

#### EDITORIAL

This edition of HT has been produced using a remarkable new invention from IBM. It is a new way of writing, which has the unique property of getting people to read not what's written, but what they would like to read. The results of the Diplomacy moves will not be what happened, but what, underneath it all, you would like to have happened.

The dreaded disaster has struck. All games suffered from NMRS (No Move Receiveds). I allowed an extra week for moves, yet none came to me late. What happened? Is HT that bad??

#### PRICE CHANGE

The way HT is priced is going to be changed, in a way to the advantage of the players. Instead of paying 3/.5p for each game, you will now pay 3/.5p for each issue of HT.

#### DEADLINE

The deadline for the next moves is last post, Wednesday, the

21st NOV.

If you are wondering why this edition of Hacking Times is a couple of minutes late, let's put it this way (this is meant to be single spaced): I hate typewriters that break when there aren't any others about. I hate nasty little student union print rooms that insist on charging four times as much as last year. And the Resource Centre was booked for yonks. And this typewriter still isn't mended, I haven't changed the spacing in this article, but it has.

WHO'S EATEN MY TIPEX?

p&p Greenwich Young Liberals, 76 Haddo House, Haddo Street, Greenwich SE10  
LONDON, BRITAIN.

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1. Thank you for Civilization Rules - I am producing an "extra games pack" with them in; I'll let you have a copy when it's done. Have you any suggestions for change from experience? (I'll give you lots of packs if you want)
2. I'm willing to take some Orphaned Games/new Games if you think any existing player would put up with HT. RULE CHANGE

## SCIENCE NEWS

As the people who read the last edition of HT (and I know someone did, because I got a rude letter about it), this amazing publication has a special interest in science. Yet again, we have got hold of the latest from the world of science. This is taken from a small article in the American edition of New Scientist.

The problem of finding an ecologically sound fuel for engines has been the subject of scientific endeavour for many years. One approach is to try similar fuels to petrol, such as alcohol, for use with a slightly modified internal combustion engine. The other approach is to redesign the engine for a completely (cont)

different fuel. One research project looked for an explosive solid with minimal pollutive side effects, to use as a basis for building engines. There answer is popcorn.

The explosive nature of popcorn depends to a large extent on the type and temperature of the oil in which it is 'popped'. By very careful control of the oil to produce exactly the right conditions, popcorn can become far more explosive than that which occurs in the kitchen. However, it is not as powerful as petrol, and is only suitable for low speed driving, such as city driving. An experimental vehicle has been undergoing test in New York City for over a year now.

The great thing about popcorn is that its (cont)

is not only harmless, but is also edible. Unfortunately, for historical reasons, it is illegal to run vehicles which produce solid "pollution" in New York. Thus the disadvantage of using a popcorn driven vehicle, that has been found by the experiment, is that the driver rapidly puts on weight, as she eats the exhaust to keep in line with the local by-laws. She now weighs over thirty stone!!

## NEXT ISSUE

Reviews of many commercial Play By Mail games (such as Star-Lord and Crasimor's World), and of many other amateur Diplomacy gameszines (HT isn't the only one, there are over a hundred in Britain alone).

## DISCOUNTS

GYL/1

I am proud to announce that HT has done a deal with Games Workshop, a nationwide chain of games shops (who also do mail order). They offer 10 percent discount to members of games clubs on any purchase over two pounds except software. The readers of HT are now members of "The Hacks Club". If you do not wish to get this discount, please let me know in the next ten days, otherwise I will pass your name on to GW. In the next issue of HT, I will say how this thing works. It will involve some form of identity card.

Spring 1904

Austria: A Gal-Rum, F Alb-Gre (FAILS), A Ser-Bul (FAILS), A Bud s A Gal-Rum.

England: A Yor HOLDS, F Lon-NTH, F Nor HOLDS, F Hel s FRENCH F Bel-Hol, [[F Den s RUSSIAN F Bal-Kie]].

France: F Tun-IOs (FAILS), F GOL-TYS, F Mar-Pie (FAILS), A Spa-Gas, A Bur-Run (FAILS), F Bel-Hol, A Pic-Bel.

Germany: NMR! A Hol (NKO, disbanded), A Run, A Mun all HOLD.

Italy: A Pie-Mar (FAILS), A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven.

Russia: F Sev s AUSTRIAN A Gal-Rum, A War-Pru (remainder unordered, thus) F BAL HOLDS, A Swe HOLDS, F StP (N) HOLDS.

Turkey: A Rum-Ukr, A Bul-Rum (FAILS), A Gre-Ser (FAILS), F BLA s A Bul-Rum, F Con-Bul (E) (FAILS), F AEG-IOs (FAILS).

GM says: The NMR from Germany was disappointing. What happened, Miles?

Italy's moves are very interesting. Has he made a deal with the French, like I'll make Austria weak for you if you let me live? Or is he hoping desperately for Turkish relief? We shall see.

GYL/2

Austria: F Alb-Gre (FAILS), A Ser s F Alb-Gre, [[A Bud-Bul]], A Gal-Bud (FAILS).

England: NMR, thus F Bel, F all HOLD.

France: A Bur-Run (FAILS), A Mar-Bur (FAILS), F Bre-MAO, A Por HOLDS, F Spa (S) HOLDS.

Germany: A Mun-Run (FAILS), A Hol-Bel (FAILS), F Den-NTH, F Kie-Den, A Ber-Mun (FAILS).

Italy: A Ven-Tri, A Tyr s A Tun-Alb (FAILS), F ION c A Tun-Alb.

Russia: A Rum HOLDS, F Sev HOLDS, A Ukr HOLDS, (cont)

Russia (cont): A Mos-war, A StP HOLDS, F Swe-GOB.

Turkey: A Con-Bul (FAILS), A Bul-Ser (FAILS), A Gre s A Bul-Ser, remainder unordered, thus F BLA HOLDS, A Smy HOLDS.

GM says: On what run the next move will be for Austria (and Italy).

## REVIEWS

Ringworld is a new Science Fiction Role Playing Game from Chaosium, the company who brought you Runequest and The Call of Cthulhu. It is based on the novels Ringworld and Ringworld Engineer by Larry Niven, which you are advised to read before you play the game. It contains an "Explorer Book" (60 pages), "Human Space Technology" book (36 pages), a "Creatures" book (44 pages), and a "Gamesmasters" book (48 pages), and sundry other bits and pieces.

The game is impressive, and full of useful detail, is a little expensive. Like Niven's novels, it concentrates on hard science, although unlike Niven's novels, it gives the opportunity to develop interesting characters. If you can get a mortgage, buy it.

Far more expensive is a forthcoming RPG "Pigeons and Potatoes" from Games Workshop, who kindly lent me an advanced copy. It is based on the premise that Earth is in fact controlled by a hyper-intelligent race which exists in the disguise of pigeons (a rip off of Douglas Adams' mice from "A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"). It contains eleven booklets, "Characters", "Pigeon Flight Maths", "Combat and Weaponry (Popguns)", "Wildlife", "Dungeon Delving", "Magic", "Treasure", "Starships", "Alien races and Monsters", and a "GMS Guide".

Despite the fact that GW have clearly put a lot of work in to this product (average booklet length is over 50 pages), I am sorry to say that I find it to be a waste of time. Not only does the idea of pigeons hunting for treasure in dragon infested dungeons underneath (cont)

council flats seem a bit silly, but also the entire Magic, Treasure, and Dungeon booklets are virtual reprints from D&D. I hope their other RPGs will be better (Judge Dredd looks great), but I am afraid that I am going to have to advise them to forget this one.

When I decided to write this column I felt I should review the next book I got. The next morning, British Telecom delivered the London E-K telephone directory.

I am disappointed with this product. I realise BT has been privatised, but they must be worried about something. This is the worst case of name dropping I have ever seen. It's full of names, and contains virtually nothing else. Furthermore, as far as I can tell, no one whose name has been used has been paid any royalties. It is so bad that BT are giving it away!

## GYL/3

Autumn 1901

Austria: A Gal-  
Rum (FAILS), A  
Tri-Ven, F Ald-  
Gre.  
Occupies: Bud  
Gre Tri Ven Vie  
Losses: none  
Builds: A Tri A  
Vie.

England: NMR,  
thus F NRW HOLDS,  
A Edi HOLDS, A  
NTH holds.  
Occupies: Lon,  
Edi, Lpl.  
Losses: none.  
Builds: none.

France: NMR,  
thus F ENG HOLDS,  
A Par holds, A  
Spa holds.  
Occupies: Par,  
Bre, Mar, Spa.  
Losses: None.  
Builds: NMR!

Germany: F Den  
HOLDS, A Kie-  
Hol, A Run S A  
Kie-Hol.  
Occupies: Ber,  
Mun, Kie, Den,  
Hol.  
Losses: None.  
Builds: A Ber,  
F Kie.

Italy: A Ven-  
Pie, A Tus S  
A Ven-Pie, F  
ION-Tun.  
Gains: Tun.  
Losses: Ven.  
Builds: none.

Russia: F GOB-  
Swe, F Sev S A  
Ukr-Rum, A War  
HOLDS.  
Occupies: StP,  
Mos, Sev, War,  
Rum, Swe.  
Losses: none.  
Builds: A Mos,  
F StP (S).

Turkey: F Ank-  
BLA, A Arm-Ank,  
A Bul unordered,  
thus HOLDS.  
Occupies: Ank,  
Smy, Con, Bul.  
Losses: none.  
Builds: F Con.

Why two NMRS?  
And what will  
Italy do about  
Austria's in-  
stant stab?  
Can Austria  
survive making  
enemies like  
that this ear-  
ly in the  
game??

## GYL/4

Held over. The  
following have  
changed their  
address:

Germany (Phil  
Alexander) to:

8a Chestnut  
Avenue,  
High Wycombe,  
Bucks.

## GYL/5

Austria: M Harskin  
England: R Atkinson  
France: J Redfern  
Germany: P Wiggin  
Italy: P Chailis  
Russia: D Senior  
Turkey: J Lamp

## GYL/6

Austria: D Grace  
England: J Redfern  
France: S Younger-  
Ross  
Germany: E Lucas  
Italy: F Dodds  
Russia: P O'Call-  
aghan  
Turkey: D Jackson

## GYL/7

Austria: G Lishman  
England: J Hoffman  
France: A Walmsley  
Germany: M Pullen  
Italy: G Prest  
Russia: G vd Haghen  
Turkey: I Musgrave

Germany didn't  
talk to you as  
we got his add-  
ress wrong.

Turkey (Peter  
Ladanyi) to:

Flat M2/1,  
Llys Taly Bont,  
PO Box 91,  
Cardiff CF4.

### WARNING

I have received threats from an unnamed source that copies of this edition of HT will be stolen from me before I send it out so that another rag can be sent with it. If you find another publication with HT (something that looks like toilet paper which has been used), do not touch it. Instead, retire to a safe distance (about one mile), put on your radiation suit, and, using a large pair of tweezers, pick up the offending (and it really is offending) object, and place it in your dustbin. WARNING: if you get two of these things, just run as far as you can before they go critical and blow up the entire neighborhood.

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTS

SPY: I can find out what other players are doing (for a fee). If you want to use my services, write to "THE SPY", box number one.

FOUND: a large portion of chips. Claimers please send proof of ownership, and they will be returned. Box number two.

### WEEKEND GAMES

Are you interested in playing itf (face to face) Diplomacy with other subscribers of HT?? Such a weekend would be held at Thames Polytechnic, in London. Accommodation would be provided if needed. Silly hats & costumes also provided. If you are interested, contact Dylan Harris, with a list of you free weekends.

### EL CHEAPO HACKS

You can get TWO free editions of Hacking Times if you can get some other people to play in postal games run within Hacking Times. One player has already managed to get a years free supply as a result of this offer. Can you better it?

And don't forget that because of the change in the price structure of Hacking Times, it no longer costs you a penny to play in more than one of our games (except for the deposit, which is refunded unless you drop out). So now's the chance to win not just one game, but many hundreds!

### CIVILIZATION

One day I'll get this going. Apologies to those people waiting to play, but I'm having trouble with the map.

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# dead centre

## comment

A word from your proprietor.

My journalistic integrity is beyond question.

I could never allow myself to lower my standards to those of certain other 'journals' on sale to YL's.

My aims are many, my conviction is total; my bank balance is nil - but let me say that I would never in a month of Sundays stoop to publishing such trivia as bingo and dirty vicars from Aberystwyth in this fine paper.

With my majority interest in Bejams, I plan to bring a human face to the business of childbirth by frozen embryo techniques.

I wish to campaign for my peerage, er sorry party by expressing my displeasure at Maggie's wonderful, er sorry terrible policies.

Finally, if the name Fabtab is mentioned, it is because that was the name originally planned before members of SODDIT '82 expressed their displeasure at my owning such a high-class paper.

My message is clear: Go forward with Dead Centre for the Britain we all deserve. Thank you.

## Mail Menace

A report issued yesterday suggested that a new rapidly growing virus is spreading contagiously throughout the country.

The virus known as 'blue vein' seems to prey upon people that possess certain neurological deficiencies. Though tests were not conclusive, evidence suggests that the virus finds its greatest haven in people that read the Daily Mail.

Dr Leslie Baker, of the medical research institute who compiled this report said: "we have given the virus this name for two reasons - one is that one's legs become swollen and the veins take on a varicose appearance; the other is that the sufferers tend to be extreme cheeses."

The full extent of the problem became apparent last year when Mrs Thatcher was operated on for this particular virus.

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## MY WEEK WITH SILVER BERK

By our propaganda correspondent.

I spent 7 amazing days with Silver Berk (alias Chris Butcher) on the road from Barnsley to the Rhondda last week.

We stopped off at a service station near Port Talbot whereupon Butcher took out his trusty diary containing at least 3 names of sympathetic strike-breakers.

"With this sort of support, how can I possibly fail to overthrow the NUM" he said with some optimism.

"I spoke to a bloke only the other day who said he wanted to go back to work" he uttered with assurance.

"The trouble with these bastards is that they seem to think they've a right to work for a living" he said compassionately.

I asked him if he would name any of his contacts to which he replied: "these people work in code. All one of them will say is that he is a civil servant and that I can contact him in Whitehall on ext.232 quoting reference MI6 but I don't know what it means."

The week had passed like lightning, he dropped me off in fleet street - I said goodbye, he departed ready to carry on his fight for unemployment and seems destined for success.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NUM stages its annual works party outside the BSC Orgreave plant on Friday 30th October 1984. Allcomers welcome. Admission 50p and bring a bottle.

Mr Mick McGahey will be holding a policemen's ball the same day. We will then be organising a protest at his subsequent arrest.

## coffee ti.....

Simon Yoggart talks to Sid Vincent.

Yo: "I understand that your membership is now ready to negotiate a revised deal through ACAS."

Vi: "Certainly, as long as they agree to our demands."

Yo: "But surely that's not what arbitration is about?"

Vi: "Ir' is wi' us cocker."

Yo: "What actually are your demands?"

Vi: "Er.....er..... don't know really"

Yo: "Do you feel that the mining industry has a future?"

Vi: "'Course it 'as, we 'ave at least 6 pits wi' coal left."

Yo: "Do you feel that the NCB can keep its promise to find jobs for most miners working in empty pits?"

Vi: "Nor' a chance - 'ow can can they find jobs for 180,000 men at 6 pits?"

Yo: "Don't you think you'r being somewhat alarmist Mr Vincent?"

Vi: "This is nothin' to do wi' clocks mate."

Yo: "If the NCB insist upon plans to introduce Japanese efficiency into the industry, would the NUM executive agree to the proposals?"

Vi: "Borrocks."

Yo: "Some critics have said that trade union leaders should practice what they preach and sacrifice their own salaries during the strike - would you agree?"

Vi: "Look, I'm a workin' class lad wi' three kids to see through Harrow, and a mortgage on me' six-bedroom detached in Wythenshawe, not to mention me' HP on that BMW 3-litre turbo, and the wifes like a woman possessed, she's never bin' the same since she got that Diners Club card. She gets a new bloody dress everytime she goes t'e shops - and that's another thing, the bloody shops get quite stropky when me' members .....(cont.p 61)

POOR MEMORY?...Or so you may think. but psychologists maintain that there are only two kinds of memory - trained and untrained. For free booklet outlining the methods of a trained psychologist in learning techniques, send s.a.e. to:

# agony WITH ANNA FAGBURN

DEAR ANNA,

I am a trapist monk living in a monastery - I lead quite a quiet life. I have booked myself a singles holiday this year and feel terribly anxious. My problem is my inexperience with girls. Unlike other men, I don't have much sexual experience (I've only slept with about 86 women), and this worries me. Is it natural to have had so little physical contact at the age of 17?

ANNA SAYS,

Of course we all get anxious about possible conubial liasons, but really I can assure you that this will quickly disappear once you have managed to get your leg over. In fact I'll bet this happens within 45 minutes of arrival at Gran Canaria. Then you will find things progressively easier in your relations with the other twenty or thirty people that you screw while there.

DEAR ANNA,

I am a 34-year old divorced mother of twins. The other day I walked home from shopping, passing a tramp in the high street. The inevitable happened and we became lovers. The affair was scintillating, until he told me that he had A.I.D.S., Herpes and N.S.U.

I can forgive him for that, but why do I feel that life is being unkind to me, when I seem to have everything a woman could want?

ANNA SAYS,

My word - some women just don't seem to know when they're well off. Thousands of women would swap places with you tomorrow; so just relax and appreciate the fact that you have found your true soul-mate. Happiness is never far away you know.

## APOLOGIES

Our agony columnist this month was to have been Katie Boyle, but sadly somebody put a poultice on her and she burst.

Deirdre Sanders was to have replaced Katie, but sadly could not concoct the material at such short notice.

"Politicians supply us with an opportunity to direct our hate and anger towards an object worthy of our contempt. Therefore they perform a valuable social function."

Prof. Hans Eysenck, Observer, 1982.

## GREAT SAYINGS OF THE 20th CENTURY

"Mr Ian Smith is an utterly deceitful, treacherous, ruthless individual - I liked him enormously."

Harold Wilson, Spectator 1977

"My sole duty in Westminster is to serve my constituents of ..... er ... South Down for the next 5 years."

Enoch Powell, RTE Eirann 1983

"This matter has little to do with a united Ireland - we just want to be one country."

Charles Haughey, RTE Eirann 1983

"We cannot allow these economic atrocities to continue indefinitely. The Daily Mirror endeavors to extol the virtues of realistic living - these things were emphasized to senior staff at Claridges last week."

Robert Maxwell, Radio 4, 1984.

Beware of cheap imitations, read the real McCoy - not subversive piffle.

Dead Centre is written and produced by Mark Holliday.

# mail letters

## The Column That YOU Write

### £10 PRIZE LETTER

I have a pet caterpillar called Maggie.  
Also she's blue and hates miners.  
Mr C.Parkinson,Hertsmere.

I am a miner, and have been for twenty  
five years.I have always voted tory,  
and think that McGregors plans are  
truly the miners salvation.  
Good for mr McGregor - keep up the  
good work.

Name and address withheld as the  
editor couldn't think of one.

As a ratepayer,I see red everytime  
that people think we should squander  
money on such things as the elderly,  
infirm,terminal,handicapped and other  
groups.Not to mention education,lib-  
raries and pay-rises for those utterly  
greedy nurses.I am a consultant at the  
Royal Expensive Hospital,Hampstead,  
and paid a ridiculously paltry £41,000  
per year.But for the fact that I do  
some moonlighting in a Harley Street  
private clinic,I would not be able to  
make ends meet.So lets see the GLC  
abolished before I am reduced to the  
soup-kitchens.

Dr Lance A.Boyle,Bromley,Kent.

### Sigh ning

Freddie 'flick of the wrist' Baxter,  
19,was handed the chance of a lifetime  
yesterday,when Chelsea accepted a bid  
of £1m from Tottenham for him.

He aquired his sublime reputation from  
the italian press after the superb  
hat-trick of castrations at Juventus  
last season.He will finish his current  
loan period of 300 hours with Lambeths  
community service team before signing  
on with the purveyors of pacifism.

I am an old aged pensioner and  
would love to hang miners for a  
hobby - with my meagre pension  
I have little to spend on enter-  
tainment.  
I hope you wont print my name,as  
76,000 striking miners will bom-  
bard my home with mortars and  
napalm.

Mr Nobby Geezer,Chatham,Kent.

How sorry I feel for our truly  
british Zola Budd.She has done  
us so proud these last few months  
The papers £250,000 purchase of  
this wonderful young liberal-  
thinking girl,was fully justified  
by her amazing seventh place in  
Los Angeles.

Mrs S.Illycow,Wirral,  
Cheshire.

### Today's The Day

September 2,1939:Neville Chambe-  
rlain gave his famous speech  
from the airfield after the  
Munich summit.

Several weeks after war was dec-  
lared,Chamberlain landed at Cro-  
don airport one monday after a  
visit to the U.S.A.

A spectator shouted:"'ere Chamb-  
erlain,I thought you promised  
us peace in our time."To which  
Chamberlain replied,"I don't  
know about you mate,but I've had  
a piece in my time."

## NEXT MONTH IN FABTAB.

HOW TO COPE WITH LIFE'S LITTLE PROBLEMS.  
By Dr Egon Friedbred.

YES next month the doctor will be here to solve any problems you might have in your life.

His 6-day experience in psychological trauma gives him an insight into the kinds of problem that we all have.

He was educated at Accrington Polytechnic, gaining a batchelors degree in domestic sciences.

Prior to this, he went to one of Britains most exclusive public schools: Saint Neanderthals High, Brixton.

There he aspired to great heights obtaining CSE passes in no fewer than 5 subjects, including a grade 3 in mathmatics.

From this he naturally progressed to higher education culminating in his doctorate in advanced pastry baking and the pre-menstruel syndrome.

And yes, he's here in the pages of fabtab, so the message is clear: forget the pseudo-sophisticates of other 'journals' read fabtab for something other than tinpot stories about London tinmines.

## NATURES WONDERS.

My jaunt this month, took me to the wonderous spectacle of Creek Bridge near Deptford.

I witnessed the sheer joy of the swans feeding time, as they merrily sank towards their agonising deaths from lead poisoning.

Feeling just a tinge of guilt about this, I was about to withdraw my rod, when lo and behold I was overcome by a species never before seen on the Thames.

Yes it was the much sought-after fish known as the Scaffell Pike.

The parculiarity of this fish, is its tendency to be thrown from the river, onto mountain tops, secretly breeding on the summit before it attacks the observing journalists, causing them to sway and rock for days when typing.

## APOLOGY.

In my sister publication, the 'Screws of the World' last week I stated that Selina Scott was a trumped-up egotistical little irish trout.

In light of the fact that one flabergasted of Aldershot has brought to my attention the fact that she is scottish, I must bear the blame for this unforgiveable inaccuracy, and wish to apologise to our Irish readers.

## £100,000 !

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4. must pay people enormous sums to say how much they love those dreadful chocolate bars.
5. ditto but with margerine.
6. make British Telecom adverts explaining why our bills don't come down.
7. ditto but with British Gas.
8. make American Express adverts publicising the facilities available to those who can afford not to need them.
9. advertise lumps of starch-laden cement under the brand-name "Mothers Pride".
10. advertise perfume sprayed on by woman encouraging approaches by strange men subsequently being arrested.
11. advertise fermented carbonated urine under the brand name "Carlsberg".

If meeting these criteria, send CV with reference to the editor for complete ridicule.

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## TWENTY THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT RONALD REAGAN.

By American correspondents Harvey Wallbanger and Arty Choke.

- 1.He was born in 1890 to a mrs Dorian Gray and a mr Cecil Rhodes,in the irish capital of Bally Holborn.
- 2.He was so popular as a child,that 500 local residents contributed enough cash to send him on a one-way trip to San Francisco.
- 3.He was adopted by a kindly old man named Mr 'Lucky ' Luciano.
- 4.He was junior president of the irish-american fourmasons.
- 5.Went to school at McDonalds junior high,San Francisco.
- 6.He had royal connections.Was the cousin of one William Carter,an old queen from Plains,Georgia.
- 7.Won a scholarship at the University of St.Pizza Hut,Hollywood.
- 8.Was college baseball captain.He once had the honour of stopping a shot from the legendary Babe Ruth using his temple.
- 9.Founder of the Californian I.Q. society,'Menstruel'.
- 10.Lost virginity at 16,in Feltham-on-the-Hill,while on a european tour of Vicki Hodge.
- 11.J.Edgar Hoover once said of him:"if balls were brains,he'd be a eunuch."
- 12.Appeared in 70 'B' movies - the best known being:'Two Lovely Black Eyes' with Jane Mansfield.
- 13.Gained B.Sc. degree in Human Agriculture,mainly for his pioneering work in developing the technique of milking the tax-payer.
- 14.Hit great heights as a baseball professional.He founded the 'between the eyes' fielding technique.
- 15.Met and married Jane Wyman in 1936,who years later would spring to fame playing keyboards with the Rolling Stones.
- 16.Was divorced 6 months later,after the adultery with 2nd wife Nancy Boyes.
- 17.In 1938 he was appointed Mafia boss of Los Angeles,untill a bitter power struggle in 1970 saw his demotion to Governor of California.
- 18.In 1980 he won the Republican presidential nomination,beating George "Castro's next" Bush in a hard-fought battle.
- 19.Won the presidency that year with the slogan:" A RED 'UN FOR ARMAGEDDON"
- 20.Gained the supreme accolade of having a brand of jelly bean named after him.Slush Candy Inc. market the product under the name 'The Has Bean'.

### CONTACTS

HANDSOME virile male 29,6'5",dark hair, muscular,energetic with five-figure income,seeks vivacious blonde female 18-30, with venusian looks 42-24-38.Write: Bert Scroggins,Y.M.C.A.,Willesden.

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## IF I WON A MILLION POUNDS.

says Sarah Brightman.

"I would sit back and rue the day I married that runt Lloyd-Webber - but you've got to think of your career haven't you."

## CORRECTION

In the Brail on Sunday of 19-8-84, Sir Obnoxious Tweedales historical account of the bible featured one significant innacuracy, owing to the opulence of his lunchtime tastes.

Paragraph 17 was meant to read: 'Davids sling was full of shot.'

We apologise.

## DID YOU KNOW ....

Cecil Parkinson is known as 'Heinz' because he knows 57 ways.

## DID YOU KNOW ....

The most children born by one woman is 31 (in 29 years) by Mrs Davina Wrench of Edgebaston.

Norris McWhirter believes that She's had her feet in the stirrups more times than Lester Pigott.

## DID YOU KNOW ....

An unfortunate man receiving ECT at Rampton Hospital, believed that Clement Freud was a human-being.

Upon discovery of this, the consultant doubled the patients dose.

## DIFFINITIVE DICTIONARY @ 1.

### STAGNATE.

What a posh fellow has on the eve of his wedding.

In a serious report issued yesterday, several of televisions senior figures came in for very hefty criticism.

The Chairman of the emergency committee, Lady Shaver of Remington said that some TV stations are planning to create a new master race consisting largely of game-show hosts.

Though unproven, it is suspected that LWT possess the technology required to create the neccesary cloning.

Rivals the BBC are playing it cool, but as yet have not denied the allegations either.

Donald Fire of the consultative firm acting for the committee, Messrs Hell, Fire and Damnation explained: "our survey was based over 7 consecutive days. During this period we counted 94 Annika Rice's, 83 Mike Smiths, 74 Tom O'Connors and 65 Michael Dismals."

"More alarming was the grotesque influx of bow-ties and repulsive coloured game-show jackets."

Mr Wally Brain, producer of Centrals 'The Price Is Right' denied any such sinister overtones.

## WINNERS GALORE.

Yes folks, our super racing correspondent Templegate gave three superb winners from 16 bank-holiday meetings yesterday.

They were: Silver Buck 2/13, Bregawn 2/11 and Gambling Prince (walked over).

Funratings were also in form; they too gave Gambling Prince to make it a bumper Monday for FUN readers.

## CLERICAL ERROR.

The Bishop of Durham, Dr David Jenkins was involved in further controversy yesterday.

A lady parishoner Mrs Norma Stitz 31, strolled into morning service wearing a topless dress.

As she entered the cathedral, the bishop paused and stopped her.

"But I've a divine right" - she uttered.

"And you've a divine left as well, but you're not coming in like that" - was the bishops reply.

Only Dead Centre has the lop sided type face - beware good imitations.

## THE 1984 ODE DIPLOMACY MAGAZINE POLL

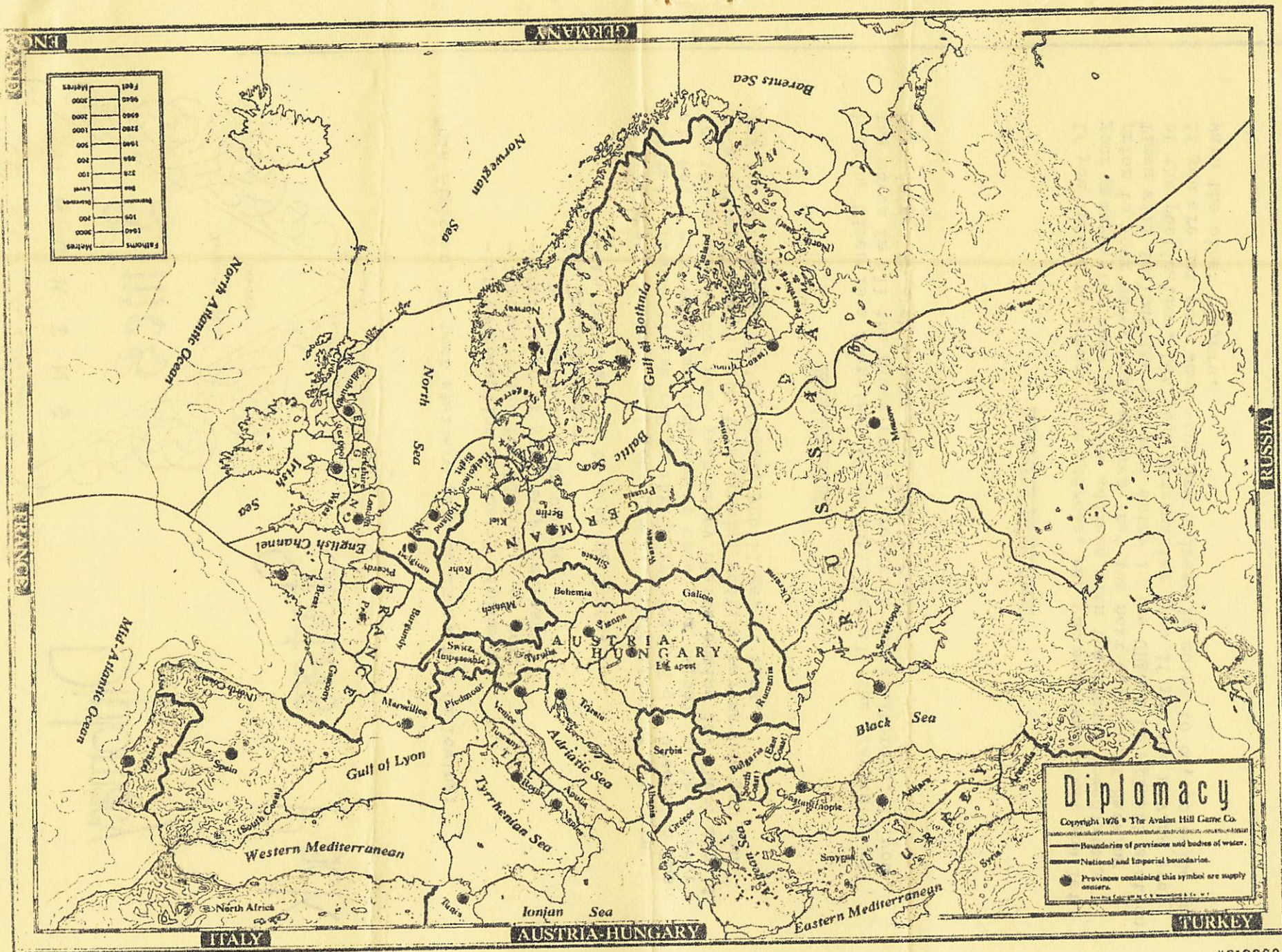
Otherwise named, by John, the Revenge Poll. I'm not sure whether this is a good idea or even if it will be that well received. Certainly I'm publishing it because I like Polls, and normally think to hell with what others might say. I did talk to Richard Walkerdine about it, in passing, and he didn't seem to mind; polls are meant to be fun-type things anyway, and anyone can run one. The only other misgiving I have about this Poll is 'Zine Eligibility' sub para (c) - once again this leaves Hopscotch out, who I think only runs one Diplomacy game. Is this taking revenge too far? Still, this IS supposed to be a hard-line approach type Poll. So....

1. Zine Eligibility: To be eligible a zine must:-
  - (a) be an amateur publication concerned with postal games;
  - (b) be published in the United Kingdom;
  - (c) be running, as of 1/1/85, at least two games of postal Diplomacy that are eligible for Boardman Numbers;
  - (d) have published at least three issues between 1/9/84 and 1/1/85.
2. Voter Eligibility: Anyone who subscribes to or trades with at least two eligible zines may vote for all eligible zines they receive as trader or subscriber (see note). Editors, subeditors, and anyone closely involved in the compilation or publication of a zine, may not vote for that zine.
3. Voting Method: Zines should be listed in order of preference, with the most preferred listed '1', the second '2', etc. There is no need to awards marks, and any such will be ignored.
4. Assessment: Results will be calculated by use of a preference matrix.
5. Deadline: Votes should be sent to John Marsden, 17 Church Road, St. Leonards, Hastings, TN37 6EF; no later than Friday 4th January 1985.
6. Results: Next following Ode. Non-subscribers may receive a copy of the results from John for 20p.

Note regarding voter eligibility: The intention is to exclude anyone who reads or sees someone else's zine without themselves subscribing or trading. Clearly in the case of couples or people who share a house votes may be cast by any one member of the household, or by all in committee. Any editor who sends John his mailing list in advance of the deadline can have his voters checked for eligibility.

(I lost the last page of Read Centre, so here's an interesting reprint from DibDibDib) - more details next issue





# CONFERENCE MAP

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## Summary of the Rules

Diplomacy is a relatively simple game in principle, but complex in execution. Each piece has the power of one and can move only one space per move. There is no element of chance. The play of the game combines the careful planning of Chess, with skill in negotiating deals and persuading other players to go along with your plan.

Diplomacy is played by seven players, each of whom controls a country. The moves in a game are classed as two moves per year, beginning in the year 1901 with Spring and Autumn moves. You start by putting your pieces in the board in the following positions:

Austria: Fleet Trieste, and armies in Vienna and Budapest.  
England: Army in Liverpool, and fleets in London and Edinburgh.  
France: Fleet in Brest, and armies in Paris and Marseilles.  
Germany: Fleet in Kiel, and armies in Berlin and Munich.  
Italy: Fleet in Naples, and armies in Rome and Venice.  
Russia: Fleets in Sevastopol and St. Petersburg, and armies in Moscow and Warsaw.  
Turkey: Fleet in Ankara, armies in Smyrna and Constantinople.

Then you begin negotiations before you make for first move. Armies may go to any place on land, or may be conveyed across waters by navies. A navy may move to any space in the sea, or to any space on land adjacent to water.

The number of pieces you have on the map at any one time is determined by the numbers of supply centres you control. Supply centres are marked by black dots on the map. Control of the supply centres is decided by which piece last occupied it in the Autumn move of a game.

During the first year, it is important to plan to occupy as many supply centres in neutral countries as possible. It is important to make alliances with players so you do not both go for the same supply centre and so waste your energies. If, in planning your moves, there are questions as to where a piece can or cannot move in particular situations, contact the gamesmaster for a ruling.

After negotiations, you should write down your moves and send them to your gamesmaster (before the published deadline). A unique feature of Diplomacy is that every piece of every player moves simultaneously. Therefore, the gamesmaster needs all the players moves before (s)he can determine the results of the moves, so its important for you to get your moves to the gamesmaster in time. The gamesmaster will work out the effects of all the moves, and this will be published in the next edition of 'Hacking Times', which will also specify the deadline for the date by which the next set of moves must have been received by the gamesmaster.

Only one piece can be in one space at one time. If two peices are ordered into the same space, neither moves unless one has received "support" from a third piece. Thus a move can be wasted. Negotiations before each move help avoid wasted moves like this.

An army or navy may support another army or navy of that country or another country in making a move, provided it is adjacent to the space into which the move is being made. Support can also be given on a defensive basis to protect a piece from being dislodged from the space it occupies.

If one piece has the support of another in making the move and the opposing piece does not, then it moves into the empty space, or it may force an unsupported piece to move out of that space. You should include a preference list of retreats for your pieces with your orders because the gamesmaster will disband a piece if it does not retreat. Opposing pieces with equal support do not move. An advantage of just one wins. If a piece which is given support is attacked, then that support is cut and doesn't count, unless it was supporting an attack into the space occupied by the attacking piece.

Adjustments in strength are made after the Autumn moves have been completed. You should include a list of builds (or losses) with your orders for the Autumn move. The build must take place in a supply centre in your home country. If you have lost strength and you do not specify which army or navy you are to lose, the gamesmaster will choose the navy or army furthest from one of your home supply centres.

Alliances and deals with other players are a major part of the game. It is almost impossible to succeed in play without discussing possibilities with other players and making the best deal you can. Once having made a verbal deal with a player, it is not necessary that you do as you agreed verbally. When you come to write your orders, you may decide to do something completely different. The problem is, of course, that as soon as you do a dirty trick, your credibility in negotiations with those players is lost. The decision as to when to "double cross" one or more of your opponents is one of the most difficult decisions to make in playing the game.

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### Writing your orders

For each of your units, you need to say what it is, where it is, what it is doing, and what to. You need to use the specific Diplomacy language to give your orders, but the words can be abbreviated; the abbreviation for each word is given in brackets. The unit will either be an army (A) or a fleet (F). You should give the full and correct spelling of its current location (or abbreviate the name to its first three letters, with the exceptions noted in the rules supplied with this pack). The unit will either hold (default, omit the unit in the orders if you want), move (-), support another unit (s), support and be supported by another unit (ms), or, if it's a fleet, convoy (c). If the unit is holding, forget the what to bit. If the unit is supporting another, include what and where the other unit is, and, if it's moving, the destination of the other unit. If it's doing a convoy, include the movement order for the unit being convoyed. Examples:

Army Apulia moves to Albania, Fleet Ionian supports Army Apulia moving to Albania, Fleet Adriatic convoys Army Apulia to Albania.

To shorten it:

A Apu-Alb, F ION s A Apu-Alb, F ADS c A Apu-Alb.

If you are supporting or convoying a foreign unit, say the name of the country before you say what it is (eg A Mun s FRENCH A Bur). The actual meanings of these orders should be explained in the section above.

GYL/1 Spring 1902

Austria: F Gre-ION, A Ser-Tri, A Bud s A Tri-Vie.  
England: F NRW s F Nwy, F Lon-NTH, A Edi HOLDS.  
France: F Bel HOLDS, A Bre-Pic, A Par-Bur, A Por-Spa, F Mar-GOL.  
Germany: F Den-SKA, A Kie-Den, A Hol-Bel (FAILS), A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Mun  
Italy: NMR, thus Vie NRO.  
Russia: A War-Ukr, [[F Sev s A Bul-Rum]], [[A "in the other place"-Fin]],  
F GOB-Swe (FAILS).  
Turkey: A Bul s A Ank-Rum, F BLA c A Ank-Rum, A Con s A Bul.

The Russian player very nicely gave us two examples of different kinds of impossible moves. In the first move, the fleet in Sevastopol could not have supported the Turkish army going from Bulgaria to Roumania, because it was the Turkish army in Ankara which went to Roumania. The rules are very strict about the specification of locations in orders; they either have to be named fully (with the correct spelling), or the players can use the first three letters of the name (with the exceptions noted in the rules). Although it may be obvious that Russia meant Sweden by "in the other place", the rules clearly state that this is illegal, so I had to rule it an impossible move.

The Italians failed to send me any moves. This meant not only did they get an NMR (No Move Received; see the rules), but they also did not give me the desired retreats for the piece in Vienna. As a result, I had to treat it as disbanded (NRO equals No Retreat Ordered).

GYL/1 Autumn 1902

Austria: F ION-Gre, A Vie HOLDS, A Tri s A Bud-Ser (CUT), A Bud-Ser (FAILS). Gains: Vie (Ser). No Builds.  
England: A Edi-Yor, F NRW-NTH, F Nwy HOLDS, F Nth-Hel. No Builds.  
France: A Spa HOLDS, F GOL-WMS, A Bur HOLDS, A Pic s A Bur, F Bel HOLDS. Gains: Spa. Builds: F Mar.  
Germany: F SKA s F Den, [[A Den s F Nwy-Swe]], A Hol-Bel (FAILS), A Ruh s A Mun-Bur (FAILS). No Builds.  
Italy: A Ven-Tri (FAILS), A Rom-Ven (FAILS), A Nap-Apu, F Tun-ION. Bases (Vie). Loses: Already lost army last Spring, so none.  
Russia: Two sets of orders received: 1st set:  
[[Agent Ank releases Phage 48 plus Bubonic Plague]],  
[[Paratroops Gal-NAf]], [[Missiles Moscow nuke France]],  
[[Submarine F NTH takes out F NTH, F NWY & A Edi, then sinks]],  
[[Tanks War-Ber]], [[Squadron Sev-Austria]],  
[[Missiles Ukr nuke America]].  
2nd set: F GOB s Swe, F StP (N) Holds, A Uka s Sev.  
No Builds.  
Turkey: A Rum s A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul, F BLA s A Rum.  
Gains: Rum, Ser. Builds: F Smy, F Con.

Normally, I only print the last set of orders received, but I got the impression Russia would not mind if I printed both Russian sets. Italy cut the support Austria was giving to defend Serbia, with the result that Turkey took it. Did Turkey trick Italy, or was it all part of the Italio-Turkish Alliance; after all, it has left Italy a little open to French fleets in the Med.

## EXAMPLE SET OF MOVES

These are the first two game years of GYL/1. I would be surprised if all the players considered them to be an ideal set of moves, so don't necessarily copy them. They are simply included to illustrate the kind of information a player will receive in Hacking Times from their gamesmaster.

### GYL/1 Spring 1901

Austria: F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud.  
 England: F Edi-NRW, F Ion-NTH, A Lpl-Edi.  
 France: F Bre-Pic, A Par-Bur (FAILS), A Mar-Spa.  
 Germany: F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Bur (FAILS).  
 Italy: A Ven-Tri, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-TYR.  
 Russia: F StP-GOB, A Mos-StP, A War HOLDS, F Sev-BLA (FAILS).  
 Turkey: A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con, F Ank-BLA (FAILS).

In this first set of moves, we see two examples of a 'stand-off'. For example, both the French army in Paris, and the German army in Munich tried to move into Burgandy. Neither side was able to support such a move, so the forces were balanced, and so neither move occurred. If, for example, there had been a German army in the Ruhr, and that army had supported the army in Munich going to Burgandy, then the Germans would have had a strength of two units to one for the French, and so the Germans would have taken Burgandy. The other stand off was between Russian and Turkish fleets in the Black Sea.

### GYL/1 Autumn 1901

Austria: A Ser s F Alb-Gre; A Bud-Tri (FAILS).  
           Gains Gre Ser (Vie). Builds A Tri.  
 England: F NRW s F NTH-Nwy, A Edi HOLD.  
           Gains Nwy, Builds F Lon.  
 France: A Spa-Por, F Pic-Bel, A Par-Bur (FAILS).  
           Gains Por, Bel. Builds: F Mar, A Bre.  
 Germany: F Den HOLDS, A Kie-Hol, A Mun-Bur (FAILS).  
           Gains: Den, Hol. Builds A Kie, A Ber.  
 Italy: A Tri-Vie, A Ven-Tri (FAILS), F Tyr-Tun.  
           Gains: Tun, Vie. Builds: A Rom, A Nap.  
 Russia: F Sev-Rum (FAILS), F GOB c A StP-Swe, A War HOLDS.  
           Gains: Swe. Builds: F StP (N).  
 Turkey: A Bul-Rum (FAILS), A Con-Bul (FAILS), F Ank-BLA.  
           Gains: Bul. Builds A Ank.

Note in the gains section for Austria, Vienna is in brackets, which means that it was lost (in this case, to Italy). This set of gains also illustrate the often forgotten point that a unit has to occupy a base in Autumn in order to gain it. For example, France occupied Spain in the Spring, and moved the army to Portugal in the Autumn. As a result, France gained Portugal, not Spain. Another example is the Italian occupation of Trieste in the Spring. Because the Italians moved out in the Autumn, the location remained Austrian, even though the Austrians were prevented from re-occupying it (they used it to build an army instead).

## POSTAL DIPLOMACY RULES

1. The 1979 Avalon Hill Diplomacy rulebook shall be used except where amended below. A copy of these rules is available for inspection at the home of the editor of 'Hacking Times'.
2. An application for a game should be accompanied by the appropriate game fee and a deposit. Players may submit country preference lists which will be used as a guide for country allocation.
3. A deadline shall be given for each session, and orders should reach the Gamesmaster by this date. Phoned orders will not be accepted, except at the Gamesmaster's discretion. The Gamesmaster will not accept orders received after the deadline, unless there is a VERY good reason. No game can begin without a full set of Spring 1901 orders.
4. The period between deadlines for seasons will normally be four weeks. The Gamesmaster may start the game with a longer period between sessions if (s)he feels it necessary. Players may suggest a change in the period; if the gamesmaster accepts that it is practical for all players and the new period will regularly coincide with the publication of "Hacking Times", then the gamesmaster shall put the suggestion to the players. Two thirds of the players must vote for the new period for it to be adopted.
5. Written orders should be signed and dated, and should specify the game number, game year and season to which they apply. Joint orders signed by both players are acceptable. Written instructions by one player allowing another player to order her/his units will be allowed and may be open ended (eg "Joe Bloggs may order the Italian unit currently in Norway until Autumn 1903"). Retractions of such orders (received before or after they arrive) shall always be obeyed.
6. In game reports province names will be shortened to their first three letters with the following exceptions:

ADS	Adriatic Sea
EMS	Eastern Mediterranean Sea
GOB	Gulf of Bothnia
GOL	Gulf of Lyons
Lpl	Liverpool
Lvn	Livonia
MAO	Mid Atlantic Ocean
NAf	North Africa
NAO	North Atlantic Ocean
Nwy	Norway
NRW	Norwegian Sea
NTH	North Sea
WMS	Western Mediterranean Sea

7. The following notations shall be used in game reports:

-	moves to
s	supports
ms	mutually supports
(CUT)	support cut
c	convoys
(N)	north coast
(S)	south coast
(E)	east coast
NMR	no moves received
NRO	no retreat ordered
NRP	no retreat possible
(FAILS)	move failed
[[ ]]	illegal or impossible move
( )	supply centre lost

8. Unordered units will hold, but they may receive support. A player failing to submit orders for any season will be credited with an NMR (see above). Two NMRs in consecutive seasons or three at any time in the game will result in a player forfeiting her/his deposit.
9. Provisional retreats and removals should be submitted with orders when necessary. Provisional builds should be submitted with Autumn orders. Unordered removals will be made according to the Diplomacy rules for countries in civil disorder.
10. Any errors in the adjudication should be brought to the attention of the gamesmaster immediately. Players will be notified of any change in the adjudication but the game may be held over at the discretion of the gamesmaster. Any errors not brought to the attention of the gamesmaster before the following deadline must be allowed to stand unless they can be corrected without undue disruption of the game.
11. A player may propose an ending to the game at any time. The game may end as an agreed draw between any of the players remaining active in the game, or as a conceded victory to one player. A two thirds majority of the remaining players is needed for the proposal to be accepted.
12. There are no holds barred in dealings between players, but deception of the gamesmaster is strictly forbidden.
13. Any alterations to these rules shall be published in an edition of 'Hacking Times' before they take effect.
14. The gamesmaster's decisions regarding interpretation and application of these rules is final.