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decided to reread Ringworld first. Actually, I probably ought to reread all of Niven's "Known Space" stuff, but I haven't the time. Anyway, I can finish it before this issue goes out, you'll get a review; if not, then next time.

7). THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK What can I say? The sequel to the best movie of the millenium is due to open next week. I haven't looked forward to a day so eagerly since I graduated. The hype's been building the last few days; why, I saw Han Solo, Leia and the Wookiee on a TV commercial last night and Harrison Ford and Mark Hamal were on TV with Jane Pauley the other morning with some great film clips. I've read some advance reviews, they are all quite favorable. Shit, Darth Vader is on the cover of this week's Time! The accompanying article is pretty informative too, and incidently promises us a number of Star Wars to come. Unfortunately, Vegas isn't one of the 125 cities where the film premier's on the 21st, but I imagine will get it up here in a month or so. I hope I can wait that long---I may just have to find an excuse to go Madag in LA.

8) WELL IT'S THE END of the semester, and that means a lot of work coming up, both to finish my own classes (some are going to have to carry over to summer) and to finish up the class I'm teaching. That latter involves all sorts of bullshit: giving and grading the final, and then handling with the gradesheets to feed the computer. Invariably there are a bunch of people on the sheet who never attended classes, or alternately, no place for people who were always there. After you fill it in, something always goes wrong, requiring an 11th hour journey to the registrars office to sort it out. I've never been in the military, but it appears that university bureacracy can approach some of the horror stories I've heard about the service. Then there's always the students who haven't taken an exam, shown up two or three times, and then ask how they can manage a passing grade. Uh-huh, sure.

9) This issue's cover, which I think is one of the best I've ever had was a collaborative effort. The lovely Pocahauntas drew the Nazgul, and I did the inking (it's pretty clear to see who did most of the work).

10) I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE who said all the understanding things about last issues "bare bones" approach. Not a single complaint and lots of encouragement. Thanks.

11) I'M REALLY GOING TO TRY TO GET THIS OUT by the start of the Memorial Day weekend, but next week's going to be busy with all that end of the term crap. I'm taking a long weekend with my brother and Dad down to Arizona (Prescott, to be precise) to visit some friends, go to the horse races and just enjoy some of the clear mountain air. I don't plan on thinking about anything more serious than bisquits and gravy for breakfast, cowgirls and whiskey.

Turn of the Century Dept. I.

The Game: 1980 H

Spring 1980

FRENCH STEAM NORTH

<u>Austria</u> (Narciso)	A Trl S GER A Mun-Trl, A Ser-Bud, F Alb S A Tri, A Rum
	S TUR F Rla-Sev,
<u>England</u> (Sulsberger)	F Nth H, A Den-Swe, A Nrv S A Den-Swe
<u>France</u> (Petrie)	A Mar-Bur, A Pic S A Mar-Bur, A Spa-Gas, F Por-MAO,
	F Bre-Eng

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Fall 1903

The Game: 1979HX

ITALY RAMBLES ON SERBS AND CROATS

<u>Austria</u> (Williams)	A <u>ser S ITAL</u> A <u>Gre-Bul</u> /NSO/d/annihilated, A Tri-Bud, F <u>Alb-Ion</u>
<u>England</u> (Rodriguez)	A <u>Fin=StP</u> , A Nry S A <u>Fin-Stp</u> , F <u>Nth-Eng</u> , F Iri S F <u>Nth-Eng</u> ; F <u>Swe-Ska</u>
<u>France</u> (Dicovitsky)	A <u>Naf-Bre</u> , F <u>MAO C A Naf-Bre</u> , F <u>Wmd-Spa(sc)</u> , A <u>Mar-Eur</u> , A <u>Pic S A Nar-Bur</u>
<u>Germany</u> (Jacobs)	A <u>Mos S ENG</u> A <u>Fin-StP</u> , A <u>Pru-Sil</u> , A <u>Bel H</u> , A <u>WAR S</u> A <u>Mos</u> , A <u>Ruh S A Bel</u> , A <u>Mun-Tyl</u> , F <u>Den H</u>
<u>Italy</u> (Dunn)	A <u>Ven-Tri</u> , A <u>Gre-Ser</u> , A <u>Tun-Gre</u> , F <u>Ion C A Tun-Gre</u> , F <u>Trn-Tun</u>
<u>Russia</u> (Perez)	F <u>StP H/d/(r Lvn, Bot, OTB)</u> , A <u>Ukr H</u> , A <u>Sev H/d/anni</u>
<u>Turkey</u> (Kassel)	A <u>Arm-Sev</u> , F <u>Bla S A Arg-Sev</u> , A <u>Rum S A Arm-Sev</u> , A <u>Bul S ITAL</u> A <u>Gre-Ser</u> , F <u>Aeg S A Bul</u>

Center Chart:

<u>Aust</u>	(2) OK: Vie, Bud, XXX , XXX
<u>Engl</u>	(6) +1: Home, Nry, Swe, StP
<u>Fran</u>	(5) OK: Home, Spa, Por
<u>Germ</u>	(8) +1: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, War, Mos
<u>Ital</u>	(7) +2: Home, Tun, Gre, <u>Ser</u> , <u>Tri</u>
<u>Turk</u>	(6) +1: Home, Bul, Rum, <u>Sev</u>
<u>Russ</u>	(0) -2: XXX , XXX , XXX OUT

Gamenotes: Well, Russia's carcas s was carved up nicely this year, eh? Julio, do you wish your deposit put in your sub account, or would you prefer a check? Ed., I hope you're feeling much better! Winter and Spring (unless a speration is requested) are both due here June 22nd, 7pm.

Press:

GERMANY TO ALL OTHER PLAYERS: Please excuse my lack of correspondance this year. I have been the victim of food poisoning and just got out of the hospital. You'll all here from me soon.

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The Game: 1980G

Spring 1902

RUSSIA AIDED ON BOTH FRONTS

<u>Austria</u> (Goldberg)	A <u>Vie-Tyl</u> , A <u>Tri S A Vie-Tyl</u> , A <u>Ser S RUSS</u> A <u>Rum-Bul</u> , A <u>Bud H</u> , F <u>Gre S RUSS</u> A <u>Rum-Bul/d/r Alb, OTB</u>
<u>England</u> (Rose)	A <u>Bel H</u> , F <u>Eng S A Bel H</u> , F <u>Nry S RUSS</u> F <u>Bot-Swe</u> , F <u>Edi-Nth</u> , F <u>Lon S F Edi-Nth</u>
<u>France</u> (Williams)	A <u>Spa-Gas</u> , F <u>Por-MAO</u> , F <u>Bre H</u> , A <u>Par S A Bur</u> , A <u>Bur H</u>
<u>Germany</u> (Gaige)	A <u>Mun-Bur</u> , A <u>Hol-Bel</u> , A <u>Kie-Hol</u> , F <u>Den-Nth</u> , A <u>Ruh S A</u> A <u>Hol-Bel</u>
<u>Italy</u> (Carter)	F <u>Ion-EMd</u> , F <u>Nap-Ion</u> , A <u>Tun H</u> , A <u>Ven H</u>
<u>Russia</u> (Ashley)	A <u>Rum-Bul</u> , F <u>Bla S A Sev-Rum</u> , A <u>Sev-Rum</u> , A <u>War-Sil</u> , F <u>Bot-Swe</u>
<u>Turkey</u> (McManus)	A <u>Bul-Gre</u> , F <u>Aeg S A Ful-Gre</u> , A <u>Con-Bul</u> , A <u>Ank-Con</u>

Gamenotes: Pretty interesting situation--looks like the diplomacy was hot and furious this season. Fall should be full of surprises. Thanks heartily to Dave Smith for standing by for Germany. Fall due here on June 23rd, 7pm.

Press:

ROME: His personage the King of Italy has dispatched a fleet, under the command of Admiral V.D. Gama, to investigate reports of a lost civilisation in

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The Eastern Mediterranean. This civilization goes by the name of Turkey, but is only remembered by a few survivors of the Winter 1900 peace conference. The total absence of communications from this country makes it highly likely that a terrible fate has befallen the country- or soon will.

ROME-VIENNA: Er, what code are you using? I'm not familiar with it. Myself, I prefer the 26 letter, silent H, I before E English code. Used correctly, it's unbreakable.

AUSTRIA-ITALY: Because of military naval excursions into the Ionian and eastern seas without full consent from the emperor's palace and the pressure being placed on Austrian-Hungarian defenses, the troops of Franz-Joseph have been ordered to occupy the region of the Tyrolian province (set forfiet by treaty) until such time as these fleets shall be withdrawn and proper relations are restored between the Kingdom of Italy and the Empire of Austria and the Apostolic Kingdom of Hungary.

BUDAPEST-MOSCOW: Defensive retaliatory tactics in the west shall not under any circumstances disturb the sweeping progress being experienced in the Turkish campaign to free oppressed peoples. The Dual Monarchy would like to reassure the Tsar publically of Austria-Hungary's dedication to the alliance with the Russian government.

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: Greetings to the King!

LONDON TIMES: Word was received today that the king was located off the coast of Australia and brought safely to shore. King Edward appears to be in good health and spirits after being lost in Antarctica for 92 days. Plans are being made for the King to return to England as soon as possible. The King is on his way home.

The Game: 1978FG Fall 1909

RUSSIA TAKES IT! WITH AN EXTRA FOR GOOD MEASURE

<u>Austria</u>	(Michalski)	A Rom S RUSS F Ion-Nap, A Tyl-Ven, F EMD-Ion, A Boh S RUSS A Sil-Mun, A Smy H
<u>England</u>	(Kendter)	F Nth S RUSS A Edi/IMP/d/r Ska, Heg, Yor, OTB)
<u>France</u>	(Kassel)	A Gas-Bre, A Bur-Bel, A Bel-Ruh, A Hol S A Bel-Ruh, E Enf S F Lon-Nth, F Lon-Nth, F Cly S F Yor-Edi, F Yor- Edi, F Apu-Nap, F Trn S F Apu-Nap, A Mar-Bur
<u>Russia</u>	(Pierce)	(Summer: A Bur r Par). A Nry H, A Arm H, F Bar-Nwg, F Den-Nth, A Edi-Lvp, A Kie S ENG F Nth-Hol/NSO/, A Ruh-Bel/d/annihilated, A Par S A Mun-Bur, A Sil-Mun, A Ven-Pie, A Tri-Tyl, A Ser-Alb, F Ion-Nap, F Gre S AUST F End-Ion

Game notes: Special congratulations to Dave for a fine win and thanks to all who participated. It was an interesting game. Any who wish to send endgame statements should have them here by the 23rd of June. Center chart will appear along with those statements.

Press:

ENGLAND-FRANCE: It's very foolish to not write a standby.

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Movie Review: The Nude Bomb

TV's Maxwell Smart has acquired something of a cult status. Despite the fact the show was first aired over 15 years ago, it still remains quite popular in reruns; I know I like to watch the old shows when I get a

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chance. I was bit surprised to hear of a Maxwell Smart movie at first, but after thinking about it, saw it made sense. A lot of people liked the old Get Smart show, and anyway, hadn't Star Trek undergone a revival on the big screen?

As a comedy, the Nude Bomb is pretty funny; as a revival of the old TV show, it leaves something to be desired. There are some pretty funny parts, and the writers could get away with some lines they couldn't have used on the tube, despite the PG rating. Don Adams gives a faithful recreation of his character; sure, he's a little older, but it's definitely the old Maxwell Smart. Most of the other characters from the TV show are gone. There's a new chief (the one from the TV show is dead), Barbara Feldon as '99 is missing (noticably); in fact the only holdovers are Laraby and Agent 13 (the guy who was always in the trash can, or the bus station locker etc). Instead, Mav is surrounded with a new team, none of whom who are very memorable.

The plot centers around the efforts of Chaos (the international organization for evil and rotteness) to blackmail the world by threatening to use their nude bombs, weapons that destroy clothing fabrics, leaving everyone stark naked. This will allow the demented Chaos mastermind, a frustrated fashion designer, to clothe the world. It's up to Max and company to stop them.

I found the movie worth seeing (perhaps because I hadn't seen a comedy in a while). There are some funny bits: a fight between hordes of clones, Bill Dana has some funny stuff, and of course, all the standard Get Smart jokes ("Would you believe...", "Sorry about that chief" and so on.)

The Annual North American Zine Poll

John Leeder is once again conducting his annual zine poll, his 4th year at it. Rate all the magazines you recieve from 1 (lousy) to 10 (totally superb) and you may do the same for your gamemasters as well, and then send the results to John at 121 19th Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 1N9, Canada. Be sure to state your relationship to the hobby (publisher of----, player in game ----, etc). The deadline for submissions is June 30th.

Turn of the Century Dept. II.

The Game: 1979 AU

Winter 1904

<u>Austria</u>	(Alden)	A Ser r Tri
<u>England</u>	(Peacock)	Build F Lon
<u>France</u>	(Bannon)	Remove F Spa(sc), A Gas
<u>Germany</u>	(Kirchner)	Build A Mun
<u>Italy</u>	(Keeney)	Constant
<u>Russia</u>	(Findlay)	Constant
<u>Turkey</u>	(Flack?)	Constant

Spring 1905

NEW SULTAN RULES

<u>Austria</u>	(Alden)	F Acg-Gre, A Ven-Tyl, A Bud-Vie, A Tri S A Bud-Vie
<u>England</u>	(Peacock)	F Spa(sc), S F MAO-WMd, F MAO-WMd, F Eng-MAO, F Lon-Eng, F Nth H, F Swe H, A Bre S GERM A Par/IMP/,
<u>France</u>	(Bannon)	F Trn-Tun

and I am asking Fred Shoemaker to assume the spot. A recap of everyone's address will follow. Fall due June 23rd 7pm.

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The Game: 1979CM

Winter 1903

- Austria (Jacobs) Build F Tri, A Vie
- England (Loy) Constant
- France (Fleming) Build F Bre
- Germany (Reynolds) Build A Ber
- Italy (Myhre) Remove A Rom
- Russia (Smith) Constant

Spring 1904

FRENCH BORDER VIOLATED; AUSTRIA ASSERTS NAVY

- Austria (Jacobs) F Gre-Aeg, F Tri-Adr, A Vic-Tri, A Gal S A Rum, A Rum
S A Gal, A Bul S A Rum, A Bud S A Rum
- England (Loy) F Bar-Nry, F Eng-Lon, F Iri-Eng, F MAO S F Iri-Eng,
A StP H(unordered)
- France (Fleming) F Bre H, A Pic S F Bre H, A Bel H, A Spa-Por, F WMd-
Spa(sc), A Mar S F WMd-Spa(sc)
- Germany (Reynolds) A Mun-Bur, A Ruh S A Mun-Bur, F Hol-Bel, F Den-Bal, A
Pru-Sil, A War S A Pru-Sil
- Italy (Myhre) F Ion-Trn, A Pic-Mar, F Tun-WMd, F Lyo S F Tun-WMd
- Russia (Smith) A Ukr S A Mos, A Sev S A Mos, A Mos S A Ukr, F Ank-Bla
A Con H

Gamenotes: There you have it; a pretty active season, wouldn't you say? We'll see how this year wraps up when Fall '04 moves are due June 23rd, 7pm.

Press:

BERLIN: The Baron von Gooden-schnaps today delivered a note to the French ambassador of Germany's declaration of war. According to the Baron, the Kaiser has become concerned about the content of intercepted messages to an eastern power. Although the exact wording of the messages were ((sic)) not disclosed, there appears to be reference to slicing up a pie. The Imperial Chamberlin, Kurt Dinker, was heard to have said in an off hand remark that the Kaiser is particularly fond of pies.

LONDON-BOFFODELDRITCH: The British Red Cross is formulating plans to ship needed medical supplies to Bulgaria. Unfortunately, no one here is sure what the cure for Linguist's Disease is.

LONDON: HM Government is curious about the French statement that Ukranian linguists are not Russian. One might reach the conclusion that Marseilles is not French by the same logic. This seems rather silly.

PISA-SEVASTOPOL: We have found that the "Important" Italians was a misprint. The error was the fault of a French typesetter who bungled the job. As we all know, the French can't spell (or read, or write, or behave with anything resembling civilized behavior.) The eyeglasses were greatly appreciated and

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will be used at this year's fashion expo.
 ROME -BOFFODELDITCH: Italian doctors have discovered the cause of Linguist's Disease! As this is a family publication, we can only suggest that those stricken with it have a cigarette and rest. We shall send all the Tunisian cigarettes we can.
 AUSTRIA TO ALL OTHER PLAYERS: Please excuse the lack of correspondance this year. I've just been released from the hospital where I've been treated for food poisoning (although it could have been Linguist's Disease). You'll all hear from me soon.

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 The Game: 1978KF Winter 1905

SEASONS SEPERATED

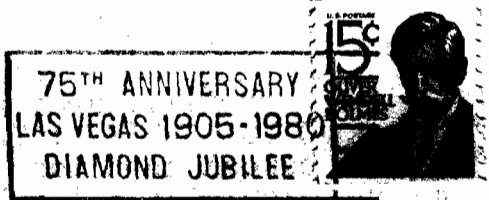
- Austria (Kassel) Constant. Has: A's Lvn, S&P; F's Nth, Eng, MAO, WMD, Lyo,
- Germany (Kirchner) A Boh r OTB. Build A Mun, A Ber. Has: A's Gas, Mar, Mun, Ber, Sil, War, Den; F's Bot, Heg
- Italy (Keeney) Remove A Tyl. Has: A's Pic; F's Ion, Trn
- Russia (Alden) Constant. Has: A Mos
- Turkey (Perez) Build A Con. Has: A's Gal, Ukr, Ser, Con; F's Tun, Gre, Aeg, Sev

Gamenotes: A separation of seasons has been asked for and granted. I have orders on file for all players save Rick Kassel for the Spring 1906 move. That season will be due June 22nd, 7pm.

Next issue we'll have the review of the new Ringworld book and hopefully a Spacelanes. Maybe I'll make it another SF special.

I apologize for the tardiness of this issue. I managed to contract some kind of stomach flu while I was in Arizona and it incapacitated me a for a couple of days. I'll cut this issue short here and get it in the mail post haste.

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