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An irregularly published newsletter of the American Mensa Postal Diplomacy SIG.

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1. Arnold Vagts is chairman of a Gaming SIG in the Greater Los Angeles area. M's in that area may want to contact Arnold for information about FTF Diplomacy games, or news of other gaming events. You can phone him at (714) 833-9542, or write to him at: 2824 Verano Pl., Irving, Calif. 92715.
2. If you're interested in a play-by-mail game of STARPROBE, contact our CLAW & FANG publisher Don Horton at the address shown on the masthead above. Don also has two more openings left in a Regular Mensa Diplomacy game. \$1.00 + a \$3.00 sub.
3. Bill Young reminds all registrants for the Diplomacy game at the Mensa AG that a \$2.00 deposit is required for all entries. This will be refunded (less pro-rata charge for expenses) when you show up, but will be forfeited if you fail to appear. This is simply to ascertain how many players are coming. So far, five places have been reserved. We expect to have only two boards available, so only 9 vacancies are left. Please send your \$2.00 to Bill at the address shown above.

If 12 people show up, we will play two six-person games. If only ten players appear, we will probably play two 5-Power games. We will try to recruit additional players at the AG to fill the boards, if necessary, but everyone with an advance reservation is assured of a guaranteed place.

4. Robert Stimmel asks if anyone is interested in playing the giant "Colonia" variant Diplomacy game. He suggests writing to the game's inventor for information on game openings. This is: Fred Hyatt (not an M), 400 State St., Boerum Hill, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217. Or, you could contact Bob, so that the names of several M's could be forwarded together, with a request to all be put in the same game. Bob's address: 1541 Sawtelle Blvd., Brooks Hotel, Apt. 12, Los Angeles, Calif. 90025.

5. I have no plans for running "Colonia" in BUSHWACKER, but I can offer positions in future games of "Abstraction" (each Power starts out with 4 units and 8 provinces; Russia with 5 and 10) or "Atlantica II-R" (4 Western European Powers plus Canada, USA and CSA, set in the year 1870). I also need stand-by players in the Mensa Game running therein (United States Diplomacy), and in The Old Timers' Game of Economic Diplomacy IV running therein. (The latter supposedly limited to players 25 and over). Contact me directly for more information.

6. New members: Kathy Taphouse, NavCommSta, Italy, FPO New York 09524
 George Waller-Frye, 134 Spring Hill Rd., Rt. 3, Storrs, Conn. 06268 (Rejoined).

7. In this issue, we continue our compilation of Thumbnail Biographies of SIG members. I enjoyed preparing it. My psychiatrist laughed as he read it. Please excuse me for taking a few slight editorial liberties in reprinting it. This list ought to be helpful to people looking for new friends. Read it carefully, and you'll find that some of us have a lot of common interests. Bridge, chess, Monopoly, tennis anyone? Hope to see some of you at Valley Forge. (If you haven't sent your form in yet, it's still not too late. Final wrap-up will be in the next issue!).

THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES, MENSA DIPLOMACY SIG MEMBERS (Cont.):

KEY: 2. Address. 3. Date of Birth. 4. Marital Status. 5. Occupation or School. 6. Year joined Mensa. 7. Active in Local Group? 8. Isolated M? 9. Mensa Office held? 10a. Year began playing Diplomacy. 10b. Playing Postal Diplomacy. 11. No. of Postal games you're currently in. 12. How did you learn about Diplomacy? 13. Other favorite games. 14. Other major interests. 15. Other comments or remarks.

PAUL HIGHTOWER. 2. 3118 Lamar Dr., Lexington, Ky. 40502. 3. Feb. 3, 1957. 4. Single. 5. High school graduate. 6. 1974. 7. No. 8. No. 9. No. 10a. 1974. 10b. 1974. 11. None (I'm GM'ing two Mensa Postal games). 12. In STRATEGY & TACTICS/ SPI pubs. 13. You name it (& I play it). 14. None in particular.

SCOTT HIGHTOWER. 2. Same as Paul. 3. July 8, 1955. 4. Single. 5. U. of Kentucky student, Math or EE. 6. 1971. 7. No. 8. No. 9. No. 10a. 1972. 10b. 1974. 11. One. 12. From friends. 13. Almost any Simulation game, Chess, Go, other abstracts. 14. Electronics, Model Railroads, Woodworking, Hiking, Camping.

JOHN P. KOENIG. 2. 85-12 60th Rd., Elmhurst, N.Y. 11373. 3. Oct. 12, 1951. 4. Single. 5. Automotive Supply Salesman. 6. 1974. 7. Somewhat active. 8. Yes. 9. No. 10a. 1975. 10b. 1975. 11. None. 12. ISOLATED M ad [for Diplomacy SIG - Ed] 13. Monopoly, Electronic games. 14. Scuba diving, Skiing, Sailing, Skydiving, Shooting. 15. I find so many things interesting, but unfortunately, my present employment restricts my activities considerably.

DAVE REYNOLDS. 2. 3468 Gunston Rd., Alexandria, Va. 22302. 3. 1929. 4. Long-term mutually supportive relationship. 5. Test Engineer, Southern Railway System. 6. 1964. 7. No. 8. No. 9. Was Loc Sec in Columbus, Ohio. 10a. 1974. 10b. 1974. 11. Four. 12. By assiduous study and burning midnight oil. 13. Go, PG. 14. Stimulating conversation; Putting kids through college. Helping to keep those xxx cars on that xx track.

GARY L. SMITH. 2. 124A Broadmeadows Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43214. 3. Feb. 23, 1942. 4. Single. 5. Broadcast technician with WOSU-TV; Also Senior in EE at Ohio State U. 6. 1974. 7. Yes and No. 8. No. 9. No. 10a. 1974. 10b. 1975. 11. One. 12. An article in PLAYBOY magazine [Can anyone furnish us with a copy, or name the issue? - Ed] 13. Bridge, Mah-jong, Aggregations, Monopoly, and most other board and/or card games. 14. Generally, anything and everything.

ROBERT STIMMEL. 2. 1541 Sawtelle Blvd., Brooks Hotel, Apt. 12, L.A., Calif. 90025. 3. Jan. 5, 1926. 4. Single. 5. "Between engagements." 6. 1962 (with two lapses). 7. No. 8. No. 9. No. 10a. 1975. 10b. 1975. 11. One Regular, 4 Colonia variants. 12. In Mensa BULLETIN. 13. Mostly games of my own invention. 14. Medieval genealogy, Astronomy, Music (listening only), History, Economics, Political reform. 15. Hope to become co-author of article on descent of Sergii Saltikov from Genghis Khan. How about a Colonia variant game next? (Similar to Dippy, but 3 or 4 times as large a board).

NORRIS SWAN. 2. P.O. Box 87, Hastings, Nebr. 68901. 3. Jan. 13, 1921. 4. Married. 5. Was in Home Furnishings business. Now in Investments (semi-retired). 6. 1970. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Not in Local Group. Am Chairman of Management Comm. of Mensa Investment National SIG. 10. Just getting started in Diplomacy. 11. None. 12. In the ISOLATED M. 13. Golf, Pilot aircraft. 14. My family. 15. My immediate attention is taken up as Chairman of Area Planning, Zoning, etc., in and around the city of Hastings.

KATHY TAPHOUSE. 2. NavCommSta, Italy, FPO New York 09524. 3. Feb. 14, 1951. 4. Single. 5. U.S. Navy Communications specialist. 6. 1975. 7. What Local Group? 8. Yes. 9. No. 10a. 1976. 10b. 1976. 11. 3 [counting non-Diplomacy games - Ed] 12. Saw ad in Mensa BULLETIN. 13. Scrabble, Chess, cards, Monopoly, Acquire. 14. Reading (esp. historical & political novels), Music, Politics, Puzzles, Psychology, Words. (lover)

ROY A. TAYLOR. 2. P.O. Box 13, Sterling Hghts, Mich. 48178. 3. Sept. 30, 1952.
4. Single. 5. Engineer. Also Engineering major, Oakland University. 6. 1975. 7. No.
8. No. 9. No. 10a. 1974. 10b. 1975. 11. One. 12. Meeting my friends. 13. Chess,
Go. 14. Judo, Fishing, Books.

JUDITH TOUBES. 2. 1449 Tamarind Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028. 3. May 13, 1930.
4. Single. 5. Writer. 6. 1972. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. No. 10a. None. 10b. Still waiting
to join my first game. 11. None. 12. Mensa BULLETIN. 13. Bridge, Chess. 14. Amnesty
International. I also enter contests.

ARNOLD E. VAGTS, JR. 2. 2824 Verano Pl., Irvine, Calif. 92715. 3. March 21, 1941.
4. Single. 5. Ph.D in Psychology (Psychometrics). 6. 1966. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. Co-
ordinator, UCI Gaming SIG. 10a. 1968. 10b. 1969. 11. Seven. 12. I don't remember.
13. Acquire, Shogi, SPI Games. 14. Karate, Handball.

GEORGE WALLER-FRYE. 2. 134 Spring Hill Rd., Rt. 3, Storrs, CT 06268. 3. May 8, 1946.
4. Legally separated. 5. Librarian; Genealogist. 6. 1969. 7. No. 8. Somewhat.
9. No. 10a. 1970. 10b. 1974. 11. None. 12. Through a friend in U.S.A.F. 13. Go,
Risk, Grudge, Bridge, Acquire, Chess, 20 Questions. 14. Genealogy, Volleyball, Colonial
American history, Dialectology, Portuguese, Journalism, Rock & Roll 1954-1964, etc., etc.
15. I am everything and nothing. How about a SIG gamezine, and yearly meetings?

WILLIAM E. YOUNG. 2. P.O. Box 907, Clearfield, Pa. 16830. 3. July 12, 1923.
4. Divorced. 5. Retired Title Abstractor. 6. About 1960. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. No.
10a. 1975. 10b. 1975. 11. Four. 12. Mensa BULLETIN. 13. Golf, Tennis, Chess.
14. Beagling, Hunting. 15. I will run the PTF game at the 1976 AG.

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That's all the returns I have. I decided to run them all in this issue, so you'll
have them all together, which is why you're receiving a most unusual 3-page issue.
(Hope you saved the first part from the last issue).

FYI, we now have 41 members, including 10 from California, 3 each from Maryland, New
Jersey and New York, and 4 from Canada. Six classify themselves as Isolated M's. Only
five of us are married, to the best of my knowledge.

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