

THE

TINNY

FIFTY - FIVE

From a somewhat jiggered Bob Brown and a paper-strewn 53 Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, Preston. Lancs PR2 4SS. Telephone Preston 863459 (home) or Preston 51831 ext 219 (work). The reasons for the above disarray and tiredness will become apparent soon. Price 20p.

CONTENTS

D36	Page 16	Ulysses	Page 15
B37	.. 16	Verity	.. 8
NGC 204	.. 9	Wezand	.. 14
NGC 215	.. 16	Kyster	.. 13
NGC 221	.. 8	Yogatan	.. 7
Amber	.. 10	Zephyr	.. 12
Caradharas	.. 10	Cybercrud 3	.. 17
Kyte	.. 7	C3 Bourse	.. 17
Odium	.. 9	Cybercrud 4	.. 16
Rhubarb	.. 11	Railway Rivals	.. 5
Sauba	.. 11	Athgor	.. 3
Tickle	.. 7	B Gamestart	.. 15

DEADLINES

RT 66 B (Dave Watts) - Saturday September 22nd
Everything else - Friday September 28th

DEADLINES

David Watts, 'Rostherne', 102 Priory Rd., Milford Haven. Dyfed SA73 2ED.
Micheal O'Shea, 29 Marian Rd., Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. Eire.
Ron Fisher, 85 Stulfold, Astley Park, Chorley. Lancs. (Tel Chorley 70030).

What's missing? You guessed - the En Garde. I don't know what has happened to it as I have not been able to reach Dave by phone this weekend. I suspect that he may have posted it to me 2nd class (for 2 read infinity) and it has not yet arrived. We'll get something sorted out, never fear.

Players in EIRE: When you are topping up your subscriptions, please send the money to Micheal O'Shea and he will forward it to me. The reason for this is the shock I got when I went into the bank to cash £2.50 worth of your postal orders. After depreciation and bank charges had been deducted I would have got about £1. So I've asked Mike if he can collect all the subs together and either send me English money or Eire notes of large denomination as a charge (umm - charge) of only 25p per note is made. Ta.

Micheal has also asked me to ask the Athgor players to send him their stuff within a week of receiving T. This shouldn't pose any problems and it would help both Mike and me if you could do this. Cheers.

Now then - why all the disarray as mentioned above? Well, it's mainly because I didn't get back from holiday until Friday afternoon. (My apologies to anyone that tried to phone me and failed, by the way). No sympathy? Well, I had planned to be back in plenty of time but this didn't take account of Matthew having to go into hospital for an operation. Nothing particularly serious - he had a small obstruction in his digestive system which meant that his food came straight back up rather than going down. The name for the problem is pyloric stenosis. Anyway, he was in for three days, but Jane wanted to stay in Plymouth (at her parents' house) rather than come back here. The extra pairs of hands and the lack of hassle with meals etc is very handy. She's still there in fact. I've come home to do the magazine and get things straight for their homecoming and I will be back down there on Tuesday (via London). We will probably be back here by next weekend, but I fear that my trip to GeordieCon has had it. This is very disappointing as I have been looking forward to the Con for months. It is possible that I may make it for the Saturday, but I'm not optimistic. I shall try to get down to Loughborough for OGSCon on the Saturday instead.

THE DRINKER'S FAULT-FINDING GUIDE

<u>SYMPTOM</u>	<u>FAULT</u>	<u>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>
Drinking fails to give satisfaction and taste; shirt front wet.	Mouth not open while drinking OR Glass being applied to wrong part of face.	Buy another pint and practise in front of mirror. Continue, with as many pints as necessary until technique perfect.
Drinking fails to give satisfaction and taste; beer pale and clear.	Glass empty.	Find someone who will buy you another pint.
Beer cold and wet.	Glass being held at incorrect angle.	Turn glass other way up, so that <u>open</u> end points toward the ceiling.
Beer warm and wet.	Incorrect bladder control.	Stand next to nearest dog. After a while complain to owner about lack of house training and demand a pint in compensation.
Beer blurred.	Looking through bottom of empty glass.	Find someone who will buy you another pint.
Beer swaying.	Air turbulence unusually high - may be due to darts match in progress.	Insert broom handle down back of jacket.
Beer moving.	You are being carried out.	Find out if you are being taken to another pub. If not, complain loudly that you are being hi-jacked by the Salvation Army.
You notice that the wall opposite is covered with ceiling tiles and has a fluorescent light strip across it.	You have fallen over backwards.	If glass is still full and no-one is standing on your drinking arm, stay put. If not, get someone to help you up, and lash yourself to the bar.
Everything has gone dim, and you have a mouthful of dog-ends and broken teeth.	You have fallen over forwards.	As for falling over backwards.
Everything has gone dark.	The pub is closing.	Panic.
You have woken up to find your bed hard, cold, and wet. You cannot see your bedroom walls or ceiling.	You have spent the night in the gutter.	Check your watch to see if it is opening time yet - if not, treat yourself to a lie-in.

ATHGON 15

THE TIMELINE BOOKS:

From the Chronicle of Graves.

The King sat at the far end of the Court Yard, the entrance to the Palace being covered by an awning. A voice intoned the sacred liturgy from the dais. A good thirty figures in green satin stood to either side of the altar-stone. Incense rose from all sides and sent an acrid message through the air out of the city; the new Pope was about to be crowned. At this point the Sacred Amulatis is usually born aloft and carried round the altar, but the precious jewel still being missing, its empty container was used instead. The liturgy stopped. The choir rose in a surge of pious energy, "Blessed be the Servants of Koschkrei...". The minister climbed the steps to where Ignatz Fuerheim Graves, former Inquisitor General, was seated. With trembling hand the octagonal crown was raised above his head and the sacred words recited, "I have seen this Seat of Pearl; in the Crystal Element, the Oyster-Tear, and have marveled at the craft that made them one, that matched them so in a Secret Smithy!"... The Pope was crowned. Again the choir with a great chant of solemn eulogy deafened the ringing bells throughout the city. "Holy, Holy, Holy..."

It was time for the new Pope - to be known as Ignatio (the First) - to give the Address and make his inaugural speech. He had chosen the Lossen himself. It ran:

"Now we live in the humblest of poverty,
Are a beggars' land, long since.
The noble bond of childhood is undone,
The cruel tyranny of circumstance, supreme.
We are a people who flee for our lives,
Who grab what we can in our hands and run
Before the beating drum, the crackling fire,
The thunder of the God that rolls the dice!
Pride has been sold, and law forgotten!
True spirit, once so vocal, is mute;
Like the bird on the branch when Winter comes,
We shiver and turn our head against the cold.
Where, O where, that former universe?
What of the Divinity that has deserted us?"

It was one of the great Songs of Elinea, prophet of despair. Silence. The incense blew about the Court and stung the eye. Ignatio the First began his commentary:

"I have chosen this text deliberately....What was true eight centuries ago, in the time when the land of Elsinor was finally consumed, is as true today. 'We live in the humblest of poverty' - The poverty of the spirit! (His voice rang clear across the Court. He trembled slightly, drew breath and rose his eyes to heaven) I am deeply humbled, moved to tears by the glorious honour that has been given me. I have come to pledge my loyal oath, with every drop of blood in my body... (His clear, firm voice rose now with every word.) to restore the lost pride in our Gods! - No people have been so favoured of Heaven, nor as disloyal to Her precepts. In Athgor today, who is the man who does not tremble at the words of the prophet, who does not see in them the fruit of his own lack of pride! 'The cruel tyranny of circumstance is supreme' - Oh God, fend it! (He paused to view the respectful crowds.)

"My duty, our duty, is plain." Now, with an unforeseen movement he descended from the altar-dais and walked to the middle of the Court Yard. The crowds pulled back in confused reverence. Raising his right arm, the Pope called in a loud voice "Selephon! Come forth!"

Astonishment. The crowds stared petrified towards the shadows beneath the awning. Behind the Regal Throne the Chamberlain stared terrified at Aegar. The Regent beckoned him to keep still. - Suddenly the King was on his feet! Before anyone could stop him, he was down in the middle of the Court, face to face with the Pope. The mad King stood a moment, smiling at the crowds around him. His gaze finally rested on the Pope, still standing with his arm upraised. In a high, hoarse voice, with halting diction he broke the utterly embarrassing silence.

"God is in His Heaven. The Pope is on his throne. Mankind...(With this he threw his arms out wide and smiled peacefully.) is subservient. What else can be desired? ...Harmony my brothers, harmony! - Never let it be sundered! It is the only thing in this world that

can stand to our credit: perfect harmony! - And that, my brothers, we already possess. (All this was spoken quite calmly. His eyes were now in tears of joy. A new tone now entered his voice.) ...And let those who raise one single word against our harmony be cast out! And let them wander, raving far from the ways of civilised man! Order, brothers, order!...Perfect order! (Now he looked straight at Ignatio.) That is our reward!"

The King moved forward and opened his arms to the Pontiff. They fell like brothers into one another's arms, and while the King sobbed for joy, the Pope stared at the canopy. The crowd began a spontaneous applause and soon the entire Court was filled with thronged voices singing the Great Hymn to Koschikrei 'Here is but the Beginning...'

Prof. Wavo Daring:

Prof. Daring, whose interests lie in the more mythological of the ATHGON texts, (that is, those probably deriving from folk-sources and recorded in later times) has sent the following note.

"The Sword-Brotherhoods were a cohesive influence on Athgorian society, though with the passage of time many of their traditions became empty rituals, with their true meaning forgotten. For example:

Question: How many came?	Answer: One and ten.
How many died?	Two times five.
How many stayed?	One remains.

This formal challenge-and-answer sequence is part of the initiation ceremony of the Brothers of Flame, one of the oldest Sword-Brotherhoods in Athgor; and it typifies the entire system of formal and social clans which developed in the centuries following the Dark Years. ((This term occurs frequently in folk texts. -Ed.))

The massive use of tower in the struggle for Athgor during the Dark Years is now accepted as the most probable reason for the appearance of the Wyrms, although some authorities hold that they were created by Zatac himself to use in his wars. The fact is that in the years of turmoil which followed, eleven dragons were found to be abroad, dwelling in the remote mountainous parts of Athgor and descending whenever their hunger was roused. (See also: the Wyrms; Grom the Terrible; The Heroic Sagas of Athgor, Ch.7)

The Sword-Brotherhood of Flame was an elite military body formed to try to combat the peril. Since the Wyrms were too cunning to remain in one spot long enough to allow a body of men to be sent from a major city, it was decided to scatter those best trained in organisation and combat widely throughout the outlying provinces. The theory was that they would be able to organise a force from the local population to resist incursion if a Dragon was sighted.

This proved to be an effective counter to the hit-and-run tactics of the Wyrms, and the horrendous death toll was drastically reduced; moreover, the Wyrms themselves gradually lost members to this organised resistance. The challenge-and-answer sequence have become a tradition when two brothers met, both to remind them of their successes and to emphasise the number of Wyrms remaining. The Sagas of that period deal mainly with this subject; notably "The Burning of High Mead", which gives a detailed account of the tactics used by the defenders to destroy the Wym Hæreb.

Eventually, ten of the Wyrms were slain; an account of the fate of the eleventh, the Wym Esketh, is told in "The Tale of Malkin's Steading" (Sagas, Ch.8).

The Sword-Brotherhood of Flame continued, firstly as an elite military unit, but gradually turning into a social clan for the nobility. Unlike many of the clans it remained totally loyal to the Crown of Athgor; this is probably due to its origin, since most other Sword-Brotherhoods developed from mercenary bands."

Ex. "The Social History of Athgor", Ch.5 by Professor W. Daring

Prof. Daring has asked if any of you who read this would be prepared to prepare a copy of any of the sagas mentioned, "The Burning of High Mead" for example, for publication in the TIN/NOU. The above note tells you everything you need to know about the kind of work that is involved. Any takers?

We Apologise for the Delay, but...

RT 66 B - Round 11

25)	Hull - Wolverhampton	CARROT 20
26)	Preston - Peterborough	DB 20-1+4=23; CARROT 10-4+1=7
27)	Birmingham - Burnley	DB 20+4+6=30; CARROT 10-6=4; L&L 0-4=-4
28)	Coventry - Gloucester	L&L 20; CARROT 10; DB 0
29)	London - Manchester	L&L 20
30)	London - Bolton	L&L 20+1=21; DB 10-1=9

Earnings: DB 62; L&L 57; CARROT 41.

No Builds

<u>Scores:</u>	CARROT (James O'Fee, blue)	247 + 41 = 288
	L&L (Chikako Fletcher, red)	195 + 57 = 252
	DB (Bob Brown, black)	178 + 62 = 240

The gap's narrowed slightly, and it's still possible for anyone to win, though CARROT's lead is still a useful one. It depends on the last runs, so let's have a look at them.

- 31) Doncaster - Birmingham
- 32) Manchester - York
- 33) Leeds - Lincoln
- 34) Bristol - London
- 35) Any port - Sheffield

Looks a good set of runs for CARROT and DB, and not so good for L&L.

RT 86 C - Round 4

JFR (Jonathan Palfrey, black). 4a) (E30)-Dallas; (D13)-Phoenix. 4b) (C7)-G6. 4c) (G6)-J4. 30+5+1(from RRR)=36.

DDR (David Watts, orange). 4a) (Dallas)-E31-D30. 4b) (M37)-Memphis-K38. 4c) (D76)-Chicago; (D30)-B29. 54-1(to JFR)=53.

DYER (Brian Williams, green). 4a) (J53)-K53-K52. 4b) (K52)-N50-N49. 4c) (N49)-Spokane-K48-K45. 30+5=35.

FHT (Harry Turner, red). 4a) (D55)-E55-E54. 4b) (E54)-F53-F50. 4c) (F50)-H49-H48-J47-J46. 26+1(from DITTO)=27.

DITTO (Deryck Povey, blue). 4a) (C51)-C50-D49. 4b) (49)-E50-E49; (C50)-B49-B48. 4c) (B48)-D47-N6-N5; (F49)-H48. 30-1(to FHT)=29.

Throws for Round 5: 6,6,2

Answers to a couple of queries: 1) You can build into Mexico if you wish and 2) Builds in the running stage will be decided from a table of 1-6 random numbers, probably on the basis of 3(D6+2), 3(D6+1), 3D6, 3(D6-1), 3(D6-2) in rounds 7, 8 etc respectively.

AT 81 K. I am two sets of orders short, probably because the two players have forgotten that they're playing. I will jog their minds and let you have a photocopied adjudication.

David Watts asks me to warn you that there are going to be fairly substantial price rises for ldt material at the end of September, so you should stock up now eg:

Maps up from 36p to 45p (Map D 45p up to 55p)
Touchdown - 29p up to 35p (for D, 42p up to 50p)
Lumocolours 88p going up to £1.05.

For the Touchdown and Lumocolours, the price went up months ago and of course VAT was doubled in June. For the maps, there has been a steady climb in printing and paper costs and again the doubled VAT. Postage increase wasn't as bad as feared and could have been absorbed, but the other price increases meant that the planned 11% rise was insufficient.

So....buy now!

On the phenomenon of delay in the RR building stage

by

Jonathan Ralfrey.

Definition: Delay occurs when you wish to cross an obstacle but haven't a big enough throw to do it. Consequently you must sit in front on the obstacle waiting for a big enough throw, meanwhile using the otherwise useless throw to build elsewhere. If you're beside a hill and get a throw of three, you can't use the three to build into the hill, so you must use the three elsewhere and can be said to have incurred a delay of three boxes in progressing along your intended route.

Estimation of expected delay: If the prior probability distribution of throws is known, one may estimate the expected delay prior to a throw or series of throws. I assume in my calculations below that a throw may be 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 with equal prior probabilities (0.2 each).

Delay in moving downhill (DH): If one is on a hill and wishes to move off, one requires a throw of four or more; any less will cause delay. The situation is as follows:

<u>Throw</u>	<u>Total expected delay</u>	
6	0	
5	0	
4	0	
3	3 + DH	(one is delayed by the amount of the throw
2	2 + DH	throw, and may then be delayed again)

$$\text{Mean DH} = (5 + 2\text{DH})/5. \text{ Hence } 5\text{DH} = 5 + 2\text{DH}. \text{ Hence } \text{DH} = 5/3 = 1\frac{2}{3}.$$

Delay in moving uphill (from beside the hill) (UHO):

<u>Throw</u>	<u>Total expected delay</u>	
6	2	(delay is incurred if throw is over 4
5	1	because one can't then move downhill)
4	0	
3	3 + UHO	
2	2 + UHO	

$$\text{Mean UHO} = (8 + 2\text{UHO})/5. \text{ Hence } 5\text{UHO} = 8 + 2\text{UHO}. \text{ UHO} = 8/3 = 2\frac{2}{3}.$$

Delay in moving uphill (from n boxes away from beside the hill) (UHn):

<u>UH1</u>			<u>UH2</u>			<u>UH3</u>		
<u>Throw</u>	<u>Total expected delay</u>		<u>Throw</u>	<u>Total expected delay</u>		<u>Throw</u>	<u>Total expected delay</u>	
6	1	= 1	6	0	= 0	6	3 + UHO = 5 $\frac{2}{3}$	
5	0	= 0	5	3 + UHO = 5 $\frac{2}{3}$		5	2 + UHO = 4 $\frac{2}{3}$	
4	3 + UHO = 5 $\frac{2}{3}$		4	2 + UHO = 4 $\frac{2}{3}$		4	1 + UHO = 3 $\frac{2}{3}$	
3	2 + UHO = 4 $\frac{2}{3}$		3	1 + UHO = 3 $\frac{2}{3}$		3	UHO = 2 $\frac{2}{3}$	
2	1 + UHO = 3 $\frac{2}{3}$		2	UHO = 2 $\frac{2}{3}$		2	UH1 = 3	

$$\text{Mean UH1} = 15/5 = 3.$$

$$\text{Mean UH2} = 3\frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\text{Mean UH3} = 3\frac{14}{15}.$$

As can be seen, the process of estimation may be continued in this way to any distance from the obstacle. Furthermore, the total delay caused by a hill may be found by adding the uphill delay to the downhill delay.

One may also estimate the expected delay on crossing a river. I hereby present a table showing the expected delay on crossing hills and rivers from various starting distances from the obstacle (number zero indicates a starting position beside the obstacle)

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Hill</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Hill</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Hill</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Hill</u>	<u>River</u>
0	4.333	0.5	6	4.947	0.9	12	5.072	0.990	18	5.084	1.000
1	4.667	0.8	7	5.077	0.990	13	5.095	1.005	19	5.086	1.002
2	5.0	0.9	8	5.133	1.010	14	5.094	1.005	20	5.084	1.001
3	5.6	1.06	9	5.149	1.028	15	5.086	1.004	30	5.083	1.000
4	5.133	1.24	10	5.055	1.019	16	5.075	0.999	40	5.083	1.000
5	4.987	0.952	11	5.059	0.976	17	5.081	0.996			

Tickle, Autumn 1906 (1978 GB) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Ser) stands unordered
(Anarchy)

England: F(DAL)-StP nc, A(StP)-Liv, A(Swe) St, F(Den)-DAL, F(Hol) S F(HEL)-Kie,
(Frank Dashwood) F(NTH) S FRENCH A(Ruh)-Bel, A(Yor) St

France: A(Ruh)-Bel, A(Pie)-Tyr, A(Mar) St, F(Spa sc)-GOL, F(WMS)-Tun
(Martin Styler)

Germany: NMR: A(Bel), A(Ber) & A(Gal) stand unordered
(John Foulger)

Italy: F(GOL)-TYR, F(TYR)-ION, A(Ven) S A(Tyr)-Tri, A(Tri)-Alb
(Don Brown)

Russia: F(DAL)-Ber, A(War) St, A(Mos)-StP, F(Sev) St, A(Rum)-Bud, A(Vie)-Bud
(Dave Sharrocks)

Turkey: F(Nap) S F(AEG)-ION, A(Iul) S A(Gre)-Ser, A(Arm)-Ank
(Chris Bishop)

Nasties. German A(Bel) chopped, NRO.

Winter 1906

<u>Austria</u> : Ser	no change for 1
<u>England</u> : Edi, Lon, Lpl, W , Nor, Den, StP, Swe + Kie, Hol	builds A(Lon) for 9
<u>France</u> : Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa + Bel, Tun	builds A(Par), F(Bre) for 7
<u>Germany</u> : Ber, W , Mun, W	no change for 2
<u>Italy</u> : W , Rom, Ven, W , Tri	removes F(GOL), F(TYR) (GM) for 3
<u>Russia</u> : Mos, Sev, War, Rum, Vie, Bud	no change for 6
<u>Turkey</u> : Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre + Nap	builds F(Smy) for 6

A Letter to "Tickle"

My Dear Wormwood/"La" D'Ashwood. It matters not whether you see yourself as a mighty forest giant or the wooden-headed, stringless wonder puppet that you actually are. In either event you make a warming blaze, remember your demise in Annalid? As for killer robots, what forms have they, or indeed, for that matter, anything else to one, such as myself, who is the happy possessor of a plus infinity ring of protection and an unlimited ring of unlimited wishes. As for your indulgences and cavortings in your 'Hellfire' club, have no fear - I am well aware of everything that goes on there.

Your affectionate Uncle, Screwtape.

ooo000ooo

Yagatan, Winter 1903/Spring 1904, Stab GM: Bob Brown

Austria (Ian Doherty) A(Bud)-Ser

England (Jeremy Tullett) F(Lon)-Wal

France (John James) F(Lpl)-Wal, A(Ruh)-Mun, F(Por)-Spa sc, F(Bre)-MAO

Italy (Graham Box) F(Spa sc)-MAO, F(GOL)-Spa sc, A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Tri)-Bud, F(WMS) S
F(Spa sc)-MAO ((no such unit))

Russia (Mark Evans)

Turkey (Dave Thomas) A(Ser) St

England: OK. Who's the bastard ripped off one of my centres. I suspect you Box. Never trust legal types - their eyes are too close together.

England-World (Especially two of you): Please note, I shall not ever again be at 121 Lime Walk, so don't send mail there. Teddy Hall is OK, Tunbridge Wells is best (until October 7th.).

ooo000ooo

Kyte, Autumn 1912 (1977 DY)

It's all over - the three-way draw is agreed. One 'yes' and two failures to vote cause what must have been the likely result anyway to come about. Final details plus any last comments from you, the players, next time.

Verity, Autumn 1906 (1978 GJ)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Der)-Mun, A(Bud)-Tri, A(Dul) S ITALIAN F(Ank)-Con, F(Nap)-ION
(Tim Sharrock)

England: F(ENG) S F(NTH)-Nor, F(Edi)-NTH, F(HEL) S F(Kie)-Den, A(Hol)-Kie
(Chris Bishop)

France: A(Par), A(Dur), F(MAO), A(Pic), F(TYR), F(ION) stand unordered
(Inarchy)

Germany: IMP! A(Tyr), A(Vic), A(Tri) stand unordered
(John Foulger)

Italy: A(Ven) & A(Ser) S AUSTRIAN A(Bud)-Tri, F(Gre) S AUSTRIAN F(Nap)-ION,
(Geoff Chase) F(Ank)-Con, A(Arr)-Smy

Russia: F(Lpl) St, F(Nor) MS F(SKA), A(Den) St, A(Rum) S A(Sil)-Gal, F(BLA) S
(Jeremy Tullett) A(Sev)-Arm

Turkey: F(Con)-Ank, F(AEG)-Smy
(Chikako Dutcher)

Hosties. French F(ION) dead. German A(Tri) chopped, NRO. Italian A(Arm)-Ank. Russian A(Den)-Swe. Turkish F(Con) annihilated.

Winter 1906

<u>Austria:</u> Bud, Dul, Nap, Der + Mun, Tri	builds A(Bud) & 1 short for 6
<u>England:</u> Edi, Lon, Lpl , Del, Hol, Kie + Den	no change for 6
<u>France:</u> Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun	1 short for 6
<u>Germany:</u> Vic , Vie , Ttr	GM removes A(Tyr) for 1
<u>Italy:</u> Rom, Ven, Gre, Ank, Ser + Con	builds A(Rom) for 6
<u>Russia:</u> Mos, Sev, StP, War, Swe, Nor, Rum, Lpl + Lpl	no change for 3
<u>Turkey:</u> Smy, Lpl	no change for 1

John Marsden - Benito Mussolini: I much prefer your position. Care to swap?!

Russia - Italy: With France gone on your western flank, do you not think we could come to some agreement?

ooo000ooo

NGC 221, Autumn 1910 (1978 BX)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: IMP! A(War), A(Mos) stand unordered
(John Foulger)

England: F(Cly)-Edi, F(Lpl) St
(Gordon Howitt)

France: A(Por) St, F(IRE)-MAO
(Granville Williamson)

Germany: A(Gas)-Spa, A(Dur)-Mar, A(Pic)-Par, A(Ruh) S A(Mun) St, A(Bru) S A(Sil)-
(Dave Perry) War, A(Kie)-Den, A(Nor)-StP, F(NTH)-Lon, F(Edi) St

Turkey: F(MAO)-ENG, F(Spa sc) S F(MAF)-MAO, F(GOL) S F(Spa sc), A(Lie) S A(Mar)
(Francis Weaver) St, A(Tyr) S A(Poh), A(Poh) & A(Rum) S A(Vie)-Gal, A(Tri)-Vic, A(Ser)-
Bud, A(Sev) S A(Ukr)-Mos, F(BLA)-Con

Hosties. Austrian A(War) & A(Mos) both dead, NRO.

Winter 1910

<u>Austria:</u> Vic , Vie , Ttr	for 0
<u>England:</u> Lpl , Vic + Lpl	for 1
<u>France:</u> Por, Vic , Lpl	for 1
<u>Germany:</u> Mun, Kie, Ser, Swe, Den, Nor, Del, Hol, War, Bre, Vic + War, StP, Lon, Edi	for 14
<u>Turkey:</u> Ank, Con, Smy, Pul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Bud, Vic, Tri, Sev, Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun + Mos, Spa, Mar	for 18

Prolech. Congratulations, Francis. I will be publishing all the details of the game next issue, together with any comments which the players care to send me.

NGC 204, Spring 1911 (1977 BDF)

GM: Bob Brown

Enland: F(WMS)-TYR, F(MLO)-WMS, F(ENG)-NTH, F(NTH)-Den, F(Nor)-Swe, A(Kie) S
(non Fisher) FRENCH A(Mun), A(Liv) S RUSSIAN A(StP)-Mos

France: F(Bre)-MAO, F(Por) S F(Bre)-MAO, A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Del)-Dur, A(Far)-Gas,
(John Nelson) F(GOL) S A(Mar)-Pie, A(Mun) S GERMAN A(Ber)

Germany: A(Ber) S FRENCH A(Mun)
(Andy Davidson)

Italy: A(Rom) S P(Nap)-Apu, F(Tun) S ENGL H F(WMS)-TYR
(Phil Stimpson)

Russia: A(StP) stands (and hopes that all these nice people support it again)
(Duncan Morris)

Turkey: A(Mos) S A(Gal)-War, A(Sev) S A(Mos), A(Sil) & A(Tyr) S A(Boh)-Mun,
(Stuart Daggor) A(Ven) & F(ADR) S & F(ION) C A(Alb)-Apu, F(AEG) S F(ION), F(BIA) C
A(Con)-Run, F(EMS) S F(ION)

00000000

Odium, Spring 1910 (1977 JX)

GM: Bob Brown

France: F(Edi)-NTH, F(Lpl)-IRI, A(Bel)-Hol, A(Par)-Bur, A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Pie)-Mar,
(Geoff Chase) F(GOL)-Spa sc, F(TYR)-Rom, F(Tun)-TYR, F(BAL)-Den

Germany: F(NAO)-MAO
(Martin Feather)

Italy: A(Arm)--Smy, F(Nap)--Rom
(John Marsden)

Russia: A(Swo) St, F(Den) S A(Ber)-Kie, A(Doh)-Sil, A(Gal) S A(Ukr)-Iltm,
(Stephen Agar) A(War)-Ukr, A(Sev)-Arm, F(Stk nc)-Nor

Turkey: A(Mun) S A(Tyr), A(Tyr) MS A(Ven), A(Tri)-Bud, A(Vie)-Cal, F(Gre) &
(Ian Doherty) F(EMS) S F(ION), F(ION) St, F(ABG)-Con, F(BLA)-Rum

LUKING 'neath the surface of space-time itself the trio of DKRs maintained their watch of the tell-tale instrument.

"BRINGGG BRINGGG BRINGGG BRINGGG BRING--"

"Hello, Batman and Robin here, at the Batcave. What can we, er, pardon?.....

No, Bob Brown's 'Tinamou'

No, definitely no sign of Lemming Express whatsoever, you must have dialed a wrong number. Bye." b6
b7C

[illegible]

Yes! The signal! As anticipated, the mindless D'Ashwood had given away his location. From now on his seconds were numbered.

The hunt was on.

A glut of Aubergines? I was cooking pounds of them last week - did you know that their skins are inedible?

CONSTANTINOPLE - His Highness Sultan Mohammed bin Rashid Al Pepper today announced in a speech to the crowds that the Russians appeared to have gone back to their old form and have renounced Allah and Islam. Holy War has once more been declared. ALLAH WILL PREVAIL.

He also announced that a diplomatic phone has been installed and that other heads of state may call him on WELDING 23268 (esp Italians).

IAN - JOHN PLEASE phone.

Anker, Spring 1901 (1979 EA)

GM: Bob Brown

<u>Austria:</u> (Norman Williams)	F(Tri)-Alb, A(Bud)-Ser, A(Vic)-Gal	(18.5%, 24.2%)
<u>England:</u> (John Lee)	A(Lpl)-Yor, F(Edi)-NWG, F(Lon)-NTL	(36.3%, 31.0%)
<u>France:</u> (Paul Prebble)	F(Lre)-MAO, A(Mar) S A(Par)-Dur	(23.1%, 17.9%)
<u>Germany:</u> (Ron Simpson)	F(Kie)-Hol, A(Der)-Kie, A(Hun)-Luh	(20.8%, 12.9%)
<u>Italy:</u> (Trevor Wenman)	F(Nap)-ION, A(Ven)-Tyr, A(Rom)-Apu	(3.6%, 0.0%)
<u>Russia:</u> (Chris Bishop)	F(StP sc)-GOB, A(War)-Gal, A(Mos)-Ukr, F(Sev)-BLA	(22.0%, 24.0%)
<u>Turkey:</u> (Baruk Wilson)	F(Ank)-BLA, A(Con)-Bul, A(Smy)-Con	(29.3%, 18.5%)

Prolech. A fairly typical opening season I think with the usual stand-offs in Gal and BLA. Standard moves used by most players (the percentages are % times opening used and % wins from that opening - courtesy of New Statsman) except for Italy, whose opening is reasonably unusual and hasn't produced a win yet - perhaps this time, Trevor?

ENGLAND - FRANCE: I hope you realise all this has forced me to re-write all my press. I just hope it proves to be worthwhile.

ENGLAND - GERMANY: Greed will be your undoing unless you are careful. Belgium's mine!

Meanwhile... The Tiger slept peacefully, dreaming about his early conquest of TLMY. He had it all planned out. An early stab on FRANCE, a dash through the Med and a quick speech to "Con" the Turks. Perfect, just perfect. Suddenly the Archdruid burst into his slumbers. Er, the room where he was slumbering that is.

"Sire, Sire, grave news. RUSSIA and AUSTRIA are rumoured to have played in five games together before."

"Which ones? Tennis? Badminton?"

"No, no. Five Diplomacy games before."

"This is serious. Order our forces to head in the other direction. We had better be sure there is no cartel before we do anything else."

"It's already done Sire, but what about the press?"

"Humm. I suppose we'll just have to write some more. Nobody bothers to read it anyway, judging on the replies I get to my letters."

NOTICE to R.O.W. Following various unsavoury incidents last year, it is regretted that no Trenchmen will be allowed at the OKTOBERFEST.

AMSTERDAM. Admiral Donner und Blitzen in port with his fleet on a courtesy visit today made a stirring speech praising the glorious memory of Von Tromp and his efforts to sweep the seas clear of undesirables.

ooo000ooo

Corinthias, Autumn 1909 (1978 DK)

GM: Bob Brown

I have received the following letter from Alan Lennox: "I am here in Torquay with my family on holiday. On the way down here as we neared Salisbury the car suffered a spontaneous blowout. We were going downhill at about 50-60 mph and despite my Father's efforts we slowed off the road, rolled 360 degrees and ended nose-down in a ditch.

Due to wearing seatbelts my Dad and I in the front were only slightly cut and shocked. My brother in the back was thrown out and is in Salisbury hospital with a neck injury - he was very very lucky and is not seriously ill. Although I could manage with what is left of my Diplomacy set I have not felt up to 'Diploming' or even informing my opponents of my temporary address. I would be grateful, therefore, if you would grant a double deadline."

Double deadline granted, Alan, I hope that your brother gets better in the very near future. I have orders from everyone else, but they may be amended before the next deadline if you wish.

Sauba, Autumn 1907 (1978 EU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Boh) S GERMAN A(Mun)-Sil, A(Bud)-Gal, A(Ser)-Bul, A(Tri)-Vie, F(ION) S
(Chris Bishop) F(Gre)-AEG, F(TYR)-Tun, A(Pie) S GERMAN A(Gas)-Mar

France: F(Bre), A(Par), A(Mar), F(WMS) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

Germany: A(Por) stands unordered, A(Gas)-Mar, F(ENG) S F(Den)-NTH, A(Bel)-Hol,
(Stewart Wright) A(Ruh)-Kie, A(Mun)-Sil

Russia: F(Bel)-NTH, F(Lon)-ENG, F(BAL)-Kie, A(Wal) St, A(Pru) S A(Sil)-Ber,
(John Robson) F(GOB)-Swe, A(Gal) S TURKISH A(Rum)-Bud, A(Sev) S A(Ukr)-Hum

Turkey: F(BLA)-Con, A(Ank) St, A(Rum)-Bud, A(Bul)-Ser, F(AEG)-Gre
(Peter McDonald)

Misties. Austrian A(Bud)-Tri. French A(Mar) dead. Turkish F(AEG)-EMS.

Winter 1907

Austria: Tri , Tri, Vie, Gre, Nap, Ven, Tun, Rom + Ser	no change for 8
France: Bre, Par , Par, Mar	GM removes F(WMS) for 2
Germany: Kie , Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Spa + Mar, Por	builds A(Mun) for 0
Russia: Mos, StP, War, Nor, Swe, Sev, Hum, Lpl, Edi, Lon + Ber	builds A(War) for 11
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul , Bul + Bud	no change for 5

ooo000ooo

Shubarb, Autumn 1907 (1978 DY)

GM: Bob Brown

France: A(Lpl)-Yor, F(ENG)-Lon, A(Tar) St, A(Pie)-Mar, F(Tus)-Rom, F(WMS) S
(John James) F(TYR)-Tun

Germany: F(Edi) St, F(NTH) S F(Hol)-Bel, A(Bel)-Pic, A(Tur) S A(Bel)-Pic,
(Harry Turner) A(Tyr) MS A(Boh), A(Sil) S A(Boh), A(Tru) S A(War) S A(Liv)-Mos

Italy: A(Ven) stands unordered
(Anarchy)

Russia: A(Mos) stands unordered
(Anarchy)

Turkey: A(Ukr) unordered, A(Arm)-Sev, A(Vie) S A(Gal)-Boh, A(Bud)-Gal, A(Tri)-Tyr,
(Chris Bishop) F(ADR) S F(AEG)-ION, A(Apu)-Rom, F(Tun) S F(Rom)-TYR, A(Bul)-Rum,
F(Con)-AEG

Misties. Russian A(Mos) dead. Turkish F(Tun)-NAf.

Winter 1907

Austria: Tri	no change for 0
France: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Lon, Lpl + Tun	builds A(Bre) for 8
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel, Den, Nor, Swe, War, Edi, StP + Mos	builds A(Mun) for 12
Italy: Ven	no change for 1
Russia: Mos	no change for 0
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Sev, Gre, Ser, Bud, Nap, Vie, Rom , Rom + Tri	no change for 13

Prelech. I have received the win proposal 1st France, 2nd equal Turkey & Germany. Votes next time please, usual conditions.

The intermediate deadline for the next set of orders is September 14th. Don't worry if you are unable to meet the intermediate deadline at any time, I will just wait for the next main deadline if I don't have a full set of orders. I know that in Chris' case, he may have to go off on manoeuvres and thus be unable to meet 2-week deadlines occasionally, and Harry and John may have holdups which preclude their getting orders in. So, don't worry, you won't be NTHed.

Sorry about the small error last time. The report should have read A(Vie) & A(Bul) S....., so the Turkish move to Galicia scored.

Zephyr, Autumn 1903 (1979 DR)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tri)-Vie, A(Ser)-Bud, F(Gre) S ITALIAN F(AEG)-Bul sc
(Christian Morris)

England: F(MTH) S F(SKA)-Den, F(MWG) S A(Nor) S RUSSIAN F(GOB)-Swe
(Chris Bishop)

France: F(Bre)-Pic, A(Par) S A(Gas)-Dur, A(Mar)-Pie, F(Spa sc)-COL
(Jeffrey Garrett)

Germany: F(Swe) MS F(Den), A(Bel) S A(Lux) St, A(Ruh)-Hun, A(Sil)-War
(Dave Thomas)

Italy: F(GOL)-Spa sc, A(Tie)-Mar, F(AEG)-Bul sc, A(Tyr) S AUSTRIAN A(Tri)-Vie
(Dave Browne)

Russia: F(GOB)-Swe, F(Liv)-DAL, A(Fin) S F(GOB)-Swe, A(StP) St, F(Rum) S TURKISH
(Peter McDonald)

Turkey: A(Ank)-Smy, F(Cen) S A(Bul) S RUSSIAN A(Bud)-Ser
(Nick Shears)

Hosties (Precious). German F(Swe)-SKA, F(Den)-Kie. Russian A(Vie) chopped, MRO.

Winter 1903

Austria: Tri, Ser, Gre + Vie	
England: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nor + Den	builds A(Tri) for 4
France: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa	builds F(Lon) for 5
Germany: Ber, Kie, Hun, Pol , Hol, Bel + War	no change for 5
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	no change for 6
Russia: Mos, Sev, StP, Pol , Rum, Bud, Pol + Swe	no change for 4
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul	no change for 6
	builds A(Ank) for 4

Austria - all you friendly countries. The Emperor is to pay a visit to the bottom left-hand corner (incognito, of course) from the 9th to the 23rd of September for his annual constitutional. If he has any units left by now and if anyone should wish to contact him, please note that he will not be able to reply during this period.

Tsar - Caliph. I know you are my loyal ally. Austrian lies do not deceive me.

Vienna - Constantinople. Not this turn nor the next, but the turn after, yes.

Russia to England. Dear Crazy George, Prest is much nicer than St.P.. Warmer, more sunshine and it leads to lovely places like Portugal and Spain. St.P. is hell this time of year, snow everywhere, and the harbour all bottled up with ice and nowhere easy to go from there. You wouldn't like it.

Italy to Everyone. Alright! Sod you all, don't bother to write then.

President le Rich - K.G.IV. Germany next?

Machiavelli, thumbs, each four inches long and wrapped in bandages, looked up from the huge war map and shook his head dolefully at Screwtape.

"I don't like it," he said "We are moving far too slowly, nowhere near enough centres. I don't like it one bit."

"I can see all that for myself" snarled Screwtape, between bites at his fingernails. "And I'm not exactly bouncing about with joy at my prospects, but what I want from you is constructive advice - understand?"

Again Machiavelli shook his head. "There just isn't any handle for us to grasp" he said. "The only consolation is that, aside from Germany and France, nobody is doing very well. But once those two ally, then things will move fast alright - too bloody fast," and he sighed. "I'm glad we are not England or Austria" he concluded.

"It won't be too bloody good for Italy either" snarled Screwtape. "That's who you are paid to worry about - screw England and Austria, they can look out for themselves. Though if England had any sense he'd ally with me. Backing either France or Germany will simply force him into second place at best. Still, the way things are now, I wouldn't mind second place myself." In a sudden fit of petulant rage he struck the war map a blow and sent it spinning, like a top, across the conference table, little coloured fleets and armies flying everywhere. "Screw D'Ashwood" he said "It's all his fault."

Constantinople - Paris: Sorry, the bath-water's running out too quickly for me to scrub your back just now. Try me again next year.

Turkey-Italy: ?????

Turkey-Russia: !!!!!

Turkey-Austria: *Q!&?!*!!

(Turkey-America: ***///. Gettit?) ((Negative, rubber duck))

ooo000ooo

Xyster, Autumn 1905 (1978 JI) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Bud)-Rum, A(Ser) S A(Rum)-Bul, A(Alb) S F(ION)-Gre
(Roger Ayre)

England: F(ENG) St, F(Swe) S & F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Nor, F(HEL)-Kie
(Dave Tucker)

France: F(MAO)-Por, F(TYR)-Nap
(Paul Ward)

Germany: A(Bre) & A(Par) stand unordered, A(Bel) S A(Kie)-Hol, A(Ruh) S A(Bel),
(Chris Bishop) A(Ber)-Kie, F(SKA)-NTH

Italy: F(Spa nc)-MAO, F(GOL)-WMS, A(Mar)-Spa, A(Tun) St, F(Nap) St
(Gordon Geddes)

Russia: F(BAL), A(Ukr), A(War) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

Turkey: A(Sev)-Mos, F(BLA)-Sev, F(ABG) S A(Bul)-Gre, F(EMS)-ION
(Rob Larter)

Nasties. Turkish A(Bul)-Con.

Winter 1905:

Austria: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, Rum, Tyr + Bul	builds A(Bud), A(Tri) for 7
England: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nor, Swe	no change for 5
France: Por	removes F(TYR) for 1
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel, Bre, Den + Par	builds F(Kie) for 8
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Mar, Spa + Tun	builds F(Rom) for 6
Russia: Mos , StP, War	GM removes F(BAL) for 2
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Sev, Abg + Mos	no change for 5

Constantinople: Mad Czar Murk arrived on the steps of the Imperial Palace. He came alone walking on bare and blistered feet, his face muddied and his clothes in tatters. Despite his distraught condition he strode up the palace steps in a proud and stately manner. At the gates of the palace his way was barred by a guard, six feet four inches and 250 pounds of solid muscle. The bare-chested, cross-armed guard had stood unflinchingly as this bedraggled character approached him, but as the Czar was about to speak, he was thrown back down the steps. The stunned Czar slowly got to his feet and then pleaded with the guard in a pained voice.

"I am the deposed Czar Murk; I must speak to the Emperor, please let me pass."

The guard replied sternly. "You know the penalty for drunkenness under our law. Go and pray to Allah for forgiveness or I shall have you executed at dawn tomorrow."

Bravely the Czar began to re climb the steps, but as he did so he saw the guard draw his scimitar from its place in his belt. At this he burst out, "Please, you must believe me, I am the Czar of Russia, and your master is the only person who can save me now."

The guard advanced, his scimitar held high. The Czar fumbled quickly in his pocket and produced a small bag which he opened. The guard stood rooted to the spot amazed at the size and beauty of the gem-stone in the Czar's hand.

"Here, these are yours if I can see your master."

The guard snatched the stones from his hand, he turned and lead him through the gates and then through an open courtyard and into a labyrinth of cold, dark passages. They arrived at the door of the throne room and the guard talked quickly with two others

who stood by it. The Czar was admitted. The Czar ran along the carpeted floor of the cavernous room, and fell to his knees as he came to the high, ornately-carved throne.

"Your Imperial Majesty, you are the only person who can save me, my country is revolting."

"I quite agree, but I need the supply centres," replied the Emperor.

"Have them, have them. Take my country if you are able but spare my life. Grant me some small villa in the country to live out the rest of my miserable existence."

"What! Do you not realise this is a nation at war. You expect me to finance you in a life of leisure. You shall take up a post of my choosing in the army or you will be executed like any other able-bodied male who resists conscription."

And this is the last that was ever heard of the notorious mad Czar Murk. Some say he changed his name and took a post as a junior officer in the Syrian garrison, but it is generally believed that his pride was too great to accept such humiliation. Perhaps no one will ever know.....

France - Italy: Do you give up now!

ooo000ooo

Wagend, Autumn 1905 (1978 GU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Bud), A(Ser) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

France: A(Lon) St, A(Gas) S F(Mar), A(Ber) & F(Mar) S F(Spa sc), F(Spa sc) S
(Ian McIntyre) F(MAO)-WMS, F(Maf)-Tun

Germany: A(Bur)-Bel, A(Yor)-Lpl, F(NTH) St, F(Nor) S A(StP) S A(Lru)-Liv,
(Vic Smith) F(Swe)-GOB, A(Mun)-Sil, A(Vie) S A(Tyr)-Tri

Italy: A(Tri) & A(Pie) S A(Ven)-Tyr, F(GOL)-TYR, F(WMS) S F(TYR)-Tun
(Ian Boherty)

Russia: F(BLA) S F(Rum)-Bul ec, A(Mos) S A(Liv)-War, F(GOB)-Liv
(John Miller)

Turkey: A(Bul), F(Con), A(Arm) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

Nasties. Italian F(WMS) annihilated, A(Tri) chopped, MAO. Turkish A(Bul) chopped.

Winter 1905

Austria: Bud, Ser

no change for 2

France: Bre, Mar, Par, Ber, Lon, Spa, ~~///~~

GM removes: F(WMS) for 6

Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Mol, Pol, Edi, Swe, Nor, Vie + Lpl, Tri, StP

builds A(Mun), F(Ber) & 1 short for 13

Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Gre, Tun, ~~///~~

****see below****

NBO, 1 short for 5

Russia: Mos, Sev, ~~///~~, War, Rum + Bul

no change for 5

Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, ~~///~~

1 short for 3

Three Steppes to Heaven: Special message to all people called Ian: it is not too late to prevent Vic from winning if we all co-operate (but it soon will be). Please write.

BERLIN .. MOSCOW. Glad to see you back. It's only these drop-outs that's got you into this mess - I can't have you rampaging about uncontrolled can I?

BERLIN - PARIS. Another exercise in population control, in case the Italian goes into anarchy too. My sincere regrets.

The Pope - The Kaiser - YOU ARE EXCOMMUNICATED

The Pope - Le Roi - AND YOU....

The Pope - My phone is READING 23268. All allies welcome to phone in - Miller, this means you!

ROME - The Pope regrets recent non-communication. This has been due to a hectic summer programme. Normal communication channels are now open.

Brelech. Just spotted the Italian build - A(Ven). Sorry about that!

Ulysses, July 1891, Definitive Mercator

GM: Bob Brown

Argentina:
(Jon Love)

A(HUM) L Ecu, A(Haw) B F(HUM), A(Bue) B BRAZILIAN F(SAO), F(Clf)-CMA,
F(GIS) S A/F(HUM)-HAW, BRAZILIAN F(SAO) F/F A(Bue)-Nig, A(Lib) S
BRAZILIAN A(Alg)-Tun, F(San)-CHS, A(Ecu)-Bog, A(Phi) St, F(Jav) S
F(MAL)-EIO, A(Ata) E F(CHS), A/F(CHS)-SPO, A(Syd) E F(EIO), A(Lth) E
F(EIO) ((no such unit))

Austria:
(Ian Doherty)

A(Mun) S RUSSIAN A(Per)-Kie

Brazil:
(Don Brown)

ARGENTINIAN A(Bue) B F(SAO), A(WMS) B F(CAN), A(Sar) B F(WMS), F(SAO)
F/F ARGENTINIAN A(Bue)-Nig, F(Cub)-HAT, A(Ama)-Med, F(Iec)-CAO, A(Bog)-
Iqu, A/F(CHS)-WIO, F(CAN) F/F A(WMS)-Spa, F(Mor) S A(WMS)-Spa, A(Cgo)-
Ken, A(Sah)-Tun, A(Tex)-Flo, F(Alg) S A/F(WMS)-TYR, A(WIO) D Cey,
F(WIO)-ARA, A(Flo) E F(HAT)

China:
(Jeremy Tullett)

A(Can) B F(SCS), A/F(SCS)-CEL, A(CEL) D Jav, A(Bma) S A(Sik)-Tib,
A(Han) S A(Shg)-Pek, F(Can)-Tha ec, F(Dor) S F(Sai)-GOS

England:
(Doug Wakefield)

F(ROC) S A(ROC) L Lpl, A(Lpl)-Yor, F(Edi)-NTH, A(Lon) B F(ENG), A/F(ENG)
S F(Ply)-DUI, A(Hur)-Lyo, A(Ney)-Que, F(Que)-NWP, A(Que) E F(NWP),
A/F(NWP)-NWG, F(Oms)-SIS, A(Kam) E F(SIS), A(Yor) E F(NTH), F(Ale)-NOM,
A(Kar) St, F(Joh) S ARGENTINIAN F(MAL)-GOS

Germany:
(Peter Nunn)

A(Pic) St

Italy:
(Stuart Dagger)

A(Nor)-Swe, F(Spa so) S F(BIS)-Por, A/F(IRI)-BIS, A/F(DOT) S F(TYR),
F(Tri)-ADR, A(Tuh) S A(Hol)-Kie, A(Tyr) S A(Kls)-Mun, A(Vie) S TURKISH
A(Clu)-Gal, A(Bud) St, A(BIS) D Gas

Japan:
(Tom Dutcher)

A(Kob) B F(SOJ), A(Med)-Ama, F(Osa)-CFO, F(CFO)-NOM, A(Man)-Sib,
A/F(SOJ)-NPO

Russia:
(Andy Norman)

F(Kie)-DAL, A(Per)-Kie, A(Sax) S AUSTRIAN A(Mun), A(Sil)-War, A(Ukr) S
A(Mos)-Vol, A(Tkn) S A(Vol)-Sib, A(Tib)-Snk

Turkey:
(John Marsden)

A(Mus) B F(ARA), A(Gre) St, A(Clu)-Gal, A(Ser)-Clu, F(Mun) S A(Sev),
A(Sev) S A(Arn)-Cau, A(Cau)-Sib, A(Ira)-Afg, A(Kir)-Ira, A(Jor)-Egy,
A/F(ARA)-WIO, A/F(EIO)-TAS, F(Mdr)-EIO, A(Clc) St, A(Pek)-IMO, F(YEL)-
Man, F(Sak)-SOO, F(Con)-AEG, A(Gre) B F(AEG), A/F(AEG)-DAS, A(TAS) D Vol,
F(TAS)-SPO, A(WIO) E F(EIO)

Nasties. Italian F(Spa so)-Mar. Japanese A(Man)-Kor.

Perfidious Albion - Nippon: When it's a question of survival mate, better I survive than you.

Trelech. As you can see, I've allowed Andy Norman to continue ordering the Russian units despite two NMRs. I felt that his reason for NMRing (that his stuff was in store due to his being in transit between abodes) was adequate. All those directly affected were informed, I think.

ooo000ooo

'B' Gamestart

Will Philip Jones, Ian Giles, Chris Bishop, Steve Andrews, Rob Larter, Torbjörn Ström and Brian Douglas please let me have preference lists for this game, if you have not already done so. What I mean by this is that you should let me have a list with the country you would most like to play at the top and the country you would least like to play at the bottom. If you have no preference, please let me know as well - just to make me feel happy that everyone is accommodated as best as is possible. I don't promise that you will get your first choice, but I will take the lists into account as best I can. Please also make sure that your credit is enough to cover the gamefee of 75p because if it is insufficient I will drop you from this gamestart.

Any suggestions for a name beginning with B?

Cybercrud 4, Third Age II, Marie II 3018

GM: Ron Fisher

Eriador: F(IDE)-Wes, A(Arn)-Ang, 2A(Dra)-Min
(George Kingston)

Rhovanion: 2A(Car) S A(Mir)-Rhu, A(And)-SMi, A(DG)-SMi
(Bob Brown)

Rohan: A(Rau)-Wol, A(Edo)-Eas, 2A(Gap)-Igd
(Simon Burke)

Gondor: 2A(MTi) S UMEAL 2A(SGo), A(Cai) & A(Lam) S 2A(MTi), A(Anf)-Isen
(Dave Tucker)

Mordor: A(Ett)-Ihu, A(Run)-SMi, A(Cel)-And S by 2A(GF), 2A(MSh) S 2A(SIt)-SGo,
(Patrick McCarthy) 2A(NIt)-SIt, 3A(MMo)-Mur, A(Dun)-Hol

Unbar: F(SUm)-Tol, F(Sou)-SUm, 2A(SGo) S A(Har)-Kha
(Geoff Hardingham)

Retreats: Mordor A(Run)-Ere. Rhovanion A(And)-GMo

Builds

Eriador: Shi, Evc, Lhu + Ang, Min	builds A(Evc), A(Shi) for 5
Rhovanion: Wol , SMi, Wol , GMo + DG, Car, Rhu	builds A(SMi) for 5
Rohan: Edo, Eas, WEn + Igd, Wol	builds A(WEn), A(Edo) for 5
Gondor: MTi, Cai, Lam, Anf + Isn	builds A(Anf) for 5
Mordor: Udu, Bar, MMo, MSh, Wol , Mer, Wol , Wol + Ere, And, Rhu, Hol, GF, NIt, SIt	builds A(Udu), A(MMo), A(Mer) for 12
Unbar: HUm, Cit, Hrd, HdW + SGo, Kha	builds A(Hrd), A(HdW) for 6
Neutral: Arn, Dra, NWo, Cel, Rau, Sth, Riv, Lor	

Denethor-Theoden: We realise senility approaches but your silence is beginning to worry us.

ooo000ooo

NGC 215, Autumn 1912

GM: Ron Fisher

"France up against the wall as Turks progress"

England: F(Nor) & F(Den) S F(Edi)-NTH, F(MAO) & F(Cly) S F(Lpl) St, A(Swe) S
(Hugh Baldwin) F(Nor), A(Kie) S F(Den), A(Ber) S TURKISH A(Sil)-Rhu

France: F(Apu)-Ven, A(Tri)-Ven, A(Mun)-Kie, A(Bur)-Bel, A(rie)-Tyr, F(ENG)-MAC,
(George Kingston) F(SKA) S F(NTH), F(IRT) S F(Wal)-Lpl, F(NTH) S A(Yer)-Edi

Italy: F(ION)-Tun, F(Nap) & F(ADR) St
(Ian McIntyre)

Turkey: A(Boh) & A(Sil) S A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Con)-Bul, A(Vie) & A(Bud) S F(Alb)-Tri,
(Pat Jones) F(Gre)-Alb, F(AEG)-Gre, F(Smy)-AEG, F(WKS)-ION

Retreats: French F(NTH)-Hol, A(Tri) chopped (HCo), A(Mun)-Ruh.

Winter 1912

England: Edi, Lpl, Nor, Swe, StP, Nos, War, Den, Ber + Kie	no change for 9
France: Gre, Mar, Bar, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Ven, Wol , Lon, Wol + Edi	no change for 10
Italy: Rom, Nap, Tun	no change for 3
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser, Bud, Sev, Rum, Vie, Tri + Mun	builds P(Con) for 12

ooo000ooo

The Dolchstoss Games

D37I should be out with this issue as a photocopy or at least follow it fairly swiftly. I haven't heard from Jarvinen and his units will go into anarchy.

D36W is no further on from last issue. I have only heard from three of the players who want to continue. Of the other four, one has resigned and the others are silent. I noted that Eric Willis expressed a preference in another zine that his Dolchstoss games should lie dormant until D returns. With this and the other 2 people who haven't replied plus the resignation, I feel that I will just have to leave the game for Richard.

Cybercrud 4, Autumn 1909

GM: Ron Fisher

Anglo/French alliance piles on pressure - Turkey
goes west - Austria "stabs" "puppet"!!! What next?

Austria: A(Sil)-Ber, A(Doh)-Mun, A(Lun)-Gal, A(Dud) S A(Dul)-Itun, A(Con) S
(Andy Holborn) F(EMS)-Smy, F(GOL)-WMS, F(ION)-Tun, A(Pie)-Mar, A(Rom) St

England: F(Naf) S FRENCH F(WMS)-Tun, F(Der)-Kie, F(Swe) S & F(NTH) C A(Edi)-Den
(Doug Wakefield)

France: A(Spa) S A(Mar) St, F(WMS)-Tun, F(MAO)-WMS, F(ENG)-Bel, A(Hol) S ENGLISH
(Allan Ovens) F(Der)-Kie, A(Lun)-Itun, F(Nor)-NWG

Germany: F(Kie) S AUSTRIAN A(Sil)-Ber, A(Lun) S A(Bel)-Hol, F(Den)-NTI
(Richard Sharp)

Russia: BMR! A(War), A(Ukr), A(Sev) stand unordered
(Willy Haughan)

Turkey: F(AEG)-Gre, A(Ank)-Con
(Dave Johnson)

Retreats. English F(Der)-Fru. German F(Den) chopped.

Winter 1909

Austria: Dud, Tri, Vie, Ser, ~~Itun~~, Lun, Ven, Dul, Rom, Con, ~~Itun~~, Nap + Smy, Ber, Mun
builds F(Tri) for 13
England: Edi, Lpl, StP, Swe, ~~Itun~~ + Den
no change for 5
France: Par, Mar, Bre, Por, Spa, Hol, Nor, Lon + Tun
builds A(Par) for 9
Germany: ~~Itun~~, Kie, ~~Itun~~, Bel
removes A(Bel) for 2
Russia: Mos, War, Sev
no change for 3
Turkey: Ank, ~~Itun~~ + Gre
no change for 2

GM: The draw proposal was defeated and has not been repropoed.

ooo000ooo

Cybercrud 3 Bourse, Autumn 1909

GM: Rob Brown

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>
Geoffrey Fourmyle	-498	+2394	-500	-500	-	-
Fezoco Inc	-500	+2300	-500	-32	-500	-
John Marsden	+732	-500	-500	-	-500	-
Sercooge & Marley	-	-500	+307	-	-	-
Dealings	-266	+3694	-1193	-532	-1000	-
Old value	2.99	1.33	2.16	1.23	0.89	1.45
New value	2.97	1.69	2.05	1.18	0.79	1.45

Holdings

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>	<u>V. Points</u>
Geoffrey Fourmyle	7873	2394	1192	540	0	0	1265
Fezoco Inc	5058	2900	4942	0	1	0	1236
John Marsden	4788	1442	4679	2	1500	0	1140
Sercooge & Marley	5554	557	601	0	0	0	794

Proloch. I have to admit that I had pretty much given this bourse up as finished, but I had a look at Ron's board with C3 set up when he came round with the adjudication and not only is there plenty of play left in the game, but the position opens up the bourse as well. Has Fourmyle put all his eggs into one basket? Those Francs held by Fezoco and John Marsden are starting to look very useful.

Changes of Address

Andy Norman to 45 The Crescent, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

John Miller to 58 The Hawthorns, Ecclestone, Chorley. Lancs (from about 23/9) and then to Somewhere in Durham from October 1st.

Tim Sharrock to 6 Wrigley's Close, Freshfield, Liverpool L37 7DT (5/9 - 9/10) and then to Churchill College, Cambridge CB3 0DS (Termtime)

Waiting Lists

Regular Diplomacy (Gamefee £1). Allan McGregor, Neil Patton, Ken Simpson, Paul Ward, Phil Stimpson and Jeffrey Garrett need one more for another game to start. I suggest that you all send me preference lists then when the 7th player comes forward (with a preference list as well please), the game can start next issue.

Switch Playtests: Dropped due to insufficient interest, sorry folks.

Definitive Mercator (Gamefee £1). Chris Bishop, Mick Robson, Dave Parry, Don Brown, Peter McDonald, Geoff Hardingham, Roger Ayre, John Marsden, Jeremy Tullett, Simon Burke, Ken Simpson, Doug Wakefield plus a couple of new players who may be interested. Don't let the fact that I have a possible 14 players for 13 places put you off putting your name down for the game as one or two of those mentioned have said that they may have to drop out of the waiting list if pressure of work etc gets too much. Rules & map will be sent to all players, but game won't start until Ulysses finishes (next season???)

Railway Rivals (Gamefee 50p). Chikako Butcher (any but B), Don Brown (B preferred), Geoff Hardingham (any but A and L), Tom Butcher (B). One more required for a game of B. Beryck?

En Garde (50p initial year gamefee, plus 20p per year thereafter).

Athor (No gamefee). Contact Micheal O'Shea.

***** Your credit is *****	***** Trade *****	***** Free *****
----------------------------------	-------------------------	------------------------

The mystery of the disappearing zine has resolved itself to the surprise of some people - Piggy. At least that's what I assume is happening considering the latest issue I've got. The only trouble is that when I last talked to Steve he had changed his mind and was going to continue as his 'A' level results were good enough for him to try for Oxbridge next year. I guess that he's changed his mind yet again.

Plans are afoot for LepreCon II, perhaps for the summer of 1980. The last one was agreed by all that attended to have been excellent so I hope that the Dublin crowd can get it all arranged again. Trouble is....we're going to France for two weeks next summer and I doubt that I could make it to Dublin. We'll see.

Aaarrgghh! I've forgotten to put in the solution to the problem set last time. The first correct solution came from Martin Feather although most of the other entries were also correct. The answer was 'yes, the ant does reach the end of the rope' in a time of $(e^{100} - 1)$ seconds. I will print the complete solution next issue. Would you like more of these puzzle-type things?

There's also a reply to D'Ashwood from the Supreme Aubergine which I'll include next time. I hope that this continuing battle isn't boring you as I find it amusing.

Brian Douglas is working on a cover for us and with luck I may be able to submit it for your comments in the next issue or two.

Hell, that's enough for this issue. Humble apologies for anything I've missed out. Acknowledgements are due to the makers of Black label lager for refreshments and to Elton John, Thin Lizzy, Joni Mitchell, Alan Parsons Project and Neil Young amongst others for the entertainment. Not to mention 'Sports Report' keeping me in touch with Forest's 5-1 thrashing of West Brom yesterday and the demise of Liverpool at Southampton. It is starting to look as if Birtles and Woodcock, having spent last season getting used to playing together, are really starting to click. Come on you Reds!