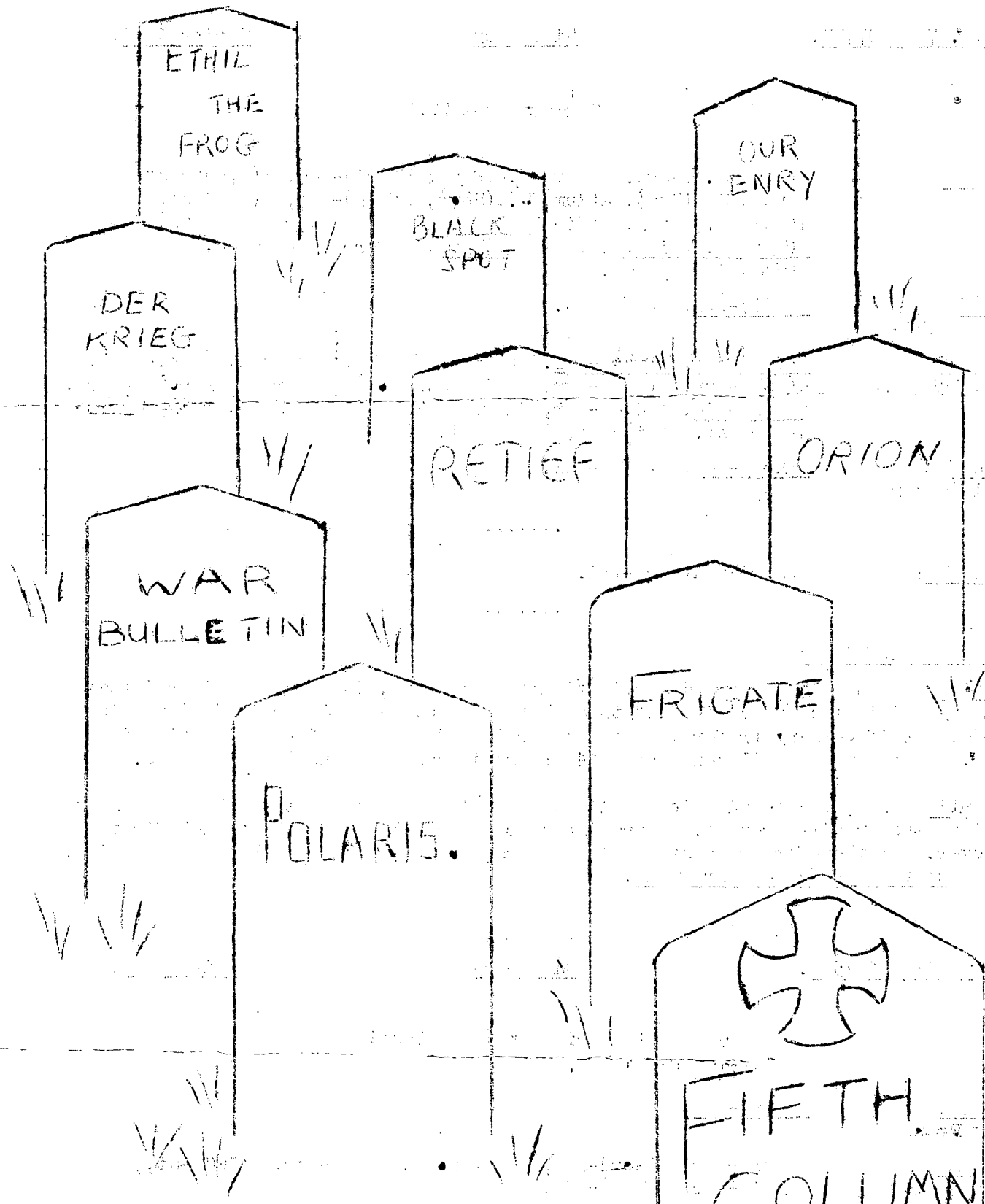


"En toute chose il faut considerer la fin"

- Jean de la Fontaine.



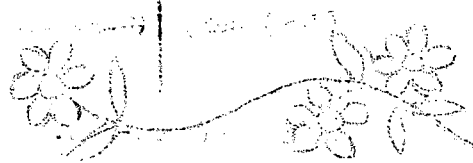
For the final, sob, time, sob
 this masterpiece, boo, is brought, hoo,
 to you from the quivering fingers of;
 Richard Scott, Desscot, Kingwood Comm-
 on, Henley on Thames, Oxon, (Tel:
 Rotherfield Greys 285).

Anyone seen my brown case?

No.

"They say he made a good end."

- Hamlet



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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY:

Woodpecker: Righto chaps, you can all swop into my dippy zine now. It's much better than this Fifth Column rubbish. Name of ~~WETA~~, ~~WETA~~, ~~WETA~~, sod it. Irish Free Press.

Atlantis: Latest news from Zaire is that because of the Angolan situation Sellick has been declared redundant. He informs me that he may well be going to South Africa before coming home but is willing to carry on the game if at all possible. I will be sending this issue to his address in Zaire and with luck he'll be able to meet the next deadline since it will be another long one I'm afraid.

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N.G.C. 121 1975DE.

Diplomacy

Spring 1905.

'All change!!'

ENGLAND F(Pic)-Bre, F(ENG)-Lon, F(Nor)-StPnc, F(Por)-Spa sc.
Nicky Palmer

FRANCE A(Gas) S.A(Mar), A(Mar) S.A(Gas), F(Wal) st.
Richard Hucknall

GERMANY F(BAR)-Nor, A(Ber)-Kie, A(Sil)-Mun, F(Swe) S.F(BAR)-Nor,
Roger Kitchener A(Par)-Pic, A(Mun)-Bur, F(Bel)-NTH, A(Bur)-Par.

ITALM A(Pie)-Mar, F(Gre)-AEG, F(Spa)sc S.A(Pie)-Mar,
Mike Nicholas A(Tyr)-Vie, A(Tri)-Ser, A(Alb) S.A(Tri)-Ser, F(ION) S.F(Gre)-AEG.

RUSSIA A(Mos) S.A(StP), A(War) st, A(Vie)-Tri, A(Bud) S.A(Vie)-Tri,
Andy Burton A(Rum) S.A(Bud), A(StP) st, F(Sev)-BLA,

TURKEY F(Smy)-EMS, F(AEG) S.A(Ser)-Cre, A(Ser)-Gre, A(Arm)-Sev,
Roy Taylor A(Bul) S.A(Ser)-Gre.

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RETREATS: Turkish F(AEG)-Smy.
English F(Nor)-NWG.

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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY:

For Hire: One fleet, 1975 model, only one owner. Good condition throughout, reasonable knottage, colour; powder blue with matching interior. May be viewed by appointment at its temporary anchorage in the British Isles. All serious offers considered but greasy Italian Wops need not bother applying.

England to France: Down with vampire-press-stealers! I'll swear I've seen that last one somewhere else.

England to Italy: Sorry, but after those letters you wrote to Germany you can hardly expect me to believe you now. I believe in turning the other cheek, but I don't have three cheeks.

Atlantis: See back page for details of deadlines etc.

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reams of white foolscap - offers?

1 immaculate Gestetner 300
3/4 years old, manual, inking £40
control, counter, auto feed.

130 stencils, 5/6p each depending on
quantity desired - Kores to fit Roneo
and Gestetner.

N.G.C. 107v.

Third Age II

II Ringare 3018.

'GM prays for quick end!'

ERIADOR

Paul Willey

F(Isn) S.A(Min), A(Gwy)-Ene, A(Mor) S.=2A(GF)-Lor,
A(Min) S.F(Isn), A(SDo)-Gwy, A(Hol)-MM, =2A(GF)-Lor,
A(Igd) S.F(Isn), A(Wea)-Ett, A(GMo) S.A(Iro), A(Iro) S.A(GMo),
A(Dun) S.F(Isn), F(IBF)-WES, A(Rhu) S.A(Hol), MM,
A(Gun) S.A(GMo).

GONDOR

Greg Hawes

=4A(Nin)-Udu, A(Gap)-Igd.

RHOVANION

~~Dave Röss~~

A(And) S.=2A(Ere)-GMo, =2A(Ere)-GMo, A(SMi) S.A(DG),
~~A(Mir) S.=2A(Ere)-GMo, A(Bar) S.Gondor =4A(Nin)-Udu,
A(DG) S.A(And).~~

ROHAN

David Noble

A(Wol)-WEM, =2A(Cel)-Wol.

MORDOR

Alan Sedgwick

3A(NIT)-MMo, A(Udu) st, 2A(Rau) st, A(Lor) st,

UMBAR

Mike Nicholas

F(Lef)-Isn, F(MED) S.F(Lef)-Isn, A(MSh) S.A(MMo),
F(Anf)-Lef, A(Edo) S.F(Lef)-Isn, A(FM) S.A(MMo),
A(Sit)-Nit, A(MTi) S.A(Sit)-Nit, F(SJU)-SUm, F(WES)-Min,
A(SGo)-Sit, A(Cai) S.A(Sit)-Nit, A(Har)-Kha, =2A(Eas)-WEM,
A(MMo) S.A(Sit)-Nit.

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RETREATS:

Mordor A(Lor)-Fan.
Eriador F(Isn) eliminated - no retreat space available.
Eriador A(GMo) eliminated - no retreat space available.
Mordor 3A(NIT)-Nin.
Mordor A(Udu)-Dag.

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STATE OF THE NATIONS:

Eriador	Eve Shi Lhu Bra Riv Ang Mor Igd + Lor	Builds F(Lhu)	for 14.
Gondor	Arn Hol Rhd Min MWa GMo Isn		
Rhovonion	Wol, Edp + Udu	Removes A(Gap)	for 1.
Rohan	Ere Car Run And SMi DG Bar + GMo	Builds A(Ere)	for 08.+
Mordor	Cel Wol S i	No change	for 2.
Umbar	2A(Rau) Nit GF 1/6/	Removes A(Dag) A(Fan)	for 2.
	Cit HUM Hrd Hdw SGo Anf MMo	Isn Edo Builds A(Hrd) A(Hdw)	
	MTi MSh Kha Sth Sit Cai Eas Lam + Nit WEM	A(Cit) F(HUM)	for 19.

(+ = 1 short)

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WHAT THE PALANTIRS SAY:

Atlantis: Greg will have to remove the Ring next move unless he wants to become a permanent 4A (at present he's a 3A but a 4A against Mordor).

Now to the various proposals to end the game; 1. A 5-way draw with all players except Mordor or 2. =1st Umbar Eriador; 3rd Rhovanion, =4th Gondor and Rohan. Mordor is unable to share in any draw.

I would like all players to vote as to whether they wish to terminate the game and if they do, by which method. Please state if you agree with either termination.

I need a unanimous vote for one method and if this is received the game will be deemed to have ended at the end of II Ringare with the positions as above. All players should send orders for the next season just in case.

To Umbar: Yes, you are right about the 3A/4A situation.

B.D.C. 58 1974BR.

Diplomacy

Spring 1914.

'It could be all over'

ENGLAND
 Doug Wakefield A(Bur)-Mar, A(Gas) S.F(Spa)sc, A(Liv) S.F(BAR)-StP nc,
 A(Swe)-Fin, F(Por) S.F(Spa)sc, F(Spa) sc S.A(Bur)-Mar,
 F(Ber)-BAL, F(MAO) S.F(Spa)sc, A(Nor) S.A(Swe)-Fin,
 A(Mun) S.A(Sil), A(Kie) S.A(Mun), A(Sil) st, F(IRI) S.F(MAO),
 A(Pru) S.A(Liv), F(BAR)-StP nc.

ITALY
 Alan Sedgwick F(Rum)-Sev, A(Pie) S.F(Mar), A(Gal) S.Russian A(Boh)-Sil,
 F(Nap)-ION, F(GOL) S.F(Mar), A(War) S.Russian A(Boh)-Sil,
 A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Ukr) S.A(War), F(WMS) S.F(Naf), F(Mar) st,
 A(Vie)-Boh, F(Naf) S.F(WMS), F(AEG)-Bul sc.

RUSSIA
 Graham Mills ?? A(Fin), A(StP), A(Mos), A(Boh), A(Con), A(Siev)
 All stand unordered, NMR!!

RETREATS: Russian A(Fin) disbands. No stand by will be appointed.
 Russian A(StP) disbands.

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N.G.C. 124 1975DL.

Diplomacy

Spring 1905.

'Move missers make it very easy!'

AUSTRIA:
 anarchy A(Vie) st, F(Tri) st.

ENGLAND:
 David Noble F(Por)-MAO, F(Lon)-ENG, A(Edi)-Lpl.

FRANCE
 Eddie Horsup A(Spa)-Pot, F(MAO) S.A(Spa)-Por, F(ENG)-NTH, A(Bur)-Bel,
 A(Bel)-Hol, A(Ruh) S.A(Bel)-Hol, A(Mun)-Kie.

GERMANY
 Glyn Palmer ? F(Hol), A(Den), A(Kie), A(Ber), all stand unordered
 NMR!

ITALY
 anarchy F(TYR), F(Rom), A(Ven), A(Apu) all stand.

RUSSIA
 John Herlihy A(Ser)-Tri, A(Tyr) S.A(Ser)-Tri, F(BLA)-Con, F(NTH)-ENG,
 A(Ukr)-Gal, A(Gal)-Vie, F(NWG)-NAO, A(Rum)-Bud.

TURKEY
 Derek Eastham F(AEG)-ION, F(Con)-AEG, A(Gre)-Alb, F(Smy) st,
 A(Bul)-Ser.

RETREATS: Austrian F(Tri) disbands.
 German F(Hol) eliminated - no retreat space given.
 English F(Por) eliminated - no retreat space available.

Atlantis: Details of deadlines are on the back page. Message for France, if you can't make the effort to comply with a couple of simple requests I don't seem to see why I should make the effort to run the game for you - FC isn't a charity.

Stand-bys have not been used in this game to date but perhaps it would be the only way to save this game from a rather 'dead' ending. Any decision however is the concern of the new GM - but perhaps the players could let him have any strong views on this matter one way or another.

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B.D.C. 84 1974EH.

Diplomacy

Autumn 1909.

'Draw motion defeated!

FRANCE Neil McDonald A(Naf)-Tun, A(Mar)-Pie, F(GOL) S.A(Mar)-Pie, A(Hol) st, F(NWG)-BAR, F(NAO)-NWG, F(WMS) S.A(Naf)-Tun, F(NTH) st, A(Bur) S.German A(Mun).

GERMANY Bob Grove A(Den), F(Swe), A(Kie), A(Ber), A(Mun) All stand unordered. NMR!

RUSSIA Dave Ross F(SKA)-Nor, F(Nor)-StP nc, A(Fin) S.F(Nor)-StP nc.

TURKEY Keith Morris A(Liv)-StP, A(Mos) S.A(Liv)-StP, F(BLA) C.A(Con)-Rum, A(War)-Pru, A(Sil) S.A(War)-Pru, F(TYR) C.A(Rom)-Tun, A(Ven)-Pie, A(Tyr) S.A(Ven)-Pie, F(ION) S.A(Rom)-Tun, A(Rom)-Tun, A(Nap)-S.F(TYR), A(Boh) S.A(Sil), F(AEG) st, F(Gre)-Alb, A(Con)-Rum, A(Gal)-War.

STATE OF THE NATIONS:

Table with 4 columns: Country, Members, Status, and Count. Rows include France, Germany, Russia, and Turkey with various member abbreviations and counts.

Atlantis:

Well that's that over, I suppose that the people who NMR'ed were fooled by the Thursday deadline but I have neither the time nor the inclination to wait for them. On to more important matters; all existing credit held by players in NGC 121, 124 and 120 will be transferred to your new gamesmaster (or one of them) plus any envelopes that you might have left over. Details of the deadlines will appear at the bottom of the page. The new gamesmasters will be sent all previous moves and therefore they should be contacted in the event of an error in this issue.

I would like to say congratulations to Tony Hickie who is the only person to have subscribed to FC from the very start - what a shock that must have been! There are one or more of you who have been going since issue 2 but their names pall to insignificance etc., etc... Apologies to Keith Morris, if as I suspect you also have been with me since the start. For what it's worth, I consider that more people ought to try and run a decent zine with prompt adjudications rather than spending their time creating and contributing to the petty squabbles and backbiting that seems so much part of the 'hobby' today.

I shall not be resigning from any of my games, I hope to go on playing for a little while longer and so I expect I will bump into my old subscribers from time to time!! You never know, I might even return to publishing if I find life in a monastery too hard.

DEADLINES

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N.G.C. 120

N.G.C.'s 121 & 124

B.D.C.'s 58,76,84 & N.G.C. 107v.

March 23rd to:

February 28th (1st post)

March 11th

Phil Murphy 41-43 Park Avenue, Belfast, N.Ireland.

Paul Simkins 104 Combs Hill Dewsbury W.Yorks.

To muggins here!

"The dullards envy of brilliant men is always assuaged by the suspicion that they will come to a bad end."

- Max Beerbohm.