



The Jeanne d’Arc Exploit

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Summary

I name this strategy after the French Martyr, Joan of Arc, patron saint of France, Captives, Martyrs etc.

I consider this an **Exploit Strategy**; unsportsmanlike and very meta-gamey and should not be played.

In one of my games, using the base vanilla Global War 1936, I came across an interesting exploit in which the Allies cooperated in such a way that they drained the French treasury before Paris fell and utilized it in assisting the British in gaining substantial neutral territory to increase their production.

In so doing, the Allies did not break any rules in any way. I hope this will be fixed in the next manual.

5.5 The Ability to Declare War: Each nation has different conditions under which it can declare war which are listed on their National Reference Sheet. In some cases, the nation only needs to reach its full Wartime Income level. In other cases there are more conditions to be met. Once you are able to declare war you may do so at any time, even during another player’s turn.

Rules

According to the rules, you may be able to declare war at any time, even during another player’s turn. This is further referred to in **8.1 Declarations of War**. This implies that at any point, even mid-enemy turn (and perhaps even mid-combat), that if a nation meets the conditions and pays the applicable penalty; it can declare war on specific nations.

Alignment of Neutral Nations

Table 4-4.

Allies	Axis	Comintern
Nations Align with the Allies if the Axis declare war on them. Nations come under Allied Control if they are Attacked by the Axis but the Attacking power is not at war with the Allies.	Nations Align with the Axis if the Allies or USSR declare war on them. Nations come under Axis Control if they are Attacked by the Allies or USSR but the Attacker (Allies or USSR) is not at war with the Axis.	Certain Nations Align to the USSR if any nation declares war on; Mongolia Republican Spain (once they have won the civil war). These two come under USSR Control if they are Attacked by anyone but the USSR is not at war with the attacker.
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W. Hemisphere (USA) All Others (Commonwealth)	All others (Germany) Siam (Japan)	Assign to USSR

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The Second World War began. Poland was invaded, bringing Britain and France into war. Germany bypassed the Maginot through Holland and Belgium and took Picardy. It was likely that Paris would fall the very next turn.

This exploit could happen even if Germany goes to war and takes Paris in one turn, or in sixteen turns.

Just before Paris fell, before the German turn, or during the German turn, or during the attack on Paris. The French player consulted his allies, reaffirming a plan in place, and then used the IPP in the French treasury to declare war on any nation the Commonwealth player wished to acquire.

With the Fall of France imminent, the French Treasury would have been liquidated anyway. Rather than it go to waste, France used it to help its Ally in a very clever way.

Can France Declare War on:	Answer:
Any Neutral	Yes (10IPP penalty*)
Germany	Yes, but not until France reaches full production and Germany has attacked at least one European Neutral
Italy	Yes, but not until France has reached full production and Italy has attacked at least one European neutral (or
USSR	Yes, but only if the USA has declared war on the USSR.
Britain, USA, Nationalist China	No
Communist China	Yes
Vichy France	Yes (Vichy France would cease to be neutral and its forces would enter the war on the side of the Axis.

The Penalty for France to declare war on any neutral is 10IPP. Frances treasury was 17 IPP (its wartime income).

France declared war on two nations, with the shortfall of 3 IPP supplied by Britain. Its ally, who had been prepared.

Specifically, in this case; the French declared war on Iraq and Iran. This was done so that the British player could acquire the value of the territory and nullify the loss of its French Ally.

The British subsequently swooped in, securing 2 & 3 IPP per turn for the British Income.

But they could have just as easily declared war on Portugal and Spain, securing 2 & 2 IPP, and a mountain foothold in Europe within easy distance for the American New York – Castille shuttle. Perhaps Turkey could be targeted, who could easily lose its capital from the Mediterranean. Norway, Finland, Sweden. Perhaps Ireland, for an easy 1 IPP.

Perhaps, with prior agreement with the Americans, perhaps South America. Breaking the Monroe Doctrine **“may”** allow the USA to declare war on the aggressor. But that does not say **“must”**.

In short, there are many options available for the French to lash out on as they fall, at no cost to the French, as they lose the IPP’s anyway, and only a little to the British if the second nation is chosen.

This final sacrifice of Paris will allow the French to assist the Allies in the war of France’s Liberation.

Cheers Gentlemen!

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