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ChessmanCon

Yes, we managed a game on
Sunday afternoon. Your GM went
down in ignominious defeat as England
to the combined assault of France
(Haven) and Germany (Feron). At the
end it looked like France was the
winner. Could be I need more practice
at FTF Games....

British Diplomacy Club

Readers of ALBION will have
seen the announcement of the formation
of this new organisation in the latest
issue. I must admit this rather
alarmed me as despite offers by this
zine to discuss the possibility of
some organisation this was the first
I'd heard of the BDC. Anyhow I wrote
to both Don Turnbull of ALBION and
Graeme Levin, the BDC organiser, both
of whom sent replies which went some
way to reassuring me. Yesterday I
spoke to Mr Levin on the phone and
fixed a meeting with him.

To set the picture: Mr Levin is
launching a new magazine on the
British magazine market called 'Games
and Puzzles', which will deal with all
kinds of games. I understand a certain
D Turnbull will be contributing some
articles on Diplomacy. It should be
out next week, so watch your newstands!

As far as I can determine the
BDC will be primarily a publicity
organisation. Mr Levin is in a good
position to do this, as through his
magazine he has good contacts with
various people including the British
manufacturers of Diplomacy. Indeed he
already has a flyer advertising postal
Dippy included in Dippy sets in the
shops now. He says Dippy sells at
about 8-10,000 per year, which is a lot
more than I would have expected. If
one considers that every one of these
buyers will quickly discover, as we
already have, that Dippy is almost
impossible to play FTF, then we should
be in for a boom.....

MOVES 'D' (1971BU) SPRING 1908
'E' AUTUMN 1903
'F'

WB is 5/20p inland, 5/30p Europe,
5/31 USA Airmail. Game fee 25p (50c)
payable when game starts. We trade with
any zines that we like the look of.

Standby Players:

D - Liesnard
E - Feintuck, Feron
F - None

Waiting List

Regular: Davis, Feron, Hemming
Bolshevik: Piggott, Davidson.

Deadline

Monday 24th April.

BDC (cont)

A boom is fine if it isn't too
quick...after all there are only three
Dippyazines in the UK (excluding XL,
which was set up for running a special
variant only). I don't know how many
games the others are prepared to take on,
but there must be a limit...which
leaves us with a shortage of GMS. Oh....

The main reservation I have about
the BDC is that it will be running its
own games. To start with Don Turnbull
will be GM for these; other GMS will later
be used. Now I had visualised an
organisation along similar lines to those
in the USA, which would leave the zines
much as they are....but there it is -
we have a BDC now, the choice is either
to ignore it or to attempt to influence it.
As far as I can judge Mr Levin is still
very willing to listen to suggestions
or criticism, so I'm going to try for the
latter.

As to where the Belgian zines fit
into this...it would seem that they've
been left out. Again, I'd have preferred
a European organisation, as Dippy could
well expand on the Continent as well as
in the UK. I believe the BDC will be
open to foreign members however.

Another aspect to be considered is
contacts with the US Organisations. We
are already to some extent in the US orbit
in that 'Boardman Numbers' are assigned
to all games by Rod Walker. Don and
myself are both members of one of the

'E' Game Autumn 1903

London (Govnt): King John's pet frog is expected to give birth shortly to two more tadpoles.

English Channel: The first British football fleet is expected shortly to land in Picardy in order to pick up essential supplies of toilet paper, beer bottles and arsenic-flavoured garlic. French forces are not expected to resist the plundering of their homeland, as it is well known that the football fleet is invincible. Said Admiral of the Fleet Dribble Goalkick: "We're all right as long as the football fleet continues to love the British Government. Otherwise I don't know what would happen".

Anon: The Munich Beer Festival has been cancelled due to the proclamation of a State of Emergency in the South-Western areas of the Empire. The reason for the proclamation is said to be the appearance of a migrant band of French anarchists.

It is widely believed that their intention was to invade the Beer Festival and introduce the cheap Medoc (noted for its mediocrity) as a substitute for our glorious beer.

Kitz Hawk: The Runts have succeeded in flying their Soucoupes Volantes. High-placed sources in many governments have warned that the new machines may be a considerable nuisance to some of the more modern equipment now being used in battle, since the noise of the machines is likely to frighten the horses...

Siberia (Prison Flatblock 18A, Linear North): Mr Ludicrously Sexless today celebrated his 70th birthday. As a special present he was allowed to eat double the normal ration of meat this morning. His bread contained eight maggots instead of the usual four...

Berlin (TASS): It is rumoured that Bernadette "Russy" Luxembourg, well known Bolshevik agitator, has been smuggled in a sealed spaceship to Tau-Cygni disguised as a Runt. The German Government is said to hope that she will cause so much trouble there that all the Runts at present disrupting Europe will go home.

GB: F Eng-Pic. F Nth-Bel. F Lon-Nth. F Iri-MAO. F Nor MS A StP.

F: A Bur-Bel. A Mar-Pie. A Tyr S AUSTRIA A Alb-Tri. F Bre MS F MAO.

R: F GoB-StP(S). A Mos S F GoB-StP(S). F Rum-Sev. A Ukr-Gal S by A War.

G: F Den MS F Swe. A Mun MS A Kie. A Hol-Ruh.

T: A Ser MS A Gre. F Aeg S A Gre. A Con-Bul. F Bla S A Con-Bul.

AH: A Alb-Ser. A Gal-Rum S by A Bud. A Vie-Gal.

I: A Tri MS A Ven. F Adr S A Tri. F Ion S F Adr.

Retreats: none.

GB: (Piggott) Lon Lpl Edi Nor StP Bel = 6. No change.

G: (Burton) Ber Kie Mun Hol Den + Swe = 6. Builds A Berlin.

R: (Maule) Mos War Sev ~~Sev~~ ~~Sev~~ = 3. Removes F Sev (R) and F GoB (GM).

T: (Bell) Con Ank Smy Gre+Sér Bul = 6. No builds received.

AH: (Davis) Bud Vie ~~Vie~~ ~~Vie~~ + Rum = 3. Removes A Albania.

I: (Parker) Rom Nap Ven Tun + Tri = 5. Builds A Rome.

F: (Liesnard) Par Mar Bre Spa Por = 5. No change.

Note: Yes, I'm trying out another system. Bases lost in the preceding year are crossed out ~~/////~~, while those gained are +. Might make it a bit easier.

BDC(cont)

American groups, the NFFFGBDD, which is an association of GMs and other worthies. I don't know what the attitude of the BDC will be to such groups.

Any further news will certainly be reported in these pages.

Expiring Subs

Just to make it clear - there is a section on the back of the blue sheets carrying lists of publications received which warns if your sub is about to run out. Otherwise I will attempt to warn you beforehand, probably with a handwritten note underneath your address.

House Rules. Note that the old rules still apply for rule-interpretations only for games 'D' and 'E' only. I can't change these games onto the new Rulebook without the player's unanimous agreement (which I'd be glad to receive - hint!).

'F' Game (Diadokhi)

I've had protest letters from MMs Liesnard and Rinchon concerning last move, which both missed, as I didn't receive orders from them. Both are certain that the orders were posted in good time.....

MICHEL LIESNARD ...It's obviously not your fault if they haven't arrived, but I consider it inadmissible that one or even several players should suffer the failings of the postal services. I request as strongly as possible that the autumn 219 moves are annulled and that they are replayed.

This will slow up the game and cause some bad feeling, I'm well aware, but since no one is at fault why should we suffer? It should be fairly obvious that the situation of Rhodes and Pergamum with a move missed is so bad that we would prefer to drop out of the game altogether.

JEAN RINCHONAlso I've noted that Macedoni (another Belgian) was eliminated in the same fashion two moves previously. If the Belgians can't play the game shouldn't be open to them, or if you want to eliminate them, do it properly by 'diplomacy'.

Both players have indicated that they will drop out if their moves are not accepted. This puts the game in a poor state, as I don't have any replacement moves from Andy Davidson either. Since this is a new variant and is, at least in part, being played to see if it works, I propose that while Rhodes and Pergamum do miss the Autumn move, since we have all seen the moves from the other players, that they be allowed the builds they are due, i.e. one unit each. This depends of course on the agreement of the other five players, and on MMs Liesnard and Rinchon themselves agreeing to this compromise.

As far as delays in Belgian post go, I've not yet had a late move from Michel Feron. I've had no word of protest from Jean-Paul Macedoni over being dropped; I can only presume he did in fact miss those moves.

The builds would be:

RHODES: F Rho

PERGAMUM: F Nic

everyone will (1) State if they are willing to accept the above arrangement (2) Submit moves for Spring 218, or say that they wish their moves already submitted to stand.

If the five players do not agree to this, or if the two drop out anyway, will the five please say whether they wish to carry on immediately or suspend the game until two replacement players are found. This latter will go by majority vote.

Here endeth the lesson.

Note: In the new draft of Diadokhi the confusion over the abbreviation 'Car' is corrected. Carthage retains these letters, while Caria becomes Karia and is thus written 'Kar'. I propose to use this in future, so please alter your maps accordingly.

Also John Piggott says his map has a supply centre for Narbo. This must have been an error on my part - please note that Narbo is not a supply centre.

'D' Game (1971BU) Spring 1908

Berlin (Govnt): The Minister for Foreign Affairs commented today on the recent changes in the Turkish Government. Those changes will not affect the policy of the German Empire regarding Turkey. To quote Herr Scipio von Africa, "Turkey delenda est!"

Another book by Herr Professor Sauerkraut und Pajaten Fritte, recently released in Germany and other German speaking countries (like Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Poland and France), has already sold out...it's called "61 Cygni is German!"

Rome: The new Italian Government has denounced the Catholic Church as being in the pay of foreign imperialists. The official state religion is to be the worship of the Supreme Being as embodied in our glorious emperor. Efforts are being made to reinstate macaroni and ice cream as the nation's staple diet.

Berlin (Summer Palace of the Kaiser): Former Eastern Emperor Alexius, who just managed to leave the jails of the new neo-fascist Turkish government, arrived yesterday in Berlin. He will be staying at our Kaiser's Palace till we can find him a new Empire. As our Kaiser said: "We Emperors must stick together... (No pun intended)".

Stockholm (Die Skandinavisch Zeitung): The Nobel Prize for Arithmetic Sciences has been awarded to the famous German scientist, Herr Professor Calculus, for having discovered that $18 - 8 = 10$.

Paris: Dwight Glimmung, organiser of the 'Send the Runts back to 1903' Campaign, announced that his petition had now acquired it's millionth signature. It will soon be presented to the League of Nations.

GB: (Davis) F StP(N)-Nwy. A Mos S GERMAN A Ukr-Sev. F Wes-GoL. F Tun-Tyr.
A Pic-Bur. F Bre S GERMAN A Par-Gas. F Lpl-Iri. A Lon-Bel C by F Eng.
G: (Feron) A Par-Gas. F MAO S A Par-Gas. A Mun S ENGLAND A Pic-Bur. A Ukr-Sev.
A Gal-Rum. A Boh-Vie. S by A Tyr. A War-Ukr.
T: (Piggott) A Vie-Bud S by A Tri. A Con-Bul. A Sev-Ukr S by A Rum. A Ank-Arm.
A Ser S A Rum. F Ion-Apu S by F Adr. F Aeg-Ion S by F Alb.
I: (Feintuck) F Tyr-GoL. A Spa-Por. A Rom MS A Ven.
F: (Hemming) A Mar-Bur. A Gas S ITALY A Spa.

Retreats: T/A Sev eliminated. F/A Gas-Spa (forced).

The shattered English army fell back from Chester to regroup in the South.

The result? -

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