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Welcome to the 47th issue of Dib Dib Dib - a zine normally dedicated to chat, articles, letters, and any other odd bits of little interest - but, out of necessity, only able to concentrate on games this time. Cost of this issue 23p + postage (40p in the UK). Anyone wishing to send money, send it to Tom Tweedy, 29 Stanley Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks., HP7 9BD. Tel. 02403 4513

EDITORIAL

Well, it finally had to happen, out of all the issues I've published, this is the first time Dib has ever been cut to a 'games only' issue. Not bad I suppose after 47 issues. So what's my excuse... have I finally cracked up? No, not yet anyway. It's just that I went out and bought that new computer I was talking about last month. And a luvly thing she is too. (Hmm, why do men call machines, boats, cars that they like 'she'?) I finally settled for the Canon A-200 as being the best, and after having £200 knocked off at the very start (God knows how much dealers must make if they can afford to do that) and being able to get £600 part-exchange on my old Apple (Pete 'Doubting' Birks please note), I got quite a good deal, thank you very much. Which just goes to show what one can get if one tries.

Anyway, I still have tons of software if anyone's interested: dBASE II, Applewriter II, DOS Toolkit, List Handler, 3 Wizardry scenarios, Ultima II and lots of other games, plus all the manuals. Let me know if you have access to an Apple; some of the stuff I'm giving away.

You can see my problem - not only did I have all my files on Applewriter single-sided disks, but I had to change them over to double-sided MS-DOS disks, ~~and have to teach myself to use the new "WordStar" word processing package.~~ With the manual being two inches thick, that's one hell of information to assimilate all in one go, I can tell you! So far I've learned just enough to get this issue of Dib out - now all I've got to do is run through the owners manual, run through the DOS manual, and skip through the basic manual (after all I have to re-type my Jotto program). After that, I can sit back and relax reading the new database manual, 'Friday' (by Ashton Tate). I'm glad to say, at least I had the foresight enough to run off this issue's labels before getting rid of the Apple, but I'll certainly need more labels for next issue. (Mind you I think Spots is due before then - stroll on!)

But enough about computers. I hear from Richard Downes that the 'Treasure Trap' people haven't been able to renew their leasehold on the castle in Cheshire. A crying shame because this is escapism and gamesmanship in the purest form, and there's not too many of those pastimes around. What are we left with now, Western mock-ups and hunting weekends where one hunts others with a gun loaded with paint? All good stuff I'm sure. However, all is not lost it seems, Treasure Trap will be moving on to Chislehurst Caves. I don't know if it'll be as good though (of course there's bound to be some who'll say it isn't) but if anyone gets to hear about the new venue, or better, goes to it, please let me know.

I believe Nicholas Clifton had an idea for using these very caves, though I'm not sure what for. I think it was to hold a Con there - 'CaveCon'. Sounds a great title, Nick, what happened to the idea?

I'm getting to the bottom of the page now - I don't want to do too much more because I've to get this out; the games being more important than the zine. Still, room enough to say that the latest 20 Years On (Issue 12) has arrived from Ian Shaw - and very nice it looks too. For those of you who don't have his address it's: 2 Whinfell Close, Streatham, London, SW16 1QG (Tel. 01 769 0111) between 24th March and 28th April, and at Stephenson Hall, Oakholme Road, Sheffield, S10 3DF the rest of the time.

'Lamfhada' (1983EE)Autumn 1907

ITALY SEES HIS CHANCE TO STAB - AUSTRIA PAYS DEARLY FOR HIS NMR

AUSTRIA (James Cowie) NMR! Has: A(Bud), A(Ser), A(Alb), A(Boh), A(Vie)
 ENGLAND (David Crawford) F(NTH)-Lon, A(Edi)-Yor
 FRANCE (Alan Sharples) F(NAO)-NWG, F(Lpl)stands, A(Bel)-Hol, A(Ruh)-Kie,
 A(Bur)-Mun, F(BAL) S A(Ruh)-Kie, F(ENC)-Lon, F(Bre)-
ENC, A(Pic)-Bel
 GERMANY (R.J. Lampard) *A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Hol) S ENGLISH F(NTH)-Bel, A(Mun)-Ber
 ITALY (Paul Donley) A(Ven)-Tri, A(Apu)-Ven, F(ION)-AEG, F(Gre) S F(ION)-
AEG
 RUSSIA (Mike Close) A(Fin)-Nor, F(Swe)stands, F(NWG)-NTH, F(BAR)-NWG,
 A(Sev)-Arm, F(BLA)-Con, [[A(Rum) S AUSTRIAN
A(Ser)-Bul]]
 TURKEY (Simon Craddock) F(Bul-sc)-Gre, F(AEG) S F(Bul-sc)-Gre, F(Ank)-BLA,
A(Con)-Bul

Retreats: GERMAN A(Kie) diesWinter 1907 Adjustments:

AUS: Bud, Vie, (Tri), Ser, (Gre) = 3 GM disbands A(Boh), A(Alb)
 ENG: Lon, Edi = 2 No Change
 FRA: Par, Mar, Bre, Spa, Por, Bel, Lpl, (Hol), (Swe) + Kie, Mun = 9 No Change
 GER: Ber, (Mun), (Kie) + Hol = 2 No Change
 ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun + Tri, Gre = 6 Builds: F(Nap), F(Rom)
 RUS: StP, Mos, War, Nor, Sev, Den, Rum + Swe = 8 Builds: F(StP-sc)
 TUR: Smy, Con, Ank, Bul = 4 No Change
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PRESS:

France - Russia: --(The -real thing this time.) Why don't you write to me any
 more? Would it help if I sent you a postcard?

Italy - Austria: Stick that in your pipe and smoke it.

'Macha' (1983EN)Autumn 1907

THE BIG TWO POUND THE SOUTH-EAST INTO RUBBLE

ENGLAND (Anarchy) Has: F(Lon), F(Lpl)
 FRANCE (Bill Haygarth) F(MAO)-Spa-sc, A(Gas) S F(MAO)-Spa-sc, F(ENC)-MAO,
 F(NTH)-ENC, F(Nor)-Swe, A(Den) S A(Hol)-Kie, A(Hol)-
 Kie, A(Mun)stands, A(Ruh) S A(Mun), A(Bur)-Mar,
 A(StP)stands, F(BAR) S A(StP)
 ITALY (Alan Frost) A(Pie)stands, F(GOL)-Spa-sc, F(TYS)-WMS, F(ION)-Tun,
 A(Boh)-Mun, A(Tyr) S A(Boh)-Mun, A(Gal)-Rum, A(Bul) S
 F(AEG)-Con, F(AEG)-Con, F(EMS) stands unordered
 RUSSIA (Steve Rennie) A(Mos) S A(Lvn)-StP, A(Lvn)-StP, A(Sil)-War, [[A(Ber)
 S ITALIAN A(Tyr)-Mun]], F(BLA)-Ank, A(Arm) S F(BLA)-Ank
 TURKEY (Ulf Jiretorn) NMR! Has: F(Smy), *A(Ank), *F(Con)

Retreats: TURKISH A(Ank) dies, TURKISH F(Con) diesWinter 1907 Adjustments:

ENG: Lon, Lpl = 2 Nge
 FRA: Par, Mar, Por, Bel, Spa, Bre, Mun, Hol, Edi, Nor,
 Kie, StP + Swe, Den = 14 Builds: A(Par), A(Bre)
 ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser, Gre, Bul
 + Rum, Con = 12 No builds ordered
 RUS: Mos, War, Sev, (Rum), Ber, (Swe), (Den) + Ank = 5 Disbands A(Ber)
 TUR: (Con), Smy, (Ank) = 1 No Change
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PRESS:

Diplomacy wally of the year awards: At this year's Diplomacy wally of the year awards, the awards committee have decided to give a special award to one of the most exciting young talents in the field of the diplomacy cock-up. This award goes to Alan Frost whose performance in Dib Dib Dib game Macha has turned the diplomacy cock-up into a true art-form. In his presentation speech Awards committee chairman Mr. Tom Tweedy (himself a renowned ex. diplomacy wally) said that after such a truly wally-like start, there should be nothing to prevent Alan from becoming one of the true greats in this field. And having seen his performance in Macha who are we to disagree?

Italy - Russia: Thanks for setting me straight. I'd never have guessed. OK. If that's what you want...

'Nuada' (1984BN)

Autumn 1904

WITHOUT TAKING TOO MANY CHANCES AUSTRIA SNEAKS INTO SMY

AUSTRIA (John Cavanagh)	A(Tri) S A(Bud), A(Rum) S A(Bul), A(Bul) S A(Rum), F(AEG)-Smy, F(Gre)-AEG, A(Bud) S A(Tri)
ENGLAND (Martin Allen)	F(Wal)-IRI, F(Edi)-Cly, F(NTH)-Nor
FRANCE (Paul Morton)	NMRI Has: A(Pic), A(Par), A(Bre)
GERMANY (Mike Close)	F(Swe) S ENGLISH F(NTH)-Nor, F(HEL)-Den, A(Bel)-Hol, A(Bur)-Bel, A(Pru)-War, A(Yor)-Lpl, F(Lon)stands
ITALY (R.J. Lampard)	A(Gas)-Mar, F(Spa-nc)-Por, F(ADS) S F(TYS)-ION, F(TYS)-ION, A(Ven)-Tri
RUSSIA (Cathy Cunning)	*F(Nor) S ENGLISH F(NTH), A(StP)-Lvn, A(Lvn)-War, F(Sev)-BLA
TURKEY (Chris Sandow)	F(Ank) S A(Con), A(Con)stands

Retreats: RUSSIAN F(Nor)-NWG

Winter 1904 Adjustments:

AUS: Bud, Vie, Tri, Ser, Bul, Gre, Rum + Smy	= 8 Builds: A(Vie)
ENG: (Lon), (Lpl), Edi + Nor	= 2 Disbands F(Cly)
FRA: Bre, Par, (Por)	= 2 GM Disbands A(Pic)
GER: Mun, Ber, Kie, Den, Hol, Bel, Swe + Lpl, Lon	= 9 Builds: F(Kie), A(Mun)
ITA: Rom, Ven, Nap, Mar, Tun, Spa + Por	= 7 Builds: A(Rom), F(Nap)
RUS: Mos, War, StP, Sev, (Nor)	= 4 No Change
TUR: (Smy), Ank, Con	= 2 No Change

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PRESS:

Turkey - Russia: I wouldn't trust you an inch - but under the circumstances...

Mother Russia - English Person: Don't leave us now! We finally found a use for you.

Moscow - Tweedybird: You're right about Close. Just watch him twist all these poor innocent souls around his fingers. Any hints on how to stop him?

Tweedybird - Calamity Cath: Yes, er, shotgun, bomb, smashing him with a runaway train would be good - but failing all that, turn everyone against him (you might have better luck than me, I've been trying that for years).

'Olwen' (1984B0)

Autumn 1905

ENGLAND AND AUSTRIA OUT - ITALY FORGETS TO BUILD

AUSTRIA (Mick Bensted)	NMRI Has: *A(Bud), A(Rum), F(ADS)
ENGLAND (Grahame MacLennan)	NMRI Has: *F(Lpl)
FRANCE (Colin Pickard)	F(MAO) S A(Edi)-Lpi)-Lpl, F(MAO)stands, A(Tyr)-Mun, *F(NTH)-Hol, F(ENC) S A(Bel), A(Bel) S A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Par)-Bur

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GERMANY (Kenny Adams) F(Nor) S F(SKA)-NTH, F(SKA)-NTH, F(GOB)-StP,
A(Ukr)-Sev, A(Mun)-Sil, A(Kie)-Mun, *A(Ruh) S
A(Hol), A(Hol) S A(Ruh)

ITALY (Nick Lourie) A(Tri)-Bud, A(Vie) S A(Tri)-Bud, A(Ven)-Tri,
F(Apu)-Ven, F(ION)-ADS

RUSSIA (Nicholas Whyte) A(Mos)-StP, A(War)stands

TURKEY (Ian Winstanley) [[F(Alb) S ITALIAN A(Tri)]]], F(AEG)-Gre; F(BLA) C
A(Con)-Rum, A(Con)-Rum, A(Bul) S A(Con)-Rum,
A(Ser) S A(Con)-Rum

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Bud) dies; AUSTRIAN A(Rum) dies; ENGLISH F(Lpl) dies;
FRENCH F(NTH)-Den; GERMAN A(Ruh) dies

Winter 1905 Adjustments:

AUS: (Vie), (Bud), (Rum) GM disbands F(ADS) for 0 OUT!

ENG: (Nor) No Change for 0 OUT!

FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Bel, Spa, Por, Lpl, Lon, Edi + Den Builds: F(Bre) for 10

GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Swe, Hol, (Den), StP; (War) + Nor, Sev Builds: A(Ber) for 8

ITA: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun, Tri + Bud, Vie No builds ord for 7 (2 short)

RUS: Mos, (Sev) + War No Change for 2

TUR: Con, Smy, Ank, Bul, Ser, Gre + Rum Builds: A(Con) for 7

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PRESS:

Russia - Germany: Don't say I didn't warn you!

D38 Former Players Club: May be about to gain another member.

Old Lancashire Saying: Here's one oth' Best - May thi shaddo never grow less,
Nor thi pocket eawther.

Turkey - Luton Town: ((Luton Town?)) Really! Next time you attend one of these
Tory student conferences, kindly control yourself.

'Pryderi' (1984DA)Spring 1905

COULD BE ANYONE'S GAME - IF I'M PAID ENOUGH

AUSTRIA (Pete Mason) A(Gre)-Ser, A(Alb)-Gre, F(Tri)-ADS, A(Vie)-Tyr,
A(Bud)-Tri, A(Bul) S RUSSIAN F(BLA)-Con

ENGLAND (Ralph Baker) None?

FRANCE (John Piggott) A(Lon)-Bel, F(NTH) C A(Lon)-Bel, A(Bel)-Ruh, F(Bre)-
MAO, F(ENC) S F(NTH), A(Par)-Bur, A(Mar)-Tus,
F(COL) C A(Mar)-Tus, *F(Tun)-ION

GERMANY (Nick Hoyle) F(Den)-BAL, F(Kie) S F(Den)-BAL, F(HEL)-Den, A(Mun)-
Sil, A(Hol)stands

ITALY (Mike Pollard) A(Ven)-Tus, F(ION)-Tun, F(TYS) S F(ION)-Tun

RUSSIA (David Crawford) F(BLA)-Con, F(Rum)-BLA, A(Sev)-Arm, F(BAL)-Ber,
A(War)-Sil, A(Swe)-Den, A(Nor)stands

TURKEY (Iain Forsyth) A(Smy)-Arm, F(Ank)-BLA, *A(Con)stands

Retreats: FRENCH F(Tun)-WMS; TURKISH A(Con) dies

PRESS:

Ethilfrog Towers - Luton Airport: Congratulations on reaching your 46th issue.
I'm sure I don't need to remind you that your next edition should be number 1.

Luton Airport - Ethilfrog Towers: I think you'll have to remind me, the reason
so far has escaped me. After all, I'm renowned for my animal magnetism to
n, not for my incredible memory.

Bedbug Island: I see that the cynical and treacherous Piggott has brutally
stabbed Germany by occupying NTH. Of course, in Dolchstoss (advt) I would have

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warned everyone several moves in advance. Pryderi players have only themselves to blame, of course, for choosing a zine whose games service borders on the second class. ((Someone I know is close to having his orders lost - not that I may bear a grudge you understand... God forbid...)) My old mate, Pete Mason, for one, should have known better.

Piggott's task has been made easier, of course, by England's defeatism. If I were playing England, I would certainly (of course) have built F(Edi) this move. No game is lost until it is lost - let that be the watchword of all the players. Even Piggott; surely, even in Dib, you aren't going to allow him to win! ((*Sigh* the gems this inveterate liar comes out with...))

Ethilfrog Towers: I wish to protest most strongly about the press submitted by 'Bedbug Island'. Bedbug's consistent anti-Piggott stance is becoming a source of quite significant irritation. How dare he say that Russia and Turkey wouldn't wish to share a page with me! I'm so annoyed, I nearly threw a tantrum! ((Oh dear... still never mind, eh, just think of all the enjoyment it gives other people.))

Canvey Island - Nick: I lied. I'm sorry. But this is a Diplomacy game, and I intend to win it.

'Quadri' (1984???)

Spring 1904

AUSTRIANS, ITALIANS AND RUSSIANS LINING UP AGAINST THE POOR TURK

AUSTRIA (James Steele)	A(Ser)-Bul, F(Gre) S A(Ser)-Bul, A(Alb) S F(Gre), A(Tri)-Ven, A(Bud)-Vie
ENGLAND (Piers Shepperson)	<u>F(ENC)-Bel</u> , <u>F(NWG)-NTH</u> , F(HEL) S F(Den)-Kie, <u>F(Den)-Kie</u>
FRANCE (Alan Powis)	A(Lpl)-Edi, F(MAO)-Cly, <u>F(MAO)-ENC</u> , A(Bur)stands, A(Par) S A(Bur); A(Bre)stands
GERMANY (Richard Wernick)	A(Mun)-Kie, A(Hol) S A(Mun)-Kie, <u>A(Ruh)-Bel</u> , <u>F(NTH) S FRENCH</u> A(Lpl)-Edi
ITALY (Martin Clifford-King)	* <u>F(Smy) S RUSSIAN</u> F(BLA)-Con, F(ION)-AEG, <u>A(Ven)-Tri</u> , A(Apu)stands, F(Nap)-ION
RUSSIA (Richard Downes)	F(Nor) S A(Fin)-Swe, A(Fin)-Swe, F(Rum) S AUSTRIAN A(Ser)-Bul, A(Sev)-Arm, F(BLA) S A(Sev)-Arm, A(Mos)-Ukr, A(War)-Gal
TURKEY (R.J. Lampard)	A(Ank)-Smy, A(Con) S A(Ank)-Smy, * <u>A(Bul)stands</u>

Retreats: ITALIAN F(Smy)-EMS; TURKISH A(Bul) dies

COA: Martin Clifford-King, 88 Argyle Road, Southampton, SO2 0BQ.

PRESS:

Turkey - Bugbed Island: I'm only trying to get to 100-1

Chiropodist: Another patient! Put it on the table. (Stunned pause) that's not a foot! Il Duce: I know, but it's a good six inches. ((Filthy beast - go wash your mouth out!))

'Rhiannon' (1984???)

Autumn 1903

ENGLAND RESTS AFTER HIS HARD DRIVE FORWARD
(Turkey gets all the spoils)

AUSTRIA (Gil Von Gavel)	F(ION)-TYS, A(Tyr) S A(Tri)-Ven, A(Tri)-Ven, <u>A(Bel)-War</u>
ENGLAND (Gary Piper)	NATI Has <u>F(ENC)</u> , A(Yor), F(Nor)
FRANCE (Ralph Baker)	MAO, A(Gas)-Bre, <u>A(Pic)-Bel</u> , A(Mar)-Bur, A(Par) S A(Mar)-Bur

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GERMANY (Dave Bird) F(Den)-Swe, F(SKA) S F(Den)-Swe, A(Hol) S A(Bel),
A(Bel)stands, A(Bur)-Mun, A(Sil)-War
ITALY (Anarchy) Has: *A(Ven), F(Nap)
RUSSIA (Anarchy) Has: *F(Swe), A(Ukr);
TURKEY (Luke Clutterbuck) A(Mos)-War, A(Rum)-Ser, F(AEG)-Gre, F(EMS)-ION,
F(Tun) S F(EMS)-ION, F(Sev)-BLA

Retreats: ITALIAN A(Ven) dies; RUSSIAN F(Swe) dies.

Winter 1903 Adjustments:

AUS: Vie, Tri, Bud, (Ser), (Gre) + Ven = 4 No Change
ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi + Nor = 4 No Change (1 SHORT)
FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa = 5 No Change
GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Den, Hol, Bel + Swe = 7 Builds: F(Kie)
ITA: Rom, Nap, (Ven) = 2 No Change (1 SHORT)
RUS: (Mos), War, StP, (Swe) = 2 No Change (1 SHORT)
TUR: Smy, Con, Ank, Bul, Sev, Rum
+ Mos, Ser, Gre, Tun = 10 Builds: A(Con), A(Ank), A(Smy) (1 SHORT)
Neutrals: (Nor), (Tun) = 0
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PRESS:

Norway - Tunis: It couldn't happen to nicer guys!

Germany - France: Sorry.

Germany - Turkey: Hi ho Silver away!

Norway - Tunis: Aaaargh!!!

'Setanta' (1984??)Spring 1902

AUSTRIA APPEARS TO HAVE CAUGHT GERMANY WITH HIS PANTS DOWN

AUSTRIA (Jon Moss) A(Tri) S A(Vie)-Tyr, A(Vie)-Tyr, A(Bud) S A(Tri),
A(Ser)-Bul, F(Gre) S A(Ser)-Bul
ENGLAND (Ian Jago) F(NTH) S A(Bel); *A(Bel)stands, F(ENC)-MAO, F(LON)-
Wal
FRANCE (Robert Lozynskyj) F(MAO)-NAO, F(Bre)-MAO, A(Par)-Bre, A(Spa)-Gas,
A(Por)-Spa
GERMANY (Mike Deans) A(Mun)stands, A(Ruh)-Bel, A(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Bel,
F(Kie)-HEL, F(Den)-NTH
ITALY (Alan Powis) A(Tyr)-Pie, A(Ven)stands, F(Nap)-TYS, F(Tun)-WMS
RUSSIA (Paul Finch) F(Swe)-SKA, A(Nor)-Fin, F(StP-nc)-Nor, F(BLA) S
A(Rum), A(Rum) S AUSTRIAN A(Ser)-Bul, A(Mos)-War
TURKEY (Victor Hall) NMR! Has: F(Smy), F(Con), *A(Bul), A(Ank)

Retreats: ENGLISH A(Bel) dies (NRO); TURKISH A(Bul) dies

PRESS:

France - World: Good game this. I have had as much correspondence from Russia as everyone else put together. Can any conclusions be drawn from this? ((Ooo, sharp... very sharp.))

'Taranis' (1985??)Pre-Autumn 1901

LUTON AIRPORT: Unfortunately this game has to be held over - my fault entirely as I've lost/accidentally thrown away the Provisional orders for Russia. A botched job because of the computer changeover. Please accept my abject apologies for the delay. I've orders on file from everyone but Ulf - these may be changed at any time.