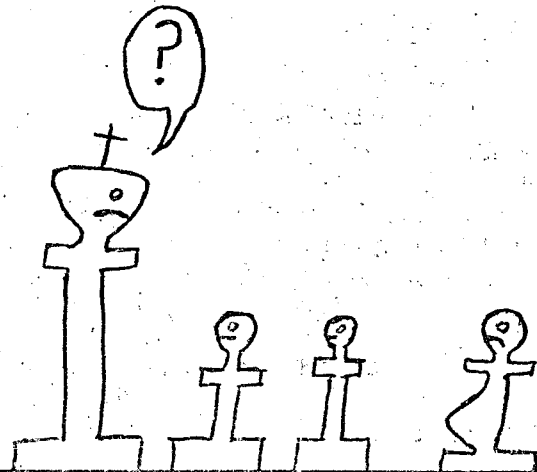
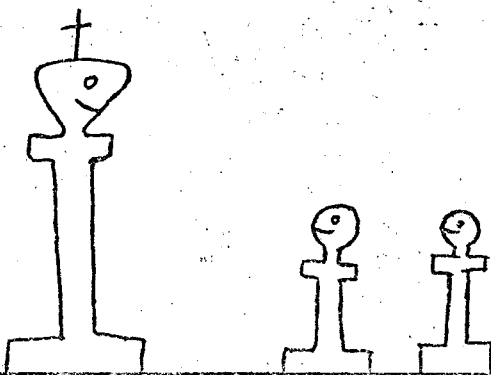


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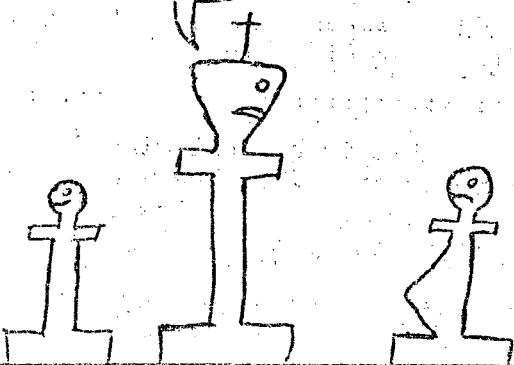
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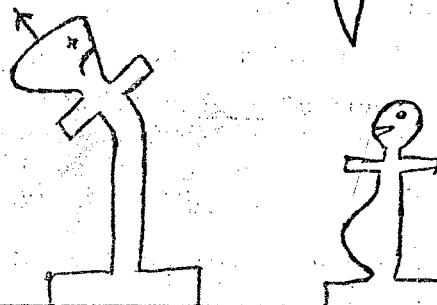
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WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?



WELL, ALL I DID WAS ASK JOEY WHAT A "BISHOPRIC" IS, AND....



Here we go, the 49th issue of MAD POLICY, a zine of postal Diplomacy from Richard J. Walkerdine of 'Cheriton', 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN. Subs are 6p plus postage per issue (4/2 airmail, 7/2 surface to North America) and game fees are 40p for IDA members, 60p for others.

Today is Monday, October 27th, 1975.

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STILTY BANDS

- 'I': Coombe.
- 'Q': Challenger, Murphy.
- 'T': Knowles, Kelly.
- 'W': Lindsay, Kelly.
- 'O': Kelly, Murphy.
- 'R': Black, Prevot, Murphy.
- 'U': Lindsay.
- 'X': Willey.
- 'P': Black, Tant.
- 'S': Noble, Kelly.
- 'V': Tant.

Orders requested from anyone underlined please - see particular game for details.
'U', 'V' and 'X' could do with a bit of a boost - anyone?

CoA

- DAVE BLACK to 5 Baliol Street, Glasgow, C3, Scotland.
- CHARLES BURTON to c/o ATC, Old Park Hotel, St Lawrence, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
- ANDY DAVIDSON to 513 Whitton Avenue West, Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 ODY.
- MARTIN HAMMON to 54 Orchard Road, Brentford, Middlesex.
- JOHN LETTICE to 19 Dresden Road, London, N19.
- TERRY KNOWLES to Room 914, University College Residence, Laurentian University A, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 2C6, Canada.
- DUNCAN MORRIS to 4 Earls Road, Alexandra Park, Salisbury, rhodesia.
- STEVE PLATER to H4 Old Court, Clare College, Cambridge, CB2 1TL.
- MARTIN RUNDLE to 63 Whealeys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2LL.
- PHIL STUTT to 10 Muller Road, Horfield, Bristol 7.

THE DEADLINE

'U' and 'W' (to Morrison) & the Bourse (to RJW) : MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH.

All other games (except 'X' - see p3): WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH.

NOTE: It seems rather likely that we'll finally be moving around the above dates, so don't panic if the next issue is delayed a few days. Please continue to send all correspondence to my present address until I tell you otherwise.

The 13th issue of TFT is being distributed with this issue, bringing to 91 the number of completed British regular games now reported. Anyone who wants copies but doesn't already get them, please yell (they're 1p each). Issue 14 will be out with the next MP providing I get time to do it by then.

Once again we give grateful thanks to Conrad's K35 as the source of this issue's cover.

'Hello, good evening, welcome, super, fantastic, hello, welcome, fantastic, ...

And as the drone of a thousand hackneyed cliches reverberates in our ears we wave farewell to our loved ones and enter the hallowed portals of...er....

...well let's start a new game, anyway - and this one has a special feature, which those of you who have been around this hobby for a year or more will immediately recognise; a rave from the grave, a blast from the past; read on....

The start of MP 'X' game, or 1975FW....

AUSTRIA: John Meadon, 8 Red House Lane, Walton on Thames, Surrey, KT12 1EF.

ENGLAND: David Tant, 32 Nursery Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA7 4JZ.

FRANCE : Martin Hammon, 54 Orchard Road, Brentford, Middlesex.

GERMANY: John Lettice, 19 Dresden Road, London, N19.

ITALY : Martin Rundle, 63 Whealeys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2LL.

RUSSIA : Steve Plater, H4 Old Court, Clare College, Cambridge, CB2 1PL.

TURKEY : Nick Baker, 112 Honiton Road, Exeter, Devon.

Money next. New sub required from Meadon and a game fee and a sub required from Hammon and Tant please. Ta. Rest of you had plenty in the bank...

Your first deadline is the now traditional two issues hence to give you extra time to get started - that should be December 17th, but check next ish.

And this is an MP game of course, so orders to good ol' RJW please...

Happy hunting...

Oops, nearly forgot. We'd better ask a standby to cover all the countries, just in case, so would PAUL WILLEY (c/o La Casa Inglesa, Avenida Marques de Sotelo 1, Valencia-2, Spain) please send me standby orders for all the countries during the next month or so. Ta Paul - what's it like living in a country where terrorists are dealt with in the proper manner?...

And that depletes the waiting list somewhat. 'Y' game, which I'd like to start in issue 52, has the following names on it: !!

Anyone fancy a game?

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The MWR Rating System

Results from the first 84 completed British games (TFT 1 - 12). Currently active players who have completed at least three games only.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Mean Value</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
France	892	643
Germany	620	660
England	559	646
Russia	465	603
Austria	252	682
Italy	-735	614
Turkey	-2052	666

<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Av. Rating</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>	<u>No. Games</u>
Mick Bullock	17	5335	2043	3
Pete Swanson	19	4565	2019	3
Gus Ferguson	22	4276	1745	4
Ray Evans	23	4072	1744	4
Richard Walkerdine	25	3921	1567	5
John Coombe	30	3632	2021	3
Tony Ball	36	3026	1745	4
John Hendry	37	3008	1744	4
Allan Owens	38	2929	1744	4
Chris Harvey	39	2774	2020	3
Stewart Buckingham	44	2565	2019	3
John Piggott	45	2443	966	13

(MWR Contd...)

Player	Position	Av. Rating	Standard Deviation	No. Games
Ron Kelly	48	2362	2018	3
Will Haven	50	2180	2021	3
Richard Scott	51	2131	2020	3
Graham Jeffery	52	2112	2020	3
Edi Birsan	54	1632	2021	3
Andy Davidson	55	1540	866	16
Richard Sharp	57	1431	1555	5
Peter Robertson	61	1035	1765	4
John Morrison	62	1023	1745	4
David Wheeler	64	793	2019	3
Dave Black	66	743	2020	3
Andrew Waldie	70	701	1008	12
Martin Davis	71	637	2043	3
Geoff Nuttall	72	550	2019	3
Les Pimley	73	487	1106	10
Charles Burton	74	251	1763	4
John Meadon	75	156	1426	6
Duncan Morris	79	-148	2020	3
Phil Shaw	80	-324	2019	3
Wink Thompson	81	-474	2044	3
Andrew Herd	103	-2758	1570	5
Howell Davies	104	-3048	1583	5
Chris Hancock	106	-3227	1745	4
Steve Plator	107	-3324	2019	3

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1973BYbb ('I' - Multiplicity) -- Autumn 1910 ITALY GEARED FOR SPEEDY REVERS

Summer retreat: Italian 2A Ber - Sil.

ENGLAND (Doubleday): 2A/F Ber SPLIT = A Ber + A Sil + F Bal, A Ber MS A Mun,
 2F Eng - Lon, 4F Pic S A Bre, 2A Tyr SPLIT = A Pic + A Tyr,
 A Tyr S A Tyr - Pic.

FRANCE (Morris): A Mar stands.

ITALY (Meadon): F Lon stands, 3F MAO SPLIT = F Eng + 2F NAO, F Spa(SC) stands,
 2A Ven - Rom, A Gal - Ukr, 2A Sil - War.

TURKEY (Davidson): 3A Tri SPLIT = A Ven + 2A Tri, 2A Tri S A Tri - Ven, 2A Bul - Rum,
 2F Ion SPLIT = F Tun + F TyS, F Nap - Rom, F Aeg - Ion, F Bla stands.

Retreat: Italian F Lon to Nth, Wal, Yor or disbands.

Winter 1910 Adjustments

E:15 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Hol, Den, Nwy, Swe, StP, Kie, Bel, Mos, Mun,
 Par, +Ber, +Bre. Builds 2.

F: 1 Centre: Mar. No change.

I: 5 Centres: ~~Nap~~, Rom, ~~Vic~~, ~~Tyr~~, Spa, Por, ~~Tri~~, ~~Tun~~, ~~Yor~~, +War.
 Removes 5.

T:13 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Sev, ~~Yor~~, Ser, Bud, Gre, +Ven, +Tri,
 +Tun, +Nap. Builds 3.

Retreats, builds and removals only next time please.

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Mr. John Piggott

Subsequent to the publication and distribution of the previous issue of this journal it was learned that the cartoon used on the cover was originally the work of a Mr. John Piggott, self-styled 'leader' of the 'Frog Empire'. The management would like to apologise to Mr. Piggott for any embarrassment caused by this presentation of one of his lesser works to the general public.

'T' Game Bourse

<u>Spring '03 Dealings</u>	<u>CROWNS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>FRANCS</u>	<u>MARKS</u>	<u>LIRA</u>	<u>ROUBLES</u>	<u>PIASTRES</u>
Ethilfrog Finance	+2452	+500	0	-500	-500	-500	-500
Phil Stutt	+1782	0	0	0	-500	-499	-500
Pete Swanson	+1663	-500	0	-500	0	+501	-500
'Shylock'	+270	+1	+1000	-500	0	0	-500
Embull Enterprises	+2069	0	+408	-499	-499	-500	-500
'Credit Suisse'	+1775	0	-216	0	-500	0	-500
Steve Pratt	+3100	+8	-500	-500	-223	-500	-500
'Cuthbert'	+755	+1926	+85	-500	0	0	-500
Dave Pollard (NMR)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Nye (NMR)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Ball	+38	-500	+1100	0	-500	0	-500
Phil Murphy	+705	0	+500	0	-500	0	-500
'Aries'	+1372	0	-500	-300	+383	+501	-500
'Devil'	+169	0	+108	0	0	-500	0
Jeremy Maiden	+150	-500	+600	+350	-500	+9	-500
<u>Nett Trade</u>	+16300	+935	+2585	-2949	-3339	-1488	-6000
<u>Old Value - \$/unit</u>	1.68	0.77	2.51	3.02	1.97	1.11	2.91
<u>New Value - \$/unit</u>	3.31	0.86	2.76	2.73	1.64	0.97	2.31

A lot of you are still rounding up individual transactions and, almost, losing money by it: Steve Pratt had one extra pound bought, Phil Stutt had one less rouble sold, Pete Swanson had one extra rouble bought. The Dennis Healey Award for Economic Bungling goes this month to 'Cuthbert', who thinks that $1510 + 1455 = 1965$. Purchases of crowns, pounds and francs have been increased proportionately.

And we have a couple of personnel changes. Pete Lindsay has had to drop out of the game due to his need to cut back his activities, and Jeremy Maiden has entered the game by starting with 1000 units of each currency.

<u>New Holdings</u>	<u>CROWNS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>FRANCS</u>	<u>MARKS</u>	<u>LIRA</u>	<u>ROUBLES</u>	<u>PIASTRES</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
'Shylock'	7195	1	2000	4758	0	0	500	43480
John Piggott	2452	500	0	1541	6639	2250	5956	39581
Phil Stutt	1782	0	3000	3533	6639	604	1724	39279
Pete Swanson	1663	3172	3000	3750	0	1001	2887	34389
'Cuthbert'	4455	2646	2085	2183	0	0	712	30380
Mick Bullock	3069	2582	1808	2000	2002	500	1156	29267
'Credit Suisse'	3775	0	2500	500	1779	0	2337	29076
Steve Pratt	3100	2008	2020	2201	0	2200	1117	28286
'Aries'	5103	500	2027	0	496	501	800	26062
Phil Murphy	3204	0	1000	1000	1000	0	1883	22084
Dave Pollard	0	502	3038	2001	1500	1000	1533	21250
Tony Ball	1123	1400	3930	1600	499	0	0	20954
Craig Nye	500	0	1672	1324	0	1325	3562	19397
Jeremy Maiden	1500	500	1600	1350	500	1009	500	15291
'Devil'	169	0	3954	0	0	2790	0	14178

Tycoon (Part 2): Birsan, Walkerdine and Nye congregated nervously outside the door to the inner sanctum. Summoned a few minutes earlier by P. Walter Swanson, financier and wheeler-dealer extraordinaire, the three aids now waited for audience with their leader. They fidgeted. Walkerdine chewed his nails. Nye picked his nose. Birsan pulled small tufts from his chest wig. They already knew what this meeting concerned; Victor Ludorum, the journal of Ethil Enterprises, the only close rival corporation to Swanson's business empire, had also arrived at their desks this morning. Finally, Siberia Frigid, Swanson's personal private secretary, showed the three into the man's office. "Good morning, PW", they chorused, trying to instill a note of cheerfulness into the proceedings.

"Sit", ordered Swanson, gesturing towards three chairs placed in front of

....simply go straight on to the next game.

1974F ('P') -- Autumn 1911 RUSSIA WINCES AS TURKEY PUSHES UP HIS BACKSIDE!!

GERMANY (Knowles): A Hol - Kie S by A Mun, F MAO - Bre, F Ion - Tun,
A War - Mos, A Vie S A Tri, A Boh S A Vie, A Gre - Ser S by A Tri,
A Tyr S A Tri, F Nth - Nwy.

ITALY (Meadon): F Spa(SC) S (RUSSIAN) F Por - MAO, A Rom - Nap, A Bur - Par,
A Ven - Tyr, A Ser S (RUSSIAN) A Bud - Tri, F WMS - Tun.

RUSSIA (Kelly): F Por - MAO, A Edi stands, A Bud - Tri, F Sev - Rum, A Gal - Boh,
A Sil - Mun S by A Ber & F Kie ((?)), F Den S F Kie, F StP(NC) - Nwy,
A Ukr - Mos, A Lvn - Mos.

TURKEY (Sharp): F Aeg - Bul(SC) S by A Bul ((no Richard, 'I' game is multiplicity!)),
F Arm - Sev S by F Bla.

Retreat: German A Mun - Ruh.

Winter 1911 Adjustments

G: 9 Centres: ~~Mun, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre, Vie, Lon, Tun, Tri, War, Gre.~~
 Removes A Gre, F Ion.

I: 7 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Mar, Spa, Ser, +Par. Builds F Rom.

R: 13 Centres: Mos, ~~StP, Swe, Nwy, Den, Edi, Por, Rum, Kie, Bud, Lpl,~~
 Ber, +Mun. Builds A Mos.

T: 5 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, +Sev. Builds F Con.

Ankara-on-Sea: After many years of sitting politely by, watching the inept attempts of Russia and Germany to crush (a) me, and (b) each other, I have decided that the only chance of ever ending this game is to win it myself. Italy will be permitted to come 2nd. Russia and Germany will be utterly exterminated. I hope.

Ankara (later): How's it going? Do they look demoralized yet?

Imrryr: Have they ever looked anything else?

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1975FA ('V') -- Autumn 1901

TURKEY GOES GOBBLE GOBBLE....

Terry Knowles has discovered that he has less time for Dippy now he's at university, and has asked to be allowed to resign from this game. Ron Kelly, at Room 210, 225 Virginia Ave S.E., Washington DC 20061, USA, therefore takes permanent control of Austria.

AUSTRIA (Kelly): F Ven stands, A Vie - Gal S by A Rum.

ENGLAND (Buckingham): F Nth - Bel, A Edi - Nwy C by F Nrg.

FRANCE (Meadon): F MAO - WMS, A Spa - Por, A Gas - Spa.

GERMANY (Prevot): F Den stands, A Ruh - Bel, A Kie - Hol.

ITALY (Birsan): A Apu - Ven S by A Tyr, F Ion - Tun.

RUSSIA (Burton): F GoB - Swe, A War - Gal, F Bla - Rum S by A Sev.

TURKEY (Parrott): A Bul - Ser, F Con - Bul(SC), A Smy - Ank.

Retreats: Austrian A Rum - Bud, F Ven disbanded (no retreat space given).

Winter 1901 Adjustments

A: 3 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie. Builds A Tri.

E: 4 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, +Nwy. Builds A Edi.

F: 5 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, +Spa, +Por. Builds F Bre, F Mar.

G: 5 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den, +Hol. Builds F Kie, A Mun.

I: 4 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tun. Builds F Nap.

R: 6 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, +Swe, +Rum. Builds F StP(NC), A Mos.

T: 5 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, +Bul, +Ser. Builds A Con, F Smy.

press over....

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Kiev: "Serf! Am I a patsy?"
"A patsy, sire?"
"Are you deaf?"
"You're a patsy sire."
"I know; I like it."

Rome to Vienna: Please be swift and refuse to retreat the fleet and build an army and then march away and....

Imrryr: What did you do, tell him it was your birthday?...

1974EB ('R') --- Autumn 1907 PREPARING FOR THE BIG PUSH....

ENGLAND (Meadon): A Yor -- Edi, A Den -- Pru C by F Bal, F GoB S A Lvn,
A StP -- Mos S by A Lvn, F Bar -- Nrg.

FRANCE (Nathan): F MAO -- WMS, F Mar -- GoL, F Tun -- Ion S by F TyS, A Pie S A Tyr,
A Boh -- Vie S by A Tyr, A Sil -- Gal, A Ber S. (ENGLISH) A Den -- Pru,
A Kie -- Mun, A Naf stands.

GERMANY (Pollard): A Vie stands.

ITALY (Churchill): A Tri S A Ven, A Ven F Nap & A Rom all stand.

RUSSIA (White): A War S A Mos, A Mos S A War, A Gal S A War, A Ukr S A Mos,
A Bud S (GERMAN) A Vie.

TURKEY (Morris): A Alb -- Tri S by A Ser, A Ank -- Smy, A Bul S (RUSSIAN) A Bud ((how?)),
F Ion -- Aeg, F Smy -- Ion ((buy a new map, Duncan!)).

Retreat: Italian A Tri disbanded.

Winter 1907 Adjustments

E: 7 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Den, Swe, StP. No change.
F: 11 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, Por, Kie, Mun, Hol, Tun, Ber. No change.
G: 1 Centre: Vie. No change.
I: 3 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri. No change.
R: 5 Centres: Mos, Sev, War, Rum, Bud. No change.
T: 7 Centres: Ank, Cen, Smy, Bul, Ser, Gre, +Tri. Builds F Con.

Ta to Dave Black for the unused standby orders...

Lowell; note that Duncan Morris is now living at 4 Earls Road, Alexandra Park, Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Joril to Moscow: You can't stop him by staying on the defensive. Why not co-ordinate with me again?

Salisbury: "Well, well, well, what have we here?" said the intrepid hunter as he stooped to pick up a damp squib. "Oho, a rare find indeed - a Mad Policy! Pity it's only No. 48, issue 47 was even rarer."

Imrryr: Yes, sorry Duncan - it was definately posted to you airmail at Ann's address. Eaten by the natives perhaps?...

1974BE ('O') -- Spring 1910 JUST FOR YOU MICK, TUCKED IN AT THE BOTTOM....

FRANCE (Birks): NMR! F Edi, A Lon, F MAO, F Bre, A Bel, A Bur, A Mar, A Pie,
F TyS, F Tun all stand unordered.

GERMANY (Burton): F Den -- Nth S by F Nwy, F Nth -- Hol S by A Ruh, A War stands,
A Boh -- Tri S by A Vie ((they haven't dug that tunnel yet)), A War stands,
A Ukr S A Sev, A Mun -- Tyr, A Ber -- Sil.

ITALY (Knowles): A Ven stands.

RUSSIA (Bullock): A Bud -- Ser S by A Rum, A Gal -- Bud.

p.t.o. for Turkey, standbys, press....

'0' game contd...

TURKEY (Challinger): NMR! A Tri, F Rom, A Apu, F Ion, F Alb, A Ser, A Con, A Smy, A Arm all stand unordered.

Retreat: Turkish A Ser disbanded.

Standby orders for FRANCE from Ron Kelly (Room 210, 225 Virginia Ave S.E., Washington DC 20061, USA) and for TURKEY from Phil Murphy (41/43 Park Avenue, Belfast, BT4 1PU, Northern Ireland) please. Thanks fellas.

Sevastopol: What d'you mean it was there when you last looked? You cannot lose a whole city. Even bloody Napoleon found the place and you have to home-in on the Black Sea. Call yourself Pathfinder? Huh! Get back to Canadian forests from where you came.

Talking about the French, which we weren't, what are they up to? I always said you take francophilanthropy (sic) too far - my back and I are not going to forgive you know. Mutter, mutter, mutter, hic...

Imrryr: Looks like France is ashamed for what he did after all...

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1975DD ('S') -- Autumn 1903 AUSTRIA LOOKING RATHER SQUASHED....

AUSTRIA (Murphy): F Gre MS A Bul, A Rum - Ser, A Tyr - Vie, A Gal - Bud, A Mun - Ber S by A Sil.

ENGLAND (Black): F Nth - Edi, F Ska - Nth, A Den stands.

FRANCE (Piggott): A Bre - Wal C by F Eng, A Wal - Lpl, F Bel - Pic, A Bur - Bel, A Mar - Bur.

GERMANY (Challinger): NMR! A Ruh, A Ber, F Hol, A Kie stand unordered.

ITALY (Holborn): A Ven - Tyr S by A Tri, F Adr - Alb, F Ion - Gre.

RUSSIA (Nye): NMR! F Nrg, A Nwy, F Swe, A Sev, A War, A Mos stand unordered.

TURKEY (Vickers): A Con - Bul S by F Bla & F Aeg.

Retreats: Austrian A Bul - Rum.  
German A Ber disbanded.

Winter 1903 Adjustments

- A: 7 Centres: Bud, ~~Tyr~~, Vie, Gre, Ser, Mun, ~~Bul~~, +Rum, +Ber. No change.
- E: 3 Centres: Edi, Lon, ~~Lpl~~, +Den. No change.
- F: 7 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, For, Bel, +Lpl. Builds A Mar.
- G: 2 Centres: ~~Vie~~, Kie, Hol, ~~Vie~~. GM removes A Ruh.
- I: 5 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, +Tri. Builds A Ven.
- R: 6 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Nwy, ~~Vie~~, Swe. No change.
- T: 4 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, +Bul. Builds F Con.

Standby orders for GERMANY from David Noble (2 Durban Road, Beckenham, Kent) and for TURKEY from Ron Kelly (address at top of this page) please. Ta.

Ankara: The Reuters correspondent in Ankara has been expelled from Turkey. An Information Ministry spokesman said the expulsion was ordered because the correspondent had misquoted the Turkish Prime Minister Pasha Hasha. The Reuters correspondent quoted Premier Hasha as calling the Italians geekzitches and declaring war on them.

In a signed statement refuting the quotation Pasha Hasha said, "The Italians are our friends and allies. In a fit of pique I may have threatened to declare war on them, but I would never, never call them geekzitches."

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Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
What colour are yours?

Orphans Report

Well, I've heard from a few people recently. Pete Charlton says that the TUCA games he runs have been with Les Pimley for several weeks - though as I've not heard from Les I don't know when (or if) they'll appear. I've also had offers of help, if needed, from several GMS and from John Lettice in the case of the Star games. My thanks to one and all of you who have written.

As Les Pimley still seems to be playing in a game or two he clearly hasn't dropped out completely (and as reported in Dolchstoss has had any number of misfortunes lately) so I'll ask him again to please let me or someone else know what the position is with regard to the games he's running. Please, Les? In the meantime I'm making a start on the Regular games that used to run in Our Enry and Bolshevik Star. All MP readers who were involved in any Regular games in either of these zines when they last appeared should be getting a list of players, games and countries with this issue and a request to please let me know which, if any, games they are interested in continuing with and which they would rather see abandoned. Players who don't receive MP will be getting the list separately, with EDA/AUK footing the postage costs. ~~Any game where a~~ majority of the players vote for abandonment will be declared abandoned (as has already happened with EnryXIV) and I'll only attempt to continue the games where at least half of the players want them continued. Note that I'm not planning to run these games myself; they will either be transferred to other zines or run by John Meadon on a carbon-copy basis, so their continuance could involve a zine subscription or at least (in John Meadon's case) an SAE with each set of orders. When I know which games it's worth continuing with I'll work out the current positions and let players know where the game is moving to.

At the present time I have no intention whatever of trying to revive any variants; this is strictly for Regular games only. More news when I have it.

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Bits and Bobs

The latest two NGC zines have now found their way to me, and very good they look too.

Jigsaw is from Roy Taylor (63a St Nicolas Park Drive, Nuneaton, Warwicks, CV11 6DZ) and costs 2p per game plus 1p for every eight sides (you work it out, I can't). There's a crossword in issue 4 with a 50p prize and Roy's on the lookout for standby players. AND CAN ANYONE PLEASE LEND ME A COPY OF ISSUE 1??

Uriah's Heap is from Roger Kitchener (74 Stoneyard Lane, Poplar High St, London, E14 0BY) and costs 3p per side. In addition to games and articles it has two sub-zines; Spread Eagle from NGC Variants Secretary Steve Doubleday, and Spread Vulture from (who else but) Doug Wakefield!

Also received recently is the first issue of Bruce, from Paul Simpkins (104 Combs Hill, Dewsbury). Only a one-sheeter at the moment, but due to grow when Paul receives some more NGC games.

Also also received recently is a flyer for Trojan Horse, the zine run by Andy Evans (36 Brynmill Terrace, Brynmill, Swansea, SA2 0BA) which used to be part of the notorious Shenandoah Services conglomerate. Andy's going off on his own from next issue with a zine that should include regular games, variants and articles on everything under the sun.

And lest this looks like a section devoted entirely to the NGC let me add that that most excellent of independant zines, Chimaera, is offering to run a game of Soccerboss (whatever that is). Write to Clive Booth (71 Clara Mount Road, Lanley, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE7 7HS) to see Mick Bullock and me at each others throats! (Liverpool 1 Derby 1, West Ham 2 Man Utd 1 - I should worry?).

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And that's the end of another rather small issue. I've had to cut some of the longer press releases this time, but will hang on to them never fear. If as I hope we're in our new home next ish MP50 should be a bit bigger. Bye.

fruitless, and made a firm alliance with him against Davidson's England. Winter 1901 saw France build three for six! England moved to MAO, instead of taking the undefended Brest, and France lived, nay, thrived to fight another day.

It took John Coombe and I quite a while to break down Andy's impeccable defence, but it was inevitable; speeded up only by Andy's ~~miss~~ miss at a very crucial point, after which he sank like the proverbial stone. Meanwhile, I was fighting a stalemate in the south against Italy in the hands of Steve Doubleday, a standby. I had made an alliance with John Meadon (Austria), and while his mainland was getting the chop, mainly from the very strong Turkey of Richard Sharp, he took with my assistance, most of Italy's home centres.

I suppose the main turning point in the game came in Spring 1905 when Coombe stabbed me. Poor John. It was well timed, but laughably executed. After failing to cash in on a poor Russian early game, he felt he wasn't getting the best out of our agreement, which he wasn't. So when he took two centres from me, and forgot to build, I only had to remind Pimley's Russia that he could hold off Turkey and grab easy meat in a Germany committed in the West. Les and I brought John down from eight to nil in Three years; Luckily I managed to grab the lion's share, and finally caught up with the Turk.

From this time on, the draw was the only real end....except if somebody NMR'd. Somebody did....

The three survivors (John Meadon was just a hanger on by this stage) scurried about trying to find the right draw conditions, preferably some way of counting out the other one. One of the conditions everyone agreed on was that John Meadon should be eliminated. So I kept him alive. Finally, when Richard had persuaded Les to stab me and go for the two-way draw, I had already decided to attack Russia, which was no surprise to anybody. France worked it's way up by virtue of a few NMR's, and finally reached the magic figure of eighteen.

This is, I think, my sixth finish, and my fourth first place result, two of them being two-way draws. It may be significant that my other victory (DK73/4) was also beset by a plague of NMR's, and here too, someone else should have won it were it not for their misses. Does it detract from the game and my victory? Of course it does, but not that seriously. After all, it means that the original player could not stand the pace, and that the country obviously suffers for it. If somebody else can cash in on the NMR's then good luck to him, and well done for getting all his orders in. The standby is a solution to a non-existent problem. If six players drop out, then the seventh must win the game; simple. Obviously, it's nicer and more of an achievement to beat six other players rather than six anarchies or disinterested players (Standbys that is), but then, how many times have you prayed for an opponent to NMR?

Finally, thanks to Khazad for the GMing, and apologies for confusing you so many times John! What with voting against my own draw proposals and far-fetched GMing complaints, you must think I'm a nut. Maybe it worked in the end.....Peter.

Khazad: A good report from Pete, and some interesting points raised ~~XXXXXXXX~~ regarding standby's. I must admit that I have an open mind on the subject, but I would hasten to point out that Les and Terry were far from being "disinterested", but I know just what you mean Pete.

Final Statement, Russia. Obviously I came into this game rather late, but Richard and I had hoped to hold you off a little longer, Pete, if not perhaps forcing a draw. Seems that I forgot to cover this game when I went away on vacation, and this is what happens. Ah well..... congratulations, anyway, Pete.....Terry-Knowles.

Unvictory Statement, Turkey.

The Lamb: Clutching their half pints of ordinary in their hot little hands, Birks, Piggott and the other members of the Diplomacy class stared admiringly at the great man.

"Have another drink Richard," Piggott breathed. "Another half-gallon of Special please."

"Yes," gulped Birks, "and tell us again how you did what no man has ever done before or since - how you got beaten by Swanson in TA 'J' Game."

The old mans eyes were softly luminous with alcohol and reminiscence. "Ah, that was a game, that was," he said softly. "I've been in some pretty boring games in my time, but none that could hold a candle to this one."

"Wow!" murmured Davidson.

"Shh!" said everyone angrily.

"I was playing Turkey as I recall," Sharp went on. "I never did ~~XXXXX ENGLAND SWANSON KIRK PIGGOTT BIRKS WALKERBULLOCK DAVIDSON~~
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find out who was playing the other countries, except that John 'too nice to live' Meadon was playing Austria. He was the only one who ever wrote to me, so of course I stabbed him."

"Gosh!"

"Well, I was trampling over everybody in the usual way, when I suddenly thought to myself, 'Now, Sharp, you know you're the greatest player in the World (Apart from Andrew Herd), so prove it to them - find a way to lose to one of these begginers from this position. It was tough, but I always knew I could do it - that's rule 1, Piggott, you've got to believe in yourself.'"

"Would you, if you were me?"

"No, I know it isn't easy. But there's a way. In this case, missing orders was the answer - gradually my certain win crumbled away into a certain draw, and then into a certain bad second."

"You didn't think of going for third?" ventured Walkerbullock.

"There are certain things that even I cannot acheive," said Richard Sharp, smiling modestly. "Not many, I grant you, but some. NO, once I had insured myself against winning, I settled for second - no man could do more."

"Sharp," said Birks in awed tones, "you're a great man."

"I know."

Amersham: Thank you, Johns (Morrison and Meadon); Muted congratulations Pete. Balls, everyone else.

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Follow that if you can, as they say. Well, I'm not going to, so it's time for you poor peasants who have been waiting for 'U' Game.

?????('U'): Spring 1902.....AND WE'RE ALL FRIENDS TOGETHER, TEE TUM,
TEE TUM, DA DEEDAH.....

AUSTRIA(Ovens): A Tri-Tyr S by A Vie, A Bud-Tri, A Ser S(RUSSIAN)
F Rum-Bul, F Gre S(RUSSIAN)F Rum-Bul.

ENGLAND(Haughan): F EnC-Bel, F Nth-Hol, A Nwy S(GERMAN)F Den-Swe,
F Edi-Nwg.

FRANCE(Pratt): F Pic S(ENGLISH)F EnC-Bel, A Mun-Ruh, A Par-Bur,
F Bre-MAO, A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY(Churchill): F Den-Swe, A Ber-Mun S by A Kie, A Hol-Ruh S by
A Bel.

ITALY(Kelly): F Nap-Apu, F Tun-Ion, A Tyr S(FRENCH)A Mun, A Ven S A Tyr.

RUSSIA(Lindsay): F Rum-Bul, A Sev-Arm, A Ukr-Sev, F StP(nc)-Bar,
F GoB-Swe. ((Note: You did order a F build last
time, and not an army, Pète.))

TURKEY(Davies): F Smy-Aeg S by F Con, A Ank-Smy, A Bul stands.

Retreats: TURKISH A Bul annihilated-no retreat space given.
GERMAN A Bel disbands-nowhere to go.
FRENCH A Mun-Sil.

Sinope: At the home of Mustav managed to get my orders in on time this time there
was a reign of furore when the man himself looked out of the window
and saw an apple chasing a banana along the street. "I must take a
photograph of this!" he exclaimed, and so he did.

C of A's. Firstly, Howell Davies tells me that Walkerdine put in the
wrong address last time, and it should have been House 7 Flat 34,
Oak House, 293, Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M14 6HD. Secondly, Pete
Lindsay is now at: (Now I have had some of the top brains on the
Scottish language on this first word, but none of them can decipher
your writing; Pete, so I will have a guess at...) Herblen 13, DAVID
RUSSELL HALL, Buchanan Gardens, ST. ANDREWS, Fife.

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