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## CLAW AND FANG DECLARES AN ARMISTICE

Don Horton advises that no new games will be starting in CLAW & FANG for a considerable time, until some of the current games have ended. This probably means that no new All-Mensa games will be starting in CLAW & FANG in 1980. Since the newest such Regular game, Mensa #10, has just gotten under way, I don't know whether any SIG members have written to Don since then asking about joining another game.

I suggest that until further notice, all M's wishing to join a SIG Diplomacy game write directly to me. I will maintain the list on a first-come first serve basis, and will turn said list over to a new GM whenever we get seven people signed up. Don, please forward the names of any SIG members who write to you about an All-M games in C & F to me, including any you may have on file now.

If any SIG members are interested in serving as Gamesmaster for a Mensa SIG game, please let me know. Both Don and I would be glad to help you in getting started. This could be in a zine of your own, or, you could simply run a single game by Xerox or carbon copy. Copies would only have to be sent to your players and stand-bys, plus copies to me and to the Boardman No. Custodian. This would be an opportunity for someone to try running a game to see whether he likes doing so. This offer will also be open to those non-M publishers who receive DIPLOMAG by trade agreement. If you need another game, here is a possibility for you.

While I would prefer to run only variants in BUSHWACKER, it is possible that I might run a Regular game in DIPLOMAG when the Swiss Dip II game herein ends, or gets close to ending. I'd still prefer to run another variant. Let me know if you're willing to play in a variant. In any event, I can always use stand-by players in both the Swiss Dip game here, and in the Dual Space game now starting in BUSHWACKER. The stand-by fee for Swiss Dip is \$2.00. For Dual Space, it's \$3.50. That includes a sub to BUSH for the duration of the game, as well as copies of the rules and map.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST ATTACHED

All SIG members will find a copy of the latest Membership List attached. With one or two exceptions, anyone who didn't pay their SIG dues has been dropped from DIPLOMAG's mailing list. Sorry, you guys; no tickee, no shirtee. Anyone renewing late will find their names added to the bottom of the list, the next time it's reprinted. In the case of players in All-M games, ending SIG membership doesn't affect their status in current games, but makes them ineligible for joining new games in the future.

We have picked up several new members in the past two months, bringing us up to 49 members when the list was compiled. Here are their names. Their addresses and phone numbers will be found in the new Membership List:

Chester L. Evers, III, Thomas A. Faircloth, Joel L. Gannotti, Scott Hanson, Robert A. Koponen, Richard T. Kuszmar, and Darryl Phillips.

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CONVENTION NEWS

The Mensa AG will be held in San Francisco June 26-29. We intend to be there. However, the rates at the Regency-Hyatt House are absolutely ridiculous - \$75./night for a single room! I have booked a room at the Mark Twain Hotel @ \$30.50/night instead. The Mark Twain is at 345 Taylor St., S.F. 94102, two subway stops away from the Regency-Hyatt House. You might want to think of staying there if you attend. If you're planning to attend the AG, please let me know. We might set up a Dippy game in the room which will be reserved for SIG's, and try to pick up some new members.

DIPCON XIII will be held June 6-8, 1980, in conjunction with MichiCon IX at Oakland University, Rochester, Mich. Rochester is just north of Detroit, and due east of Pontiac. Roadmaps show the University located just off of I-75, midway between Pontiac and Rochester. I've written for information on airport connections, motels, dorm space, etc., but have not yet received a reply. I have heard second-hand that the Diplomacy Tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7th. For more info., write to: MichiCon IX, P.O. Box 787, Troy, Mich. 48099. I intend to be there. Please let me know if you're going.

ORIGINS VI has changed both its site location and dates. It will now be held on the weekend of June 27-29, on the campus of Widener College, in Chester, Pa. This is the same location where it was held last year; however, the construction of some new buildings on campus means that the entire con will be held in one area this time. No more having to ride a "bus" (which was usually an Army "2 1/2" truck) to the exhibition area. Unfortunately, this is the same weekend as the Mensa AG, and I'd already paid for my AG reservations, so I won't be able to attend. (ORIGINS was supposed to be held July 18-20, which would have been perfect for me). If any East Coast SIG members are planning to attend Origins instead of the AG, send me your names, and I'll print them here, so you can get together there. For information and/or reservations, write: ORIGINS '80, P.O. Box 139, Middletown, N.J. 07748.

DINKICON will be held in the Los Angeles area, as usual, this Spring. I've misplaced the announcement, so please write to Don Horton for information. This should be of especial interest to California and Arizona players.

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NEW SIG. John R. Seixas, 5415 Scott St., #37, Houston, Texas 77021, is forming a new SIG to play the board game, "World Conquest" by mail. This game was invented by North Texas Mensa, and I saw it in operation at the San Antonio AG in 1975. Although the

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SWISS DIPLOMACY II

FALL 1906

BRITISH TAKE STEPPES TO REDUCE RUSSIA. ITALIANS GIVE SWISS THE WORKS (WITH HELP FROM LONDON). AUSTRIA SLICES TURKEY IN EARLY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION.

- AUSTRIA (Baumeister): A Greece-Bulgaria. A Rumania (S) A Greece-Bulgaria. A Budapest-Serbia. F Aegean-Const. A Vienna-Croatia.  
(6)(5 units)
- ENGLAND (Kenesson): A Paris-Gascony. A Wales embarks on F English Channel, A/F Eng. Channel-Mid-Atlantic, A disembarks Castile. A Berlin-Munich. F Kiel-Berlin. A Burgundy (S) ITALIAN A Lombardy-Geneva. F Sweden-Gulf of Bothnia. F Baltic Sea (S) F Sweden-G of Bothnia. A Finland-St. Pete. A Archangel-Moscow. F Barents Sea-Nrwgn Sea.  
(12)(11 units)
- ITALY (Montgomery): A Lombardy-Geneva. A Zurich (S) A Lombardy-Geneva. A Albania-Tunis. F Ionian (C) A Albania-Tunis (Fast Ferry). A Sahara (S) A Albanic-Tunis. F Rome-Naples.  
(6)
- RUSSIA (Schaller): A Silesia-Munich. A Galacia-Budapest. A Sevastopol-Moscow. A Gulf of Bothnia-St. Pete /d/, (R) to Courland (only sp. open).  
(4)
- SWITZ. (Funkenbusch): A Castile-Marseille. A Geneva (S) ENGLISH A Burgundy-Swabia (NSO), /d/. A Savoy (S) A Geneva. A Algeria boards F Western Med., A/F Western Med-Tyrr. Sea, A disembarks Naples. F's Ligurian Sea & Sardinia (S) A/F W. Med.-Tyrr. Sea. F GofLions-W. Med. A Bulgaria-Serbia /d/, (Annihilated). F Black Sea-Bulgaria (e.c.)  
(8)
- TURKEY (Bapple): A Bulgaria-Serbia /d/, (Annihilated). F Black Sea-Bulgaria (e.c.) F Smyrna-Aegean Sea.  
(3)

PRESS: VIENNA: Sorry, Ed, but as long as I'm still in the game (which might not be too much longer if I continue to miss so many moves, you'll have to fight mighty hard to get beyond Constantinople.

ST. PETERSBURG: Russia seeks peace with his Italian and Turkish neighbors.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART, WINTER 1906: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

- AUSTRIA: Budapest, Vienna, Bulgaria, Greece, Rumania, Serbia, CONST. (7, Build 2) (was 1 short)  
(Room for only 1 build)
- ENGLAND: 3 Home, Belgium, Berlin, Brest, Denmark, Kiel, Holland, Norway, Paris, Sweden, CASTILE (13, Build 2) (was 1 short)
- ITALY: 3 Home, Munich, Zara, Zurich, GENEVA, TUNIS (8, Build 2)
- RUSSIA: 4 Home (4, No change)
- SWITZ.: Morocco, Andalucia, Marseille, Portugal, Sardinia, ~~CASTILE~~, ~~GENEVA~~, ~~TUNIS~~ (5, Remove 3)
- TURKEY: Sinope, Smyrna, ~~CONST.~~ (2, No change) (1 annihilated)

DEADLINE for WINTER 1906 adjustments will be THURSDAY, April 17, 1980. Telephone deadline will be Wednesday, April 16th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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WORLD CONQUEST SIG (Cont.)

designers of this game did not realize it, World Conquest is really a variation (as distinguished from a variant) of Diplomacy. To join the SIG and get the rules, send 45¢ to: World Conquest, P.O. Box 14682, Houston, Texas 77021. We will send them a complimentary copy of DIPLOMAG to see if they wish to Trade.

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MORE DIPLOMACY SIG MEMBER AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

We received six new autobiographies in the past eight months, but one of these was from a person who's no longer a Mensan or SIG member, so we're not printing it. Here are the other five. If you wish to submit one on yourself, please do so.

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. Any Mensa office held? 9a. Have you participated in any Mensa PTF Diplomacy games? 10a. Year began playing Diplomacy. 10b. Began playing Postal Diplomacy. 11. No. of postal games you're in. 12. How did you learn about Diplomacy? 13. Other games you like to play. 14. Other major interests. 15. Remarks. (Note: As some of these forms were completed several months ago, some of the data shown may be obsolete by now.)

VINCENT CHLACHIO. 2. 21 Gov. Winthrop Rd., Somerville, Mass. 02145. 3. May 7, 1952. 4. Married. 5. Information Analyst, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. 6. 1979. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. No. 9a. No. 10a. 1979. 10b. Not yet. 11. None. 12. Saw the game in a store & began reading about it. 13. Card games, Monopoly. 14. Stamps, photography.

TIM DESMOND. 2. 20 Narrows Rd., S., Staten Is., N.Y. 10305. 3. Nov. 2, 1962. 4. Single. 5. High School student, Curtis H.S. 6. 1979. 7. No. 8. No. and Yes. 9. No. 9a. No. 10a. 1979. 10b. Never. 11. None. 12. Avalon Hill's THE GENERAL magazine. 13. Kingmaker, most other games. 14. Basketball, touch football, Styx, Railroads, some girls.

JOSEPH R. MARSHALL. 2. PSC, Box 902, APO New York 09109. 3. 13 Nov 53. 4. Single. 5. S/Sgt., USAF (Inventory Management Specialist). 6. 1979. 7. No. 8. Yes. (In W. Germany). 9. None. 9a. No. 10a. 1972. 10b. Never. 11. None. 12. Friends at Chess club. 13. Chess, Scrabble, Dungeons & Dragons. 14. Psychology, World politics, novels (sci-fi and political). 15. I have only recently been able to play regularly. I expect that my inexperience will show. I hope my APO address is no disadvantage, as I will be unable to telephone my opponents or Gamesmaster.

JOHN MULLER. 2. 3711 Bertrose, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76107. 3. April 8, 1954. 4. Single. 5. Auto parts Purchasing Agent. 6. 1980. 7, 8, 9. N.A. 9a. No. 10a. 1980. 10b. 1980. 11. 0. 12. SIG list in BULLETIN. 13. Stalingrad, etc. 14. Sex, theatre, business.

CORNELIUS VAN DEN HANDLE, III. 2. (just moved to) 1500 Royal Crest, #123, Austin, Tex. 78741. 3. March 1, 1956. 4. Single. 5. Aerospace engineer, for the time being. 6. 1979. 7. Too early to tell. 8. No. 9. No. 9a. No. 10a. 1978. 10b. Not yet. 11. None. 12. I was drafted into a game in a dorm lobby. 13. Bridge, Spades, Jutland, Empire of the Petal Throne. 14. Music, motorcycles, cars, bikes, fencing, tennis. 15. "Army Munich to where?" (or, "As the Knife Turns")

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DIPLOMAG - SWISS DIPLOMACY II GAME REPORT

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SPRING 1906

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Published by Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207. Phone: (301) 747-7248. Calls accepted 7 to 10 p.m. weekdays, and Noon to 10 p.m. weekends, Eastern Time. Players in more than one game being GM'd by me must submit orders for each game on a separate sheet of paper. Minimum size of any card or piece of paper for each game is 3 x 5 inches (i.e., size of a small index card).

ENGLISH MAKE ALL-OUT DRIVE AGAINST RUSSIANS. NEW CZAR CROWNED. THREE POWERS INTERESTED IN MUNICH, BUT NOT FOR A PEACE CONFERENCE. ITALIANS AND SWISS STRIVE TO DETERMINE WHO WILL CALL TYRRHENIAN SEA "MARE NOSTRUM".

AUSTRIA (Baumeister): NMR. A's Vienna, Budapest and Rumania all (H). F Aegean Sea (H). (6)(5 units) A Bulgaria (H), /d/, (R) to Greece, per R.H.R.

ENGLAND (Kenesson): A Liverpool-Wales. F London-English Channel. A Belgium-Burgundy. (12)(11 units) A Paris (S) A Belgium-Burgundy. F Holland-Kiel. F Denmark-Baltic Sea. A Norway-Finland. F Sweden (S) A Norway-Finland. A Berlin-Munich. A Edinburgh boards F Norwegian Sea; A/F Nwg. Sea-Barents Sea; A disembarks Archangel.

ITALY (Montgomery): F Rome-Tyrr. Sea. F Ionian (S) F Rome-Tyrr. Sea. A Sahara-Tunis. (6) A Venice-Lombardy. A Zurich-Geneva. A Zara-Albania.

RUSSIA (~~Turtledove~~) (Schaller): Remove F Sevastopol in WINTER 1905. (4) A Ukraine-Sevastopol. A Silesia-Munich. A Galacia-Silesia. F Gulf of Bothnia-Sweden.

SWITZERLAND (Funkenbusch): F Morocco-Western Med. (We'd called this "A Morocco" by (8) error last time). F Sardinia-Tyrr. Sea. F Ligurian Sea (S) F Sardinia-Tyrr. Sea. F Gulf of Lions-Sardinia. A Algeria-Tunis. A Portugal-Castile. A Marseille-Savoy. A Geneva-Zurich.

TURKEY (Bapple): A Const.-Bulgaria. F Black Sea (S) A Const.-Bulgaria. (3) F Smyrna-Aegean Sea.

No orders were received from Harry Turtledove. Vern Schaller was requested to submit back-up orders for Russia in his role as #1 stand-by, and he did so; therefore, Vern has now taken over Russia. His address: 207 Garfield Ave., Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034.

The only stand-by now left for this game is Jan Luckenbill, who has been missing on his orders on all of his games in all zines I receive lately, so I don't know whether Jan is still in the game. Anyone else want to be a stand-by?

PRESS: ST. PETERSBURG: Russia seeks peace with his Austrian and Turkish neighbors.

BUSHWACKER (MUNICH): Mama mia! We opena da pizza palace in Munich, and everyone comes-a running!

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1906 orders will be TUESDAY, March 18, 1980. Telephone deadline will be Monday, March 17th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

Some people favored, and some opposed combined seasons. Bill Young had the best suggestion when he wrote: "Perhaps an arbitrary rule such as 'Winter and Spring seasons will be combined whenever the Builds + Removals = less than X.' 'X' would vary according to number of players/Centers in your various games." If I were to do this for Swiss Dip, I'd set X as 7 (i.e., combined only when builds/removals total 6 or less). OK?

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