

Let sanity take a back seat, it's

MAD POLICY

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MP tries to be a postal Diplomacy zine, and comes from Richard J. Walkerdine of "Cheriton", 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN. It costs 5P per issue (including postage) or is available for trade. The game fee is 25P. Today is Monday, October 16th, 1972.

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"B" Game Starts

The sixth and seventh places were filled last week, which left us all ready to start the game. Then along came John Meadon and suggested I used players' preference lists to allocate the countries. Well I didn't do this for "A" game so it would make a change, thought I. "All right", I said. "But how do I decide who gets what?".

"You don't", said John. "You let me write you a computer program, which will do it all for you".

So off he went to write his program, and off I went to write some letters. The results were as follows:

<u>SR</u>	<u>CB</u>	<u>AD</u>	<u>JM</u>	<u>JO</u>	<u>AW</u>	<u>BY</u>
T	T	T	E	R	E	E
R	R	F	R	T	R	T
E	E	G	T	F	G	G
F	F	A	F	E	T	I
G	G	R	G	A	A	R
I	A	E	I	G	F	F
A	I	I	A	I	I	A

And from the above lists the computer allocated the following countries:

- AUSTRIA: Andy Davidson, Jesus College, Cambridge, CB5 8BL.
- ENGLAND: John Meadon, 10 High View, 31 Avenue Elmers, Surbiton, Surrey.
- FRANCE: Jeff Oliver, 73 Egerton Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 6UZ.
- GERMANY: Andrew Waldie, 312 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee, DD4 7NJ.
- ITALY: Brian Yare, 19 Doocot Road, St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland.
- RUSSIA: Stewart Buckingham, 43 Dundonald Road, Wimbledon, SW19 3QN.
- TURKEY: Charles Barton, 2 Birch Grove, Huyton, Nr Liverpool, L36 9XH.

The 1971 Rulebook and MP house rules will apply, so off you go with the best of British luck!

The Youngstown Variant

Regular subscribers should find the rules and map for this 10-player variant included with this issue. I think it's all fairly straightforward but you'll notice I've shaded in the sea areas which, I hope, should make the map a little clearer.

Before the first game of Youngstown actually gets under way however, perhaps someone out there can answer a few questions for me:

1. Why is it called "Youngstown"?
2. In which year does the action start?
3. Do the moves go spring-autumn-spring or January, February etc.?

And with some answers to the above, plus four more names on the waiting list, I hope the game will be starting in one or two issue's time.

Now that I've got a program to sort out the allocation of countries it

would seem sensible to use it. So unless I get too many letters of disapproval I would like to use preference lists for all games from now on. Therefore will those of you already on the waiting list, plus any newcomers, please send in a preference list for Youngstown? Thanks.

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"A" Game (1972??) — Spring 1902

"BUCKINGHAM" Palace, Constantinople: A conversation between the head of Turkey, Emir Peasant, and his war minister (and twin brother) Emir Rorimage:

EP. "How goes the war, brother".

ER. "I will tell you after I have put these volumes and treatises down on your table".

EP. "Tch! Tch! Mind the woven fabric, you know that too many books spoil the cloth".

ER. "Sorry, most holy one".

EP. "The war! The war! Tell me what is abroad".

ER. "We hear rumours that Kenneth Clarke has secretly entered Russia, and has disguised himself as Czar Peter".

EP. "Are you SHAW?"

ER. "That's what everyone asks him".

EP. "What of A/H?"

ER. "They have promised us 2,000 young female slaves".

EP. "Ah, thank EVANS for little girls".

Fleet Street: It is rumoured here that the British Secret Police, not completely satisfied with their previous swoop on one of the centres of British industry, is seriously considering a similar operation in an industrial area of Germany. Nothing is known of this area, save that it has, up to now, previously been considered 'Rural'.

Journal Of Zoology: Acute concern was expressed in Moscow last night by Professor Ivan Urgetabeoff at the decline of the Russian Bear. In a speech he decried the recent publicity given to nature cures using bears' paws, saying that this was largely responsible for the staggering reduction in the number of bears observed in south-western Russia. A spokesman for the Russian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Bears said, "Dead bears are causing a grave problem in some areas".

Somewhere In England: Wet and dripping after his cross-channel swim, Hannibal pushed open the door and peered into the room. He watched the gamesters huddled over their board. "Is there a Hasdrubal here? Or a Sauron perhaps?" He asked.

Seven white faces turned towards him, each with 'MP' tattooed across the forehead.

"Omigawd, wrong zine!" He gasped.

The Times Literary Supplement:

There's a funny group of natives

In the middle of the Med

Where they use ice-cream and putty by the ton.

Their army's disappearing

The British troops afeering

And their sailing boats have never fired a gun.

GM Makes An Error: (No doubt the first of many)

Not a very serious one though, thank goodness. For the winter builds last time I credited England with having captured Belgium. This was of course

a slip on the part of my typeing finger. England has got Brest and Belgium has fallen to Germany. The positions on the board however remain the same as before. Now let's see what I can get wrong this time.

Moves — Spring 1902

AUSTRIA (Evans): A Ser S (Turkish) A Rum, A Tri - Vie, A Vie - Gal S by A Bud, F Gre - Aeg.

ENGLAND (Morrison): A Bre - Gas, A Lon - Wal, F Eng - MAO, F Lpl - Iri, F Nwy - Nth.

FRANCE (Piggott): A Bur - Par, A Spa S (Italian) A Mar - Gas.

GERMANY (Waldie): A Ber Stands, A Hol Stands, A Kie - Mun, A Mun - Bur S by A Bel, F Den Stands.

ITALY (Meadon): A Mar - Gas, A Rom Stands, A Ven - Pie, F Nap - TyS, F Tun - WMS.

RUSSIA (Shaw): A Mos - Ukr, A Ukr - Gal S by A War, F Sev - Bla, F Swe Stands.

TURKEY (Buckingham): A Bul S A Rum, A Con S A Bul, A Rum S (Austrian) A Vie - Gal, A Smy - Arm, F Ank - Bla.

By now the terrible truth will have dawned on you all, John Piggott has taken over as manager of France. For the benefit of those few souls who still don't subscribe to 'Ethil' his address is, Jesus College, Cambridge, CB5 8BL.

Standby players for this game are Andy Davidson and Jeff Oliver.

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News From The Front

ALBION (Don Turnbull, Flat 13, Gilmerton Court, Trumpington Road, Cambridge, CB2 2HQ) may well be continuing after all. In fact there are hopes that its circulation might grow to 200. For a modest increase in price Don hopes to employ someone to do some of the donkey-work for him, and so cut down the time he has to spend producing the thing. Anyone with the slightest interest in Diplomacy or wargaming will find something to interest them in this zine, and any MP readers who don't already subscribe are recommended to do so.

ETHIL THE FROG (John Piggott, Jesus College, Cambridge, CB5 8BL) is now carrying three games of 'Third Age', and John has put a complete halt on starting any more regular or variant games until some of the nine currently running come to an end. Probably some time in the new year.

DER KRIEG (Graham Jeffery, 8 Rusholme Road, London, SW15 3JZ) is also putting a limit on the number of games being run. Excluding Origins games he will be limiting himself to six. Three games are already running and there are now waiting lists for three more, one of which is an international game with Britain and the USA represented so far.

XL (Colin Hemming, 20 Hilltop Court, Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 6LH) has now started its first regular game, ~~played~~ expertly GM'd by Jeff Oliver in The Monochrome Supplement. Lists are open for another regular game.

WAR BULLETIN (Hartley Patterson, 'Finches', 7 Cambridge Road, Beaconsfield Bucks) has now reached issue 37 and shows no sign of faltering. Two more players are needed to start a game of 'Imperialism IX', the Peloponnesian War

variant. Hartley is also running Larry Peery's 7-part series 'Introduction To The Strategy & Tactics Of Diplomacy', reprinted from HOOSIER ARCHIVES.

Tip For The Top?

Has anyone noticed that number 17 in the charts this week is a song by the O'Jays called 'Back Stabbers'.

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In The Next Issue

The start of what I hope will become a regular series of contributions from MP's readers. Fiona Yare's article, 'Sex In Diplomacy'.

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Waiting Lists

YOUNGSTOWN: Andy Davidson, Andrew Waldie, John Meadon, John Piggott, John Morrison, David Christianson. Four to go!

REGULAR: Andy Davidson, John Meadon.

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Deadline

First post on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD.

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"Well Frodo-lad, that's another chapter finished. Four to go, and then the fourth volume of 'Translations from the Elvish' will be complete".

"And what's the title of this chapter, Bilbo?"

"I haven't decided yet. But Elrond was here the other day, and he suggested I call it

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