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All hail, thou princest! Enter unto this domain, and you shall find pleasure amongst the conflicts of mind and body recounted within. And if good fortune should befall you, there shall be a widening and deepening of your understanding of the tactics and strategies of diplomacy.

The staff of The Master Machiavellian is always pleased to hear comments on their work upon this magazine. They have expressed particular interest in your opinions on our anniversary issue, number thirteen. We apologize for the poor printing that occurred. After running off one hundred copies of each page, which depleted the strength of the black dittoes, it was discovered that the pages had not been allowed sufficient time to dry, and the passages from one side of each page had mingled with the other, making both quite unreadable. This not only meant a loss of several hours time and effort, but a very significant financial loss as well. The staff then ran off a second hundred pages from each ditto, and these were understandably light. To exclude the possibility of this event ever recurring again, the staff may decide to adopt the usage of purple dittoes rather than black, thus to achieve superior reproduction results. As it is a matter of necessity, this change, should it prove unavoidable, carries with it my consent.

This issue is the first to be ten pages long. It appears that when the next two games are filled, it will be necessary to expand again to twelve pages. This will be the limit, however, for printing more than twelve pages would put the weight of each copy of The Master Machiavellian over one ounce, whereupon the postal charges for such an increase would double. Unfortunately, the postal rates are increasing soon, from ten cents a unit first class to thirteen cents a unit first class, and this increase will be reflected in our subscription fee, forcing it to rise from ten issues for two dollars to ten issues for two dollars and thirty cents effective the eighteenth day of November 1975. The extra thirty cents is totally postage costs; this publication does not receive a penny of it.

In the fourth Diplomacy conflict, two openings remain, and in the second Colonia game there are also two positions vacant. Please note that this second Colonia game is the excellent new Second Edition, while our first was the First Edition. All players will receive a Second Edition map with their fee.

Please refrain from telephoning our chief editor, Michael Homeier, after the hour of 8.30 pm, or longer than fifteen minutes if at all possible. He has many other obligations that he must fulfill, most involving the pursuit of higher education.

May your diplomatic conjugations be filled with the complimentary essences of the lion and of the fox, of force and of fraud. Farewell --

Niccolò Machiavelli

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FIVE BABY PEsCos or, How Five Warship Models Were Pounded to Oblivion

In addition to the direction and play of Diplomacy, the staff of TMM, in concert with other members of the Palisades-Brentwood Organization of Politico-Military Sciences (P.B.O.P.M.S.) ((shew!)), often engages in wargames. Up to September of this year these wargames were mainly of the Avalon Hill-SPI type, but now our group is caught up into playing the Fletcher Pratt Naval Wargame utilizing 1/700-scale Japanese waterline models and 1/720-scale Revell models. The groups first important engagement took place at the residence of Philip Koenig, where many of us had gathered in celebration of Phil's birthday.

After clearing out all large heavy pieces (and all breakable items) from Phil's living room, we slipped off our shoes and settled down to work. The scenario was simple: one Kirishima-class battle-cruiser and three heavy cruisers (Force B) was ordered to perform a rapid penetration shore-bombardment, opposed by whatever elements Force A could scrape together, namely the hybrid-battleship carrier Ise escorted by two destroyers. All of Force A's ships were under the command of (he played by) Mike Howeler, while Force B's command/player breakdown was Atago (Christoph Ferguson), Kumano (Eric Spak), Tone (Pete Shapley), and Kirishima, captained by Phil Koenig who was in overall command of Force B. No aircraft were to be used (altho' one gnat was claimed hit in a crossfire of 14" shells), and before long the two forces were pounding toward each other.

Unfamiliar with the game mechanics, Force B failed to make use of its superior speed to outflank and rush the slower Force A. Force B's deployment also meant that the after two ships would take longer to get the range, especially as they were heavy cruisers. Mike, realizing his inferiority in speed, turned to port and presented his broadside to the approaching enemy, and before long found himself crossing Force B's "T". After Ise's first salvo of ranging shots fell short, Phil turned Kirishima about 35° to starboard, forcing Peter in Tone to turn even more sharply, thus effectively taking Tone out of the fight for a good while.

Mike's plan was to concentrate on the heavy cruisers, slowing them and neutralizing their torpedoes, and then, while Ise picked off Kirishima, the two Yuki-kaze destroyers would finish the cruisers. To this end Ise shot at Atago, and was soon rewarded by seeing eight 14" shells land on Atago's fore'side, knocking out many of her guns and slowing her speed drastically. A second salvo of eight 14" shells from Ise crashed into Atago (one hitting the bridge and killing Capt. Ferguson), leaving her crippled with one 8" gun left and a couple of knots of speed. Atago was no longer of any concern to Force A.

Phil's plan had been to knock out the two Yuki-kazes and then concentrate and smash Ise, but following the latter's first effective salvo of hits on Atago, Kirishima's 14-inchers swung onto the massive bulk of Ise, and soon landed 4 hits, followed by 4 more delivered at the same time as Ise was finishing Atago.

Faced by this accurate and punishing fire, Mike decided that his original plan to "sink the cruisers" just wasn't going to work as Kirishima was putting on too many damage points on Ise. Consequently, Ise commenced fire on Kirishima. He was still firing away at her when Ise struck the last of the long

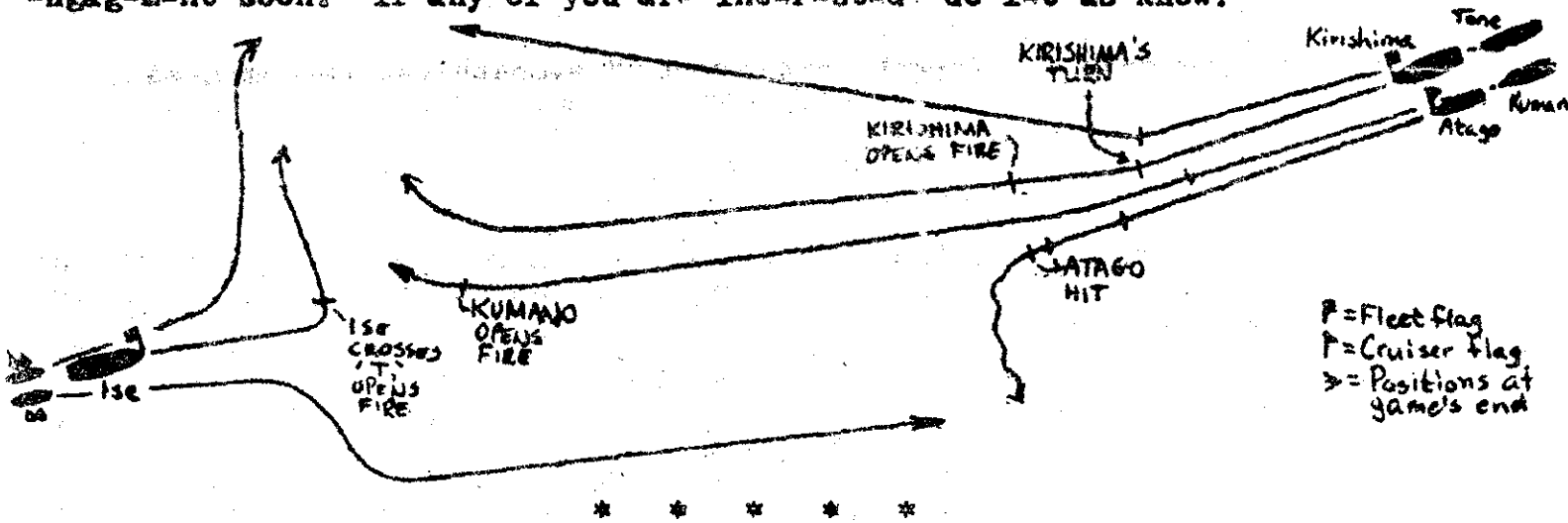
Before long Michael, firing broadside down the length of Kirishima, began to gain the edge as Kirishima could reply with only her bow guns, and had a much thinner target to fire at. Soon Kiri was losing guns and speed, and as Capt. Spak in Kumano came charging up, Capt. Shapley (who was now running Kiri for Phil who went off to look at his loot, leaving Tone running abstractly off on the fringes of the battle) realized his error and began swinging Kirishima to bring her undamaged stern guns to bear and to present Mike with less of a target to fire at. Ise began to maneuver to keep across Kiri's bows for as long as possible as Kumano's 8-inchers began to tell on Ise.

Just as Kirishima managed to clear her remaining 3 14" guns, and just as Ise began to sight onto Kumano, and just as Tone began to close with one of Mike's Yukikazes, and just as Mike's other Yukikaze was closing to sink the hulk of the Atago, the game folded: it was past 5.00, the time set for the end of the meeting, and various parents were impatiently waiting as their charges fiddled over a 6-inch here and an 8-inch there. All in all, a most interesting battle, our first, with many mistakes made on both sides. Here are the vital statistics of this most enjoyable encounter:

SHIP:	COMMDNR:	ROUNDS FIR'D:	HITS SCORED:	AVRG:	DMG POINTS TAKEN BY THAT SHIP:
<u>Ise</u>	M. Homeier	70	52	.743	84,935 points taken
<u>Yukikaze #1</u>	M. Homeier	0	0	.000	0 points taken
<u>Yukikaze #2</u>	M. Homeier	0	0	.000	0 points taken
FORCE A TOTALS =		70	52	.743	84,835 points taken
<u>Kirishima</u>	P. Koenig/P. Shapley	53	27	.509	83,204 points taken
<u>Atago</u>	C. Ferguson (KIA)	1	0	.000	50,000 points taken
<u>Kumano</u>	E. Spak	18	9	.500	6,250 points taken
<u>Tone</u>	P. Shapley	0	0	.000	0 points taken
FORCE B TOTALS =		72	36	.500	139,454 points taken

--As you can see, Mike shot an excellent 75%, and both the Koenig-Shapley team and Eric Spak shot a very good 50%. But because of Ise's superior shooting enhanced by some tactical errors by Force B (namely, allowing their "T" to be crossed), it appeared obvious that Mike had won ((cheers! calls! chortles!)) Had the game continued, however, the outcome might well have been quite different.

Our thanks to Jon Reich for GMing this first encounter, and for retrieving the pieces of our models as we trod upon them! We hope to have another more massive engagement soon. If any of you are interested, do let us know!



GAMERS NOTE: Due to a lack of space, the inclusion of any U.S. Wars press is going to be reduced -- its been taking up all together too much room, as much fun as its been -- but with two more games on the point of completion, and with a limit of 12 pages, you can see that we have a space problem!

AUSTRIA(Stephens): Builds F Nap, F Tri, A Glu, A Vie. Has F Nap, F Tri, F Tyr, A Glu, A Vie, A Pol, A Psa, A Sax, A Bav, A Pps (10).
ENGLAND(Scheutz): Builds F Lon, F Vir, F Aus, A Nig. Has F Lon, F Vir, F Aus, F Fij, F Nat, F Nwy, F Iri, A Ora, A Nig, A Con (10).
FRANCE(Lucero): Builds A Dak, A Que, A Pdy, A Par. Has F EAT, A MDak, A Que, A Pdy, A Par, A Ont, A Tou, A Sav, A Mah, A Sen (10).
NETHERLANDS(Hyatt): Builds F Jav, F Sur, F Ant, A Cpc, A Hag. Has F Jav, F Sur, F Ant, F Den, F Beo, A Rhi, A Han, A Cpc, A Hag, A Bol, A Zam (11).
OTTOMANS(Greenwell): Builds F Izm, F Bag, F Jer (sc), A Sof. Has F Izm, F Bag, F Jer(sc), F Bla, A Sof, A Egy, A Yem, A Per, A Afg, A Arm (10).
PORTUGAL(~~Cart~~Stimmel?): Builds F Lis, A Bra, A Ang, F Mac. Has F Lis, F Azo, A Bra, A Ang, F Mac, A Arg, A Cad, A Lag, A Bma, A Opo (10).
RUSSIA(Schnaath): Builds A Mos, A Smk, A Oms, A Irk. Has F Swe, A Mos, A Smk, A Oms, A Irk, A Kia, A Cri, A Amu, A Tur, A Chn (10).
SPAIN(Booth?): Builds * F Mnl, A Mex, A Ifn. Has F Mnl, F Tar, F SOG, A Tex, A Mex, A Ifn, A Mrc, A Bah, A Arg (9).

TAKE OVER

--Gads, what a lot of typing! And not everything's been occupied yet! Bozhe moi! Wiley Carter has had to quit the Colonia game, so will Bob Stimmel, 1541 Sawtelle Blvd. Apt. #12, L.A. CA 90025 please submit standby orders for Portugal? And because I haven't heard a thing from Paul Booth, and I've failed to track him down will Peggy Gemignani please submit standby moves for Spain? Thanks to you both! An * following Portuguese and Spanish builds means that many different sets of differing builds were written and a die rolled to determine which was to be used. We felt it too important to let the two countries miss out on builds, as it would have affected the game in a negative manner. Deadline for Spring 1751 orders is 3:15pm 20 November 1975. And now off to press...

BERLIN ((Via Austria)): "Dutchkopfs, vatch yourselfs or die Prussian militarist-industrialist might vill shtick you mit our collective sword in der bun! Be nize or go away und play in der dyke. Nashty tings, you!" ((Gollum, gollum!))

PARIS, 20 December 1750: "In order to protect our new holdings both at home and abroad, His Majesty the King today ordered the raising of four new units. It is hoped that the nations of the world will not mis-interpret this purely defensive action."

VIENNA: "Doze Dutchie klutzes! How soon dey forget dey uszed to be der Aushtrian Netherlands!" grumbled the emperor.

"Ja, liebchen, how soon dey forget, nicht wahr?" sympathized the empress.

"Und diss ist 1750isher, ve got nine electors -- doze schweinisher Dutchies got Hanover, Pfalz, Cologne und dat dumbkopf der silly Archbishop uf Trier! Dats only four. Ve got Saxony, Bohemia, Brandenburg, Bavaria, und Mainz -- dot comes out five. SO I AM SHTILL DER GERMAN KING UNTIL 1806! -- I should liff so long!" gleefully chortled the emperor.

"Don't forget dot you got der Pope himmelf! So nobody, not ever der Dutchie-wutchies, can be der Holy Roman Emperor except mien own shweetie-poopschen!" comforted the empress cooingly.

"Ja, und dis Duchy of Aushtria shtick -- dey don't know dot I am der King uf der Ungarischers, Serbischers, Slovaks und Bohunks! Why, I don't haf to vait until 1804 to be der Emperor uf Aushtria -- I make myself dat right now cause I got der Popischer on my shide!" crowed the emperor.

ROME -- "The Pope announced today that he had confirmed the use and abuse of the titles King of the Germans, Emperor of Austria, Holy Roman Emperor, and other goodies by the glorious former Duke of Austria. He also conveyed his heartfelt wish that the Austrian ruler lift the embargo on Viennese pastries that had economically crippled the Vatican's resources."

(GAMES CONTINUED)

COLONIA Postscript: Fred Hyatt has moved that, effective 1951, Winter and Spring orders are to be published simultaneously. I wonder if I can handle that, as the '74HO players asked for a suspension of a combined Winter-Spring system -- well, anyway, send in your vote (you too, standbys) with Spring '51 moves.

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1974HO

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PARALYZED AS
ANGLO-GERMAN SWEEP CONTINUES

Spring 1905

// A Bul

AUSTRIA(Kissner): F Gre-Aeg; A Vie-Boh; A Tri-Tyr; A Bud-Rum; *A Bul H; A Ser S
ENGLAND(Zimmermann): F StP-Nwy; F Nwg-Nth; F Bre-Mid; F Eng S F Bre-Mid; F Iri
S F Bre-Mid.
FRANCE(CD): emigré A Por H.
GERMANY(Fujihara): F Bal C A Ber-Liv; A Ber-Liv; A War H; A Hol-Kie; A Par-Bur;
A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar; A Sil-Boh; A Mun-Tyr.
ITALY(Ferguson-CB): F Ion H; F Spa(sc) H; F Tyr H; F Wes H; A Mar H /f Pie, OTB/;
A Tun H.
RUSSIA(Swaheck): A Mos-War; A Rum-Ser.
TURKEY(Lucero): F Aeg-Gre; F Bla S A Con-Bul; A Con-Bul; A Sev-Rum.

--Again, Gus missed out on his moves, which could be fatal, considering the successful might of the Anglo-German juggernaut. Although failing to take Serbia, the Russian army's attack from Rumania successfully cut the Austrian army's support of its Bulgarian army, which was annihilated due to the supported Turkish attack - which explains the *. Fall 1905 orders due 3.15pm 20 November 1975. And now for the press war...

Ankara Herald Advocate, 15 Jan. '05: "It was reported today that the National Assembly, in its first session since the new elections, has been considering the steadily worsening conditions in the Western Hemisphere. Since we have become so entangled in New World affairs (all we did was to purchase some British Colonies, hardly a threat to the U.S.), and the United States government has consistently thwarted our effort to establish peaceful control over our possessions, the National Assembly has been forced to take drastic action. To this end, we do hereby declare war on the United States of America. It is hoped that this war will be short, and ended in diplomatic manner."

Florida Sun, 17 Jan. '05: "In response to Turkish charges of American response being altogether unwarranted, as the Turks were only attempting to 'purchase some British colonies', the Secretary of State said today that the American government was hardly adverse to the purchase of the said territories. He claimed that it was Turkey's persistence in arming her newly-acquired lands that forced the Washington government to land U.S. Marines in those lands last Fall, coupled with Great Britain's highhanded and totally undiplomatic move of dispatching major elements of its fleet into supposedly neutralized areas of the Americas."

Sao Paulo Journal, 29 Jan. '05: "Officials of the member states of the Concert of Latin American States (CLAS) met in the Imperial Palace today to discuss the steadily worsening situation to the North, which has prompted American forces to move against England and a Turkish declaration of war in response. The Concert, declaredly in favor of restoring favorable relations, have issued a communique to the effect that a neutralized area be established between Turkish, British, and American territories, and that, in addition to the retirement of U.S., English, and Turkish military forces, that Concert military forces be stationed as a police force to keep the peace. Proposals regarding the attempts of the Latin American nations still colonies of foreign powers to gain independence are under consideration, and all persons are advised to ignore the propagandized press releases of the near-belligerents."

Smyrna Sentinel, 29 Jan. '05: "Reports have reached us that our forces which have invaded Alaska and Virginia have met stiff American resistance, while our troops have succeeded in shelling New York, and are laying siege to Washington. It was said that the U.S. Federal Government has been relocated to Ottawa, in

(7480 press cont/) the old Parliament building, and is presently trying to counter our attacks. H.I.M. The Sultan also announced that he is offering to meet the Americans in Geneva, to discuss our 'differences'. American response has not been received."

Washington Post, 8 Feb. '06: "Reports were released by the State Department today concerning a clash between elements of the United States Atlantic Fleet and the Turkish Navy, in which the Turkish battleships were driven off and all troop-loaded transports sunk. In what the Administration claimed the most stunning naval victory over any European power since Santiago de Cuba, American casualties were said to be 'virtually nonexistent', while those of the Turks 'overwhelmingly great'. Still, however, due to the lack of the War Department to make any announcements concerning this War (if it is indeed a real war), the actuality of this conflict can easily be speculated at."

New York Times, 8 Feb. '06: "The Secretary of State left Washington today, destination Geneva. No other details are available at this time."

Sao Paulo Journal, 17 Feb. '06: "Elements of the Concert of Latin American States' Joint Navy took up station this morning in the neutral zones separating the edgy American and Turkish war fleets. Land units occupied the disputed territories in the wake of the departing U.S. Marines, pulled out in accordance with the Geneva Agreement of 14 Feb. In that agreement, the United States remained adamant on two points: first, that large numbers of Turkish military forces would not be stationed in America, except those forces necessary for effective control, and second, that under no condition whatsoever would military forces of any European power presently a belligerent in the European war be permitted in United States coastal waters proper, or in those of the United States' territories. Turkish response was said to be favorable, and it appears that the Turko-American enmity has been the response of a great misunderstanding. However, the British government has made no move to enter the Agreement, and a quasi-state of war still exists between the piqued London government and the still-angry Washington government. Ratification of the Agreement in both national assemblies is eagerly awaited, and the renewal of good relations between the United States and Turkey are sincerely hoped for. Meanwhile, word is still awaited from the Sultan's government concerning the appeal of their American colonies for independence. It is hoped that the Sultan will agree to these nations' proposals, especially in light of Turkey's recent democratic character."

New York Times, 21 Feb. '06: "The Congress in joint session tonight overwhelmingly ratified the Geneva Agreement between the U.S. and Turkey. The few dissenters, of the Democratic and Republican parties, were overwhelmed by the favorable response made by the mostly newly-elected congresspeople of the American Party. It is hoped that the Turkish assembly will also ratify, and that the Sultan will pass his approval, as President Roosevelt has already done. In the meanwhile, Anglo-American relations continue to sour, as the cocky London government, no doubt heady from their victories in Europe, continues to ignore American offers for negotiations, and the Atlantic Fleet remains on station from Iceland to Puerto Rico, in the event of any trouble."

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1975AV ENGLAND COLLAPSING Spring 1903
AS AUSTRO-ITALIAN LEPANTO CONTINUUS

- AUSTRIA(Lucero): F Eas S IT A Syr-Smy; A Gal-Rum; A Bud S A Gal-Rum; A Bul-Con.
- ENGLAND(Behnen): F Nth-Hel; F NAT-MAT; A Liv-Yor.
- FRANCE(Carter): F Spa(sc)-Mid; F Wal-Iri; F Eng-Lon; F Bre-Eng; A Lon-Wal; A Bel-Bur; A Por-Spa.
- GERMANY(Swaback): F Bal S A Den-Swe; A Den-Swe; A Pru-Ber; A Kie-Den; A Hol H.
- ITALY(Weswig): F Nap-Tyr; F Gre-Aeg; F Ion-S F Gre-Aeg; A Syr-Smy; A Ser S AU A Gal-Rum.
- RUSSIA(Fox): F Swe-Den/r Fin, Bot, OTB/; A War S A Stp-Liv; A Stp-Liv; A UkrxS A War; A Sev S TU F Rum.
- TURKEY(Pepper): F Rum S A Con-Bul; A Con-Bul; A Smy H; A Ark S A Smy.

1975AV cont.)-- Gary Behnen has called for "a 4-way draw between Italy, Austria, Germany, and France; the other powers are granted survival." Please include your vote with your Fall '03 orders, which are due 3.15pm 20 November 1975 at 1443 Jonesboro Dr., Los Angeles 90049. Also, Gary is now residing at 9245 Tea Rose Lane, Crestwood, MO 63126. Press follows. . .

PARIS: The French Prime Minister regrets his inability to answer all of his mail, so all pacts are being told now: A) Because Germany has built a fleet against the Franco-German treaty, we are forced to declare war upon Germany; B) All powers friendly to France are asked to cease their little wars and join France in fighting the real menace to Europe, the German, English, Turkish alliances. May God be with you!"

Ankara Announcer, 15 Mar. '03: "Today it was announced that the Sultan has been meeting with the Emperor of Japan and that the Emperor has promised support to Turkey in its attack against Italy and Austria-Hungary."

Tokyo Times, 17 Mar. '03: "Today the Emperor said that it would take three years to reach Turkey, but they will hurry and offer moral support."

Naples News, 7 Feb. '03: "In response to last Fall's support of the Turkish fleet in Rumania by the Russians, it has been jointly decreed by the Emperor King of Austria-Hungary and King Veswig of Italy that we shall support the United States in their war with the Russians. It was also reported that our attack on Turkey is proceeding as planned, and our glorious ally Austria should have taken Rumania by the time this is printed."

Smyrna Source ((these newspaper titles are getting a bit bad!)), 20 April '03: "We have used ((I take it to mean 'moved')) against the U.S.A. in support of our Russian ally."

Brest Feed -- alright, enought of that!!!), 3 March '03: "His Highness King Wilay III today said that our attack on England is going according to plan, and that the Limeys are not long for this world. When asked why he pursued our attack so quickly and thoroughly, His Highness replied that he doesn't believe in -- ((The remainder of this release was deleted due to its offensive nature to members of the staff -- PH))

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1975GG

RUSSIA AND TURKEY CAUGHT NAPPING

Winter 190L

AS FLEETS TAKE TO SEA ON THAMES, WESER, SAINE, AND TIBER

AUSTRIA(Bourns): No builds possible	ENGLAND(Diehl): Builds F Edi
FRANCE(Pepper): Builds F Bra	GERMANY(Fox): Builds F Kie, F Ber
ITALY(Lucero): Builds F Nap	RUSSIA(Dunn): NBR. Has 4 units (1 short)
TURKEY(Letwin): NBR. Has 3 units (1 short)	

-- Aw, c'mon, fellas, why the NBR??? Spring 1902 orders due 3.15pm 20 November 1975 at 1443 Jonesboro Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90049 USA. No press! Ugh! What's the world comin' to? Just to dazzle you all, quote: 'Ya ne ponimayu pochimu igroki ne khochat igrat'. Hint - its Russian.

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DINKI-CON II's MASTERS' GAME
(continued)

Gming and Analysis by Rod Walker

Spring 1905: GERMANY LOSES NORTHERN GAINS AS TURKS ZAP RUSSIANS A GOOD ONE IN THE SOUTH. FRENCH SWARM TOWARD ITALY.

ENGLAND(Horton): F Bar-StP(nc), F Nwy S F Bar-StP(nc).
FRANCE(Lagerson): F Mid-NAF, F Lyo-Tyr, F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr, A Mar-Pie; A Tus S S A Mar-Pie; A Boh S GERMANY A Mun-Tyo, F Lon H.
GERMANY(Schlickbernd): F Swe-Bot, F Bal S F Swe-Bot, A StP-Mos/r Fin/, A War S A StP-Mos /r Ukr/, A Pru S A War, A Ber-Sil, A Mun-Tyo, A Kia-Mun, F Nth H.

(continued ((what! there's more?)))

AUSTRIA (Schlindwein): F Tyr-Rom, F Ion-Tyr, F Tun S F Ion-Tyr, A Pie-Ven, A Tyo-Vie/a/, A Tri-Vie.
 RUSSIA (Galdafon): F Liv-Pru, A Mos-War, A Gal S A Mos-War, A Sev-Mos, A Bul-Con/r Ser/, F Ank S A Bul-Con, A Rum-Bul.
 TURKEY (Killian): F Bla-Ank, A Gre-Bul, F Con S A Gre-Bul.

GM Comments: Turkey has taken advantage of his superior position, and the anti-WAY in the Balkans takes on new life. All the better for France and Germany, who are creeping over the board and threatening to dispose of any possibility of stalemate. The annihilation of the Italian army is probably the last straw for the eastern states. Even if they ally now, it is doubtful they can hold the line. In any event, Russia's consistent refusal to do anything but attack Turkey is hardly encouraging.

Fall 1905: TURKEY MAKES COMEBACK. GERMANY MAKES HUGE GAINS AND FRENCH ADD SERVICE TO BLOATING EMPIRES.

ENGLAND: F Nwy-Ska, F StP(nc) H/r atb/. Ows: ~~44~~, Nwy (1). No change.
 FRANCE: F Lyo-Tyr, F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr, F Naf-Tun, A Tus-Ven, A Pie S A Tus-Ven, A Boh-Vie, F Lon W. Ows: Bra, Mar, Par, Per, Spa, Lon, Lvp, Ven (8). S F Mar.
 GERMANY: F Nch-Edi, F Lal-Lvn, A Fin-StP, F Bot S A Fin-StP, A Pru-War, A Sil S A Pru-War, A Ukr-Gal, A Tyo-Tri, A Mun-Tyo. Ows: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Swe, StP, War, Edi. Buils F Kie (10).
 ITALY: F Rom-Tyr, F Tun S F Rom-Tyr, F Ion S F Tun, A Tri-Vie, A Ven H/r Apu/, Ows: Rom, Nap, VVA, Tun, Vie, Tri (5). No change.
 RUSSIA: F Liv-Pru, A Sev-Mos, A War H/a/, A Gal S A War, A Rum-Bul, A Ser S A Rum-Bul, F Ank-Con/r ocb/, Ows: Mos, Sev, Rum, Bul, Ser, ~~44~~, Bul. Buils two (one annihilated, one r oth). (6).
 TURKEY: A Bul-Gre, F Con-Ank, F Bla S F Con-Ank. Ows: Con, Smy, Gre, Ank (4). Buils A Con.

GM Comments: Turkey's comeback is pretty spectacular, and illustrates how hard it is to take Turkey. Russia's stab was puny anyway, and in view of what the Germans were about to do to him, not too bright. He has now reaped the reward of it. Italy, meanwhile, now realizes that he opened a real can of worms by scabbing Austria. Turkey kept him from turning west earlier, when he needed to, and now the French are crawling all over him. The German build of F Kie is the first sign of genuine friction with France. A Ber made more sense, although as it turns out, the English are Germany's next intended victim.

Spring 1906: ENGLAND BITES KAISER; KAISER BITES BACK, USING TEETH. FRANCO-GERMAN FORCES MAKE HEAVY INROADS; TRIEST, TUNIS, & LVOV FALL TO INVADERS.

ENGLAND: F Ska-Den.
 FRANCE: F Tyr-Ion, F Naf-Tun, F Wes S F Naf-Tun, F Mar-Lyo, A Ven-Tri, A Pie-Ven, A Boh S GERMAN A Sil-Cal, F Lon makes slow fire and helps Germans roast Russian and English POW'S.
 GERMANY: F Edi-Nth, F Kie-Den, F Bot-Swe, F Lvn-Bal, A Ukr-Mos, A StP S A Ukr-Mos, A War S A Ukr-Mos, A Sil-Gal, A Mun-Ber, A Tyo S FRENCH A Ven-Tri.
 ITALY: F Rom H, A Apu-Ven, A Tri-Vie, F Tun-Ion/a/, F Ion S RUSSIAN A Bul-Gre.
 RUSSIA: A Mos-War/a/, A Sev S A Mos/ocb/, A Bul-Gre, A Ser S A Bul-Gre, A Gal-Rum, F Pru-Bal.
 TURKEY: F Ank-Arm, A Con-Bul, F Bla S A Con-Bul, A Gre-Ser/r Alb/.

GM Comments: This is really the last important season in the game, barring any possible Franco-German rivalry (which, by this time is improbable; they want to repeat their joint victory of a year ago). There is no possible stalemate line in the north; there could be one in the south, except that the Turkish fleets needed for it are in the wrong place altogether. There is now no way to defend the Balkans. Its all over but the shouting (and the war-crimes trials, of course).

Fall 1906: TSAR RELOCATES SOUTH OF THE DANUBE. SULTAN REACTIVATES KHANATE OF KRIMEA. ITALY LOOKS FOR HIDEYHOLE. GERMANS GRAB EVERYTHING IN SIGHT.

ENGLAND: F Ska-Nwy. Owns: ~~Nwy~~ (0). Removes F Ska. OUT.

FRANCE: F Tyr-Ion, F Tun S F Tyr-Ion, F Wes-Tyr, F Lyo S F Wes-Tyr, A Boh S GERMAN A Tyo-Vie, A Tri S TURKISH A Alb-Ser, A Pic-Ven, F Lon buys best German sterling knife to begin carving delicate roast Prime Rib of POW. Owns: Par, Brø, Mar, Spa, Por, Lon, Lvp, Ven, Tri, Tun (10). Build A Par, A Mar.

GERMANY: F Nth-Den, F Lvn-Bal, A StP-Nwy, F Swø S A StP-Nwy, A Ber-Mun, F Kie-Ber, A Tyo-Vie, A Gal-Bud, A War-Ukr, A Mos S A War-Ukr. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Swø, StP, War, Edi, Mos, Bud, Vie, Nwy (14). B A Ber (***)

ITALY: F Ion-Aeg, F Rom-Tyr, A Apu-Nap, A Vie-Tri/r otb/. Owns: Rom, Nap, ~~Tad~~, ~~Via~~, ~~Tyr~~ (2). Removes F Rom.

RUSSIA: A Rum-Bul, A Ser S A Rum-Bul, A Gre S A Rum-Bul, A Sev-Rum, F Pru-Ber. Owns: ~~Mos~~, ~~Ser~~, Rum, ~~Bul~~, Ser, Bul, Gre (4). Removes F Pru.

TURKEY: F Arm-Sev, F Bla S F Arm-Sev, A Alb-Ser, A Bul-Rum/r Con/. Owns: Con, Smy, ~~Ank~~, Sev (4). No change.

GM Comments: What can I say? Russia is playing only for survival and in any event there is no viable stalemate line. Every player agrees to a concession to France and Germany jointly except Turkey. Under my House-Rules, that is sufficient, but France and Germany change their minds when Turkey taunts them that they will have to break their alliance and there is every chance they will have to stab each other. The ~~game~~ slaughter goes on.

Spring 1907: IS THERE REALLY FRANCO-GERMAN TENSION?*

FRANCE: F Lon-Nth, A Mar-Rom, F Lyo C A Mar-Rom, F Tyr C A Mar-Rom, A Ven S A Mar-Rom, A Par-Bur, A Tri H, A Boh-Tyo, F Ion-Apu, F Tun-Ion.

GERMANY: A Mun-Bur, F Den-Nth, F Kie-Hol, F Bal-Kie, F Swø-Nwy, A Nwy-StP, A Ber-Sil, A Bud S FRENCH A Tri, A Ukr-Gal, A Mos-Ukr.

ITALY: A Nap-Rom, F Aeg-Smy.

RUSSIA: A Rum H, A Ser S A Rum, A Bul S A Rum, A Gre S A Ser.

TURKEY: A Con-Smy, F Bla S F Sev, F Sev H, A Alb-Tri.

GM Comments: * No.

Fall 1907: SCHLICKBERND AND LAGERSON DO IT AGAIN!!!

FRANCE: A Par-Pic, F Lon-eng, F Apu-Nap, F Rom S F Apu-Nap, F Ion-Las, F Tyr-Ion, F Lyo-Wes, A Tri S A Tyo, A Tyo S A Tri, A Ven S A Tri. Owns: Par, Brø, Mar, Spa, Por, Lon, Lvp, Ven, Tri, Tun, Nap, Rom (12). Builds F Brø, A Par.

GERMANY: A StP-Mos, A Gal-Rum, A Ukr S A Gal-Rum, A Bud S A Gal-Rum, A Vie S A Bud, A Sil-Boh, A Mun H, F Hol-Bel, F Kie-Hol, F Den-Nth, F Nwy-Nrg. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Swø, StP, War, Edi, Mos, Bud, Vie, Nwy (14). Builds A Ber, A Kie (*).

ITALY: F Aeg-Smy, A Nap dies fighting. Owns: ~~Nap~~, ~~Nap~~ (0). OUT.

RUSSIA: A Rum S A Bul, A Bul S A Rum, A Ser S A Rum, A Gre S A Ser. Owns: Rum, Bul, Ser, Gre (4). No change.

TURKEY: F Bla S RUSSIAN A Rum, F Sev S RUSSIAN A Rum, A Con-Smy, A Alb-Tri. Owns: Con, Smy, Ank, Sev (4). No change.

GM Comments: This time, there was unanimous agreement to the 2-way draw. Germany seems to have been moving units to attack France, but his failure to order A Mun-Bur betrays his lack of sincerity in that direction. Even so, French units were so positioned as to blunt any real German threat.

In sum, this game demonstrates the strength of a good two-power alliance, especially when they are poised to profit from the miscalculations of their rivals and to provide a few deceptive diversions (such as the repeated Franco-German "skirmishes"). We can only ask, will Lagerson and Schlickbernd do it again next year? (By the way, cross my heart, they got the same countries by the luck of the draw. Next year, we will have to do something about that....)

Unit Placement at Game's End:

Supply Center Chart:

		01	02	03	04	05	06	07
FR: F Eng, F Bre, F Wes, F Nap, F Lon, F	A	3	--					
Eas, A Pic, A Par, A Tyo, A Ven, A	E	3	2	2	2	1	--	
Rom, A Tri.	F	5	6	7	7	8	10	12 DR
Ca: F Nrg, F Nth, F Hol, F Bel, A Ber, A	G	5	6	7	9	10	14*	14*DR
Kie, A Mun, A Boh, A Vie, A Bud, A Gal, A	I	5	6	6	6	5	2v	--
Ukr, A Mos.	R	6	7	8	7	6	4	4
RU: A Ser, A Rum, A Gre, A Bul.	T	5	6	4	3	4	4	4
TU: F Sev, F Bla, A Alb, A Con.								

DR = draws

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PLUG SECTION

Liberterranean is done by Jim Bumpas, 948 Lorraine Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022. This is a most interesting 'zine (now on ish number 40!), repro'd in offset, and has, in addition to regular Dippy games in Kampfeizer and own armored variants, especially designed for postal play, Armored Barbarism, a modified Tank! variant for multi-player play; also offered is Mechwar 77. Fees include the sub rate of 24/\$6 (now) plus a \$2 deposit. Jim includes space for player ratings, game commentaries, press, advertisements, and player-sollicitations. Warning - if interested contact Jim now, 'cause after 1 Jan. '76, Liberterranean subs go to 10/83, courtesy United States Postal Service.

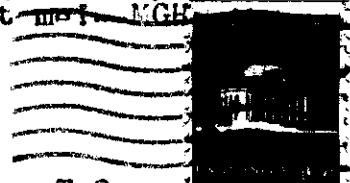
El Conquistador is put out by "Viking Systems," Lock Box 2788, Chicago, 60690, and is, I believe, offset also. The last issue I rec'd, Vol. 2 #2, ran 60-odd pages, and covered Dippy, Dungeons and Dragons, and the Fletcher Pratt Naval Wargame in addition to historical articles, periodical reviews, and general wargaming info. Subs are \$5 per year (dunno how many per yr), and Dip fees are an additional \$5. El Con has returned from a lapse of quite a while, and seems to have returned in style.

Turnabout is edited by Pete Berggren for PAB Publications, Davistown Schoolhouse Rd., Orford, N.H. 03777 -- believe it or not, another offset 'zine. This ish, #11, ran 30 pages, and included many articles, quite a few dealing with the CB. Pete's plug section this ish was quite unique, including a photo-repro of the first page of many of the 'zines being reviewed. Subs are 8/\$2, and the game open, to be included in the 1975-76 Postal Dip Tournament, requires a \$2 fee in addition to a running sub -- some of the games running presently are variants. Pete is trying to reach 100 subbers before next year ((same here)) and already has "72+" ((boo hoo, there we are with a paltry 35!Ugh!)). A most interesting publication.

Well, so much for #14; hey, if you're interested in the naval wargame on pages two and three (sincerely interested!), please feel free to contact me! KGH

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