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This is the 230th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, formerly a zine devoted to the play of Diplomacy Variants, but now just a shell to bring you the results of the ANCIENT EMPIRES III game (1989IR ac10). This is brought to you by: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Phone: (301) 461-1385. Phone calls accepted daily from 12 Noon to 9:30 p.m., Eastern Time, but players are requested to submit all orders by mail, except in emergencies.

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1991 MARCO POLL WINNERS

<u>Zine & Publisher</u>	<u>Points</u>	
1. UPSTART (Schenck)	78	(Finished 2nd on '90 Runestone Poll)
2. MOIRE (Tim Moore)	50	
3. KATHY'S KORNER (Caruso)	49	
3. PERESTROIKA (Cronin)	49	
5. BT, DT (Nash)	35	
5. DIPLOMACY WORLD (Hood)	35	
7. Maniac's Paradise (Doug Kent)	33	
8. Northern Flame (Cal White)	29	(Finished 1st on '90 Runestone Poll)

48 hobby members voted. 19 zines received enough votes to make the main list (five votes). I voted for four of the above top finishers, plus Excelsior, which finished 13th. I've never seen a copy of Moire or Maniac's Paradise, so I can't comment on them. When the votes were cast, BT, DT was liked by everyone, but it has since become rather irregular in appearance. K.K. is not for novices. If you're looking for good zines, I can recommend the remaining four, plus Excelsior (Bruce McIntyre) and Carolina Command (Mike Lowrey), which also tied for 13th place, and was my back-up vote if anything happened to any of the other five on my ballot.

THE TOP PLAYERS on the Poll were: 1. Gary Behnen, 2. Kathy Caruso, and a tie for 3rd between Steve Cooley and Marc Peters.

The good thing about the Marco Poll is that only positive votes are cast. There are no hate votes. A combination of the leaders on both the Marco and Runestone Polls gives a good approximation of which zines are considered to be the best. The only fault I find is that not enough people vote in the Marco Poll.

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WOODEN BLOCKS TO RETURN! Glory, Hallelujah! Rex Martin has informed the hobby that Avalon Hill plans to produce a new edition of Diplomacy, with a new cover and longer box, perhaps similar to their first edition in 1976, containing wooden blocks. If all goes well, the new game boxes could be on the shelves by Christmas. So, those of you who were unable to obtain Canadian sets before they disappeared will have to wait only a few more months to get a set with wooden blocks, as Calhamer intended. Thanks to everyone who complained to Avalon Hill about the miserable stars and anchors. And, thank you, Avalon Hill.

THE WINTER WINDS BLOW, OR, WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

The Proposal for a Three-way Draw between Egypt, New Carthage and Antigonus did NOT pass. There was more than one "No" vote.

Since I have not heard from Chris Pankosky, ANTIGONUS will now be played by: Andy York, P.O. Box 2307, Universal City, Texas 78148.

		<u>Current Strength</u>
ANTIGONUS (York):	No change	6 (--)
EGYPT (Baty):	Build A Thebes	10 (+1)
MACEDONIA (Bargender):	Build A Epirus	5 (+1)
NEW CARTHAGE (Cheek):	Build A Carthago Nova, A Luisitania.	10 (+4) (8 units)
	No room for other builds. Playing 2 short.	
ROME (Civil Disorder):	NRR. GM Removes A Genua, F TYR Sea.	1 (-6) (3 annihilated)

DEADLINE for SPRING 258 B.C. will be WEDNESDAY, May 22, 1991. Telephone deadline is TUESDAY, May 21st, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You won't be able to reach me by phone after 4 p.m. on the Deadline day, as we have something on our calendar for that night. So, if you're going to call me, be sure to do so on the Tuesday.

ANY NEW PROPOSALS, you guys? At the rate things are going, both people and countries are getting scarce.

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Here are some upcoming Games Conventions. Can't say how many will offer Diplomacy. This list does NOT include DipCon, which is an independent event to be held in Toronto, Ontario at the same time as the listed "CanGames '91." There is no connection between the two events.

PEERICON, West Coast Diplomacy Premier Event.
July 26-28, at Larry Peery's Home at 6103 Malcolm Dr.,
San Diego, CA. Registration Fee - \$11.00. Room de-
posit - \$40. Send to Peery at POB 620399, San Diego,
CA. 92162. For details, phone him at (619) 582-2904
after 6 p.m. Pacific Time, or anytime weekends.

MICHICON Gamefest '91	June 21-23	Detroit, MI
Metro Detroit Gamers, Box 656, Wyandotte, MI, 48192		
6th Annual SL Rally	June 22-23	Dallas, TX
On All Fronts, P.O. Box 265, Marshall, AR, 72650		
ORIGINS '91	July 4-7	Baltimore, MD
GEMCO, PO Box 609, Randallstown, MD, 21133, 301-298-3135		
DRAGONCON	July 12-14	Atlanta, GA
Dragon Con, PO Box 47696, Atlanta, GA, 30362, 404-925-2813		
HISTORICON	July 25 - 28	Camp Hill, PA
HMGS, PO Box 222, Annapolis, MD, 21401, 301-268-1141		
DALLASCON	August 2 - 4	Dallas, TX
DallasCon, PO Box 867623, Plano, TX, 75806, 214-2477981		
CANGAMES '91	August 2 - 5	Ottawa, ONT
CANGAMES '91, PO Box 3358, Station "D", Ottawa, ONT, CANADA, K1P-6H8		
GENCON	August 8 - 11	Milwaukee, WI
GenCon, PO Box 756, Lake Geneva, WI, 53147		
KAHN-FUSION III	August 10 - 11	New Cumberland PA
M. Foner's Games Only Emporium, 200 Third Street, New Cumberland, PA, 17070, 717-744-6676		
AVALONCON	Aug 23 - 25	Camp Hill, PA
The Avalon Hill Game Company, 4517 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21214		
GATEWAY 11	Aug 30 - Sept 2	Los Angeles, CA
Strategicon, PO Box 3849 Torrance, CA 90510-3849 213-326-9440		

(Courtesy of GEMCO people).

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