

MENSA DIPLOMACY SIG NEWS

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1. We plan to have a Diplomacy game at the Philadelphia AG next June. Most of the SIG members who responded to the questionnaire said that they preferred to have such a game there rather than at the DipCon or other wargaming convention. Bill Young will be the coordinator for this game, which will be held at night after all the official events are over. The Philadelphia AG will be held from Friday, June 25th, through Sunday, June 27, 1976. See the upcoming issues of the Mensa BULLETIN for details on registration costs and the location of the hotel.

Canadian members are most welcome to attend the United States AG. If you do not have information on the Philadelphia AG and plan to come, please contact me next January, and I'll send you the info. then.

California and other Western M's may find Philadelphia a bit too far to come. If you want to hold a mini-con in your area to select a Western Mensa Diplomacy Champ, we'd be delighted to give you publicity here. Perhaps you could get 7 players to put up a jackpot to finance sending the game's winner to Philly to challenge we effete Easterners. Incidentally, San Diego, California seems to have the inside track for the 1977 AG, so the shoe may be on the other foot then.

If you want to make advance reservations to play in the 1976 Mensa AG Dippy game, send your name and address to: William Young, P.O. Box 907, Clearfield, Pa. 16830.

2. Mensa Game #5 has begun in the pages of CLAW & FANG. It has been assigned the Boardman No. 1975 HG, and is being Gamesmastered by Paul and Scott Hightower, 3118 Lamar Dr., Lexington, Ky. 40502.
3. Mensa Variant Game #1, United States Diplomacy II, will begin in the pages of my BUSHWACKER shortly. There will be five duespaying M's and two other people of Mensa caliber in the game, which has been assigned Miller No. 1975 BBgv. We still have a need for some stand-by players. (\$3.50 fee, which includes a set of rules).
4. We have had a large influx of new members. Hope to have a new game for you soon. Here are our newest members:

David P. Blank, 7 Branch Rd., Oakhurst, N.J. 07755
Don Dewsnap, 711 Leavenworth St., #42, San Francisco, Calif. 94109
John L. Dutcher, 753 Third Ave., San Bruno, Calif. 94066.
Stephen Merrill, P.O. Box 2696, Tampa, Fla. 33601
Ken Sanford, 8020 Lakecrest Dr., Greenbelt, Md. 20770
N. S. Scheld, 116 Oak St., Flora, Ill. 62839
Francine Schwartz, 339 N. Sycamore, #1, Los Angeles, Calif. 90036
Gary L. Smith, 124-A Broadmeadows Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43214
Arnold E. Vagts, Jr., 2814 Verano Pl., Irvine, Calif. 92664

5. My thanks to those of you who sent in completed questionnaires on your backgrounds and interests. We'll start printing some of these next issue. Now, I'll also appreciate it if those SIG members who haven't already done so will contribute \$1.00 apiece to help finance the cost of this newsletter.

6. We regret to report that Joe Antosiak has dropped both his publication, ANSCHLUS, and his Mensa membership. Accordingly, we have had to drop his name from the rolls of our SIG. Other members are reminded that anyone who lets his national membership lapse will be dropped from the SIG six months later, although this will not affect their status in any games they're playing in.

7. There was an in-person Mensa Diplomacy game held at David Carawan's home in Springfield, Virginia on October 4th. Six other M's from Virginia and Maryland came for the event, which was aimed at novice players. I GM'd the game, which was played with six Powers (Germany deleted). Since we got started very late, and 5 of the 6 players were novices, we only played through Fall 1904. The English-French-Russian alliance, with 18 Supply Centers, was declared the victor over the Austrian-Turkish combine with 14 Centers. England, with 10 units, was the biggest Power on the board, with Turkey running a close second with 9. Italy, which had not taken sides, was down to 2 units and fading fast.

David was encouraged to hold another in-person game two weeks later. I was unable to attend, but understand that the attendance was better, and perhaps a few more Metropolitan Washington Mensans have been addicted into the Diplomacy hobby.

8. The Canadian Postal Strike was still going on when this was written. Copies of this issue going to Canadians will be held and mailed when the embargo is lifted.

9. We had hoped to have more news of new Mensa games openings for you by now, but we can't wait any longer to go to press (it's been three months since the last issue). As soon as I learn the who and when of new Mensa games, we'll notify those of you who are still waiting to get into a game.

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