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Game openings : Sigh...I have still not filled WM 18 yet ! For me , this is an unusual experience. I guess I cut my circulation down TOO far ! Anyway, there are still 2 openings in WM 18. I am sending out a few additional copies of this issue to some publishers. I would really appreciate a plug ! Maybe a lot of people think I really did cease publication ! This will also not be my last opening. A few of the game that are currently running are close to a conclusion. As soon as one of them ends I will open another new game. So, Why Me ? will be having games for a while.

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SUBSCRIPTION POLICY UPDATE. I am changing my policy on subs to this 'zine again. First, I will allow a limited number of non-playing subs. The cut-off point will be when I feel I have enough. I realize that I haven't much to offer in the way of articles, etc. But, with a few new subbers I may get some material worth printing from time to time. A letter now and then would be nice if you have anything worth saying. Also, new subbers mus sub at the rate of 10 for \$4.00 . Current subbers may still sub at 40¢ an issue in less than 10 if they wish.

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The Marion Bates hoax. By now I'm sure you have seen this elsewhere, but the report of Marion Bates death was a hoax. Whoever sent out the letter about this is disgusting. If I ever find out who you are I'll blast you all over this 'zine ! If you thought that you were being the least bit funny you were wrong ! There is no room in this hobby for sickos like you, whoever you are.

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GEN-CON report. I was quite pleased with this year's major con for us East coasters. The attendance was very good, there were all of the major game companies represented, and I was especially pleased with all of the postal Diplomacy players that showed up . I only wish that I had been able to spend more time with some of you. I guess the fact that I was not staying at the hotel was a big factor. But, when you live only 15 minutes away you don't stay away from home !

I played in two tournaments; The Youngstown Diplomacy, and the regular Diplomacy. I was quite surprised in Youngstown that we were able to fill 3 boards ! My experience with variants has shown that they're ususally lucky to fill ONE board ! The board I was on had some well known players on it including, Bob Sergeant, Phil Cooper, Jim Yearky, and Fred Townsend. I thouroughly enjoyed this game and I did fairly decent in the tournament. I finished 3rd overall, and took best China. Not too bad for a one round tournament. I really hope that we will see more variant tournaments in the future.

In the regular tournament my first day was both interesting and frustrating at the same time. I was England and had to deal with a German player (whose name escapes me right now) who played very paranoid of me right from the start. My original plan was to wipe out France at the earliest oppertunity but the Russian (Dick Martin) and the Turk (Julie Glass) were really romping as allies. Italy and Aus were being blitzed. So I convinced Germany and France to form a 3 way with me as a means to stop the R/T alliance from winning. It worked quite well and we eliminated Russia quickly. I then made a deal with Turkey to eliminate the German (with French help). Thus, he started to go down the tubes. ((continued on page 2))

As we began to approach the time limit I realized that I had a slim chance of winning the game. I stabbed France and went for as many centers as possible. As it turned out I finished at 17 ! One away from victory. I had to settle for a 3 way E/F/T draw. I also didn't get best England due to Robert Sachs' scoring sytem. A 15 center Eng in a two-way draw was considered better than my 17 centers in a 3 way. Oh well, I tried .

The second day I made it to top board. For those of you who have never played on top board let me tell you, it's an experience ! I'm not going to go into all the details but it's really a dogfight . The board resulted in a 5 way draw between Germany (myself), England (John Kador), France (Bob Sergeant), Russia (Phil Cooper), And Turkey (??). The original plan was to blitz Sergeant as he had the most points in the tournament. However, the cooperation was not there so Bob did end up as the overall tournament winner.

All in all I really enjoyed myself. I only hope that I'll see you all again next year in Baltimore !

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Since I have space I'm going to list some of the standings in the Dip tourny.

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| 1. Bob Sergeant | 12. Ed Karlinski |
| 2. James Townsend | 13. Allen Wells |
| 3. John Caruso | 14. John Kador |
| 4. Kathy Byrne | 15. Steve Arnawoodian |
| 5. Lee Kendter Sr. | 16. Tom Mainardi |
| 6. John Giuffre | 17. Rich Brachman |
| 7. Don Ditter. | 18. Fred Townsend |
| 8. Phil Cooper | 19. Bruce Linsey |
| 9. Gary Coughlan | 20. Joshua Gottesman |
| 10. Walt Aucott | 21. Ayre Gittleman |
| 11. Julie Glass | |

In addition, here are the places that well known publishers finished. Dick Martin 26, Mark Berch 30; Al Pearson 33, M.P. Barno 46, John Daly 60, Mike Mills 69, Rich Kovalcik 79, and, masquerading as "Erm Simms" Bob Arnett 93rd .

I have the complete lis of finishes . If anyone is really interested I'll send you a copy for 35¢ (to cover my cost of Xerox and postage).

One final word. Some people in the hobby always seem to knock Robert Sachs for on reason or another, But I think that Robert deserves a lot of credit for the effort that he puts into running tournaments like this one. Well done Bob and John Boardman .

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Looking for game openings ? Robert Sachs publishes a regular list of game openings known to him. It is quite extensive and up to date . The August issue is where I got the Dip tourny finishes from . If you're interested send a SASE to; Robert Sachs, 4861 Broadway %-V, New York, NY 10034 . Many non-dip games are also on Bob's list.

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DIPLOMACY WORLD has a new editor. The word is that Rod Walker is the new editor. I hope Rod all the success in the world with this. Jerry Jones tried to do a good job but suffered from a lack of time. The recent issues of DW were getting further and further behind schedule. Let's hope that Rod can correct this problem. Meanwhile, I don't think anyone can fault Jerry for the issues he did publish. All contained a lot of interesting material for the Dippy Fan. Nice try Jer .

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Well, that's it for Chit chat. I have a busy week ahead and I'm going to be hard pressed to get this done. This page is being typed on Mon. Thurs I'm going to visit my mother in Wildwood, NJ (100 miles away). Saturday I'm going to the Phillies game. Sunday is my work's picnic.

1981 CV Fall 1901 Everybody wants Bel, nobody gets it .

Austria(Townsend) A Bud-Gal, A Tri-Ser, F Alb-Gre
England(Ragsdale) F Nwg-Nwy, A Edi-Bel, F Nth(c)A Edi-Bel
France(Blau) A Spa-H, F Mid-Por, A Pic-Bel(nsu) A Bur uno-H (C.O.A.)
Germany(Reynolds) F Den-Swe, A Kie-Hol, A Ruh-Bel
Italy(Schleinkofer) F Ion(c)A Apu-Tun, A Apu-Tun, A Ven-H
Russia(Cooper) F Bot-Swe, A War-Gal, A Ukr-Rum, F Sev(s)A Ukr-Rum
Turkey(Paulson) A Bul-Gre, A Smy-Con, F Con-Aeg

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DEADLINE for Winter 1901 is Sept 18th, 1981

Press: London: The cod have quit running off the coast of Norway, and the mail has quit running between Berlin and London. The British Expeditionary Force has been dispatched to Belgium to determine if someone/thing there is interfering with the mails.

Supply center chart

Austria: Home, SER	4 build 1
England: Home, NWY	4 build 1
France: Home, POR, SPA	5 build 2
Germany: Home, DEN, HOL	5 build 2
Italy: Home, TUN	4 build 1
Russia: Home, RUM	5 build 1
Turkey: Home, BUL	4 build 1

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1980 AE Fall 1909 Turkey goes, draw to pass ?

England(Conner) A StP-Nwy, A Bul-Con, A Rum-Bul, A Arm(s)Fra F Smy,
A Sev-Rum, A Hol-Kie All other units hold
France(Ditter) A Tyr(s)A Mun, A Bur(s)A Mun, A Gre(s)A Ser, F Aeg(s)
F Smy, F Ion-Eas, F Smy(s)Eng A Bul-Con, F Ank(s)Eng A Bul-con
A Vie(s)A Bud, all other units hold
Turkey(Parker) A Con-Smy (dis/ann), F Syr(s)A Con-Smy

Supply centers (changes)

England: gains Con, Bul for 17
France: gains Smy for 17
Turkey: loses Con, Bul, Smy for 0
A two way Fra/Eng draw is proposed with Winter moves. Winter 1909 is due Sept 18th, 1981 (seperation by request)

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1980 AN Fall '08 Draw fails, new (old) ones proposed

England(Ditter)F Mid-Eng, F Iri & F Wal(s)F Mid-Eng, F NAO-Mid,
F Cly-NAO
France(Masters) F Eng ret to Bre. F Bre(s)Ita F Gas-Mid, A Psr(s) F Bre, A Bur(s)Ita A Boh-Mun (nso)
Germany(Sergeant) F Eng-H (dis, ret to Pic, otb), A Bel-H, F Nth (s)
A Bel, A Ruh & A Kie (s) A Mun, A Mun-H, A Sil-Gal
Italy(Ledder) A Mar-Spa, F Gas-Mid, F Por & F Wes & F Naf (s) F Gas-Mid, F Tyrs-Ion, A Tyr-Tri, A Vie-Bud, A Boh(s)A Gal, A Gal (s) Tur A Rum (otm)
Russia(McLendon) A Sev-Rum, A Ukr(s)A Sev-Rum, A Mos-Sev, A War(s) A Ukr
Turkey(Blank) A Rum-Ser, A Arm-Rum, A Con-Ank, F Bulec-Con, F Bla(c)
A Arm-Rum

Due to a strong protest over my call for a volunteer for Turkey I am announcing a NO STANDBY policy for this game. If anyone misses his country goes into C.D. I've already taken enough unwarranted Bullshit over this game. I'm not taking any more. That is my final word on standbys if needed !

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1980 AN Supply center chart.

England: Edi, Lvp, Nwy, Swe, For	4	remove 1
France: Home	3	even
Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Lon, Bel	7	even
Italy: Home, Tun, Gre, Tri, Ser , Vie, Bud,	10	even
Spa, POR		
Russia: Home, RUM	5	build 1
Turkey: Home, Bul, Rum , SER	5	even

DEADLINE for Winter '08 and Spring '09 is Sept 18th, 1981

The 5 way draw was defeated by 3 no votes and 3 yes votes. This draw is repropesed and a 6 way draw is also proposed. Not voting is a YES vote. If both pass the smaller one takes precedence. (fat chance)

Press: Italy to northern beligerants: I veto the draw excluding Franc again. And I propose a draw among the survivors again. Yawn.

Italian F Gas to English F Mid: Divers available to search for recent English ruins. Interested.

London: I'm tired of this game, it's boring. I vote Yes to all draws that include me.

Berlin-Rome: O.K., you want to prop up France, I can't stop you. I'll vote for the draw this time-if it fails, it was Turkey that stopped it. But I think you should know that the controversy being stirred up about this game by the French player is his attempt to acheive what he could no do through his negotiations or his play; survive. If you fall for this, well, you needn't have.

Berlin-Paris: You are incredible.

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1980 A Winter '09 Aus bld A Vie. Eng bld F Lvp. Fra bld A Par, F Bre
Rus rem A Mos. Tur rem F Bla, A Rum ret to Ukr.

Spring '10

Austria(Parker) A Sil(s)Fra A Mun-Ber. A Vie-Gal, A Bud(s)A Rum,
A Rum(s)A Vie-Gal, A Tri-Ser, A Bul(s)A Con, A Con(s)F Aeg-
-Smy, A Tyr-H, F Aeg-Smy

England(Schuetz) A StP-Mos, A Bel-Yor, F Nth(c)A Bel-Yor, F Kie-Hel,
F Ber(s)F Bal-Kie (dis-Pru, otb), F Bal-Kie, F NAO-Iri,
F Nwg-NAO, F Lvp(s)F NAO-Iri

France(Schiwautz) F Lon-Nth, F Iri(s)(F Bre-Eng, F Bre-Eng, F Mid(s)
F Iri (incorrectly listed as F Wes H last issue), A Par-Pic,
A Bur-Bel, A Hol-Kie, A Ruh(s)A Hol-Kie, A Mun-Ber, F Rom-Tys
F Ion-Eas

Russia(Cooper) A Smy(s)A Arm-Ank (Dis-Arm, Syr, otb), A Arm-Ank,
A War-Mos, A Sev-Mos

Turkey(Cartier) A Ukr-Mos

DEADLINE for fall '10 is Sept 18th, 1981 . A Draw of E/A/F is proposed
Please vote as not voting is a YES vote.

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Hmmm.... a blank space. Oh well, I'm going toleave it that way !!

I'm extemely rushed to put this issue out as I am very pressed for
time this weekend. So, make up your own filler for this space !

1979 KQ Fall 1910 Italy hangs tough ! Germany grows bigger.

- France(Mercer) Ret F Nwg-NAO. A Gas-Bur, A Ruh-Hol, F Eng-Lon, F Clv-Edi, A Lvp(s)F Cly-Edi, F NAO-Nwg
- Germany(McLendon) A Bur-Mar, A Mun-Bur, F Nth-Lon, F Nwg-Edi, A Yor(s) F Nwg-Edi, F Nwv-Nth, F Bal-Kie, F Bar-StPnc, A Pru-War, A Sil(s)A Pru-War, A Liv(s)A Pru-War (dis-Pru, otb)
- Italy(Cartier) A Apu-Rom, A Ven(s)A Apu-Rom
- Russia(Townsend) A War-Liv, A Mos(s)A War-Liv, A Bud-Ser, A Rum(s) A Bud-Ser, F Bla-Bul, A Tri(s)A Bud-Ser
- Turkey(Cooper) F Tyrs-Rom, F Nap(s)F Tyrs-Rom, F Adr-Ven, F Ion-Apu, A Ser(s)A Bul, (dis-Alb, Gre, otb), A Bul(s)A Ser, F Con(s) A Bul, F Smy-Aeg, A Ank(s)F Con

DEADLINE for winter '10 and spring '11 is Sept 18th, 1981. A pair of draws has been proposed. 1) F/G/T . 2) F/G/T/R . PLEASE VOTE as not voting counts as a YES.

Supply centers.

- France: Par, Bre, ~~Mar~~, Por, Spa, Lvp, HOL 6 even
- Germany: Home, ~~Wol~~, Den, Lon, Edi, Bel, Swe, Nwy, StP, WAR, MAR 12 build 1
- Italy: Ven, ~~Tyr~~ 1 remove 1
- Russia: Mos, ~~War~~, Sev, Vie, TRI, Bud, Rum, SER 7 build 1
- Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, ~~Ser~~, Tun, Rom, Nap 8 remove 1

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1980 KL Winter '04. Austria builds A Vie, A Bud. France builds A Par
Russia removes F Arm.

Spring 1905 Austria shifting his front ? Alliances hold firm.

- Austria(Quinn) A Con-Bul, A Sev-H, F Bla(s)A Sev, A Ukr-War, A War-Pru, A Boh-Sil, A Vie-Boh, A Bud-Vie, A Ser-Gre, A Tyr(s) A Vie-Boh.
- England(Pierce) F Bal-Bot, F Hel-Den, F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth(s)F Nwg-Nwy, A Swe(s)F Nwg-Nwy, A Kie(s)Fra A Mun
- France(Parker) F Mar-Lyo, F Spasc(s)F Mar-Lyo, F Wes-Tun, F Naf(s) F Wes-Tun, A Par-Gas, A Bur-Mar, A Mun-H, A Ber(s)A Mun
- Italy(Landon) A Ank-Con, F Lyo-Mar, A Pie(s)F Lyo-Mar, F Tyrs-Wes, F Tun(s)F Tyrs-Wes, F Ion(s)F Tun
- Russia(Blau) SEE C.O.A. A StP & A Liv (s)A Mos. A Mos(s)A Liv, F Nwv(s)A StP (dis-Bar, Ska, otb)

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DEADLINE for Fall '05 is Sept 18th, 1981 .

Press: Italy-Austria: Thanks for the toga party invite in sevastapol, I accept on behalf of all the italian people everywhere. You should have heard the roar of approval the people gave when I made the announcement. They've vowed to return the favor by hosting a toga party in Paris in a few seasons.

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Eng game statements for 1978FL.

ENGLAND: Once again, I only played the last couple of seasons in this game, so I can't comment on the long term play. In the short time I played, I did see that there were really only two possible outcomes to the game: The five way draw we had or an Austrian victory. For that reason I attempted to hold the line in the West and hoped for a statement to end it. Luckily, the draw passed instead, and the long process of the stalemate was avoided.

ITALY: This game was my first experience as a standby and replacement. I entered the game to find a 3-way western alliance in place, dedicated to oppose Austria, which was the largest single power. Russia was gone, Turkey was on his way out.

1978FL game end statements CON'T

Austria and I quickly reached agreement and linked our fortunes for the remainder of the game.

Despite repeated proposals for restructuring the alliance pattern to Germany, Lee held firm, insisting that I help him against Austria first. He always gave my proposals serious consideration and a prompt response, for which I commend and thank him.

Thanks are also due to Kevin, who was the perfect ally. We were able to trust each other to the extent of swapping centers, play out phoney stab situation, and maintain clear lines of communication throughout. I really enjoyed working with him, and hope that we can work together for against each other in the future.

Finally, thanks to Art for GMing what must have been for him an extremely boring game that last five or six gameyears, though I did not find it so.

The above statements, typed by Lee Jr, are from Ben Schilling and Mike Conner.

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