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ALL THE LEGAL FURIES SEIZE YOU!

1. JOIN THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION! All attempts to reform the DA, making democracy out of despotism, depend on an active membership which is not composed of cronies of John Beshara. To join, send annual dues (\$1) to Larry Peery, 816 24th St., San Diego CA 92102, or to Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon IN 46052.

2. VARIANT STAND-BY POSITIONS are available. The defunct Bill McDuffieazines, THANGORODREM and TALLEYRAND, with several variant games, are being brought back by P. M. Gaylord, 2035 Todd Dr., St. Paul MN 55112, and by Lewis Pulsipher, 321 Twin Towers, Albion MI 49224. Several of the original players seem to be dropping out, and your help is needed to get them going again. Write either or both of these gentlemen if you would like to be a stand-by/replacement player.

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1969 Hed -- UKRAINE WIDENS LEAD AS POLAND ALMOST DISAPPEARS -- ABERRATION III

Fall 1911: My thanks to Burt Labelle for his s/b orders.

IRELAND (Andrus): F Nth-Den, F Eng-Wes, F Hel-Hol, A Swi S A Pie, A Gas-Lan S by A Pie, A Hes-Sax S by A Boh & A Bav, A Tol-Cat, A Est-Val, F Mid-SAT S by F Por, F Nwy MS F Swe. Owns: Alc, Dub, Edi, Bru, Bri, Bav, ~~Wag~~, San, Lan, Tol, Pie, Hag, Sax, Swe, Hes, Boh, Den, Nwy, Por, Wes (19)*. Build 4*.

ISRAEL (White): A Ira H, A Sin-Cai, A Dam H. Owns: Dam, Jer, ~~Tot~~ (2). Remove 1.

POLAND (Lindon): A Gda-Mas, A Mar-Gda, A Liv-Rig, A Vie H /d//Tyr, ob/, F Cor-Iri, F Bal-Lat. Owns: Gda, Rig, ~~Vat~~, ~~WpY~~, ~~YzC~~, ~~VstY~~, ~~WqS~~, ~~WpH~~, ~~WpY~~ (2). Remove 4 (3 /a/).

SPAIN (Manogg): A Lan H /d//Dij, ob/*, F Lig H, F Plm-Cat, F Sat H /d//IFn, Mor, WMed, ob/, A Tus MS A Ven, A Tun H, F Gib-Val. Owns: Val, Mor, Tun, Pno, Rom, ~~WpS~~, ~~WpZ~~, Ven, ~~Vst~~, ~~Dij~~: (7)*. Remove 1* (1 /a/).

UKRAINE (Gullett): A Pod-Mus, A Ath-Nap C by F Pyl & F Mal, A Tur H, A War S A Gal, A Sze-Bud, A Bud-Vie S by A Cal & A Cro, A Arm-Geo, A Mes-Ara, F Ala-Cal S by F Bel, A Nrk-Sve, A Nov-Riz, A Mus-Nov. Owns: Kie, Ode, Sev, Rum, Ara, Con, Ser, Ana, Zar, Bul, Ath, Sze, Smy, Geo, Bud, Mus, Cyr, Cal, Mar, Nov, Tur, Vie, War (23). Build 6.

AUTUMN 1911 RETREATS and WINTER 1911 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 30 September 1971; adjustments may of course be made conditional upon retreats.

ALL notations so marked above are based on the assumption that Spain will take the only retreat option open to him from Languedoc, Dijon, an Irish supply center. If Spain elects not to retreat, or fails to submit orders, Spain owns 6, removes 1 (2 /a/), and Ireland owns 20, builds 5. Ireland should, therefore, submit two sets of builds, one based on each contingency (e.g., in the second event, Dijon is vacant for a build, and so on). Other players may also make moves (adjustments) conditional on whether or not Spain retreats.

1970Doc -- SWEEPS MASTER SOUTHERN RUSSIA; AUSTRIANS FLEE EAST -- ABER. IV

Spring 1906: Bob Kinney, having missed two consecutive orders, is replaced as Italy by Tony Pandin. My thanks to John Powell for his s/b orders. John remains on s/b for this game.

AUSTRIA (Andrus): 20DA Tri-Ser, 4DA Vie-Gal, 20DA Bud-Rum.

ENGLAND (Everson): 10A Pic-Bre (-3) S by 10F Eng & 10F Mid (-3) (7A Pic /d/ (-5) /Bel, ob/), 10A Hol-Kie S by 10F Den & 10F Hel (10F Den /d/ (-5) /Bel, Jr, ob/), 10F Bel-Hol.

FRANCE (Keathley): 10F Por-Mid (-3), 20DA Par-Pic (-2) S by 20DA Bre (-2), 20DA War-Bur.

ITALY (~~WpY~~)(Pandin): 10A Alg-Tun S by 10F CMed, 20DA Tyo-Vie, 20DA Ven H, 10A Apu-Alb S by 10F Ion.

RUSSIA (Gullett): 10A Kar-StP, 20DA Mal-Van, 20DA Ber-Sil, 10A Lvn-War S by 10A Mos.

SWEDEN (Seman): 20DA War-Ukr, 10A Rum-Sev, 10F Kal-Mal, 20DA Kie-Den (-2) S by 10F Ska, 10F Aal-Fin, 10F Ice-Nat.

TURKEY (White): 7A Lib H, 10A Pal-Egy, 9F Bul(sc)-Aeg, 9F Aeg-Rho, 10F Rho-EMed.

Lost through Spring Raid: AUSTRIA: Vie. ENGLAND: Den. RUSSIA: Mal, Sev. SWEDEN: Kie, Rum, War.

SUMMER 1906 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 30 September 1971.

PARIS: The below is dedicated in memory of the brave Spaniards. It's a little ditty for F bugle. [Delayed from Fall 1905.]



1971 Fed -- A NEW KING REIGNS IN TARA; BLOODY BATTLES COMING -- ABERRATION III

Spring 1902: Bob Kinney, having missed two consecutive sets of orders, is dropped and replaced by John Powell. During the rest of this year, Ray Bergeron's position will be played by his brother, David, same address. Ray will be back in January.

BURGUNDY (Bergeron): A Dij-Swi, A Hag-Hes, F Bru-Eng, A Bav-Boh /d/ /Ruh, Swa, Tyr, ob/, A Lan-Pie, F Hes-Hel.

BYZANTINE EMPIRE (Just): F Ath-Ion, F Con S A Bul, A Bul S HUNGARIAN A Ser-Rum, A Pis-Ana, F Ana-WBla.

HUNGARY (Keathley): F Zar-Alb, A Bud-Vie, A Sze-Tra, A Boh-Bav, A Ser-Rum, F Ven-Adr.

IRELAND (~~K/A/S~~) (Fowell): A Wes H, F Mid-Eng, F Nwy H.

ISRAEL (Manogg): F Cai-Del, A Arm-Geo, A Mes-Arm, F Cyr-Lib.

POLAND (Wrobel): A War-Mus S by A Nov, A Rig-Liv, F Gda-Bor, A Sax S HUNGARIAN A Boh-Bav, F Swe-Den.

SICILY (Andrus): F Rom-Lig, A Tus-Pie, F Mal-Tob, F Tun-Tri.

SPAIN (Tilson): F San-Mid, F Val-Plm, A Cat H, F Por-Gib, F Mor-Alg.

UKRAINE (Labelle): A Kie MS A Mus, F Sev-WBla, A Rum-Pod, F WBla-Rum.
FALL 1902 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 30 September 1971.

Letters of Titolia Ozaman (continued):

4. Byzantium, Christmas Day, 1901. Dearest Soly: It's the weirdest thing! When I wear your ring on that finger no one seems to see me! A little bird told me that you have already received the fleet list of the two new Byzantine fleets. You should have the blueprints by now. The spring sailing orders are enclosed with this message.* When I get back to Jerusalem I'll have to tell you about the Lord Admiral here. You'll die laughing. Just to give you a little hint, all those dresses in his closet aren't his wife's. Lady B. and I have been having a splendid time. It's true what they say about the Greeks, but those Anatolian Turks! Will write again from Athens. Faithfully, Titty.

*This single sentence explains how the numerically inferior Fleet of the Holy Kingdom was able to play such a dominant role in the Mediterranean. JG.

5. Athens, 1 February 1902. Dearest Papa. I have shipped you the books you wanted to restock the Oscar Wilde room at the shop. As you expected they were in great supply here. Fortunately, the CSS Shenandoah was in port, and the Captain gladly consented to take the several crates aboard. Sicily, while supposedly allied with Christian Europe, can really not be trusted to allow neutral shipping its full rights. The 12-inch main battery of the Shenandoah is the best passport. Hopefully, before the year is past, this great sea of Christendom will be secure under the flags of Byzantium and the Holy Kingdom. Your daughter, Titty.

6. Palermo, 4 March 1902. Dearest Soly. The Countess Axemwell's* report to you has been dispatched by another carrier. We were able to confirm your suspicions at the party last night. No wonder the Sicilians have not sought an alliance. Perhaps now that the main obstacle has been removed they will be more reasonable.

*Elizabeth Borden, Countess Axemwell, illegitimate daughter of King Charles V of New England, exiled in 1893 by King Charles VI after the still unexplained beheadings of the late Charles V, the Queen, and three of the four then-heirs to the throne.

PALERMO (5 March 1902)[via Jerusalem]: Thousands filed past the bier of our beloved Duce di Cosanostra today, as the unrelenting search for his slayer continues. Many Sicilians are referring to the slayer as the "mad

doctor", because of the methodical way in which various organs of the body were removed by the knife-wielding maniac. Faithful counsellor of His Majesty the King, Cosanostra will be mourned by many, not the least by the lovely Countess Anemwell, who gave a ball in his honor just two days ago.

1971Fed -- ONE THRONE ALREADY SHAKY -- ABERRATION III

Spring 1901:

1. Ben Zablocki will be in Europe until 15 October. His place will be taken, for that period only, by Rich Purdy, 7242 DeSoto, #7, CanogaPark CA 91303. Mr. Purdy is a local L.A. player, highly respected. He will be acting under Mr. Zablocki's instructions.

2. Orders for Byzantium and Hungary were submitted by a neutral player, rather than have 301 moves missed. Orders for Hungary are requested from Tony Pandia (see p. 1); For Byzantium, from Stephen Bell, 5605 Virgilwood Dr., Greensboro NC 27409. ~~Congra--cancel that.~~ I just found Byzantine orders, Hungarian orders still requested from Tony.

3. To answer some questions from Robert Moshell: (a) fleet movement between Aog and WBlia must pass through Con, as in regular Diplomacy. (b) The canal in Tau performs the same function as that in Kiel in the regular game; otherwise, Tau would have 2 coasts. (c) Any number of units may occupy EAF (or WAF, or SAF); this is specified in Rule 5.

4. David Ruzic: Your General Orders are not sufficiently detailed nor explicit. Please replace them with something which gives a clearer idea of your plans.

BURGUNDY (Conselman): A Bru-Ruh, A Dij-Lgn, F Hag-Hes.

BYZANTINE EMPIRE (Scott): A Ach-Dul, A Smy-Pis, F Con-Ana.

HUNGARY (Kolemon?): A Bud-Vie, A Sze-Ser, F Zar-Adr.

IRELAND (Keathley): A Alc-Yor, F Dub-Nat, F Edi-Nth.

ISRAEL (Moshell): A Dam-Syr, A Jer-Ara, F Cai-Lib.

POLAND (Zablocki): A Rig-Nov, A War-Gal, F Gda-Bor.

SICILY (Martin): A Rom-Umb, F Nap-Apu, F Pmo-Mal.

SPAIN (Seman): A Tol-Est, F San-Mid, F Val-WMed.

UKRAINE (Ruzic): A Kie-Mus, A Ode-Rum, F Sev-EBla.

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BYZANTIUM: The Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church demands an immediate end to all hostilities during the upcoming Jewish holidays.

NSG: Burgundy's a lucky duck.

NSG: There are a lot of vampires in Transylvania. I wonder if there are any Hungarians.

BARAD HAWLEY: Vootie!

Everybody sing: You may think that this is the end;
Well it is