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Game Openings

No change on last list, apart from
some news::

MOESHOESHOE (Michel Feron) is being
reactivated and has put out an ad
sheet for postal Dippy in general
through French and Belgian fandoms.

ETHIL THE FROG (Piggott & Haven)
reportedly is about to start a game.

Waiting list

Regular:: Davis, Feron, Hemming.

I propose to alter the standby player
system and put people on standby for
specific games. See later, and
please indicate whether anything I've
done should be altered. Remember the
system is that if a player in the game
misses a move the standby player sends
in the next move. If the player misses
for a second successive time he is
thrown out of the game and the standby
takes over the position.

If you are forced to leave a game
it would be appreciated if you could
notify the GM at the same time as your
last move, so that a changeover can be
effected with the minimum of bother.

AgathaCon I

Our reporters on the spot are

Simon Joukes and Michel Liesnard::

Simon: 'We had a fine meeting and
played a traditional game which I won
rather luckily. We were all drunk and
produced a zine.'

Michel: 'It was a great success! But...
I don't remember how or when it ended.'

A fanzine was taped which will appear
later, probably in February. It will
be called "Le tramway vasouillard
egare le scorbut papouillard dans un
maricage polonais". With photos, etc
etc....and even a tape with the voices
and the insults of the Belgian masters
(?) of Diplomacy.

William Finnerty, a neofan,
already hopes to organise a new

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MOVES 'D' (1971BU) SPRING 1906
'E' (?) SPRING 1902
'F' SPRING 220 !

WB is 5/20p inland, 5/30p Europe,
5/81 USA Airmail. Game fee 25p (50c)
payable when game starts. We trade with
any zines that we like the look of.

Turnbull clears out

Woke up at some unearthly hour (like
11am) a week or so ago on hearing strange
sounds from downstairs. Discovered
mother trapped under a heap of old
cardboard boxes, which the postman with
customary efficiency had just thrown in
through the front doorway. When I'd
wiped the blood off them I carried the
boxes upstairs...yes, as threatened Don
Turnbull, late of Timerley, had deposited
almost all his old Dippy zines on me.

Overnight I had acquired the biggest Dippy
zine collection outside the States!

Well, there's about a cwt each of
DIPLOPHOBIA and EREWHON for a start. And
lots of others I've barely glanced at.

One point - Colin Hemming's Myopia
variant already exists, called oddly enough
Kriegspiel Diplomacy (one of the names
Colin originally proposed). I've passed the
rules on to Colin.

Then came a parcel from Peter Roberts,
who in browsing through old OMPA mailings
had unearthed a postal Dippy zine. Little
did Peter realise that the zine he sent me
(BROBDINGNAG) carried one of the most
famous games of postal Dippy, wherein
John Boardman as well as playing normally
also played a second country under the
pseudonym of 'Eric Blake', a hoax that was
not discovered until some time after the
game had ended.

Despite this early (1964) introduction
to Diplomacy, British fandom seems to have
escaped the disease until Easter 1970,
when WB was born.

Deadline

For all moves is Monday January 31st.
Late moves are only accepted if I have
not already typed up the stencil!

'D' Game (1971BU) Spring 1906

GB: The blackout on news of the British war effort over the last eighteen months should not deceive the enemies of the revolution into thinking that reaction has prevailed. The total democratisation of all institutions was only achieved at great cost.

Now, however, the people of Britain can turn their eyes again to the international struggle. That there have been failures cannot be denied; in particular the Andalusian communes and the syndicalists in Barcelona were crushed by French imperial forces within two months of the evacuation of British workers. Nevertheless the Russian autocracy has been split asunder; the Breton separatists have stood out for two years unaided; and at this moment the workers of Milan and Turin are marching on Rome with our help.

Let the puppets of Europe be assured that the British people will never rest until the last bureaucrat has been strangled with the guts of the last capitalist.

(signed) The Committee of Public Safety
T: The fifth Army left Constantinople recently on a voyage of exploration. Its five year mission: to explore strange new worlds; to seek out new life and new civilisations; to boldly go where no man has gone before! The army is expected in Rumania at any time now and it is to be hoped that the travels around Europe of this army will do much to promote good-will and understanding between Turkey and her neighbours.

GB: (Davis) A Wal-Pic C by F Eng & S by F Bel. F StP(N) stand. A Mos-Ukr. A Tus-Rom. F GoL-Wes. F MAO-NAF.

G: (Feron) F Nth-Nrg. A Ruh-Bur. A Kie-Mun. A Ber-Sil. A War-Gal.

T: (Piggott) F Smy-Aog-S by F Eas. F Gre-Ion. A Rum-Ukr S by A Sev. A Bud-Gal.
A Ser-Bud. A Con-Rum C by F Bla.

I: (Paintack) A Tyr-Ven. F Wes-Tyr. F Ion-Nap. A Adr-Ion. A Vie S F Tri. A Bur-Bel.

F: (Hemming) A Par, A Pic, A Spa, A Mar all unordered.

Note 1. Michel Feron points out that Berlin should have been listed as being in German hands last Winter...this does not affect the game itself as Germany had no vacant supply centres at which a new unit could have been raised.

Note 2. Will Michel Liesnard please send moves for France in case Colin misses again. Michel is at present the only standby for this game.

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AgathaCon (from p.1)

convention at the New Year. Simon Joukes won the main game playing Turkey. But that's only because we were all pissed...

Propaganda

I'd like to change the system at present in use, if the players have no objection. Propaganda will be given a place of origin, but the player of origin will not be mentioned. This is the way most of the US zines do it...often all the press releases will emanate from an entirely imaginary locality, as for instance 1970BN in GRAUSTARK where most of the action takes place in a small Himalyan state. As far as space goes unless pressreleases become particularly interesting I'd prefer to confine them with the moves to one page per game. I will henceforth probably be cutting out simple abuse, elaborated statements of board positions and other stuff that is just boring to read. The idea of having Press releases is that in return for my efforts in running a zine you are providing part at least of the contents so that I can use it for trading and also to gain subscribers (the more readers there are, the cheaper WB becomes to produce).

* In 'E' game it will be noted that Russia has in fact had a build. The letter requesting this arrived the day after the deadline, due to the Xmas delays. Ian Maule rang up on receiving WB24 and offered to inform the other players of the build, which I agreed to. This is not, it should be noted, a precedent. If you are engaged in urgent negotiations, or for some other reason will be sending your final orders close to the deadline, it would be safer to send temporary orders immediately which could be changed if necessary, rather than risk having your units unordered.

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'E' Game Spring 1902

GB: The British Fleet, intended to aid the French people in their eradication of the Runts of 61 Cygni C, was forcibly restrained from entering Brest harbour by a group of villainous-looking French matelots with black patches over their left eyes. Their leader, a stubble-checked sailor wearing long johns and a silver headband, with a parrot perched on his shoulder, was reported as saying "Haar, Jim lad! These Britishers shall not land here. For 'tis a treasure we are seeking from these runts. Their knowledge of super-scientific weapons beyond our comprehension will enable me and my hearties to seize control of the world. Haar, Jim lad! Long John won't be a cook when that happens. And Captain Flint here will get pieces of eight three times a day."

The British Ministry of Ufological Science 7th XI beat Manchester United 5-0 at Wembley last night. The referee was slightly injured in an incident involving fans halfway through the second half. One of the United players, a certain G. Best, had his name taken by the referee, and immediately afterwards a small group of about 30,000 fans rushed onto the pitch and assaulted the brave fellow. He was taken to St Swithin's Hospital for surgery, but three fingers and half an elbow are missing. If anyone has these parts in his possession, will he please get in touch with the hospital.

AH: From the Austrian Observer:

'Trade balance collapses due to vast increase in Runt Imports'

The Minister for Finance, Mr Jacques Rothskid, announced today in Parliament the trading figures for the last year. "Though there has been a satisfying increase in the export of armaments and various other sundry items, this has been more than offset by the vast increase in Runt purchase from Russia."

Mr. Rothskid continued to explain that the recent Russian advertising campaign with the slogans 'runts are good for you', 'Join the runt revolution' and 'drink a pinta runts blood a day', together with the increasing acceptability in Viennese shops and banks of credit-runts, were the main cause of this alarming trend.

Mr Rothskid then called upon the House to find some solution to the situation, and sat down to tumultuous silence.

F:: Les types de TTP&I Inc sont des filous et des obsedes nevroses.

GB: (Piggott) A Nor S F RUSSIA GoB-Swe. F Lon-Eng. F Eng-Bel S by F Nth.

G: (Burton) A Hol MS A Kiel A Sil stand. F Den-Swe. F Ber-Bal.

R: (Maule) A Sev-Mos. A War-Sil. F GoB-Swe. F StP(N)-Bar. F Rum stand.

T: (Bell) A Bul-Gre. A Con-Bul. F Bla-Con. F Smy-Aeg.

AH: (Haven) A Vie-Gal S by A Bud. A Ser & F Gre S F RUSSIA Rum-Bul. A Tri stand.

I: (Parker) A Pie-Tyr S by A Ven. F Tun-Ion. F Nap-Apu.

F: (Liesnard) A Mar-Pie. A Par-Gas. F Bre-Eng. F Por-MAO.

Note: Apologies to Michel for missing his propaganda last time.

Standby players: Davis, Fientuck, Feron.

MARTIN DAVIS On more complex moves, is F Nth-Den possible? It's not quite clear on my duplicated map (I still haven't got a proper board).

((It is permitted, and conversely F Hel-Ska is not possible.))

I am interested in as many variant games as you can get hold of. I would particularly like to see a board for Youngstown Variant and Feudalism II.

((Michel Liesnard will send you these for a small fee))

Your 'revolutionary' game sounds a good idea - except for the odious concept that all revolutionaries must act as 'normal' nation states. ((Surely that's realistic?!)) Could we perhaps run this as the next regular game? (It is almost regular!) Also couldn't it be possible to have builds carried out in occupied countries? It seems unrealistic to me that armies, in particular, should always be raised at home. To give only four examples, when you think of the employment of barbarian auxiliaries by the Romans, of native regiments in the Indian army, of Napoleons recruiting among the small German states and the Poles, and Hitler's use of even the French in the Waffen SS then the present situation is just not true to like. At any rate it would make an interesting variant, if for example in 'D'

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Wow, it's Britain's Second Variant game.....

'F' Game (Diadokhi) Spring 220 BC

RHODES: Despot Kolossos Liesnardos of Rhodes, Future Lord Sovereign of all those barbarian countries which presently suffer under the yoke of the bloody proto-English, has decided to change the name of several Meditteranean cities. Rome is now Liesnardia, Carthage will bear the name of Kolossia, Alexandria will be Rhodinia. In addition these three cities may also take the prefix Delinda. Dyonisious bless our gallant despot!

EGYPT: The Egyptian naval chiefs are proud to announce the world's first sextereme - built by Egyptian craftsmanship and technology which remains unrivalled anywhere.

A map, a map, my ptolemaicdom for a map!
((Hope you've got one now, your Majesty))

& Oops - forgot to note
& that Jean Rinchon's
& address is 24 Boulevard
& Lambermont and not 27 as
& previously reported. Got
& that folks?

ROME: (Maule) A Rav-Cis. A Rom-Etr. A Ben-Nea. F Nea-Tyr.

MACEDONIA: (Macedoni) A Pel-Epi. A Lar-Aet. F Spa-Ion.

PERGAMUM: (Rinchon) F Per-Thr. F Nic-Bit.

RHODES: (Liesnard) F Rhod-Pam. F Pha-Pis.

SYRIA: (Feintuck) A Maz-Arm. A Sel-Pal. F Ant-Iss.

EGYPT: (Haven) F Ale-Egy. A Cyr-Gar. A Jer-Pal.

CARTHAGE: (Davis) A Gad-Can. A New-Sag. A Tha-Lep. F Car-Mel.

& Standby players:
& Hemming, Piggott.

Letters cont

game, I could now raise an army in Belgium having owned it for more than 2 (or 3?) years; or France could raise one in Portugal; or Turkey in Serbia. Could it be combined with 'revolutionary' perhaps?

((This would give a considerable advantage to countries that are already winning. To be regular a game must stick to the rules where these are clear.))

Endnotes

For the present WB will stick to 4-page sine, unless enough material appears to justify more. When the next game starts we will be up to 6 pages.

At the moment I have an ad sheet for postal Diplomacy in draft form, which will I hope save me writing long letters of explanation each time I get an inquiry. If anyone has any suggestions for this I'd be very pleased to hear them...and if anyone is aware of any likely sources of new players I'd also like to know.

Where is the war game based on Northern Ireland?

And speaking of Ireland, has anyone in Britain heard John Lennon's latest single? That's right, it wasn't released here, only in the USA. It's very much in support of the IRA....Teddy Kennedy isn't the only one to realise the power of the Irish vote, or (in this case) record buying.

"Little do they know,"
said Scipio,
"that what looks like

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