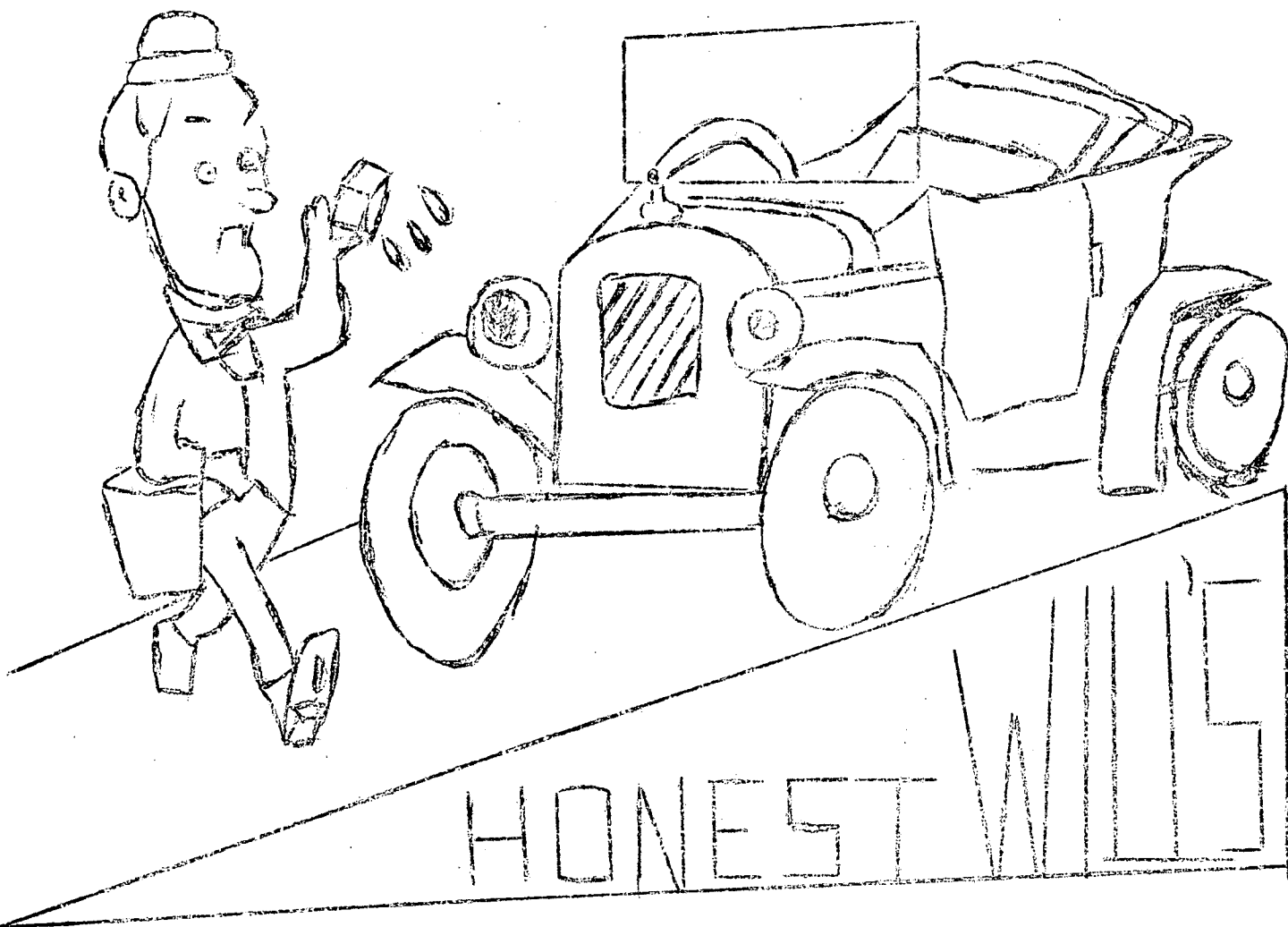


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This is Issue 11 of Hannibal produced by Dermot and Vince Dwyer, Andrew Herd and Dave Pink. It costs 2½p + Postage and is available from Andrew at 25, Austin Drive, Didsbury, Manchester M20 0BA. Hannibal runs games of postal Diplomacy and its variants. It also runs several non-diplomacy games and is accompanied, this issue by Tigger a companion zine. Most of our lists are closed but there are still some open (see inside). Articles are solicited from all subscribers and payment is by extension of subscription. For convenience we would like you to send all Hannibal related correspondence to Andrew although Dave, Vince and myself will accept orders etc. willingly

TIGGER: Enclosed with this issue of Hannibal is a flier for The Wonderful Thing About Tiggers, a new non-diplomacy zine produced by Geoff Chalinger and I. It will carry the non-regular/variant games being run in Hannibal viz. Decline and Fall, 4,000 A.D. and Sleuth(see later). Tigger is a companion zine to Hannibal and thus orders, etc. may go to any member of the Didsbury Mafia. We wish to thank the rest of the Hannibal staff for their friendly additions and their help in making all this possible (sounds like a film review uggh.....)

QUEEN VICTORIA'S FUNERAL: A new IDA genzine produced by Hartley Patterson in the absence of any initiative from anyone else. This first issue is only two sides long and contains several points on finance and orphan games schemes. Clearly this first thing is only for discussion purposes. Subscription is at the moment by IDA sub although it might be possible to obtain it separately. If soft's well worth while subbing.

Quotation Column

Will Haven, "not connected", "no such unit." "...I, quite enjoy producing a zine, especially when it is as unique as Son's." "I had to ferret around." (Oxford English?).

Pogle Austin Dreniw(Poag). "I think E is the best ~~year~~ around." "What is Truth? I am Truth. Truth is an accident...."

Geoff Chalinger. "The essence of life is silliness, all things depend on silliness and happiness is only one aspect of silliness. My aim in life is to be silly."

John C. Lettuce. "I don't do enough work".

Like the crib John?

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VARIANT BANK.

At the moment we have the following variants in the bank:-

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| (11) FEUDALISM II --13p. | (22) PINK DIPLOMACY---2p. | |

On the subject of variants the variant pole has stagnated somewhat. We have not recieved any votes for the past few months and people seem to have lost interest, henceforth the Poll is closed and no more votes will be accepted. The scheme is caput.

VARIANT POLE REOPENS !

The variant pole is reopened and all previous votes are scrapped. A new system of voting will be used, the system will be similar to the poll in Mad Policy. People vote for every variant that they have played in, are playing in or have examined in detail. They then give each variant a mark on ten, where ten represents an excellent variant (almost as good as Regular), one represents appalling variants (almost unplayable) and five represents a fair variant (playable but not starting). Please do not vote for any variant you have not played in or examined in detail.

So we expect a really good turn out and hope that we can keep you informed as the poll goes on. d.a.p.

We must apologise for this issue already, today is Saturday and by tomorrow half the staff of Hannibal will be on holiday, and as a result of this Hannibal might well be truncated this issue.

HONEST WILL'S CAR LOT.

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REGULAR GAME BALANCE

Using the first three issues of Richard Walkerdine's The Finishing Touch, and using a rating system cribbed from Hobbes' Archives, we did our bit to further advance the cause of British statistical analysis of the regular game as played postally. What we did was to take the results of all the games played postally, to date; for each country we added 1 point for each country the given country beat, and we subtracted one point for each country by which the given country was beaten - e.g. if a country (say Turkey) was 2nd, it would gain four points (it had beaten five countries (5pts) but had been beaten by one (-1pt)); a country which was last, would lose six points. The results were as follows:

Position	Country	Points
1	Germany	+21
2	England	+15
3	Turkey	0
4	France	-5
5	Russia	-6
6	Austria	-17
7	Italy	-17

Comments: Germany's leadership, we must say, surprised us. We had expected to find that France or perhaps Turkey had been doing best. However, upon reflection it would seem that Turkey and France did very well in the early games, and afterwards, people seem to have realised that these two countries were doing well, and consequently they are wary of over rapid expansion by them. Germany's main weakness, in my opinion, is a tendency to get three builds in 1901, and then to find herself faced by an Anglo-French alliance against her, because the players of those two countries are afraid that Germany will carve them up. The position of England, in second place, represents fairly, we think, the very strong defensive position of that country, and the unlikelyhood of an early exit for the English player. England's points tended to come more from second or third places, and alliance victories rather than from individual victories.

The central section of the table was, we suppose, fairly predictable, considering the evidence of the games that we are playing in. Russia was rather lower than we should have expected, but, so was France. The occupants of the lower section were also predictable. We consider that Italy is worse than Austria - as Italy, one is likely to play the game for several years, fighting a boring rearguard action against only two attackers. With Austria, on the other hand, one has a bewildering choice of potential strategies - attacks on Russia, Italy, Turkey, Germany... assorted methods for the attack - a Lepanto Key Variant opening (Hannibal (Alb) - OS in Autumn 1901 and so on. And if one is attacked as Austria, it is likely to be a quick and entertaining exit.

GAME OPENINGS a listing of all the diipyzine producers in the U.K. together with information about their zines, is now available from Andrew Herd, 35, Austin Drive, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 0FA for the price of postage.

(Small space filler). Has anybody seen Umagamma recently? Martin? It is two or more months since we last saw a copy... What is happening?? Zine efficiency in general seems to have gone down recently. Hannibal has been taking a day or two longer to produce and mail recently - last issue didn't get posted until the Thursday after the deadline; this issue will probably be produced faster. Orion will probably be about a week later than usual. Son of Bellicus has now changed to what amounts to about a nine-weekly schedule (!); Dolchstoss seems to be getting slower, and even the ultra-efficient 1901... seems to be taking an extra day to produce and the list goes on. Why? Anyone know?

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HOW WILL THE WORLD END?

(Following our policy of variegating the content of Hannibal, we now present a piece which appeared in Science Fiction News in May/June 1958 - almost 18 years ago precisely. Connoisseurs will note ...)

It was in an interview with Professor Fred Hoyle in the 'Evening Standard' that started us off again on this line of thinking. Years ago we had read a book with a similar theme, and the author gave several theories - you paid your money and took your choice.

There was, of course, the one that the man in the street favours - that the sun will brown us all to cinders one of these fine summers. This, incidentally, is the end that Hoyle predicts for certain: 'The sun will get bigger and bigger and we will get hotter and hotter, and eventually the sea will boil and the earth will just melt,' he says.

The opposite view, that the sun will get weaker and weaker and a new ice age will put an end to all, gets support from a less cheerful section of humanity.

By collision. This is good for the paying customer, obviously, having got Hollywood's attention with a film version of Philip Wylie's sf tale, 'When Worlds Collide'. But according to the American, Immanuel Velikovsky, worlds have already collided and we are still here. The Scandinavian Bergquist also wrote an ingenious account of something bumping into the earth and bouncing off again, to stand pat a little distance and become the real Satellite One - 'The Moon Puzzle' he called it.

By internal combustion. Volcanic eruptions, including Krataboa ((???) were just hiccoughs and when things really get hot in the centre, then watch it.

By flood. The polar caps are gradually melting but the process was bound to quicken up, and perhaps the only bit of dry land left would be the Yangtse valley - where, oddly enough, we all began according to certain anthropologists.

These are the 'spectaculars' - there are other and more humiliating prospects such as the earth casually slipping out of its orbit and disappearing into some nebulous sun.

Imagining the end of the world is one thing; imagining the end of life is another and easier task.

By dying out - of starvation, of overeating, of disease, of sheer reckless heathliness.

By overpopulation - this one comes up regularly. The fellow in the corner seat reckons that there are too many of us. 'All the young men ought to be sent to Australia,' is his favourite conclusion. But it finds support higher up the intellectual scale too. For instance, a few weeks ago Sir Charles Galton Darwin said at a lecture in Cambridge entitled 'The Problems of World Population': 'I have been forced to conclude that it is a problem of great importance, and it is absolutely urgent that considerations should not be postponed.' He then made what seems to be an astonishing assertion - that world population had been constant for about twenty centuries, but during the last century it had been increased by several 'explosions'. Now if he had said that the population had been increasing nicely, but some 'explosions' were being planned which would take care of things generally on the population front, then he might have approached reality. Sir Charles gloomily prophesied that there would be standing room only in the world unless something was done to check the increases in the number of people being born - round about 90,000 a day.

To come back to the question - it's more of a conundrum - how will life end? It occurred to us lately that man might eventually be suffocated by his own industrial leavings. Pollution of rivers and lakes has now gone too far to stop; pollution of the ocean will take little time to complete; utter pollution of the air (because there's plenty where that came from) may be impossible, but it gets pretty thick at times. Burying atomic waste may poison the ground. But it's the muck left lying around on top which drives us mad. We recall a cartoon in the 'Saturday Evening Post' some time ago - the caption read: 'View of the Grand Canyon showing some of the cans. These trippers get everywhere.'

((No comments needed ...))

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HONEST WILL'S USED CARS

(Prop: William Millhouse Haven)
For sale, 1971 used Son only 5 miles on the clock; free with packet of Daz one.
Also for sale - child's harness included.

HANNIBAL "BIG HEADED TURTLE" GAME ('F' GAME) 1974 AM.

SPRING 1903.

AUSTRIA (Waldie): A (Mos) S A (Gal)-War A (Ukr) S A (Gal)-War A (Gal)-War.
 A (Bud)-Gal A (Vie)-Boh A (Tri)-Tyr A (Ven)-Rom
 F (Apu) S Turkish F (IoN)-Nap
 ENGLAND (Simister) A (Nor) S A (StP)-Fin A (StP)-Fin F (Bar)-StPnc
 F (ENG)-MAO F (Lpl)-IRI
 GERMANY (Clark) A (Mun) S A (Kie)-Ber A (Kie)-Ber A (Hol)-Ruh
 A (Bur)-Par A (Bel)-Bur F (Swe) stands
 FRANCE (Challinger) F (WMS) S F (NAF)-Tun F (NAF)-Tun A (Mar)-Pie
 A (Par)-Pic A (Gas)-Par
 ITALY (Meadon) A (Rom) S F (TYS)-Nap F (TYS)-Nap. F (Tun)-IoN
 RUSSIA (Plater) A (Ber)-Mun A (War) stands
 TURKEY (Von Metzke) F (IOS)-Nap F (EMS)-IS F (AEG) S F (EMS)-IOS
 A (EHL)-Con A (Sev) S Austrian A (Mos)

Retreats RUSSIAN A (War)-Sil RUSSIAN A (Ber)-Pru

FROM OUR WANDERING BIG HEADED TURTLE

Kampala: Dis am Idi Amin ! Hello Der ! Is dat Conrad Von Messtin !.....
 ..Damn good ! Well ol\$ pal ah jus' t'ot dat ah wood giv yo' a tinkle
 to see how me blud brudder was gettin' on ovah in de impeerilulist west.....
 (yes we hav' de Chinese legashun ovah heah at de momen')...No Conrad ah don'
 wan' to invest in no acme anti-kommunist insurjunt do it yo'self kit...
 (weder it include defree thermonucleer underwar o' not !)...Okay Conrad ah settles
 fo' de kissinger peace package at two dollah fiftee cents!.....Well considerin'
 she bin on' de water an' bark diet fo' de las' few weeks shee doin' okay....
 No Conrad I don' T'ink dat yo' womun wood like it !....wot de hell is all dat noise
 der ?Oh Conrad I forgot dat de wife 'as de phone tapp'd....Who de hell's a
 thick niggah ! wot dat crap about me at de O.A.U. Konfaruns ?....yo' bin
 speekin' to Nyrere again hasn't yo' ? yo' dam white fool!! Well we all knows
 about de kock-up yo' made wid de pees talks in Jerocsalum ! fancee t'inkin'
 da t de wailin' wall wos publik urinal. Ha ; Ha ; dey callin' it de pees
 wall now well Conrad good look at de impeechmunt trial....Yeah we needin'
 good tape machine mechanics in Uganda.....

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HANNIBAL "AARDVARK" ('A' GAME) 1972TY

SPRING 1905

AUSTRIA (Challinger): A (Boh) S A (Mun) A (Mun) S A (Gal)-Sil
 A (Ukr) S Russian A (Mos)-Sev A (Gal)-Sil A (Rum)-Bul
 F (Gre)-AEG.
 ENGLAND (Sherrad): A (Yor)-Lon F (Len)-NTH F (NTH)-Nwy F (BAL) S F (NTH)-Nwy
 FRANCE (Plater): F (ENC)-MAO A (Bel) Stands A (Bur)-Gas A (Mar)-Stand
 F (MAO)-WMS.
 GERMANY (Walsh):
 ITALY (Bullock): F (Nap)-TYS A (Tus)-Ven A (Pie)-Mar F (WMS)-MAO
 F (Pcr) S F (WMS)-MAO.
 RUSSIA (Davidson): A (Mos)-Sev F (StP n.c.) S German F (Swe)-Tyr A (War)-Mos
 TURKEY (Waldie): A (Sev) S Austrian A (Ukr)-Mos F (BLA) SA (Sev)
 F (Bul s.c.) Stand A (Con) S F (Bul s.c.) F (Smy)-AEG

Retreats: French F (MAO)- Spas.c. (G.M.)

FROM OUR WANDERING AARDVARK

Paris (Govt.) Now that the Italian attempt to reach Liverpool in time to see
 them bring the cup back has failed, perhaps the football-mad Italians will
 try to attend some other occasion, such as the England game in Yugoslavia,
 especially since all the world cup tickets have been taken by the Austrians.

Carthage: Sorry about the poor typing quality Steve but this Corflu is
 quite useless being completely liquid!

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Aardvark Press contd.

Moscow. Paris Match Correspondent: The morale of the Russians has reached an all-time low, with the news that the possibility of further milk supplies has now disappeared. The Russian troops, like their Tsar, are known to rely heavily on milk as an energy source, and this blow will hit the war effort hard.

Paris. Le Figroll: France's new president, now that General Ali Mentation has decided to give up the civil aspects of his life to concentrate on wop bashing, distant relative of the Ali Clan, VALIry Discard, today pledged himself to rid France of her greatest plague, viz the Eyeties. The campaign for national solidarity against this menace that threatens us all, was launched today with the slogan "Ali au diable les Italiens."

Carthage: Are you really sure that you want to attack the ItALians ???

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HANNIBAL "ZONURES" ('B' GAME) 1973CYde. I YAVINNIE 3018

Well, here we go again. More errors last time: Rhovanian was not credited with Cel and therefore builds a new A(GMo); and now for the awkward one - Isengard IS a supply centre. Those of you with Brian Yare's version of the rules, will find that it is not marked as such, however we have an American version of the game which marks it as a centre and we are reliably informed that the original U.K. version by John Piggott shows it as such. Therefore Gondor should build one but doesn't because there is no space.

Colin Walsh revealed today that he had not yet received a Hannibal 10. All-in-all therefore, we think it best if we hold the game over for an issue. For this our sincere apologies especially as this is the second time it has happened to this game. Orders are now on file for all countries apart from Gondor; unless superseded these will stand. Press is also held over for an issue. Sorry.

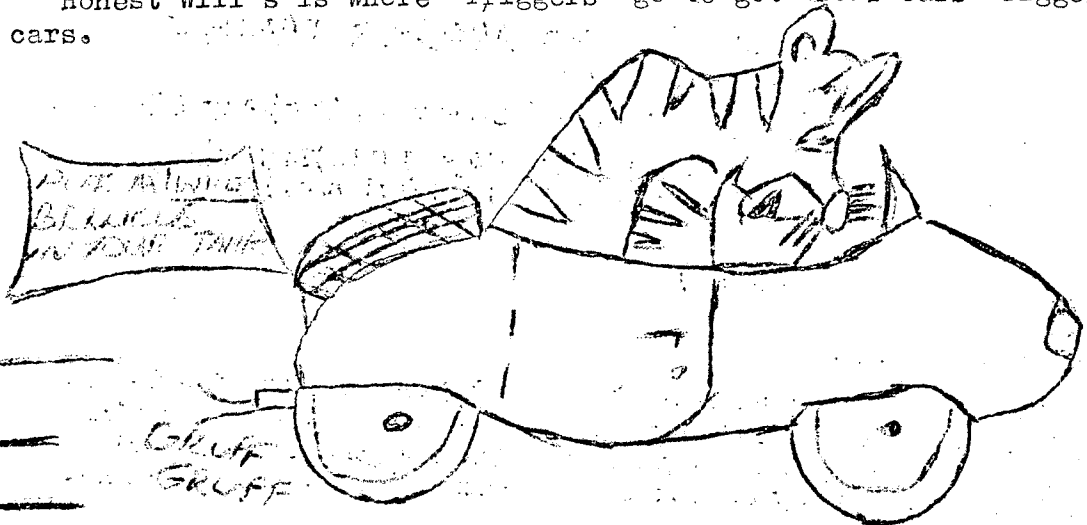
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The PURPLE PEOPLE EATER is the name of a new subzine from Colin Walsh. Three guesses what it is a subzine to? Wrong, wrong and wrong again, it's a subzine to Son of Bellicus (of pg 15). Needless to say we haven't seen a copy but if we compare it with some of Colin's previous publications (c.f. pg 16) we would imagine that it has possibilities.

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***** VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT *****
* Colin Walshes orders for Aardvark have just arrived they are:- *
* A(Kie)-Mun T(Swe)-Den F(Den)-HEL A(Hol) Stands A(Ber) S A(Kie)-Mun*
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HONEST WILL'S CAR MART

Honest Will's is where Triggers go to get their cars- Tiggers like cars.



Does anyone know where to buy gallons of Gorfia? This issue has been almost slap-dash looking because of a lack of that magical and beautiess (see what I mean) brew. Help!

I think I had better report on the f.t.f. mood (if that's what it was) which was held here in Didsbury over the ~~weekend~~ of April 29th in this honourable and gracious year of Our Lord 1974.(A.D.).

I shall not dwell long upon the morning as that was taken up by 70 non-stop games of one of SPI's Vaitaan simulations. I can't even remember the name of it but basically it consisted of Les Pinley beating some member of the Manchester Mafia in what I think were three moves. Suffice to say we all lost so we won't go into this in any detail at all.

The after-noon was made conspicuous by the arrival of one Will Haven who came mumbling something about White Bull's and Yellow ~~Land~~drarks. Yes- Manchester also has a 'Bull' for a pup. Will drives a Model 'T' Ford which drips oil all over the British roads and Gruff Challenger's drive.

The afternoon started with a game of Ewin-Earth Monopoly. The most eventful part of which was that Dave Pink and Dermot Dwyer seemed to have to make their 'tokens' larger each turn by adding tiny ships with 'Bluetac' whilst Andrew Herd tried to dismantle them. The game ended when Geoff and Les who were acting as 'bankers' got thoroughly mixed up and 'Whitehall' and ' Pall Mall II' were bought by the same people on the same boards.

Will and Les then tried to explain the intricacies of Strategy I and were doing very well when Andrew spilt tea all over Will's nice clean board. A break for sandwiches and Dr. Who followed. Then back to Strategy I.

I'm not sure but I think the final line up was:-

Rome-Les Pinley	Gaul-Dermot Dwyer	Macedonia-Andrew Herd
Seleucias-Will Haven	Egypt-Gruff Challenger	Carthage-Dave Pink.

note: There was a large demand among the Hannibal staff to control Carthage but Dave Pink won leaving the others with crumby impoverished nations that couldn't afford to build a white flag.

The initial diplomacy period was very intense. Infact so intense that three hours later we had not moved and Les had to go! It was obvious from the way Will sat in a corner and laughed at all our alliance structures that he had won so we started to discuss Hyper-Economic Dip. It was obvious soon that all Will wanted was for us to join the game to give his impoverished country some allies and a chance in the game. Like the good people we are we took down the name and address of the GM but have not, of course, written to him.

A scrabble game was started with five players. Dermot kept trying place the word 'TOADIES' but the rest wouldn't allow it. Eventually he got fed up of that and tried 'TOADE' which was allowed! Any keen observer could not have failed to note that either 1) he couldn't play the game, 2) he couldn't spell or 3) he was fed up with stereotyped spellings. when he placed 'SOYER' - he claims it was the third option but...

Dave Pink got fed up working on his own so he entered into an alliance with Andrew Herd. Between them they were bound to win (especially as Andrew was allied to the box of letters and seemed to get whatever one he wanted).

The day finished when Gruff turned everyone out and sent Will back to the Hovel he lives in in Preston. Incidentally, Will, Preston is in the Tundra isn't it ??

Now I have to dig out that Duplicarrot and make it go.

HONEST WILL'S OF PRESTON

The son of the Lamborghini Bellisus- 1974 model- registration numbers Back and Front. Lights optional extra. Engine-also optional extra. Seat belts are standard on this NEW idea in motoring. See Honest Will's cars and you'll know why it's quicker and safer by rail!