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MAD POLICY 59, a zine of postal Diplomacy with a circulation of 103! All the way from Richard J. Walkerdine, 43 Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey, KT15 1UG, UK (Weybridge 40136). Price is 7½p plus postage per issue, game fees are 60p (40p IDA members) for regular Dip and 30p (20p) for the Bourse. No more openings for a while in regular but a few Bourse slots still left (see page 9). Most back issues still available for 3p each plus postage.

Today is Monday, 30th August, 1976.

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Catch Or Net Trout, Eat Nice Tasty Supper (that's 3:2 to me, Jeremy)

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Only 5 sets of winter 1900 orders in for 'AB' game, so that starts next time.

Orphans Report

Some progress since last time. Eric Willis of Levig than fame is now working on trying to restart the 'Holocaust', 'Inceste' and 'HOC3' Pinley orphans while E b Brown, new pubber of Tinamou, will soon be receiving details from me of 'BOG' and 'EtF L'. Paul Willey might also be taking one or two and there are still offers open from other people if needed. The response to my Orbit circular of last ish has been rather poor though and for the moment it looks as though most other game won't get enough player response to make continuing worthwhile. Still, we shall see.

I had hoped to circulate a list of the Hannibal games this time but haven't yet found time to sort it out, so that will have to wait till next time.

One other game soon to restart is the E&OE game run by Norman Nathan. There is currently one replacement player being sought, to play a 7-unit Germany in what is to be quite a good position. Prospective players must submit copies of all letters etc to Norman for publication with the final report - all previous German correspondence is on file if the new owner wants to look at it. The vacant position will be completely free to whoever takes it on. Contact Norman at 3 Brooke Close, Bushey, Watford, Herts.

Boardman Numbers

These are rather behindhand again I'm afraid, though it's not my fault this time. I used up the UK allocation weeks ago (when I reached 'GZ') and wrote to Doug Beyerlein asking for some more. But so far he hasn't replied, so until he does we'll all just have to be patient I'm afraid. I'll write again this week and give him a bit of a prod.

Eclipsor

All of you are receiving a free issue of this with this MP. Paul Willey has been producing it as a carbon-copy zine while he's been in Spain but now he's back here again he wants to go big-time, and this is his way - and mine - of getting it launched properly. Paul apologises for the poor duplicating quality of this issue but hasn't used a duper before and is still getting the hang of it - I can tell you from experience that he should soon be overcoming the teething troubles though, so future issues are bound to look a lot nicer. Paul's also reliable, witty and consciencous - three good attributes in any publisher - and I have no hesitation in recommending his zine to you all. Best of luck Paul.

And that's about the lot. This issue is a wee bit small due to my lack of time after returning from holiday. Next one should be bigger with at least one new game I've just thought of. Oh, TFT21 going out this time as well.

Just remembered; MP is now four years old! Streuth! Bye all...

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This is John Morrison, of 9, Highfield Avenue, Inskip, Preston, Lancs., PR4 OUE, and my telephone number is Catforth 690004. I could mention that West Ham lost their first match of the season, or that Fletcher has been missing from all M.C.C. representative matches this season, but if I did, walkerdine wouldn't do the printing,...so I won't.

Now, where were we.....ah!! yes.....

1975DF('U') : Autumn 1906....CAN AUSTRIA DO IT?

- AUSTRIA(Ovens): A Sev-Ios, A Sil-Tar S by A Ukr & A Gal, A Boh Sil,
A Tyr-mun, A Tri-Tyr, A Bul stands, F Aeg-Gre.
- ENGLAND(Haughan): F Swe-Nwy, A StP S(AUSTRIAN)A Sev-Ios.
- FRANCE(Pratt): F Edi-Cly, F Nw-Swe S by W Ska, A Kie-Den S by F Nth,
F Enc-IAO, ~~ANYWHERE~~, A Spa-Mar, A Ruh & A Dur S A Mun,
A Ber-Sil S by A Mun & A Pru & A Jar.
- GERMANY(Willey): F Nwg S(ENGLISH)F Swe-Nwy.
- ITALY(Kelly): F Ems-Ion, F Con-Aeg, F Tys-WMS, F Tus-GoL, A Pie S A Ven,
A Ven S(AUSTRIAN)A Tyr.
- RUSSIA(Lindsay): A Mos S(FRENCH)A Jar.

Retreats: FRENCH A Jar-Lvn. RUSSIAN A Mos annihilated-no retreat space given.

WINTER 1906 ADJUSTMENTS:

- AUSTRIA: 11 Centres. Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum, Sev, Con, Jar +Mos. BUILDS A Vie, A Bud.
- ENGLAND: 2 Centres: ~~Nwy~~, Swe, StP. NO CHANGE.
- FRANCE : 14 CENTRES: Dre, Mar, Par, Spa, Bel, Por, Lon, Mun, Ber, Lpl, Hol, Kie, ~~Nwg~~, +Nwy, +Den. BUILDS F Lre
- GERMANY: 1 Centre : ~~Nwg~~, Edi. NO CHANGE.
- ITALY : 6 Centres: Ven, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ank, Sny. NO CHANGE.
- RUSSIA:: 0 Centres: ~~Nwg~~. OUT!!

1975FL('W'):Spring 1905: GERMANY TAKES A REST.

AUSTRIA(Spanton): A Gal MS A Tar, F Ion-TyS, F Gre-Aeg, A Con stands, A Rum stands, A Tyr stands S by A Tri & A Vie.

ENGLAND(Kelly): F Iri-NAO, F Nth-Hcl, F EnC-Nth, F IAO-WMS.

germany(Willey): NFR! A Par, A Gas, A Bur, F Hol, A Del, A Den, F Swe, A Mun, F Kie, all stand unordered.

ITALY(Plater): A Pie MS A Ven, F Smy-Con, S by A Ank.

RUSSIA(Lindsay): F Nwy-Lwg, A Sev-Rum, A Lvn-War S by A Mos.

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A Con-Dul.

APOLOGIES accepted from Steve Plater with explanation. Good luck in the new job, Steve. Ronald Kelly takes over England after Dave Allen misses for the second time. Thanks for the orders, Ron. Can't understand how Paul Willey missed.

C of A: Well, not yet, but be warned that Steve Plater is on the move.

GALICIA: A hurried coach ride along treacherous roads and pitted tracks brings the Emperor and Kaufmann, the financial 'genius', to the Russian border. there they meet the Tsar. Is it to be peace in their time? Will the amicable relations between Austria and Russia be maintained?

As the Tsar and his advisers walk away the Emperor turns to Kaufmann: "What D'yer reckon? Is 'e gonna let us keep Warsaw?"

"Frithee kind see, I am sure I have no idea," replied Kaufmann. Fide he does not.

SEVERUS OF VENICE:tinks: I'm for the dreaded heading alright this week! I don't like this game anymore, my capting!

RUSSIA-ITALY & ENGLAND. Uhh, don't look now fellahs, but Deutch looks to be the language of the future....(gulp).

RUSSIA(again): Who said "Jawohl"?

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Well, there we are, end of yet another issue. For those of you who have asked why I am giving up the 'zine, the answers are simple, I think. Primarily, it is the shortage of time. I am now Treasurer of the 'Angling Taverners', playing regularly in a local squash league, am re-taking my Institute of Statisticians exams. and my new job involves me in some travelling, e.g. I am off to inland most probably within the next two weeks on a special survey. Add to that the fact that the wife is learning to drive, and that my two children are now 2½ and 1½ and needing more attention, and perhaps you begin to see a dilemma. Couple all this with the fact that I have never enjoyed doing things by halves, and would much rather generate my own 'zine, and that you are. There are other reasons, but I must close now. Regards,

John.

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1975EW ('X') --- Spring 1905

ARE LETTICE'S SALAD DAYS OVER?.....

ENGLAND (Tent): F Nth - Hol S by F Hel, A Ed1 - Lpl.

FRANCE (Hammon): A Gas - Bre, F Tun - WIS, A Bel S (ENGLISH) F Nth - Hol,
A Ruh - Pic ((tripe! they don't connect - or even conjoin)), F NAI - MAO,
A Mar - Pie.

GERMANY (Lettice): F NAO - MAO, A Den MS F Kie, A Hol - Ruh S by A Mun, A Par - Bre.

ITALY (Rundle): F GoL - TyS, A Tyr - Von, A Nap stands.

RUSSIA (Plater): F Nwy - Ska, F StP(NG) - Nwy S by A Sve, A War - Pru,
A Gal - Sil S by A Boh, A Vie - Tyr, A Bud - Vie, F Sev erely bored.

TURKEY (Baker): A Tri - Von S by F Adr, A Ser - Tri, F Gre - Aeg, A Con - Bul,
A Ank - Smy, F Ion - Nap.

Retreats: French A Ruh - Bur.

Russia - Germany: Sorry about that, John. I can resist anything except temptation...

Back Fast: One half of the Turko-Russian alliance is now on holiday for six weeks in the land of the hundred dollar bill. No letters will be answered so plead, if you must, with the other half. How ya doing, Martin?

A Continuing Story (Part 8): "It was his grovelling lackey, the Evil knieval of British Fascism, Richard Sharp!"...

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In the vicinity of a typewriter in Brentford: I had to think fast. Someone had hi-jacked the press release before I could start writing it. It might be something to do with Bullock, but he was surely too busy sending in orders for Germany, and making it look like I was losing. Any fool could see I didn't want to play Diplomacy. Bullock must have put me down for all these games just to discredit me. Only one culprit was possible in the end - everything pointed to Hammon, and what was that typewriter I could hear?

The Sun, page 3: Hell, what had I burst into? I'd thrown open the door of Martin Hammon's hotel to reveal possibly the largest collection of page 3s in the history of the world. A small figure of indeterminate sex sat at a desk typing and knitting. I strode towards it, tore the paper out of the typewriter and read '...changeover dealt with without Lettice intervening'. I was nearing the end of my quest.

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Wobbly-headed Lovibondage, with the help of Birks the Bum, quickly build the tandem and set off after the arch criminal, the Addlestone Anarchist, RJW, who was probably now on his way to meet the rest of his henchmen with a certain nonentity who goes by the name of R Sharp Esq.

Birks the Bottom was sitting on the front of the tandem with wobbly on the back. Pete had liberally covered his raw flesh with Nivea cream and had applied a large soft cushion to his personage in order to cover his mistakes.

"Come on Lovibondage, we've got an awful long way to go to catch RJW and get that map back, otherwise we are finished."

They peddled through Earls Court and onto the A4, heading towards the M4 and their target. After several miles they noticed that a car was following them. It slowed down and pulled over to the side of the road to wait for the car to pass. It was a small MG. It pulled into the lay-by about 30 yards in front of them. As the small door opened, the first sight that they caught of the driver was of a long pair of beautifully sculptured legs emerging from the drivers seat. She was wearing a short mini-skirt and a small, tight-fitting tee-shirt. She had long hair and smiled as she saw Pete Birks.

"Hey, Claire!" shouted PB as he jumped off the bike and ran towards her, and his usual pseudo negro greeting cried, "Hey baby, lay some skin on me!"

"That's just what I intend doing," she replied. "RJ' has double-crossed me for the last time and I intend to get my revenge. And to think I believed him when he said he was going away for weekend to play games with a crowd of men and boys. In fact he was spending the time in a seedy apartment in Old Compton Street with a young boy called Haven. Now it's time to get my own back. Get in the car."

Wobbly-headed Lovibondage got in the back and PB in the front. Claire curled her legs into the driving seat and headed pff at a great pace. After three hours driving they had reached their destination - a small tumbled down old shack in Amersham. It was the arch-villains secret meeting place.

The three intrepid warriors crept up to the lounge window and peered in. They saw two men bent over a table in a smoke-filled room. On the table they could just see the edges of the skin from Pete's bum, which was now beginning to curl up at the corners.

"My arse!" screamed Birks, suddenly regretting his outburst as the two evil nasties looked up and saw the three faces staring through the window....

-- and who else for the next instalment but Mr. Lettice, please?...

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1976AJ ('Y') -- Autumn 1903 SUDDENLY, IT'S 'LET'S BE FRIENDS WITH TURKEY' TIME

AUSTRIA (Rundle): F Aeg S A Bul, A Vie - Bud, A Ser S A Bul.

ENGLAND (Lettice): F Nth S F Nvy, F Lpl - Iri, A Yor - Wal.

FRANCE (Dingsdale): A Bel - Wal C by F Eng & S by F Iri, A Pic S (GERMAN) A Ruh - Bur, A Mar S (GERMAN) A Gas - Spa, A Par - Gas.

GERMANY (Ovens): F Den - Nth, A Ruh - Bel S by A Hol, A Gas - Spa. A Mun - Bur.

ITALY (Taylor): A Pic - Mar, A Tri - Tyr, F EMS S (TURKISH) F Smy, F WMS S (GERMAN) A Mar - Spa, F TyS - Gol.

RUSSIA (Ball): A Rum - Bul S by F Bla, A Ukr - Rum, A Sil - Gal, A Ank S (TURKISH) F StP(NC) - Nvy S by F Swe.

TURKEY (Evans): A Con MS F Smy.

Retreats: English F Nvy disbanded. French A Bel likewise.

Winter 1903 Adjustments

A: 5 Centres: Bud, Vie, Gre, Ser, +Bul. Builds A Vie.

E: 3 Centres: Ldi, Lon, Lpl, Nvy. No change.

F: 4 Centres: Bro, Mar, Par, ~~Bel~~, ~~Spa~~, Por. Removes A Pic.

G: 7 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, +Bel, +Spa. Builds F Kie, A Mun.

I. 5 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri, Tun. No change.

R: 8 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Rum, Sve, Ank, +Nvy. Builds A Mos.

T: 2 Centres: Con, Smy, ~~Bel~~. No change.

Paris: The French president wishes the whole world to know that in future anyone wishing to attack him should put their names down on the official waiting list of aggressors.

Constantinople: The Sultan of Turkey glared at his Chief Minister. "What do you mean, the bomb won't work?"

"I'm sorry, great Majesty, but your humble scientists say that the fuse has broken. It will have to be lit...by hand."

The Sultan went red in the face. "Well, order them to light it!"

"But, Majesty, that won't leave them enough time to escape - they will perish!"

"Fool! If the bomb doesn't explode we will all soon perish at the hands of Rundle the terrible!" Snarling, the Sultan pushed his way past the Chief Minister.

"Quick!" he snapped at his Chief Scientist. "Give me a match!"

Hands trembling, he passed over a box of Swan Vesta. The Sultan withdrew a single match and scratched it imperiously against the sandpaper.

Suddenly he stood alone.

He bent and placed the match against the small fuse protruding from the round

was probably the wrong move - although I feel sure it would have been the right move had Germany been played by anyone other than Austria's real-life next door neighbour. Germany obviously felt he could trust Austria and was therefore repeatedly fooled by him until it became clear that I was in effect playing almost an alliance. Somehow John always managed to get round Neil and as long as he could keep myself and Germany in a state of uncertainty he could mop up the rest of the board with ease. Dave Allen as Italy clearly only wanted to do me harm after my early stab and his signing over of control of his last unit was obviously of great importance to Austria, who could use it as if it were his own.

This is only a very general statement but time dulls the memory etc... I am naturally sorry I couldn't win the game but all credit to John who handled Germany with a great deal of success. Oh, Neil, you may wonder why I didn't do what I said I would do on that last move (RJW left out my one PR) ((yes, sorry!)) - I could not see any real chance of changing the result except that you might have been able to grab second place or perhaps make John agree to give you second place. Knowing how you value your rating I thought I'd plump for the devil-you-know!

Anyway, thanks to all concerned and sorry if my diplomacy was a little lacking in the latter stages. The GMing was well up to RJW's high standard of mediocrity and one can only wish that perhaps another Fifth Column will emerge to fill the void left by its passing!

— Richard Scott.

Third-place Statement by Germany

It might interest some players to know that John Herlihy and I, in spite of living very close to each other, were never allied in this game for more than two moves in succession. We set out to play it totally as individuals and it was rather sad that we drew Germany and Austria since the natural alliance of those two countries was inevitably interpreted by other players, particularly Richard Scott, who knew us, as being a concrete alliance of two players playing as one. Various bits of propaganda were used to help/hinder this thought. We were, on the other hand, as 'Shylock' and 'Cuthbert', totally in consultation over the Bourse, which we won.

My initial ideas were to ally closely with France and to hope that the Russian, the Turk and John would get thoroughly involved with each other - I was intending to stab Austria at the first opportunity. It has to be remembered that Dave Allen, as Italy, was a well-known NMR man and therefore had to be counted out. England and I conversed very frequently on the telephone, as did Scott and I. I knew Scott to be a capable but non-aggressive player but so suspicious was he of John and I whenever he wrote or telephoned that I felt I must get my retaliation in first. This all depended on John not attacking me and hopefully keeping busy in the Balkans. Alas, it was not to be. I reckon John played brilliantly but it must be added that he was aided by (a) an Italy who very easily got bored and gave John signed letters for John to write moves on which both relieved the pressure of any thought of an Italian attack and allowed John to use the Italian fleet to his own best advantage (b) a very gullible Turk who fell for John's sweet talk left right and centre and then got thoroughly stabbed in spite of warnings from me and (c) by a very silly misspelling by me of Vre for Ven which stopped a splendid stab by me on John.

John broke faith by moving to Boh in spring '01, pretended to move out in autumn but was stood off by a Russian attack on Vie. Russia and Turkey meanwhile attacked each other and set themselves up for the silken Austrian tongue. In spring '02 Austria made his 'friendly' (dirty sane) alliance with Turkey and supported him in an attack on Russia. Meanwhile France, with what is in my view the best opening (F Bre - MAO, A Par - Bur, A Mar - Spa followed by F MAO - WMS!, A Bur - A Spa - Por) and myself made steady ground virtually unopposed. By autumn '02 France had complete control of the Mediterranean west of Italy, Italy was getting bored, and Austria had stabbed his erstwhile ally, Turkey, really hard while Turkey had weakened Russia. The English NMR had put him behind and I landed an army in York - all seemed plain sailing. In the next year Scott took his half of England as agreed with me but somehow objected to my convoy of the York army to Belgium and with Austria producing a stab in Munich when he was meant to be otherwise engaged my whole plan fell apart because France, if stabbed by Germany, must be stabbed hard

we are already virtually independant, but it makes you wonder just why the Americans bothered to put the 'I' in the name in the first place. The NGC has asked former IDA President Ed Birsan to help set up an NGC/USA! - after the volumes of criticism written about IDA by NGC officials it makes me wonder if perhaps it's all a big hoax after all... And the DF, for at least the fifth time this year, is debating whether it should do something or continue to just be a name - wake me up when you decide...

And who could fail to love a hobby that can produce this sort of lunacy?...

Safeguard This is a venture by Paul Segal (29 Heath Hurst Rd., London, NW3) to try to guarantee games against their zine folding. A publisher pays Paul £1 a year and in return gets told whose games he must re-house in the event of a fold. Nobody is supposed to have to take on more than two orphaned games, though with five zines now in the scheme some of which are running 20 games this is a little hard to believe. MP will not be joining the scheme because I don't wish to be forced to take on more orphans than I want, because I believe any set-up involving money should not be run by one individual (no disrespect to Paul, just a general belief) and because I think the whole thing should be an IDA/UK or, better, joint NGC & IDA/UK scheme anyway.

The basic idea however is a good one and I wish Paul luck with it - but not for

MidCon I'm not sure yet if I'll be going to this - I'd like to go but it's not yet certain that I'll be free the weekend of Sept 18/19. We'll see. If I do go though I

hope to give Mike Wassall a hand with running his Formula 1 Championship. It's not yet decided just how it will be arranged as this depends partly on the number of entries - if you're going and think you would like to play it would help if you could get in touch with Mike at 27 Shelley Road, Stratford on Avon, Warwicks, CV37 7...

Aut Vincere Aut Mori A new zine from Paul Harper (43 Cecil Cres, Hatfield, Herts), aided and abetted by Steve Hill (43 Robins Way, Hatfield, Herts). Spirit duped, neat, tidy, well laid out and offering regular games, Abstraction and Bourses for a 35p game fee. Couldn't find a price for the zine though - Paul?

CoA's

- MARTIN HAMMON to 110 Brownlow Road, London, N11.
- PAUL WARD to 15 Craigmuschat Road, Gourock, Scotland, PA19 1SE.
- TERRY KNOWLES to 508 Oakwood Drive, Pickering, Ontario, L1W 2M7, Canada.

Also, JOHN LETTICE is on holiday and won't be answering letters for a while and I think the same goes for NICK BAKER.

The Deadline

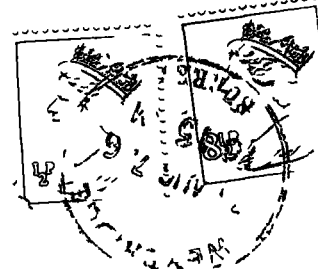
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