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This is a very emaciated issue, the eighteenth, of Turn of the Screw, a postal Diplomacy fanzine from Greg Hawes, of Rutland Hall, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2QZ. Usually 4-weekly, but not this time, I fear. Cost is ½p per side + postage per issue, this a measly 3p + postage. Your remaining credit after this issue is shown on your envelope.

EDITORIAL cum apologies and explanations.

This is a games-only edition, I'm afraid, since exams are in the offing. Press has been cruelly axed, mostly in NGC 144 & NGC 166V. No contents list so you'll just have to find your own way round this time. This issue is also about two weeks late, also due to forthcoming exams, but at least producing a games-only edition will allow the games to continue without too much disruption. A bumper edition of TotS is promised next time, and all contributions are hereby solicited. Letters and quiz answers will be published next issue, along with the press that was left out this time. No column received from Fetlock, either; if that gentleman will be so good as to oblige for next issue, I will be very grateful.

I hope you'll all bear with the proliferation of typos in this issue. The ID game between Lee Johnson and Andrew Shorney has been conceded to Andrew by Lee - I'll do a writeup next issue and would appreciate final statements from both players if you've got the time.

Deadline back page - it only remains for me to apologise once more for the lateness and scrappiness of this issue; just what you rotten lot deserve for voting me so low in the MP zine poll!

The rest of this page is dedicated to telling you all about Dave Allen's MidCon II in September. This looks like being accepted as the Annual General Meeting of the NGC and should be the major event this summer. As a result I'll be holding my con in Nottingham around Xmas.

Dave's con is being held on Friday-Sunday 9th-11th September at Hugh Stewart Hall, University Park, Nottingham. Full details can be had from Dave at 11 Alma Heights, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 5BJ. What follows are a few details which I hope will help persuade you all to attend.

Nottingham is very easy to get to; by train from St. Pancras, Derby or Sheffield (frequent buses from the Station to the University - fare 12p) and by car, exit 25 from the M1 - stay on A52 to Nottingham across 3 roundabouts, turn right onto the campus just before next set of traffic lights.

I won't actually be staying overnight at the con, since I will have accomodation in nearby Beeston by then, but I'll be there all the time the pubs are closed and people are awake. The accomodation at Hu Stu is very good, there's a bar, tennis courts, table-tennis room, bar football and pinball, and nearer to the actual date I'll produce a list of other pubs, eating places, etc.. I expect to have to escort the NGC Boozing Subsection on a tour of decent pubs & oriental restaurants, and look forward to it immensely.

Charges are £5 per night for bed and breakfast and very reasonable rates for day-visitors to the con, but it will probably be most enjoyable to stay for the whole time. I recommend you ask Dave for details, anyway, and look forward to meeting you all there.

All the best until next issue, *Greg*

NGC 144 (1975FE)

"ARAGORN"

AUTUMN 1908

GERMANY : A(Lvn)-StP F(Nor)-Swe F(Den) st. A(Pru)-Lvn A(Sil)-Gal  
(Martin Styler) F(ENG)-MAO F(IRI) S F(ENG)-MAO A(Bur) S A(Mar)  
A(Bre) st. A(Gas)-Spa A(Mar) S A(Gas)-Spa  
A(Tyr)-Vie\* A(Boh) S A(Tyr)-Vie A(War) S A(Sil)-Gal

ITALY : F(MAO)-NAO F(Spa)s.c.-Por F(WMS)-Spa s.c. F(Tus)-TYS  
(Jonathan Palfrey) A(Pie)-Mar A(Ven)-Tyr

RUSSIA (Chris Bishop): A(Mos)-StP\* F(BAL)-Kie

TURKEY : F(GOL) S ITALIAN F(WMS)-Spa s.c. F(Tun)-NAF F(ADS)-ION  
F(BLA) st. A(Tri) S ITALIAN A(Ven)-Tyr A(Rum)-Gal  
A(Vie) S ITALIAN A(Ven)-Tyr A(Bud) S A(Vie)  
A(Ukr)-Mos. A(Sev) S A(Ukr)-Mos

\*Retreats: German A(Tyr)-Mun Russian A(Mos) annihilated.

How they stand:

AUSTRIA : ~~Vie~~ = 0 OUT !

GERMANY : Mun Ber ~~Vie~~ Den Hol Nor Bel Edi Lpl Lon Par War Bre Mar StP  
+ Swe = 15 Builds A(Ber).

ITALY : Rom Nap Por Spa Ven Tun = 6 No change.

RUSSIA : ~~Mos~~ ~~StP~~ + Kie = 1 No change.

TURKEY : Con Ank Smy Sev Bul Rum Tri Gre Ser Bud + Vie Mos = 12 Builds  
A(Con), F(Smy).

GM: There was no draw proposal from me last issue.

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NGC 154 (1975JE)

"BILBO"

AUTUMN 1907

AUSTRIA : A(Ukr)-Mos A(War) S A(Ukr)-Mos A(Sev) S A(Ukr)-Mos\*  
(Alan Reason) A(Boh)-Mun A(Tyr) S A(Boh)-Mun A(Sil) S A(Boh)-Mun  
A(Gal) S A(Sil) A(Ruh)-Kie\* A(Ven)-Rom F(Alb)-Gre  
A(Bul)-Con F(ION)-Nap

ENGLAND : A(Nor) st. F(NTH)-Bel A(Pic)-Bur F(ENG) st. A(Por)-Spa  
(Mal Copeland) F(MAO) S A(Por)-Spa F(WMS)-Tun F(TYS) S F(WMS)-Tun

FRANCE (Chris Bishop): A(Spa) S A(Mar)\* A(Mar) S A(Spa)

GERMANY : A(Mun)-Ruh A(Kie) S A(Mun)-Ruh A(Gas)-Mar F(Hol)-Bel  
(Alan Bustany) A(Mos)-Sev A(Lvn)-Mos A(Ber)-Mun F(BAL)-Pru

ITALY (Eddie Goffin): NMR! A(Rom) stands unordered NMR!

TURKEY (Keith Smith): A(Arm) S GERMAN A(Mos)-Sev A(Ank)-Con A(Con)-Smy

\*Retreats: Austrian A(Ruh) annihilated, A(Sev)-Rum  
French A(Spa) annihilated.

How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Tri Bud Vie Ser Bul Rum War Gre Mun Nap ~~StP~~ Ven + Mos = 12  
Builds F(Tri).

ENGLAND : Lon Lpl Edi Nor Swe Bre Por Tun + Spa = 9 Builds A(Lon).

FRANCE : Mar ~~Spa~~ = 1 No change.

GERMANY : Ber Kie Den Hol StP ~~Mos~~ Par Bel + Sev = 8 No change.

ITALY : Rom = 1 No change.

TURKEY : Con Ank Smy = 3 No change.

GM: The Result of the proposal of last time is: 0 for, 2 Against, 1 abstain  
(counts as for), 3 no vote (also count as for). So the proposal is  
defeated, and on we go.

I have another proposal to end the game next time, as follows:  
=1st England and Germany, 3rd Austria, 4th Turkey, 5th France, 6th Italy.  
Votes with next season's orders, please; as usual, failure to vote will  
count in favour of the proposal.

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Next big con is being held by Paul Simpkins in Dewsbury from 27-29  
May. Unfortunately I'm unable to attend, but the weekend should be very  
enjoyable. For details write to 104 Combs Hill, Dewsbury, W. Yorks., or  
phone Dewsbury 469937.

AUSTRIA : A(Ukr)-Mos A(Gal)-Ukr A(Ser)-Rum A(Pie)-Mar A(Tyr)-Boh  
(Iain Forsyth) A(Con)-Ank A(Smy) S A(Con)-Ank F(ION) st.  
F(AEG)-Con A(Rom)-Nap

ENGLAND : F(NWG) S FRENCH F(Nor) F(Lon) S F(NTH) F(NTH) S F(Lon)  
(Jonathan Palfrey) F(IRI)-MAO

FRANCE (Anarchy): A(Bur), F(Nor), F(Wal), F(ENG), A(Bel), A(Ruh) st. u/o.

ITALY (Andy Davidson): F(WMS)-Spa s.c. A(Nap) stands

RUSSIA : A(Sil)-War A(Ank)-Con\* F(Sev)-Rum F(StP)n.c.-BAR A(Fin)-StP  
(Norman Hydra III) A(Kie)-Mun A(Ber) S A(Kie)-Mun A(Mun) st unordered  
F(HEL)-Den F(Hol) stands

\*Retreats: Russian A(Ank)-Arm How they stand:

AUSTRIA : X Tri Bud Vie Bul Gre Ven Sef Rum Rem Con + Mos Smy Ank Mar = 14  
Builds A(Vie), A(Bud), A(Tri) - one short.

ENGLAND : Lon Lpl Edi ~~Wol~~ = 3 Removes F(NWG).

FRANCE : Par ~~Mar~~ Bre Por ~~Spa~~ Bel Nor = 5 Removes F(Nor) (GM).

ITALY : Nap Tun + Spa = 3 No room to build - 1 short.

RUSSIA : ~~Mos~~ War StP Swe Kie Ber ~~Smy~~ Den Sev ~~Ank~~ Mun + Hol = 9  
Removes F(Den).

GM: Davey Hunter is blacklisted and loses his deposit and remaining TotS  
sub unless I hear from him by the deadline.

NGC 166V (Youngstown) "DENETHOR" SPRING 1906

AUSTRIA (Anarchy): A(Vie), A(Ven), F(ADS), A(Chu), A(Tri), A(Gre), A(Rum)  
& A(Bud) all stand unordered.

ENGLAND (Anarchy): F(NTH), F(Pic), F(SKA)\*, F(MAO) stand unordered.

FRANCE (Anarchy): A(OBB(Mor)), A(Lon), F(ENG), A(Mar), F(WMS), F(IRI) st.

GERMANY : A(Mun)-Bur A(Bel) S A(Mun)-Bur A(Hol) S A(Bel) F(HEL)-NTH  
(Alan Bustany) F(Den)-SKA F(Swe) S F(Den)-SKA F(Kie)-Den A(Ber)-Kie  
A(Sev) st. A(StP) S CHINESE A(Oms) (friendly ain't we!?)  
A(Mos) S A(Sev) A(Pos)-Pru

ITALY : A(Tus)-Pie A(Rom)-Ven A(Mor) st. A(Tun)-Pen F(GOL)-Spa s.c.  
(Frank Dashwood) F(ION) C A(Tun)-Pen F(Nap)-TYS F(Mog)-GOA and calls  
for reinforcements.

TURKEY (Peter Mearns): NMR! A(Bul), F(AEG), A(Syr) & A(Con) st. u/o. NMR!

CHINA : F(ECS)-Phi F(Osa)-Hon F(Tok)-SPO F(Can)-ECS F(Pek)-Can  
(Bruce Little) F(SPO)-OBB(SAO) F(CEL) st. A(Han)-Kan A(Snk)-Tkn  
A(Oms) S A(Snk)-Tkn A(Sib) S A(Oms) A(OMo)-Snk

A(Vtm)-Lao A(Sik)-Lao

INDIA : F(ARA)-SOM F(Eaf) S F(ARA)-SOM A(Yem)-Nej F(PER)-Yem  
(Andrew Shorney) F(Mad)-ARA A(Bag)-Jor A(Ira) st. A(Del)-Snd  
A(Cam)-Sai F(AND) st. F(Jav) st. A(Bma) st.

A(Tha) stands.

JAPAN (Anarchy): F(SOJ), F(NPO) stand unordered.

Retreats: English F(SKA) annihilated. Some Press (rest next issue):

Chinese Peoples Republic: Anybody wish to hire some boats? - reasonable  
rates.

Roma-Indya: Damn you Shorney - if your blasted fleet hadn't landed in  
Eaf, Africa would be mine, all mine! Ah well, back to Risk  
with the family.

Knife-Knife: I've just stabbed you.

A(StP)-Chinese: I think it's about time we had a few East-West negot-  
iations - what do YOU think?

GM: Paul Willey, Eric Willis and Lee Johnson all lose their deposits and  
are blacklisted, Eric and Lee losing their TotS credit unless I hear  
from them. What an abortion! As GM I propose a 4-way G/It/In/C draw,  
(T 5th). Votes next time please. Eighteenth Turn of the Screw, page 3.

NGC 166V Correction: Lee Johnson did actually send in late orders for Autumn 1905, so this time's Austrian miss is merely an NMR, and Austria is not in anarchy unless Lee misses again next time. Okay?

NGC 168 "ELROND": On the request of several of the players I've decided to hold this game over for an issue, despite having received orders from Roger Collins, to give you all time to negotiate with him properly if you wish. As it is, I have a set of orders on file from each of the players, and these will be used next time unless you change them by the deadline. Sorry for the delay, but I think it's the fairest solution for all concerned.

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NGC 184 (1976HI) "FRODO" AUTUMN 1904

AUSTRIA (A(Pie)-Mar A(Tyr)-Pie A(Ser)-Gre F(Ven) st. A(Bud) S A(Rum) (Phil Dyson) A(Rum) S TURKISH A(Con)-Sev F(ADS) S TURKISH F(AEG)-ION

ENGLAND : F(MAO)-Por F(NTH)-Bel F(NWG)-Nor F(Fin)-Swe A(Mos)-StP (Chris Side)

FRANCE (Mark Batchelor): A(Spa) S A(Mar) A(Mar) S A(Spa)\*

GERMANY : A(Den) S A(Swe) A(Swe) S A(Den) A(War)-Mos F(Kie)-Hol. (Stephen Agar) A(Lvn) S A(War)-Mos A(Gas) S AUSTRIAN A(Pie)-Mar A(Bur) S AUSTRIAN A(Pie)-Mar F(ENG)-Lon A(Par)-Bre

ITALY : F(TYS)-ION F(Gre) S F(TYS)-ION\* F(Nap)-Apu (Rod Wheelans) A(Rom) S F(Nap)-Apu

RUSSIA (Peter Sanham): F(Sev)-Rum\* A(Gal) S F(Sev)-Rum

TURKEY : F(AEG) S A(Bul) A(Bul) S AUSTRIAN A(Ser)-Gre A(Con)-Sev (Der Garvey) F(BLA) C A(Con)-Sev

Retreats\*: French A(Mar) annihilated Russian F(Sev)-Arm Italian F(Gre)-Alb

How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Tri Bud Vie Ser Rum Ven Mar + Gre = 8 Builds A(Tri).

ENGLAND : ~~Lpl~~ Lpl Edi Nor ~~StP~~ StP + Bel Por = 6 Builds A(Lpl).

FRANCE : Spa ~~Por~~ = 1 No change.

GERMANY : Mun Ber Kie Hol ~~Par~~ Par Swe Bre War + Den Mos Lon = 11 Builds F(Kie), A(Mun). ((That was the most obvious interpretation of your build orders - okay?))

ITALY : Rom Nap Tun ~~StP~~ = 3 Disbands F(Apu).

RUSSIA : ~~Mos~~ ~~Sev~~ = 0 Removes A(Gal) & F(Arm) - OUT!

TURKEY : Con Ank Smy Bul + Sev = 5 Builds A(Con).

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SSSS: Sorry, missed two proposed endings for NGC 184 - please vote on both with your orders for next season. No-votes count in favour:  
i) 1st Germany, =2nd Austria England Turkey, 5th Italy, =6th Russia France.  
ii) 1st Germany, =2nd Austria England, 4th Turkey, 5th Italy, =6th Russia France. I'm amending both of these to read "France 6th, Russia 7th", since Russia is now eliminated - 6 remaining players please vote.

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NGC 190 (1976HW) "GANITALP" SPRING 1904

AUSTRIA : F(Apu)-ION A(Tri)-Vie (oops - Chris Bishop)

ENGLAND : A(StP)-Mos F(BAR)-StP F(Nor)-NWG F(Swe) st. F(ENG)-IRI (Robert Sturges) F(Lon)-ENG

FRANCE : A(Bur)-Bel A(Pic) S A(Bur)-Bel F(MAO)-WMS A(Mar)-Pie (Norman Williams) A(Par)-Bur

GERMANY : A(Tyr)-Ven A(Mun)-Boh A(Kie)-Mun A(Sil)-Gal A(Bel) st. (Chris Rick) F(Hol) S A(Bel)

ITALY : F(ION) C TURKISH A(Con)-Tri F(ADS) C TURKISH A(Con)-Tri (Steven Lobley) A(Vie) S TURKISH A(Con)-Tri F(Alb) st. (((!!!)))

RUSSIA : F(GOB)-Swe A(Bud)-Vie A(Sev) S F(Rum)\* F(Rum) S A(Sev)\* (Keith Smith) A(Ukr)-Mos \*Retreats: both units annihilated.

TURKEY : A(Con)-Tri F(AEG) C A(Con)-Tri A(Bul)-Rum A(Arm)-Sev (Michael Handman) A(Ser) S A(Bul) S A(Con)-Tri

AUSTRIA : F(Tri)-S GERMAN A(Tyr)-Ven\* A(Rum)-Bud A(Vie) S A(Rum)-Bud  
(Stephen Agar)

ENGLAND : F(Lon)-ENG F(NTH) S F(Lon)-ENG A(Edi)-Yor F(Nor) cruises  
(Norman Hydra III) round the fjords shouting abuse (by phone) to Forsyth.

FRANCE : A(Par)-Pic A(Bel) S GERMAN A(Kie)-Hol F(Mar)-Spa s.c.  
(Iain Forsyth) F(Bre)-ENG F(Por)-MAO A(Spa)-Gas

GERMANY : A(Kie)-Hol F(Den)-NTH A(Mun)-Ruh A(Tyr) puts on lederhausen  
(Bob Grove) and says "How's that for a bid of bedder ledder?".

ITALY : F(ION)-Alb F(Nap)-ION A(Bud)-Tri A(Ven) S A(Bud)-Tri  
(Tom Strickland)

RUSSIA : A(Mos)-Ukr A(Fin)-StP F(Sev)-Rum A(Gal) S F(Sev)-Rum  
(Jonathan Palfrey) F(Swe) denounces phoney press-writers.

TURKEY : A(Bul)-Ser A(Con)-Bul F(BLA) S A(Con)-Bul F(Smy)-AEG  
(Martin Styler)

\*Retreats: Austrian F(Tri)-ADS Press:

Sara's Sleazy Swedish Sauna: Germany built A(Mun) last time, not F(Kie).

The Cremation of Iain Forsyth:

1. Strange things are done in the midnight sun by the men who dig for gold;  
The Arctic trails have their secret tales that would make your blood run cold.  
But the queerest sight in their long life  
Was the night on the marge of Lake Lebarge I cremated Ian Forsyth.
2. Now Ian Forsyth was from South of Beith (on the Saltcoats-Glasgow road);  
Why he left his home in the South to roam round the Pole I'll never know  
He was always cold, but the land of gold seemed to bind him like a spell;  
Though he'd often say in his homely way that he'd "rather luv en heill".
3. In the Spring of '03 we were mushing our way over the Dawson trail.  
Talk of the cold! Through the parka's fold it stabbed like a driven nail.  
If our skin was bare we'd stop and swear as the pain cut in like a knife.  
It wasn't much fun but the only one to whimper was Ian Forsyth.
4. And that very night as we lat packed tight playing Intimate D for two,  
With all the dogs fed, a roof on our head - we ran a pretty tight crew,  
He turned to me, and "Friend" says he, "I'll cash in this trip I guess;  
And if I do I'm asking that you won't refuse my last request".
5. Well he seemed so low (I was beating him, too), so of course I had to  
agree  
"It's the cursed cold and it's got right hold of the old wound (courtesy  
N.H.3.).  
Yet 'tain't being dead, it's my awful dread of the icy grave that pains  
So I want you to swear that foul or fair you'll 'cremate my last remains".  
(To be continued)

Future sagas: Being planned - the latest epic:-  
The Song of Martin Styler.

Turkey-France: Stop spreading false rumours about me, sonny.

Wyoming: When the mighty "Walkerbullock" fell;  
Mere mortals glanced round, as they might well.  
Anxious, above all else, to find,  
Another pairing of such kind.

And so in "Celeborn" and "Ingold" it came to life;  
In the boring shape of Hydra and Forsyth.  
How dismal it is to watch them, hand in hand,  
The fastest two-way draw in the land.

Correction of GM8s title last season: For "South-east" read "Austria".

Vienna ad Plebs: I can't help it.

The only true Tsar: "Russia-Austria" and "Schloss Stumpfdolch" last  
season were phoneys - beware! Thanks to Germany  
for last season's moves and to Turkey for letter. Sorry I haven't written  
yet.

Austria-Russia: I bet this is an even bigger one !!!

NGC 201 press, continued:

Norman-Martin: Went to see Pete Gabriel in concert 26th Apr.. Really great. If Alan Bustany is reading, buy his new elpee. Far better than any by E.J..

Austria-Turkey: Yes, I'm still here - just.

Greenmantle-Schloss Stumpfdolch: I hear you've run out of pins.

Austria-Anon and SSSS: I'm lost too. Any suggestions and/or donations will be welcome.

Hydra-World: There is no truth in the rumour that Forsyth and myself are one and the same; nor is it true that we are both the GM in disguise again, or in the words of G. Robinson: "Rubbers !".

SSSS: Finally, a proposal to end the game. Votes with orders, please: 1st Austria, =7th England France Germany Italy Russia Turkey. I think it's a joke, too!

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NGC 190, press:

London-Berlin: With regard to a certain nautical pest I think you may well be correct. I'll try anyway. PS What book?

Berlin: Is there a western front ? Too bloody right there is.

London-Moscow: You'd better start exercising some of the influence and power you spoke about some time ago.

Germany: It's too good to be true, I just don't believe it. Still I'd rather go out with a bang than be ground down.

Berlin-A/I: No letters. No alliance.

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NGC 184, press:

Austria-Turkey: I didn't hear in time so I took a guess. Woe is me - and you - if you've done the dirty.

Shakespeare-Tsar: "Now does he feel has title hang loose about him, Like a giant's robe upon a dwarfish thief" - (Macbeth, V ii, 20-2.)

Italy-All: Sorry about last month's NMR. I sent the orders to the wrong bloody address (Boo ! Hiss !). ((Hmm, just gotten !))

Turkey-Russia: Au revoir; good luck; cheerio; good bye, best wishes, etc., etc..

Berlin-Vienna: If you've taken Munich, I'll regret it.

Turkey-Italy: Try and cheat me, would you ? Hmmm, we'll soon see about that !

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NGC 161, press:

Russia-Austria: What's this knife doing between my shoulder blades ? Never mind, I'll beat you at Soccerboss ((Yecch !)) (Kilmarnock down already, tut tut).

Russia-England: Read the letter; agree totally. Pete Gabriel is better than Al Stewart.

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NGC 144, press:

Berlin: It's so nice to hear from you all !

Berlin: Sorry about the forged dateline folks; I had been reading Dolch-stoss 50, page 24, line 27, and it seemed only natural to put wot I had read into practice.

Germany-GM: My ideal woman would be a 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mute Grey of squat Latin build (preferably F(Ven)), possessing a substantial post office savings account, and with a penchant for stew and dumplings.

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