

# MAD POLICY

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Right then, official stuff first. You now hold, in your sweaty little paws, issue 38 of MAD POLICY, a postal Dippyazine from Richard J. Walkerdine of 'Cheriton', 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN, England. This issue is costing you 3½p plus postage, but from next issue the price goes up to 5p plus postage. No games open at the moment and none likely until the spring at the earliest. Back issues 3½p each.

Today is Tuesday, December 3rd, 1974.

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If you're thinking that your copy has lost a few pages in the post I shouldn't worry, it hasn't! Fact is that my firm has been making me actually work for a living recently (in a sort of last-ditch, backs-to-the-wall totally hopeless exercise to save ourselves from being nationalised by that bunch of bloody lefties in Westminster) and that, coupled with several other time-consuming activities at home has meant that I've had a choice of either producing a normal-size MP anything up to a fortnight late or a drastically shrunken version a mere day or two late. I've chosen the latter, bearing in mind that there are only another 18 or so hoarding days to Christmas and if I don't post this thing by early December it might well get lost forever in the Yuletide chaos. So all you'll find here is about half a page of news and chat, the games and absolutely no press at all (except for a little bit in the Multiplicity game that I just couldn't resist). Sorry and all that, but I'll be keeping the press and will print it next time if it's still relevant.

The only other thing to put here is the deadline. Four weeks from the last one brings us to December 25th, so that's not much good, and I doubt if the annual chaos will be sorted out within a week, so I'm making the next deadline six whole weeks from the last - it'll give me a better chance to make sure that things are back to normal by next issue this way, too.

So....

### The Deadlines

For all Mad Policy games: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1975.

For the three Annexe games: MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 1975.

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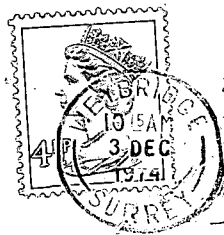
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Right then, let's start with a special public service announcement - from me old mate Conrad.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** The management of Grendel Press International, a.k.a. Conrad von Metzke and his Magic Spanish Typewriter, wish to announce that they are no longer significantly involved in the world of postal Diplomacy. Operatively, this means that I am continuing to maintain exactly one trade agreement with the UK - that with Richard Walkerdine. All others are (and, in fact, have long since been) summarily cancelled. Please stop sending me your issues; thanks, however, for being patient and generous for so long. I particularly owe apologies and explanations to Duncan Morris and Mick Bullock, as well as money to the former, and these will be forthcoming in due order. It's been lots of fun, but I fear I must now go off to a better world and leave behind this vale of whatever's....

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News and stuff...

Bolshy Star. One thing I didn't know last ish was that one of the reasons Lettice is giving up is that he was flat on his back in hospital - hope it's not too serious... Gordon Neilson tells me that he hopes to continue the games, he's already running - Foundation, Allah Akba'ar, Logical, Atlantica, and 'K' Regular - by photo-copy if necessary. Democratic Dip will almost certainly be abandoned as a failure and the games that John Lettice was GMing are in abeyance until more news is forthcoming from John himself.

Pete Swanson tells me that those IDA Handbooks I mentioned before are currently winging (crawling?) their way across t'Atlantic - they're coming by surface mail as airmail would just about double the price! Anyone who's ordered one is asked to please be patient - just sit back and let it happen...

The latest Frigate contained the player survey that Duncan Morris has been conducting from his subscribers. Interesting list of names, degrees, ages, occupations etc. I knew there was something I'd forgotten to post recently, and when I read my entry I remembered what it was - my entry! 25 years old indeed! As of today that's two years out, and as of Dec. 4th it's 3 years out (and there's a giveaway if ever there was one) - I'm catching you up Sharp!

Don't think much else has happened really - no feuds, no arguments, pretty dull old month really. The Government's fault of course...

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Let's have some games...

Youngstown ('C') - Caught by the Time Lords!

Yes, well, er... it's like this you see; Graham Happe, who up to now has been playing as Japan has just had himself thrown out of both the game and the zine. His crime was letting his sub slip deeper and deeper into the red despite persistent warnings from me - I've been asking him for money for the past three issues with a total lack of success.

So we need a standby to take over Japan, and as the game is in a very delicately balanced state and Japan is one of the most powerful countries left, I've decided that we'd better hold this season over rather than have a possibly disastrous set of NMRs. Craig Nye was the first standby, but he's recently asked to be removed from all lists. So TERRY KNOWLES is asked to take over as JAPAN please, and get Crinklecrud into yet another MP game! Spring 1916 orders by next deadline please. Full list of players addresses follows:

- Austria: Andrew Waldie, Moorcroft, Hill Road, Auchterhouse, Dundee, DD3 0QS, Scotland.
- China: Stewart Buckingham, 48 Clapham Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire, England.
- England: John Meadon, 10 High View, 31 Avenue Elmers, Surbiton, Surrey, England.
- Germany: Howell Davies, 86 Glebelands Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 9EA, England.
- Japan, Terry Knowles, 508 Oakwood Drive, Pickering, Ontario, Canada, L1W 2M7.

Sorry about the hold-up...

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1973DB ('G') -- Autumn 1911

As mentioned last ish, the game is now finished with a win for Terry Knowles as Italy; John Meadon was second with Russia and John Lettice third with England. A full report with victory statements and players and GM summaries will appear next issue.

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Multiplicity ('I') -- Winter 1906

ENGLAND (Doubleday): Builds A Lon. Has A Lvn, 2A Kie, F Ber, F GoB, F Nth, F Eng, 2F Hol, F Tun, A Lon.

FRANCE (Morris): Removes F Por, F MAO. Has 3A Tyr, A Bel.

ITALY (Meadon): Builds F Rom. Has A Ser, A Bud, A Ven, F Ion, A Bur, A Mar, 2A Mun, 2F Spa(SC), F Rom.

RUSSIA (Buckingham): No change. Has A Mos, 2A Smy.

~~TURKEY (Davidson): No change. Has F Ank, F Con, F Bla, F Run, A Sev.~~

Paris: French PM apologises to his allies for his brainstorm at Tyrolia. Normal warfare will be resumed as soon as possible.

Belgium: Having found a real knockout weapon to stop this war, the army commander today ordered 500 gallons of Kimberley ale added to 1000 gallons of Young's Special ((not an advt!)), stirred gently for 48 hours. After this time it will be mixed with 2 tons of Newcastle 'midnight curry' and shaken gently for 3 hours. Stand well clear, as the resulting odour is lethal at 10 miles.

Inrryr: In a dilapidated, refuse-filled, broken-down hovel, recently vacated by one Crinklecrud, Professor of nothing in particular, and left to be finally demolished by the wind and rain of the higher reaches of the British Alps, a secret meeting of the inner sanctum of the IDA - the notorious 'group of three' - yesterday agreed unanimously to the awarding of an additional Calhamer Award for certain actions wholly above, beyond and totally out of reach of what might loosely be termed the call of duty. Mr. Duncan Morris, batchelor (for a while at least) of this parish, master of (certain unspecified) arts, journeyman con-wrecker etc., is therefor confirmed as the first recipient of the honorary title of 'Pong of the Year'.

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1973IQ ('M') -- Autumn 1907

AUSTRIA (Davies): F GoL S F WMS, F Ion - TyS, A Gre MS A Ser, A Bud - Gal, A Tyr - Mun, A Boh - Sil.

ENGLAND (A. Davidson): F Eng - Bel S by F Nth, F MAO - Spa(SC), F Bre S (GERMAN) A Gas, F Naf S (ITALIAN) A Tun, A Lvn S (GERMAN) A War.

FRANCE (Coombe): A Por S A Spa, A Bur - Gas S by A Spa & A Mar,

GERMANY (B. Davidson): A Gas S (ENGLISH) F MAO - Spa(SC), A Par S A Gas, A Kie - Mun S by A Ruh & A Ber, A War S (ENGLISH) A Lvn, F StP(SC) Stands.

ITALY (Birks): A Tun Stands.

TURKEY (Black): F EMS - Ion S by F Aeg, A Bul - Run S by F Bla, A Run - Gal, A Ukr - War S by A Mos.

Winter 1907 Adjustments

A: 8 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, Ven, Rom, Nap. No change.

E: 7 Centres: Lpl, Edi, Lon, Nwy, Bre, Hol, +Bel. Builds A Edi.

F: 3 Centres: Mar, ~~Por~~, Spa, Por. Removes A Bur.

G: 8 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Swe, StP, ~~War~~, War, +Par. Builds A Kie.

I: 1 Centre: Tun. No change.

T: 7 Centres: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, Mos, Run, Sev. No change.

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1974BD ('N') -- Autumn 1904

ENGLAND (Wyatt): NMR! F Lon stands unordered (and Steve Wyatt goes onto the blacklist!).

FRANCE (Meadon): F NAO - Nrg, A Edi Stands, F Wal - Lon S by F Eng,  
F Spa(SC) - GoL, F MAO - WMS, A Gas - Bur.

GERMANY (Cousins): A Bel - Den C by F Nth, F Ska - Nwy (sobbing), A Swe - Fin,  
A Sil - War, F Ber - Bal, A Mun - Tyr S by A Vie.

ITALY (Ball): A Ven - Tyr, A Tri S (RUSSIAN) A Bud - Vie, F Nap - TyS,  
A Ser S (RUSSIAN) A Gal - Rum, F Ion S F Gre.

RUSSIA (Waldie): A Lvn - War, A Mos - Sev, A Gal - Rum S by A Ukr, A Bud - Vie.

TURKEY (Swanson): A Bul - Rum S by A Sev & F Bla, A Arm S A Sev, F Aeg - Gre,  
A Con - Bul.

Retreats: English F Lon annihilated.

German A Vie disbanded (no retreat space given).

Winter 1904 Adjustments

A: 0 Centres: ~~Wyl~~. Eliminated.

E: 0 Centres: ~~Lph~~. Eliminated.

F: 8 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Edi, Lpl, +Lon. Builds A Par.

G: 8 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Swe, ~~Vil~~, +Nwy. Builds A Ber.

I: 7 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, Ser, +Gre. Builds F Nap.

R: 6 Centres: Mos, StP, War, ~~Wyl~~, Bud, +Rum, +Vie. Builds A StP.

T: 5 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, ~~Wyl~~, Sev. Removes A Con.

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1974BE ('O') -- Autumn 1904

AUSTRIA (Lindsay): A Bud - Vie, A Rum - Bul S by A Ser, F Alb - Gre.

ENGLAND (Coombe): F Nwy S (GERMAN) F Ska - Swe, F Nth - Bel, F NAO - Lpl,  
A Lpl - Wal S by F Lon.

FRANCE (Birks): F MAO - NAO, F Iri - Lpl S by A Wal, F Eng Stands,  
A Gas - Bur, A Bel Stands.

GERMANY (Burton): A Mun MS A Ber, A Hol Stands, F Ska - Swe S by F Den.

ITALY (Knowles): F Ion - Adr, F Tun - Ion, A Tyr - Tri, A Sil - Boh.

RUSSIA (Bullock): A Gal - Vie, Calhamer A War ds, A Mos - StP,  
F Swe S (GERMAN) F Ska - Nwy, F Sev - Rum.

TURKEY (von Metzke): F Con S A Bul, F Aeg S A Gre, A Bul S (RUSSIAN) F Sev - Rum,  
A Gre wishes we could get this show on the road ~~and~~ ~~Wyl~~, F EMS - Ion.

Retreats: Austrian A Rum - Ukr

French A Wal - Yor

Russian F Swe - GoB

Winter 1904 Adjustments

A: 3 Centres: Bud, ~~Wyl~~, Vie, Ser. GM removes A Ukr ('furthest from home' rule).

E: 4 Centres: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nwy, ~~StP~~. Removes F Nwy.

F: 6 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Bel. No change.

G: 6 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, +Swe. Builds F Kie.

I: 5 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, +Tri. Builds F Nap.

R: 5 Centres: Mos, Sev, War, Rum, ~~Wyl~~, +StP. No change.

T: 5 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre. No change.

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Remaining games continued on back page of Annexe.





There would have been some press, but Richard Sharp's first set of orders did not arrive, and his press was with them. Pity really.

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1973EK('H'): Autumn 1910: FRENCH POST OFFICE DELAY ULTIMATE CONCLUSION.

Yes, the sad fact is that Pete Manolescue has not been able to send in any orders due to those ruddy froggies going on strike. In fact, this was the reason for his failure to send in orders last time, but I am afraid that this news arrived too late as the moves had already been published. However, in order to be fair to Pete, and to try and make up for last time, I am holding this game over until the strike is ended. I appreciate that Walkerding is virtually unbeatable, but as Pete did pay his money for this game, he deserves to be allowed to finish it. Sorry Richard, for the delay, and that goes for the rest of you as well. A particular vote of thanks to Dave Black, who has in fact sent in stand-by orders for Italy.

Finally, please note that last issue I forgot to remove the Italian F Nap. It has in fact been annihilated by the might of the Austrian forces.....

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NEWS & VIEWS: Lots of room this time, so I shall mention two documents that I have received just recently. The first is E & OE from Norman Nathan, 3, Brooke Close, Bushey, Herts, which describes itself as "An expanding broadsheet but not quite a zine", and which is issued free to players and stand-bys, but a charge is made to the rest. It is incredibly neat, compact, and carries one game at the moment, although there appears to be an opening for a second game if so desired.

For those of you who have not received it, there is also a FtF advertised, at Norman's house, From 3P.M. to Midnight on Saturday January 18th 1975. Contact Norman if you want to go.

The other document is a publication called EUROPA, which describes itself as "an European zine, aimed at the military hobby field; it is especially interested in Conflict-Simulations games - Board games, Diplomacy, Miniatures, Fantasy - ". It is produced and published by Walter Luc HAAS, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Postfach 229, CH-4018 Basel 18, Switzerland, and if you want to write to him, add an International Reply Coupon.

~~Cost of the publication is 1.60 Swiss francs, and consists of about 32 pages per issue (This one has in fact got 50 pages, but 32 is apparently the average). I have yet to read it fully, but at first glance it looks very good indeed.~~

I was very interested in the way that Walter has been able to afford to send out these sample copies. He has enclosed an advertising pamphlet for a German firm showing various colour posters. This has apparently off-set the cost of production. I wonder if any British zines could do this? Anyway, more on the EUROPA publication next issue.

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The Back Page

1974F ('P') -- Spring 1906

AUSTRIA (Sherrad): A Bud MS A Ser, A Gre MS A Bul.

ENGLAND (Tatay): F Eng MS F Nth.

FRANCE (von Metzke): F NAO = MAO, A Por - Spa.

GERMANY (Knowles): F Den - Nth S by F Hol, F Ber - Kie, A Kie - Ruh, A Mun - Sil,  
A Boh S A Vie, A Vie S (RUSSIAN) A Gal - Bud, A Bel A Bre A Spa all stand.

ITALY (Meadon): A Tri - Alb S by F Ion, A Tyr - Tri S by A Ven, F Mar - GoL,  
F Rom - TyS.

RUSSIA (Kelly): F Nwy S (GERMAN) F Den - Nth, F Bal - Den, F Rum - Sev S by A Mos,  
A Gal - Bud, A StP - Fin.

TURKEY (Sharp): A Sev - Rum C by F Bla, A Con - Bul, F Smy - Aeg.

Retreat: English F Nth - Edi.

Note that two units can exchange places if either or both of them are  
convoeyed - I checked up in the Rulebook and found that it is in fact mentioned  
there (section XIV, note 5, second paragraph on page 10).

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1974BT ('Q') has Roland Prevot, a Frenchman, in it and so is held over until  
the current French postal strike is at an end.

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1974EB ('R') -- Spring 1902

AUSTRIA (Challinger): A Vie - Tri S by A Ser & F Alb.

ENGLAND (Meadon): F Lon - Nth S by F Eng & F Mrg, A Nwy - StP.

FRANCE (Nathan): A Spa - Gas, A Par - Bre, A Bel Stands, F Bre - MAO, F Mar - Spa (C).

GERMANY (Boymel): F Hol - Nth, F Kie - Hel, A Den S (RUSSIAN) F Swe - Ska,  
A Mun - Tyr S by A Boh.

ITALY (Churchill): F Tun - Ion, F Nap - Apu, A Tri - Bud, A Tyr - Tri S by A Ven,

RUSSIA (White): A Fin - StP, F Swe - Nwy, A Gal - Vie, F Rum - Sev.

TURKEY (Morris): F Smy - Aeg, A Bul - Gre, A Com - Bul, F Bla - Con.

Retreats: Italian A Tyr - Pie.

And please remember that next season is an autumn one, and I shall therefor  
want your builds or removals along with your orders.

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Couple of CaA's...

ANDY DAVIDSON to 4 Ivy Close, Acton Trussell, Stafford. As of now.

DUNCAN MORRIS to 35 Hanwood Close, Woodley, Reading. As of now.

And that seems to be about the lot. Sorry once again for the lack of  
size of this issue - everything should be back to normal next time.

And finally, don't forget the deadlines: Monday, January 6th, 1975 for  
the Annexe games and Wednesday, January 8th, 1975 for all the MP games.

Bye.

...oops. Trust me to forget. Issue 3 of Quarterly Report should be  
enclosed with this for those of you who have it on order.