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JIHAD (BDC43V); This is an orphaned game I've taken over from OJ.
The thing is that of the 8 players I received 4 sets of orders, of
which 2 of those do not wish to continue with the game. I don't really
blame them since they've hardly heard of the game in the last year.
What I would like to do is put it to a vote amongst the players. Do you
wish to continue the game? If you do let me know as soon as possible
so I can find the necessary standby's.

SORRY for the delay in this issue (something like 3-5 days) but I'd
forgotten about the Easter hols. Well we all have our ways of spending
them and my way is wargaming, brag, boozing. Let's see, played Brag
till six in the morning of the deadline, woke up at seven, slept through
a visit by the Mother-in-Law and four sister-in-laws. Woke up again at
six in the evening in time to start boozing and wargaming. Slept
through Sunday. Monday the club (wargames club) had a all day 2nd WW
game. The most interesting thing about it was my rather sneaky attack
on the German held railway centre. At dawn six company's of airborne
troops were flown in over the Germans.....three minutes later
4 of those company's were wiped out by 88mm's before they'd even left
the plane's. Still the land based attack did o'kay and we secured the
centre.

DISCONTENT: I intend to be there. Though the 'do' is to be held at
bloody stupid time of year. The better the weather, the smaller the
chances that I'll be there, hay time and all that.

EErr! hello just found another Gamestatement for BDC 49. Better print
it or Ken 'ul kill me.

ENGLAND: For me this was a very poor game. The trouble started in Aut
01: I had an agreement with Chris Fleetwood that he would support me
into Belgium, alas, he forgot whether it was with me or with France
he had made the agreement, and eventually supported neither one. My
original plan had been to attack France, but then I changed the plan to
favour of crushing Germany. Richard Wein was, however unreasonable about
the stand-off in Belgium, and built fleets and started attacking. From
that time, things started to look bleak for England. I had not been
writing any letters to Russia and, not surprisingly he too Norway in
1903. I might still have been able to hold out against France but, in
04 I think, I missed my orders and France broke through. In Aut 06 I was
finally out of the game. Yes, this was a very poor performance by me.
So, thanks go to John for his GMing and worthy congratulations to
Ian and Richard for their joint victory. It surprises me how these two
can be strong allies in one game (BDC 49) and attacking each other in
another (BDC 61) at the same time!

DARNEST CORNWALL: Good question. Come on explain all. Just how do you
two manage it?

DEADLINE DEADLINE

APRIL 26th

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phoned orders by 7pm
if possible, but I'll
except them if there's
a good reason.

BIG POWERS ... OVER FIN.

AUSTRIA (Coombe): F(Con) - AEG, A(Ank) - Say, F(ION) S ENGLISH W/WES;
 (Jane): Tun, A(Ven) S A(Tyr) - Pie; A(Rom) - Tus, F(Tra)
 A(Vie) - Tyr, S by A(Boh); A(Bud) - Vie, A(Mos) MS
 A(War), A(Ukr) stands.

ENGLAND (Godfrey): F(WES) - Tun, F(IRI) - MAO, F(ENG) - Pic, F(NTE) - SA
 F(BAL) - Pru (missed it last time J.) A(Rch) - Bur.
 A(Bur) - Par, A(Mun) S A(Ber) - Sil, A(Kie) S A(Mun),
 A(Lvn) MS F(StP sc).

FRANCE (Nicholas): F(BRE) S ENGLISH F IRI) - MAO, A(Gas) S ENGLISH
 A(Bur) - Mar.

ITALY (Scott): F(Tun) - ION, S by F(TYR), A(Tus) S A(Mar) - Pie, A(Mar)
 Pie.

retreats. AUSTRIAN F ION - Gre

LONDON:

"G'd evening. You will find in my speech to the Blackpool Conference that I said we would categorically -- er -- perhaps stay in the Common Market. But y'know, the presence of our fleets in all the waters west of Suez shows that we are a gritty and puposive nation fully determined to play our part in Europe."

Seriously folks, yer darlin' 'Aroid at last seems to have got it right. So all you Dippy players who spend your time gazing at a map of Europe, anke sure we stay where we belong. Make sure you go and vote YES in the referendum.

DARKEST CORNWALL: well if our Government handles England like you do then we'll do a great trade.

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ITALY RECAPTURES VEN !

ENGLAND (Fowler): F(Cly) - Lpl, F(NTH) - Nor, A(Den) - Swe, F(ENG) S
 F(Lon) - NTH.

GERMANY (Griffiths): F(Hol) S ITALIAN A(Bel), A(Kie) S A(Ber) S A(Mun) -
 A(Ber).

ITALY (Palmer): A's Bel, Par, Mar, Nap stand, A(Rom) - Ven, F(TYR) - ION,
 F(IRI) - MAO, F(MAO) - WES.

TURKEY (Tyrrell): A(Pru) - Ber S by A(Sil). A(Boh) - Mun, A(Tyr) - Pie,
 A(Ven) - Tus, A(Apu) stand S by F(ADR), A(Tun) - Naf,
 F(ION) - Tun, F(EAS) - ION S by F(AEG), F(BLA) stand,
 A(Rum) - Bud, A(Mos) - StP, A(Fin) stand.

retreats none.

STATE OF THE NATIONS.

ENGLAND: 6 centres: Lon, Edi, Nor, Swe, Den ... Lpl, build F Edi.

GERMANY: 4 centres: Mun, Kie, Ber, Hol ... no change.

ITALY: 9 centres: Nap, Rom, Tri, Mar, Spa, Por, Par, Bre, Bel, Kpr
 ... Ven, build A Rom

TURKEY: 15 centres: Con, Ank, Say, Bul, Gre, Rum, Bud, Vie, Tra, Vrb,
 Mos, War, Sev, StP, Ser ... Tun no change.

CONSTANTINOPLE to ROME: One - the great of an idea was planted and a tender seedling of hope emerged. It grew with the strength of ambition into a sapling, bending in the winds of adversity. And now, after many years, it has matured into a tree of tranquility, a family tree, blossoming in the spring and bearing fruit each autumn. Whilst it is true that you had a stake, it outgrew the support. And it now bears the fruit of contentment - this year or next we might see three cherriens in a row, which everyone knows is a winner! May Allah rot your underpants. Abu Ben Adam.

STATEMENT FROM H.M. KING TIM CONCERNING THE DEADLINE AFFAIR: John you're not the only one wondering how I managed to post the letter in St. Austell, especially as I never wrote a letter in the first place. I can't take the credit for that brilliant ploy, a mind more gifted, or twisted, thought of it and implemented it, without my knowledge. Who then is my benefactor who rescued me in my hour of need, or did Malcolm just miss the deadline? (as I first thought).

To my mind the Yellow peril from the east knows more than he says. It was he who first suspected (or knew?) Germany's NMR was not just a missed deadline. Turkey's motive is clear, a weak Germany considerably increases his chances of victory.

Anyway who ever it was own up so I can thank you properly.

Finally I must say I feel sorry for Germany who suffered most from this trick (I wish I had thought of it).

DARKEST CORNFIELD: If the 'thank you properly' is a 35 note then it was me! GET BACK... it's too late! I owned up first you two are too late. BACK I TELL YOU!

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CEASELESS BATTLES IN THE EAST

AUSTRIA (Thompson): A(Bud) S ITALIAN A(Tri) - Ser.

ENGLAND (Pawley): F(NWG) - BAR, A(Nor) stand, F(Swe) - BAL, F(Den) st
A(Yor) stand, F(Lon) - NTH.

FRANCE (Clarké): A's Bre, Bel, Bur stand.

GERMANY (Donalson): A(Kie) - Ruh S by A&S Hol Mun, F(HEL) - Kie.

ITALY (Jarski): A(Tri) - Ser, A(Ven) - Tri, A(Boh) - Gal, F(AEG) stand,
S by F(EMS), F(Por) - MAO, A(Spa) - Gas, F(Gul) - Mar.

RUSSIA (Love): A(StP) & A(Lvn) stand and wave to the nice British sailors. A(Mos) - Ukr, F(BLA) - Con.

TURKEY (Scrace): A(Rum) S F(Con) - Bul sc), A(Ser) - Tri, F(Smy) S
RUSSIAN F(BLA) - Con, A(Ank) S F(SMY)

retreats TURKISH A Ser caput no retreat space given.

ONTO THE PRESS:

Opologies to Baroness Orgy:

We seek him here, we seek him there;
Those Frenchies seek him everywhere.
In the Channel or gay Paree?
That damned, elusive Antony.

The Turks have driven him from their shore,
They hope he won't come back for more.
Now from Greece the'll make him go,
That tough, tenacious 'Tonio.

cont.

Austria trusts him to the last
But loses bases - oh so fast.
Who takes them from him, can't you see?
That greedy devil Tadarski.

But Mother Russia, she's too wise
To take in all his cunning lies.
So tell him now to 'go to hell',
That Neopolitan Pimpernal.

England and Germany far away
Think they're safe for another day,
Lookout! he's right behind you, so
Never trust Antonio.

DARKEST CORNWALL: Could be he doesn't trust Antonio?

EVERYONE to DARKEST CORNWALL:

We thought every period was a 'be kind to Italy' season.

DARKEST CORNWALL - EVERYONE:

Aaahhh! there speaks a wargamer....'period'. You guilty secret is revealed!

TURKEY - ITALY Dear Tadek, I didn't know you were of Polish origin. I thought Tadek was a Moslem name. I'm having a great deal of trouble visualising what you look like now, since I have you firmly fixed in my mind as a dark skinned gentleman who walks around in a white nightie carrying a jeweled studded dagger.

DARKEST CORNWALL: Well you're not alone in being unable to accurately describe Tadek. He's a master of disguise.

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Spr 03

ELITE GERMAN UNITS HEAD DEEPER INTO FRANCE
WHILST RUSSIAN UNIT DOES LIKEWISE INTO GERMANY

AUSTRIA (Scrace): A(Vie) stand, A(Bud) S A(ser), A(Ser) S ITALIAN
F(Gre) - Bul_sc, F(Alb) - Gre.

ENGLAND (Noble): A(Eii) - Lpl, F(NWG) - NTL, F(ENG) - MAO.

FRANCE (Donaldson): A(Gas) - Bre, A(Spa) - Gas, F(HEL) - Kie, (some hope), F(IRI) - Lpl.

GERMANY (Nicholas): F(Den) S A(Mun) - Kie, A(Bel) - Pic, A(Bur) S
ITALIAN A(Mar) - Gas, F(DTH) C A(Yor) - Bel.

ITALY (Pawley): F(Rom) - TYR, F(Gre) - ION S by F(Nap), A(Mar) - Gas.
A(Pie) - Mar, A(Ven) - Pie.

RUSSIA (Baird): F(Sev) S A(Rum), A(Rum) S A(Ukr) - Gal, A(War) - SWI,
F(Swe) - BAL, A(Fin) - Swe, F(Nor) S A(Fin) - Swe.

TURKEY (Blackburn): A(Bul) S AUSTRIAN F(Abl) - Gre, A(Con) S A(Bul).
F(AEG) S F(EMS) - ION.

retreats over

retreats ITALIAN F Gre annihilated, no retreat space given.

I believe everyone was informed of the mistake last time which robbed Italy of a build for Gre. You were (those affected that is) sent Correction notes.

HONEST LEO: If anyone feels I ought to have written to them, I'm sorry. I haven't had the time.

NELSONS COLUMN: Just before going to press, a figure was seen splashing through the fountain towards the editors desk waving a note purporting to come from the P.M. which read as follows

"His Majesty's Government wishes to assure all nations of their friendly self-protective motives in attacking the North Sea. Let's face it, if Germany isn't carving England up, this shouldn't affect anything."

HONEST LEO - GERMANY: If you hadn't sent that bogus letter I would never have suspected you, and you would have got to Paris.

As they say, if anything out of the ordinary happens, people begin to suspect.

RULE BRITANNIA: Britannia rules the waves ...providing noone pulls the plug out!

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GAMESTATEMENT BDC 49

TURKEY: Richard Sarg. Lt:

This being my first game of postal Diplomacy, it is very gratifying to share in a joint win. I was so new to the hobby that I wrote to the GM at the start to find out what would happen if someone forged faked orders. He graciously gave me a secret code number to put on my orders to avoid any possibility of forgery! The code number was 1!!! (Well he had to begin somewhere!) (John here. You should worry. Out there somewhere is a poor Dip player who answers to 002).

The game was actually decided from the very beginning. As Turkey there was only a limited choice of strategies: Join with Russia against Austria, or join with Austria against Russia. Since my initial letters to Austria received no response, the die was cast and it was with Russia all the way. Even had Austria replied I would still have preferred Russia, but his not answering cemented our alliance.

Initially I proposed a three-way alliance between England-Russia-Turkey. This was abandoned a bit later in the game when England kept failing to correspond with his supposed allies. Russia and I at first worked with Italy, but he too was not an altogether satisfactory correspondent. In his very first letters he made the mistake of telling Russia one thing and me another, which made us very wary of trusting him completely ever again, and I think this also contributed to the firm relationship which developed between Russia and myself. Several missed moves sped up the game particularly those by Germany, but I think the result would have been the same regardless.

The only real comments I have to make about the game are, first the none could have a better ally than Ian. He was always helpful, always reliable, always ready to trust you. He was a good correspondent at least at the beginning when it really mattered. I would recommend him to anyone as a trustworthy and helpful ally.

Second, I would commend Richard Wein for his strategy near the end. He wrote to me offering to support me against Russia in return for my allowing him to come in second in the game. Had Ian and I had such a trusting relationship, I might have been tempted, but as it was, it couldn't have worked. Then his attempt to allow Russia to win so that he would still be in the game at the end and might have worked had Ian not been also firmly committed to our alliance. Wein died but he went out fighting to keep alive by hoping Russia would win.

This was an enjoyable game from my point of view, It might have been boring had I been playing a lot before, but since this was my first I found the press and the game's progress very interesting and very enjoyable. Richard Donaldson's concession of Italy to me in return for my allowing him to remain alive in exile added an interesting twist towards the end of the game, and by right France should certainly have been third, had I not promised Italy third. I'd just like to thank all the players, particularly Ian, for making this a very memorable first game of postal Diplomacy.

TZARINA'S BEDCHAMBER: Well I always find long victory statements boring. So, thanks for a well kept alliance Richard. Agreed on in 1901 and never in danger of breaking. Opoligies to Andrew Herd for one of my two stabs of this game, and regrets for the missed move that started the Turkish/Russian steamroller moving. Sorry also, to Richard Donaldson for the other stab.

Just one question hangs in my mind. What was Chris Fleetwood doing in the vital 3 moves that let me have an opening to the north? He had me really worried, yet the attack just didn't really come.

In conclusion thanks to everyone for the game, and especially John for putting up with a 3-way press-war. It's a pity I couldn't let Richard Wein have 3rd place as he would have liked, but this is a game of honesty as well as dishonesty and I felt my crediulity would go down several points if I attacked Richard, it is necessary to be able to keep alliances, as well as break them.

ITALY: Richard Donaldson

Inaccustomed as I am to surviving

Anyway, I think that 1900 and 1901 were the best years. I had an alliance with Russia and Turkey against Austria, and a non-aggression with France. I was then intending to attack Turkey with Russia, but I soon realised that I hadn't a hope in that direction. I then decided that the best thing to do was to take rearguard action and try to take Iberia to escape. But the GPO ruined that one. I then started negotiations with Turkey for a truce, Italy for my life.

Anyway, congratulations to Ian and Richard for a well deserved win. Everyone (especially Germany) seemed to ignore the threat of your alliance until too late.

Also I must thank Richard for having kept his work and kept me alive, after all I did attack Serbia about six times.

DARKEST CORNWALL: Yes; what was Germany doing?. If he'd pushed when he had the chance then the game would have taken longer, if not completely been changed. But congratulations to both our winners for a very interesting game and some very good press (this includes Richard D. as well). There has been some very funny incidents in this game....Italy's mass exodus in every direction and France's valliant (but finally futile) self-sacrifice of a number of sc's in an attempt to get an individual winner and his own survival.

PENDULUM 24

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