Lords of the Earth

CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE AMERICAS

Turn 92

1438 ~ 1441 Anno Domini

 $841 \sim 845$ in the year of the Hegira

4136 (Earth Horse) - 4139 (Metal Rooster)

New for T73

<u>Noble House rules</u> have been added – please take a look at these here.

New <u>Spreadsheet</u> for the Renaissance has been created – this can be found here and must be used from now on.

Some tinkering with the <u>Religious Order rules</u>.

I'm going back to standard movement rules – sigh – as it is just taking too much time to rewrite these. Please continue to give your orders in year chunks though – The newly created spreadsheet should help with this

New for T59

Paths to victory: There are several options open to a player when an NPN has been defeated

1. Take the victory conditions (see NPN rules) available for NPNs and allow the NPN to go its own way. This is a useful option if you do not want to increase your imperial size or bother with the NPNs internal affairs.

- 2. Keep it as either Pacified or Pacified Tributary. You will not get victory conditions but will get income from the NPNs Homeland/Friendly regions and cities. Also, as the years from conquest marker goes up it may turn Friendly or Tributary. Using this option treats the NPN as a super-region.
- 3. Old school, you will have to take the regions you want and conquer each in turn. If the capital is taken then some of the NPNs ratings will be added to yours if higher. The NPN will cease to exist.

Dealing with hordes: Hordes can be dealt with a number of ways rather than just an outright battle. These are

- 1. Threaten them. Hordes respond to a show of strength and may leave you alone if confronted with enough force.
- 2. Bribe them. They are looking for gold and lands to settle or pillage so if you offer them it on a plate they may well go away. They may also just take it and attack anyway.
- 3. Use diplomacy. It does work and I suggest chucking in a royal princess or two.

You can also use a combination of the above. If the horde becomes a FA or A, you can direct its attacks or its path of migration.

New for T53

Restrictions on Royal Marriages: Due to the complications arising from these rules only K, H or P leaders can benefit from a Royal Marriage. Members of the Royal Family that have not come into play are not considered eligible. Also, Primate, Order and Secret Empire positions are not eligible for marriage bonuses. These are meant to be diplomatic arrangements between sovereign states.

New for T51

No Orders: If I don't get any orders in for a position and the player doesn't answer my emails then I'll put the position back to a NPN and put aside the players cash (if any) until they pick it or another nation up again.

New for T50

Request Royal Marriage: Used to ask a NPN nation for a bride for one of your Princes or a suitor for one of your little Princesses. Cost is 6AP, Charisma based. The leader doesn't have to be in the NPNs capital but if he isn't then he needs to be in your homeland/capital.

New for T49

Naval Reaction and Blockade: Naval Reactions can only occur when there is action in a Sea Zone that the fleet is based at. The fleet has to be based from a port and not the Sea Zone. Also, the Reaction can only occur when your own lands or those of an ally benefiting from a Defensive Pact marriage bonus are attacked. It also applies to any merchant fleets you operate through the Sea Zone in the case of piracy. Naval Blockade's only work if your fleet is based in the same Sea Zone as the target port and you spend all (every single one) of your APs in the blockade. The fleet must be based from a port and not a Sea Zone.

New for T48

The use of fleets for Reaction and mitigating the effects of Pirates: My understanding has now changed since we GMs have had some discussion on the list. The use of Reaction has been explained on the Wiki and Patrol is no longer used in the Base Rules.

Reaction

• Take a look at this link for more info <u>http://www.throneworld.com/wiki/index.php?title=Basic_Rules_Leaders_and</u> <u>Army_Actions#Reaction</u>

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Trade Route Escorts

• This is specific to Lords 24. Units can be assigned to a trade route to act as static convoy escort using the G type leader. Note this is not as good as patrol as the warships assigned will only reduce the effects of piracy, not capture or destroy the pirates themselves.

Updated NPN and Primacy rules: Yep, been tinkering again but I feel a almost serene sense of satisfaction with my latest offering. See what you think.

Added the ability to hire mercenary captain when there is no mercenary company available: See the mercenary tables

New for T47

Improved cultivation at TL5: If a nation has reached the dizzy heights of TL5 than it can benefit from improved cultivation. You can Improve a cultivated homeland region from 2GPv to 3GPv, or any other controlled cultivated region from 1GPv to 2GPv. This is a level one megalithic construction.

New for T45

New Rivers: I've added in some new possible rivers onto the map. These are rivers that were once passable by light traffic (remember Cogs cannot travel on rivers) and have now become silted up. You can dredge a stretch of the river (along one region border edge) as a 0.5 level project.

Gripes:

Agro as conversion – this has restrictions (see 2.11.5.3) which I will be enforcing from now on.

Rivers can only support light ships – as far as I know Cogs cannot travel on rivers. This also includes Cogs built for trade.

New Primates: We have two new Primate positions this turn. Jumal Skyfather, which is an Estonian god and the Coptic Church based out of Axum.

New for T44

Minor islands and City States: I'll be allowing minor islands (Corfu, Jerba, Wight etc) and city states to be used as locations from T44. Just let me know the rationale behind why you want it separate and if reasonable I'll add it in. Once they are created as locations, they obey all the rules of islands etc. However, their Gpv cannot go above 0.

Flooding: The last few turns have seen a massive increase in the amount of flooding that has occurred. It appears that the years are getting warmer and wetter. As a result of this some of the minor rivers on the map are once again becoming passable to river traffic.

Denmark: Following on from the Minor Islands stuff, you can see that Denmark is now separated out to Jutland and Syaland (Zeeland).

Announcements and items of note

General Stuff: Please use my Paypal account (<u>stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk</u>) for all Lords' 24 payments. If you cannot use this facility then please let me know and I will see what I can do about filtering US funds to my account. I may also stop using the throneworld email address due to the mass of spam I'm getting!

Order Form: Please use the standard excel order form

from now on. I'll update the site with a link to it next week when I get some time. This is important as it helps me process the turn more quickly. THIS IS NOW MANDATORY.

Non-Payment: some of you still owe me some cash. Although it may come as surprise that this is not my main source of income, I see it only polite that you pay for the occasionally night out. So, if you're under zero next turn I'll not process you orders.

Version 6: Lords 24 uses version 6 of the basic rules

The Map: The map now includes India as well as Europe, Central Asia and Africa. I've greyed out repeated areas on the maps to make my life easier. However, this means some player nations are split across more than one map. I may increase the size of the main map but I'll have to think on this. **Tithes and Tribute:** I think these are automatically updated by the stats program, so no need to declare them in your orders.

Control of the Papacy and Religious Orders: In Lords 24 we will not always have a player Pope (or Caliph etc for that matter) and the following rules are used to determine which player faction controls the Pope's actions, Papacy Rules. I've also added some stuff about gaining support from their armies

How to make your GM happy (PLEASE READ! REALLY!):

Please send any and all Lords24 correspondence to stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk .

LORDS 24 WEB RESOURCES

The Lords Twenty-Four homepage is at: http://lords.throneworld.com/lote24/index.html

All of the on-line resources, including order forms, mailing lists and web-sites for Lords of the Earth are summarized on this page: <u>http://lords.throneworld.com/?page_id=2</u>

You can subscribe to the Lords 24 mailing list by pointing your web-browser at: <u>http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/lote24</u>

... and following the instructions on that page.

VARIOUS FEES AND LEVIES

At the moment the turns cost \$5 – please pay up of you owe

We are using the latest v6.3.5 of the basic rule book that can be found here

http://lords.throneworld.com/players/loterule/rules.html

North America

The Yokut Tibes

(Open Empire) Angry Bear, Chief of the Yokuts



Angry Bear remained in the lands of the Yokuts whilst his son, Sea Lion, travelled to the Hohokam. He was successful in persuading the tribe to move west to Salinin and under the protection of the Yokuts. No longer would the feared Ute be able to raid their lands and take their women and children. Angry Bear was assisted as always by Misty Morning until his death in 1439. It was left to Stealthy Rattlesnake to lead a diplomatic mission to Paiute along with Willow Creek and Black Widow. Sadly, both the Rattlesnake and Willow were to die in these years leaving the mission to Widow alone. Fearful of the plagues from the east, Angry Bear ordered a great aqueduct to be built in Eagle's Nest.

The Atakapa Tribes

(Open Empire)

Nytah, Chief of the Atakapa

New families moved into the lands of Mejcalero to settle new farms. To ensure news travelled far to the councils, Chief Nytah decreed that the old trails to the Mejcalero lands be cleared of the encroaching scrub and kept clear for his runners. Nytah travelled to Onate to persuade the Pawnee to integrate fully with the councils. Despite his entreaties and the threat of the eastern sickness, he could not persuade them to relinquish their independence.

The Moundbuilders

(Open Empire)

Mahamon, Chief of the Moundbuilders

Chief Mahamon attempted to ensure the prosperity of his nation; a difficult task given the plagues coming from the east. The plague had spread throughout the lands of the Cherokee, Shawnee, Yuchi, Yamasee, Scioto, Chickasaw and more worrying Michigamea. The red pox seemed to have not spread west of Eire and those lands saw some recovery. He must have thought he was cursed when a huge earthquake hit the lands of Miami. Although there were few deaths from the tremors as the tribes were already decimated by the plague. He was blessed with a young son in 1440 named Untamek. Tomahk travelled to plague ridden Miami and was fortunate to survive not only the earthquake but also the plague. His resilience gained an ally from the Miami tribe.

The Ute

(Open Empire) Little Wolf, Chief of the Ute

With Chief Little Wolf ruling from Ute, Hunting Bear was sent to Shoshone to persuade the mountain tribes to join their nation. However, Bear was unable to gain any more status with the Shoshone. Black Hawk also had little luck with the Chiricaua of the southern plains. Farmers were to settle the lands of Yampa, clearing the wilderness for new crops.

South America

The Chimu Kingdom of Chanchan

(Open Empire) Ninan Cuyuchi, King of the Chimu



News of the plagues from the east had reached event the far south convincing King Ninan Cuyuchi to build great aqueducts in Huari, Maranga and Quito. Prince Apo-Mayta travelled to the Uru lands to gain more support after the conquest of years earlier. He also gained a bride from amongst the Uru. Auqui Amaru was to gain a bride from the Valdivia after spending his last years amongst them. Missionaries were sent out to reduce the influence of the Moon Cult in Chimu and Valdivia; although they were to find little success in Chimu. It came to Ninan's attention that some of the royal family still held dear to the hated Salcamayhua and he ordered his agents to seek out any traitors. A harrowing task that found little actual evidence.

Chichen Itze

(Open Empire) Soluc Sayala, Chief of the Chichen Itze



The death of Soluc Teel II in 1438 saw a smooth transition of power over to his son and heir Soruc Sayala. The new king takes a third wife from the Mayan nobility and was blessed with a young daughter in 1438. Despite the furious objections of his own priests, Soluc instructed Soluya and Rurolaya to persuade the Chichen people to look towards science. Karayla moved to the Kekchi lands where he was able to gain tribute from the tribes there.

Zapotec Mitla

(Open Empire) *Tiazopilli, Chief of the Zapotecs*



King Tiazopilli rules from Mitla with Prince Zipilli by his side. The prince was blessed with two young daughters during these years. Before her death in 1441, Princess Chalchiuitl led a delegation to the Triple Alliance in Teotihuacan. Such was the strength of the delegation, the rulers of Teotihuacan offered to ally themselves with Mitla. In reaction to the constant erosion of their beliefs the Cocijo priesthood declared that Mitla would become a city holy to their beliefs. Priests were sent out from the city to spread the word of Cocijo.