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This is the 231st consecutive issue of what's left of BUSHWACKER, formerly a zine devoted to the play of Postal Diplomacy Variants, and now just a pale shadow carrying the results of the ANCIENT EMPIRES III game (1989IR ac10). Being 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 to 9:30 p.m., Eastern Time, but players are requested to submit their orders by mail, except in emergencies. The name of the game is Postal Dip.

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NOW THE WAITING PERIOD BEGINS

The Deadlines are coming up for the Runestone Zine & GM Polls (June 30th) and the Hobby Awards (July 12th), after which we will learn Who's Who in the Hobby Pecking Order for 1991. All BUSH readers received a Runestone ballot in March. A few of you, who do not receive DIPLOMAG, may not have received a Hobby Awards ballot last week, so I'll enclose one for you.

The big Diplomacy hobby conventions are also coming up. ORIGINS will be held here in Baltimore's Convention Center July 4-6, 1991; while DipCon XXIV will be held on the Scarborough campus of the U. of Toronto, in Toronto, Ontario, August 2-4th. If you can't get to either of these events, you may wish to consider attending PeeriCon in San Diego July 26-28; PoolCon in Marshall, Mo. (hosted by Vince Lutterbie); or MadCon in Madison, Wis. (hosted by Marc Peters et. al.). For details on PoolCon, write to Vince Lutterbie, 1021 Stonehaven, Marshall, MO. 65340. For information on MadCon, contact Marc Peters at 370 North St., Sun Prairie, Wis. 53590. Rumor hath it that both MadCon and PoolCon will be bidding to host the 1992 DipCon at this year's Con.

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HERB BARKENTIS, publisher of BOAST, had an editorial in BOAST #318 (4/23/91), in which he called for future DipCons to be held in association with large gaming cons. Herb's contention is that the Diplomacy hobby would pick up new players for the Postal hobby by exposing more people to Diplomacy tournaments at these events.

I have to disagree with Herb. While it is true that a few new people participated in our DipCon Tournaments when they were held at large conventions, experience showed that most of them were novice or poor players who contributed little to the outcomes. Most were what are called "locals," who just happened to walk in the door and decided to play a game or two. The record will show that very few people introduced to Diplomacy at big gaming cons ever joined the Postal hobby. Almost all of us came in via word of mouth, or articles in THE GENERAL or other print matter (such as the 100-odd Mensans brought into the hobby via the Mensa Diplomacy SIG), or via playing the game in college. Furthermore, we Diplomats were usually in our own little corners at most big cons, but we did not have the friendship and intimacy which we Postal players enjoy at the smaller DipCons and PeeriCons. I vote that we stick to our "small ponds."

ANCIENT EMPIRES III - 1989IR ac10

SPRING 258 B.C.

EGYPTIANS FALL UPON ANTIGONUS. NEW CARTHAGE SUFFERS FROM GAUL STONES. MACEDONIA CIRCLES THE WAGONS.

Chris Pankosky, former ruler of Antigonos, phoned the day after the last Deadline to apologize for dropping out. He said his new job was keeping him too busy, and he wished the new Antigonian ruler the best of luck.

ANTIGONUS (York): (6)	A Caucasus-Dacia. F Euxine (C) A Caucasus-Dacia. A Pontus-Antioch. A Mysia (H). <u>F Crete-Ionian /d/ (Amihilated).</u> <u>F Aegean (S) F Crete-Ionian.</u>
EGYPT (Baty): (10)	A Judea-Syria. A Arabia-Assyria. F Sinai-Levantine Sea. A Thebes-Sinai. F Egyptian Sea-Crete. F Ionian (S) F Egyptian Sea-Crete ((S) not cut per Rule X.8). F Sicily (S) F Ionian. F Aiolian Sea (S) F Sicily. A Utica, A Charax (H).
MACEDONIA (Bargender): (5)	<u>F Athens-Aegean.</u> A Thrace (H). A Chalcydice (S) A Thrace. A Epirus (H). A Sirmium (H).
NEW CARTHAGE (Cheek): (10) (8 units)	F Sardinia-Tyr. Sea. <u>F Rome-Neapolis.</u> <u>A Illyria-Sirmium.</u> <u>A Lusitania-Gaul</u> (blocked by Barbarian A Gaul). A Saguntum-Narbonensis. A Carthago Nova-Saguntum. F Genua-Ligurian Sea. A Aquileia-Alps.
ROME (C.D.) (1)	A Neapolis (H).

WE HAVE A NEW PROPOSAL for a Three-Way Draw between Antigonos, Egypt & New Carthage. Please include your Votes on this with your next season's orders.

PRESS:

ALEXANDRIA to Antioch: Nothing personal, but the Antigonian rulers have taken too many vacations in the past. We have no option but to ensure that all peoples are working hard before we take our last pyramidal trip.

DEADLINE for FALL 258 B.C. will be TUESDAY, June 25, 1991. Telephone deadline is Monday, June 24th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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PERSONAL NOTE: We will be having gallbladder surgery shortly. Fortunately, the new method of doing this operation (laparoscopic) requires only an overnight stay in the hospital, and one is usually up and about after another 3 or 4 days. So, I do not expect to be out of touch for very long. As I type this, I don't know the exact date of the surgery, but I'll leave a space here to insert it, as I expect to hear from my doctor's appointments secretary before I go to press: (Delayed to July 9, 1991.)

In any event, this won't interfere with my presence at ORIGINS in Baltimore or at DipCon in Toronto. I hope that I'll be seeing some of you at one or the other of these events. I'll be GM'ing a small "SkinnyDip" Tournament at DipCon. Some of you may have played this small variant in Baltimore or Fredericksburg or San Diego. It's specifically designed to be a quick game for playing at PTF events where we have only a limited time for play. I'd be happy to know how many of you are planning to attend either - or both - of these events. I no longer play in the main tournaments, but I enjoy the socializing. I'll also be bringing the Hobby Awards plaques to Toronto.

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1991 AWARDS BALLOT

NAME: _____

HOBBY ROLE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Vote for one choice only in each category. The above ID portion MUST be completed. Receipt deadline is July 12, 1991!

1991 DON MILLER AWARD

For service to the hobby;

_____DAVID HOOD: DIPLOMACY WORLD revival and hosting Dipcon '90
_____VINCE LUTTERBIE: For work with orphan service and hosting Poolcon '90
_____TOM NASH: For publishing BTDI and Zine Register
_____PETER SZYMONIK: Pioneer of PBEM
_____CAL WHITE: CDO Coordinator and Northern Flame, #1 in 1990 Runestone Poll

1991 JOHN KONING AWARD

For outstanding play of Diplomacy;

_____GARY BEHNEN: Play by Mail play in 1990
_____KATHY CARUSO: Outstanding stand-by play in 1990
_____STEVE COOLEY: Excellent PTF play in 1990
_____LAWRENCE WATT-EVANS: Solid Play by Mail play in 1990
_____NO AWARD DESERVED THIS YEAR

1991 MELINDA ANN HOLLEY AWARD

For quantity participation in the hobby;

_____JIM DIEHL: In games everywhere
_____MELINDA HOLLEY: GMing, playing, and publishing REBEL
_____VINCE LUTTERBIE: PBM AND Orphan Games participation
_____TOM NASH: Game participation and publishing ZINE REGISTER
_____MICHAEL WADE: GM and plays in many PBEM games

1991 ROD WALKER AWARD


For literary excellence;

_____MARK BERCH: "THE POWER AND THE GLORY" (an analysis of triple alliances) in Vol. 26, #14 of THE GENERAL
_____CHRIS CARRIER: "A VISIT TO SLAPPY'S WORLD, PARTS I & II" (satire on on hobby feuding with an intergalactic touch) in MEGADIPLOMAT
_____GREG MAYNARD: "SUPERMARKET DIP" (comedy of playing/fantasizing Dip in a grocery store) in ONE REGULAR GUY
_____GREG MAYNARD: "I TAUGHT MY KIDS DIP" (comedy on children's activities as compared to a Dip scenario) in MANIAC'S PARADISE
_____PAUL MILEWSKI: "MILEWSKI ON SCORING SYSTEMS" (study and comments on scoring systems in Dip) in BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Return Ballots to: RON CAMERON, 7821 Bouma Circle, La Palma, CA. 90623

* * * Please note C.O.A. for RON CAMERON after May 22nd: 8781 Walker St. # 13, Cypress, CA. 90630 * *
Please vote early! Deadline is July 12th! Publishers are encouraged (begged) to reprint this ballot in their very next issue. Should anyone wish to receive a copy of the articles nominated for the Walker Award, send \$1.00 with your request to RON CAMERON, address above. Winners will receive plaques, nicely engraved, as well as their names on a perpetual plaque. This COSTS MONEY so please accompany your vote with a donation. Never once has this hobby service had to charge a ballot fee or depend on PDO money. That, in itself, is a credit to all of us. Please DONATE!!

The committee this year is to be indeed complimented. They rejected proposals to charge a voters fee, to reduce the final ballot to 3 nominees, (instead of five), and to create a fifth award for non-Diplomacy literary excellence. The committee, I believe, did one hell-of-a job. Comprised of both old and new hobbyists, geographically mixed with combinations of players and publishers, PTFer's, PBMer's and PBEMer's, the hobby is well represented. Hat's off to: Robert Acheson, Gary Behnen, Fred Davis, David Mc Crumb, Cathy Ozog, Garrett Schenck and W. Andrew York. It will be fun to see which of the finest are awarded their due at DIPCON in TORONTO. Hope to see you there!!!

 RON CAMERON, HOBBY AWARDS COORDINATOR

