

A happy new year to you all from

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MAD POLICY has been called, among other things, a postal Diplomacy zine, and comes from a recently-sobered Richard J. Walkerdine at 'Cheriton', 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN, England. Available for trade or money, the subscription rates are 10/50P U.K., 10/70P Europe and 4/\$1 airmail, and the game fee is 25P. Back issues and rules+map for the Youngstown variant are available at 2P each plus postage. Today is Monday, January 8th, 1973.

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"D" Game Starts

Nice to start the new year with a new game, isn't it? Here are the players' preference lists, the country underlined being the one allocated.

- Davidson : T, E, R, G, F, A, I.
- Davies : G, E, R, A, T, I, F.
- Meadon : F, G, R, T, E, I, A.
- Morris : F, I, A, E, T, G, R.
- Piggott : T, F, R, E, G, I, A.
- von Metzke: A, I, T, R, G, F, E.
- Winton : E, T, R, A, G, I, F.

Which means the line-up is as follows:

- AUSTRIA: Conrad von Metzke, Box 8342, San Diego, CA 92102, USA.
- ENGLAND: Graham Winton, 60 Netherby Park, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 0AQ.
- FRANCE : John Meadon, 10 High View, 31 Avenue Elmers, Surbiton, Surrey.
- GERMANY: Howell Davies, 86 Glebelands Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 9EA.
- ITALY : Duncan Morris, 21 Altair Way, RAF, Northwood, Middlesex, and St. Salvators Hall, St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9AZ, from about Jan.10th.
- RUSSIA : Andy Davidson, Flat D5, Harewood Court, Marsland Road, Sale, Cheshire, and Jesus College, Cambridge, CB5 8BL, from about Jan.17th, I think.
- TURKEY : John Piggott, 17 Monmouth Road, Oxford, OX1 4TD, and Jesus College, Cambridge, CB5 8BL, as above.

Letters to America will take 4-5 weeks if sent surface-mail, so you had better write to von Metzke airmail. Pre-stamped airmail letter-forms are 5P each from the Post Office, and will take 3-4 days to get there. Okay?

And while on the subject of Mr. von Metzke; please Conrad, can we have a Boardman number? Thanks.

Enjoy the game, friends.

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MP Profile Number 2And What Did You Do In The War Daddy ?

My plea last issue for articles or information with which to continue the 'Profile' series has so far met with no response. So now you must suffer the consequences - don't say I didn't warn you - and plough through the boring details of the birth and awakening of one of 1972's newcomers to our sport. Me !

A long long time ago, as the story goes, when knights were still bold and England was still a green and pleasant land, and jet airliners had just begun crossing the Atlantic, a little boy entered the local grammar school at Romford, Essex. For the next five years he worked hard, and by the sweat of his brow, the brilliance of his intellect and (mostly) cheating in exams, he duly took his place in the sixth form.

Now in the school at this time there existed a quarterly publication which bore the unlikely title of The School Magazine. Full to overflowing with reports of school football matches, cricket matches, hockey matches, outings, fishing trips, jumble sales and advertisements it represented to many the lowest point to which the publishing world had yet sunk. Our hero and some of his friends decided to take action, and in due course The Underdog was born; eight to ten pages of spirit-duplicated humour and satire for the princely sum of two old pennies. Circulation soon climbed to nearly 300, bringing with it fame and notoriety for the publishers, and a tidy profit at the end of the day. After a few issues it folded, due mainly to pressure of exams and a general waning of interest, but the seed had been sown. Our hero now had ink in his blood. He had seen his name in print and though many long years were to pass, the urge to put finger to typewriter would come again.

Seven years later we find our hero living in Surrey. Married now, those old school-days are nothing but a vague memory. Once in a while he and his wife visit a friend of theirs, and take with them a game called 'Risk' with which they spend many a happy hour. Then one day a friend at work tells of another game involving maps and armies. It is called 'Diplomacy' and, according to the friend, knocks 'Risk' into a cocked hat!

A few days later our hero makes two purchases which are destined to change his whole way of life. The first is a game called 'Diplomacy' and the second is the first issue of a magazine called Games And Puzzles. In the first he finds a leaflet advertising the BDC, and in the second he sees an advertisement for another magazine, Albion. On that fateful day in May, 1972 he writes away to both.

The BDC proves to be a bit of a blind alley, but with Albion he has more luck. For Albion leads to War Bulletin, which leads to Ethil The Frog, which leads to XL and Der Krieg, and by August he is fully immersed in the world of postal Diplomacy.

At about this time the supply of regular games begins to dry up. The future of Albion begins to look doubtful, Ethil announces it will start no more games, the BDC proves too expensive, XL and War Bulletin are offering variants only. Der Krieg looks like being the only source of regular games for some time to come.

It is at this point that the old publishing bug begins to bite again. He finds his fingers itching for the feel of typewriter keys; dim memories of school-days are kindled anew. By now he has the rest of his office playing Diplomacy, and the realisation suddenly comes that with a minimum of effort he has enough players to start a regular postal game. A typewriter and duplicator are quickly aquired, the bank manager pacified and the stage is

now set. Our hero is a crossword fan, so an anagram of 'Diplomacy' would seem to be in order, and in the games he is playing his policies are already in disarray. Mad Policy is born, and the rest of the story you know only too well.

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'A' Game (1972DJ) — Spring 1904

Exchange & Mart - Moscow Edition:

LOST:- One country, mauve in colour, answers to the name of 'Russia'. Finder should contact Tzar Peter the Not-so-Great, or Lord Clarke of Civilisation.

St. Luke's Hospital, Rome: After an illness of Agressive Megalomania lasting almost four years, it was announced last night that Il Duce Meadows has finally passed away. His condition is described as 'satisfactory'.

Transylvania:

A werewolf once tore at his side
To find out just what was inside.
He tore and he tore,
Till his jaws ran with gore,
But before he could find out, he died.

Moves — Spring 1904

AUSTRIA (Evans): A Boh S (Italian) A Tyr - Mun, A Gal - Sil,
A Gre A Tri A Vie F Aeg all stand.

ENGLAND (Morrison): A Lon - Bel C by F Eng and S by A Hol, F Bre - Pic S by
A Par, F Edi - Nth, F Nth - Ska.

GERMANY (Waldie): A Bur - Ruh, A Mun - Kie, A Swe - Nwy S by A StP,
F GoB - Swe, F Kie - Hel S by F Den.

ITALY (Meadon): A Gas - Bur S by A Mar, A Tyr - Mun, A Ven - Pic,
F Por F Spa(NC) F WMS all stand.

RUSSIA (Shaw): A War stands.

TURKEY (Buckingham): A Bul - Rum, A Mos - War S by A Ukr, A Rum - Gal,
A Sev - Mos, F Bla - Con.

Retreats: Russian A War - Lvn

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'B' Game (1972DK) — Autumn 1902

AUSTRIA (Davidson): A Bud - Rum S by A Bul and A Ser, A Vie - Gal,
F Gre S A Bul.

ENGLAND (Meadon): A Yor - Lpl, F Cly - Edi, F Lon - Eng, F Nth - Nwy.

FRANCE (Oliver): A Bel stands, A Gas - Wal C by F MAO and F Iri, A Por stands.

GERMANY (Waldie): A Den A Hol A Mun all stand, F Hel - Nth S by F Nrg.

ITALY (Yare): A Tun - Syr C by F Ion and F EMS, A Ven thinks ((sic)).

RUSSIA (Buckingham): A Gal S A Rum, A Rum S (Austrian) A Bud, A Sev - Arm,
A Ukr A S A Gal, F Bla - Ank, F Swe - Nwy.

TURKEY (Burton): A Ank - Smy, F Con - Bul, F Aeg - Gre.

Retreats: English F Nth - Lon.
 Russian A Rum - Sev.

Builds -- Winter 1902

- A: 7 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Bul, +Gre, +Rum. Builds A Bud, A Tri.
- E: 4 Centres: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy. No change.
- F: 6 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, +Por. Builds F Bre.
- G: 5 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol. No change.
- I: 4 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun. No change.
- R: 6 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, ~~Yuk~~, Swe, +Ank. No change.
- T: 2 Centres: ~~Yuk~~, Con, Smy. GM removes F Aeg.

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'C' Game (The Youngstown Variant) -- Spring 1901

Paris (Govt Spokesman): Following reports of an outbreak of the virulent Allemandic plague in Burgundy, the government has ordered the following:

1. Total evacuation of all major cities,
2. Annexation of Spain as 'lebensraum', and
3. Burgundy is declared a prohibited area to military personnel of all nationalities.

Moves -- Spring 1901

- AUSTRIA (Waldie): A Bud - Ser, A Clu stands, A Vie - Tri, F Tri - Mon.
- CHINA (Christianson): A Han - Kan, A Pek - IMO, F Can stands unordered.
- ENGLAND (Meadon): F Edi - Nth, F Joh - Tha(EC), F Lpl - NAO, F Lon - Eng.
- FRANCE (Morris): A Mar - Spa, A Par - Gas, F Bre - MAO, F Sai - SCS.
- GERMANY (Davies): A Ber - Kie, A Mun - Ruh, A Pos - Sax, F Kie - Den.
- INDIA (Morrison): A Cal - Bna, A Del - Cal, F Mad - EIO.
- ITALY (Piggott): A Rom - Apu, A Ven stands, F Mog - Dan, F Nap - Ion.
- JAPAN (Happe): F Kyo - SoJ, F Osa - SPO, F Tok - NPO.
- RUSSIA (Davidson): A Mos - Ukr, A Oms - Sib, A War - Gal, F Sev - Rum,
 F StP(SC) - GoB, F Vla - Kor.
- TURKEY (Feron): A Bag - Nej, A Con - Bul, A Smy - Arm S by F Ank.

A couple of players have had queries about this game. Let's see if I can answer them:

Andrew Waldie wasn't too sure whether or not Cluj bordered Serbia. Yes Andrew, it does.

Duncan Morris wondered why the off-board provinces allow Sud - Mor and Sah - Eaf but not Sud - Sah and Sah - Sud. Well that's a bit tricky but at a guess I'd say it's because one can move between Sud and Sah in two moves anyway, so to move via an off-board province wouldn't gain one anything. The whole purpose of the off-board provinces is after all to speed up movement around the board.

Don't forget - builds and removals with the Autumn orders please.

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Bits and Pieces

The latest issue of von Metzke's Everything (No. 5) includes what he hopes is a complete listing of all active publishers of Dippyazines. The total of 70 publishers breaks down as follows; USA - 52, UK - 9, Canada - 5, Belgium - 2, Australia - 1, South Africa - 1. Between them they publish nearly 100 zines. Phew.

There was another item of news I was going to add here, but I've forgotten what it was. Perhaps I'll remember by next issue. Now let's have some CoA's...

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Duncan Morris, Andy Davidson and John Piggott are dealt with on page 1. There are two more that I know of:

Dave Christianson is about to return to Rankin Hall, 44 Ullet Road, Liverpool, Lancs., and

John Morrison has finally decided to stop wandering and has settled at 14 Leys Road, Blackpool, Lancashire. He also has a telephone, Blackpool 56092.

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Standby Players

'A' Game: Andy Davidson, Jeff Oliver.

'B' Game: John Morrison, Dave Black.

'C' Game: Stewart Buckingham, Graham Winton, Dave Black.

'D' Game: I could do with two please. Pretty please?

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Waiting List

REGULAR: Dave Black, Hazel Robson.

Your eyes do not deceive you, we now have our first female player, and there's a good chance that by next issue we may have our second. Keep them cards and letters rolling in !

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Deadline

First post on FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 1973.

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Rather a short issue this time, only five pages. A few more press releases would have pushed it up to six but anything above that will have to come from articles etc. from you lot. So it's up to you. See you next issue.

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