

# WHY ME ?

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Game openings: None at the present. (nor in the foreseeable future)

Articles, or the lack thereof;...In the latest WHITESTONIA there is a plug for Why Me and John says that since I have stopped begging for articles he's going to do the begging for me. He even goes so far as to offer a \$1 credit towards a game in his 'zine if anybody submits an article to me from among his readers ! Well I'm really flattered to see this but I'm beginnig to get the idea that I get more players in this 'zine than article readers. Nobody really complains about the lack of them so that's the only conclusion I can come to. So I guess that Why Me will continue to plod along as a place for those of you who are more interested in playing than reading . I will still print articles when I get them, but don't get your hopes up ! ((see \*\*\*)

In Diplomacy World #26, Mark Berch writes a short piece about the use of nationalities when supporting or convoying units of a foreign power. He states that the rulebook doesn't specify that you have to mention other countries nationality. For example; Austria supports Italian A Ven-Tyr. I would write; A Tri (s) Ita A Ven-Tyr. If one of you sent me that order without the Ita in front of the order I would say that you have NSU as A Ven and the Italian move would fail (if it were opposed). Well, guess what? I'm still going to do it that way no matter what Mark says in DW. Why? Because most of the GM's I've played under during the 6½ years that I've been at this game do it that way. I beleive that it is a very important tactical ploy to miswrite this order on purpose and try to explain it away to your ally as a mistake. So, let the Why Me houserules be amended to the effect that; "you must state the nationality of a foreign powers unit that you are supporting or convoying". This will avoid any of you nitpickers from telling me that I'm not doing things according to the rulebook. OK?

\*\*\* I left out John Caruso's address. If you are interested in what Whitestonia looks like, send for a sample to John at; 42-34 Saull St., Flushing, NY 11355. I think you'll like it .

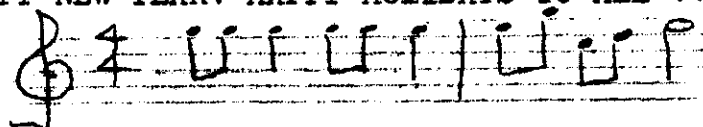
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Did you know there is a Peanut Butter shortage in this country ? I was horrified to read this in our local paper ! Then, when I went to the supermarket, I found my favorite brand out of stock !! How can they do this to me ? I'm a Peanut Buuter freak !!! I can't live without it !!

With that I'll leave you with these words.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL ..

A final few notes.....



BLIND GAMES.....Both of these have winter/Spring turns due. The date will be Jan 8th, 1981 for the daedline.

Blind 1. Both concessions failed. A new proposal is submitted; a 3 way draw between A-F-G.. Please vote, not voting is a yes.

Blind 2. The 2 way draw failed. A concession to France is proposed. Not voting is a YES vote.

Press: Blind 1. Austria: I'm tired of being blind-sided in this game!

Blind 2. Crete: Where did all the press go ?

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1979 AD Fall1910 'Iron City Phil' wins one !

Austria(Cooper) A Bur ret to Gas, F Smy-Aeg, A Con-H, A Bul-Gre, A Alb-Gre, A Bud-Tri, A Gas-Bre, F Adr-Apu, A Tyr-Mun, A Kie-Den, A Ruh-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Liv(s)Ita A Fin-Stp(nso), A Mos(s)Ita A Nwy-StP

England(Schuetz) F NAO-Mid, F Edi-Nwg, F Nth(s)Aus A.Kie-Den, F Eng(s) Aus A Gas-Bre

France(CD) A Par-H

Germany(Loewenstern) A Bel-Ruh, F Den-Kie(dis), A Hol(s)F Den-Kie

Italy(Hart) A Nwy-StP, A Fin(s)A Nwy-StP, F Aeg-Ion, A Ven-H, A Pie(s) A Ven, A Mar-Gas, A Bur(s)A Mar-Gas, F Por-Spasc, F Bre-H(dis)

Russia(Kador) A Swe-Fin (left out 1st turn)

Supply centers

Austria: Home, Ser, Rum, Bul, Sev, Ber, Kie, Smy, Ank	
War, Gre, Mun, Con, Mos, BRE, DEN	18 WINS !
England: <del>War</del> , Lvp, Lon, Edi	3
France: Par	1
Germany: <del>War</del> , Hol, Bel	2
Italy: Home, Tun, StP, Mar, Nwy, Por, Spa	9
Russia: Swe	1

Congratulations to Phil Cooper for his win. That was one of the best knife jobs I ever saw. End game chart will appear next issue. If any of you wish to submit an end-game statement please send it early.

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1980 KL Spring 1901 Gamestart flawed by French miss

Austria(Quinn) A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud, F Tri-Alb  
 England(Pierce) F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lvp-Yor  
 France(Arthurs?)NMR Neutral orders A Par-H, F Bre-Mid, A Mar-Spa  
 Germany(Melot) F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh  
 Italy(Landon) F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Apu, A Ven-H  
 Russia(Blau) F StPsc-Bot, A Mos-Liv, A War-Ukr, F Sev-Bla  
 Turkey(Hart) F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con

Standby for France: Vernon Parker, 1854 Waybridge Ln., Fenton, MO 63026  
DEADLINE for fall '01 moves is Jan 9th, 1981

Press: Venice-Munich: Hell is right! But it sure is fun, isn't it?  
Napoli: Due to rising fears that both Naples and Rome may slide into the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Italian government has ordered the complete evacuation of th Italian west coast. The Government cited as the reason for the unprecedented evacuation was a giant rift down the center of the country that appears as a dark line when seen from the air. Several citizens spokesmen have questioned the validity of the governments reason for the evacustion (no one has fallen in the rift as yet), insisting that the 'dark line' is only in the minds of the government leaders. When sought for a reply, the entire Italian government was last seen sailing for the Ionian sea calmly sipping assorted chianti classico and eating spagetti.

1978 HR Fall 1913 Austria/Russia keep getting bigger  
 Austria(McLendon) F Wes-Mid, F Por & F Naf(s)F Wes-Mid, F Tyrs-Wes,  
 A Spa-Gas, A Mar-Bur, A Pie-Mar, F Lyo(s)A Pie-Mar, A Boh-H,  
 A Tyr(s)A Boh, A Vie-H, A Ser-H, A Gre-H, A Smy-H  
 England(Hart) F Swe-Den, F Nth(s)F Swe-Den, F NAO-Nwg, F Iri-Mid,  
 F Bre-Eng  
 France(Hyatt) A Mar ret Gas. A Gas-Bre, A Par(s)A Gas-Bre, A Bel-H,  
 A Hol-H, A Den(s)Rus A Fin-Swe(ann)  
 Russia(Kovalcik)F Ska(s)F Nwy, F Nwy & F Bot(s)A Fin-Swe, A Fin-Swe,  
A Mun-Bur, A Sil-Mun, A Ber-Kie, A Fru-Ber

Supply centers

Austria:Home, Gre, Ser, Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun, Bul, Con, Smy, Ank, Spa, POR, MAR 16 builds 2  
 England: ~~Edi~~, Lon, Lvp, ~~Swe~~, ~~Fre~~, DEN 3 remove 2  
 France: ~~Mar~~, Par, Bel, Hol, ~~Kie~~, ~~Den~~, ~~Por~~, EDI, BRE 5 even (1 ann)  
 Russia: Home, Nwy, Rum, Ber, Mun, KIE, SWE 10 builds 2

DEADLINE for Winter '13 and Spr '14 is Jan 9th, 1981

A concession to Austria is proposed. Not voting is a YES vote.

1980 CB Spring 1904 New Italian inherits big trouble

Austria(Cummings) A Tyr-Pie, F Ven-Adr, F Alb(s)F Ven-Adr, A Tri-Ven,  
A Bud-Tri, A Gre(s)A Bul, A Bul(s)Rus F Bla-Con  
 England(Ronderos) A Lon-Nwy, F Nth(c)A Lon-Nwy, F StPnc(s)A Lon-Nwy,  
 F Edi-Nwg, F Hel-Kie, A Hol(s)Fra A Bur-Ruh  
 France(Ragsdale) A Bur-Ruh, A Bel(s)A Bur-Ruh, A Gas-Bur, A Mar(s)  
 A Gas-Bur, F Wes-Tyrs, F Eng-Mid  
 Germany(Kelly) A Den-H, A Kie(s)A Ruh-Hol, A Ruh-Hol(dis-Mun, otb)  
 Italy(Schleinkofer) A Pie-Tus, F Nap-Apu, F Adr-Ven(dis-Ion, otb)  
 Russia(Wilson) A Smy(s)A Arm-Ank, A Arm-Ank, F Bla-Con, A Mun-Ber,  
 A Sil(s)A Mun-Ber, A Mos-StP, F Swe-Bal  
 Turkey(Hart) F Aeg-Bulsc, A Con(s)F Aeg-Bul

DEADLINE for fall '04 is Jan 9th, 1981

Press:London to Rome: Hang in there, help is on the way !

StPnc-Mos: Sorry Brad, I had no choice

1979 CP Fall '08 I wish I knew what was going on in this game

Austria(Fleming) A Pie-Tyr, F Lyo-Mar, A Tyr-Boh, A Boh-Sil, A Tri-Ser  
A Bud-Rum, A War-H, A Gal(s)A War, F Gre(s)F Aeg-Bulsc, F Aeg-  
 -Bulsc  
 England(Beyerlein) A Den-Swe(dis/ann), F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth & F Bar(s)  
 F Nwg-Nwy.  
 France(Rodriguez?)NMR F Spasc, F Mar, F Wes, A Bur, A Mun, A Bel hold  
 Russia(Mercer) F Smy-Aeg, F Con(s)F Smy-Aeg, A Ser(s)A Rum, A Rum(s)  
A Ser, A Mos-War, A Ukr(s)A Mos-War, A Liv-Pru, A Kie-Den,  
 F Bal(s)A Kie-Den, F Ska-Nwy, A Swe & A StP(s)F Ska-Nwy  
 A Hol(s)A Kie(otm)

Standby for France: Rick Ragsdale, 1009 Grazing Lane, Jacksonville, AR 72076

DEADLINE for Winter '08 and Spr '09 is Jan 9th, 1981

Supply Centers:

Austria: Home, ~~Ser~~, Gre, Rom, Nap, Tun, Ven, ~~Mun~~, War, BUL 10 even (was 1 sh)  
 England: Home, ~~Den~~, NWY 4 build 1 (1 ann)  
 France: Home, Spa, Por, Bel, MUN 7 build 1  
 Russia: StP, Mos, Sev, Swe, ~~Nwy~~, Ank, Ber, Smy, Kie, Con, Rum, ~~Edi~~, Hol, SER, DEN 13 even

The proposals went like this: Concession to Russia; 3 Yes 1 no.

R/A 3 yes 1 no, R/A/F/ 3 yws 1 no, 4 way draw 3 yes 1 no.

AND a zillion new proposals ! R/A , R/A/F, A/F, R/F/E, 4 way draw.

Not voting is a YES vote

1080 A Winter '04 Aus-Bld A Vie. Eng Bld F Lon, F Edi. Fra Bld F Mar. Ger rem A Hol. Ita Bld F Nap. Rus Bld A War. Tur rem F Rum, A Arm.

Spring 1905 West looks solid, East still looks confused  
Austria(Parker) A Tyr-Ven, A Tri(s)A Tyr-Ven, A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud, F Gre-H  
England(Schuetz) F Swe-Bot, F Den(s)F Nth-Hel, F Nth-Hel, F Edi-Nth, F Lon(s)F Edi-Nth, A Yor-H  
France(Schiwautz) A Gas-Bur, A Bre-Gas, A Bel-Ruh, F Eng-Bel, F Mid-Wes, F Mar-Lyo  
Germany(Wilson) F Bot-Bal, F Kie-Den, A Mun-Sil, A Sil-Gal  
Italy(Arnett) A Ven(s)A Rom, A Rom(s)A Ven, F Ion(s)F Nap-Tyrs, F Nap-Tyrs  
Russia(Cooper)A Rum-Sev, A Ukr & A Mos(s)A Rum-Sev, A War-Liv  
Turkey(Hardisty) A Sev-Rum (dis-Arm, otb), F Bla(s)A Sev-Rum, A Con-Bul, F Tyrs(s)Aus F Gre-Ion(nso)(Dis-Tun, otb) F Aeg(s) Aus F Gre-Ion(nso)

DEADLINE for Fall '05 is Jan 9th, 1981

1979 KQ Fall 1906 Down to 5...soon to be 4?

France(Hart)F Spa(sc)(s)A Gas-Mar, A Gas-Mar, F Mid(s)F Spa, A Bur-Bel F Eng(s)A Bur-Bel, F Lvp-Clv  
Germany(Perlmutter) F Clv-Lvp, F Nth-Bel, F Hol(s)F Nth-Bel, F Nwy-Nth F Swe-Nwy, A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Mun, A Lon-H  
Italy (Cartier) A Pie-Tus, F Lvo-Tyrs, A Tri-Alb, A Tyr-Tri  
Russia(Townsend) A Vie-Tri, A Bud(s)A Vie-Tri, F Sev-Rum, A Ukr & A Gal(s)F Sev-Rum, A Mos-Sev, F Bar-H (unordered)  
Turkey(Aucott) F Spasc ret-Wes. F Tyrs-Rom, F Aeg-Ion, A Rum-Sev, A Arm & F Bla(s)A Rum-Sev, A Bul(s)A Ser, F Wes-Tyrs

DEADLINE for Winter '06 and Spring '07 is Jan 9th, 1981

Supply centers:

Austria: ~~Byd~~ 0 out  
France: Home, Por, Bel, Lvp, SPA 7 build 1  
Germany: Home, Hol, Den, Lon, Edi, Swe, NWY 9 build 1  
Italy: Ven, ~~Rom~~, Nap, ~~Tri~~ 2 remove 2  
Russia: Home, ~~Rum~~, ~~Nty~~, Vie, BUD, TRI 7 even  
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, ~~Spa~~, Tun, BUL, RUM 9 build 1

The F/T draw was defeated by a vote of 3 Yes, 2 no. There are 2 new proposals. A concession to Ger, A G/R draw. Not voting is a YES vote. Press: Berlin-Paris: Hello? Hello? Is anybody there? Silence does not make many friends.

Rome 1,1,6 (Reuters) King Umberto the fool today proclaimed an OPINION which he calls FASB2 (Fool's assinine S\_\_\_(Bull) no. 2) It reads, 'Th rest of these bastards are crazier than I am !'

Walt to Fred: Who guessed right?

Con to Ber: I don't know what you are doing but I sure wish you'd hurry up and do it !

Con to Par: Are you in a talking mood?

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1980 AN summer retreats Aus A Ser & A Gal-OTB. Eng F Mid-Iri.  
Fall '04 You guys weren't kidding when you said no-hold-barred !

Austria(CD) A Tyr-H

England(Ditter) F Ska-Nwy, F Nwg(s)F Ska-Nwy, F Iri-Lvp

France(Masters) A Spa-H, A Gas-Bur, A Par-Pic, F Bre-Eng, F Mid(s)that

Germany(Sergeant) A Wal-Lon, F Eng-Nth, A Kie-Den, A Mun(s)A Sil-Boh,

A Sil-Boh, F Bel(s)F Eng-Nth

Italy(Ledder) A Tri-Ser, A Gre(s)A Tri-Ser, A Ven-Tri, F Alb(s) that,

F Ion-Aeg, A Rom-Ven

Russia(McLendon) F Nwy-Swe, A Ser(s)Ita A Gre-Bul(nso)(Dis/ann),

A Rum-Bud, F Bla-Rum, A Gal-Sil, A War-Pru, A Mos-Ukr

Turkey(Blank) F Ank-Bla, F Con(s)F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Arm, A Bul(s)Ita A

A Tri-Ser

DEADLINE for Winter '04 AND Spring '05 is Jan 9th, 1981

Supply centers

Austria: Vie, ~~Vie~~, ~~Sex~~ 1 even

England: ~~Lon~~, Edi, Lvp, NWY 3 even

France: Home, Por, Spa 5 even

Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Bel, LON 7 build 1

Italy: Home, Tun, Gre, Tri, SER 7 build 1

Russia: Home, Swe, ~~Nwy~~, Rum, BUD 7 even

Turkey: Home, Bul 4 even

I hope you guys don't mind my using 'that' in the adjudications. I figured you are all experienced enough to know what I mean.

Press:Paris: Leprosy has saved the Republic! German armies and English fleets have fled all French territory when confronted with the Leprosy epidemic which ravages all of France. France has been saved from foreign occupation, but who is going to save her from Leprosy?

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1979 HD Winter '07 Rus A Gal ret-Rum. Tur A Ukr ret-Sev. Tur blds  
F Ank. Thanks to Ed Tucker for the standbys but Hardisty made it in.  
Spring '08 Russia survives ! (but botches support )

Austria(Hyatt) A War (s) Ger A Ukr

England(Schleinkofer) F NAO-Mid, F Nth-H, F Eng(s)F NAO-Mid, F Mid-Wes

F Por(s)F Spa, F Spasc(s)F Mid-Wes. A Gas-Mar, A Bel-Bur

A Nwy-StP

Germany(Howe) A Ukr(s)A Gal, A Gal(s)A Mun-Boh, A Sil(s)A Gal, F Bal-H

A Mun-Boh, A Bur-Mun, A Liv(s)Eng A Nwy-StP

Italy(Hardisty) A Mar-Spa, F Wes(s)A Mar-Spa, A Pie-Mar, F Lyo(s)A Pie

-Mar, A Tyr-Mun, A Vie-Gal, A Tri(s)Tur A Bud

Russia(Conner) A Rum(s)Tur A Sev-Ukr (nso)

Turkey(Kador) F Ion-Tyrs, F Gre-Ion, F Con-Bul(sc), F Ank-Bla, A Mos-

-Ukr, A Sev(s)A Mos-Ukr, A Bud & F Naf both unordered-H

DEADLINE for fall '08 is Jan 9th, 1981

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1980 AE Winter '04 Eng blds A Lon, A Edi. Fra Blds F Mar, A Par.

Tur Blds A Con, F Smy. GM error; Eng F Nwg unlisted last turn.

Spring '05 England & France shift into high gear

Austria(Bates) A Gal-Rum, A Bud & A Ser(s)A Gal-Rum, F Gre-Bul(dis-Alb

otb), A Sil-Gal, A Vie-H(nsu) A Ven unordered-H

England(Conner) A Edi-Nwy, F Nwg(c)A Edi-Nwy, A Nwy-StP, A Kie-Pru,

F Bal(c)A Kie-Pru, A Lon-Kie, A Hol(s)A Lon-Kie, F Hel & F Nth

)c) A Lon-Kie, A War-Mos

France(Ditter) F Mar-Lyo, F Rom-H, F Nap-Apu, F Ion(s) Aus F Gre(otm)

A Tus-Pie, A Bur-Mun, A Ruh & A Tyr(s)A Bur-Mun, A Par-Bur

Germany(Hardisty) A Mun-Kie(dis-Boh, OTB), A Ber(s)A Mun-Kie

Turkey(Turner) A Ukr & F Bla (s)A Rum, A Bul-Gre, F Aeg(s)A Bul-Gre,

A Con-Bul, F Smy-Eas, A Rum(s)A Con-Bul

DEADLINE for Fall '05 is Jan 9th, 1981

since this is the last line and page 6 is already half typed look on page 7 for some press from this game.

## A FAKE REVIEW.

By Dave Carter

Actually the title is a bit misleading since this is not a fake review, it is a real review of a fake subject. Maybe I should just leave it at 'The subject is fakes'. The word fake can be found in the Diplomacy Lexicon under 'V'.

Dec 28th, 1979. Volkerwanderung from Van Nuys, Cal. I had only been involved in pbm Diplomacy for about 4 months so this was my first live encounter with a fake. It was appropriate that it was the Christmas Volker fake. Highlites included: SKRUBARKER, a new game opening up with Buddy Tretick aliases playing 4 of the 7 countries; a new spelling policy; some rather silly moves in some of the real games. Austria in 79IF builds F Vienna, in vestisapo spr '01 France ordered A Mar + F Bre (s)A Par-Gas and in my game (79IR) we are chastised for attacking the only female player in the game.

Mar 26th, 1980. Volkerwanderung (again) from Bakersfield, CA. By now I am checking my code number on every issue of Volker that I receive so I know right away that this is a fake. Among other items Al Rodriguez joins Bruce Linsey, Andy Harris, David Barker and the world famous Buckalew brothers in confessing to the original fake. SKRUBARKER makes it to Spr '01 but no farther and, funnily enough, there is an article on the world's greatest hoaxes.

April 5th, 1980. Volkerwanderung from prescott, Ariz. This is the 'special Arizona issue' purported to be a mid-vacation issue from the real Bob Arnett. At this point I knew it was a fake before I opened the mailbox. Inside the zine are a few clues as to who faked the Christmas Volker and a \$100 reward for information about the culprits behind it. In the only game related information inside, the players in Cutzar are informed that one of them has been thrown out of the game for deceiving the GM but aren't told who.

April 13th, BARKER ( a real good zine) from Santa Ana, CA. I was fooled by this change of pace but I wasn't going to shell out \$10 US (\$50 canadian) to sub to it even though future issues were going to have a Kathy Byrne nude centerfold. Other highlites were: Games named after pbm diplomacy celebrities with the appropriate wrinkles in th house rules to reflect thier quirks and the almost manditory confession by Dave Barker(?) that he was responsible for the fake christmas Volker.

April 16th, 1980. Volkerwanderung from LA, Cal. This volker of a different colour is the last fake Volker that I have received. What seems to be the hold up? The whole issue is dedicated to revealing who did the fake Christmas Volker without actually giving out names.

July 18th, 1980. Eggnog from Milwaukee, WI. Somebody slipped because I received 2 identical 6 page quintuple issues from Wladyslaw Baumeister. Features were a 3 page 'famous photographs' section, 76IH in which pieces vanish for no reason, a eulogy of Curtiss Gibson, and a new game start in which Konrad Baumeister plays Germany, Italy and Russia. I'm still unaware of the significance of getting 2 of these. Is anybody missing one ?

July 29th, 1980. Brutus Bulletin from Northern Va. John Michalski had been warning his subbers that Jack Masters was about to fake a BB so it came as no surprise when a BB came, with all the pages of the same size, that it was a phoeny. A lot of effort went into faking this. Letters were allegedly written by Mark Berch, Dave Perlmutter, Curt Gibson, Bob Osuch etc. However if the uniformity of page size didn't tip you off the press should have. When the dirtiest press is, 'the first person to touch Warsaw is a rotten egg', you know it's not the real BB.

Aug 16th, 1980. Black Frog from Van Nuys, Cal. Didn't I start this article with Van Nuys? 2 months after first going to general circulation the first fake Black Frog appears. This fake is an expensively done colour repro of a Kathy Byrne centerfold. (( continued next page))

((Fake review)) It also has fake Leeder poll results, some serious charges against Dave Perlmutter (never actually mentioned), notice of an all homosexual game opening in Voice of Doom and a phoney winner in Jack Master's 'name the Black Frog' contest. In later real issues of Black Frog Jack narrows down the field of persons with reasons to fake Black Frog to 200.

Sept 27th, 1980. Voice of Doom from Utica, NY. The 'Mellow Yellow' issue. I don't know why it took so long to fake VOD since with Bruce Linsey's active participation in making waves I thought it would have been done earlier. Most of the 'zine was fake game results and press. In BF #19 Jack Masters takes credit for this one but denies doing any of the other fakes thus destroying his credibility.

Oct 18th, 1980. Cheesecake from No Suburban, Ill. It's too early to tell if this is a fake or if it is the real thing with a twist. 4 pages long (3 are blank), all the games are delayed except for the new game in which all the players have dropped because they have lost interest.

That covers all the fakes that I have received. If I have missed any I'd appreciate being sent a copy. As for the future, with Christmas on the way, can the 2nd fake Volker Xmas anniversary issue be far behind ?

D.J.Carter

Send fakes to Dave at 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 1Z9

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Editors note: I know of a couple that you may have missed Dave. I just got a fake Retaliation (or whatever he calls it) called Banzai for Bonzo mailed from Raliegh, NC. I also received one called PEARL that is supposed to be by Dave Perlmutter mailed from Dodge City, Kansas. If you didn't get these I'll loan you my copies for copieng. Also, I was asked why I don't report fakes in Why Me?. Well, I have some very mixed emotions about them; I won't say why right now but I may in a future issue if I get around to composing my reasons very carefully. It should be known by now that I don't always say what I exactly mean and my answer to that question requires a precomposed draft first.  
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London-Paris: I'll take the high road and you take the low road.  
London-Constantinople: OK, if you insist, I'll check it out, but just as a tourist  
Lomdon-Vienna: Better yet, how about a Sil-Boh ?  
Turkey to Austria: Consider well what your strength is equal to, and what exceeds your ability.  
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END GAME STATEMENT 1979 V Russia

Lee's comment last issue said it all. The attempt to stop France was valiant but failed due to a few critical errors, I plead guilty to being responsible for some of those mistakes.

Overall, though, I'm satisfied with my own actions in this game. When I came in as a standby, Russia was on the knife-edge. After a rough start (sorry, Ed) I managed to get Austria, Italy and England to join me in a stop-France caolation. If we had got our act together a little sooner and been a little more careful, we could have succeeded.

Congratulations to Dave on a well-deserved victory. He stuck in there, played his cards right and took advantage of every opponents mistake. Thanks to Phil Cooper for his support and to Ed Tucker for being a good ally, as usual.

Russell Blau

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This was the only statement received for this game. The funny part of it was that Dave Bunke DID accept the draw at one point, but then he changed his mind the following turn !

LETTERS..... The Bob Stimmel movielist got some reactions as follows.

From John Kador....

Robert Stimmel's list of his top-ten favorite films got me thinking. Stimmel must love musicals. He lists 5 good ones (Hello Dolly, South Pacific, Camelot, and Singin' in the rain). ((That's 4 John)). I wouldn't call Lost Horizon and Roseland musicals. Musical is not a four letter word. Both of these movies compete with each other for the worst film ever made. I saw Roseland on an airplane flight and the stewardesses figured the film was so putrid, they saved us the effort and shoveled our meals right into the puke bags.

If you want to see musicals, Bob, check out the theater. I know of only one play that was improved by Hollywood (Cabaret and maybe Bye, Bye Birdie). All the others were castrated by the bozos on the coast. The best songs are inevitably cut altogether or reworked to remove any hint of sophistication. I dare you to see what they did to A Little Night Music.

Okay, now I'll give everyone a chance to ridicule my list of Box-office favorites; in no particular order: Citizen Kane, Dr. Strangelove, Singin' in the Rain, Ryan's daughter, A Clockwork Orange, Adrift All About Eve, Cabaret, The Bandwagon, M\*A\*S\*H.

From Doug Beyerlein...

I have a theory that there are two types of movie fans: (1) those who like action and (2) those who want to explore an idea or situation I prefer action movies. My favorite movies are: Breaking away, The Muppet Movie, Play it again Sam (Woody Allen), Harold and Maude, Funny Girl, Nashville, and Dr. Strangelove. Quite a combination, isn't it?

Good luck with the Eagles. The Seattle Seahawks are out of it, but the Washington Huskies are going to the Rose Bowl. Mush Huskies !

From David Perlmutter.....

Well yes, "message movies" can be boring. Some though can be as entertaining as "fun" movies. My favorites reflect the fact that I am not really big on any type of movie. In no particular order. Apocolypse Now, The Outlaw Josey Eales, Goldfinger, Silent Movie, Death Wish, Intolerance, Stalag 17, The little girl who live down the lane, Billy Jack, Blazing Saddles.

From Vern Schaller...

Top Ten movies (in no particular order). Casablanca, The Maltese Falcon, Advance and retreat, Midway, West Side Story, The Graduate, Citizen Kane, Once upon a Time in the West, Star Wars/Empire strikes back, Dr Zhivago

From Mark Berch...

I have watched-and enjoyed-a large number of movies over the years. I am sure people would get more out of movies if they dropped thier pre-conceived notions and tried to accept the movie on it's own terms.

Let's suppose someone is off to se a "war movie". There's a good chance that in the back of his mind, he's got some general notion of what a war flick ought to be "about", and some idea of how the story should be told. This however is very unfair. War is a very complex undertaking and all sorts of stories are possible.. "Patton" for an example deals with the nature of military leadership, especially the psychological aspects of it. "Paths of Glory" has a radically different aim, showing how war can destroy even the most minimal standards of Military justice. "Gone with the Wind" details how the horrors of war can rip a society and it's way of life to shreds. "Rome, open city" (parts of which were shot even while the Germans were still evacuating the city) dwells on the effects of war on commen citizens.

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Apocalypse Now" tries (and succeeds spectacularly, in my opinion) to give the "feel" of fighting in an utterly alien environment, the bizarre and unexplicable. "A bridge too far" is more traditional storytelling, cataloging a single campaign. "Bataan" and "Guadacanal Diary" emphasize the fighting unit (squad, etc) per se, particularly a microcosm for how americans view their own (democratic within limits) society.

And so it goes. These movies are all very different. But each should be viewed with an open mind. If you feel that a war movie should have lots of exciting fighting, then you'll miss the point of, e.g. Paths of Glory. Yes, there are battle scenes, but the most powerful scenes are usually off the battlefield. The movie is no more about trench warfare than Close Encounters is about UFOs.

I could no more list my top 10 movies than my top 10 foods. How can one compare-rank- a lamb chop with a ripe peach? Or "sven Samuai" with "Animal House". Movies should be enjoyed on their own terms, not as compared with others.

As for messages', a lot of people get bent out of shape by this. Why? It makes just as much sense to complain that Charlie Chaplin movies are in Black-and white, or Tora, Tora, Tora is partly in Japanese. If the movie turns out to have a message either just ignore it (tho that risks losing part of the value of the movie) or accept it. Don't mutter to yourself that he should have made a different movie (messageless). He didn't. Instead, ask yourself; did he pick an interesting message? Did he tell it with finesse and care or did he just clobber you over the head with it? Yes, you could avoid the type altogether, but you'll miss a lot of first class movies that way. ((Phew, you sure at the opposite end of the other people who wrote in about this subject, Mark. I'm not going to try and debate you on the subject, but I personally do think that some things stand out in one's mind far above any others. I have not thought about it enough to come up with my top-ten movies, but I'm sure I could if I thought about it. Remember, it's not like I only like 10, I've enjoyed hundreds. But, there are a few that just stand out as having entertained me far more than some of the others. As for 'message' films; I'm not against this type of film altogether but I HATE the ones that leave you depressed after leaving the theatre. I go to the movies to escape from all of the real things in life. I want to be entertained (laugh, kept in suspense, etc). When I leave the theatre I want to leave with a good feeling not be saddened by the plight of the poor so-and-so that got shafted. Thanks for your opinions Mark. Oh yeah! I could tell you MY 10 favorite foods real easy!! I am a very fussy eater (and a very bland one). There are so many foods I don't like that there's not a whole lot left for me to make up a top ten list! I detest going out to anyone's house for dinner as I'm always afraid that there won't be anything for me to eat! You food freaks out there would find me an impossible dining partner! ))

From Bob Stimmell (who started this whole thing)

I saw the top 5 movies on my list in #35 at least 110 times, or an average of over 22 times each. There haven't been many movies this year that I liked well enough to see many times. I saw a couple 4 times each. "The Immortal Bachelor" and "Can't stop the Music".

I haven't seen a complete TV program since 1967

In "South Pacific" Philadelphia was called "no good". Cleveland is another place that is often ridiculed. I thought Cleveland an interesting place to live. When I went through Philadelphia at night 41 years ago it didn't wake me up.

(( Bob has more to say, but I'm out of space. I can only say that Philadelphia hasn't woken me up yet, Bob! When you went through it 41 years ago I wasn't born yet! But it is a pretty boring town.

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A Sev(sup)A Mos, A Mos-H

England(Tucker)F Iri-H, F Nth-H, F Nwg-H, A Lvn(sup)Ger A War, A Stp-Mos

France(Schiwautz)F Mid-H, F Tyr-Tun, F Lyo-H, A Mar-H, A Gas-H, A Bel Hold

Germany(Kendter, Jr.)F Den-Swe, A Hol-H, A Pru(sup)A War, A War(sup)

Eng A Stp-Mos, A Sil(sup)A Boh, A Boh-H, A Mun-(sup) A Boh

Italy(Conner)F Nap(sup)Aus F Ion-Tyr, F Con-Aeg, F Tus-Lyo, A Tun-Naf,

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