

WHY ME ?

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Ahhh...Spring is here. Temperatures in the 70's. I love it ! I'm one of those who hates winter with a passion. I'm glad to put my overcoat away for a few months. But, on with some Hobby News.

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BOARDMAN NUMBER CUSTODIAN RESIGNS. Yep, I am officially giving up the post of BNC. Effective June 1st the new custodian will be Don Ditter. Don will be coming down to visit me on May 31st. At that time we will make an orderly transition of all the BNC material. Untill that date all material should still be sent to me. I hope that at least some of you appreciated my attempt to get the numbers back on the right track. I may not have been perfect but I gave it 100%. I hope that you will all support Don in his efforts to keep the numbers running smoothly.

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GEN CON EAST. I finally recieved some information on this convention. It will be held July 23 thru 26 at the Cherry Hill Inn in Cherry Hill N.J. This is a fancy motel that is 15 minutes away from Philly. This will really be a sort of "Origins East" as most east-coasters will not be flying to California for Origins. For information write to: Gen Con East, PO box 139, Middletown, NJ 07748. Of special interest to most Why Me readers will be the Diplomacy Tournament and a Youngstown Dip tournament. I will definitely be there and I look forward to seeing a lot of you there.

I might as well list the hours for the Dip tournaments. They are; Reular Diplomacy; 2 rouds of 5 hours each with a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour assembly before the start of each round. Round 1 will be Saturday at 5:00 PM. Round 2 will be Sunday at 12:30 PM. Entry fee is \$3.00.

The Younstown Variant tournament will be 2 rounds of 1-6 hours (?) starting on Friday at 6:00 PM. I don't know how they expect to play 2 rounds on Friday night, but I don't quite understand the 1-6 hour rounds either. Someone named Glenn Taylor is the host. Does anybody out there know him ? I'd sure like to write to him and ask him to explain how he is going to run things.

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ZIMIAMVIA # 2 and #3 . Rod Walker has published two general hobby information guides. In them he lists all of the important hobby services and whom to contact. He also lists all of the important publications available to the hobby. These two lists are well worth having and I highly reccomend them. Issue 2 (hobby services) is 25¢. Both issues 2 and 3 may be had for 35¢. A real bargain ! Send your money to: Rod Walker, "Alcala", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

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SNAFU. This a realatively new 'zine published by Ron Brown of Canada. (Not to be confused with Ron Brown of California). Ron has openings in a regular game at \$4.00 gamefee plus a sub (\$6.00 for 12 issues). He also has openings in Scotis Scripti III, a game set in ancient Ireland. A game of Conquest of the new world may also be run. This 'zine shows a lot of promise and I recomend it. Write to Ron Brown, RR # 2, Maniwaki, Quebec, Canada. J9E 3A9 . Tell him I sent you.

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Will Why Me continue ? See this month's letters pages for an answer.

Letters.....

Lee,

If I could turn handsprings in writing I'd be doing it now! Why Me may not die? I fervently hope it doesn't!

I sub to only 9 dipzines, and the reason I do is that I'm playing games in 7 of them. Diplomacy World and Diplomacy Digest supply all the articles on Dip play that I'm interested in reading. A couple of zines I sub to have nice fat issues with lots of letters and "articles" but the "articles" tend to be of the personality profile or character assassination type. In two years or so I can remember perhaps 3 articles on Dip play (strategy, tactics, techniques for successful negotiation) which have benefitted me and have been published in zines to which I subscribe for gaming purposes. I see nothing wrong with a warehouse zine, since I'm interested in playing games monitored by competent GMs who are prompt and make few errors. WHY ME? is tops in these respects. So be a warehouse, cut out the non-playing subbers to make the job easier, and let's get on with the games! Let the players play and the readers go elsewhere.

Rick Ragsdale

Dear Lee,

I know it's a lot of work and all getting each Why Me? out. However, if you could see your way clear to keep publishing by cutting down on subs as well as extra material, I would be delighted. I agree that Why Me?'s appeal (for me at least) is the reliability of its author. As a newcomer, not only to play-by-mail Diplomacy, but Dippy itself, it has been a great encouragement to me to be in a reliable 'zine and it has greatly enhanced my enjoyment of the game. Now if we could only get players to finish what they start. But that's another story in itself.

Jon Quinn

((Ye old editors comment. I am leaning towards keeping this zine going as a players 'zine. A lot of non-playing subs run out with this issue and next issue. When I see what that does to the workload, I will finalize my decision. In any case, I do not want non-players to renew their subs. People whose subs have run out and are interested in playing a game can notify me. I will send them the issue that contains my final decision on this matter. Let me say that I'm about 70-30 in favor of continuing at this moment.))

Lee,

I was disappointed to see the letter from John Michalski with the same old dumb lines about how standbys cause him problems and spoil a game. If you had a good alliance with the dropout, you should be able to persuade his replacement to just step into the shoes of the former owner--IF you're a good diplomat. And if he were an enemy, well, you have a fresh chance to either persuade him--or trick him. Standbys present an opportunity/risk that lesser diplomats often flub. I've been helped far more than I've been harmed.

I guess what it comes down to is why you play Diplomacy. I play for the negotiation, the intrigue, the contact with another person on whatever level. And let me tell you, CD never answers his mail. He cannot be swindled--it's either too easy (you know he'll just hold) or impossible--he won't move off target. He's no fun at all. CD is just fine if you just want to increase your chances of winning--but then you're better off with chess or solitaire. I think it's good that people like Jerry Jones offer no-standby games, so that people have their choice. But no-standbys produces less negotiation, and that to me means an inferior game.

Mark Berch

((I agree with you 100% mark. I hate CD positions))

Letters...continued

Dear Lee,

I just thought I'd let you know that I don't agree with anybody. When I take a standby position, I write players and try to make deals-usually for survival. I'm one of the lucky few who gets called for all the junky positions. Why waste my time? Because I feel if a standby comes into my game I'd expect him to do the same, try and negotiate with me. So all standbys are not as bad as some of your readers think

"A dip standby who writes "

((I hope you get into one of my games sometime))

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1980 A Spr '07 France and England charge full speed ahead

Austria(Parker) A Ven-Tus, A Tyr-Ven, A Boh-Tyr, A Bud-Vie, F Aeg-Smy,
A Rum & A Ser(s)A Bul, A Bul-H

England(Schuetz) F Nwy-Bar, F Nth(c)A Edi-Nwy, A Edi-Nwy, A Lon-H,
F Hol-H, F Den-Kie, F Bal(s)Fra A Kie-Ber

Germany(CD) A Ber-H (dis/ann)

Italy(Arnott) A' Apu(s)A Rom-Ven, A Rom-Ven

France(Schiwautz) F Eng-Mid, A Par-Bur, A Bur-Ruh, A Kie-Ber, A Mun-Sil,
A Mar-Pie, F Tyrs-Nap, F Tun-Ion, F Wes-Tyrs

Russia(Cooper) A War-Liv, A Mos(s)A Sev, A Sev(s)A Syr-Arm, A SVR-ARM

Turkey(Cartier) A Smy-Arm, F Bla(s)A Smy-Arm, F Con-Smy

Deadline for Fall '07 is May 29th, 1981
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1980 AE Fall '07 Austria survives...barely

Austria(Quinn) A Bud(s)A Tri, A Tri(s)A Bud (dis/ann)

England(Conner) A Mos-Sev, A Arm(s)A Mos-Sev, A War-Ukr, A Gal-Rum,
A StP-Mos, A Sil-Gal, A Ber-Sil, A Kie-Ber, F Den-Hel,
F Nth, F Nwg, F Bar all H

France(Ditter) A Mar-Alb, F Lyo & F Tyrs & F Ion (c)A Mar-Alb, A Ven-Tri,
F Adr & A Vie(s)A Ven-Tri, A Tyr(s)A Vie, A Mun-H,
A Bur(s)A Mun, F Nap-H, F Con-Bla (dis-Ank, otb)

Turkey(Turner) A Bul-Con, A Ser-Gre, A Ukr-Sev, A Rum(s)A Ukr-Sev,
F Sev-Bla (dis/ann), F Aeg-Gre, F Smy(s)A Bul-Con

DEADLINE for Winter '07 and Spring '08 is May 29th, 1981
A draw between Tur/Aus is proposed. Not voting is a YES vote.

Supply center chart
Austria: Bud, ~~Tyr~~, ~~Ven~~ 1 even (2 ann)

England: Home, Nwy, Swe, Den, Hol, StP, War, Kie, Ber, Mos, SEV 13 build 1

France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Tun, Rom, Nap, Mun, Ven, ~~Con~~, TRI, VIE, ank ? * 13/14 build 2 or 3

Turkey: Rum, Bul, Gre, Ser, Smy, ~~Sev~~, CON, ank ? * even or + 1

* If France retreats to Ank he is 14 + 3 and Turkey is even. If Fra does not retreat to Ank he is + 2 and Turkey is + 1. You may make your orders conditional on this retreat.

Press: Austria-World: No comment.

Turkey: The process of hunting down the spys has begun. The French spy has been located and is being chased. However, The English spy has not as yet been located. It is beleived he will aid in the escape of the Frenchman, So the S.T.P. (Secret Turkey Polioe) (Known for thier oil products) will be on the alert.
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1979 HD Germany picks up four ! Draw fails by one vote. Fall '10

Austria(CD) A War-H (dis/ann
 England(Schleinkofer) F Naf(s)F Wes-Tun, F Wes-Tun, F Lvo-Tvrs,
F Spasc-Lvo, F Mid-Wes, F Nth-H, A Lon-Yor, A StP(s)Ger A Mos,
 A Bur(s)A Mar, A Mar(s)A Bur
 Germany(Howe) F Bal-H, A Gal-Rum, A Ukr & A Bud(s)A Gal-Rum, A Sil-War
 A Mos(s)A Sil-War, A Vie(s)A Bud, A Tyr-Mun
 Italy(Byrne) A Tus(s)A Ven-Rom. A Ven-Rom, A Tri-Ser
 Russia(Conner) A Sev(s)Tur F Bla-Rum
 Turkey(Kador) F Tun-Tvrs, (dis-Ion, OTB), F Rom-H, F Nap(s)F Rom,
A Ser(s)F Bla-Rum, A Arm(s)A Sev (NSU as A Sev), F Bla-Rum

DEADLINE for Winter '10 and Spring '11 is May 29th, 1981
 The G/E draw vote was 4 Yes, 1 No. It is repropesed, Please vote. Not
 voting is a YES vote.

Supplycenters.

Austria: War	0 out !
England: Home, Nwy, Bre, Por, Bel, StP, Spa, Mar, TUN	11 build 1
Germany: Home, Par, Den, Hol, Swe, Mos, WAR, RUM, VIE, BUD	12 builds 4
Italy: Ven, Tri, Vie	2 remove 1
Russia: Ser , Rum , Sev	1 even
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Bud , Rom, Nap, Tun SER	8 builds 2 (was short)

Press: Con: Mea Culpa. I didn't know what I was doing. The NMR was a giant oversight.

Turkey to Russia: You are my ally and I won't let you down. I want you in a draw.

Turkey to Italy: What can I do for you to forgive me ?

Russia-Austria: Boring, isn't it ?

Italy to Turkey: I wasn't kidding-I hope England & Germany destroy you fool !

Italy to Russia: Now do you beleive I wasn't in on it ?

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 1979 KQ Winter '08 GM error last turn. I listed both Fra & Ger as having F Edi. Ger had F Edi, Fra had F Cly. However, Fra did not try to order the F Edi so I am not delaying the game.

France: Build F Bre. Italy: build A Ven. Rusia: Build F Sve.

Turkey: NMR GM retreats A Tri & A Rum OTB

Note that Germany & France have both dropped.

Spring 1909 Germany & France under new management. Turkey next ?

France(Mercer) F Bre-Mid, A Mar-Spa, F Eng-Bel (nsu), F NAO-Nwg,
F Lvp-NAO (nsu), A Bur(s)F Eng-Bel, A Yor uno-H, F Cly uno-H,
A Yor is Dis-Lvp, OTB)

Germany(McLendon) F Nwy-Bar, F Nth-Nwy, F Hol-Kie, F Eng-Nth, A Ruh-H,
 F Edi(s)A Lon-Yor, A Lon-Yor, A Sil-Pru, A Mun-Sil, A Tyr-
 -Boh

Russia(Townsend) F Sev-Bla, F Rum(s)F Sev-Bla, A Ukr-Sev, A Mos(s)
 A Ukr-Sev, A Gal(s)F Rum, A Vie(s)Ita A Tri, A Bud(s)F Rum

Italy(Cartier) A Tri(s)Rus A Bud, A Ven(s)A Tri

Turkey(Aucott?) NMR A Ser, F Bla (dis-Con, Bul, Ank, OTB), A Arm,
 A Gre, F Aeg, F Wes, F Rom, F Adr all hold

DEADLINE for Fall 1909 is May 29th, 1981

Standby for Turkey: Phil Cooper, 80 East Brandis, Staten Is, NY 10308

Press: Brest to Ankara: Could I interest you in moving north instaed of northwest ? I Hear the air's better for you there.

1980 KL Winter '02

Austria: Builds A Bud. France: Build F Mar. Germany removes A Bel.
Italy: Builds F Nap. Russia: F Nwy-OTB, Builds A Mos. Turkey: NMR
GM removes F Bla.

Spring 1903 Did England just switch sides ?

Austria(Quinn) A Gal-Bud, A Bud-Ser, A Tri(s)A Gal-Bud, F Aeg-Con,
--A Gre(s)A Bud-Ser, A Bul(s)F Aeg-Con

England(Pierce) F Ska-Den, F Nth-Hol, F Nwy-Nth, A Lon-H

France(Parker) A Bel-Ruh, A Bur(s)A Bel-Ruh, A Pic-Bel, F Mar-Lyo,
F Mid-wes, F Eng-Mid

Germany(Melot)(SEE COA) F Hel-Den, A Den-Kie, F Kie-Ber, A Pru(s)
F Kie-Ber, A Sil(s)A Pru

Italy(Landon) A Ven-Pie, F Nap-Tyrs, F Ion-Tun, F Eas-Smy, A Smy-Ank

Russia(Blau) A Swe(s)Eng F Ska-Den, F Bal-Kie, A War(s)A Mos-Liv,
A Mos-Liv, F Sev-Bla, A Rum-Sev

Turkey(CU) A Con-H (dis/ann), A Arm-H

DEADLINE for Fall 1903 is May 29th, 1981

COA: AIC Melot, David W, 199-52-4048, PSC#2 Box 362075, LAFB, TX 78236

Press: Moscow-Napoli: Wine and toga parties sounds like a lot of fun.

Let's have some together-say in Ankara ?

1978FL, GM Art Schleinkofer, 3108 E Street, Phila., PA 19134

Fall 1910 Deadline for the w10/s11 is May 23, 1981.

Austria(Mooney)F Lyo-Wes, F Naf(sup)F Lyo-Wes, A Mos-H, A Sev(sup)

A Mos, A Ukr(sup)A Mos, A Rum-Bul, A Gal-H, A Vie(sup)A Gas, A Tyo(sup)

A Tri-Ven, A Tri-Ven

England(Tucker)F Iri(sup)Fre F Mid, F Nth-H, F Nth-H, F Nwg-H A Lvn

(sup) Ger A War, A Stp-H

France(Schiwautz)F Spa(sc)(sup)A Mar, F Por(sup)F Mid, F Mid(sup)

F Spa(sc), A Gas(sup)A Spa(sc), A Mar(sup)F Spa(sc), A Bur(sup)A Mar

Germany(Kendter, Jr.)F Den-H, A Hol-Rur, A Mun(sup)A Boh, A Boh(sup)

A Sil, A Sil(sup)A War, A Pru(sup)A War, A War-H

Italy(Conner)F Wes-Spa(sc), F Tun(sup)F Tyh-Wes, F Tyh-Wes, A Rom-

Tus, A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Pie(dis, ret-Apu, Rom, otb)

Austria--Home, Ser, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ank, Sev, Mos, Ven 11 Build 1

England--Home, Nwy, Stp 4 Even

France--Home, Bel, Por, Spa 6 Even

Germany--Home, Hol, Den, Swe, War 7 Even

Italy--Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun, Smy, Con 5 Remove 1

Press-

Germany-England + France: I hope this is it.

Rome-Europe: At last an end to strife?

1980 AN Fall '06 Italy misses but still grows

England(Ditter) F Mid ret-NAO. F Eng-Pic, F Wal-Iri, F NAO-Mid,

F Nwy-Nwg

France(Masters) A Bel-Ruh (dis/ann), A Bur(s)A Bel-Ruh, F Bre-Eng,

F Mid(s)F Bre-Eng, A Pic-Par

Germany(Sergeant) F Hol(s)A Lon-Bel, F Nth(c)A Lon-Bel, A Lon-Bel,

A Mun-Bur, A Ruh-Bur, A Boh-Tyr

Italy(Ledder) NMR A Ven, A Tyr, A Vie, A Bud, A Ser, F Spasc, F Tyrs,

F Ion, F Gre all hold

Russia(McLendon) A Sil(s)Ger A Boh-Mun(nso), A Gal-Rum, F Sev(s)A Gal-

-Rum, A Ukr & A Mos(s)F Sev

Turkey(Blank) A Rum(s)Ita A Bud-Gal(nso), F Bla(s)A Rum, A Arm-Sev,

F Bulec(s)A Rum

DEADLINE for Winter '06 and Spring '07 is May 29th, 1981

Glenn Ledder is usually ultra reliable so I don't expect him to miss again. If anyone wishes to send standbys, feel free. (SEE NEXT PAGE)

1980 AN supply center chart

England: Edi, Lvp, Nwy, Swe	4 even
France: Home, Por, Spa , Bel	4 even (2 ann)
Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Lon, BEL	7 build 1
Italy: Home, Tun, Gre, Tri, Ser, Vie, Bud, SPA	10 build 1
Russia: Home, Ryd	4 remove 1
Turkey: Home, Bul, RUM	6 build 1

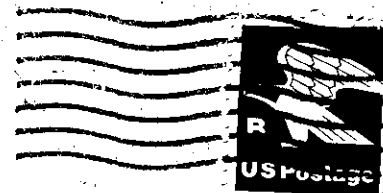
Press: Edinburgh: The Frenchman sets wonderfully high goals--to be a sacrificial lamb. The brave & valiant Englishman wonders if the turks also hold such high asperations

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1980 CB has ended in a 2 way E/F draw. The vote was 3 yes 1 not vote- and one NMR (Austria) the NMR and the not voting count as yes. I will print a recap and a final chart next issue. Congratulations to Rick Ragsdale and Al Ronderos !!

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