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NO MORE GAME OPENINGS. I can use Standbys in the "Ancient Empires" and "Five Italies" games. The cost is a Flat Fee of \$5.00 for newcomers, or \$4.00 for current readers. Any games still running after August will be continued by me in a flyer format. You don't have to worry about your game being orphaned. This Fee includes the cost of a set of maps/rules for your game. No sub required.

Anyone wishing to SUB for the remaining run of this zine, simply add 50¢ for every month between now and August 1990. You can also receive the remaining game reports, if you wish. This will also be at 50¢ per issue. Can't do it for less, as the Postal rates are going up to 30¢ an ounce shortly. SAMPLE copies are still 50¢.

We TRADE with many other zines on an all-for-all basis. These Trades will continue through August 1990 unless I specifically notify you otherwise. If anyone wishes to continue to trade for DIPLOMAG, the Mensa Diplomacy SIG bimonthly newsletter, after that, I'll be glad to oblige. At least one publisher has already said that's what he wants to do. I'll be subbing to other zines after that.

This issue contains reports on ATLANTICA III (1988AR 0a01), ANCIENT EMPIRES (1989IR-ac10), and FIVE ITALIES (1990B ug12).

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Included in this issue will be a Runestone Poll ballot, and a Registration form for DipCon XXIII, being held in Chapel Hill, N.C. over the weekend of June 22-24, 1990. We'd like to see all of our readers participate in the Runestone Poll, as it is the Postal hobby event which has the highest rate of participation. The more people who vote, even if you see only two or three zines, the more valid the final ratings will be. Also, we hope that many of our readers from the East Coast and lower Midwest will be able to attend DipCon. Chapel Hill is not that difficult a place to get to. The roads are good, and there is good airline service in and out of Raleigh-Durham Airport.

THE MARCO POLL is also open for business now. You need no ballot for this one. You just write down the names of up to five of your favorite zines, numbered from one to five in order of preference, include your name and address, and mail this to: Pete Gaughan, P.O. Box 7006, Corte Madera, CA. 94925. (This is a new address for Pete. I think he only moved in January.)

Some people say the Marco Poll is a better view of the hobby than the Runestone, since there are only favorable votes cast. Usually, most of the Top 12 zines on one poll will appear in the Top 12 on the other, but not in the same order. The hard part is narrowing your choice to just five zines. I wanted to include six.

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By Chris Carrier

THE RESULTS OF THE MEGADIP POLL ARE OUT. This was the poll where every voter got 100 votes, to distribute as he wished, among those people he wanted to nominate as being the biggest Hobby Pain-in-the-Neck of the Decade. (This is a family zine, so I won't use the original term). Robert Sacks was the overwhelming winner, with 301 votes. Francois Guerrier finished second, with 180.

What surprised me was how fast people forget. This poll was supposed to cover the entire period 1980-1989, but those who caused "pain" in the first half of that decade were virtually forgotten. Elmer Hinton received only 15 votes; Ed Wrobel only 3. Voters ought to have been more conscientious in seeing that deserving people received more votes. I guess it's out of sight, out of mind. And if you were never "pained" by the above gentlemen, you don't know how lucky you are!

Only eleven people voted. If Chris Carrier would tone down the name of the poll to a more reasonable one, like "Pain-in-the-Neck," he might get a better response next time. He might also have gotten fewer than the 100 votes he garnered for himself! Chris is thinking of making this an annual poll, so the hobby will know who the biggest "pains" are on a year-to-year basis. After all, Geryk (65) and Clark (60) are history. We don't care about them any more, but we may care about those folks who are still active. But, please, Chris, give it a better name next year.

In my book, the weighting of votes should have been based on acts of meanness and cruelty rather than a mere tendency to perhaps take on too much work or write too much on one subject. On that basis, Bruce Geryk should have finished in second place rather than 6th. But, maybe nobody cares about this any more.

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GAME OPENINGS:

"Perestroika Dip II," by Larry Cronin, in his new zine of the same name, PERESTROIKA. This is the Economic game which has become such a big hit recently in the hobby. You can win control of Europe through investment and industrial buildup without going to war. Sounds like the way Japan is conquering the real world. However, before you pack your knives away, I can report that armies & navies are still useful. One game will be a Gunboat game; the other will be the usual type of open game. There are no Game Fees. Larry's address: 5855 N. Kolb, #6207, Tucson, Arizona 85715.

"1499: The Italian Wars," by David McCrumb, pubber of THE APPALACHIAN GENERAL. This is a variant of "Machiavelli" insofar as the map goes, but basically the Regular Dip rules are used. This is a 5-player game. For more information, write to David at: Rt. 1, Box 10, Shawsville, Va. 24162.

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INQUIRIES

1. Does anyone have any information as to the current whereabouts of Michael Hopcroft? His zine, NUTMEG, folded in July 1989. Mail sent to the Albina Ave. address in Portland, Oregon has gone unanswered. One hobby member recently phoned his number. The party who answered the phone said that Michael had not lived there for several months, and he did not know where he'd gone. Since there is a very real possibility that Michael could be hospitalized, a few letters or get-well cards from the hobby might cheer him up, if only we knew where to send them.
2. Does anyone know whether anyone is still running a postal game of "Hypereconomic Dip?" I don't think I've heard of any sections of this very complex game since about 1984. Dennis R. Klein has come up with a revised version. If you'd be interested in playing, or if you know of any game currently under way, please contact Dennis at:
2438 S. 56th Court, Cicero, Illinois 60650.

Before the advent of home computers, this game was hard to play, but it ought to be easier if you had your records on a computer. However, it needs somewhere around 20 players to be played at full strength. Dennis may offer to GM a game if there were enough interest.

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NEW ZINE. Jeff Suchard, 3301 S. Bear, #49-D, Santa Ana, CA. 92704, announces the founding of DMZ. He will offer two games for starters. One will be a Regular game. The other will be of his new version of a global Youngstown game, to be called "Youngstown XIII." This is a 14-player game. To the ten Powers of the original Youngstown game, YV XII added the United States and Transvaal, to make it global. Now, Jeff has added Australia and Brazil, and made a few minor adjustments elsewhere, to come up with a greatly improved map. He has redrawn the entire map from scratch, and added a small two-page Conference Map which will be most useful for Postal play. Even if you're not interested in playing, you may wish to purchase a copy of this map and rules. The entire 25 pages are available from Jeff for a limited time only, for just \$1.00. Subs to DMZ are 10 issues for \$3.00, and there will be no separate Game Fee, at least for these first two games.

Future games in DMZ may include Character Dip, Cline 9-Man, Land Bridge, Skinny Dip, Woolworth and Atlantica. Let him know what interests you.

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UNITED KINGDOM ZINE POLL RESULTS

The 1990 U.K. ^{Poll} drew only 197 votes, down from 235 on the previous Poll, but still ahead of the 174 gleaned on our Runestone Poll. The winner was NOW EAT THE RABBIT (NERTZ), by William Whyte, and the runner-up ELECTRIC MONK. I don't see either of these zines, so I can't comment on them. Of the zines which I do see, the highest finish was 6th place for C'EST MAGNIFIQUE, by Peter Sullivan, 16 Neile Close, Romanby, Northallerton, N. Yorks., DL7 8NN, ENGLAND. This zine is rather close to the American style. In fact, since Peter intensely studied American politics in college, he is quite literate on the subject. DOLCHSTOSS, my other favorite British zine, finished 8th. This is produced by Richard Sharp, 46 Whielden St., Amersham, Bucks. HP6 0HU, ENGLAND. No sub rates quoted, but highly recommended. Use the ISE if subscribing.

VIENNA, a zine which runs several variants, finished 13th. Available through Richard Jackson, 10 Stanshalls Dr., Felton, Bristol BS18 7UF, ENGLAND. Rich is also the Custodian of the U.K. Variant Bank.

FIVE ITALIES - 1990B ug12

STANDBYS NEEDED. HELP! HELP!

FALL 1901

Note we now have a Miller No., as well as a Name for every country!

NOT EVERY ITALIAN REMEMBERS TO WRITE. SWISS GARRISON OVERWHELMED ALREADY.

- "A" RUFFY (Kendter): A Piedmont A-Switzerland. F TYS A-Adriatic Sea B. F Ionian Sea A-Tunis A.
 (3)
 "B" EFFENWELL (Smith?): NMR. To prevent the game from being ruined, F Ionian Sea B is moved to Tunis B. A Venice B and F TYS B (H).
 (3)
 "C" CICERONI (Overby): A Venice C (S) ITALY "A" A Piedmont A-Switzerland. F Ionian C-Tunis C. F TYS C (S) F Ionian C-Tunis C.
 (3)
 "D" DELI (B. Wilson): A Piedmont C-Venice D. F Ionian D-Tunis D. F TYS D-Adriatic Sea E.
 (3)
 "E" IMBRUGLIO (Green): NMR. To prevent the game from being ruined, F Ionian Sea E is moved to Tunis E. A Piedmont D and F TYS E (H).
 (3)

Notes: We suppose that "Ruffy" is a pun for both a tough Power and Ruffine wine, an Italian specialty. So much for my plan to name every country with a name beginning with its identifying letter. I'll have to show both its letter and its name in the reports. (sigh).

Some players showed some confusion about which space they wanted to reach. Remember that the Tunises in "front" of you match the letter assigned to your country, but the Adriatic Sea to your west bears the letter of the next Italy. Also, remember that any time you wish to deliberately write an "Impossible" order, I'd appreciate your notifying me that said order is deliberately written.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, FIVE ITALIES, WINTER 1901: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

"A" RUFFY:	3 Home, SWITZERLAND, TUNIS A	5 (+2), Build 2
"B" EFFENWELL:	3 Home, TUNIS B	4 (+1), Build 1
"C" CICERONI:	3 Home, TUNIS C	4 (+1), Build 1
"D" DELI:	3 Home, TUNIS D	4 (+1), Build 1
"E" IMBRUGLIO:	3 Home, TUNIS E	4 (+1), Build 1

PRESS:

OVERBY to DELI: No! No!

((Silly, Trite, Unfathomable & Puerile Italian Disinformation is the byline of Italy "C"))). ITALY "C" (STUPID): Recent news reports from across the pond suggest that ethnic strife in the Deli region has escalated, with Jewish groups gaining ascendancy. "Who ever heard of an Italian Deli, anyway?" was the comment of a high government official.

GENEVA (STUPID): Our STUPID foreign correspondent has learned of plans to breach Swiss neutrality and advance the nation, kicking and screaming, into the 18th century. More to follow.

RUFFY to World: Boy, was this an original turn!

RUFFY to GM: I forget, does Switzerland have a garrison?

GM to Ruffy: It did have, but the matter is now academic.

Andrew York, 2125 U.C. Blvd., #1407, Universal City, Texas 78148, is requested to submit Standby orders for ITALY "B". It appears that Malc Smith is having trouble trying to play this game from Norway. Tom Nash, 5512 Pilgrim Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214, is asked to submit back-up orders for ITALY "E" in case Ed Green misses again.

(more)

FIVE ITALIES (Cont.)

Because of the two misses in orders, and the fact that this is the first Winter season, we will play WINTER 1901 separately. Ed and Malc, please let me hear from you, ASAP.

DEADLINE for WINTER 1901 will be SATURDAY, March 31, 1990. Phone deadline is Friday, March 30th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. However, I believe that I will not be home on that evening. A word to the wise is sufficient. I do not have an answering machine. However, in this case, I would accept orders phoned in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday. (The mail usually arrives around 2 p.m.).

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ANCIENT EMPIRES III - 1989IR sc10

SPRING 263 B.C.

NEW CARTHAGE TEAM MAKES END-RUN TOWARD CARTHIGINIAN GOAL LINE IN DESERT BOWL.
ASSYRIA REPELS INVADERS, BUT EGYPTIAN SAILORS SEEK SHORE LEAVE IN PARTHIA.
GREEKS AGAIN BLOCK ANTIGONUS IN THRACE. SICILY FALLS TO HANNIBAL.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR Chris Pankasky (ANTIGONUS), effective immediately:
136 Lake Dr., Apt. 5, East Hampton, CT. 06424

ANTIGONUS (Pankasky): A Syria-Armenia. F Pontus (S) A Syria-Armenia. F Antioch-Syria. A Mysia-Thrace.
(4)
CARTHAGE (B.Wilson): A Fez-Mauretania. F Ionian Sea-Sicily. F Aeolian Sea (S)
(3) F Ionian-Sicily.
EGYPT (Baty): F Alex-Egyptian Sea. A Arabia-Syria. A Judea (S) A Arabia-A*-
(5) Syria. A Sinai-Arabia. F Persian Gulf-Parthia.
MACEDONIA (Bargender): A Chalcydice-Epirus. F Athens-Ionian Sea. F Crete (S) F
(5) Athens-Ionian. A Thrace (S) F Moesia. A Moesia (S) A Thrace.
NEW CARTHAGE (Cheek): A Mauretania-N.W. Africa. A Lusitania-Gades. A Massilia (H).
(5) F Nova Carthago-Iberian Sea. F Ligurian Sea (S) F Nova Carthago-Iberian Sea.
ROME (Nash): F Neapolis-Tyrr. F Sardinia (S) F Neapolis-Tyrr. F Rome-Neap.
(5) A Aquileia-Illyria. A Sirmium (H).
SELEUCUS (Perlmutter): A Assyria (H). A Babylon and A Media (S) A Assyria.
(3)

PRESS:

ALEXANDRIA: I hope none of my neighbors in the Northeast take any offense if my Egyptian fleet does sailing exercises in the Egyptian Sea.

SELEUCUS-EGYPT: From the grave I spit at thee! May a plague of boils infest your concubines.

SELEUCUS to Ancient World: Now you will all see how a real Greek dies...

BUSHWACKER: But if all the Greeks in Persia are wiped out, who will occupy this land in future centuries?

DEADLINE for FALL 263 B.C. will be Saturday, March 31, 1990. Telephone deadline is Friday, March 30th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. See caveat above on late phone calls.

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SOME POWERS FORGET THEIR ADJUSTMENTS AS THEY WRITE ORDERS FOR JULY, OR ESSAYS ON WHY THE GAME SHOULD END. APPEARS THE END IS NEAR.

		Current Strength
ENGLAND (Wilson):	No change	4 (--)
FRANCE (Galt):	No change	1 (--)
GERMANY (Cheek):	Remove F Liverpool, (Clyde) A Switz. (R) Burgundy.	7 (-2) (1 annihilated)
ITALY (Kendter):	NRR. GM Removes F Gulf of Cadiz, as F furthest from Home	10 (-1)
CANADA (Acheson):	Failed to Build. Will play one short	9 (+1) (8 units)
USA (R. Brown):	Builds A Chicago, A Philadelphia, F New York (sc)	16 (+3)
CSA (Palter):	Remove F Caribbean	1 (-1)

There appears to be a great lack of enthusiasm for continuing this game. The proposed USA-Canada Draw was vetoed by the narrowest of margins. Some people NMR'd on their adjustments. See the Italian press below for the feelings of the second-largest Power. I don't like the idea of forcing people to play, and I do not have that many Standbys available.

Under the circumstances, I'm going to suggest that we take another vote on the Two-way USA-Canada Draw. These two countries jointly control 25 SC's, which is the Victory Criterion for a single-power win, and only 8 Centers short of the 33 required for an Alliance Victory. Anyone not voting will be counted as voting YES, and any NMR's will not count at all.

If anyone is interested in starting a new Atlantica III game with a USA starting with only four Home SC's instead of 5, let me know. Such a game could be run by flyer or as the next game in DIPLOMAG (the DipSIG newsltr.) if there were enough interest (after BUSH folds).

PRESS:

ITALY to Anyone against the two-way draw: If you voted No, I'd love to know why. This game is over. It has been over since the first year, when the USA was at 10. I am rolling over to Canada and the USA, so let's make the draw official.

(Remaining Press is being saved for use with July 1871 moves, if necessary).

★ Would Glenn Overby, P.O. Box 36983, Grosse Pointe, Mich. 48236, please submit some back-up orders for CANADA, just in case? Thanks.

DEADLINE for JULY 1871 orders, plus another Vote on the Two-way Draw proposal, will be SATURDAY, March 31, 1990. I have orders on hand for July from England, Italy, USA and CSA. These may be revised, of course. If the Draw passes, the game will revert to a June 1871 finish. Note that while I'm saying the telephone deadline is Friday, March 30th at 9:00 p.m., I don't expect that anyone will be home that night, so if you're going to phone, you'd better do so on Thursday. If you call on Friday and get no answer, I'll accept phone orders on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The mail usually arrives around 2 p.m.

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The 1990 Runestone Poll

ZINE POLL

You may rate any amateur Diplomacy-related zine that you've read enough of to rate fairly. This means you've seen (or would have seen if not for delays) at least two issues since August 1, 1989. Only North American zines are eligible, but anyone may vote. Rate each zine from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. Do not rate your own zine. Blanks are for zines I forgot to list.

— The Abyssinian Prince	— Empire	— Penguin Dip
— Against the Odds	— Entropy	— Perelandra
— Alpha & Omega	— Everything...	— Peratrovika
— Angat United	— Excelator	— Pilot Light
— The Appalachian General	— Fast trax	— Pirate
— ark	— Fiat Bellum!	— Politesse
— The Armchair Diplomat	— Fol Si Fie	— The Popular Flyer
— The Assassin's Blade	— The Gamer's Zine	— The Prince
— Been There, Done That	— Get Them Dots Now!	— The Prodigal Zine
— benzene	— Gonzo Rails	— Protocol
— The Big Bop	— Graustark	— Protozoan
— Blade Wars	— Ground Zero	— Punt Formation
— Boardgame Challenger	— Hagall Hamsarvi	— Rebel
— Boast	— Hansard	— Retaliation
— The Boob Report	— Heroes of Olympus	— A Sharp Mind...
— Bushwacker	— The Home Office	— So I Lied
— The Canadian Diplomat	— House of Lords	— Son of Flip
— Carolina Cnd & Cnuntry	— Kathy's Korner	— Starwood
— Cathy's Ramblings	— Known Game Opings	— The Swiss Observer
— Cheesecake	— KGO Zn Dret (Carrier)	— Ter-run
— Cheldestine Activities	— The Last Resort	— Thorazeen
— Comrades in Arms	— Loose Caboose	— TRAX
— The Continuing Crisis	— Mad Dog	— Two Bars in C Sharp
— Coanguana	— Maniac's Paradise	— Tyromania
— Countermeasures	— Massacre by Treachery	— Upstart
— Dark Mirror	— The Megadiplomat	— Vertigo
— Dipedeodoodah!	— Megalomaniac	— Victims Wanted
— Diplomacy Digest	— The Messenger	— War Fair
— Diplomacy Today	— The Metadiplomat	— When the Lights...
— Diplomacy Tribune	— Moidé	— White House Mania
— Diplomacy World	— MondoJ	— The Zine Register
— Diplomag	— Mouse of Lords	—
— Diplomatic Contraband	— Niccolo	—
— Dippy	— No Name Flyer	—
— Disease City	— Northern Flame	—
— Down at the Mouth	— Not New York	—
— Dylexia	— Ohio Acres	—
— Electric Trains	— Quinipique	—
— Electronic Protocol	— Paschendale	—

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SUBZINE POLL

A subzine is a regular section of a zine which is (a) edited by someone other than the zine editor(s), or (b) edited by the zine editor(s), but devoted to a specific hobby service. Any subzine of a North American zine is eligible. The other instructions are the same as those for the Zine Poll.

— Acropolis	— Magus	— Standard Deviation
— Asterion	— McKee Raves	— Subwithnoname
— The Blind Wars	— The Melinboné Herald	— Tennessee Rails
— Buckeye Rail Gazette	— Nash Rants	— Top Knife
— CDO News	— The New Utopia	— Variance
— The Eccentric Diplomat	— Notes from the Bunker	— War Correspondant
— Extremism in Defense...	— Obfuscate	— Water on the Knee
— The First Negotiator	— OPERABLE	— The Whipping Post
— Foot in Mouth	— Poll Talk	— You Knew the Riaks
— In the Garden	— Reginald Maudlin...	—
— High Inertia	— Ring Finger in Rear	—
— Horain' Around	— Seriously Folks	—
— Karmel's Panorama	— Shut Up Jack!!!	—

GM POLL

You may rate any GM under whom you played a postal or e-mail game of regular or variant Diplomacy since August 1, 1989 for long enough to assess his or her competence. Only North American GMs are eligible, but anyone may vote. List GMs alphabetically by name (not zine). Rate each GM from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. GMs may not rate themselves.

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Send this ballot to Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward St., Milford, MA 01757.

You have until June 30, 1990 to vote, but please vote early.

Indicate one way in which you participate in the North American Diplomacy hobby (sub to zine XXX, play in game XXXY, etc.)

Signature _____

(If I can't tell who you are or your ballot isn't signed, it may not be counted!)

Print your name neatly _____

Check here ___ if you do not want your name on the list of voters

RUNESTONE POLL CONTEST

Guess the Zine Poll winner—this year's prize is a travel Diplomacy board with magnetic pieces. To be eligible you must vote in the Poll and correctly guess the winning zine; I will pick the contest winner at random from the set of eligible entrants. The names of the winner and any other eligible entrants will be published in the Poll publication.

To enter, _____
print your _____
address _____
neatly: _____

The zine you think will win: _____

BACK TO THE FUTURE?

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What would a realigned Europe look like? One vision of Europe in 2020 (right) was presented recently by *London's Financial Times*; others have offered different scenarios.

However, the first suggestion of such an alignment has already occurred. Czechoslovakia's new president, Václav Havel, visited Warsaw two weeks ago and proposed that representatives of the two countries and Hungary meet in Bratislava, near the Czech border with Hungary and Austria, to discuss an alliance. A Polish spokesman said his government favored the plan.

And on Wednesday, Mr. Baker suggested in Prague that "some of the new democracies of the region may determine that they can better support and sustain their common effort if they do so in concert, perhaps through some form of regional cooperation."

In the Balkans, as an administration official put it, most see "a very long period of elbowing and shoving and unhappiness." There the possibility seems highest for violence, either among ethnic groups such as Serbs and Croats in Yugoslavia or Bulgarians and Turks in Bulgaria, or an eventual effort by Albania to seize the Albanian ethnic region of Kosovo in Yugoslavia.

In fact, the *Financial Times* of London recently published a map, labeled "2020 — a fantasy," which showed no Yugoslavia in its present form. Replacing it was a "Balkan Union" with parts of Yugoslavia along with Albania (now including Kosovo), Bulgaria and Greece. Croatia and Slovenia had left Yugoslavia to join a "Central European Union" that included Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

However, one administration analyst, having seen this map, said, "I don't see a change of borders by violence, though possibly by consent. For example, the Soviet Union gives back Moldavia," a portion of Romania taken by Stalin after World War II.

Most analysts seemed to agree, however, that neither the Soviet Union nor the United States had national interests sufficient to justify involvement in Balkan violence beyond efforts to stop it.

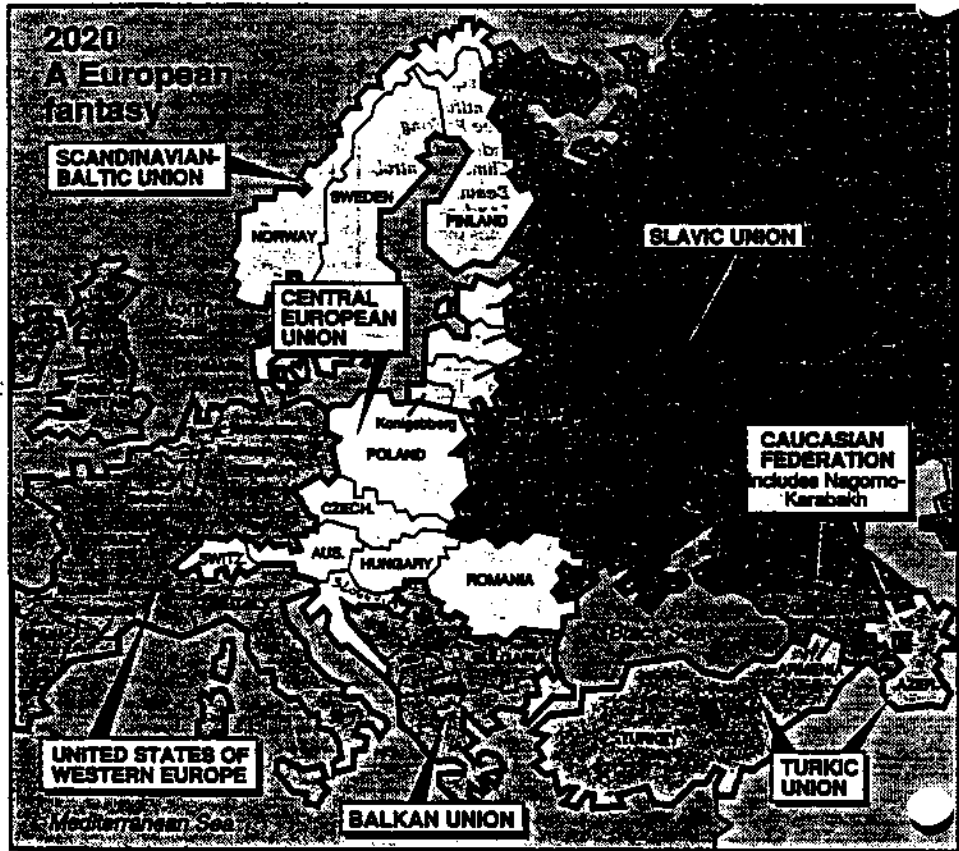
They also agree that the problem of greatest difficulty and urgency is Germany. Whether the two Germanys will be unified is no longer the question. Even Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and East German Premier Hans Modrow have now acknowledged that this is inevitable. The questions essentially are two: what security arrangements will satisfy Germany and its neighbors, and how much its neighbors will have to say about Germany's future.

A secondary question of a timetable for German reunification may be overrun by unification itself. As the East German government shows itself to be less and less in control and its citizens move to the West in search of higher wages at the rate of nearly 55,000 in January, incorporation into a unified Germany may be the only alternative to chaos.

At the two extremes of the first question — security arrangements — are the U.S. view, supported by West Germany, that a unified Germany should remain part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Soviet view, supported by East Germany, that it should be neutral.

Most Europe watchers in Washington see no future for the Warsaw Pact, as its member nations hurry to distance themselves from Moscow, but ask what arrangements can be made that will offer the Soviet Union the sense of security it needs. The United States has endorsed a West German proposal that NATO authority and forces would not be extended into East Germany.

Westerners differ as to numbers but generally believe



Baltimore Sun, February 11, 1990

that U.S. forces in West Germany, currently about 249,000, should remain in much reduced quantity, and Soviet forces in East Germany, about 380,000, will be withdrawn. The Soviet view is that all foreign troops should be withdrawn.

At the extremes of the second question — who will decide Germany's future — are the Soviet view that unification should be put to an international referendum, and the German view, put bluntly by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, that "German unity is a German question." In between are a variety of views involving mainly the interests of the World War II victors, Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States, plus Poland.

A number of models put forward since the opening of the Berlin Wall fell short of total unification. Several of them offered a confederation of two states — again closer to the 19th century model.

Mr. Holmes suggested one with no border between the two parts and no changes in the external borders, especially those with France and Poland. In his model, Bonn and Berlin would remain as state capitals, and a national assembly with representatives from both parts would govern domestic affairs. But foreign policies and military establishments would remain separate.

Attempts to impose conditions on German unification by neighbors who, like Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, fear "the revival of sinister shadows of the past," arouse resentment among Germans. Former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has warned that forcing Germans to choose between realization of their national aspirations and their alliance with the West could endanger the alliance and ignite new German nationalism. The result, he warns, could be a large, powerful and independent Germany in the center of Europe with a strong military potential — an inherently unstable situation.

Said the Heritage Foundation's Mr. Holmes, "A large Germany is difficult to digest in Europe... because of the border conflicts around its periphery, it tends to deny

the self-determination of others as it pursues its own self-determination."

Poles worry that the West German chancellor has not endorsed strongly enough the inviolability of the Oder-Neisse border between East Germany and Poland. Although postwar borders of Germany were internationally recognized in the 1975 Helsinki agreement and earlier treaties with both Germanys, there are fears that some Germans would seek return of formerly German territories now in Poland.

"The way to avoid German preponderance," Mr. Kissinger wrote, "is not to ascribe to it motives contrary to 40 years of responsible German policy." An administration official added, "There is nothing in German policy that would set [Germans] on a conquest of Europe."

Of the proposed options — a confederation of two German states, a Germany aligned with NATO but without NATO troops in the eastern sector, or a unified and neutral Germany — the United States, and for the moment Bonn, would prefer the second.

Both Bonn and Washington say a neutral Germany is unacceptable, though Mr. Kissinger warns it could result from too aggressive an attempt to exert Western influence on German will. Last week he wrote of that option: "Painful as I would find such a development myself, the United States would have no reason to panic." But, he added, it would provide more need for continued preservation of NATO.

While the four victorious powers of World War II will want to have much to say about Germany's ultimate future, and there is a proposal to take it up before the 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe this fall, Germans will have to be made to feel that the ultimate solution was their own.

The question in postwar Europe for four decades was what the Soviet Union would accept. In the decade to come, the question may become what Germany will accept.

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"The 1990 International Diplomacy Championships"

The Carolina Amateur Diplomats, a Diplomacy gaming group at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina USA, will host the 1990 International Diplomacy Championships. There will be four rounds of Diplomacy offered over a three-day weekend, of which two must be played to be eligible for awards. There will be a team event as well, in which the scores for the seven members will be averaged in order to determine the winner. In addition, there will be tournaments for Diplomacy variants (such as Gunboat), and in non-Diplomacy games (such as Titan, Railway Rivals and Civilization.) Dates for the Con are June 22-24, and fees will be \$20 US plus \$15 US per night for housing on campus. Alternative housing is available at local hotels. Interstate or international participants should plan on taking a vacation in the American South for 10-14 days, since The Avalon Hill Game Company will sponsor a major gaming event in Atlanta, Georgia the weekend following World DipCon.

Transportation to Chapel Hill should be relatively easy via Raleigh-Durham International Airport. CAD members will shuttle Con participants from the airport to the Con. In addition, if one is traveling by car there are several carpool possibilities. Preregistration will also entitle one to a DipCon 1990 Booklet, which will have useful information included on the travel and housing questions as well as historical information on DipCon, World DipCon, DixieCon, the Carolina Amateur Diplomats, and the site of the Convention, the University of North Carolina (which is the oldest state university in the United States.) Those interested in attending the Con should send the registration form below, along with the necessary fees, to the Tournament Director David Hood at 15-F Estes Park Carrboro NC 27510 USA. Most questions should be taken care of with the publication and distribution of the DipCon Booklet, but if not please direct all inquiries to the Tournament Director.

WORLD DIPCON REGISTRATION FORM - June 22-24, 1990

Name: _____

Address: _____

Fees Enclosed: ☐ \$20 entry fee
☐ 15 housing for ____ nights (Double)
☐ 30 housing for ____ nights (Single)

Team Member? ____ If yes, name of Team Captain _____

Interested in Barbeque Dinner night of June 23? ____ If yes, enclose \$2 more

Submit completed form and fees to: David Hood 15-F Estes Park Carrboro NC 27510

Checks can be made out to David Hood

Contact David Hood before the Con if you need aid in travel plans

THE 2020 FANTASY MAP on a preceding page is very interesting. Note that Belgium has been divided into Flanders and Wallonia, and the Basque and Catalan regions of Spain are given separate status. Yugoslavia has been broken up into its separate components. Most interesting of all is the proposal for some sort of a union between Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, plus, perhaps, Slovenia and Dalmatia. All of this territory, except for northern and western Poland, was once part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. So, in effect, what we would be seeing is the recreation of Austria-Hungary! And Prince Otto of the House of Hapsburg is being proposed as the symbolic President of at least Hungary. La plus ca change, la plus de meme chose.

Anybody want to set this up as a new Diplomacy variant?

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ALTERNATE HOBBY NEWS

Julie Martin has stepped down as "MNC Under the Covenant." I understand that her reason for doing so is because she is attending law school, and has nothing to do with hobby politics. The new MNCutC will be: Brad Wilson, P.O. Box 126, Wayne, Pa. 19087. ^{BRAD}Wilson is the publisher of VERTIGO, a zine which recently has been appearing on about a tri-monthly basis. He has also been a player in many games past and present here in BUSH.

The last issue of LORD OF HOSTS (#6) was produced by Julie Martin in January. Typographically, it is a very nice job. It contains reports on the endings of many variant games, including several bearing the regular Miller Nos. (My own Vacation Dip III, 1985R rm39, final report, for example). There are also reports on the endings of some Civilization, Kremlin and Pax Britannica games, so this is a broad spectrum coverage. I hope this is a sign that there may be some growing relationship between the two parts of the variant subhobby. Since I was not regularly trading zines with the Martins, I was surprised to see the BUSH report therein, but I'm taking this as a good omen. I only wish that the non-Diplomacy games were reported in a separate section from the Diplomacy variants, but that's another story.

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