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That peculiar looking thing at the side says COA, but should say COCOA (which is not a beverage, but "correction of change of address") Ignore the term time address for Dave Ross in last issue, but use: SPH, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CC4 3UE

WILLEY'S WAFFLE

First of all, the eternal question of money. All those of you who are sending me zines are giving me very amicable terms, all of which I'm happy with, but the rest of you I WANT SOME CASH, PLEASE. And, while we're on the subject of money, you may have noticed that the British Pound is showing about as much bouyancy as a lead balloon. In a matter of days, the 4p + 10p we were working on is no longer enough to cover the same amount of pesetas I spend, so I'm afraid we'll have to go up to 15p (inc post). Sorry about that, but don't blame me; blame Darlin' 'Arld, who deserted the sinking ship after having torpedoed it! Anyway, what I'm going to do is have a price freeze. All you guys who are getting the zine now, will not have to pay more than 15p (inc post) for one year, at least, even though I may charge newcomers more if costs rise again. So, you're getting a good deal if the pound falls some more or if postage rates rise. And to compensate for the price rise, I'm not charging you for the very expensive page 7, nor for the fact that this is a double size issue. (Just call me big-hearted Paul.) Since this issue is so big, and since nothing is on the pages it's supposed to be on, here's a correct and updated (almost)

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COMPETITION WINNER Steve Pratt found the right word in last month's Scrabble problem, but failed to find the right place to put it. He did, however, get the right answer to the Number of Copies Quiz - though I feel his method of arrival at that answer is somewhat suspect. Still, he got it right, so a free Eccles, this time, Steve.

READ THIS I don't write retreats and annihilations at the end of the game report. @ = annihilated. * = retreat, followed by ((*name of retreat space)). And you know what this and this both mean. The other abbreviation is ((C!)) for crippled, under rules 7(b) or ~~7~~ 7(d), and means that the unit may not be reordered. It can, however, be dislodged by units of the same power in the normal way. For example, in EC2, Martain fleet in AST has become crippled, but in a future move, Mars himself may dislodge it if he so wishes.

DREADFUL WARNINGS DEPARTMENT You must allow seven full days for arrival of your orders. Richard, you were awfully lucky: it's very rare for a letter to arrive in five days, but it arrived at the same time as Andy's (deadline day), which had been posted three days before yours!

ARE YOU GOING TO WIN THAT GAME OF DIPLOMACY?

Each month, I have written a little novelty item immediately after the opening remarks, but, so far, the only one which excited any comment was the very first - "Have you got the right wife?" So I thought I'd write another one along similar lines. Of course, that one was a trick, and amounted to a practical joke on anyone who tried it. This one is not a joke, but gives you a genuine answer. The answer is not based on the art of astrology or any other pseudoscience, but a much more exact science.

What are your chances of winning any of your current games of Diplomacy? Good, very good, excellent, or only fair? Or is it time to stop wasting the stamps for your orders? Follow carefully the steps set out below and you will find out the answer to these questions.

1. Write down the number corresponding to the country you are playing from the following table:
Austria 50; England 60; France 70; Germany 80; Italy 90; Russia 80; Turkey 90.
2. Add the number of allies you are sure of.
3. Add the number of enemies you are sure of. (For steps 2 and 3, if you are not sure of anyone, then use the numbers you think likely.)
4. Multiply by ten, and add 1 if you want to know the chances of your winning, add 2 if you want to know the chances of drawing, and 3 if you want to know the chance of your being eliminated.
5. Reverse the digits and subtract this figure from your previous answer. For example, if your previous answer were 391, this becomes 193 on reversing, which, subtracted from the previous figure gives 198.
6. Reverse the digits of this answer and add the figures together. (Ie this no. & the number before reversing.)
7. Multiply the number by fourteen.
8. Write this figure down twice to form a new figure. For example, if the number you obtained from 6 were 1234, step 7 brings it to 17,276. You would now write ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1,727,617,276.
9. Take the number from the following table which corresponds to the number of supply centres you hold, and place it one the right of your previous answer. For instance, taking the example in 8 as being your present figure, and you have three supply centres (245,723) you would now write 1,727,617,276,245,723.

<u>Number of supply centres.</u>	<u>Number to write on right of previous answer</u>
1	39,738,924
2 or 3	245,273
4 or 5	461,324
6 or 7	4,625,897,373
8 XXXX	37,244,589
9 or 10	37,615,173
11 or 12	636,179
13 or 14	6,373,517,352
15 or 16	7,361,812,546
17	52,615,273

10. Now do exactly the same thing again, using the figures from this table.

<u>Number of supply centres</u>	<u>Number to write on right of previous answer</u>
1 or 10	37,615,173
2 or 11	245,273
3 or 12	636,179
4 or 13	461,324
5 or 14	6,373,517,352
6 or 15	4,625,897,373
7 or 16	7,361,812,546
8 or 17	37,244,589
9	39,738,924

Now check you've done steps 9 and 10, and from the correct tables!

11. Now divide the number into ~~XXX~~ groups of twos and look up each two-digit number on the table below, writing down the letter to which it corresponds. (If you have a figure which is not in this table, then you have made a mistake, so please check your calculations.) You will then be able to read off the probability of winning the game. For example, if the figure you now have is 37,618,963,463,... ..875,176,363, you make it into 37/61/89/63/46/38/75/17/63/63, and can read off F/I/R/S/T/C/L/A/S/S. If, on the other hand, your figure is 7,379,946,897,385,... 737,595,752,413, you will find the probability expressed as E/X/T/R/E/M/E/L/Y/L/O/W.

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15	P;	24	D;	37	F;	43	D;	51	V;	61	I;	73	E;	81	G;
17	A;	25	H;	38	C;	45	U;	52	N;	63	S;	75	L;	89	R;
19	Q;	26	B;	39	Z;	46	T;	53	J;	64	K;	79	X;	95	Y.

There you are. So now you know. If you're wondering how mathematics can be used to foretell the future so accurately (because it is accurate - or fairly so) then ask me, and I'll print an explanation next time - or write to you and tell you.

SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S COMPETITIONS

Number of subscribers possible The answer is 31. If we call the first typing of each page the 'A' copies, and the second typing the 'B' copies, these are the possible combinations: one zine of all A pages and one of all B pages; five different possibilities of four A's and one B, and five possibilities of four B's and one A; ten possibilities of three A's and two B's, and ten possibilities of three B's and two A's. No other possibilities which are different. That makes 32. Subtract the one I keep, to leave 31.

Scrabble solution The word AZONAL, using the A of QUOTAS for the second A, also gives AB, ZO, OX, and NE (all of which are in Chambers) for a total of 83, and leaves you with the two blanks. Your opponent is unlikely to score as many as this, for the only remaining triple word score square is unreachable, and his letters only total 14, so, with nothing to come off your score, you must win. (Note: the word AZONALLY, which you could form, using the two blanks as well, is not in Chambers.)

Last month, nobody entered the Scrabble competition, but if anybody has entered this one, I'll publish another one either on the last page or the front page. Otherwise, unless I get a request to revive it, I'll drop it until the Eclipsor circulation goes up.

Winners, if any, of the competition(s) will find their names on the front page.

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

The thirty cards shown on the right are dealt out, and you have to make twelve poker hands by putting 25 into a 5 x 5 grid, and discarding five cards. The hands count across the grid, down the grid, and the two diagonals. Score thus:

Straight flush	(consecutive cards in the same suit)	16 pts.	<u>THE CARDS</u>
Straight	(consecutive cards)	12 pts.	Clubs: 6, 7, 9, J, Q, K, A;
Poker	(four of a kind)	10 pts.	Diamonds: 6, 7, 8, J, K, A;
Full house	(triple and pair)	8 pts.	Hearts: 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10;
Flush	(all cards the same suit)	4 pts.	J, Q, K, A;
Triple	(three of a kind)	3 pts.	Spades: 2, 4, 6, 7, J, K, A;
Two pairs		2 pts.	
One pair		1 pt.	Tiebreaker, if necessary, will be the
High card		0	best discard hand.

Anyone getting a score as high as mine, or higher, gets a free Eccles.

Quick joke (stolen from Steve Pratt, who stole it from someone else):
Dislexia rules, KO?

WILLEY TAKES DIPLOMACY TO SPAIN (Well, '1938' to be strictly accurate!)

Here, as ~~xxxxxxx~~ promised in some editions of the last issue, is a run-down of a game I played with four teachers at the school where I work. (If you're not familiar with 1938, you'll find a map and rules at the end of the zine - the very last page.)

I was playing France, Aussie Peter was Great Britain, Boss Peter was Italy, Mel was Russia, and Siggie was Germany. The first hour or so was ~~xxxxx~~ spent in explaining the rules, and then I passed the entire 30 minutes of the first diplomacy period persuading them all not to gang up on me just because I was the only one who knew what it was all about. (Some teacher, I am!) I thought it advisable to ally with Italy, because ~~xxxxx~~ I wanted to hit at Germany, and I had a hell of a time persuading Aussie Peter not to move F Lon-ENC, because he thought F ~~Edi~~-Cly was a waste of time, and wanted to move F Edi-NTH. (Edi does not border on NWG in this variant.) Russia accepted my advice to support the anarchic army in Poland, and Germany agreed not to occupy Ruh, on the understanding that I would not move to Bur. The first moves, for Spring 1938 were:-

<u>France</u>	A Mar-Bur, A Par-Pic, F Bre-MAD.
<u>Great Britain</u>	F Lon-NTH, F Edi-Cly, A Lpl-Yor.
<u>Germany</u>	F Kie-Hol, A Ber S A Pru-Pol, <u>A Pru-Pol</u> , A Mun stand.
<u>Italy</u>	A Ven-Aus, A Nap-Apu, F Rom-TYS.
<u>Russia</u>	F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Sev S A Pol, A Ura-Mos.

Italy had expected to be stood off from Austria by Germany's A Mun, and the fact that he was not was the first nail in the latter's coffin. The second was Italy's ready acceptance of my request for support into Munich. Great Britain got his wire's crossed, because he evidently persuaded Germany to support his army into Belgium (which didn't take too much diplomacy, since Germany was desperate for an ally, and could see which way my knife was pointing), and also persuaded Russia to move out of Nwy (which probably did take some good diplomacy), and then... well, you'll see in a minute. Germany, I suppose, took the disposition of Russia's troops to mean that he was going to move into Poland. These were the Autumn 1938 moves:-

<u>France</u>	F MAU-Por, A Bur-Mun, <u>A Pic-Bel</u> .	(Build A Par, A Mar)
<u>Germany</u>	A Pru S A Pol, A Ber-Cze, <u>A Mun-Ber*</u> (rtrt Ruh), <u>F Hol S GB A Yor-Hol</u> !	
<u>Great Britain</u>	F Cly-NWG, F NTH C A Yor-Bel, <u>A Yor-Bel</u>	
<u>Italy</u>	A Aus S FRE A Bur-Mun, A Apu-Ven, F TYS-IGN.	(Build F Nap)
<u>Russia</u>	F Nwy-JUT, A Sev-Rum, A Mos-Vol.	(Build A StP)

In 1939, I tried to reach an agreement with Great Britain, and thought I had succeeded. Italy was firmly committed to an alliance with me, and I still wasn't sure exactly where Russia stood, though I supposed with England. Spring 1939

<u>France</u>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX <u>A Mun-Ruh</u> , A Mar S F Por-Spa(nc), <u>A Pic-Bel</u> , F Por-Spa(bc), A Par-Bur.
<u>Germany</u>	A Pru S A Cze-Pol, A Cze-Pol, F Hol S GB A Yor-Bel, <u>A Ruh-Mun</u> .
<u>GB</u>	F NTH C A Yor-Bel, A Yor-Bel, F NWG-Nwy.
<u>Italy</u>	F Nap-IGN, F IGN-AEG, A Ven-Cro, A Aus stand.
<u>USSR</u>	F JUT-Den, A StP-Fin, A Vol stand, A Rum-Bul.
<u>Neutral armies</u>	in Spa and Pol disband.

It was now clear that Italy and I were against GB and Germany, and it looked as though USSR might join us against them, but these were the Autumn 1939 moves:-

<u>France</u>	<u>A Mar-Bur</u> , <u>A Bur-Ruh</u> , A Pic S <u>A Mar-Bur</u> , F Spa(nc) stand.
<u>Germany</u>	<u>A Ruh-Bur</u> , <u>A Pol-Cze</u> , <u>A Pru-Pol</u> , F Hol S GB A Bel.
<u>GB</u>	F Nwy stand, F NTH S A Bel, <u>A Bel S GER A Ruh</u> .
<u>Italy</u>	F IGN-Gre, F AEG S F IGN-Gre, A Cro stand, <u>A Aus-Cze</u> .
<u>USSR</u>	F Den-BAS, A Fin stand, A Vol-Tur, A Bul S A Vol-Tur.
<u>Neutral army</u>	Tur disbands

I made the obvious build, F Bre, while Italy raised two armies in Ven and Rom, and GB two fleets in Lon and Lpl. USSR built A Sev and StP, while Germany raised A Ber. Although France had started well, it was going to be difficult to keep improvise with both GB and Germany against me. I pressed on, regardless.

Spring 1940

France A Mun S ITA A Aus-Cze, A Bur S A Pic-Bel, A Pic-Bel, F Bre-ENC, A Mar stand.
Germany A Ruh S A Ber-Cen, A Ber-Cen, A Pru stand, A Pol S USSR A Sev-Rum, F Hol S GB A Bel.
GB E Lon-ENC, F Nwy-NTH, F NTH-Lon, F Lpl-IRI, A Bel S GER A Ruh.
Italy A Cro-Hun, A Aus-Cze, A Ven-Cro, F Gre-Bul, F AEG S F Gre-Bul, A Rom-Ven.
USSR A Fin-Swe, F BAS S A Fin-Swe, A Bul S A Sev-Rum, A Tur S A Bul, A Sev-Rum, A StP-Fin.

Neutral army in Swe disbands.

We were now clearly divided into two camps, Italy and I against the rest. Things didn't look too good, so I thought about stabbing Italy and joining the majority side, but it was difficult to negotiate without arousing Italy's suspicion. I was forced to leave it for a while. Autumn 1940.

France A Mar stand, A Mun-Ruh, A Pic-Bel, A Bur S A Mun-Ruh, F Bre S F MAD-ENC.
Germany A Pru-Pol, A Cen S A Ruh, A Pol-Cze, A Ruh S A Cen, F Hol S GB A Bel.
GB F Nwy-NTH, F NTH-ENC, F Lon S FNTH-ENC, F IRI S F NTH-ENC, A Bel-Pic.
Italy F AEG S F Gre-Bul, F Gre-Bul, A Hun S A Cro-Aus, A Cze-Ber, A Ven stand.
USSR A Swe st., A Fin-StP, F BAS-Den, A Tur S A Bul, A Rum S GER A Pol-Cze, A BulSAR
USSR builds A Sev, Italy builds F Nap, Germany disbands A Pol.

Spring 1941

France F MAD S F Bre, F Bre S F MAD, A Bur-Ruh, A Mun S A Bur-Ruh, A Mar stand.
Germany A Cze S A Cen-Mun, A Ruh S A Cen-Mun, A Cen-Mun, F Hol S GB A Bel.
GB F NTH-ENC, F IRI S F ENC-MAD, F ENC-MAD, F Lon S F NTH-ENC, A Bel S GER A Ruh.
Italy F Nap-IGN, F Gre MS F AEG, A Hun S A Aus-Cze, A Aus-Cze, A Ven-Cro, A Ber st.
USSR A Tur S A Bul, A Bul S A Rum-Hun, A Rum-Hun, A Sev-Pol, F Den-BAS, A S&P-Mos.

All pretty boring, but better things were to come.

Autumn 1941

France F MADMS F Bre, A Bur-Ruh, A Mun-Cen, A Pic-Bel*(retreat Par), A Mar-Pie.
Germany A Cze-Ber, A Ruh-Bur, F Hol S GB A Bel.
GB F IRI S F ENC, F NTH-NWG, F ENC S A Bel-Pic, F Lon S F ENC, A Bel-Pic.
Italy F AEG MS F Gre, F IGN-EMS, A Cro-Hun, A Hun-Cze, A Aus S A Hun-Cze, A Ber S FRE A Mun-Cen@.
USSR A Tur S A Bul, A Bul S A Rum, A Rum stand, A Pol S A GER A Cze-Ber, F BAS S GER A Cze-Ber, A Swe-Fin, A Mos stand.

Italian army Ber annihilated, USSR builds F Sev.

Suddenly, the whole pattern of the game began to change at this point. I was hard put to explain that army in Pie, and I think Great Britain was facing the same problem with his F in NWG. I had had some vague idea of getting round to southern Germany. Still, as it turned out, I had lost Pic, and this could be the beginning of the collapse of France, so I told GB that I was stabbing Italy, and wanted to join the Anglo-German alliance. Meanwhile, Russia was diploming frantically with Italy, having realized he was about to lose Turkey, and then perhaps his southern centres - and at the same time that England was making a possibly hostile move in the north.

Hence, just when the initial alliances were beginning to bear fruit - GB getting into France, Italy getting to the southern shores of Russia - there was a massive change of alliances, and the game began to get interesting again. From the length of time Italy and Russia were closeted, and I was with GB, there was to be no surprising Italy with a stab. I had to outguess him, and be extraordinarily lucky. This is what happened in Spring 1942:-

France F Bre-MAD, F MAD-Spa(sc), A Par-Bur, A Bur-Mun, A Mun-Aus, A Pie-Mar.
Germany A Ber stand@, A Ruh-Kie, A Cen-Den, F Hol-JUT.
GB F NWG-BAR, F Lon stand, F ENC-NTH, F IRI-NAC, A Pic-Bel.
Italy F EMS-IGN (forget underlining), F Gre-Alb, F AEG-Gre, A Hun-Cro, A Cze stand, A Aus-Ven.
USSR A Fin-Nwy, A Mos-Bal, F BAS-Ber, A Rum-Hun, A Tur-Bul, A Pol S F BAS-Ber, F Sev-GLA, A Bul-Ser.

TO BE CONCLUDED NEXT ISSUE

Not only an answer to last time's quiz, but a request to continue, so here is
THAT WELL-KNOWN WORD GAME MARKETED BY SEAR'S (and sometimes SPEAR'S)

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C		@				I	@		U					
U			N	A	O	S	&	O	V	E	R			
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@			&			H	A	N	G	@				
£		*			£			A	B	B	£			

Symbols: £ = triple word score; @ = double word score
 & = triple letter score; * = double letter score
 / = Paul made a typing error.

The two remaining hands: I L N Q S - -
 and A E N M O R T.

What are the best two scores you can make, assuming that it is the turn to play of the hand you are working on at the time? (In other words, you can put them both in the same place, if you wish, and may not assume the position of the other one in the place you put it.) Tell me all the words formed, and the scores. If no-one gets both correct, I might give the prize for one. ((Don't write and tell me I can't spell freak, because I wasn't playing it. This problem is taken from an actual game, and the word wasn't challenge

You must know the rules, but here they are in brief: any word between pages 1 - 1594 of Chambers which does not have internal or external punctuation marks or spaces, and which is not spelled with a capital letter. Standard letter values apply.

A LETTER FROM STEVE PRATT

May I defend Piggott and Sharp and co. on the NGC committee, The committee was elected to look after the members' interests - it's hardly surprising when they do this. ((Adopt an anti-Shenandoah attitude)) Many people inside and outside the NGC have suggested that SS is against the interests of the hobby. The curt note wasn't the only thing - though it didn't help. Other complaints against SS are price, uniformity of presentation, lack of non game interest, etc.

((I take your point about price and uniformity and lack of non game interest, but what about 25p for Dolchestoss? A more valid point though is that I don't really see what you mean by "against the interests of the hobby". Surely a zine or compendium of zines that sets up a mechanism of non foldability is in the interests of the hobby?))

Alf shouldn't have had much trouble in his game, since he's landed up with 18 centres - should be enough to ensure victory without any diplomacy at all!

((Ever played Dippy with three people? Very little diplomacy does take place, and the whole thing's a complete waste of time unless you're just trying to teach the rules. Anyway the item wasn't meant seriously - as, indeed, I don't think that paragraph of your letter was.

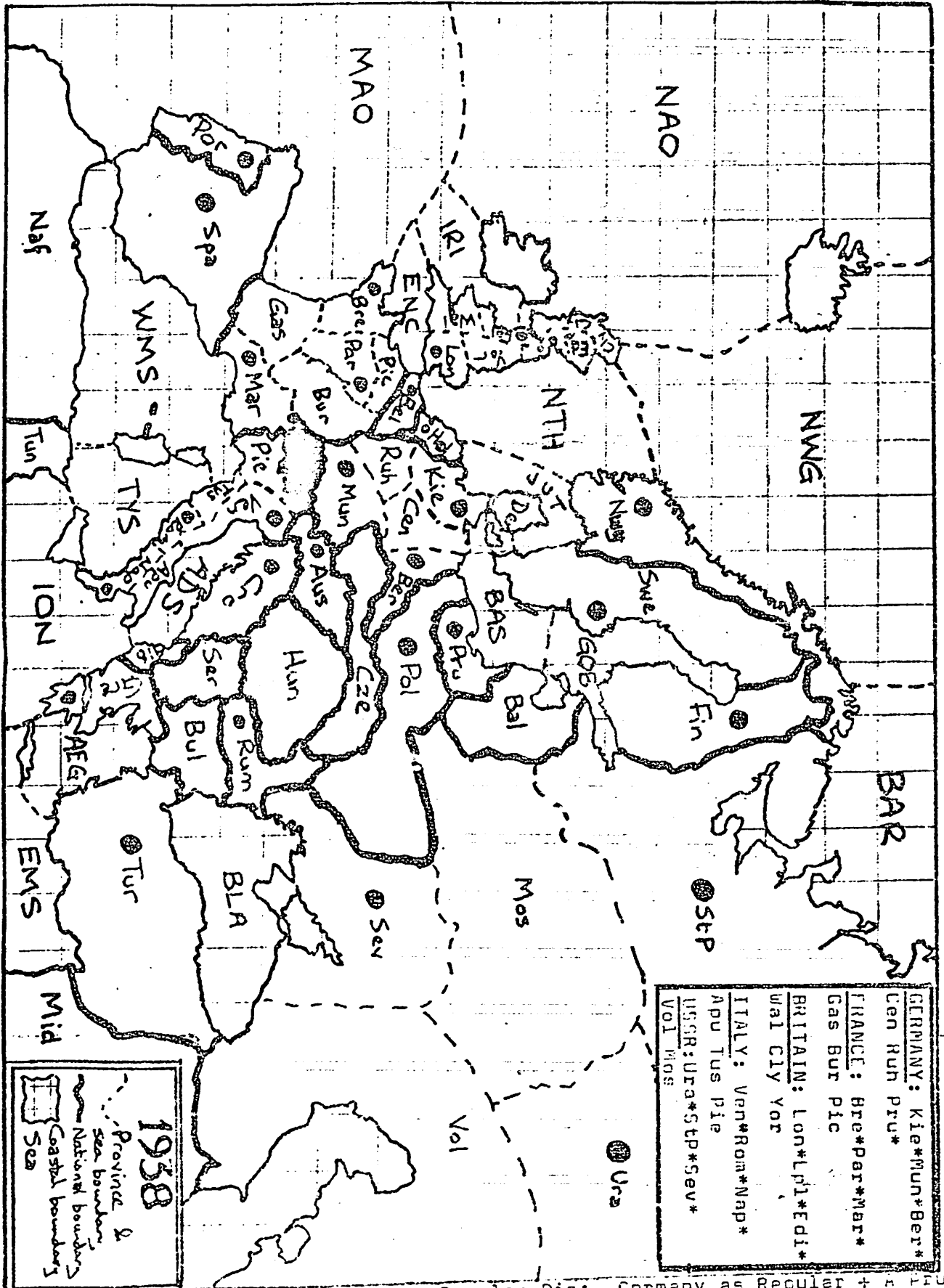
((Well, that's a start. As Steve himself says in Ad Nauseam, letter columns add a great deal of interest to a zine, so do, when you're scribbling your orders, jot a few lines of ~~contraversial~~ contraversial interest to other readers. Apart from that, I like being in the position of being able to have the last word!))

A LETTER FROM ANDY EVANS

...By the way, Paul, I'm also incorrigibly nosey. I wonder if you could reveal all and tell us what you're doing out there exactly. When I got all those BEC envelopes off you I thought "Ah-ha! A foreign correspondent!" And then you go and crush my fantasies, so to speak, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and say that you're a teacher.

So...huh?...reveal all...eh?

((Well, the last thing I would ever want to do is crush another fellow's fantasies, but you were a bit off beam, so I'll give a potted autobiography... on the next page.))
 ((On second thoughts, make that page 8.))



STARTING POSITIONS France & GB as Regular Dip; Germany as Regular + A Pru; Russia A Ura, A Sev, F StP(nc); Italy F Rom, A Nap, A Ven, Neutral armies (in civil disorder) Spa, Pol, Swe, Tur.

VICTORY CRITERION 16 supply centres (out of 29). Note that F Edi-NWG is not possible, but Tur, Den and Kie act as Con, Den and Kie as in Regular.

LETTERS (Cont'd from page 6)

((I was quite happily working for the BBC in a tiny dirty room as an assistant film editor - the lowest of the low - when it occurred to me that I was wasting my time. The BBC regards Film Department as a 'Service Department' to the great God with the cathode ray tube. I was in a dead-end department. I'd always had a hankering to teach, so I chucked it in and took a degree in the unlikely assortment of education and drama - the latter because I had to do a so-called 'main subject', and, having made a number of my own movies -(we all have our hangups) - I had a little amateur experience. When I graduated last year, I decided to broaden my horizons and get a job overseas before settling down to the ordinary classrooms, and there was this job advertised teaching English to the dagoes - so here I am. ((The envelopes were a relic of a summertime job. Since the BBC and I parted company on amicable terms, I went back in the summer vac as a holiday relief, in order to keep the wolf and the building society from the door, - ~~and to keep the wolf~~ ~~and the building society~~. So there you are. All is now revealed, and I'm desperatelly trying to get a job in England at a time when every county is creating redundancies. Looks like I jumped out of the frying pan into the...))

Please make sure you have read the READ THIS on the front page.

EC 1 (PT 763) JOVIANS DON'T FIRE A SHOT - YET CRIPPLE MARTAIN FLEET Year 3040

PLANETS Jup 1/2; Sat 3/1; Ura 3/4; Nep 3/4; Plu 3/4.
EARTH (Evans) H(Mer) st; H(Lun) st; M(DEL)-VED @; M(BET)-EPS @.
MARS (Ross) F(THE)-Ven; F(AST)-Io ((C!)); F(Pal)-AST; F(MU)S F(Pal)-AST; F(CSD)-THE.

JUPITER (Kitchener) NMR! F's Ero, Io, ETA, NU, JO1 all stand unordered.

SATURN (Pratt) F(Phe)-PHI; F(Mim)-SO1; F(Iap)-OMI; F(UPS)S F(SO2)-RHO; F(SO2)-RHO; F(SO1)-PI; F(OMI)-Gan.

URANUS (~~Walker~~ Waikerdine) F(Tri)-INN; F(UOB)-DOU; F(Dio)-JO1; F(PSI)-Cii; F(INN)-NO2; F(SAV)-UD2; F(Obe)-GAG; F(Ari)-UG3.

PLANETS move to Jup 2/1; Sat 1/2; Ura 4/5; Nep 4/5; Plu 4/5.

IRRADIATED ZONES ZET, DEV, SO3 (4020); VED, EPS (4030).

NEWS ON THE SUB-ETHERIC

Sirius I'm changing my dateline, now that a small asteroid has been found called:-
Geneva Yes, it's me again. A suggestion about irradiated zones. If you cover your map with Fablon (they can't touch you for it) you can shade in the danger areas with chinagraph or felt tip, and then rub the marks off with a damp cloth at the end of the time limit or the game. If you're playing in both games on the same map, use different colours - but write down which is which!

Earth You know, all of a sudden I feel real secure.

Outer Space Did you ever hear the one about the Martian and the Circular Roc Egg?

Inner Space Nope.

Outer Space That's a pity, because neither have I.

Geneva I have. Ross made a tortilla espanol with it, and it ate him.

THE STATE OF THE WORLDS

<u>Earth</u>	Home (2) + Lun, Mer	Builds	H(Not), H(Sou)	for 4.
<u>Mars</u>	Home (3), Cer, Pal + Ven	Builds	F(Phs)	for 6.
<u>Jupiter</u>	XXXXIo, Cal, Eur, Ero, Zzz	GM disbands	F ETA	for 4.
<u>Saturn</u>	Home (5), Phe, Enc + Gan	Builds	F(Tan)	for 8.
<u>Uranus</u>	Home (6), Tit, Dio	No change		for 8.

MISSILE STATUS

Centres no longer available for exchange of missile: Gan.

Earth has 2 + n; Mars has 3; Jupiter has 3 - 1 = 2; Saturn has 4 + 1 = 5; Ura 6.

Sorry to ask, Ron, but can you send standby orders for Jupiter, please. Richard, thanks for Uranus orders. Can you continue, please (just until I find another if you wish. If that's the case, please let me know.) I'm still looking for sb's.

EC 2 HOW COME YOU GUYS ARE SO PEACABLE IN EC 1 WHEN YOU CAN DO THIS? Year 3020

Please make sure you have read "READ THIS" on the front page. One abbreviation not listed there, because it applies only to this game is TKGM, which stands for "Target known to Gamesmaster".

PLANETS Jup 1/2; Sat 1/2; Ura 1/2; Nep 1/2; Plu 1/2.

EARTH (~~WALKERDINE~~ Ross) Nor L (TKGM); M(Nor)-DEL; Sou L (TKGM); M(Sou)-BET; H(GAM)-Lun; H(MED)-Mer.

MARS (Walkerdine) F(LAM)-Pal; F(MU)-Cer; F(CSO)-THE.

JUPITER (Evans) F(RHO) st; F(XI)-AST; F(JO2)-XI; F(JO1)-NU.

SATURN (~~RAYNER~~ Rayner) F(SO1)-Enc; F(CHI)-PHI; F(CMI)-Gan; F(Iap)-PI; F(SO3)-RHO.

URANUS (Pratt) F(INN)-Tri; F(PSI)-Tan; F(Ari)-UO1; M(UO8)-INN @.

PLANETS move to Jup 2/1; Sat 2/3; Ura 2/3; Nep 2/3; Plu 2/3.

IRRADIATED ZONES INN (4010).

NEWS ON THE SUB-ETHERIC

Geneva (That's your friendly GM, if you didn't read the press for EC 1. Sirius is dead - long live Geneva!) The new governor of Earth is Dave Ross, whose address can be found on the front page. In temporary command of Saturn (unless I can change your mind to make it permanent, Ron?) is Ron Rayner, 32 Wentworth Avenue, West Finchley, N3 1YL, ~~RAYNER~~.

Jupiter-Earth Copycat.

Anon God, ((you called?)) it's like trying to play Dippy on a bloody ((and that's the operative word)) merry-go-round. Every time you jump off your planet, whamme! it's gone somewhere else ((and if you're not careful it's not yours any more, anyway)) I'm beginning to feel giddy already.

Geneva You wait until you play Apposition (See THINGS TO COME below).

Uranus Do I get my other three?

Geneva No. (Look at Rule 5 para c - page 4 of the last issue.)

THE STATE OF THE WORLDS

<u>Earth</u>	Home (2) + Lun, Mer	Builds	H Nor, H Sou	for 4
<u>Mars</u>	Home (3) + Cer, Pal	Builds	F Phs, F Dei	for 5
<u>Jupiter</u>	Io, Cal, Eur, RAYNER	GM disbands	F NU	for 3
<u>Saturn</u>	Rhe, Tet, Iap, Mim, RAYNER + Enc, Gan	Builds	F Iap	for 6
<u>Uranus</u>	Home (6) + Tri, Tan	Builds	F Ura, F Tia, F Cbe	for 6 +

MISSILE STATUS

Earth 2 + n; Mars 3; Jupiter 4 - 1 = 3; Saturn 5 - 1 + 1 = 5; Uranus 5 + 1 = 6. Centres no longer available for transfer of missile: Gan, Tan.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

When Steve the Variant King (as he was then) reviewed Ecliptic, he suggested that the inner planets should move, or that I should design a variant for the inner planets only. One of you lot gave me an inspiration in his press for the idea of invasion from outside. And, finally, I realized that Ecliptic doesn't, in fact, do what I wanted it to do - make changing alliances vital to survival. These three things caused me to design another interplanetary variant - again for 5 players - which I call Apposition. The map does not represent actual space, as that for Ecliptic does, but, rather, the changing relationship between planets. I liked the idea of a secret weapon, so I've kept that - (the Xenophobes have it, and anyone else can get it as in Ecliptic, although it's a different weapon) - but I've gone off missiles, so they're out. It's much simpler than Ecliptic, so I shall be publishing the rules next issue. Also next issue will be the conclusion of the article on 1938. I hope that will encourage you to ask for a game.

Meanwhile, in view of the unreliability of half the players I originally thought I could rely on, I vitally need new blood. Please, can you all give me a short "ad" in your zines for Eccles, pointing out the SF nature of games and that there are no namefees (at the moment). Thanks a lot, and see you next time.