

He thought he saw a Dressing Gown
With stripes of white and blue:
He looked again and saw it was
A pot of Sticky Glue.
"I think this amply proves", he said
"I should not talk to you!"

He thought he saw a Mimeo
On which to print his zines:
He looked again and saw it was
Twelve cans of Heinz Baked Beans.
"If Steve Guest ate all those", he said,
"There'd be some violent scenes!"

He thought he saw an Architect
Who drew plans for a church:
He looked again, and saw it was
A Parrot on a Perch,
"Alas!" he said, "I am undone!
They've left me in the lurch!"

He thought he saw Mike Underhay
And asked him how-de-do:
He looked again and saw it was
A stepped-on Blue Suede Shoe.
"You cannot have, I fear," he said
"All this and Heaven too".

He thought he saw Pete Sullivan
Composing nonsense verse:
He looked again and saw it was
A Veiled and Potent Curse.
"The fool!" he said, "He little knows
"That change is for the worse!"

He thought he saw for Mankind's Cares
A sure and certain end:
He looked again and saw it was
An

UP AROUND THE BEND

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"I think", he said, "Once this is read
My health will quickly mend!"

Waiting Lists [* = preference list received]

DIPLOMACY: Keir Hodgson*, John Todd, Bob Holliday*, Martin Draper*, Mark Stretch*,
Fiona Campbell-Jack, 1 wanted. Following list: Edward Ainsworth

ILLUMINATED VAIN RATS [Dip vt]: John Wilman, John R Todd, Bob Holliday*, Ed Morgan: 4

BREAKING AWAY [GM David Dya]: Haz Bond, Dave Lomas, Kim Head, Mark Stretch, Alex
Richardson, 1 wanted.

GRAND SLAM: Martin Draper, Jon McCoubrey, Mark Stretch, Rob Moore, Kim Head, John
Miller, Richard Walkerdine???, Bob Holliday, Dave Lomas, Alex Richardson, Ian Harris.

MARSHAL SEA GAOL: the debtors' prison

Goodbye to: Nobody

The following are sailing close to the wind: Ainsworth, Cutforth, Charles, Tittle,
Stretch, Cullender, Harvey, Bell, Todd, Parish, Jones, Tullett, Neale, Lyon, Cox

Outside Deadline: *Saturday October 30*

Inside Deadline: *Tuesday November 2*

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Your remaining credit is T

EGOLAND
editorial

There isn't one.

FROM STYGIAN DEPTHS

the reprint feature

[Just a quickie this time -- a poem representative of the many written by Steve Howe for NMR! and his own ASFO over the years. We hear, with some incredulity that Mr Howe is engaged to be wed; and posit that the lady in question requires the services of either an optician or a psychiatrist. Seriously, good on you, Steve, hope all is well.]

Rough Games

dedicated to Peter Berlin

1 Playing squash can strain your heart
And make your pulse-rate spurt,
So please, I beg you, don't take part
You're sure to end up hurt.

2 Table-tennis weakens knees
And sometimes sprains your wrists;
Beyond repair, so take heed, please,
Don't play this game, desist.

3 Badminton is just for those
Who take life as it comes,
For scientific research shows
It can affect your lungs.

4 Golf-balls travel fearsome quick
And darts are fatal too,
And on, the pain a hockey stick
Can dish out unto you.

5 Bowls can make your tendons slack,
Snooker strains your eyes,
Tiddleywinks hurts your lower back,
Croquet oults your thighs.

6 Regardless of your kind concern
For my heart, ribs and knees,
Your warnings, all of them, I spurn,
I'll play what games I please.

STEVE HOWE

(-- from NMR: 69, February 1986)

QUID IN ALVEOS ACCIDET

hobby news

Despite what it says later, here's a little space I can cram some deserving cases into.

Walkerdine announces World Dip Con IV, with all singing all dancing Dip tournaments, herds of wildebeestes, live high wire acts and the usual diversions.

Iain Bowen announces the 1992 Zine Poll (just as U-Bend hits a slump again, mumble mutter), for which a ballot may be enclosed if I am together enough.

Midcon is going to happen quite soon.

Prince Andrew has signed up for Diplomacy in Springboard.

Duncan Adams is running games from TLR by fiver pending a relaunch.

Bowen has swallowed Pete Sullivan whole (disgusting!) -- CMag is a subzine in YDd6 till he (P.S.) finishes exams.

U-Bend is late.

One of the above news items is NOT TRUE. (Can you tell which?)

[[Because, dear turbo lad, newcomers to postal Dip are usually new to the idea of amateur magazines in general -- one point where I as a novice had a great advantage over average. It's like finding an undiscovered country and being able to make the inhabitants fall about in fits of laughter with knock-knock jokes and "Why did the chicken cross the road?" I remain convinced that such people are apt to believe -- to begin with at least -- that Danny is an elected representative of the hobby whose task is to welcome newcomers on behalf of the rest, and that he was so elected for his skill at such. I'm not questioning Danny's skill at running games or zines; just his skill at reviewing, and while we're passing, his understanding of what some call 'fannishness'.]]

The masturbation article was interesting. I certainly don't accept Kay's assertion that masturbation is evidence of homosexuality. There is no such thing as homo- or heterosexuality in a single sex world; self-masturbation is a single sex world and therefore homosexuality is simply not an issue. The fact that, in Kay's words 'the man is you' is relevant, since it makes the whole issue of homo/heterosexuality meaningless.

Edmund Morgan In the Illuminated Vain Rats rules, the special victory condition
Sutton for the Assassins is 'annihilating one unit of each of the other
 powers..'. If this means annihilating using their special power,
the game will be over in 7 turns (ie turn 1 - remove an Austrian, turn 2 - remove an
English piece..). Maybe it means annihilate by dislodging a piece which cannot then
retreat. Clarification (or rules change) in order here, I think.. even if only for
my benefit.

[[Er, good point. I think your conjecture correct; Wilman?]]

Malcolm Cornelius Do you know any other keen American Football fans, as I mention in
Manchester this issue of DM I want to run Fantasy Football, but it seems to
 be falling a bit flat as another player withdrew today. The rules
are available free from me, and I will also be sending out lists of possible football
players available for draft etc. If you know anyone else we may still be able to get
the game going.

Andy Cox Sorry if this is a bit close to deadline. I never remember to do
Northampton these things till the last minute. I really ought to send you ten
 sets of orders and only write and change them if necessary. Hence
my idea for a unit type in the Dip variant you published a few months ago - where
each player invents his own unit. [[Paul Slade's Anarchy Rules OK]]

Have you ever played Explode, a fairly simple computer game on a square grid. Each turn yourself or the computer places one counter either in a space or atop one of your own counters. The idea is to create an explosion by overloading a square. If you are in a corner, for example two counters constitute an overload - one counter is moved to either side of the corner, which is then left empty. On a side square, three counters create an explode, on a main board square four - with me so far?

Now, you cannot place one of your counters on top of one of your opponents, but an exploding counter can land on an opponents stack, ie if he has a stack and one of your counters lands on this then you get that whole stack, which will explode if it has reached saturation point. The winner is the one, as in Othello or Go that takes over the board. As you can probably imagine, this is only really playable on a computer because a good explode move would take forever to work out and you'd be bound to miss a move. It can be very impressive to watch though, as a wave of explosions fly down the board.

But back to the Dip variant. Every turn each of one's units explodes into all the surrounding spaces especially with a couple of ounces of semtex, or chicken vindaloo (please ignore the bold text bit, it was added by one of my strange workmates when I had to leave the PC for 2 mins). If two arrive in the same square, they re-merge to make one unit. An army exploding into a sea area becomes a navy and vice versa. There are no losses if number of units exceeds supply centres (this may have to be amended so as not to give too much of an advantage), but any unit defeated in combat is lost, ie no retreats (do or die). If several units are attacking, ie

Actually, if Ian went about 10 miles south on a Friday night he'd find Durham University rugby team out on a booze up. Nuff said!!! (I just hope none of them are rearing this) [[Another crossed out bit]] (Seriously, I loved them all. Great guys. Haha. Gulp!)

Edmund Morgan [[Re Beat the Black Ball:]] 1 and 120 are perfectly legit if you
Sutton, Surrey are going to use the average:
 1s = I want the drop as early as possible
 120s = I want the drop as late as possible
 60s = I don't want an extreme result.

As for "the three former [1 bids] saved the BB from being well over a minute", in terms of statistics, my dear Harry, this is bollocks. You can't ignore the 3 lowest bids without ignoring the 3 highest as well.

You say: oh look, there were 3 ridiculously low bids, it ought to be higher. I say: yes, but there were 2 silly high bids as well, and - blow me, if the 5 silly bids don't average out to within one second of the 5 so-called 'sensible' ones (47.6 vs 47.0). And yes, extreme bids will pull the around around a lot, but the chances are that they won't all be high, or all low any given turn and will tend to average out.

David Oya I'm dead impressed by the way that your spawning experience hardly
Banbury affected U-Bend's turnaround. But I have noticed one error in
 U-Bend 23 that I'd like to bring to your attention. My middle name
is actually 'Antonio' rather than 'Bip Bip Bibbledy Weeeeeee Plop.' I know it's an
easy mistake to make. It happens all the time in fact.

The Comatose Horse Abuse Section: Just as the list in Lies closes, I've found a saintly and enlightened soul who opened a Soppo Rivals list. Said cool dude is Kevin McGowan of 27 Bennetts Avenue, Shirley, Surrey CR0 8AL, his zine's called Revolution, it's a 5-weekly zine devoted to RR, Bus Boss and other Rostherne stuff, and it's dirt cheap (ten 18p stamps gets you nine issues.) All U-Bend subbers (and editors) are hereby instructed to flood Kevin with subs and pleas to be put on the SR waiting list.

Martin Draper I found the birth story very amusing, although I suspect that both
Hoddesdon, Herts Joy and yourself are pleased to get the birth underway. Many
 congratulations on the happy event. Now you can look forward to
sleepless nights and a rapidly decreasing bank balance, and that's before he reaches his teenage years. Then you can look forward to more sleepless nights and a rapidly decreasing bank balance for totally different reasons (or so my parents told me).

[[Re Black Ball]] To introduce a more random time, play as before but each player gives a time between -5 seconds to +5 seconds. This time is then added to all the other players and the total is then added/subtracted from the Black Ball's time to produce the time that the Ball drops.

Ian Harris Ah yes, the good old days of noxious aromas and two hour sleep
Chester le Street patterns! Fear not, the first sixteen years are the worst. We were
 always planning on having three kids, but after our second decided
that you can have too much of a good thing. Well to be honest, I decided that at the age of twenty-eight I was too damned old to put myself through all that again. It doesn't take many weeks before you're looking at one another and asking - what the hell did we do with our time before they were born?

[[I know the feeling, I know the feeling.]]

[[Held over are various odds and sods, plus an exceedingly annoying letter from Peter J. Birks which I want to do justice too (trembling from East Dulwich, I don't think). Do please keep writing, y'all, if there's one thing I like better than a set of orders it's a set of orders with a nice chatty letter.]]

[[This is a little gap. Steve Howe, and many another editor, would have 1,000,001 things to put in it. I have... er... 0. No, I tell a lie, I have one, and you've just read it.]]

oimoi, peplegmai kairian plegen eso
the games section

Missing Games

Breyer: Nothing from David Oya, despite his adjudications on disc claiming orders were enclosed. At this remove I'm reluctant to be too definite that they weren't, and since Peter Charles has NMRed too... Let's have a full set next time, guys.

Yavilland: Same story, in essence.

Armstrong: Haven't had this from Geoff and know nothing. John Breakwell, I do know, has NMRed, so this may be your chance to redeem yourself if you get orders in smartish, Johnny boy.

CACTUS

Railway Rivals (Oxfordshire) [GM David Oya]

Setup

Duncan Adams - Bloody Legless, On Trains To Oxford (BLOTTO) - Green
Starts Carterton
Haz Bond - British Railways And Steam Engines, Never Overheating, Stuff Enemies
(BRASENOSE) - Brown - Starts Bicester (see notes)
Steve Guest - It Stinks! It Sucks! (ISIS) - Orange - Starts Chipping Norton
Bob Holliday - Priority Underwater Floating Freight Co (PUFF) - Purple -
Starts Henley
Mark Stretch - Splendid Trains Under Plenty of Irritating Dirt (STUPID) -
Blue - Starts Banbury
Fiona Campbell-Jack - Careless Pilots Drink Execrable Rum (CIDER) - Red -
Starts Shrivenham
Alan Parr - Parr's Railways Across Certain Territories In Central England
(PRACTICE) - Black - Starts Chinnor

Agrajag: We are joined by Fiona Campbell-Jack (75 Powis Terrace, Aberdeen AB2 3PY) and Alan Parr (6 Longfield Gdns, Tring, Herts HP23 4DN). Seven may seem a lot of players for a RR game but that's only because it is. But since this is a big map with relatively few hills, I'm sure we'll cope. I've opted for the scattered start as seven starting from Oxford would be a bit too sadistic, even coming from me. Haz will have transferred 44p from each of your U-Bend subs to mine to cover the cost of the map. Steve, thanks for your thoughts on the map. You've convinced me that Arncott is too strong a start, which is why Haz is starting at Bicester. You wouldn't want me making things too easy for you now would you, Haz? The rolls for turn 1 are: 6, 5, 3.

PEPPER

Sopwith T178UR

Turn 16

The marathon continues... and continues, and continues...

Pilot	Starts	Moves	Ends	A :D :P
<u>Retaliator</u> J ACE	H6-G5 Mark Wightman	A, RS, RS	E5-D4	01:07:02
<u>Atsuko</u> S ACE	L7-K7 Dave Lomas	RT, RT, A	N10-D11	04:04:26

Clouds went SW to: (G15,H14,H15) (L17,L18,M18): (M11,M12,M13): (P18):
(P15,P16,Q14,Q15,Q16).

You both ask to go to multiple turns to hurry things up till the fray can be rejoined, so do send in as many as you feel comfy with and I shall adjudicate as far ahead as the least number of turns sent by one of you. I already have Dave's orders for turn 17/18.

Errer: 10 million Faroese left for Peckham, not 5 -- I plainly forgot their wiyes.

Secrets: A violent tornado blows over the Faroe Islands, killing 10 million people and lord knows how many fish. Meanwhile, in Peckham, the same amount of people (but not fish) trek over the border to neutral Wandsworth where the rates are cheaper.

Revealed Cards:

FAROE ISLANDS (Rob Moore): 5 million punters desert Simon Cutforth for the land of the midnight sun, but...

INSULA VECTIS (Paul Slade): ...decide they don't like it there and relocate again to Cowes.

APPLIANCE (Andy Bell): Durr... durr... durr..... DA-DAAAA! (ba-ba-ba-bum bum bum bum bumm bumm bummmm bummmmm...) The sounds of Also Spach Andibel reverberate as a space platform rises majestically over Middlesbrough. But alas! the mechanics tried to get away with using two-star unleaded instead of proper liquid oxygen fuel, and it crashes back down causing untold damage on Tyneside. 10 million people are feared dead. Oh, what was on the platform? Wouldn't you like to know?

Simon Cutforth: Obviously shaken by this development, 5 million APPLIANCEs leave for safer climes. Toby Harris is reported unfazed by the prospect of 5,000,000 more subzines in Smodnoc.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF PECKHAM (Alan Coulthard): The launching sites are busy as a Minuteman rocket is erected in Honor Oak Park.

THE FNORDS (Geoff Brown): The propaganda machines are still busy, luring 10m from Insula Vectis to a new and happier life (?)

Deterrents: Insula Vectis: 20 megaton warhead ... Faroes: cruise missile.

Population Changes since 1999AD T-18m, FI-17m, IV-10m, AP-5m, SC-25m, PRP-18m

Your New Card(s):

New Secrets: Just one, for APPLIANCE.

Press:

In the background: A.M.A. played the songs, and the charismatic leader of the Fnords gave the two fingered gesture to Judge English. The Game of Life could be played only with the willing. Once more the Fnords turned to Insula Vectis and lured their people the way of the Fnords. Once more his call was heard by millions.

And the World STILL turned, and the band, even though different, played on!

Somewhere under the Atlantic, Howard the Dolphin got high on acid!!

FI - Judge English: What's wrong with Game of Life?

JE - Faroes: I haven't that many pages spare. Basically, the endless money shuffling.

Judge English: The Faroes forgot to put down a new card, so I picked card ____ for you, Rob. Next time, a population fine!

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ZIMMER

Sopwith T216UB

Turn 6

Pilot	Starts	Moves	Ends	A :D :P
1 Red Byron Alex Richardson	D8/W	LS, RT, A f-A&R	B7/NW	06:01:08
3 Florence ACE Rob Cullender	L13/W	RT, RT, 4	K15/NE	08:03:28
6 Boring Boris Ian Harris	C5/NE	LS f-R, LS f-R, RT	B6/E	09:08:15

Clouds go W to: (G12-G13-H13): (K8-K7-J6): (N15-M14-L13): (D8-E7-E8-F7-F8):
(P12-P13-Q14-Q15): (M18-N18-O18-M17)

URQUHART

Sopwith T215UB

Turn 10

Pilot	Starts	Moves	Ends	A : D : P
1 Ginger Rogers ACE John Miller	E11/SW	RS,RS,RS	B8/SW	07:07:25
4 Lord Biscuit Barrrel Mike Clark (NMR!)	I7/NW	A, A, A	F7/NW	07:08:06
5 Vic Rattlehead ACE Rob Moore	I13/SE	LT, A f-A, O f-L	K15/E	05:08:06

Clouds head off southwest to: (I11-J11-J12-K12-L13):(E1):(L5-M5-M6):
(C9-D10-D11):(I7-J8-J9-K9):(N12-N13-D11-D12).

Press

Ginger - All: Right! Who's next then?

BROKEN FACE Breaking Away [GM David Oya]

Setup

MYTH Inc - Mark Stretch

A: Skeeve	4, 11, 15
B: Aahz	3, 7, 15
C: Tanda	2, 3, 15
D: Gleep	1, 5, 10

Math Mode - Stuart Dagger

A: Euler	1, 5, 9, 15
B: Gauss	4, 6, 15
C: Hilbert	3, 5, 12
D: Noether	2, 5, 9

Dwarves - Mick Haytack

A: Happy	1, 1, 13, 15
B: Grumpy	1, 9, 15
C: Sleepy	2, 7, 11
D: Bashful	3, 5, 8

Spooky Spokes - Rob Holliday

A: Vampire Val	3, 7, 8, 12
B: Poltergeist Pete	6, 7, 12
C: Gremlin Griff	5, 6, 9
D: Satan Sam	4, 5, 7

Windy Pops - Edward Ainsworth

A: Huffed	10, 10, 10
B: Puffed	8, 8, 9
C: Stuffed	5, 7, 8
D: Knackered	1, 1, 14

Boston Brakers - Alan Coulthard

A: Leeding Pack	1, 5, 12, 12
B: Rally Splash	4, 10, 11
C: Mutton Jeff	6, 7, 7
D: Eileen Dover	4, 6, 6

Agrajag: Some good choices of cards and some interesting choices of cards should lead to a good or an interesting, or maybe even a good and interesting game.

Eileen Dover joins us from the En Garde! campaign in 'Let Them Eat Cake' and look out for Poltergeist Pete in his new series on Channel Four's early morning cartoon slot. Provisional turn 1 orders on file from Alan and Mick.

CHESS

Game III (me white): 1) e4 : e5
2) Nf3 : Nc6
3) Bb5

Your replies:

a6 x6, f5 x3.

my response: Ba4

Game II (me black): 1) Nf3 : Nf6
2) g3 : g6
3) Bg2 : d5
4) c4 : Bg7
5) cxd5 : Nxd5
6) 0-0 : c5
7) Nc3 : Nxc3

Your replies: dxc3 x6, bxc3 x5

My response: Qb6

Position: R1BQ1RK1/PP2PPBP/2P2NP1/
8/2p5/1q4p1/pp2ppbp/rnb1k2r.

I have a nasty feeling that those low totals mean I've lost some peoples' votes, but no time to look, I am well late, and the zine must be done this weekend or be later yet.

Luton

Atlantic Airlines [GM Paul Slade]

Turn 7

PUSSYCAT NMR 747 D64 / / Atlanta
 Haz Bond 707 M56 / / London
 Tristar L72 / / Frankfurt

Account -362 +66+27+87+217-24-50-40-20 = -99, -20% = -118

RAC NMR TriStar Kano / / Kano
 Alan Harvey

Account +190-20-20 = +150

SANTA CLAUS 747 J7 / / I66
 Rob Cullender TriStar B65 / Casablanca, Madrid / Amsterdam
 DC8 E60 / Casablanca / Rome
 DC10 E51 / / H30

Account +193+32+290+175-50-40-28-44-20 = +508

TBNS 707 Chicago / / I65
 John Colledge 747 A45 / / Port of Spain

Account -520+143-24-50-20 = -471, -20% = -565

Planes Ordered And Paid For Next Turn None

Loads In Flight

Montreal	Kano	SANTA CLAUS/747	9 * 35	= 315
Bogota	London	SANTA CLAUS/747	11 * 37	= 407
Amsterdam	Chicago	SANTA CLAUS/TriStar	6 * 31	= 186
Chicago	Paris	TBNS/707	4 * 29	= 116
Pt of Spain	Tunis	TBNS/747	12 * 30	= 360

Loads Delivered This Turn

Atlanta	Frankfurt	PUSSYCAT/TriStar	2 * 33	= 66
Casablanca	Frankfurt	PUSSYCAT/TriStar	3 * 9	= 27
Havana	Casablanca	SANTA CLAUS/TriStar	9 of 10 * 29	} = 290
Havana	Casablanca	SANTA CLAUS/DC8	1 of 10 * 29	
Pt of Spain	Washington	TBNS/747	11 * 13	= 143
Chicago	London	PUSSYCAT/707	3 * 29	= 87
Miami	Rome	SANTA CLAUS/DC8	5 * 35	= 175
Tunis	Atlanta	PUSSYCAT/747	7 * 31	= 217
Casablanca	Madrid	SANTA CLAUS/TriStar	8 * 4	= 32

Loads Available

OLD

From	To	Size / Dist / Value
Belem	Paris	10 29 = 290
Belem	New York	3 21 = 63
Las Palmas	New York	7 22 = 152
Pittsburgh	London	10 27 = 270
Accra	Pittsburgh	2 37 = 74
Frankfurt	Madrid	4 6 = 24
Casablanca	Madrid	8 4 = 32
Chicago	Washington	12 6 = 72
Milan	Berlin	2 3 = 6
Amsterdam	Caracas	2 34 = 68
Miami	New York	6 8 = 48
Chicago	London	8 29 = 232
Toronto	Algiers	10 29 = 290

NEW

Dakar	Bogota	2	26	= 52
Atlanta	London	3	30	= 90
Algiers	Chicago	5	33	= 165
Toronto	Berlin	7	29	= 203
Chicago	Las Palmas	9	28	= 252
London	Accra	11	23	= 253

RADAR (GM) - All: Last turn Montreal to Kano should have been recorded as being carried by SANTA CLAUS DC10.

RADAR - Haz: Is NMRing in your own zine some kind of record?

Haz - RADAR: Slade, you wretched little worm, I sent orders with the zine, as usual. Go and look in the envelope again. If you still insist on NMRing me I shall, I shall, I shall accept it as your inviolable GM's right and sulk a bit.

XIMENEZ

Chaos II Diplomacy 92BW rh06

Spring 1904

- ANKARA (John Miller): A(Sev)-Ukr.
- BELGIUM (Peter Ritchie): A(Bel)-Hol.
- BREST (John R Todd): NMR! F(MAO) H u/o.
- BULGARIA (Vick Hall): A(Bul) S Serbian A(Rum)-Ser (nso).
- DENMARK (Peter Dunnett): F(BAL)-Ber.
- EDINBURGH (Denis Jones): F(Lon)-EN's.
- HOLLAND (anarchy): F(Hol) H* u/o.
- KIEL (Duncan Adams): A(Mun) H, F(K.e) S A(Ruh)-Hol, A(Ruh)-Hol.
- LIVERPOOL (John Morgan): A(Edi)-Yc, F(Lpl)-Wal.
- MARSEILLE (Guy Thomas): A(Gas) S A(Mar)-Bur, A(Mar)-Bur.
- NORWAY (Toby Harris): F(Bre)-Pic.
- PARIS (Damien Cosgrove): A(Par)-Bur.
- ROME (Alex Richardson): A(Ven) S A(Pie)-Tyr, A(Pie)-Tyr, A(Rom) S A(Ven).
- SERBIA (Mike Clark): NMR! A(Rum) H u/o.
- SPAIN (Edmund Morgan): F(Gre)-AEG, F(Tun)-ION.
- SWEDEN (Stephen Agar): NMR! F(SKA), F(Swe) H u/o.
- TURKEY (Neil Duncan): F(Con)-BLA, A(Ank)-Con, F(Smy)-AEG.
- VIENNA (Allan Gordon): A(Bud) S A(Tri)-Ser, A(Tri)-Ser, A(Tyr) S A(Vie)-Tri*, A(Vie)-Tri
- WARSAW (Peter Charles): NMR! A(StP), A(War) H u/o.

Retreats Viennese A(Tyr)-Vie, Dutch F(Hol) disbands.

Designated Centres None, but Mr Duncan has renamed his land TURKEY.

Press

Strauss - All: Anybody got enough strength to pick up a pen and draw-up a contract worth looking at?

Judge English: COAs... Neil Duncan to 25 Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1SS; Vick Hall to 100 Landor Road, Clapham, London SW9.

NOXIN

Intimate Ia Dip 91BQ rx03

Autumn 1906

Mick Haytack has evidently decided that young Nick isn't going to be crushed under a vast falling pile of cocaine (as is so common at Oxford these days), and has conceded the partie to him. Congratulations to Mr Parish. Game end comments are welcome, of course.

BEECHINGI have no idea if he was first or not, having lost track totally, but Alan Coulthard found a mistake and hasn't won before, so he can have the free issue. Argue with me at your peril.

Russian land forces suffer

AUSTRIA (Allan Gordon, 3 Forest Avenue, Chingford, London E4 6AR)
 A(Ser)-Bul, A(Rum) S A(Ser)-Bul, A(Vie)-Boh, A(Gal) S A(Vie)-Boh, A(Tyr) S
 Russian A(Ber)-Mun (nso), A(Pie) S French F(GOL)-Mar (nso), F(Rom)-Tus, F(ION)-
 TYS, F(Nap) S F(ION)-TYS, F(NEG)-ION.

FRANCE (Peter Dunnett, 328 Old Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 3NU)
 F(GOL)-TYS, A(Bur)-Mar, F(Bre)-ENG, F(Bel)-NTH, F(Hel)-Den,
 F(WMS) S F(GOL)-TYS, A(Mun) S A(Sil)-Ber, A(Sil)-Ber, F(NTH)-SKA,
 A(Kie) S A(Sil)-Ber, F(Bal) S F(Hel)-Den, F(Edi) S F(Bel)-NTH.

ITALY (Toby Harris, 6 Durham Terrace, Silksworth, Sunderland SR3 1BW)
 F(Tun) S French F(Gol)-TYS.

RUSSIA (Vick Hall, 100 Landor Road, Clapham, London SW9 -- COA)
 F(Nwy)-Swe, F(NAO)-Lol, F(SKA) S A(Den), A(Den) S A(Ber)-Kie*, A(War)-Ukr,
 A(Lvn)-War, A(Sev) S A(War)-Ukr, F(Con) S A(Arm)-Smy, A(Ber)-Kie*, F(NWG)-NTH.

Retreats Russian A(Ber)-Pru, A(Den) squashed

Press

The Gingerbread Man: "Run! Run! -- as fast as you... jussaminit! --
 hold the phone!" Ginge applied the anchors in mid stripe and
 paused for reflection. "I've been going like the clappers for 20 months in this
 bleedin' chase ... and it still ain't no nearer a conclusion. Jeeze! -- it could go on
 for another 20! ... unless the LO gets Parental Palsy! Maybe I should let Ol' Tatty
 Bear or the Wide Mouth Frog catch me, after all -- but which one? ...they're both about
 as sharp as a Smodnoc editor. P'raps I'd better make 'em an offer..."

Adjustments

AUSTRIA: Vie Tri Bud Ser Gre Bul Ven Rom Rum Nap = 10 n/c
 FRANCE: Par Mar Bre Spa Bel Por Mun Hol Lon Kie tpt Den Ber Edi = 13 Builds F(Bre)
 ITALY: Tun = 1 n/c
 RUSSIA: StP Mos Sev War Nwy Swe Smy Ank Ber--Edi Con Lol = 10 n/c

VIRGIL

RR map CT

Turn 9

Race Results

15) 16-32 Slough - Beaconsfield: FERGIE 30
 16) 62-52 London - Luton: STUPID 20+5, IDLE 10-5, FERGIE 0
 17) 25-24 Thame - Didcot: MOD 20, IDLE 10
 18) x3-13 The North - Reading: STUPID 20-2, MOD 10-1, FERGIE 0+3
 19) 36-45 Watford - Bletchley: IDLE 20-3, STUPID 5, FERGIE 5+6, MOD 0-3
 20) 56-66 Hatfield - London: STUPID 20, MOD 10
 21) 41-x2 Berkhamsted - The West: IDLE 30-3, STUPID +3

Races for round 9 (enter up to 4, build up to 6 physical points):

22) 13-25 Reading - Thame 26) 32-56 Beaconsfield - Hatfield
 23) 51-64 Dunstable - London 27) 22-44 Oxford - Buckingham
 24) 63-16 London - Slough 28) 45-x6 Bletchley - Shopping
 25) x5-34 The East - Chesham

Builds

IDLE (Ritchie/red): (Bicester)-H47-Buckingham:
 (Oxford)-B42: (A23)-C62

FERGIE (Moore/purple): None
 STUPID (Stretch/brown): None
 MOD (Cattle/blue): (B49)-E48

Running Totals

105 +59-10 = 154
 138 +44+1 = 183
 234 +71+2 = 307
 98 +36-4 = 130

CAPABLANCA

Sopwith T207UB

Turn 2

Scoresheets all still blank

Pilot	Starts	Moves	Ends	A : D : P
Intimidator 1 Jeff Cattle	D4/E	RT, L5 f-A, A f-A	G5/SE	14:12:00
'Ginger' Rogers 2 ACE John Miller	D12-E	R5 f-A, O, O	E12/E	14:12:00
Algae 3 Andy Cox	H16-W	RS f-A, A f-A&L, O	F15/W	13:12:00
Sky Tripper 4 Duncan Adams	Q16-W	LT, A f-A, O f-R	Q14/SW	13:12:00
Wizard Prang 5 Geoff Brown (NMR!)	S13-NE	A, A, A	S16/NE	16:12:00
Depraved Round- 6 head Splatterer John G McCoubrey	J4-NE	RT, RT, RT	M6/E	16:12:00

Clouds moved SW to: (M14-N13-N14-O13-O14):(H8-I8-I9):(F10-G9-G10):
(H2-G1):(M9-N10-O11-N9):(B6-C6-C5-D5).

Press

Roundhead Splatterer - Zine God in the Sky: Yo! Any chance of a Sopwith map in future, please, 'cos I just dunno where I'm going!?!

Roundhead Splatterer - Algae: Farty a pact? Let's take out that Sky Tripper boulder. Tally ho!

Darth Vader - Intimidator: The Force is strong in this one...

Jonny-Mac - Haz: Call me a large peeled prawn but what on Earth is a Tweedy number? Something to do with hire purchase of riding jackets, perhaps?

Judge English - JRM: They identify each game of postal Sopwith and aid in keeping stats. They're named for Tom Tweedy, whose idea (his one good idea, some say) it was to run postal Sopwith.

Skytripper - Algae: I'm over here! Come and get me big boy!

DUZ-CHOTIMIRSKI Beat the Black Ball

Round 2

Edmund Morgan joins us, so he gets a nominal bottom score for round 1. Here we go with round 2:

Mark Stretch:	Marble 15 secs, Black Ball 1 sec
Alan Parr:	Marble 28 secs, Black Ball 30 secs
Dave Lomas:	Marble 31 secs, Black Ball 1 sec
Peter Dunnett:	Marble 42 secs, Black Ball 110 secs
Edmund Morgan:	Marble 43 secs, Black Ball 60 secs
Martin Draper:	Marble 44 secs, Black Ball 118 secs
Joy Hibbert:	Marble 45 secs, Black Ball 110 secs
Alan Coulthards:	Marble 48 secs, Black Ball 75 secs
Ian Harris:	Marble 59 secs, Black Ball 45 secs
Rob Moore:	Marble 63 secs, Black Ball 120 secs
John R Todd:	NMR!

That gives us 68 seconds for the black ball, and you lot are a bunch of scaredy-cats.

Running totals:

+15: Coulthard	+5: Draper, Todd
+11: Harris	+4½: Stretch
+10½: Hibbert	+3: Parr
+9: Lomas	+2: Dunnett
+7: Moore	+1: Morgan

Peter Dunnett jogged the funnel (-5 secs) but it made no overall difference.

Everyone likes the underdogs

ERRATA: Muggins forgot to print Turkish A(Con)-Bul and A(Smy)-Con in spring.

AUSTRIA (Peter Dunnett, 328 Old Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 3NU)
 A(Mun)-Ber, F(Apu)-Nap, A(Ven)-Pie, A(Rom) S F(Apu)-Nap, A(Sil) S A(Mun)-Ber,
A(Ser)-Rum, F(ADR)-Alb, A(Tyr)-Mun.

ENGLAND (Edward Ainsworth, 4 Park Avenue, Bedford MK40 2JY)
 F(NWG)-Nwy.

FRANCE (Ian Harris, 3 Abbotside Cl, Urpeth Grange, Chester 1e St, Co Durham DH2 1TQ)
 F(MAD)-WMS, A(Mar)-Pie, A(Lon) H, F(NTH) S English F(NWG)-Nwy, A(Par)-Bur,
 F(GOL) S F(MAD)-WMS, A(NAF) S Italian F(Tun).

GERMANY (Mark Stretch, Jesus College, Oxford -- I hope?)
F(Den)-Kie, A(Bel) S A(Bur)-Ruh, F(Swe) S English F(NWG)-Nwy, F(Ber)-Kie*,
 A(Bur)-Ruh, F(Hol) S French F(NTH).

ITALY (Keir Hodgson, 2 Leeds Old Road, Thornbury, Bradford BD3 8HT)
A(Nap) H*, F(Tun) H.

TURKEY (Mark Underhay, 65 The Chase, Holland on Sea, Essex CO15 5PZ)
 A(Pru)-War, F(AEG)-Gre, A(StP)-Lvn, A(Nwy) H*, F(TYS)-ION, F(ION)-Alb,
 A(War)-Gal, A(Gal)-Bud, A(Con)-Bul, A(Bul)-Rum.

Retreats German F(Ber)-BAL, Turkish A(Nwy)-StP, Italian F(Nap) annihilated

Press

Turkey - Austria: Turkish knife-throwing act enters Austria for holiday tour.
 Austria - Germany: Sorry no letter, still sulking over Wells. Write next time.

Wide-Ranging Adjustments

AUSTRIA: Bud Vie Tri Ser Gre Ven War Mun Rom Nap Ber = 8 n/c (!)
 ENGLAND: Edi Nwy = 2 Builds F(Edi) (!!)
 FRANCE : Mar Bre Por Spa Lon Lpl Par = 7 n/c
 GERMANY: Ber Kie Den Hol Swe Bel = 5 Disbands F(Den)
 ITALY: Nap Tun = 1 n/c
 TURKEY: Con Ank Smy Bul Rum Sev Mos StP Rom Nwy War Bud Gre = 11 Builds F(Smy)

Finally, Game End Proposal: 4-way draw AFGT. Votes with orders, please. DON'T forget,
 though abstentions count against this time.

Thirteen centres changing hands? Quite normal in this game

AUSTRIA (Anarchy): A(Bud) H* u/o.

ENGLAND (John Wilman, 2 Keillor Cottages, Kettins, Blairgowrie, Perthshire PH13 9JT)
 A(Lon)-WARP, F(NTH)-WARP-Nwy, A(Bel W S07).

FRANCE (RJ Walkerdine, 6 Honeybourne Way, Wickwar, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos GL12 8PF)
 A(Lpl)-Edi, F(MAD)-Por, A(Spa) S F(MAD)-Por*, A(Gas)-Bre.

GERMANY (Steve Doubleday, Norton House, Whielden Street, Amersham, Bucks HP7 0HU)
 A(Por)-WARP-Spa*, A(Mun)-WARP-Ber*, A(Sev W S07)-Ank*, A(Tyr W S07)-Rom,
 A(Edi W S07), A(Par W S07).

QUINCY continued

ITALY (Rob Moore, Flat 2, 132 Otley Road, Far Headingley, Leeds LS16 5JX)
A(Den) H, A(Par) H, A(Ven)-WARP, A(Rom)-WARP-Ven, A(Pie W S06)-Hol,
A(Apu W S07)-Tri, F(Gre W S06).

RUSSIA (Peter Ritchie, 241 Days Lane, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8JX)
A(Vie)-Bud, F(Rum)-Sev.

TURKEY (Edmund Morgan, 22 Meadow Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 -- COA)
F(Sev) H, A(Ser)-Bud, A(Bul) H, A(Gal) S A(Ser)-Bud, A(Sil)-Ber*, A(Con)-Ank*,
A(Alb)-Serv.

Retreats A rare dislodgement by conventional force kills anarchic A(Bud). Spain, Ankara
and Berlin see anti-matter explosions -- you know the routine by now.

Press

Turkey - Italy: Hello Rob? Calling Rob. Don't make me paranoid. Ta.

Germany - All: I can safely claim, I think, to be the only person to have, briefly, 11
centres with 6 units and none of them on the board!

Judge English - S. Diesduplex: Showoff.

Adjustments

AUSTRIA: Bud	= 0 Good grief, out at last.
ENGLAND: Lon Hol Bel Nwy	= 3 Builds F(Lon), 1 short
FRANCE : Mar Por Spa Lpl Edi Bre	= 6 Builds A(Mar), 2 short
GERMANY: Den Nwy StP Edi Bre Vie Vos Ser Ven Par Sev Rom	= 3 2 sht, no builds possible
ITALY : Rom Nap Tun Gre Kie Mun Sve Den Par Ven Hol Tri	= 11 Builds A(Nap), 5 short.
RUSSIA : Rum Fri Vie	= 2 n/c, astoundingly
TURKEY : Ank Smy Bul War Con Ber Jay Bud Ser	= 9 Builds A(Con, Ank, Smy)

Game End Proposal 6-way draw. Votes with orders please

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QUISQUILIAE IN VERSO

We are late, we are small, but by crikey, we are alive. Evening, all. This is a
small twenty-fourth issue of U-Bend, which will, I hope (but do not promise) be
followed by a larger twenty-fifth.

No hobby news this time, then, far too little time even to mention that Iain
Bowen has announced the next zine poll and that I have seen three excellent new zines
(Box Happy, Revolution and Replay if you must know).

No editorial comment, except this bit.

Oh, let me come clean with you. This is a pathetic, feeble, whingeing, whining
excuse for a postal games zine, and I deserve to be taken away and shot for bringing
the hobby into disrepute. For a start, we managed unexpectedly to scrape up the pennies
to attend the bisexual conference (which may see a report next issue). Apart from this
I am doing a postgraduate diploma one day a week in Manchester, and working two
evenings, and have other commitments on another, and the baby, and [[several pages
deleted]]... with a melon. There, do I sound penitent enough? Can I give back Mike
Allaway's Book of Editorial Writing to Guy Thomas now?

Keep on rocking. Haz Sez It, 9-10-93. Signed, H.R.Bond, aged 24 yrs 1 day.

