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HANNIBAL is a postal Diplomacy fanzine, produced by Andrew Herd, Dermot and Vince Dwyer and Dave Pink, solely for the purpose of the running of Diplomacy and Diplomacy variant games, printing articles on subjects associated (loosely) with Diplomacy and printing variants on Diplomacy. Sub. rates are 2½p + postage per issue, making it just about the least expensive Dippyazine in the U.K. There are openings for games of regular Diplomacy and large numbers of Diplomacy variants. For more details see page 9. Game fees are 50p for regular, more or less for variants. Available from Andrew are the rules for some thirty different variants - a list is printed later. We do not carry long space fillers.....

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((What follows, is an editorial which appeared in the New Yorker magazine in December. It was printed in Castaguana Volume VII Issue 3. It is reprinted here without permission - but we don't think Conrad will mind.))

"The other day, we turned to an inside page of the New York Times and read that the London Times had warned in an editorial that if the economic crisis in England continued, 'most of the props of our social universe - prosperity, justice, work itself - will be knocked aside.' We knew what they were talking about, because a few days before we had learned on the CBS evening news, towards the end of the programme, that Prime Minister Heath had closed down British industry for nearly half of each week in order to conserve energy. And we had seen other stories scattered through different sections of the papers, spelling out what did indeed sound like a return to a primitive stage of existence in Britain. We had read that food shortages were rumoured, that full heating was allowed in only one room of each house that ground transportation was slowing, that air service was jeopardised, that blackouts had occurred over large parts of the nation, that there was talk of 'chaos' and 'class war', Sometimes the stories were hard to find. Governor Rockefeller's political manoeuvrings, for instance were played up as much bigger news. England, it seemed, was quietly drowning in the back pages of American newspapers.

"Few measures of support have been forthcoming either from the Common Market nations or from us. The day before Heath's speech, Secretary of State Kissinger proposed the formation of a European, Canadian, Japanese and American 'energy action group' to think up ways of dealing with the energy crisis in the long term. But any solutions that may lie that way are far in the future, and Britain's cr

....crisis is immediate. Not long ago when our government came to believe that the Southern part of Vietnam was threatened by the Northern part, and imagined that a collapse in the South would in some way threaten us and our allies, we began to call the leader of the South the Churchill of Asia and came up with a hundred billion dollars or so to help out. Now, at a time when, because of the energy crisis, there is a common peril that is real (although it is not military), the United States and its allies seem unable or unwilling to make sacrifices or to act in common to come to the aid of England - a nation that thirty-three years ago taught this century the meaning steadfastness and sacrifice and common purpose under the leadership of the original Churchill. Somewhere along the line, the very notion of common purpose seems to have been lost. For the United States, the collapse of England, the nation that gave us our law, our language, and much of our moral tradition would be a tragic event of immeasurable import. Yet we are left with perfunctory news stories of cold houses, food shortages and industrial breakdown when the situation seems to cry out for other stories: stories of the drawing up of whatever trade and monetary agreements are needed to help, of planes taking off, of ships leaving ports. Stories that is, not of 'action groups' but of action."

Scene fades to the sound of Land of Hope and Glory.....Sob.....

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After that, what can I say ?

Ah yes. The Pimlico scheduled for last weekend, was cancelled - Les's wife - Pat - caught rheumatic fever. However, all was not lost. Will Haven held a Willson to replace the Pimlico, and the dregs of the Diplomacy world descended upon Will for the weekend. There is a report in this Hannibal, and as a supplement to this issue, there is the fanzine, produced by various people (mainly Birks and Ward) during the con. We wish to disassociate ourselves totally from said fanzine.....

Those of you with sharp eyes, may have noticed the brief appearance of John Piggott on the BBR TV programme Nationwide, where he was discussing the progress of the Courier game, 72/9 with Graham Levin(e), John Robertson, Kevin Botting (who ?) and others. It was terrible - Levin dominated, Piggott got hardly a word in and the programme gave precisely no information about postal Diplomacy. I found it boring, and I play the game - goodness knows what it must have been like to a normal person. Levin almost succeeded in conveying postal Diplomacy as something similar to Star Trek fandom (Nationwide some weeks ago); people going around demanding that "the Tsar of all the Russias wishes to form a glorious and lasting alliance with the Sultan of all the Turkeys whom he considers to be his true and natural ally and who he hopes will join him in crushing the Crown Prince of all the Austrias with the aid of the King of all the Italys, provided the King of all the perfidious Gauls doesn't interfere....." and such. Who ever arranged the programme would have produced a much more entertaining, interesting and reasonable result, had he just had Piggott talking to somebody (NOT Sue Lawley) in a studio somewhere. Such, I suppose, is the stupidity of TV producers...

Geoff Challinger (23, Priestnall Road, Heaton Mersey, Stockport, Nr. Didsbury) is to start producing a subzine to Duncan Morris' zine, Frigate. It is called - of all things - POLARIS...and will run two games of regular and one of Feudalism II. Geoff has already enrolled as a member of U.S.Z.E., the well known American dominated Union of Sob Zine Editors (that wasn't a typing error) run by the Marxist, Pete Swanson who it is rumoured is willing to pay vast sums of money if he gets mentioned more often than Greg Ward....For more details, see the next Frigate. We will naturally, tear it apart when it appears....tee hee... Seriously though, if you want a game of regular Dip. or Feudalism, you could do worse than get yourself on Geoff's list.

Ken Clarke's "A New Zine" has gone and got itself a name - Piglet an' Pooh (nearly as bad as Hannibal the Cannibal). Sub rates are still unknown - Ken doesn't want trades, so I's a going to have to subscribe. More information next issue.

I can't think of a space-filler, which is a little unfortunate as there is space for one here

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It's raining here in Manchester, how strange. (Space-filler).

WILLSON I

Geoff Corker Snores! This amazing fact was revealed when he dozed off during the 'Escape from Colditz' game on Saturday. Pete Birks wrote, with a blue felt tipped pen on his forehead,

'G.C. SNORES'.

Upon waking half an hour later G.C. went round to the pub, on returning he was informed of the graffiti scorning his face. Needless to say he went a bright red and started to rub his head in a frantic effort to remove the foul message. Of course, this was not the only incident of the Con.....

Half of the Hannibal staff plus that famous nonentity Geoff Challenger braved the perils of British Rail in order to get to Preston on the Friday night. Others of us waited for the chance of a lift on Saturday - lazy. Will's map of Preston, although fairly accurate, was impossible to read - it was too small and half of the streets were obliterated by Will's scrawlings. Despite this and in the face of great odds Andrew, Dave and Geoff managed to locate 30 Blungington Road.

They entered to see gigantic Graham Jeffery, little Pete Swanson, amazing Greg Ward and slightly Geoff Corker sprawled around a table on which stood a Decline and Fall board. After pushing through the milling crowds we spotted Will Haven surveying his domains from his lofty perch on top of one of the several dead stocks which had infiltrated all the corners of the room. Having identified the persons littering the room they conscripted John Piggott, Gordon Neilson, Steve Dunn, Pete Birks and Andy Holborn and moved down to Will's broom cupboard for a game of Risk, Piggott playing with, of course, Colditz pieces. We are not talking about the result of this game.

Once the Risk game had finished, we retired back to the main room, to find the Decline and Fall game still in progress - it was difficult to ascertain who was winning, as nobody was bothering the slightest about the game. Birks and Piggott became involved in a discussion about Pinball, which then turned to darts. John, seeing how short Prestonian dart throws are, decided to practice, and proceeded to do so...on his foot....Greg Ward and Pete Swanson were producing the fanzine, with Pete Birks breaking in occasionally to hinder, inbetween arguments with J.P. that is.

Later on, more of the top names of postal Diplomacy appeared - Steve Doubleday and Steve Wyatt, bringing with them Tadek Jarski and Norman Melvin. Seeing that there was no chance of the Colditz game (which had replaced the Decline and Fall game) finishing in the foreseeable future, Steve Doubleday, Steve Wyatt, Tadek Jarski, Norman Melvin and the three Didsbury Diplomats moved downstairs for a game of Diplomacy. Those of lower intelligence levels, who were fit for nothing more than Colditz, remained upstairs. The Diplomacy game went well - in 1903, Russia was winning with 7 units (Geoff Challenger) France was coming second with England and Turkey a close third. Germany had 3 units and looked on the way out, Austria had only two units, and Turkey was making threatening noises about his two centres - he also looked on the way out. By the end of the game, the situation had changed dramatically - the small powers - Germany and Austria had managed by frantic Diplomacy, to stay in the game, and it was now Russia who was the eliminated power with France following close behind. Italy, who in 1903 had been a nonentity with 4 units, had remained as Turkey's ally to the last, and with only the loss of Tunis between 1903 and 1908, had survived almost unchanged during the entire period. The result then: 1st Steve Doubleday - Turkey 13 unit, 2nd Tadek Jarski - England, 7 units, 3rd (joint), Andrew Herd - Germany and Dave Pink - Italy, each with 3 units, 5th Steve Wyatt - Austria 2 units, 6th Norman Melvin - France 1 unit, 7th Geoff Challenger - Russia (Out 1908).

By this time, everyone upstairs had collapsed of exhaustion after 5 hours of Colditz. Meanwhile, downstairs we had been joined by Piggott, with his pet balloon Davidson (!). A game of Mine a Million was started with Piggott as the Bluebell. Piggott was the first to earn his Million Dollars at about four-o'clock in the morning but unfortunately he was £42,500 in debt and Geoff Challenger won on the following turn, closely followed by Andrew Herd as the Santa ~~Clas~~ Rosa mine.

At this point there was a break for another round of coffee, which was followed by a game of Monopoly on Piggott's insistence. Phil Jones and Geoff Corker quickly grabbed up most of the property. Between the Didsbury diptychians there was Northumberland Ave. and two stations! The game quickly developed into a struggle to stop Phil winning. Geoff Corker went bankrupt and sold all his property to Dave Pink for £5. From there it passed to each of the other players in turn finally ending up at Andrew Herd for a get-out-of-jail-free card. Despite this a sudden windfall, Phil scored a resounding victory when Andrew landed on Piccadilly and Mayfair in quick succession.

Saturday morning saw all the remaining leading names of Dippy wandering around in a stupor, searching desperately for food. At about six-thirty two games began; one of Careers and one of Railroader, Piggott easily defeated Davidson and friends at Careers while Railroader ended in a close tie between Geoff Challenger and Dave Pink with Andrew Herd sat behind a lump of dynamite for most of the game.

After some toast everyone had to scurry upstairs when the shop opened at nine. Sherbet arrived about ten and set a game of D&F going, in the other room another game of Diplomacy had started which was won by Steve Dunn. The D&F game collapsed when Colin Walsh got into a discussion on Middle Earth games, with Steve 2day. Andrew Hun as a ravaging Herd was in a winning position.

At twelve the pubs opened and everyone mooched off in search of solid and liquid refreshment. A game of Diplomacy was played at the Pub which was won by Les Pimley as Russia. Games seriously restarted about three-o'clock with a D&F game starting starring Pet Balloon Swanson as the Hun, ravaging Herd as Goth; Norman Melvin as Vandal and Wink the Wop as Roman. Recently arrived Dermot Dwyer was overseer. However the game was abandoned when Wink Thompson ran away with Norman and Dr. Who started.

After a mad search for the aerial no less than 22 people crowded into a room 12'x10' to watch the Doctor being stabbed by the Ice Warriors, with Sarah making another convert for Women's Lib. - Agador??

At this stage Davidson confiscated his D&F set. He then immediately won a game of Regular Dip started by Tadek with Graham Jeffrey second. Down at the pub the Pinball championship was won by John Piggott with Greg Ward a close second. While Colin Walsh cooked mushrooms on toast, two more games began, Origins and Risk. Origins was won by John Lettice as the Nazi. Risk was eventually won by all-conquering Tadek. More games followed fast as the night wore on, Scoop, Monopoly, Careers, and cards were all brought out to try and keep everyone awake. During the early hours of the morning, a game of Sleuth was started and it turned out to be a fascinating game. One after another Sherbet, Dave Pink, Geoff Corker and Geoff Challenger all dropped off in chairs. Sherb with Will's cat Cleo clinging to a part of him which we won't discuss. As the ~~night~~ morning wore on the speed of play decreased until the diplomonopoly (ordinary Monopoly with alliances and diplomacy periods added) ground to a halt to be replaced by a partner Whist tournament won by Andrew Herd and Dave Pink. The Sleuth game was recommenced and one after the other Sherb, Mike Caswekl, Steve Doubleday and Andrew Herd all guessed wrongly leaving the games as a four-way draw.

As the morning arrived, the scramble for food intensified. Will's suggestion for fish and chips as breakfast was thrown out along with Will!! About eleven Dermot and Vince Dwyer turned up again. About the same time preparations were made for the duplication of the last issue of Ethil. Unfortunately, though John had brought tracing paper which was not ideally suited to the Preston Duplicator and despite efforts by Pete Swanson and Andrew Herd to feed sheets through one at a time, the effort was abandoned and given to Duncan Morris to finish on his overworked Gestetner up in St Andrews.

After we had abandoned the attempt at duplicating Ethil, there was a mass migration back upstairs, where Piggott began a challenge game of Scrabble against Pete Birks. John and Pete, after the appearance of certain very strange words - Le and Bos for example - decided to call the game a draw.

From the end of the Scrabble game until later that evening, the con became fragmented. There were several wargames going on - Stalingrad (although the grand Haven-Herd challenge match did not transgress), Blitzkrieg and Trireme for example - and various groups sat around talking. Duncan Morris and Tony Sturt were explaining how they manage to get cheap paper from the St Andrews University stationary suppliers; Andy Davidson was explaining how his patent system for never missing orders and adequately diploming for all his games, works; John Piggott was handing out addresses where fanzine editors can get free books if they promise to review them; Steve Doubleday was talking about his variant designing; Will was talking about Son, and Strategy I, Pete Swanson was trying to recruit support for U.S.Z.E. and Graham Jeffery was trying to sabotage his efforts; the Didsbury Diptychians were trying to acquire new variants for distribution through the variant bank - for the results of our efforts, see later on. The final touches were added to the fanzine, there was a universal declaration of hate against Richard Sharp (!); speculation about whether Claire Walkerdine has a Chambers and other such miscellaneous maunderings. Greg Ward managed to pull down the curtains, final drinks were bought and people started to depart for home.

Graham Jeffery and Pete Swanson ran off with Greg Ward's coach ticket; the Didsbury Diptychians gathered several dozen games, copies of variants, copies of Der Krigg and assorted copies of such strange things as Gutter Press house rules and the stencils for the fanzine. Finally, about 10.00P.M. we departed at speed towards Preston station, which was conveniently located several miles f

At this point, I ought to begin the games, with 'A' game. However, it is now 10a.m. on Tuesday, and I have in my possession only 19 sets of orders out of 38 !! Of the missing orders, 8 sets belong to local players, and hopefully, one or two of them will bring me their orders later. Until then, I shall have to fill in the time doing 'C' game, the only complete one. See later in this issue for what we are going to do to prevent this sort of situation occurring again....

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HANNIBAL "ASIATIC SALAMANDER" ('C' GAME) 1974Y

SPRING 1903

- ENGLAND (Barker): F(Edi)-NWG, F(SKA)-NTH, F(NTH)-ENC. (F(Edi) is already in NWG Paul !).
- FRANCE (Wyatt): A(Par)-Bur, A(Bur)-Mun, A(Bel)-Ruh, A(Tyr) S A(Bur)-Mun, F(Spa)sc-CoL, F(Bre)-MAO.
- GERMANY (Ferguson): A(Mun) stands, A(Ruh) S A(Hol)-Bel, A(Hol)-Bel, F(Den)-NTH, F(Kie)-Hol.
- ITALY (Coombe): A(Tri) S A(Vie), A(Vie)hurls insults at ~~Via~~ purpully menace, F(Apu) S F(IOS), F(IOS) stands, A(Rom) S A(Ven), A(Ven) S A(Tri).
- RUSSIA (Scott): A(StP)no-ERR, F(Swe) MS A(Nwy), A(War)-Sil, A(Gal)-Vie, F(Rum)stands, A(Bud) S A(Gal)-Vie, A(Boh) S A(Gal)-Vie.
- TURKEY (Swanson): F(Gre)-Alb, A(Ser) S A(Gre)-Alb, F(Smy)-EMS, F(AEG) S F(Smy)-EMS, A(Bul)-Gre, A(Con)-Bul.

Retreats: Italian A(Vie)-annihilated (no retreat space available), German A(Mun)-Ber (pre-ordered), French A(Bel)-Pic (pre-ordered).

An interesting game; I would hate to guess what strange machinations some of you have been getting up to ! And very well done to get all your orders in on time.

FROM OUR WANDERING ASIATIC SALAMANDER

Enter Stage Left: If I were'to faire Midewell I shoulde find a runing broke. One that might trikel cross a way or loudlie fall o'a wier. If mayhap we evere meet, come discuss that Broke with me lest feable talk shal rule the day;

Of vices or Diplomacie.

Exit: He rows the day that broghte his eyen to the Bord that holdes him in a graspe stronge.

T ak heed freends, We must lock up 'gainst

virtus and Diplomacie.

Carthage: Now we know how Sherb learned to spell !!

Carthage-later: It is now late Tuesday evening, and I am still missing 12 sets of orders. It is hopeless trying to do any more games today, I'm going to wait and see what comes first post tomorrow; this is rather annoying, as we had hoped to have a fast turn-around this issue. Beware of retaliation later on.....

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 It's now Wednesday morning and the only game to be yet completely filled is:-

HANNIBAL "WOMBLE" ('H' GAME) 4000AD

SPRING 4001

- ALGOL (Walsh): 8FF(Algol-AY) embark--Warp 1, 7FF(Algol) stand.
- ANTARES (Biggs): 11FF(Antares-LR) embark--Warp 1, 4(Antares) stand.
- PAVO (Swanson): 10FF(Pavo-JR) embark--Warp 1, the rest stand around, refuel etc.
- REGULUS (Barker): 2FF(Regulus-CY) embark--Warp 1, 13FF(Rregulus) stand.

FROM OUR WANDERING WOMBLE

Wimbledon: I suppose that 'Womble' is a word in the dictionary? It's just a coincidence that your favourite Womble is playing in this game?

Carthage: Well, if you want to think that.....

(More over the page).

Womble Press cont....

Regulus: "She was only Hannibal's daughter, but a sad excuse for a Womble".

Hippeland: "Sge was only Hannibal's daughter, but Wombles can't be choosers."

Get the picture?: "Sge was only Hannibal's daughter but what do you expect with a face like that?"

Carthage: She was only Hannibal's daughter, but she knew he was Barkering up the wrong tree....

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HANNIBAL "AARDVARK" ('A' GAME) 1973IY

SPRING 1900

- AUSTRIA (Challinger): F(Gre) becomes an archbishop, A(Ukr) S Turkish A(Sev)-Mos, A(Rum) S A(Ukr), A(Bud)-Gal, A(Vie)-Boh, A(Tyr) S A(Vie)-Boh.
- ENGLAND (Sherrad?): NO ORDERS RECEIVED. A(Yor), F(Bel), F(NTH), F(Nwy), F(Lon)stand.
- FRANCE (Plater?): NO ORDERS RECEIVED. A(Pic), A(Bur), A(Pie), F(MAO), F(ENC)stand.
- GERMANY (Walsh): A(Hol) S English F(Bel), A(Mun) S A(Sil)-Ber, A(Sil)-Ber, F(Swe)-BAL, F(Den)-Kie.
- ITALY (Bullock): F(GoL)-Spasv, F(WMS) S F(CpM)-Spasc, A(Ven)-Pie, A(Rom)-Ven
- RUSSIA (Davidson): F(StP)nc-Nwy, F(Ber)-Kie, A(Mos) S Austrian A(Ukr)-Sev, A(War) S A(Mos).
- TURKEY (Waldie): F(Bul)sc Stands, A(Sev)-Mos, A(Con)-Sev, F(ELA) C A(Con)-Sev.

Retreats: Russian F(Ber)-Fru(Only retreat space available)

FROM OUR WANDERING AARDVARK

Wurzlegrinders' News: Small time publisher, Mr Ron Eo last night denied that he was behind the publishing empire of the Hannibal "family". In a statement to the press yesterday, Mr Eo said, "No-one could get behind anything that small."

Carthage: Compared to Polaris (see later) the publishing empire of the Didsbury Diptychians, is enormous....I mean, you are a mere subzine editor....

The Kop: Newcastle 3 Liverpool 1, phew, saved again....

Fifth Interlude: aaaaargh, no.....

Sixth Interlude: There is no sixth interlude.

Seventh Interlude: No Pufftas!!

Eighth Interlude: All press-writers will be known as Bruce, including Bruce Carthage.

Bruce Carthage: Rubbish! Carthage is the official dateline. Who is it who thinks we'd use Bruce Carthage?

Ninth Interlude: Me and I'm the GM! And I'm writing this release so you'll do what I say and continue using Bruce Carthage.

Bruce Carthage: Yessir! It won't happen again sir!

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HANNIBAL "BEDBUG" ('D' GAME) 1974AA

WINTER 1901

- Austria(Biggs): Builds A(Bud),A(Tri) for five centres.
- England(Miller): Builds F(Edi), F(Lon) for five centres,
- France(I Swanson): Builds F(Bre), F(Mar) for five centres.
- Germany(Davidson): Builds F(Kie), A(Mun) for five centres.
- Italy(Gill): Builds F(Nap), for four centres.
- Russia(Coombe): Builds A(StP), for five centres.
- Turkey(Challinger): Builds A(Smy), for four centres.

No press yet again! Spring 1902 orders and press for the next deadline. please....

- ENGLAND (Simister): A(Nor)-StP, F(BAR) S A(Nor)-StP, A(Lon)-Nor, F(NTH) C A(Lon)-Nor.
- GERMANY (Clarke): F(Den)-Swe, A(Kie)-Hol, A(Mun)-Bur, A(Bel) S A(Mun)-Bur, A(Ber)-Mun.
- RUSSIA (Plater?): NO ORDERS RECEIVED. A(Ukr), A(Sil), F(GOE) STAND.
- TURKEY (von Metzke): F(BLA)-Con, A(Sév) sS Austrian A(Rum)-Ukr, A(Bul) stands, F(Con)-AEG, F(Smy)-EMS.
- AUSTRIA (Waldie): A(Rum)-Ukr, A(Ser)-Tri, A(Tri)-Ven, F(Gre)-IOS, A(Bud) S A(Vie)-Gal, A(Vie)-Gal.
- ITALY (Meadon): F(Tun)-NAF, F(Rom)-TYS, A(Apu)-Rom, A(Pie)-Mar.
- FRANCE (Challinger): F(Bre)-MAO, F(Por)-Spa sc, A(Spa)-Gas, A(Mar)-Pie, A(Par) stands, and makes an attempt on the worlds LONGEST(!) ever silly order by deciding to challenge the revolting little greep in the right-hand corner to a contest to find who can send in the longest silly word, and starts off the contest by ordering his army to parasiticalificate (18letters).

Retreats: Russian A(Ukr) to Moscow (GM).

FROM OUR WANDERING FATUOUS FOREIGNER

Jamul (govt.): To try and find out what is the general feeling of the people, the Board of Governors have commissioned the 'You-give-us-the-answer-and-we'll-find-the-question' Opinion Poll Centre. Out of a survey of 1,000 people, a total of 99.9% of the interviewed people said yes to the question "Can you find the slightest flaw in any greep you have ever bought, ~~did you ever buy~~ ~~five~~," while only 0.1% of the sample taken said yes to the question "Do you think the greep is the most perfect food ever designed or eaten by man?"

Although this almost unanimous disapproval of the Jamul greep is very convincing, the figures improve and become more close to reality if all illegal immigrants, felons, ex-inmates of lunatic asylums and over 70's are eliminated. The only dissenter was a Mr. von Greep of San Diego who was interviewed at Greepery Villas, Greep-ton-Mersey. When asked to account for his strange opinions as expressed in the recent poll, Mr. Von Greep replied, "What poll?"

London: A spokesman for the you-give-us-the-answer-and-we'll-find-the-question, opinion poll group, denied any rumours that they had been involved in recent British elections and stated that it was always the policy of the company to produce polls dependent on the ~~policy~~ truth.

Paris: Only a Yank or Herd could call a game after Tortoises and Turtles. I bet my two genuine suggestions don't get printed thish.

Carthage: You just watch it Challenger....or you may find that your press starts disappearing....I printed your suggestion, how much did you want to bet; care to make it double or quits on next issue ????

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- ERIADOR (Plater?): NO ORDERS RECEIVED. A(Ang), =A(Wea), A(Shi), A(Eve), F(Fld)stand.
- GONDOR (Walsh): A(Lam) S A(MTi), A(MTi) S A(Lam), =2A(Cai) S A(MTi), A(Hol)stand A(Dag) S A(Rau)-Nin, A(Rau)-Nin.
- MORDOR (Sherrad?): NO ORDERS RECEIVED 3A(NI), 2A(Sit), 2A(MSh), 2A(Nin), A(MMo), A(Cel), A(Gun)? tand.
- RHOVANIAN (Scott): =A(Car)-Run, A(SMi)-Bro, A(Ere)-Iro, A(GMo)-S A(Rhd), A(Rhd) S A(MM), A(MM) S A(And)-GF, A(And)-GF, A(DG) S A(GF)-Cel, A(GF)-Cel
- ROHAN (Biggs): A(Lor)-GF, =2A(Mor)-S A(Lor)-GF, A(Fan)-Lor, A(EDM)-Bro, A(Wol) S A(EDM)-Bro, A(WEM)-EDM, A(Edo)-Eas.
- UMBAR (Gill): F(Bel), A(Hrd), A(HW) S A(SCo), A(SCo)stands, A(Nur)-Kha.

Retreat: Mordor A(Cel) annihilated. We are annihilating a lot of your orders..er units (!!), how about doing something about it and sending some orders? Mike?

FROM OUR WANDERING ZONURES

Mirkwood: KILL, KILL, KILL, DEATH TO WORNTONGUE.

Atlantis to Carthage: Hannibal the Carrot Crusher, Sherb Shrinker, Gheul-Grinder, Sharp Shooter. How about Hannibal the Pendulum Preventer?

Carthage: How about Hannibal the Fifth Columnist F.....

Wormtongue Press: There has been much concern over the peculiar behaviour of the King of the Mark. Ever since the battle of Lorian, in which he gloriously led his armies to save the besieged garrison, he has taken to wandering off on his own (it is almost as if he simply vanished inot thin air). On the occasions when he can be found, it is impossible to hold an intelligent conversation with him since he frequently interrupts himself by talking to someone or something he calls his precious. This unusual behaviour may be the cause of the unexpected attack on Rhovanian (I hope P hovanian did not expect it !).

Rohan to Carthage: You were right it's not the end of my Wormtongue Press series but it is the end of the next press series.

The case of Wormtongur vs the Crown closed today when the ex-King's advisor decided to drop the appeal and settle out of court. He later said "What with all the delays, it's just not worth continuing with the appeal and besides, I intend to get a job with Wormtongue Press, I believe they need a new reporter."

Wormtongue Information Service: In order to increase efficiency it has been decided to merge with Wormtongue Press. The loss of efficiency due to there-organisation resulting from this merger prevents us from giving any more information this issue.

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HANNIBAL "YAK" ('G' GAME) INTIMATE DIPLOMACY

1901 BIDS

	ITALY (Pink)	TURKEY (Wyatt)
Italy: . . . . .	. 1 set Orion House rules . . . . .	. 1 copy Pink Dip. (Stand-off)
Turkey: . . . . .	. 1 copy of Orion . . . . .	. Nothing (succeeds).
Austria: (I) . . . . .	. £11 . . . . .	. £8
England: (I) . . . . .	. £1 . . . . .	. 1 copy Para-Pink Dip.
France: (T) . . . . .	. A Womble . . . . .	. £4
Germany: (I) . . . . .	. £1 . . . . .	. £2
Russia: (I) . . . . .	. £10 . . . . .	. £5

More discerning readers may have noticed the hand of Dave Pink acting over this game report.....

An interesting GM problem here; which is greater - 1 Pink Dip. or 1 Orion house rules ??? And is one copy of Orion worth less than nought ??? See P78 for more....

FROM OUR WANDERING YAK

Bruce Carthage: I the mighty emour of Italy, hereby declare a press war on Swyatt the Turkish despot. (Emour is the old Welsh name for the emperor of Italy....) With our mighty German armies and their Panzer columns as allies and the wonderful Austrian people willing to leave their country to provide extra Lebensraum for the Italian people, and to go out and fight the mad Turks and the great British people who have promised to attack the treacherous Frogs (who I forgot to send in a serious bid for) and the mighty Russians who like the Italiens will be needing more living space taken for the Turko-Franco-Orion Bloc.

From our intimate wandering Yak: How intimate are you with wandering Yaks, Steve?

Bruce C.: Yak?? YUK!

- Wyatt the Orion Ogre.
- Bruce the Wyatt winner.
- Bruce the Orion Oscillator.
- Orion the Hannibal hater and Hard-Hitter.
- Orion is reccommended to all other intimatly inefficient idiots.
- Bruce the Pandora producer.
- Pandora the Bruce Bouncer.
- Bruce the Steve Shrinker! Hahahahahahahahaha!!!!

WAITING LISTS

Regular (2 deadlines/game year): Pete Swanson, Les Pimley, Steve Wyatt, Dave Pollard, Pete Birks, Andrew Waldie. 1 wanted. 50p. Only 1 more....(person)...

Regular (3 deadlines/game year): No one. 7 wanted. 50p.

Abstraction: , Roger Sandell, Steve Plater, Lawrence Gill, Geoff Challinger, David Jones. 2 wanted. 50p. Only 2 needed....(people)....

Downfall of....King: Geoff Challinger, Steve Plater, Colin Walsh, Conrad von Metzke, Richard Scott, Lawrence Gill, David Jones. 1 needed. 60p. Only 1 needed...person...

Youngstown: Steve Biggs, Geoff Challinger, Pete Swanson. 7 needed. 65p.

Hyperspace Dip II: Pete Swanson, Andrew Holt, Pete Swanson. 60p. 5 wanted.

Feudalism II: Geoff Challinger. 10 wanted. 70p.

Mordor vs the World IV: Colin Walsh, Steve Plater, Richard Scott, Andrew Holt. 1 wanted.

Origins: Colin Walsh, Geoff Challinger, Pete Swanson (I think...) 2 wanted. 25p.

Circle Variant: Geoff Challinger. 5 wanted. 50p.

Sleuth: Player: Andrew Holt, Steve Doubleday, Mike Sherrad. 2 wanted -- 1 if we have a 4 player game.

Observer: Steve Biggs.

Atlantica: Roger Sandell. 6 wanted. 50p.

Twin Earth: Andrew Holt, Steve Player. 50p.

Jihad: Roger Sandell 1/2 6 wanted. 70p.

Scottice Scripti: Steve Doubleday.

Para-Time: Geoff Challinger. 6 wanted. £1.

Cline-9-Man: Geoff Challinger, Conrad von Metzke. 7 wanted. 50p.

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There are also openings in many other games; we will print a list some day - until then, assume that we have an opening for it if it moves. Games which are underlined, are ones which we should especially like to start.

Nobody has shown the slightest interest in playing a game on a small single sheet - we still have lists open for games of this sort, but unless there is some enthusiasm shown soon we may drop the idea.....

Apologies to the people on the regular waiting lists; we did have a start in it, but I got a letter this morning from Barry Ellis, saying that he didn't want to play after all.....

The Intimate Diplomacy list is still open - and there is no game fee, which is a good enough reason for playing, in itself....

Not many variants have appeared since we last listed them (issue 7), the only ones are Richard Wein's Holocaust (printed by, and available from (until the variant bank gets its mucky paws on it) Gordon Neilson, Interstellar Diplomacy III by Lew Pulsipher, which was printed as a supplement to Hannibal 8, and is now available from the variant bank, and Intimate Diplomacy II by Dave Allen which appeared in the Norns and is currently unavailable. We haven't decided what the next variant to appear with Hannibal will be; suggestions welcomed, but it could well be a regular-board variant - perhaps Baseball Diplomacy. After that, the next will be Enrico Manfredi's World Diplomacy variant if we can get permission. The variant bank, will be printing Atomic Warfare next, followed by Diadochi III and Satrap (the latter only if we get Bob Harris' permission).

Finally, before we leave the games totally, a little comment about missed orders. It seems that Hannibal is not the only zine to have its players struck by nmr-itis. Steve Wyatt reports that Grafeti was missing several sets of orders, Son of Bellicus had no less than FORTY sets of missed orders in its latest issue and Don Turnbull has been having problems with late orders in Courier - so much so that he has had to clamp down. I wonder what is causing this. Spring reminding people that there are other things in life apart from Diplomacy, or the WillsCon last weekend putting half of British Diplomacy to sleep for a week whilst they recover? Any more suggestions? Please try to be more punctual next issue, it really is annoying to see all the other players in Hannibal having their games ruined because of one or two move missers (hi Mike).

NO SPACE FOR A SPACE-FILLER THIS ISSUE I FEAR!!