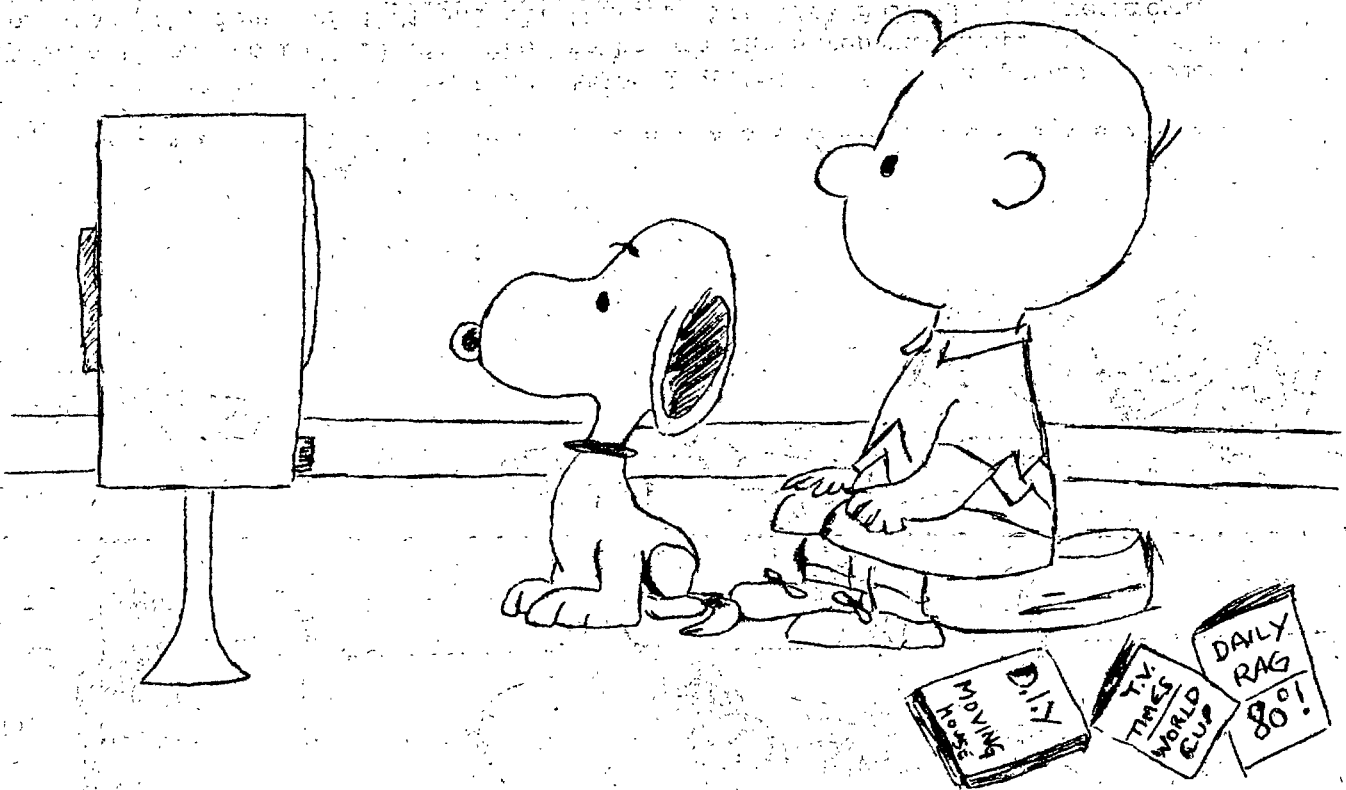


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"DIPLOMACY? WHAT'S THAT?"

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Well, here we are at the start of National Arthritis Week (no joshing, someone's just said so on the radio!) with the one before the antepenultimate (maybe there's a word for it?) issue of 1901 and all that... from Mick Bullock, 36 Greenroyd, Greetland, Halifax, W. Yorkshire HX4 8DT, England. Geddit right huh?

Quite undeliberately, and not of necessity, I seem to have taken the opportunity created by my recent upheaval (solicitors refer to it grandly as The Matrimonial Home) (and thanks for all the kind words by the way - what a lot of us there are, aren't there?!) to take almost a complete rest from Diplomatic activities. Barring organising my application to go to Eurocon in August, and sending in a few orders (no letters - sorry lads!), I've done sweet f.a. Dipwise for weeks now. The change has been most welcome -- I'm sure the enthusiasm will return shortly.....

.....meanwhile, what are we going to fill the bottoms of pp. 1 & 4 avec? (Just practising.) Richard Sharp is running the 3rd annual Dolchstoss Player Poll - anyone who's played in 1 game can enter and you get a copy of the results issue for an sae. Vote between 0 and the mark shown in each of the following 7 categories for anyone whose play you feel qualified to assess. Reliability (10); Communicativeness (10); Persuasiveness (20); Flexibility (20); Tactical Ability (10); Imagination (10); Strategic Vision (20).

Diplomacy World issue '18 just turned up, the first issue of this 'quarterly' publication seen this year. Appropriately dated 'Winter 1978' (sic).....





DEADLINE

Wednesday, WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY, Wednesday, W E D N E S D A Y !!!

June 21st, 1978

Why? (Why what?) Why the Wednesday deadline? Because if I carry on with 3-week deadlines then issue 100's (the last!) deadline will fall on the weekend I set off for Eurocon which would mean I'd have to move it back 2 or 3 weeks - and we don't want the last issue to have a 6 weeks deadline do we? So I'm bringing forward the deadlines for the next 3 issues by a couple of days each time so that I'll have gained a week come issue 100. (I.e. no. 99 will have a Monday deadline, 100 will be back to Friday.)

And whilst I've still got your attention, please note my New Correct address is:

36 Greenroyd, Greetland, Halifax, W. Yorkshire HX4 8DT, and not Greenroyd Lane or Green Vale or any of the other exotic versions witnessed.

And whilst I've still got your attention, I think it time we discussed the future of the games in this organ, what with only 3 issues to go and all that. So sit back while I discuss it. Actually, the choice is yours. I am 99.999999% certain to fold in 3 issues time, and there'll probably still be 5 games extant. So I'd like you to let me know by next issue whether you'd prefer them to be finished by carbon-copy reports (actually I'd stencil them!), players just receiving the reports for the game they're playing in (and just paying postage). Or - should I make enquiries to see if I could transfer them to another mag (with me still as GM of course) rather a la Bell-icus did with Tinamou. That way you get your game reports in a slightly more entertaining fashion, and some needy-cause publisher gets an influx of new subbers. Lemme know.

1901...OBOE (1977BM)

1907 Adjustments.

AUSTRIA(Richards)	No change	(3)
ENGLAND(Side)	Builds A(Lpl)	(7)
FRANCE(Birks)	No change	(7)
GERMANY(Whitby)	Removes F(SKA), A(Hol)	(3)
RUSSIA(Derrick)	Removes retreating A(Mos)	(1)
TURKEY(Fryatt)	Builds A(Con) F(Smy)	(13)

Sweeps. MDC11 Final Report held over till next issue by the looks of it. (Or by the non-looks of it?)

People still sending used-stamps-torn-from-envelopes, thanks. Keep 'em coming. Ta.

Warped Mind Dept. Couldn't help smiling when I went into a shop the other day (Assistant smiled back)(I didn't fancy him though...) and there was a card hanging up selling rulers, marked: '6" Rules'. Well, maybe it does in these effeminate times. But in my day.....

Tee Hee Dept. Chris Tringham, reviewing Shaun Derrick's new Entente, in Megalomania, complains that Shaun has an irritating habit of using 'I' when he wants a '1' instead of using the '1' key, which people without '1's' on their typers have to use. Shaun replies: "But I haven't got a proper 'one' on this typewriter, so I will have to do."!  
(Oh well, maybe it's funnier when you know what I'm talking about!)

Greatest Hits has only 4 pages out of 16 on Palfrey letter plus reply....

Scotland 0 England 1 - first time I've been able to mention the result of that annual match for 3 years, eh Mr Mearns? But more important to the Scots, last night's Scotland 1 Peru 3 was a real turn-up. Wise before the event (though not in 1901), but how could MacLeod leave out 4 of his 5 best available players (Souness, Gemmill, Robertson and Andy Gray back in England)(exception DalGLISH) and hope to do anything? Black mark Concorde. Argentina to beat Holland in the Final anyone?

This issue produced to the excellent strains of Boney M's Love For Sale album, which I've just borrowed off the wife!!

Abba seein' ya.....