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Today is Monday, July 11th, 1977.

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Special mention this time for John Morrison and the Annexe, which reaches its 50th issue. Annexe is far and away the longest-running and most reliable subzine the hobby has ever seen, and I'm delighted that MP is the zine which carries it. I doubt that 50 issues will ever again be achieved by a subzine, and John should feel very proud of his efforts. Well done mate.

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All UK publishers will find, enclosed with this issue, the first edition of Variant Openings from Der Garvey (22 McDonagh Rd, Ballyphehane, Cork City, Eire). VO will appear every 8 weeks and will give details of variants and where to find games of them. It will be distributed free to all publishers and is available for postage only (9p stamp please) from Der for anyone else who is interested. Publishers are respectfully asked to plug and support it.

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### DEADLINES

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST (Bourse, Monster/Multimind, Annexe game)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD (all other games)

### STANDBYES

A call to KEITH BLACK ('AD' Game) please. Also, we need one in 'AB', the Multiplic. game, but there isn't one. Volunteer please? Thanks a lot.

### COAs

MARTIN RUNDLE to 37 Park Hill Road, Croydon, Surrey.

DAVE BENGELLY to c/o Poste Restante, Bangkok, Thailand (until July 14), then c/o RJW, 43 Chapel Grove etc (the explanation being that in a week or so Dave leaves Thailand and heads for Europe and is hoping to drop in here when/if he passes through).

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Boardman Numbers are now firmly in the capable hands of Mick Bullock, and any GM who is waiting for a number will be contacted in due course by Mick - he has all my records now so knows which games have and haven't been numbered.

TFT is going direct to Mick also, but I haven't yet sent him my files. All should be in Mick's hands within another week to ten days.

At last! Freedom!! YIPPEE!!!...

ROKKOR  
by Paul Willey

Nick Morgan, a young photographer with a roving assignment, is host to an alien symbiote, Rokkor, who is an intergalactic police officer, pursuing a killer of his own race. Gradon, the killer, has taken control of the body of Colin Forbes, a young policeman. The alien criminal has shot both Nick and a farmer called Blackmoor, and made good his escape. Rokkor has healed Nick's wounds and got Blackmoor to hospital.

PART TEN

Nick climbed into his Mini and headed into the centre of Bristol. His immediate task was to register in a hotel he could use as a base. Having discharged himself from hospital, Nick had been faced with some very awkward questions as to how he had effected his 'miracle cure', but he had pleaded ignorance and insisted upon leaving the hospital. He had selected some hotel addresses from the yellow pages of the telephone directory, and was now visiting them in order to decide which was the least expensive.

He booked into the third he visited and, upon entering his room, made a call to the local police. He had been asked to keep in touch with them, and was anxious to co-operate. There was no doubt that they would find Colin Forbes and, with him, Gradon, for Nick had given a detailed description and the number of the man's car.

Do you mind if I get some sleep now? he subvocalised to Rokkor. I spent all of yesterday driving, and last night in a hospital bed. I'm utterly exhausted.

"Not at all," answered Rokkor. "You need the rest for your leg to heal. I'm helping all I can, but I can only keep it working while it repairs itself. Besides there's nothing we can do until the police locate Forbes."

Nick lay down on the bed and was almost instantly asleep, thanks to Rokkor's subtle adjustment of his metabolism. He was woken by the telephone bell. He glanced at his watch and was surprised to see that it was late afternoon. He had slept for six hours.

Picking up the telephone, he identified himself to the police officer at the other end. He was told that a man was 'assisting them with their enquiries' and could Nick come to the station to identify him? A car would be sent for him.

"No, don't do that," said Nick. "I'll drive my own car. I'll come now."

He seemed to be spending his life in taxis going to collect his car. He did not want to have to do the same thing again.

Upon arrival at the police station, he was taken to a line of men. He recognised Colin Forbes at once. "I want you to look carefully at each of these men," the C.I.D. man told him. "If you see the man who shot you, touch him on the shoulder."

Nick dutifully walked along the line, pausing before each man. When he looked into P.C. Forbes' eyes, he shuddered at the vacuousness in them. He moved on. At the end of the line he turned to the detective. "He's not here," he said quietly.

"I'd be grateful if you'd go along the line once more," replied the detective. Nick complied, and then said, "I'm still sure the gunman's not one of these men."

"Perhaps you would look just once more -"

"There's no need. I gave you a detailed description of the man, and only the third from the left fits that description. He is not, however, the man who shot Farmer Blackmoor and myself."

The detective led the way into his office. "Could you be mistaken?" he asked.

"No," replied Nick.

"The man you mentioned was driving the car whose number you gave us," objected the policeman.

"I may have been mistaken about that," Nick told him.

"You didn't say so before."

"I wasn't asked."

"I'll be honest with you," said the policeman. "That young man is a police officer who has been mixed up with the flying saucer thing that Farmer Blackmoor reported yesterday. We're not sure of the connection, but we'll find it. Without your identification, we may have to let him go, and I'm sure you don't want that."

"I do not propose to identify an innocent man," Nick answered coldly. He ignored the detective's protest that he had not been asked to do so. In a sense, he was speaking the truth. Although it was Forbes' finger which had pulled the trigger, Gradon's had been the will. Colin Forbes had been the innocent tool. Besides that, if Forbes were imprisoned, Gradon would simply transfer to another body, which would be even more difficult to trace. Furthermore, on his past record, Gradon would very likely kill the host before leaving. As it was, Forbes' life was possibly ruined. It would be more than unfortunate if he had to lose it as well.

Before leaving the police station, Nick enquired about Jed Blackmoor. The farmer, it seemed, was still on the danger list, but there was a good chance he would get well.

As soon as he was out of the building, Nick walked round to the yard where the police cars were parked. He recognised Forbes' Cortina at once. Striding over to it, he saw the control equipment for the space ship on the back seat.

"There it is!" cried Rokkor. "Quickly, get it out!"

Are you joking? subvocalised Nick. This is a police station!

-- continued next issue.

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### 'V' Game Final Report

1975FA. Zine: Mad Policy. GM: RJW. Players: A- Terry Knowles (res A01), Ron Kelly (out A05). E- Stewart Buckingham (drew All). F- John Meadon (out A08). G- Roland Prevot (drew All). I- Edi Birsan (out A08). R- Charles Burton (out All). T- Laurence Parrott (drew All). Started 5/8/75. Ended 13/6/77.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
A	3	3	3	3	2	-						
E	3	4	3	3	4	3	4+	5++	5	6	6	6
F	3	5	5	7	6	6	4	2	-			
G	3	5	6	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	12	13+
I	3	4	4	3	4	2	2+	1	-			
R	4	6	7	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	-
T	3	5	6	9	9	13++	13++	14++	15++	14	15	15

E/G/T draw by player vote.

### German Statement

I am glad this game has finally ended. It was never a hot favourite of mine, and its result (the 3-way draw) has never been in doubt since 1906. It began very badly. The original Austrian player never sent a move, and the GM used a set of standby orders in Spring 1901 sent by Ron Kelly who then took over the position for good. Unfortunately, this proved to be a downright disaster, and it would have made little difference if Austria had remained in anarchy. This probably explains the tremendous success of Turkey in the early years, when he almost got into a winning position simply by attacking his three neighbours simultaneously.

1903 was an interesting year, though.

Stewart Buckingham (England) and John Meadon (France) apparently knew each other well and intended to be allied. So, when I was offered a place in a 3-way alliance E-F-G I could but pretend to accept. France was supposed to attack Italy, England Scandinavia then Russia, and I probably Austria. But I knew this was equivalent to a strategical suicide for me, as my home centres would be left at England's mercy after a few years when he had secured his position in Scandinavia. My early diplomacy was aimed at separating France and England, but gave no apparent result: France kept attacking Italy and England did not want to change his plan. So, willy nilly, I had to call upon Russian help against England, and our pact was so successful that England was reduced to his three home centres in 1902.

In Autumn 1902, the situation was as follows: Russia and Turkey were allied against Austria; Italy and France were battling in the Western Mediterranean area; Germany and Russia were allied against England. Russia apparently then had an excellent position with three units in the North and four in the South.

In Spring 1903 however, three events occurred at the same time:

- I supported England back into Norway (I was getting unhappy with Russia's growth);

- France stabbed England, getting himself in a position to take London and Liverpool;

- Turkey stabbed Russia, taking Rumania and making sure of taking Sevastopol.

These three events completely changed the outlook of the game. At the end of 1903 Russia was reduced to three centres instead of his once-promising position, England and Germany were allied against France, and Turkey had attacked all three of his neighbours to almost get a winning position. Seldom have I seen such a thorough change in so short a time!

After that, the alliances were set and the German/England alliance settled down to the task of preventing the Turkish win. In 1903 and 1904 it might have seemed easier for me to look for a French alliance rather than an English one, especially since France had 7 centres to England's 3, but John Meadon had stopped answering letters, which meant I could only consider him as an enemy.

Our attack against France proceeded steadily and in 1906 we were sure that Turkey would never be in a position to take Marseilles or Spain, which were the crucial centres which might have given him victory. Laurence Parrott missed a couple of autumn seasons in 1906 and 1907, and this also helped the progress towards the stalemate line.

Thanks to the GM for a well run game. Stewart Buckingham proved himself a reliable ally and steady letter writer all game long - I would be pleased to meet him in another game. Of the other players, I can say nothing, for we exchanged very few letters.

-- Roland Prevot.

#### GM Comments

Thanks Roland, for a very detailed analysis of what went on. It's a pity we couldn't have anyone else's views and get a picture from all sides. Ah well.

The one thing that pleased me about this game was the lack of dropouts. Apart from Terry Knowles' resignation in the opening year all countries were played to their end by the original player, which makes a very nice change. Needless to say you are all welcome back at any time.

godsaidyoucandowhatyouwantabobutthenexttimeyousee me coming you better run, abesaidwhere

#### 'X' Game Final Report

1975FW. Zine: Mad Policy. GM: RJW. Players: A- John Meadon (out A04). E- Dave Tant (out A08). F- Martin Hammon (dro S06), Paul Willey. G- John Lettice (out A06). I- Martin Rundle (out A08). R- Steve Plater (won A09). T- Nick Baker (dro S09). Ron Kelly. Started 27/10/75. Ended 16/5/77.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	3	4	3	1	-					
E	3	5	5	3	3	5++	3	2	-	
F	3	5	5	5	6	5	7+	7	6	5
G	3	5	5	7	6	3	-			
I	3	5	4	5	3	2	2	1	-	
R	4	5	7	7	9	11	13+	14	17	18
T	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+	11

#### Russian Statement

Unaccustomed as I am to writing victory statements, I shall be brief. The truth is I can't recall the details of the entire progress of the game, so I'll just mention the outstanding features from my point of view.

The main impression I had virtually throughout the game was that it was all very easy for me. Not because of my brilliant strategic play and subtle diplomacy, though they of course helped... No, for turn after turn everything just fell into place, and everything I tried came off. I must have gone for a large number of seasons with none, or hardly any, of my moves being underlined in the adjudication. And my advances through the centre and round the top by sea went mainly unopposed. By the time I started encountering resistance I'd got so many units into the forward areas that I was able to crush it easily.

This smooth passage was largely due to my rock solid alliance with Nick Baker's Turkey, from the start right up to his departure from the game. Even when I expected a stab, late on, with me several centres ahead of him, it never came. and I was glad I decided against a pre-emptive stab on Nick. The alliance also set me up for a strong position in the centre - since I was building two units each year and could only build one fleet, I kept on pumping armies out of Warsaw, ending up with a large stock of armies queuing up to get into Germany! These proved vital at the end, when Ron Kelly took over Turkey. It was obvious he had to throw everything he had against me, but luckily all those armies were on hand to move back and defend my possessions. Had I not won when I did though, he could have caused me trouble and I had visions of being stuck on 17 centres for ever!

But in the end the glorious Russian Navy won the day. Most of my gains in the latter part of the game came from the advance of my fleets round to MAO, including the conquest of England. My tactic in the last move was to try to hold on to Spain, having retreated there, by cutting nearly all possible supports. There was only one way France would get me out - and of course he found it... But he inexplicably moved out of Marseille, leaving me to sail in for centre number 18. This was an unlooked-for gift - he surely must have reckoned I'd either attack it or order a retreat there! All I can say is - thanks very much, Paul!

In conclusion, I'd like to say thank you one and all for a game that was always enjoyable - as was the press! And thanks, of course, to your good self, Richard, for the high standard of GMing, and for making the game possible in the first place! And congratulations on keeping my F Sev penned in despite all my efforts at extending the Diplomacy board!

— Steve Plater.

#### French Statement

I came in as a standby and all I could do was try to survive. Had Turkey turned on his ally sooner then things might have been different. With Ron Kelly in the driving seat earlier, Russia might not have made it, but then I'm not really in favour of standbys anyway! Be all that as it may, congrats to Steve, and ta to Richard.

— Paul Willey.

#### GM Comments

It did look a wee bit easy for Steve from this end too, but then if other players end up giving you an easy time of it it's a bit daft not to take the opportunity presented. Well done Steve.

But what I'd really like to comment on is the press, which to my mind represents one of the best press series I have ever seen in any zine. It helps of course when the writer is one of (in my view) the top three press writers in the hobby, and it's the sort of thing which I will always manage to find a place for in my zine. Take a bow Mr. Lettice - and, please John, some more?

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#### Guessing Games Dept.

It's Monstermind and Multimind time now, but first of all I need to repeat the method I use for scoring.

Basically it's this: I score each and every digit of your guess once and once only. But the things to remember are that every digit is scored - even with repeats - but no digit is scored more than once. So if BOOB is the target and BOWL is the guess it scores XX (B & O of BOWL correct letters in the right place) but if BOWL is the target and BOOB is the guess it scores XXOO (first B and first O of BOOB correct letters in the right place, second O and second B of BOOB correct letters but in the wrong place). Clear now?

For the benefit of newcomers, the object of the game is to discover the hidden code - three 5-digit numbers in Monstermind, five 3-letter words in Multimind - by making guesses and having them scored. An 'X' signifies a correct letter or digit in the right place and an 'O' signifies a correct letter or digit but in the wrong position. You must keep your own record of what your guesses were as they obviously can't be published. Now over the page for the start of these two new games...

<u>Monstermind</u>	Number 1	Number 2	Number 3
John Miller	00	000	000
Paul Willey	0	00	000
Neil McDonald	00	X0	00
Martin Feather	00	000	000
Tony Crouch	0000	X0	0
Keith Loveys	00	00	00
Lionel Bidwell	XX00	X00	00
Martin Dean	X0	00	X000
John Herlihy	00	X0	00

That's nine players who have all had 10p deducted from their subs by way of a game fee, so the winner (the person who guesses all three numbers in the lowest combined total number of guesses) will pocket 90p. Okay?

<u>Multimind</u>	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Word 4	Word 5
John Miller	00	-	X	-	X
Lionel Bidwell	-	-	0	0	-
Keith Loveys	-	-	-	-	X
Tony Crouch	-	0	00	0	X
Neil McDonald	-	X0	XX	00	-
John Herlihy	-	-	X0	X0	-
John Smith	-	-	0	-	X

And that's seven of you there so the winner will pick up 70p.

If anyone else wants to join in - 10p fee for each game, winner takes all - you'll be very welcome but please send me an SAE with your first guesses as soon as possible so you can catch up with the others by next issue.

...oops...forget to mention that all guesses for Multimind must be actual words - none of your AAA, BBB etc.

georgiasamhehadabloodynose,welfaredepartmenttheywouldntgivehimnoclothes,heaskedpoor

1974BT ('Q') -- Autumn 1917

Balance of power shifts....

ENGLAND (Neil McDonald): F Eng - Nth, F Nth - Den, F Nrg - Bar, F Edi - Nrg, F Hol MS A Bel, A Par stands, F Spa(SC) S F Mar, F Nap stands, A Ukr - Mos.

GERMANY (Roland Prevot): A Fin - Nwy S by F Swe, A Mos & A War, A War S A Mos, A Boh S A Vie, A Tyr & A Vie, A Bur - Par S by A Gas, A Ruh - Bel, F Hel - Kie, F Den - Nth, A Ven - Tri ((it retreated to Pie last season)), A Pie stands unordered.

TURKEY (Dave Black): A Sev S (ENGLISH) A Ukr - Mos, A Gal - War, A Bul - Rum, A Ser - Bud S by A Tri, A Alb S A Tri, F Adr S F Ven, F Ven S A Tri, F Bla S A Sev.

Retreats: English A Par - Pic.  
German A Mos - StP.

Winter 1917 Adjustments

E:13 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Bre, Por, Spa, Tun, Rom, Nap, Mar, ~~StP~~, Bel, +Hol, +Mos. No builds requested - 2 short.

G:10 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, ~~Nth~~, Par, War, Vie, ~~Hel~~, ~~Tri~~, StP, Nry, ~~Mos~~, +Swe. Removes A Pie, A Gas, A Vie.

T:11 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Sev, Gre, Bul, Ser, Rum, Bud, +Ven, +Tri. Builds A Ank, F Con.

We have a proposal that this game be terminated at Autumn 1917 as a three-way draw. Votes please with your next set of orders. Failure to vote will count as being in favour of the draw.

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IIIII TTTT SS' SSSS TTTT ' ' A N N N - II EEEEE X X EEEEE  
C I T ' S T ' A A NN N IN N E X X E  
I T ' SSSS T ' L N N N N N EEEEE X EEEEE  
I T ' S T ' A A N NN N NN E X X E  
IIIII T ' SSSS T ' A A N N N N EEEEE X X EEEEE

IIIII SSSSS SSSSS U U EEEEE FFFFF IIIII FFFFF TTTT Y Y  
I S S S U U E F I F T Y Y  
I SSSSS SSSSS U U EEEEE FFFF I FFFF T Y  
I S S U U E F I F T Y  
IIIII SSSSS SSSSS UUUUU EEEEE F IIIII F T Y

Yes, we have reached the grand old issue of 50, we being John Morrison, 9, Highfield Avenue, Inskip, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 0UE, and the bod who prints it, who lives not far from Imrryr, and of course, the good old tripewriter.

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Right them, on with the only remaining game.....

1975FL('W'): Spring 1910.....GERMANS PLAN COMERLCK.

AUSTRIA (KEITH BLACK): A Con-Ank, A War-Pru, A Gal-Sil, A Vie-Tyr, A Rum-Sev S by A Ukr, A Bud-Rum, A Ven-Rom, F Ion-Tun, F Tri-Adr.

ENGLAND (RON KELLY): F Iri S (GERMAN) F NAO-MAO, A Lon-Nwy o by F Nth, F Nwy-Swe, F Nwg-Bar, F Mar S (GERMAN) F ~~NAO-MAO~~ SPA(sc).

GERMANY (PAUL WILLEY): F MAO-Spa(sc), F NAO-MAO s by F EnG, F Kie-Bal, A Den S (ENGLISH) F ~~Nwy-Swe~~, A Ruh-Mun, A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Sil, A Bur S (ENGLISH) F Mar, A Spa stands unordered.

RUSSIA (PETE LINDSAY): A Swe-Nwy, A Lvn-War S by A Mos.

ITALY (STEVE 'just-in-time' PLATER): A Pie-Tyr, F Naf-Tun S by F WMS, F Tyr-Rom, A Sev-Arm.

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A War annihilated-retreat space not free.  
RUSSIAN A Swe annihilated- no retreat space given.

Note to Paul Willey: On your original set of orders you did order A Spa to move Paul, but this move was missing on the second set. As your instructions werethat these orders countermanded all previous orders, had little option.....John.

MOSCOW: "Bugger! that was quick. Ah well." The Tsar rolled over and went back to sleep.

VIENNA: "You see, my dear, how undependable the Italians would have proved? It is just as well that we are no longer counting on them as friends", the Grand Duke said, "Now we must try and point out the threats posed to England by Germany".

"Well, isn't it perfectly obvious?" the Grand Duchess exclaimed. "The Germans have recently launched a new fleet at Kiel-surely to use against the English!"

"True! I am pleased that you are keeping up with current events my dear," the Grand Duke smiled. "But is it that obvious to the English? The Kaiser has a silver tongue, and very few scruples. Fortunately, Germany lies between England and Austria, so between England and Austria we can remove that threat. Soon we shall see if England is destined to become a major power, or a German puppet. For our part, we shall try and keep the greasy Italians out of Tunis, and we shall offer England assistance to take St. Petersburg, should they need it..."

GM: "And that concludes 'Letter to America' for this week, and before the Archers, we have a Party Political Broadcast....."

BUNDESTAG HQ (Back in Berlin): The Kaiser surveyed the war map. Now the fatherland was clear of foreign forces, the time had come to take stock. Russia was no longer a force to be reckoned with. His few remaining units would quickly be mopped up by the Austrians and the British. The Italians were on their way out too. With the assistance of the English fleet in the South of France, it should be possible to keep them down, especially with the Austrians going in through their back door. But what then.....?

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There should now follow the summary of 'U' Game with the associated statements, but I am two copies of the Annexe missing, and I cannot compile the full list of centres. I know where they are(I think), so will print it next issue. Soreceeeeee.

So to fill in, a little about me, which some fools have requested.

BORN: Carshalton, Surrey, in 1947(That makes me 30 for those non-mathematicians among you).MARRIED: Yes, to Daisy Mae, who is considerably younger than me, and the best thing to come from Jamaica since

Mangoes. CHILDREN: Those of you who have phoned will know that the answer is yes. I have (sorry, we have) two children, Scott-Anthony who is 3½ years old, and Tabitha who is 2½ years old.EMPLOYMENT: My present position is Reliability Statistician at Leyland Truck and Bus.

INTERESTS: Besides this, I play Squash, Badminton, Cricket, am Treasurer and co-founder member of the Angling Taverners(That's Sea Fishing and Drinking).I also love all board games, plus cards, chess, etc..

HOW DID I GET INTO POSTAL DIPPY: Easy really. I snared an office for some years with Richard Walkerdine whilst at British Aerospace(see, go it right Richard), who introduced me to it all.Other people I met when there were John 'Meadows' Meadon, Stuart Buckingham, and some hairy c... who I can't remember. My favourite 'zine was that Produced by Hartley Paterson(That'll get me into Piglott's bad books), The worst was Der Krieg. Hanibal was good as well.

I cannot think of anything else that has been asked.Anyway thats enough to digest at one go.

Right yhen, that's it for issue 50 of the Annexe. I must admit that it feels great to have actually acheived it, even if it is only a little sub-zine. Thanks to all of you who have supported me over the years.....regards, John.

+++++ThatsAllFromTheAnnexeNow+++++



1976AJ ('Y') -- Spring 1909 Ball bounces to Baltic - hot for Ovens?...

AUSTRIA (Martin Rundle): A Ser - Bul S by A Con.

GERMANY (Allan Ovens): F Nth - Ska, F Kie - Den, F Lon - Nth, F MAO - Nrg,  
A Wal - Lon, A Mun - Sil, A Boh - Vie, A Pie - Ven S by A Tyr,  
A Mar - Spa S by A Gas & A Par, F MAO - WMS.

ITALY (Roy Taylor): F Aeg - Ion, F Gre stands, A Ven - Pie S by F GoL,  
A Rom - Tus, A Spa - Naf C by F WMS.

RUSSIA (Tony Ball): A StP - Nwy, F Nwy - Ska, F Swe - Bal, A War - Pru,  
A Mos - War, A Arm - Ank, F Bla - Con S by A Smy, A Bud - Tri S by A Vie,  
A Bul - Ser S by A Rum.

Retreats: Austria an A Con annihilated, A Ser - Bud.

Grateful thanks to Ron Kelly for the unused standby orders.

Rome - Munich: As I said on the phone, Allan, I'm going to get third place anyway. So why the hell should I help you win to gain third place? In fact, I can see a possible Russian win if Tony and I ever start writing to each other.

How about it Tony? What's your phone number? Let me know and I'll phone!

oldhowardjustpointedwiththisgun,andsaidthatwaydownHIGHWAY61.....

1976GZ ('AA') -- Autumn 1906 Suddenly, there's some opposition....

ENGLAND (Martin Dean): F Bar - StP(NC) S by F Nwy, F Swe - Fin, A Bur stands (if  
it's not too drunk), ((it's not)), F GoL S (GERMAN) F TyS, F Tun unordcred.

GERMANY (Bill Orr): F TyS looks up the Italian for 'get out', A Boh S A Vie,  
A Tus - Ven S by A Pie, A Tyr - Tri S by A Vie, A Den - Swe,  
A Mar books its summer holidays in Rome, A Wal stands unordered.

ITALY (Ron Kelly): A Gal - Vie S by A Bud & A Tri, F Nap S F Rom,  
F Ion & F Aeg S (RUSSIAN) A Bul - Apu, F Rom S (ENGLISH) F GoL - Tus.

RUSSIA (Roger Collins): A Fin - Swe S by F GoB, A StP stands, A Bul - Apu,  
A Ser - Bul, A Smy - Ank S by F Bla.

TURKEY (Paul Segal): F Con - Smy.

Retreats: English F Swe - Bal.  
 Russian A StP - Mos.

Winter 1906 Adjustments

E: 7 Centres: Edi, Lpl, Bre, Por, Tun, Nwy, +StP. Builds F Lpl.

G: 12 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Bel, Hol, Spa, Lon, Par, Mar, +Ven, +Vie.  
Builds A Ber, A Mun.

I: 6 Centres: Nap, Rom, ~~Vie~~, Tri, ~~Vie~~, Gre, Ser, Bud, ~~Bul~~. Removes A Gal.

R: 8 Centres: Mos, Sev, ~~StP~~, War, Con, ~~Smy~~, Sve, Rum, +Bul, +Ank. Builds A War.

T: 1 Centre: ~~Wkr~~, +Smy. No change.

Turkey - Russia & Italy: Yes, okay.

England - Russia: Now what deal was that, I don't seem to remember.

wellmackthefingersaidtolouietheking,igotfortyeightredwhiteandblueshoestrings,anda

1976GJ ('Z') -- Autumn 1907 Suddenly, it's Turkey with the advantage...

ENGLAND (Norman Nathan): F Nth - Lon, F Swe S F Den, F Nwy stands.

FRANCE (Hohn Herlihy): F GoL - WMS, F Rom - Nap, F Apu - Ion, A Bur - Ruh,  
F Eng - Nth, F MAO - Eng, A Hol - Kie, A Ven - Tyr S by A Mun,  
A Ber stands, A Kie - Den.

GERMANY (Pete Lindsay): A Pru - War.

RUSSIA (Peter Berlin): F Ska S (FRENCH) A Kie - Den, A Mos - StP,  
A Ukr - Mos S by A War.

oops...Turkey and the other things over the page please...

'Z' Game contd..

TURKEY (Neil McDonald): A Tyr - Ven S by F Adr & F Tri, A Vie - Tyr, A Gal - Sil, F Ion - Tun, A Sev stands, A Rum - Gal, F Bla S A Sev, A Bul - Rum.

Retreats: French A Ven - Tus.

Winter 1907 Adjustments

E: 6 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Den, ~~Vie~~, +Nwy, +Swe. Builds A Lpl, A Edi.

F: 12 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, Por, ~~Tun~~, Rom, Man, Hol, ~~Vie~~, Nap, +Kie, +Ber. Builds F Mar.

G: 0 Centres: ~~Vie~~. Eliminated. Removes A Pru.

R: 3 Centres: Mos, ~~Vie~~, StP, War, ~~Vie~~, ~~Nwy~~. Removes F Ska.

T: 13 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Ser, Gre, Tri, Bud, Bul, Rum, Vie, +Tun, +Ven, +Sev. Builds F Smy, A Con, A Ank.

The Kaiser Speaks: Farewell (you're still a ratfink, Norman).

thousandtelephonesthatdontring,doyouknowwhereicangetridofthesethings,andlouiethe

1976HY ('Ac') -- Spring 1905 Three powers to slog it out?...

ENGLAND (Keith Black): A Lon - Wal, A Bre S (GERMAN) A Par - Gas, F StP(NG) stands, F Swe stands, F Edi - Nth, F Lpl - NAO, F Eng - MAO S by F Spa(SC).

FRANCE (Dave Black): A Mar - Spa, F Iri - Lpl.

GERMANY (Jonathan Palfrey): F GoB - Bal, A Ber - Pru, A Sil - War, A Man - Boh, A Pic - Bur S by A Par, A Kie - Hol.

ITALY (Peter Berlin): F Ion - Aeg S by F EMS, A Tri - Bud S by A Vie, F Apu - Adr, A Alb stands unordered.

RUSSIA (Ron Canham): A Bud - Vie S by A Gal, A Mos - War.

TURKEY (Anthony Dawson): A Ser - Tri, F Con - Aeg S by F Gre & F Smy, A Bul S F Gre, A Sev - Rum, A Rum - Bud, A Ank - Arm.

Retreats: Italian A Vie - Tyr.

Grateful thanks to Bill Orr for the unused standby orders.

Black 'F' - Black 'E': Original? You must be joking! Clouseau in his mole hunt will end up catching your pet polecat.

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1976ARbb. ('AB' - Multiplicity) -- Spring 1904 Eastern alliance against England?...

ENGLAND (Keith Black): F Por - Spa(SC) S by F MAO, F Eng - Bre S by A MAO, F Lon - Eng, F Nth stands, F Nwy - Nrg, F StP(NG) - Bar,

FRANCE (Paul Willey): 2A Spa SPLIT = A Gas + A Mar, A Pic - Par.

GERMANY (Duncan Morris): NMR! A Bel F Den A Sil A Man 2A Bur stand unordered.

ITALY (John Lettice): A/F Bul(SC) SPLIT = A Ser + F Gre, F Ion - TyS, A Bud - Vie, A Gal - Boh, A Ser - Tri, 2A Tyr - Pie, F Nap stands.

RUSSIA (Graham Buckell): A Ank - Sev C by F Bla, A Smy S A Con, A Ukr stands. 2A War S (ITALIAN) A Gal - Sil.

No retreats.

Gascony: The French President glared around the cellar at the ashen faces of his cabinet. "Trust M'sier Noir, you said!" he hissed at them. "He will abide by his treaties!"

"He was greedy," replied the former Ambassador to the Court of St. James. "He deemed it right for him to take Norway, Sweden and Belgium, together with St. Petersburg, while we, his allies, took only Spain and Portugal. When I insisted that we took Belgium, I was foolish enough to tell him."

The French President looked at him glumly. He laid a hand on the diplomat's shoulder. "It is ironic," he said, "that the expression 'Honesty is the best

policy' should be an English one. When we sail for America, we can only hope that the current allies of the English have sharp knives!"

Loudon Wainwright VII of the Intergalactic Dippy Zine Corps: Episode 11; Deneb 16:

As soon as his seatbelt released him, Loudon hurried to the main airlock of the ferry. There he stood back, out of sight, in order to observe the other passengers disembarking. There were the usual motley collection of interstellar tourists - the idle rich of a dozen planets. Most of them stared with awe at the unique wonders of Deneb 16, in the manner of tourists anywhere. All, in fact, but two lupine creatures, who loped straight down the gangway without paying the slightest heed to the wealth of movement and colour beyond the spaceport perimeter. Loudon followed closely behind them, yet managed to successfully assume the air of another wide-eyed visitor from afar.

Once outside the ship, Loudon noticed that the entire spaceport was enclosed in a force-sphere, an unusual precaution implying that the environment beyond was particularly hostile.

All around the spaceports reception lounge were the now-familiar posters displaying the more delightful of Deneb 16's native lifeforms. Loudon was amused to find that just outside the immigration facilities were some new posters. These described the many dangerous denizens of the planet. Given pride of place were the dreaded Brain-Rot Beetle, the Sky-Scorpion and the Hoversnake. Another hideous miscreation caught his eye - the wild Greep. Loudon vaguely recalled a recipe for Crottled Greeps... "First catch your Greeps...saute lightly with a half kilo of fresh bats until the screaming stops...add essence of dragons bile until the screaming starts again..." There were frogs livers and eye-of-newt in the recipe somewhere, but Loudon didn't have any time to waste in idle reverie. The lupiforms were leaving the spaceport through a pedestrian airlock...

— to be continued.

And now here's the AB Game Bourse:

Note that 'Titan' and 'East India Co.' have resigned.

<u>Spring '04 Dealings</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>FRANCS</u>	<u>MARKS</u>	<u>LIRA</u>	<u>ROUBLES</u>
'Larry Greenberg'	-500	-500	-500	-500	+1000
'Rhubovia Misers'	+1992	-500	-500	-500	-500
Andy Davidson	-500	-500	-500	-500	+3000
'Healey'	+1549	0	-500	-500	-500
Ethlfrog Finance	-500	-500	-500	-500	-500
Selena King	+2000	-500	-500	-500	-500
'Aries'	-500	-500	0	-500	+2443
'Southsea Bubbles'	-500	-500	-500	-500	+5000
'Ecliptic Enterprises'	-500	-500	-500	-500	+500
'Avenger'	-500	-500	-500	-500	-500
Peter Berlin	+1237	0	-500	-500	0
Steve Pratt NMR	0	0	0	0	0
Bill Orr	0	-500	0	0	+690
David Thorby	-500	0	0	+2000	-500
<u>Nett Trade</u>	<u>+2778</u>	<u>-5000</u>	<u>-5000</u>	<u>-3500</u>	<u>+9633</u>
<u>Old Value - \$/unit</u>	<u>4.59</u>	<u>4.08</u>	<u>5.53</u>	<u>5.74</u>	<u>2.95</u>
<u>New Value - \$/unit</u>	<u>4.86</u>	<u>3.58</u>	<u>5.03</u>	<u>5.39</u>	<u>3.91</u>

...hm...I seem to have badly misjudged the available space, with the result that there isn't room on this page for the new holdings. So we'll have a short intermission for some press and resume on the next page with the holdings. Sorree...

Financial Times Report: Although small gains may be seen in Roubles, the market is now in a generally bearish mood.

Larry Greenberg says: I know the answer! I know the answer!...the answer is twelve!...It isn't?...Sixteen? Nine? Forty-two? One?...How would it be if I just spelled Mississippi?...

IMF: What a prediction for autumn 03. 1st Larry = 1, 2nd Rhubovia = 2.16, 3rd Davidson & Ethlfrog 3.833. At this stage, Roubles look set for a rapid climb in

'AB' Bourse contd...

value, but the future is uncertain. The 'Bubble' bursts with France, and for history lovers, down will go the E.I.Co. as the jaws snap around Germany. Prediction nigh on impossible, but I'll stick my neck out: 1st Larry, 2nd Rhubovia, 3rd? - for spring 04; can a quick killing be made in Roubles? - if yes Selena comes 3rd, if no Davidson once again.

Imrry: Not bad, though at a stage when currency values are high enough to have considerably slowed the rate of growth. Official predictions for next season: 1st Larry, 2nd Davidson, 3rd Rhubovia.

Rhubovia - Larry G.: Thanks for your confidence in me, shame I couldn't pip you last time, but it's not over yet! I'm quite content to see you leading the field at present because Italy is on the way out, and I'll be on my own thereafter - love and kisses, Weatherspoon.

New Holdings	POUNDS	FRANCS	MARKS	LIRA	ROUBLES	£	TOTAL(£)
'Larry Greenberg'	2697	1497	5000	6500	4500	7020.30	103266
'Rhubovia Misers'	9492	0	6000	2000	2000	896.72	95807
Andy Davidson	5500	0	1500	8000	4000	1390.00	94425
John Piggott	4500	1500	4000	3500	3000	11495.00	89450
'Healey'	5448	0	6859	5109	111	1.24	88950
Selena King	7000	1000	3500	2000	5000	325.00	85860
'Aries'	2034	6524	0	6633	2443	0.28	78545
'Southsea Bubbles'	500	10028	1619	712	5500	5355.98	77172
'Ecliptic Enterprises'	4500	333	5392	2000	1500	8940.11	75768
'Avenger'	2000	1500	2500	2500	3500	17187.00	72012
Steve Pratt	4000	4000	1000	2000	2350	245.00	59003
Peter Berlin	1503	3151	4000	3277	0	3.06	56371
Bill Orr	1945	5886	2000	1250	2190	130.69	56015
Dave Thorby	500	0	0	3000	8500	2245.00	54080

everythingdowntoHIGHWAY61.....

1976 IY ('AD') - Autumn 1903 Western alliance crashes!....

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

ENGLAND (Dave Pongelly): F Edi stands, F Nth - Den.

FRANCE (Neil McDonald): A Bel - Bur, F Pic - Bel, F Wal - Lon S by F Eng, A Yor - Edi, A Spa - Tus C by F GoL.

GERMANY (Andy Davidson): A Mun - Bur, F Hol S (ENGLISH) F Nth - Bel, A Sil - Mun, A Den - Kie, F Bal - Den.

ITALY (Geoff Challenger): A Ven - Tyr, A Tun - Gre C by F Ion, F Nap - TyS.

RUSSIA (Duncan Morris): NMR! A Mos A Boh A War A Nwy F Swe all stand unordered.

TURKEY (Chris Side): A Rum - Bul S by A Con, A Sev - Rum S by F Bla.

Retreats: Turkish A Con - Smy.

#### Winter 1903 Adjustments

A: 6 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, ~~Gr~~, Ser, Rum, ~~Bul~~, +Con. No change.

E: 1 Centre: Edi, ~~Lon~~. Removes F Nth.

F: 8 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, Lpl, Por, +Lon. Builds A Par.

G: 5 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Den. No change.

I: 5 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, +Gre. Builds A Rom.

R: 5 Centres: Mos, StP, War, Swe, Nwy. No change.

T: 4 Centres: Ank, ~~Gr~~, Smy, Sov, +Bul. No change.

Standby orders from KEITH BLACK for RUSSIA please. Thanks.

Vienna - Ankara: How do you expect joint action when you don't reply to my letters? If you get this difficulty ironed out we may be able to proceed.

nowthefifthdaughteronthetwelfthnight,toldthefirstfatherthatthingswerntright,my

1976IZ ("AE") — Autumn 1903

(The Old Fogeys Game)

Total confusion! Well, what did you expect?...

AUSTRIA (Mick Bullock): A Vie - Tyr, F Adr - Ven S by A Tri, F Alb - Ion, F Aeg - Gre, A Con S (RUSSIAN) A Smy - Ank.

ENGLAND (Richard Sharp): F NAO - Nrg, F MAO - Bre S by F Eng, F Nwy - Nth, A Swe - Nwy.

FRANCE (John Meadon): A Gas S A Bre, A Spa - Mar, F Por - MAO, A Gal - Bud.

GERMANY (Bob Howes): A Mun - Ber, A Sil - War, A Bur - Par, A Kie S F Den, A Bel - Pic.

ITALY (Roy Taylor): F WMS - Spa(SC), F Ion - Adr, A Tyr - Ven, A Pie - Mar.

RUSSIA (Norman Nathan): A Smy - Ank, F Rum stands, A War stands, F Bal - Swe, A Fin - Nwy S by A StP.

TURKEY (Roger Collins): F Bla - Bul(EC).

Winter 1903 Adjustments

A: 6 Centres: ~~Bud~~, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, ~~Bul~~, +Ven, +Con. No change.

E: 4 Centres: Edi, Ion, Lpl, ~~Nwy~~, Swe. Removes F Eng.

F: 5 Centres: Mar, ~~Vat~~, Spa, Por, Bre, +Bud. No change.

G: 7 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel, Den, +Par. Builds A Mun.

I: 3 Centres: Nap, Rom, ~~Vat~~, Tun. Removes F WMS.

R: 8 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Rum, Smy, +Nwy, +Ank. Builds A Mos, A Sev.

T: 1 Centre: ~~Atk~~, ~~Edi~~, +Bul. No change.

Amersham: Look, Bob, I'm sorry - all those jokes about your age, I mean. You're not as old as all that, really, I know that. Plenty of things are older than you: look at the Tower of London, for instance, or Mont Blanc, or the ham sandwich I had on the 3.15 from Euston last week. In fact you're amazingly well preserved - not that there's anything amazing about it, I mean, but, well, it's remarkable, really. No one would ever know (not that there's anything to know, of course, but...)

Not doing too well, am I? But please can I have my alliance back?

Berlin: The silence is ominous... The lull before the storm, I fear...

Turkey - Austria: Sorry, it's any port in a storm, and just pray that it's vacant for possession. Neither you nor Norman contacted me, so I took a pin...

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1977EX ('AF') — Spring 1902

Suspiciously quiet....

Pippa's orders did arrive last time, but far too late for inclusion. She sent them from France, and suffered from a postal strike...

AUSTRIA (Bob Armitage): A Vie - Boh, F Alb MS A Tri, A Ser - Bud.

ENGLAND (Charles Burton): A Yor - Bel C by F Nth & S by F Eng.

FRANCE (Bob Howes): F Por - MAO, F Mar - GoL, A Pic - Bre, A Bur - Gas.

GERMANY (Michael Allaway): F Kie - Hel, F Hol - Nth, A Den stands, A Ber S A Mun.

ITALY (Pippa Hope-Piggott): A Tyr - Tri S by A Ven, F Ion stands.

RUSSIA (Paul Ward): F Rum - Bla, A Gal - Rum, A War - Gal, F Swe - Ska, A Fin - Swe, F StP(NC) - Nwy.

TURKEY (Martin Feather): A Con - Bul S by A Gre, F Aeg - Ion, F Smy - Aeg.

Grateful thanks to Bill Orr for the unused standby orders.

Berlin: If anybody has written to me and hasn't yet got a reply it's because I'm not here. I'm abroad on business for a couple of weeks so I'll reply as soon as possible.

Turkey: The Mk VIII Bolo combat units rolled inexorably forward with the Prime Objective - the establishment of His Automaticance's control over the badlands - imprinted on their flawless logic circuits...

Utopia: I'll be the first to admit that Chelsea have a small number of so-called 'fans' who only go to cause trouble. However, most of these are only about 14. The way the trouble is reported in the press the whole of our support comes from fighting, drunken illiterates - not so. In the last home game, last season, we of the Shed (the true, loyal, supporters) were helping the police keep the louts off the pitch, both physically and by various chants.

Imrryr: Well, when next season begins, and first division status attracts even more 'supporters' to the ground, we'll just see where the London trouble spots are shall we? But I bet you see Stamford Bridge and Highbury mentioned far more often than Upton Park...

Utopia2: Stop press! Rumours of new LP called 'I robot' - must be good.

letmetellthesecondmotherthishasbeendone,butthesecondmotherwaswiththeseventhson,and

77Cr64 ('AG' - Rather Silly Diplomacy) -- Autumn 1901 etc. Board gets crowded...

Rules etc.: Peter Berlin's suggestion voted out, 3 votes to 1. Borg renders a supply centre neutral, Monstores take control of it - in both cases the centre may be subsequently reclaimed by another player (note Borg neutralises an s.c. in any season, Monstores don't affect ownership at all in spring seasons).

New proposals: As Doctor has control of Hyperspace he may move a stationary unit in an adjacent area into hyperspace, causing it to come out in some random area. GM says no but is willing to be outvoted - votes please.

Also, a proposal that armies can build balloons and float with the general wind pattern. They can only be attacked by birds, who are not affected by mid-air Shoos. The building takes a move and the unit could float on the next move. If attacked by Birds, Balloons are popped, army dies and crushes any monstores in the space below. GM indifferent, so votes next time please.

AUSTRIA (Conrad von Metzke): A Bud S (RUSSIAN) A Ukr = Rum, F Alb - Gre.

ENGLAND (Stewart Buckingham): F Nrg - Nwy, A Yor scans horizon for Sea Monstores.

FRANCE (Pete Lindsay): A Mar - Spa.

GERMANY (Keith Black): F Den stands, A Ber - Sil, A Mun - Ruh.

ITALY (John Lettice): A Ven - Tri, A Rom - Ven, F Ion - Tun.

RUSSIA (Peter Berlin): F Sev - Rum, A StP - Nwy, F Fin - Swe.

TURKEY (Selena Kang): A Bul - Sev C by F Bla, A Smy - Con.

THE JESTER (Michael Allaway): has done his bit...

THE DOCTOR (John Smith): Tardis MAO - Bre.

THE SOOTHSAYER (Keith Loveys): One out of two - getting better...

THE MASTERMIND (Paul Segal): previous question; Keith Loveys answers 'the last canon of the Catholic Mass' which is close enough to be judged correct and wins him a unit, which is F Nth.

Next question: 'What is TSAU'GSH?'.

No llamas fired this season.

BORG moves from Serbia to RUMANIA (and Russian F Rum gets eaten - nasty!...)

SEA MONSTORES move from Hel to capture HOLLAND.

SPACE MONSTORES appear in.... APULIA.

#### Winter 1901 Adjustments

A: 3 Centres: Bud, ~~Txx~~, Vie, +Gre. Builds A Vie.

E: 3 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl. Builds B Yor.

F: 3 Centres: ~~Ytd~~, Mar, Par, +Spa. Builds A Mar, A Par.

G: 4 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den. Builds A Mun.

I: 5 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tri, +Tun. Builds A Rom, F Nap.

R: 4 Centres: Mos, ~~Sst~~, StP, War, +Swe. Builds A Ukr, A Fin.

T: 4 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, +Sev. Builds F Smy.

p.t.o. for other details.

RSD contd....

The Doctor owns 1 centre, Bre, and builds A Bre.

Sea Monstores own 1 centre, Hol.

Soothsayer has one extra unit from MM question, which is F Nth.

Centres still neutral: Por, Bel, Nwy, Ser, Bul, Rum.

France: Bleating and bubbling they fell on my neck with a scream  
Wave after wave of demented avengers.  
Swept out of obscurity into the dream...

London - Berlin: No I will not leave Belgium alone. I'll go where I bloody well please. I hope the Sea Monstores have got you. What's more I believe they were your fucking llamas which sank my F Nth.

Rome - Berlin: You burke. Fancy moving to Pie. I thought you were going for Bur..

Soothsayer's Complaints Dept.: How on earth am I meant to find standoffs now?  
All your bloody bits have been blown up!

Inrrrrr: Never mind, I've left you a few more this time. Use them quickly though, I doubt they'll be around for long at this rate...

theywerebothoutonHIGHWAY61.....

#### 'AH' Game

Double deadline requested by a couple of you, which has of course been granted.  
Orders on file from everyone except France.  
Starts next issue without fail.

Er...Boardman Number please Mick? (You know, I've been waiting years to be able to say that).

nowtherovinggamblerwasverybored,hewas tryingtocreteanextworldwar,hefoundapromoter

#### Waiting Lists

AI Game (regular): Andy Evans, John Miller, Martin Feather, Steve Plater, Paul Willey, Stephen Agar, Tony Crouch. All pref. lists now in, game will start in MP72.

AJ Game (regular): Chris Side, Dave Pengelly, Keith Loveys, Lionel Bidwell, Mike Allaway, Bob Armitage, Martin Dean. Game now filled. Preference lists needed from Chris Side and Mike Allaway please. Will start in MP75 in November unless several existing games finish before then in which case it could start in MP74 or even 73.

And with those two games now waiting to start I'm closing my waiting lists, at least for the time being. AK game wouldn't be due to start until next year and it could still be that by then I might be thinking of folding, so it would be a bit unfair to open another list. There's no way I would fail to properly look after any existing game of course, so AI and AK players needn't worry, but my waiting list is now closed until the end of this year or early next.

I'm only talking about Dip games (or variants) by the way - we could well see a game or two of something like Mastermind squeezed in here and there.

whonearlyfelloffthefloor,hesaidiveneverengagedinthiskindofthingbefore,butyes!

#### Hobby News

Another zine folds. This time it's Phil Stutt's Japhidrew, which after a recent change of name (which I can't remember) has now suffered from Phil's lack of cash. Sadly it went out with a vitriolic attack on Pete Birks, who seems to have put his foot in it somewhat over Phil's domestic affairs. All very unfortunate though without knowing what the situation really is I'm certainly not going to comment on the rights and wrongs of it. But Japh has been looking awfully mediocre of late, and the fold could well be a very sensible one. All the best, Phil.

Bron Yr Aur (Pete Lindsay, Kingspark Cottage, Radernie, Nr Cupar, Fife, Scotland) -s now up to its sixth issue and is slowly expanding. The waiting lists are a bit

on the thin side though, so if you are thinking of taking out a new sub and fancy a game of regular Dip, Bourse, Multiplicity, Stab, Downfall, Foundation or Marumbitz1 I reckon you could do a lot worse than write to Pete. Game fees are around the 50p mark and the zine costs 3p plus postage.

IDA/UK is getting its Handbook gradually sorted out with the hope that it might be appearing in three months or so from now. Paul Segal (29 Heath Hurst Rd, London, NW3) is in overall charge, though Pete Swanson is also getting involved I think. Anyone out there who has any articles, or ideas for articles, that would be of value to the thing is requested to get in touch with Paul as soon as you can please. Almost any subject is relevant: variants, ratings, tactics, press, statistics, cons, zine reviews, etc. etc...

The summer con season seems to be getting underway, with Paul Willey (31 Burstow Road, Wimbledon, London, SW20 phone 01 540 3145) holding open house this weekend (July 15-17) and Eric Willis (30 Blagdon Road, Lewisham, London, SE13) doing the same on July 23. With luck I hope to get to Paul's on the Saturday, though I can't manage Eric's. See some of you?

And speaking of cons this year's biggie will be MidCon II, taking place at Nottingham on 9-11 September. It is being organised by Dave Allen (c/o ER, S&ISD, Room 243, 163-203 Eversholt St, London, NW1 1BG) and has the blessing of the NGC, which will be holding its AGM there. Bed and breakfast is £5 per night and the entry fee is 50p per day in advance, 75p at the door. Send Dave an SAE for full details. I hope I'll be there - particularly as I missed it last year - but it's too far ahead for me to be sure yet.

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And that's the end of another one. It was meant to be only 12 pages this time but two game summaries in the same issue have pushed it up to 14. Ah well, never mind, I've been typing faster than usual (hence more errors I expect) so I'm still up with the clock. But it's now 5p.m. Saturday and we're going out to dinner in another hour so I've got to finish off the first page and then do the printing tomorrow. Must rush. Might even have a few articles next time. Bye.

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