

Editorial: POLITICS!

Surely there's something I've missed? The whole hobby can't really be going mad, can it? Or has the long hot summer really managed to addle people's brains? I suppose it must be me, I really can't think of any other reason for the current state of affairs seeming to be so absolutely crazy.

As an example of what I mean take the case of the DF (or DipFed, or whatever it's decided to call itself this week). A little while ago we had the spectacle of Clive Booth writing a long editorial about how the DF could do so much for the hobby, how it could become a sort of action group for GMS, how it could work absolute wonders for us all if only a few people would join it and do some work. Later on we saw Clive moaning at Paul Segal for pinching one of DF's ideas when he started his "Safeguard" project, completely ignoring the fact that at least Paul had got up and done something instead of being content to talk, talk, talk all the time.

But what Clive didn't say of course - and what all of the tiny group of DF spokesmen always choose to overlook - is that while DF has been sitting on its backside talking and complaining about stolen ideas this hobby has already had an organisation providing services, running a discussion zine, rescuing orphans and all the rest. It might also be added that complaints that the DF's ideas are being pinched by others sound rather hypocritical when it is remembered that the DF's ideas were in fact pinched in turn from this already established organisation! I'm referring of course to IDA/UK.

Let's look at their respective records. The DF was founded a year ago while IDA/UK is now two years old, so it would be reasonable to expect the DF to have accomplished about half as much as IDA/UK. But has it? In the past two years the accomplishments of IDA/UK have been as follows: financial support for the maintenance of the Boardman numbers for regular games and the Miller numbers for variants, publication of a discussion zine (QVF from Pete Swanson) for IDA/UK members and anyone else interested, production of a novine publishers handbook (OpO from me), production of a players handbook (TTWVV from Swanson), financial help in the rescuing of more than twenty orphan games (regular games by me, variants by Jeremy Maiden), attempts to establish a common zine collection and distribution service and a universal blacklist (by Bill Orr), putting the UK view on the Diplomacy Variants Commission and UK liaison with the World Variant Bank (both by Jeremy Maiden), organisation of the UK end of the Calhamer Awards (involving myself, Maiden, Meadon, Lovibond, Waldie, Orr, Berlin and Swanson), and most recently Bill Orr's attempt to produce a UK Diplomacy Players List for non-NGC members. That's quite a long list for two years work and as you'll see it has involved a lot of different people, showing not only a wide variety of services but also a large-scale involvement by members of the hobby. It's worth pointing out that all those projects have been for the benefit of the whole of the hobby, there's nothing hobby-divisive about IDA/UK!

And what have the DF done in their year of existence? Well of course they began with their dreadful 'Jealous' flyer, one of the most hobby-divisive events we have yet witnessed, followed that up by guaranteeing the games in the four member zones against folding, and finished up by talking at great length about all the things they would like to do if only Paul Segal wouldn't pinch their ideas! Big deal.

In short, IDA/UK is established and successful, it already has a long list of accomplishments to its credit with more on the way, it has several dozen members, is financially sound and is already doing most, if not all, of what the DF, after a year of existence, is still talking about. If I had to choose between them I know which one I'd pick - though of course that's hardly necessary as it's really no contest. But it really is too bad when supporters of the DF write at great length about all the services they would like to provide without ever stopping to think that the vast majority of them are already being run perfectly adequately by the firmly established IDA/UK.

I have never been a supporter of the DF - for reasons given above I consider it to be totally unnecessary - and I believe it could serve the hobby best by simply disbanding itself and allowing its four members to put a bit more weight behind the efforts of IDA/UK. An alternative would be to bring the DF under the

IDA/UK membership as a sort of 'GM only' section of the larger organisation. But either way it has to be realised that the only hobby-wide provider of services in the past has been IDA/UK and the one organisation with the experience, ability, competence, finance and personnel to provide them in the future is still IDA/UK.

There are elections due at the end of this year for IDA/UK with as many as four or five posts up for grabs - as the expected forthcoming split of IDA into its national parts will once and for all make IDA/UK totally independant of any foreign influence or control we'll be needing a few extra officers to do the work. What better time for the existing members of the DF to form a part of IDA/UK, even have their own officer elected to look after their special interests, and allow the whole hobby to continue to move forward with a few more real accomplishments instead of endless discussions about what the DF could do if it was as big and successful as IDA/UK? Only IDA/UK has any real chance of giving us all what we want, and the sooner the DF realise that the better.

So much for pointing out one of the sillies, let's change the emphasis a bit now and look at something far more constructive. ((Pauses for two minutes while Concorde flies over - what a beautiful noise. Bless you. BAC.)) You remember Paul Segal's 'Safeguard' project whereby he tries to guarantee any non-NGC game against orphaning? Well, I mentioned my reservations about it last time and these haven't really changed much since then - indeed, despite the number of zines in the scheme increasing a little I notice that a few more GMs have expressed reservations about it recently. But now we have a new development, an idea that would not only provide guarantees for non-NGC games but would also remove once and for all the ridiculous distinction between so-called 'NGC zines' and 'independants' that I have complained about long and often. I quote from the latest issue of Richard Sharp's Dolchops:

'The idea is that any zine should be able to apply for NGC 'affiliation' - this including those zines with current NGC status, which would be treated exactly like the rest. The obligations involved, I suggest, would look something like this:

The GM would agree: to be a member of the NGC (nearly all are anyway), to pay the agreed affiliation fee (a small one to cover the costs involved, which would replace the 'club cut' NGC GMs currently pay from game fees, and would probably be best based on a pro-rata system per game started); to allow the NGC to reschedule his games if there is obviously no prospect of his doing so himself, to send free copies to relevant members of the Committee.

The Club would agree: to rehouse the GM's orphaned games, free of charge for NGC members and with a cost-price postage charge to non-members; to supply Dolchops free of charge to all affiliated GMs; to operate the central gamestart system, which could be used by any GM wanting it; to provide an emergency GM to run games temporarily if necessary; to publish a permanent list of affiliated zines with notes of game openings (in the club zine, presumably); to print free ads in the club zine on request for any affiliated zine.

No doubt there are more ideas that could profitably be added to those, but it'll have to do for a start. The club would obviously lose what very little control it has over the present NGC zines, though the Committee could presumably refuse affiliation (or withdraw it) in any cases where the players were obviously not getting value for money.'

Richard goes on to explain that this idea would of course mean the end of the present distinction between 'NGC' zines and 'independants' as all zines would effectively be 'independant' and the only remaining distinction would be whether a zine was affiliated or not. Zine prices and game fees etc. would all be left entirely to the publisher concerned.

Now I think that is a thoroughly excellent suggestion. I would like to see one or two very minor additions made - a reduced affiliation fee to cover any games already nearing completion for example - but by and large I would like to give the idea my wholehearted support and urge Richard to put the idea up for Committee approval as soon as he can. At a stroke it provides an orphans rescue service for the whole of the hobby, it removes the ridiculous 'NGC' and 'independant' distinction once and for all, and it helps to seal the current split in our hobby.

MP will certainly apply for affiliation if this scheme goes ahead.

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1975 EDT (U): VENERABLE INTERESTING, BUT
 SEPTEMBER 1976.

AUSTRIA (Ovens): A Mar-Lvn S by A Mos, ~~AKKKA~~ A Ukr-Mar, A Loh-Sil S by A Gal, A Tur-Mun, A Vic-Doh, A Tra-Alb, A Pud-Tri, A Sul-Ser, F Gre stands.

ENGLAND (Haughan): NMR! F Swe, A StP stand unordered.

FRANCE (P. 10): F Cly stands, F Hth S F Nwy, A Don-Sve S by F Ska, A Mun MS A Sil, A Pru-Ber, A Lvn-Pru, A Pur-Gas, A Ruh-Bur, F HAO-Spa(sc), F Dre-MAO, A Mar S IMAC-Spa(sc).

GERMANY (Jolley): NMR! F Nwg stands unordered.

ITALY (Killy): A Pie-Mar, F GoL-Spa(sc) S by F VMS, F Ion-Tun, A Ven-Tus, F Aeg-Ion.

Retreats. FRENCH A Sil disbands-no where to go.
 ENGLISH F Swe annihilated-no retreat space given.

With there being no press, I will just have to fill in here with my useful information to all you avid readers. Firstly, I don't know if Billy missed, but it is untypical of him, and therefore stand-by order should not be necessary. I know about Paul Viller, so no more need be said.

Right then, with the prospect of an interesting finale to this game I certainly hope that we don't have a sudden rush of missed moves.

And so onto the next page, where you will find the other game not is but run by me.

1975FL('W'):.....WHOSE TURN NEXT TO HAVE A REST.....
Autumn 1905.

AUSTRIA(Spanton): NMR! A Gal, A Var, FTyS, F Aeg, A Dul, A Rum, A Tyr,
A Trl, A Vie all stand unordered.

ENGLAND(Belly): F NAO-Nig, F Hel-Nth, F Nth-Edl, F Wnc-Tun.

GERMANY(Miller): F Swe-Nvy, A Den stands, F Kie-Hel S oy F Hol, A Bel
S F Hol, A Eur-Mar, A Gas-~~XXXX~~Spa, A Par-bre, A Mun
stands.

ITALY(Ploter): A Pie MS A Ven, F Con-Smy, A Ank-Smy.

RUSSIA(Lindsaj): NMR! F Nig, A Sev, A Lvn, A Mos all stand unordered.

Retreats: None!

ADJUSTMENTS WINTER 1905:

AUSTRIA 8 Centres: Bud, Trl, Vie, Gre, Ser, War, Rum, Dul, ~~Spa~~.
GM removes F TrS.

ENGLAND: 4 Centres: Edl, Lon, Lpl, ~~Wnc~~, +Tun. No Change.

GERMANY: 12 CENTRES: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Sve, Bel, Mar, Par, Hol, +~~Wnc~~
+Bre, +Spa. Builds F Kie, F Ber. Owned one unit.

ITALY 6 centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, ~~Wnc~~, Smy, Ank, +Con. Builds F Nap,
F Rom.

RUSSIA : 3 Centres: Mos, StP, ~~Wnc~~, Sev. GM removes F Nvy.

SO THERE WE ARE: Can we save this country from the German plague. Any
help gratefully accepted. Offers of any kind gratefully received. Stand
by us now in our hour of need. Don't desert us. Letters to R Kelly,
c/o United States of America.

BERLIN: The Kaiser was prostrated by the illness of his military ad-
viser and failed to submit orders earlier this year. The barber is now
happily recovered.

CONF. As forecast last time, Steve Plater has now taken up new resi-
dence at 13, Elsinore Road, London, SE25.

+? the longest time in any game that Spain has stayed
a neutral country?

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New Games Start Here!

One person withdrew his name from the line-up for 'AC' game so Jonathan Palfrey gets his game-start a bit quicker than he expected and we still have one empty slot in the waiting list for 'AD' game.

MP'AC' game, 1976HY:

AUSTRIA: Stephen Hatfield, 19 Eastbourne Rd., Hornsea, Humberside, HU18 1QS.

ENGLAND: Keith Black, 169 Welbeck Road, South Harrow, Middx, HA2 ORX.

FRANCE: Les Kennedy, 27 Shanliss Park, Santry, Dublin 9, Irish Republic.

GERMANY: Jonathan Palfrey, International Institute of Management, Griegdtrasse 5-7, D-1000 Berlin 33, West Germany.

ITALY: Peter Berlin, 8 Sutcliffe Close, London, NW11 6NT.

RUSSIA: Ron Canham, 48 High Street, Ipswich, IP1 3QJ.

TURKEY: Anthony Dawson, Kings Farm, Pebmarsh, Halstead, Essex.

Right chaps, get to it.

Remaining credit after deducting the game fee (IDA discount for Black, Dawson, Canham, Berlin and Kennedy) but before paying for this issue is: Black 274p, Dawson -13¹/₂p, Canham 80¹/₂p, Hatfield 161p, Berlin 6¹/₂p, Kennedy 214¹/₂p, Palfrey 145p I'll leave it to you to decide who needs to send me some more...

Nominal deadline for spring '01 orders is next issue but two issues deadline will be allowed the first season if required. If I have all seven sets of orders next time I'll use 'em, if I don't I won't.

Some kind public-spirited person is asked to please send in spring '01 orders for all seven countries just in case one of the players falls under a bus.

That seems to be it, so good luck one and all.

'AB' Game (Multiplicity) Bourse:

See later on this issue for the winter 1900 opening line-up of units in this game which you can now use as a basis for your first set of Bourse orders which will be required for next issue. I'm pleased to say we now have a full complement of 15 players for this who are known as; 'Deranged Links', John Piggott, 'Aries', David Thorby, Steve Pratt, 'Larry Greenberg', 'Avenger', 'Rhubovia Misers', 'Southsea Bubbles', Stephen Hatfield, Bill Orr, 'Healey', 'Titan', Andy Davidson, 'East India Company', ~~old name~~ ~~old~~. I've deducted 30p from your credits (20p in the cases of IDA members Pratt, Orr and maybe one or two of the pseudonyms? - I can't say without giving the game away, can I?) but this is not reflected in the credits mentioned above.

All Bourse players should receive a free copy of the rules with this issue and your spring '01 transactions will be wanted two days before the next deadline please in case the Multiplicity game starts then. Oh...no that's wrong, it's already started, so your spring '01 orders definitely will be wanted next time. Good luck

And the waiting list for the last regular game to start this year (sometime in the next three issues) is now: Dingsdale, Pengelly, Haughen, Ward, Hatfield and Side. So there is one slot still vacant - anyone interested please send a preference list.

That's it.

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1974BE ('0') -- Autumn 1915

Er...is that it then?...

FRANCE (Kelly): F Edi S F Nrg, A Yor stands, F Lon - Nth S by F Nrg & F Eng, A Gas & A Pic both S A Bur, A Pic S (TURKISH) A Ven.

GERMANY (Burton): A Ruh S A Bel, A Mun - Bur S by A Bel, F Nth - Eng, A Nvy sta. F Bar - Nrg, A Mos - Sev S by A Ukr, A Tyr - Ven, A Tri S A Scr, A Bud - Rum S by A Ser, F Hol - Nth S by F Hel & F Den.

RUSSIA (Bullock): A Bul S (TURKISH) A Gre - Ser.

TURKEY (Murphy): F MAO - NAO, A Ven stands, F Ion - ADr, F Bla S A Sev, A Con - Bul S by A Grc.

Retreats: Russian A Bul annihilated.

p.t.o. for builds etc.

'0' Game Winter 1915 Adjustments

F: 9 Centres: Mar, Bre, Par, Spa, Por, Lpl, Tun, Edi, Lon. No change.
G:16 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Swe, Nvy, StP, War, Vie, Mos, Tri, Ser,
Bel, ~~Yaf~~, Bud, +Rum. Builds A Ber.
R: 0 Centres: ~~Yaf~~. Eliminated.
T: 9 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Nap, Rom, Ven, Gre, Sev, +Bul. Builds F Con, F Smy.

Now, about the draw proposed last time. Voting was 3 yes and 1 non-voter (= yes), so that should really be it. But with Russia's elimination a 4-way draw is impossible of course, so I suppose that makes it a 3-way draw. Is this acceptable to the three remaining players? Perhaps you will let me know next time - and send in spring '16 orders just in case someone disagrees please (and game statements too in case you all agree to end it). Ta.

OFCOURSE THE ONLY REASON I OMIT CHRISTIAN NAMES FROM GAMEREPORTS IS TO AVOID POOR OLD RICHARD SHARP!

1974BT ('Q') -- Autumn 1912 Vultures Closing In (or Dragons maybe?)

Error last time. A Mos - Sev should have been underlined - sorry. You all noticed it though so no harm done I hope.

ENGLAND (Knowles): F GoL C (GERMAN) A Mar - Tus, A Ukr - Rum, A Nap S F Rom,
A Mos S (GERMAN) A War - Ukr, F Rom & F TyS both S A Nap, F Naf - Tun.
F NAO stands, F Bar - Nrg, F WMS stands, F Tun - Ion.

GERMANY (Prevot): F Swe stands, F Bel stands, A Lun - Bur, A Mar - Tus,
A Pie - Ven, A Tyr - Tri, A Gal - Bud S by A Vie, A Boh S A Vie,
A Sil - Gal, A War - Ukr.

TURKEY (D.Black): F Apu S F Ven, F Adr S A Tri, F Ion S F Apu, F EMS S F Ion,
F Bla S A Sev, F Ven MS A Tri, A Sev S A Rum, A Rum S A Bud, A Bud S A Tri,
A Alb - Ser.

Retreats: Turkish A Bud annihilated.

Winter 1912 Adjustments

E:12 Centres: Lpl, Lon, Edi, Nvy, StP, Bre, Por, Spa, Tun, Mos, Rom, +Nap.
Builds A Lpl.
G:12 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Swe, Par, Mar, War, Bel, Vie, +Bud.
Builds A Mun.
T:10 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Rum, Sev, Gre, Ser, Bul, Tri, ~~Bud~~, Ven, ~~Naf~~.
No change.

1974EB ('R') -- Autumn 1912 Last year, or last minute hitch?....

ENGLAND (Meardon): A Gal - Rum S by A Sev & A Ukr, A Mos S A Sev, A War - Gal,
A Edi - Yor, F Nrg - Nth, F Nvy - Swe, F Bal - Nrg, A StP - Lvn.

FRANCE (Nathan): A Tri - Bud S by A Vie, A Alb - Ser, A Tyr - Tri S by F Adr,
F TyS - Ion S by F Tun F Nap & F Apu, F EMS stands, A Boh - Vie,
A Bur A Ruh A Mun A Ber F Pic all stand.

TURKEY (Morris): A Arm - Smy, F Aeg - Smy, F Ion - Alb S by F Gre,
A Rum - Gal, A Bud - Tri, A Ser - Rum S by A Bul.

Retreats: French A Alb annihilated.
Turkish A Rum & A Bud both annihilated.

Winter 1912 Adjustments

E:11 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nvy, Swe, Den, StP, War, Mos, Sev, +Rum. Builds F L
F:17 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bcl, Spa, Por, Kie, Mun, Hol, Tun, Ber, Ven, Rom,
Nap, Tri, Vie, +Bud. Builds A Mar, F Bre.
T: 6 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Ser, Gre, ~~Naf~~, ~~Bud~~. No change.

Joril to Bushey: All yours now, Norman!

Ankara: A Government spokesman today reported that 'as the war will be over by Christmas' two armies will shortly be demobilised and returned to agricultural

activities. At the same time an Admiralty spokesman announced that consideration was being given to mobilising the reserve fleet to rescue Rumanian refugees.

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1975DD ('S') -- Spring 1909 I wonder, could he still be stopped?...

ENGLAND (D.Black): F StP(NC) - Bar.

FRANCE (P.Got): F Iri - Lpl S by F NAO, A Edi - Nwy C by F Nth. A Kie - Ber,
F Nwy - StP(NC) S by A Fin, A Sil - Boh, A Mun - Tyr S by A Pie,
A Mar - Bur, F TyS - Tus, F GoL - TyS S by F WMS & F Tun, A Naf S F Tun.

ITALY (Holborn): A Tri - Ser S by A Bud, A Ven - Pie, A Tyr - Boh,
F Nap - TyS S by F Rom.

RUSSIA (Kelly): A War - Sil S by A Pru, F Lpl - Iri.

TURKEY (Vickers): F Ion S (ITALIAN) F Nap, F Ayr S F Ion, F Aeg - Gre, A Ser - Alb,
A Bul - Rum, F Rum - Bla, A Sev - Ukr, A Gal - Bon.

Retreats: French A Sil - War.
Russian F Lpl - Wal.

Ankara: The Turkish Prime Minister Pasha Hasha sent a message of congratulations and support to the Russian fleet in England 'heroically battling for liberty and justice against overwhelming odds'. The PM added that the 'Piggottouse had now reached the apex of their power and within the next six months we would witness the Turn of the Tide'.

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1975FA ('V') -- Spring 1907 Winkle twinkle little Turk,

ENGLAND (Buckingham): As you get your stabs to work,
F Edi S (GERMAN) F Nth - Nrg, Grabbing centres on a spree,
F Iri S (GERMAN) F Eng - MAO, as you head for victory!
A StP S (RUSSIAN) A Mos.

FRANCE (Prevot): ((sorry, Freudian slip, that's Meadon really)): F Spa(SC) - Mar,
F Gas - MAO, F NAO - Cly S by F Lpl, F Iri doesn't exist!

GERMANY (Prevot): F Nth - Nrg, A Lon - Yor, F Bel - Pic, F Eng - MAO,
A Bre - Gas S by A Bur, A Ber - Sil, A Mun - Boh, A Ruh - Mun.

ITALY (Birsan): A Rom - Apu.

RUSSIA (Burton): A Gal - Rum, A Mos - Sev.

TURKEY (Parrott): F Ven stands, F Nap Rom S by F TyS, F Aeg stands, A Ser - Bud,
A Rum - Ukr S by A Sev, A Arm - Rum C by F Bla & S by A Vie ((Th?)),
A Tyr - Ifun.

Retreats: French F Gas - Spa(NC).

Thankyou to Dave Tant for the unused standby orders...

Nasrib to Joril: Even at this late stage I think that the rest of the board could get together and stop Turkey...does anyone care?

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1975FW ('X') -- Autumn 1905 More tid-bits for the Russian Plotter?...

ENGLAND (Tant): F Hel - Kie S by F Hol, A Lpl stands.

FRANCE (Hammon): NMR! A's Bel Bur Gas Pic & F's WMS Naf all stand unordored.

GERMANY (Lettice): F NAO - Cly, A Par - Bre, F Kie - Ber, A Ruh S A Lun,
A Don deliquesces.

ITALY (Rundlo): F TyS - Rom, F Nap - Rom, A Tyr - Lun.

For Russia, Turkey etc. you'd best p.t.o. I feel....

'X' Game contd...

RUSSIA (Plater): F Nwy - Nrg, A Swe - Den S by F Ska, A Pru - Bor S by A Sil.
A Vie - Tyr S by A Boh, A Bud - Vie, F Sev - Caspian Sea ((which coast?))

TURKEY (Baker): A Smy - Apu C by F Aeg & F Ion & S by F ndr, A Bul - Ser,
A Ven MS A Tri.

Retreats: German F Kie & A Den both annihilated.
Italian A Tyr likewise.

Winter 1905 Adjustments

E: 5 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, +Hol, +Kie. NBR! 2 units short!

F: 5 Centres: ~~Edi~~, Mar, Spa, Por, Tun, Bel, GM removes F N.f.

G: 3 Centres: ~~Edi~~, ~~Kie~~, Mun, ~~Den~~, ~~Alb~~, Par, +Brc. Removes A Bre.

I: 2 Centres: Nap, Rom, ~~Ven~~. No change.

Rail Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Rum, Bud, Swe, Vie, Nwy, +Bor, +Den.
Builds F StP(NC), A War.

T: 8 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Scr, Tri, +Ven. Builds F Smy.

Standby orders for FRANCE please from PAUL WILLEY (37 Meadow Way, Theale, Reading, RG7 4AU). Thanks Paul.

One fairly lengthy press release held over an issue due to lack of time and space (see pl).

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1976AJ ('Y') -- Spring 1904 Lettice burned by Ovens as Ball bounces on!

AUSTRIA (Rundle): A Vie - Gal S by A Bud, A Bul - Rum S by A Ser,
F Gre - Bul(SC) ((actually, it's in Aeg at the moment...))

ENGLAND (Lettice): F Lpl - NAO, F Nth Godths ((?)), A Yor - Wal.

FRANCE (Dingsdale): A Mar S (GERMAN) A Spa, A Gas S A Mar, F Iri - NAO,
F Eng - Lon.

GERMANY (Ovens): A Spa S (ITALIAN) A Pic - Mar, A Bur - Par, A Mun - Ruh,
A Bel - Pic, A Hol - Bel, F Kie - Den, F Den - Nth.

ITALY (Taylor): F EMS - Smy, A Pie - Mar S by F GoL, F WMS - NAO, A Tyr - Boh.

RUSSIA (Ball): F Bla S A Rum, A Ank S (TURKISH) F Smy, A Gal - Bud S by A Rum,
A Ukr S A Rum, A Mos - Sev, F Sve stands, F Nwy S (GERMAN) F Den - Nth.

TURKEY (Evans): A Con MS F Smy.

Retreats: English F Nth - Edi. French A Mar - Bur. Russian A Gal - War.

Romc - Berlin: Sorry about the ~~stap~~ miswritten orders last year. It was a genuine mistake, honest.

Turkey: Let's be friends with Turkey time? DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT!

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1976GJ ('Z') -- Autumn 1902 They're either all crazy or cutthroats - or both!

AUSTRIA (Crouch): NBR! A Tyr A Bud A Tri A Ser F Gre all stand unordered.

ENGLAND (Nathan): F Edi - Nth S by F Nwy, F Lon - Eng, A Yor stands.

FRANCE (Horlihy): F Hol stands, A Bel - Ruh S by A Bur, A Spa stands, F NAO - Por.

GERMANY (Lindsay): F Ska - Den, A Kie - Hol S by F Hel & A Ruh, A Lun - Bur.

ITALY (Tant): F WMS - Spa(SC), A Ven - Tri, F Ion - Alb, A Pie S (FR) A Spa - Mar.

RUSSIA (Berlin): A Rum S (TURKISH) A Rum - Bul, F Sev S A Rum, F Sve stands,
A Mos S F Sev.

TURKEY (McDonald): A Gal - Rum S by F Bla, A Rum - Sev, F Con - Bul(SC).

Retreats: French F Hol & Russian A Rum both annihilated. p.t.o. for t'rest....

'Z' Game Winter 1902 Adjustments

- A: 5 Centres: Bud, Tri, Vie, Scr, Gre. No change.
- E: 4 Centres: Lpl, Lon, Edi, Nwy. No change.
- F: 6 Centres: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, +Por. Builds F Bre, A Par.
- G: 5 Centres: Bcr, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol. No change.
- I: 4 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun. No change.
- R: 5 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, +Swe. Builds A War, A StP.
- T: 5 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, Rum, +Bul. Builds F Con.

Standby orders for AUSTRIA please from DAVE BLACK (1/Left, 5 Balliol St., Glasgow, C3). Thanks Dave.

France: Bigger off Tant!

Berlin - Paris: TWIT!

Turkey: Best wishes to all.

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1976GZ ('AA') -- Autumn 1901 , And here's another murderous bunch of savages!

AUSTRIA (Baker): F Tri - ~~xxx~~ Adr, A Ser - Bul, A Vic - Gal.

ENGLAND (Dean): F Eng - Bre, F Nth - Nwy, A Wal stands.

FRANCE (Charlton): A Pic - Bre, A Gas - Par, F MaO - Por.

GERMANY (Orr): F Hol - Bel, A Kie - Den, A Bar - Mar.

ITALY (Potts): F Ion - Tun, A Ven - Tri, A Rom - Von.

RUSSIA (Collins): F GoB - Swe, F Rum - Bla, A Ukr - Rum, A War - Gal.

TURKEY (Segal): A Bul - Gro, A Con - Bul, F Ank - Con.

No retreats.

Winter 1901 Adjustments

- A: 3 Centres: Bud, ~~Tri~~, Vie, +Ser. No change.
- E: 4 Centres: Edi, Lon, Lpl, +Nwy. Builds F Lon.
- F: 3 Centres: Bre, ~~Mar~~, Par, +Por. No change.
- G: 6 Centres: Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den, +Bel, +Mar. Builds A Mun, A Bcr, A Kie.
- I: 5 Centres: Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tun, +Tri. Builds F Nap, A Rom.
- R: 6 Centres: Mos, Sev, StP, War, +Swe, +Rum. Builds A Sev, A StP.
- T: 4 Centres: Ank, Con, Smy, +Gre. Builds F Smy.

Germany: Did I guess right? ((Well, France probably doesn't think so!))

A.N.Other to Insecure Schizophrenic: You shouldn't worry over such minor matters. My reply just got lost in the post that's all. You're not schizophrenic, you're neurotic!

Turkey - Turkey: I don't know what you're talking about. (!!)

Turkey - all other countries: Need anything safeguarded?

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1976???? ('AB' - Multiplicity) -- Winter 1900 Lots of armies!

AUSTRIA (Hammon): 3A Bud.

ENGLAND (K.Black): 3F Lon.

FRANCE (Willey): 3A Mar.

GERMANY (Morris): A Mun, A/F Kie.

ITALY (Lindsay/Lettice): 2A Ven, F Nap.

RUSSIA (Buckell): A StP, A War, 2A Sev.

TURKEY (Dawson): 3A Con.

Note that the Italian placements were from Pete Lindsay, who is asked to please send spring '01 Italian orders too in case John forgets again. Ta.

Loudon Wainwright VII of the Intergalactic Dippy Zinc Corps: Episode 1; Terra.

When Loudon Wainwright VII awoke he was instantly aware that something was

seriously wrong. In his ears he could discern a curiously modulated high-pitched whine, whilst below his armpits he felt a burning itch. With mounting alarm he inspected his fingertips. There, to his dismay, he found blue markings, somewhat similar to heavy bruising, which he knew to be a certain sign. During the preceding night he had been poisoned, or rather infested, with alborean bone fungus...

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Standby List

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| 'O': Lettice, Berlin, Humphreys. | 'Q': Murphy, Birsan, Humphreys. |
| 'R': Prevot, Murphy, Kelly. | 'S': Lettice, Berlin, Crouch. |
| 'U': <u>McDonald</u> . | 'V': Tant, Lettice, Crouch. |
| 'W': _____!!! | 'X': <u>Willey</u> , Birsan, Kelly. |
| 'Y': Pengelly, Willey, Kelly. | 'Z': <u>Black(D)</u> , Kelly, Dingsdale. |
| 'AA': Knowles, Kelly, K.Black. | 'AB': <u>Lindsay</u> . |
| 'AC': D.Black. | 'AD': K.Black. |

Orders requested from anyone underlined please. 'U', 'AB' and particularly 'W' games would appreciate a few more volunteers - please?

CoA's

- STEWART BUCKINGHAM to The Old Rectory Cottage, The High Road, Fclmersham, Bedford, MK43 7HN.
- CHARLES BURTON to 6 Spinney Close, Kirkby, Lerscyside.
- TERRY KNOWLES to Room 505, University Colloge Residence, Laurentian University 'A'. Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 2C6, Canada.
- ALLAN OVENS to c/o Eng Transfer Cell, RAF Sydenham. BFPO 806.
- Chris Rick (he's not a player so he docsn't get capitals!) to 3B Nottingham Road, Loughborough, Leics.

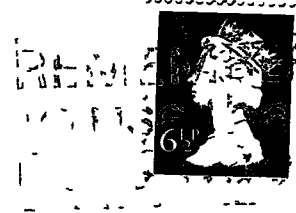
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THE DEADLINE!

- 'U' & 'W' games (to JH) & the Bourse (to RJW) by: MONDAY, OCTOBER 18TH.
- All other games (to RJW) by: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH.

And that's the end of a rather small, very rushed, and not too brilliant 60th issue of MP from your thoroughly exhausted GM! Let's hope things improve soon. Bye.

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