

Special Zine Poll Results Issue!

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DEADLINE

MONDAY, May 9th (Bourse, Mensamind, Annexe games)

WEDNESDAY, May 11th (all other games)

STANDBYES

Calls to MARTIN FEATHER ('Q'), JOHN LEFFICE ('V'), RON KELLY ('LA') please. Ta.

COAs

DUNCAN MORRIS to 2 Cairnsden Gardens, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 8SQ, Scotland ((watch out folks, he's loose in the UK again! Happy marriage Duncan - bad luck Anne!))

DAVE PENGELLY to Poste Restante, GPO Darwin, NT, Australia.

CHRIS SIDE to 3 Middlebrook Crescent, Fairweather Green, Bradford, West Yorks, BD6 0... That seems to be all...

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Editorial:

Trouble! To get straight to the point, I'm not happy with MP. For a long time now - a year at least - I've been increasingly of the opinion that I'm getting rather stale. I find it more and more difficult to think of new ideas for the zine and ways to keep it bright and alive. I've not lost any enthusiasm for producing the thing, but I'm getting less and less happy with the result. The reason is mainly that I find I have less and less time to devote to it, and I've finally decided that the time has come to do something about it. One solution would be to fold - at least for a while - in order to recharge my batteries as it were, but I'm loath to do that simply because I don't want to do that. So I'm going to try what I see as the only alternative; reduce my commitments elsewhere in order to generate the time I think I need to do the job properly.

So effective immediately the hobby had better start looking around for a new British Boardman Numbers custodian (qualification: access to all UK zines), a new compiler of TFT (same qualification as above), and a new Treasurer for IDA/UK (qualification: reliable current member). If I can think of anything else to give up in the next few weeks I'll add that to the list. Of course I'll carry on as best I can in the meantime until replacements can be found.

If that works - and it'll be me to decide whether it has or not - then well and good. If not, well, we start thinking about folding again - 'cos as sure as eggs is eggs I either produce a zine that I am happy with or none at all.

Omissions: Commiserations to Mick Bullock on his thoughts of folding, reviews of some new zines, couple of bits of press. Next time, with luck. Bye....

Right, no messing, let's get straight down to what you're really interested in this issue...

Results of the Fifth MP Zine Poll

<u>Position</u>	<u>Zine</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Average</u>
1	Chimaera	454.9	55	8.271
2	1901 And All That	454.7	58	7.840
3	Jigsaw	355.0	46	7.717
4	Dolchstoss	594.9	78	7.627
5	Rats live on no evil star	318.0	42	7.571
6	Mad Policy	435.5	58	7.509
7	Greatest Hits	273.4	38	7.195
8	Ad Nauseam	230.3	33	6.979
9	Trojan Horse	221.1	33	6.700
10	Puppet Theatre News	165.8	25	6.632
11	Lemming Express	284.5	43	6.616
12	Eclipsor	221.7	34	6.521
13	Leviathan	364.5	56	6.509
14	Ethil The Frog	313.9	49	6.406
15	En Guard	70.4	11	6.400
16	Bruce	221.4	35	6.326
17	The Tinamou	179.0	29	6.172
18	Sauce of the Nile	189.3	31	6.123
19	Fall of Eagles	61.0	10	6.100
20	{ Bellicus	229.6	40	5.740
	{ Pendulum	86.1	15	5.740
22	Turn of the Screw	212.3	37	5.738
23	Mistermer	68.0	12	5.667 (SZ)
24	Queen Victoria's Funeral	28.1	5	5.620
25	Gummiballs	212.1	38	5.582
26	Bumm	106.7	20	5.335
27	Vortigern	36.8	7	5.257
28	Battleground	31.0	6	5.167 (SZ)
29	Royal Flush	50.6	10	5.060 (SZ)
30	Gallimaufry	59.6	12	4.967
31	Shenandoah Services	113.3	23	4.926
32	Nitehawk	29.4	6	4.900
33	Bron Yr Aur	74.8	16	4.675
34	Courier	32.5	7	4.643
35	Caissa	54.7	12	4.558
36	Spread Vulture	44.2	10	4.420 (SZ)
37	Hercules	38.3	9	4.256 (SZ)
38	Albatross	108.1	28	3.861
39	Cannonade	42.0	11	3.818 (SZ)
40	Depth Charge	30.3	8	3.788 (SZ)
41	Almeria Island Chronicle	25.6	7	3.657 (SZ)
42	The Annexe	69.1	19	3.637 (SZ)
43	Vortex 1066	25.3	7	3.614 (SZ)
44	Walamalaysia Gazette	25.0	7	3.571 (SZ)
45	The Polar Knight	17.3	5	3.460
46	AVAM	55.2	16	3.450
47	Japhdrew	115.3	34	3.391
48	An Taidhleair	26.5	8	3.312 (SZ)
49	Blimp/Fastonbulbous	22.0	7	3.143 (SZ)
50	Saruman's Voice	24.8	8	3.100 (SZ)
51	En Front	17.3	6	2.883 (SZ)
52	UKDA PF	28.1	11	2.555 (SZ)
53	The Norns	56.4	23	2.452

Notes: (SZ) of course denotes a sub-zine. En Guard is considered a full zine as it appears separated from its parent. Minimum qualification for inclusion in the list is votes from at least five people. Votes also received for

Roll Call, Fortis Est Rana, Monthly Bureaucrat, The End is Nye, Norseman, Behemoth, Kriegspiel, Shenandoah, TFT, Top o' the Pile, Who's Where, He's Dead Jim, Perfidious Albion - but in all cases too few for inclusion.

Comments: A few general stats first. Total number of voters this time was a staggering 111 - far more than the 69 of last time. Average zines rated by each voter was 11.3, the same as last year, and average points per zine was 6.04, slightly up on the 5.94 of last year.

Now let's slip rapidly down the list. Chimaera wins for the second time in a row due, I suspect, to the realisation of how much work Clive must put into it - congrats mate, well deserved. 1901 second yet again, and again well deserved for both regularity and size. Jigsaw up from 4 last year to third place now - a future number one if he can keep up his current pace maybe? Dolchstoss up from 10 to 4 and maybe a wee bit of a surprise that it was no higher than that. Rats straight in at number 5, by far the highest new entry and that should surprise nobody. MP down from 3 to 6, partly due to my domestic troubles recently I suspect but also to the belief that I'm beginning to get stale - more of that elsewhere however, and in the meantime thanks to all of you who gave me a thoroughly respectable and slightly undeserved high placing. GH up from 11 to 7, might have been expected to be a bit higher still but remember there's an awful lot of talent above it. AN down from 6 to 8 but with a somewhat longer list that's virtually maintaining his position. TH down from 5 to 9 though I don't know why - it's every bit as good as it was. PTN up from 15 to 10 must prove that we all do like the Muppets after all! LE up from 12 to 11 proves just how well Bob Hoves has taken over - I'm particularly pleased to see this one up near the top. Eclipsor up from 16 to 12 and maybe worth a couple more places next time? Leviathan straight in at 13 and I'd say that seems about right for it. Ethel straight in at 14 and confidently expected to be in the top three next year! (Provided he gets his issue numbers correct by then). En Guard straight in at 15, could be claimed to be the top sub-zine but I consider it a full zine these days. Bruce up from 19 to 16 and quite right too, could go higher next time. TT up from 28 to 17, a big jump that speaks volumes for the way Bob has taken it over. Sauce straight in at 18 and would have been higher still I suspect if it weren't for all those sub-zines. FoE enters at a very respectable 19 - too early really to judge a very new zine. Belliscus up from 27 to 20 due to improved regularity and GMing. Pendulum, now sadly folded, up from 26 to 20, a mark of respect from its faithful subscribers. TotS down from 21 to 22, i.e. unchanged, which reflects quite fairly the continuance of its good appearance and reasonable reliability. Misteimer sticks at 23 and is now the top sub-zine - and quite right too. QVE at 24 is probably unavoidable considering the enforced nature of its content. Gumballs down from 24 to 25, and I'd expect it to stay there as long as it continues to be bitty and rambling. Bum! down from 7 to 26, one of the biggest drops, and presumably due to it having less and less of interest for Britons.

That's the top half of the table dealt with and I'll restrict my comments on the rest to just a mention of some of the larger falls. Courier is down from 17 to 34, and reflects Don's increasing withdrawal from the mainstram of the hobby. Japhidrev is down from 25 to 47 and frankly I'm not surprised - I don't know what's come over Phil in recent months. The Norns is down from 31 to 53, bottom place and that should surprise nobody at all - well deserved. UkDAP ran it close though - and that was well deserved too!

Lots of you sent in comments on the Poll - for which I was most grateful, thanks - including some fascinating ways of arriving at your ratings. Personally I think it best to award a fixed proportion of points for each of various categories such as reliability, GMing, appearance, interest etc and then total them up. But it's really up to each individual. Many of you mentioned that you and I didn't include sub-zines so I bowed to public opinion and included them in last year's Poll and everyone was happy - now you seem to want them out again! There's no satisfying all the people all the time... If I do another Poll next year I'll probably restrict it to full zines again though - and I'll try to tighten up my definition of a full Dippyazine too! Until then, thanks again to all 111 of you who voted, you each get this issue of MP for postage only, with my very best wishes.

ROKKOR
by Paul Willey

Rokkor is an intergalactic policeman who has formed a symbiotic union with Nick Morgan, a young photographer. They are pursuing Gradon, a killer of Rokkor's race who has taken control of the body of a Somerset bobby.

PART SEVEN

It was the following morning when Jed Blackmore went to answer the front doorbell. He found himself confronted by a smiling man with a camera over his arm.

"Farmer Blackmore?" enquired the stranger. Jed nodded. "My name is Nick Morgan," he went on, producing his press card. "I'm doing a follow-up story on the space ship incident. May I come in?"

"Which paper you from?" asked the farmer, suspiciously. Some of the papers had treated his story less than kindly, in spite of the corroborative evidence.

"I - er - freelance, actually," Nick told him.

"Do you realise I'm a farmer?" Jed asked him. "I've got a lot to do."

"Offer him some money," suggested Rokkor. Be quiet, subvocalised Nick. "Don't worry. He can't hear me," said Rokkor.

"I shall, of course, make it worth your while," said Nick.

"Better come in," nodded Jed. "Take a seat."

"Perhaps you could tell me briefly what happened."

Jed had told his story so often he was now quite fluent. He outlined how he had seen the ship land, and the little blue man come to the door. He explained that he started off down the lane 'in order to inform the authorities', and that he had met P.C. Forbes in his panda car. The alien ran towards them, he went on, and just fell down dead.

"Ask him if he did anything before that," put in Rokkor. Nick relayed the question.

"Yes," answered Jed. "He sort of clutched his chest. It was like a heart attack I s'pose. All that running. Mind you, he didn't look that old. But I s'pose you can never tell."

Nick agreed that you never could, and Jed went on to say that Constable Forbes drove off with the dead alien and he, Jed, went to phone the newspapers. They had not seemed very interested at first, but then, some time after breakfast, the space ship took off again.

"Never occurred to me there might be two of them," said Jed.

"Two?" enquired Nick.

"Well, stands to reason, doesn't it? Space ship can't take off by itself. I s'pose one of them stayed behind, and when his mate didn't come back he decided to clear off."

Rokkor rapidly gave Nick some instructions. "What happened then?" asked Nick.

"Well, nothing, until the newspaper men started coming."

"What about when P.C. Forbes came back?"

"Well, that was after the spaceship - what do you mean? P.C. Forbes never came back here. I don't know what you're talking about. I think you'd better go."

"Wait," interposed Nick. "Let me tell you something. There was only one alien on that ship."

"How do you know?"

"You said that there had to be another one in order to make the spaceship take off. But that's not so. You see, the alien wasn't quite dead. Before he died, he told P.C. Forbes where to find the equipment to make it take off. But P.C. Forbes had to put it somewhere after causing the take-off, and he knew that if his superiors found out he'd done it, he'd be for the high-jump. I think he gave you that equipment."

It was all invention on Nick's part, based on the slip Jed had made after Nick had played the long shot, by suggesting that Forbes had returned to the farm.

Jed hesitated. "Well..." he said. "Since you know so much. Mind, he told me not to tell no-one, but, yes, he gave me that stuff. It's up in the loft."

"If I could take a photograph of it," Nick told him, "I would be able to give you, say, fifteen pounds."

"Twenty," said Jed, instinctively.

"Done," said Nick, and Jed scuttled off to get the equipment with which he had been entrusted. A few minutes later he returned, staggering under the weight, and

Nick assisted him to the table with it. The natural instinct of the photographer coming out, he stepped back and raised his camera before even studying the object.

At that point, the door to the kitchen opened, and Colin Forbes stepped in, carrying Jed's shotgun. His face was a twisted mask. "I said no-one," he hissed at Jed, and fired the gun at point-blank range. Jed screamed and fell, an enormous hole in his abdomen. Nick froze with horror, the shot ringing round the room. As if in slow motion, he saw Forbes swing the gun-barrel towards him, and realised that there was a second barrel which would also be primed. Nick flung himself to one side, but he was too late. Forbes discharged the second barrel and Nick fell senseless to the ground, his left leg shattered, and blood spurting hideously from a torn femoral artery.

Forbes knew the man would be dead within minutes. He gathered up the contents of equipment and left the house. The two dying men lay still and twisted on the floor.

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Miller Numbers

The result of the poll taken some time ago among dippy publishers as to who should be Miller Numbers Custodian - Robt Sacks or Conrad von Metzke - has now been announced. And it's a tie! 22 for Robt and 22 for Conrad, with lots of abstentions - all highly suspicious in my nasty jaundiced view and I suggest if you believe this you'll believe anything! Still, that's the official position and Conrad has now announced that as he didn't receive a majority he is now relinquishing all claims to the MNs and concentrating on other aspects of the variant scene. So the official Miller Numbers Custodian, worldwide, remains Robt Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5 V, New York, NY 10034, USA....

...But of course the matter doesn't end there! A certain Elmer Hinton has now announced in his zine Gluc and Key that if Conrad will no longer oppose Robt then he will, and he is preparing to issue variant game numbers in opposition to Robt Sacks. Now look, we've just had one referendum which has failed to oust Sacks from the job, is there really any point in trying to continue the opposition? Conrad has already criticised Elmer's action, I'm sure Robt will too, and the hobby as a whole has refused to come out in favour of sacking Sacks. Can't we leave things at that? It's highly unlikely that any of this will affect us at all over here, but just in case any of you do receive anything from Hinton I urge you to ignore it, to continue to recognise Robt Sacks as MNC, and to try to keep this dispute from flaring up again.

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Railway Rivals

This delightful game from David Gwyn Watts (32 Eastleigh Drive, Malford Haven, Dyfed, SA73 2LY, Wales) has now been improved by the provision of two ready-printed boards. They are for games 'B' and 'K', are 45cm by 61cm, and cost 36p each (66p with rules and Touchdown) plus postage. (Postage is 9p for one, 12p for two by the way). As a special offer - April only - David is offering both maps for 65p, post free, or both complete outfits for £1.20, post free.

I've only ever played RR once, and that was a couple of years ago at Pete Birks' place, so I'm not really in a position to write a proper review of it. But from what I remember of it I found it entertaining, enjoyable, and well worth a try - David says it makes a good solo game too. If you're looking for something a wee bit different you could probably do a lot worse than contact David and find out a bit more about it - and remember the game is getting increasingly popular as a postal game, with sections now appearing in several zines.

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Calhauer Awards

It's time to start organising these things again and I've been asked to handle the UK end of them again. They will be run on broadly similar lines to last year, with separate panels of judges for the various geographical areas plus a separate international panel and I'm now looking for volunteers for the positions of judges. Richard Sharp has already agreed to serve on the International panel, which with me on it as well fills that one, but there are still vacancies on the British panel.

Pete Cousins is the only British judge so far and I'd like at least another four or five people to come forward if possible. All you will have to do is to judge the various contenders and send in your votes to the adjudicator - anyone interested? Next issue I hope to publish details of how nominations can be made for both the British and International sections, and then we'll get down to actually organising the things. One other detail that's worth mentioning is that this year the Awards are being run independantly of any organisation - they used to be run by IDA, but now they are all on their own.

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'S' Game - Final Summary

1975DD. Zine: Mad Policy. GM: RJW. Players: A- Phil Murphy (out A08). E- Dave Black (out A09). F- John Piggott (won All). G- Geoff Challenger (dro S05), David Noble (out S06). I- Andy Holborn. R- Craig Nye (dro S04), Ron Kelly. T- Ralph Vickers. Game started: 10/5/75; finished: 21/3/77.

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A	3	6	7	7	5	5	5	1	-			
E	3	3	3	3	4+	3	3	2	1	-		
F	3	5	6	7	8	11	13	16+	16	17	17	18
G	3	5	4	2	2	1	-					
I	3	4	4	5	7	6	5	5	6	5	5	6
R	4	7	7	6	4	3	2	2	3	3	2	1
T	3	4+	3	4	4	5	6	8	8	9	10	9

Italian Summary: This game divides quite nicely into three phases. The first consisted of stopping Phil Murphy winning, in the second Turkey Austria and Italy hacked about at each other while France ran over most of the rest of the board, and the third consisted of almost stopping the 'Piggottise' winning.

Austria sealed his fate early on by rashly taking three builds in '01, another in '02 and threatening to take two more in '03. The attack in '03 can scarcely be called a stab, just a stone-cold certainty. Beware the perils of over-expansion! There followed a slow, lingering death for Austria: slow and lingering because Ralph and I couldn't seem to hit it off for more than one move at a time. Meanwhile Geoff and Craig dropped out leaving France with a rather disorganised opposition to mop up. The drop-outs at a time when England had been pretty well crippled contributed to John's win but he can't be blamed for that and certainly made the most of his chances.

At last, with France on sixteen centres, Ralph decided the time had come to stop taking swipes at me and from '07 he co-ordinated the efforts of all the non-French forces. When the game ended we had a plan of action, covering almost every eventuality for the next two or three years. The possibility of France reaching 18 centres though was not one of the possibilities catered for! Pity, as I'm sure he was getting into difficulties and Ralph will doubtless agree. The problems of co-ordinating joint action between Spain, New York and Preston didn't exactly help.

Thanks to all concerned for an enjoyable game and especially for the impeccable GMing. I remember mentioning 'S' game in the bog of the New Inn (Lancaster) last spring to Mr. Piggott. I think his only comment at the time was 'I shall win'. It seemed not unreasonable as he was about to move onto sixteen centres - and as events have turned out he obviously couldn't have been drunk after all. Worth the wait John?

-- Andy Holborn.

GI's Summary: Unfortunately Andy's was the only statement received, so we can't discover now the other principal characters saw the game which is a pity. I saw it in much the same way as Andy, with France quick to bottle up England, benefitting from the German incompetence and Italy's preoccupation in the east, and finally reaching the magic 18 just in time before his opponents could set up a stalemate line. In fact taking full advantage of his chances and playing an almost faultless game - very well done. Something must be said of Ralph's efforts however, which comprised enormous quantities of game-related press, a great deal of time and effort and I'm sure a huge number of letters - a pity in some ways that it came to nought in the end, but the fact that it almost worked goes to show what can be achieved if one is prepared to work for it. A good game; I'm pleased to have run it.

Direct to you from John Morrison of 9, Highfield Avenue, Inskip, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 0UE, via the presses of the Immryr baron, it's your favourite Sub-Zine back again. Straight on with 1975DT('U'):Autumn 1909..ENGLAND FALLS.

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As for the Draw Proposal, well, it didn't get your unanimous approval, so on we go.

AUSTRIA(Ovens): F Gre stands, A Tri S A Tyr, A War S A Lvn, A Ber-Mun S by A Tyr & A Boh & A Sil, A Pru-Ber, A Lvn stands, A Mos-StP, A Gal yawns, A Vie falls asleep.

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ENGLAND(Haughan): A StP stands.

FRANCE(Pratt): A Kie & A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun, A Swe-Pin, A Nwy-StP(nc) S by F Gob, A Gas S F Mar, F M.O-Spa(sc) S by A Por, F M.O-M.O S by F Bre & F Enc.

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ITALY(Kelly): F Tus-Pie, F Ion stands, F GoL S F Spa(sc), F WMS S F Spa(sc), F Spa(sc) S F WMS, F Naf-M.O, A Ven-Lpu, A Pie-Ven.

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Retreats: A StP (ENGLISH that is) annihilated-N.R.S.C.

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WINTER 1909 ADJUSTMENTS:

AUSTRIA: 12 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, Con, War, Mos, Ber. NO CHANGE

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ENGLAND: 0 Centres: ~~StP~~. OUT!

FRANCE : 15 CENTRES: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Lon, Mun, Lpl, Hol, Kie, Nwy, Den, Swe, Edi, Por, +StP. BUILDS A Par.

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ITALY : 7 Centres: Ven, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ank, Smy, Spa. REMOVES F Naf.

Not only is there no action, but there's no press either, 'so.

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1975FL('W'): Autumn 1909....GERMANS RECAPTURE MUNICH.

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AUSTRIA.(Black): A Tyr-Mun S by A Boh, A Sil-War S by A Gal, A Tri-Ser, A Rum-Sev, F Gre stands.

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ENGLAND(Kelly): F GoL S(Italian)A Mar, F Nth-Nwy, F Lon-Nth S by F Edi.

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GERMANY(Willey): A Ber-Mun S by A Kie & A Ruh & A Lur, F Bal-Den, A Gas S A Spa, A Spa stands, F Hol-Bel, F Nwg-N.O, F M.O-Iri.

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ITALY(Plater): NMR! F WMS, F TyS, F Ion, A Mar, A ...
A Pie all stand unordered.

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RUSSIA(Lindsay): A Mun-Ber S by A Pru, A Lvn-StP, A Nwy-Swe, A Ukr-Sev.

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1975FL('W')...Continued.

Retreats: RUSSIAN & Mun annihilated-nowhere to go.

En Route from Trieste to Serbia: The Grand Duke was obviously very worried, which caused his beautiful wife to be worried also. "Why are we returning to Serbia so soon, my dear? What did the reports contain that worries you so?"

"Well, it appears that our eager young officers have been chafing at the bit for some time. They were naturally resentful when our garrison at Warsaw was massacred by the Russians, and they felt that in our recent alliance the Russians were getting all of the benefit whilst we did all the work. Now they have attacked Munich, Warsaw and Sevastopol without orders, hoping that with surprise on their side they will succeed and that if they succeed they will be proclaimed heroes"...

Austria-Russia: Sorry, my 'Amazing Guarantee' was also 'Limited Period'

Russia-Austria: Dear Paul, Thanks for the stamps for Iron Kr Sur no. 1 ((this was the best translation I could come up with, folks-GM)), remind me you have 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ p credit when you do sub.....!

By the way, writing letters to me starting 'Dear Steve' is really not a terribly good way to keep an alliance going....Fete!

Bundestag H.Q. Kiel: Tears coursed down the Kaiser's face, his head lolling on the table next to the empty bottle of rye whisky. It could have been his! Everything. Control of Europe had been almost within his grasp - until that damned man in Black had come on the scene. A change of government in Austria had wrought havoc. New diplomats had succeeded in uniting the rest of Europe against him. The Russians and Austrians were invading Germany and had been on the soil of the fatherland for two or three years now. The flower of German youth was being cut down by foreign forces. Soon Germany herself would collapse. The Kaiser looked at his revolver. Not yet, but soon.....

The Draw Proposal was again rejected, so on we go with this one as well.

Finally, just to say sorry to all of you for missing last time. I was fine on the Monday, but then spent the next 2 weeks in gbed.

+++++TAPLAN+++++
STOP THE PRESSES, I forgot the WINTER 1908 ADJUSTMENTS for 'W' Game.

- AUSTRIA: 8 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Rum, Bul,+War. BUILDS A Gd.
- ENGLAND: 5 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Tun,+Nwy. BUILDS F Lpl.
- GERM.NY: 9 CENTRES: Kie, Mun, Den, ~~Syl~~, Bel, War, Par, Hol, ~~Nyy~~, Bre, Spa, Por. REMOVES A Gd.
- ITALY : 7 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Smy, Ank, Con,+Mar. INT.Owed 1 Un
- RUSSIA : 5 Centres: Mos, StP, Sev, ~~Nar~~, Der,+Swe. BUILDS A Mos.

Sorry Richard, Sorry Folks. It's amazing just how quickly you get out of practice you know.....with the typing that is!

+++++TAPLAN(at last)+++++

Mensamind

A query has come up which needs a bit of explanation of how I mark your guesses. Here's an example. If the target word was, say, WORD, and someone sent in a guess of HOOD they would be awarded XXO. That is, an 'X' for the D in the correct position, another 'X' for the first of their O's which is also in the correct position, and then an 'O' for the second of their O's which is a correct letter but in the wrong position. I've been told that other GMs don't mark guesses in quite the same way, so you'd better bear this in mind. As far as I'm concerned my way is the most logical way to do it.

	<u>Word 1</u>		<u>Word 2</u>		<u>Word 3</u>	
	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>
Keith Black	XXX	XXO	XO	XXX	X	XXX
'Bob Howes	<u>XXXX</u> !	(4)	XX	XO	O	<u>XXX</u> !
Neil McDonald	O	XO	XX	X	<u>XXX</u> !	(4)
John Miller	<u>XXXX</u> !	(4)	X	X	-	XX
John Piggott	XXX	XXX	<u>XXXX</u> !	(4)	XO	-
Richard Potts	-	<u>XXX</u> !	XXX	X	O	-
Steve Pratt	XXO	XXX	(3)	(3)	O	X
John Smith	XXX	<u>XXX</u> !	XXO	XX	XCO	XO
Marcus Umney-Foote	XOO	XXX	XX	XXO	XO	<u>XXX</u> !
Paul Willey	<u>XXX</u> !	(4)	X	XXX	-	XXX

Still anyone's game I reckon...

Several ideas for the next game but the most popular choices seem to be either three five-letter words or four or five three-letter words. I might even run both if there's enough demand. More comments welcome.

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1974BT ('Q') - Spring 1916

An unfortunate time to NIR....

ENGLAND (Neil McDonald): A Fin - Sve, F Nrg - Nth, F MAO - Eng S by F Lon, F WMS - MAO, F GoL - Mar S by F Spa(SC), A Bur - Pic, A Mar - Gas, F Rom stands, A Ukr - War.

GERMANY (Roland Prevot): NMR! A's StP, Lvn, Var, Gal, Bud, Vie, Tyr, Tri, Ven, Pic, Bel, Gas; F's Nrvy, Nth, Kie all stand unordered.

TURKEY (Dave Black): A Sev - Ukr, A Bul - Gre, A Con - Bul, A Ser - Sud S by A Tur, F Bla S A Rum, F Gre - Ion, F Adr - Tri.

Retreats: German A Bud annihilated.

Standby orders for GERMANY please from MARTIN FEATHER (Dept of Artificial Intelligence, University of Edinburgh, 2 Hope Park Square, Edinburgh, EH3 9NF, Scotland). Tel. Other addresses: Black; 27 Craigie Street, Glasgow, G42. McDonald; Durwoston House, Durwoston, Blandford, Dorset, DT11 0QA.

(Q)

1975PA ('V') - Autumn 1910

See headline for 'Q' game.....

ENGLAND (Stewart Buckingham): A Mos S (GERMAN), A Pru - War, A StP S A Mos, A Fin & A Nrvy both stand, F Nth - Lng, F Iri - MAO.

GERMANY (Roland Prevot): NMR! A's Lvn, Pru, Bcr, pol, Boh, Tyr, Mun, Bur, Pic, Spa; F's MAO, Mar, GoL all stand unordered.

RUSSIA (Charles Burton): A War - Ukr.

TURKEY (Laurence Parrott): F WMS - CoL S by F Tus & F TyS, F Tur - FIS, A Tri S F Ven, A Bud S A Vie, A Rum S A Gal, A Sev - Mos S by A Ukr, A Vie S A Gal, A Arm - Sev, A Bul - Ser, A Gal S (RUSSIAN), A War.

MP67...Page 1000 (have you realised they're all in binary code yet?)

'V' Game contd.

Retreats: German F GoL annihilated.

Winter 1910 Adjustments

E: 6 Centres: Nwy, Swe, StP, Edi, Lpl, Mos. No change.

G: 12 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre, Lon, Mar, Spa, Por, ~~Vie~~.
No change.

R: 1 Centre: War. No change.

T: 15 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Ser, Sev, Rum, Nap, Tri, Ven, Tun, Bud, Gre, Rom, +Vie. Builds F Smy.

Standby orders for GERMANY please from JOHN LETTICE (Flat 4, 8 Wyndham Crescent, London, N19). Ta.

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(V)

1975FW ('X') -- Spring 1909 It's by no means over yet.....

FRANCE (Paul Willey): F WMS - MAO S by F Por, A Par - Bre, A Gas - Bre,
F Pic - Eng, A Mar - Bur.

RUSSIA (Steve Plater): F StP(NG) - Nwy, A Kie - Mun S by A Bur, A Ruh S A Bur,
A Hol S F Bel, F Nth - Eng S by F Bel, A Lpl - Wal, F MAO - Spa(SC),
F Den - Nth, F Edi - Cly, F Sev - Bla, A Mos - Sev, A Mun - Boh, A Tyr - Vie,
A War - Ukr, A Boh - Gal.

TURKEY (Ron Kelly): A Pie - Tyr, A Ven - Tri, A Rom - Ven, A Apu - Alb C by F ADr.
F Nap - TyS, F Ion - Gre, A Tri - Bud, F Aeg - Con, F EMS - Aeg.

No retreats.

I have a proposal for a 3-way draw. Votes with your next set of orders please. Failure to vote counts as being in favour of the draw.

Ron Kelly is now in charge of Turkey - thanks Ron. Nick Baker joins the blacklist.

Earth Orbit: "Bullock!" Sherrad snapped, turning from the viewer. "Lettice has given Ulrika Meinhof the slip. He's on the train to Burton-on-Trent - get him while we know where he is!"

Chelsea Town Hall: I scanned MP65 quickly. I seemed to have fooled everyone. Posing with the problem of everyone knowing exactly what I did as soon as it was printed in MP I had come up with the perfect answer - come up with a dummy press release. While everyone else thought I was on a train I was actually making my way here, and by the time they found out it would be too late. But the queue was beginning to move. I took out my wallet as I read the sign 'NGC Games Day - entry fee £12.50 only'. I paid my money and followed the line into a dark chamber. Some sixth sense told me to dodge to one side, and something swished past me, hitting a wall with a thud. I dropped to the floor, and a hail of bullets flew overhead. Around me I heard the groans of my companions. I rolled back towards the entrance, just in time to hide in the shadows as the lights came on. A group of cloaked figures wearing frog masks hurried in and hauled the bodies off to a series of chambers. They throw several switches and a machine began to hum. Through a doorway to the left several figures started to emerge. To my horror I realised that they were perfect replicas of the people who'd just been massacred. They dispersed, and the bodies were hurriedly dumped onto a conveyor belt. I followed them stealthily.

Battersea Power Station: The dustcart slowed, and I jumped to the ground. It turned and slowly began to tip its load into a huge, steaming vat. I followed the progress of the evil brew through all its stages - cat meat, bone meal, and huge sheets of human skin. The skin was pulled into something like a printing press, where it began to acquire a golden colour. Yes, it was a printing press. I picked up one of the finished articles; I needed it for analysis, to prove my story - after all, it would take a pretty sick mind to make up a story like this. I glanced at it: 'Rad Policy - issue number 67'. I frowned, and turned to X game, where I read: 'Earth Orbit: "Bullock!" Sherrad snapped....' With horror I rushed down the page, and now I've reached 'With horror I rushed down the page...' I realise that I have met

myself, caught up with myself, and that I have somehow dissolved the space-time continuum.

"Okay, Lettice, up against the wall."

I recognise Piggott's voice, and turn to see a row of frog-masked storm troopers. "It's too late Piggott - I've destroyed time!"

"Well, well... how very interesting. Deal with him boys."

I dive to the ground and hear a machine pistol open up, but it is the storm troopers who fall! Ulrika Meinhof strolls into view. Piggott runs. Dazed, I gape at her. "You can't do that - I've destroyed time!"

"It seems all right to me."

At that moment there was a rumbling sound, and everything began to dissolve - things flew past. A policeman flew past. "Officer! You've got to stop them. Mad Policy is PEOPLE!!"

??: The Time Lord frowned. "Relativity disruption on Terra."

"Is it him?"

"It seems to be. Lettice has broken the first, second and third laws of the press release. We seem to have a temporal black hole."

(X)

1976AJ ('Y') -- Autumn 1907 Italy looking slightly squashed?...

AUSTRIA (Martin Rundle): A Vie MS A Bud, A Ser - Rum S by A Bul, F Smy S (ITALIAN) F Aeg.

FRANCE (Paul Willey): F Lon S (ITALIAN) F MAO - Eng.

GERMANY (Allan Ovens): F Eng - MAO S by F NAO, A Yor - Lon, F Den - Nth, A Bre stands, A Gas - Spa S by A Mar, A Bur S A War, A Mun - Tyr S by A Boh.

ITALY (Roy Taylor): F MAO - Gas, A Spa - Mar S by A Pie & F GoL, F TyS - WMS, F Aeg S (AUSTRIAN) F Smy, F Gre S (AUSTRIAN) A Bul, A Tri S (AUSTRIAN) A Bul, A Tyr - Boh.

RUSSIA (Tony Ball): F Nwy S (GERMAN) F Den - Nth, F Lvn - GoB, A Gal - Rum S by A Ukr & A Sev, A Rum - Bul S by F Bla, A Con - Smy S by A Arm.

Retreats: German A Mar & Italian A Tyr both disband.

Winter 1907 Adjustments

A: 5 Centres: Bud, Vie, Ser, Bul, Smy. No change.

F: 1 Centre : Lon. No change.

G: 11 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Bre, Par, Ldi, Lpl, +Spa. Builds A Mun, F Kie.

I: 8 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri, Tun, ~~Spa~~, Mar, Por, Gre. No change.

R: 9 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Rum, Swe, Ank, Nwy, Con. No change.

(Y)

1976GJ ('Z') -- Spring 1906 Russian forces split asunder!...

Error last time: Russia built A Sev and not A War. Sorry.

ENGLAND (Norman Nathan): A Hol - Kie S by F Den, F Bal - Ber, F Ldi - Nrg, F Nth S F Den.

FRANCE (John Herlihy): A Mun - Sil, A Bur - Mun, A Bel - Ruh, A Par - Bur, A Pie - Tyr, A Mar - Pie, F TyS - WMS, F Ion - Nap S by F Ron.

GERMANY (Pete Lindsay): A Ber - Pru, A Kie - Ber.

RUSSIA (Peter Berlin): F Swe - Ska S by F Nry, A Fin - Swe, A Mos S A Sev, A Gal - Bud, A Vie - Tri S by A Ven.

ITALY (Dave Tant): ~~NIR!~~ F Nap stands unordered.

TURKEY (Neil McDonald): F Tri - Adr, A Bud - Vie, A Ser - Bud, A Rum stands, F Gre - Alb, F Smy - Aeg, A Con - Bul, A Arm - Sev S by F Bla.

Retreats: German A Kie & Italian F Nap both annihilated.

Mos - Con: Dip dip, sky blue....

(Z)

1976GZ ('AA') -- Spring 1905 Italy's turn to look a little shaky?....

ENGLAND (Martin Dean): F Wdi - Nrg, F Nth - Nwy, F Swe S (GERMAN) F Ber - Bal,
A Pic - Bel, F Tun - TvS, F Wds - GoL.

GERMANY (Bill Orr): F MAO - WMS, A Mai - Pie, A Par - Bur, A Mun - Boh S by A Sil,
A Kie - Hun, F Ber - Bal, A Den looks east and west and decides to
support (ENGLISH) F Swe.

ITALY (Richard Potts): A Pie - Tyr, A Vie - Tyr, A Bud - Tri, A Gal - Ukr S by A Rum,
F Rom - TyS, F Nap - Ion, F Bul(SC) - Con S by F Aeg, F EMS - Smy.

RUSSIA (Roger Collins): F Bal - Swe S by A Fin & A Nwy, A War - Gal, A Ukr - Sev,
F Sev - Bla, A Smy - Ank.

TURKEY (Paul Segal): NMR! F Ank stands unordered.

Retreats: Russian F Bal - GoB. (Remember that as the English F Swe wasn't
dislodged - by virtue of the German support - it is still able to
support an attack on the unit that tried to attack it).

Would RON KELLY (Room 120, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, Washington DC 20061, USA) please
send a standby move for that lone TURKISH fleet? Thanks.

Italy - Russia: I suppose it gives you great pleasure to know that you were right.

Memo to Insecure Schizophrenic: You'll have to talk amongst yourselves this week,
A.N.Other is on holiday.

(AA)

1976ARbb ('AB' - Multiplicity) -- Spring 1903 Turkey shrinking fast....

ENGLAND (Keith Black): 1/2F Lon - Eng, F Bre - MAO, F Swe stands, F Nwy stands,
F StP(NC) samples the local vodka.

FRANCE (Paul Willey): 2A Gas - Bre, 2A Bur - Gas, A Bel - Pic.

GERMANY (Duncan Morris): F Den - Kie, A Hol stands, A Kie - Ruh S by 2A Mun.

ITALY (John Lettice): F Ion - Gre S by A Ser, A Tri + A Ser + A Bud MERGE = 3A Ser,
2A Bud SPLIF = A Bud + A Ser; A Bud S A Bud = Ser, 2A Ven - Tri, F Nap - Ion.

RUSSIA (Graham Buckell): A Rum - Bul S by F Bla, A Ukr - Rum,
A Ank + A Arm MERGE = 2A Smy.

TURKEY (Anthony Dawson): A Bul - Con, A Smy - Ank S by A Con.

Retreats: Turkish A Bul annihilated.

GM Notes: Explanation of the Italian cock-up. A Ser cannot support the F Ion and
take part in a Merge at the same time - only one or the other. So the
move F Ion - Gre succeeds anyway as the support wasn't needed, but the 3-unit
Merge on Serbia fails and hence the 2A Ven - Tri also fails as A Tri didn't move
out. John is left with 2A Ven, A Tri, 2A Bud, A Ser, F Gre, F Ion. Right? Right!

London - Paris: See, I told you that you could have it back!

Loudon Wainwright VII of the Intergalactic Dippy Zine Corps: Episode 8; Deneb 17:

As Loudon approached the main spaceport of Deneb 17, he decided to travel as
an ordinary passenger rather than trying to maintain his 'manning robot' cover by
travelling in the cargo hold. Sooner or later his cover would have been broken
anyway, and his fellow passengers might well provide some useful information.

The spaceport formed part of the link between the large system of Deneb and
the rest of the Galaxy, as Deneb 17 had the only Transmat Nexus in the system.
Not surprisingly, it was always very busy and so Loudon had to brush past throngs
of alien lifeforms.

The Deneb 16 ferry was easily found, as it was set about with gaudy hoardings
extolling the unique delights of the planet - Triffidblume, Hoversnakes,
Speechcreepers and the like. Loudon noticed that the posters omitted to mention
the unique pests and parasites such as Skyscorpions and much-feared Brainrot Beetles.
He booked his passage, posing as a Neovulcan, and went aboard to await takeoff.

Just as he approached his seat, his sensitive electronic ears isolated a

1976HY ('AC') -- Autumn 1903 Big punch-up brewing in Balkans?....

AUSTRIA (Eddie Horsup): A Gal - War, A alb dies from a death wish.

ENGLAND (Keith Black): F NAO - MAO, A Wal - Bre C by F Eng, F Nwy - StP(NG),
F Swe - GoB.

FRANCE (Dave Black): F Por stands, F Bre - Pic S by A Par, A Mar - Bur.

GERMANY (Jonathan Palfrey): A Kie - Mun S by A Ber, F Bal - GoB,
A Bur - Par S by A Pic.

ITALY (Peter Berlin): A Tri S (RUSSIAN) A Bud Ser, A Vie - Bud, A Tyr - Vie,
F Ion - Aeg, F Adr - Ion.

RUSSIA (Ron Canham): F GoB S (GERMAN) A Ber - Swe, A Lvn - StP, A Sil - War,
A Boh - Tyr, A Bud - Ser, F Rum - Bla, A Gas S (GERMAN) A Bur - Par.

TURKEY (Anthony Dawson): F Aeg S A Gre, F Con - Bla, A Bul - Rum S by A Ser,
A Gre S A Ser.

Retreats: French A Par annihilated.

Winter 1903 Adjustments

A: 0 Centres: ~~Nie, Ser~~. Eliminated. All units removed.

E: 5 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Swe. No change.

F: 4 Centres: Bre, Mar, ~~Por~~, Spa, +Por. Builds A Mar.

G: 7 Centres: Ber, Kie, ~~Mun~~ Den, Hol, Bel, +Mun, +Par. No builds received - 2 short!

I: 6 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, +Vie. Builds F Nap.

R: 6 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, ~~Wia~~, Bud, Rum. Removes A Gas.

T: 6 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, +Ser. Builds A Ank.

Russia - Byzantium: Thought I was asleep, didn't you!... You were right!

London - Berlin: My apologies for the poor advice. I'm on your side, honest!

One Black Man to Another: A pity we meet under unfriendly circumstances. Naturally I bear you no ill-will, which I reserve for your predecessor. By the way, would you prefer Lifebuoy or Camay?

Vaduz: As subscribers to this news agency know full well, we do not concern ourselves with political matters. Affairs of state may be all very well for the gossip columnists but we prefer to confine our attention to higher matters. Last week, for example, we gave you some Himalayan hits. But now we must stand up to be counted. (There's one of us) We can only be appalled by the barbaric seizure of Austria by modern-day vandals. The Austrians are a highly cultured people. It was they who gave the world bingo in Sanskrit. To express our horror at the dastardly treatment of this fine race, the Vaduz news agency will cease giving light to the world. Just see your electricity bills next quarter.

Paris: We hear from usually reliable military sources today that the German attack on the capital was preceded by a bombardment of dead moles. Inspector Clouseau, called in to determine the cause of death of these moles, currently puts poison high on the list of possibilities, and has been heard to insist that they are English moles. This latter speculation is not taken very seriously in official circles - Clouseau is known to let his imagination get the better of him on occasion - but it may be worth noting, in support of his theory, that mole throwing is not a traditional German tactic; while the English are, of course, capable of anything...

(AC)

1976IY ('AD') -- Spring 1902 Russia's turn to sweat?...

Error last time. Russia already had a unit in StP, so he built A War. Sorry.

AUSTRIA (Paul Ward): A Ser - Bul S by F Gre, A Bud - Rum, A Vie - Gal, A Tri stands.

ENGLAND (Dave Pengelly): A Wal S F Lon, F Nrg - Edi.

FRANCE (Neil McDonald): A Bel - Yor, F Eng - Iri, F Bre - Eng, A Par - Bur, A Spa star

GERMANY (Andy Davidson): F Nth C (FRENCH) A Bel - Yor, A Kie - Ber S by A Mun
A Hol - Kie.

'AD' Game contd....

ITALY (Geoff Challenger): A Apu - Tun C by F Ion, A Ven tilates.

RUSSIA (Duncan Morris): F Sev - Arm., A Sil - Boh, A StP - Nvy S by F Sve,
A War - Gal.

TURKEY (Chris Side): A Rum - Ukr, A Bul - Rum S by F Bla, A Con - Bul, A Ank - Arm.
No retreats.

Thankyou to Anthony Dawson for the unused standby orders.

Rome: Imagine this space full of tedious, ego-tripping press releases...

Vienna: Thought this game was called Diplomacy. Hum...

??: Dashing through the downpour he retrieved the latest reports. It looked like a slow start, the shipyards would not be pleased. Still, despite nasty comments from Imrryr, who obviously never hexed anyone at long distance, there were promising signs. It just went to prove that every cloud has a silver lining. This one was full of water but it was very shiny.

The next hex would have to be different as some ingredients were missing. There wasn't any salt and pepper. Sympathetic magic was the answer. Humble mumble abracadabra. Despite the fact that magic usually wasn't very sympathetic he had hopes...

(AD)
1976IZ ('AE') - Spring 1902 (The Geriatrics Game)

Streuth, I wouldn't trust these old buggers an inch....

AUSTRIA (Mack Bullock): F Tri - Alb, F Gre - Aeg, A Vie - Boh, A Bud - Ser, A Ser - Gre.

ENGLAND (Richard Sharp): F Bre - MAO, A Nvy - Swe, F Nth - Nvy, F Lpl - NAO,
F Edi. - Nth.

FRANCE (John Meadon): F Por stands, A Spa - Gas. A Par - Bre, A Mar - Bur, A Mun stands.

GERMANY (Bob Howes): A Ber - Mun S by A Kie, A Hol - Ruh S by A Bel,
F Den S (ENGLISH) A Nvy - Swe.

ITALY (Roy Taylor): F Tun - WMS, F Nap - Tyr, A Boh - Tyr, A Apu - Ven.

RUSSIA (Norman Nathan): A Sev - Arm, F Rum - Bla, A Ukr - Rum, A Mos - StP,
A StP - Nvy S by F Sve.

TURKEY (Glyn Palmer): F Ank - Bla, A Con - Smy, A Bul - Rum.

Retreats: French A Mun - Sil. Russian F Sve - Bal.

Grateful thanks to Roger Collins (and Ron Kelly) for unused standby orders...

London: Since your printing my age wrong last issue, I have been approached by the Inland Revenue for 8 years' arrears of income tax, threatened with a court martial for evading military service in 1945, and divorced by my wife. I am in fact only 34, though I shall be 35 by the time the next issue of The Norns comes out (hcv's that for optimism?). As for Taylor, he's 43 - I counted the rings. No one knows how old Bob Howes is, but the Keeper of Antiquities at the British Museum remembers superannuating him in 1911.

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Ankara: Why don't you have your deadlines on Fridays like a gentleman, you impudent young whippersnapper.

Imrryr: But you collect you pension on a Friday - do you mean to say you are capable of remembering two events on the same day? Hey Sharp, ne's not senile!..

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1977BX ('AF') - Winter 1900

Extended deadline requested, which has of course been granted. Any orders on file may be changed if you wish. This game will now definately start next issue.

New Games, Waiting lists etc.

Rather Silly Diplomacy ('AG' Game): Some rule clarifications first. Borg never vanishes; he keeps on moving nearer to his next meal. Lov the GM interprets 'random' in moving robot units as a secret known only to him! Monstores can be annihilated. Monstores keep gaining as many supply centres as possible. A unit may sell its soul only once (unless exorcised). Disbandment = annihilation. Llamas may be placed anywhere on the board (other than SC's) by each player; they only destroy human units. The world is never told to whom llamas belong; they aren't noticed, and can be re-used, if their target centre is empty when told to attack. Birds can overfly units; S! is counted as a move. The MM may choose the type of unit built in Iceland - he may have only one there at a time (other than a B plus an F or A). Doctors victory criterion remains 30 points, but each of his units now counts as one point. FAs are raised in addition to normal units - i.e. 5 centres allows the player 5 A,F,B etc plus an FA, making 6 units in all.

More next month I expect, remember rule 17 effectively allows clarifications and changes throughout the game - you have been warned.

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Money next. All okay after deducting the game-fee except Berlin, King, Segal and Loveys, who have -34, +12, +9, -29¹/₂p left respectively. Money by next ish? Ta.

Spring '01 deadline is next issue but as usual you can have a double deadline to start if anyone asks for it. Don't forget to include your llama placements with your orders. Also soul-selling please, which can be conditional on the '01 moves of units etc. Looks like I'll need llama attacks too please otherwise I can't make the robot moves - these can be conditional as well of course. Blimey! Good luck?!

'AH' Game (Regular): Full. McGivern, Horsup, Loveys, McDonald, Herlihy, Orr, Dove. Pref. lists from McD., Herlihy, Orr, Dove please. Starts MP69 with luck.

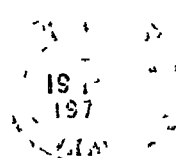
'AI' Game (Regular): Three wanted. Evans, Miller, Vickers, Dawson. Pref. lists from Miller and Dawson please. Starts MP72 with luck.

That's it! Good night!...

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