

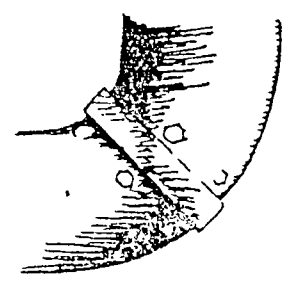
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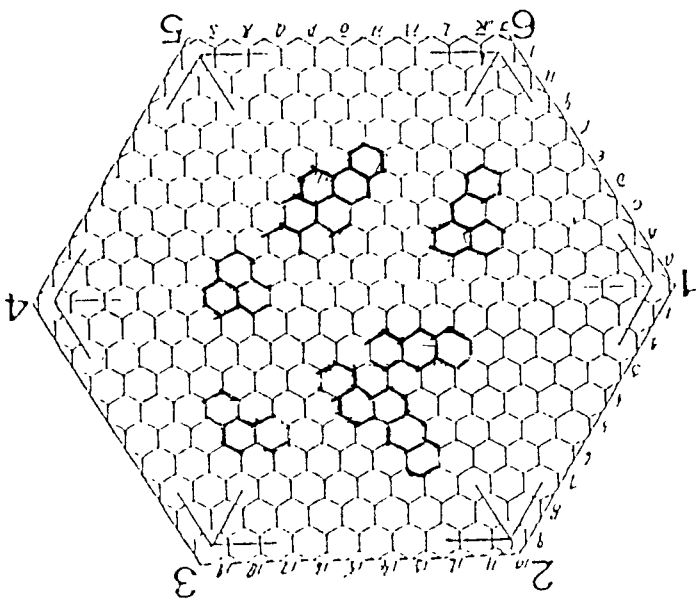


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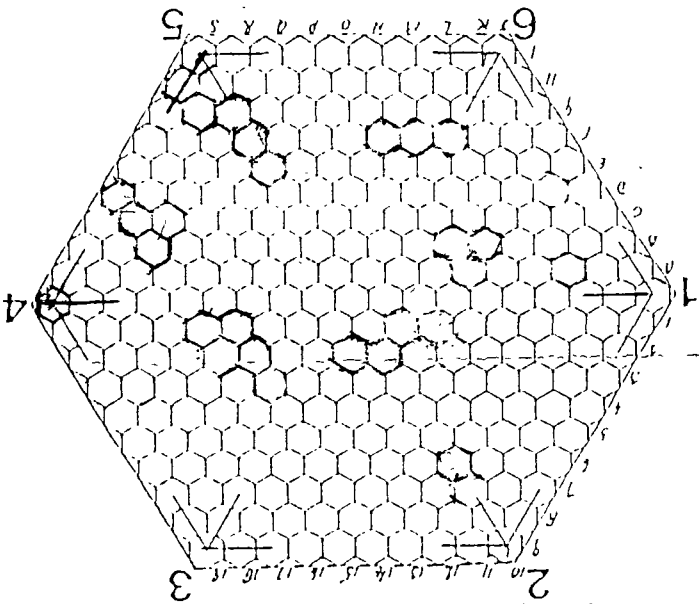
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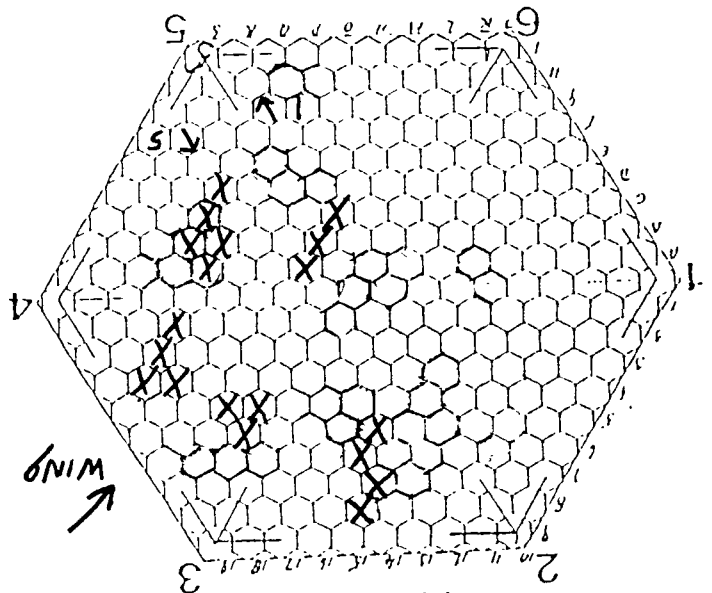
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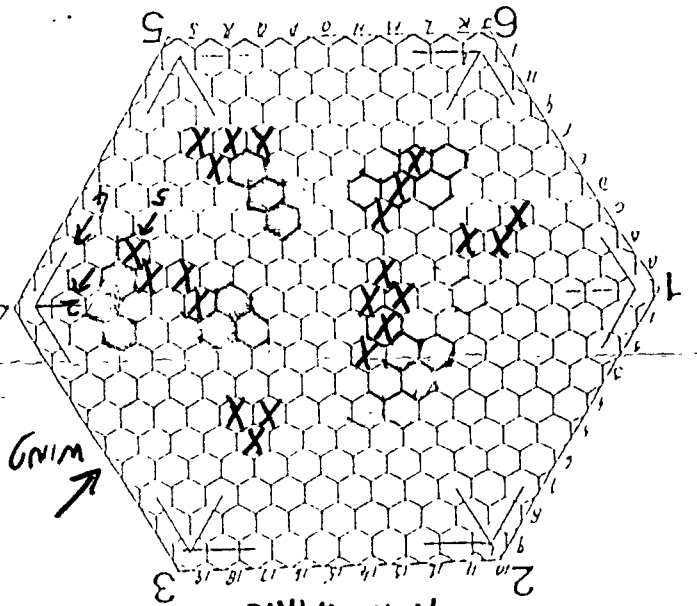
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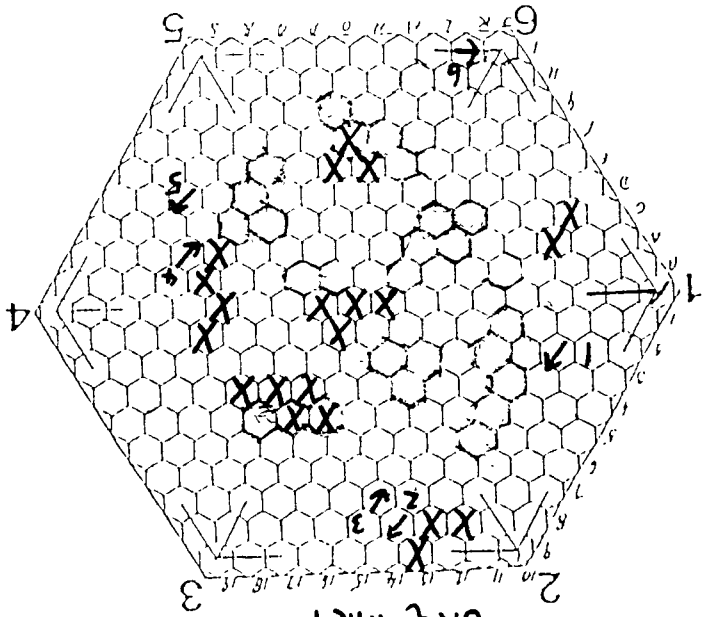
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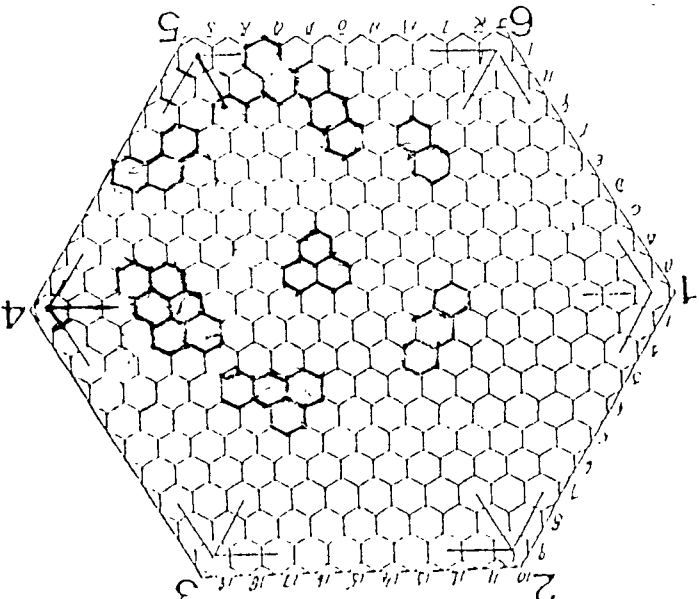
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AND MILES AND MILES AND...



Another of the (other) series.

U P A B O L N L I M O I B N D

A postal order is from Har Bond, 12 Huron St, Wash, DC 20001, which is very close to me around.

Phone call 11/11. The answer and message of the letter is sure of itself, but I have not yet at all. I have a number of copies of the book at the moment.

At 100 plus for an issue, don't you think it's time to start a new issue? I have no idea of the details.

(No. 1 seems to be the only one that has been published.)

It is a good idea to have a number of copies of the book at the moment.

Front page of the book is 1/11/11.

Waiting Lists

Diplomacy: Steve Homer, who hasn't had the last two issues because I forgot to put him on the bottom of the mailing list. That is the standard of this zine's efficiency (remember: vote 1.0). Eh? Oh, yes, yes, six wanted.

Railway Fivans: John Colledge, Steve Guest, Duncan Adams, Paul Slade. That's enough for a start, so I'll send off for a map that can take 4+ and then there is room for a latecomer or two.

Sopwith: Alex Richardson, Mark Stretch, Rob Cullender, Paul Slade. 3 wanted.

Atlantic Airlines and Chaos II see games start this issue, and before anyone asks, there won't be another of either. In fact, the games above are likely to be the only lists open for quite a while, so get in early.

And that is that for this issue, save for a few insignificant caps at the bottom of pages which need filling, next issue, and hopefully future ones, will serve you better with quotes, notes, news and reviews as I now have a working computer and printer once more and don't have to slog away with the wretched manual typewriter. Assuming the thing works now, that is; I haven't tried it yet.

Anyway, I really want to get this out fast so I can reasonably set the deadline just before Christmas, which will give me the Xmas break to work on issue 17.

So I shall simply wish all of you who celebrate an religious festival in the near future a good one, and those who celebrate a secular one a relaxing time. Tisit!

Deadline (all games): Thu. 24 Dec.
(really!)

4 freebies...credit box gamestart box...

Thirty-four of you will have to read this page...

CHIAO II DIPLOMACY

by Michel Feron

(first published: Nuevo Rico 2, 1972.

These rules supplied by the UKVD.

ANDA number: (H06/24)

(1) The rules and map of standard Diplomacy apply except where amended below.

(2) There are thirty four players, who each start with one supply centre. The game begins in Winter 1700, during which players announce the unit they are building in their home centres. Armies must be built on landlocked centres.

(3) Each player may designate up to two additional captured centres as 'home centres' during the game. This will allow them to use those centres to build on as on their original centre. Should a player wish to so designate a centre, the centre must have been controlled for two consecutive winter seasons. For example: a player captures Great in Autumn 1702, and still owns it in Winter 1703. They then tell the GM they are designating it as a 'home centre', and may build or it from Winter 1704 onwards.

(4) Such a centre will lose its 'home' status if any other power occupies it during Spring or Autumn. The centre still remains designated, however, and the designating player may not nominate another centre if their two additional centres have been designated. In order to use such a captured centre again for building, the player must recapture it and hold it again for two consecutive winters.

(5) The above restrictions on use of centres do not apply to the centre a player starts with, which is always a 'home centre', if owned by them. (6) The normal victory condition of control of eighteen centres applies. Players may agree concessions or draws subject to the house rules of the host zone.

[That's that, then. Players in 'Ximenez' are requested to send Winter 1700 builds in by the deadline. Note that we are not playing with such tartraddies as conference wins, amphibious units, alphabetical draws or the like (as opposed to some inferior zones I could mention offering this game).]

ATLANTIC AIRLINES: CONCORDE RULES

Please note that Concorde is now available. As per other aircraft, only 2 are available. It costs 300, carries a load of 2, run costs are 50 per round, and has a range of 26. Moving superphonically is at 1 movement cost per 2 (or part of) hexes moved. Movement is still restricted to 25, but superphonic flight can, in practical terms, extend this. Superphonic flight is permitted from a land hex to a sea hex, or from sea hex to sea hex only. Sea to land and land to land movement is at normal movement cost. Range is actual hexes moved, NOT reduced by the 1/2 movement cost. E.g. Accra to Tunis direct takes 21:14:2=10; superphonically round African coast is 21:26/2:11:2=14. Land areas are as per Atlantic Chippert: A1-A15, D1-D12, C2-C12, D2-D10, E2-E7, F1, F3-F8, K6, L2, L4, M2-M3, A43, D43, C41-C43, D41-D44, E41-E46, F41-F46, G41-G46, H41-H48, I41-I47, J51, J41-J51, K41-K48, K50, L41-L48, M41-M53, N68, N72-end, M68-M67, M71-end, L70-end, K67-end, J67-end, I70-I71, I74-I75, H68-H70, I174, G68-G70, G75, F60, F67, D67-end, C67-end, D68-end, A68-end, M27-end, L26-end, K27-end, J27-end, I27-end, H27-end, G28-end, F28-end, E29-end, and D29-end.

XIMENEZ

Chacs II Dip 9277rh06

Summer 1900

Rules of the Competition: No Cheating

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Furness, Cumbria LA15 8LE
VENICE: William Whyte, 107 Windmill Road, Oxford OX3 7BT
VIENNA: Allan Gordon, 3 Forest Avenue, Chingford, London E4 6AR
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Builds only are required at this stage: anyone failing to submit one will
build the unit in that centre in regular Dip, or a fleet for all but land-
locked neutrals. My thanks to Rob Cullender, Andy Key and Jay Hibbert for
offering to make up the numbers if necessary.

"I fought Delors and Delors won"

(---D. Tittle)

Camelst

Intimate Is Dip

Wells

AUSTRIA: Mark stretch, chome 2 Over Hill Drive, Gally Park, Birmingham B27
77L: [term] Jesus College, Oxford OX1 3DM,
RUSSIA: Peter Dunnett, 320 Old Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 2NU

which will, I sincerely hope, provide each of this pair with a sparring partner who won't wimp out when things get rough. Winter 1700 bids on neutrals for next deadline, please, fellows. Mark starts on 24 COUS, Peter on 20.

NOXIN Intimate Is Dip Autumn 1704

LAST TURKEY IN THE SHOP

ENGLAND (Mick Haystack): E(MAG) (Mau) & F(IRI) O F(Tor)-MAD, E(Tor)-MAD, F(MAD) H u/o, F(ENG) O A(Wal)-Dre, A(Par) O A(Wal)-Dre, A(Wal)-Dre, A(Yor) H, A(O11)-Waf, F(Kie)-Hol, F(Der) H, F(OTR/nc) H.

GERMANY (English): A(Mos) O English A(O11)-Waf.

ITALY (Nicholas Parish): A(Dui)-Com, F(ACC)-Omy, A(Rum) H, A(Tic)-Dre, A(Dur) O A(Tie)-Waf, F(Opa/nc) O F(MAO)-Tor, A(Tie)-Waf, A(Ven)-Die, F(WMO) O ... F(Nat)-MAD, F(Nat)-MAD, F(MAO)-Tor, F(ION)-Tun.

RUSSIA (English): A(PTU) O English A(O11)-Waf.

TURKEY (Italian): A(Cal)-Doh, A(UK1)-Gal, F(DLA) H, F(ARM) H, F(OY1) H.

DUIDE

ENGLAND: Lon Lo1 B1 NMY, Dre, KIL, Del, Mar, Ome, OTR, Del, Par, Den, Hol, Tor, Waf = 18 DuiDs F(Lon), F(Ed), A(LB1), 1 short

GERMANY: Mos = 1 n/c

ITALY: Row Nap Ven Vie T11 Tin Opa Dre Del Man Dui Dui Rum Con Omy Mar = 16 DuiDs A(Ven), A(Rom), F(NAD), 1 short

RUSSIA: Waf = 0 Dui Losses A(PTU)

TURKEY: Con Omy Ank Rum Dev = 2 Losses A(Doh), F(DLA), A(UK1)

Funds for Winter '04 stand at: England 21, Italy 10. Assuming you think the neutrals worth bidding for, that comes next; if both of you feel up to submitting provisional copies of orders too, I shall adjudicate with them. This is turning into a very interesting little tussle.

McGRUDER Delude Dip Not Autumn 1705

Well, this is funny. I have orders from Tony Galt for 'Izzard'. I have a number from Tony Galt for Hawaii Junction. I do not have orders from Tony Galt for 'McGruder'. It is possible that Tony may have forgotten to include them in the envelope. It is possible, I suppose, that by some foul chance the game is held over, and Paul Norris (from whom I have definitely had no orders) may consider himself extremely lucky not to NMR. Orders on file from all but Paul and Tony may be changed up to next deadline. OTOH PRICO: Tony's orders have turned up (from Kuwait) so I shall adjudicate the game on a separate sheet this go and you can rejoin the main line next issue. I don't think much of the Kuwaiti postal service.

QUINCY

Time Lords Dip III?

Spring 1904

Bang, bang, my baby shot down Maxwell's silver hammer
(Yes, I'm confused too)

AUSTRIA (Dooome N. Gloome, 62 Herga Road, Harrow, Middx HA3 5AS)
A(Vie)-Bud, F(Alb)-WARP-Gra.

ENGLAND (The Heffalump, 2 Keillor Cottages, Kettins, Blairgowrie, Perthshire
PH13 9JT)
A(Lpl)-WARP.

FRANCE (Ulrika's Sidekick, 6 Honeybourne Way, Wickwar, Wotton-u-Edge, Glos
GL12 8PF)
F(Cly)-Edi, A(Wal)-Lpl, A(Spa)-WARP, F(TYS)-Nap*, F(Mar)-GOL,
A(Par)-Gas.

GERMANY (S. Diesduplex, Norton House, Whielden Street, Amersham HF7 0HU)
A(Bel)-Pic, F(NTH) S A(Yor)-Edi, A(Yor)-Edi, A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Ber)-Sil,
A(Mun)-Bur, A(Apu)-Ven, A(Gal)-Ukr, A(StP)-Mos. F(StP/nc W A03)-Sev*.

ITALY (Old Moore, The Cedars, Ruskinville Bridge, Abbey Road, Dolton in
Furness, Cumbria LA15 8LS)
F(Gre)-IDN, A(Nap)-WARP-Nap*, A(Rom) H, A(Ven)-WARP.

RUSSIA (Maxwell's Silver Coffee, 241 Days Lane, Sidcup DA15 8JX)
A(Bud)-WARP-Ser, F(Rum) S A(Bud)-Ser (can't support ethereal motion),
F(Sev)-Rum*, A(Mos)-War*.

TURKEY (Mr Illegible, 40 Cranbourne Road, Trafford, Manchester M16 9PZ)
A(Ank)-WARP, A(Uar) S German A(StP)-Mos, A(Smy)-Con, A(Con)-Bul.

Retreats etc Sevastopolian and Neapolitan units die in the usual fashion of
pieces caught emerging from Warp. Russian A(Mos)-Lvn.

Note that units cannot be supported out of Warp (pointless, as they react with
any normal unit trying to move to that space regardless of support for either
unit).

Press

Russia - All: Sorry for the lack of communications, I've been extremely busy
at work.

Anon - Germany: Seems a good plan to me.

As he watched: ...the ashes of his empire vanish on the breeze, Lord Milwan
reflected on his wasted life. Cursed with the same first name
as the retrograde political leaders of Britain in the Nineties, life had been
a cruel joke since his birth in the last NHS maternity ward, three weeks after
it had shut. As the only baby in Britain not to be kissed by Neil Kinnock, Jon
had an early glimpse of things to come. A childhood of being followed by
groups of strange old men, shouting "Loony, loony!" had set him apart and
hardened him. Choosing the Diplomacy board over the Gameboy had seemed so
natural, and yet only served to alienate him further. Yet even that was
turning sour. He'd thought it was a safe option; pick a remote centre, send a
fleet there, no problems. He'd thought he could trust Doublecross. A tear
glistened in his eye. It wasn't his fault he lived in Scotland. He didn't ask
to be called John. He'd only subbed out of sympathy for the impoverished GM.
Misery racked his body. He'd make them pay, though. English bastards.

Clutching his bottle of meths and ticket to Windsor, he stumbled from the room.

On the outskirts of Carajevo: They flew at almost zero height as they approached the outer suburbs. Walkerdine with his eyes glued to the instruments and radar while Ulrika used the night glasses to scan the scenery below. Neither had spoken for several minutes, the surface over which they flew providing a more eloquent commentary than any mere words could.

From horizon to horizon it was a scene of utter devastation. What had once been an orderly patchwork of housing estates, factories and parkland was now transformed into a desolate landscape of ruined buildings, burned out vehicles and bomb craters. Nothing moved. Nothing lived.

Eventually Ulrika spoke, "Partly intact warehouse. A mile to the left. Should give us some cover." Walkerdine merely nodded and turned the helicopter in that direction. Even he could tell it was the wrong moment for flippant remarks.

By FAB 2: Lady Penelope Creighton Ward was a looker. I'd been expecting either a carbon copy of Pint Size Hibbert, all dungarees and crew cut, or else the little dried up Margaret Rutherford type which seems to typify the Brit aristocracy on the cop shows and costume dramas I sometimes watch in my penthouse apartment when I've nothing (and nobody) better to do.

But Lady Penelope was a broad who knew just how to make expensive dresses look simultaneously more expensive and inadequate. I still thought the embrace with which she greeted Pint Size could have done with being less intimate and protracted, but even the top crime reporter in Chicago can't have everything. It doesn't stop me trying, mind!

Quinceyette Tallulah Oya meanwhile, was perhaps understandably less interested in examining Lady Penelope and more fascinated with the gleaming yacht from whose deck she had just stepped. It was clearly designed for both speed and comfort, the nautical equivalent of an eight litre Bentley.

"Do you are Mr Hank Janson? I am so delighted," purred Lady Penelope. "I have taken the liberty of bringing a few books from my library aboard with me..." She let the sentence trail off and I knew immediately what she wanted. Broads! Before I was famous, when they reached for that tone of voice I knew there was only one thing they wanted. Now I'm a best seller, I know to my chagrin that those seductive tones may be designed merely to snare an autographed copy of Janson!

Still, I'd've signed books till my arm dropped off if it would get me aboard such a yacht, even without the added bonus of reaching the coast of Yugoslavia and getting to the bottom of Walkerdine's machinations.

"I get your drift." I smiled, and stepped onto the gangway.

At the warehouse in Carajevo: Having concealed the MIL from any casual observer, Walkerdine and Ulrika had split up in order to examine as wide an area of the town as possible. After an hour they returned to the warehouse to compare notes.

"Well?" asked Walkerdine, his face impassive.

Ulrika shook her head, sighed and finally looked him in the eye. "I can scarcely believe it, but there's not one thing about this town that's genuine. There's not a single dead body, the bomb craters are made of plaster and the ruined buildings are mostly cardboard. It's no more than what you'd expect on a film lot."

Walkerdine nodded his head and frowned as he considered the implications of their discovery. "So somebody has gone to a lot of trouble to create an illusion of a major civil war. And from all these props they've erected I'd say they must have a damn big team behind them and know a fair bit about the media business. But who would do it and more importantly, why?"

Ulrika started to shake her head again, but then stopped. She looked up with an expression of amazement on her face as his words finally fell into place. "But Richard," she gasped, "that's it. The illusion of war. A big team. The media business. Don't you see?"

"See what?" he asked, frowning again.

"Think, man. think! Who's got most to gain from creating an imaginary war? I'll tell you who -- someone who's on our TV screens every night, scrabbling around the ruins in a flak jacket and telling us how terrible this all is. That's who!"

Then the penny dropped and it was Walkerdine's turn to look amazed. "My god, of course! You mean...?" Ulrika nodded furiously. "...bloody Kate Adie! Aboard the yacht: My impressions were correct; the vessel sped along the water like there was no tomorrow, and was soon out of the St Lawrence Seaway in a time which would have done credit to Donald Campbell.

Q.I.Pye had requisitioned a deckchair and was looking cool as a frozen margarita under a sun hat; first class brocade canopied the deckchair which he had just pulled out of the hold, and he was reclining on it, his feet propped up on a small table, and he was looking at the sea with a look of serene contentment. (I DON'T KNOW HOW HE MANAGED TO GET AWAY WITH IT, BUT HE DID). As for me, I had struck up quite a friendship with Lady Penelope, whose gender and breeding didn't seem to have stopped her from knowing large amounts about the underworld and crime in general. We were verbally dissecting bank robbers we had known when a uniformed flunky entered.

"M'lady?"

"Parker?"

"There is a call upon the intercom for Mr Janson, m'lady."

Lady Penelope showed me to the intercom whose telescreen framed a familiar face: it was my London contact, a guy who knew everything worth knowing about vice in Limey land and more besides, Denis "Cracketty" Jones.

"Er, Boss, I've got some news for you about Walkerdine. He's found summat. Powers that Be over here are getting most perturbed."

"He's found summat... something? I thought he knew what he was doing and we were investigating him!"

"Don't ask me, guv, I'm doing ya a favour as it is. These calls cost money. Anyway, word on the streets is, the very very tippy top of Aitch Em Government is quite uptight about the chap. They're as close as they ever come to admitting to being scared. So for frig's sake take care of yourself."

"Ancient Norse deity, how archaic..." murmured Pint Size Hibbert somewhere behind my left ear.

PEPPER

Sopwith T178UB

Turn 10

(Can't last much longer (can it?))

| Pilot | Starts | Moves | Ends | A : D : P |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| <u>Retaliator</u> ACE | M8-N8 Mark Wightman | A f-A, LS f-A, A f-A | P9-Q9 | 10:12:02 |
| <u>Atsuko</u> ACE | S10 Dave Lomas | T/o Gamma: A, A, LT f-L | R12-Q12 | 15:05:22 |

Clouds drift SW to: (F10, F14, G12, G13): (K15, K16, L16): (L9, L10, L11):
(N17, Q16, Q17, Q18): (O13, O14, P12, P13, P14).

Press

Ret - Atsuko: Dagga, dagga, dagga -- I hope you were still repairing.

Atsuko - Retaliator: You wouldn't be so cowardly as to shoot at a person whilst they were still on the runway, would you?

AUSTRIA (Allan Gordon, 3 Forest Avenue, Chingford, London E4 6AR)
 A(Mun) C A(Der)-Kie* (nationality unspecified & nso), A(Oil) C A(Mun),
 A(Dul)-Rum, A(Tri)-Ven, A(Tyr) C A(Tri)-Ven, F(IDN) C Italian A(Rom)-Nap
 (nso), F(Tus)-Rom.

ENGLAND (Anarchy): F(GOD) II u/b.

FRANCE (Peter Dunnett, 320 Old Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 3NU)
 A(Lpl) Edi, F(IRI)-MAQ, F(ENG) C F(NTII), F(Hal) C F(NTII), A(Kie)-Mun,
 A(Ruh) C A(Kie)-Mun, A(Dur) C A(Kie)-Mun, A(Mar)-Pie, F(COL)-TYO,
 F(WMO) C F(COL)-TYO, F(NTII) II.

ITALY (Toby Harris, 6 Durham Terrace, Silksworth, Sunderland SR3 1BW)
 F(Con) II, F(TYO)-COL, F(Tun)-WMO, A(Pie)-Mar, A(Rom) II.

RUSSIA (Wick Hall, 47 Varsity Road, London N15)
 F(OKA) C A(Den), F(Cdi) ruminates, F(NWC) C F(Cdi), A(Der) C French
 A(Kie)-Mun, A(Dru) C A(Der), A(Oav)-Arm, A(Ank)-Con, F(Nwy) C F(OKA),
 A(Den) prays.

Retreats Austrian A(Mun)-Doh

Adjustments

AUSTRIA: Vie Tri Dud Car Ore Dul Rum Ven = 0 Builds F(Tri)
 ENGLAND: ~~Edt~~ = 0 Loses F(GOD), OUT
 FRANCE: Par Mar Dre Spa Dal Por Mun ~~Der~~ Hal Lon Kie Lpl = 11 Disbands A(Mun)
 ITALY: Rom Nap ~~Ven~~ Tun Con = 4 Disbands A(Pie)
 RUSSIA: Otr Mos Oav War Nwy Owe Smy Ank Den Edi Der = 11 Builds A(War), F(Oav)

Press

Russia - Austria: Sorry about this...

Hapsburg - All: Why do I have this feeling that it's 'fink' time?

The Gingerbread Man: He hopped excitedly from one foot to the other. "Run!

Run! As fast as — "O!" yelled the Green Stump.

"You're jumping on me, you crumbly little creep!" Cinque smiled his irresistible little smile. "Sorry — didn't know you were looking — sorry. It's just that I've got these itchy feet, you see..... an' I gotta go!"

VIRGIL

RR map CT

Turn 1

Metropolitan Railway shares soaring

IDLE (Peter Ritchie, red): 1a) (D25)-D24-G23: 1b) (G23)-Watford-K21: 1c) (K21)-
 -L20-L17-M17-Darkhamsted-M17. 20:216 = 20

FERGIE (Rob Moore, purple): 1a) D25)-D21: 1b) (D21)-F20-F10:
 1c) (F10)-Amersham-I14-J15. 20:2 = 22

STUPID (Mark Stretch, brown): 1a) (G25)-G23: 1b) (G23)-Watford-I20: 1c) (I20)-
 Amersham-I14-J15. 20:212 = 24

MOO (Jeff Cattle, blue): 1a) (G25)-G23: 1b) (G23)-Watford-I20: 1c) (I20)-
 Amersham-I14-J15. 20:212 = 24

Great minds think alike, it seems. Rolls for round 2: 4 - 6 - 3

RUNCIMAN

Sopwith T189UB

Turn 8

Looks like a real dogfight coming up

| Pilot | Starts | Moves | Ends | A :D :P |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|
| Magneto | Q15-Q16 Tim Lomas | RS,RS f-A,LS | R17-R18 | 10:07:05 |
| <u>Retaliator</u> ACE | S19 Mark Wightman | T/o Alpha, A,A,I f-L | S16-S17 | 15:05:22 |
| <u>Zebedee</u> ACE | Q11-Q12 Rob Cullender (NMR!) | A,A,A | Q14-Q15 | 09:12:10 |

Clouds go SW to: (F3,F4,G5):(H8,H9,H10,I8,I9):(J5,J6,J7):(J14,J15,K15):
(N14,Q14,P15,Q15):(O9,P10,P11,Q11).

Judge English: I hear Rob has moved house, and hope his NMR is a temporary blip due to it. (Now at 58 Springwell Lane, Mallory Croft, Whatstone, Leicester LE3 3LT, an address not on my Leicester A-Z [1989 edn.]

Press

Ret - Zeb: Go on, kill the novice!

HERSHEY

Diplomacy 91DG

Spring 1906

Is it, and can it be?
Northern climes freeze England almost solid

ENGLAND (Dave Newham, 80 Prince Edward's Road, Lewes BN7 1BH)
A(StP) S Russian A(Mos), F(BAR) S A(StP), F(NWG) H, F(NTH) H, F(Bel) H,
A(Fin) stands at docks awaiting the troop transport.

FRANCE (Mark Stretch, Jesus College, Oxford OX1 3DW)
F(Nap)-ION, A(Tus) S A(Pie)-Ven, A(Rom)-Apu, F(Ven)-ADR, F(Tun) S
...F(Nap)-ION, F(TYS) S F(Nap)-ION, F(Mar)-GOL, A(Bre)-Pic, A(Pie)-Ven.

GERMANY (Simon Cutforth, 1 Greenleigh, Greenway, Woodbury, Exeter EX5 1LP)
F(Den)-BAL, F(Pru) H, A(Ber) S F(Pru), A(Boh) S A(Gal)-Sil, A(Tyr) S.
A(Vie), A(Vic) H, A(Gal)-Sil.

RUSSIA (Anarchy): A(Mos) still there unordered

TURKEY (Chris Sutton, 62 Ashbrook Road, Stirchley, Birmingham B30 2XB)
A(Sev)-Ukr, A(Tri) S A(Bud), A(Bud) S A(Rum)-Gal, A(War) S A(Rum)-Gal,
A(Ser) A S(Tro), F(AEG) S F(Apu)-ION, F(ADR) S F(Apu)-ION, F(Apu)-ION,
F(Alb) S A(Tro), A(Rum)-Gal, A(Lvn)-Pru.

The game end proposal went down, 3 AYE, 1 NAY; so we continue. The 4-way draw, though, is repropoed.

Note that Mark Stretch returns to his home address in mid-December (2 Over Mill Drive, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7JL)

Wot, no retreats or press?

And they all went round clockwise

AUSTRIA (Peter Dummett, 320 Old Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 3NU)
A(Vie)-Tri, A(Dud) O Turkish A(Rum), F(Tri)-ADR, A(Ger)-Gre.

ENGLAND (Edward Almsworth, 4 Park Avenue, Bedford MK40 2Y)
A(Del) H*, A(Lon) M, F(NTH) O A(Del), F(NWC) Nwy, F(DAN) O F(NWC)-Nwy.

FRANCE (Ian Harris, 3 Abbotside Close, Urpeth Orange, Chester, Le Street, Co Durham DH2 1TG)
F(Opa/sec) MAD, A(Tor)-Opa, A(Dre)-Wal, F(CNC) O A(Dre)-Wal,
A(Pic)-Del.

GERMANY (Mark Otretch, Jesus College, Oxford OX1 2DM)
A(Rub) O French A(Pic)-Del, A(Hil) O French A(Pic)-Del, F(Den) O F(Dal)
Owe, F(DAL)-Owe, A(Oil)-Wal.

ITALY (Keith Hodgson, 37 Shanklin Drive, Leicester LE2 2NH)
A(Ven)-Pie, A(Apu)-Gre, F(ION) O A(Apu) Gre, F(WMO)-Opa/sec.

RUSSIA (Chris Sutton, 62 Ashbrook Road, Ottringham, Birmingham B20 2XD)
F(Owe)-Den*, A(Mos)-Dev, A(Ukr) O A(Mos)-Dev, A(Cal)-Wal.

TURKEY (Mark Underhay, 65 The Chase, Hildon on Sea CO15 5RZ)
A(Dev) O A(Rum), F(DLA) O A(Dev), A(Rum) O A(Dev), F(ACC) O Austrian
A(Ger)-Gre, A(Ank)-Arm.

Retreats English A(Del)-Dur, Russian F(Owe)-COD.

State of Play

AUSTRIA: Dud Vie Tri Opa Gre = 5
ENGLAND: Lon Loi Del Nwy Del = 4
FRANCE: Far Mar Dre Tor Opa Del = 6
GERMANY: Mun Del Kia Den Hol Owe = 6
ITALY: Rom Nap Ven Tun = 4
RUSSIA: Mos Dev War Otr = 2
TURKEY: Con Ank Owy Dur Rum Dev = 6
= 6 Duilids F(Omy)
= 2 Disbands F(GOD)
= 4 n/c
= 6 Duilids A(Mun)
= 6 Duilids F(Mar)
= 4 Disbands A(Dur)
= 5 Duilids A(Vie)

Press English Players: Just to tell you that this is the kind of game of
Dippy I started a zine in order to run. Great stuff! to keep it up.

HALWILL JUNCTION

Gwan song

1: Peter Dummett, Jeff Cottle

2: Jay Herbert, Peter Ritchie, Paul Glade

3: Steve Guest, David Oya, Cl Morgan, Gary Lyon, John Breakwell,

Daphen Cosgrove

4: Tony Galt

5: Dave Lomas

6: Mark Wightman, John Miller

12: Mark Otretch

24: Martin Draper

This will be the last Halwill Junction, as I'm fed up both with the paperwork and with how few people seem interested. One next page for what we shall have instead...

41906: Dave Rowley

213295506: David Little

CHESS

Cygnets song

To replace Halwill Junction I've decided to give you lot the satisfaction of thrashing your editor at ye game and playe of ye chesse. This will be worked like they used to do in Gazfinc and Watch Your Back -- everyone interested sends in a move and the most popular one is chosen. I then reply. This is, of course, a very foolish thing for me to offer to do, given that John Wilman is among my readership, but one must keep the punters happy, what?

Let us commence with one game each as black and white. In game one I shall open e2-e4 with the white pieces; I invite your response and an opening for game two, where I shall have the black bits.

BARRETT

RR map YO

Round 9

All along my track I will wear a red ribbon,
All along my track for a twelvemonth and a day

Race Results

- 6) Grimsby - Market Weighton: IYI/AE 10/10.
- 12) Barnsley - Grimsby: IYI 20.
- 13) Thirsk - York: NUTS 20.
- 14) The West - Mexborough: LUST 20-2-2-2, IYI 10-2-3+2, THEE +3+2, NUTS +2+1.
- 15) Scarborough - Dewsbury: NUTS 20, AE 10-4, IYI +4.
- 16) Halifax - Leeds: LUST 15, IYI 15 (dead heat)
- 17) Shipley - Sheffield: LUST 15, IYI 15-4-3 (d/heat again), AE +3, THEE +4
- 18) Elmsall - Hull: NUTS 20-5-5-2, AE 10-2+2, LUST 0-1+5+2, THEE +5, IYI +1.

Builds

- NUTS (Parish/purple): (Selby)-K20-K22-J22
- LUST (Dya/red): (L22)-L25-M27-Market Weighton
- AE (J.Nelson/blue): (C62)-H64 (amended slightly)
- IYI (Cosgrove/orange): (Selby)-A68
- THEE (Webley/brown): NMR! No builds

Races (enter up to 4, build up to 6 physical points)

- 19) 21-46 York - Castleford
- 20) 63-51 Rotherham - Selby
- 21) 16-35 Hull - Keighley
- 22) 32-26 Leeds - Harrogate
- 23) 41-64 Hebden Bridge - Sheffield
- 24) 56-13 Mexborough - Bridlington

Current Scores

- THEE: 77+5 = 82 Should John W not be back next time
- LUST: 114+50-7+2 = 159 he will be ejected, and THEE's
- NUTS: 92+48-10+1 = 131 track will be usable at half price.
- IYI: 137+64-10 = 191 I hope this won't happen. You
- AE: 72+19-7+3 = 87 there, John?

Damien is now back in control of IYI, living at 123 Stanton St, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5LH.

Aha, what's this? A gap! A filthy, nasty, stinking, purulent little gap at the bottom of a page! I hate little gaps! I detest them! I will squash it out of existence, fill it with verbiage, slaughter it, render it non-viable! Little gaps have no right to exist and infest my zine! Die, little gap! Die! Die! Die!

Even the nearest river winds somewhere safe to sea

Arcturus 1/yellow 20a/4
 Andy Bell 1/yellow 20a/2
 Degin K/yellow 3/2
 Rob Cullender (NMR!)

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| O | ID | IA | IM |
| Regulus)IR o+ | Denebola)10 o | Mirfak | (Merkhab)10 o |
| Athena | Dellatrix)10 + | Alqol)10 o+ | Miran)10 + |
| Avdir)IR + | Canopus | Aldebaran + | Theemin |
| Adhara)IR o | Rigel)*A o+ | Menkar o | Zaurak)1a0 o+ |
| F | IC | ID | IN |
| Merak)1aA + | Castor)2aA o+ | Polaris)10 + | Degin)8 o+ |
| Pollux)1aA o | Capella | Hamal)10 o | Schedir |
| Alphard | Procyon)2aA o | Mira)*0 o+ | Alrisha)10 + |
| Denebola)2aA o+ | Cirius)2aA + | Archerhart | Mesarthim)10 o |
| I | III | IC | ID |
| Alkaid | Demma) 2aA + | Alpharabz | Homan)10 o |
| Arcturus)2aA o+ | Altair)1aA o | Markab)10 o+ | Matar)10 + |
| Scrux)1A + | Alpha Centauri | Tomalhaut)10 + | Candamelak |
| Spica)1A o | Col)5A o+ | Algenib)10 o | Candaulus)*A o+ |
| L | IK | ID | IP |
| Thuban)1A + | Albireo | Deneb)2A + | Cham |
| Rutilicus)1A o | Veqa)20 o+ | Alderamin)2A o | Tarazed)10 o+ |
| Antares)1A o+ | Sargas)2A + | Enif | Rukbat)10 + |
| Atria | Gabik)8 o | Pavo)10 o+ | Dabih)10 o |

[Key: a=advanced ship; *mixed class fleet; @=siege]

A phoney war? No new fronts are formed; the only action is the usual sight at Gabik of the one Deginese and one Arcturan ship playing cat and mouse, and the siege of Degin itself where the forces now number 2aA, 200. Arcturus takes delivery of yet another fleet of 13 advanced snips. Degin's shipyards resemble those of Sunderland.

Rob has moved, doubtless explaining his absence (see Punciman).

BEECHING

Taking vigilance as his watchword, DAVE NEWNHAM snatches the free issue from under the nose of Mark Stretch for spotting a couple of trifling errors in Hershey. Well, maybe not so trifling. Well, okay, perhaps they were glaring. They were typos, honest, quv.

[[Otop Press: now a pin has packed in on the printer head, so I have to draw in manually all hyphens, crossbars and overstrikes!!! The things I do!!!]]

A handsome combination called the Wabash Cannonball

Race Results

- 37) Tacoma - Butte: HAND 20-4+1+3, GIT 5-1-4, TBNS 5-3+1 (dead heat)
- 38) Wenatchee - Nevada/Utah/Colorado: no entries (impossible)
- 39) Portland - Great Falls: TBNS 20-3+3, GIT 10-3+3
- 40) Spokane - Idaho Falls: TBNS 20, WARPATH 10-10, GIT +10
- 41) Twin F. - Tacoma: WARPATH 20-4-1+3, GIT 10-3-1+4, HAND +1+1
- 42) Baker - The East: TBNS 20-1-2, WARPATH 10-4+2+3, GIT 0+4+1-3
- 43) Helena - Spokane: MICA 20-3-1+2, HAND 10-2+3, GIT 0, TBNS +1
- 44) Idaho Falls - Seaport: WARPATH 20-4, TBNS 10-1, GIT +4+1

Final Dirty Deeds: Explosions galore! WARPATH's T15-U15 and Z10-Yakima: HAND's Z24-Missoula and E58-Bellingham. WARPATH fixes M19-Boise. No dirty tricks are required for next round as it'll all be over by then...

Builds: MICA -- (B62)-C62-Wenatchee (-2)
 GIT -- (Seattle)-C57-Everett & (D68)-Coeur d'Alene (-4)

Final Races (enter up to five)

- 45) KC-QD Spokane - Sea Port
- 46) 9H-JS Granger - Missoula
- 47) 3D-AH The Dalles - Boise
- 48) 6C-6D Olympia - Salem
- 49) KS-2D Lewiston - Baker
- 50) AC-5H Bellingham - Worland
- 51) KD-0S California - Coeur d'Alene
- 52) TS-8C Butte - Longview

Running Scores Scores:

MICA (Hibbert/purple): 63+18-11-2 = 68
 GIT (Sait/green): 124+37-11-4 = 146
 TBNS (Colledge/blue): 113+70-11 = 172
 WARPATH (Tittle/black): 210+45-11 = 244
 HAVE A NICE DAY (Guest/orange): 243+33-11 = 265

Could be a close one there...

JACK Five Italies Dip Spring 1906

The last hurrah of the golden horde?

ITALY A (James Nelson, 49 Gledwood Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex UB4 0AW)
 F(Tun E) H

ITALY B (Toby Harris, 6 Durham Terrace, Silksworth, Sunderland SR3 1BW)
 A(Ven A) S A(Ven B)-Swi, A(Ven B)-Swi, F(Nap A)-Apu A, A(Swi)-Ven E,
A(Ven C) S A(Ven B)-Swi, F(ION A)-TYS E, F(Nap B)-ION B,
 F(Rom B)-Tus B, F(TYS B) S F(Tun B)-ION C, F(Tun B)-ION C.

ITALY C (David Tittle, 41 Braehead Drive, Edinburgh EH4 6QW)
 F(ION D)-TYS C, F(Tun C)-ION C, A(Rom C)-Ven C, F(Nap D)-ION D,
 F(Rom D)-Nap D, A(Ven D) S Italian-E A(Tus D)-Pie D(nso).

ITALY E (Simon Cutforth, 1 Greenleigh, Greenway, Woodbury, Exeter EX5 1LP)
 F(ION E) S F(ADR A)-TYS E, F(ADR A)-TYS E, A(Ven D)-Pie D (still nsu),
 F(Tun D) H, A(Tus D) H u/o again

The proposals were both defeated: the 4-way draw had 3 AYE, 1 abstention, whilst the concession to Toby had 1 AYE, 2 NAY, 1 abstention. Both are repropoed, with a 3-way B/C/E draw on offer. It may be academic, though...

CAN THEY STAVE OFF THE DAILYLOSS?

| Company/Date | Aircraft/ | Starts | / | Via | / | Ends |
|---------------|-----------|---------|---|--------------------|---|------|
| HYMEN/Atlanta | Tristar/ | London | / | Paris | / | M54 |
| Dave Rowley | DC10 / | Chicago | / | sits on the ground | | |
| | 767 / | Chicago | / | sits on the ground | | |
| | A300 / | Atlanta | / | sits on the ground | | |

Account -567 -40-22-10-16-160-20 = -845, -20% = -930

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|---------|---|--------------------|---|-----|
| LAKER/New York | A300 / | M67 | / | Madrid, Tunis | / | M70 |
| David Tittle | 707 / | London | / | Tunis | / | M70 |
| | DC8 / | Caracas | / | sits on the ground | | |
| | 747 / | Dalam | / | sits on the ground | | |

Account +70 -32-24-12-25-20+124 = +101

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------|-----|---|---------------|---|-------|
| CLAY P/London | 747 / | M67 | / | | / | J46 |
| Steve Guest | 707 / | D66 | / | Rome | / | Paris |
| | Tristar/ | K27 | / | Port of Spain | / | 17 |
| | DC10 / | A51 | / | | / | G32 |

Account -274 -50-44-40-24-20+120 = -344, -20% = -377

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|---|----------------|---|--------|
| AIR CRASH/Paris | DC10 / | 7 | / | Doqota, Havana | / | M2 |
| David Oya | 747 / | New York | / | Atlanta | / | D56 |
| | Tristar/ | Chicago | / | | / | Doqota |
| | A300 / | Tunis | / | London | / | J61 |
| | 767 / | London | / | | / | J47 |

Account -1307 -44-50-40-32-36-10+40+100 = -1307, -20% = -1520

Loads Landed From

| To | Carrier | Load | Size/Distance/Value |
|---------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Chicago | Doqota | AIR CRASH/DC10 | 2 / 20 / 40 |
| Chicago | Doqota | AIR CRASH/Tristar | 5 / 20 / 100 |
| Toronto | Tunis | LAKER/A300 | 6 / 31 / 124 |
| Milan | Port of Spain | CLAY PIGEON/Tristar | 4 / 32 / 120 |
| Atlanta | Rome | CLAY P/707 (part load) | 5 / 33 / 264 |

Loads in Flight

| | | | |
|---------|----------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Miami | Accra | CLAY PIGEON/DC10 | 6 / 36 / 216 |
| Atlanta | Rome | CLAY P/DC10 (part load) | 3 / 33 / 264 |
| London | Toronto | CLAY PIGEON/747 | 10 / 24 / 240 |
| London | Toronto | AIR C/767 (part load) | 8 / 24 / 264 |
| London | Toronto | AIR C/A300 (part load) | 3 / 24 / 264 |
| Havana | London | AIR CRASH/DC10 | 3 / 34 / 102 |
| Atlanta | Tunis | AIR CRASH/747 | 2 / 31 / 62 |
| Paris | New York | HYMEN/Tristar | 7 / 24 / 160 |
| Tunis | London | LAKER/A300 (part load) | 7 / 10 / 120 |
| Tunis | London | LAKER/707 (part load) | 5 / 10 / 120 |

Planes on order for next round: none

Loads Available

OLD

Casablanca Paris 9 / 8 / 72

NEW

| | | | | | | |
|------------|----------|----|---|----|---|-----|
| Atlanta | Dakar | 2 | / | 28 | / | 56 |
| London | Miami | 4 | / | 32 | / | 128 |
| Milan | London | 6 | / | 6 | / | 36 |
| Casablanca | New York | 8 | / | 24 | / | 192 |
| Havana | Montreal | 10 | / | 12 | / | 120 |
| Chicago | Rome | 12 | / | 33 | / | 396 |

ENGLISH

RR map OH

Round 9

The sound of Akron

(Q. Are we not men? A. We are postal gamers!)

Race Results

19 (Sandusky-Akron): IDLE 15-4+1, AC 15+1 (dead heat), OSCAR +4
20 (KY-Cleveland): OSCAR 20+3+1, IDLE 10-3-3-1+4, CCI 0-1-4+3, ORNATE +3
21 (Alliance-Indiana): ORNATE 20-1-4, OSCAR 10+4+5, CCI 0-3, IDLE 0-5, AC +3+1
22 (P'mouth-E L'pool): CCI 20-5-2+6+2, OSCAR 10-2+1+2, IDLE 0-1-6, ORNATE +5
23 (Steubenville-Cincinnati): ORNATE 20-3, AC/CCI 5/5 (AC +3)
24 (Toledo Lima): AC 20-4, IDLE 10-4+4, FF +4+4
25 (Zanesville-Michigan): CCI 20-4-4, FF +4, ORNATE +4
26 (Indiana-Youngstown): IDLE 20-1, ORNATE 10-4, OSCAR 0+1+4
27 (Hamilton-Ironton): CCI 20 (easy!)

Builds

IDLE: (H49)-Toledo: (J50)-L49: (C72)-C73

ANNE'S CLIQUE: (P9)-P8-L4-L4: (08)-07

CCI: (G68)-Warren: (A67)-A70: (G68)-H67-J68

{Typos in last turn's builds -- should read CCI D66-G68 and IDLE X17-X15}

Races (enter up to 6, build up to 6 physical points)

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 28) 5H-4S Springfield - Cincinnati | 33) 4S-JH Cincinnati - Zanesville |
| 29) AS-2D Kentucky - Pennsylvania | 34) 7D-AD Akron - Pennsylvania |
| 30) TC-5S Painsville - Hamilton | 35) 6C-2H Lorain - Findlay |
| 31) 8C-2S Cleveland - Kentucky | 36) 5D-5C Warren - Sandusky |
| 32) 7H-6C Columbus - Lorain | |

Running Totals

| | |
|---|--------------|
| OSCAR (Bowen/pink): 71+63+2 | = 136 |
| ORNATE (Charles/blue): 104+50+2 | = 156 |
| CCI (Lomas/purple): 106+53-10+1 | = 150 |
| FRIENDLY FASCISM (Jones/black): 186+12+3 | = 199 (NMR!) |
| IDLE (Ritchie/red): 114+36-9+2 | = 131 |
| ANNE'S CLIQUE (Parish/green): 117+38-16+1 | = 140 |

Judge English: I observe from other zines that Denis Jones has moved to 68 Lucas Avenue, London E13 ORL. One would assume that this explains his failure to order this go.

The game looks to be a fairly close one with plenty of scope for inter-player dealings.

De Pure, De Vigilant, Dehave, First Message From Space,
United States 25 MD's

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| One Person Capsule + 1 capsule | Cost = 20 |
| 1 Orbital Catellite | Cost = 1 |
| 1 One Stage Rocket | Cost = 3 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| R&D for Orbital Catellite = 33% | Current R&D = 30% |
| R&D for Single Stage Rocket = 21% | Current R&D = 35% |
| R&D for One Person Capsule = 17% | Current R&D = 27% |

Launch #1 in late December 1957. Despite TWO last second delays in the countdown the Redstone Single Stage Rocket pushed Explorer 1 into orbit and into space as second nation, the United States.

+10 MDs on Budget = 105 MDs. ***

Launch #2 in 1950.

R&D Bonus! A graduate student in your country stumbled across a major scientific discovery. Add 1 on each die you roll for R&D next year. 7 MDs on Budget.

Ian Harris Cash D/F 25 Available To Spend 130 New Budget 70

Termight 60 MD's

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| One Person Capsule + 4 capsules | Cost = 22 |
| 4 One Stage Rockets | Cost = 6 |
| 4 Orbital Catellites | Cost = 2 |
| R&D for Orbital Catellite = +27% | Current R&D = 25% |
| R&D for Single Stage Rocket = +22% | Current R&D = 72% |
| R&D for One Person Capsule = +17% | Current R&D = 27% |

Launch #1 in late August 1957 of Orbital Catellite on a Single Stage Rocket which proudly broadcast the advice of the Dictator of the Termight Empire as they became the first nation in space. ***

+16 MDs on Budget = 92 MDs. ***

Launch 2 in 1950.

Influenza The primary crew of your next launch has contracted influenza. You must have a full back up crew to take their place or the launch is a failure. This means that you must buy double the astronauts you need for the following turn (if any).

+7 MDs on Budget. = 97 MDs.

Rob Moore Cash D/F 0 Available To Spend 92 New Budget 97

U.S.C.R. 65 MD's NMR

Launch #1 in early December 1957 was of a successful use of a Lunik booster. Unfortunately the Sputnik satellite failed to enter earth orbit and re entered the atmosphere.

-3MDs on Budget = 62 MDs. **

No launches planned for 1950.

Government Order By order of your nation's military leaders, your next launch to be planned must be an orbital satellite. Increase your budget by 10 MD's to reflect the additional support.

+10 MDs on Budget = 72 MDs

John Breakwell Cash D/F 67 Available To Spend 122 New Budget 72

Duchy Of Grand Fenwick 58 MB's

Purchase of Single Person Capsule

Purchase of Astronaut & Training inc Astronaut Rutherford

Purchase of Astronaut Cribbins

R&D for Orbital Satellite = +7% Current R&D = 87%

R&D for Single Stage Rocket = +29% Current R&D = 83%

R&D for Single Person Capsule = +14% Current R&D = 24%

Launch #1 in early August 1957 of Orbital Satellite Icarus on a Gordian Single Stage Rocket. A major booster problem caused by rushing led to the cancellation of this launch.

-3 MBs on Budget = 55 MBs.

Launch #2 in 1958.

Severe Setback: Your space program has suffered a severe setback in its most advanced capsule program. Pay MB's equal to 6 R&D rolls on that program or the capsule will lose 10% on its safety factor for its next (first) mission.

+1 MBs on Budget = 56MBs.

Gary Lyon Cash B/F.O Available To Spend 55 New Budget 56

*** means increase your Orbital Satellite and One Stage Rocket's R&D by 1% for their successful use.

** means only increase the One Stage Rocket.

Please note that it is up to an individual to decide if they need another piece of equipment. I am keeping tabs of your stock, are you?

Judge English: I can't figure out why John NMRed then, as I've had a zine and a letter from him this issue. Wakey, wakey.

LUTON

Atlantic Airlines (GM Dave Rowley)

Gamestart

Just a few lines to you all to let you know that the next game of Atlantic Airlines is ready to be put under way. My requirements from you are:-

A company base (home airport for your airline); note that it is permitted to have more than one airline at the same place,

A company name (and Acronym?),

Preference list for your initial plane (if you only specify one plane and there are none left, you will start with no plane). Please note that we are using the 2nd edition rules and Concorde [see p.4] are also available,

Your orders in a sealed envelope addressed to me, inside an envelope with orders for Haz if you want, but don't blame me if I don't receive them for any reason. [You suspicious sod, Rowley! -- Judge English]

Rule Change please note that I am taking up the suggestion that the income earned from passengers flying on Concorde is double the normal amount to simulate the higher cost of supersonic travel.

Players are:

Haz Bond, 13 Merrivale Road, Stafford ST17 9EB

Rob Cullender, 58 Springwell Lane, Mallory Croft, Whetstone, Leicester LE8 3LT

Alan Harvey, 6 Serina Avenue, Littleover, Derby DE23 6JT

John Colledge, Dunorroch, 24 Brunstane Bank, Edinburgh EH15 2NR

2nd edition rules and hexsheets are available from David Watts (Rostherne, 102 Priory Road, Milford Haven, Dyfed SA73 2ED) for a pittance.

Note that the 2nd ed. rules have a typo -- Gander is at L53

URQUHART

Sopwith T997UB

Turn 2

| Pilot | Starts | Moves | Ends | A : D : P |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Ginger Rogers John Miller | D3-E4 | LT,LT,RT | C5-C6 | 16:12:00 |
| Mjr Mark E. Smith Edmund Morgan | D10-E10 | LT,LT,A / R | E13-E14 | 15:12:00 |
| Retaliator ACE Mark Wightman | G16-F15 | A,LT,A / R | F13-F12 | 14:12:00 |
| Ld Discuit Darrel Mike Clark | F17-G16 | LT,A,A / R&A | F14-F13 | 14:12:00 |
| Vic Rattlehead Rob Moore | F10-G10 | RT,RT,LT / A | G13-G14 | 15:12:00 |
| Victor Manture Jeff Cattle | K4-L5 | RT,RT,RT | K2-J1 | 16:12:00 |

Clouds move north east to: (I13 J13 J14 K14 L14): (C1 C2 C3): (L7 M7 M8):
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I don't know what it is about you lot, but I as near as dammit forgot about this game completely, and have had to stuff it onto the back page with indecent haste. Don't take it personally. Now, what shall I cut to make room for it? Only The Shadow (and my word processor) knows...

QUISQUILIAE IN VERBO

Oh we come to the back page of U Dend 16 in under a week from the deadline. Not bad, eh? Just think what would happen if we were other than a barebones issue this time. Ah, well, the ease of using this computer after grimly pounding at the old typewriter has quite revitalised me.

Ian Harris's excellent BOREALIS carries a regular reader poll whose current number asks subbers to list their five favourite things about Christmas. Being a graduate and postgraduate of the Dah Humbag University, I found myself hard pressed to list two. Sensing that there are more people like me, I therefore announce the

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and call upon all and sundry to send me a list of their five most detested Christmas songs/hymns/carols/ditties, and also their favourite (assuming you aren't like Joy and hate them all). Results will be tabulated in next issue, and if Cliff Richard and George Michael aren't battling it out for top place I shall be most disappointed in you.

Zine Poll deadline approaches, so if you're like me and haven't got round to sending your vote yet, better get your skates on. As I afore said, my tip for the top is split between DOLCHOTDOD and SPRING OFFENSIVE; high votes will also emanate from me for BOREALIS and TAKE THAT YOU FIEND, though the former has far too low a circulation to win and the latter's writing style will never overcome the basic difficulty that this is still the Diplomacy Zine Poll and in nearly 120 issues TTYF has never gone near the game.

As for me, 1.0 is the vote. Don't forget, now.

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sorry about the awful typeface (i)