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1. This is an official call for Nominations for the offices of Chairman and one Committeeman in the Mensa Diplomacy SIG. Terms of office are for two years, beginning November 1, 1976. (The terms "Senior" and "Junior" Committeeman refer to seniority in office; not specific offices. Thus, any new person elected would become the Junior Committeeman, and Paul Hightower would become the Senior Committeeman.)

Qualifications for Office (Item 7 of our By-laws): "All officers must be current members of American or Canadian Mensa. Candidates for Chairman must have been members of the SIG for at least six months prior to the election."

Please send all nominations to the Election Commissioner, Christopher Pike, 72 Berteau Ave., St. John's, Nfld., Canada A1A 1V8. If more than one person is nominated for either office, Chris will conduct an election by secret ballot. The DEADLINE for nominations is Wednesday, September 1, 1976. You will receive the results of the nominations and ballots (if necessary) directly from Chris Pike.

2. Anyone interested in being the Chairman of this SIG is also requested to let me know, too. I'd be pleased to turn this job over to someone else willing to do the work and send out occasional newsletters. I will run for re-election if there are no other qualified candidates. (Contact me soon; I'll be in Europe most of Sept.)
3. The First Annual Mensa Diplomacy Tournament was played at the Valley Forge A.G. in June. Two games were played in Bill Young's suite; one beginning on Friday morning; the second around 10 p.m. Saturday night. The first game ended in a 3-way draw after I had abandoned my forces (Germany) to take a tour of the Valley Forge State Park, so I can't give you any details. (I can tell you it was hot as blazes in Valley Forge).

The Second Game lineup included the following people: Austria - Steve (?) of N.Y.C., England - Alan Harrod (Pa.), France - Bill Young (Pa.), Germany - Dave Blank (N.J.), Russia - Pete Boton (N.J.), Turkey - Fred Davis (Md.). Italy was originally a 3-person committee including Elaine Brewer and Mark Wellin. Later, Mark took sole command. Also present were Frank Kirschner (Mich.), Mike Kane (N.C.) and sundry assorted persons of both sexes who wandered in and out from time to time, sometimes shaking their heads.

The game endured competition from the Country Music SIG and the Bathtub Stuffing SIG operating in nearby rooms. Austria, Italy and Russia decided to carve me up. I tried to warn Austria of Russia's intentions, but he was blind to the danger until Russia stabbed him. Italy then had a revolution, and the new Premiere agree to work with Germany and me. We had to destroy Austria first, in order to get at Russia. France and Germany had meanwhile annihilated England. By 2 a.m. (Winter 1905), Austria had been wiped out, and the shattered remains of the Russian forces (down to 5 units) looked out over fields covered with millions of their dead, and surrendered. France had also been in on the kill of Russia. I barely survived, with two non-home Centers. The winning alliance was between Germany (13 units) and Italy (7). France (7) was excluded from the draw, since Germany had the final say-so.

Since he had shared in the draw in both games, Dave Blank (Biography below), was officially declared the Mensa In-Person Diplomacy Champion of 1976. This was announced before 500 M's at the Sunday luncheon. Dave has been duely informed that he must fly to San Diego next June to defend his title against the California School of Backstabbing. Californians are warned that they play a tough game of Diplomacy in New Jersey.

We did our best to make Diplomacy the Mensa board game. After the Tournament, luncheon announcement, judicial distribution of SIG newsletters, and the New Jersey Group's color photographs on display just outside the banquet room, almost everyone at the AG must have heard of Diplomacy.

4. New members: William D. Kenney, 1901 Marie Ave., Evansville IN 47711. (812) 425-2549
Karl E. Schuetz, 20 Toledo Way, Willingboro, N.J. 08046. (609) 371-9053

MORE THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES, MENSA DIPLOMACY SIG MEMBERS: (See Jan. or March issue for KEY)

DAVE BLANK. 2. 7 Branch Rd., Oakhurst, N.J. 07755. 3. Jan. 21, 1937. 4. Married. 5. Computer Specialist, Dept. of the Army. 6. Joined Mensa in 1974. 7. Yes. 8. Yes. 9. (Local Office) Game SIG leader. 10a. (Began playing Dippy) 1975. 10b. (Postally) 1976. 11. (No. postal games) One. 12. (learned about Dippy) At North Central N.J. Game SIG. 13. (other games) Scrabble, checkers, croquet, tennis, volleyball. 14. (other major interests) Gardening, travel, camping. 15. Ex-ministerial student, ex-school-teacher. Have lived in/near Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, Columbus, S.C., Jackson, Miss., Hampton, Va., Baltimore, Md. and Los Angeles.

SIDNEY J. JOLLY. 2. 7604 El Cajon Blvd., #5, La Mesa, Calif. 92041. 3. August 1946. 4. Single. 5. Electronics. 6. 1968. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. No. 10a and 10b. 1966. 11. One. 12. Think I read about it in STRATEGY & TACTICS. 13. Chess, PC, many of the Avalon Hill and SPI line. 14. Earning a living (and then some, if possible).

WILLIAM D. KENNEY. 2. 1901 Marie Ave., Evansville, Ind. 47711. 3. Aug. 3, 1957. 4. Single. 5. Graduate student (Math), University of Indiana. 6. 1975. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. No. 10a & b. Just started playing. 11. None yet. 12. Reference in Mensa BULLETIN. 13. Chess, Go, other games requiring intelligence. 14. Math, Roman history, Numismatics, Bowling, Tennis, Getting Gifted students off the bottom of the educational totem pole. 15. I live in Evansville weekends and school holidays, and in Bloomington weekdays; so excuse any delay in mail replies.

DAVID J. ROLFE ("Dave"). 2. 2nd General Hospital, Box 1, APO New York 09180. 3. Feb. 23, 1941. 4. Divorced. 5. Professional Military (Counselor). 6. 1970. 7. NO. 8. Very! (Isolated M). 9. No. 10a. 1976. 10b. Soon as I get settled down. 11. None (when this was written). 12. Through association with wargaming (A-H and SPI). 13. Duplicate Bridge, chess, most A-H and SPI games. 14. People (esp. the opposite sex), travel, good food and wine, Science and technology, U.S. and World politics, writing, sports. 15. I strongly believe in the value of intense competition in a friendly spirit at the highest intellectual level - my reason for joining.

FRANCINE SCHWARTZ. 2. 339 N. Sycamore, Los Angeles, Calif. 90036. 3. June 14, 1945. 4. Single. 5. MSW-Psychiatric Social Worker. 6. 1967. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. No. 10a. 1975. 10b. None. 11. None (when this was written). 12. In Mensa publication. 13. Business, Scrabble. 14. Science fiction, Contemporary literature, Biofeedback, Psychology of Women, Business economics, World affairs, Social ethics (especially eugenics and control of dying).

That's the end of the forms on hand. Any other Members wanting to complete a questionnaire, please ask me for a copy. For the record, Frank Kirschner has now left the SIG, as he's taken a year off to travel around the world.

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