

MENSA DIPLOMACY SIG NEWS

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1. We have been reminded by the American Mensa Committee that all game SIGs, such as ours, should be careful to respect the copyright rules relating to our games. Accordingly, from now on we should include the following phrase in any of our publications: Diplomacy is a registered trademark for a game Copyright by Games Research, Inc., 500 Harrison St., Boston, Mass. 02118.
2. We attended the San Antonio AG, where Bob McElroy had a Diplomacy board on display, and we put out a spread of sample Diplomacy 'zines and a big pile of Issue #6 of this newsletter. We also had entry blanks for M's interested in joining the SIG. I'm pleased to report that the newsletters and applications went like the proverbial hot cakes. However, one month after the AG was over, no applications have come in from that source. (O.K., you win some; you lose some).
3. We discovered a meeting announcement for the "World Conquest SIG" at the AG. We attended, and discovered that what the learned gentlemen had invented, although they did not know it, was a very special Diplomacy variant, involving some of the features of Hypereconomic Diplomacy in a face-to-face game. World Conquest is a variant without a board, in that every country can be assumed to be occupying a single "space", and every country (the number can vary from four to eight) borders on every other Power. They had not developed plans for postal play as yet, but I believe that this will be inevitable when word of their game gets out. If you are interested in more details, write to Michael Powney, c/o "World Conquest, P.O. Box 3733, Irving, Texas 75061." I believe a complete set of the rules and game kit costs \$10.00.
4. Five people have paid their money and are ready to go in a battle of United States Diplomacy in BUSHWACKER. Two more players are needed. Since no further Mensa names have come in, I've been forced to open the game up to non-Mensans. However, in the event of simultaneous receipt of interest statements, Mensans will receive priority. Game fee is \$7.00, which includes a subscription to BUSHWACKER for the duration of your game, as well as copies of the maps & rules.
5. Only one person has indicated interest in serving as Junior Commissioner of the SIG. This is the incumbent, Paul Hightower. Since the deadline for nominations was August 1st, I am going to declare the nominations closed, and Paul Hightower re-elected by acclamation, to a two-year term beginning November 1, 1975.
6. We attended the ORIGINS I Convention in Baltimore over the weekend of July 25-27th. Met member David Carawan there, as well as several of my BUSHWACKER subscribers. David will have a Diplomacy Demonstration Night for Virginia and Washington, D.C. area Mensans in September. If you'd like to be on his invitation list, write to him at 5916 Dinwiddie St., Springfield, Va. 22150. If you'd like to read my review of ORIGINS, send me a 10¢ stamp, and I'll mail you a copy of my August BUSHWACKER.
7. Thanks to those people who've donated \$1.00 or more toward the cost of mailing this newsletter. Wouldn't the rest of you like to contribute?
8. New member: Norris Swann, PO Box 87, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.

Till next time,

Fred
Chairman