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On your address labels is a bracket, containing three figures. The first is your NGC membership number, or ??? if I don't know it. The second is your status (F = free issue, for some reason, T = trader, S = subscriber.) The last is your remaining credit. If a * appears beside it, you haven't enough to pay for the next issue, and should send some forthwith. If your credit is in red, with a minus sign in front of it and three ***'s for effect, you owe me money and will not get the next issue unless I get some! So keep an eye on it.

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Richard Sharp objects to my getting a grant and inststs I be made to work (see Dolchstoss 36, page 7). You hypocritical bastard, Sharp; didn't you languish here for three years? Good life, innit?

I thought Genital Herpes was a God in Grecian legend...until I discovered

SMIRNOFF

After your pint of Youngs' Ordinary, drink vodka and lime; the real drink.

- ... or gin and orange
- ... or rum and black
- ... or Pernod and lager
- ... or M*I*L*K - 7p a pint!

CAMPAIGN FOR BEER SUBSIDIES)(CLOSE ALL SCOTTISH PUBS)(BREAST-FEED VODKA

DEADLINES:

For NGC 144 - Friday 5th December

For ID - D & ID - E - Friday 21st November

I thought Coitus Saxonicus was a Norman warship - until I discovered Smirnoff!

Russia hammered !
France in trouble too ?

AUSTRIA (Phil Dines):	F(Alb)-Gre A(Bul)-Rum	A(Vie)-Gal	A(Ser) S	TURKISH
ENGLAND (Jon Grose):	F(NWG)-Nor	<u>A(Edi)-Bel</u>	F(NTH) C	A(Edi)-Bel
FRANCE (Frank Dashwood):	F(MAO)-Por	A(Spa)-Mar	<u>A(Pic)-Bel</u>	
GERMANY (Martin Styler):	<u>F(Den)-Swe</u>	A(Kie)-Hol	A(Ruh) S	A(Kie)-Hol
ITALY (Jonathan Palfrey):	F(TYS)-Tun	A(Pie) st.	A(Tus) st.	
RUSSIA (Chris Bishop):	A(War)-Ukr <u>A(Sev) S</u>	<u>F(GOB)-Swe</u>	<u>F(Rum) st.*</u>	
TURKEY (Ian Macdonald):	A(Bul)-Rum	A(Arm)-Sev	F(BLA)-S	A(Arm)-Sev

*Retreats: RUSSIAN F(Rum) annihilated
RUSSIAN A(Sev) unordered - disbanded by GM.

How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Tri Bud Vie + Gre Ser = 5 Builds A(Bud), A(Vie).
ENGLAND : Lon Lpl Edi + Nor = 4 Builds F(Lon).
FRANCE : Par Mar Bre + Por = 4 Builds A(Par).
GERMANY : Mun Ber Kie + Den Hol = 5 Builds A(Mun), F(Kie).
ITALY : Rom Ven Nap + Tun = 4 Builds F(Nap).
RUSSIA : Mos War ~~StP~~ StP + 3 Builds A(War).
TURKEY : Con Ank Smy + Sev Rum = 5 Builds F(Con), F(Smy).

Remaining neutrals: Swe Bel Spa Bul = 4

A very interesting season, with Russia temporarily down to two units (a new Dolchstoss record ?) four centres remaining neutral and an interesting position overall. Well done all players on getting your orders in promptly. I hope this continues. Now over to you...

Press:

De La Frenais: The savagery breaking out in the rest of the world 'ashton-ished and 'ashtounded the people of Franks.

Frankiously they begged that their beloved President - would 'ashend the throne ash Emperor Caesar Franck, (son of *the Gaul).

"Compose yourselves mes enfranks", he declared with his usual panache, "No dashed foreigners would cross the Frankiers."

Meanwhile, flying the dreaded Frankensign, our fleet ash franchored on the Costa Gomez to extend the Frankise to Portugal.

Cashting his single transferable vote our dashing leader was unanimously elected the Proportugal Representative.

* See the Tinamou No 7.

Sara's Sleazy Swedish Sauna: The above was printed exactly as received. I can't make head or tail of it. Can you ?

London: Grose Once Trembled, Only Half Expecting Livonian Leniency,
Resisting Unkind Snide Statements Infinitem Ad.

Berlin: (1). Whoops, sorry Chris ! No hard feelings I hope. It's just that Stockholm is my favourite city.
(2). Paris. Thanks for your letter. Surely you know, two's company, three's a crowd. Bon chance, "mon ami".

Russia: I do no look forward to the destruction, early or late, of anyone, as it is so unnecessary - ask and you shall receive.

Nyetskiovitch.

SSSS: Austria, France and Germany have given me their telephone numbers in case of non-arrival of their orders by the deadline. Anyone else ? I have received no requests to print numbers, so I haven't !

ID - 'D'

'HAMMON'

AUTUMN 1901

Dave Ross (Russia)

Paul Willey (France)

Russia and France begin 100% records.
... England 33%

RUSSIA : A(Ukr)-Rum F(GOB)-Swe A(Gal)-Vie F(BLA)-Ank
Turkey : F(Con)-AEG A(Syr) st. A(Smy) st.
Austria : A(Tyr)-Pie F(ADS)-ION A(Ser)-Alb

FRANCE : F(MAO)-Por A(Bur)-Bel A(Spa) comes to dinner at my place.
England : F(NWG)-BAR A(Edi)-Cly F(NTH)-Nor

German F(Kie), A(Mun), A(Ber) and Italian F(Nap), A(Rom), A(Ven) stand (ntrl)
No retreats.

How they stand:

RUSSIA : Mos War Sev StP + Rum Swe Vie Ank = 8 Builds A(War), A(Mos),
A(StP), F(Sev).

FRANCE : Par Mar Bre + Por Spa Bel = 6 Builds F(Bre), F(Mar), A(Par).

England : Lon Lpl Edi + Nor = 4 Builds F(Edi).

Germany : Mun Kie Ber = 3 No change.

Turkey : Con ~~Ank~~ Smy = 2 Removes A(Smy).

Austria : ~~Vie~~ Bud Tri = 2 Removes A(Alb).

Italy : Ven Rom Nap = 3 No change.

Still neutral: Den Hol Tun Gre Ser Bul = 6.

Credit for 1902: Russia £18 (10 + 8) France £24 (18 + 6).

GM: I have received no press for this game and only one season is adjudicated due to the late arrival of Paul's orders. This was not Paul's fault, but that of the Spanish or British Post Office, or both. I have some 1902 bids on file from Paul; bids from Dave by the ID deadline, please.

Paul Willey is thinking of holding a SpainDipCon for a whole week the week after Christmas if there is sufficient response. The student fare to Barcelona is about £25 (or maybe less) according to Paul, or it's £17 by boat from Southampton to San Sebastian (or less if you don't have a cabin) and a car carried free with every four passengers. Food will be paid for by a pool arrangement, but it's slightly cheaper than in England. Cooking will be by rota, and there is adequate sleeping accomodation, though sleeping bags will be necessary. Obviously, if people go all the way there they will want to see the place as well as play Dippy, but Paul says he knows most of the places that are worth seeing. Interested? Then write to Paul at:

Puerta 34, Escultor Jose Capuz, 15, Valencia-6, Spain. Phone 3 33 49 30

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None of the other Intimate Diplomacy games move this issue, due to the lapses of Dave Brown and SESAME.

However, Dave Ross has claimed a draw in ID-B on the basis that France's stalemate line is now complete. I have verified that this is indeed the case, France's standing orders being as follows:

A(StP) st. F(Nor) S A(StP) A(Den) st. F(ENG) st. A(Bel) st. A(Bur) st.
A(Pic) S A(Bel) A(Par) S A(Bur) A(Mar) st. F(GOL) st. F(Spa)sc S F(GOL)
F(WMS) S F(GOL) F(Tun) st. A(Naf) S F(Tun)

Thus this game ends in a draw. The stalemate line is quite an interesting one, which would, I am sure, be very useful in a regular game for halting an Austro-Turkish steamroller. Anyway, final statements next time, please, from both players.

ID-E: If I hear nothing from Dave Brown, I will give Mike Ingham a different opponent for this game, which has not yet got under way. However, I would be grateful if Dave would inform me as soon as possible whether he wants to play or not. Mike has agreed to use your rule about not disbanding mercenaries, Dave.

ID-C: Once again, SESAME has failed to meet the deadline, and I hereby declare this game a win for Sharp/Morris by default. Now comes the news you've all been waiting for; the identity of the SESAME player: and the disgraced individual is ... Craig Nye !!! Well, well. PTO for more scandal.

Seriously, though; it looks like Craig's "duplicator trouble" has spread to other vital parts of his anatomy. Retief hasn't been seen for well over three months and I for one have lost all interest in my game in that zine. The promised carbon-copied game reports never materialised, and several notes to Craig have gone unanswered. Isn't it time, then, for the NGC to step in to rescue the games? Yet another job for Richard Sharp, who still hasn't sent me the Shelob's Lair orphan or the Filibuster Atlantica game, both of which I am supposed to be adopting. However, I may be able to obtain the latter direct from Adrien in the near future. There is obvious danger in allowing orphaned games to remain dormant for too long, and I for one think that attempts to rehouse games from non-apparent zines should be made as soon as possible after the apparent collapse. So how about the Retief games, Rich?

And now, a commercial break:

ID player wanted: Generous fool (you must be a fool if you're generous) would like a similar person (only more foolish even) to play ID with (and who also ends sentences with prepositions). Even the SHARPEst and most PIGGOTTed players will be considered even though they may feel a right BIRK (or a left one or whatever turns you on). First 5,000 only accepted; any more bring their own grub etc., etc., etc..

To translate; the above is a general Intimate Diplomacy challenge from Ian Waugh, apparently directed at JP, RS and PB in particular, though Ian says he'd like to play 2 or 3 games if anyone wants to take him on. Anyone accepting the challenge should send a preference list by the ID deadline. The rules of ID and TotS house rules are available for an SAE for those who want them.

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Quiz Time: I have received quite a reasonable response both to the question posed last issue as to what took place on 7th October 1571, and to the question of the significance of the title of this zine.

The correct answer to the first question was that on the 7th October 1571 the Battle of Lepanto took place, in which the Papal fleets, commanded by Don John of Austria, defeated the superior Turkish navy. All entrants got this far, but no-one found the answer to the final part, that is the particular significance of the event. Of course, the renowned Italian opening in Dippy is named after it, but what I was after was that this was the last major sea battle in which galleys played a significant part. In fact, as Frank Dashwood pointed out, it was the superiority of Don John's galleons over the Turkish galleys that was the deciding factor. Frank therefore shares the prize with Ian Macdonald, who mentioned the revolutionising of naval tactics after the battle. Each of them has had 50p added to his credit.

Turn of the Screw was suggested as a title by Steve Doubleday, who complained that people were always making fun of his name, and that with a name like Hawes (= whores) the significance should be obvious! Thanks a bunch, Steve! Not surprisingly, noone had a mind as sufficiently warped as DDay's to work out the significance of the title, so the £1.50 prize wasn't won, but Glyn Palmer has had 50p added to his credit for being the only reader to guess that Dubbledi suggested it.

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THIS MONTH'S QUIZ - 50p PRIZE TO BE WON !

Frank Dashwood submitted this one, and I'm offering a 50p prize to the winner. If I receive more than one correct solution, I'll choose the winner by some random method. The question is:

What did Fox do in 1517? And, since it had been done before in 1352, Why? Clue: A small, compact stronghold.

I look forward to receiving entries. By the Regular Dippy deadline, OK?

Just room to quote Mick Bullock's clever, but wrong, solutions to the TotS guessing-game: "...Something to do with the opera? No? ((No, not in honour of Britten's work of the same name)) Memories of a Yugoslavian warder when you were in prison (Turnov the screw)? No? ... I give in..."

It is now Saturday, and all the games, such as they are, are typed up. Greatest Hits Vol 16 arrived this morning from Pete Birks (39 Handforth Road, London; SW9:CLL. GH is one of my favourite zines. It is one of the most interesting of the mimiced NGC zines. 1/2 per side + postage and recommended.

Pete agrees with me that it is time the Relief games were rehoused. I'll take one, Richard.

Also in GH 16 is an article entitled "Why everyone should go to University if they can". My reply to that article follows:

WHY EVERYONE SHOULD GO TO OXFORD IF THEY CAN.

Pete Birks maintains that a first at Kent University is as good as a first at Oxford any day. What utter rubbish! Pete's account of life in College comes nowhere in comparison to life at Corpus. I know I've only been here four weeks, but you've been at KU for 2 1/2 years, Pete, and you've only just realised you're enjoying yourself!

When you first get to Corpus, there is never a dull moment. Sherry parties, society meetings, sports, discos, parties; with the occasional lecture or tutorial thrown in; these are going on right from the start. People are extremely friendly and very interesting. As for second and third year students being better at chatting up totties (CCC slang = females), this is a fallacy. I have been in Oxford for 4 1/2 weeks and am at present double-dating a second year classicist from St Hilda's, who is 21, and a girl from one of the 6th form colleges on the Banbury road. Alcoholism is a common mistake among first year undergraduates; lechery is much more fun.

A typical day at Corpus is something like this:-

7.00 am : Either you're still asleep or you get up to go rowing with the College third eight in preparation for some regatta or other. Nassy.

8.30 am : Breakfast. Either in Hall, which is the first social event of the day, if you've been rowing, or in your room if you're up yet.

9.00 am : Lectures or coffee in a friend's room or a long fester in the JCR.

12.30 pm : Lunch with Carol at St. Hilda's College. Perhaps to the pubs till closing time.

3.00 pm : A spot of work or a touch of Diplomig or shopping or a hundred and one other things.

6.00 pm : Beer cellar for a game of darts or bar footy, both of which I invariably lose - one of the disadvantages of being a freshman.

6.45 pm : Dinner. Either roast lamb, roast pork, roast beef, roast chicken, roast crab (caught while rowing), roast roast, roast roasted roast, or roast, usually followed by "chocolate pear". Yeccccch!

7.45 pm : Meet Alison

8.00 pm : Disco at St. Peter's, or Catz, or Pembroke, or a party at St. John's, or a dance at Somerville

12.00 midnight : Back to Corpus for 'coffee' in my room.

The above doesn't happen every day; some are better, some worse, some just different. Friday night, for instance, was someone's birthday. All anyone remembers is being told by some old bag from LMH that we were "Not fit for mixed company". I am quite serious when I say that the person whose birthday it was imbibed three pints and twenty-six shorts inside four hours!

I just can't understand anyone saying that the first term at College is a drag, Pete. Even Andrew Waldie, also a first year undergraduate at Oxford, has the same sort of story to tell, though I think he prefers St. Hugh's College totties himself. Perhaps it's something to do with your height, Pete?

I was surprised to learn that there are less than two applicants per place at Oxford on average. Why don't you come here? You'll never regret it ... though I'd better do some work soon cos I'd rather like to come back next year!

The real thing that puts Oxford University streets ahead of anywhere else is the completeness of the education it offers. Life here is always full, and I couldn't ask for a more fulfilled existence.

Excuse me now. The bloke whose birthday it was on Friday has some friends staying and they want the address to write to for details of postal Diplomacy. So, Mr. Piggott, if you get some new memberships from a few people in Cambridge, you'll know who to thank. (or curse...).