

'Emperors and kings, dukes and marquises, counts, knights, and townsfolk, and all people who wish to know the various races of men and the peculiarities of the various regions of the world, take this book and have it read to you.'

Well, here we are again with WAR BULLETIN 64 from Hartley Patterson of 'Finches' 7 Cambridge Rd, BEACONSFIELD, Bucks HP9 1HW, UK. Tel (04946)4116. Fred's Press 127.

Desscontent

I was only able to attend on the Saturday (not all of us GMs are students you know - some of work to keep this country's economic crisis going). Despite Richard Scott's navigational signs en route being apparently specially designed for Swanson & Birks (3" off the ground) I arrived to find everyone playing some strange game called Diplomacy. The strange tournament rules seemed to mean that the more games one played, the more chance of getting into the final...

Naturally I played Kingmaker and Dungeons and Dragons. The latter ended with a reincarnated Duncan Morris immolating my unconscious cleric with a Molotov cocktail...thanks to Graham Buckell for some good GMing here.

Altogether it seemed a well-run event and I hope it can be repeated despite the anticipated loss this year.

Parliament

The second year budget passed with Democrats against and Nationalists, Fascists for. Graham Jeffery says he is bored with the slowness of the game and wants to abandon it: I've proposed ways of speeding up (by submitting all budgets in one lot) but this hasn't been taken up. Anyway I propose that the next two year's budgets be submitted together and a vote be taken on whether the game should continue, players not voting being assumed to be in favour of giving up.

Oh - the House of Commons has just asked for a copy for their library. OK, which of you lot is an MP in disguise....

MOVES I 1972AEcn
J 1973BG Spring 1912
K 1973DBfa Autumn 1462
L 1973DDfb Spring 455
M 1973DCfc Frery 1419
Carthage Autumn 70

WAR BULLETIN costs money:

5 for 50p inland
5 for 75p Europe
3 for \$1 USA Airmail
6 for \$1 USA Seamail
3 for 45p Canada Airmail

For current game openings in UK an SAE to Norman Nathan, 3 Brooke Close, Bushey, Herts will get a list.

The following variants are available from here for one stamp each plus postage:

Wars of the Roses
Downfall
Excalibur
Bolshevik
Imperialism IXR
Carthage

I understand the NGC has bought the remaining stocks of the old UKVB, and will presumably make an announcement sometime as to their intentions. It would be nice to have something in the next DARIEN SUPPLEMENT: anyone?

Standbys

73BG Feron Sherrad
73DBfa Ross
73DDfb Innes
73DCfc none

Deadline:

Friday 1st August

Ye Contest

Andy Holt spotted last issue's heading as the quote from Wyndham's 'The Kraken Wakes'; Geoff Challenger correctly identified it as the last lines of 'The Kraken' by Alfred Lord Tennyson, and gets a free ish.

This time we're going to start some honest fanzine reviews. More next time.

GREATEST HITS (11) (Pete Birks, 39 Handforth Rd, London SW9 0LL)
(8p + postage) An NGC zine with seven regular games and an orphan from DER KRIEG. Press tends to heavy handed references to players or game comments, which is where most NGC press is these days, space-filler. An SF review column by Steve Doubleday is working through the old standards. Of most interest is the Local which this time covers SF, Dippy politics &c. The editor contributes an article on Poker. 24pp in all, indifferently laid out and mimeoed.

LEMMING EXPRESS (10) (Jon Lovibond, 1 Oak Lea Avenue, Fulshaw Park, Wilmslow, Cheshire) (6p + postage) This one's just recovering from 'O' levels (11th grade exams); it used to want to be a variant zine but soon discovered that regular is easier to fill: 4 regular, Multiplicity, Abstraction, Machervap - the last being about 12th cent Wales, 6 player. Another SF review, editorial, much shorter Local than normal. Good mimeo. The best of the newer independents.

IMPASSABLE (50) (John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle PA 17013, USA)
(12 for \$2.00) 7 regular, Scotice Scripti. Fast and dependable, a double column layout throughout can be confusing. News, an article on reviewing, list of US Game Openings. Mimeo.

POICTESME (14) (Bruce Schlickbernd, 6194 East 6th St, Long Beach, CA 90803, USA)
(10 for \$2) 4 regular. Reasonable spirit, 10pp. Not much else.

SPECULUM (17) (Dave Kadlecsek, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, CA 95132, USA)
(10 for \$2) Actually gives foreign rates! 2 regular and a bourse on both. Several pages of zine reviews, indifferent spirit.

1901... (48) (Mick Bullock, 14 Nursery Ave, Halifax, W Yorks HX3 5SZ)
(3p + postage) 16 or so regular, 1885, Schizo, Cline VII, Balkan War. --With so many games (some even with good press) not room for much else. Mimeo, no layout. As supplement WHO'S WHERE 8, a listing of who is in which UK zines: Andy Davidson now has a commanding lead of 40 games to Richard Scott's 29, with Peter Charlton at 27. One of the few UK zines with a 3-deadline year.

POLAR KNIGHT (6) (Ake Jonsson, Box 176, S-981 01, KIRUNA 1, Sweden)
(postage) 6pp mimeo, 2 regular. Confused Local and eccentric notation.

ARRAKIS (46) (David Head, POBox 1231, Huntsville, Ontario POA 1K0, CANADA)
(1¢ per page + postage) Mimeo, double column, 6pp. 5 regular, edited by three GMs with consequent loss of personality.

DIPLOMACY WORLD (7) (Walter Buchanan, RR3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052, USA)
(Quarterly, \$4 per year) 40pp litho. Now owned by Games Research, the 'official' magazine of the hobby, with 1 regular 'demonstration' game and lots of articles. Variant column by Lew Pulsipher, UK news by Pete Birks, Walker, Birsan. Recommended.

OWL & WEASEL (5) (Games Workshop, 15 Bolingbroke Rd, London W14)
(10p monthly) *2pp A5 litho, a miscellany of items on new games and such by an enterprising group of game freaks. They intend to run a one day event in September/October which looks like it will very much resemble the deceased GamesCon, as soon as the date is set we'll let you know.

THE GAMESLETTER (80) (Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd, Wheaton, Maryland 20906, USA)
(10/7) Lists of contents of Dippy, wargame & Chess zines, book reviews, flyers, always a good check on what's going on in the games field.

DER KRIEG (40) (Graham Jeffery) We note this the last issue of one of the better UK zines which has now folded decently with games transferred elsewhere. DK is one we're sorry to lose: the independents seem to be gradually dying off.

Downfall Frery 1419 1973DCfc

Conan in Middle-earth, Part Thirteen:

It had taken all the Doctor's powers of persuasion to gain access to the Royal archives. The Steward seemed suspicious of wizards in general, but on hearing that they had come from Northern lands he was willing to trade for news. His elder son was on a mission in those parts, and Denethor was interested in conditions there.

While the Doctor conducted his search Conan went to investigate the military situation. The forward defences were in the ruined city of Osgiliath on the bank of the Anduin, though small raiding units were kept on the far bank in Ithilien. The previous summer had seen an assault on Osgiliath by the Fell Riders, as the leaders of the evil forces were named. This had been repelled at considerable cost. Denethor himself was not optimistic: a single attack he could hold, but he believed that the coming year would see threats from the North through Anorien and on the Southern coasts from Harad, led by the corsairs of those parts.

This policy of stubborn defence was not to Conan's taste at all. Mention of corsairs interested him - perhaps he could help here? He was therefore pleased when the Doctor announced that he wished to continue his researchs at Dol Amroth, a southern fief of Gondor.

- ELV: (Crouch) F WES-SOU. A ISE stands. A Gre-Min. A NDo-Nen.
- DWA: (Davidson) A GHa-Fld. A Ang-Fcl. A Fra-Ang. A Shi-Bra. A Bre stand. A Crk MS A CMi. A RRi S A CMi. A NRh & A Crn S A RRi. A ERE-Val.
- SAU: (Jones) TA Hel-Gap. DA Anf-Dru. DA Dru-Ene. DA Hav-Hdw. DA Gap-Wiz. A EEm S A Wol. A Wol & A Bro S A Anu. A Anu MS A SMi. A Hrd-Cit. A Kha-SGo. A Wil S A SMi. A Edo-Hel. A DOL S A Snu. A SRh-NRh. A Nur-Kha. A Ash-SRh. A SGo-Sit. A MDo-UDU. A UDU-Nin. A MMO-Nit. A BAR-MDo.
- SAR: (Innes) A Dun-Wiz. A Gla-Rhu. DA Cel-LOR. A Rhu-Hol.
- UMB: (Palmer) A Hdw stand.
- GAN: (Holt) unseen.

Excalibur Autumn 455 cont

- FRI: (-) F Sol unordered.
 - JUT: (Davis) Fs Was, Dei, As Elm, Cle unordered.
 - BRI: (Walkerdine) A Mey-Elm S by A Dev & A Lin. A Cro S A Lin. A SFo-NFo. A Dur S SFo. A PAN, A And, F VIn all stand.
 - SCO: (Dagger) F NIr C A Cum-Seg. F Lan-Mey. A Dub-NWa. F Uls-Heb.
 - PIC: (Clark) F S Ir C SCOTS A Dub-NWa. A Ber-Cle S by A Twe & F Ger. F For stand. F Ork-Dog. A Sol-Cum.
- Retreats: JUT/As Elm, Cle disbanded.

- FRI: ~~Lin~~ = 0. Out.
- JUT: Dei Lin ~~Wp~~ ~~Cle~~ ~~Elm~~ = 2. No change.
- BRI: Crw Gle Lon Dev PAN ~~NWa~~ ~~Seg~~ Mal SGy = 7. Removes A PAN, A And.
- SCO: Dub ~~Wp~~ Lan Man Uls +Seg +NWa = 6. Builds A Man.
- PIC: Mea Fif Edw Sud Alc Lot Twe Gal +Cle +Cum = 10. No builds received.

Wars of the Roses 1973DBfa Spring 1463

Only one person voted for a concession to WHITE ROSE, not surprisingly the player who proposed it! It therefore fails.

RED: A Sur unordered. (Davis?)
 WHI: (Clark) F Yor-ERid. A Rox MS A Car. A WMor-Ber. A Lon S A Car.
 A Den-Abe. A Sou S A Che. A Che S A Der-Sta. A Lei-Mid. A+K Bed S
 A Lei-Mid. A Clt-Oxf. F Lon S A Col. F Roc-Can. F ~~Nwh-Nor2~~
 A Don-~~Yng~~. A Sal-Bri. F Nwh unordered.
 NEV: (Sandell?) Fs Dub, Cae, IOW, As EMar, Sta, Glo, Cot, Oxf, Ber, Ntn, Cch unord.
 SCO: (Crouh?) Fs Man, Sol, OB, A Dum unordered.
 FRE: (Prevot) F ECha-Por. F Str-ECha. F Dow-Str. F Nor2-Nor1. F Can-Tms.
 A Wea-Lew.

Retreats: NEV/A Sta disbanded.

Victory seems inevitable next turn, Dave Ross can take his pick over standby moves.

1973BG Autumn 1912

G: (Waldie) F Den S A Kie. A Kie S A Mun-Ruh. A Ber-Mun. 4
 R: (Clark) A War-Gal. F Rum unordered. A Tyr S A Tri. A Tus-Pie. 10
 F StP(NC)-Bar. F Nwy S F Nth. F Swe stand.
 T: (Cousins) Fs Wes, Tyr, Ion, Gre, As Ser, Bul, Con unordered. & F MAO! 10
 F: (Sharp) F NAO S F Nwg. A Cly-Lpl. F Nwg & F Eng S F Hol-Nth. A Ruh-Hol. 10
 A Mar-Bur. A Apu S MAFIA TA Sic-Rom.

Retreats: R/F Nth-Yor.

Standby moves from MICHEL FERON again please!

Excalibur 1973EDFB Autumn 455

Seguntum: Dearest sister, I am not really enjoying my stay with Aunt Branwen over much. It has done nothing but rain since I arrived, and the people are distinctly peculiar. A few days ago I was walking past the old grove of oak trees at the bottom of the lane when a very old man with a long beard and grubby robe jumped out and demanded to know if I was a virgin. I told him it was none of his damned business, and that he should go play with someone his own age, at which point he got very cross and started muttering about sacrilege. I don't understand them I really don't, and the young ones are no better. Do you remember my mentioning cousin Gwion - I said I'd be happier if he said more and sang less - well he came in the other day looking particularly pleased with himself. "Great afternoon, Ethne," he said, "four tries, two conversions." Now as you know, religion isn't my favorite topic of conversation but I didn't want to discourage the lad, and so I said something about the priest being pleased and the other two seeing the light soon, but he just gave me a funny look and dashed off saying he was late for choir practise.

City of the Legions:

enter HARALDUS and LADY FALKLAND

HAR: Now my lady we may rest content
 For our foes on both sides vanquished lie
 Their policies of isolation and dissent
 Have foundered on the good sense of our loyal subjects.

enter Messenger

Mess: My Lord, I bear grave tidings:
 From far Afrik the Pictish leader comes
 His fleet e'en now lies in Ireland's sea
 'Tis said he brings Ap Hwel and an army of Scots
 To fill our rivers with English blood.

TEMPUS (CARTHAGONIS)

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Votes: Of five players eligible all voted in favour. The Empire rule is now in effect. There is however a lack of candidates for an election: I therefore request all intending candidates to post their bond of one province each by next deadline.

Publicity: It goes without saying that we must have more players to continue. Once more we request any and all traders to give us a plug, pointing out that this is primarily a press game but is also interesting to play (well, that's the intention anyway...). There is no game fee, but issues of WB from 62 onwards are necessary. The rules/map equal another issue. To be a player requires subscribing and picking a name.

Strumph: Autumn 70

CM: DA Oly--(sf CM)Han. A NBe-Car.
 CBS: F AVM, F Mes, F SBA unordered.
 HM: A Des-Tse. F CGa-MAb.
 HS: F MFr, A Poc, A Tyr unordered.
 LT: A '1'-Dan. A TPr-VOB. A TPa stand.
 PA: A '49'-Per. F MES C A UMu-Car(sf ES). F MES(sf ES NBe).
 SP: F SdF stand. F '55'-Y'. F '54' stand(sf SP).
 HB: A VSa unordered.
 ES: A '65' quakes before the fray.

Political

CM: --.
 CBS: --.
 HM: appoint LT sub-ruler Des.
 HS: --.
 LT: appoint HM sub-ruler DAN, VOB, CCI.
 PA: appoint ES commander A Per.
 appoint ES sub-ruler LMa, VPu, TPa, VAn, Per.
 SP: --.
 HB: --.
 ES: --.

Names (Wit)

'15' is Witherspoonium. '49' is Hyperec (Hyp). '54' is Klingon (Kli).
 '63' is Corbenic (Cor). '36' is Camelot (Cam). '65' is Amaranth (Ama).

Railways

3. Bakerloo suspends building.
6. Long Beach VAn-VPu. Ends here (not Per as planned).
7. Great Northern NEu-'36' ends.

Revolutions!

CBS has six provinces, none under subrulers. By random choice Sparta (Spa) revolts. This goes to the player controlling the fewest provinces. HM and ES both qualify, by random choice HB wins.

HM has seven provinces, only one under a sub-ruler. Revolt in Terra Spes et Laus (TSe) in favour of ES. Army there dices as per 5Db: '5' result, army eliminated.

HS has seven provinces, none under sub-rulers. Hespes Barbarium (HBa) revolts. HM and ES again eligible: ES gets it.

LT has eight provinces, only three under a sub-ruler. Terra Patentia (TPa) revolts in favour of HB. Army there throws '6' and deserts to HB!

WB64-6

PA has nine provinces, five under a sub-ruler, he is safe from revolt.
SP has seven provinces, none under sub-rulers. S. Eustachia (SEu) revolts
in favour of ES.
No one has excess units.

Who holds what

Mayorality of Carthage:

CM: Car** NBe* Han* Oly.

CM: DA Han, A NBe.

May build ~~two~~ one.

Empire of Rubovia:

CBS: Lak Més CNo* TDa TFi*

CBS: F AVM, F Mes, F SBa.

Must remove one.

Protectorate of the West:

HM: Apa CGa** Wit Opi*Obn

LT: Des

HM: F MAb

May build two.

General Chass in the East:

HS: Pla Poc CPo* Rom* Tyr* Dac

HS: F MFr, A Tyr, A Poc

No change.

Who cares about the South anyway?:

LT: AFu* '1' TPr* PTe*

HM: DAN VOb CCI

LT: A DAN, A VOb

May build one.

Governor of Pergatore:

PA: LMi* LMa EDe** UMu*

ES: Per** LMa VAn VPu TPa

PA: F MEs, A UMu

ES: A Per

May build three.

Consairs of the North:

SP: Cam* NEu Ger** Lac* Kla* '55'* Ath*

SP: F Kla, F Spe, F SdF.

May build four.

Also running:

HB: VSa* Spa* TPa*

HB: A VSa, A TPa.

May build one.

ES: Ama* HBa* SEu TSe*

ES: A Ama.

May build two.

1. Indented are sub-rulers or commanders.
2. I have assumed that where railways are split between two rulers (eg on island of Rubovia) they are not in use - the rulers may of course reach an agreement to use the railway and notify me of this.
3. Remember sub-rulers (eg ES at Per) have no control over builds and removals - only rulers may decide on these.

Warnings!

Some players still have too many provinces. These are CBS HM HS SP. All will have another revolt NEXT TIME unless they appoint sub-rulers.

Next Season

Is Winter Builds and Removals. Political action may take place, but Railways may not be built.

Mark Gleeson (HS) reports that WB has not been reaching his term address. His home address may be better: 29 Lawford Rd, London NW5 2LG. I hope it's obvious that 'replacement players' aren't used in this game, though if the GM is certain that a player has dropped out his units and provinces will revert to rulers, sub-rulers or commanders associated with them or if none will go into anarchy.

Capita Gainii (HM)

"Hmmm ... a good plan, Schernus," mused Cash My Cheque, treasurer to Hystericus Minimus, Defect and Ruler of Capita Gainii and Protector and Monitor of its surrounding lands. "But do you think we can pull it off?"

Schernus grinned evilly. "Of course," he said, "all the people see in Hystericus is a figurehead, someone to bow to. As for leadership, well they haven't had enough of that yet!"

Schernus and Cash My Cheque were soon engrossed in the finer details of their nefarious plot...

Pergatore (PA)

The appointment of Elliptus Sceptii as Governor of the South is seen here as an indication that Polonius intends to get tough with the piratical fiend Sextus Pompeius.

A Party Political Statement (ES)

'I'm speaking on behalf of the new 'honest man' of Carthaginian politics. I mean of course Ellipticus Sceptii. When the other great forces are tearing our empire apart, what is needed is a man of honesty and integrity, who is not associated with any faction, who can rule fairly and with respect to democracy, with referenda on all important issues. Cast your vote for peace and security, cast your vote for Ellipticus Sceptii.'

Terra Firma (CM)

The three adventurers assembled in their room at a quayside inn to consider their next move. The town was in turmoil, with wild rumours of the newly declared Empire facing bankruptcy due to the cutting of trade from the North by the Sceptii fleet. Already Sparta, at the other end of the island, had risen in favour of another natural son of the late Emperor, though whether they could hold out against Scipio was in doubt. The town itself was threatened by the navy of the western Protectorate.

"We must leave immediately before the island becomes a battleground," declared Seraphius.

"Certainly," agreed Ahriman, "but we shall need a guide in the mysterious lands of the South. Fortunately I have managed to find someone who can be of value here, and if I am not mistaken..."

The Mage rose to answer a knock at the door. He ushered in a grey-robed figure, veiled after the fashion of the nomads of Tartarus. As the hood was thrust back they were surprised to discover that despite the short hair and sober garments their visitor was undoubtedly of the female sex.

"A woman?" queried Alexandros. "What is this - a joke, Ahriman?"

The stranger's eyes flashed and she cast back the robe to grasp the hilt of a sword concealed beneath. "Do you cast doubt on me sir?" she demanded.

Urbs Muliercularum (PA)

Admiral Popilius Lena was sacked from office today only a few months after his appointment. It is believed he had intended deserting to the forces of Cassius Mithridates, former Mayor of Carthage. Polonius himself has taken command of the armed forces, and is sailing for Carthage to ensure that the forthcoming imperial elections will be held freely.

The antics of the former Mayor has provoked Polonius to nominate Elliptus Sceptii for the post of Emperor. The ties between Elliptus and Polonius were forged during their campaigns against the barbarians in 65-68. Whilst Polonius commanded the armies, Elliptus conducted the finance and economics of the campaign, especially in Hyperec.

WB64-8

Carthage (late news)(PA)

Fighting is raging in the city between militia units and forces landed from the sea, apparently under the command of Polonius Artimus. It is not yet clear who has won the first round of what may be a bloody civil war...

Carthage (CM)

The attack had come at dawn, and throughout the short wutumn day the invaders had pushed deeper into the city in the face of sporadic resistance from the local troops. But in the gathering dusk the vanguard of the 2nd Beaconsfield Army arrived and launched a flank attack. Towards midnight the Pergatorans evidently realised that their position was rapidly becoming hopeless and chose to evacuate; in the cnpfusion the loyal forces wvre unable to stop them.

At dawn Cassius Mithridates himself arrived, meeting Popilius Lena on the dockside. "Thanks to you Popilius we have won this time," he said.

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