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ISSUE NUMBER 6

MAD POLICY is a postal Diplomacy zine, riddled with germs, which comes from a coughing and sneezing Richard J. Walkerdine who is feeling rather miserable in 'Cheriton', 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN. It costs 5P per issue in the U.K., 7P(\$0.20) in the rest of Europe or surface mail to the U.S.A., and 10P(\$0.25) air mail to the U.S.A., or is available for trade. The game fee is 25P. Back issues and rules+map for the Youngstown variant are available at 2P each plus postage. Today is Monday, November 27th, 1972.

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Editorial

I'm typing this page on Friday evening, and there are still three sets of moves that haven't arrived. The recent rail strike has probably got a lot to do with this however, so the deadline is extended by 24 hours, to Saturday morning.

I don't suppose that crowd that call themselves ASLEP have ever heard of Diplomacy, they're too busy trying to push British Rail back into the 19th Century. If only they would try to adjust to the realities of this century we might be in with a chance of getting an efficient railway service in this country!

Now that I've got that off my chest, let me apologise in advance for what will probably be a rather short issue of MP. I usually type the stencils on Friday evening and Saturday and print it on Sunday, ready for posting on Monday morning. This time however I'm being invaded by my parents-in-law on Sunday, so everything has to be finished by Saturday night. I'll make up for it in MI7 though, which will be the Bumper Christmas Edition.

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Konfusion

That's the name of the game from Uncle Kolin Hemming, who has published the rules for this variant in the latest issue of XL. The idea is that the seven players are each allocated a country in the normal way but each of them only knows which country is his, he doesn't know who owns any of the others. Just to add to the fun the players send in moves for a different country each time, the GM re-allocating the countries after each move.

Colin is now offering a game in XL, so all enquiries to him please. He also suggested that I might like to offer a game in MP, but I think I'll wait until I see how the XL game goes before deciding anything. If I do offer a game however, Mr. Hemming's is the first name on the waiting list. Okay Colin?

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After 5½ years of building l-11s, VC10s and Concordes at Weybridge my old ally John Morrison is leaving the sunny south and heading north to build some Jaguars and MRCAs at Preston. After muttering something about, "Wa tha's mook tha's bruss", he said his address for the next month or so would be: 39 Highbury Road, St. Annes, Lancashire.

And so ends the great Turko-Russian alliance in DK 72/2 and the not-so-great Eriador-Rhovanion alliance in Ethil 'G'. No more plotting and backstabbing in the office. No more lunch-time discussions of tactics. No more cries of, "You great ape, I'll get you for this", to disturb the ivory towers of the British Aircraft Corporation. Oh dear it sounds like an epitaph, doesn't it? I think I'd better stop here. Goodbye John, and good luck.

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The National Games Club

As reported last issue, the first meeting was held on November 12th. By the time you read this there will have been two more. Claire and I went along for the first two sessions, and well worth it they were too. For an entrance fee of 25P you get the chance to play Diplomacy, Scrabble, Monopoly, Take the Brain, Chess, Bridge, a whole host of Avalon Hill games and virtually any other boardgame you care to think of.

The club is the brain-child of Graeme Levin, of BDC and Games & Puzzles fame, and he's keen to start some ladder tournaments for some of the more popular games. He's also talking of trying to start a postal Scrabble game!!

To refresh your memories, the club is open every Sunday from 12 noon until 11p.m. at the Bedford Corner Hotel, Bayley Street, just off Tottenham Court Road.

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The Youngstown Variant

Nobody seemed to have any violent objections to the new rules published last issue, so we will be playing to them when (or if) the game starts. Michel Liesnard did point out that most of them appeared in the original version, and only numbers 3 and 6 were in fact new, but was quite happy to go along with them. Come to think of it Michel, you're not on the waiting list for this game are you? Well, there are still three places to be filled.....

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Letters

JOHN PIGGOTT had some things to add to Fiona Yare's article in the last issue, which dealt with women playing Diplomacy:

"Evidently Fiona Yare hasn't seen Ethil 'C' game, where a woman looks reasonably likely to win. Irene Taylor now has 11 bases, and Harry Bell 9. Curiously, Irene is Harry's fiancée... Apart from this, though, females haven't been all that successful in British Diplomacy. Apart from Ailsa Turrell in BDC1 (who, as England, has 5 bases as of Spring '04 and seems to be doing OK at present) and Fiona and Irene, the only others who have partaken are Kathy Hudson and Stella Berg in WB 'B', way back in the mists of antiquity (late 1970). Neither of them really knew how to play, and they both got cut to pieces... Kathy eventually fell in love with my letters (or so it seemed) and assigned control of her country to me. That was how I won my first game of

postal Diplomacy. (Kathy has since got married, in case any of you are wondering).

The new rules of Youngstown are okay by me. So here's one vote for adopting them.

Back to what I was saying earlier, there do seem to be some women playing in Moeshoeshoe; but as they're probably all Michel Liesnard I suggest we may as well forget about them."

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"A" Game (1972DJ) — Spring 1903

Buck House:

Whilst wandering through the lanes of France,  
I met Il Duce, quite by chance,  
We sat and talked of this and that,  
Ethil the Frog and Liesnard's cat.  
Then John Piggott came to mind.  
Said I "I'm only being kind,  
In helping put him out the game".  
But somehow felt it was a shame,  
That one so innocent as he,  
Should be backstabbed by Italy.

Cambridge (Cavendish Laboratory): "A horizontal parallel beam of light, known to be elliptically polarised, is passed through first a copy of WB 36 and then an issue of Mad Policy. It is found that for a certain orientation of the WB the emergent light is plane polarised at 23° to the vertical, and that when the WB is turned through a right angle the emergent light is plane polarised at 81° to the vertical. For sixty-four thousand dollars, determine the ratio of the permittivities of WB and Mad Policy, and the issue number of the Mad Policy."

London (Gvmt): The government, worried for some time about the country's vulnerability to attack, has called for new defence measures to be carried out immediately. A warship is also being dispatched to Norway, which has also asked for protection. The ship is expected to arrive in the autumn.

Moves — Spring 1903

AUSTRIA (Evans): A Bud Stands, A Gal S (Turkish) A Rum - Ukr, A Ser - Gre,  
A Vie Stands, F Con S (Turkish) F Ank - Bla.

ENGLAND (Morrison): A Bre - Pic, A Wal - Lon, F Eng - Nth, F Iri - Eng,  
F MAO S (Italian) F Spa(SC) - Por.

FRANCE (Piggott): A Por S (Italian) F Spa(SC).

GERMANY (Waldie): A Bur - Mar, A Kie - Den, A Par S (English) A Bre - Gas,  
A Pru - Lvn, A Sil Stands, F Bal - GoB, F Ber - Bal.

ITALY (Meadon): A Gas S A Mar, A Mar S A Gas, A Tus - Pie, F GoL - Spa(SC),  
F Rom - TyS, F Spa(SC) - Por.

RUSSIA (Skaw): A Mos S A War, A Ukr S A War, A War S A Ukr, F Bla - Rum.

TURKEY (Buckingham): A Bul - Rum, A Gre - Bul, A Rum - Ukr S by A Sev,  
A Smy - Arn, F Ank - Bla.

Retreats: French A Por annihilated.  
Russian A Ukr and F Bla annihilated.

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"B" Game (1972DK) -- Autumn 1901

Joke-of-the-month Competition: The entry this time comes from Miss An A.Gram;  
 "A Shroe, a Shroe, ym Dingkom rof a Shroe!"

Machu Picchu, Peru: Let the nations of Europe tremble. Let their leaders beware. For know you all that Huascar Ccapac, child of the sun, last true Sapa Inca of the Tahuantinsuyu, has discarded the bonds of death. Returned at last to the land of his people he is pledged to take revenge on those who despoiled the fair Inca nation.

The Sapa Inca will not rest until the whole of Europe is aflame with war. For only with blood can Europe be purged of the crimes committed against Viracocha and the empire of the sun.

Moves -- Autumn 1901

- AUSTRIA (Davidson): A Ser - Bul, A Tri - Ser, F Alb - Gre.
- ENGLAND (Meadon): A Edi - Yor, F Nth - Lon, F Nwg - Nwy.
- FRANCE (Oliver): A Mar - Spa, A Pic - Bel, F Eng S (German) F Den - Nth.
- GERMANY (Waldie): A Kie - Den, A Ruh - Hol, F Den - Nth.
- ITALY (Yare): A Apu - Tun C by F Ion, A Ven Stands.
- RUSSIA (Buckingham): A Sev S F Rum, A Ukr S A Sev, F Fin - Swe,  
 F Rum S (Austrian) A Ser - Bul.
- TURKEY (Burton): A Arm - Smy, A Bul Stands S by F Bla.

Er Jeff, your army is already in Spain.

Builds -- Winter 1901

- A: 5 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, +Gre, +Ser. Builds A Bud, A Vie.
- B: 4 Centres: Edi, Lpl, Lon, +Nwy. Builds F Lpl.
- F: 5 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, +Bel, +Spa. Builds F Bre, A Mar.
- G: 5 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den, +Hol. Builds F Kie, A Mun.
- I: 4 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tun. Builds F Nap.
- R: 6 Centres: Mos, StP, Sev, War, +Rum, +Swe. Builds A Mos, A War.
- T: 4 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, +Bul. No build orders received!!

It's just possible that the postal service is still feeling the affects of the recent rail strike. Therefore if I receive Turkey's build orders before I post this issue on Monday morning, they will be accepted. But if they don't come first post Turkey will have to go through 1902 one unit short.

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Return of COA

This is one that's going to affect nearly every game played in this country!

Andy Davidson will be leaving Cambridge for the Christmas vac. From about December 4th his address will be: Flat D5, Harewood Court, Marsland Road, Sale, Cheshire.

Actually Dec.4th is my birthday. So if anyone's got a nice new duplicator they don't want, and they haven't decided what present to get me yet.....

A Few Reminders

Every now and then I find a few small mistakes in somebody's orders. Perhaps someone has ordered A Tur - Pie when his army is in Tuscany, or I might find the order A Nwy - Nrg when the unit in Norway is a fleet, or I might even find Livonia called Liv instead of Lvn: In all these cases it's quite clear that the player has just made a simple mistake, and it's perfectly obvious what he meant to write. So what I've done so far is to correct the mistake and say no more. But this can't go on for much longer. When there are three or four games running in this zine I'm not going to have time to make allowances in this way, so please take note that as from next issue orders will be typed up exactly as I receive them. If any of you make any of these slips then I'm afraid they'll have to stand, so please, please make sure that your orders are correct. It's going to benefit you as well as making life easier for me.

It's also fairly usual to receive most of the orders on the day of the deadline, which means I can't type the stencils until the weekend and the zine ends up being rushed. So why not send in your orders a week or two before the deadline? If you do some negotiating after this and want to change them, you can always send in a revised set. It will make my job easier and it will mean that you don't have to rush around posting letters a day before the deadline.

One more point and I promise not to bother you any more. If you are playing in more than one game your orders should be written, or preferably typed, on separate sheets of paper, and on one side only please.

This zine seems to be full of moans this issue. I'm sorry about that. But I've just heard that West Ham have just gained their second away win of the season, so there at least is something to cheer you up (unless you're an Everton supporter of course).

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Waiting Lists

YOUNGSTOWN: Andy Davidson, Andrew Waldie, John Meadon, John Piggott, John Morrison, David Christianson, Michel Feron.

REGULAR: Andy Davidson, John Meadon, Conrad von Metzke, John Piggott.

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Deadline

First post on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.

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Well that's Episode 6 finished. Fade the picture, roll the credits.  
Words by Richard Walkerdine.  
Spelling corrections by Claire.  
Music by Dr. Marigold's Prescription.  
The end of;

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