

RETIFF.

Is that a
'Retief' in your
pocket - or are
you just pleased
to see me?



The effect is subtlety...

=====

This is Relief Number ONE Produced, written, Directed by and Starring:-
Telephone Lindfield 3849 (after 6.30 pm) Craig Nye

56, Meadow Drive,
Lindfield,
Sussex

Greetings,

You hold in your hot, sticky hands my first publishing venture and attempt to run Diplomacy games.

Bearing that in mind, I first of all want to ask all interested parties to keep an eye on the games. I am going to make some superb boo-boos I just know it.

MONEY

This first issue is free for postage, or for some of you who might be willing to subscribe (so I think) altogether free.

In future it will cost you 2p a copy plus postage, and that is likely to go up in the beginning at least, until I am sure of my costs. So will any player or anyone who wants to subscribe please send me a few bob by next deadline.

I shall assume, unless told otherwise, that players want First Class post and everybody else Second Class.

Game fees

All go to Tony Ball, 10, Arbroath Road, Sundon Park, Luton, Beds. LU33LA.

Don't send them to me as : 1) He is NGC Treasurer and gets all the bread.

2) Passing on money makes me upset.

Other Business

You should all get a copy of my very own House Rules with this, If you still have any points you would like cleared up you had better 'phone me and I will try to explain. I have done my own rules for a couple of reasons: If there are any NGC rules I have never seen a copy, and doing it this way may save me a lot of work answering the same questions as new players come along.

If NGC rules appear I would accept them as overruling mine on all points connected with games. In the mean time anyone who spots any errors or important points missed out, please let me know.

Games

At present there are 2, I intend to start 2 every 6 weeks, until I find I have no more room, I don't intend to run variants for a while as I find straight games intimidating enough. So there will be 2 new games starting around the 25th. of SEPTEMBER this year and so on.

Just about room to say thankyou to three Richards, Scott, Sharp and Walkerdine, for all their help in getting me started. Especially the latter who answered lots of my stupid questions.

Only one other point at this end; I can see a lot of mistakes in the way I have organised this, this time, and I shall endeavour to put them right next time.

Oh bugger I've just realised I typed the deadline as August, have to change that.

This is where I actually start ; so a quick prayer &

Diplomacy

Spring 1901

BDC 66

"HORVENDILE"

1974 DN

AUSTRIA (Bailey): F(Tri)-Alb., A(Bud)-Ser., A(Vie)-Gal.

ENGLAND (Stephens): F(Lon)-NTH., F(Edi)-NWG., A(Lf1)-Yor.

E A I I S C F

FRANCE (Curtis): A(Par)-Bur S by A(Mar).., F(Bre)-MAO.

GERMANY (Kirby): F(Kie)-Den., A(Ber)-Kie., A(Mun)-Ruh.

ITALY (Lunn): A(Ven) stands., A(Rom)-Tus., F(Nap)-ION.

RUSSIA (Hungerford): F(StP)-GOB., F(Sev)-Bla., A(Mos)-Ukr., A(War)-Gal.

TURKEY (Baifd): F(Ank)-Bla., A(Con)-Bul., A(Smy)-Con.

PRESS:

Scapa Flow - Jan.1901.

Units of the Royal Navy have been despatched to investigate reports of a foreign gunboat harrassing fishermen on Dundee pier. The Norwegian government denied reports that they had unilaterally increased their fishing limits to 500 miles.

Vienna

His Excellency, FRANZ JOSPH III ((Sic.)) would like to say hello to one and all, and wishes ((Sic)) all his allies good luck. ((I think it said luck.))

"Somewhere in the heart of Paris"

Everyone knows the highly honourable intentions of the French Government, and how France intends to control England and Germany as puppet states for their mutual good. We in Paris believe that the English have a nerve in calling the English Channel the English Channel. Therefore French policy will be to take the English Channel thereby making it the French Channel. Trust that the Kaiser has no objections in that direction. The Czar, Sultan and Hapsburg Emperor are already joining in the throng of voices singing to the continuance of French Victory. England will be removed, ((where to ?)) Germany will be removed ((collar and tie will be removed)) then France will breathe. ((Gets quite poetic towards the end, but I wouldn't hold your breath))

((Oh, God another marathon))

Flensburger ((I'll have two with cheese, please))

Whilst looking through my monacle ((Sic)) towards the Danish border I-spyed a group of Danish men (being ~~shot down~~ the host of many Danish girls ((honest that's what it says)) I was soon able to distinguish that this group of men were danish by the abundance of bleary-eyes and by the way they walked not to mention the strong smell of Danish bacon which seemed to derive from the direction they were coming from ; which as my chief of staff said is somewhat sweeter than that carried by the wind from the south, poor mans iron hard face looses its effect with all those tears rolling down it.) These Danish citizens turned out to be a deputation from the International Danish Institute of Taxidermists and they were making their way across the border to see me. These representatives from I.D.I.O.T. had come to tell me that on behalf of all Europes Taxidermists they wished us a successfull ((Sic)) campaign in extending the glory of Germany.

These I.D.I.O.T's also offered me a few much sought after stuufed items which along with what there ((Sic)) ((are you sick of me doing that yet ?)) going for I shall pass on to you :-

The stuffed King of Spain.... 5,000 kroner The stuffed King of Holland..8,000k
The stuffed King of Serbia....5,000 kroner A Craig Nye..... A Song.

They also offered a stuffed submarine belonging to the Turkish navy and painted in the national colour, anybody offering less than 1,000,000,000 can get ---- well lets just say their offer wont ((Sic)) be appreciated.

((Phew... please check the c.o.a. on Rip Kirby))

Now I left the headline off 66 so lets put one in here:

"Teenage, Surgeon Priest in Sex change mercy dash to Hospital"
(well I think it sums up the game nicely))

Diplomacy

Spring 1901

BDC 68

"MERLIN AMBROSIUS"

1974 DP

AUSTRIA (Lunn): A(Bud)-Ser., A(Vie)-Bud., F(Tri)-Alb.

ENGLAND (Cornford): F(Edi)-NWG., F(Lon)-NTH., A(Lpl)-Yor.

CAEBKZF

FRANCE (Simpson): A(Par)-Bur., A(Mar)-Spa., F(Bre)-MAO.

GERMANY (Petch): F(Kie)-Hol., A(Ber)-Kie., A(Mun)-Ruh.

ITALY (Sedgwick): A(Ven)-Pie., A(Rom)-Ven., F(Nap)-ION.

RUSSIA (Murray): N.M.R.: F's StP. & Sev., A's Mos. & War. stand. unordered.

TURKEY (McDonald): F(Ank)-Bla., A(Con)-Bul., A(Smy)-Con.

Only one little bit of press this time so I'm let off lightly.

Paul Murray-

I find it inconceivable that anybody would pay a £2.00 fee and then drop out immediately, so I assume you have been done down by the G.P.O.

At the time of typing, 8.00 pm on Thursday, I have nothing from you, but I know you have paid your game fee.

Press:

Holland:

Ven. èets Spwing again v'eel seeng again tewleeps fwòm Amstèrdamm (with apologies to Max Bygraves)((Not from me)).

Berlin:

Policy Staement. We intend to assist our Russian allies wherever and whenever possible ((how about starting your own post office?))

And thats all from this game; a few points, Provisional Builds with next set of orders please, those who don't understand from the House Rules had better 'phone me some time.

Ted Morgan send me some standbys for Russia in 68 game please, I can't believe that they will be needed, but.....

~~Messrs Hungerford, Baird, Petch & Sedgwick; according to Tony Ball's last letter (3rd, August), You still owe game fees for these games; I am sure that you have paid since, but just in case you haven't.....~~

Did you hear about Irishman who spent 8 weeks wandering around London, looking for Weetabix the builders ?

There should have been a cover by Els this time but, unfortunately it got done in washable Ink that washed right off the plate. Still if I can fit it in there will be another one, if not, next time, I promise.

+++++

DEADLINE FOR BOTH GAMES ::::::::::: WEDNESDAY THE 4th. of SEPTEMBER.

+++++

BACK PAGE.

This is the back page, and as this issue is going out in envelopes I had better put something on it.

Great Pimley/Walkerdine Debate Shock

The debate between Les and Richard has been resolved: Mr. Walkerdine has had a letter from Mr. Corker, saying that Tales from the Black Forest is going to continue, and will Mr. Walkerdine please keep his hands off Mr. Corkers games.

Society of Games

Who ?, well you might say who. Anyhow they were an operation running Dippy & and other pursuits like the crypto-facist deviant Scrabble from London. And some of you may have seen their ads in G & P . Andy Davidson, Kim Bailey and I certainly did'cause we all ended up in the same badly run Diplomacy game.

Only, last Tuesday I got a letter returning my fees and saying that; "Owing to constant difficulty with our advertising media" they were packing up operations. Now, Kim and Andy, you will never know who I was going to stab... Still, they did send the money back

Trades

While I think of it, I am ready to trade with anyone, just about. (For those of you who don't know; Trades are where you swap your mag, for someone elses, at no subscription. They are one of the best-reasons for running games)

Have I let the cat out of the bag ?

A few personal notes:

Richard Scott; Where were you ?

Adrian Baird; Glad to trade, sad to send your money back.

Tony Ball; Richard says you do work hard; you get Retief for nothing. (Oh, and have fun trying to work out which Richard).

More Chat

In the games, the comments in (()) are mine. I hope to much better organised next time. I hadn't realised that it was necessary to draft out everything (at least for me it is). There should be a cover as well next time, we had a slight disaster with this one. Articles: if anyone has anything to say I will be quite happy to publish; I'd even stretch credit or pay. If anyone wants to do this, let me have a rough and I will send you a paper plate, unless you can find your own.

Which brings me to; Offset Litho, thats how this is going to be printed (I hope) , These pages are typed with a carbon or silk ribbon onto a plate of paper 10"x15", mine are Gestetner KMD3/A pinbar punched, type "M". And they are cheaper and easier than stencils (you just rub out errors). The big problem is to avoid touching them as you get nasty fingerprints all over the shop. You can also draw or scribble in anything indelible.

Ah yes, Richard Walkerdine (Big Mouth), is chucking my idea about GMs around in his anniversary issue of Mad Policy. So I had better state publicly the fact that if I disappear for three months, produce no Retief, answer no letters, or contact anyone. I will not object if the NGC or IDA/UK or any other public spirited soul takes over my games and finds another home for them. There now that didn't hurt too much . Adrian ?

Right thats it, I am going to print these four sides and go home, If it works out you may still get a cover, probably with a blank back (no extra charge). And I promise not to be so chaotic next time. BiBi.

"My God, what's this, ANOTHER back page !!!

Well, let me explain, there are several reasons for this intrusion, as you will see.

But first, the more observant among you will have noticed a slight difference in the type face. That's because I didn't do this at one of the classy typers at work, but on my own tatty machine. When I get all sorted out it will be just one typeface. But I had to do some more tonight, because Els is fast finishing another cover which I want to use and that would make 5 sides so you can think of this one as free and gratis. Come to think of it the whole thing is free, so why I am apologising is beyond me...
First and quite essential:

Change of Address

Rip Kirby to 16, Harvard Road, Ringmer, Lewes, Sussex.

that is the only one but very important to the other players in 66.

Next (by the Alex Harvey Band)

PLUG

Chris Harvey of 30, Gorway Road, Walsall, Staffs. has requested a plug, come to think of it I could do with a few of those; well now, fellow publishers? (choke)

Anyhow Chris has a small organ called "Overkill", sorry about that, skipped a line somehow. He is running some computerised games that look rather intriguing. I don't know much else at this stage, but let's put it this way: Can I have more details please? Chris wants a foolscap SAE for more details, but I reckon I rate a totally free peek for this plug.

I just noticed that I can't spell intriguing, ah well. Now what else? Oh yes, I am slipping odd copies of RETIEF into the post to various names and addresses I have collected at times. The envelopes bear comments like Trade? or Subscribe?, it's just my subtle way of attracting more customers, I hope.

IDEA ! SENSATION !

Talking to Richard W. the other day, and I mentioned that I thought it might be good to run a game where everything (communications between players etc.) went through the GM, so that at the end one could publish the whole game with all the letters, notes and preferably thoughts of the players all in one slim volume. He said Norman Nathan was talking about something similar. Well, Norman, if I can find your address I will send you a copy of this, and if a home for such a concoction was needed, you need look no further.

Anyone else got any views?

Right I'm off now as Els wants to get at the Typer to finish off her cover, looks pretty good so far, if it comes out and you like it, please let us know. We always appreciate appreciation.

Bibi 4 now.

