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1. The Canadian Postal Strike caused havoc to a lot of postal games, including some Mensa games. Things are now back to normal, we hope.
2. In New Jersey, an in-person Diplomacy group has been established, headed by David Blank, 7 Branch Rd., Oakhurst, N.J. 07755. (That's near Asbury Park). All New Jersey and N.Y.C. M's interested in playing Diplomacy are invited to contact him for information. They are going to hold a 7-game Round Robin tournament to determine the Diplomacy Champ of New Jersey Mensa. The winner will represent their DipSIG at the 1976 AG.
3. In Virginia, David Carawan, 5916 Dinwiddie St., Springfield 22150, will hold in-person games for interested M's in Maryland, Washington and Virginia. Write him.
4. More Mensa game openings (Regular games) are now available in the pages of Don Horton's CLAW & FANG. Write directly to Don (address above) for information on game fees, House rules, etc. I can now recommend C & F even more heartily, since it has gone to a monthly format, allowing more time for Diplomatic correspondence. My own BUSHWACKER can still use stand-by players for the United States Diplomacy variant (Played on a map of North America). Stand-by Fee is \$3.50.
5. Correction: The 1976 Mensa AG will actually be held in Valley Forge, about 20 miles from Downtown Philadelphia. For those arriving in Philly by train or plane, we understand that there is regular bus service to the area from Center City. Valley Forge is not shown on many maps. The nearest large town is Norristown. (Use Pennsylvania Tpk. Exit 24, if you're driving).
6. The 1976 DiploCon (the big meeting of the Postal Diplomacy hobby, plus the annual Business Meeting of the International Diplomacy Assn.) will be held on the campus of Johns Hopkins University here in Baltimore, in connection with Avalon Hill's ORIGINS II Convention. This will be either on the weekend of July 23rd or July 30, 1976. We hope some of you will take the opportunity to visit Beautiful (?) Baltimore. Note: JHU is outside of the High Mugging Zone. Sleeping accommodations will be available on campus for people registered for ORIGINS II.
7. Mensa Game #2, 1974 CV, has ended in CLAW & FANG with a victory for Robert Wartenberg - ENGLAND - in Fall 1911. Alas, Bob is no longer a Mensa member.
8. A complete new Membership List is attached to this issue. (Had to do something with my time during the strike). Telephone numbers are shown where known. Please keep this list with your permanent records.
9. The Thumbnail Sketches begin on the other side of this page. Members who haven't returned their questionnaires are urged to do so. Forms are enclosed for new members. Keep those cards and letters coming, folks!

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THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES, MENSA DIPLOMACY SIG MEMBERS:

KEY: 2. Address. 3. Date of Birth. 4. Marital Status. 5. Occupation or School. 6. Yr Joined Mensa. 7. Active in Local Group? 8. Isolated M? 9. M Office held? 10a. Yr 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.

ANNE BURT. 2. (See attached, this issue). 3. Aug. 5, 1928. 4. Single. 5. Elementary school teacher. 6. 1973. 7. No. 8. No. 9. No. 10a. 1975. 10b. 1975. 11. One. 12. Read about it. 13. Backgammon, Scrabble, Monopoly, cards, etc. 14. All outdoor activities, People (all aspects); New ideas; Music. 15. I appreciate direct & honest communication, non-hypocrisy, capacity for objectivity, non-judgmentality, and I hope I reflect these qualities.

DAVE CARAWAN. 2. (Attached). 3. Oct. 20, 1937. 4. Married. 5. U.S. Navy, Detailer (Order writer for specific technical ratings). 6. 1974. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. Art Editor, CAPITAL M. 10a. 1971. 10b. 1971. 11. 2. 12. Forget..13. Most: Avalon Hill, Go, Wff 'N Proof, Acquire, Dungeons & Dragons. 14. Mensa, Drawing/cartooning, Classical Guitar, People, Electronic music, Pipe collecting & Smoking, Psychology (Sleep/dreaming).

FRED DAVIS. 2. (Attached). 3. June 1, 1930. 4. Married. 5. Disability Claims Examiner, Social Security Admin. 6. 1964. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. Local Secretary, Maryland Mensa. 10a. 1968. 10b. 1968. 11. Two. 12. From a fellow Md. Mensan. 13. Monopoly, Naval War games, Backgammon, Scrabble. 14. Railroads & Mass transit, Politics, Astronomy, Science Fiction, Geography, Travel, ZPG. 15. Too many irons in the fire. I think Diplomacy is a great game because I get to meet such interesting pen pals.

DON DEWSNAP. 2. (Attached). 3. Nov. 5, 1950. 4. Single. 5. Accountant. 6. 1975. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. San Francisco Membership Comm. 10a. 1975. 10b. 1975. 11. Two. 12. In INTELLIGENCER (S.F. Mensa newsletter). 13. Chess, Go, Poker, Bridge, anything. 15. I'm laconic.

FRANK KIRSCHNER. 2. (Attached). 3. Feb. 3, 1947. 4. Divorced. 5. Electronics Engineer. Also college student, Major: Psychology. 6. 1964. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. Editor of Western Michigan Newsletter to 10/75, Loc Sec as of 10/75. 10a. 1970. 10b. 1972. 11. One. 12. Dragged into an In-person game by friends. 13. Chess. 14. Reading almost anything, Science Fiction in particular. Writing. Arguing. 15. I am what I am. You make your own opinions.

CHRISTOPHER PIKE. 2. (Attached). 3. Nov. 27, 1957. 4. Single. 5. College student, Biology major. 6. ? 7. No local group here. 8. Yes. 9. N.A. 10a. 1975. 10b. 1975. 11. Two. 12. In MC<sup>2</sup> (Canadian Mensa magazine). 13. ? 14. Canadian & NFLd. politics, Youth Parliament of NFLd., Stamp collecting, Biology & associated topics.

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