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This is the 229th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, formerly a real zine, but now just a warehouse to bring you the results of the Diplomacy Variant ANCIENT EMPIRES III (1989IR ac10). 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 from 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m. Eastern Time, but players are requested to submit all orders by mail, except in emergencies.

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1991 RUNESTONE POLL BALLOT ENCLOSED. This year's ballots must be returned to Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward St., Milford, Mass. 01757, by June 30, 1991, but please send your ratings in early. A few of the zines listed are somewhat overdue as I write this, but people have assured me that they will be published. I was told I could list my column in EXCELSIOR, "Fred's Column," as a subzine, but I did not do so, as at the time I printed my ballots, XL was in the land of the lost. However, if you read XL and wish to do so, you may add "Fred's Column" to your Subzine List.

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WE HAVE A NEW BOARDMAN NO. CUSTODIAN. Effective April 1, 1991, he is: Gary Behnen, 13101 S. Trenton, Olathe, Kansas 66062. Hopefully, the backlog of reports on Regular Postal games will be eliminated very soon. Gary will trade the BNC zine, EVERYTHING, with every publisher, on an all-for-all basis, regardless of the size of your zine.

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ANCIENT EMPIRES PLAYERS may wish to brush up on the real history of their Empires by reading Vols. II & III of Will Durant's The Story of Civilization. The backstabbing, murdering and brutality of the real Empires and would-be leaders make our Diplomacy games look like tea parties by comparison. I've just finished Vol. III, which carries the story up to the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. I wish Durant's maps were better, but A.E. players will recognize several of their provinces if they look at the maps enclosed and printed on the endpapers. In fact, I wonder if the original designer might not have used one of Durant's maps as the basis for this game.

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AUTHORIZED PHOTOCOPIES of Richard Sharp's book, The Game of Diplomacy, are now available from me. The price is \$6.00 in the U.S., \$6.50 in Canada, and \$8.00 elsewhere. Europeans must order their copies directly from Sharp in England. This 149-page book, printed in 1978, has been out of print for years, and many hobbyists have been trying to buy second-hand copies. What you'll get from me is a single-sided copy, with two book pages on every sheet, which can be mounted in a ring-binder if you wish. While written for a British audience, much of the material is pertinent to all Diplomats.

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ANCIENT EMPIRES III - 1989IR ac10

FALL 259 B.C.

EASTER HOLIDAYS START EARLY. ROME RUINED. NEW CARTHAGE AND EGYPT GIVE ITALY THE BOOT. ANTIGONUS FROZEN. GREEKS PLAY IT CAUTIOUS.

ANTIGONUS (Pankosky): NMR. A's Mysia, Pontus & Caucasus (H). F's Aegean, Crete & Euxine all (H).  
 (6)  
 EGYPT (Baty): F Gulf of Syrtis-Sicily. F Aiolian (S) F Gof Syrtis-Sicily.  
 (9) F Ionian-Neapolis. F Egyptian Sea (H). F Sinai (H). A's Charax, Utica, Arabia & Judea all (H).  
 MACEDONIA (Bargender): F Aegean (R) to Athens in Summer. F Athens (H)(per Rule 6).  
 (4) A Thrace (H). A Chalcydice (S) A Thrace. S Sirmium (S) A Thrace.  
 NEW CARTHAGE (Cheek): F Massilia-Genua. A Aquileia (S) F Mass-Genua. F Rome-TYR Sea.  
 (6) F Ligurian Sea-Sardinia. A Illyria-Sirmium. A Saguntum (H).  
 ROME (Nash?): NMR. F Ligurian Sea (R) OTB. A Aquileia (R) OTB in Summer.  
 (7) (4 units) F Neapolis & F TYR Sea (H). F Sicily (H) /d/ (Annihilated).  
A Genua (H) /d/, may (R) Alps or OTB.

We have a PROPOSAL for an Egypt-New Carthage-Antigonus Draw. As this is the first such proposal, anyone failing to vote will be counted as voting "No." However, any Power in Civil Disorder will not be counted as a "No" vote.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, ANCIENT EMPIRES, WINTER 259: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

ANTIGONUS:	3 Home, Crete, Media, Syria	6 (-), No change
EGYPT:	3 Home, Arabia, Babylon, Charax, Judea, Parthia, Utica, SICILY	10 (+1), Build 1
MACEDONIA:	3 Home, Thrace, SIRMIMUM	5 (+1), Build 1
NEW CARTH:	2 Home, Icosium, Massilia, Mauretania, Numidia, SAGUNTUM, AQUILEIA, ROME, SARDINIA	10 (+4), Build 4 (Room for only 2 Builds)
ROME:	Neapolis, <del>AQUILEIA, ROME, SARDINIA, SAGUNTUM, SICILY, SIRMIMUM</del>	1 (-6), Remove 2 (3 annihilated, was playing 1 short)

GM's Notes: In accordance with my policy of rotating Standbys, I am going to ask Andy York, P.O. Box 2307, Universal City, Texas 78148, to submit back-up orders for ANTIGONUS. Since Rome has been reduced to a single Center, I am not going to ask for back-up orders. I hope that Tom Nash will continue to participate, but if he does not, the Roman position will go into C.D.

Since we have both a possible replacement player and a Draw proposal facing us, to say nothing of a considerable number of adjustments, I suggest that we play only WINTER 259 B.C. next turn. If any of you would like to submit SPRING 258 orders as well, you're welcome to do so. They will be kept on file, unless everyone submits them and there is no change in players. In that case, we'd play both seasons. If the Draw passes, the game will, of course, end in Winter 259.

DEADLINE for WINTER 259 will be TUESDAY, April 23, 1991. With only Winter and your votes to take care of, I think a 4-week deadline is sufficient. Telephone deadline is MONDAY, April 22nd, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Hey, Chris Pankosky, please let me hear from you!

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# The 1991 Runestone Poll

## ZINE POLL

You may rate any amateur postal or e-mail 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, 1990. 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	— Disoriented Express	— Perelandra
— Acropolis	— DMZ	— Perestroika
— Against the Odds	— DOGS of War	— Pilot Light
— Alpha & Omega	— Diner Dip	— Pirate
— Angst United	— Down at the Mouth	— The Prince
— The Appalechian General	— Electric Trains	— Protocol
— ark	— Electronic Protocol	— Protozoan
— The Armchair Diplomat	— Empire	— Punt Formation
— The Assassin's Blade	— The Encounter	— Rails by Mail
— Been There, Done That	— Excelsior	— Ramblings by Moonlight
— benzene	— fast trax	— Rebel
— Blade Wars	— The Gamer's Zine	— Retaliation
— Boast	— Get Them Dots Now!	— So I Lied
— The Boob Report	— Gonzo Rails	— Son of Flip
— Buckeye Rail Gazette	— Graustark	— Starwood
— The Canadian Diplomat	— Heroes of Olympus	— The Swiss Observer
— Carolina Cmd & Cntry	— The Home Office	— The Tactful Assassin
— Caveat Emptor	— Hoodwink	— Ter-ran
— Cheesecake	— Kathy's Korner	— This Train...
— Comrades in Arms	— Kempelen's Turk	— Thorazeen
— Concordia	— Lemon Curry	— Twains
— The Continuing Crisis	— Mad Dog	— Tyromania
— Costaguana	— Maniac's Paradise	— Upstart
— Countermeasures	— Massacre by Treachery	— Vertigo
— Crimson Sky	— The Megadiplomat	— Victims Wanted
— ...David Watts	— Megalomania	— War Fair
— Dipadeedoodah!	— The Messenger	— Well, Martha...
— Diplodocus	— The Metadiplomat	— White House Mania
— Diplomacy Digest	— Moiré	— Why Me?
— Diplomacy Downs	— Niccolo	— The Zine Register
— Diplomacy Tribune	— Northern Flame	— <b>BOOT HILL</b>
— Diplomacy World	— Not New York	— <b>BARRYVILLE GAZETTE</b>
— Diplomag	— Ohio Acres	—
— Dippy	— Orphan Son	—
— Dippy Doings	— ...Pedro...	—
— Disease City	— Penguin Dip	—

## ADVERTISEMENT

For copies of the main lists (zines, subzines, and GMs), check here and enclose 50 cents, two 29 cent U.S. stamps, or an issue of your zine in which you publish a ballot. For the Poll publication, check here and enclose a donation of \$5.00 or more. Last year's publication was 100 pages long. It contained main lists, articles, statistical analysis, and everything else you'd want to know! Thanks for your donations; they really help.

## 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.

— Asterion	— Poll Talk	— Top Knife
— The Blind Wars	— The Popular Front	— The Unabashed Bot(t)
— CDO News	— Reginald Maundling...	— The Unzine Voice
— DDOES	— Ring Finger in Rear	— War Correspondant
— The Eccentric Diplomat	— Seriously Folks	— Water on the Knee
— Extremism in Defense...	— Shut Up Jack!!!	— The Whipping Post
— The First Negotiator	— Slappy's Sports Section	—
— Foot in Mouth	— Sports Beat	—
— It's Me Again	— Standard Deviation	—
— Karmel's Pandrama	— Subwithnoname	—
— Notes from the Banker	— Tennessee Rails	—

## GM POLL

You may rate any GM under whom you played any postal or e-mail game since August 1, 1990 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, 1991 to vote, but please vote early.

Indicate one way in which you take part in the North American postal or e-mail gaming hobby (sub to zine XXX, play in game 1989YY, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# BASEBALL WARZ, 1991 - FRED'S FEARLESS FORECASTS

We struck out in 1990. All we got right was the first place finish of the A's in the AL West, and the last place finish of the Braves in the NL West. Technically, we could say we were correct in picking the Orioles to finish 4th in the AL East, but one of the O's games was rained out, and Baltimore wound up  $\frac{1}{2}$  a game behind a tie with Cleveland for the 4th spot. We were close when we picked Boston for 2nd place in the AL East, but we were dumbfounded when Pittsburgh and Cincinnati came out of 5th place to win their respective NL divisions.

Never learning from experience, we have once more entered the NORTHERN FLAME Annual Baseball Contest. Here are the entries we've sent to NF. Last year's final standings are shown in ( )'s after each team's name:

<u>AL EAST</u>		<u>AL WEST</u>		<u>NL EAST</u>		<u>NL WEST</u>	
	'90		'90		'90		'90
1. Boston	(1)	Oakland	(1)	1. N.Y. Mets	(2)	Cincinnati	(1)
2. Toronto	(2)	Texas *	(3)	2. Pittsburgh	(1)	San Francisco	(3)
3. Baltimore	(5)	Chi Sox	(2)	3. Montreal	(3)	L.A. Dodgers	(2)
4. Detroit	(3)	K.C. *	(6)	4. St. Louis	(4)	Houston	(4)
5. Cleveland	(4)	Seattle	(5)	5. Chi Cubs	(6)	San Diego	(4)
6. N.Y. Yanks	(7)	Calif.	(4)	6. Philadelphia	(4)	Atlanta	(6)
7. Milwaukee	(6)	Minnesota	(7)				

We're going with the champs in three of the four divisions, although we've been sorely disappointed in playing the favorites in the past. There have been so many big trades over the winter that nearly every team could zoom up, or crash. I'm betting that the new Orioles will bounce back to 3rd, while the Blue Jays will again just fall short in the AL East. Can't see anyone catching the A's in the AL West, but I don't expect another miracle 2nd place finish for the White Sox despite their new stadium. I am expecting the Royals to return to contention, perhaps reaching as high as 2nd.

Assuming the team is not split by dissention, the Mets ought to pass up the Pirates in the NL East, while the Chicago Cubs go back to their usual position near the cellar. I look for the Giants to continue the pace they set last September, and edge out the Dodgers for 2nd place in the West, but I have to stick with the World's Champions to repeat as Division leader.

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\* Revised 11/8/91 KC - 2nd  
Texas - 4th

\* St. Louis - 3rd, Chi. - 4th 11/9/91.