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MOVES 'D' (1971BU) SPRING 1903

New Rulebook

From Erehwon 52 comes news that the new rulebook is now finished and is in the hands of the US manufacturers of Diplomacy, Games Research.

This new edition has been drawn up by the game's original inventor, Allan Calhmer. It incorporates the experience gained from the hundreds of postal and across-the-table games that have been recorded. To quote from Erehwon:

'The outstanding new feature of the Rulebook is its organisation. Each section and subsection is numbered so that reference to the text will be much easier. Also included are over a dozen numbered examples of movement sequences illustrating some of the more knotty rules.'

'The most striking change is the victory criterion. It is 18 supply centers. That's right!... This is probably the most fundamental change in the rules...'

The new rulebook will I understand be available seperately from the game. Games Research have expressed their willingness to distribute copies to postal GMs. I doubt if there will be an English edition, at least not for some time - if anyone would like a copy please ask and I'll try and obtain some when they are available.

'E' Game

No change here, still only five waiting. Looks like it's going to be a long wait! We remind readers that there is another game opening in Europe, namely a game of Feudalism II in On les Aura!, the Michel Liesnard variant zine. This has 11 players and a more complicated board, but the rules are reputedly much the same. Michel did say something about Popes and anto*Popes though....

To repeat WB's policy - variant games are of interest to me, but I see no point in offering any when plainly there will not be enough players.

Ultimate Diplomacy

....May well have been reached with Hypereconomic Diplomacy, a Don Miller variant with positions for at least 50 players and which is reported in Aux Armes! Most countries of the world are represented, there is a UN-type organisation called WORLD complete with Security Council and Secretary-General, and currency crises seem to come into it somewhere. After 12 issues they're about to have the Spring 1901 move!

Address List

Like it says, please check yourself! There were some errors in the first one and no doubt there will be some in this. Specifically if a '?' appears I'd appreciate hearing from you - it probably means I'm threatening to cut you off.

Late Post

...brings my copy of Strategy I, the largest S&T Game. Ah well, if I put back the deadline a bit...see over!

'D' Game 1971BU Spring 1903

GB: from Daily Express, 3rd February 1903. Consider the extraordinary behaviour of one foreigner - Charles Hector Eluan, self-styled President of France. This impudent frog-gobbler has the effrontery to suggest that the restraint of our Tommies in his western provinces is in some way a weakness on the part of our lads. It is, of course, nothing of the sort. The British bulldog could see off the French cockerel with one hand behind his back any day of the week. Looking at the continent of Europe, swarming as it is with swarthy Turks, greasy Italians, sub-human Slavs and Eluan's wine-sodden minions, can anyone doubt that the future belongs to the pan-Teutonic union?

I: The peace-loving government of the Holy Roman Empire has found itself forced into a war with the Sultan of Turkey due to the aggressive expansion of the Turks in the Balkans. The 1st Neapolitan Fleet was today ordered to Albania in order to save the government of this country from a revolt by a group of pro-Turkish fanatics. Meanwhile, the 3rd Neapolitan Fleet has put to sea with the declared intention of forever destroying Turkish naval power in the Meditteranean.

A message was today sent by the Emperor to St. Petersburg congratulating the Tsar and the Russian generals on bearing with extreme courage and fortitude the joint assaults of the infidel fanatics in the South and of the Kaiser and his fellow war-mongers in Berlin.

T: The Byzantine Emperor has ordered the complete destruction of the Russian forces, in an effort to ingratiate himself with the governments of England & Germany. It is rumoured that the Emperor wishes to enter Turkish teams for Jeux Sans Frontieres next year....

F: The French Government strongly denies that troops of the 1st Flevre Aphteuse Brigade infringed Belgian territory.

GB: (Davis) F Iri-MAO. F Eng-Bre. A Bel-Bur. A Nwy-Fin. F Nth-Nwy.

G: (Feron) A Swe S ENGLAND F Nth-Nwy. F Hol-Hel. A Kie-Mun S by A Ber. A Bur-Par S by A Pic.

R: (Payne) A Boh-Sil. F GoB-Bal. F StP(N) stand. F Sev-Arm. A Bud MS A Rum.

T: (Piggott) A Con-Arm C by F Bla. F Gre-Alb. F Ion-Adr. A Bul MS. A Ser.

I: (Feintuck) F Tri-Alb. A Vie-Tri S by A Tyr. A Ven-Rom. F Nap-Ion S by E Tun.

F: (Maule) F MAO-Eng. A Bre stand S by A Par. A Mar-Bur. A Spa stand.

Retreats: stand-off in Bur so F/A Par can only retreat to Gas.

* Next deadline Friday 1st October.