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BR 'ICENE' GAMESTATEMENT

GAME: 1982ES ZINE: BR/WR/DIB GM: Malc Smith/Mark Fogg/Tom Tweedy

Game Commenced: Bohemian Rhapsody (1982) Game Ended: Dib 59 (June 1986)

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
AUSTRIA (Alan Frost)	3	5	6	7	9	9	12	14	16	20	
ENGLAND (Andrew Glynn)	3	4	5	5	6	7	5	5	6*	6	
FRANCE (Martin Cutmore)	3	5	6	6	7	7	8	7	6	5	Drop-out A08
GERMANY (Bill Haygarth)	3	5	7	7	6	7	7	7	5	3	
ITALY (Dave Bird)	3	3%	4%%	4	3%%%	1	0	-	-	-	Drop-out A04 Out A06
RUSSIA (Andrew Rust)	4	3%	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	Out A04
TURKEY (Adam Baxter)	3	5	5	4	3	3	2	1	1	0	Drop-out A05

(* units short; % Resigned; %% Re-entered; %%% Resigned again)

Austria (Alan Frost): "Question: Playing Austria, with Turkey, Italy and Russia in anarchy and Germany your ally, how can you fail to win? With consummate skill, I was failing until France obligingly packed up in boredom. The best and most modest player won, anyway! (Best = never NMRing!) Thanks for taking over the game and running it efficiently at last, Tom, and thanks for the game anyone who's still listening. Hope we haven't lost Bill Haygarth. One of the better players"

~~LUTON AIRPORT: I must admit I expected a little more from this game - Bill and Alan being good players, and I'd heard Martin Cutmore and Andrew Glynn were top of the form players - however I suppose I shouldn't be too surprised at Martin's lack of interest because of the patchy history of the game. It's good to get the game out of the way.~~

'Lamfhada' (1983EE)

Autumn 1913

[21]

RUSSIA SEEMS UNSTOPPABLE

AUSTRIA (James Cowie)	A(Gre)-Ser, A(Gal)-Bud, [[A(Smy) S ITALIAN F(Con)], A(Bud)-Vie
FRANCE (Alan Sharples)	F(MAO)-Por, F(IRI) S RUSSIAN F(NAO)-MAO, F(Pic)-Bre
GERMANY (R.J. Lampard)	A(Ruh)-Bur, A(Ber) S RUSSIAN A(Kie)-Mun
ITALY (Paul Donley)	NMR! Has: F(NAf), F(Spa-sc), F(WMS), F(Tun), F(Bul-sc), F(Con), *A(Mun), A(Bur), A(Par), F(Bre)
RUSSIA (Mike Close)	F(NAO)-MAO, F(ENC) S F(NAO)-MAO, F(Hol)-Bel, A(Kie)-Mun, F(BAL)-Den, A(War)-Sil, A(Mos)-War, A(Ukr)-Gal, A(Rum)-Ser, A(Arm)-Ank, F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Ank
TURKEY (Simon Craddock)	*A(Ank)-Con

Retreats: TURKISH A(Ank) dies; ITALIAN A(Mun) dies

Winter 1913 Adjustments:

AUS: Bud,Ser,Tri,Smy,Gre + Vie	= 6 Builds: A(Tri) (1 SHORT)
FRA: Por,Lpl,Lon,(Bel)	= 3 No Change
GER: (Vie),Ber,(Mun)	= 1 Disbands A(Ber)
ITA: Ven,Rom,Nap,Tun,Mar,Par,Bre,Bul,Con,Spa	= 10 No Change (1 SHORT)
RUS: StP,Mos,Nor,Sev,Swe,Edi,Den,Hol,Kie,War, Rum + Bel,Mun,Ank	= 14 Builds: A(StP),A(Mos),A(Sev)
TUR: (Ank)	= 0 OUT

'Olwen' (1984B0)

Spring 1912

[22]

RUMOURS IN THE AIR FOR AN AGREED DRAW

FRANCE (Colin Pickard) F(ENC)-IRI, F(NTH)-HEL, F(NWG)-NTH, A(Ruh)-Hol, A(Bel) S A(Ruh)-Hol, A(Bur)-Mun, F(Nap)-Rom, F(Tun)-WMS, [[F(ION)-TYS]] ((NO SUCH UNIT)), A(Tus)-Rom, F(TYS) stand unordered

GERMANY (Kenny Adams) F(Edi)-Cly, F(Ber)-BAL, A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Kie) S A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Mun) S A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Tyr) S A(Mun), A(Den) stands unordered

ITALY (Anarchy) Has: *A(Ven)

RUSSIA (Nicholas Whyte) F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(Nor)-Fin, A(War)-Sil, A(Gal)-Boh, A(Rum)stands. A(Bud)stands

TURKEY (Ian Winstanley) F(Gre)-Alb, F(AEG)-Gre, F(Con)-AEG, F(Smy)-EMS, F(Apu)-Ven, A(Tri) S F(Apu)-Ven, A(Ser) S A(Bul), A(Bul) S A(Ser)

Retreats: ITALIAN A(Ven) dies

ENDGAME PROPOSALS:

(a) =1st F/R/T; 4th G.

(b) =1st F/R/T/G ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

PRESS:

The 49 Steps: Step 10: Who recently won the Golden Boot?

'Quadri' (1984DX)

Pre-Spring 1910

[23]

This game is held over until next issue for reasons of communication, and a sudden upsurge of renewed interest. I have orders on file from: Martin, James, Richard W., Alan and Richard D. These can be changed at any time.

LUTON AIRPORT: It's a good job this game is being held over, it seems I've STILL got Italy's builds wrong. His correct builds for Autumn 1909 were A(Nap), A(Rom).

PRESS:

Italy (Govt): In U.S.A. until 21/9/86. Communication could get a bit lax.Gnomes of Zurich feel this game is too bloody interesting to finish just yet.

'Setanta' (1984BF)

Spring 1908

[24]

RUSSIA STARTING TO FIND IT HARD GOING

AUSTRIA (Jon Moss) A(Tri) S RUSSIAN A(Bud)-Ser, F(Gre)-Bul-sc

ENGLAND (Anarchy) Has: F(Lpl)

FRANCE (Robert Lozynskyj) F(Bel) S A(Ruh)-Hol, A(Ruh)-Hol, F(NTH)-HEL, A(Bur)-Ruh, F(Lon)-Wal, A(Yor) S F(Lon)-Wal, F(Bre)-MAO

ITALY (Alan Powis) F(Rom)-TYS, A(Ven)-Tyr, A(Tus)-Ven, F(Edi)-NWG, *A(Mun)-Kie

RUSSIA (Paul Finch) A(Ukr) S A(Rum)-Sev, *A(Rum)-Sev, A(War)-Mos, A(Vie)-Tyr. A(Bud)-Ser, A(Sil) S A(Ber)-Mun, A(Ber)-Mun, A(Kie) S A(Ber)-Mun, *F(Hol)-Bel, F(HEL)-Den, F(NWG) S F(StP-nc)-Nor, F(StP-nc)-Nor

TURKEY (Victor Hall) A(Ank)-Rum, F(BLA) C A(Ank)-Rum, A(Sev) S A(Ank)-Rum, F(Con)-Bul-ec, [[*A(Ser) S AUSTRIAN A(Tri)-Bud]], F(Smy)-Con, F(ION)-AEG

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Retreats: ITALIAN A(Mun)-Bur; RUSSIAN A(Rum)-Gal; RUSSIAN F(Hol)-NTH; TURKISH A(Ser)-Alb

ENDGAME PROPOSALS:

- (a) =1st F/R/I/T; 5th A.
 (b) 1st R; =2nd T/F; =4th I/A.
 (c) 1st T; =2nd R/F; =4th I/A.
 (d) 1st F; =2nd T/R; =4th I/A.
 (e) =1st F/R/T; 4th I; 5th A; 6th E/G ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

'Taranis' (1985BG)

Autumn 1906

[25].

APART FROM TURKEY LOSING GROUND, A NICELY BALANCED GAME

ENGLAND (Dave Fish)	A(Yor)-Lon, F(Edi)-NTH, F(Nor)-Swe, F(Den) S F(Nor)-Swe, F(GOB) S F(Nor)-Swe, F(Lpl)-NAO
FRANCE (Neil Parkin)	F(IRI) S F(MAO), F(MAO) C A(Por)-NAf, A(Por)-NAf, A(Bre)-Pic, A(Bel)-Hol, A(Pie)-Ven, F(Spa-sc)-WMS
GERMANY (Luke Clutterbuck)	A(StP)-Nor, *F(Swe) S A(StP)-Nor, A(Lvn)-StP, F(NTH)-Hol, A(Fin) stands unordered.
ITALY (David Abbott)	F(NAO)-MAO, F(Alb)-Gre, A(Ser) S F(Alb)-Gre, F(ION) S F(Alb)-Gre, F(Tun) S F(ION), A(Tyr)-Ven, A(Vie)- Tyr, A(Gal)-Vie
RUSSIA (Ulf Jiretorn)	A(War) S A(Mos), A(Mos) S A(War), F(Ank)-Con, F(Bul-ec) S F(Ank)-Con
TURKEY (Ken Haywood)	F(Con)-BLA, F(AEG)-Con, *F(Gre)-Bul-sc

- Retreats: GERMAN F(Swe)-BAL; TURKISH F(Gre) dies (NRO)

Winter 1906 Adjustments:

ENG: Lon,Edi,(Nor),Swe,Den,Lpl	= 5 Disbands F(GOB)
FRA: Bre,Par,Mar,Por,Spa,Bel,Hol	= 7 No Change
GER: Mun,Kie,Ber,StP,(War) + Nor	= 5 No Change
ITA: Ven,Nap,Rom,Tri,Tun,Ser,Vie,Bud + Gre	= 9 Builds: F(Rom)
RUS: Mos,Sev,Rum,Ank + War,Bul	= 6 Builds: A(Sev) (1 SHORT)
TUR: Con,Smy,(Bul),(Gre)	= 2 No Change

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PRESS:

France - Germany: Thanks for the drink Luke, it was nice meeting you, we hope to be back in 1988. Haven't you left Germany just a little vulnerable?

Russia - Italy: I hope you haven't done what I think you've done. If you have, we will both soon wish you hadn't.

World - Casual Observer: Beware the not-so-sudden Anglo-German collapse.

Italia - World: SILENCE is merely electroplated; I'm sorry for my quietness. This will be repaired ASAP. In the meantime, the maxim of all students 'Never stab anyone in June or July - the victim's brother may be marking your exam!'

Russia - England: What press are you talking about? What press is everybody talking about? Do I get a censored version of Dib, or what's going on? ((God forbid, NOBODY censors Dib!))

Italy - England: You're flying so close to the wind it's untrue - mind you, the same could apply to me too!

Italia - Turkey: I hear you've been telling fibs.

Berlin - London: You know, when I think about our relationship in the context of the game as a whole, I can't help being reminded of a bit of graffiti I read once: "Help the police do their duty - beat yourself up!"

'Uther' (1985DV)

Spring 1905

[26]

ER, A QUIET GAME THIS SEASON... WHERE'S ALL THE BLOOD?

ENGLAND (Piers Shepperson) NMR! Has: F(Nor), F(Den), F(NWG), F(Wal), A(Yor),
F(Lon).

FRANCE (Daniel Brooks): F(Mar)-GOL, F(NTH)-ENC, F(Bel) S F(NTH)-ENC, F(MAO)
S F(NTH)-ENC, [[A(Mun) S GERMAN A(Kie)-Ber]],
A(Bur) S A(Mun)

GERMANY (James Cowie) F(Hol)-HEL, A(Ruh)-Hol, A(Kie) S A(Ruh)-Hol

ITALY (Anarchy) NMR!! Has: A(Ven), *A(Alb), F(Nap)

RUSSIA (Kris Morris) F(BAR)-NWG, F(StP-sc)-GOB, A(Pru)-Ber, A(War)-Lvn,
A(Vie)-Tyr, A(Bud)-Gal, A(Sil) stands unordered

TURKEY (Kach Collman) A(Tri) S RUSSIAN A(Vie)-Tyr, A(Gre)-Alb, A(Ser) S
A(Gre)-Alb, A(Con)-Apu, F(AEG) C A(Con)-Apu, F(ION)
C A(Con)-Apu, F(Smy)-EMS, F(Tun)-TYS

Retreats: ITALIAN A(Apu) dies

PRESS:

France - England: We must get our act together and face the Russian-Turkish alliance. ((Daniel, PLEASE put the name of the game at the top of your orders.))

LUTON AIRPORT - Kath: Sorry to hear correspondence is not all it should be, I'm sure it's not because you're a women, in some games some people are just like that. On the other hand, they may feel they have nothing to say to you, and rather than just prattle on and feel they make themselves look silly, they write nothing... Er.... sorry about the Jotto 4th word - I know how hard you've looked for it...))

Germany - England: What the hell did you do that for? You've just lost the one and only friend that you were ever likely to get on your side.

Turkey - LUTON AIRPORT: Please don't talk about steering wheels, it's a sore point at present. And everyone loves the GM! (creep creep) ((Well, that makes me feel a bit better, I suppose...!))

Germany - England: Still lying and cheating, what a guy!

Sultana - Tsar: I never mentioned your anatomy - I wouldn't touch it with a barge pole! P.S. Where did you say you were itching?

Russia: The Tsar was admiring himself in the mirror. What fools they were, he thought, how could they think that he was 34, it was obvious to anyone of any intellect that he was much younger, more like 24, and the silver hairs added to that distinguished look. Suddenly the doors flew open, one narrowly missing him and smashing into the mirror, the other flying out of the window and landing on yet another double glazing salesman. A dishevelled wreck of humanity slouched into the Tsar's room.

"Yes, what is it Franz Joseph, and can't you smarten yourself up a bit, no wonder you lost the war."

"Your Highness" replied the wretch. "I have urgent news from your intelligence unit. They intercepted a carrier pigeon that was on a mission of great secrecy. I fear that there is a plan afoot (or should that be 0.3048 metre) to unleash what must be the ultimate in diabolical plots."

"What!," replied the Tsar, let me see that."

The wretch held out a grubby paw (he had one, poor soul) and delivered the fearful message into the hands of the Tsar.

"This cannot be!" cried the Tsar. "How could she do this to those poor unsuspecting souls, this transcends all the rules of war. We must warn the others of this in order that they may take precautions."

WARNING:- The Sultana is taking DRIVING LESSONS. This is obviously some kind of deranged plot, the motives for which cannot be understood, but the tsar of Russia deplores such inhuman tactics. I suggest everyone make for their bomb-shelters and pray that they will stand up to the forthcoming assault. Best of luck to everyone.

Sultana - Tsarina: Can't you keep your husband under control? It's not that I object to him ending his letters 'Love and Kisses', but when they're addressed

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to Danny...? ((Yeuk!))

Tsar - Alice: If you want your education to stretch this far, then send me a s.a.e. and I will provide particulars by return. ((Oh no you don't! I'll not have the innocent minds of my subscribers revolted by snapshots of you on a Welsh sheep farm. Be off with you, wretch, lest I send your address to the 'Sheep Shearers & Dippers Club' where they will no doubt put it to good use!))

Tsar - Sultana: Kleenex! How can you afford such luxuries? Why don't you try and catch that labrador puppy trailing pink paper, it's much cheaper, y'know.

Russia - Austrian Govt.: Thanks for the reactor, but I've already got one that will probably serve just as well, it's called Hinkley Point!

Nigel Demster: I can reveal what the Sultan, worried by tendencies of the Tsar, has been paying determined court to the Tsarina. Whilst attending a certain International Convention in England, the Sultan has been observed escorting the Tsarina at the gaming tables. The Sultana, questioned about the relationship, is remaining inscrutable, and preserving a discrete silence. The Tsar meanwhile, according to my sources in St Petersburg, has been reviewing the fleet and absent-mindedly scratching himself whilst contemplating whether to take ship for Dallas. An unconfirmed report suggests that the Tsar has recently been suffering from an embarrassing illness.

Tsar - Italy: No news is good news?

Turkey - France: Is it something I said? Or something my best friend wouldn't tell me?

Tsar - Kaiser: Go on, TELL US

'Vortigern' (1985GA)

Spring 1905

[27]

ENGLAND INSISTS HE HAS NORTH SEA, WHILST AUSTRIA MERELY LAYS CLAIM TO RUMANIA

AUSTRIA (John Piggott) A(Rom)-Ven, F(Tri) S A(Rom)-Ven, A(Vie)-Tyr, A(War)-Ukr, A(Bud)-Rum, A(Gal) S A(Bud)-Rum, A(Ser) S A(Bud)-Rum, F(Nap)-TYS, F(Gre)-ION

ENGLAND (Michele Morris) F(NWG) S F(ENC)-NTH, A(Lon) stands, F(Edi) S F(ENC)-NTH, F(ENC)-NTH, A(Nor) stands

FRANCE (Bob Watson) A(Bel)-Ruh, A(Bur) S A(Bel)-Ruh, A(Pic)-Bel, A(Tyr) stands, F(MAO)-WMS, F(Mar)-GOL

GERMANY (Alan Frost) *F(NTH)-Bel, F(Den) stands, A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Ber) S A(Ruh)-Mun, A(Ruh)-Mun

ITALY (Anarchy) Has: A(Apu)

RUSSIA (Per Von Gavel) A(Mos) S A(Ukr), A(Ukr) S F(Rum), F(Swe)-Den, *F(Rum) S TURKISH A(Bul)

TURKEY (Jon Moss) A(Bul) S RUSSIAN F(Rum), F(AEG)-EMS, F(Con)-AEG, F(BLA) S A(Bul)

Retreats: GERMAN F(NTH)-HEL; RUSSIAN F(Rum) dies (NRO)

COA: (Till Sep '8) Per von Gavel, Hofeweg 51, Butteldorf, 2887 Elsfleth, West Germany.

PRESS:

Germany - Austria: (1) Congratulations on winning the game. (2) What's the connection between Austria, England and the GM? No, it isn't true that they all had an affair with the same sheep... (England's was a...[CENSORED BY GM]). Yes! They've all been nominated for the award for Nicest Hobby Person! Christ! Doesn't say much for the rest of us, does it? ((*blush* Maybe not, but it's true that I'm nicer than Michele or John.))

Russia - Germany: Sorry, but how could I withstand the plea of a lady in distress?

England - Germany: You'll be glad to know that your wish for pox and pestilence to descend on me has come true. The Prince Consort and all the Royal Princes have Chicken Pox, there is an infestation of Frog hoppers in the

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garden and my azaleas' got red spider mite! ((I'm glad Alan has nothing against me!))

BDC Television presents:

'The Dissolute Hours' - a typically daring Ethilfrog Studios remake of the 1950s Bogart classic. Tom Tweedy, a mild-mannered brush salesman, plans a small party to celebrate his move to a new house. But gatecrashers ensure that before the evening is over pure mayhem results. Look out for Lassie in the final ten minutes: his cameo role as the family Dalmatian must surely be the most difficult character part ever attempted by this versatile canine. Cast in order of disappearance:

Thomas Tweedy..... Rod Steiger
 Janet Tweedy..... Felicity Kendal
 Khris Morris..... Boris Karloff
 Michele Morris..... Margaret Rutherford
 Richard Sharp..... Ronnie Corbett
 Bronwyn Sharp..... Lorraine Chase
 John Piggott..... Tom Baker
 Pat Piggott..... Grace Jones
 Danny Collman..... Boy George ((the heroin?))
 Kath Collman..... Mollie Sugden
 'Fingers' Walkerdine..... Bill Cosby
 'Lefty' Creese..... Stan Laurel
 'Moll' Ozog..... Lucille Ball
 P.C. Booth..... Benny Hill

((GREAT stuff! I've seen the likes of this before in the old Dolchstoss (or was it Ethil?) - I can wait to see episode 105! (If Dib is running that long.) Mind you, John, I DON'T want to be killed off in episode two - I want my character to grow, take shape, become famous! You can kill off the rest... y'know, the 'bit' parts. Bill Cosby as Walkerdine indeed, hah! It's not even remotely believable... Cosby has charisma!))

Russia - Letter Column: YAWN! ((Not my fault - still no time.))

England - LUTON AIRPORT: I just knew you'd chicken out! ((I didn't, I TOLD you, the proviso was, that I had your husband's permission - fortunately (or unfortunately for you?), I don't have it! Now will you stop begging for the spanking...? - it's unnerving!))

Russia - France: Keep the pressure on those Austrians you know what they are capable of, first Hitler, then Kurt Waldheim, what next?

'Witham' (1986??)

Spring 1903

[28]

RUSSIA OUT-MANOEUVRES TURKEY

ENGLAND (Per Von Gavel) F(ENC) S A(Lpl)-Wal, *A(Lpl)-Wal, F(NTH) S F(ENC),
 F(Nor) S F(NTH)
 FRANCE (Pete Mason) A(Pic)-Bre, A(Bel)stands, F(MAO)-ENC, A(Wal)-Lpl,
 F(IRI) S A(Wal)-Lpl
 GERMANY (Alan Powis) F(Den)-Swe, F(BAL) S F(Den)-Swe, A(Mun)-Ber, A(Hol) S
 FRENCH A(Bel), A(Tyr)-Pie
 ITALY (Kris Morris) F(Tun)-ION, F(Nap) S F(Tun)-ION, F(Rom)-TYS, A(Ven)-
 Tyr, A(Vie) S A(Ven)-Tyr, A(Tri)-Alb, A(Ser) S
 A(Tri)-Alb
 RUSSIA (Danny Collman) [[*F(Swe) S ENGLISH F(NTH)-Den]], A(Pru) S A(War)-Sil,
 A(War)-Sil, A(Bud)-Rum, A(Rum)-Ank, A(Sev)-Arm,
 F(BLA) C A(Rum)-Ank
 TURKEY (Rowland Goodman) F(AEG)-Con, F(ION)-EMS, F(Gre)-AEG, A(Alb)-Gre,
 [[A(ADS)-Gre]] ((NO SUCH UNIT)), [[A(Bul) S ITALIAN
 A(Ser)-Rum]]

Retreats: ENGLISH A(Lpl) dies (NRO); RUSSIAN F(Swe)-GOB

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COA: (Till Sep 8) Per von Gavel, Hofeweg 51, Butteldorf, 2887 Elsfleth, West Germany.

PRESS:

Italy - Paul Oakes: Now do you have faith in me? If so then buy, buy, buy.

Kris - Paul: Actually what he said was, if I fell in a pile of horse shit I'd come up smelling of roses, but Michele is too much of a lady to say that.

Bald Eagle - Kermit: There was a young lass from Brum,
Who kept putting stuff on her tum,
She said with a giggle,
And a beautiful wiggle

Kermit - Bald Eagle: Charlotte was a married lady,
A stripper once was she.
She tore a strip off him so hard,
It set his assets free.

(I was going to put "He couldn't have a pee", but that would have been rude.)

Italy - 49 steps: Do I detect a note of animosity?

Russia - Mama Butoni: I stabba heem? Naa. But he stabba me, I no licka heem.
((Wot, licka him all over?)) And you no bringa de toffees, I kicka your teeth.
((I see, Russian Italian, eh?))

Fakir - Stockbroker: All the speculators in the Bourse game, who put their money into Piastres, must be pretty upset that Turkey's mucked his orders up again!

London - Berlin: You fool! Look what you've done, now it (49 steps) is back.

Munich All: Who is pulling the Turkish strings? The rumour is that the good citizens of Rome have suddenly acquired a taste for Turkish delight.

Scarpa Flow - St Petersburg: Just imagine you might not have been around if a certain person wouldn't be so blasted trustworthy.

Russia - Turkey: Don't worry, you've got lots of other games. Hopefully, this one is going my way.

England - France: Hmmm, you little blue creep, creeping in like that behind my back, well you'll have to fight me 'till the last man. Remember ENGLAND is unbeatable, well except maybe in football, tennis, ruggar, cricket... ((That's it, rub it in Gavel - just because a German won Wimbledon!))

Russia - LUTON AIRPORT: I for one prefer the 4 week deadlines. ((So do I, but I started Dib as a 5 weekly, it seems some are now used to it.))

Italy - Turkey: Isn't that Tsar fellow a one? ((A one what?)) - fancy declaring war on you like that... It just shows you, you can't trust anyone any more can you? He seems such a sweet boy as well.

England - Italy: Yes life is difficult, when you don't know who to trust, but you don't seem to be having problems. It does however make things easier knowing who you can't trust (France or Germany?).

Italy: Dear Nick, just a quickie to say thanks for the note, and sorry to read about your demise. I'm glad that you now see the logic of having armies, I never did understand why everyone was so hung-up about building fleets all the time. Perhaps they don't get sea-sick. By the way, what does 'altruism' mean? It's not in my 'Boy's Book of Useful Words to Blind Your Opponent With'. Best wishes, Kris.

Danny - Tom: Why do I send Stephen's orders? Some people ask the most damn fool questions: to save postage, obviously. ((As GM I have to ask damn fool questions to protect others from cartels, etc.))

Sensible Youngish Man - Silly Young Man: For gods sake, don't encourage him.

A double deadline has been requested because of the amount of diploming (very good) and has been granted. So this game (and press) will be held over for another issue. Orders on file from: Barry Raynes, Paul Street, John Cavanagh, Rowland Goodman, Kris Morris, Mike Close and Kevin Baker. These may be changed at any time.

'Xanten' (1986??)

Autumn 1902

[29]

BACKSTABBING LOT THIS I MUST SAY

AUSTRIA (Colin Kinsella) A(Ser) S A(Bud), A(Vie) S A(Bud), A(Bud) S A(Vie),
F(Gre)-Alb
ENGLAND (Stephen Cloves) F(Wal)-Lpl, F(NTH)-Lon, F(BAR) S A(Nor)-StP, A(Nor)-
StP
FRANCE (Heiko Schafer) F(IRI)-Wal, F(ENC) S F(IRI)-Wal, A(Spa)-Gas, A(Mar)-
Bur, A(Pic) S A(Mar)-Bur
GERMANY (Chris Sandow) A(Den)-Swe, F(BAL) S A(Den)-Swe, A(Mun)-Bur, A(Ruh)
S A(Mun)-Bur, F(Bel)-Pic, A(Pru)-Lvn
ITALY (Andy Mansfield) F(Tun)-ION, F(Nap) S F(Tun)-ION, A(Ven) S A(Tri),
A(Tri) S A(Gal)-Vie, A(Gal)-Vie
RUSSIA (Tony Reynolds) F(Swe)-Nor, A(Fin) S F(Swe)-Nor, *F(StP-nc) S F(Swe)-
Nor, A(Ukr) S A(Sev)-Rum, *A(Sev)-Rum
TURKEY (Rowland Goodman) A(Arm)-Sev, A(Rum) S A(Arm)-Sev, F(BLA) S A(Arm)-
Sev, A(Bul) S A(Rum)

Retreats: RUSSSIAN F(StP-nc) dies (NRP); RUSSIAN A(Sev)-Mos
COA: (Till 15.8.86) Heiko Schafer, Bung. 160, Miraverde, Adeje, Tenerife,
Spain.

Autumn 1902 Adjustments:

AUS: (Tri), Bud, Ser, Gre + Vie = 4 No Change
ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi, (Nor) + StP = 4 No Change
FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa = 5 No Change
GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Bel, Hol, Den + Swe = 7 Builds: A(Mun)
ITA: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun, (Vie) + Tri = 5 No Change
RUS: Mos, War, (StP), (Sev), (Swe), (Rum) + Nor = 3 GM disbands A(Fin)
TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Bul + Sev, Rum = 6 Builds: A(Con), F(Smy)
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PRESS:

Advice to F(Wal): Stay away from those lamb fillets!

Mole - Hadrian: Heave ho!

A Question: When do we get our 'letters' (after '1986??')? ((We get the
'Boardman Numbers' when Nick Kinzett issues them after the game has passed
Autumn '01 - but Nick's been a little behind lately. It should be in the next
issue of Zeeby.))

England - Germany: Sorry!

Mole - Somebody Else: Sorry. C.K. is just too persuasive.

Sopwith (T067DD)

Albatross

Pre-Turn 12

GM: John Bycroft, 9 Barfield Grove, Leeds, LS17 8TF. Tel. 0532 680878

LUTON AIRPORT: Sorry I've still heard nothing from John - I know one player at
least who is still interested, and as far as I know John has all the orders.
John?

SOPWITH (T0??DD)

'Tinamou'

TURN 8

GM: Matt Quartermain, 76 Wilwood Road, Priestwood, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 1SN

	<u>MOVE 1</u>	<u>MOVE 2</u>	<u>MOVE 3</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>F/HEX</u>	<u>AMMO</u>	<u>DGE</u>	<u>RAT</u>
MAJOR I. SWOTTER:	A - FO,	A - FO,	RS - FO	L9	M9	15	12	11
Dave Tant								
STONE EAGLE:	LS - FO,	LS - FO,	A - FO	K4	J3	6	1	3
Jake Cheung								

DAMAGE (DGE): None

CLOUD POSITIONS (beginning of turn 9): All move South

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| (1) D7,E7,E6,F7,F6 | (2) J13,K13,L13 | (3) J8,J7,K7 |
| (4) J16,K17,L17 | (5) N13,N12,O13,P13 | (6) D10,E10,F11,G11 |

Notes:

Note position of cloud 3 - it seemed to have gone astray by last time. I seemed to have it knocking off Jake's final point which didn't happen. Position now as is.

SOPWITH (T025DD)

'VULTURE'

TURN 31

GM: Matt Quartermain, 76 Wilwood Road, Priestwood, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 1SN

	<u>MOVE 1</u>	<u>MOVE 2</u>	<u>MOVE 3</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>F/HEX</u>	<u>AMMO</u>	<u>DGE</u>	<u>RAT</u>
LT. DEZ TROY:	RS - FO,	RS - FO,	RS - FO	N11	O12	2	4	21
<u>Martyn Ives</u>								
FLYER TUCK:	NMR! A,A,A - no firing			I12	J12	16	8	89
<u>Richard Morris</u>								

DAMAGE (DGE): None

CLOUD POSITIONS (beginning of turn 32): All move North

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|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| (1) K8,L7,L8,M7,M8 | (2) Gone forever | (3) M14,N15,N14 |
| (4) G10,H11,I11 | (5) Gone forever | (6) O11,O12,P13,P14 |

PRESS:

Dez Troy drags himself back behind the controls and chuckles to himself. Whoops! he thinks.

Dez Troy - Luton Airport: Nope.

SOME THOUGHTS ON DIPLOMACY
By Rowland Goodman

I make no claim to be a particularly good Diplomacy player, but partly in response to a suggestion made by Tom, I present a few of my thoughts. These divide for present purposes into two camps.

Playing Italy:

To play Italy, you cannot skimp on letters to other players, and if they don't write back, phone them up. Having said that, is there any country where you don't need to do this?

My maxims are:

- i) You can't win if France and Austria are allied against you.
- ii) You're doing something wrong if at the end of 1901, you haven't got either Trieste, or Greece.
- iii) Since all the other players know this, occasionally the above maxims can be disregarded.

It is my belief that the best moves for Italy in Spring 1901, is: A(Ven)-Tri, A(Rom)-Ven, F(Nap)-ION.

This combination of moves is a disaster for Austria, because A(Tri) can then be used to disrupt the Austrian moves. This is far more dangerous to Austria than taking one of his centres in the Autumn. The big problem is that it is so easy to counter, thus it can only be used occasionally.

Greece is a useful centre to get in 1901, because you are bound to get Tunis in 1902. If Austria wants a deal with Italy, then Italy ought to get Greece.

Russia, incidently makes a marvellous ally, having good reason to want to destroy Austria, Turkey and Germany, who all happen to be within Italy's reach. Thus an alliance with Russia, is an alliance to keep..

France is much less dangerous than she looks. Even in the worst case of France having a fleet on the southern coast of Spain, and building one in Marseilles, it takes them two moves to get into a position to threaten a home centre, by which time you may well have some more builds.

Having said all this, the only time I've won, was in a face to face game as Italy. Forgetting to be my usual tactless self, I moved: A(Ven)-Pie, A(Rom)-Ven, F(Nap)-ION.

This pleased the Austrians, as it meant that I was going to attack France, so he supported me into Greece (as did the Turks). I told the French that I had not expected to arrive in Piedmont, because the Austrians had warned me that A(Mar) was going there. This, of course, was a 'Fib'.

In the Autumn: A(Pie)-Mar, A(Ven)-Tri, F(Nap)-Gre. Result 3 builds. A bit of trading gave Marseilles back to the French, but I was strong enough to attack (with Russian help) first Austria then Turkey.

General:

I regard Diplomacy as a game between 7 countries: while obviously the players are important, I think that it is quite wrong to let other things outside the game intrude on play. Thus I do not approve of linking the results of different games (if you help me in game A, I'll support you in game B).

The problem is where do you draw the line. I would suggest that if any one gets a letter that they regard as an example of this, they should send a photocopy of it to the GM to publish. That way other players can judge for themselves. I do think that advice of other player's characters in other games is a good thing to get, and to give.

All this depends on your outlook. If the players are primary, and the countries secondary, then none of the above holds water.

Similarly I feel that signing over your pieces to another player in the same game is bad form, as are NMRs. If a player drops out, why not get a replacement, but let him give no orders in his first turn, thus giving the other players a chance to redeploy. (c.f. Machiavelli, when a player's units NMR for one turn after an assassination - yes I know it's still the same player). Anyone who forges another player's orders should be thrown out of the game, since this is like being in league with the GM.

I'm not very keen on prizes, as they only lead to professionalism, as in Bowls and Snooker, and just about everything else. We don't want Zola Budds of Diplomacy, Unless a prize is reasonably big, it's not worthwhile anyway.

I prefer players to write long letters to explain their reasoning, and I quite like to discuss matters other than Diplomacy. In life, so many people are so tactful, that nobody knows where they stand. They have to guess what the code means. "Good, great job!" can mean, from some people, anything from marginally satisfactory, to, splendid, and that is leaving out the sarcasm. Also many people do not 'pick up' on sarcasm, while others mistake praise for sarcasm. "I can only think you are making fun of me..." can be a distressing reply to a serious exposition of beliefs, even if those beliefs were proffered in an entertaining fashion.

Good players do not mind being called naive and simplistic nor any other reasoned criticism. If one's moves seem absurd, does it hurt to be told so? Bad moves can be good moves if they have the desired effect.

It might be gathered from this that I am a tactless player, who writes long (and hopefully simple) explanations on occasions. As far as I can see the only country that has to tell a lot of lies initially, is Italy.