

Richard, do you want to make any nominations for the Calhaver Awards? If so, shoot away!

Wot, no fancy cover?

MAD POLICY

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Just a very ordinary front page this time I'm afraid as poor old BAC, under imminent threat of nationalisation, is having to prune its costs, and it's no longer as easy for me to use the copier as it was. With luck we may still get the occasional one, but it'll only be now and then I'm afraid....

...none of which tells you that this is the 51st issue of MAD POLICY, a postal Diplomacy zine from Richard J. Walkerdine, 43 Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey, KT15 2AN, England, costing 6p plus postage per issue and charging game fees (regular games only) of 40p to IDA members, 60p to non-members. Back issues available if anyone wants any.

Today is Monday, January 12th, 1976 and once again I've forgotten to tell you that I'm now on the phone: Weybridge 40136.

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Standby List

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| 'R': <u>Black</u> , Prevot, <u>Murphy</u> . | 'S': <u>Noble</u> , Lettice. | 'T': Knowles, Kelly. |
| 'U': Lindsay. | 'V': Tant, Lettice. | 'W': <u>Lindsay</u> , Kelly. |
| 'X': Willey, Birsan. | 'Y': ?? | |

Orders required from anyone underlined please - and I could do with a safety-first standby to cover all countries in the first season of 'Y' game next issue. Anyone?

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- DUNCAN MORRIS to Box 8038, Causeway, Salisbury, rhodesia.
- ANDREW WALDIE to University College, Oxford, OX1 4BH.
- DAVE POLLARD to F4 1st Court, St Johns College, Cambridge, CB2 1TP.
- STEVE PLATER to H4 Old Court, Clare College, Cambridge, CB2 1TL.
- MARTIN RUNDLE to 63 Wheellys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2LL.
- GREG HAWES to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, OX1 4JF.

THE DEADLINE

- 'U' & 'W' (to Morrison) & the Bourse (to RJW) : MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND.
- All other games (to RJW) : WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH.

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FTT15 goes out with this issue, bringing to 105 the number of completed British regular games now reported. All issues available at 1p each.

Also, to all publishers, goes a copy of Bill Orr's flyer about a common zine collection area.

Editorial: Organisations

At one time of course there weren't any! Back in 1971 and 72, when there were only a few dozen players in the hobby and the number of zines could be counted on the fingers of half a hand they were neither wanted nor needed. But times change, hobbies grow, and like most aspects of modern life as something gets bigger it gets ever more complex. The BDC was formed, much to the annoyance of most people at the time, and gradually developed into the NGC of today, changing as it did so into the integral part of the hobby it has become today and offering an ever-improving service to its members. Outside the NGC the IDA gradually gained acceptance and eventually resulted in the formation of IDA/UK to provide necessary services, mostly to the non-NGC sector but in certain areas to the hobby as a whole.

So far so good, on the face of it, but of course there are several things wrong with the existing set-up. The NGC is far too insular in its attitudes to a hobby which is, by its very nature, an international one, and far too ready to ~~take the easy way out all the time by simply concentrating on its own back yard~~ and not bothering to make the effort to look up and see what's going on in the rest of the world. Despite numerous attempts from both America and Europe for contact and cooperation scarcely anything has been achieved - examples that spring to mind are the disgracefully rude and arrogant reactions to all of Walter Luc Haas' attempts at contact and the complete ignoring of such things as the World Variant Bank, International Subscription Exchange and the 75/76 Postal Diplomacy Tournament. No doubt there are others. Admittedly in the cases of the WVB and ISE this attitude seems to be improving a little, but it's a sad reflection on the club that it was ever bad in the first place. It just goes to show that the NGC, as it is currently set up, just isn't equipped to deal with all the international aspects of the hobby. The other principal failing of the present set-up is that the one organisation that is international, both in name and fact, is far too small to do more than a token amount of good - the membership of IDA/UK is less than 10% that of the NGC. But the fact still remains that both organisations exist and at least to some extent work reasonably well - don't think that by pointing out faults I'm saying there are no good points, nothing could be further from the truth. At the moment they both do a passably reasonable job, but my point is that between them they have the potential to do an excellent job if only they'd get down to it.

Why do we have to have arguments and rivalries between the so-called 'NGC' and 'independent' parts of the hobby? Why must zines be either 'NGC' or 'independent'? Why even do we have to have both NGC and IDA/UK? We're all of us part of the same hobby and I really can't see why we have to continue to ~~put up with all the petty rivalries and feuds between these artificially-created~~ sections of it. Just because it's been that way in the past is no reason why it should continue. Wouldn't it be a lot better for all of us if the Dippy section of the NGC became a centralised game-starting service for all zines who (for a small fee) wished to make use of it ((question Birks: you have said that when you get a letter asking for a game in MP you throw it in the waste bin - why not forward it?)) with additional responsibilities for looking after orphans, welcoming new hobby members and encouraging new publishers - in fact, generally providing the necessary services for the whole of the British hobby. The IDA/UK - which by then could quite conceivably be called the international section of the NGC - could then concentrate on being responsible only for international matters, instead of having to try to look after various aspects of the present 'independent' sector as well and consequently getting itself overstretched.

But the one thing that is abundantly clear is that this can be accomplished by the existing organisations - either separately by mutual agreement or by merger and change - given goodwill and effort on all sides. Now that I'm acting Regional Secretary for IDA/UK I will be working towards some sort of understanding

on this matter and might even consider standing for election to the NGC Committee this year as 'International Secretary' or somesuch on just such a ticket.

What it all boils down to is that all the feuding and fighting can be forgotten if people are prepared to discuss things in a reasonable and adult manner. But it can only be brought about if the existing organisations are really willing to think of the hobby rather than themselves, and that means there are going to have to be a lot of compromises reached. But it's the existing organisations that will have to do it, this is no time for creating additional ones, and the best time to start is right now. I hope to expand on this theme next issue, including the financial aspects, but in the meantime comments would be welcome....

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Craig Nye

I've recently received a letter from Craig which I won't print here as it's personal, but he does say in it that he really has dropped out. He hasn't suffered any great personal tragedies or anything but for unspecified reasons he really has gone. He does say sorry and offers a sincere apology, which I'm strongly inclined to accept, but that's all.

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War Bulletin

Another obituary, this time for one of the real founding fathers of the hobby. First started by Dave Berg in May 1970, War Bulletin was only the second British Dippyazine to see the light of day. Taken over by Hartley Patterson after 11 issues it represented the mainstream of the hobby all on its own until the first great zine explosion of 1972. Later in 1972 it began the World's first postal game of 4000AD (which I won, he adds modestly...) and right up to issue 65, the final issue which appeared last month, it set the standards for layout and contents which all later zines were to follow. But in recent issues it has become increasingly obvious that Hartley's interests are moving away from postal Dip and so he has finally brought the zine to an end with the completion of all but one of the games (which is to continue by carbon copy).

It's always a shame to see a zine fold, but it's particularly sad when it's one of the most significant zines in the history of the British hobby. I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking Hartley for many interesting years of War Bulletins, for keeping the hobby going in those early years and for all the time and effort he has always been ready to contribute. Goodbye Hartley, and good luck.

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Games Day

A very worthwhile event it was - even if I did meet Brian Yare there! I don't know how many people turned up but it must have been several hundred, and with several dozen stands to wander around featuring all types of games from draughts to libido there can't have been many people who didn't find something to interest them. My biggest laugh of the day was letting myself get talked into playing a game of Dip which included five of last years NGC finalists. I might have won last year but needless to say I didn't do it again - six units as Russia in autumn '02 and eliminated in autumn '03! It's a mugs game....

Congratulations to Dave Ross though for an excellent display on his Diplomacy stand and to Dave Allen for his smooth-talking sales pitch to the passers-by - dunno how much good it did though, the fifty copies of MP that I managed to give away have resulted in just one new subscriber so far (god bless you Mr. Berlin)! A very enjoyable day though and I look forward to the next one which I believe will be around October time.

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IDA News

1975 Elections. The ballots for these were counted towards the end of December and the results were as follows: (successful candidates underlined)

Vice President/Treasurer: Len Lakofka 54, Robert Sacks 40.

Ombudsman: John Leeder 83, Steven Brooks 13.

Editor: Scott Rosenberg 87, Gordon Anderson 9.

Membership Secretary: Stephen Tihor 72, 21 opposed.

At-Large Secretaries: (second ballot) Joel Klein 76, Matthew Diller 55, Raymond Heuer 51. Kelly eliminated on 1st ballot.

Atlantic Regional Secretary: Gil Neiger 27, 15 opposed.

Canadian Regional Secretary: Robert Correll 11, 0 opposed.

Central Regional Secretary: John Baker 13, David Weitz 7.

Overseas Regional Secretary: Walter Luc Haas 3, 0 opposed.

Pacific Regional Secretary: (3rd ballot) Dave Kadlecck 9, Bruce Schlickbernd 6. Peery and Walker eliminated on 1st and 2nd ballots respectively.

~~And as you know I have now taken over IDA/UK as acting British Regional Secretary following Nye's demise, with the result that the 1976 Council now looks like this:~~

President: Edi Birsan, Apt 302, 35-35 75th St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372, USA.

VP/Treasurer: Len Lakofka, 644 West Briar Place, Chicago, IL 60657, USA.

Ombudsman: John Leeder, 208 Haysboro Cres SW, Calgary, Alta, T2V 3G3, CANADA.

Editor: Scott Rosenberg, 182-31 Radnor Rd, Jamaica, NY 11432, USA.

Mem. Sec.: Stephen Tihor, 122 Henry Hall, Princeton U., Princeton, NJ 08540.

At-Large Sec: Matt Diller, 85-07 Avon St, Jamaica, NY 11432, USA.

At-Large Sec: Joel Klein, 62-60 99th St, Rego Park, NY 11374, USA.

Atlantic: Gil Neiger, Box 4293, Brown Univ., Providence, Rhode Island 02912.

British: Richard Walkerdine, 43 Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN.

Canadian: Robert Correll, 44 Rawlinson Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 2M9, Ca

Central: John Baker, Gradyville, Kentucky 42742, USA.

Overseas: Walter Luc Haas, Postfach 7, CH 4024, Basel 24, Switzerland.

Pacific: Dave Kadlecck, Box 802, Univ of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA 95053.

Calhamer Awards. I've got just a handful of nominations in so far - hardly any at all in fact. Could anyone interested - member or not - please send me their nominations in the following categories as soon as possible please as I'll have to send them off fairly soon now:

International Awards: outstanding non-technical article, outstanding technical article, outstanding established zine, meritorious individual service, outstanding single contribution, outstanding press release; Regional Awards

Regional Awards: outstanding new zine, outstanding player, outstanding variant design (old or new).

I'm also still looking for a few members of the British panel of judges - if anyone out there fancies the job just let me know. It won't be very arduous.

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Letters

PHIL STUTT. The main reason for this letter is the fate of the Polaris games. I trust that I am not 'treading on your toes' by announcing that I will re-house these games. I have two reasons for trying to reallocate the games. The first is that when Geoff took on Polaris as well as Hyperec I expressed fears that it may prove too much for him. Unhappily I was right. The second reason is that I am beginning to feel a bit sensitive about the state of the independants at present, what with forming the Diplomacy Federation etc... We could expect some bad press from certain members of the NGC if P fell to the wayside. That being so, I did not want the delay to grow too long, and waiting for someone else to pick up the pieces would have been irresponsible.

I realise that you may not like to join (yet) another Dippy organisation, but...we could add another string to your bow. Guaranteed games even. Not that they are necessary, but along with the g'tee we plan to open a gamestart service.

Again, that will not be pertinent to MP so, why should you join? Really, I can't put forward any concrete benefits that you would gain except you would be able to influence the growth of the organisation. Is there anything that Dippy organisations should be doing in this country, but aren't? If so, help us provide those services. I quite realise that you are very fully committed already and with running IDA/UK you may want to decline this invitation. Even if you do decline I would like to make one point clear: the DF is not NGC-baiting or out to knock any particular organisation. As far as I am concerned the DF is the best way in which I can help and serve the hobby. If we can help the IDA/UK at all I am sure that the others will agree to work with you. I hope that the relations between our two groups can be very harmonious.

((As far as the orphaned Polaris games are concerned rest assured you are certainly not 'treading on my toes' - I've never wanted the job of sorting out blasted orphans and only took it on because Pimley had failed at it and there was no one else willing to do it. Go and rehouse them by all means - you wouldn't like the Black Spot and TUCA games as well, would you? Okay, only joking....

((I do not wish to join your Diplomacy Federation however as I can't see the point of it - and I'd prefer fewer strings to my bow thanks, not more. Nothing that you have announced the DF will do is in any way new and there is little or nothing that needs to be done in this hobby that either the NGC or the IDA can't manage perfectly well themselves. What is the point in creating yet another organisation just for the sake of it? As I've already explained in the editorial I don't believe there are any services needed that can't be provided by the NGC or the IDA, or, preferably, a modified combination of them both. Indeed I'm rather shocked that you and Lovibond, as both IDA and NGC members, should try to set these things up independantly. What was to stop you rescuing orphans, writing novice packages and all the rest of it in the name of IDA/UK for example? You'd probably even have got a subsidy for it! I think you're wasting a lot of your own time in mere duplication of effort and the most likely result will be several weak organisations instead of the one strong one that could have resulted if you'd left things alone.

Of course the fact that Haven is a member is a big black mark too - think of the harm he could do to newcomers who might be just naive enough to take him seriously. But even without our Will I consider DF to be irrelevant I'm afraid. I shall continue in my efforts to get IDA/UK to provide the independant sector with whatever is necessary until such time as a more loosely-organised, open and outward-looking NGC is capable of doing it itself. Let's live in harmony by all means, but please don't expect my support.))

Now here's a real laugh....

ANDY DAVIDSON. ((Starts by repeating his comments from last issue about orphans, then continues...)) The idea of an adjudicating committee which you and Sharp are planning fills me with revulsion. Supposedly non-affiliated, yet packed with the NGC/IDA establishment it is yet another device whereby they can expand their bureaucratic power. Interfering busybodies....

Talking of bureaucracy and revulsion reminds me of your incredible diatribe against Will Haven and his refusal to fall in line with your petty demands. If you're so upset about it, why don't you sue him yourself - I'm pretty sure you automatically have copyright to Multiplicity. Personally, I think your attitude stinks and I no longer wish to play in 'I' game.

((You stupid child. I ask you to come onto that committee as a supposedly neutral person so you refuse and then accuse it of being unrepresentative. You want to have your cake and eat it too I suppose? As for Will, rest assured I had every intention of suing him, but as he has stopped selling Multiplicity there is no longer any need. I do indeed have copyright - everyone has automatic copyright on anything they write themselves, I've checked. Haven can be sued at any time by any designer of a variant he sells without written permission - so I should be condemned for giving him a timely warning about the thin ice he's

skating on should I? Don't be so stupid - open your eyes for once and try to see what's really going on, never mind what you'd like to think is happening.

((And if I ever had any doubts that your mental age is about 8½ I certainly haven't got them any more - you disagree with my attitude to Haven, fair enough, so you resign from 'I' game?! What the hell has that got to do with it? Talk about over-reacting, Jesus! Needless to say your resignation is accepted, and while you're about it I shouldn't bother asking for any future games in MP because you won't get them - if you can over-react so can I....))

JOHN LETTICE. The common zine collection area for traded zines is doomed. Some sap will take it on and do it for a few months, then slip up and/or vanish. Like the Variant Bank - I was one of only two GMs to oppose the variant bank at its inception. It screwed things up for everyone when they got a backlog, and looks to me to be an unmitigated failure. Can you guess who number two GM was? Full marks for Will Haven, oh, and Don Turnbull. On the subject of Haven, I'm glad the rest of the world's getting round to hating him. It was quite a strain on my own. As far as I can remember, registering copyright is dead easy. I don't know what you do in England, but in Scotland you just send a copy to the National Library of Scotland.

((The zine collection flyer goes out to publishers with this issue - I'll wait for their reaction before passing judgement. It wasn't the idea of the Variant Bank that was wrong, rather the people running it - you're a fine one to start predicting dropouts though aren't you? Copyright is dead easy - in fact in England you don't have to send anything anywhere, it's automatic. See also Hartley's letter.))

HARTLEY PATTERSON. Bill Orr is perhaps unaware that common distribution of trades is a very old idea. In SF fandom they are called Apas (from 'Amateur Press Association') and operate much along the lines Bill proposes. In addition many Apas include apazines which only circulate within the Apa and mostly consist of comments on the previous mailing. The UK has one SF Apa called Ompa, there are lots in America. Some even have waiting lists to get in!

I somewhat resent being made responsible for Will Haven's VB. Will was already selling Xeroxed copies to his own readers before the Herd/Pink VB ran into trouble. I asked in several issues of WB for evidence that Herd & Pink were running things badly, and eventually more through Pink's silence than through any help from others (only one player bothered to contact me) I asked for publicity for volunteers to run a proper VB. Only two persons came forward, and of these Will seemed the most likely not to drop out, which I thought was the most important requirement. I hold no brief for Will of course, and I don't approve of his selling without permission. Nevertheless the choice at the time was Will or nothing.

Designers should note that copyright is theirs unless and until they revoke it in writing. Even Xeroxing a single copy is an infringement of this.

((Thanks for the Apa info, fascinating - I wonder id Bill realises what he may be letting himself in for? My apologies to you Hartley if I gave the wrong impression last issue. If the choice was Will or nothing then clearly little else could possibly have been done - though I wonder if we'd have been that much worse off if you'd plumped for the 'nothing'? In point of fact of course if Will was already selling Xerox copies to his readers anyway then the fact that he suddenly became a UKVB really meant very little, as he doesn't seem to be doing very much more than selling to his readers even now. Dave Allen should by now have visited Walter Luc Haas and have discussed with him the possibility of the NGC VB becoming the British agent for the WVB - I think he was due to go last week. If they can work something out between them we might yet be able to get a really workable VB set up in this country. I hope so.))

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ISSUE 33: Yes, nearly a third of the way towards the ton, this is John Morrison, 9, Highfield Avenue, Inskip, Preston, Lancs., PR4 0UE. The printing is the problem that Immryr has to deal with. West Ham O.... Liverpool, 2,alleluyah, ta-tee tun...

1975DT('U'): Spring 1903....GERMANY RAISES THE WHITE FLAG.....

AUSTRIA(Ovens): F Gre-Ion, A Tri stands, S by A Ser & A Vie, A Bud-Rum.

ENGLAND(Haughan): F Hol-Kie, F Nth-Ska, F Edi-Nth, A Nwy-Fin, F Nwg-Nwy.

FRANCE(Pratt): A Sil-Ber, A Bur-Mun S by A Ruh, A Par-Bur, F Bel-EnC, F Por-MAO.

GERMANY(Churchill): A Mun, A Kie, F Den, A Ber all stand unsupported.

ITALY(Kelly): A Tyr S (FRENCH) A Bur-Mun, F Lon-Aeg, F Adr-Ion, A Ven S A Tyr.

RUSSIA(Lindsay): F Bar-Nwg, F Bal-Swe, A War-Ukr, A Sev-Arm S by A Syr.

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

Retreats: GERMAN A Mun Disbanded.

Vienna: Somewhere, in the past, myself and Mr. Kelly seem to have insulted one another. I can think of no other reason for automatic hostility whenever we encounter one another in a game. Perhaps something can be done about this situation?

GM-Willy Haughan: Sorry if the game report seemed confusing last time, but I cannot really see why. Russia lost Bulgaria because Turkey's attack from the Aegean was supported from Constantinople, and as you cannot cut the support of an attack upon yourself, the Russian move to Constantinople was ineffective. Hope the situation is clearer Willy. If not, let me know.

Just enough space to thank those of you who sent cards. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a successful New Year. Next, Pete "Musical Chairs" Lindsay will be at 20, Bloomfield Close, Taunton, Somerset until 10.1.76, so thats why he hasn't replied to your letters.

1975FL('W'): Autumn 1901....ITALIAN ARMY SHIPWRECKED.....

Austria(Spanton): A Gal-War, F Alb-Gre S by A Ser.

England(Allen): A Yor-Bel C by F Nth, F EnC-MAO.

France(Doubleday): NMR! A Bur, A Mar, F Mao stand unordered.

Germany(Willey): F Hol S-(ENGLISH)A Yor-Bel; A Mun-Bur, A Kie-Den.

Italy(Plater): A Apu-Tun C by F Ion, A Ven makes itself comfortable.

Russia(Pollard): F GoB-Swe, A StP-Nwy, A Ukr-Rum S by F Sev.

Turkey(Coombe): F Ank-Arm, A Arm-Sev, A Bul-Rum.

Retreats: None!

WINTER ADJUSTMENTS 1901:

AUSTRIA: 6 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, +Gre, +Ser, +War. BUILDS A Bud, A Vie, F Tri.

ENGLAND: 4 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, +Bel. NO BUILDS REQUESTED-Owed One

FRANCE: 3 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par. NO CHANGE.

GERMANY: 5 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den, +Hol. BUILDS A Kie, A Ber.

ITALY : 4 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tun. BUILDS F Nap.

RUSSIA : 5 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, Nwy, +Swe. BUILDS ~~XXXXXX~~ Mos.

TURKEY : 4 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, +Bul. BUILDS A Con.

BOX 84 (Take 2): "Yawnnnn! Councillor Chidlow - you're a bum."
"Mayor Hewitt - get stuffed!"
So ends another meeting of Gosport Borough Council.

Moscow-Berlin: Happy? Not really, but then would you be looking at the position in the south?

Zoms Lemma: -another first! The first time I've NMR'd in Spring 1901.

Zom to Dave the Allen: Listen Sunshine, if you're going to get ströppy neither of us is going to get Nwy. So concentrate on your Southern flank and go away.

GM Thanks to Pete LINDSAY for unused stand-bys for Russia. Now you can try France Pete. Congrats to Tim for 6 Centres.

*****TAFITAN*****

Ooh, lookey - games....

1973BYbb ('I' - Multiplicity) -- Dec 31st 1910

See Davidson's letter on page 5 for the explanation of his resignation - if you can call it an explanation... Anyhow, as things stood at the end of the last season although Steve had 15 centres Andy, with 13, was in my opinion in a slightly stronger position as John seemed to be allowing Andy to move in while continuing to oppose Steve. So if anything I would say that Andy could well have been the eventual winner with Steve very close behind. Now if we just accept Andy's walk-out and appoint a standby to take over Turkey it's virtually giving the game to the standby without him having to do anything to deserve it, which hardly seems fair on you other three who have pressed doggedly on right from the beginning.

So I suggest we call a halt here and now. Let's put Turkey into anarchy instead of giving it to a standby player and concede that, in that case, Steve would undoubtedly have won with John coming second and Duncan third. I'd like the three of you to tell me whether you'll accept this as a reasonable ending to the game and if not, why not. Assuming you do accept this proposal I'd also like you to send final statements for publication next issue - not just on the way the game went but also on what you think of Multiplicity itself, bearing in mind that this is the first Multiplicity game to start and (perhaps) the first to finish too!

It's a shame to end it like this I know, particularly as it's been such a close and keenly-fought game right from the start. But I don't think it's at all fair on you lot to bring someone else in at this stage and give the whole game to him, do you?

So votes next time please on the result England 1st, Italy 2nd, France 3rd.

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'T' Game Bourse

<u>SPRING '04 DEALINGS</u>	<u>CROWNS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>FRANCS</u>	<u>MARKS</u>	<u>LIRA</u>	<u>ROUBLES</u>	<u>PIASTRES</u>
'Shylock'	0	0	+393	-500	0	0	0
Phil Stutt	+1104	0	0	-500	-500	-500	-499
Ethilfrog Finance	+1258	-500	+10	-500	-500	-500	-500
Pete Svanson	+980	-500	-500	0	-1	0	-500
'Cuthbert'	+242	-500	-500	+400	+1	+1	+212
Embull Enterprises	+1803	-500	-500	-500	-500	-500	-500
Steve Pratt	+967	-500	-500	+262	0	-500	-500
'Credit Suisse'	+170	0	-500	+1000	-500	0	-500
'Aries'	-500	+500	-500	+1236	0	0	-300
Tony Ball	+600	-500	-500	+118	0	-2	0
Dave Pollard	+890	+1001	-500	0	-500	-500	-500
Phil Murphy	+238	0	+223	0	-500	-500	-500
'Devil'	+133	0	+70	0	0	-500	0
Duncan Morris	-400	0	-500	-500	+4000	-500	0
Jerry Maiden NMR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Simpkins	+800	-500	+438	-500	-500	-499	-500
<u>Nett Trade</u>	<u>+8285</u>	<u>-1999</u>	<u>-3366</u>	<u>+16</u>	<u>+500</u>	<u>-4000</u>	<u>-4587</u>
<u>Old Value -- \$/unit</u>	<u>3.20</u>	<u>1.05</u>	<u>3.42</u>	<u>2.69</u>	<u>1.25</u>	<u>1.33</u>	<u>1.80</u>
<u>New Value -- \$/unit</u>	<u>4.02</u>	<u>0.86</u>	<u>3.09</u>	<u>2.69</u>	<u>1.30</u>	<u>0.93</u>	<u>1.35</u>

PAUL SIMPKINS joins this time with 1000 units of each currency to start. Paul, I take individual transactions to two decimal places and only round down the overall total - saves you money that way. So you had some cash left over and I bought two extra Francs and sold one fewer Roubles.

Others: 'Shylock' underspent, tut tut - 13 extra Francs; Stutt underspent (teach you to leave you calculator behind) - 1 fewer Roubles; 'Cuthbert', I round down at the end (i.e. in my favour), but you still got it wrong! - 1 extra Rouble bought.

Next page to see where you all stand....

<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'	6695	1	3905	3758	1	0	0	49091
Phil Stutt	2886	0	3000	3033	6139	104	1225	38761
John Piggott	3210	1001	1189	1041	5639	1250	4956	35423
Pete Swanson	2643	2672	2500	4350	0	501	1887	35362
'Cuthbert'	4197	1646	1585	3769	2	1	424	33899
Mick Bullock	4372	1600	2979	1000	1002	12	496	32829
Steve Pratt	4500	1008	2245	1963	0	1200	117	32448
'Credit Suisse'	4497	0	2548	1000	779	0	1337	31458
'Aries'	4103	1000	2657	1243	0	1001	0	29838
Tony Ball	2100	400	3924	1218	0	0	0	24187
Phil Murphy	3788	0	1523	1000	0	1	883	23816
Dave Pollard	890	1503	2538	2001	1000	500	1033	21255
Jerry Maiden	1150	1700	1100	2150	0	1152	0	16338
'Devil'	406	0	4075	0	0	1790	0	15888
Paul Simpkins	1800	500	1438	500	500	501	500	15245
Duncan Morris	100	2773	0	0	4500	5500	500	14426

Tycoon (Part 4): The three aides of P. Walter Swanson, financier and wheeler-dealer extraordinaire, walked into 'Fermez la bouche', their favourite little French-bistro-in-a-sidestreet-with-round-tables-Martini-umbrellas-and-wicker-chairs-outside-on-the-pavement-and-a-waiter-from-Brixton-named-Francois. He guided them to their usual table, took Birsan's stetson and Nye's balaclave, and gave them each a menu.

'These aren't necessary,' said Walkerdine, 'we'll have our usual, Francois.'

'Er...alright mate, uh, messieurs. That will be one greeps and chips, one lemming soufflé and chips, and one burnt steak, chips and mess o' greens.'

'That's fine, my good man,' said Nye, dismissing him with a wave. When the waiter had gone, Nye asked, 'What are we going to do? PW has ordered us to find out how Piggott is managing to thwart him at every business venture. He must be using espionage tactics, and we must do the same.'

'So where do we start?' asked Birsan.

'Well, I think we all agree that Piggott's weak spot is his underling and so-called partner, Stutt. We can't even get near Piggott, cooped up in his citadel in Baling, but Stutt works every day as a bank manager, a very thin guise he uses to keep his mother happy. You see, she has a dire hatred of Piggott Enterprises and its subsidiaries since they offered to install Natural Gas in her home, and sent a gorilla and three dozen tins of baked beans. Anyway, all we have to do is go in the bank on the pretext of wishing to open an account or something.'

'There's no need for all of us to risk...er...go, and the lucky fellow will have to wear a disguise,' said Birsan.

'That's right,' continued Walkerdine quickly, 'and I think Nye should go because.'

'I agree,' said Birsan.

'Wait a minute!' protested Nye. 'Why should I go?'

'Because!' chorused Birsan and Walkerdine.

'Oh...,' said Nye, scratching his head.

Aries: Every issue I keep giving you a few cents as left-overs, but I never see any credit for it in my MP subscription. Please rectify.

Imrryr: Certainly sir. Of course, if you are now paying in dollars, you'll want MP sent at the airmail rate, which is 17½p. So allowing for the few extra cents you have spare each issue I reckon that means your sub should rise by 5p per issue. Fair enough? Cheques or postal orders will do...

Dear Mr. Walkerdine: As part of our ongoing policy of encouraging the British Diplomacy situation at this time we append the following appreciation of the 'T' game situation strategy-wise. This in-depth study was made by Mr. Rory McPheart our chief taster and Bourse tactician.

Begin quote: 'The situation at the termination of '03 as far as the Bourse player is concerned is basically very simple situationwise. The game is following

a predictable pattern and the eyeball-to-eyeball confrontations worked out something like this:- Austria stabbed Germany while Italy simultaneously helped Germany stab France and Austria stab Germany. Turkey helped Austria stab Russia while repelling an Austrian stab on himself. France stabbed England while England thought Germany, who had stabbed France, was going to help England stab France; however Germany stabbed England. France tried to stab Austria while Austria helped France stab Italy who had helped Austria stab Germany and Germany stab France and we're back where we started - the usual boring part of a straight-forward Diplomacy game.

Our computerised projections for '04 give rise to some fears for the ongoing viability of the Italy-Russia-England situation. However, since our exports of Glen Dew to the above mentioned are very minimal bulkwise, we feel that they will not be missed in our profit scenario. We confidently predict that there is a fifty-fifty chance that further ongoing investment in the Franco-Austrian-Germanic situation will not be prejudicial to the group's overall cashflow stability, with the proviso that we cover ourselves optionwise (at not more than 10% margin) by a capital injection into the aforementioned small market countries. Given this investment situation we feel the company should end the year with a healthy profit. We hope this will be of some help to the small investor.' End quote.

We would like to add at this point that Mr. McPheart has our fullest confidence, having been associated at one time or another with the following leading British institutions:-

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We are sure that your subscribers can and will impose in him the same trust investmentwise that we have. We remain Sir, yours faithfully,

Augustus P. Finknottle.

Glen Dew Ltd. ('Straight from the Stag')

Phew! Well, when you've got your breath back, it might be an idea to have a look at the ongoing alliance scenario, movementwise, at this point in time in....

1975DK ('T') --- Spring 1904

NEW FRANCO-GERMAN ALLIANCE SCENARIO.

Ongoing Austrian Confrontation Strategy.

AUSTRIA (Herlihy): A Rum - Sev S by F Bla, A Bud - Gal, F Tri - Adr, F Adr - Ion, A Vie - Tyr, A Mun - Ber, A War - Sil, A Ven stands.

ENGLAND (Noble): F Cly - NAO, F Ska - Nth, A Yor - Lon.

FRANCE (Scott): A Pie S (GERMAN) A Rom - Ven, F Bre - Eng, A Par - Bur, A Spa - Mar, A Wal S F Lpl, A Nap - Rom, F Tun - Ion S by F TyS.

GERMANY (McDonald): F Den - Bal, A Bur - Mun S by A Kie, A Bel - Ruh, A Rom - Ven S by A Tyr.

ITALY (Allen): F Aeg S (AUSTRIAN) F Adr - Ion.

RUSSIA (Charlton): A Lvn S A Mos.

TURKEY (Tant): A Sev - Arm S by F Ank.

Retreats: A Ven - Apu (oops... that's an Austrian army of course).

Tis all....

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Now if I was Mick Bullock I'd fill up this little space by saying that if I was RJW I'd start the next game here. But as I'm RJW I'll fill it up by saying that if I was Mick B I'd fill it up by saying that if I was RJW I'd....

Or should it be the other way round?

1974BE ('O') --- Spring 1911

ONGOING FRANCO-GERMAN CONFRONTATION CAPABILITY.

While Turkey adopts sleeping posture, movementwise.

FRANCE (Kelly): F WMS-MAO, A Mar S A Bur, A Pic - Bel S by A Bur, F Iri S F Eng
F Edi - Nth S by F Eng, A Lon stands, A Tyr S (TURKISH) A Ven - Tri.

GERMANY (Burton): F Hol & A Ruh both S F Bel, F Nth - Lon, A Mos - StP,
A Mun S A Ruh, A Tri stands, A Vie - Boh, A Ukr - Gal, A Sev stands,
A Gal - Vie, F Kie - Den, A Ber S A Mun.

RUSSIA (Bullock): A Bul - Gre S by A Ser, A Bud stands.

TURKEY (Challinger): NMR! A Arm, A Con, F Gre, F Aeg, F Rom, A Ven, A Apu, all
stand unordered.

Retreats: German F Nth - Nrg. Turkish F Gre disbanded.

Would PHIL MURPHY (41/43 Park Avenue, Belfast, BT4 1PU, Northern Ireland)
try his hand at standby orders for TURKEY again please? Ta.

Pete Birks has been in touch and it seems that his last set of orders got
lost in the post. It's too late now for him to re-enter the game but obviously
there's no question of him being blacklisted - okay Pete?

I have a proposal for a 4-way draw. In view of Geoff's miss would the
current (i.e. excluding Phil) players vote on this and also on their reaction to
a 3-way draw (F/G/R) in the event that Geoff drops out? Ta. Failure to vote
will be taken as acceptance of either proposal...

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1974F ('P') --- Spring 1912

UPCOMING GERMAN REAPPRAISAL LIKELIHOOD.

Fundamental reassessment, centrewise?

Still nothing from Terry Knowles, but the Canadian strike has been over
for a month or so now and I can't wait for ever, so....

GERMANY (Knowles): NMR! A Hol, A Ruh, F Bre, A War, A Vie, A Tri, A Boh,
A Tyr, F Nth all stand unordered.

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

RUSSIA (Kelly): F MAO - Bre, A Mun - Tyr, A Bud - Tri, A Gal - Vie, A Edi stands,
A Ber S F Kie, F Den - Nth, F StP(NC) - Nwy, A Lvn - War S by A Ukr,
A Mos - Sev, F Rum - Bul(EC).

TURKEY (Sharp): F Sev - Rum S by F Bla & A Bul, F Con - Aeg, F Aeg - Ion.

Retreats: German A War & F Bre both disbanded. Russian F Rum disbanded.

Can I have some standby moves for GERMANY from DAVE BLACK (5 Baliol St.,
Glasgow, C3, Scotland) please? Ta.

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1974BT ('Q') --- Autumn 1908

SIGNIFICANT TURKISH ADVANCES, OBJECTIVELY.

Modified German Survival Scenario...

ENGLAND (Knowles): NMR! F MAO, F Iri, A Yor, A Lvn, A Mos, F Nrg, F TyS,
F Tun, F WMS, F GoL, F Bar all stand unordered.

GERMANY (Prevot): F Swe F Den & F Hol all stand, A Pru S A War, A Tyr - Vie,
A Vie - Gal S by A War, A Mun - Tyr S by A Pie, A Mar stands.

ITALY (Kelly): A Rom S (TURKISH) A Ven.

TURKEY (Black): A Ukr - Gal S by A Rum, A Sev - Ukr, F Bla - Sev, F Con - Aeg,
F Aeg - Ion S by F EMS & F Nap, F Apu S A Ven, A Ven S A Tri,
A Bud - Vie S by A Tri.

Retreats: German A Vie - Boh.

'Q' Game - Winter 1908 Adjustments

E: 11 Centres: Lpl, Lon, Edi, Bel, Nwy, StP, Bre, Por, Spa, Tun, Mos. No change.
 G: 9 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Swe, Par, Mar, ~~Vie~~, War. Removes F Swe.
 I: 1 Centre: Rom. No change.
 T: 13 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Rum, Sev, Gre, Ser, Bul, Tri, Bud, Ven, Nap, +Vie.
 Builds A Con.

Standby moves for ENGLAND please from PHIL MURPHY (41/43 Park Avenue, Belfast, BT4 1PU, Northern Ireland). Gracias.

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1974EB ('R') --- Autumn 1908 ONGOING ANGLO-FRENCH EXPANSION SCENARIO.
 Germany, Russia even weaker, survivalwise.

ENGLAND (Meadon): F Nrg stands, A Pru - War S by A Mos, A StP S A Mos,
 F Bal - Swe, F GoB stands, A Nwy - Fin.

FRANCE (Nathan): A Sil S (ENGLISH) A Pru - War, A Ber S A Sil, A Pie S A Ven,
 A Boh - Vie S by A Tyr, A Tus - Rom S by A Ven & F TyS, F WMS - Tun,
 F GoL S F TyS, F Gre - Aeg.

GERMANY (Pollard): A Vie S (RUSSIAN) A Gal.

ITALY (Churchill): A Rom - Apu, F Nap - Ion.

RUSSIA (White): A War - Mos S by A Sev & A Ukr, A Gal S (GERMAN) A Vie, A Bud S A Gal

TURKEY (Morris): A Ser S A Tri, F EMS - Ion, F Ion - Gre S by A Bul & F Aeg,
 A Con S A Bul.

Retreats: English A Mos - Lvn. French F Gre. - Alb.

Winter 1908 Adjustments

E: 8 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Den, Swe, StP, +War. Builds A Edi.
 F: 13 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, Por, Kie, Mun, Hol, Tun, Ber, +Ven, +Rom.
 Builds F Mar, A Par.
 G: 1 Centre: Vie. No change.
 I: 1 Centre: Nap, ~~Kie~~, ~~Vie~~. Removes A Apu.
 R: 4 Centres: Mos, Sev, ~~War~~, Rum, Bud. Removes A Sev.
 T: 7 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tri. No change.

Shock German Unit Doesn't Stand: In a surprise move today (our roving Zorn reporter telephones in) the Fuhrerbunker in Wein ordered an all-out support of Russian units 'preparatory to throwing back the er...1, 2, 3...ll French units'.

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1975DD ('S') --- Autumn 1904 SIGNIFICANT FRENCH ATTACK MODE SCENARIO.
 Russian Errors, Strategywise?

AUSTRIA (Murphy): A Ber S A Mun, A Gal - Vie S by A Bud, A Ser - Tri,
 A Rum S A Bud.

ENGLAND (Black): F Nth - Nwy, A Den - Swe, F Edi - Yor.

FRANCE (Piggott): A Lpl S (ENGLISH) F Edi, F Eng - Nth S by F Lon, A Wal - Yor,
 A Ruh - Mun S by A Bur, A Bel awaits his invitation to ChapelCon 1 with
 more than a little impatience!((worry not, laddie, your chance will come..))

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

ITALY (Holborn): A Tri - Bud S by A Vie, A Tyr - Tri, F Alb S F Gre.

RUSSIA (Kelly): A Cly - Lpl, F Nrg S (ENGLISH) F Nth, F Bal S (GERMAN) A Kie,
 A Ukr - Gal, A Sev S (AUSTRIAN) A Rum, A Arm - Ank.

TURKEY (Vickers): F Bla - Ank, F Con - Smy, F Aeg - Ion, A Bul - Gre.

No retreats...

p.t.o. for s.c. chart etc...

'S' Game Winter 1904 Adjustments

- A: 5 Centres: Bud, ~~Vie~~, ~~Tri~~, Ser, Mun, Rum, Ber. Removes A Gal.
- E: 4 Centres: Edi, ~~Lon~~, Den, +Nwy, +Swe. No room to build - 1 unit short.
- F: 8 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Bel, Lpl, +Lon. Builds F Mar.
- G: 2 Centres: Kie, Hol. No change.
- I: 7 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, +Vie, +Gre. Builds F Nap, A Ven.
- R: 4 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, ~~Viy~~, ~~StP~~. Removes F Bal & (GM). A Cly.
- T: 4 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul. No change.

Standby orders for GERMANY from DAVID NOBLE (2 Durban Road, Beckenham, Kent) please. Thank you.

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1975FA ('V') -- Autumn 1902

COMPREHENSIVE RUSSIAN ADVANCEMENT CAPABILITY.
Anglo-French retrenchment, retreatwise.

- AUSTRIA (Kelly): A Tri & A Vie both S A Bud, A Bud S A Tri.
- ENGLAND (Buckingham): F Nrg S F Nth, A Edi - Yor, F Nth S A Nwy.
- FRANCE (Meadon): F MAO - Eng, A Gas - Mar, A Spa - Tus C by F GoL, F WMS - Tun.
- GERMANY (Prevot): A Mun - Tyr, A Hol stands, A Bel stands, F Den - Ska, F Hel - Den.
- ITALY (Birsan): F Tun - WMS S by F TyS, A Pie - Tus, A Tyr - Pie.
- RUSSIA (Burton): F Bar - Nwy S by F Swe & A StP, A Gal - Bud, F Sev - Rum, A Ukr - Gal.
- TURKEY (Parrott): F Aeg - Ion S by F Gre, A Ser & A Bul both S (AUSTRIAN) A Bud - Rum, A Ank - Arm.

Retreats: English A Nwy disbanded. French F WMS - MAO.

Winter 1902 Adjustments

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

Turkey - Russia: Sorry, but at the time of writing I have not heard from you in two seasons... I shall be glad to diplomate with you next season, if you want.

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1975FW ('X') -- Spring 1901

PRIMARY TURKISH BLACK SEA AMBITIONS.
4-way Balkans fight, tacticswise?

- AUSTRIA (Meadon): F Tri - Alb, A Vie - Tri, A Bud - Ser.
- ENGLAND (Tant): F Lon - Nth, A Lpl - Yor, F Edi - Nrg.
- FRANCE (Hammon): F Bre - MAO, A Par - Bur, A Mar - Spa.
- GERMANY (Lettice): F Kie - Den, A Ber - Kie, A Mun - Ruh.
- ITALY (Rundle): A Ven - Tri, A Rom - Ven, F Nap - Ion.
- RUSSIA (Plater): F StP(SC) - GoB, A Mos - Ukr, A War - Gal, F Sev - Rum.
- TURKEY (Baker): A Con - Bul, A Smy - Con, F Ank - Bla.

No retreats of course. Very many thanks to Paul Willey for submitting a full set of standby orders which I'm delighted to say weren't needed. Don't forget your builds and retreats etc. with your autumn orders.

London: As Grandmother to most of the crowned heads of Europe, the old Queen sends messages of goodwill to all her potential ~~subjects~~ allies.

A Continuing Story (I hope!): She opened the office door: for an instant they stared at each other in a vacuum of similar duration but dissimilar content - hers of embarrassment, his of surprise. The luminous pallor of shock heightened her naturally fair complexion to unnatural brilliance, but into this paleness the ocean air had whipped a delicate apricot; her eyes were still enormous with the fearful wonderment of having glimpsed the abyss. Above all she had not had time to assume the impersonal composure which she habitually wore and which - he realised for the first time - aged her incalculably and made her stolid and lifeless. Also in this unmasked creature was something touchingly defenceless. "You shouldn't, you know, Miss Pendrell."

Would England care to write the next instalment? Let's see if we can get up to seven unbroken instalments at least. The story can go off in any direction, but the new bit must always start with the last two sentences of the previous one - so: "Also in this Miss Pendrell" - take it away David Tant.

Imrryr: Nice idea that. Now Martin's taken the trouble to start it off, let's see the rest of you keeping the pot boiling eh?

Nick - Steve: No offense, I loves ya really. See you in Bud?

Emperor Nick would like to announce that he is firmly allied to Italy and will not tolerate any aggression shown by a power unless warranted.

Turkey - Italy: Help me crush Austria and you get Tri, Vie and all of Germany.

The New Sherrads, Part 2

A Television Screen - the not too distant future: The meteoric rise of David Tant to the office of President of the United States is one of the great wonders of modern times - from a small time nobody back in 1975 he moved up from triumph to electoral triumph, and is now the biggest nobody ever to have become President of the United States. One could almost believe that he had some sort of magical assistance.....

The Oval Office: "Then it's a deal?" The President slit open his arm and dipped a quill in it. "For making Diplomacy real, giving me the Presidency of the IDA and the United States, Linda Lovelace, various sundries, and a large whisky in thirty seconds, I give you one soul in ten years time, subject to arbitration." The President scribbled a signature on the parchment.

Mephistopheles nodded. "All the same, I don't remember saying anything about Linda Lovelace and the large whisky. Linda poses a problem, as Leonid Brezhnev's got her at the moment - but we've a call out for him."

"Make it twenty years then."

"Twelve."

"Raquel Welch."

"Elizabeth Taylor."

"Jane Fonda, then."

"Jane Fonda and eight years."

"Jane Fonda, nine years, and a candy floss." The President saw Mephisto weaken, and dipped the pen into his arm again...

Covent Garden: For years now there had been stories of ghosts in the old Levin Press building. The few people still left in the area, survivors of an age gone by, avoided it, with tales of the ghostly hammer of presses, the clatter of typewriters. And once, a vagrant had been found horribly done to death, with the mysterious letters EDC carved on his bloodless forehead.

Behind the boarded windows of the Levin Building, Craig Nye, controller of the IDA's clandestine London operation; chewed on a rubbery hot-dog. Just another facet of the IDA's campaign to take over British Dippy, he mused. There were already stalls all over London. But Nye was troubled, had been troubled even before eating the hot-dog. He had been studying the latest figures he had received from Walkerdine, and those dealing with 'Scoop' Swanson, the IDA's troubleshooter, didn't add up.... Scoop was successful, but there it was in print - Scoop couldn't shoot trouble even if it came in a hypodermic.

Orphans Report

Ery and Star games. The five games quoted as rescued last issue are now about to get under way; Ery I & II in Dave Allen's The Norns and Ery XI and Star B & L in Steve Pratt's Ad Nauseam. Full details are going out to players and GMs with this issue. One other game from this batch, Ery VI, also now looks like being saved - a note about it is going out to prospective players and it will probably end up in Paul Simpkins Bruce, though there will be a bit of a delay with this one.

Black Spot and TUCA games. I got the following letter from Pete Charlton. 'On the phone to Les this evening, he's not sure what the future holds as he's to go back into hospital sometime in the new year. I would however think that all of Les' zines must be considered as folded'. Fair enough, thanks Pete. Of course we all wish Les a full and speedy recovery but acting on this I'll prepare a note for players in his former games, to go out with the next MP - it would have gone out this time, but I've been delayed.

E&OE game. I've had the following note from Norman Nathan. 'I shall send the next issue to all the players, within the next week. If they wish to continue (and the last move brought virtually no correspondence) then I will revive E&OE.' So that seems to be one I don't have to bother myself with - good.

Orbit games. I've done nothing about these yet, but will be writing to Paul Cook soon to see if he'll tell me what the likely position is.

Polaris games. Being handled by Phil Stutt - see elsewhere this issue.

That seems to be about the lot - more news of progress as it happens. Very many thanks for the offers from GMs to take games, it's very much appreciated. I hope by next issue to be able to announce the level of subsidy IDA/UK will give to publishers for taking on an orphan, but in the meantime more offers from GMs and prospective standby players are needed. Thanks.

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Oh dear, no room for any news again - I'll have to do a saucy catch-up ((ketchup, geddit?)) article next ish. Sorry.

Waiting Lists

'Y' game (will start next issue): Roy Taylor, Tony Ball, Andy Evans, John Lettice, Kern Dingsdale, Martin Rundle, Allan Ovens.

'Z' game (will start in issue 55): Peter Berlin, Paul Simpkins, Norman Nathan.

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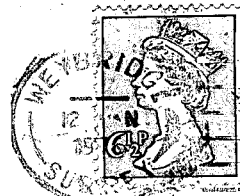
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