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Issue one-more-than-last-time of MAD POLICE, a postal Dippyazine from our own lovely Richard J. Walkerdine, of 43 Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey, KT15 1UG, England (Weybridge 40135). It costs 9p plus postage and has a couple of openings in regular Diplomacy (game fee: 40p for IDA members, 60p others) and a game due to start in the distant future. Lots of back issues still available for no more than a bit of money. Piggott doesn't walk dogs any more.

Today is Monday, May 15th, 1977.

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Although this zine will not be producing a special commemorative issue we would like to express our warmest congratulations to Her Majesty on the attainment of her Silver Jubilee. Long may she reign.

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DEADLINES

MONDAY, JUNE 6TH (Mensamind, Annexe games)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH (all other games)

Hmm...I've just realised that June 6th is Jubilee Day, so there probably won't be any post. You'd better try to get your orders to John by the previous Saturday I suppose, that's June 4th.

STANDBYES

Calls to RON KELLY ('AA') and ROGER COLLINS ('AE') please. Thanks.

COAs

ROLAND PREVOT to 16 Rue Descombes, 75017 Paris, France.
DUNCAN MORRIS to 2 Harrow Court, Oxford Road, Avondale, Salisbury, Rhodesia.
DAVE PENGELLY to Poste Restante, Jakarta, Java, Indonesia.
((Get's around a bit, this zine, dunnit?))
That seems to be the lot...

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Just to finish up with I've got a question for some of you who have been suggesting that MP should have a lettercol. Bearing in mind that this issue, at 16 pages, is already at least two pages longer than I would really wish perhaps you would like to tell me, without being rude, just where on earth I'm supposed to put a lettercol?

Ah well....Bye.

Editorial:

Well it's not really an editorial, rather just some fairly random thoughts about this and that. First though I'd better follow up last issues announcement about cutting back my activities. Now, where do I start? It'd better be with the many kind-messages of good wishes and support from you lot; thanks very much, they were greatly appreciated. I've had more time to think things out now and I think I can give you a more accurate picture of just how I see the future, so here goes.

I have absolutely no wish to fold MP and no intention of doing so in the immediate future - before next year say. However as I said last time the zine is not coming up to the standard I try to set for it and I don't intend to go on for ever producing a zine which I am not totally satisfied with. It doesn't matter if the entire hobby tells me that MP is the greatest thing since peanut butter; if it doesn't come up to my expectations then it's out. So I intend to progressively reduce my other commitments during the next few months in the hope that that will give me more time to devote to MP and allow me to produce the sort of zine that I want. Early next year (like very early) I will review the situation ((cue for a song? -- never mind)) and either continue in my own inimitable way or else begin to run the zine down with a view to phasing it out in the latter half of '78. In other words it's all entirely up to me; I'll be judging my own efforts and going on or stopping depending on how well I think I've done. Clear enough?

As to how I intend to raise the standard of MP, I really haven't a clue. A letter column has been suggested by several of you and will almost certainly be given a try, but I wouldn't expect that to make a lot of difference to the zine as far as I'm concerned. Remember I'm not talking about MP as you, the reader, sees it; I'm talking about the MP that I see gradually taking shape at the blunt end of my tripe-writer - there's quite a difference. It may even be that the zine doesn't look any different at all to you, whereas I could think it was far better - or worse. Anyway, we'll see now it goes for the rest of this year and then see how things stand.

As far as reducing commitments elsewhere is concerned the biggest ones by far are the Boardman Numbers and PFL. Both of those must be gone by the end of this year, and preferably long before that. However, I am not about to hand over something into which I have put a very large amount of time and trouble over several years to just anyone. I shall vet all applicants and won't consider anyone who I think will be less reliable and conscientious than the job demands. The only applicant so far is Paul Willey, who I would be quite happy to see take over as far as reliability is concerned but I'm a bit worried about his other several commitments. Frankly, I doubt that Paul has the time to take them on as well as run his own zine and QVF. Still, I'm willing to be convinced I'm wrong. I've also heard that Mick Bullock is thinking of offering, but I've had no direct word from him as yet so can't be sure. But I do want to get rid of this job as soon as I can so I'm going to have to appoint a replacement for myself by next issue; please let me know by then if you are interested in taking these jobs on.

The other job is IDA/UK Treasurer. This isn't anywhere near as arduous as the other one so I'm not too fussed about speed here. Two or three people have made an offer so far, though a couple of them seem a bit half hearted about it, and I expect I'll sort something out over the next couple of months. But I'm in no great hurry to get rid of this and will sort it out in a fairly relaxed manner - though it will be passed on at some point mind.

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ROKKOR  
by Paul Willey

Nick Morgan, a young photographer, has an alien police officer called Rokkor within his body. He is helping Rokkor catch a killer of his own race named Gradon. Gradon has taken control of the body of a Somerset bobby, and Nick is surprised in a farmhouse by the policeman armed with a shotgun. Gradon shoots both he and the farmer at point blank range, and leaves.

PART EIGHT

Rokkor knew he had to work fast. There was a strong possibility that Nick would never walk again, but if he continued to pump blood on to the carpet he

would never do anything again. Rapidly, he wrapped some cells around the femoral artery above the wound. Tightening the grip, he stemmed the flow of blood. He then transferred some cells to the injured part of the blood vessel, and joined them into a tube. Quickly he joined the cells with the two broken ends, so that the artery was intact once more, then allowed blood to flow again.

Nick was still bleeding from torn capillaries, but there was now no immediate danger of bleeding to death. Rokkor transferred his attention to the shattered bone. That was a mess. No human doctor could ever repair that. Rokkor formed tiny gripping appendages and started to collect all the bone fragments. It was impossible to put them exactly into place, but he quickly put them roughly into position to reform the bone into the shape it should be. Disbanding the gripping appendages, he wrapped as much of his body as he could spare around the makeshift repair, and applied pressure.

Next he sent out some pseudo-epithelial tissue to the surface of the wound to close it up and stop the flow of blood altogether. Having attended to that, he located the torn muscle endings and made some cells into pseudo-muscle, with which he linked the ends. Finally, he found the synapses in the pain nerves, and inserted non-conducting cells, so that Nick would not suffer.

Having virtually repaired the physical damage, he inserted nerves into Nick's brain and inspected the psychological damage. Although still unconscious, the young photographer was in shock. Rokkor began to set up a soothing rhythm of impulses into the brain, and started to tamper with the proteins which formed his host's memory. If Nick could be made to forget, for the time being, exactly what had happened, there would be no problem with the snook.

Nick was still unconscious, so Rokkor took control of his body and made him sit up. He looked around for a suitable splint. He couldn't do, and there was a fishing rod with enough twine to tie it. Rokkor made Nick's body roll to the fireplace, then set about splinting his leg.

He next turned his attention to Jed. The farmer's wounds were more serious, and the man was older. With most of his body tending to Nick's wound, there was nothing Rokkor could do, except cause Nick to go to the phone and dial 999. Having arranged for an ambulance and the police to come, he sat down beside Jed, and tried to tend the wound with Nick's body. Using the table-cloth as a bandage, he staunched the flow of blood. The mesenteric artery was damaged, and a large part of the small intestine had been blasted away. The spine had minor damage, but Jed would probably not be crippled. It might not be impossible to heal him, but it would be touch and go.

I promise you, Rokkor thought to himself, I will get gradon for this! You will not go unavenged!

He stood up, testing the damaged leg. The splint and the tight 'bandage' around the bone made it possible to carry Nick's weight. Making his muscle work in conjunction with Nick's own, it was even possible for him to walk. He hobbled outside.

Although he had done so much, it was less than five minutes since Gradon, in the body of Colin Forbes, had left the house. Weighed down as he was by the control equipment for the spaceship, he could not even have reached the road yet.

The drive up to the farm house was simply a mud bath. It was impossible to drive an ordinary car up here, so even if Forbes had come by car, which was likely, he would have had to leave it outside the farm, just as Nick himself had. Jed Blackmore's vehicle, however, was a Range Rover, and it would take more than a little mud to stop that. It stood before the house, the keys still in it. Rokkor did not know why Gradon had not taken it, but he did realise it might be the undoing of the killer.

Struggling with Nick's game log, Rokkor heaved himself into the vehicle's cab. It started first time. Shifting into gear, Rokkor started after his quarry. It took no more than a moment to reach the road. In front of Nick's Mini stood a green Cortina, into which Colin Forbes was putting the control equipment.

Seeing the Range Rover, Forbes sprang into the driving seat and started the car. Rokkor smiled to himself. If he rammed Forbes' vehicle with the Range Rover, the chances of Gradon's escape were remote. But, even as he changed down to do so, he heard the distant braying of an ambulance siren, and he realised that he would have to let the criminal slip through his fingers once more.

— continued next issue.

Editorial (2):

Yes, it's me again. Since typing the previous editorial I've had a letter from Mick explaining his position over the Numbers and TFT. Briefly, he'd like to take them over as part of the statistics-zine that'll replace 1901... when he finally runs it down - but not yet! he doesn't really want them for several months whereas I'd like to get shot of them as soon as I can - and then there's Paul Willey to think of, too...

Hm.. well I reckon I've now got about as many - and the best - offers as I need so come on Walkerding, make a decision. Okay then, now hear this; as from October 1st this year I appoint Mick Bullock as the new British Boardman Number Custodian, subject to his agreement and with the rider that if he wishes to take over before then he will be very welcome to do so. In the meantime I will continue to issue numbers in the UK until the handover to Mick takes place. I would also like to see TFT pass into Mick's capable hands, but I must get rid of that sooner than Mick can take it on. So I ask Paul Willey to step into the breach, if he is willing to, and take over LTT as from July 1st this year with the request (I can hardly insist once I've given it away) that he passes it on to Mick when he is ready to incorporate it with his other stats. Again, in the meantime I will try to get a few more issues ready and get the thing up to date before I pass it on.

And thanks chaps...

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An Apology

It is with great regret and most heartfelt apologies that the editor and staff of this journal announce that the linear separator used in the previous issue of MP which mentioned some other users of these splendid inventions failed to include the name of the person responsible for their introduction to these sceptred isles.

Let it be known throughout the land that linear separators were first introduced into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, via the pages of Lad Policy, as the direct result of the work of:

CONRAD FRISNER VON WITZKE Esq.

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Poets Corner

That charming lady Clytemnaestra Hope-Piggott has just come up with a bit of a new idea. I'll let her explain it herself by quoting from her recent letter to me:

Dear GM,

I have noted much latent talent in this hobby. This creativity could be tapped, I feel, and thus I have decided to compile a magazine of poetry written by diplomacy players. I would be grateful if you could send me any of your verse, and ask your subscribers to do the same.

-- Pippa Hope-Piggott.

Well there you are. Amazingly enough I do have one or two little scribbles that I might be sending along, though I doubt that there will be an overwhelming response - it's not really that sort of hobby, is it? As well, we'll see. Good luck Pippa...

Anyone interested should send their work to Pippa at 61a Broadway West, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

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Astronomers Corner

Did you know that it's now thought that Saturn is not the only planet in the Solar System with rings? Recent airborne observation of Uranus' occultation of a star has produced unexpected evidence that the planet has a system of rings like that of Saturn (though much narrower). Observations from a NASA C-141 Starlifter off Australia's south-west coast indicate a system of up to five rings, between 6 and 60 miles wide. If confirmed, the March 10th discovery will be the first new major planetary find since the discovery of Pluto in 1930.

Mensamind

We have a winner!

	<u>Word 1</u>		<u>Word 2</u>		<u>Word 3</u>	
	<u>Round 5</u>	<u>Round 6</u>	<u>Round 5</u>	<u>Round 6</u>	<u>Round 5</u>	<u>Round 6</u>
Keith Black	XXO	<u>XXXX</u>	XXX	<u>XXXX</u>	XXX	<u>XXXX</u>
Bob Howes	(4)	(4)	XO	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	(5)
Neil McDonald	XO	<u>XXXX</u>	X	<u>XXXX</u>	(4)	(4)
John Miller	(4)	(4)	X	<u>XXXX</u>	XX	<u>XXXX</u>
John Piggott	XOX	<u>XXXX</u>	(4)	(4)	-	<u>XXXX</u>
Richard Potts	<u>XXX</u>	(5)	X	nmr	-	nmr
Steve Pratt	XOX	<u>XXXX</u>	(3)	(3)	X	-
John Smith	<u>XXX</u>	(5)	XXX	<u>XXXX</u>	XO	XX
Marcus U-Foote	XXX	XXX	XXO	XXX	<u>XXXX</u>	(5)
Paul Willey	(4)	(4)	XOX	O	XOX	<u>XXXX</u>

And the outright winner is BOB HOWES with a total score of 15 - 41 will be coming your way soon Bob, well done!

Neil McDonald, John Miller and John Piggott all finish with a score of 16 and so share the second prize of 35p. and in fact if Steve Pratt guesses the third word next time he also will score 16 so the 35p will be split four ways! I won't disclose what the words are until next time of course to give Steve his chance of second place glory.

Now before we start on any new games I'd better react to the storm I've raised over my method of scoring. It boils down to two equally logical ways of looking at the thing, but from two different directions. Consider again my example of a target word WORD and a guess of HOOD. Now the way I do it is to look at it from the point of view of the guess. I say; is there an H in the target, is there an O, is there an O, is there a D. And the answers are; no, yes and it's in the right place, yes but it's in the wrong place, yes and it's in the right place! so the score is an X, an O and another X for XXO. But the way you lot are telling me to do it is to look at it from the point of view of the target. You would say; has he guessed the W, the O, the R, the D. And your answers would be; no, yes and in the right place, no, yes and in the right place, to score XX. Fair enough. Like I said, two equally logical ways of looking at it. But!

Let's change the words. Make the target BOOB and the guess BOWL. My way of scoring, as outlined above, would give you XX for the first two letters of BOWL as I would ask; is there a B, an O, a W, an L. Right? But now apply your method. You would have to ask; has he guessed the B, the O, the O, the B. And your answers would be; yes and in the right place, yes and in the right place, yes but in the wrong place, yes but in the wrong place, to score XOO. So the poor chap thinks all the letters of BOWL are correct but two are misplaced and has to try LOVB or somesuch next time. How confusing!

Thanks but I'll stick to my own method.

New Games

Now this one is just about over we'll get the next lot underway. As a result of your suggestions we'll have two separate games. The first, which I think I'll call Multimind, will be five words of three letters each (and all your guesses must be ~~xxxxxx~~ actual words by the way). The second, which I'll call Monstomind, will be three five-digit numbers (with zero an acceptable first digit) somewhere between 00000 and 99999 inclusive.

Game fee for each game will be 10p, no discounts, winner take all. Each game to start as soon as there's a reasonable number of applicants (hopefully ten or so but we could make do with just five or six I guess). Still, the more the merrier, so sign on now and see if you can win some cash!

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IIIII	TTTTT	SSSSS	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT
I	T	S	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
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I	T	S	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
IIIII	TTTTT	SSSSS	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT	TTTTT

Direct from the land of the winners of the Cup Final, this is John Morrison, of 9, highfield Avenue, Inship, Preston, Lancashire, L24 0UE. Printing is done in Inmaryr.

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1975DT('U'):Spring 1910.....

AUSTRIA(Ovens, Allan): A Lvn stands S by A 4 os & A Par, A Pru S A Ter, A Sil-mun S by A Ser & A Boh, & A Tyr, A Tie  
stands again, A Gal stands, A Tri S A Tyr, A Gre  
beaches.

FRANCE(Pratt, Steve): F Mar-Spa(sc) S by A Por & A Gas & F MLO, A Lva  
stands S by A Kie & A Muh & A Dur, F Gob-lal,  
A Fin S F StP(nc), F MLO S F MLO, F LoC-lon,  
F Bre-LaC, A Par stands.

ITALY(Lelly, Ron): F Pie-Mar S by F Spa(sc) & F Col, F Ion-Lun,  
F WTS S F Spa(sc), A Lva NS A Vot.

Retreats: ITALIAN F Spa(sc) annihilated-no retreat space given.

AUSTRIA(Gvmt): Please can we declare a 3-way draw. This is a stalemate  
and although there may be a few moves in the West-Med area before it  
finally settles down, no one person will win. I hereby declare I will  
support Italy in any statement on a draw proposal he cares to nominate.  
Come on Steve, don't want to be playing this in 1980 do you?

RIGHT THEN, YOUR VOTES ON A 3-WAY DRAW BY NEXT ISSUE, PLEASE.

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1975EL('W'):Spring 1909.....AUSTRIAN ALLIES DILPHICHING.

AUSTRIA(Black, Keith): A War-Ukr S by A Cal & A Ruri, A Sch-Sil,  
A Tyr stands, A Bud-Vie, A Ser-Bul, F Gre stands.

ENGLAND(Kelly, Ron): F Lpl-Iri, F Col (GERMAN) A Lva-lar. F Mar-Gre,  
F Ath-Nry, F Ldi-Sih.

GERMANY(Willey, Paul): NER! A Mun, A Kie, A Ruh, A Rov, F Den, LVA NT  
A Spa, F Bel, F MLO, F Iri all stand uncolored.

ITALY(Plater, Steve): A Mar NS A Pie, F WTS-MAT, F WTS-LS, F Ion-lal,  
A Arri-Sev.

RUSSIA(Lindsay, Pete): A STP-Ukr S by A Ste, A Pru-Mar S by A Hac  
A Ukr.

Retreats: ENGLISH F Ath-Nry.  
RUSSIAN A Ukr annihilated-no where to go.

MOSCOW: "Comrade Tsar! Comrade Tsar! Wake up - we have been treacherously attacked" screamed the panic-stricken Kommissar-with-special-responsibility-for-waking-the-Tsar.

Bloody Reds, thought the Tsar, can't even spell treacherously properly.... "Yes, yes who is it this time?"

"The Austrians, your Equality!"

"WHAT!!!!!"

"Yesterday our Austrian military advisers announced special tactical lectures to be given to the garrisons in Munich, Warsaw and Sevastopol, then locked all the men in the lecture halls and opened the gates to their own troops.... Only the Germans got into Munich first, and the advisors couldn't find anyone to lock up in Sevastopol - in fact, they spent so long looking they forgot to open the gates."

"Well, well, only one out of three eh? That was a bit silly of the Grand Duke - Almost as silly as building the Russian armed forces and then attacking when he could have taken over years ago. Still, this is no time to look a gift horse in the mouth - e'll fight the bugger"

"But what with - There's no one to tell us how to work all these Austrian weapons we're equiped with"

"Oh! I'm sure some foreign comrades will come forth in a time of need" replied the Tsar absently as he leafed through the latest Krupp's catalogue.

MOSCOW-ROME: You realise of course that when Austria fails to make head way against me your Turkish possessions will be his next target. He's served his purpose - Germany is down to a more reasonable size - so get him before he gets you.

MOSCOW-BERLIN: The Democratic People's Monarchy wishes to apologise for recent inadvertent crossings of the border by our forces out on exercises. They were misled by certain foreign military advisers who have had their contracts terminated (with extreme prejudice) and we no longer employ them.

We wish to assure the German peoples and Government that Russian forces will no longer be spraying Austrian made weed killer on the Flower of German Youth (unless they intrude into our gardens).

EN ROUTE FROM BUDAPEST TO VIENNA: The ducal coach rumbled and clattered noisily over the bumpy road, making conversation a little difficult. Not that the Grand Duke was in a mood to listen to anyone. Even his beautiful, well-spoken wife could not get a word in.

"Those blistering botheads!" the Grand Duke thundered, "just look at the mess they have gotten us into. Attacks on Munich and Sevastopol that were doomed to disaster! Oh yes, Warsaw is ours once more - but for how long? And where is the aid our tumbling allies promised us? I begotten eyecle ghts! I only hope I can persuade the Kaiser that our apparent change of policy concerning the Russians is part of a fully thought-out plan to reconcile the German and Austrian nations. I hear that he has turned to drink - hrrm, he should be cautious as hell....."

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: "Dear Steve", eh? Ever heard of a Freudian slip? You be more careful in future!

AUSTRIA-TATTAN: Hope your in no hurry to fold - as you may have guessed my strategy is not designed to win, just to keep the game going.

GIL: Unusual mess from Paul Willey. Hope nothing is wrong at Bundestag HQ. See you all next issue.

+++++TATTAN+++++

((RJW here. I've just had a phone call from Paul Willey who has just realised he's missed the deadline and asks me to pass on his apologies





1976AJ ('Y') -- Spring 1906 Germany and Russia soon to slog it out?

AUSTRIA (Martin Rundle): A Ser - Bul, A Bul - Con S by F Smy, A Vie - Bud, A Bud - Ser.

FRANCE (Paul Willey): F Lon S (ITALIAN) F MAO - Log ((there isn't one!)).

GERMANY (Allan Owens): F Nth stands, A Yor - Wal, F Kie - Den, F MAO S F MAO, F MAO S A Spa, A Bre - Gas S by A Spa & A Bur, A Mun - Tyr, A Tyr - Pie, A Boh - Vie.

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

RUSSIA (Tony Ball): F Nwy & F GoB both stand, A Rum - Bud S by A Gal, A Sev - Rum S by A Ukr, F Bla - Bul (EC), A Con - Smy S by A Arm.

Retreats: Austrian F Smy - WMS, A Bud annihilated.  
German A Spa - Por, Italian F Gas annihilated.

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1976GJ ('Z') -- Autumn 1906 England next for the French hammer?

ENGLAND (Norman Nathan): F Frg S F Nth, F Den S A Kie, F Bal S F Den, F Nth S F Den, A Kie S F Den.

FRANCE (John Herlihy): A Sil - War, A Mun - Kie, A Ruh - Hcl, A Bur - Rum, A Pie - Ven S by A Tyr, F WMS - MAO, F Nap - Ion, F Rom stands.

GERMANY (Pete Lindsay): A Pru - Ber.

RUSSIA (Peter Berlin): A Tri MS A Ven, A Mos S A Sev, A Gal - War, F Ska S F Nwy, A Swe MS F Nwy.

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

Retreats: Russian A Tri annihilated, A Ven disbanded.

Winter 1906 Adjustments

- E: 5 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Den, ~~Wal~~, +Kie. No change.
- F:12 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, Por, Tun, Rom, Mun, +Hol, +Ven, +Nap. Builds F Bre, A Par, F Mar.
- G: 1 Centre: Ber, ~~Kie~~. No change.
- I: 0 Centres: ~~Wal~~. Eliminated.
- R: 6 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Swe, Nwy, ~~Vie~~, ~~Ven~~. No change.
- T:10 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Ser, Gre, Tri, Bul, Bud, Rum, +Vie. Builds A Con.

(Z)

1976GZ ('AA') -- Autumn 1905 Tragic Italian miss changes entire eastern picture!

ENGLAND (Martin Dean): F Nth - Nwy S by F Frg, F Sve - Fin, A Bel - Ruh, F GoL S (GERMAN) A Mar - Pie, F Tun S (GERMAN) F WMS - TyS.

GERMANY (Bill Orr): F WMS - TyS, A Mar - Pie, A Spa - Mar, A Boh - Tyr S by A Mun, A Sil - Boh, F Bal - Pru, A Den S (ENGLISH) F Swe, A Val stands unordered.

ITALY (Richard Potts): WIR! A Pie A Vie A Tri A Ukr A Rum F Rom F Ion F Con  
F Aeg F WMS all unordered.

RUSSIA (Roger Collins): A Nwy - Swe S by A Fin & F GoB, A Gal - Rum S by A Sev, A Smy - Con S by F Bla.

TURKEY (Paul Segal): F Ank stands.

Retreats: English F Sve - Bal.  
Italian A Pie A Rum & F Con all disbanded.

Note the return of the German A Wal up there. For some reason it got itself left off the last report. Sorry.

p.t.o. for adjustments etc.

'AA' Game contd....

Winter 1905 Adjustments

E: 6 Centres: Edi, Lpl, Bro, Por, Tna, ~~Sve~~, +Nwy. No change.  
 F: 10 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Bel, Hol, Spa, Lon, Par, Mar. No change.  
 I: 9 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bud, Bul, ~~Ruh~~. 2 units short.  
 R: 8 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, ~~Auf~~, Con, Smy. +Swe, +Rum. No build received - 1 short.  
 T: 1 Centre : Ank. No change but hanging on there like a good'un!

Grateful thanks to RON KELLY for the unused standby orders - would you send a set for ITALY this time please Ron? Ta.

(AA)

1976ARbb ('AB' - Multiplicity) - Autumn 1903 France slips up over Brest..

ENGLAND (Keith Black): F StP(NC) marries a local girl, F Sve - Nwy, F Ivy - Ntr.  
 F MAC - Por, 1/2F Eng SPLIT = A/F HAO + F Eng, F Eng S (GERMAN) A Hol - Bel.

FRANCE (Paul Willey): 2A Bre + A Pic MERGE = 3A Pic, 2A Gas - Spa.

GERMANY (Duncan Morris): A Hol - Bel, F Kie - Den, 2A Mun SPLITS = A Mun + A Sil,  
 A Ruh + A Mun MERGE = 2A Bur.

ITALY (John Lettice): A Ser + F Gre MERGE = A/F Bul(SC), F lon stands,  
 2A Bud SPLIT = A Bud + A Gal, A Tri - Ser, 2A Ven - Tyr.

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

TURKEY (Anthony Dawson): A Con MS A Smy.

Retreats: Turkish A Con & A Smy both annihilated.

Winter 1903

E: 8 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Sve, StP, Bre, +Por.	Builds 1.
F: 3 Centres: Mar, Par, Spa, <del>Por</del> , <del>Bel</del> .	Removes 2.
G: 6 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, +Bel.	Builds 1. (on file)
I: 9 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Vie, Mun, Bud, Tri, Ser, +Bul.	Builds 1. (on file)
R: 7 Centres: Mos, Sev, War, Ank, Rum, Con, +Smy.	Builds 2. (on file)
T: 0 Centres: <del>Con</del> , <del>Smy</del> , <del>Bul</del> .	Eliminated.

Greece still neutral!

Adjustments only for next issue please. Those with them already on file can still change them of course.

London - Paris: Thanks for the offer, but people have been known to get hurt through changing horses in midstream!

London - Rome: Pax robiscum?

London - Ankara: Don't give up hope too quickly. at least. not before I have unloaded all of my Piastres.

Imrryr - London: Tee hee...

Loudon Wainwright VII of the Intergalactic Dippy Zine Corps: Episode 9; Deneb Ferry

The primly efficient cabin hostess ushered Loudon towards the humanoid section of the Deneb 16 Ferry with universally understandable gestures of her delicate pink tentacles. Rather than draw attention to himself, Loudon fought down the desire to stay and identify the IDA agents who had betrayed their presence as he passed through the ferry's lupine section.

The humanoid section was remarkably plush, not so much for the benefit of Terrans, but designed rather to meet the exacting standards expected by the wealthy Capellans. But Loudon did not really appreciate the quality of his accommodation as his thoughts flew ahead of the ferry to ponder on what might await him on Deneb 16. The view of the Deneb system presented by the scannerscreen did manage to penetrate his reverie. It made a fine contrast to the neagro family of Sol, even though only twelve of the twenty-three major Denebean planets were easily visible. And, directly ahead, Deneb 16 waxed steadily larger, much of its lush green surface

obscured by white cloud. A planet of dense jungle full of exotic and dangerous lifeforms. In short, a most appropriate choice of location for a clandestine meeting of the sinister Intergalactic Diplomacy Anarchists...

-- to be continued.

Which brings us to the AB Game Bourse:

<u>Autumn '03 Dealings</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>FRANCS</u>	<u>MARKS</u>	<u>LIRA</u>	<u>ROUBLES</u>	<u>PIASTRES</u>	<u>RUBS</u>
'Larry Greenberg'	+2197	+997	-500	-500	-500	-500	
'Healey'	+2718	0	-500	-500	-500	0	
'Rhubovia Misers'	+3500	-500	-500	-500	-500	-500	
Andy Davidson	+2500	+500	-500	-500	-500	-500	
Ethilfrog Finance	+2000	+1000	-500	-500	-500	0	
'Titan'	-436	-500	-500	+1142	-500	0	
'East India Co.'	0	+3000	-500	-500	0	+3000	
Selena King	+2500	+500	-500	-500	-500	-500	
'Ecliptic Enterprises'	+2000	-500	-500	-500	+500	-500	
'Avenger'	-500	+2000	-500	-500	-500	0	
'Aries'	-500	+4524	-500	-500	-500	0	
Peter Berlin	-500	+3151	-500	-500	0	+1000	
'Southsea Bubbles'	-500	0	-500	-500	-500	-500	
Steve Pratt	+1500	+2000	-500	-500	-500	-500	
David Thorby	-500	-500	0	-500	-500	-500	
Bill Orr	+200	+4000	-500	-500	-500	-500	
<u>Nett Trade</u>	+16179	+19672	-7500	-6358	-6000	-500	
<u>Old Value - \$/unit</u>	2.98	2.12	6.23	6.37	3.55	1.09	
<u>New Value - \$/unit</u>	4.59	4.08	5.53	5.74	2.95	0.00	

Note that with Turkey eliminated the value of Piastres drops to zero, never to rise again...

'Larry Greenberg'; you can't add up - 3 fewer pounds and francs bought.

<u>New Holdings</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>FRANCS</u>	<u>MARKS</u>	<u>LIRA</u>	<u>ROUBLES</u>	<u>PIASTRES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>TOTAL (\$)</u>
'Larry Greenberg'	3197	1997	5500	7000	3500	<del>500</del>	0.30	103742
'Rhubovia Misers'	7500	500	6500	2500	2500	<del>1000</del>	890.00	95025
Andy Davidson	6000	500	2000	8500	1000	0	270.00	92650
'Healey'	3899	0	7359	5609	611	0	1.15	92590
John Piggott	5000	2000	4500	4000	3500	0	50.00	89350
Selena King	5000	1500	4000	2500	5500	<del>1000</del>	355.00	82120
'Titan'	0	3498	4550	7059	500	0	0.42	81427
'Aries'	2534	7024	0	7133	0	0	2.13	81231
'East India Co.'	0	3000	9419	1800	0	<del>3000</del>	1600.02	76259
'Southsea Bubbles'	1000	10528	2119	1212	500	<del>1000</del>	10135.98	77830
'Ecliptic Enterprises'	5000	833	5892	2500	1000	<del>2500</del>	445.11	76676
'Avenger'	2500	2000	3000	3000	4000	0	572.00	70987
Peter Berlin	266	3151	4500	3777	0	<del>1000</del>	45.89	60637
Steve Pratt	4000	4000	1000	2000	2350	<del>4000</del>	245.00	58967
Bill Orr	1945	6386	2000	1250	1500	<del>2272</del>	126.19	57768
David Thorby	1000	0	0	1000	9000	0	9955.00	46835

I mistyped 'East India Co.' up there - it should be two places lower. Sorry.

Larry Greenberg says: Looking in my crystal balls, I am forced to face the unpleasant prospect of not being top dog this time. But I hope I won't drop too far. My tip for the top is...my arch rival, 'Rhubovia Misers' (right?) ((Wrong!! Tee hee readers)). By the way, inflation in this Bourse is currently running at about 150% p.a. I blame it on Healey! Fortunes are rising on average at about 400% p.a. with the best performers exceeding 550% p.a. Talk about easy profits!

I.I.F.: Our analysis of the first 3 rounds after spring 1901 (discounted) showed averages of; 1st 'Larry Greenberg' 3.972, 2nd 'Rhubovia' 4.527, 3rd Ethilfrog Finance 6.583. The spring '03 was; 1st Larry G 1.0, 2nd Rhubovia 2.5, 3rd Ethilfrog 4.833. Autumn projections; Larry G & Rhubovia to hold positions, Davidson and Ethilfrog to fight for 3rd place.

1976HY ('AC') --- Spring 1904

Russia in all sorts of trouble...

ENGLAND (Keith Black): F Wyl S F Swe, F Swe S (GERMAN) F Bal - CoB,  
F MAO - Spa(SC), A Wal - Bre C by F Eng.

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

GERMANY (Jonathan Palfrey): F Bal - CoB, A Ber S A Mun, A Per - Bur,  
A Mun twitches, A Pic S (ENGLISH) A Wal - Bre.ITALY (Peter Berlin): A Tri - Alb S by F Adr, A Tyr - Tri S by A Vie,  
F Ion - EMS, F Nap - Ion.RUSSIA (Ron Cenham): F CoB - Swe, A Lvn - Mos, A Sil - Mun, A Boh - Gal,  
A Bud - Rum, F Rum - Bla.TURKEY (Anthony Dawson): F Aeg - Gre, A Gre - Ser, A Ser - Rum S by A Bul,  
F Con - Bla, A Ank - Arm.Retreats: French F Bre annihilated.  
Russian F CoB - Fin, F Rum - Sev.One Black Man to another: The circumstances are indeed unfortunate. Perhaps you would prefer Belfrey's mole scup a la Clouseau, since the centre is stronger than the periphery?Dear Imrryr: What should I do? My best friend keeps making embarrassing blunders in public, and once he even blamed me. It's making me a nervous wreck, and I've taken to mole-strangling to calm myself down! Perhaps I should try and make new ~~ALLIANCE~~ friends? What do you think? Yours, Desperate.Dear Desperate: Ugh! You dirty little boy! You expect to make new friends when we now know you go around messing with those nasty, smelly old moles? You're lucky to have even one friend. Now why don't you be a good boy for a change, and instead of chasing those horrible little animals just repeat to yourself the following little ditty that someone has kindly sent to me. Yours, Aunty Imrryr.Doleful Mole: I've never seen a strangled mole  
I never hope to see one  
But there's one thing that I know for sure  
I'd rather see than be one.

(AC)

1976IY ('AD') --- Autumn 1902

England slipping, Turkey rocked by Austria...

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

ENGLAND (Dave Pengelly): F Lon - Nth S by F Edi, A Wal - Lpl.

FRANCE (Neil McDonald): A Bur stands, A Yor - Lpl S by F Iri, A Spa - Por,  
F Eng S (GERMAN) F Nth - Lon.

GERMANY (Andy Davidson): A Kie - Den, F Nth - Lon, A Ber - Sil S by A Mun.

ITALY (Geoff Challinger): A Tun stands, F Ion - Aeg, A Ven stands.

RUSSIA (Duncan Morris): F Sev - Rum, A Boh - Vie, A Nwy S F Swe, A Ser - Ukr.

TURKEY (Chris 'phantom midnight caller' Side): A Ukr - Mar, A Con - Bul,  
A Rum - Sev S by F Bla, A Ank - Arm.

Retreats: Russian F Sev annihilated.

Winter 1902 Adjustments

A: 7 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, +Rum, +Bul. Builds A Bud, A Tri.

E: 2 Centres: Edi, Lon, ~~Lpl~~. Removes A Wal.

F: 7 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, +Lpl, +Por. Builds F Bre, F Mar.

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

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

R: 5 Centres: Mos, ~~StP~~, StP, War, Sve, +Nwy. Builds A StP.T: 4 Centres: Ank, Con, Sny, ~~Arm~~, ~~Bul~~, +Sev. Removes A Arm.

press over....

Australia: The post office forwarded my mail from Cairns one day early and I missed two letters. On the extremely small chance that one of them was from a player in this game I thought I'd better tell you, as any nasties (I should be so lucky) in my moves are because I haven't received your letter and not because I refuse to listen to someone who has been nasty to me.

??: Into every life a little rain must fall, but every time MP arrives it is raining in town, and with the intelligence it brings he felt he needed scuba. After a careful study of the situation he came to some conclusions. Diplomacy didn't work, magic didn't work and fighting wasn't working either. There was only one thing left --- crying!..

Jonathan Livingstone Orphan: "With this book, he gives me wings" - James Bosh:  
Dawn over the breakfast flock. Paul watched as all the other players scrabbled over the pickings. Somehow he felt apart from them, above them. All they could see in front of them was one game, all they ever did was write letters to other players, only occasionally pausing to write orders. Surely there was something more to Diplomacy than this?

The flock never seemed to take any interest in orders and zines. But Paul wanted to learn more; he wrote more and more orders, learning tricks the flock would never dream of, like playing in more than one zine, and playing more than one game in several zines. Sometimes the ignorance of the flock annoyed Paul. He grew away from them, becoming less and less like them, writing even more orders and even fewer letters.

One day he was summoned before the Elders of the flock, called to the lettercol as it was known, and exiled for his behaviour. But it didn't matter to Paul. He knew he was right and he was going to prove it. As he wrote more orders he began to approach a state of perfect Nirvana.

It was time. He decided to go back to the flock and preach his message. As he returned to the flock, he realised that things had changed. All the flock were busy writing orders, they seemed to be in several games, and no letters were being written. The flock had grown bigger, but there seemed to be less of a babble than before. Here and there were fights between flock members. That surprised Paul. There'd always been some in-fighting but it had never been serious.

The only familiar sight was the group of Elders, who were still grouped around the lettercol. They didn't seem to be playing any games at all, only writing letters. Paul watched in puzzlement for a while. They weren't writing any orders, yet they seemed happier than the rest of the flock - how could this be?

There were several sets of Elders. One group swapped cards and money among themselves, another merely sat playing roles and rolling many-sided dice. Finally Paul approached a group who seemed to be talking in code, so quickly did they call numbers. Then he realised; the statisticians. He called to one and asked, "What happened around here?"

"No limits Paul? You'll see."

(AD)  
1976IZ ('AE') -- autumn 1902 (Special Pensioners Invitational)

Everyone stabbing everyone else! Lovely!

AUSTRIA (Mick Bullock): F Alb - Tri S by A Ser, A Bon - Vie, A Gre - Bul, F Aeg S (RUSSIAN) A Arm - Smy.

ENGLAND (Richard Sharp): F MAO S (FRENCH) F Por - Spa(SC), F MAO S F MAO,  
F Nth - Nvy S by A Sve, F Edi - Nth.

FRANCE (John Meadon): A Gas - Spa S by F Por, A Bur - Bel, A Sil - Ber, A Bro stand.

GERMANY (Bob Howes): F Don S (RUSSIAN) F Bal - Sve, A Bel - Bur, A Ruh S A Mun, A Kie - Ber S by A Lun.

ITALY (Roy Taylor): F WMS - MAO, F TyS - Ion, A Tyr - Tri S by A Ven.

RUSSIA (Norman Nathan): A Arm - Smy, F Rum S (AUSTRIAN) A Gre - Bul, A Ukr - War,  
F Bal S (FRENCH) A Sil - Ber, A StP - Nvy, A Mos stands.

TURKEY (Clyn Palmer): NMR! F Ank, A Smy, A Bul all unordored.

'AE' Game contd....

Retreats: Turkish A Smy & A Bul both annihilated.

Winter 1902 Adjustments

- A: 6 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, +Bul. Builds F Tri.
- E: 5 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, ~~Yor~~, Nvy, +Swe. No change.
- F: 5 Centres: Mar. Par, ~~Wid~~, Spa, Por, +Bre. No change.
- G: 6 Centres: Ber, Kie, Hol, Bel, Den, +Mun. Builds A Ber.
- I: 4 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, ~~Tun~~. No change.
- R: 6 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, ~~Syd~~, Rum, +Smy. No change.
- T: 2 Centres: Ank, Con, ~~Smy~~, ~~Bul~~. 1 unit short.

Would ROGER COLLINS do the honours again for the TURKISH remnants please? Thanks.

Rome: Vive l'Empereur!!

Berlin: I should like to protest at the way I have been conned into playing a game with this bunch of young whelps. I foolishly believed the stories I heard about Glyn Palmer helping to rescue Richard Sharp at the siege of the Alcazar - I was unable to verify them personally, as on the occasion of my last visit to Toledo the Alcazar was only half built (and infested by gullible clients of a British travel agency). It now appears that Sharp was not even born in 1936, while Palmer was a mere babe in arms - the Weaver's Arms. Even Nathan's claim to have been the oldest Teddy Boy in Watford is not supported by material evidence. Taylor is a fake, too - I have seen that artificial ageing before on other items of furniture, and am not deceived: anyone can achieve the same results with discreet application of sandpaper and boiled vinegar. As for Bullock and Meadon, they never had me fooled for a moment after Meadon burst into tears when Bullock hit him with his rattle. Please rehouse me in a game with real adults: Wassall, Wakefield, Junn, Lucifer and the like, or return my game fee forthwith.

Yours faithfully, Bob "Treebeard" Howes.

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1977BX ('AF') -- Spring 1901 Peace everywhere! It won't last a month....

- AUSTRIA (Bob Armitage): A Bud - Ser, A Vie - Tri, F Tri - Alb. 35.1%
- ENGLAND (Charles Burton): A Lpl - Yor, F Edi - Nth, F Lon - Eng. 16.2%
- FRANCE (Bob Howes): F Bre - MAO, A Par - Pic, A Mar - Bur. 2.3%
- GERMANY (Michael Allaway): F Kie - Hol, A Mun - Ruh, A Ber - Kie. 19.6%
- ITALY (Pippa Hope-Piggott): A Ven - Tyr, A Rom - Ven, F Nap - Ion. 21.7%
- RUSSIA (Paul Ward): F Sev - Rum, F StP(SC) - GoB, A War - Gal, A Mos - StP. 5.0%
- TURKEY (Martin Feather): A Con - Bul, F Ank - Con, A Smy - Ank. 13.7%

Don't forget builds etc. with your autumn orders.

%s refer to likelihood of that set of opening moves, taken from the Spring '01 survey of 313 UK games from Mick Bullock's 1901..., issue 62 (a survey which is now long overdue for an update, he hinted....).

Vienna: I do hope all you friendly people are going to ally with me. I'm really quite nice, you know - honestly.

Madame Seilles (known as 'Ma' to her girls): Mon Dieu, M. Maître du Jeu, surciment le squelette dans l'armoire n'est pas en famille de M. Jean Piggott, mais - au contraire - c'est dans l'armoire de Mlle ~~ØZZ~~ Pippa Espere-P., n'est-ce-pas?

Inrryr: Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose....

Berlin - Paris: What's the matter, no post boxes in Oxford?

Austria - Turkey: Did I say I'd move A Vie - Gal? If I did I suppose you'll want an explanation. Well, you're not going to get one....

Utopia: Queen rule! Spurs for the drop!

Inrryr: Genesis are better but Dylan rules, okay? And please God keep West Ear up (he prays, fervently....).

1977???? ('AG' -- Rather Silly Dip.) -- Winter 1900

Not yet....

Several requests for a double deadline here, so it'll start next issue. Orders on file for A, G, T, J, S. Don't forget those llamas!

Quote-of-the-month comes from Conrad. "Here am I, a reasonably mature 33-year-old man, of high intelligence and sophistication, and what am I doing? Writing orders for a herd of fucking llamas! I'm thinking seriously of psychoanalysis...."

And now let's have some more rule clarifications (and changes).

Soothsayer units can move like anyone else's but do not gain any SC's they move into - merely rendering them neutral (if there in autumn). Soothsayer units may sell their souls to the devil. Soothsayer may answer Mastermind questions and, if correct, builds a unit in any unoccupied non-SC. Mastermind can raise units in Cyprus as well as Iceland - bit unbalanced otherwise - and Cyprus is similarly impassable to everyone else including robots.

Right, starts next issue, God help us all....

(AG)

### Waiting Lists

'AH' (Regular): McGivern, Horsup, Loveys, McDonald, Herlihy, Orr, Dove. Game now filled, all preference lists in, start announced next issue.

'AI' (Regular): Evans, Miller, Vickers, Dawson, Feather. Two more wanted, pref. lists from Dawson and 6th and 7th players needed. All being well this game will start in MP72 in early September.

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### Formula 1

No, I'm not about to run a game of this in MP but I will be starting a game soon though. You see I've just signed on as an NGC GM and will be running the 6th NGC postal Formula 1 game when two more players come forward. If anyone out there is interested then the rules and board can be obtained from Andy Evans (36 Brynmill Terrace, Brynmill, Swansea, SA2 0BA) for a paltry sum and you should send the game fee of (I think) £2 to Gordon Bell (Midtown, Easton, Wigton, Cumbria) - that sum includes a £1 refundable deposit by the way - and a note to me requesting a place. The game is run to weekly deadlines and you will need to send me an SA# with each set of moves, so don't think it'll be cheap. I'd prefer to run two games actually as I then have a better chance of finding standby players if needed so if several of you are interested I can probably fit you in. We have a ten lap race which is likely to take 1½-2 years actual time to complete.

And in fact the NGC's (and I suspect the world's) first Formula 1 game has just finished in a comfortable victory for Bill Orr in the blue car with the most tremendous nail-biting tussle for second place finally ending in a dead heat between Richard Sharp and yours truly. I'm also involved in game 4, but the less said about that the better....

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### IDA News

This is really great. The American branch of IDA held their elections a few months ago and right at the last minute they decided that their overseas members which includes all of JDA/UK of course, had better be allowed to vote. So I was sent a copy of all the candidates election platforms with a request to get those into the hands of IDA/UK members, get them to vote, and return their votes to the States in time for inclusion in the total. This was back in February I think. So I rushed around like a blue-arsed fly photo-copying all the election statements and sending them out to all IDA/UK members current at that time along with a ballot paper. Well we got just over twenty votes in by the deadline, which wasn't too bad, and I then phoned them in to Ben Grossman in New York for inclusion with the other votes. So far so good.

Well now the results are out, and here's where the trouble starts. You see if only North American votes are counted then Len Lakofka is elected as the new President, but if the UK votes are included as well they are enough to swing the



result of the Presidency over to Ray Heuer! Now Lakofka, it may be remembered, is the chap who last year tried to push through, unconstitutionally as it happens, a measure which would have effectively created a new IDA for North Americans only. So it should come as no surprise to learn that Lakofka is now insisting that the UK votes should be excluded while Heuer, equally obviously, is more than happy to include them. The other positions in the elections however are all quite clearly settled, so the rest of the Council - excluding the President - recently took a vote among themselves to see which of the two 'winners' they would prefer to work under. The result was a vote of 4-1 in favour of Heuer.

So that's settled then? Well, not quite. You see when IDA almost broke up last year Lakofka assumed the position of acting President and Treasurer, which means that he's got all the money. Now I don't have the very latest news on the subject but as of a week or two ago it seems that there was some possibility of the IDA finding itself without any funds unless Lakofka got his way....

'Isn't it a scream? Surely no organisation can be wholly without merit when it can get itself into a tangle like that. IDA(NA): a laugh a minute. Thank goodness we're on this side of the Atlantic.

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#### Calhamer Awards

A few more names to add to the list of judges. The two British judges on the International panel are, as mentioned last time, Richard Sharp and myself. On the British panel so far we have Pete Cousins, Wicky Palmer, Peter Berlin and Pete Mearns. I'd like two or three more if possible so if anyone else is interested please let me know by next issue.

Meanwhile we may as well start collecting nominations. I'm assuming the categories are the same as last year in which case they are as follows:

International Awards: Outstanding non-technical article.  
 Outstanding technical article.  
 Outstanding established zine.  
 McCallum Award for meritorious service.  
 Outstanding single contribution to the hobby.  
 Outstanding press release.

British Awards: Outstanding new zine.  
 Outstanding player.  
 Outstanding variant.(new or old).

If any of you who are interested - and this is open to everyone - would like to send me your nominations for any and all of the above categories I'll keep a record of them and in due course the various judges will decide on the overall winners. If there are enough nominations then the top five or six in each category will be put before the judges. I'll make the deadline for receipt of your nominations JUNE 30TH to give us plenty of time.

Publicity in other zines would be appreciated.

//////////when I said it was a bit of a bore up there I meant the line separator not the article!!!!

#### Editorial (3):

Another one? Well, why not - you never know, this might even start a trend. Two things to say however. The first is about Boardman Numbers again. I've just had a word with Paul Willey who says he'll be very happy to take on TFT for a while until Mick is ready to take it over. So I'm glad to say that the future of the game records now seems to be perfectly firm, and in reliable hands all the way through.

The other thing is a follow-up to the Zine Poll. There have been several requests from readers for some extra information and analysis of the results and although I haven't been able to find the time to get anything ready for this issue I'm hoping that by next issue I will. One thing is a look at the results from the votes of publishers only, and another is a deeper look at the spread of votes among the top few zines. Next month's issue should carry it, okay?

//////////are you reading this one too? right at the foot of the page? you must be desperate!!!!

Hobby News

Pride of place must go to the sad news that Mick Bullock's 1901... really is on the way out. After over four years of continuous publication and nearly 80 issues of far and away the most consistent and reliable zine in the hobby Mick has decided that enough is enough. He will be running the zine down over the next year or so and intends eventually to phase it out and replace it with an occasional statistics-zine. What can I say? Very little really as superlatives tend to lose their meaning when applied to the very best. Let me just say that its passing will leave a gap that will never be filled, that I'm very glad indeed that my old friend doesn't intend to disappear entirely, and that I think Mick's decision on his future involvement is absolutely correct.

One zine that isn't folding is Courier, from Don Turnbull (5 Greenlands, Red Cross Lane, Cambridge, CB2 2QY). Some of you may not know that Don was the founder of postal Diplomacy in this country way back in 1969, and has been running games ever since. Courier has now had over 140 issues, which says a fair bit for Don's reliability, and is currently on a bit of an expansion drive. On offer are games of regular Diplomacy, Abstraction, Atlantica, Origins, Kingmaker, Gladiators, Madame Guillotine, Railway Rivals, Election and Jutland (blimey!). Players pay a game fee and get the zine for postage; others pay 2p per sheet plus postage.

And a zine so new it hasn't even started yet is Rhubovia from Tony Crouch (35 Melbourne Ave., West Ealing, London, W13). He intends to run games of regular Diplomacy plus a Bourse with game fees of £1 and 50p respectively, deadlines will be three weeks apart and the zine will cost 1/2p per side plus postage. There's only been a flyer announcing his intentions so far so it's difficult to say any more except that both his typewriter and duplicator seem to have pretty good pedigrees and having been in the hobby for a good long while Tony himself looks pretty reliable too. You could probably do a lot worse than try a sub.

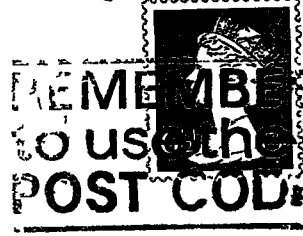
Biggest surprise of the year so far was the arrival of a new edition of He's Dead, Jim! from Jeremy Maiden. He really did get married - to a girl in a top hat, naturally (so there's my bit of wedding cake you rat?). But from now on it's likely to be an issue of HDJ only when Jeremy feels the urge. I hope they aren't too infrequent Jeremy, the hobby's a duller place without you. Good luck.

And finally hearty congratulations to John Piggott and Dthil the Frog for becoming the seventh British publisher to attain 50 issues. Well done. Of course Piglet will claim he's only up to number 4, but who is likely to take any notice of that? John, you may now enter UK Diplomacy's hall of fame, just to the rear of Turnbull, Patterson, Walkerdine, Bullock, Coombe and Sharp. Birks next maybe?

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