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Game Openings

Some corrections to last issue. ETHIL THE FROG has a waiting list for regular as well as Abstraction. MOESHOESHOE has started it's new game, and a second is in the pipeline.

BelDipCon IV

In case you missed it was held on March 12th at the home of M. John Moeshoeshoe. A postcard informs me that the king of Pergamum graced the assembly with his presence. Now if only Britain were as small and insignificant as Belgium, we could have Conventions too....as it is the vast wastes of Monopoly-playing mediocrity separate us. Except that is for

ChessmanCon

Where Michel Feron and Ian Maule remain the only persons so far willing to commit themselves to battle. I am reliably informed though that another well-known GM will be present, so we need three more (counting myself). I suggest that we convene on Friday evening for some press-gang work.... let's see now, Ian will be wearing an Andy Capp and carrying a crate of Brown Ale, John Piggott has a large green frog on a lead, Michel will be eating fish and chips (covered in garlic no doubt) and I will be carrying a pile of the four zines I'm duplicating in the next fortnight. So we shouldn't have much difficulty recognising each other....

New Zine

This is LA REEVALUATION DU BILLET from Michael Bihay, rue des Melezes 96, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium. When we know more we'll let you know...

Deadline

Wednesday April 5th. Nothing like producing a Dippyzine for curing a hangover they say.

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 (any that are wierd enough to want to trade with us anyhow!)

Standby Players:

D - Liesnard
E - Davis, Feintuck, Feron
F - Davidson

Waiting list:

Regular: Davis, Feron, Hemming.
Bolshevik: Now open. Don't all rush at once....

COAs

John Parker will be at 49 Mead Cres, Southampton, SO2 2JN until 8th April, when he returns to Univ. Warwick.

Rod Walker has a new address - 4719 Felton, San Diego, California 92116.

Rulebook

A dozen copies of the new Rulebook have just arrived at our editorial offices. The cost will be 40p inc. postage. I will probably issue a new set of House Rules to fit in with this Rulebook, at present for postal play the present Rules stand. For D and E games the old Rules still stand, unless the players should decide to change. As far as I recall only Will Haven has asked for a copy; the rest will go on a first come first served basis.

Also received

A mailing from the aforementioned Mr. Walker. This includes a couple of variants - the one set in Classical Greece, and another by Dick Vedder called Jihad & set in Europe following the death of the Prophet. There is also the revised version of Diadokhi, which changed the board somewhat and alters the rules a bit as well. The Greek one looks quite something and will be appearing in these pages before too long.

Bolshevik

1. The normal rules of Diplomacy apply except as noted below.
2. In addition to the normal seven players, an eighth, the revolutionary, is included. He has the same duties and rights as other players, may submit propaganda, etc.
3. The revolutionary may enter the game from Spring 1902 onwards. At the beginning of the game he controls neither units nor supply centres.
4. Revolt move/year - the move/year in which the revolutionary enters the game.
Old Regime - the players against whom the revolt is made
Rebel/Loyal units - units belonging to the revolutionary/the old regime
5. For any one move the revolutionary may send in a 'revolt move'. He specifies which units he is assuming control over, and what action they are to take. These units are immediately transferred to him, and the moves submitted for them by the old regime are cancelled. The units remaining under the control of the old regime follow their original orders.
6. The revolutionary picks half of the old regime's units. If there is an odd number, the revolutionary names one unit which is disbanded and removed from the board.
- ** Certain qualifications could be made to the above for historical or game-play reasons. I propose two: the revolutionary must pick first fleets within three spaces of the old regime's home country, up to two in number; he must pick last any armies within the home country.
7. In the revolt move rebel units may only stand or support standing units. They may not attack, support an attack or convoy or be convoyed.
8. At the end of the revolt year the supply centres that would normally belong to the old regime are divided between him and the revolutionary. Each supply centre goes to the nearest of the two. Thus a centre occupied by one goes to him. A centre with one loyal unit and two rebel units in adjacent spaces goes to the rebels. Both players must then build or remove units in the normal way.
9. The revolutionary chooses three of the supply centres he holds as his 'home' supply centres. If he controls less than three centres he must pick centres held at that time by the old regime or, failing that, another player. *
10. The revolutionary thenceforth acts as a normal player.

*NB: It is possible for the old regime and the revolutionary to have home supply centres in common. In this case either may build units there depending on which of the two is in control of the centre.

Suggestions for amendments/alterations welcomed.

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'D' Game (1971BU) Autumn 1907

Paris (Govnt): Apres le deluge, la merde.

Berlin (Govnt): The German snowballing team just came back from Ireland a few days ago. Over 3 million fans were waiting for them at Kiel haven. This new interest is certainly due to the recently released news that the Liechtenstein team had been using drugs during the Hasevick contest. According to the Herr Kull-Poirot, head chemist at the State Laboratory of Munich, the drug used was LP (already nicknamed 'the decimal LSD' in German hippy circles), a new acid imported from Tau Cygni.

Munich (Central Office for Censorship): For the first time, a book by Herr Professor Sauerkraut und Pataten Fritte has been banned in Germany. This book, called 'England is German!', will not be released for a few years.

Lisbon (Official): ...and upon a ship being dispatched to investigate the mysterious 'iceberg' spotted from our Northern shores it was found to be made not from ice but from strange, plastic material. Rumours of little green men (the word 'Runt' has been mentioned) were dismissed when a small plaque bearing the words "made in Ireland" was found just below the waterline. It is suggested that....

Madrid (La Vanguardia): ...meanwhile mystery still mounts as the whereabouts of the German snowballing team, due to arrive yesterday for their match of "winter" pelota against the Barcelona Dragons. The innovator of this new game is not displeased, however, since the organisers have not yet been able to procure the necessary quantities of frozen bull's semen....

Kiel (Observatore Kielano): Pope Frederick X moved yesterday into the Neu Vatican, Lutherstrasse, Kiel. Before leaving Rome, he had a few famous words: "I will come back!". The Archbishop of Kiel, illegitimate brother of our beloved German Imperator, who was helping him to pack his material belongings, added: "And soon, too!". The ban on macaroni-eating has been expended to spaghetti, lasagne, noodles and ministrone.

Dublin (Free Press): Shares of the Galway firm of Burke & Toole crashed today to 1/4th after disclosure of the events surrounding last year's visit of the German showballing team. Amidst uproar on the floor of the Dublin Stock Exchange the company chairman Mr Seamus O'Toole still denied any connection with the iceberg so mysteriously spotted off the Galway coast last month.

Constantinople (New Govnt): The 1,497 year old Byzantine regime has at last been deposed! Emperor Alexius is to stand trial for the crime of betraying the Turkish people, in that he possessed only nine supply centres at the end of six year's hard campaigning. The new government, under First Speaker Mustapha Victory, has pledged an average expansion of two new bases conquered per year.

Ankara: Mustapha Victory has given the first speech of his reign. "As First Speaker of the High Praesidium of the Turkish Democratic Crypto-Fascist Warmongering State, I pledge that Turkey will become the leading world power in five years' time! We shall not rest until the Germans are stamped into the earth, the Italians are blotted out, the British are bludgeoned into fawning submission, and the French are drowned in their own vin ordinaire! Turkey must expand, and she will enforce her needs. Blessed are the Turks, for they shall inherit the Earth!" Mr Victory raved on like this for some time, until someone pointed out that he hadn't had anything to eat for twenty minutes, whereupon Mr Victory immediately finished speaking and disappeared into the nearest restaurant, whence he did not emerge for four full days.

Just about room for the moves....

GB: F Eng-Bre S by GERMANY F MAO. F Bel-Eng. A Pic S A GERMANY Bur-Par.
 F StP(N) stand. A Mos-Sev. F Tun-Ion S by F Tyr.
 G: F MAO S ENGLAND F Eng-Bre. A Bur-Par. A Mun-Tyr. A Boh S A Mun-Tyr. A Sil-Gal
 A Gal-Ukr S by A War.
 T: A Sev-Mos. A Ukr-Rum. A Vie-Tri S by A Ser, F Adr & F Alb. A Bud-Vie.
 F Aeg S F Ion stand.
 I: A Spa stand. A Ven-Rom. F Tus-Tyr S by F Nap. A Tyr-Mun. F Tri stand.
 F: A Gas-Mar S by A Pie. A Bre-Gas. A Par stand.
 Retreats: F/A Par, I/F Tri eliminated. A Tyr-Ven. F Tyr-Wes.

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'E' Game (wot no number) Spring 1903

Berlin: After several weeks of rioting, the streets of the capital were quiet last night. It was rumoured that the ranks of the anarchists were somewhat disordered after the dawn arrest of their leader Bernadette "Rosy" Luxembourg at a brothel in the centre of Berlin. It was repoted to be a citizen's arrest made by a dissatisfied customer.

Siberia (Prison Flatblock 18A, Linear North): Mr Ludicrously Sexless, sentenced to 450 years by the Interhational Courts of Liesnardian Justice, today made a statement to the prison newspaper. "Conditions here are terrible. I share a cell with eight Runts from 61 Cygni C and three clockwork oranges. The oranges! they're the worst. Every mealtime, they go wold. Out come the sticks and it's the old in-out and a good stretch of ultra-violence! Then they keep the whole cell awake night after night humming Beethoven to themselves. It's disgusting that I should be in the same cell as these hoodlums."

London (Govnt): The King's pet frog has given birth to a tadpole. Both mother and child are doing well.

English Channel: The first British football fleet made its first assault on the French here today. The French ships were powerless against the avalanche of toilet rolls, broken bottles and other projectiles which fell constantly on them, and after a short and inglorious battle the French sailors were in full retreat. The French flagship, the 'Cochon Volant' was boarded by a crowd of Everton supporters, and the crew were all strangled with their own Brest Wanderers scarves and clubbed with rattles.

Moscow (Privit, Personal column): Ivan Maulov wishes it to be known that he was responsible for the reproduction of the English King's pet frog. "The incident occured last year while I was visiting Satan College.....".

Kitty Hawk: The Runts are reported to be experimenting with heavier-than-air flying machines. Nicknamed "Soucoupes Volantes", the machines should be receiving their test flights soon.

GB: (Piggott) A StP-Liv. F Bel-Eng S by F Lon & F Nth. F Nbr S F Nth. F Liv-Iri.
 G: (Burton) A Hol-MS A Kie. F Den S F Bal-Swe. A Sil-Mun.
 R: (Maule) F Rum stand. A Sev-Ukr S by A Mos. A War-Liv. F Swe-GoB.
 T: (Bell) F Bla C A RUSSIA Sev-Rum. A Bul-Ser S by A Gre. F Aeg S A Gre. A Ank-Con.
 AM: (Haven) No moves received! A Bud, A Gal, A Try, A Ser stand.
 I: (Parker) A Tyr-Tri S by A Ven & F Adr. F Ion S F Adr.
 E: (Liesnard) A Par-Bur. A Pie-Tyr. A Spa-Mar. F Eng MS F Mid.

Retreats: F/F Eng-Bre. AH/A Ser-Alb. AH/A Tri-Vie.

Michel - your 'Tya' abbn for Tyrol is unique I think...the two Tyrs can't be confused as one can only be occupied by a fleet, the other by an army.

I'm sure you meant to send a move Will but I can find no sign of it. If certainly wasn't with your other orders....

I don't expect Will to miss again but will Martin Davis send moves for Austria just in case.

D: Game (from p.3)

GB: (Davis) 9 bases: 3 Eng, Nor, Bel, StP, Mos, Tun, Bre. Builds A London, F Liverpool.
 G: (Feron) 8 bases: 3 Ger, Den, Swe, Hol, War, Par. Builds A Mun.
 T: (Piggott) 11 bases: 3 Tur, 4 Balkans, Sev. Builds A Constantinople, A Ankara.
 I: (Feintuck) 4 bases: 3 Italy, Spa. Removes F Naples.
 F: (Hemming) 2 bases: Mar, Por. Removes A Pie.

'F' Game (Diadokhi) Autumn 219

Athens: After over a year of anarchic misgovernment by the Yesterday's Men of the Macedonian Senate, law and order have at last been restored by King Ionos Kataklysmos, but at vast cost to the ultimate safety of the realm. The country is presently in such a disgustingly degenerate and impoverished state that we trust the proximity of two fleets from Pergamum is intended to aid the Macedonian people to enter once again the white heat of the technological revolution rather than to kill them off entirely.

Carthage (Govt): The Senate of Carthage deplores the employment of foreign military advisors by the Romans, particularly from countries that have not yet been discovered. It also announces that any further jokes concerning 'Punic hair' will be punished by banishment to Rome, which is really held by the short and curlies. ((Glad we've got that joke out of the way - GM))

Rome (Govt): Aequam memento rebus in arduis servare mentem.

Cyrene: The Macedonian Envoy was intrigued to note the ingenious method by which a fleet was air-lifted from Cyrene to the Egyptian Sea last Spring....

San Francisco: In golden Hannibal Carthage days marchin' onto Rome knocking on the door and findin' nobody home there Rome she cut our army down and left them in the snow so now I go to where I come from now I go home to the Sun

- Paul Kantner.

Londra: King Huon of Granbretan today celebrated his two thousandth birthday. He pledged ~~support~~ eternal enmity toward all other nations in the world. Cheers...

Nr. Alexandria: A pigeon message from Hiram-bin-Ahab, round-the-world trirememan, revealed that the Egyptian fleet has not sailed East as was reported in the Egyptian press earlier in the year. Hiram reports that despite contrary winds which have held him up for the past six months he hopes to reach Sicilia by the end of the year.

R: (Maule) A Mas-Cel S by A UGer. F Lig-Nar. A Cis-Mas. A Nea-Syr. F Rom-Nea. A Sic S A Nea-Syr.

M: (Piggott) F Bar-Cre. A Ath stand. A Epi-Dal.

P: (Rinchon) A Lyd, F WAeg, F Thr, F WBux all unordered.

R: (Liesnard) F Pam, F Pis, A Phr, F EAeg all unordered.

S: (Peintuck) A Col-Sar. A Pon stand. F Cil stand. F Cyp-Lev. A Sel-Pal S by A Pho.

E: (Haven) F Egy, F Lev stand.* A Nab-Pal S by A Gal. A The, A Gar stand.

C: (Davis) A Cel MS A Nar. A Sag S A Nar. A Can-Aqu. F Cal-Ben. F Mel-Syr. A Tha-Num.

* Yes, last move F Cyr-Egy was not possible. I didn't see it (of course), but the new on the ball Macedonian Govnt pointed the error out.

Retreats: C/A Cel-Lug.

R: 9 bases: Rav, Rom, Nea, Sic, Syr, Sar, Cis, Mas, Cel. Builds A Rav, A Rom.

M: 7 bases: 3 Mac, Ath, Dal, Epi, Cre. Builds F Spa, A Pel, A Lar.

P: 5 bases: Per, Nic, Thr, Bit, Lyd. No builds received.

R: 5 bases: Rho, Pha, Pis, Car, Phr. No builds received.

S: 9 bases: 4 Syr, Arm, Pon, Cil, Pho, Cyp. Builds A Maz, F Ant.

E: 7 bases: 4 Egypt, The, Nab, Gar. Builds F Ale(N).

C: 9 bases: 4 Carthage, Lug, Aqu, Sag, Lep, Ben. F Car, A Tha, builds.

Actually you didn't specify which coast Will, but I assumed North....

Letters Andy Davidson - moves for Rhodes please (& Pergamum if you like!)

MARTIN DAVIS I should like to take the opportunity to qualify my comments in WB 27 on ETHIL and John Piggott. It really was his fault.

I have lost ETHIL 1 so I can't refer to it exactly but the point was that I took out a sub in good faith at a rate of 10 for 50p. Then ETHIL arrived with a notice that unless either another 50p or £1 were sent to him, he would not send the next issue to defaulters. I objected to this but didn't bother to write and tell him about it as I should have done. Instead I wrote my grouching letter to

WB27...and then got ETHIL 2! So there you are - obviously John didn't mean it, but I wish he'd said so, for his good and mine. I hope I haven't put anyone off ETHIL.

WILL HAVEN I suggest that in future, you neither operate any 'Time-saving' devices, which have already cost us a month and a half, but also make a strict rule that builds and moves not in WB by the time it goes out do not occur, so that no future troubles occur.

Dick Vedder may be right: I know that the Society of Ancients - the Ancient period table-top and model club - is flourishing and one of the largest in the UK.²

To his comments about any Egyptian Red Sea fleet, I disagree. True there was no Suez Canal, but the New Kingdom Pharaohs did build a canal joining the Nile to the Red Sea above Memphis; you might remember Queen Hatsheput's first expedition to the Land of Punt (Somalia, about), as represented on the walls of Deir el Bahri: the ships returned to Thebes - the capital of the Two Lands on the River Nile;

Hence, since D.V. defends this rule simply on the grounds of historical accuracy, I put it to him that it should be scrapped - not in 'F' game, I hasten to add, but in later games.

I dislike his victory criterion, which seem over-complex without reason; I shall just carry on until everyone is beaten: I don't see why any other criterion is necessary.

((That's obvious - to give the smaller powers a better chance of winning against their larger opponents))

I don't see what John Piggott is talking about: I play postal Dip much like I play ord Dip - surely he can't be suggesting people should make non-profitable alliances? I must confess to a certain annoyance when others refuse to agree to mutual optimum-profit arrangements,...

((Bad play is due to inexperience with Dippy generally rather than with postal play in particular I feel. The main difficulty I have found is that players tend to forget that the object of the game is to win, rather than to capture Rome, defeat Turkey, invade England or some such. It is pointless for instance to join a larger power against a smaller if the larger power's next victim will be yourself!))

MICHEL LIESNARD After some time Jean Rinchon and myself have found a means of reproducing variant maps in one piece rather than in several sheets.

We intend to use architect's paper, this will be much more practical for playing.

7 ((This I take it is Dyeline, the paper mill I work at makes paper for this process. Trouble is it is black only.))

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