

Lords of the Earth

Campaign Nineteen

Turn 56

Anno Domini 1176 - 1180

TURN 57 ORDERS DUE BY: Tuesday May 17th. Orders will not be accepted after Midnight MST on Wednesday, May 18th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONTACTING & PAYING THE REFEREE

I will no longer be taking money directly for turns. Instead, players sending funds by mail should make all checks payable to Thomas Harlan and send them either to the 2nd Street address or to Thomas' address, which is:

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ZERO AND NEGATIVE CREDIT: CONSEQUENCES

Players at zero or negative credit **at the time of deadline** or will have a negative balance at the conclusion of processing will not have their orders processed, plain and simple. So get your orders and payment in before processing starts or life will become very unfair very quickly. Finally, players with a negative balance are liable to get their country reassigned without notice. You have been warned.

RULE CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

The complete list of rules changes (including the happy stuff on Smallpox) can be found on the Lords 19 page on the Throneworld website. If you haven't read them, please do so. Reading them will save you (and me) a lot of grief.

JAPAN & THE PACIFIC RIM

THE TAIRA BAKUFU

Taira Tankokazu, Daimyo of Kwanto, Shogun of Japan.

DIPLOMACY Tottori, in Shimane (+2YfC)

Two new ports were built, Nagaoka, in Nigata and Hakkura-jima on Cheju-do. Other Tiara activities were hampered by the death of just about every leader they had,

including the Shogun himself, who got an arrow in the brain while conquering Toyama. Attempts to fathom the trade route to the Marianas failed.

THE MOLUCCAS SEAHOLD

Rokaku III, Lord of the Spice Islands

DIPLOMACY None.

Trade was opened up with Hupei and Kwangsi to the exclusive advantage of the Islanders as they were both four sea zones from Buku Sulat. Such a lovely state of affairs caused Rokaku to giggle uncontrollably. *Ha! I've got ALL the money, compare your lives to mine and then kill yourselves!*

In other events, Buku Sulat grew to size 6 and Wahai and Manado grew to size 4.

THE KINGDOM OF JAVA

Nang Ha, Beloved of Ganesha

DIPLOMACY None

No orders.

THE MAREE KINGDOM OF AUSTRALIA

Taree II, Prince of Maree

DIPLOMACY None

A quiet turn, Yarram, Kurrara and Nambour all grew to size 7. Life in the Dreamtime is good.

THE ARIKAT OF MAORI

Ghorgon, King of the Southern Islands

DIPLOMACY None

PWB development on the South Island continued.

CHINA

THE KINGDOM OF SHAN'SI

Chao the Grim, King of Shan'si, Watcher of the Northern Marches

DIPLOMACY None

Work on the Great Jade Buddha was completed to the amazement of all. Thousands of pilgrims flocked to the new site. In other events, Morning Calm and New Inchon increased to size 3 and the postal road between Koguryo and Silla was completed.

THE KINGDOM OF HUPEI

Cao Shen Han, King of Hupei

DIPLOMACY Fujian (f), Changsha, in Hunan (f)

Various projects continued or were completed. Among the latter were:

- 1) A sea wall in Yen facing the Bo Hai (in case the Japanese barbarians got uppity).
- 2) Great wall segments between Hupei and Kiangsi, Chekiang and Kiangsi and segments between Jiangxi and both Kiangsi and Kienchou (in case the southern barbarians got uppity).
- 3) A royal road link between Fukian and Fujian.
- 4) Work also began on wall segments on the borders of Om'chu and Pat'ang (in case the Tibetan barbarians got uppity) as well as another segment between Taiping and Kiangsi (just to make sure the Kwangsi barbarians weren't even remotely thinking about getting uppity)
- 5) Finally, Yantai and Quinn increased in size (to 8 and 2 respectively).

THE KINGDOM OF KWANGSI

Chu Shun, Prince of Kwangsi

DIPLOMACY Kiang'si (f), Ganzhou (f)

Chu Shun ordered a massive bout of urbanization and Kwangchou, Fuzhou, Chou, Dayu, Xiamen and Shantou all increased in size (to 8, 5, and four twos). Wheee!

SOUTHEAST ASIA

THE KINGDOM OF CHAMPA

Bao Dai IV, King of Champa, Lord of Vijaya

DIPLOMACY None

Work on the Temple of Vishnu was completed. Other than that, things were pretty quiet.

THE KINGDOM OF KAMBUJA

Anucha, Deveraja of the Kambuja

DIPLOMACY Kedah (ea), Johor (fa)

A new city, Chiang Mai was built in Surin and Angkor expanded to a size 8. To the south, Kedah was put under cultivation, while eastwards a colony was placed in thaton and the native Burmese brutally suppressed when they attempted to evict the newcomers.

INDIA

THE KINGDOM OF MAGHADA

Vikram, Raja of Bengal

DIPLOMACY Pundra (nt)

In an attempt to open a land route to China, Vikram dispatched 17,000 troops under generals Mahesh and Iravan into Tz'uk'ai with orders to conquer and slaughter the inhabitants. Sadly (for the Indians at any rate) the locals resisted like mad, using terrain and climate to thoroughly discomfit the invaders. Finally, after Iravan was wounded, the Maghadans withdrew.

THE KINGDOM OF CHOLA

Varun, King of Chola, Lord of Tanjore

DIPLOMACY Gangas (f)

Kamadev died in late 1179 and was succeeded with little fuss. Work on the Western Highway continued with links being built from Chera to Anhivarta.

THE PRATIHARA EMPIRE OF KAUNAJ

Mogli II, Emperor of India

DIPLOMACY Dahala (nt, following allied leader death)

No orders.

CENTRAL ASIA

THE KINGDOM OF JUNGARIA

Alp Arslan, Lord of Karakocho.

DIPLOMACY Beshbalik (f)

The cultivation of Beshbalik continued.

THE EMIRATE OF SAMARKHAND

Al-Haji, Emir of Samarkhand

DIPLOMACY Baluchistan (f)

A new port, Al-Kadem, was built in the desolate wastes of Carmania (and a wretched existence it is for the inhabitants). The road link between Firoz Kohi and Shadad was finished.

THE KHAZAR KHANATE

Balgitzi, Kagan of Khazar and Saksiny

DIPLOMACY Bolgar (t), Crimea (f), Urkel (+5YfC)

Kagan Bashtu died in late 1176, an event that led to the Khazar host camped in Lydia to return home in order that the commander (the heir) might be acclaimed as the new *Kagan*. Aside from some PWB construction and the usual diplomacy, things were pretty quiet.

THE NEAR EAST

THE HAMADID SULTANATE

Omar ibn Hasan, Sultan of Damascus and Protector of the Holy Places

DIPLOMACY Palmyra (ea following allied leader death), Bostra (fa), Circis (f)

Throughout the Sultanate was a welter of activity, Omar cut trade with the Italians and dispatched his brother among the tribes to the southeast to chat them up. He also dispatched General Walid into the Byzantine Empire to poke Constantine in the eye, an endeavor with less than optimal results (see below).

THE BUWAYID EMIRATES

Tajir ibn Ibriham, Emir of Emirs, Protector of the Caliph.

DIPLOMACY Arbiliq (fa), El'burz (f)

More grain was sent to the Byzantines, amid howls of protest from the *Ulema*. Work began on a road link between Neyriz and Mand as well as one between Ahvaz and Zagros.

THE EMIRATE OF ADEN

Sulemain ibn Umar, Emir of Aden and S'ana.

DIPLOMACY None

Another quiet turn of PWB investments.

EASTERN EUROPE

THE EASTERN ROMAN EMPIRE

Constantine Paulos, Emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire.

DIPLOMACY Epirus (nt)

Constantine's fortunes were mixed. On the plus side, oodles of grain continue to pour in from the Empire's neighbors, missionary work continues to be successful among the pagans along the Danube (although some friction is arising over the activities of the Schismatic Catholics in Dalmatia). The cities of Volos, Athens, and Varna continue to expand (to 6, 5, and 8, respectively), and the Emperor himself was married off to a nice French girl amid much celebration. On the down side, Admiral Stefanos was wounded by assassins shortly after arriving in Rhodes to assume command of the fleet there. Despite this inconvenience, he then venally tried to convince the sailors of the fleet on Rhodes to rebel against the Emperor. His efforts were not successful and he was quickly lynched. On land, Constantine had his wedding plans interrupted by news that a) his Muscovite and Khazar allies were returning home for various reasons, and b) a Syrian army of some 5,000 troops had crossed the Taurus Mountains and was rampaging in Galatia. Constantine's initial reaction was sluggish and his 46,000-strong Home Army moved ponderously in pursuit. Failing to catch the raiders in Galatia, the Emperor detached 8,000 light cavalry under the *Strategos* Lactantius with orders to bring the raiders to heel. The Emperor's choice was inspired and the general quickly did just that, destroying the raiders in Pontus. The Empire now

faces a wider crisis than just the local pissing contest with the Fatamids...

THE PRINCIPALITY OF MUSCOVY

Ivan I, Boyar of Muscovy

DIPLOMACY Pinsk (nt, then lost, see below)

Okey-dokey, well here's what happened. Aleksandr, desiring an heir, married first the eldest daughter of Igor II, then, when she died, married the second one. He also dispatched Count Boris to Anatolia with reinforcements for General Konstantine. This he did although he expired shortly after arriving. In the interim, Konstantine had also died and Prince Ivan, suddenly finding himself in command of a bunch of troops (and having a loyalty of 0) decided that he would be a much better *Boyar* than his pervert brother. Accordingly, he marched on Muscovy at the head of some 12,000 troops and attacked the home army (also roughly 12,000 strong) under Aleksandr. A three-day clashing of hammers and tongs ensued before the home army was destroyed and Ivan was victorious. Ivan then slaughtered his late brother's offspring and declared himself *Boyar*. This resulted in mass revolt in the southern reaches of the Principality as Kiev (and Kyiv), Turov, Pinsk, Pechneg, Pereaslavl, Atelzuko, and Morva all revolted. Clearly, the new *Boyar* will have his hands full for awhile.

THE KINGDOM OF POLAND

Jerzy "The Stutterer", King of Poland

DIPLOMACY No effect.

Jerzy set about siring an heir to legitimize his rule. In other events, Meissen was put under cultivation and the postal road between Bochnia and Slovakia was completed. More grain was sent to the Byzantines.

THE DUCHY OF ESTONIA

Konstantine Viikberg, Duke of Estonia

DIPLOMACY No effect

Work began on a great canal linking Lake Ladoga with the Volga. In addition, Kostroma was put under cultivation and the Prussians were converted to the True Faith. Finally, Duke Ahti died in late 1178 and was succeeded without incident.

WESTERN EUROPE

THE DUCHY OF BOHEMIA

Ewald Govner, Duke of Bohemia

DIPLOMACY Westphalia (t)

A large army under Harold Govner (over 40,000 strong) marched into Bakony and browbeat the Magyars there into paying tribute. Closer to home, Freiburg, Brunswick, and Prague grew to size 10, while Trieste expanded to size 8. All in all, it was a successful turn despite the deaths of at least two-thirds of the Bohemian leadership do to various physical afflictions.

THE VERNONIAN EMPIRE

Valdemar Germanicus, Emperor of Italy

DIPLOMACY No effect

Both alpine regions of Tyrol and Switzerland were put under cultivation. Elsewhere, the cities of Massa-Carrara and Milano continued to grow (to sizes 7 and 10 respectively). Catholic missionaries finally converted all of Malta to the True Faith while those in Dalmatia ran afoul of Orthodox missionaries seeking to reduce Catholic influence there. At sea, Veronan fortunes reached their lowest ebb as the fleet, under

Admiral Griffin ran afoul of the Egyptian navy under Admiral Thaqib as the former was leaving Rhodes and the latter was leading the first Fatamid naval incursion into the Gulf of Cyprus in at least a generation. Over 140 Italian ships (and 7,000 marines) were attacked by nearly 500 Egyptian ships and obliterated (although around 80 Fatamid ships were lost in the scrum). The naval balance in the Eastern Med has taken a rather nasty turn.

LE ROYAUME DE FRANCE

Henri II, King of the Franks

DIPLOMACY: None

In early 1177, the regent, Henri Capet stepped down and Gerard's heir (also named Henri) assumed the throne. One of the new King's first acts was to fend off an attempt on his life by a crazed assailant, who attacked him while he was attending Mass. The assassin was captured and died under torture, revealing nothing of his motives. On a happier note, Princess Yasima was packed off to Constantinople as a betrothed to the Byzantine Emperor himself.

In other events, a new road link was built between Maine and Brittany and a new city, Limoges, was built in Limousin. Fortresses were also built in Aquitaine, Gascony and Languedoc (the latter two are citadels) and Auvergne was put under cultivation. Finally, Bourges, Caen and Chalons all increased a level (to 2, 3, and 3).

THE EL REINO DE NAVARRE

Miguel II, King of Navarre

DIPLOMACY Estremadura (f)

The royal road link between Navarre and Old Castile and that between Aragon and New Castile were completed. In addition, Corunna, Madiera, Valentia and Lisbon all continue to grow (to 10, 10, 10 and 8 respectively).

NORTHERN EUROPE

THE KINGDOM OF WESSEX

Eadric Harethson, King of the Angles and Saxons

DIPLOMACY: Cornwall (f)

Ethelred had no sooner designated his grandson Eadric as his heir when he succumbed to old age in early 1177. The new king oversaw the cultivation of Gwynned and Dyffed as well as the construction of a postal road between Sussex and Wessex. Port de Saxon also grew to size 2, a veritable metropolis is ole Port de Saxon.

THE KINGDOM OF THE SVEAR

Gregor, King of the Swedes

DIPLOMACY None

Gregor sat quietly minding his own affairs.

THE NORSE KINGDOM OF ICELAND

Gregor Joranson, King of the Norse

DIPLOMACY None

No orders.

NORTH AFRICA

THE MAGHREB EMIRATE

Misir, ibn Bashar, Emir of Morrocco

DIPLOMACY None

No orders. Bashar died and was succeeded with little fanfare.

AL FATAMID CALIPHATE AL QAIRA

Muhtadi Mujahid ibn Fadi, Fatamid Caliph of Egypt

DIPLOMACY None

Muhtadi continued to build up the Caliphate's defenses. More gold was sent to the Syrians and the Caliph was much heartened by the victory at sea.

WEST AFRIQA

THE KINGDOM OF GHANA

Kutukomla, Lord of Kumbi-Saleh

DIPLOMACY Sudan (f)

Taking advantage of the continuing lull, Komal ordered colonies established on the former Nupe lands, the better to control them. Settlements were made in Goroul (and Ayoru), Dogamba, and Zerma (with Dendi). Reception in all but Zerma was mild. When the Zermans revolted, the royal army under the Heir Kutukomla, brutally suppressed it. The new heir then had to head back to Kumbi-Saleh to take over from his father, who died in 1178.

THE KINGDOM OF NUPE

Chata, King of Nupe and Oyo

DIPLOMACY No effect.

Taziyah ordered Gurma put under the plough and another level added to Wawa (bringing it to a size 3). The King also remained vigilant against continued Ghanan aggression. Unfortunately, that's not where the aggression was coming from...

THE KINGDOM OF TOGO

Akroke, King of Togo and Akan

DIPLOMACY None

For Akroke decided to take advantage of his neighbor's weakness to pick up some territory. So he dispatched some 16,000 troops into Oyo. Ta'ziah reacted south with 12,000 of his own troops (even though there was no orders to do so, don't say I don't do anything nice) and managed to drive the invaders back after a brief battle. And there it would have rested, had Ta'ziah not up and died at the end of 1178. Discovering this, the Togoese again attacked, this time against a leaderless opponent. Surprisingly, the Nupans managed to withdraw in good order back into the homeland, but Oyo and Wawa were occupied. The late king's son, Chata, arrived back in Nupe just in time to sort the troops out and to swear vengeance on this perfidious act.

In other news, Lome grew to a size 3 port.

THE KINGDOM OF KANEM-BORNU

Susiseko II, King of Kanem and Bornu

DIPLOMACY None

No orders.

SOUTH AFRIQA

THE BAKONGO KINGDOM

Ugo Wambolea, King of Bakongo

DIPLOMACY Uige (t)

Work was begun on a road and bridge combination over the Lower Niger between Benin and Ife. Ugo was also kinda bummed about losing the Nupen trade due to the war up north.

THE KINGDOM OF NYASA

Asserate III, Chief of the Nyasa

DIPLOMACY Malawai (fa)

A new port, Zomba, was built in Chilwa on the shores of Lake Nyasa.

THE KINGDOM OF ROZWI

Ntombhela, King of Rozwi, Lord of Zimbabwe

DIPLOMACY

Ntombhela was inscrutable (he's good at that).

THE KINGDOM OF VAAL

M'tesa III, King of Vaal and Mapungubwe

DIPLOMACY None

Sat quietly.

NORTH AMERICA

THE TLINGIT PEOPLE

Ka-Seen, Chief of the Tlingit, Lord of the Far North.

DIPLOMACY None

Tlingit was colonized to a (2/8). Ka-seen was about to order a great exploration of the northern waters, much adventure and excitement were to be had...until the Yokuts just gave him the rutters.

CALIFORNIA

Dark Coyote, Ruler of California

DIPLOMACY None

The Yokuts just keep on expanding, with new cities in Chehalis, Tucannon and Sawtai (named Chaw'see, Tucumari and Shasta respectively); San Francisco and Tula'ree expanding to size 10 and road links between Sawtai and Lemhi and the latter region with Shoshone being built. Another link was built between Kalapuya and Chehalis. Rutters and charts of all the Yokuts maritime expeditions to date were sent north to the Tlingit along with a small amount of cash. To the south, a small squadron of ships under Admiral Hunting Condor arrived of the Incan port of Pisac and spent some time buying wares in markets there.

THE ANASAZI NATION

Motega, Chief of the Anasazi, Lord of the Chaco

DIPLOMACY None

Eagle's Bluff grew to size 7 and the Angamos Sea was successfully charted..

THE MISSISSIPPIAN EMPIRE

Patamon, The Great Beaver of the Snake

DIPLOMACY None

Michigamean expansion across the Great Plains continued with Cheyenne colonized to a (-/2), and Ogala to a (1/3). This allowed trade with the far-reaching Yokuts. Colonies were also placed in Nameluni (1/1) and Kaskinapo (2/6). In addition, Ogala and Kansa were put under cultivation and a postal road was built between Oto and Dakota.

THE NATCHEZ CONFEDERACY

Buffalo Fog, Great Sun of the Natchez

DIPLOMACY None

Oonata was colonized to a (2/9) region and Caddo to a (-/7) region. A royal road was built between Mejealero and Karankawa. A fleet of canoes dispatched to the icy north WAS NEVER SEEN BY ANYONE EVER AGAIN...

THE YAMASEE PEOPLE

Eagle's Feather, Chief of the Yamasee

DIPLOMACY None

Chatot was colonized to a (2/3); Ocenee Harbor and Okaloosa grew a level (to 3 and 2 respectively). A Yamasee leader set out with the Natchez northern expedition and was never seen again.

MESOAMERICA

THE TOLTEC HEGEMONY OF CHICHEN ITZA

Moya, Grand Hegemon of the Maya

DIPLOMACY None

Things were pretty quiet here. Ednza grew to a size 8, and a new port, Utxa, was built in Tamaulipeec.

THE ARAWAK OF THE ISLANDS

Tizoc, Lord of the Islands

DIPLOMACY None

Again Arawak boats plied the Caribbean, ferrying people and material throughout Tizoc's realm. In this way, Indiatlantic and Arecibo grew to sizes 5 and 3 and a citadel was added to the former. To the north, an Arawak expedition returned from Cape Race, frostbitten but successful.

SOLAR EMPIRE OF CHIBCHAN

Rama, King of the Chibchan

DIPLOMACY None

Rama continued the eastern colonization of a decade ago. Caraca, Yejurna and Arecuna were colonized to (1/4), (1/5) and (1/10) regions respectively and the latter region was cultivated. Further colonization occurred in Cumagoto and Camaracoto, raising both regions to a (-/8). In addition, the road between Chibcha and Aburra was completed. Finally, several cities were renamed to remove the more egregious Spanish sounding ones...

SOUTH AMERICA

THE KINGDOM OF PARAIBA

Panib III, King of Paraiba

DIPLOMACY None

All in all, things here were pretty quiet. Jucuru was colonized to a (2/4) and that was about it.

THE MIGHTY INCAN EMPIRE

Culja, Regent for...

Machicho, Emperor of the Incas

DIPLOMACY None

Cochari ordered a boatload of urbanization to be done, leading to the expansion of every city in the Empire. Here's how it panned out:

New Size:

8

City:

Arequipa, Ica, Maranga

7	Chanchan, Cuzco
6	Abancay, Curva, Hauri, Jauja, Queros, Tiahuanacu
5	Pusharo
4	Cuatico, Huexotla
3	Alta, Llactapata, Paykikin, Pisac

In addition, a new port, Dywne, was raised in Valdivia.

In the middle of all of this, Emperor Cochari died in mid-1173, leaving the throne in the hands of a regent, Prince Culja, until such time as the Emperor's son, Machicho, is able to rule.

THE KINGDOM OF KARANGA

Amaru III, Lord of the South

DIPLOMACY None

The Caranga – Guanacane road link was completed (amid much rejoicing). Amaru II died and was succeeded with little incident.

THE KINGDOM OF SHOKLENG

Ake, King of Shokleng

DIPLOMACY None

Tupan colonization in the southwest continued with Abipon being settled to a (2/3), while Quaroi and Guarani were colonized to (-/2) and (-/1) respectively. Shokleng road builders finished a link up to the Mapuche border and were rather surprised when their southern counterparts failed to show up.

THE MAPUCHE EMPIRE

Prince Shale, regent for...

Bakari, Emperor of the Mapuche

DIPLOMACY None

Malachite died in early 1177 and a regent was appointed to rule the Empire until his son and heir come of age. In other affairs, the deserts of Pehuenche were colonized to a (-/2) and the *pampas* of Coquimbo to a (-/1). Fortresses were built in both regions as well. New city levels were also built for Talca, Santiago, Urupoi and Quiroci (bringing them to sizes 4, 6, 4 and 6, respectively).

