

DIB DIB DIB

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John Piggott esp.
Wins ~~Zine~~ ^{Gladys} ~~fall~~, due
to lack of
competition.



Welcome to the 63rd issue of Dib Dib Dib - a zine dedicated to games, games players, loonies, but mostly, to the civilised game of Diplomacy. The cost is a fixed rate of 45p per issue in the UK and 28p + postage overseas. Send money, to Tom Tweedy, 29 Stanley Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks., HP7 9BD. Tel. 02403 4513. Electronic Mailbox ID: BT GOLD 72:MAG100056

EDITORIAL

Still no luck so far with the house hunting. There was a couple of possibles out Chipping Norton/Witney way. In actual fact one was in Asthall Leigh, about 4½ miles west of Witney. The house sounded quite nice, 4 bedrooms, stone-mullioned windows, study, dining/kitchen and 6 acres. What in fact greeted us was absolutely horrifying. Turning down the 'road' leading into the 'pleasant little hamlet' all of a sudden it was as if we had dropped out of the civilised world and travelled back into the dark ages. The road was so narrow and twisted I swear it was merely a toboggan-run. There was only just enough room for the car to get through - no way could we have turned around.

The narrow strip of tarmac twisted down into a dull, wet and darkish valley. Perhaps it was merely shaded. It seemed as though the sun had never ever reached the valley floor. Nothing moved in the community as we slowly drove through, not even a dog. The church was closed and blank looking, the sort of blank look you find in abandoned houses, and was made from the same dark grey stone as the rest of the village buildings which crowded the thin main road. We quickly passed the house, barely giving it a look. This wasn't for us. You know what? The whole place put me in mind of that story, 'Harvest Home'; a Bette Davies horror film of a strange cliquish isolated village that practised human sacrifice. Urghh! The road came out of the other side of the village a further half mile on - we drove as fast as we could manage it to get ~~out of there and back into the sunlight. Me, superstitious? Never!~~

The other place was at Milton-under-Wychwood, which wasn't too bad except it right next to the public playground. I didn't fancy that either. So, it's back to the estate agents...

So what else is new...? well first I must begin here by rectifying a mistake. In John Cavanagh's article last issue, 'ELECTRONIC MAIL - a medium for Diplomacy?', there was a couple of printing errors. These came about because I let Jan type the article in and I was too lazy to proof read it myself afterwards. The mistakes were about the modem speeds (bps), 120 should have read 1200, 30 should have read 300, and 7.5 should have been 75. In case this leaves potential modem buyers even more confused, 'bps' (bits per second) and baud rates, although not quite the same, are near enough for arguments sake to be taken in the same context. The British Telecom standards for the average modems are: V21 = 300/300 baud (full duplex send and receive, popular with most Bulletin Boards); and V23 = 1200/74 full duplex (1200 half duplex) popular with viewdata systems like Prestel.

But, I hear you ask, why should I be bothering with all this electronic drivel so early on in my 'editorial'? Well, the fact of the matter is, Jan has finally relented and bought me a MODEM - yeah! For a mere £174 I've got the latest 'Miracle Technology WS4000 modem from the PC User group, 'Compulink' - which includes the PROCOMM communication software and 3 months free subscription to BT GOLD and Micronet 800. I say mere because it was only a couple of months ago that a V21/23 Hayes compatible Auto-answer/Auto-dial modem with software would have cost anything between £400-£500.

What with the Amstrad PC 1512 costing £499 and the Miracle modem costing £174 (this includes VAT incidently for the modem), it seems more likely that electronic mail will come into its own with the average home and hobby member. Some might say, who could afford £673 or thereabouts on a computer? Well I've heard enough people saying things like that, who would think absolutely nothing of spending £1000+ on their favourite yearly fling on the Costa del

Whatsit - or some other ghastly resort. Give up the holiday I say... get a computer and modem and drag your hobby into the 21st Century.

Anyway, now is the time I think to compile some sort of list. I'm interested in seeing just how many hobby members we have; linked up to EMAIL systems. So, with this in mind, COULD OTHER EDITORS PLEASE ADVERTISE WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO? Anyone that's interested in playing games via Electronic Mail to get in touch with me, giving the details listed below:-

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* In order to establish the requirements for diplomacy played via EMAIL, if *
* anybody is interested please write in with details of which service you *
* use (e.g. BT GOLD, Micronet etc) and your mail ID. Please also indicate if *
* you subscribe to telex facilities. *
* *
* Service _____ *
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* Mail ID. _____ *
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* Telex Incoming _____ Outgoing _____ *
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Of course this won't affect my postal hobby one iota, it may even enhance it to some extent - certainly it must speed up communication, and therefore, the games. It is interesting to note (for possible GM's) that you can send the same letter/adjudication to up to 500 different addresses on the same host system but only pay one transmission charge! Not bad.

Of course, once I have a few names, format will have to be worked out. How would one go about presenting these games? Would it be in the format of an electronic magazine, or merely a speeded up duplicated magazine with an easy turnaround of, one to two weeks? This would have to be thrashed out at some later date - perhaps in a questionnaire. So far, with just Dib subscribers I have:-

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Mailbox ID</u>
John Cavanagh:	BT GOLD	83:NTG333
Tom Tweedy :	BT GOLD	72.MAG1.00056 ((Actually BT GOLD's MicroLink))
John Bycroft :	BT GOLD	83:IC0051 (That's 'i-see-oh-zero-five-one')
Bob Watson :	PRESTEL	914693891

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JOTTO Turn 1-3

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MICHELE MORRIS: 1ST 122111; 2ND 211234; 3RD 113311
MIKE CLOSE      : 1ST 121221; 2ND 211010; 3RD 212333
STEVE THOMAS   : 1ST 322101; 2ND 220131; 3RD 123323
KATH COLLMAN   : 1ST 331221; 2ND 112112; 3RD 111111
ROSIE ROBERTS  : 1ST 322211; 2ND 121133; 3RD 201313

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So, so far the prize £2.50!! A lot of money seeing as it comes straight back out from the Dib treasury! Anyway, there is still room for a few more lucky players. If you are interested, let me have your names in time for next issue along with four guesses so you can catch up. The gamefee is 75p with 50p going towards a prize. And the rules...

I choose six words from the Chambers dictionary, each word will be six letters long. Each month you send in one word and I then score each letter against each of my six words. For instance, if you submitted DETOUR and the six secret words were: RESORT, BASKET, GENTLE, PRIEST, MORTAR, BOTTLE the scores would be: 4, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3 respectively. Obvious aim is to find all six words. When you think you know all six words you may take a guess at them (you must guess all six) - but you must get ALL six right! Get one wrong and you're out. Plurals are accepted. Anagrams of the secret words are accepted.

THE 1986 ZINE POLL

WELL, I was wrong, it looks as though I'll yet be late publishing the Zine Poll proper. John is releasing the results in a couple of days time at MIDCON. So if you're there, you'll read them before me. To cover what I know already, I publish the following letter, and table of wins since the Poll began:-

JOHN PIGGOTT: "I am afraid the Zine Poll results are not yet ready. There have been various delays - some of my own making, some not - and in addition the work is a good deal more time-consuming than I anticipated. I have still not finished work on the preference matrix, which will feature comparisons of 43 zines (that means there will be 2709 separate figures in the completed matrix, not including totals - count 'em). I am now hoping to dish out the full details and results at Midcon, which thanks to the TSB share offer I can actually afford to attend.

Overall the Poll has been a great success. I received 195 sets of votes, which considering the exclusion of the European zines (which accounted for one-third of the votes last year) is a better turn-out than Walkerdine achieved. Bruce Linsey received 211 for his American Poll, so we're within striking distance...! 53 people voted for DIB, placing you in 6= position in this particular contest. I am grateful to all of them."

| Poll No. 1         | 2             | 3             | 4             | 5              |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Pos.: Jan 1974     | Jun 1974      | Mar 1975      | May 1976      | Apr 1977       |
| 1st Ethil the F.   | Dolchstoss    | Dolchstoss    | Chimaera      | Chimaera       |
| 2nd Mad Policy     | Mad Policy    | Mad Policy    | 1901 a.a.t.   | 1901 a.a.t.    |
| 3rd Dolchstoss     | Orion         | 1901 a.a.t.   | Mad Policy    | Jigsaw         |
| 4th 1901 a.a.t.    | 1901 a.a.t.   | Fifth Column  | Jigsaw        | Dolchstoss     |
| 5th War Bulletin   | Frigate       | Hyperion      | Trojan Horse  | Rats...        |
| 6th Grafeti        | Fifth Column  | Greatest Hits | Ad Nauseam    | Mad Policy     |
| 7th Frigate        | Comet         | War Bulletin  | Bumm          | Greatest Hits  |
| 8th Our 'Enry      | Hannibal      | Relief        | He's Dead Jim | Ad Nauseam     |
| 9th S of Bellicus  | War Bulletin  | Lemming Expr  | Rocinante     | Trojan Horse   |
| 10th Hannibal      | Ct. Circular  | Frigate       | Dolchstoss    | PTN            |
| Poll No. 6         | 7             | 8             | 9             | 10             |
| Pos.: Apr 1978     | Jun 1979      | Jul 1980      | Jun 1981      | Jul 1982       |
| 1st Dolchstoss     | Greatest Hits | Greatest Hits | Greatest Hits | Ode            |
| 2nd Ethil the F.   | PTN           | F of Eagles   | PTN           | Greatest Hits  |
| 3rd Chimaera       | Chimaera      | PTN           | NMRI          | F of Eagles    |
| 4th Lemming Expr   | Megalomania   | NMRI          | Chimaera      | The Acolyte    |
| 5th New Statsman   | Mr Gladgrind  | Chimaera      | F of Eagles   | NMRI           |
| 6th Tinamou        | F of Eagles   | Putty Riffo   | Persp Dreams  | W Your Back    |
| 7th Jigsaw         | Filibuster    | P. Victory    | Ripping Yarns | Dib Dib Dib    |
| 8th 1901 a.a.t.    | Pigmy         | Magalomania   | Putty Riffo   | H of the Brave |
| 9th PTN            | Gallimaufry   | Tinamou       | Ode           | Chantecler     |
| 10th Greatest Hits | Tinamou       | Filibuster    | P. Victory    | Chimaera       |

| Poll No. 11        | 12           | 13             |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Pos.: Aug 1983     | Aug 1984     | Aug 1985       |
| 1st Greatest Hits  | Hopscotch    | Mad Policy     |
| 2nd Mad Policy     | NMRI         | Dolchstoss     |
| 3rd The Acolyte    | Mad Policy   | H of the Brave |
| 4th NMRI           | Die Pop-Rev  | Hopscotch      |
| 5th Denver Glont   | Dolchstoss   | Zeeby          |
| 6th Hopscotch      | Cut & Thrust | Denver Glont   |
| 7th Ode            | The Acolyte  | Greatest Hits  |
| 8th H of the Brave | Church Mouse | War & Peace    |
| 9th Lokasenna      | M Die Spuhl  | Ode            |
| 10th 20 Years On   | TTYF         | Cut & Thrust   |

So, Dib coming =6th just isn't too bad as far as I'm concerned. Last year Dib came 13th (19th the year before that); coming 13th out of a total of 85 listed zines. As for voting comparisons: 1983 had 224 voters, 1984 had 258, 1985 248 voted. This year, according to John, 195 sets of votes were received - but as John points out, that's without the Europeans. Last year 40 people voted for Dib, this year 53 people voted. That's better. My thanks to all who voted for me!!

'Lamfhada' (1983EE)

Spring 1915

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## RESISTANCE TO RUSSIA STARTING TO CRUMBLE FAST!

AUSTRIA (James Cowie) A(Smy)-Con, [[A(Ser) S A(Smy)-Con]] ((IMPOSSIBLE)),  
 A(Alb)-Tri, A(Bud) S A(Vie), \*A(Vie) S A(Bud)  
 FRANCE (Alan Sharples) F(Pic)-Bre, F(Por)-Spa-sc, F(IRI) S RUSSIAN F(MAO)  
 GERMANY (R.J. Lampard) A(Ruh)-Bur  
 ITALY (Paul Donley) NMR! Has: A(Ven), A(Rom), F(Bre), A(Par), \*A(Bur),  
 \*F(Spa-sc), F(NAf), F(WMS), F(AEG), F(Gre)  
 RUSSIA (Mike Close) A(Mun) S GERMAN A(Ruh)-Bur, A(Bel) S GERMAN A(Ruh)-Bur,  
 F(NTH)-NWG, F(Hol)-NTH, F(ENC) S F(MAO), F(MAO) S  
 FRENCH F(Por)-Spa-sc, A(Tyr)-Tri, A(Gal)-Vie, A(Boh) S  
 A(Gal)-Vie, A(Ukr)-Gal, A(Rum)-Bud, F(Sev)-Rum, F(BLA)  
 S F(Sev)-Rum, A(Con)-Bul, A(Arm)-Smy

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Vie) dies (NRP); ITALIAN A(Bur) dies; ITALIAN F(Spa-sc) dies.

'Quadri' (1984DX)

Spring 1911

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## ITALY AND RUSSIA LINE UP ON FRANCE - A SEEMINGLY GENTLE SEASON

AUSTRIA (Anarchy) NMR!! Has: \*A(Ser)  
 FRANCE (Alan Powis) F(Swe)-Nor, F(Edi)-NWG, F(Den)-BAL, F(NTH) C  
 A(Hol)-Den, A(Hol)-Den, A(Yor)stands, A(Mun)  
 stands, A(Ruh) S A(Mun), A(Kie) S A(Mun), A(Par)-  
 Bur, A(Spa)-Gas, A(Mar)stands, F(Bre)-MAO  
 ITALY (Martin Clifford-King) A(Pie) S A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Gre) S A(Bul)-  
 Ser. A(Bul)-Ser, F(ADS)-Tri, F(ION)-Tun, F(Smy)  
 stands, F(AEG)-ION  
 RUSSIA (Richard Downes) A(Vie)-Boh, A(War)-Pru, A(Ber)stands, A(Sil) S  
 A(Ber), A(Rum)-Ukr, A(Bud)-Gal, A(Con) stands,  
 F(BLA) S A(Con), F(Nor)-NWG, F(BAR) S F(Nor)-NWG,  
 A(StP)-Nor

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Ser) dies.

## ENDGAME PROPOSAL:

- (a) =1st I/F/R was defeated  
 (b) 1st F; 2nd R; 3rd I was defeated  
 (c) 1st F; 2nd I; 3rd R was defeated  
 (d) 1st F; =2nd I/R was defeated. A proposal has be REPRPOSED: =1st I/F/R  
 ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

'Setanta' (1984BF)

Autumn 1909

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## RUSSIA GRINDS FORWARD, SLOWLY, WITH TURKEY NIBBLING AT HIS HEELS

ENGLAND (Anarchy) Has: F(Lpl)  
 FRANCE (Robert Lozynskyj) A(Yor) S ITALIAN F(Edi), F(Lon)-NTH, F(ENC)-Bel,  
 \*F(NTH)-HEL, A(Hol)-Ruh, \*A(Kie)-Mun  
 ITALY (Alan Powis) A(Bur)-Par, F(TYS)-WMS, F(Edi) S RUSSIAN F(Nor)-NTH,  
 A(Pie)-Mar, A(Ven)-Pie, A(Apu)-Ven, F(ION)-Gre  
 RUSSIA (Paul Finch) F(NWG) S ITALIAN F(Edi), F(Nor)-NTH, F(Den) S  
 A(Ber)-Kie, F(HEL) S A(Ruh)-Hol, A(Ruh)-Hol, A(Ber)-  
 Kie, A(Mun) S A(Ber)-Kie, A(Mos)-Sev, A(Ukr) S  
 A(Rum), A(Gal) S A(Rum), A(Rum) S A(Bud)-Ser,  
 A(Bud)-Ser, A(Tri) S A(Bud)-Ser  
 TURKEY (Victor Hall) A(Arm)-Sev, F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Sev, F(Bul-ec)-Rum,  
 F(AEG) S A(Gre), A(Gre) S A(Ser), \*A(Ser) S ITALIAN  
 A(Ven)-Tri

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Retreats: FRENCH F(NTH)-ENC; FRENCH A(Kie) dies; TURKISH A(Ser)-Alb

ENDGAME PROPOSALS:

- (a) =1st R/I/F; 4th T was defeated
- (c) 1st R; =2nd I/F/T was defeated
- (c) =1st I/F; 3rd R; 4th T was defeated
- (d) 1st I; =2nd R/F; 4th T was defeated
- (e) =1st R/I/F/T was defeated
- (f) 1st R; 2nd I; 3rd T; 4th F was defeated

NEW proposals have been put forward:-

- (a) =1st R/I/F/T
- (b) 1st R; 2nd I; 3rd T; 4th F
- (c) 1st R; =2nd I/F/T

((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

Winter 1909 Adjustments:

|                                                |                        |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| ENG: Lpl                                       | = 1 No Change          |
| FRA: Bre, (Par), Por, Spa, Bel, Lon, Hol       | = 6 Builds: F(Bre)     |
| ITA: Rom, Ven, Tun, Edi, (Tri), Nap, Mar + Par | = 7 No Change          |
| RUS: Mos, War, StP, Swe, Nor, Vie, Bud, Den;   |                        |
| Kie, Ber, Mun, (Sev), Ser + Rum, Tri           | = 14 Builds: F(StP-nc) |
| TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Bul, Gre, (Rum) + Sev      | = 6 No Change          |
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PRESS:

Russian (Govt) - World: Who's fooling who?

Roma - Brest: Sorry Rob, but you have not done anything you said you were going to do for the past couple of seasons. How long do you expect me to go along with you when clear second seems so inviting?

LUTUN AIRPORT: C'mon fellas let's fight it out till the death. Lots of blood, arguments - yeah that's what the game is all about.

France (Govt) - Russia Italy & Turkey: Gentlemen, upon resolution of this season's moves, one of the foregoing results will be the ultimate conclusion of this game (as it has been since Autumn, 1902). Can we consider calling it a day?

Roma - Moscow: O.K. Alright. I own up. I lied.

Moscow - Roma: It's OK. I can take it standing up (problem was I lying down at the time!).

'Taranis' (1985BG)

Spring 1908

[25]

ITALY ENJOYING A CAREFREE TIME, PICKING UP PIECES HERE AND THERE

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ENGLAND (Dave Lish)        | F(BAL)-Swe, F(NTH)-ENC, *F(Den)-NTH, A(Lon)-Yor                                                                                                                                                                   |
| FRANCE (Neil Parkin)       | A(Wal)-Lpl, <u>F(ENC) S A(Bel)</u> , A(Bel)stands, <u>F(MAO)-</u><br><u>WMS, A(Ruh) S GERMAN A(Ber)-Mun, A(Bur)-Mar</u>                                                                                           |
| GERMANY (Luke Clutterbuck) | <u>A(Ber)-Mun, A(Swe)-Den, F(Kie) S A(Swe)-Den, F(Hol)</u><br><u>S F(Kie), A(Nor)stands, A(StP) S RUSSIAN A(Mos)</u>                                                                                              |
| ITALY (David Abbott)       | <u>F(NWG)-NAO, F(Tun)-WMS, F(WMS)-Spa-sc, F(GOL) S</u><br><u>F(WMS)-Spa-sc, A(Ven)-Pie, F(Nap)-ION, F(Gre)-Bul-</u><br><u>sc, A(Rom)-Apu, A(Mun)-Bur, A(Sev)-Rum, A(War) S</u><br><u>A(Gal), A(Gal) S A(War).</u> |
| RUSSIA (Ulf Jiretorñ)      | <u>A(Pru)-War, A(Mos) S A(Pru)-War, F(BLA) C A(Ank)-</u><br><u>Rum, A(Ank)-Rum</u>                                                                                                                                |
| TURKEY (Ken Haywood)       | <u>F(Smy)-AEG, F(Con)-Ank</u>                                                                                                                                                                                     |

Retreats: ENGLISH F(Den)-HEL

COA: David Abbott, Room 2, 10 Springfield Mount, Leeds, LS2 9ND

ENDGAME PROPOSALS:

- (a) 1st I; =2nd F/G/R; =5th E/T
- (b) 1st I; 2nd G; 3rd R; 4th T; 5th R; 6th F ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

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PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - England: Dave, your orders cut it a bit fine. It might be a good idea to post them a little earlier.

LUTON AIRPORT - Luke: Dunno about the differing times Dib reaching you. Perhaps your backwoods Australian Pony Express is at fault. Mayhap one day (week?) your postman comes into town on a company nag (kangeroo?), and other times he's lucky to get the thoroughbred. And yes, I AM bribing the postmistress... with my body. And no, you can't have a cut! How disgusting.

Italy - France: Nothing personal guv! Actually, if you survive this, how about an alliance...?

Russia - Turkey: The worst thing is that I agree with you as far as the S07 moves are concerned.

The Pastisimo - Down Under: Moi - megalomaniac? Never! The story about me having photographs of myself covering my entire room are all damned lies (when I heard it, it referred to a certain T. Tweedy Esq), ((Wot! you have photographs of ME all over your room?!)) and I only have two Napoleon-style hats. Anyway, I was entertained by your suggestion that I should become an advertising executive, though. It has certain... possibilities... (like getting posters of myself plastered all over the county on some pretext). Hmm... ((Your writing, Mr Abbott, is something akin to a chicken with a broken leg walking round the paper with a crayon tied to its other leg!))

Turkey - France: Why didn't you hand your units over to me? At least that would have made a bit of a game of it.

Italy - Germany: Happy?

Russia - France: Do you consider Italy's A07 moves as friendly too?

'Uther' (1985DV)

Autumn 1906

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THE JUGGERBIT WINS SOME, AND LOSES SOME - A NICELY BALANCED GAME

|                            |                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ENGLAND (Piers Shepperson) | F(Den) S A(Nor)-Swe, F(SKA) S A(Nor)-Swe, A(Nor)-Swe, F(NTH)-Nor, F(BAR)-Nor                                                                    |
| FRANCE (Danial Brooks)     | F(Bre)-MAO, A(Gas)-Mar, F(GOL) S A(Gas)-Mar, F(WMS) S F(GOL), F(NAF) S F(WMS), A(Ruh)-Mun, A(Bur) S A(Ruh)-Mun                                  |
| GERMANY (James Cowie)      | F(BAL) S A(Ber), A(Ber) S A(Kie), A(Kie) S A(Ber)                                                                                               |
| ITALY (Anarchy)            | Has: F(Nap)                                                                                                                                     |
| RUSSIA (Kris Morris)       | F(StP-nc) S A(Swe)-Nor, *A(Swe)-Nor, F(GOB)-BAL, A(Mos) S F(StP-nc), A(Pru)-Ber, A(Sil) S A(Pru)-Ber, A(Boh) S A(Mun), A(Mun)stands, A(Pie)-Mar |
| TURKEY (Kath Collman)      | F(Tun)stands, F(ION) S F(Tun), F(TYS)-GOL, F(Tus) S F(TYS)-GOL, A(Rom)-Apu, A(Tyr) S RUSSIAN A(Mun), F(AEG)-Gre, A(Tr1)stands, A(Alb)stands     |

Retreats: RUSSIAN F(Swe)-Fin

COA: Piers Shepperson, 16 Humberston Road, Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 2SZ

Winter 1906 Adjustments:

|                                                          |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor, Swe + Den                       | = 6 Builds: A(Edi)  |
| FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa, Bel, (Mun)                 | = 6 Disbands F(MAO) |
| GER: Kie, Hol, (Den) + Ber                               | = 3 No Change       |
| ITA: Nap                                                 | = 1 No Change       |
| RUS: StP, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Bud, Vie, (Ber), Ven + Mun | = 9 No Change       |
| TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tun, Tr1, Rom         | = 9 No Change       |

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PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - Piers: Check your credit.

Germany - England & France: I really must apologise to you both for lack of communication, I'm not normally this quiet. I've just bought a house and I'm busy decorating it, that's why you haven't heard from me for a while. I hope

(Uther press cont'd....)

you won't be too annoyed at my lack of manners.

Tsarina Sultana (part 1): Why? What do you think he keeps there? His false teeth perhaps?

France (Govt) - England: How about giving me London so that I can hold off the Turks in the Med?

Kath - Kris: What do you mean, people will talk? I though they already were.

Tsar - LUTON AIRPORT: I told you not to tell anyone about the J-----. Now you've ruined the element of surprise! ((Surprise? Why the Juggernaut is about as subtle as using a Morris letter to create a 'small' letter column!))

Turkey - Russia: I do sympathise. It's murder when one's wife monopolises the word processor and one is forced back on one's own illegibility. Now I know the problems you face trying to decipher my letters. ((Yeah, not to mention the poor ol' GM))

Tsarina - Sultana (part 2): Yours might not fancy it but mine does.. Is yours any good at hanging mirror tiles (on the ceiling)?

OFFICIAL PUBLIC WARNING: The Tsar intends to pay a state visit to a certain gaming convention in the near future. We strongly advise all participants to take suitable precautions, especially if he wears what he says he's going to wear! ((Oh dear, he won't tell anyone he's a Dib subscriber, will he?))

Germany - Juggernaut: OK I've warned you often enough - you're for it now. ((That's what I like to see... misguided, or maybe misplaced guts.))

Rupert - Turkey: If I do growl, what then? ((Then, bruno, you might be biting off more than you can chew!))

Germany - Tom: Please let the postman bring some good news this time. ((I tell you what to do, James, if you execute all the messengers that bring you bad news, it stands to reason in the end you'll only be left with messengers bearing good news, right? These ancient Romans certainly had the right idea.))

Russia - Germany: So England takes Denmark again does he, at least I vacated Berlin for you, does that make me an ally?

Tsar - Anon: A harmless Frenchman? don't be silly.

Kris - Kath: Yes, but it's more fun doing it with someone. ((God knows what these two are going on about - NO, AND I DON'T WANT TO KNOW!))

'Vortigern' (1985GA)

Autumn 1906

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TURKEY GIVES AUSTRIA THE SHORT, SHARP, SHOCK TREATMENT - OUCH!

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AUSTRIA (John Piggott)   | A(Tyr)-Pie, A(Rom) S F(Nap), A(Tri)-Ven, F(Alb)-Gre, *A(Rum)-Sev, A(Ser)-Rum, A(Gal) S A(Ser)-Rum, A(Ukr): S A(War)-Mos, A(War)-Mos, F(Nap) S F(Tun)-ION, F(Tun)-ION |
| ENGLAND (Michele Morris) | [[A(StP) S RUSSIAN A(Mos)], A(Fin)stands, F(NTH)-Den, F(Nor)-SKA, F(NWG)-Nor                                                                                         |
| FRANCE (Bob Watson)      | A(Bel)stands, *A(Ruh)stands, A(Bur) S A(Ruh), F(Mar)-Pie, F(WMS)stands, F(TYS)-GOL                                                                                   |
| GERMANY (Alan Frost)     | *F(Den)-NTH, F(HEL)-Hol, A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Kie) S A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Mun) S A(Hol)-Ruh                                                                                        |
| RUSSIA (Per Von Gavel)   | A(Sev) S TURKISH A(Bul)-Rum, *A(Mos)-Ukr, F(Swe) S ENGLISH F(NTH)-Den                                                                                                |
| TURKEY (Jon Moss)        | F(ION)-Gre, F(AEG) S F(ION)-Gre, A(Bul)-Rum, F(BLA) S A(Bul)-Rum                                                                                                     |

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Rum)-Bud; FRENCH A(Ruh) dies (NRO); GERMAN F(Den) dies (NRO); RUSSIAN A(Mos)-Lvn

ENDGAME PROPOSALS:-

- 1st A; =2nd G/E/F; =5th T/R was defeated
- 1st A; =2nd G/E/F/T; 6th R was defeated

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