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Turn of the Screw, issue no. 19 3rd September 1977 Print run: 85

This is the nineteenth offspring of a dying breed, Turn of the Screw, FROM Greg Hawes, of 16 Crescent Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 7HN (& see below), costing 2p per side + postage; 4p + post this time. Explanations follow.

Well, I bet you weren't expecting to see TotS ever again, since this is about 12 weeks late. Don't worry, you won't suffer for much longer.

Actually, I didn't fail my exams again as many of you may have thought - as a matter of fact I got a low III in my first year sessional exam, but I have nonetheless found that both the time and the inclination to produce TotS have been lacking. I've come to the point where I am quite sure that I will no longer be able to go on and still offer anything like a good and reliable service as a GM. At University this year I have decided to devote more time to other things, study included, and TotS has to be the first thing to go. My end-of-year exams in the coming year count 30% to my finals and I've decided I'd rather give myself a shot at getting a good degree than continue with the very time-consuming task of publishing a Dippyazine. Not unreasonable, I'm sure you'll agree. Readers of Dolchstoss may have seen this coming when I was forced to give up the comparatively simple task of NGC gamestart organiser, and your fears will have been worsened by the latest Ethil and horribly confirmed in 1901a. So TotS, after a not-too-distinguished career, joins the likes of 1901, MP, Greatest Hits and Jigsaw (?) in the soon-to-be forgotten category.

All this gloom does not mean that I will be dropping out of the hobby altogether. Far from it; I still derive far too much enjoyment from playing games and attending cons to suffer that fate. Indeed, I fully intend to remain a prominent figure in the hobby, unlike the now no-more-than-a-ghost-of-his-former-self Steve Doubleday; apart from which, I can't afford not to play Poker occasionally! When I have more time, perhaps in 19 months' time, after graduating, I may well restart publishing with a zine called Return of the Screw, or RotS. Tee-hee.

Meanwhile, I have a short time later this month to bring out a last issue to complete arrangements for rehousing the games. Two are going to Ethil this time, and the rest will be sorted out at Midcon, where I can arrange things with other GMs. All credit will be transferred to your new homes, and that of non-playing subscribers will be refunded with next issue. I only wish I could subscribe to all my ex-trade zines but can only afford the cream, I'm afraid, so our trade is hereby cancelled unless there's some cash enclosed herewith.

DEADLINES

NGC 184 "FRODO" and NGC 190 "GANDALF" only - to JOHN PIGGOTT, of; 15 Freeland Road, Ealing Common, London W5 3HR, by Wednesday 12th October 1977 - not to me. All credit transferred.

ALL OTHER GAMES to me at FLAT 23, THE CEDARS, SALTHOUSE COURT, SALTHOUSE LANE, BEESTON, NOTTS. by Wednesday 28th September 1977 - take note!

CHANGES OF ADDRESS...

Greg Hawes to Flat 23 The Cedars, Salthouse Court, Salthouse Lane, Beeston, Notts., from 17th September. Zine editors please note.

Andrew Shorney at 15 Cooper Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Jonathan Palfrey to C.I.E.B.R., University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL.

Rod Wheelans to 5 Delamere Road, Wimbledon, London S.W.20.

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THE GLIB LIB.

Attending a "poker con", ('con' being the operative word in view of the presence of Baird, Pillock etc.) at the abode of Glyn Palmer's trotskyist brother is always cause for amusement. In the first instance the 'flat' itself is perched precariously above the headquarters of the National Union of Seamen, which I believe to be an organisation intent, like so many others, upon ruining the employment prospects of certain sections of the labouring classes. Secondly, the entire edifice is placed in the heart of Clapham - the unsavoury sexual activities of the residents of this unfortunate suburb apparently gives rise to the name - although I gather that Mr. Palmer jnr. frequently refers to the area as 'South Chelsea' in an attempt, not restricted I might add to the lesser Palmers, to ingratiate himself with his betters.

After the customary debauchery at the Windmill and the curried cat forced upon us by Shrapnel's disagreeable culinary habits, we returned to the abode of the wretched Palmer Minor to indulge in the pleasant pstime of relieving his equally appalling brother of some of the profits he in turn is probably withholding from her Majesty's Customs and Excise. At approximately 2 a.m. I found myself feeling far from well - the combination it appears of the curried cat and Shrapnel's feet - and I went in search of a toilet. Turning left, rather than right, I found myself in a small cupboard containing, amongst other obnoxious bric-a-brac, a garish orange poster, upon which was printed the mysterious device 'Hinckley UDC Elections; Vote Palmer - Liberal'. Perhaps Mr. Palmer Snr., or his odious younger brother, would care to throw some light on this revelation !

BOOK OF THE CENTURY:

'The Expert's Guide to Conkers', by R.S.StJ.Shrapnel. Pp 2, price £2,486 (excl. VAT). Publishers Hack, Alack and Hardback. Once again the glorious St. Richard Shrapnel leads us through the intricacies of one of the country's fastest-growing sports. Starting with advice on how to spot a horse-chestnut tree from twenty paces, he goes on to explain the easy method of drilling a suitable hole through the "fruit" (as he lovingly calls it). Sections are devoted to threading the string; sundry knots - their uses and abuses; the correct swing; what clothes to wear etc..

Two sentences cover the aspect of cheating, e.g. steeping one's nuts in vinegar and baking them - actions to which Mr. Shrapnel, in keeping with his imminent canonisation, is totally opposed.

'Er, this book shows the basic contradictions inherent in post-industrial capitalist society... (cont. Greatest Hits ((R.I.P.)))' Peace News.

POOF-REEDING

On the subject of Shrapnel it is as well for him that the poor sod charged with the dreary task of proof-reading his own manuscripts does the job a damn sight better than his counterpart on Dottslashed. Already the drunken hacks employed on producing Shrapnel's organ have begun to mutter darkly at the need to make "major environmental changes, employment wise, in the ongoing editor situation".

Entering El Vino's recently, I found my good friend Lucifer slumped over a Glen Grant and tomato juice, tears streaming down his wrinkled face, his palsied hands gripping and releasing the amber cigarette-holder stolen from Lord Lucan. He looked up, his eyes brim-ming, his bald head reflecting the candle-light, with quivering voice he slurred "t'boogers done it again". With this epitaph he slipped sideways and disappeared under the table.

Not wishing to leave an old school acquaintance to the subtle mercies of the type of person one normally associates with Fleet Street, I made enquiries at the bar in an attempt to ascertain the cause of his assuming an ongoing horizontal situation. The story is an old one - a young lad enticed to the big city by promises of vast rewards. Forced to prostitute his literary ability in order to earn a decent wage. Falling on hard times owing to a penchant for liquor. Finally, dispirited and dishevelled, made to accept employment with an unscrupulous editor of a noisome Diplomacy rag.

The editor - lantern jawed, clog-wearing Dickie Shrapnel, runs the magazine on a shoestring. Standards fall, proof-reading is sub-contracted to the Guardian; headlines are left off, lines missed. PTO

Finally the rag folds, and in the cool morning a body is found floating in the Thames.

When will our police force act against these seedy exploiters of the country's youth? Hanging is too good for them!

APOLOGY

The non-appearance of this column in the last issue of TotS was due to industrial action in the synonym processing plant. Members of the Society of Hyphen, Insert and Roman Keepers (SHIRK) are seeking a reduction in weekly working hours to 105, provision for 20 minutes unpaid lunch break, one week's holiday per annum and a no-redundancy clause in the event of sickness. I am assured by Mr. Hawes that these outrageous demands, which I may add threaten not only the freedom of the press but the very basis of our democracy, will be opposed by all the power at our command.

Meanwhile, to indicate the strength of our intention not to bow down to the trade union barons, we print here a paragraph from last month's mutilated column:-

"Richard Shrapnel is as ----- as a -----, The size of his ----- continues to amaze even those who have known him for some time. The ----- is red in colour and comes out monthly. John Piggott also ----- with it, when he is not ----- Lucifer. ----- letters also fill a -----."

STOP PRESS. Pakistan Cricket Team:

1. Ransid Bhutta (capt.)
2. Jam Bhutti
3. Veribadbatsman
4. Littlebitbetta
5. Nobludigud
6. Pohrfucka
7. Porlitummi
8. Cocktaylshaka
9. Bedibies
10. Weekikkeepa
11. Sillimidon

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MIDCON 2

This is being held this weekend, 9th-11th September, at Hugh Stewart Hall, University Park, Nottingham. This convention will include the AGM of the National Games Club, a Diplomacy tournament, an auction of second-hand games and Dippyazines, and lots more games and probably more tournaments.

The con is being organised by Dave Allen of c/o B.R., S. & I.S.D., Room 243, 163 - 203, Eversholt St., LONDON, NW1 1BG. It is now a bit late to book, of course, but the Bed & Breakfast cost is £5 per night, or ordinary entrance for non-residents is 50p per day if booked in advance, 75p on the day. It seems possible that you may be able to get B&B if you just turn up on the day and see Dave, but on the Saturday ~~and~~ night I will offer the floor of my nearby flat to anyone who has nowhere else to go.

I will be there, definitely. In fact, a large party will be in the Weaver's Arms, Hinckley, Leics., during the evening opening hours on the Friday, including myself, Glyn Palmer, Birks, Piggott, Sharp and other leading lights. We should arrive in Nottingham around midnight. I will gladly direct anyone to decent pubs in the area, and I daresay Richard Hucknall will be able to help along those lines, too. Do come and join in the fun, and meet all those notorious faces - but don't expect us to be in the Hall during opening hours! Hope to see you there.

Now, how to get there? Easiest by road; leave the M1 at junction 25 and follow the A52 to Nottingham. Pass through 3 roundabouts on the A52, then turn right onto the University campus after about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Hugh Stewart Hall will then be signposted. Follow signs to Mens' Halls of Residence, otherwise. By train to Nottingham Midland station (BR), then buses 4, 4A, 5, 19, 45, 63 or 83 to the University.

Recommended pubs: The Nurseryman, Wollaton Rd, Beeston (Kimberley Ale, very cheap & good, dartboard); The Crown, Church St, Beeston (Home Ale, again reasonable, dartboard); Durham Ox, High Rd, Beeston (ditto); Queen's Hotel, Queen's Road, Beeston (ditto with 2 dartboards), etc..

GAMES

NGC 144 (1975FE)

"ARAGORN"

SPRING 1909

Furious battle for superiority.
And will Turkey stab Italy ??

GERMANY : F(Den)-NTH A(Ber)-Kie A(Bre)-Pic F(Swe)-Nor A(Mun) S A(Boh)
(Martin Styler) A(Boh) st. A(Gal)-Sil A(Bur) S A(Mar) A(Gas) S A(Mar)
A(Mar) st. F(IRI)-Lpl A(War)-Mos F(MAO)-Spa n.c.*
A(Lvn)-StP A(Pru)-Lvn

ITALY : F(NAO) S TURKISH F(Naf)-MAO F(Por) S TURKISH F(Naf)-MAO
(Jonathan Palfrey) A(Pie)-Mar F(Spa)s.c. S A(Pie)-Mar F(TYS) decides to
specialise in administration A(Tyr) S TURKISH A(Vie)

RUSSIA (Chris Bishop): F(Kie)-Hol

TURKEY : A(Rum)-Ukr A(Sev) S A(Rum)-Ukr A(Vie)-Gal A(Bud) S A(Vie)-Gal
(Ian Macdonald) A(Tri) S ITALIAN A(Tyr) A(Con)-Rum F(BLA) C A(Con)-Rum
F(GOL) S ITALIAN F(Spa)S.C. F(Smy)-AEG F(ION)-Tun
F(Naf)-MAO A(Mos)-StP

*Retreats: GERMAN F(MAO)-ENG

Press (carried over from last issue):

Moscow; or Heaven: A belated guess at the identity of the players in the
TotS anonymous game; Austria, try Martin Styler. France,
er Martin Styler. Italy could be Martin Styler. ... Russia, well, must be
Democratic Anarchy.

Sara's Steamy Swedish Sauna: "Suffering Succotash." Smarty Styler is
swiftly struck-off, suspended and sabelisted
for attempting to imitate the GM (under House Rule 8 b.). No standby will
be appointed and all German units go into Anarchy. The vote is of course
null and void. I regret having to take this action but my House Rules are
quite specific and Martin has not attempted to give any excuse for his
action.

Press (this issue's): Hey - waddya know - there isn't any !

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NGC 154 (1975JE)

"BILBO"

SPRING 1908

Draw proposal narrowly defeated
As Italy bows out

AUSTRIA : A(Mos) S GERMAN A(Lvn)-StP A(War) S A(Mos) A(Sil) S A(Mun)-Ber
(Alan Reason) A(Mun)-Ber* A(Gal)-Ukr A(Rum) S A(Gal)-Ukr A(Bul)-Con
A(Ven)-Rom F(Nap) S A(Ven)-Rom F(Gre)-ION F(Tri)-ADS
A(Tyr)-Pie

ENGLAND : A(Nor) S GERMAN A(Lvn)-StP A(Bur) S GERMAN A(Kie)-Mun
(Mal Copeland) A(Lon) st. A(Spa) S GERMAN A(Gas)-Mar F(TYS) S F(Tun)-ION
F(Tun)-ION F(MAO)-WMS F(ENG)-MAO F(NTH)-ENG

FRANCE (Chris Bishop): A(Mar)-Pie*

GERMANY : A(Kie)-Mun A(Ruh) S A(Kie)-Mun A(Ber) S A(Kie)-Mun A(Lvn)-StP
(Alan Bustany) F(Pru) S A(Ber) A(Gas)-Mar F(Hol) stands A(Sev) prays
for support from Turkey.

ITALY (Eddie Goffin): A(Rom)-Ven*

TURKEY (Keith Smith): NMR! A(Arm), A(Ank), A(Smy) st. unordered.

*Retreats: Austrian A(Mun)-Boh French A(Mar) annihilated
Italian A(Rom)-Tus

Press:

Sara's Sleazy Swedish Sauna: Eddie Goffin apologises for his miss last
time but he's been very ill, spending the
best part of six weeks in hospital. I accepted his orders late. Get well
soon, Eddie ! Last time's draw proposal was thrown out
vote against, 3 failures to vote, count for. I have another proposal, on
which I ask you all to vote with next time's orders - failure to vote
counts as in favour, as usual. The proposal for this time is: =1st E & G,
3rd A, 4th F, 5th I, 6th F. In fact, due to the dropping-out of Italy, I
would place France fifth if this goes through, so this amounts to a repeat
of last time's vote. Please vote again, though.

NGC 154 Press (cont.):

Bob and Mal - C.P.R.: OFFER TOTS 18 ACCEPTED STOP SEND ALL JUNKS. COMMA
SAMPANS SOONEST STOP

??? Message not understood. No Bob in this game. Try INGOLD ? ((???)

Vatican Daily Epic: WHO IS WORKING GERMANY ? If Germany is still in this
game then I'm an Italian, and Bustany is (censored) !
If Germany is still in this game then who is working England ? One of
them has dropped out and left the other to clean up. Since neither of
them answers my letters perhaps Greg is moving their pieces for them,
and perhaps both have dropped out. Certainly their moves are far too
well coordinated, especially in view of the time available for negotiation;
something is very much up. Signed:-
A Bad Loser. (Name and address supplied).

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NGC 161 (1976AE)

"CELEBORN"

SPRING 1906

Austria heading for win.
In 1907 perhaps.

GM's note: Austrian A(Rom)-Nap should have been underlined last time.

AUSTRIA : A(Ank)-Arm A(Smy) S A(Ank)-Arm A(Vie)-Tyr A(Boh) S A(Vie)-Tyr
(Iain Forsyth) A(Ser)-Rum A(Bud)-Gal A(Rom)-Nap F(ION) S A(Rom)-Nap
A(Tri)-Ven A(Mos) S A(Ukr) A(Ukr) S A(Mos)
F(Con)-BLA A(Mar)-Gas

ENGLAND (Jonathan Palfrey): F(Lon)-ENG F(NTH) S F(Lon)-ENG F(MAO)-Gas

FRANCE (Anarchy): A(Bur), F(Wal), F(ENG)*, A(Bel) & A(Ruh) stand

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

RUSSIA : F(Sev)-BLA A(Arm)-Sev* A(StP)-Mos A(War) S A(StP)-Mos
(Norman Hydra III) A(Ber)-Sil A(Mun) S A(Ber)-Sil F(Den) S F(Hol)-Ank
((No such unit)) F(Hol)-Ank ((Not connected !))
A(Kie)-Ber F(BAR) stands unordered

*Retreats: French F(ENG) unordered - disbanded by GM ITALIAN A(Nap)-Apu
Russian A(Arm) annihilated:

Press:

Austria-Russia: I don't think we really believed each other but I had to
make sure.

Russia-Austria: The statement below is the truth.
The above statement is a lie.

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NGC 166V (Youngstown)

"DENETHOR"

AUTUMN 1906

European cooperation
Draw rejected, but still in the offing

AUSTRIA : A(Bud)-Ser A(Clu) S A(Bud)-Ser A(Gre)-Bul A(Rum) S A(Gre)-Bul
(Lee Johnson) A(Tri)-Mon A(Vie)-Bud A(Ven)-Tri F(ADS)-Alb

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

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

GERMANY : F(Swe)-Nor A(Bur)-Par A(Bel)-Bur A(Hol)-Bel F(HEL)-Hol
(Alan Bustany) F(Den)-NTH F(SKA) S F(Den)-NTH A(Kie)-Mun A(Pru)-War
A(Sev) st. A(Mos) S A(Sev) A(StP) still S CHINESE
A(Oms): amazing !

ITALY : F(GOA)-RED A(Pen)-Egy F(ION)-EMS F(TYS)-ION A(Mor) st.
(Frank Dashwood) F(Spa)s.c. stands A(Rom)-Ven A(Pie) S A(Rom)-Ven

TURKEY : A(Bul)-Gre F(AEG) S A(Bul)-Gre A(Con)-Bul A(Syr)-Arm
(Peter Mearns)

CHINA : F(Phi)-CEL F(Hon)-Kyo F(SPO)-OBB(MAO) F(OBB(SAO))-SAO
(Bruce Little) F(ECS)-SPO F(Can)-ECS F(CEL)-TIM A(Kan) stands
A(Tkn) S A(Oms) A(Oms) S A(Tkn) A(Sib) S A(Oms)
A(Vtm)-Lao A(SiK)-Lao A(OMo)-Snk ((there already))

INDIA : F(Eaf)-Mog F(SOM) S F(Eaf)-Mog F(ARA)-GOA F(Yem) S F(ARA)-GOA
(Andrew Shorney) A(Bma)-Gal F(AND)-EIO A(Nej)-Bag A(Tha), A(Sai) and
F(Jav) st. A(Jor)-Egy A(Ira)-Arm A(Snd)-Ira

NGC 166V (Continued): How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Tri Bud Vie Clu Gre Ser Rum ~~Vep~~ = 7 Removes A(Mon).
ENGLAND : Lpl Edi Ire ~~Nyf~~ = 3 Removes retreating F(NTH) and remains one unit short - no builds received.
FRANCE : Mar ~~Faf~~ Bre Por ~~Spa~~ Lon = 4 GM removes A(OBB(Mor)), F(IRI).
GERMANY : Ber Kie Mun Pos Den Hol War Mos Sev Bel Swe StP + Nwy Par = 14 Builds F(Kie), A(Pos).
ITALY : Nap Rom ~~Mog~~ Pen Egy Eth Tun Mor + Spa Ven = 9 Builds A(Rom).
TURKEY : Con Ank Smy Bul = 4 No change.
CHINA : Pek Han Can Man Vtm For OMo Vla Bor Snk Phi Kor Osa Tok Oms + Kyo = 16 Builds F(Can), F(Pek).
INDIA : Mad Cal Del Cey Bma Tha Joh Jaw Ira Cam Sai Yem Bag + Mog = 14 Builds A(Del).
JAPAN : ~~Kyp~~ Kar = 1 GM removes F(NPO).

Sorry; forgot Japan in the game report, not that it matters much:

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

SSSS: The draw vote last issue was defeated, 2 for, 2 against, the rest not voting. Please now vote on; =1st G/In/C, 4th I, 5th A, 6th T.

Press:

Chinese People's Republic: See BILBO.

Turkey-India: In return for leaving my centres alone I will become your puppet. Eh ?

Chinese People's Republic: The report of the Chinese naval involvement in the Atlantic was greeted with much favour by the Revolutionary Governments of France and Great Britain. To provide aid to the powers it is expected that Chinese sailors will soon be paying brief visits to important ~~supply depot~~ ports in the area.

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NGC 168 (1976AQ)

"ELROND"

SPRING 1906

Massive support for Germany.

Who'll support Turkey ?

ENGLAND : A(Kie)-Ber F(BAL) S A(Kie)-Ber A(Edi)-Den F(NTH) C A(Edi)-Den (Jim Gravenor) A(Nor)-StP F(Fin) S A(Nor)-StP A(Yor) stands.

FRANCE : A(Hol)-Kie A(Ruh) S A(Hol)-Kie A(Bur)-Mun F(Bre)-MAO (Gary Parks) F(WMS)-GOL F(TYS)-Nap A(Mar)-Pie

GERMANY (Roger Sterry): A(Mun) st. A(StP) st.

ITALY : A(Boh) S GERMAN A(Mun) A(Tyr) S GERMAN A(Mun) A(Pie) st. (Roger Collins): F(ION)-Nap F(Rom)-TYS F(AEG)-ION F(Tun)-NAF

RUSSIA : A(Arm)-Ank F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Ank A(Ber) S GERMAN A(Mun)* (Norman Nathan) A(Bul)-Con A(War)-Lvn A(Ukr)-Gal A(Sev)-Ukr A(Mos) S GERMAN A(StP)

TURKEY (Jonathan Effemey): F(Con) S A(Ank) A(Ank) S F(Con)* F(Smy) S F(Con)

Retreats: RUSSIAN A(Ber)-Sil Turkish A(Ank) annihilated.

Press:

France: Trust Roger Collins to clear off when the heat's on, and Tunisia of all places ! The cheek of the fellow !!

Italy-Germany: In view of the underhand attack by the perfidious, as always, English, it falls to the gallant Italians to support the citadel which harbours the vestiges of the German spirit - while their other troops depart on an irresponsible and profitless career through Mother Russia. Could you in return please leave me Munich in your will ?

Dear France: Thanks very much for your suggestion, but at present it seems far too risky;

Turkey.

NGC 184 (1976HI)

"FRODO"

SPRING 1905

Has this game been rehoused already ?
What a mess if it has !

AUSTRIA : A(Mar) S ENGLISH F(Por)-Spa n.c. A(Pie) S A(Mar) A(Rum)-Ukr
(Phil Dyson) F(Ven) S F(ADS) A(Gre)-Alb A(Tri) S A(Gre)-Alb
A(Bud)-Gal F(ADS) S TURKISH F(AEG)-ION

ENGLAND : F(Por)-Spa n.c. A(StP) st. F(Nor) S A(StP) F(Fin) S A(StP)
(Chris Side) A(Lpl)-Yor F(Bel)-NTH

FRANCE (Mark Batchelor): A(Spa) stands*

GERMANY : F(Hol)-NTH F(Lon)-Yor A(Mun)-Ruh F(Kie)-BAL A(Swe) st.
(Stephen Magar) A(Den) S A(Swe) A(Lvn)-StP A(Mos) S A(Lvn)-StP
A(Bur) st. A(Gas)-Spa A(Bre)-Pic

ITALY (Rod Wheelans): F(Alb)-ADS* A(Rom) st. F(ION) st.

TURKEY : A(Sev) S AUSTRIAN A(Rum)-Ukr A(Bul)-Rum A(Con)-Bul
(Der Garvey) F(BLA)-Con F(AEG)-ION

*Retreats: French A(Spa) and Italian F(Alb) both annihilated.

Press:

SSSS: Both draw proposals were defeated, proposal 1 by 1 vote, proposal
2 by two votes. (Only two actual votes for in each case).

Berlin: I can't think of anything to say ! ((Why bother, then ?))

A-I: The end is at hand !!!

France-Russia: How about an alliance ? ((?)) (((Hands off brackets !)))

Constantinople-Berlin: ~~Will~~ Will you guarantee me second place if I
stab Austria ?

Berlin-Constantinople: Yes !

London-Paris Spain: Come back, all is forgiven.

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NGC 190 (1976HW):

"GANDALF"

AUTUMN 1904

Four serious contenders left.
Who's next for the axe ?

AUSTRIA (Chris Bishop): A(Tri)-Ven F(Apu) S A(Tri)-Ven

ENGLAND : F(IRI)-MAO F(ENG) S F(IRI)-MAO F(NWG)-NAO F(BAR)-StP n.c.
(Robert Sturges) F(Swe) stands A(StP)-Mos

FRANCE : A(Pic)-Bre A(Par)-Gas A(Bur)-Ruh F(WMS)-Tun A(Pie)-Tyr
(Norman Williams)

GERMANY : A(Bel)-Bur A(Mun) S A(Bel)-Bur F(Hol)-Bel A(Gal)-Vie
(Chris Rick) A(Boh) S A(Gal)-Vie A(Ven) S AUSTRIAN A(Tri)*

ITALY : A(Vie)-Tri F(ADS) S A(Vie)-Tri F(Alb) S A(Vie)-Tri
(Steven Lobley) F(ION)-Nap

RUSSIA (Keith Smith): NMR! F(GOB), A(Bud), A(Ukr) stand unordered.

TURKEY : A(Rum) st. A(Sev) S A(Rum) F(BLA) S A(Rum) A(Con)-Gre
(Michael Harding) F(AEG) C A(Con)-Gre A(Ser) S A(Con)-Gre

*Retreat: German A(Ven)-Rom How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Ven ~~Tri~~ = 1. GM removes F(Apu).

ENGLAND : Lon Lpl Edi Nor Swe StP + Mos = 7 Builds A(Edi).

FRANCE : Par Mar Bre Por Spa + Tun = 6 Builds F(Bre).

GERMANY : Kie Mun Ber Bel Hol Den + Vie Rom = 8 Builds A(Kie), A(Ber).

ITALY : ~~Kon~~ Nap ~~Vie~~ ~~Tri~~ + Tri = 2 GM removes F(Alb), F(ADS).

RUSSIA : ~~Mos~~ War ~~Sev~~ ~~Rum~~ Bud = 2 GM removes F(GOB).

TURKEY : Con Ank Smy Bul Gre Ser + Rum Sev = 8 Builds A(Ank), A(Con).

Press:

Norman: I hope to write soon. Robert.

Italy misses.

Close-run thing otherwise.

AUSTRIA : F(ADS)-Tri A(Vie) S F(ADS)-Tri A(Bud) S ITALIAN A(Tri)-Ser
(Stephen Agar)

ENGLAND : F(NTH)-ENG F(Lon) S F(NTH)-ENG F(Nor)-NTH A(Wor) gestic-
(Norman Hydra III) -ulates in a Northerly direction.

FRANCE : F(Bre)-ENG F(MAO)-IRI F(Spa)s.c.-MAO A(Pic) S A(Bel)
(Iain Forsyth) A(Gas)-Bur A(Bel) S A(Gas)-Bur

GERMANY (Bob Grove): A(Hol) st. F(Den)-NTH A(Ruh)-Mun A(Tyr)-Boh

ITALY (Tom Strickland): NMR! F(Alb), F(ION), A(Tri)*, A(Ven) st. u/o.

RUSSIA : A(Gal)-Boh A(Ukr)-Gal -F(Rum) establishes a nudist colony,
(Jonathan Palfrey) F(Swe) takes control of eleven nudist colonies and
declares Martian law, A(StP) complains to the Tsar
about the frivolous attitude of the navy.

TURKEY : A(Bul)-Gre A(Ser) S A(Bul)-Gre F(AEG) S A(Bul)-Gre
(Martin Styler) F(BLA)-Bul e.c.

*Retreat: Italian A(Tri) annihilated. How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Tri Vie ~~Rum~~ + Bud = 3 No change.

ENGLAND : Lon Lpl Edi Nor = 4 No change.

FRANCE : Par Mar Bre Por Spa Bel = 6 No change.

GERMANY : Ber Mun Kie Den + Hol = 5 Builds F(Kie).

ITALY : Rom Ven Nap ~~Alb~~ = 3 No change.

RUSSIA : Mos War Sev StP Swe + Rum = 6 Builds A(War).

TURKEY : Con Ank Smy Bul + Ser Gre = 6 Builds F(Smy), A(Con).

Press:

SSSS: Proposal vote; yes, it was a joke !

Associated press: It is believed that Chancellor Grovski has been kid-
-napped by Tyrolian freedom fighters. He was last
seen rocketing down a ski-slope near Innsbruck shouting "I'm an aero-
-plane !" Officials in Berlin refused to comment on the situation last
night but it is rumoured that a ransom of £25 is being demanded. With
little hope of this sum being raised fears are mounting for the safety
of the German leader.

Our premier press writer: is on holiday and apologises to all players for
lack of press this time.

Ex-Bilbo; for BOB and MAL a message: Subject Boat-Hire/Chinese peoples
Republic. Regret Mal not in this
game. Suggest return to sender? Corrected message follows.
AVAILABLE CHINESE FLEETS REQUIRED URGENTLY PROCEED BOB COMMA AND COMMA
MAL COMMA DENETHOR FOR PACIFICATION MAD JOH CAL ETC MESSAGE ENDS
((???)

The Only True Tsar: We are not acquainted with Peter Gabriel.

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FOOTBALL QUIZ ANSWERS...

1. A draw, or 1-0 home win.
2. Indirect free kick for ungentlemanly conduct.
3. Same as 2.
4. No, retake the penalty.
5. Play on.
6. Retake the goal kick.
7. No, as the advantage was played.
8. Warn the player concerned that any injury caused to himself by the glasses will be his own fault, and not punishable.
9. Yes, if the other team and the ref agree.
10. London, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Sheffield, Liverpool, Nottm.
11. Coventry City have never won the F.A. Cup !
12. SPURS, O.K. !

50p goes to Alan Bustany, and my hearty congratulations and thanks to Adrien Baird and Jonathan Palfrey, whose answers were hilarious; wish I had room to print them here. That quiz appeared in issue 17, in case you're wondering.