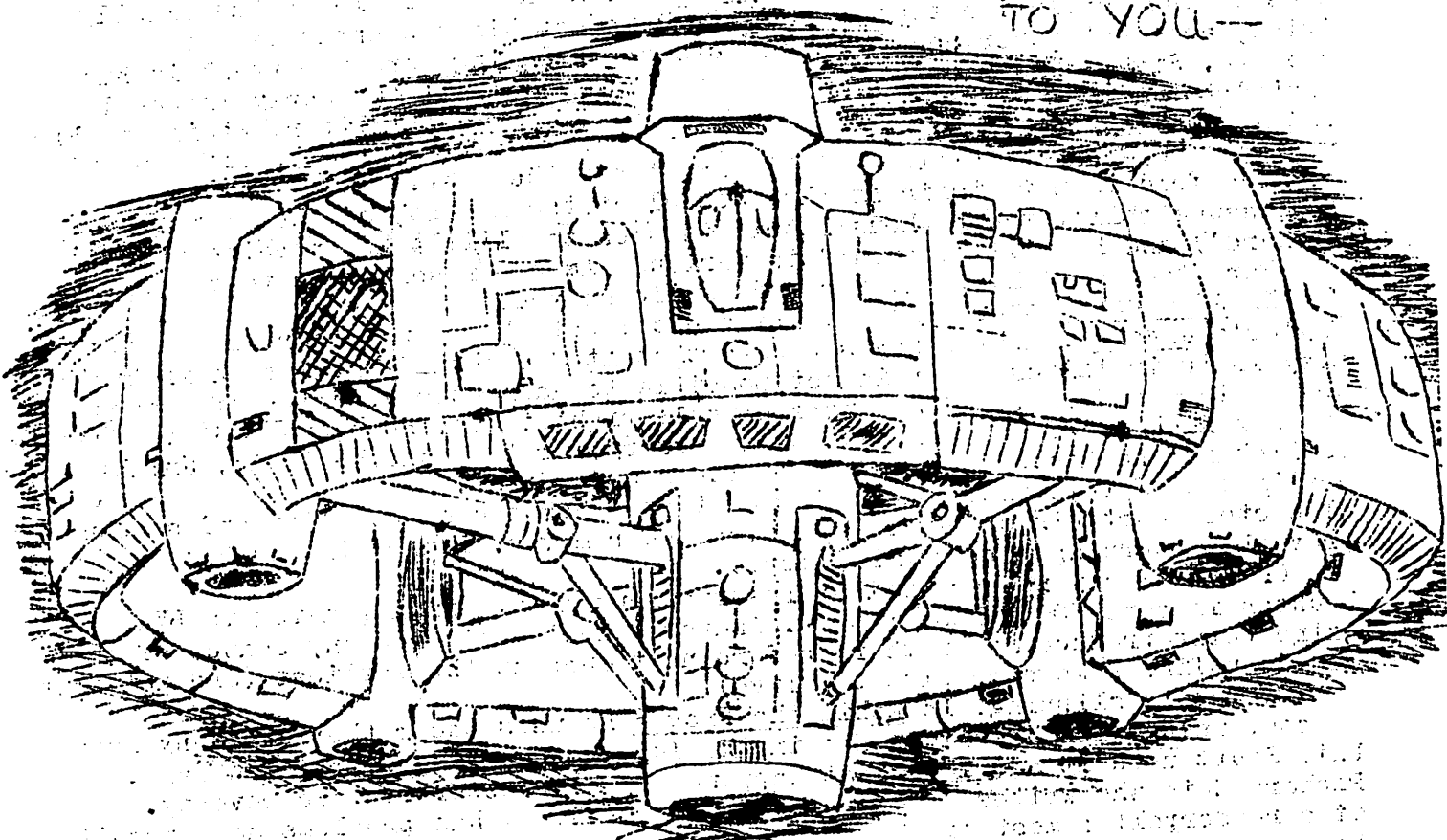
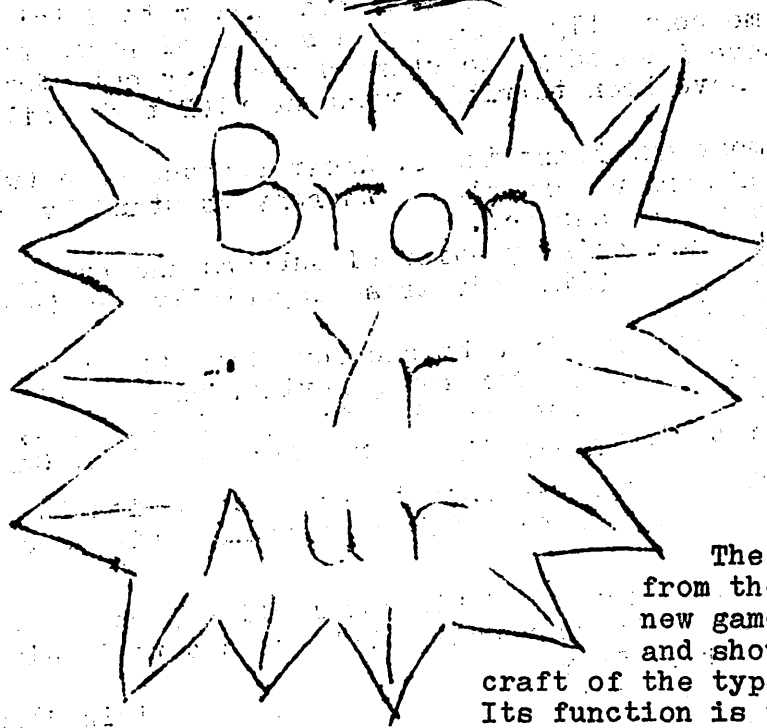


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This is Bron Yr Aur
a postal Diplomacy
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This collection of
dross costs 1p a sheet
plus postage

'Ello, all you wonderful people out there in dippy land. This issue is being run off in large numbers—ten, perhaps even twelve including subscriber copies....., in the hope that some of you at Midcon will be induced to part with some filthy lucre as a sub(to the hairy freak in the purple Rick Wakeman tee-shirt and blue cord jacket). Others of you might also receive this from the 'Zine Bank if I get around to finding the address.

The spacecraft above came from the fronsheet of SPI's new game Battlefleet Mars, and shows an astroif mining craft of the type known as a catapult. Its function is to accelerate containers of ore to high speed before releasing it in the direction of its destination. There a second catapult latches onto the container and decelerate it to be picked up by a shuttle and landed on a planetary surface. Of course having a strong power unit for this type of work a catapult can run an extremely powerful laser for warlik purposes....

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See y'all

Babble (ba'-bl)v.t. and i. chatter senselessly

Well I'm sitting here surrounded by the aftermath of the party we held here at the cottage last night. We were celebrating the coming of age of the homebrew - 21 days old, and not a drop of the five gallons reached 22.

So rather than continue the vain attempt to get my head together and produce a witty and interesting editorial on some totally boring subject I will as usual babble about the various other 'zines on the pile in front of me

Shock, horror, drama! Mad Policy folds. Richard Walkerdine has finally come to the conclusion that he cannot re-inject his old enthusiasm into the 'zine, and that other non-dip interests are becoming more important in his old age. Sigh, this completes the winning out of all the early 'zines I sub'd to in my first couple of years: Brigate, Bolshevik Star, Ethil the Frog and now MP. My early days playing Dip in MP were very enjoyable..if I wasn't wary of sounding nostalgic I might almost say the best.

The fold is more imminent than actual at the moment, as there will be a few issues whilst the re housing bit is seen to (I'll take anything going Richard!) and he will be around in various games for some time to come.

Fare thee well RJW, may the Gods smile on you.

In Ad Nauseam there are letters and comment about an editorial in Roy Taylor's Jigsaw in which Roy suggests that it GMs should not let their brothers play in their 'zines as it is not possible to guarantee security of orders before the deadline. and he drops himself right in it. He accuses Steve Pratt's brother Richard of sneaking a look at orders for the game he is in. Unlikely as Richard and Steve do not live at the same address.

On top of this there is an incident at a Hammoncon where Roy and someone else stole Martin's order file to plan their moves. I'm reminded about a proverb concerning pots and kettles...

Oh and if anyone has similar reservations about Simon playing in BYA, Taunton is some 500 miles from St. Andrews and I don't see any chance of the 'zine being produced down there before next June at the earliest (and not then if I can find somewhere else to live).

Piggot is slipping! In Ethil the Frog 8 he uses the rather un-funny idea of conversing with his Alter Ego in the full harsh glare of printed page. Phil Stutt used it and look what happened to him - Soccerbore and poverty. Richard Geis who writes a column in Galaxy (sf mag) has problems as a result of a readerpoll: most of the readers preferred Alter to Geis! And finally if my memory serves me correctly there was a series of press releases running in 1973 featuring Steve Doubleday who started dropping out (for the first time) Beware Piggot. There have been terrible omens seen! (Bet the silly bugger takes no notice.)

Rats 15 is an almost excellent issue. Almost because of a (whisper it)..nash article-half a page of serious article Anarchy vs Stand-by at the end of a page of gross press on the subject.

The good bits are Pete Swanson's eye-view of subbers and traders bloody amusing and full of interesting info (like addresses- especially one in Cupar I must send him a copy of BYA....).

Also a transcript of the speech given by one Screwtape to the graduating class of the Tempter's Training College for Young Devils, on the subject of Drop-Outs. Very Good. And he gives BYA a plug and that is good in my book, but then he spoils the effect by plugging Rhubovia after describing Tony Crouch as follows

"Has been known to argue non-existent dippy rules with the book open in front of him, and then throw matches at the laughing spectators.
Dangerous."

On the subject of this person and his publication just to set the record straight Tony has not got a brother called Bob but a certain Jim Manley has. Err, What was this all about Tony?

Diplomacy World, a mag (It is too pro to be a mere "'zine") produced by a colonial person named Walter. ..chance! Honestly!

My issue is vol 2 no 4 (Winter 75) so I do not know what DW really looks like now. Tony Crouch got one of this year's issues which sounds similar to mine. Articles on stats, Tactics, variants etc etc etc... I just could not get through it. The intention of DW is to "give the average player the 'big picture' a very laudable idea but for me the miss is better than the mile! All that the average player is likely to get is mental indigestion. I found GettyNews more interesting and that is in french! So I'm trading with the latter but not the former (And bang goes my intention not to trade with foreign 'zines).

New Statsman 1 has appeared. It is a stats 'zine from Mick Bullock.

And this is the end of the page from Pete Lindsay.

The Game

Firstly my thanks to Nigel Sedgwick for sending his orders in an envelope with a 10¹/₂p stamp- pity that the Postie would not give the surplus to me, despite the fact that a couple of days later he took 3p off Alex (one of the sinners working off his Karmic Burden here) for Mike MacLeod's orders at 5¹/₂p. Must remember to pay Alex back.

MU 6

Spring 1906

France F Cly-NAO, F ECH c A Pic-Wal, A Pic-Wal, F Mar-Spa(sc),
Nigel Sedgwick A Tus-Pie, F Tun-ION.

Austria A Tyr-Ven, A Rom st. F Nap s (Ffrench) F Tun-ION.
Mike MacLeod

Russia A Ser s A Bul, A Bul s F BLA-Con, F BLA-Con, F Sev-Arm,
Frank-wood A Tri s A Vie-Tyr, A Vie-Tyr, A Gal-Sil, A War-Pru, A Stp-Nor,
A Swe s F NTH-Den, F NTH-Den, F Den-BAL, F NWG-NTH.

England F Lon gets ready to retreat (Not this time though), F Bel st
Tony Crouch whistling nervously, A Lpl s (French) F Cly-Edi.

Germany F Edi s F HEL-NTH, F Hal s F HEL-Nth, F HEL-NTH, A Kie-Mun,
Steve Hill A Ruh-Bur.

Turkey NMR!!! A Gre, F's ION, EMS, AEG. all stand!!!
Linda Thompson Too busy with wet bottles and warm nappies? (or should that be the other way about?)

Retreats: Turkish F ION disbanded as no retreat space given.

Press

London::MU 6 End of Game Proposal!

- 1) 1st Russia, 2nd England, 3rd= Others except 7th Italy
- 2) " 2nd Others except 7th Italy

Hebe G.B. hahahaha! Very funny Tony....Oh you mean it. Oh well! 100% "YES" vote, required from all sending in orders, to finish game on one or other of the above.

I was quite horrified when I first saw that, I thought I might end up running a 'zine with no game after issue 9, but the waiting list has filled out since then I'm glad to say!

Londan-Smyna

Nice one Linda.

Londan-Rome

We recognise the new Government of Italy...but who will be the next owner?

Hebe G.B. Given three guesses I'd say Russia, or Russia, or perhaps Russia.

Londan-Berlin

Cocked it up didn't you?

Londan-Paris

What's all this then? A Pic s F ECH-Bel???

Londan-Moscow

Why should I leave you out? ((Why not?))

Well won Frank.

Austrian Government-France

Having opened Diplomatic channels with the French Government, the Austrian Government wait with baited breath for further developments, while leaving the majority of courses of action open.

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Opertunistic capitalistic imperialist expansionism rules! O.K?

But not naked, if you please. I am sure that no nudity, crudity or lewdity would be permitted by the Lady Hundra.

In order to keep it clean, our invincible forces have been put under the command of General Domestos who kills all known Germans.

Hebe G.B. Groan!

I don't suppose you would like to let my dear Mother know that about Lady Hundra would you?

She wrote to me accusing me of printing "dirty bits" and had quite a rant on the subject.

I disagreed.

The Bron Yr Aur Education Section

As usual the next couple of pages are devoted to educating you. After the success of last issue's gardening article I was hoping to bring you a further one on post-harvest processing and marketing methods for your produce, however the asset stripping group "Constabulary and Law ltd." (a subsidiary of "H.M. Government & Co.") have made a strong bid for several of the connections I had in mind, throwing the market into a state of flux and considerable agitation. Certainly this is not the time for amateur concerns to risk the market.

Instead in the place of that article I am proud to be allowed to present a trial edition of the Open University General Science Foundation Course (section III-X, to be discussed 3.65 am BBC Radio 2, 31.9.77)

The Laws of Nature (i)
Introduction

Most Diplomacy players have at least some knowledge of the basic laws of nature, either through school and university or equally often through the intensive reading of science fiction from their tender years (1).

The more familiar laws include those such as Newton's Laws of Motion, Piggot's Laws of Fanzines, Ohm's Law, Asimov's Laws of Robotics, and especially if they are fans of Flanders and Swan, the Laws of Thermodynamics.

However modern astronomy and sub-nuclear physics seem in places to suggest that these so called "Laws" may not be of universal application. The strange places we know as quasars and black holes, or the fundamental (perhaps) particles known as quarks behave in such peculiar ways as to suggest that as in buddhism or relativity, all reality is illusory and observer orientated. That there are no "Laws" with a capital "L".

This is incorrect. There are some laws which are eternal.

Indeed it must be admitted that they are at first glance human Laws but Mutatis Mutandis they will probably apply in all situations in the physical universe as well, if care enough is taken to find them.

It is then the intention of this paper to bring to the attention of the reader some of these less well known universal Laws.

Sodde's Law

A basic and extremely important basis for much further work was the discovery, although revelation may be a more apt term, of Sodde's Law in the early 1860's.

Professor Theodameus Sodde had a distinguished but relatively uneventful career as Professor of Philosophy at the University of Leichtenstein in the middle of the nineteenth century.

One of his hobbies was folk dancing and it is believed that he first propounded his law whilst taking part in the famous Leichtenstein folk dance festival of "Das Sloschengetten an der Schloss" held in a rather bacchanalian atmosphere at the Schloss Vaduz at the end of the wine pressing.

During one particularly energetic dance the Professor unfortunately broke his braces and his leather shorts descended around his ankles.

It was in the ensuing hush that Professor Sodde was clearly heard enunciating his famous law:

"Things always happen at the most inappropriate time."

Although the Professor Sodde unfortunately passed away (when the Chief of Police returned home unexpectedly to see his wife (sic)) before he could make use of his insight (sic) this law is now accepted as one of the basic laws governing the behavior of both animate and inanimate systems.

This however was only a start. Soon another man came forth with further insights into the basic nature of the universe. For reasons that will become apparent little is generally known of his works apart from his First Law and that only in certain highly sensitive fields of study-in everyday life his law is so manifest that people fail to recognise it.....

The man's name was Edsel Murphy.....

Next issue:- The keys to the universe, Murphy's Laws.

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At Buckler-Play

Wandering Jew stabbed four times in the back, Dick o'Tuesday a cut throat. Jolly Hangman attempted to take own life after being gnawed in the foot by three enormous weasels. The White Lady unscathed. Foot and Mouth, N. Cheshire, 30 animals destroyed.

