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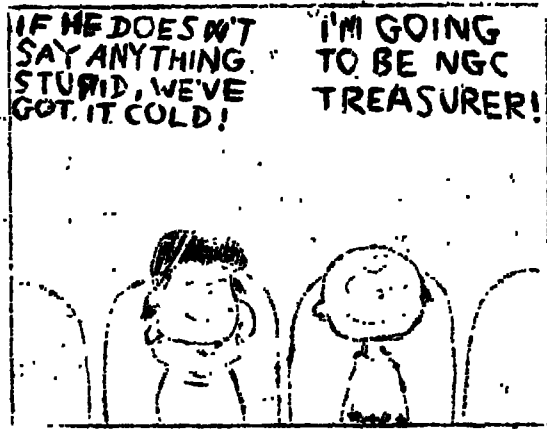
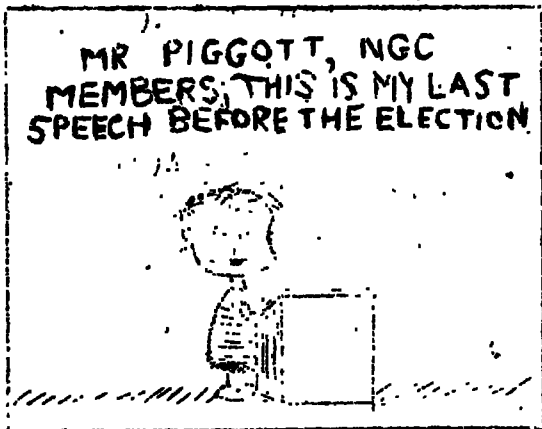
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This time the apologies are for the delay in production of this issue. As expected, the amount of free time I have this term doesn't leave me very much time for Diplomacy, and this, coupled with my Poker con last weekend and ScotDipCon the weekend before resulted in my being unable to produce TotS as swiftly as I would have liked. The options open to me for next issue are (a) to have a 4-week deadline as usual and produce another emaciated and possibly late issue next time or (b) to have a long deadline, going back to full steam ahead straight away. I have opted for the latter course; apologies to all the players but next issue should be a really big one. Contributions solicited from Fetlock and all letter-writers, please.

DEADLINES	DEADLINES	DEADLINES	DEADLINES	DEADLINES
Intimate Diplomacy games:		<u>Friday 29th May</u>		
All other games:		<u>Friday 19th June</u>	(Jeez...7 weeks !)	



Japan is mobilised !  
Russia immobilised

AUSTRIA : F(Tri) stands and takes a long hard look at Venice.  
(Lee Johnson) A(Ser)-Gre A(Clu)-Ser A(Vie)-Gal

ENGLAND : F(IRI)-Ire F(NWG)-Nwy F(NTH) st. F(Tha)e.o. st.  
(Eric Willis)

FRANCE : F(MAO)-Mor A(Spa)-Por A(Gas)-Spa F(Cam) stands.  
(Paul Willey)

GERMANY : A(Ruh)-Bel A(Kie)-Hol F(Den)-Swe A(Sax)-Sil  
(Alan Bustany)

ITALY : A(Ven) st. A(Apu)-Tun F(ION) C. A(Apu)-Tun  
(Frank Dashwood) F(GOA)-Yem

RUSSIA : F(GOB)-Swe A(War)-Gal F(Sev) st. A(Ukr) S F(Sev)  
(Bob Denton) A(Sib)-OMo F(SOJ)-Kor

TURKEY : A(Jor)-Egy A(Arm)-Ira A(Bul)-Rum  
(Peter Mearns) F(BLA) S A(Bul)-Rum

CHINA : F(ECS)-For A(SiK)-Vtm A(Man) stands.  
(Bruce Little)

INDIA : F(EIO)-Cey A(Cal)-Bma A(Tib)-Snk  
(Andrew Shorney)

JAPAN : F(Kyo)-SOJ F(Osa)-ECS F(Tok)-SPO.  
(Jeremy Maiden)

No retreats. How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Tri Vie Bud Clu + Gre Ser = 6 Builds A(Clu), A(Bud).

~~ENGLAND : Lon Lpi Edi Joh + Ire Nwy Tha = 7 Builds F(Edi), F(Joh), A(Lon).~~

FRANCE : Mar Par Bre Sai + Mor Por Spa Cam = 8 Builds F(Mar), F(Bre),  
A(Par), F(Sai);

GERMANY : Ber Kie Mun Pos + Bel Hol Den = 7 Builds F(Ber), A(Pos), A(Mun).

ITALY : Nap Rom Ven Mog + Tun Yem = 6 Builds F(Mog), A(Rom).

RUSSIA : Mos War Sev StP Oms Vla + OMo Kor = 8 Builds A(Mos), F(Vla).

TURKEY : Con Ank Smy Bag + Egy Ira Rum = 7 Builds A(Con), F(Smy), A(Bag).

CHINA : Pek Han Can + Man Vtm For = 6 Builds F(Can), A(Han), A(Pek).

INDIA : Mad Cal Del + Cey Bma Snk = 6 Builds F(Mad), A(Cal), A(Del).

JAPAN : Osa Tok Kyo = 3 No change.

Press:

India-England: Hope this is more to your liking.

World-Paris: How about France ?

~~Russia-Turkey: Sorry, I changed my mind.~~

Austria-Italy: Just watch it mate.

Captain Fantastic: Thanks to the impersonator last time for expressing my views on Elton John. Might I also add that 10cc, S.L.P. and Supertramp are in my opinion worthy of admiration as well.

Austria-Turkey: OK, I'll go along with that - 3 for you and 3 for me.

Turkey-Austria: How about a two way split on shhhh, you-know who.

Vienna-Warsaw: Sorry, didn't really mean to attack Gal and Rum, ...it was just a slip of the pen. As you say 'War is inevitable', I'd like to see you try and massacre me anyway. You couldn't even massacre a pickled onion, you Russian twerp.

Moscow: If anyone wants to phone me, the number is 01-371-4551 between 9-5, on the 14th, 21st June.

Austria-Germany: Hello.

Austria-Russia: You must be joking !!! I can't bend my back that far anyway !

Captain Fantastic: Huh, I see Mearns is up to his tricks again !

Chinese Peoples Republic: Thanks to Japanese slowness in mobilising, the Red Guard are expanding at a rate faster than expected. Reviewing the new recruits Chairman Little reminded them that they had one purpose in life -- the spread of peace by whatever means necessary to accomplish the task. To instruct them on what to do he presented them each with a Little Red Book. ((Groan !!))

Japan: Japan hereby declares war on Russia. So there.

Knife: Well I got some right last time, but the Japs stayed at home. But be careful of Austria and Italy -- what seems true may be false...

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"ELROND"

AUTUMN 1901

Trouble in Belgium  
France to F's friend ?

AUSTRIA (Chris Bishop):	F(Alb)-Tri	<u>A(Vie)-Bud</u>	<u>A(Ser)-Bud</u>
ENGLAND (Jim Gravenor):	F(NWG)-Nor	<u>A(Yor)-Bel</u>	F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Bel
FRANCE (Gary Parks):	F(MAO)-Por	A(Spa) st.	A(Pic) st.
GERMANY (Roger Sterry):	<u>A(Ruh)-Bel</u>	A(Kie)-Hol	<u>F(Den)-Swe</u>
ITALY (Roger Collins):	A(Ven)-Tyr	A(Apu) st.	F(ION)-Tun
RUSSIA (Norman Nathan):	<u>A(Gal)-Bud</u>	A(Ukr)-Rum	F(Sev) S A(Ukr)-Rum
	<u>F(GOB)-Swe</u>		
TURKEY (Jonathan Effemey):	F(Ank) st.	A(Bul)-Gre	A(Con)-Bul

No retreats. How they stand:

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

Press:

Vaduz: The President of the Bank of Lichtenstein has categorically denied that the silence of the American Information Service arises from the imminent liquidation of the banks of the Danube. Military Medical Teams have set out for the pl areas to investigate. There is no truth in the rumours of an outbreak of Scarlet Fever though a party of nurses in yellow dresses has also moved into the area. All this has no connection with the VD reported in the last bulletin from London. In any case that report was gramatically incorrect. It should have read "...Norman and me."

Turkey: To those two who have received my correspondence, very sorry for my stupid misinterpretation of last Spring's moves and my long-winded letters.

To Tripoli from Muster: If you don't desist, my territories may be ceded to Ron and Pete.

Rome to Berlin: Fear no evil where evil is not intended; any Italian would prefer Trieste to Munich for their Spring holidays. Even Vienna... (but would these bloody Russians cooperate).

To England: Inscrutability is the prerogative of the Oriental.

SSSS to Roger Collins: Thanks for your note. Unfortunately, all the College guest rooms are already booked up for the Friday of Eights week. However, you are welcome to sleep on my floor if you have a sleeping-bag. Corpus should be entering about six eights; I'm stroking the second. Look forward to hearing from you soon.

French very clever.  
Carnage in Southeast.

- AUSTRIA : A(Vie)-Gal A(Bud) S A(Vie)-Gal A(Ser) S A(Bul) A(Tri) st.  
(Alan Reason) F(AEG)-ION A(Bul) S TURKISH A(Con) ((ordered to move))
- ENGLAND : F(Lon)-ENG F(NTH) S F(Lon)-ENG F(Nor)-StP n.c. F(Lpl)-Wal  
(MaI Copeland) A(Bel) S GERMAN A(Ruh)-Bur
- FRANCE : F(Bre) S F(ENG) F(ENG) C A(Pic)-Wal A(Pic)-Wal A(Mar)-st.  
(Chris Bishop) A(Spa)-Gas
- GERMANY : A(Ruh)-Bur A(Mun) S A(Ruh)-Bur A(Swe)-Fin A(Den)-Swe  
(Alan Bustany) F(Kie)-BAL F(Hol)-Kie
- ITALY : A(Pie)-Tyr A(Ven) S A(Pie)-Tyr F(Apu)-AEG((not adjacent))  
(Eddie Goffin) F(ION)-Gre
- RUSSIA : F(BLA)-Ank A(Smy) S F(BLA)-Ank F(Sev)-Rum A(Rum)-Gal  
(Bob Grove) A(StP) stands F(BAL)-Ber
- TURKEY : A(Con)-Smy A(Ank) S A(Con)-Smy  
(Keith Smith)

No retreats. Last time's deliberate mistake was that the Italian A(Tus)-Pie was wrongly underlined. Self-evident, I think.

Press:

Grecian Gazetteer: There must be A Reason for this !

Antarctica: The rumble of the atomic explosion died away - Venice had sunk, her floats punctured..... but what of Von Twitt ? Had he perished in the fiendish trap set by his (marble) arch-enemy Rastus O'Flaherty?

Of course not - Erik von Twitt, K.G. (and close-mouthed with it) ~~super-agent of the E.F.G., was not so foolish as to walk into a British telephone box in the middle of Venice, it was an obvious trap, so instead he had sent in his trusted friend and gullible idiot F.E.G. Oumi, who looked remarkably like von Twitt himself.~~

So now Erik von Twitt was sitting deep in his control-room deep under the everlasting snow and ice of Antarctica smoking his favourite Briar. The only thing wrong with this most relaxing of occupations was that the smoke got in his eyes, and the thorns kept scratching his nose.

"I really must get myself a meerschaum," he muttered between puffs, "trouble is, I can't spell it". (If double brackets follow that sentence with I-T written in them, this press release will be twice as long next issue - and I bet I've halved the circulation already anyway, so there ! ((My dear boy, surely even you must realise that the Editor's wit is far superior to even consider making such a puerile remark as that you suggest. However, the latter part of your self-analysis could have a grain of truth in it.))

Just then the telephone rang, and this was strange because there were no telephones in von Twitt's hideout. "This is strange", said von Twitt to himself, "because there are no telephones in my hideout....."

MASTERMIND

Series 2, round 2.

	Swanson	Shorney	Bullock	Bustany	Macdonald	Collins	Dashwood	Simmons
Game 1:	0	-	00	-	-	000	00	X00
	000	0	XX0	0	-	X	0	X0
Game 2:	X00	X	00	X00	-	000	0	XX0
	XX0	00	0000	0	X0	0	XX0	XX0
Game 3:	X00	0	0	00	0	X000	X0	00
	00	0	X00	00	X0	0	000	X0

Plenty of suggestions for the next series, the best of which was for me to pick three four-letter words from Chambers' at random, you guessing four-letter codes each time, marking as usual. Waiting-list now open.

Germany attacks Warsaw but not Sweden !  
 England takes Belgium.

- AUSTRIA (Iain Forsyth): A(Ser)-Bul A(Vie)-Tri F(Alb)-Gre
- ENGLAND (Jonathan Palfrey): F(NWC)-Nor A(Edi)-Bel F(NTH) C A(Edi)-Bel
- FRANCE (Davey Hunter): F(MAO)-Por A(Spa) st. A(Gas)-Bur
- GERMANY (Peter L. Smith): A(Mun)-Ruh A(Sil)-War F(Den) stands
- ITALY (Andy Davidson): A(Ven)-Tyr A(Δpu)-Tun F(ION) C A(Δpu)-Tun
- RUSSIA (Norman Hydrā III): F(GOB)-Swe A(War)-Sil A(Sev) S F(Rum)  
 F(Rum) S AUSTRIAN A(Ser)-Bul

~~TURKEY (Heleen K. Clarke): A(Con)-Bul A(Bul)-Rum\* F(BLA) S A(Bul)-Rum~~

Retreats: Turkish A(Bul) unordered - disbanded by GM. Note last time's mistake; the Russian A(War)-Gal failed and should have been underlined.

How they stand:

- AUSTRIA : Tri Bud Vie + Bul Gre = 5 Builds A(Vie), A(Bud).
- ENGLAND : Lon Lpl Edi + Nor Bel = 5 Builds F(Edi), F(Lon).
- FRANCE : Par Mar Bre + Por Spa = 5 Builds F(Bre), A(Par).
- GERMANY : Mun Kie Ber + Den = 4 Builds None ! None ordered !
- ITALY : Rom Ven Nap + Tun = 4 Builds F(Nap).
- RUSSIA : Mos War Sev StP + Swe Rum = 6 Builds A(Mos), F(StP) s.c..
- TURKEY : Con Ank Smy = 3 Builds F(Smy).

Press:

France-Germany: How's the unique Gerry ? Can we plan an air-raid on Russia together ?

England to Swiss Admiral: Rowing boats for hire at reasonable rates.

France-England Britain:

Vienna (Govt.): No telephone calls please 13th to 18th May. I'll be in Derbyshire.

Newsflash: There was rejoicing in the streets of Sofia last night when the advance guard of the Austrian army entered the city. The capture of the city by Austria put to an end the months of tyrannical rule in Bulgaria by the Turks. The Turks themselves were little in evidence; most had fled to the hills.

When asked to comment on the situation the following people had this to say:-

- H. Clarke - " " CENSORED.
- W. Churchill - "We will fight them on the beaches..."
- J. Wallace - "We take every game as it comes."

France-Austria: You're right ! Darvel were rotten but I don't fancy Kilbie's chances too much. The WELL will just have to take 4 off you.

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Chess Quiz: This provoked a reasonable response, and as a result these people get this issue free: Alan Bustany, Mal Copeland, Norman Hydrā III, Pete Swanson and Jonathan Palfrey.

The solutions were:

Part 1: White Black  
 ... K-Q3  
 K-B5 and takes pawn, queening his own.

Answer: white wins.

Part 2: K-Q3 K-K4  
 K-K3 etc.

or K-Q3 K-Q3  
 K-Q2 !

Answer: game drawn.

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Extra press for 166V: Paris-World: How about that ? 100% expansion in one year. You might as well all give in now. Ninth Turn of the Screw. page 5

Austria misses.  
Turkey hits !

AUSTRIA : NMR! A(Gal), A(Bud), A(Ser), A(Vic), F(Gre) stand unordered.  
(Phil Dines)

ENGLAND : F(ENG)-NTH F(Lon) S F(ENG)-NTH  
(Jon Grose)

FRANCE : F(Tun)-TYS A(Gas)-Mar A(Bre) st. A(Bel) st.\*  
(Frank Dashwood)

GERMANY : A(Bur)-Par A(Hol)-Bel A(Ruh) S A(Hol)-Bel A(Mun)-Tyr  
(Martin Styler) F(NTH)-Edi F(SKA)-NTH F(Nor) S F(SKA)-NTH

ITALY : F(Rom)-Nap F(Spa)s.c. WMS F(MAO)-Spa n.c. A(Apu)-Ven  
(Jonathan Palfrey) A(Mar) relaxes

RUSSIA : F(StP)s.c. stands A(Ukr) S TURKISH A(Sev)-Rum A(War)-Mos  
(Chris Bishop)

TURKEY : A(Tyr)-Ven F(ADS) S A(Tyr)-Ven A(Con) S F(Bul)e.c. A(Sev)-Rum  
(Ian Macdonald) F(Bul)e.c. S A(Sev)-Rum F(Rum)-BLA

Retreats: French A(Bel)-Bur How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Tri Bud Vie Gre Ser = 5 No change.

ENGLAND : Lon Lpl ~~Edi~~ ~~Bel~~ = 2 No change.

FRANCE : ~~Par~~ ~~Mar~~ Bre Tun = 2 No removals ordered - GM removes F(TYS),  
A(Bur). What a stab !

GERMANY : Mun Ber Kie Den Hol Swe Nor + Bel Edi Par = 10 Builds A(Mun),  
F(Kie), A(Ber).

ITALY : Rom ~~Ver~~ Nap Por Spa + Mar = 5 No change.

RUSSIA : Mos War StP = 3 No change.

TURKEY : Con Ank Smy Sev Bul Rum + Ven = 7 Builds F(Smy).

Press:

SSSS: Note that in Autumn 1903, the English F(Nor) was annihilated, and  
Jon built a F(Lon), which thus appears above. All closely involved  
countries were informed.

Mafia HQ: I'll get you for this, you dirty yellow rat !

Belgian Farmer: Aaaaaaarrggghh !

Berlin to France: "United we stand, divided you fall !"

Libya to the world: I can't go back to 166V, because I never came from there.  
Fancy thinking I was "you know who". Bloody cheek I call  
it.

Berlin to all who didn't answer: Is there anybody there ?

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Pete Swanson Publications Inc.: Pete (6 Welford Place, Wimbledon, SW19 5AJ.)  
is an experienced Diplomacy player and GM,  
who used to produce Flashpoint, a subzine to Graham Jeffery's Der Krieg. Now  
Pete is starting his own zine, Rats live on no evil star, which will go into  
full production when Pete goes to Cambridge in October. It seems very  
promising indeed, and £1 or so for a subscription would not be misspent.  
Pete has also produced a handbook for novice players, entitled The Tangled  
Web We Weave, mentioned last issue. A good buy at 15p plus postage (10p +  
postage to IDA members).

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LETTERS:

Mick Bullock: "FETLOCK EXPOSED AS PLAGIARISTIC CHARLATAN !!" Anyone who has read Michael Parkinson's Cricket Mad will recall the delightful extract which follows:-

"The keeper caught the ball in a shamefaced sort of way, the fielders stared at the grass, when suddenly there was a lone cry of 'Owzthat' from the umpire, who in the excitement of the moment had forgotten he was no longer a player. He stood there, arms raised aloft, until realisation of what he had done stained his face crimson. He lowered his arms and as he did said loudly: 'Not out, you daft old sod'!"

Readers of Fetlock last issue may recall a similar tale.....

Hmmm... thanks Mick, perhaps Fetlock would care to reply next issue ?

John Piggott: I certainly expect to attend your ridiculous poker meeting. (Assuming, of course, that ScotDipCon produces no disasters of the magnitude of last October's--in which case I shall be impecunious, relatively speaking). I note with some amusement that it is scheduled for the Friday rather than the Saturday; is there any reason for this ?

Although TotS has the makings of quite a decent little zine, I'm sorry to see you have sunk to new depths in employing pseudonymous letter-writers. I refer, of course, to the pale autochthone signing himself 'John Piggott'. Who is this derivative hack ? Own up, Mr. Palmer.

Wot! You mean that letter wasn't from you, John ? Oh. Sorry, but it must have been a very good forgery. Then again, I suppose I can't be absolutely sure that the above isn't a fake, though it certainly seems to be in the typical Piggott style.

Ian Waugh: Just finished TotS 8. Yes, much better ! Still too many games for me; I shudder to think what the next two issues (without letters etc.) are going to be like. Can't you find some ~~idiot~~ kind person to type them up for you (or at least help out) ? You know the commitments when you take on a zine, I think it's a wee bit unfair on us (if there are more than just one) who aren't playing to get a couple of issues with NOTHING of interest to us at all. Still, c'est la guerre, n'est-ce pas ?

What's all this about my four-page sermons ? That's not nice. Which zine are you referring to ? I try to send letters and articles to as many zines as possible (time permitting) and I'm sure if everyone did the same you zine editors would be very happy. In fact you've been soliciting letters for TotS yourself. So what you're saying is send letters but keep them short - and STILL you go on asking for more. You can't have it all ways you know. I think ALL of my letters have been edited (some a hellova lot more than others) some quite justifiably but others - no, too much for me, especially when the editors plead with their readers to send them letters. I'll just concentrate my efforts elsewhere (not that they'll be upset I shouldn't think). I'll admit I ramble on at times but I'm not objecting to editing completely, just in cutting out different subject matter from my letters, not cutting each subject down. How much of all that are you going to print ?

Seriously though (who's not being serious), what zine were you referring to ? Was it Lemming ? In fact my last contribution to Lemming consisted of 8 typed A4 sheets not to mention a page or so of press. Is that going too far ? I only did it because Jon said he'd dedicate that issue to me (which he did), if I sent him some whopping contributions. Do you get Lemming ? Did you see the quiz ? Did you like it ? Did you do it ? What did you score ?

Answering your points roughly in the order they were put; I like producing my own zine, and would feel done out of something if someone else typed any of the stuff. No-one is fully aware of the commitments when he takes on a zine - you try it - and if the publisher loses a few quid producing each issue noone has the right to demand that he produces it a certain way. The right length of letter is that which you wrote this time, simply because people won't read long boring sermons. Editors should cut anything that is liable to send their readers to sleep. Yes, I was referring to LE, where you did go a bit far. I did see the quiz, saw your name, and promptly turned the page. No offence, of course ! Of course... Anyway, this issue is slightly less games-only than threatened at first, and next time we're back to full production. God knows what the players will say about all these five-week deadlines !

INTIMATE DIPPY

ID - 'D'

"HAMMON"

AUTUMN 1904

Russia nearly home

FRANCE : F(NTH)-Nor\* F(NWG) S F(NTH)-Nor F(Cly)-Edi A(Pic)-Bel  
 A(Hol) S A(Pic)-Bel A(Bur) S A(Pic)-Bel\* F(GOL)-TYS Paul  
 F(Tus) S F(GOL)-TYS A(Rom)-Ven A(Pic) S A(Rom)-Ven Willey

RUSSIA : A(Yor)-Lpl F(Den)-NTH F(Nor) S F(Den)-NTH A(Ber)-Kie  
 A(Swe) S F(Nor) A(Ruh)-Bur A(Mun) S A(Ruh)-Bur A(Boh)-Tyr Dave  
 A(Tyr)-Ven A(Sil)-Ber A(Ukr)-Rum F(Alb)-ADR F(EMS)-ION Ross  
 F(AEG) S F(EMS)-ION F(BLA)-Con

Italy : A(Apu) S RUSSIAN A(Tyr)-Ven F(ION)-Nap

Retreats: French F(NTH) disbanded - no retreat ordered  
 French A(Bur)-Par

How they stand:

FRANCE : Par Mar Bre Por Spa Bel Lon Hol ~~Mar~~ ~~Lpl~~ Rom + Edi = 10 Builds  
 A(Mar).

RUSSIA : Mos War Sev StP Rum Swe Vie Ank Nor Bud Bul ~~Mar~~ Kie Con Smy Tri  
 Gre Ber Den + Lpl Mun = 20 Builds F(StP)n.c., A(War) - 3 short.

Italy : Ven Nap = 2 No change.

Neutrals: Tun Ser !

NEW YEAR 1905

Credit:	France	Russia
BIDS: Italy. (F)	£30 (20 + 10)	£26 (6 + 20)
Total of successful bids:	£30	£26
Credit remaining:	0	0
		£26

ID - 'H'

"WALKERDINE"

AUTUMN 1901

Jonathan Palfrey (Austria) v Martin Styler (Turkey)

AUSTRIA : A(Bud)-Ser A(Rum) S A(Bud)-Ser F(Tri)-Ven  
 Italy : A(Ven)-Pie F(TYS)-GOL A(Nap) stands  
 Russia : A(StP)-Fin A(Gal)-War F(Sev)-BLA F(GOB) stands

TURKEY : A(Bul)-Gre A(Con)-Bul F(Ank)-BLA  
 Germany : A(Mun)-Tyr A(Sil)-Boh F(Hol) stands

English A(Lpl), F(Lon), F(Edi), French A(Mar), A(Par) & F(Bre) st.(neutral)

No retreats. How they stand:

AUSTRIA : Tri Bud Vie + Ven Ser Rum = 6 Builds A(Vie), A(Bud), A(Tri).  
 TURKEY : Con Ank Smy + Gre Bul = 5 Builds A(Con), F(Smy).  
 England : Lon Lpl Edi = 3 No change.  
 France : Par Mar Bre = 3 No change.  
 Germany : Ber Mun Kie + Hol = 4 Builds A(Mun).  
 Italy : Rom Ven Nap = 2 Removes A(Pie).  
 Russia : War Mos Sev StP = 4 No change!

Credit for 1902: Austria £10 (4 + 6) Turkey £19 (14 + 5).  
 Sorry only one season adjudicated this time - my fault - bids on file for  
 Turkey. Press:

Ankara-Vienna: Come off it, 'Gasbag'; the way you moved in the Spring, you'll  
 be lucky to be around by this time next year. By the way,  
 biochemists are the biggest bunch of bananas going, chemists reign supreme,  
 especially at Bôham University. ((Physicists rule OK)).

Vienna: OK, now see what you can do, wise guy.

Final statements - ID - 'G' "WAKEFIELD" Ian Waugh beat the Syndicate.

Germany: Well, it was a bit of a shame that I met the Syndicate up in  
 Scotland last year and I knew who they were (or are ?) ??? I'll



let Greg unmask them.

I seemed to have the upper hand all the way in this game. Perhaps it's due to the fact that Russia is so vulnerable from so many sides that makes it less powerful than in an ordinary Dippy game. Perhaps I'm just a better ID player than Phil and Sharon. Actually, I was in two minds whether or not to let them win this game too as Sharon is female (boy, is she female), but they went and gone and done a silly thing by overbidding. If Sharon had been playing by herself I would have immediately resigned as an act of chivalry, but Phil more than countered her femininity (you big butch thing, you) so the most I could have hoped for there would have been a draw. Once they overbid, my conceited Male Chauvinism came out and I couldn't resist taking advantage of their helpless little figures. Big 'ahhhhhh' everyone.

I was sorry they couldn't think of any more original, press other than to bring my personal life to everyone's notice but that's life, I suppose.

By the time you all (anyone?) read this we should have been up in Rhu (April 30th) so if anyone is nursing any bruises, you know why.

Revenge is sweet. This is for stabbing me in my first ever 7 player FTF game in Scotland last year, Murphy. More power to your shillelagh!

Sara's Sleazy Swedish Sauna: Actually, the Incredibly Beautiful Sharon had nothing to do with the mess that Phil made of this game. His general lack of interest is reflected in the lack of a victory statement. The overbid did it, of course; stupid thick Irishman!

ID - 'F' "BAIRD" - Andrew Shorney beat Ian Waugh.

Conqueror-Vanquished: I have considered your plea Waugh and have condescended to accept your defeat. (Snigger).

You are obviously still only young with a lot to learn, but given a few years (say fifty) you may turn into something of an ID player. For this reason I do not want to drag you through the degradation of having your armies and country trodden over while you are still at a stage where such a blow could unbalance your puny mind.

Well that just leaves me to say that I am open to challenges from anyone who would dare take me on at ID.

Austria: Well this is going to be short and sweet, OK uncle Greg? ((OK)).

My first mistake was in going out in 1973 and buying a game called Diplomacy. My second mistake was in persuading my girlfriend to play (I sympathise with your problem, Greg - see Yggy) and letting her win (ahem). Actually, I found she was very pleased and lavished her favours on me. (Cough, cough - real 'X' certificate stuff this!) ((Yawn!)) Since then I have been unable to play against a female without letting her win (see "Wakefield", above). Now someone told me (can't remember who) that Shorney, although not quite female did have some remarkably effeminate ~~habbits~~ habbits and you know what they say: "Old habbits die hard."

Of course, the more ~~thick~~ intelligent ones among you will have noticed that earlier in the game I was conducting a supporting action around the south of Turkey when there was no apparent need for it. I mis-read the orders and thought Italy had a fleet in the AEG when it was really in the ADR. Now who's a silly boy, then? This of course made a complete mess of my game and caused Greg to headline the game turn; "France guesses well! Trieste falls!!!" (At least that was what was written on my game report sheet). This upset me because it wasn't anything to do with Shorney being clever but with me being silly (or does it amount to the same thing?). Now, although there is still every chance for me to fight back it's going to be a long hard battle as I've lost the advantage I gained right from the start through being cleverer than him (if slightly less literate). I hate long, drawn out battles.

Hope I haven't spoiled your fun too much, Andrew. Some other time when I have more time (and get myself a pair of glasses perhaps) eh?

SSSS: Thank you both. I really think Ian could have got a draw out of this game if he had tried hard, but I don't want to detract from Andrew's well-deserved win. Anyone else fancy a game of ID? Rules available from me for an S.A.E..

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Mad Policy Zine Poll: This was deservedly won by Chimaera, with TotS 21st, with an average of 5.748 votes per voter, beating such as Bellicus, Pendulum, Misteimer, Gummiballs and Japhidrew. Frightening to see how many zines have folded since the last poll.

## SCOTDIPCON

Just a short rendition this time due to lack of space. I got to Oxford station in time to miss the 1511 to Birmingham, having been unable to travel up with Richard Sharp and Co. due to a tutorial on Friday morning. I eventually caught the 1711, arriving in Brum in time to find that the next train to Glasgow was the 2350. Damn! In the end I went for a drink, but couldn't find a pub that sold beer; just that keg rubbish. I finished up watching "Jaws" at the local flicks, and was suitably disappointed. I also had to surrender my suitcase to some unshaven attendant.

Anyway, after an almost sleepless night on the train, changing at Glasgow Central, I arrived at Helensburgh at 0645 Saturday and got a taxi to Rhu. There was no answer to my knock-on-the-front door so I went round the back, only to be confronted by a scantily-clad Linda Pomeroy who let me in the front door.

Entering, I tripped over two prostrate bodies who turned out to be Mr and Mrs Lee Johnson. On I went into the kitchen, followed by Lee who exclaimed "Oh, so you're Greg Hawes. 'Sfunny, I thought you were a big strong chap." Charming! Breakfast, and a quick game of Risk, in which I finished third. Then off to the Imperial Hotel (joke!), Helensburgh, where I lost my usual 50p throwing some typical Hawes darts. Back to Wink's for the first Speed Circuit game, which I won as usual. Eventually the Poker game started (the first, that is), in which I won a mere £3 while Wink was stung for all the ScotDipCon fees. "Oh, well" remarked Richard later "I suppose Wink will charge £10 or so next time.\* More pub, more darts, then the second hard-core only Poker game, where I lost £5, then much-needed sleep, having won half the divan in the draw for beds, sharing with.... Tony Sturt!

Sunday was marked for the grand final of the 1976 Speed Circuit championship, at which I successfully defended my title, winning the last lap with only two wear points and becoming ~~NGC champion for the second consecutive year.~~ (Really must play that by post...). Next came my introduction to Dungeons and Dragons, at which I really surprised myself by finding that I enjoyed it. Ian Waugh, a Chaotic Dwarf or something, kept on eating everything the party found, and eventually the rest of us conspired to wipe him out. He he he.

Next came fictionary dictionary, at which Sharp actually managed to find a word that really did mean "vaginal discharge", then farewells to Wink and Linda and we hit the road. Stopping in Lancaster to play darts, Richard decided to call out something like "100-1 Piggott", and someone took him up on it, whereupon he opened a book! Then - horror - someone with a warped sense of injustice told the landlord, who confronted us. Ron Rayner stuck his hairy size 12 in with "Gambling? Not us, Guv!". Anyway, out we went, to a much nicer pub picked by Pete Charlton.

Back to Ealing by three, and up at six to catch the train back in time for lectures at ten! Phew! Thanks, Wink and Linda.

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## OXFORD POKERCON

~~This went very well, except that it took three days to rid my room of the reek of tobacco.~~ I ended exactly £7.50 up, Adrien Baird was £5 down, Sharp £30 up, Birks £60 down (he he he)!, Glyn £15 up, and Piggott up the rest.

At 8.40 p.m. on Friday, Adrien walked into the Wheatsheaf looking absolutely shattered. Glyn arrived a few minutes later, and the other three, in Richard's sister's car, were late, having found a pub on the way which sold trebles of spirits for 50p! The darts resulted in wins for Pete, although a friend of mine from College frightened them with some good darts but faded when he came close to winning the awesome sum of 70p.

Next we went off to the Chinese, to give Birks a chance to sober up (not that he managed it). Then the game, after which everyone was too shattered even to stay for breakfast, let alone go punting. I'll definitely repeat this event next term.

Next con is chez Eric Willis in Lewisham next weekend. I won't be there, though; I've enough on my plate as it is.

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