Berlin-Austria: In your heart you know I was right

Berlin-Rom: Extremisim in the defense of liberty is no vice.

1978FL Winter 1905/spring 1906 GM--Art Schleinkofer
 Aus-Bui A Bud, Eng-Bui A Edi, Ita-Bui A Ven, Rus-Rem A Ukr, Tur-Rem
 A Sev
 Austria(Mooney) F Ion-Tyr, F Gre-Ion, A Arm-Sev, A Ank-Con, A Tri-Tyo,
A Bud-Gal, A Vie(sup)A Tri-Tyo, A Rum(sup)A Gal-Ukr, A Gal-Ukr
 England(Tucker) F Stp(nc)-Bar, F Nth-Eng, F Nwg(con)A Edi-Nwy, F Lon-
Eng, A Edi-Nwy, A Mos(sup)Ger A Pru-War(NSO)
 France(Kelley) F Lyo(sup)F Wes-Tyr, F Wes-Tyr, F Mid-Naf, A Mar-Pie
 A Gas-Bre, A Bel-H
 Germany(Kendter, Jr.) F Den-H, A Mun(sup)A Tyo, A Tvo(sup)Fre A Mar-
Pie(Dis, Ret--Boh, OTB), A Sil-Gal, A Pru(sup)A Lvn-War, A Lvn-War
 Italy(Conner) F Tyr-Lyo(Dis, Ret--Tus, Rom, Nap, OTB), F Smv-Aeg,
A Tun-Naf, A Pie-Mar, A Ven(sup)Aus A Tri-Tyo
 Russia(watson) A War-Mos(Dis, ANN)
 Turkey(Mainardi) F Aeg-Gre
Paris-Rome--I'll back you up vs. Austria
Nicosia, Cyprus--No longer credible in Great Power affairs, the sultan
today ordered his fleet to attack Greece in retribution.
 Deadline for the fall 1906 moves is August 16, 1980.

 1979 HD Fall 1905 France survives..barely.

Austria(Hyatt) A War(s)Ger A Sil-Gal
 England(Schleinkofer) A Gas & F Mid (s)F Por-Spasc, F Por-Spasc,
A Lvp-Edi, F Edi-Nth, F Nth-Bel, F Swe(s)Ger F Bal-Den
 France(Pierce) A Bel-Hol, F Den-Swe(dis-Hel, Ska, OTB), F Nwg-Edi
 Germany(Howe) A Sil-Gal, A Par-Bur, A Mun-Kie, F Bal-Den, A Mos-Ukr,
 A Liv(s)Aus A War
 Italy(Hardisty) A Tri-Tyr, A Vie(s)A Tri-Tyr, A Ven-Pie, A Nap-H,
 A Mar & F Lyo(s)Tur F Spa, F Tyrs-Wes.
 Russia(Conner) A Ukr-Sev, F Bla(s)A Ukr-Sev, A Gal-Rum(dis-Boh, OTB)
 Turkey(Fritter) F Spasc(s)Ita F Tyrs-Wes, F Ion-Tyrs, A Arm-Sev,
A Rum(s)A Arm-Sev, F Con-Bla, F Bulsc-Con, A Bud(s)A Rum.

DEADLINE for Winter 1905 and Spring 1906 is August 22nd 1980

Supply center chart

Austria: War	1 even
England: Home, Nwy, Swe, Bre, Por, BEL	8 build 1
France: Spa, Bel, Den , HOL	1 remove 2
Germany: Home, Par, StP, MOS, DEN, Nth	7 build 1
Italy: Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, Mar	7 even
Russia: Mos , Sev, Ser	2 remove 1
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Bud, Rum, SPA	8 build 1

Remember, a seperate winter takes TWO of you to request it.

Press: Kiev -London: I appreciate your honesty. It's a commodity in short supply here in the east.

Kiev-Rome: Beware the Islamic Flotilla !

Italy(rescue): I hate people that NMR, especially myself, even if it was a technical. I want to say that I am sorry for the poor play on my part.

 1979 V Spring 1909 GM in state of shock...Draw fails !!

Austria(Tucker) F Aeg(c)Ita A Smy-Apu(nso), A Tri-H, A Gal-Sil,
A Sil-Mun, A Tyr & A Boh(s)A Sil-Mun
 France(Bunke) bld F Bre, F Nwg-Nwy, A Swe-Fin, F Ska-Swe, A Kie-Ber,
A Hol-Kie, A Mun(s)A Kie-Ber, A Ruh & A Bur(s)A Mun, A Mar-Pie,
F Bre-Eng, F Naf-Tun, F Spasc-Wes, F Lyo(s)F Spa-Wes
 Italy(Fritter) A Pie, A Ven, F Tus, F Tyrs, F Tun, A Smy all hold
 Russia(Blau) F Bar & F StPnc(s)A Nwy, A Nwy-H, F Bal-Kie, A Ber-Mun,
 A War-H, F Ank-H

DEADLINE for fall 1909 is August 22nd 1980 Draw was 3 yes, 1 no
 Russell Blau informs me he will be at the NY address untill Aug 15th.
 He will then be back in Watertown. A New address after Sept 1st.

ENGLAND: Just how to rule the waves.

By David Perlmutter

A Good ally, a good ally, my kingdom for a good ally.

As the game starts England is perched above Europe like a hungry vulture waiting for some supply-center starved nation to stumble. The English player has a number of early advantages. First of all it takes a really strong two country attack to defeat his strong navy. Single-handedly none of Englands neighbors can do much. Russia is usually too busy down south to build the required number of F StPnc needed to wage an effective campaign against England. Germany can only afford to build the great number of fleets needed to engage the royal navy if his mother is France and his baby sister Russia, a rare occurrence in postal play. An illustration of this came in my game in the second rd of Origins. I, as France, convinced the none-too-conservative German to use his 2-builds in 1901 to launch fleets in Ber & Kie. While he was getting into position to take on England I walked into Mun unopposed and then went on to grab Kie & Ber for good measure. France then is the most obvious thret. He can put his two armies in the Pic/Bur front to keep Germany honest. Brest is only a stones throw from the very collapsable English backdoor. If he has no Italian war he could then use his traditional Iberian builds on you by building Fleets in Bre & Mar. This said let us look at the French/English alliance. On papaer it sure looks good-juggernaut west you might say. It worked in both World Wars except the USA did help out a bit. The terms of the alliance would most likely fall in the lines of; keeping Eng, Iri, NAO, and maybe Mid neutral, no building of fleets in Bre or Lvp unless there was a good reson. The first victim would be Germany. It is to this end that I propose the neutrality of Eng should be relinquished for 1901 to France. Afterall Germany must, at all costs, be held to one build. A French F Eng is the best way to do this as an English Fleet there might jeopordize the taking of Nwy if Russia went to StP. Diplomatically the two should act friendly to Germany and at least suggest the Drang Nach Osten of A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Sil, F Kie-Den/ No player with an IQ above room temperature will actually do this but some might. A lot of people who play Germany fall for the old song & dance of the triple alliaince. More likely he will do the safe "prelude to War" opening of A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Kie, F Kie-Den or Hol. Under this assumption the best F/E move would be; F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nwg, A Lvp-Yor, F Bre-Eng, A Mar-Bur, A Par-Pic. Remember I said the BSET. these are great anti-German moves but require great trust between the allies and a willingness of France to give up Iberia. In the fal Germany can be swamped by(if he went to Den) F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth(c)A Yor Hol, F Eng(s)A Pic-Bel, A Bur-Mun. Or if the Ger fleet is in Holland. F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth(c)A Yor-Den, F Eng(s)A Pic-Bel, A Bur-Mun. In either case both France and England are assured at least one bld with Germany lucky to get one or stay even. The basic assumption is that Russia will not move A Mos-StP and Italy won't attack France. These threats can be taken care of Diplomatically by simply jointly telling Russia that Germany is dead and invite him to pick up the spoils too. Italy would be quite foolish to attack a strong France if he was not sure of E/G cooperation. Once Germany is crushed then England should try to secure StP while France moves into the Med. The fall of StP marks the turning point in the alliance. England must choose whether to betray France or try to stuff armies down central Europe. The decision should be made with great care for the course of the game will be decided by it

Zines fold. The Flying Dutchman (Jack Brawner) has officially bit the dust. Jack is re-housing the games with other GMS. FD showed promise, but it was erratic, a sign that time pressures made it difficult for Jack to keep it up. Also, Claw & Fang, an "olt timer" is folding also after he finishes what games he has running.

Player/GM disputes.....where to turn for help ?

Lately I have noticed a lot more problems between GM's and players. The player has a legitimate gripe against the GM (or at least thinks he/she does), and doesn't know who to turn to. As Boardman Number Custodian I have received quite a few letters from players asking me to intercede for them in thier dispute with the GM. This is really not my job, nor within my jurisdiction. True, if the player can show me just cause I can declare the game irregular, but many of the notes I get are not in that area. So, what is a player to do?

First, there used to be a hobby Omsbudsman (if there is an active one now, he hasn't made himself known). The Omsbudsman used to listen to both sides of the story and then tell the players/GM his decision. He would also reccomend that a game be called irregular to the BNC if he felt GM improprieties were shown.

Now, without a strong, impartial person in this office players do not have any real place to turn with thier gripes. So, they resort to feuding with the GM privately, and quite often, in public.(using some 'zine as thier "soapbox" so to speak. I feel that this really is not the way to go about it . One player recently suggested "protest resignations" as a means to show dislike for a GM. I don't feel that this is the answer either.

So, what can be done? Since the IDA is for all practical purposes a defunct organization they are not the ones to turn to. The NADF is still in the teething stage although it does show great promise. But I don't know when they will be ready to really start becoming an effective hobby force. My suggestion; form a panel of respected GMS and players (3 to 5 people would be sufficeint) to hear grievances from players and/or GMS. This panel would hear both sides of the story and then make a decision (by vote) as to whether the problem is "real" or not. If the GM is found to be doing underhanded things to his players the panel could then do several things.

- 1) If the GMS practices were found to be highly irregular, they suggest that the BNC declare the game irregular.
- 2) If the GM could not be "convicted" of enough to call the games irregular, but his practices were not within the accepted norm, they could expose this GM to the hobby at large as "highly UNreccomended".
- 3) If the player were at fault and not the GM, the panel could clear the GMS name by publically stating thier findings. Thus stopping any "get so-and-so campaigns before they got out of hand.

How would this panel be picked? By selecting names from a list of volunteers. I have always found that people who do hooby functions without being elected to do them, or otherwise have the job thrust upon them, make the best workers.

Who would approve of the panel? That's fairly easy too. A group of respected hobby "noteables" would select them. Who do I mean ? The publisher of Diplomacy World, The various custodians, (Miller numbers, Boardman numbers, archivists, etc). I don't think it would be that hard to find a few responsible people.

To sum up; I feel that the hobby needs some kind of service to arbitrate disputes. Too many of these problems get all blown out of proportion because the player has no way of getting satisfaction. I realize my offered solution is not perfect. I also realize that a lot of details would have to be worked out. However, at least I've suggested something. How do you feel about this?

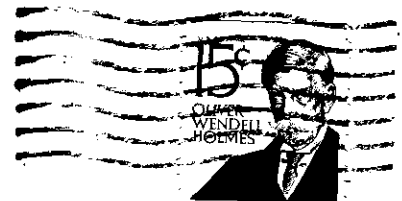
 Hmmm...re-reading that article above, I realized that I may have not made myself perfectly clear on a point or two, but I'm sure you get the idea ! I "wrote" that on the spur of the moment. I had saved some space for end-game charts. Boy was I fooled ! The games that I thought would end didn't ! Oh well, I can't win 'em all ! See you in 4 weeks !

Grand Diplomacy Tour

Assume it is the start of Spring 1901 and you are France, and every other power begins the game in Civil Disorder. How soon, in terms of game years, could you achieve a 18 center victory? Now expand the problem to every other power on the board. How soon could you achieve an 18 center victory with each power with every other power in C.D.? What this amounts to is a fairly interesting logic problem. My best results for each position will be published with the next issue.

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