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En Garde - Saturday October 20th  
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We're a couple of things light again, I fear. Athgor will, with luck, be enclosed if the photocopier gets it done tomorrow. I only gave it to him on Friday, so don't be too surprised (or disappointed) if it isn't ready in time. As for the En Garde - I guess you would have to say that Dave and I have dropped a collective bollock. Neither of us gave a deadline and although most of you figured it would be a week before the main deadline (as per usual), we're still some orders short. I've decided that discretion is the better part of valour, so you can still get your orders in on time as I'm holding the report over until next issue.

Before launching into what ever I'm going to launch into, I would like to thank those of you that were kind enough to comment about Matthew's recent stay in hospital. Thank you, he is now well. The operation scar is now just a crease on his tummy and he is getting food down his neck like there was no tomorrow. Actually, tomorrow is the operative word - he has tomorrow what we had today, so it's roast lamb, carrots, turnip and gravy (all minced to pulp in a liquidiser - ugh) on the menu tomorrow.

Two items of real import to bring to your attentions. Firstly, StabCon II has been announced. It's in the same place as last year (Woolton Hall, Fallowfield, Manchester) from the 11th (Friday) to the 13th (Sunday) of January. Bed & breakfast available at £6.25 a night and there is a convention fee of £1 per person. Hopefully, we will get there in a less roundabout fashion than last year, but I'm sure that I've forgotten the route. The man to contact is Dave Waring (address above).

Secondly, you will find a flyer for a new zine called Ode in with this issue, unless you are an editor in which case you will be circularised separately. The lunatic who is committing himself to this venture is John Marsden. As he is good enough to say nice things about T, I can hardly do anything else but be ~~deliciously~~ nice to him. I want to see Ode succeed and I urge you all to at least have a look at the first issue. John has been busy of recent rehousing orphans and generally making himself useful, he has subscribed to T for 2 years and I look forward to another good zine from him.

Talking of new zines, there's another one around that is touting for trade called Games By Post. This comes from Greg Chapman of 27 Edinburgh Way, Dersingham, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6JJ. Greg is a mate of Dave Parry's (the one that narrowly escaped the two jet fighters that were looking for somewhere to crash the other day) and offers a fair range of games. There's the usual sort of stuff, but there's also Game of Nations, Risk, Sigma File and Black Box. Ah, the zine isn't called GBP now as he promised his wife (never promise them anything, Greg) that he would fold if he didn't get a gamestart within 3 issues, so he has folded that and started another. If it's up your street, give him a line for a copy.

Chris Tringham has already had a pot-shot at Greg and also has a go at Rob Chapman and Graham Box in the latest Megalomania. Doubtless T will come into the firing line before too long. Chris seems to be setting himself up as the New Niggott - the pen dripping vitriol and all that. Personally it gets on my tits all this carping. If the subscribers don't like a zine, they will damn soon say so and if something isn't done, they'll leave and it'll fold. So shut up, Chris, please. Unless you have something constructive to say, that is. One could say that 4½ pages about EuroCon is a bit much, Chris, but it's your zine....

Pierry continues, but Gallimaufry has gone. Steve Doubleday just didn't have enough subscribers to make the idea viable (like losing £25 an issue isn't viable, man, despite what Martin Edwards might have to say on the subject, or British Steel or...). Sad to see G go, I always thought it first class and have said so frequently. The world turns.

As some of you know already, I didn't make it to GeordieCon, which I understand was very good. I did get down to OGSCon, which turned out to be a small (30-40 people) do. I met one or two people that I knew and met one or two that I only knew through the media of the phone or letter. I suspect that I missed a few people too as there weren't any name badges. I blew £26 on the complete works of Gary Gyax and a couple of quid on pinball machines and the jukebox downstairs whilst playing darts with Brian Williams and Graham Box and Pete Calcraft (I think!). The afternoon was engaged, along with part of the evening in playing Rail Baron with Geoff Hardingham, John Sandell and Richard Scott. A good game, but I wanted away at 7.00 so it didn't really get to be finished properly.

What now? Ah, yes:

REF: Aubergine Supremacy/D'Ash0003

Dear Mr. Wormwood,

His derivative the Editor (may his tail never get into an entangulum) has once again had the misfortune to be the recipient of one of your incomprehensible missives. It is with dubious pleasure that I formulate this reply.

Lest you mislead the remaining Tinamou reader into the erroneous belief that there is any connection whatsoever between radioactive waste and aubergines, I would remind you that 'Loss or destruction of or damage to any property or any consequential loss directly caused by or contributed to by or arising from (i) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel (ii) the radioactive toxic explosive or other hazardous properties or nuclear component thereof' (1) makes no mention of aubergines at all.

Your remark that the equation you gave for the aubergine indeed does not bear any resemblance to a pear (squashed or otherwise) merely amplifies my assertion that it bears even less resemblance to an aubergine itself.

If you require further clarification about the number of planets, hampsters amongst The Tinamou's readership, or other similar matters, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, enclosing a stamp addressed aubergine.

In attesa della Loro cortese risposta a giro di posta,

Loro devotissimo,

M.S. Feather pp Supreme Aubergine

(1) American Express Holiday Travel Insurance Policy, General Exceptions (6).

# NGC 221 - Final Round-up (1978 EX)

Zines: Scotch on the Rocks, The Tinamou. GMS: Iain Forsyth, Bob Brown. Players: Austria, John Foulger; England, Graham Hewitt; France, Granville Williamson; Germany, David Parry; Italy, Paul Jones; Russia, Patrick McHale; Turkey, Francis Weaver.

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Austria	3	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	0
England	3	5	5	4	4	5	5	4	2	2	1
France	3	4	6	7	6	4	4	3	4	3	1
Germany	3	5	5	5	6	8	8	9	10	11	14
Italy	3	4	5	5	5	5	3	3	0	-	-
Russia	4	5	4	4	2	1	0	-	-	-	- (dropped out S06)
Turkey	3	4	5	5	7	8	11	12	15	15	18 Won 1910

## Francis Weaver (Turkey) - winner

The following statement contains F. Weaver's unbiased objective opinion of NGC 221. Any references implying that the aforementioned David Parry, Granville Williamson, Graham Hewitt and Patrick McHale have a combined intelligence which wouldn't trouble a half-eaten prune is purely coincidental.

The one thing this game did, apart from reaffirming my theory that intelligent life doesn't exist on the planet Earth, was simply to prove that an alliance is vital if you want to win. The habitual squabbling which took place between Germany, France and England left the Eastern powers with a free hand to further their own ambitions - namely to squash Austria. Having succeeded in this aim, and with Germany bemused by his ability to create chaos in the West, Turkey allied for the first time with Italy. This was the turning point in the game. Parry's diminishing foresight was now virtually extinct. Turkey thus felt confident and took on both Russia and Italy. I succeeded. Germany made a gesture towards trying to reaffirm the balance in the East, then decided otherwise. I had a won game.

Parry and Williamson finally came to an agreement which left Germany in complete dominance of the French homeland. Instead of immediately crushing France and turning his attention East, Germany hesitated and played around. My position grew stronger. And basically all I had to do was wait.

Italy was the only other player to show any ability, Austria was never given a chance, but France, Germany and Britain were unimaginative to say the least. Thanks to Iain and Bob.

## David Parry (Germany) - second

At last it is over! This was my first ever game of Diplomacy, and therefore I think I can feel quite pleased with second place. Of course I congratulate Francis on his win, and look forward to 'doing battle' with him in the future. My thanks also to the rest of the players who continued to send in orders 'right up to the bitter end'.

My own position in the game, I feel, came about as much through the discord between England and France, as any alliance I had with either of them. Certainly I think that in the first few years, there was no alliance in existence at all between any of the Western powers. The battle for control of the Low Countries could have ended in victory for any of us - I feel that I was very lucky that England and France decided to scrap it out with each other, thus leaving me to pick up the spoils.

Throughout the early part of the game I had very good relations with both Italy and Austria. However I committed myself totally to my Austrian ally when I supported him into Warsaw. My relations with Italy were rather strained after that.

In later years I combined with France to oust England from the Continent. The position thus attained gave an excellent chance for myself, France and Austria (living in Russian exile) to form a stalemate line, containing Turkey. However, I missed it by taking Mar from France. This was an act of utter idiocy and I sincerely regret it. This move brought the game to an early conclusion, and sensing this was to happen, I snatched as many supply centres as possible on the last turn bringing me to a respectable 14 to Turkey's 18.

I have little to say on my opponents - we were all very prolific letter-writers in the beginning, though this did tail off as the game drew to a close.

I would like to make a special mention of Granville, who was very SILVER tongued!

Unfortunately I never did quite trust him. Oh well, perhaps we can get together in another game?

Finally, my thanks to Iain Forsyth and Bob for their very good GMing.

### GM's View

Taking over after 1906, the question always seemed to be whether the others could stop Turkey, especially after he took all the three remaining Italian centres in 1908. I thought that they could, but as Francis said, the Western powers didn't get things together and thus got the fate they deserved.

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### Kyte - Final Round-up (1977 DY)

Eine: The Tinanou. GM: Bob Brown. Players: Austria, Arthur Lowe; England, John Greenwood; France, Stephen Andrews; Germany, Graham Box; Italy, Kevin McAdam; Russia, Ray Malkin; Turkey, Mike Johnson.

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Austria	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	9	5	1	0	(dropped out A08)
England	3	3	4*	2	1	1	1	1	0	-	-	-	(dropped out A02)
France	3	6	6	9	10	10*	10*	10	11	13	11	14	Drew 1912
Germany	3	5	6*	5*	7	7**	5	3	1*	6*	8*	8	Drew 1912
Italy	3	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	-	-	-	
Russia	4	6	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	(dropped out S04)
Turkey	3	5	5	6	7	7	8	9	9	9	13	11	Drew 1912

### GM's View

Not a very suspicious game this, as the lack of comment from the players shows. Lots of NWGs, three drop-outs and only one person voting on the final 3-way draw. The result is probably the inevitable one, though, so perhaps there was a measure of justice in the end.

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### Solution to the Ant Problem

Recap of problem: A rubber rope is 1 metre long and it will stretch to infinity if needed (without reducing in cross-section). An ant starts crawling from one end at a rate of 1 cm per second but every second the rope stretches 1 metre. Will the ant reach the other end of the rope.

Well most of you got it right - the answer is yes. Some bright spark noted that it would be rather a waste of time if the answer weren't yes, so that is what it had to be. Most of the proofs used calculus, but here's some simpler reasoning:

During the first second, the ant travels  $1/100$  th of the rope

During the second second, the ant travels  $1/200$  th of the rope

For the full journey the ant travels  $1/100 + 1/200 + 1/300 + \dots$

$$\text{ie } 1/100(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots)$$

when the sum in the brackets reaches 100, the ant has reached the other end of the rope. The time taken in seconds is given by the number of terms in the bracket (it is also the length of the rope in metres).

This number is given by  $e^{100-y} \pm 1$  where  $y$  is Euler's constant and that is an awfully big number!

The problem was taken from Scientific American March/April 1975.

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STOP PRESS: FOREST 3 MIDDLESBOROUGH 1. I wonder if they'll give us the League Cup to keep if we win it again this year?

We Apologise for the Delay, but...

RT 66 D - The End

31) Doncaster - Birmingham	CARROT 20; BB 10
32) Manchester - York	CARROT 20+3=23; L&L 10-3=7
33) Leeds - Lincoln	BB 20-1=19; CARROT 10+1=11
34) Bristol - London	BB 20+6=26; L&L 10-6=4
35) Any Port - Sheffield	CARROT 20+2=22; BB 10-2-3=5; L&L +3
36) Birkenhead - Derby	L&L 20-1=19; BB +1

Final Scores:

CARROT (James O'Fee, blue)	288 + 76 = 364 4½ pts
Black Bob (Bob Brown, black)	240 + 61 = 301 3 pts
Liverpool & London (Chikako Butcher, red)	252 + 33 = 285 1½ pts

So there we are: somewhat to his surprise and mine, James O'Fee won by a convincing margin. When he failed to build to London, and his Eastern monopoly was broken by BB's lines to Peterborough, Grimsby and Hull; and he failed to buy enough of MOLE's lines, I thought that BB was pretty sure to catch him. It didn't happen though; perhaps L&L and BB were so often directly competing that they took points off each other. Anyway, congratulations, James.

RT 81 K - Round 2

SCORE (Deryck Povey, red). 2a) (Rochester)-I57-I56. 2b) (I56)-I51. 2c) (H67)-Whitstable; (H72)-Ramsgate. 30+10+5 (from SMRC) = 45.

Brighton Over-Knight Sleepers (Graham Box, black). 2a) (J10)-L11-M11-N11. 2b) (N11)-Tunbridge Wells-D54-Tonbridge. 2c) (I3)-K2. 20+10=30.

SMRC (Gordon Fish, blue). 2a) (E61)-Maidstone-E57. 2b) (E57)-G56-H56-I56-I55. 2c) (I55)-J54-Gravesend. 30+10-5 (to SCORE) = 35.

HAT (Tim Sharrock, orange). 2a) (B46)-D45-Reigate-D43. 2b) (D43)-D42-H42. 2c) (H42)-J43. 40+5=45.

Throws for Round 3: 4,2,4

RT 86 C - Round 5

JFR (Jonathan Palfrey, black). 5a) (Dallas)-G31-I30-L31. 5b) (J4)-L3-Sacramento; (I3)-L2; (L31)-N32. 5c) (N32)-A73-Kansas City. 36+5+6-1 (with DITTO) = 46.

RRR (David Watts, orange). 5a) (B29)-B28-San Antonio; (Chicago)-Milwaukee; (K38)-I37. 5b) (Minn St P)-L69-Fargo; (I37)-H37-G37-F37. 5c) (F37)-N. Orleans. 53+5+5 (from HAT) = 63.

HAT (Harry Turner, red). 5a) (J46)-Portland; (D59)-Denver-A62. 5b) (Salt Lake City)-J10. 5c) (Milwaukee)-Chicago. 27+5-5 (to RRR) = 27.

DITTO (Deryck Povey, blue). 5a) (N5)-N4; (N27)-L28. 5b) (N4)-Sacramento; (L28)-Oklahoma City. 5c) (Oklahoma City)-H30. 29-6+1 (with JFR) = 24.

DYER (Brian Williams, green). No moves received. Still 35.

Throws for Round 6: 2,5,5

Prelech. Jonathan, regarding your query about payments last time. You will note that RRR built to E31 not E30 and, as a consequence, your query is irrelevant. It does help if you read the game report properly (heavy sarcasm....). Thank you also for your suggestion about the throw for builds in the operating stage; I will almost certainly use it.

RT ?? B - Gamestart

Would Don Brown, Geoff Hardingham, Tom Butcher and Deryck Povey please let me have preferences for start town (from Bristol, London, Preston and Hull) and for colour (from black, red, blue and orange) and we'll get this game on the rails next time.

Xyster, Spring 1906 (1978 JI)

GM: Bob Brown

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

England: F(ENG)-Wal, F(NTH)-SKA, F(HEL)-Den, A(Nor) St, F(Swe) S F(NTH)-SKA  
(Dave Tucker)

France: F(For) valiently defends the last bastions of civilisation against  
(Paul Ward) the barbarian hosts

Germany: A(Pre) S A(Par)-Pic, A(Bel) PS A(Hol), A(Ber) S A(Luh)-Kie, F(Pic)-Wal,  
(Chris Bishop) F(SKA)-NTH

Italy: F(MAO)-MAO, A(Spa) St, F(WTS)-MAO, A(Tun) St, F(Map) S AUSTRIAN F(ION),  
(Gordon Geddes) F(Rom)-TYR

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

Turkey: A(Mos)-Sev, F(Sev)-BLA, A(Con)-Bul, F(AEG) S F(WTS)-ION  
(Bob Larter)

Hosties. German F(SKA) annihilated.

Italy - France: "Au revoir!"

England - Germany/Italy/Austria: At some stage you'll have to fight each other - who's  
going to stab the next first?

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Zephyr, Spring 1904 (1979 BR)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Vic) S A(Tri)-Bud, A(Ser) & F(Gre) S ITALIAN F(AEG)-Bul sc  
(Kristian Norris)

England: F(NWG) S A(Nor) St, F(Lon)-NTH, F(NTH)-Bel, F(Den)-Kie  
(Chris Bishop)

France: F(Pic)-ENG, F(Spa sc)-COL, A(Par)-Pic, A(Gas)-Par, A(Mar)-Pic  
(Jeffrey Garrett)

Germany: A(Bel) S A(Par)-Pic, A(Mun)-Ber, F(Kie) S F(SKA)-Den, A(War)-Gal  
(Dave Thomas)

Italy: F(COL)-WMS, A(Pic)-Mar, F(AEG)-Bul sc, A(Tyr)-Ven  
(Dave Browne)

Russia: F(Rum) S TURKISH A(Bul), A(Bud) S ITALIAN A(Tyr)-Vic, A(Fin) & A(StP)  
(Peter McDonald) S F(Swe)-Nor, F(FAL) S GERMAN F(Kie)-Den

Turkey: F(Con)-AEG, A(Ank) St, A(Smy) St, A(Bul) St  
(Wick Shears)

Hosties. English A(Nor) annihilated, F(Den) dead, no legal retreat ordered. Russian  
A(Bud) annihilated. Turkish A(Bul)-Con.

France to World: Please note COAs from 27th September to 96 Middleton Hall Rd., Kings  
Morton, Birmingham B30 1DG.

Paris to Rome: I'm glad you're not England or Austria as well!

To England: Shoot now, and you'll loose your horse!

France to England: Dear Crazy George,

St. Petersburg is much nicer than Brest. Cooler, less rainy and it leads to  
fascinating places like Moscow and Sevastopol. Brest is hopeless this time of year;  
tourists everywhere and the harbour all bottled up with ice cream cartons and nowhere  
easy to go from there. You wouldn't like it.

(America - Turkey): ///\*\*\*?

Turkey - GM: Breaker, breaker, stars and stripes.

ITALY - TURKEY: "Two letters - one proposal - no reply - have you changed your address since this game started?"

London to You Know Who: Agreed for this Autumn - so don't you forget.

Kaiser to Friend: O.K. you bloodsucker, agreed.

Caliph to Tsar: Disregard all rumours, I am still your loyal ally.

England to France: Trust me, we are united to the end; do not believe their lies.

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Caradharas, Autumn 1909 (1978 DK)

GM: Bob Brown

England: F(Den) S F(BAL)-Kie, F(NTH)-Lon, A(Wal)-Lon, F(IRI)-ENG, F(MAO) St  
(Alan Lennox)

France: A(Mos) S ITALIAN A(Sil)-War, A(Ber) S A(Hol)-Kie, A(Kie)-Den, A(Pic)-Bre,  
(Larry Edgar) F(Bel) S F(ENG)-NTH, F(Bre)-ENG, F(Spa sc)-Por, F(Mar)-Spa sc, F(Tun)-WMS

Italy: A(Sil)-War, A(Bud) S A(Tri)-Vie, F(ION) St  
(Bob Johnsey)

Russia: F(AEG) S FRENCH F(Tun)-ION, F(Smy)-EMS, A(Alb)-Tri, A(Rum) S A(Ser)-Bud,  
(Phil Bass) A(Gre)-Ser, A(Gal)-Vie, A(War)-Gal, A(Swe)-Fin

Nasties. English F(NTH)-Edi. Italian A(Bud) annihilated. Russian A(War)-Ukr.

Winter 1909

England: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor, ~~Vpp~~, Swe + Den no change for 6  
France: Par, Mar, Bre, Spa, Por, Bel, Ber, ~~Vpp~~, Kie, Hol, Tun, ~~Vpp~~ + Mos no change for 11  
Italy: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tri, Vie, Mun + War builds F(Map), A(Ven), A(Rom) & 1 short for 7  
Russia: Sev, Rum, Bud, Ank, Ser, Bul, Con, Gre, StP, Smy builds A(StP) for 10

Napoleon - The Tsar: The French army is merely paying a courtesy call - you can have Moscow back any time you like.

Russia - France: Thanks for the tip about the Ionian Sea. I hope this marks the beginning of a period of greater co-operation between us.

Prolech. You'll be pleased to hear (if you haven't already done so) that the Lennox family is virtually none the worse (physically) for their collective 'experience'. Alan's brother is out of hospital now (yesterday I think) and apart from a collar on his neck and a bit of difficulty moving his right hand is OK.

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EGC 204, Pre-Autumn 1911

A six-way draw has been proposed by Stuart, who feels that now that Ron and John have patched up their differences he can no longer make any more progress. He has already talked to Ron, John and Phil about this and they are all happy that the game should end thus. Although Andy and Duncan have not been consulted I would be very surprised if they would disagree with the idea of this draw, so I will call the game ended as a six-way draw between all the survivors (the seven minus Austria). Obviously, Andy and Duncan, you are perfectly at liberty to veto the proposal, in which case the game will continue in the next issue of T.

If the draw does stand, though, I will tidy up the details in the next issue and print any final comments which any of the protagonists care to submit.

Who was Austria, anyway???

Verity, Spring 1907 (1978 GJ) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Mun)-Boh, A(Tur) S A(Tri)-Vic, F(ION) S ITALIAN F(Gre)-AEG,  
(Tim Sharrock) A(Bul)-Rum

England: F(WTH) S F(NWG)-Nor, F(ERI)-Cly, F(HBL) S A(Kie)-Den, F(Den)-BAL  
(Chris Fishop)

France: F(MAO), A(Por), A(Bur), A(Pie), F(TYR) stand unordered  
(Anarchy)

Germany: A(Vie) St unordered  
(Anarchy)

Italy: A(Ven) St, A(Rom)-Tus, A(Ser) S AUSTRIAN A(Bul)-Rum, F(Gre)-AEG,  
(Geoff Chase) A(Ank) MS F(Con)

Russia: F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Ank, A(Rum) MS A(Gal), F(SKA) S F(Nor)-WTH, F(Lpl)-Wal,  
(Jeremy Tullett) A(Swe)-Den

Turkey: F(AEG)-Con  
(Chikako Butcher)

Nasties. English F(WTH)-Yor. German A(Vie) dead. Italian A(Ank) annihilated. Turkish F(AEG)-EMS. (As both Italy and Turkey ordered Smy as first choice for their retreating piece, neither get it, with the above result).

Erelech. Draw proposal: 3-way A/E/I draw with R 4th and T 5th. Votes next time please, failure to vote counts for the draw.

Italy - Russia: Yes I think that we can come to some agreement, but it will take a lot of give on your part and give a lot of take for me.

Benito Mussolini - John Marsden: Well there is a good chance that you will gain 2nd place so I might take you up on the offer.

Russia - Austria: Am not going to attack. This is merely "forward defence".

Russia - Turkey: Your letter received (darling). Anything to oblige a lady!

Russia - Italy: Grrr!!

Russia - World: From October 7th for 9 weeks o/o St Edmund Hall, Oxford OX1 4AA. I believe one of you now resides at "the other place". Tough luck. Seriously, this is the year for my Part One (effectively Finals), so don't count on my usually prompt replies!

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B37I, Spring 1903 (1978 GE) GM: Bob Brown

England: F(WTH) C A(Edi)-Nor, F(BAR) S A(Nor)-StF, A(Den) S A(Kie), A(Kie) S  
(Duncan Morris) F(BENCH) A(Ruh)-Hol

France: A(WAF) S F(WMS)-Tun, F(MAO)-WMS, A(Bur) S A(Ruh)-Mun, A(Mor)-Spa  
(Dave Johnson)

Germany: A(Mun)-Ber, A(Hol) S F(HEL)-Kie  
(Chikako Butcher)

Italy: F(GOL) S F(Tun)-WMS, A(Ven)-Pie, F(Nap)-TYR, A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Dud)-Gal  
(Gellick Davies)

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

Turkey: F(Gre)-ION, A(Ser) S & F(BLA) C A(Ank)-Rum, A(Rum)-Ukr, A(Sev)-Mos,  
(James O'Fee) A(Con)-Bul, F(Smy) St

Nasties. Russian A(StF) dead.



Sauba, Spring 1908 (1978 EU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Pie)-Ven, A(Boh)-Gal, A(Tri) S A(Vie)-Bud, A(Ser) S F(AEG)-Dul sc,  
(Chris Bishop) F(Tun)-ION, F(ION)-Gre

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

Germany: F(ENG) S F(Den)-NTH, A(Tor)-Spa, A(Mar)-Bur, A(Mun) S A(Sil)-Ber,  
(Stewart Wright) A(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Kie

Russia: A(Sev)-Ukr, A(Rum) S TURKISH A(Bud), A(Gal), A(Ber) & A(Ira) S A(War)-  
(John Robson) Sil, F(BAL) S F(Swe)-Den, F(Bdi)-NTH, F(Lon)-ENG, A(Wal) St unordered,  
A(Lpl)-Yor

Turkey: A(Bud)-Tri, A(Dul)-Ser, F(Con)-Dul sc, A(Ank)-Con, F(EMS)-Smy  
(Peter McDonald)

Nasties. German F(Den)-SKA. Russian A(Ber) annihilated. Turkish A(Bud) & A(Dul) both annihilated.

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Tickle, Spring 1907 (1978 CB)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Ser) St unordered  
(Anarchy)

England: F(NTH) C A(Lon)-Nor, A(Yor) St unordered, F(Hol)-Kie, F(Den) S F(Kie)-  
(Frank Dashwood) DAL, A(Swe) St unordered, A(Liv)-Mos, F(BAR) props up the BAR and looms  
at soldiers who are respectively, 'eating smörgasbord and smiling  
swe-etly' or devouring Yorkshire pudding and simpering K.O.Y.L.I.',  
preparatory to springing into galvanic action in the Autumn

France: A(Tyr)-Vic, F(Tun)-TYR, A(Mar)-Pie, F(Spa sc)-WMS, A(Par)-Bur, F(Bre)-  
(Martin Styler) MAO, A(Del)-Ruh

Germany: A(Ber) & A(Gal) stand unordered  
(Anarchy)

Italy: A(Ven)-Rom, A(Tri)-Ven, A(Alb)-Tri  
(Don Brown)

Russia: F(DAL)-COB, A(War) St, A(Mos)-StP, F(Sev)-BLA, A(Bud)-Tri, A(Rum)-Dul  
(Dave Sharrocks)

Turkey: F(Nap)-Rom, F(ION) C A(Gre)-Apu, A(Tul)-Ser, F(Smy)-AEG, A(Ank)-Con  
(Chris Bishop)

A "Note" to Screwtape

It grieves us to have to correct your Malignance but D'ashwood is not "La", he is "He", as anyone who has hummed him as often as we have can assure you. (Except in the now Bron Yr Aur DotlotRatlok game where he is the "I").

Beware too of these rings; for 'plus infinity' is as 'minus infinity' and you are liable to fall into the Hegelian abysses with Feather and Baird if you fail to set limits on your overweening ambitions.

Chidingly Yours,

Barra Bluebell & Taransay Trumpetlily  
for His Efflorescence, King Frank.

Letter to "Tickle".

My Dear Wormwood/Dashwood,

I am extremely pleased to note that you are still successfully avoiding the unwanted attentions of those so inappropriately named 'Deadly Killer Robots'. Good work my boy, keep it up. Remember the family honour is at stake. How could the rest of us ever hold our heads up again in public if one of our number was to fall victim to a soulless machine! We, who have been the ruin of so many others, to be destroyed by a silicon chip on legs - never! Never! Besides, I want to keep you well and alive as I enjoy destroying you so much myself.

Your affectionate Uncle, Screwtape.

Amber, Autumn 1901 (1979 EA)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Ser) S F(Alb)-Gre, A(Vie)-Gal  
(Norman Williams)

England: F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Den, F(NWG)-Nor  
(John Lee)

France: F(MAO)-Por, A(Tur)-Bel, A(Mar)-Spa  
(Paul Frebble)

Germany: F(Hol) St, A(Luh) S A(Kie)-Rum  
(Ken Simpson)

Italy: F(ION) C A(Apu)-Tun, A(Tyr)-Boh  
(Thevor Wenman)

Russia: F(GOT)-Swe, A(War)-Gal, A(Ukr) S F(Sev)-Rum  
(Chris Bishop)

Turkey: F(Ank)-BLA, A(Pul)-Rum, A(Con)-Dul  
(Derek Wilson)

Winter 1901

Austria: Bud, Tri, Vie + Gre, Ser	builds A(Tri), A(Bud) for 5
England: Edi, Lon, Lpl + Den, Nor	builds F(Lon), A(Edi) for 5
France: Bre, Mar, Por + Bel, Por, Spa	builds F(Bre), A(Por), F(Mar) for 6
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun + Hol	builds A(Kie) for 4
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven + Tun	builds F(Nap) for 4
Russia: Mos, Sev, StP, War + Rum, Swe	builds F(Sev), A(Mos) for 6
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy + Pul	builds F(Ank) for 4

Meanwhile.....The Tiger followed Archdruid's steady gaze into the grubby crystal ball. So far he'd managed to find four cracks, but he wasn't sure if this was significant.

"Well, well, what do you see?"

"Hmm, things are a little fuzzy, which means a lot of people still haven't decided what to do. However, GERMANY fears for the safety of his beerhall, so now might be the time to snaffle Denmark."

"I like it. I mean who can argue with the stars?"

ENGLAND - EUROPE: I'm on your side....(and in front of you, and behind you, and above you, and....)

.....three builds.

999 I must not be greedy and demand three builds.

1000 I must not be greedy and demand three builds. Serree - grovel, grovel, lick, lick.

SAVE MONEY! Use second class post for orders. All HMIs gratefully taken advantage of.

To England's Allies: There was a young lady from Riga,  
Who went for a ride on a Tiger.  
She finished the ride  
In pieces inside  
A very well fed looking Tiger.

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Farrat Gamestart

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France: Stephen Andrews, 744A Lordship Lane, Woodgreen, London N22.

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Italy: Chris Bishop, LEOR Bishop CJL, 6-27 Med Ret RA, JPEO 107.

Russia: Rob Larter, 4 Links Rd., Penn, Wolverhampton.

Turkey: Torbjörn Ström, Länsmansvägen 19, S-370 10 Bräcke-Hoby. Sweden.

Double deadline available as per Callid gamestart (if you want more details). How come you all wanted to play France????

Ulysses, August 1891, Definitive Mercator

GM: Bob Brown

Argentina: A(Syd) B F(EIO), A(Phi) B F(GIS), A(HUM) B F(CHA), A/F(GIS) S A/F(CRS)-  
(Jon Love) SPO, A(Bog) St, A/F(CHA)-NOM, F(HUM)-CHA, F(Jav)-TIM, A(Nig)-Fez, A/F(EIO)  
S F(Jav)-TIM, A(Lib)-Ben, A(NOM) D Van, F(NOM)-NPO, A(GIS) D Phi,  
F(GIS)-SOL, A(SPO) D Wel, F(SPO)-TAS, A(EIO) D Cey

Austria: A(Mun) S RUSSIAN A(Ber)-Kie  
(Ian Doherty)

Brazil: A(Spa) B F(CAN), A/F(MAT)-GRA, A/F(CAN)-NAO, A/F(WMS)-CAN, F(CAO)-CAR,  
(Don Brown) F(Mor)-CAO, F(Alg)-WMS, A(Tun)-Alg, A(Ama) S A(Iqu)-Med, A(Ken)-Tan,  
A/F(GHS)-SOM, F(SAO)-GHS, A(Alg) E F(WMS), A/F(WMS)-CAN, A(CRA) D Que,  
A(NAO) D F(CRA), A/F(CRA)-NWP, A(CAN) D F(NAO), A/F(NAO)-ROC, F(CAN)-NAO,  
A(SOM) D Eth, F(SOM)-ARA, A(Tan) E F(GHS), A/F(GHS)-WIO

China: A(Tib) S TURKISH A(IMO)-Snk, F(CEL) S A(CEL) L Jav, F(CEL) S A(Jav) St  
(Jeremy Tullett) F(Tha ec) S F(COS)-Joh, A(Bma)-Lao, A(Tek) S A(Han)-Ksu, F(Bor)-SCS

England: A(NWG) L Nor, A(NTH) L Den, A(ENC) L Bel, A(SIS) L Oms, F(NWG)-Nor,  
(Douglas Wakefield) F(ENG) S A(Bel), A(Bel) S F(NTH)-Hol, A(Den) S A(Nor)-Swe, F(IRE)-BIS,  
A(Lyo) S BRAZILIAN A(Spa)-Mar, F(SIS) S A(Oms) St, F(ROC)-NWG, F(Joh)  
does some last minute shop-lifting, F(Ale) looks in vain for US Marines

Germany: A(Lic)-Bel  
(Peter Nunn)

Italy: A(BOT) B F(TYR), F(BIS)-Por, A(Swe) St, F(Mar)-GOL, A(Gas)-Spa, F(BOT) S  
(Stuart Dagger) A/F(TYR), F(ADR)-Apu, A(Bud)-Zag, A(Vie)-Tri, A(Kie) & A(Tyr) S A(Kls)-  
Man, A(Ruh) S A(Kie), F(Por) St unordered, TURKISH A(ION) D F(BOT),  
A(TYR) D Sar, A(Zag) E TURKISH F(ION)

Japan: F(NPO) S A(NPO) L Ale, A(Kor)-Vla, F(CPO)-NOM, F(Osa)-CPO, A(Med)-Pan  
(Tom Butcher)

Russia: F(BAL) S A(Ber)-Kie, A(War) S A(Sax)-Sil, A(Vol) S A(Ukr)-Mos, A(Sib) S  
(Andy Norman) A(Vol), A(Tkn) S A(Sib), A(Snk) S A(Tkn)

Turkey: A(ARA) L Eth, A(Gal)-Sil, A(Clu)-Gal, F(Rum) S A(Sev), A(Ira) & A(Afg) S  
(John Marsden) A(Cau)-Tkn, A(Sev) S A(Arm)-Cau, A(Egy)-Fez, A(Eth)-Ken, F(Mdr) S F(ARA)-  
WIO, A(Clc) St, A(Wel) St, F(TAS)-SPO, A(IMO)-Snk, F(Man) St, F(SOO)-Kan,  
A/F(DAS)-ION, A(DAS) E ITALIAN F(BOT), ITALIAN A(Zag) E F(DAS)

Nasties. Argentinian F(Jav) dead, NRO. Austrian A(Mun) dead, NRO. English F(Joh) dead,  
caught shoplifting and hanged, F(Ale)-NOM (going to get the Marines if they  
won't come to Ale). Italian A(Swe) and F(BIS) both dead, NRO. Russian A(Snk) and A(Tkn)  
both dead, NRO.

Dirty Douglas - GM: As Marsden starts his run in to what seems an almost inevitable win  
(~~Bob Brown is a~~), I record my thanks for yet another excellently run game. Good on  
you, Bob.

Nice Douglas - Thomas. Your crass, bungling incompetence and hayseed vindictiveness has  
given Turkey a winning position. A pox on you, Sir. See you in the next game, I hope?

Turkey - the Waiting List. Sorry, but we'll have to play on. Hope you can hang on!

Trelech. Why do you always leave me a nasty little space to fill up? I suppose that I  
will just have to comment on the position and the above remarks. As the builds (on the  
next page) show, this game is still wide open. True, Turkey looks in a good position  
for a win, but where are his other 8 centres going to come from? There aren't many left  
that don't belong to one of the five other big powers and they should all be looking to  
share in a win of some kind. Obviously, someone is going to be unlucky. This final  
manoeuvring is one of the things that makes mercator such a good game. John can try for  
his single-power win, but two or three of the others can try to pip him at the post. I  
remember it happening before in Chinaera (I think?) - the biggest power didn't quite get  
to his required total and was usurped by a three-way alliance. All good clean nastiness.  
My prediction - a two or three way win with Turkey one of the winners.

September 1891 Adjustments

Argentina:	Bue, San, Tuc, Lin, Tah, <del>Y/L</del> Phi, Pth, Syd, <del>Y/L</del> , Clf, Haw Lib	+	Nig, Bog, Cey	builds F(San), F(Pat)	for 14
Austria:	<del>Y/L</del>			no change	for 0
Brazil:	Rec, Rio, Iqu, <del>Y/L</del> , Uru, <del>Y/L</del> SAf, Azo, Cui, Tan, MdG, Kan Tex, Cub, <del>Y/L</del> , Mor, <del>Y/L</del>	+	Que, Eth	removes F(CAO)	for 15
China:	Can, For, Vtm, Bor, Tha, Cam Shg, Han, Bma, Sai	+	Jav, Joh, Pek	builds F(Bor), F(Por)	for 13
England:	Lon, Edi, Uls, Lpl, Ice, <del>Y/L</del> Den, Van, StP, Oms, MeY, <del>Y/L</del> Kar, <del>Y/L</del>	+	Bel, Lye, Mor Hol, Swe	builds A(Lon), A(Mdi)	for 16
Germany:	<del>Y/L</del>			removes A(Pic)	for 0
Italy:	Nap, Rom, Bol, Tun, Spa, Mar <del>Y/L</del> , Par, Cre, Zag, Bre, <del>Y/L</del> <del>Y/L</del> , Vie, Bud, Tri	+	Mun, Por Sar, Kio	builds A(Pie), F(Tus) and 2 short	for 17
Japan:	Tok, Nii, Vla, <del>Y/L</del> , Kob, Osa	+	Ale	no change	for 6
Russia:	Mos, War, OMo, <del>Y/L</del> , Pos, <del>Y/L</del> <del>Y/L</del> , Ber, <del>Y/L</del>			GM removes F(BAL), A(Sib)	for 5
Turkey:	Sny, Dan, For, Con, Ank, Bul Egy, Gre, Iro, <del>Y/L</del> , Bel, Yen Ser, <del>Y/L</del> , Sev, Kor, <del>Y/L</del> , Mdr Clc, Clu, Rum	+	Wel, Man Snk, Tkn	builds F(Mus), A(Dan)	for 22

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Weekend, Spring 1906 (1978 GU)

GM: Bob Brown

<u>Austria:</u> (Anarchy)	A(Bud), A(Ser) stand unordered
<u>France:</u> (Ian McIntyre)	A(Lon) St, A(Gas)-Dur, F(Mar) St, A(Por)-Spa, F(Spa sc)-MAO, F(Waf) St
<u>Germany:</u> (Vic Smith)	A(StP) S A(Liv), A(Liv) S A(StP), A(Sil)-Gal, A(Vie) S A(Tri), A(Tri) S A(Mun)-Tyr, F(Ber)-BAL, F(Swe)-Fin, F(Nor) S A(StP), F(NTH) S A(Ipl)- Yor, A(Bel)-Ruh
<u>Italy:</u> (Ian Doherty)	A(Pie) S A(Tyr) S A(Ven)-Tri, F(GCL)-TYR, F(TYR)-ION
<u>Russia:</u> (John Miller)	F(GOB)-BAL, A(Mos) MS A(War), F(BLA) S F(Bul ec)-Con
<u>Turkey:</u> (Anarchy)	A(Arm), F(Con) stand unordered

Easties. Turkish A(Con) dead.

Gulf of Bothnia: Hit me! Hit me! Hit me!

Moscow - Rome & Paris: Too late, gents, there's nowt I can do to help now. I am absolutely astonished at your continued, suicidal argy-bargyng. May I respectfully refer you to Rule II of the 1971 Rule-book, "The Object of the Game". It would appear that your diplomatic education, such as it is, missed out on this.

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Cybercrud 3, Spring 1910

GM: Ron Fisher

Austria: F(Smy)-AEG, A(Con)-Ank, A(Tun)-Bul, A(Dud) S A(Gal)-Rum, A(Vio)-Doh,  
(Andy Holborn) F(Tri)-Alb, A(Rom)-Ven, A(Fie)-Mar, F(GOL)-WMS, F(ION)-Tun, A(Mun)-Dur,  
A(Ber)-Kie

England: F(Naf)-Tun, F(NTH)-HEL, F(Cru)-Ber, F(Swe)-BAL, A(Den) S AUSTRIAN  
(Doug Wakefield) A(Mun)-Kie

France: A(Spa) S A(Mar), F(MAO)-WMS, F(Tun)-ION, F(NWG)-NTH, A(Mar) S A(Par)-Dur,  
(Allan Ovens) A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Dur)-Mun, F(ENG)-MAO

Germany: F(Kie)-BAL, A(Ruh) S AUSTRIAN A(Mun)-Dur  
(Richard Sharp)

Russia: A(War)-Gal, A(Ukr) S A(Sev)-Rum  
(Willy Haughan)

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

GM: Mistake last time, Austria also built A(Vie). 3 proposals: 1) 4-way ENT draw, 2) 2-way RT draw, 3) Concession to Germany, rest zilch. Votes, please!!

Entente Cordiale to Turkey: 'Keep it up mate, we'll have him yet!'

Ditto to Russia: 'Don't drop out now you Geordie twenty-two sevenths, two fifties, officer in charge, K!'

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Cybercrud 3 Bourse, Spring 1910

GM: Bob Brown

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>
Geoffrey Fourmyle	-496	-499	+1416	-497	-	-
Fezoco Inc	-500	-499	+1136	-	-1	-
John Marsden	-500	-500	+1330	-2	-500	-
Scrooge & Marley	-	-500	+412	-	-	-
Dealings	-1496	-1998	+4294	-499	-501	-
Old value	2.97	1.69	2.05	1.18	0.79	1.45
New value	2.83	1.50	2.47	1.14	0.74	1.45

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>	<u>Victory Pts.</u>
Geoffrey Fourmyle	7377	1895	2908	43	0	0	1300
Fezoco Inc	4558	2401	6078	0	0	0	1245
John Marsden	4288	942	6009	0	1000	0	1161
Scrooge & Marley	5554	57	1013	0	0	0	805

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Yagatan, Autumn 1904, Stab

GM: Bob Brown

		<u>Centres</u>
<u>Austria</u> (Ian Doherty)	A(Dud)-Tri	1
<u>England</u> (Jeremy Tullett)	F(Lon)-Wal, F(NTH)-Bel, F(SKA)-NTH / A(Mar) St	3
<u>France</u> (John James)	F(Lpl)-Wal, F(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Bel, F(Por) S A(Gas)-Spa,	8
<u>Italy</u> (Graham Box)	F(Spa sc) St, F(GOL) S A(Fie)-Mar, A(Tri) St, A(Gal)-War	7
<u>Russia</u> (Mark Evans)	A(StP) S A(Liv)-Mos	6
<u>Turkey</u> (Dave Thomas)	A(War) St, A(Sev)-Mos, A(Ser) S ITALIAN A(Tri)-Bud	9

Nasties. French A(Mar) to 8. Italian F(Spa sc) to 7.

England - World: See "Verity" Press for COA etc.

Italy - England: I hate to state the obvious, but wasn't that French fleet in Liverpool responsible for your loss of a home centre? I've no idea how you expect me to slip through the Atlantic against a considerable French blockade, while not apparently suspecting that he has grown to such a position of strength at your expense. By the way, whatever became of Germany (need I ask)?

Odium, Autumn 1910 (1977 JX)

GM: Bob Brown

France: F(IRI)-ENG, F(NTH)-Den, F(BAL)-Per, A(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Kie, A(Dur)-Ruh,  
(Geoff Chase) A(Mar)-Pie, F(Spa sc)-GOL, F(TYR)-Rom, F(Tun) St

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

Italy: F(Nap)-Rom, A(Smy) S TURKISH F(Con)-Ank  
(John Marsden)

Russia: A(Arn)-Ank, A(Ukr) S A(Gal)-Rom, A(War)-Pru, A(Kie) S A(Sil)-Ber,  
(Stephen Agar) F(Nor) S F(Den)-NTH, A(Swe)-Den

Turkey: A(Tyr) S A(Mun) St, A(Ven)-Rom, A(Vie)-Gal, F(BLA) S A(Bud)-Rum,  
(Ian Doherty) F(Gre) & F(EMS) S F(ION) St, F(Con)-Ank

Nasties. French F(NTH)-NWG. Russian A(Kie) annihilated.

Winter 1910

France: <del>Mar</del> , Mar, Por, Spa, Lpl, Par, Tun, Bel, Lon, Eci + Hol, Kie	builds A(Par) for 11
Germany: <del>Mar</del> + Bre	no change for 1
Italy: Nap, Rom + Smy	builds A(Rom) for 3
Russia: Mos, StP, Swe, Den, War, Nor, Ber, <del>Kie</del> , Sev	no change for 8
Turkey: Ank, Con, <del>Mar</del> , Bul, Ser, Gre, Tri, Vie, Bud, Rum, Mun, Ven	builds A(Con) for 11

France - anybody: Wanted - something to put a black 'thing' out of its misery. Will try anything except Aubergines or Namibians; they are too ghastly to contemplate.

Italy - Turkey: Had any good phone calls recently. He! He! He!

SHINETRACKED into a journey to L.A. via Boston, the trio of DKR's made only small progress in the never-ending hunt for D'Ashwood. Nevertheless, acting over a complete partial order with lower bound, they were confident of eventual termination of the quest (and of D'Ashwood)...

LEAKING 'neath the surface of the Mid-Atlantic itself was an old rusty German U-bergrine boat. In it, the three immobile DKR's (each more rusty than the last) anxiously watched the tell-tale periscope for signs of land or kindly D'Ashwood bringing some more multi-grade. Their batteries (and the readers) were totally exhausted. Would the ocean currents bring them ashore in France, Spain or Portugal ere their corroded hulk finally slipped to the sea-bottom?

GG H H L  
GG U U L  
GG UU LLL

Alas it had/hadn't\*  
\*Delete as appropriate

or of course GG L H H PP  
GG L U U PP  
GG LLL UU PP

if you prefer.

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Callid Gamestart

Austria: Allan McGregor, 1 Woodside, Luncarty, Perth PH1 3HF.  
England: Neil Patton, 25 Isla Rd., Luncarty, Perth.  
France: Phil Stimpson, 1 Mayfield Cottages, Haselmere Rd., Witley. Surrey GU8 5QA.  
Germany: Paul Ward, 36 Glasgow St., Glasgow G12 8JR.  
Italy: Ken Simpson, 13 The Cedars, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford. Essex.  
Russia: Tony Mitchell, 348 Newton Rd., Rushden. Northants NN10 0SY.  
Turkey: Jeff Garrett, 30 Carnarvon Rd., Redland, Bristol BS6 7DS.

There you go gents. Shouldn't be anybody too dissatisfied with that draw - you all got one of your first two choices. A double deadline is available for the first move - in other words, if you want more time for diploming, let me know and I will hold the game over. I usually take it as a request for a double deadline if I don't have a full set of orders for the initial deadline (ie that for T57). Is there any of you that doesn't have a copy of the house rules?? And may the most evil person win!

Cybercrud 4, Third Age II, Cerime I GM: Ron Fisher

Eriador: F(Wes)-Min, 2A(Min)-Dun, A(Shi)-SDo, A(Eve)-Wea, A(Ang)-Ett  
(George Kingston)

Rhovanion: A(Run) S 2A(Car)-Ere, A(GMo) & A(DG) S A(SMI)-And  
(Bob Brown)

Rohan: NMR! 2A(Igd), A's Edo, Eas, WEn, Wol stand unordered  
(Simon Burke)

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

Mordor: NMR! 3A(Nur), 2A's MSh, Stt, Nit, GF & A's Ere, And, Rhu, Hol, Mor, Udu, MMO  
(Patrick McCarthy) stand unordered

Umbar: F(Sou) & F(Tol) S 2A(SGo) S A(Kha)-Mto, A(Har)-NUM, A(Hdw)-Sth  
(Geoff Hardingham)

Retreats. Mordor A(Ere), A(And) both chopped.

GM: Come on Darkhand; put some life into this game. If Umbar had ordered correctly ie to MSh not MMO, you would have been in real trouble. Now then, make the most of your reprieve and smash those Fellowship bums (nothing personal).

Donethor - Theoden: Eastward ho? Have you ever read "The Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkein? (recommended)

Borders: GMo does border Rhu. (GM).

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NGC 215, Spring 1913 GM: Ron Fisher

England: F(Lpl) S F(MAO)-IRI, A(Cly) S F(Lpl), F(NTH)-Edi, F(Nor) S F(Den)-SKA,  
(Hugh Baldwin) A(Swe) St, A(Kie)-Hol, A(Ber) S TURKISH A(Mun)

France: F(Apu) S ITALIAN F(ADR)-Ven, A(Tyr)-Tri, A(Bel)-Bur, F(IRI) S F(MAO)-  
(George Kingston) MAO, F(SKA)-Den, F(Wal) S A(Edi)-Lpl, A(Ruh) S F(Hol)-Kie

Italy: F(Nap)-TYR, F(Tun)-TYR, F(ADR)-Ven  
(Ian McIntyre)

Turkey: F(Alb) S F(Tri)-ADR, F(ION)-Apu, A(Boh) S A(Vie)-Tyr, A(Bud)-Tri,  
(Pat Jones) A(Bul)-Ser, F(Gre) S F(AEG)-ION, F(Con)-Sny, A(Mun) S ENGLISH A(Kie),  
A(Sil) S A(Mun)

Retreats. English F(MAO)-NWG. French F(SKA) chopped. English A(Kie)-Den.

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Rhubarb, Spring 1908 (1978 DY) GM: Bob Brown

France: A(Yor)-Edi, F(Lon)-NTH, A(Par) S A(Bre)-Pic, A(Mar)-Bur, F(Tun) & F(WMS)  
(John James) S F(Tus)-TYR

Germany: F(Edi) St, F(NTH) S F(Bel)-ENG, A(Pic) S A(Bur)-Par, A(Mun)-Boh,  
(Harry Turner) A(Tyr)-Vie, A(War) & A(Sil) S A(Boh)-Gal, A(Fru)-Liv, A(Mos) S A(War)

Italy: A(Ven) stands unordered  
(Anarchy)

Turkey: F(Naf) St unordered, F(TYR) S F(ION)-Tun, F(ADR) S F(AEG)-ION,  
(Chris Bishop) A(Apu)-Rom, A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Vie)-Boh, A(Bud)-Gal, A(Gal)-War, A(Sev) S  
A(Ukr)-Mos, A(Rum) St unordered, A(Bul)-Rum, F(WMS)-MAO

Nasties. German A(Mos)-StP. Turkish F(TYR)-GOL, A(Gal)-Ukr.

Prelech. The concession to France was defeated by two very strongly negative votes. It doesn't take too much to figure out who voted 'no'!

### Changes of Address

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And may I wish all of you either starting EB or EE or continuing your course the very best of success in the coming year.

### Waiting Lists

Regular Diplomacy (Gamefee £1). Chris Bishop. This game will not start until 2 other games have ended.

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, Tom Dutcher, Allan McGregor, Neil Patton. Total 15 for 13 places, but then someone may drop out. Map and rules will be forthcoming in the same issue that Ulysses finishes.

Railway Rivals (Gamefee 50p). Chikako Dutcher (any map but B).

En Garde (Gamefee 50p first year, 20p per year thereafter). Contact Dave Waring.

Athgor (No gamefee). Contact Michael O'Shea.

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// Here I sit with a doughnut for a brain - what an appropriate line for this stage of the zine (filched from Ian Dury's 'Do It Yourself' - the line that is - an EE I thoroughly recommend). I'm sure that there is lots that I've missed out. I know that the last issues of Griffin and Railway Rivals Recorder were advertising polls on games but they are under the pile somewhere and I can't be bothered to fetch them out to get the details - sorry.

Similarly, I had my wrist slapped for not advertising 25 Years On, but I haven't got the info on that to hand either and Fenelope Keith is on the box in a few minutes and Matthew is grumbling....and I'm knacked.

Term started last Monday, so don't be too surprised if the next few issues are a day or so later than you are accustomed to. Horror, shock, probe - a day later! This coming few months is going to be very interesting at work. We have to cut 11% off our budget (half this year and half the next) and as 70% of our costs is staff, there's going to be some shennanigans (ugh - catch that spelling). Caught up in the cuts is likely to be our Fourier Transform NMR which will be most annoying (to put it very very mildly). What's a FT NMR? Well an NMR is a very useful analytical tool for organic chemistry (in particular) to tell you the structure of a compound. We should be hearing about the funding for the new equipment we are hoping for for our research soon, too. Down on your knees people, face 10 Downing St....

Enough. I'm burbling. What do you mean, I always sound this way - take an NMR!

That was The Tinamou 56 that was. It's over, let it go. Bon soir messieurs.