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This is the 221st consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine specializing in the play and reporting of Variant games and hobby news, plus whatever else I feel like writing about. This is brought to you by: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Phone: (301) 461-1885. Phone calls accepted daily between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m., Eastern Time, but players are urged to submit their orders by mail. After 18½ years of non-stop publishing, we are running down to a fold in August 1990. All remaining games, however, will be finished by flyer.

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Most of the BUSHWACKER Trades will end next month. A few of you have arranged to continue trading for DIPLOMAG, the Mensa bimonthly newsletter. I will be subbing to other zines. My sub payments have already gone out to some Overseas Traders. The rest of you will have to wait until August. Obviously, I cannot sub to every one of the 50-odd zines I've been receiving. Some subscribers will receive a refund of the balance of their subs. All Players & Standbys will continue to receive the flyer to the end of their games.

Anyone who'd like to be a Standby for the "Five Italies" game may do so by sending me \$2.00. We're running out of standbys in that star-crossed game.

This issue contains report on our last two games, ANCIENT EMPIRES III (1989IR ac10) and FIVE ITALIES (1990B ug12).

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A Canadian Dipzine recently reported that Waddington's Games had informed them that they would not reprint the Canadian version of the Diplomacy set when current sets have sold out. This is the original Games Research board with wooden blocks, as Calhamer willed. The writer then asked whether Avalon Hill would continue to sell their Diplomacy sets.

I can assure you, based on my conversation with Tom Shaw in April, that Avalon Hill has no intention of ending their Diplomacy sales. Sales have been pretty steady in the States. However, they are not going to reprint "Machiavelli" when current sets are sold out. So, if you've been thinking about buying Machiavelli, you'd better put in your order right away, before they're all gone.

If it's true that the Canadian Dip sets are going to be off the market soon, this is a cause for concern for all of us on both sides of the border. Somebody (Larry, David?) had better ask A-H whether this means that Canadians will be able to order American sets soon. Or will A-H enter into wholesale sales of the game to Canadian retailers? After all, word-of-mouth sales can only go so far in keeping the hobby alive in Canada once the game becomes unavailable in the stores.

DIPCON XXIII REPORT - June 21-24, 1990

I flew from Baltimore to Raleigh-Durham Airport, since I had to work with the Red Cross on Thursday, and a 55-minute flight was much preferable to a 6½ hour drive. I was met at the airport by a committee consisting of Mike Lowrey, Don del Grande, Iain Bowen and another party whose name I've forgotten. At first, I looked for the tar and feathers, but then I realized that Mike had brought his car to the airport to pick us up from our various flights from all corners of the world.

So, the five of us tried to pile into Mike's 4-seater. I drew the armrest in the back seat, between Iain and Don. As all of us are pleasingly plump, it was a tight squeeze. Would have been no problem, except that Mike's air-conditioner was broken, and it was about 90° outside. Also, there was a traffic jam at the toll booth at the airport exit, so we weren't able to get much fresh air until we reached the open road. Don solved the problem by falling asleep.

The UNC campus is beautiful. Got a look at it on our way to Carmichael Hall. But, in our honor, the street in front of the hall is all torn up, so we had to park nearly a block away, and lug our luggage the rest of the way, across the mud, ditches, mine-fields, whatever. Once we recovered our bags, that is. Seems Mike's trunk didn't want to open. One of us had to sit on the lid before it would open. I had visions of our having to call a locksmith to open it, or living for three days without any clean clothes or my Diplomacy plaques and files.

Carmichael made this up to us, however, by producing super air-conditioning that soon had some of us turning blue. A few people who had brought no coats or sweaters made a run on the student store to buy UNC jackets. Others desperately searched for blankets, as the university had not put one on every bed. Many of us had to turn off the A/C in our rooms, and open the windows to let some heat in. To change the A/C setting, all you had to do was reach several feet over your head and turn two screws with a coin or screwdriver. This caused a metal plate to fall on your head, and then you could see a tiny white control switch way up at the top left. You couldn't read the settings, but we'd been provided with a chart showing where the "off" position was. Most of us turned our units off at night, as the icy breezes from the corridors were enough to keep us well-chilled.

Aside from these minor details, it was a great Con. There must have been about 100 people attending, as on the First Round on Friday evening, we filled 11 boards, having had exactly 77 stabbers sign up. And there were still swarms of people around, seven of whom decided to play a game of Anonymous Gunboat under my stewardship.

I GM'd this game through 1910, by which time there were just four survivors and it was 1:30 a.m. At that point, my tired old eyes wouldn't stay open, so I turned the game over to Doug Acheson. It ended in a 4-way draw after 1911, EF vs. AR. We used "blue books" for writing orders, with country names hidden inside. I had to shuffle up the books before reading the orders, and then again shuffle them before they were returned. This first game retained its anonymity to the end. However, in another Gunboat game on Saturday, Matt McVeigh game himself away by writing "Stands" instead of "Holds," so people knew which country the Englishman was playing fairly soon. Then, another player kept disappearing and NMR'ing, so he was found out. I think everyone knew who the survivors were before the game ended.

Speaking of Matt McVeigh, we saw a big pile of bricks out on the street where a new building was going up. I was going to pick one up for him, in case he'd like to demonstrate his prowess again, but discretion was the better part of valor. Besides, the bricks were all the same color. Hey, Larry, you could have had bricks by the gross here for your variant!

Many publishers, Big Names and Hobby Old Timers were present. This included several of the top finishers at the 1989 DipCon and the '89 AtlantiCon, such as Edi Birsan, Hohn Cho, Frank (Baltimore) Jones and Jim Yerkey. Some of the best Postal and FTF players mixed it up on the boards. Cal White, CDO Coordinator, brought down a batch of Canadians, including Bruce McIntyre from Vancouver (probably the North American who came the furthest distance). Just as several Easterners had gone to San Diego last year, several Californians came east this summer. Yes, Diplomats will travel nowadays to attend a DipCon.

I also got to meet several people whom I had only known by mail and telephone. As usual, virtually no one looked like I had expected them to look. Several BUSH readers were there, and two other members of the Mensa Diplomacy SIG, Kevin Brown and Peter Fuchs. I told Peter I was looking for a phone booth so we could hold a SIG meeting!

I should mention that since this was also World DipCon II, we had several Overseas visitors, including three Austrians, two Aussies, one Frenchman, and a large batch of Brits. The Aussies, John Cain and Andy England, offered to host World DipCon III in their country in 1992, and this was accepted. It will probably be held in Melbourne during Easter week, April, 1992.

I'm not reporting on the games here, but I did note that in the first round, when Edi Birsan drew Russia, his reputation had preceded him. Seems everybody else on the board ganged up on him, and eliminated him by 1904. I also heard unofficially that there were several Rulebook victories, including one by Erik Adenstadt of Austria, so I'm assuming that there were some very high scores at tournament's end.

On Thursday night, six of us went to downtown Chapel Hill for dinner. I think we went to a place called Spanky's. Very crowded and noisy, but the food was good. On Friday, three of us decided to try the student union cafeteria for dinner, and walked over there. Surprise. It closes at 4 p.m. on Fridays in summer. So, we wound up doing what so many other people were doing - phoning the Pizza man for a delivery.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, David Hood's promised Southern Barbeque was presented on the terrace of Carmichael Hall. This was a catered affair, and everything was delicious. We had two kinds of chicken, ham, beef, and all the fixings, plus choices of desserts and all the cold drinks you wanted. Best bargain of the weekend at \$2 a head.

Two boards of Dave McCrumb's new variant, "Italy - 1499" were played on Friday night. These are five player games, which one might call variants of Machiavelli without the chrome. I served as observer and back-up GM for these. The game seems to be playable, except that two provinces, Pisa and Pistoia, which are near each other, can both be abbreviated with the same first three letters. So, Pistoia will have its name changed.

The DipCon Society meeting reaffirmed the 1989 Charter Amendment establishing that whenever World DipCon is held in North America, it will be held in conjunction with that year's DipCon. This eliminates the danger of the two being held in separate locations, with a resultant low attendance for both.

Two Charter Amendments were presented this year. The first was to change the rotation of the DipCon sites from a linear to a circular arrangement. The Old Great Lakes Region was merged with the northern half of the moribund Central Region, to become the new Region II. A new Southern Region (IV) was created out of the southern half of the old Central Region, plus that portion of the Eastern Region running from North Carolina to Florida. This was overwhelmingly approved, with only 4 No votes.

The second proposal was to allow Proxy voting on future DipCon sites. It would have required that all bids be submitted at least two months in advance, so they could be mailed out with the ballots. There would have been a \$2 fee for Proxy voting, to cover

postage and printing costs, and to cut down on non-serious votes. After a spirited debate, this measure gained 26 Yes votes and 23 Nos. Since this was not a 2/3 majority, the Amendment did not pass.

Two sites bid for the 1991 DipCon. The bid for AtlantiCon, in Baltimore, offered a connection with a very large gaming convention, with a 7-year history of successful gaming, and a large number of dealer's booths in the exhibition area. This bid was presented by Brad Wilson and Jack McHugh. It was pointed out that at a big gaming con, you always picked up some new FTF players, who might join the Postal hobby. Brad emphasized that this was not a vote for or against Robert Sacks, who is the Dip Tournament Director, but a vote to join forces with a large con.

Doug Acheson made a presentation of behalf of CanCon, held on the campus of the U. of Scarboro, in Toronto, Ontario. This would be a Diplomacy-and-variants tournament, like the present one, where the Diplomats would not be surrounded by role-game players and other wild events. It was also pointed out that Canada had never hosted a DipCon, while Baltimore had done so twice, in 1976 and 1982. Further discussion revealed that it was very rare for any casual Dip players at a large con to ever become involved in the Postal hobby.

When the vote was taken, there were 13 votes for Baltimore, and 34 for Toronto. So, next year's DipCon will be held in Toronto in the first week of August. Toronto is still in the Eastern Region, and is actually closer than Chapel Hill for most residents of the Middle Atlantic and Great Lakes States.

((While not mentioned at the meeting, it should also be brought out that Baltimore is only 300 airline miles from Chapel Hill, so a Baltimore venue would not have been in the spirit of the rotation of DipCon to a different part of N. America every year. Toronto is 600 miles from Chapel Hill, but only 340 from New York and 220 from Detroit. Although I live in the Baltimore area, I'm happy to see Toronto get the bid, regardless of who runs the tournament.))

A proposal for a "WorldDipCon Charter" was also on the agenda. However, it was felt premature to adopt such a charter before the various groups in Australia, Britain and the Continent had a chance to discuss them. A complete rewrite of the proposal was made by Peter Sullivan of Britain and John Cain of Australia, with a bit of advice from me. This draft will be discussed over the next two years, and perhaps a final document can be presented at World DipCon III in 1992. This would merely ratify that the responsibility for hosting a World event would be vested in certain parties when it was their time to run the show (e.g. ManorCon in England, DipCon in America).

There was an unofficial proposal that in 1994, the event might be held in conjunction with the Essen, Germany, Gamefest, instead of in Britain. The Essen fair is reported to be one of the largest in the world, and both English and German are used as working languages. We shall see what comes of this proposal in 1992.

The Meeting also approved a slate of candidates to serve as the DipCon Administration Comm. for 1991. This will consist of Doug Acheson as Chairman, David Hood as the carry-over member, and Marc Peters.

We presented the Hobby Awards on Sunday morning, following the formal DipCon Society meeting. We had sealed envelopes, like the Oscar presentations, so neither Dave McCrumb nor I knew who had won when we started. I described each Award, and Dave then read the list of nominees. Then, "the envelope, please."

The Rod Walker Literary Award was a tie between "Playing Italy" by Larry Botimer, and "Lowballing" by Francois Guerrier.

The John Koning Best Player award went to Gary Behnen, for his PBM success in 1989.

The Melinda Holley Award for Quantitative Participation in the hobby went, as expected, to Melinda Holley, for her GM'ing so many games in REBEL, and for playing in more games than anyone else in North America.

Then, Dave read the winner for the Don Miller Memorial Award for hobby service, and I nearly dropped the plaques when he read off my name! I had been actively campaigning to have the Award go to Larry Peery for his services in hosting the 1989 DipCon, and for editing DIPLOMACY WORLD from 1986 to the present. Instead, I presume that I was selected for the totality of my services in publishing BUSH for 18 years, and running the Mensa Diplomacy SIG for about 12 of those years. Perhaps my service as NAVB Custodian from 1985-89 was also considered. There has been a precedent in that the outgoing Boardman No. Custodians have sometimes been given the Miller Award upon their retirement. Perhaps my imminent retirement had something to do with this vote. In any case, I'm still in a state of shock. Thankyou, everyone who voted for me. It's great to go out in a blaze of glory.

Incidentally, there were almost certainly more votes cast this year than in 1989. ^{61 people voted in 1990} I counted the ballots in '89, and while this year's totals remain secret, I can tell you that my Miller vote alone was almost as large as the total number of ballots cast last year. The larger the turnout, the more valid the results.

I was surprised at the Walker literary results, as both of the co-winners were serious pieces. Personally, I thought that the three humorous articles were much better, and had a heck of a time deciding which one to vote for. Apparently, the voters preferred serious pieces to humorous ones. That's life.

As for the Best Player Award, I had voted for Hohn Cho, the 1989 DipCon individual game high scorer. Edi Birsan would have been my second choice, also for his DipCon participation. I know nothing about Gary Behnen. Obviously, a lot of other people do!

In any event, the plaques have all been returned to the trophy shop to have the names added, and then they'll be mailed out to the winners. Not a single winner, except for myself, was present at DipCon. I was hoping that some would be there, so I wouldn't have to carry all of them back with me. (Peery, Nash, Birsan and Cho were all there, and Melinda Holley had been expected, but couldn't make it). Had any winners been present, I'd planned to give them the plaques, and let them get the engraving done in their home towns, and then send the bills to me. The Holley perpetual trophy is too big to carry by plane, so Cal White took it to Toronto in his van, for display in '91.

I can't tell you who won at the Tournament, as I had to leave for the airport for my flight back to Baltimore before the Awards Ceremony could begin. If I hear before I go to press, I'll add a P.S. Otherwise, I'll print the results next issue.

David Hood will be printing a booklet giving all of the various results in a short while. Copies will be mailed out to everyone who registered for DipCon XXIII. I suppose that anyone else wanting a copy could obtain one from David, but I don't know the price. I'd suggest sending at least \$1 to David at: 104-F Terrace Dr., Cary, N.C. 27511, if you want to request one.

In any case, I want to say thanks to David Hood and his CAD team for running one of the best DipCons in recent times.

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OUR TRIP TO GERMANY...

... was very successful. We found nearly everyone in good health, which was the most important thing. I had not been in Germany in eight years, so there were some new things to notice. I say "Germany" rather than "West Germany," since the coming union of the two countries is almost de facto already. We saw several "Trabbies" with DDR license plates on the road. They look very tinny, and are constantly breaking down on the Autobahns, where there are no speed limits. Many people from the West have already visited the DDR, which is still referred to as the "Ostzone," as if the DDR had never existed. People are looking forward to July 2nd, when the money systems merge and the last barriers disappear. The West Germans realize that they're going to pay higher taxes for the next 10 or 15 years to rebuild most of the Ostzone factories and highways, but they seem to be willing to pay the price for the unification.

We flew over and back on a Condor Airbus-310. Condor offers the cheapest flights between the U.S. and Frankfurt; however, they only fly once a week from most cities. From Baltimore, it's just on Mondays, which is why we could stay for only one week. Unfortunately, the Airbus has no individual ventilation controls. All 264 seats were filled on the way over. There were two empty seats on the way home. After about four hours of flying, with smoking allowed in the rear of the plane, the air began to get very foul. It was worse on the way over, as we'd dressed for the cooler German weather. About half-an-hour before landing, the pilot finally put on some fresh air, but it was too late to help us much. So, try to avoid flying on an Airbus-310 on long flights.

We were 35 minutes late landing in Frankfurt. Fortunately, there was no delay at Customs. We just barely made the 7:56 a.m. Express from Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof. Fortunately, we had an almost empty car, and had room to spread out in a 6-seat compartment. We had an American girl student, who had sat next to us on the plane, who went with us as far as Heidelberg. There was exactly one other passenger in the entire car until we got near Stuttgart. This was a through train to Munich and Bologna, so perhaps it filled up later. The Germans prefer to send out full trains from start to destination, rather than cutting or adding cars at various midway points. It does make one start to worry about the long-range future of some of these mostly empty trains. (On the way back, however, from Stuttgart to Frankfurt we were on an Intercity train which was filled to overflowing. Fortunately, we had reserved our seats in advance, or we would have had to stand in the aisle with others who had failed to make such reservations.)

We arrived in Goepfingen, Inge's home town, precisely on time at 10:54 a.m. Inge's mother and aunts met us at the station. We stayed at an excellent little hotel in the center of town. It had just 12 rooms, and was run by a family. Consequently, the service was excellent, and the breakfasts had to seem to be believed. However, it was already getting warm in June, and the complete absence of air-conditioning or fans indicated that the rooms could become very uncomfortable in mid-summer.

The hotel was two blocks from Frau Kerlein's apt. in one direction, and one block from where the aunts live in an Altheim in the other. We were also just half a block from the bus stop, from where we could frequent public transportation to the Army base or other locations, so there was no need to rent a car.

One day, we did drive south to the Bodensee (Lake Constance) with Frau Kerlein and Inge's brother Rudi. With the Autobahn system completed, it took only two hours. (On the old road years ago, it took 3½ hours). Most of the way, we were driving at 125 km/hr (80 mph), but we were constantly being passed up by various sports cars. Germany may be the only country in the world now where there is still no speed limit on the limited access highways. I'm sure glad I wasn't driving!

We did visit Hohenstaufen one day. The ruins of Friedrich Barbarossa's castle are still there. The church he dedicated is still standing and still in use. We had mittagessen (lunch) in a lovely restaurant called the "Cafe Honey-do." This was built by a German couple who had lived in the States for many years. Because of their American experience, they tried to build a place that incorporated some American features. Consequently, they gave it an English-sounding name. It was supposed to be "Honeydew," but apparently that didn't go over too well. The original owners are gone, but the current management still maintains a bilingual menu for the tourist trade. It was interesting to read the English translations of some of the classical German dishes.

My old Army post in Goepingen was a bit run down. They had completely redesigned the snack bar to look like a typical fast food joint. It was upsetting to see everybody, including some WAC's, walking around in camouflage fatigues with the shirts hanging out. We used to get demerits if our shirttails hung out! Since this is a Hqs. post, there used to be many people about in Class A uniform. I only saw one this time. The post is now occupied by the 1st Infantry Div. (the Big Red One), so perhaps their dress code is different. Knowing the reputation of the 1st Infantry (P.A. all the way), I didn't even attempt to try to visit my old office. Funny thing, though, I walked all around post wearing a camera, and then, as we were leaving, saw a sign stating that photography of military scenes was forbidden. But, no one had questioned us to see if we were spies, or whatever.

You do have to give up your passport at the MP post at the main gate, now. In other years, we had just waved our passports at the guards, and walked right in. Now, they give you a plastic pass similar to the one I had at Social Security, which you turn in upon leaving, to reclaim your passport. We were able to buy some American publications in the bookstore, which was new since I was last there 12 years ago. We were supposed to show some identification if in civilian clothes, but nobody asked for any at the checkout counter.

There is a feeling that most of the American forces will be gone soon. "Soon" could be anywhere from next year to five years from now. Since Hqs. forces will be among the last to leave, I think that Goepingen (Cooke Barracks) will be among the last to revert to the Bundeswehr. Some of the tavern owners will miss us, but I have the feeling that most of the U.S. forces in Germany became redundant last November 10th.

Except for the language, and the decent public transportation, West Germany now looks very much like America. It's amazing how much English is now used in German advertising, and in the names of German stores. Every educated person under 45 speaks fluent English now. Many middle-aged Germans are now taking English lessons in night school or adult education courses. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, we have been much flattered by our German allies. Anyone who is worried about the Germans starting another war simply has to go and visit the country to see that this is not going to happen in our lifetime.

Incidentally, once the West German money becomes universal, new currency is going to be introduced in October/November. We saw an ad in a magazine showing a picture of the new DM 100 banknote which will replace the current bill. It features a portrait of a lady pianist* who died in 1896, who was considered to be the finest German pianist of the 19th century. Can't remember her name, but it was interesting to see an artist rather than a politician will be on this banknote. Apparently, all of the old bills will be called in in the Fall, so if you're saving any German money, better spend it now.

* Clara Schuman

FIVE ITALIES - 1990B ug12WINTER 1902

ITALY "C" CHANGES HANDS. EVERYONE AGREES TO PLAYING COMBINED SEASONS.

When Glenn Overby phoned me last month, he informed me that MONDOJ was folding, and that he planned to resign from this game with his next set of orders. He had promised to send out a final copy of MONDOJ, which would be "in my mailbox by Wednesday" (June 6th). No such issue has appeared. Accordingly, just before we left for Germany, I asked Tom Nash, our next Standby, to submit back-up orders for CICERONI. I did this because Glenn had a history of a previous crash of his Dipzine JIHAD in 1983, which left many orphaned games in the wreckage. One warned, twice cautious. Because I've been away most of the month, I wasn't able to notify the other players.

So, CICERONI is now being played by Tom Nash, 202 Settler's Rd., St. Simon's Island, GA. 31522. Since Glenn had already informed me of his imminent resignation, I don't see any reason to suppose that he'll return to the game after one NMR.

Current Strength

"A" APPLE SAUCE (Kendter):	Build F Naples A	6 (+1)
"B" BOLOGNA (York):	A Venice B (R) Apulia B, Remove F Tunis B	3 (-1)
"C" CICERONI (Nash):	No change	4 (-)
"D" DELI (B. Wilson):	No change	4 (-)
"E" EMBROGLIO (Green):	A Piedmont D (R) Venice E	4 (-)

RUFFY to World: Our new name for this turn is Apple Sauce. We will change it every couple of turns until this silliness ends.

SPRING 1903

APPLE SAUCE SUPPORTS CICERONI INTO TUS, BUT HIS OWN FLEETS COLLIDE. DELI GOES DEEP. BOLOGNA IS BEING SLICED UP. EMBROGLIO NAVY COUNTER-ATTACKS IN TYS D.

"A" APPLESauce (Kendter):	F Tunis A-Ionian Sea B. F Adriatic B (S) F Tunis A-Ionian B. (6) A Venice B (S) CICERONI A Piedmont B-Tuscany B. A Switz. (S) EMBROGLIO A Apulia E-Venice E (NSO). F TYS A-Ionian A. F Naples A-TUN A.
"B" BOLOGNA (York):	F TYS B-Adriatic C. A Tuscany B-Rome B. A Apulia B (S) A (3) Tuscany B-Rome B.
"C" CICERONI (Nash):	F Ionian C-Tunis B. F TYS C-Ionian C. A Piedmont B-Tuscany B. (4) A Tunis C (H).
"D" DELI (B. Wilson):	A Piedmont D-Venice E. F Adriatic E (S) A Piedmont D-Venice E. (4) F Tunis D-Ionian E. F TYS E-Rome E.
"E" EMBROGLIO (Green):	A Apulia E-Rome E. F Naples E (S) A Apulia E-Rome E. F Ionian (4) D-TYS D. A VeniceE(H) /d/, (R) ApuliaE(per right-hand rule).

BOLOGNA to World: Help, help, I'm being eaten alive!

I just want to clarify that we will use Just's Right-Hand Rule for Retreats following Spring seasons, but players will always have the full option of Retreats after the Fall moves. You may write orders covering Spring Retreats, of course.

DEADLINE for FALL 1903 orders will be MONDAY, August 13, 1990. There are two reasons for this delay. First, I will again be away on vacation from 1 August to 8 August. Second, I plan to include some extra material in August, which will be my farewell issue, and this may take some extra time. So, don't worry if the August edition takes a little extra time. Telephone Deadline will be Sunday, August 12th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The games will continue by flyer.

ANCIENT EMPIRES III - 1989IR ac10FALL 262 B.C.

ANTIGONUS "MASSAGES" THE MEDIA. LAST NEUTRAL FALLS TO EGYPT. CARTHAGE SURVIVES BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH. NEW CARTHAGE DECLARES DIVIDENDS. AEGEAN STANDOFF.

ANTIGONUS (Pankowsky): A Armenia-Media. F Mysia-Aegean. F Levantine Sea (S) F (4) Mysia-Aegean. A Antioch-Mysia.
 CARTHAGE (B. Wilson): F Numidia-Utica /d/, (Annihilated). (But may build new (4) (1 unit) unit in Utica in Winter).
 EGYPT (Baty): F G of Syrtis-Utica. A Libya-Charax. A Assyria (S) ANTIGONUS (5) A Armenia-Media. F Persian Gulf-Parthia. A Oman-Babylon.
 MACEDONIA (Bargender): F Athens-Aegean. F Crete (S) F Athens-Aegean. A Epirus- (5) Chalcydice. A Thrace-Dacia. A Moesia-Thrace.
 NEW CARTHAGE (Cheek): F Icosium-Numidia. A NW Africa (S) F Icosium-Numidia. (5) A Fez-Icosium. F Iberian-Aiolian Sea. A Massilia (H).
 ROME (Nash): F TYS-Aiolian Sea. F Sicily & F Sardinia (S) F TYS-Aiolian. (5) A Sirmium (H). A Illyria (S) A Sirmium.
 SELEUCUS (Perlmutter): A Babylon (S) A Media. A Media (S) A Babylon /d/, (R) Cau- (3) casus (only space open). * A Parthia (S) A Babylon. *or OTB.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, ANCIENT EMPIRES, WINTER 262: GAINS, LOSSES

ANTIGONUS:	3 Home, Syria, MEDIA	5 (+1), Build 1
CARTHAGE:	Utica, ICOSIUM , NUMIDIA , SICILY	1 (-3), Build 1 (3 annihilated)
EGYPT:	3 Home, Arabia, Judea, CHARAX	6 (+1), Build 1
MACEDONIA:	3 Home, Crete, Thrace	5 (--), No change
NEW CARTH:	3 Home, Massilia, Mauretania, ICOSIUM, NUMIDIA	7 (+2), Build 2
ROME:	3 Home, Sardinia, Sirmium, SICILY	6 (+1), Build 1
SELEUCUS:	Babylon, Parthia, MEDIA	2 (-1), Remove 1 (or n.c. if A Media removed)

PRESS:

CARTHAGE to GM: If there's a race, I'll win it.

DEADLINE for next turn is MONDAY, August 13, 1990. This will be for WINTER 262. However, if everyone submits orders for SPRING 261 B.C., we'll also play that season. I suggest that you submit orders for both seasons, just to be safe, unless you specifically request a separation. I will grant a separation if any player or players with a total of at least 3 SC's requests this.

This delay in the next deadline is due to my again being out of town from 1 to 8 August, and because I may want some extra time to prepare my final issue. The telephone dead-one will be Sunday, August 12th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. After next month, the game will run to conclusion by a flyer, which will also use the BUSHWACKER name.

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I wish to thank Andy York (and another party, whose name I've forgotten) for reminding me that the 18" gun on the Furious was not the largest naval gun ever fired. It was the largest ever fired up to that point in history (ca. 1917). The honors for the biggest naval guns ever belong to the Japanese battleships Yamato and Musashi, which mounted nine 18.1" guns in triple turrets. The Yamato's guns were fired in anger at light American forces in the Battle of Leyte in October 1944, helping to sink two escort carriers and two destroyers. Since both BB's were sunk in the war, none of these rifles have been preserved.

MARCO POLL RESULTS - from Pete Gaughan

31 people voted in this year's poll. The Top Ten finishers for Favorite Zines were:

1. Perelandra (47 points), 2. Northern Flame* (40), 3. BT,DT (38), 4. Kathy's Korner (36), 5. benzene (27), 6. Passchendaele (25), 7. Fiat Bellum!* (23), 8. Penguin Dip* (21), 9. Diplomacy World*, CIA, & MetaDiplomat (all tied with 12 points ea.)

* = My votes. (I also voted for Canadian Diplomat, which finished 16th, w/ 6 points).

The Subzine Poll was won by High Inertia, with 32 points. I didn't know we could vote on subzines, but if I had that would have been my choice, too.

The GM Poll was won by Andy Lischett, with 24 points. Pete Gaughan finished second, w/ 23. Cal White & Melinda Holley tied for third with 9 points ea.

Of course, there is a Polltaker Effect which always adds points to the score of the zine running a poll, but, even so, there's no doubt that PERELANDRA belonged in the Top Ten. In my opinion, based on the fact that most of us voted in February, eight of these 11 certainly deserved their top ranking. One, benzene, has nothing to do with Diplomacy, so I don't see that it belongs here. Had I voted in April instead, I would have added BT,DT and dropped Fiat Bellum, but some zines always fold between the time a poll starts and the results are printed.

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THE LIFERS AWARDS - from Don Del Grande

Hobby Genius: David Hood and Mark Lew tied with 3 votes each.

Best Zine for Hobby News: Five zines received two votes each - BT,DT; Kathy's Korner, BUSH, MONDOJ, and CAROLINA COMMAND.

Best Letter Column: HOUSE OF LORDS (4 votes), KATHY'S KORNER (3 votes).

Biggest Hobby Personality: Four people received two votes each - Kathy Caruso, Melinda A. Holley, David Hood and Larry Peery.

Only 12 votes were cast in 1990, down from 21 voters in 1989, so the results do not mean as much. No one received enough votes to gain admission to the True Hobby Masters Society, which remains with just four members.

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THE PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATION AUCTION CATALOG IS OUT.

I'd planned to reprint the entire Catalog here, but due to the length of my DipCon report article, I have only one blank page left. Therefore, I'll print just the most interesting parts of the Catalog here, on Page 11. This consists of the front and back pages, plus categories B, C, G (part) and M, which I was able to fit on the bottom of the pages. For a complete Catalog, or to submit a bid, write to: John Caruso, 636 Astor St., Norristown, Pa. 19401.

I'd circled G-002 and Z-001, the items I'd donated to the Auction, before I realized that I might want to reprint this. I also circled M-001, to call your attention to the most interesting bid of all, to have your name included on a genuine Diplomacy map. What could be a bigger ego-boost than that? Oh, A-004 is marked "(F)" since MONDOJ has folded. (See next page).

PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATION RELIEF AUCTION-VI 1990

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
P-001	4 lots of a picture of Melinda Holley. Get this hot item. No not Melinda, but a photo facsimile.
P-002	A rare photo of the inside of Mark Lanzelene's apartment. PRICELESS!
S-001	3 lots of DIPCON XXI SOUVENIR BOOKLET (July 1988 in Texas). Packed with photos, game reports and other interesting tidbits.
S-002	Diplomacy Souvenir Package. Items included are- 1989 Philcon ID badge, US/Canada patch, "business card", other items. Collectors value.
S-003	Sports Souvenir Package. Items included are- 2 Michael Jordan posters, 1986 baseball schedule, 1986 Dodge media guide, 1988 Super Bowl note card and other things. Collectors value.
S-004	1 set of 10 postcards bought at the National Museum of Korea depicting various pieces of 12th and 13th century Celadon pottery. \$3 min.
S-005	1 set of 10 postcards from Seoul Grand Park Zoo with scenes of the Dolphin show.
S-006	1 set of 10 postcards from Seoul Grand Park Zoo showing various animal exhibits.
S-007	1 set of 10 postcards from Seoul Grand Park showing various scenes of the park.
S-008	1 set of 5 postcards featuring Korean dance and other Korean scenes.
S-009	1 set of 5 postcards with scenes from modern Korea.
S-010	1 set of 5 postcards with scenes from traditional Korea.

Z-001 THE GAMESMAN #9 the last issue by the late Don Miller. 64 page mimeo contains articles on dip, chess and other games, plus a 10 page article on the accomplishments of the navies of the world in the 2 world wars. (Here's another chance for those who bid unsuccessfully in the past) \$3 minimum.

Z-002 A complete set of BEEN THERE DONE THAT from #1-18. \$5 minimum.

Z-003 A set of CATHY'S RAMBLINGS #25-34. \$3 minimum.

Z-004 ZINE REGISTERS #9, 12, 14. \$2 minimum bid.

Z-005 EVERYTHING #69, 70, 73, 79, 81. \$2 minimum bid.

Z-006 KK/M and KK #126, 134, 136, 142, 143, 145. \$2 minimum bid.

Z-007 KK #143, 145, 147, 152, 153, 154, 155. \$2 minimum bid.

M-001 Name a space for yourself or someone else on the OFFICIAL PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATION DIPLOMACY MAP, to be used in all People's Diplomacy games. \$1 for non-supply spaces, \$2 for supply centers or Switzerland and \$3 for a Great power, can change the name of the space to your liking. Below is a listing of the areas/centers/powers you may not select [they were selected last year]. The only other thing you should supply is a preference list for the area bid on. [Austria, Italy, Russia, London, Mid Atlantic, Clyde, Galacia, Liverpool, London, Munich, St Petersburg, Syria, Tyrolia have already been taken] You will receive a conference map with all of the changes on it. A colored conference map mounted on cardboard, along with a set of push pin markers. This is the conference map actually used at Dipcon 1988 in Texas.

M-002 Magnetic Dip Map Travel Set. Do your pieces float away in a sea of beer? Do your conference maps take a licking and get a scratchin'? Here is a solution for you- your very own magnetic set. Your fleets will never sail away without you again. Your armies will only march when you tell them to. Hurry, only 1 item available. \$4 minimum.

M-004 2 lots of a personally crafted horoscope for you by Melinda Holley. Have an actual diplomacy game start named after you. Not a variant, but an actual dip game named on your behalf. BEEN THERE DONE THAT. 3 lots of personally crafted horoscopes by the creator of the new subline HOT AIR BALLOON. You supply some generalized data and your horoscope will be created. Each one will be unique. Show it off to your friends. Be the 1 in your group to get this specialty item. \$2 minimum bid.

PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATION RELIEF AUCTION-VI 1990

RULES

- 1- The deadline for bids is Aug. 31, 1990
- 2- Anyone may participate in the bidding. All you have to do is submit a bid on an item (send no money now please). If you are the highest bidder the item will be yours, and you'll be notified when to send the money and how much. You may submit conditional bids on amount to be spent, or if you win on lose another item. You can't submit conditionals that say subbid next highest bidder by an amount of money. This is only a one round auction, so plan wisely. Also, all bids will be secret.
- 3- In case of tied bids, postmark will decide. If postmarks are the same, the auctioneer will commit suicide. Or I'll try to persuade one party or the donor to be flexible. If all negotiations fail, the auctioneer will revert to the age old method of disputes- the cubicle randomizer. (A die to you Jack)
- 4- All items are postage paid or will have the postage figured into the minimum price. This is a new experiment for this year.
- 5- All donations collected will go to hobby services as decided upon by the PDORA Financial Committee. I will receive no money for costs I incur. No one on the committee is eligible to receive any of the money either.
- 6- Allow 4-6 weeks after the auction deadline for the item to arrive to you. The ELDER EVERYBODY GETS THEIR PAYMENTS IN TO ME, THE FASTER I CAN SEND OUT THE ITEM TO THE DONATOR, AND THE FASTER THE DONATOR CAN INPUT IS WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED. Along this line, it's been suggested that I expand the auction to a 2 round affair. What do you people think? Please let me know either "2 round" or "1 round" with any communique.
- 7- Additional catalogues can be had for a \$45 from me.
- 8- John Caruso 636 Alter St. Norwalktown, Pa. 19401
- 9- Good Luck and HAVE A GOOD TIME.
- 10- PDORA Financial Committee: Steve Annawoodian, Steve Helmski, Don Del Grande, Bill Quinn, Robert Acheson

ITEM DESCRIPTION

- A-001** A 10 issue sub to UPSTART. Available only to non-subscribers of UPSTART. A \$7.50 value. Minimum bid of \$5.
- A-002** 2 lots of a 10 issue sub to PENGUIN DIP. Each a \$15 value.
- A-003** A 1 year sub to REBEL, approx 10 issues. \$18 value, \$4 minimum.
- A-004** Rebel carries both regular and substart dip and standbys are welcome. A 1 year sub to MONDOJ, 52 issues. \$9 value, \$3 minimum.
- A-005** A 12 issue sub to THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT, along with a free game start in any game. One of the premier Canadian zines, but 12 issues may be a 3 year sub. But worth waiting for.
- A-006** A 1 year sub to a brand new zine called WORLD DIPLOMACY. \$15 value.
- A-007** A 10 issue sub to KATHY'S KORNER. \$18 value, \$5 minimum.
- B-001** A copy of LARRY PEONY'S STRATEGY AND TACTICS OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY. It is in good condition and is the softback edition. \$35 minimum for this 376 page gem.
- B-002** A set of DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY Volume I-IV. This is a collection of all of the best articles that appeared in DW up until 1989. There is a \$40 minimum.
- C-001** A collection of commemorative stamps from around the world.
- C-002** A collection of modern coins from around the world. Pocket change.
- G-001** Autographed copy of the original matter from which WOOLWORTH I was printed in 1981. (one-of-a-kind value) \$3 minimum.
- G-002** REBUS SCRABBLE GAME. Uses a combination of letters & symbols to form words, sayings or sentences. Guaranteed to drive you crazy. Almost new condition. \$3 minimum.
- G-003** WAR AND PEACE by the Avalon Hill Game Company. It's in used condition.
- G-004** STRATEGY AND TACTICS Issue #65 with the game CORRA as an insert. There's a \$1 minimum bid.

FURTHER WORD FROM AVALON HILL

In response to my mentioning in the June BUSHWACKER that some Diplomacy publishers were thinking of advertising for games openings in the classified section of THE GENERAL (A-H's magazine), Rex Martin sent me the following letter:

"...if I might make a suggestion, it would appear to me that the effort might pay off better for the various pubbers if they take out individual ads.* Since each is but 50¢ for an appearance - meaning \$3.00 covers a year's worth - it won't break anyone. ... many readers simply skim the adverts dealing with their own state or region. Too, the more mention of DIP zines therein, the more chance of implying that it is a flourishing and vibrant sub-hobby." * in the "Opponents wanted" section.

In other words, GENERAL readers are more likely to respond to a Dipzine ad from their own part of the country. So, it sounds like a good idea if several of you from all over were to put PBM Dip ads in THE GENERAL. Rex informs me that several pubbers are already doing so. You don't have to be a GENERAL subscriber to use this service. Just send a check to Rex Martin, made out to THE GENERAL, to TAHGC, 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214, and include your short ad.

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Here's another bit of the PDO Auction Catalog squeezed in:

G-005 SPI game SIXTH FLEET, unpunched. \$7 minimum.
G-006 SPI game DESERT WAR. \$3 minimum.
G-007 SPI 4 modern battle games- CHINESE FARM, GOLAN, MURZBURG, MUKDEN.
\$7 minimum.
G-008 SPI game RED STAR WHITE STAR. \$5 minimum.
G-009 AH FOOTBALL game, vintage age, I believe early 1960's. \$10 minimum.
G-010 AH D-DAY, 1965 edition. \$15 minimum.
G-011 AH STALINGRAD, 1963 edition. \$15 minimum.
G-012 AH BATTLE OF THE BULGE, 1965 edition. \$12 minimum.
G-013 AH BLITZKRIEG, 1965 edition. \$10 minimum.
G-014 MAGIC REALM, 1979 edition. \$10 minimum.
G-015 LIFTOFF, \$7 minimum.
G-016 GODSFIRE, \$7 minimum.
G-017 DELTA FORCE, \$7 minimum.
G-018 42nd REICH, \$7 minimum.
G-019 NATIONAL PASTIME, the baseball game that Alan Calhaver created.
\$7 minimum bid.

[Note- all game minimum bids include any postage costs]

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