

WHY ME ?

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GAME OPENINGS: I have 5 signed up for WM 18. 2 spots left. This will be my last opening for a while, so grab it while you can. \$5 + a sub.

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The Postal Strike issue. The Postal service was supposed to go on strike last night at midnight. However, my mail was delivered today. Since today was my deadline I am going to go ahead and type the games up. IF the post office does go out I will reset the deadlines on the back page. (in other words, I will not be mailing this until thursday so I should know one way or the other what the situation is.)

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Plugs..... St George & The Dragon. One of the very best GMS in the hobby, Bob Sergeant, is accepting players for games to start in Sept. If you want a well run game this is the place to go. Write to Bob for details at; 3242 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224. Send a couple of 18¢ stamps for a sample.

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Paranoiac's Monthly, by Jack Fleming, now has openings in games for novices only and a free for all (anybody can enter). Send an 18¢ stamp to Jack at; 5000 22nd st NE #211, Seattle, WA 98105.

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Miller Numbers being run by Rod Walker. These are the numbers for all Diplomacy Variants. Rod has taken over this job on a temporary basis. If you are running a variant game and need a number write Rod at: 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024. No fee is charged but it would be nice to include a SASE.

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1981 CV (WM 17) Spring 1901

Austria(Townsend) A Bud-Gal, A Vie-Tri, F Tri-Alb
England(Ragsdale) F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lvp-Edi
France(Blau) A Mar-Spa, F Bre-Mid, A Par-Bur
Germany(Reynolds) F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh
Italy(Schleinkofer) F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Apu, A Ven-H
Russia(Cooper) F StPsc-Bot, A War-Gal, A Mos-Ukr, F Sev-Arm
Turkey(Paulson) A Con-Bul, A Smy-Arm, F Ank-Con

DEADLINE for Fall 1901 orders is Aug 21st, 1981

Press: Austria, Austria, how I love playing Austria. It's one of my top ten countries. See Y'all at Gen Con.

London: Being otherwise unoccupied and hearing that the cod were running off the coast of Norway, the British fleet put to sea to take advantage of the situation. Upon hearing that his orders were to catch and smoke them, one old admiral muttered, "Smoke them"? I should think that they'd be devishli hard to light " ! ((GROAN))

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What ? a game on page one ? With this issue being done on a weekday I have very little time to spend on any "extras". Thus, the games will take priority. Also, since I've resigned my job as BNC the amount of 'zines that I get has dropped to a trickle ! I used to get 40-50 'zines a month. This gave me a great source of hobby news and plugs. I now receive about 6 a month . Quite a difference !

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Time to get this rolling so I can get ready for Gen-Con !

1980 AN Winter '07 England built F Lvp, F Edi. France removed F Gas. Germany Built A Berlin. Spring '08 Draw fails, new one proposed.

England(Ditter) F Edi-Cly, F Lvp-Wal, F Por-Mid, F NAO (s)F Por-Mid, F Iri (s) Ger F Lon-Eng
France(Masters) F Eng-Bel (dis-Bre, Pic, otb), A Pic-Bur, A Par(s) a Pic-Bur
Germany(Sergeant) F Lon-Eng, F Nth(s)F Lon-Eng, A Bel(s)A Bur-Pic, A Bur-Pic (dis-Ruh, otb), A Mun(s)A Ber-Sil, A Kie(s)A Mun, A Ber-Sil
Italy(Ledder) A Pie-Mar, A Tyr-Mun, A Bud-Gal, A Boh(s)A Bud-Gal, A Tri-Vie, F Spasc-Por, F Mid-Gas, F Naf-Mid, F Lyo-Wes, F Ion-Tyrs

Russia(McLendon) A Gal-Ukr, A War(s)A Gal-Ukr, A Sev-H, A Mos(s)A Sev
Turkey(Blank) NMR A Rum, F Bla, A Arm, F Bulec, A Con all Hold

The 6 way draw failed by a vote of 5 yes and 1 no. (NMR = yes) . DEADLINE for Fall '08 is Aug 21st, 1981. A draw of G/I/R/T/E is again proposed. Not voting counts as yes.

The Turkish situation is a problem due to the contreversy that this game has caused. I will not call a standby but I will accept orders from anyone who voluntarrily sends them for the position. I assume that Walter Blank is just having mail problems from Germany again.

Press: Rome-Berlin: Now that France has A Bur again, his ability to hold Mar is guaranteed. Shall we call a six-way draw ourselves or must we wait untill Kendter calls one in 1912 or so by repetition of centers

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1980 A Fall '09 France takes a slim lead in the "center swappfest"

Austria(Parker)A Ven-Tri, A Tyr-H, A Boh-Sil, A Gal-Rum, A Bud(s) A Gal-Rum, A Bul-Ser, F Aeg-Bulsc, A Con(s)F Aeg-Bul
England(Schuetz) F Ber ret to Pru. A StP-H, F Pru-Ber, F Bal(s)F Pru-Ber, F Kie(s)F Pru-Ber, A Hol(s)A Nwy-Bel (dis/ann), A Nwy-Bel, F Nth(c)A Nwy-Bel, F NAO-Lvp, F Nwg-NAO
France(Schiwautz) F Eng-Lon, F Iri-Lvp, A Bel-Hol, A Ruh(s)A Bel-Hol, A Ber(s)A Mun-Kie (dis/ann), A Mun-Kie, A Mar-Bur, F Wes-H, F Rom-H, F Tyrs-Ion

Russia(Cooper) A Liv-Mos, A Smv-Ank, A Arm(s)A Sev, A War(s)A Liv-Mos, A Sev(s) Aus A Gal-Rum

Turkey(Cartier) A Rum-Ser (dis-Ukr, otb), F Bla-Ank
DEADLINE for winter '09 and Spring '10 is Aug 21st, 1981

Supply centers

Aus: Home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul, Ven, CON 9 build 1
Eng: ~~Lvp~~, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Swe, Den, ~~Naf~~, Ber, Kie, BEL, STP, 9 build 1 (1 ann)
Fra: Home, Spa, Por, ~~Ber~~, Mun, Tun, Nap, Rom, HOL, LON 11 build 2 (1 ann)
Rus: Mos, ~~Stp~~, War, Sev, Smy 4 remove 1
Tur: ~~Lvp~~, Ank 1 remove 1

Press: Paris-Moscow "Do what you think best "

Paris-London: It was well within your capacity to pull a double stab, I was just taking precautions.

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Has anybody seen the results of the LEEDER POLL ? I'd like to see a copy of it. If you have it could you send me a photocopy of it ?
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1980 KL Fall '04 Germany finally out

- Austria(Quinn) A Tyr-Mun, A Boh(s)A Tyr-Mun, A War(s)A Gal-Ukr, A Gal-Ukr, A Bud-Ser, A Rum-Sev, A Bul-Con, F Bla(s)A Rum-Sev
- England(Pierce) F Nwg-Nwy, A Den-Swe, F Kie-Bal, F Hel & F Nth (c) A Edi-Kie, A Edi-Kie
- France(Parker) A Ber(s) A Mun, A Bur(s)A Mun, A Mun(s)A Ber, F Mar-H, F Mid-Spasc, F Wes-H, F Naf(s)F Wes
- Germany(Melot) A Pru(s)A Gal-Sil (nsu as a Gal)
- Italy(Landon) A Pie-Mar, F Tus-Lyo, F Tyrs(s)F Tus-Lyo, F Tun(s)F Tyrs F Ion(s)F Tun, A Ank-Arm
- Russia(Blau) A War ret to Liv. F Swe-Nwy, A StP(s)F Swe-Nwy, A Liv (s) A Sev-Mos, A Sev-Mos, F Arm-Sev

DEADLINE for Winter '04 and Spring '05 is Aug 21st, 1981

Supply centers

- Aus: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum, Con, WAR, SEV 10 build 2
- Eng: Home, ~~Nwy~~, Hol, Kie, SWE 6 even
- Fra: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Mun, BER 8 build 1
- Ger: ~~xxx~~ 0 out
- Ita: Home, Tun, Smy, Ank 6 even
- Rus: ~~Sya~~, Den, Mos, StP, ~~Nwg~~, ~~Sya~~, Nwy 4 remove 1

Press: Moscow-London: You were right. I can't think of any reason why I shouldn't have trusted you.

Rome-Budapest: Why don't we have a toga party in Sev and Moscow ? Italy to world: France and I have just perfected a new Diplomacy variant called "bounce the fleets" (and I'll bet you thought we wer just fighting). Just send me a check for \$10.00 and I'll be happy to send you a set of revised Diplomacyrules and the maps neccessary for the gam. This one is going to be a big hit on the variant scene since it's impossible to be eliminated in the game (actually you can't win either, but who notices details like that?). Be the first one in your private dip circle to have a copy of this promising new variant !

Aus-World: The Austro-Hungarian empire has announced the dedicatin of a huge war memorial that has been built in liberated Warsaw. The inscription reads "to the valiant Kiaser and the brave German people, for thier coragous assistance in defeating the warmongering and blood-thirsty Russins in the battle of Warsaw, in the year 1903, They will not be forgotten.

Aus-Ita: Announcing toga parties in Sevastapol and you're invited R.S.V.P. Next year let's have another in munich.

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19 79 KQ Spring 1910 Game resumes at last

- France(Mercer) A Spa-Gas, A Bur-Ruh, F Mid-Eng, F Cly-Edi, A Lvp(s) F Gly-Edi, F Nwg-Nwy (dis-NAO, otb)
- Germany(McLendon) F Edi-Nwg, F Nwy(s)F Edi-Nwg, A Yor-Edi, F Nth(s) A Yor-Edi, F StPnc-Bar, A Pru-Liv, F Bal(s)A Pru-Liv, A Sil-Pru, A Boh-Sil, A Mun(s)A Boh-Sil, A Bel-Bur
- Italy(Cartier) A Tri-Ven, A Apu(s)A Tri-Ven
- Russia(Townsend) A Gal-War, A Mos(s)A Gal-War, A Vie-Tri, A Bud(s) A Vie-Tri, A Arm-Rum, F Bla(c)A Arm-Rum
- Turkey(Cooper) F Wes-Tyrs, F Rom-Nap, F Adr-Ven, A Ser(s)Rus A Bud-Tri (nso), A Gre-Bul, F Aeg-Ion, F Con(s) A Ank, F Smy(s)F Con, A Ank(s)F Con

DEADLINE for Fall 1910 is Aug 21st, 1981

Press: France to Ankara: What idea ? You mean I said something that made sense ? I'll have to do something about this.

Spain to the Beak-Faced German. You may take me out but I'll do my best to slow down your progress.

Spain to Italy: Take them on ! We're behind you all the way .

1978FLWinter 1991/sprintg 1912

Game ends in 5-way draw.

The draw passes 4 yes, 1 not voting (count as yes).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Austria	5	6	6	8	9	10	10	10	10	11	11
England	4	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5
France	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Germany	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	6
Italy	4	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	6	5	6
Russia	5	4	1	0							
Turkey	4	4	3	2	1	0					

Austria Kevin Mooney (Draw s12); England Colin Foster (d,s04), Ed Tucker (d, 11); Ben Schilling (draw, s12); France Alan Rowland (d, s04), Tony Watson (d 07), Bill Schiwautz (draw s12); Germany Lee A. Kendter, Jr (draw s12) Italy Mark Morrision (r, f03), Bill Frank (df04); R. Conner (draw s12); Russia Robert Ovtos (d f02), Ron Kelly (d f04), cd; Turkey Tom Mainardi

I would like to add a very warm thank you to Art for GM'ing this game to completion. Please send in any end game statements you have by next issue. Do not send them to Art.

 1980 AE Winter '08 England built F Lvp, A Lon. France built F bre, A Par. Turkey removed A Bul.

Spring 1909 Is the end in sight ? A 17-17 draw ? or a stab ?

England (Conner) A Arm(s) Fra F Eas-Smy, A Rum-Bul, A Ukr-Rum, A Sev(s) A Ukr-Rum, A Mos-StP, A Gal-War, A Sil-War, A Ber-Kie, F Hel-Kie, A Bel-H, A Lon-Hol, F Nth(c) A Lcn-Hol, F Lvp-NAO, F Nwg-Nwv, F Bar-Nwv

France (Ditter) A Mun-Tyr, A Gas-Bur, A Par(s) A Gas-Bur, A Bur-Mun, F Bre-Mid, F Lyo-Wes, F Mar-Spasc, F Tyrs-H, F Gre-Aeg, F Ion (s) F Gre-Aeg, F Eas-Smy, A Vie(s) A Bud, A Bud-H, A Ser(s) Eng A Rum-Bul, A Alb-Gre, F Ank-Con

Turkey (Parker) F Syr-H, A Aeg-Eas (dis/ann), A Con-SMV

DEADLINE for fall '09 is Aug 21st, 1981

Press: Con: Give up yet ?

Warsaw, Kiel and Norway: The soums you hear is that of British troops applauding the imminent demise of a long feared and hated opponent, the Sultan Al Divan, soon to be the last of the Ottoman Turks.

Moscow: In anews conference PM Hedfeathers expressed regret that he would be unable to meet the new Turkish monarch, but promised to attend the funeral. Currently visiting the Ambassador to the recently installed president of the Dominion of the Russias, the PM is scheduled to spend summer in the old capitol, St Petersburg.

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 Egad ! I'm done already and it's only page 4 ! This will be the least pages in an issue of Why Me since the very start of it ! Oh well, I had very little to say, nobody wrote any letters, and my circulation is getting quite small. Next issue should be a little larger .

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 Anybody out there ever heard of "gunboat" Diplomacy ? This is a game of Diplomacy without any negotiations. You simply send in orders and try to form alliances by your actions rather than your words. Vern Schaller is running a "Gunboat" tournament which is almost over. I am intersted in playing in one of these if anybody out there would be interested in running one. What you do is play 7 games all at once. (one of each country). The other players are unknown to you so as to prevent any communication. At the end of the games (they are time-curtailled, not going past 1912) a scoring sytem is used to see who the overall best -layer was. Vern's has been very interesting to follow and I wonder if anybody out there would be interested in doing one of these ?