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All games - Thursday August 14th 1980. 11pm.

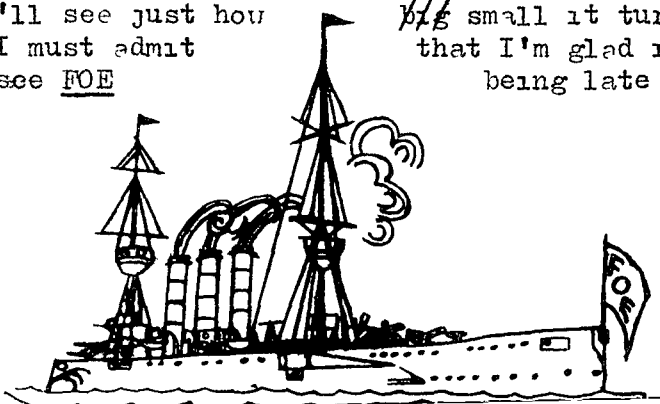
EDITORIAL Welcome to what will almost certainly be a very emaciated issue 47 of Fall of Eagles. I'm sorry about this but the reasons are numerous. At the moment it is nearly two weeks before the deadline and I'll have very little spare time between now and then. Carole has to go into hospital in about a weeks time for a few days for a minor operation and as you can appreciate this will cause a domestic upheaval. In addition I'm extremely busy at work and am working late for two evenings each week, and the fact that I have only three weeks instead of the usual four to work on the zine doesn't help. On top of all this I'm trying to find time to decorate the house and so you'll see that spare time is at a premium these days! Several requests have already been received for extended deadlines and so all in all this will be a very thin issue for a change. The next couple of issues should be back to normal size and issue 50 is planned to be a biggy.

With all this hassle I'm ready for a holiday and it just so happens that what I'll shortly be doing. I've two weeks off work and will be away at our regular haunt in Norfolk for one of these so don't 'phone me at work after July 25th until Aug. 11th or at home from July 26th to Aug. 2nd.

It's now two weeks since typing that previous paragraph and all but a handful of games are being held over. Seems hardly worth putting out this issue and I certainly can't justify a charge of 26p. I'll see just how ~~big~~ small it turns out and charge a reduced price this time. I must admit that I'm glad it's a small issue this time otherwise I could see FOE being late for once!



ISSUE 47



ANOTHER EDITORIAL

Remember Don Brown? Remember his zine Tantalus? Remember what he said about FOE & myself back in his final issue some six months ago? According to Don, FOE was the most boring zine of the lot - 'the lot' being some 40 plus different zines that he had seen since he entered the hobby. He's a funny chap alright (funny peculiar that is, not funny ha-ha) as he presented me with a cheque for £3 as a renewal of sub to FOE last Monday at the Red Lion hobby meet. Still, he might have caught Agar's disease - an inability to make up his mind! However he didn't reveal how he voted in the zine poll.....

It was a very pleasant meeting at the Red Lion once again and I was particularly pleased to meet Ken Bain for the first. Ken now holds the dubious record of being the only person to attend all three hobby meets. Also turning up were Don Brown (complete with cheque book!!), Simon Cridland, and someone else who's name escapes me. Clive Booth missed again and is in danger of being put into anarchy and black-listed! Next meet is Monday August 18th.

Ken Bain has organised the first Leeds Hobby meet at 'Whitlocks', Briggate, Leeds for Wednesday 30th July. It is supposed to have 4 or 5 real ales on handpumps and is 5 mins walk from the railway and bus stations. It's down a little ally about 50 yards up from the bottom of Briggate (traffic lights) just before a pedestrian crossing. If this becomes a regular event I might even come myself sometime.

If Ken is to keep up his record of attending all Hobby meets then he'll have to get his bike on the road up to Edinburgh as that is where yet another meet is springing up. This time organised by Pete Lindsay and the venue is The Maltings Bar, Royal British Hotel (just across Princes Street from Waverley station) and the date is Thursday 31st July at 7.30pm.

On the zine scene I read that Griffin, in its present format, is folding. In future all games will be run by photocopy and Keith Thomassen will be providing just a games service rather than publishing a zine. I suppose this was inevitable in view of the sheer size of G but Keith maintains that it is not the size that has caused the fold but other reasons. I'm sure the current games will continue to receive a good service.

Megalomania 29 arrived the other day with Chris Tringham bemoaning an extraordinary number of NMR's. Seems quite simple to me. If you don't send issue 28 out then you don't get orders for issue 29! CAN I HAVE MY ISSUE 28 SOMETIME PLEASE CHRIS? I'm not alone in this as many other people are complaining of the missing issue 28.

Filibuster has recently appeared in duplicated format. Dunno if it's the new format or another reason but I found the zine to be far more interesting than of late. It even included an excellent article on Diplomacy!!!! Perhaps it was the nice things they said about FOE and myself! Adrien Baird reveals the financial aspect of publishing a 20 side issue of F...£52 litho, £38 photocopy, and £9 by stencil duplication and this would mean a price of 60p, 40p & 26p respectively (all exclusive of postage). Fmm, I suspect that 38p for a 20 side issue of Fili is a little on the high side actually but the cost comparison does show the difficulties that litho/photocopy can create.

The final issue of Finisterre has arrived with details that games are going to either Pyrric Victory, ODE or are being continued by Graham Box. For a final issue this was a pretty good one and Graham is to be congratulated on a neat and tidy fold. No mess for John Marsden to clear up for a change.

I hear from Bruce Foster that he is helping Bob Howes to produce another issue of LE. Apparently the problem is that Bob is unable to type because of arthritis in his hands although duplicating the zine presents no problems. So we may yet see an issue of Ellie sometime in 1980. I hope so.

Nearly at the bottom of the page and I have neither the time nor the material to spread onto another. If I do have the time there's something from Chris Tringham I want to publish - otherwise it'll have to wait until next issue. Right I'll go and start looking for my bucket and spade.....

NATIONAL DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT 1981 ((From Chris Tringham))

You may have read in Megalomania that I am thinking about organising a proper national Diplomacy tournament. Well, after giving it further consideration, I'm going to look a little further into the idea in the hope that it'll prove feasible.

If the tournament is to be run properly, it must be advertised well in advance, and entry forms must be readily available. It will therefore be necessary to have a qualifying competition to whittle down the entries to a manageable number (like 49). The obvious way to do this is by holding a number of local heats.

This is where I need your co-operation. It seems logical to hold heats where there are a reasonable number of hobby members, since they can work together and share the work. As a zine editor, you can reasonably be expected to be in contact with others in your area, so I am writing to you to ask whether you think there's any chance that YOU might be able to do something in your area.

The aim of the tournament is to get free publicity for the hobby, and attract more people into it thereby. I hope, therefore, that I'll get enough co-operation from other people to make it work. I realise that a fair amount of time and effort will be involved in running this event but I hope you'll think it worthwhile.

The idea is to advertise the tournament fairly widely, with a closing date for entries sometime in February 1981. The area heats would then follow in April or May, with the final in September or October. This is very much guesswork, and the final schedule will depend upon future developments. If the worst comes to the worst, I'll try and run the final only - on an "invitation only" basis.

The financial aspect is something of a problem: clearly there will be costs involved in staging an event of this nature. Paul Simpkins suggests a £1 entry, but I'm not so sure that £2 might be more realistic. I'd be grateful for your opinions on that, and on all the foregoing. The sooner the better, obviously.

((Chris has sent this letter to various people in the hobby in various localities asking for publicity and offers of assistance.

My initial reaction is that I'm in favour of such a tournament, but that I don't feel I have the time, the inclination, or the ability, to organise a local heat and handle local publicity etc. I'm fully prepared to 'assist' a little but not take the whole task on my own shoulders; so if there is anyone else in the Nottingham/Dorby/Leicester areas who wants to do so then please get in touch with Chris.

Although I would like to see such a tournament take place, I do have my doubts as to its viability. I feel Chris is ambitious in hoping for local heats to whittle down entries to 49 - in fact it could well be a case of whittling up! To have any chance of success we would have to reach those people who play the game FTF but do not belong to our postal hobby and I'm not really sure how we could do that. The tournament, as Chris envisages it, would surely be a very small affair if limited to just members of the postal hobby.

One suggestion I would make is that Philmar should be approached with a view to sponsoring the tournament. After all, if it is successful then they are going to sell more games and make more money. In fact I recall that Malcolm Brown approached them a year or so ago with a similar idea and they were apparently interested.

If you have any comments on the scheme, or want to give some real help, then write to Chris Tringham at 25 Auckland Road, London SE19 (01-653-1532) and not to me.

Best of luck Chris.))

TIME FOR A BIG MOAN

Nearly every issue I say don't 'phone me at home on the deadline evening before 8.30pm. This issue there were several calls and of course I wasn't in. One player insisted on leaving his orders with Carole and can consider himself lucky that his game is one of those held over or he would have been NMR'd. I have always asked you not to leave orders with anyone else but me (unless you are living in Manila or Bangladesh). Those orders are in the bin!!! If he wants his units to move then I

((over))

IN LIMBO

Being a list of all games held over as a result of one (or more) requests for a double deadline.

FOE 21 (1979DE)

FOE 22 (1979DV)

FOE 24 (1979EL)

FOE 25 (1979EZ)

Please note change of address for Andrew Bamford to 29 Hawthornden Rd, Belfast, Northern Ireland

FOE 26 (1979GF) (Note - France had A(Dur) dislodged last season - not A(Mar))
I didn't notify anyone as the 'retreats' made it obvious.)

FOE 27 (1979GW)

FOE 29 (1979JD)

FOE 30 (1980BB)

Please note change of address for Steve Jones to 6 Kingdowen, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9QP.

FOE 31 (1980BO)

Please note change of address for Steve Jones. See FOE 30 for details. Also, Peter Northcott will be unavailable until after next deadline. Matthew Judah of 14 Clarencegeate Gardens, London NW1 6AY will be taking temporary command of Turkey for next season only (er for this season I suppose as the game is held over.)

I honestly didn't expect so many games to be held over so perhaps I should have simply had a six-week deadline! Wrong again Hucknall!!

One or two people have been lucky as they would have been NMR'd but now have a further four weeks in which to submit orders; I ain't saying who they are of course. All orders on hand may of course be changed if you so wish.

Letters (Cont. from previous page).....My reply to John Dodds.

((Oh this is now getting rather silly! Would you care to give me a date John 'when everyone was a novice and when Austria therefore stood a good chance' ?

You claim experienced players are not choosing to play Austria although how you can prove this I cannot imagine. From the line-up in any game you cannot see if the player chose that country but there is a good chance that he did. In the latest New Statsman we see games starting including 'experienced' players playing Austria. ie John Piggott, Geoff Hardingham, David Watts, Paul Simpkins, Duncan Morris, James O'Fee, Nicky Palmer & Robin Chapman. (Oops delete that last one - I believe it's not Rob Chapman of Putty Rippo fame. I myself asked for Austria in my last gamestart and I think I can claim to be experienced,

What in your opinion is Austria's chances in a game featuring all novices, or alternatively in a game featuring all experienced players ?

I don't subscribe to this theory at all and believe that my idea that the hedgehog is a bad opening if you want to win is more nearer the truth although I accept that rising postal/telephone charges may have something to do with it as Austria needs to diplome a hell of a lot in the early years.

Last issue I printed my reply to Mick Bullock's stats on Austrian openings in some haste. One thing I have since noticed is that on the data provided Austria has a better chance of surviving to the end of 1904 by not playing the southern version of the hedgehog. I'm sure we've not finished with this subject yet!!

COMPANY CHAIRMAN
MONTH 19

BENT ARROW PLAYS IT SAFE
All over ???

Sale of MG's

Bent Arrow Company.....5 @ £42,000 each
Bent Arrow II Company.....4 @ £42,000 each
Bent Arrow III Company....4 @ £42,000 each

Purchase of RM's

Bent Arrow Company.....8 @ £15,000 ea
Bent Arrow II Company....4 @ £15,000 ea
Bent Arrow III Company....5 @ £15,000 ea

No new development this month. Surprise, surprise !

Cash balances :- Amazing 11A's.....£46,733 Bent Arrow Company.....£112,363

Market Research

	month 20	month 21	month 22	month 23	month 24
RM units	13	23	16	13	20
RM unit cost (min)	£5,950	£4,450	£3,250	£6,750	£4,800
MG units	26	17	15	21	22
MG unit price (max)	£45,650	£44,600	£60,800	£60,250	£57,000

FOE Barry didn't take up the offer to buy Ken's SFUs and so Ken is stuck with them.

Do you really want to continue Barry. I can't see how you can win!

FOE 19 (1978JN)
Spring 1911

ITALIAN FLEET PIERCES GERMAN DEFENCES
All other moves predictable

AUSTRIA (Bob Tucker) F(Gre)-Bulsc, A(Bul)-Rum, A(Vie)-Boh, A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Boh)-Sil, A(Gal) S A(Boh)-Sil, A(Sil)-Pru, A(War) S A(Sil)-Pru, A(Liv)-Stp, A(Mos) S A(Liv)-Stp

ENGLAND (Anarchy) F(Lpl)

GERMANY (Ken Williams) F(ENC)-MAO, F(NAO) S F(ENC)-MAO, A(Bre)+A(Bur) S A(Par)-Gas, A(Par)-Gas, A(Ruh) S A(Bur), A(Kie)+A(Ber) S A(Mun), A(Mun) st, A(Den)-Swe, F(Nor) S A(Stp), A(Stp) stands, F(BAL) S A(Ber)

ITALY (Nigel Quinn) F(MAO)-IRI, F(Naf)-MAO, F(WMS) S F(Naf)-MAO, A(Gas)* stands, A(Mar) S A(Gas), A(Pie)+A(Ven)+F(LOS)+F(Con)+F(Arm) stand

RETREATS

Italian A(Gas)-Spa

FOE 28V (Anonymous) GERMANY NOTCHES SIX BLACK PEGS TO WIN

And so it's all over. A good idea for a variant, methinks but in this case it was spoilt by the dropout of three of the players.

I'll put you all out of your misery and reveal that the players were A-Malcolm Brown, E-Keith Loveys, F-Ian Pringle, G-John Marsden, I-Anthony Massey, R-Pete Sealy & T-Neil McDonald.

Congratulations go to John who was eventually Handed the game by Ian Pringle. John knew all the players except Turkey and Ian kindly told him who that was so that he could make a successful challenge. Instead, John changed his guesses and gained six black pegs!

I believe that Keith was close to six black pegs and searching for just one - either Russia or Turkey. Ian knew four for sure, thought Germany was Chapman or Tweedy (!) and had no idea about Russia. Neil I'm not sure of - how close were you Neil?

Could I ask you all to let me have your game statements on this ill-fated game for next issue (as soon as possible please) and we'll give it a decent burial.

FOE 20 (1979BI)
SPRING 1910

STILL NO BREAKTHROUGH BY THE MAJOR POWERS
There's a long struggle ahead

AUSTRIA (Paul Prebble)

A(Sil)-Boh, A(Mun)-Tyr, A(Tri) S A(Mun)-Tyr, F(ADR)-IOS,
A(Vie)+A(Bud) S A(Tri), A(Bul)-Ser, F(BLA) C A(Arm)-Bul,
A(Arm)-Bul, A(Stp)-Liv, A(Mos)-Liv

ENGLAND (Alan Watson)

F(Kie)-Ber, F(BAL) S F(Kie)-Ber, F(Den)-Kie, F(Nor)-Stpnc,
A(Swe)-Fin, A(Lon)-Bel, F(NTH) C A(Lon)-Bel, F(ENC)-IRI,
F(Pic)-ENC

FRANCE (Anarchy)

Has A(Par)

GERMANY (Mike Choroszewski)

NMR! A(Ber)* unordered

ITALY (Mike Nicholas)

F(Bre) MS, F(MAO), A(Pie) S A(Ven), A(Tyr)*-Tri, F(Alb)-IOS,
A(Ven) S A(Tyr)-Tri, A(Bur) S GERMAN A(Ber)-Mun,
F(Gre)-Bulsc, F(AEG) S F(Gre)-Bulsc, A(Smy) S A(Ank),
A(Ank) stands, F(Nap)-Apu

RETREATS

German A(Ber) disbands.
Italian A(Tyr) disbands. No retreat possible.

FOE 17 (1978GC)
SPRING 1913

AND I THOUGHT RUSSIA AND ENGLAND WANTED ITALY THIRD !!
And I thought Italy did too!!

ENGLAND (Paul Simpkins)

F(BAR)+F(Nor)+F(NTH)+F(ENC)+F(IRI)+A(Par)+A(Bur)+A(Ruh) all
stand hoping Birksy gets 2nd (???) place.

FRANCE (Pete Mearns)

F(MAO)-Gas, A(Mar)-Gas, F(Spasc) stands

ITALY (Pete Birks)

NMR! Has A(Pie), A(Ven)*, F(Tun), F(IOS)* unordered

RUSSIA (Neil McDonald)

A(Liv) says "how long has this idiocy to go on" but supports
A(Mos)-Stp, A(Mos) resignedly moves to Stp, A(Pru) stands and
plays with himself, A(War) stands and plays with the GM,
A(Ber)-Kie yawning loudly and saying "Who cares for 3rd and
4th place, A(Sil) S A(Mun) just in case Simpkins awakens,
A(Kie) has to move to Hol because A(Ber) is approaching
fast, A(Mun) stands holding hands with A(Sil), A(Tyr) S ...
...A(Tri)-Ven in a Strauss Waltz, A(Ser) keeps society going
by moving to Tri, A(Gre)-Alb to keep the nymphettes happy,
F(Alb)-ADR otherwise this game will never end, F(AEG)-IOS,
F(EMS) S F(AEG)-IOS just in case, F(Con)-AEG to fill a
vacuum, F(Sev)-BLA to relieve boredom.
((And I'm not going to make a habit of printing moves in
that format!))

RETREATS

Italian A(Ven) & F(IOS) disband. No retreats ordered.

A Final quick shifty from the Eyrle Gentleman, I assume this game will end next
season (please!) and so I shall perform the final rites then. I already have lengthy
gamereports from Neil McDonald, Pete Birks & Paul Simpkins - so if I could have a
report from you please Pete Mearns then the major participants will be represented.

I'm a little disappointed at the events this season. In view of last season's
voting when 3 out of 4 wanted Italy in 3rd place (and you don't need a high I.Q. to
work out who voted against it), I would have expected something to happen this season
to bring that result about. Instead England does nothing to out France down, Italy
himself NMR's and Russia puts real pressure on the static Italian units! I appreciate
that third place is still in doubt and that Russia will probably have the final say.

It's amusing to see that Paul Simpkins hopes Italy will be so successful that
he'll get second place - at the expense of England presumably!!

A final point - I hope Pete Birks doesn't let Italy go into anarchy on the very
last move. It would be very sad in view of the difficult game he has had and the
staunch way he has played.

FOE 23 (1979DW)
SPRING 1906

GERMANY REACHES NTH AT LAST
But Turkey moves inexorably onward

ENGLAND (Bob Tucker)	F(ENC)-Lon, F(IRI)-ENC, F(NWG)-NTH
FRANCE (Richard Scott)	F(WMS)-Naf, F(MAO) S F(WMS)-Naf, F(Spasc)-GOL, A(Gas)-Mar, A(Pic) S A(Bel), A(Bel) stands
GERMANY (Richard Prosser)	A(Hol) stands, F(SKA)-NTH, F(Den)+F(Nor) S F(SKA)-NTH, A(Stp)-Mos, A(Ber)-Pru, A(Mun)-Sil, A(Doh)-Gal
ITALY (Iain Forsyth)	A(Pic)-Tyr, A(Vie) S A(Pie)-Tyr, A(Tus)-Ven, F(Tri)-ADR, F(Rom) stands
RUSSIA (Anarchy)	Has A(War)
TURKEY (John Sandoll)	F(TYS)-GOL, F(LOS)-TYS, F(Naf)*-WMS, F(Smy)-AEG, A(Mos)-Liv, A(Ukr)-Mos, A(Gal)-Sil, A(Bud)-Gal, A(Rum)-Ukr, A(Con)-Sev, F(DLA) C A(Con)-Sev

RETREATS

Turkish F(Naf)-Tun

PRESS

NO Dateline Has Iain been signing blank pieces of paper?

Turkey-Italy One assumes Richard knows where you live. How about telling some of us? Sorry if I've stood you out of TYS but it is very difficult to co-ordinate our moves when you don't reply to my letters.

Dob-John Time looks ripe for an alliance. How about helping me finish second?

France-Germany Sorry Richard, but you'll just have to remove England by yourself.

FOE So far I've heard nothing from Iain regarding his temporary address in Sarf Africa. If he is having postal difficulties then I may well hold over next season - yet again!! However, this is not an invitation for an extended deadline!

VIEW FROM THE EYRIE

With France and England appearing to finally have settled their differences, France looks free to do something about the yellow menace spreading into the Med, and could possibly force WMS next season. Turkey will then be very reliant on continued Italian goodwill if he wants to maintain his position in this region.

The last Russian army looks set for the chop although there is a chance of Germany helping to keep it alive if Richard guesses correctly.

England looks to be in for many seasons of desperate defence now that Germany has succeeded in forcing his way in the North Sea, but it will be a slow job for Germany to overcome him without French help and Germany may well have to recall some fleets to defend Stp and the Scandinavian centres from Turkey.

Although Turkey is my favourite for an outright win, the game begins to look like a draw although there is plenty of play left in it.

1980 Intimate Diplomacy Knockout Competition

This should be underway very soon. At the moment 15 are signed up, in order of application they are :-

Sam Moore, Mike Hunt, John Marks, John Dodds, Neil McDonald, Ian Watters, Paul Vane, Tom Tweedy, Martin Nicholson, Richard Scott, Keith Loveys, Michael Heaton, Steve Jones, George Foot and John Jackson. Just one more needed otherwise Sam Moore gets a bye in the first round. Closing date is still Aug. 18th although I hope we start well before then.

I asked for applications accompanied by stamped self addressed envelope but of course there were a few who sent no cash. These have been ignored but there is still that one place left. Furthermore I want envelopes from all except Dodds, Marks, Hunt, Scott, Tweedy, Vane & Watters please. I can't afford to stand all this postage! Oh, Michael Heaton is OK having sent £1 to cover postage. He has difficulties with SAE's living in Eire.

FOE 32 (1980BP)
AUTUMN 1902

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA MAKE THE EARLY RUNNING
France and Turkey doing the running!

AUSTRIA (Paul Simpkins) A(Tyr)-Vic, A(Bud) + A(Ser) S A(Rum), A(Rum) stands, F(Gre)-AEG
 ENGLAND (Mike Hunt) F(NTH)-ENC, F(IRI)-MAO, F(Nor) & A(Lon) stand
 FRANCE (Terry Lodge) F(Pic)-Bel, A(Bur) S F(Pic)-Bel, A(Mar)-Spa, A(Par)-Gas
 GERMANY (John Norris) A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Hol) S A(Bel), A(Bel) S A(Mun)-Bur, A(Mun)-Bur,
 F(Swe) stands
 ITALY (Keith Shapley) A(Tun)-Syt, F(LOS)+F(EMS) C A(Tun)-Syr, A(Pie)-Mar
 RUSSIA (Nigel Brennan) A(Mos)-Ukr, F(SEV)+A(Gal) S TURKISH A(Bul)-Rum, F(Stpsc) stands
 TURKEY (Ken Williams) A(Bul) S F(BLA)-Rum, F(DLA)-Rum, A(Con) S A(Smy), A(Smy) stands

WINTER ADJUSTMENTS

	GAINS	LOSES	RETAINS	HAS	BUILDS+/DISBANDS-
AUSTRIA	Rum		Tri, Vic, Bud, Ser, Gro	6	+A(Tri)
ENGLAND			Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor	4	No change
FRANCE	Spa	Mar, Par	Bre, Par	3	-F(Pic) ((GM))
GERMANY	Swc, Bel		Mun, Kie, Ber, Hol, Den	7	+A(Kie), F(Ber)
ITALY	Mar		Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun	5	+F(Nap)
RUSSIA			Stp, Mas, War, Sev	4	No change
TURKEY			Con, Ank, Smy, Bul	4	No change
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Still neutral.....Por

PRESS

Germany (Gvmt)-All, especially "Reuters" I repeat that only press under this "Germany (Gvmt)" dateline is genuinely from me. It may be boring, but at least it is reliable, accurate, and not abusive, which is more than can be said for some of the other press in this game! Did anyone write the press attributed to his country last time? I can assure "Reuters" and anyone else interested that I didn't forge any of it. As usual, information about any forgers of German press will be gratefully received; I like to know my enemies!

No dateline - Anyone who's still conscious Ah well, (yawn, scratch) (suppose we're in for another painful of boring old in-the-event-of-a-double-deadline-which-I-asked-for scheize from the black hole. Did you know that black holes are so dense that nothing ever gets away from them, not even Patrick Moore?

England-Germany I hear there's another gamestart in Proxima Alpha Centauri - why don't you go and play in it?

Turkey-Austria Pass me the Michelin Guide to Croatia, will you? I'm sick of reading Pravda.

Russia-Anyone Pass me the bottle will you? I'm just sick.

Turkey-Himself Oh, so I'm talking to myself now, am I? I must be even more stupid than I thought I was - although if I'm that stupid I wouldn't realise how much more stupid I actually am - I think. Hello.....what's that bargefull of risotto doing near Cyprus?

Italy-Turkey It isn't risotto, it's part of the recipe Austria gave me for riso con pollo. As it happens I've never tried it with such a large fowl before, although this one's so dumb he's walking right into the oven.

Italy-France Donate a penny for the maintenance of church funds sir?

France-Benny I'm out of my depth here - I need the help of your superior intellect.

Germany-France I'm confused - I thought you were Benny.

Austria - Russia But I don't need your help in Vienna!

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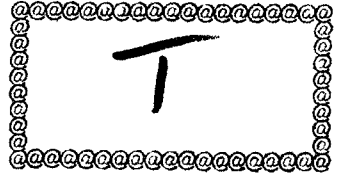
The 'novice' package consisting of 36 sides plus a copy of Compendium is now ready and can be obtained for £1 from Paul Simpkins, 35 West Park Street, Dewsbury, West Yorks.

I28 of MEG
REUSE ??

CREDITS

I can't charge you the usual 26p for this apology for an issue of FOE, so this one comes to you for the bargain price of 27p 20p.

Your credit, after deducting this amount is shown in the box opposite. If this is less than 26p then you are strongly urged to send me some more money or you risk all kinds of dire consequences including being NMR'd in your games and being crossed off the mailing list.



Stamps, postal orders, non-bouncing cheques, cash, foreign currency (credited at the rate my bank gives me) and all other convertible artifacts are acceptable. Gold and diamonds accepted under protest.

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WAITING LISTS

With FOE 17 ending next issue, FOE 28V not long to run (indeed I wouldn't be surprised if it ended this issue or next), and only limited mileage left in one or two other games, lists are open once again.

FOE 33 will feature Jonathan Evans, Ian Pringle, Roger Collins, John Norris, Peter Northcott & Phil Craddock plus one other. All these have had their names down for this game for many months and I ask them a) to confirm that they still want to play, b) to send their £1 gamefees (and £1 deposits if I'm not currently holding a deposit) or to authorise me to deduct it from their zine credits if they have sufficient cash, c) to send me a preference list if they so wish. All this by August 9th at the latest or the place in the game will be given to someone else.

There is one vacancy in this game and may possibly be more if any of the named players don't take up their option to play.

FOE 34 & 35 Seven players needed for each game which will start as soon as the lists fill.

Because I suspect that demand for these games will be great, I'm making a few conditions.

- 1) A player may not play in more than one of these three games.
- 2) Apart from those named players in FOE 33, I won't accept game applications from anyone who is currently playing in two or more FOE regular Diplomacy games.
- 3) All places will be filled on a first paid basis. So it's no use telephoning to reserve a place! Gamefees are £1 plus a deposit of £1 (unless I'm already holding a deposit in respect of a current game you are playing in.) Preference lists may be sent of course but I offer no guarantee that you'll get the country you want.

Lists are almost certain to close again when these three games are filled and will remain so until further games finish. I still intend running no more than 15 games at a time.

And so ends the smallest issue of FOE since issue 8.