

Lords of the Earth

Campaign Nineteen

Turn 57

Anno Domini 1181 - 1185

TURN 58 ORDERS DUE BY: Saturday, June 18th. Orders will not be accepted after Midnight MST on Sunday, June 19th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONTACTING & PAYING THE REFEREE

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ZERO AND NEGATIVE CREDIT: CONSEQUENCES

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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 Tankokazyu, Daimyo of Kwanto, Shogun of Japan.

DIPLOMACY Shimane (a)

The postal road between Kwanto and Nigata was completed and Toyama was put under cultivation. Attempts to continue to find a route to the Marshall Islands continue to fail

miserably. Finally, people were mystified by the great algal blooms that occurred along the coast throughout 1181-2, killing thousands of fish and dying the waters the color of blood...

THE MOLUCCAS SEAHOLD

Rokaku III, Lord of the Spice Islands

DIPLOMACY None.

A new port, Brunei, was built in Sarawak.

THE KINGDOM OF JAVA

Mingfa Tengku, Beloved of Ganesha

DIPLOMACY Palembang (t)

Did some diplomacy and that was about it.

THE MAREE KINGDOM OF AUSTRALIA

Taree II, Prince of Maree

DIPLOMACY None

Taree continued to oversee the increasing urbanization of his kingdom, with Yarram, Kurrara and Nambour all increasing to size 8. In more sinister news, the royal heir, Gelar, marched into Tih-ar-dha at the head of some 9,000 troops and gushed the natives. He then slaughtered the population. Having finished this grim and brutal task, he then marched on into Eha-Rana and subjected the locals there to the same treatment.

THE ARIKAT OF MAORI

Ghorgon, King of the Southern Islands

DIPLOMACY None

Most of Ghorgon's activities continued to be focused on the home islands as Tatasara, Aeteora, Tiakau and Pojemi all were expanded to size 4. There was some activity on the outer islands as well, with Attara Su growing to a size 2 and two new cities, Suva and Apia, being built on Fiji and Samoa respectively.

CHINA

THE KINGDOM OF SHAN'SI

Xoing the Merciless, King of Shan'si, Watcher of the Northern Marches

DIPLOMACY None

In an act that proves that the trend towards general nastiness is continuing, the new king, Xoing, led over 36,000 troops into Parhae and conquered the place, despite facing an alliance of the local tribes arrayed against him. The Chinese then subjected the pagan inhabitants to cruel slaughter (at least those they could catch. Most of the nomads fled north, swelling the populations of their immediate neighbors).

In contrast to this unpleasantness, Morning Calm and New Inchon increased to size 4 and Iron Mountain to size 2. A new port, Pohang, was raised in Silla and the postal road between Shan'si and Bao Ding was upgraded to a royal road. On the outskirts of Golden Moon, work also began on a temple featuring 100 (count' em) 100 statues of the Buddha.

THE KINGDOM OF HUPEI

Cao Shen Han, King of Hupei

DIPLOMACY Hwai (f)

Various projects were initiated, continued or were completed, including:

- 1) Great Wall segments between Fukien, Fujian and various Kwangsi regions adjoining them (begun).
- 2) Great Wall segments in Chiennan and Kweichou in the west (continued).

- 3) Great Wall segments between Taiping and Kiang'si and between Fujian and Kwangtung (finished).
- 4) In addition, Yantai grew to size 9 and Quinn to size 3.

THE KINGDOM OF KWANGSI

Wu Juan, Prince of Kwangsi

DIPLOMACY Gouangxi (ea)

Chu Shun died in late 1181 and was succeeded without incident. The new prince continued to work on city expansion with Kwangchou growing to a size 9, Fuzhou to a size 6 and both Xiamen and Chou growing to a size 3. A new city, Tang, was raised in Lingsi.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

THE KINGDOM OF CHAMPA

Bao Dai IV, King of Champa, Lord of Vijaya

DIPLOMACY None

Aside from building a new citadel (next to Yekten) and shuffling some troops, then Champans were quiet.

THE KINGDOM OF KAMBUJA

Anucha, Deveraja of the Kambuja

DIPLOMACY Kedah (a), Johor (t)

Anucha's fortunes were mixed. While diplomacy continues to be successful among the Malay population to the south, attempts to enslave the Buddhists of Lampang and Nam Pung were repulsed. At home, Angkor continued to expand, reaching size 9, while Pattaya and Panong grew to sizes 3 and 2 respectively. Finally, postal road links were built between Mon and Kedah and between Kedah and Perak.

INDIA

THE KINGDOM OF MAGHADA

Vikram, Raja of Bengal

DIPLOMACY Pundra (fa)

Aside from putting Pundra under cultivation and continuing work on the Gtsang-Tz'uk'ai road, Vikram also continued his membership in the "Ethnic Cleansing is Oh So Much Fun Club" by dispatching over 22,000 troops into Tz'uk'ai and smashing the local Prince's army into a jellied pulp. The victorious armies of Prince Tarun then had a fine ole time slaughtering the inhabitants. Further to the north, missionaries continued to make glacial headway among the Buddhists of Bhutan.

THE KINGDOM OF CHOLA

Varun, King of Chola, Lord of Tanjore

DIPLOMACY Satava (ea)

Varun continued to concentrate on road building, completing a link between Chola and Madurai and beginning one between Madurai and Karnata.

THE PRATIHARA EMPIRE OF KAUNAJ

Mogli II, Emperor of India

DIPLOMACY None

No orders.

CENTRAL ASIA

THE KINGDOM OF JUNGARIA

Alp Arslan, Lord of Karakocho.

DIPLOMACY Altai (nt)

The cultivation of Beshbalik was completed (last turn, which shows you how much I'm paying attention...).

THE EMIRATE OF SAMARKHAND

Al-Haji, Emir of Samarkhand

DIPLOMACY None

No orders.

THE KHAZAR KHANATE

Balgatzi, Kagan of Khazar and Saksiny

DIPLOMACY Bolgar (a)

Balgatzi ordered a great postal road built starting in Sarigh-Shin it runs westward via Khazar, Patzinak and Levidia into Polovotsy, with a side route to Tamen. The *Kagan* also declared his brother Constantine heir to the throne and dispatched him south to support the Byzantine armies in Anatolia yet again.

THE NEAR EAST

THE HAMADID SULTANATE

Salal al-Hasan, Sultan of Damascus and Protector of the Holy Places

DIPLOMACY Bostra (t)

Deciding that the Chrisitans were getting just too uppity (not to mention dangerous) Omar decided to play host to his Egyptian ally, allowing a great Fatamid army to march north and billet in Syria. Unfortunately, both Fatamid generals then promptly died and Omar was left with a big foreign army under his semi-command. A force of 8,000 cavalry into the Caucasus under the wily General Boq managed to sneak into Vaspurakan and into Pontus before the warning was sounded. By the time the Khazar army (17,000 cavalry under Constantine, the son of the *Kagan*) caught up with the raiders, the latter had already burned the un-walled city of Theodosiopolis to the ground (wrecking Byzantine trade with Samarkhand in the process) and were heading back through Abasigia. At that point, Constantine managed to run the Syrians to ground and destroy them (although Boq escaped (again!)). Finally, Omar died in late 1184 without an heir. Rule passed to his brother Salal.

THE BUWAYID EMIRATES

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

DIPLOMACY Kurdistan (uncontrolled following allied leader death).

No orders (which is just as well as a good chunk of the Buwayid leadership chose this time to die off. The road links between Neyriz and Mand and Ahvaz and Zagros were completed (they just had the time component to run out).

THE EMIRATE OF ADEN

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

DIPLOMACY Danakil (fa)

Sulemain ordered a new port to be built in the burning wastes of Zufar. And it was done. The pathetic little pile of mud-brick huts and lean-tos is called Raysut.

EASTERN EUROPE

THE EASTERN ROMAN EMPIRE

Constantine Paulos, Emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire.

DIPLOMACY Pamphyla (nt)

Several cities continued to expand: Volos to a size 7, Athens to a size 6 and Varna to a size 9. Also, in light of recent events in the east, the Emperor ordered a slew of new city walls for

most of the cities in Anatolia and Greece. In the Balkans, Orthodox missionaries continue to make good progress against both Pagan Asiatics and Schismatic Romans: Ialomita and Dalmatia were completely converted to the True Faith. For results of the latest imbroglio with Egypt, see below.

THE PRINCIPALITY OF MUSCOVY

Ivan I, Boyar of Muscovy

DIPLOMACY None
No orders.

THE KINGDOM OF POLAND

Jerzy "The Stutterer", King of Poland

DIPLOMACY No effect.

A new city, Kielce, was built in Little Poland and that was pretty much it.

THE DUCHY OF ESTONIA

Konstantine Viikeberg, Duke of Estonia

DIPLOMACY Prussia (a)

Estonian missionary activity now moved to the east, where work began on converting the Pagans of Kostroma. Closer to home, the city of Riga grew to size 9 and work on the Ladoga Canal continued.

WESTERN EUROPE

THE DUCHY OF BOHEMIA

Martin Gowner, Duke of Bohemia

DIPLOMACY Westphalia (f)

Slovenia was put under cultivation, Trieste grew to size 9 and a new port, Dresden, was built in Bakony on the Upper Danube. Speaking of Bakony, conversion efforts there among the pagan population continued. Finally, Duke Ewald died in late 1184 and was succeeded without incident.

THE VERNONIAN EMPIRE

Valdemar Germanicus, Emperor of Italy

DIPLOMACY None

Shipwrights throughout the realm continued to rebuild the Italian fleet. Also Massa-Carrara and Ravenna grew a level (to size 8 and 5 each). Valdemar also remained alert for any attempts to invade the Empire.

LE ROYAUME DE FRANCE

Henri II, King of the Franks

DIPLOMACY Brittany (ea)

Henri, as befits a new king, was very busy, overseeing new projects for his mighty realm. Aquitaine was put under cultivation and a new city, Clermont-Ferrand, was raised in Auvergne. A royal road link was built between Ile de France and Orleans. Finally, there were the city expansions: LeCroix to an 8; Caen and Chalons to 4; Lyon to 5; Bruges to 6 and Narbonne to 3.

THE EL REINO DE NAVARRE

Joao I, King of Navarre

DIPLOMACY None

Miguel II was devastated when his son and namesake died in early 1184. The grieving king was going to appoint his grandson (and namesake) as his heir, when his second son, Joao, who had the backing of most of the army, managed to browbeat the old man into naming him instead. To smooth any ruffled

feathers, Joao officially adopted Miguel IV as his son and heir. Thus things stood at the end of 1185 when Miguel II finally passed on.

On the domestic front, another road link was built, this one between Portugal and Estremadura and a new city, Ithixa, was raised in the latter. Lisbon also grew to a size 9.

NORTHERN EUROPE

THE KINGDOM OF WESSEX

Eadric Harethson, King of the Angles and Saxons

DIPLOMACY: Lothain (fa)

Both Lancashire and Cornwall were put under cultivation.

THE KINGDOM OF THE SVEAR

Erik Gregorsson, King of the Swedes

DIPLOMACY None

Gregor died at the beginning of 1181 and was succeeded without much fuss. All in all, things remain pretty quiet, with Kristiansand growing to a size 6 and a ferry arrow being built (or augmented, it's not clear from the map) between Jutland and Zealand.

THE NORSE KINGDOM OF ICELAND

Gregor Jomson, King of the Norse

DIPLOMACY None

A new port fortress was constructed on the Isle of Man and Vinland was settled to a (-/7), the first European settlement in the New World.

NORTH AFRICA

THE MAGHREB EMIRATE

Misr ibn Bashar, Emir of Morocco

DIPLOMACY None

In a truly Hupei-like orgy of city expansion, Misr ordered that all cities in the realm be increased (except for little Zuwara, in Gefara, whose locals felt somewhat slighted as a result). Fez, Panormus, Leptis Parva, Caralis, Cartenna, Cincart, Malaca and Utica all grew to size 7; while equipment, people and money were shipped out to Abyad, Imra and Yeshil, raising them to size 5. All of the city walls (including Zuwara's) were built up as well. (So don't go getting any ideas).

In other events, a small squadron of Maghreb ships sailed into Whydah, where the commander, Vizier Akin was feted by his Kongoese hosts.

AL FATAMID CALIPHATE AL QAIRA

Muhtadi Mujahid ibn Fadi, Fatamid Caliph of Egypt

DIPLOMACY None

Having vanquished the Christians at sea (at least for the moment), Muhtadi decided to press his advantage, dispatching a great army under the Heir Latif and General Abdul-Hasib north into Syria. Simultaneously a small naval force was sent against the Greek coast. Unfortunately, Muhtadi's schemes were frustrated at every turn. The army arrived in Syria after an unpleasant crossing of the Sinai desert and both leaders promptly died, stranding it in the north. The other Fatamid initiative fared no better, with Admiral Tayyib being wounded by an assailant at the beginning of the trip. Despite this, Tayyib managed to make landfall off Volos where he found the city walls freshly built and quite formidable. Discouraged, he then

sailed south to Attica where he found Athens similarly protected. Tayyib returned home in disgust.

WEST AFRICA

THE KINGDOM OF GHANA

Kutukomla, Lord of Kumbi-Saleh

DIPLOMACY Susu (t)

Cackling evilly, Kutukomla decided to take advantage of Chata's pre-occupation to deliver a killing blow. Unfortunately, his coterminous attempt to emplace a colony of Ghanans in Gao led to a local revolt that had to be put down first (see below).

THE KINGDOM OF NUPE [DEAD]

Chata, King of Nupe and Oyo

DIPLOMACY No effect.

Deciding that sitting on the defensive just would not do, Chata decided to strike back!

THE KINGDOM OF TOGO

Akintunde, King of Togo and Akan

DIPLOMACY Niete (ea)

Akroke built up more troops in order to continue the fight. He also died in 1183 and was succeeded by his second son, Akintunde, his first son, Chitambo having re-deceased him by a year.

THE NUPAN WAR – LAST ACT...

1181 AD: To the west, the Ghanan generals Quatay and Kwazi begin marching east, gathering up troops as they go. By the time they reach Gao, the Ghanan army numbers over 34,000 troops. They spend the rest of the campaigning season suppressing the rebels and establishing the colony. In the south, the Togo general Musawe marches into Gurma at the head of 6000 infantry and runs smack dab into the main Nupan army, under King Chata himself, (21,000 strong). Musawe's force is obliterated and he flees but Chata is killed in the fighting. Word of the battle spreads to Hausa, where Prince Surinam detaches his cavalry to general Tho-hura and begins moving south to assume command. Word also reaches general Kayin, commanding the main Togo host in Oyo (over 20,000 strong) and he begins moving into Gurma.

Consequently, Surinam arrives in Gurma in time to assume command just as Kayin's forces are swarming into the region. The down side is that Surinam is not a very good commander and he's commanding on the fly. Incredibly, the initial clashes are inconclusive. However, when Surinam tries to disengage, The Togoans cave in his left flank and the result is disaster. The entire Nupan army is wiped out and Surinam taken prisoner. Rule of the besieged nation now passes to Surinam's younger brother, Taziyah, who immediately tries to put Jukun into some state of defense, as the invaders will be coming before long.

1182-85 A.D: Having crushed the rebels in Gao, Quatay and Kwazi now marched into Gorouol (adding yet more troops) and hence directly into Nupe. Taziyah had mustered some 8,000 inexperienced infantry (mostly unemployed merchant sailors, whose shipping has been driven from the river) to man the walls of his capital against a force four times as large. Quatay was very methodical, securing the region of Nupe before putting Jukun under siege. These actions took up the balance of 1182.

The resulting investment would last three years, and the defenders had sufficient food on hand for only a third of that time. Despite attempts to ration food, by early 1185, the defenders had been reduced to eating rats and grass in their extremity. Only when Taziyah died of starvation, did the remaining emaciated defenders open the gates and plead for mercy. It was not forthcoming. Jukun was thoroughly sacked and plundered of what wealth it had left. With that, the Nupan cause collapsed.

THE KINGDOM OF KANEM-BORNU

Susiseko II, King of Kanem and Bornu

DIPLOMACY None

Susiseko devoutly hoped that the conflagration to the west would not engulf his Kingdom as well. The Kingdom's armed forces did receive a boost when 9,000 Nupan cavalry showed up, seeking shelter and swearing fealty.

SOUTH AFRICA

THE BAKONGO KINGDOM

Ugo Wambolea, King of Bakongo

DIPLOMACY Uige (a)

The southern region of Uige was put under cultivation. The cities of Bonaberi and Whydah both grew a level (to sizes 2 and 6 respectively). A squadron of ships from the Maghreb Emirate anchored in Whydah in mid-1183. The visitors were feted and made at home. Several copies of the *Koran* were left as well as scholars to teach various members of the Royal family to read and write in Arabic. Then the visitors departed.

THE KINGDOM OF NYASA

Asserate IV, Chief of the Nyasa

DIPLOMACY None

Things remain pretty quiet down south, Zomba expanded to a size 2 city and Cultivation began in Malawai. Asserate III died in late 1182 and was succeeded by his son and namesake, Asserate IV.

THE KINGDOM OF ROZWI

Ntombhela, King of Rozwi, Lord of Zimbabwe

DIPLOMACY

Ntombhela was deeply saddened when his son and namesake died suddenly in 1182. The old king then appointed his grandson Munyika as heir. In other events, both Maputo and Xai-Xai grew to size 5.

THE KINGDOM OF VAAL

M'tesa III, King of Vaal and Mapungubwe

DIPLOMACY None

Deciding that being a nice guy was just so *passé*, M'tesa dispatched over 5,000 troops under Prince Umwesi to conquer the various tribes between Mapungubwe and Namaqua. Although the Sotho fell relatively easily, the Khosia resisted fiercely and took far longer to subjugate than Umwesi intended. Then the mountain tribes of Lesotho brought the campaign to an abrupt end, defeating Umwesi's attempts to subdue them twice.

NORTH AMERICA

THE TLINGIT PEOPLE

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

DIPLOMACY None

Timishian was colonized to a (2/5).

CALIFORNIA

Dark Coyote, Ruler of California

DIPLOMACY None

Two new cities, Lassen and Snow Lodge were built along the Great Northern Highway in Lemhi and Shoshone respectively. In addition, the royal road between Yokuts and Mono was completed. Finally, another squadron of Californian shipping visited the Incan port of Pisac and Rutters were exchanged with the southerners.

THE ANASAZI NATION

Motega, Chief of the Anasazi, Lord of the Chaco

DIPLOMACY None

Several cities within the Empire continue to grow: Chaco to a size 6, Eagle's Bluff to a size 8 and Xinaian to a size 2. Representatives of the Anasazi and Arawak met in the latter cities and exchanged gifts and other items of import.

THE MISSISSIPPIAN EMPIRE

Patamon, The Great Beaver of the Snake

DIPLOMACY None

A gala celebration was planned to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Queen-mother, White Birch. But then she died at age 98 and it was cancelled. In other events, Nameluni and Cheyenne were cultivated; the latter region was also colonized to a (1/2). In addition, a royal road link was built between Quapaw and Chanute via Kansa and a post road link between Dakota and Ogala.

THE NATCHEZ CONFEDERACY

Dancing Wolf, Great Sun of the Natchez

DIPLOMACY None

Another expedition to the northern seas came back frost-bitten, half drowned and unsuccessful (and will continue to do so, much as Yurok attempts in the Northern Pacific did). Closer (much closer) to home, Caddo was colonized to a (1/7) and put under cultivation; Fort Bluff grew to a size 4, and a royal road link was built between Atakapa and Tonkawa.

THE YAMASEE PEOPLE

Eagle's Feather, Chief of the Yamasee

DIPLOMACY None

A new road link was built between Yamasee and Muskogee and Ocenee Harbor grew to a size 4.

MESOAMERICA

THE TOLTEC HEGEMONY OF CHICHEN ITZA

Moya, Grand Hegemon of the Maya

DIPLOMACY None

No orders.

THE ARAWAK OF THE ISLANDS

Tizoc, Lord of the Islands

DIPLOMACY None

Indiatlantic continued to grow, reaching level 6. To the south, Arawaki settlers colonized Akawaio to a (-/1). To the north, an Arawak squadron anchored off Xinaian and exchanged

some navigational information for some moolah. Speaking of navigational information, another attempt to sound out the Labrador Sea failed with the loss of the expedition.

SOLAR EMPIRE OF CHIBCHAN

Rama, King of the Chibchan

DIPLOMACY None

Cumangoto and Camaracoto were both colonized to (1/8) and a road link was built between Achagura and Yaruro.

SOUTH AMERICA

THE KINGDOM OF PARAIBA

Panib III, King of Paraiba

DIPLOMACY None

Paraiban colonists continue to spread across the land, settling Chifre to a (1/9) and Sherente to a (1/2). Work on a new road link between Camacan and Arana was begun and Mixoxa was increased to a size 5 city.

THE MIGHTY INCAN EMPIRE

Machicho, Emperor of the Incas

DIPLOMACY None

Culja stepped down and Machicho came to the throne. A great deal of city expansion occurred, but I've just heard that I'm not allowed to tell you which cities because of new laws against spreading LORDS pornography. Apparently, noting long lists of growing cities has been discovered to cause un-natural curving of the spine, hair on the palms and insanity. So you'll just have to guess.¹ In other events, Inca merchants operating in the waters of the Bahia Bandera have come under attack by pirates, losing several ships in the process.

THE KINGDOM OF KARANGA

Amaru III, Lord of the South

DIPLOMACY None

Quillaca was colonized to a (-/7).

THE KINGDOM OF SHOKLENG

Ake, King of Shokleng

DIPLOMACY None

Colonization in the southwest continued, with Quaroi and Guarnai being settled to a (1/2) and (1/1) respectively and Omaguaca being settled to a (-/3). Quaroi and Guarnai were also put under cultivation. Colonization of Omaguaca brought the Shokleng in contact with the Carangans settling Quillaca and trade resulted. To the north, things were less sanguine. Ake ceded control of Arana to the Paraibans in exchange for some weighty gold. The locals didn't take kindly to this (as well as the fact that Panib didn't move in with troops) and the region went independent as a result. See the rules, Friendly regions transferred to another power become pacified *vis a vis* the recipient.

THE MAPUCHE EMPIRE

Bakari, Emperor of the Mapuche

DIPLOMACY None

Bakari came of age and the regent stepped down. Elsewhere, a road link connecting Errandi with the Shokleng road net in Minuane was built and Cuqumbo was colonized to a

¹ Maranga, Arequipa and Ica to size 9; Cuzco and Chanchan to size 8; Pusharo to size 6; Huexotla and Cuatico to size 5 and Paykikin and Alta to size 4. Now don't tell anyone where you got this!

(1/1). Work also began on a new religious monument in the wastes of Pehuenche as well as a postal road between it and Oic.

