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Dispatchio di Machiavelli

Welcome again to this magazine, the most dedicated to the wile and intricacies of interpersonal relationships. By ardently pursuing the devious dealings inside you will gain in your understanding not only of the game of Diplomacy, but of all dealings where one needs to know when to keep faith and when to break faith.

We wish to remind all princes concerned with The Master Machiavellian that since the increase in the postal rates of 33%, from 10¢ to 13¢, the Staff has been obliged to raise the price of a subscription to this journal to two dollars and thirty cents for ten issues.

The fourth game of regular Diplomacy in this publication, the sixth game to be opened in The Master Machiavellian, requires only one more prince before that smoldering situation can break out into fiery conflict. This shall be the final contest to be supervised within these pages for a period of time pursuant upon the resolution of one of our other engagements.

Since we are now carrying five diplomatic conflicts in this periodical, which shall soon grow to six, the Staff has begun to feel the need to prepare for the eventual restriction on press which will prove necessary in order that the six contests may be included in but ten pages of manuscript. We still encourage all princes who so desire to write press, but we request that each release be given a priority number, so that if space should prove restricted, an unimportant release may be discarded in total in favor of including the complete text to a very important release, as opposed to the Staff editing each release somewhat and possibly removing an important clause.

The Master Machiavellian's managing editor, Michael Homer, was fortunate to find himself in possession of a copy of the diplomacy game KINGMAKER at the conclusion of the holiday season. Kingmaker is an English game whose plot is the turbulent War of the Roses in the middle 1450s, a time with which I am most familiar. The game exudes such excellence that I have decided to open contests of Kingmaker when space permits. There is evident, however, a major problem, which is that the game is not simultaneous movement, but rather sequential movement. If any of you readers have ideas or suggestions on how to adapt this contest to postal play, or if you know of such a system already in existence, pray make haste to contact us.

Since there was no response to the Staff's announcement of openings in War of Wizards, the staff has come to the decision to withdraw the offering of positions. Any inquiries regarding War of Wizards or Dungeons & Dragons should be directed to Peter Homer at his residence of Ruddock House, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena California 91126.

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

Viccolo Machiavelli

STAFF AND INFO

The Master Machiavellian is a gamesine of postal Diplomacy, its variants, and other wargames. Subs are 10/\$2.00; game fees are still \$1 for reg Dippy, two places available (not including sub fee); there are no more Colonia openings... Diplomacy, copyright Games Research Inc., Box 18N, Boston MA 02118, was invented by Allan Calhamer. Please make all checks, money orders, etc. payable to Michael Homeier.

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ON COURTESY, POLITENESS, AND JUST PLAIN COMMON DECENCY
by Michael George Homeier

TO: A L L G A M E R S !

As many of you have noticed, and as we have known for a while, The Master Machiavellian seems plagued by a considerable amount of NMRs, which is not only injurious to we the Staff, as it lowers the prestige of our publication, but is also unfair to the rest of you players who are playing seriously for a rating. One of our subscribers put it very well when he wrote to Jon Reich, one of our adjudicators,

Nov. 2, 1975

Dear Jon,

Phew! What a stinky game!
What a love's labor lost to even GM the orphan!

If ONE MORE PLAYER NMRs I
feel like I will resign for certain --
its not a diplomacy game whatsoever
with only 3 persons playing!

P.S. Jon, I realize it is
not your fault to be stuck with so many
dead----- and numbskulls but the fun of
Diplomacy is the diplomacy and it is im-
possible with $\frac{1}{2}$ the morons out to lunch!

We feel that that letter put the situation most admirably, and now we are going to take decisive action. In addition to suspending a player following his second consecutive NMR, we will also suspend a player following his fourth NMR in that game. For the vast majority of you players this will have no effect, but for the few who are lousing up our games -- YOUR games -- and the magazine itself, they're going to have to shape up or get out and let the serious gamers in! Comments on this are invited, especially from you the gamers who are suffering most from this.

Another thing about politeness: when a player decides he will no longer play and intends to CD, we the Staff would greatly appreciate being told of it. Also, if a player decides not to accept a game position, would he please inform us of this fact! Many of you will recognize players who fit the above situations, and we thank those of you who have been decent enough to inform us when one of them has broken the above guidelines and hence, offended you the players as much as tarnished the reputation of this paper, which we the Staff really put a lot of ourselves into.

Thanks for your consideration; comments and ideas are welcome!

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THE GAMES

1974HO

ENGLAND HITS GERMANY; GERMANY
HITS AUSTRIA; AUSTRIA HITS ITALY; ITALY HITS...

Fall 1905

AUSTRIA(Kissner): F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Ser-Bul; A Tri-Ven; A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Rum.
ENGLAND(Zimmermann): F MAO-Spa(sc); F Eng-Bel; F Iri-Eng; F Nwy-Swe; F Nth C
A Lon-Hol; A Lon-Hol.

FRANCE(CD): A Por H as socialists and communists clash in Lisboa!

GERMANY(Fujihara): F Bal C A Kie-Lvn; A Kie-Lvn; A War S A Kie-Lvn; A Lvn-StP;
A Mar S EN F MAO-Spa(sc); A Gas S EN F MAO-Spa(sc); A Bur S
A Mar; A Mun-Tyl; A Sil-Boh;

ITALY(Ferguson)*: F Ion S AU F Gre; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; F Wes S F Spa(sc);
F Spa(sc) S A Pie-Mar; A Pie-Mar.

RUSSIA(~~Swab~~): NMR**. A Mos /h/; A Rum /h/.

TURKEY(Lucero): F Aeg-Gre; F Bla S RU A Rum; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; A Sev S RU A Mos.

* = In issue #15 under 1974HO showing unit placement, the IT F Lyo was incorrectly cast in Tyr; this was corrected but, as seen above, had no effect on the game.

** = Jonathan has been informed that Erich Swabek is dropping Russia; is there anybody out there who wants to take her over until the end? - if so, let Jon know. Note: a player in a game may not resign play of his units to another player in the same game. Winter 1905 builds due 3.00pm 29 January 1976 at Jon's house (1443 Jonesboro Dr., L.A. CA 90049). Again, send in prelim orders!

1974HO Supply Center Chart for Winter 1905

*AU - Home, Ser, Gre, Ven = +1 build (6) // FR - Por = NC // RU - Rum, Mos = NC
EN - Home, Nwy, Bra, Hol, ~~Sw~~, Swe, Bel (8) = builds 2 (no blds in '04)
GE - Home, Den, Par, War, ~~Sw~~, ~~Bel~~, Mar, StP (8) = removes 1
IT - Rom, ~~Ven~~, Nap, Tun, Spa, ~~War~~ (4) = removes 2
TU - Home, Sev, Bul = Builds 1 (5)

* = A little slip in the typing: AU lost ~~Sw~~; everything else O.K. Sorry!

1974HO Press:

Constantinople Clarion, 32 ((for the 3rd time!)) August 1905: "It was announced today by H.I.M. the Sultan that our glorious forces have begun an assault to recover our revolting province of Greece ((no comment!)). Since the revolutionary forces have been aided by a fleet from Austria, it is expected that this campaign will be long and arduous. It is hoped that the Imperial Government of Austria will not misinterpret this as an attack on Austria, but will see it as it is; an attempt to regain what is rightfully ours."

VIENNA, 16 Sept. '05: "Due to the civil disorders that have become commonplace in the Italian government of late, the Emperor today ordered elements of the Austrian army to put down communist uprisings in Venice. The Emperor feels that this move is in the best interests of his ally, the Italian people, and is not intended to create bad will between the people of Austria-Hungary and those of Italy."

VIENNA, 21 Sept. '05: "Emperor Thomas I today declared that if he is asked, by the Italian representatives, for further armed aid, he will be more than willing to restore peace in an Italy ravaged by internal chaos."

Ankara Herald-Advocate, 27 Dec. '05: "A communique has been received from our Consulate in San Diego, South California, regarding the Consul General's recent trip to Disneyland. The Consul was not able to meet with any representatives of other European governments, but was well treated by the Disneyland personnel. He regrets that he was not able to meet his fellow diplomats personally, but will continue to correspond with them regularly. It is hoped that, in the future, the Consul will be able to personally visit the Consulates in the Los Angeles Area."

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1975AV

JOINT AUSTRO-ITALIAN ATTACK FORKS AS THE GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA TOTTERS!

Fall 1903

AUSTRIA(Lucero): F Eas S IT A Syr-Say; A Bud S A Rum; A Rum S A Bud; A Bul-Con.
 ENGLAND(Dehnen): F H-L-Nth; F Nat S A Yor-Lvp; A Yor-Lvp.
 FRANCE(Carter?): NMR. F Lon, F Eng, F Iri, F Spa(sc), A Wal, A Bur, A Por /h/.
 GERMANY(Swabeck): F Bal S A Swe; A Swe H; A Den-Kie; A Hol-Kie; A Ber-Mun.
 ITALY(Weswig): F Tyr-Tun; F Aeg S AU A Bul H /nso/; F Ion-Eas; A Syr-Arm;
 A Ser S AU A Rum.
 RUSSIA(Fox): F Nwy was /r/ to NWY!...F Nwy-Swe; A Lvn S Fugitive A in hiding/h/
 ((GM note: A Lvn is the fugitive in hiding!)); A War-Gal; A Ukr S
 A War-Gal; A Sev S TU F Rum/imp - TU F was dislodged; NRR so OTB/.
 TURKEY(Pepper?): NRR - F Rum/r/OTB. NMR. A Con /h/; A Ank /h/; A Smy /h/.

*s - These two players must be watched, especially Turkey due to NMRs in this and other games, SO will Ron Kelly, #120, 225 Virginia Ave. S.E., Washington D.C. 20061 please submit standby moves for France, and will Bert Van Den Boogard, 6609-93 A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6B 0X1 Canada please submit standby moves for Turkey? Many thanks. Winter '03 builds due 3.00pm 29 January at 1443 Jonesboro, L.A. CA 90049. Sorry, the rest of you, for the NMRs. Supp chart: ((Excuse this interruption, but noone voted on the tie proposition, so fails)) 1975AV Supply Center Chart for Winter 1903:

AU - Home, Eas Bul, Rum (5) = blds 1.	IT - Home, Ser, ^{Gre} /Tun (6) = blds 1.
EN - Ldi, Lvp, Nwy (2) = removes 1.	RU - Home, Nwy (5) = NC.
FR - Home, Bel, Sp, Lon, Por (7) = NC.	TU - Home, Nwy (3) = NC (only 3, Rum/a/)
GE - Home, Den, Hol, Swe (6) = blds 1.	

1975AV PRESS:

Budapest Blazer, 19 Sept. '03: "Today the results were announced from the recent plebiscite held in Liechtenstein. The vote was: Union with Switzerland, 17.3%; continued independence, 26.7%; union with Austria, 56%. In light of this expression of the will of the people there, His Imperial Highness the Emperor-King-King ((like Rin-Tin-Tin or Ding-a-Ling)) has submitted the treaty of annexation signed last Spring to the Parliament. An affirmative vote is expected, and Liechtenstein will probably become an Austrian province by next January."

BERN: "If this is being printed it is because the tie vote proposed has failed. I'm interested as it seems four have decided not to agree to the vote ((two NMR abstentions)). It seems that it could be very possible that one of the four tie countries has decided that it would like to cut 1-2, or even all 3 possible contenders for victory in this game. If I'm one of the cuttee's, there shall be trouble. If anyone moves funny, (e.g. out of planned procedure) they can expect not to be totally trusted and possibly attacked. I'm in this one; I won't be cheated." ((Who's cheating? -- we certainly aren't!))

Rome Rumours: "It was totally false that Italy moved on the U.S., stated otherwise by that ludicrous "publication" the "Naples News." I would like to state at this time that Italy is neither pro nor con about matters concerning Russia or the U.S. However, if it becomes evident that someone is acting cruelly or in a matter repulsive, our government feels that we should help them, that is, be cruel."

VICHY(in the province of Burgundy): "Troop movements have the natives restless as they fear possible confrontations in and around their town. Although they have heard of no hostility towards them in this area of France, being extremely paranoid and gullible, the King's wild claims of victory over France have aroused fear. With a 15% Anglo-Saxon population in the city, there have been many occurrences such as meetings that can be contrued as "traitorous" to France. As a result, all but 78 loyal French Anglo-Saxons have been either locked up or shipped to other concentration camps. As this happened the fear has left this town and they are now very brave. As a matter of fact, some have even joined the army. With the thought of guns and bullets (in their backs) they were very gleeful to join."

TURKISH GOVERNMENT CHANGES
AS AUSTRIANS AND ITALIANS GET MIXED UP IN THE BALKANS

Spring 1902

AUSTRIA(Bourne): F Alb-Gre; A Bud H; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.
ENGLAND(Diehl): F Nwy-Swe; F Ska S F Nwy-Swe; F Edi-Nth; A Yor H.
FRANCE(Pepper*): F Pic /h/; F Bro /h/; A Gas /h/; A Spa /h/.
GERMANY(Fox): F Swe S F Ber-Bal/a/; F Ber-Bal; F Kie-Den; A Ruh-Mun; A Hol H.
ITALY(Lucero): F Nap-Ion; F Aeg-Smy; A Apu H; A Tri-Ser.
RUSSIA(Dunn): F Rum-Bla; A Gal-Sil; F Bot C A Lvn-Fin; A Lvn-Fin.
TURKEY(~~Wax~~ Parker): F Bla-Con; A Con-Smy; A Bul-Con.

David Letwin is out (without so much as a single word beforehand), and Don Parker, 44 Wexford Rd., Dewitt NY 13214, is now Turkey (luckily Don sent in standby moves - it paid off!). Thanks to Ron Kelly for submitting standby moves. One more NMR and Pepper is out, so will William Adam, 3610 E. Genessee St., Syracuse NY 13214, please submit standby moves for France? Thanks. Fall 1902 moves due 3.00pm 29 January at 1443 Jonesboro Dr., L.A. CA 90049.

1975GG PRESS: There was no press for 1975GG received.

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1975Ufh (Colonia I)

MADRID GOVERNMENT CHANGES AS
PARALYSIS HITS LONDON!

Spring 1751

AUSTRIA(Stephens): F Nap-Pps(ac); F Tri-Adr; F Tyr-Ion; A Clu-Bos; A Via S A Bav-Sss; A Bav-Sss; A Pol-Rom; A Psa-Han; A Sax-Bav; A Pps-Van.
ENGLAND(Scheutz): NMR (1st). F Lon, F Vir, F Aus, F Fij, F Nat, F Nwy, F Iri, A Ore, A Nig, A Con all /h/.
FRANCE(Lucero): F Eat H; A Dak-Sen; A Que-Ont; A Pdy-Niz; A Par-Bur; A Ont-Lou; A Tou S A Sav; A Sav S A Tou; A Mah H; A Sen-Vol.
NETHERLANDS(Hyatt): F Jav-Lio; F Sur-Gbe; F Ant-Eng; F Den H; F Beo-Mls; A Rhi-Bur; A Han-Rhi; A Cpc-Kal; A Hag-Han; A Bol H; A Zam S A Cpc-Kal.
BYZANTIUM(Greenwall): F Izm-Emd; F Bag-Per; F Jer(sc)-Red; F Bla-Cnp; A Sof-Bos;
(OTTOMANS) A Egy-Liv; A Yem-Ara; A Per-Sin; A Afg S A Per-Sin; A Arm-Per.
PORTUGAL(Stimmel): F Lis-Can; F Azo-Vep; F Mac-Sun; A Bra-Bha; A Ang H; A Gab-Kam; A Agt-Bol; A Lag H; A Bna-Sze; A Upo-Leo.
RUSSIA(Schnaath): F Swe H; A Mos-Kaz; A Smk H; A Oms-Tur; A Irk-Mon; A Kie S A Cri; A Cri H; A Amu-Man; A Tur-Skg; A Chn-Sun.
SPAIN(~~Wax~~ Gemignani): F Mnl-Wpc; F Tar-Fij; F Soc-Wmd; A Tex S A Mex-Cal; A Mex-Cal; A Ifn-Sah; A Mrc-Alg; A Sah-Num; A Arg H.

As for England's NMR, this is Karl's first, and because I have his Colonia II orders there was probably some oversight or slip-up. Apparently Carl Hargitt has resigned all the games he inherited from Paul Boeth.

but Peggy Gemignani was kind enough to submit standby moves for Spain, and is rewarded by receiving the position. Great to have you finally in, Peg! Fall 1751 orders are due 3.00pm 29 January 1976 at my house, 238 N. Bowling Gr -- oh, how I hate typing my address! -- on Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049 U.S.A. Press follows: ((Whoops! About the prop to combine Winter & Spring, two yes, three no, three abstentions -- DEFEATED))

1975Ufh PRESS:

BERLIN: "Vots dis 'via Austria' schmoke! Ich bin der KAISER (if der Aushtrisher vill let me), meanvile I am der Elektor von Brandenburg! Hear me, you nashty kibbitzing schlock GM! You better lichten or I'll schtick you mit a super zap -- the D&D Bozoundschlectmitweltangshungkaboomer!" ((To which I easily respond with the D&D Fantomicheskiiodinmillyard-pgralniyekostgoretmyach!))

CONSTANTINOPLE: "Greek Janissaries, Armenian mercenaries, and Russian marines today launched a pre-dawn attack on this city. Supported by disgruntled sailors from the Black Seas Fleet, they overwhelmed government forces and seized key positions. At the same time, Arabian cavalry captured Baghdad and massa-

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... "Is dot dummy edict khor, der Kaiser, switching mit der Sabre again?" signed the Emperor.

... "Yes, huggy-squee-zums, but he also got a boulder, der Bavarian retard o Koenig Ludwigshackel! Und we both know not a flake-olerd he ist! Ja!" cheered the Emperor.

... "Well, let's make Ludwigshackel der Elektor -- und off mit der Prussian warlock's head!" decided the emperor.

THE NAUHA: Recent political events in Vienna have caused grave concern in this capital. Rumor is rife that Stadt-Holder Frederick III is considering a reorganization of the Dutch colonial administration and the home provinces, culminating in the establishment of an imperial system."

ROME: "The pope announced today that he had excommunicated Portuguese King Filipe the vile for writing nasty naughty prose (actually, France was the author, so the rest pertains to Paris)). His bull included the words, 'Omnia pages de INN est sanctus. Omnia pages de INN nihil est bathroomis walli. Ave! Plena gratia!'"

CONSTANTINOPLE: "The leader of last Friday's coup, Col. Ari Jofa, today announced the liberation of our country from 300 years of oppression. He went on to announce the formation of the Second Byzantine Empire, under Ferdinandio I (the sole heir of the last Emperor). ((Must be quite old...)) The succession was recognized by Patriarch Kama, who urged all Christians to recognize the new Emperor..."

LIFLES: "King Virillo, loosely related to the Austrian imperial family leached ((?)) in Spain's direction, 'Hey a-Peggy, you some-a dish! You wanna be friends with me ana all my Austrian a-buddies? Welcome back-a to Spain -- we need-a you."

JOHANNESBURG: "Governor-General Van Eyk announced today the discovery of large deposits of diamonds near this settlement. 'This discovery will make Cape Colony the major jewel in the Dutch Crown', he is reported to have said."

SAVOY: "Won't someone rescue us from the tyranny of French oppression?!"

SOFIA: "Turkey notes with concern the construction of a Venician Fleet by the Duke of Austria. Recalling the betrayal of the First Empire by the Venicians, the Second Empire can only note with distress the rearming of the Venicians. In view of their treachery, Ferdinandio has instructed General Jofa to take the Ninth Legion north to help the Duke teach these Venicians a lesson!"

BUDAPEST: "Frogs mit ketchup und mayonnaise ist my favorite dish," burped ((watch it!PH)) fat archduke Felix, heir to the Austrian throne. "We got maybe 400 ways to stretch, burn, main, bloody, stomp und uddervize disable der Franzosischer grosshunds und achalzigen creeposischer!"

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1975BKfh (Colonia II)

CONFLICT IN IBERIA AS
GREAT POWERS SCRAMBLE FOR LAND

Spring 1750

AUSTRIA(Hyatt): F Tri-Adr; A Fra-Sax; A Vie-Bav; A Bud-Mor; A Som-Ken; A Ecu-Col.
ENGLAND(Scheutz): F Aus-Cor; F Lon-Nth; F Btl-Eng; F Lvp(wc)-Iri; A Nig-Kan;

A Vir-Lou.

FRANCE(Stimmel): F Bor-Bby; A Par-Tou; A Tou-Sav; A Quo-Ont; A Dak-Sen;
A Pdy-Niz.

NETHERLANDS(Fox): F Utr-Hel; F Jav-Mls; A Ant-Rhi; A Hag-Han; A Sur-Ama; A Cpc-Kal.

OTTOMANS(Mary ~~Ellis~~ Stephens): F Cnp-Bla; A Bag-Per; A Dam-Jer; A Izm-Arm; A Jer-Ara; A Sof-Rom.

PORTUGAL(Ricci): NMR. Neut.1stMvs used. F Lis-Can; A Lag H; A Opo-Hue; A Mac-Sze; A Bra-Mgo; A Ang-Con.

RUSSIA(Norris): F Haw-Epc; F Ptd(sc)-Gob; A Irk-Sib; A Mos-Kie; A Kie-Cri;
A Ala-Van.

SPAIN(Popper?): F Mnl-Wpc; F Cad-SoG; A Mad-Hue; A Val-Cad; A Ifn-Sah;
A Mex-Tex.

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"...need" after Pepper:
...I think, due to a little mail trouble, but I'm sure he
...day. But about Spain, its a different story. Attention Jon Pepper:
If I do not receive preliminary Fall '50 orders from you by 18 January, I will
be forced to call a standby in, O.K.? Final deadline 3.00pm 29 January 1976
here, 238 N. Bowling Green Way. Now to press. . . Oh, yes, Ron Stephens, 515
Borough Rd., Tacoma WA98403, has been good enough to replace Hargitt as Turkey.
1975BKH PRESS:

DAMASCUS: "Sultan and Caliph Hakim Ben Boedi declared himself sun, moon,
stars, rain and wind in a modest little ceremony." ((Presumably unattended by
the aforementioned five parties...))

JERUSALEM: "The Wazir announced that he had been cast by Arthur Freed of
MGM to play the part of the Sultan of Baghdad in a forthcoming musical entitled
Scram for Islam. Also starring with the Wazir will be Howard Keel, Mickey Roo-
ney, Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner and Anne Rutherford. Tunes include 'Istan-
bul not Constantinople', 'My Heart Belongs to the Mah-Mah-Mahdi', 'The Colo-
nialism Rag', and 'Flying alone on My Merry Karastan Carpet'."

VIENNA: "The acquisition of colonial possessions by the Hapsburg dominions
raises those dominions to a rang equal to any empire. Austria declares itself
to be satisfied and desires only that it be allowed to enjoy its empire in
peace and prosperity. If necessary, Austria will take up arms to preserve that
tranquility it desires."

CONSTANTINOPLE: "Eunuchs here protested in favor of renaming the city Byzan-
tium ((what a coincidence!))."

BAGHDAD: "Kurds in Baghdad and Persia banded together to form a political
party to be called: The Ottoman Whey. ((GROAN!)) Their anthem will be recor-
ded by old blue eyes singing 'My Whey'. ((DOUBLE GROAN!)) In a related de-
velopment the Vizier, Pasha Said Ibn Ben Smegma, announced that cheese pro-
duction had increased a hefty 300% in the last ten years!" ((Atta whey!))

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GAME LATE DEVELOPEMENTS

Here I am typing busily away at 1.23pm while I struggle to open the two let-
ters I just received. First, Jad Dittmar has joined David Fujihara, Jim Diehl,
Tom Cooper, William J. Adam, and Bert van den Boogard in TMM#6, our last rag
Dip game to open for a long time. We need one more -- just one -- interested?

Second, I just got a really nice letter from Carl Hargitt explaining his
inability to accept the game positions from Paul Booth. Apparently Carl was
merely to "send in the moves Paul told" him to, but Paul has disappeared and
Carl has too much work to fully participate in the games. I sympathize -- I
too have no time for many postal games ('course, putting out this zine takes
up what time I do have free). Again, my sincerest thanks to Carl for his
courteous letter explaining the situation. Now maybe some of the impolite
players will take this tip ...

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FLETCHER PRATT NAVAL WARGAME #3

On 30 November 1975 the Palisades-Brentwood O.P.-M.S. met to play out ano-
ther engagement utilizing 1/700th-and 1/720th-scale warship models in the
Fletcher Pratt naval wargaming system. This was the third such engagement,
the first having been critiqued in issue #14, and the second being skipped
due to its lack of decisiveness. We met at Jon Reich's house, and had in-
tended to scrape together quite a showing, but only Mike Homeier, Jeff Fer-
reira, Mike Chumler, and Phil Koenig could make it; nevertheless, we were
guaranteed a most interesting action as all the players were the best the
Club had to offer, and Jon was the most experienced GM.

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in choosing one warship, followed by the other side, and the first side again, etc. Mike Chumblar was the commander of Force A, and hoisted his flag in Musashi; Phil Koenig was his second-in-command in Pennsylvania; Mike Homeier became commander of Force B, and hoisted his broad pennant in New Jersey, with Jeff Ferreira his second in Nelson. It was discovered soon after the game began that Force A was much more powerful than Force B in both weight of shell and number of damage points that side could take, but both sides agreed to play out the game anyway.

Starting dispositions were similar on both sides: Force A deployed its capital ships in front (from starboard to port, Scharnhorst, Washington, Musashi, Rodney, Pennsylvania) and the light forces (heavy and light cruisers plus destroyers) to the rear; Force B deployed its capital ships to match, as best it could, those of Force A (from starboard to port, Ise, Nelson, New Jersey, Nagato, and Kirishima) plus the light forces astern. Both sides feinted north, then all capital ships swung onto parallel courses to the south, except for Force A's Pennsylvania, which was sent on a most curious mission of destroying Force B's light ships, which had divided port and starboard to counter Force A's Musashi move. When firing commenced Mike Chumblar was uncomfortably surprised to find Musashi way out of range, but he began to hit hard with his other two ships. Mike Homeier commenced shelling Musashi, but since that battleship's ability to absorb damage was so great, and since she was out of range anyway, Mike had Kirishima open up on Scharnhorst, Nagato on Washington, and had New Jersey alternate salvos against Washington and Rodney. Meanwhile Phil Koenig seems to have abandoned Rodney to her fate and concentrated on bringing Pennsylvania into range; all the time Jeff Ferreira was concentrating fire from Nelson and Ise onto Rodney added to New Jersey's every other salvo. By the half-way point a couple of facts were evident: that Mike Homeier and Jeff Ferreira were not shooting as well as Mike Chumblar, but Phil Koenig was being pounded into dust ((he never seemed to realize until it was too late that although Penn mounts 12 14" guns, their range is prohibitively short!)).

The recommencement of the game after lunch brought a quick reversal of point one but a painful continuation of point two: Mike Chumblar's accuracy fell greatly as Mike Homeier's picked up, and Phil's Rodney staggered under the combined weight of New Jersey and Nelson as Jeff's Ise swung onto Pennsylvania out of the latter's range. Eventually, Mike Homeier's Kirishima capsized and sank, victim of accurate fire from Scharnhorst and Washington, as what was left of the Rodney dipped its bow and sank thanks to New Jersey and Nelson, while Pennsylvania began to stagger under repeated hits from Ise. It was clear that Force B dominated the second half far greater than Force A had the first half.

The fact that Force B shot poorly at first, then caught and passed Force A was a mirror repeat of Game #1, when Mike Homeier and Jeff Ferreira took some time to start scoring, as Mike Chumblar's and Phil Koenig's fire was accurate at first but degenerated quickly. This is reflected in the stats, showing a decisive victory for Force B, a victory which should never have happened ((Force A's mistake of not closing to bring Musashi into range was a major contributor to their loss)).

Our thanks to Jon Reich for SWing. Below are the stats of this probably our most interesting game, with B's excellent shooting coupled with A's tactical mistakes to add up to the impressive win by B.

Individual Raw Shooting Averages:

COMMANDER:	SHIP:	RNDs FRD:	HITS SCRD:	AVG:	PTS. TAKEN:
Mike Homeier	<u>New Jersey</u>	49	39	.795	27,210
Jeff Ferreira	<u>Nelson</u>	64	24	.375	0
Mike Homeier	<u>Nagato</u>	42	23	.547	103,385
Jeff Ferreira	<u>Ise</u>	38	28	.736	0
Mike Homeier	<u>Kirishima</u> (SUNK)	20	10	.500	140,000
FORCE B	5 ships	213	124	.582	270,595

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COMMANDER:	SHIP:	RNDS FRD:	HITS SCRD:	AVG:	PTS. TAKEN:
Mike Chumbler	Musashi	52	11	.211	64,546
Mike Chumbler	Washington	31	19	.612	204,885
Phil Koenig	Rodney (SUNK)	40	4	.100	242,670
Phil Koenig	Pennsylvania	43	12	.279	136,940
Mike Chumbler	Scharnhorst	59	22	.372	0
FORCE A	5 ships	225	68	.302	649,041

Shooting Averages, Commander w/ all Ships:

COMMANDER:	# OF SHIPS:	TOTAL RNDS FRD:	TOTAL HITS SCRD:	OVERALL AVG:
Mike Homeier	3 ships	111	72	.649
Jeff Ferreira	2 ships	102	52	.509
Mike Chumbler	3 ships	142	52	.366
Phil Koenig	2 ships	83	16	.192

Total Damage Inflicted by Ea. Comdr:

commander:	rank:	# of ships:	total points by all ships	avg. points for ea. ship
Mike Homeier	1	3 ships	773,250	257,750
Jeff Ferreira	2	2 ships	404,680	202,340
Mike Chumbler	3	3 ships	462,460	154,152
Phil Koenig	4	2 ships	112,480	56,240

Raw Damage Inflicted:

COMMANDER:	SHIP:	GUNS:	HITS:	PTS. INFLICTED:
Mike Homeier	New Jersey	9 x 16"	39	477,360
Mike Chumbler	Washington	9 x 16"	19	232,560
Mike Homeier	Nagato	8 x 16"	23	228,390
Jeff Ferreira	Nelson	9 x 16"	24	217,680
Jeff Ferreira	Igo	8 x 14"	28	187,000
Mike Chumbler	Musashi	9 x 18.1"	11	160,000
Phil Koenig	Pennsylvania	12 x 14"	12	76,200
Mike Chumbler	Scharnhorst	9 x 11"	22	69,300
Mike Homeier	Kristian	8 x 14"	10	67,500
Phil Koenig	Rodney	9 x 16"	4	36,280

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PLUG SECTION

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A prince is greatly esteemed when he is a true friend or a true enemy, when, that is, he declares himself without reserve in favour of some one or against another. This policy is always more useful than remaining neutral. For if two neighbouring powers come to blows, they are either such that if one wins, you will have to fear the victor, or else not. In either of these two cases it will be better for you to declare yourself openly and make war, because in the first case if you do not declare yourself, you will fall a prey to the victor, to the pleasure and satisfaction of the one who has been defeated, and yet will have no reason nor anything to defend you and nobody to receive you. For, whoever wins will not desire friends whom he suspects and who do not help him when in trouble, and whoever loses will not receive you as you did not take up arms to venture yourself in his cause.

Antiochus went to Greece, being sent by the Aetolians to expel the Romans. He sent orators to the Achaeans who were friends of the Romans to encourage them to remain neutral; on the other hand the Romans persuaded them to take up arms on their side. The matter was brought before the council of the Achaeans for deliberation, where the ambassador of Antiochus sought to persuade them to remain neutral, to which the Roman ambassador replied: "As to what is said that it is best and most useful for your state not to meddle in our war, nothing is further from the truth; for if you do not meddle in it you will become, without any favour or any reputation, the prize of the victor."

And it will always happen that the one who is not your friend will want you to remain neutral, and the one who is your friend will require you to declare yourself by taking arms. Irresolute princes, to avoid present dangers, usually follow the way of neutrality and are mostly ruined by it. But when the prince declares himself frankly in favour of one side, if the one to whom you adhere conquers, even if he is powerful and you remain at his discretion, he is under an obligation to you and friendship has been established, and men are never so dishonest as to oppress you with such a patent ingratitude. Moreover, victories are never so prosperous that the victor does not need to have some scruples, especially as to justice. But if you ally losses, you are sheltered by him, and so long as he can, he will assist you; you become the companion of a fortune which may rise again. In the second case, when those who fight are such that you have nothing to fear from the victor, it is still more prudent on your part to adhere to one; for you go to the ruin of one with the help of him who ought to save him if he were wise, and if he conquers he rests at your discretion, and it is impossible that he should not conquer with your help.

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