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1973FW -- Czar Roscoe strikes back and so does the Sultan. The Kaiser battles while England looks on. Austria in turmoil. Italia? C'est la vie, Pierre.

Summer 1902 - FR A Mun Rd to Sil, IT A Tyr is disbanded and RUSS F Rum Rd to Sev.

Fall 1902

AUSTRIA: (Boston)- NMR - A's Tyr, Vie, Ber and Gal hold. F Ven holds A Rum holds.

ENGLAND: (Osmanson)- NMR - A Yor holds. F's Norway, Nth S, Bel and Eng hold.

FRANCE: (Christensen)- A Bur to Mun. A Sil S A Bur to Mun. A Pie to Tus. F Spa(sc) to G of Ly. F MAO to R.Med. A Mar to Bur.

GERMANY: (Swies)- A Ruh S A Mun. A Mun S A Kie to Ber. A Kie to Ber. F Swe holds.

ITALY: (Turner)- NMR - A Tun holds. F Adr holds.

RUSSIA: (Truman)- A Fin to Swe. F G of B S A Fin to Swe. F Sev to Rum. A Ukr S F Sev to Rum. A Ber S FR A Sil to Mun.

TURKEY: (Ronson)- F Bla S RUSS F Sev to Rum. A Con to Bul. A Gre S A Con to Bul. F Smy to Reg.

Retreats: Aus A Rum to Bud or disband. Ger F Swe to Bal S by order. Supply Center Chart

Austria: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ven & Ber- 5 Remove One or Even, depending on what is done with A Rum.

England: Lon, Edi, Livp, Nor & Bel- 5 Even. Send in 'intent'.

France: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa & Por- 5 Remove One

Germany: Mun, Kie, Hol & Den- 4 Even

Italy: Rome, Nap & Tun- 3 Build One

Russia: St.P, Mos, Kar, Sev, Rum, Swe & Ber- 7 Build Two

Turkey: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul & Gre- 5 Build One

Winter 1902 Orders are due by Friday July 26, 1974.

Press;

Stockholm: Kaiser Richard I has died of a shell wound while leading naval forces against the Russian Baltic fleet. Richard's sons are all claiming succession, although most military forces have already given allegiance to Prinz Thomas, the Kaiser's youngest son.

Vienna: Emperor Assassinated! Today, the 23rd of November, 1902 a group of Rumanian nationalists broke into the Hofburg Palace and riddled the Emperor with bullets. Archduke Steven held that his uncle's policy of 'forced incorporation' of subject states into the empire must be repudiated.

***Jim Boston can no longer play Austria for unspecified personal reasons, so, would Steven Ball of 398 Queen St St.Mary's Ontario please take over Austria.

***Richard Swies has resigned so would Tom Durling of 387 Meadowbrook Rd North Wales Penns 19454 USA please play out Germany's position.

***For the two NMR, would Pat Murphy of 1897 Summit Ave., St.Paul Minn. 55105 USA please submit orders for Italy.

For England- anyone can submit orders and if Osmanson misses again, then England will go in a draw to the players who submit standby orders. Fair enough? Subscribers?

Over to two and AYL, it's 1972AY

1972AY -- The Sultan sleeps. Britannia goes to sea. The Kaiser lurches on and who nose the Hapsburgs?

Summer 1905- AUS A Tri Rd to Ven & ITA A Rome is disbanded

Fall 1905

AUSTRIA: (Bennett)- A Ven S A Vie to Tri. A Vie to Tri. A Rome S F Nap. F Nap S A Rome.

ENGLAND: (Ball)- F MAO to W.Med. F Eng to MAO. F Bre S F Eng to MAO. F Den to Nth S. F Bal to St.P(sc). F St.P(nc) to Bar.

FRANCE: (Swice)- F Por S A Spa. A Spa S F Por.

GERMANY: (Brooks)- A Gal to War. A Sil S A Gal to War. A Mun holds. F Bel holds. A Burg to Mars. A Gas to Spa.

ITALY: (Lecder)- NMR - A Tyr holds.

RUSSIA: (Morgan)- A War S A Mos. A Mos S A War.

TURKEY: (Acidmark)- NMR - A's Sev, Rum, Bud, Apu & F's Bla, Ion, Aeg and E.Med hold. A Tri holds.

Retreats: TUR A Tri to Ser, Alb or disband.

Would Tom Durling please submit orders for Turkey and unless anyone wishes to send in orders for Italy, I will place it in civil disorder.

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Vie, Tri, Ven, Rome & Nap- 5 Build One

England: Lon, Edi, Livp, Den, Nor, Swe, St.P & Bre- 8 Build Two

France: Spa & Por- 2 Even

Germany: Ber, Ric, Mun, Hol, Bel, Par & Mar- 7 Build One

Italy: Tunis- 1 Even

Russia: Mos & War- 2 Even

Turkey: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, Rum, Sev, Gre, Ser & Bud- 9 Even

* Would Pat Murphy please take over France

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1973Det -- MED IV -- Sorry I failed to ask for Spring moves last ish.

Winter 3019

Angmar: Build A Carn Dum. Has A's Carn Dum, Gun, Rhu & Iml- 4 Even

Arnor: Build A Arthadain. Has A's Art, Car, W.H. & Mor- 4 Even

Gondor: Build A's Belfalas & Lebennin. Has A's Bel, Leb, Ano, Har & Fan- 5 Even

Harad: Build A Far Harad. Has A's F.Har, Umb, N.Har & Kha- 4 Even

Mordor: Build A's Udun & Barad-Dur. Has A's Udu, Bar-D, Gor, Ith & Rhun- 5 Even

Rhovanion: Build A's Esgaroth & Wilderland. Has A's Esg, wil, mir, Lor & N.Mir- 5 Even

Spring 3020 Orders are due by Friday July 26, 1974.

The Shire; In the capital today it was announced that a vein of Mithril has been found in Moria. The first load will be sent back to the capital by the long route of Rhudaur, Gundabad and Carn Dum (no doubt to foil Trolls and any stray band of Goblins that happen along) and is expected in the Shire within two years.

1974Go -- The Nazgul strike! A plague of Orcs (Isengard variety) and Goblins on Eriador. Where is Aragorn?

Fall 3019

ARNOR: (Moseley)- NMR - A Bran to Thar. A Iml to Lre. A Ang to Car.

GONDOR: (Schoumacher)- NMR - A Tol to S.Gon. A Arnor S A M.Tir to Henann. A M.Tir to Henann.

MORDOR: (Murphy)- A M.Mor to Henann. A Dd Ms S A M.Mor to Henann. A Udun S A M.Mor to Henann.

RHOVANION: (Fujihara)- A Mir to Car. A Glad S A Mir to Car. A BnLs to Dag.

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ROHAN: (Durling)- A Rau to A.Em. A Fan to Ere. A Lor S A Fan to Ere.
Supply Center Chart

Arnor: Im1, Lms, Shire, Thar & Ang- 5 Build Two

Gondor: M.Tir, Lam-Leb, D.Lm, S.Gon and Anor- 5 Build Two

Mordor: Bar-D, Udun, M.Mor, Ddms & Henann- 5 Build Two

Rhovanion: D.Gul, N.Lil, Lil, Car & Dag- 5 BuildTwo

Rohan: Isen, Fan, A.Em, Lor & Ere- 5 Build Two

Winter 5019 Orders are due by Friday July 27 1974. Would everyone also send in Spr 5020 orders and unless someone needs to do some talking we can get the battle(s) under way.

Your roving Morgul spy in Minas Tirith reports; "Out of the sky they came, nine beasts of flight. As they swooped on over the city with anti-aircraft(?) spears bursting about them, each dropped a separate payload, and SPLAT all over the clean streets. 'May Nazgul dung infest and smell up this city for years on end'. A screech went up from the sky and all who heard it took a deep breath and hurried a great victory for the Dark Lord!!!!"

Tollalas; At the least, dropping it on Minas Tirith will improve the smell in Barad-Dur.

Hi there, time for a short review.

Recently, I was sent from the 'Institute for Diplomatic Studies', Larry Peery's handbook on the strategy and tactics of England in Diplomacy games. Larry has also produced a handbook for Austria at this date. If the reader has seen either handbook, then one will realize the amount of work and information to be found therein. A novice player would learn a great deal though the novice could easily have most of the book go in one ear and out the other. We all learned the hard way (by experience) didn't we. The intermediate player can also pick up a tip here and there, especially on mid-game and end-game struggles. The experienced player will find little to amuse him but then these handbooks weren't intended for him. I wouldn't recommend the IDA players handbook, tho I'm inclined to endorse Peery's handbooks. If only for the basic strategy and tactics of a great power, Larry's books will provide you with the facts in a more comprehensive fashion than any other publication. Address: Larry Peery P.O.Box 8416 San Diego

California 92102 U.S.A.

1973.Odu is held up to next ish so Greenwell, Hullan and Ronson can get their orders in. I have some from Murphy who is now Gad. NO, Patrick, not even almost literally. Tough bananas, eh.

Winter 1,999 B.C. and Spring 1,998 Orders due by July 26, 1974. Would everyone please take note of my new address at the top of page one. I promise to have another episode of my continuing adventures in Middle Earth next issue.

See Y' all

May all your acorns grow into tall trees
and may all your sons grow up to be George Washingtons,
????????? - ah, Spiro Agnew, maybe. Nassaa, didn't think so.
Heard a gnu joke lately? How do you gnu? I'm gnuing fine.
Gnu you, too!