

DIPPY

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WE HOPE you all had a marvelous holiday season, got all you wanted for Christmas, and enjoyed a moist but safe and happy New Year. Both holidays were normal work days for us; that's life. We intend to enjoy ourselves later on this month when we soak up some sun in Jamaica. But because we'll be there during what would be the usual DIPPY deadline week, we'll have to extend by one more week one more time. All deadlines for these games, then ~~we~~ will be January 30th, 1985, the mail delivery thereof.

DIPPY Game #24, the Mays, 1984F, Winter, 1905:

France (Philip Redmond): Builds F BRE...Also has A EDI, A LON, F ENG CH, F ION, F TYRR, F TUN, A MUN, A BUR, A PIC

Germany (Neil Kiersz): No change...Has A BEL, A HOLL, A KIEL, F NWY, A FIN, F NTH, A BER

Italy (Joel Klein): No change...Has F NAP, A TYRO, A VEN, A VIE

Russia (Tan Winberg): Builds F STP NC...Also has A MOS, A LVN

Turkey (Daniel W Wallick): Builds F SMY, A CON...Also has A BUD, A SFR, F TRI, F ADR, F GRE, F AEG, A SEV, A ARM

Standby: John Stewart

DEADLINE for Spring, 1906 orders is mail delivery of Weds, Jan 30, 1985

Press: none

DIPPY Game #25, the Orwell, 1984AK, Fall, 1904:

Last time we neglected to print a Russian order, to wit: A RUM, unordered, H. Our ~~apit~~ apologies...

Austria-Hungary (Ronala Kelly): A TRI sup Turkish a bud
CONTROLS: tri-1--No change.

England (Tom Slaughter): f eng ch retreats to MID... f mid-PORT; f lvp h/DISLODGED, must retreat to wales or oth; f edi-CLY
CONTROLS: edi, port-2--Minus one unit

France (John Stewart): A BEL-ruhr; A BUR-ruhr; a pic-LVP; F ENG CH con a pic-lvp; F IRI con a pic-lvp; F N ATL sup a pic-lvp

CONTROLS: bre, mar, par, bel, spa, lvp --6--No change.

Germany (Tom Luttrell): f den-HELGO; A HOLL-bel; A SIL-mun; A BOH sup a sil-mun; A MUN-bar; A RUHR sup a mun-bur

CONTROLS: ber, kiel, mun, ~~den~~ den, holl, swe--6-- No change.

Italy (Terry M Lacheik): A VEN-tyro; A VIE sup a ven-tyro; A TYRO-mun; F TUN H; F TYRR H

CONTROLS: rap, rome, ven, tun, vie--5--No change.

Russia (Neil Kiersz): F NTH sup a lon; A LON H; F SEVASTOPOL sup a ukr-rum; a rum-~~ed~~/DISLODGED, destroyed; A GAL sup a rum-bud; A UKR-rum

CONTROLS: mos, ser, sev, war, nwy, lon --6--Add one unit

Turkey (Philip Redmond): F ARM-sev; a bul-RUM; F BLACK sup a bul-rum; A BUD sup a bul-rum; a gre-SER; F AEG H

CONTROLS: ank, con, any, gre, bul, ser, bud, rum --8--Add 2 units

Standby: Nicholas Mahos

DEADLINE for Winter, 1904 adjustments is mail delivery of Jan 30, 1985

Press:

(ENGLISH) ~~M~~ WALES (Jumer's in Galesburg Il) to Moscow: I've survived an end of the year business crises and am at your beck and call. Soon as I get home I'll write--let 's rake some play.

M O R E

TURKISH TIMES—Bitter fighting has broken out in Bulgaria once again. Bulgarian Guard units loyal to Sultan Ali Redmond have stormed Russian positions, with cries of "no prisoners" filling the air. At presstime, no confirmed reports of victory or defeat are available.

DIPPY Game #26, the Faustus, 1984HE, Fall, 1902:

Austria-Hungary (Terry Lachcik, 13357 Mackinaw Ave, Chicago, Ill 60633): a bud-RUM
A SER sup a bud-rum; F GRE sup Turkish f con-bul sc; A TRI sup a vie-tyro; A VIE-tyro
CONTROLS: Vie, bud, tri, ser, gre, rum —6—Add one unit

England (Frank Kuzniar, 17315 Holmes, Hazel Crest, Ill 60429): F STP NO H;
A BEL H; F NTH sup a bel; f lon-WALES

CONTROLS: lon, lvp, edi, nwy, bel ~~MM~~ stp —6—Add 2 units

France (David Scharnhorst, 7135 Bruno, Maplewood, Mo 63143): A BUR-bel; a port-SP
f bre-ENG CH; f spa sc-MID; f mid- N ATL
CONTROLS: bre, mar, par, spa, port—5—No change

Germany (Nick Vlahos): a A BER sup a mun-sil; a mun-SIL; a kiel-MUN; a holl-RUHR;
f den-SWE

CONTROLS: ber, kiel, mun, den, holl, swe —6—Add one unit

Italy (Dwayne Shreve, 204 N Gray Ave, Colonial Hgts, Wilmington, Del 19805):
A TYRO sup French a bur/IMPOSSIBLE: A VEN sup a tyro; f ion-AEGEAN; f tun-ION

CONTROLS: nap, rome, ven, tun —4—No change

Russia (Greg Doyle, 18 Longmeadow Dr, Canton, Mass 02021): NMR(1): a sil h/DIS-
LODGED, must retreat to pru, war, gal, boh or otb; a sev h/DISLODGED, must retreat
to ukr, mos or otb; a rum h/DISLODGED, must retreat to gal, ukr or otb; f bul ec h/
DISLODGED, must retreat to black or otb; F BOT H

CONTROLS: war, mostow—2—Minus 3 units

Turkey (Dan Winsberg, 4650 Linden Ave, Glenview, Ill 60025): f con-BUL SC;
f black-SEV; A ARM sup f black-sev

CONTROLS: ank, con, say, bul, sev —5—Add 2 units

Standby: Ronald Kelly

DEADLINE for Winter, 1902 adjustments is mail delivery of January 30, 1985

Press:

(GERMAN) To All: Please, no mail until after 1/13/85, I will be away.

MARSEILLES—In a development stunning even for the turbulent world of French politics, former Foreign Minister David Scharnhorst has returned from exile to form a new government of national unit. The mysterious Fritz Maxler has fled the capital and has reportedly crossed the border into Switzerland. Before boarding the train for Paris, Mons. Scharnhorst told a crowd of jubilant citizens, "I love Paris in the Springtime, but you can have Elba in the fall."

DIPPY Game #27, the Eco

- 1) Ronald Kelly
- 2) Ron Krukowski
- 3) Joel Klein
- 4) Dwayne Shreve
- 5) Frank Kuzniar

6-7) ??? Sign up now! Game fee is \$5 plus a continuing sub to this rag, and please include a country preference list. Until next time,

Nashledanou,

Oscar Twiddle, GM

A TALE OF TWO HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS

by Irving Washington
"And God bless us
every one..."

STAH readers, by and large enjoyed a happy Christmas in 1984. Gifts good will and cheer seemed to flow in abundance...perhaps even in excess when you consider some of the items that were among the Christmas gifts of the year:

--the absolute tackiest gift was received by Rich King. The White Sox game him a telephone...shaped like three baseball bats standing on end with a baseball atop the handles. I think you listened to the baseball and talked into one of the bats, or at least that was the idea that King so tastefully put aside...

Other Christmas gifts of note include a record album for Jim Benes: "Historic Organs of Czechoslovakia" it's called. Benes also received a book that will certainly see use in the UBA and TBA. It's entitled "Remarkable Names of Real People." Among the selections: Basil Crapster (Princeton '41) Grecian T Snooze (Australian U '50) and Preserved Fish Jr of New Bedford, Mass.

John Stewart reports he hasn't done too well in the Bible Trivia game he and his wife got for their kids.

Jim Gillespie motored to Columbus for the (See CHRISTMAS, page 2)

A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Lose (and the winner of our annual contest is Jim Gillespie, who submitted this actual slip-of-the-tongue of a telethon hostess (for the United Negro College Fund) and edged out stiff competition from Bob Osuch...)

QUOTABLE: "Electric chair don't worry me, man. I have a lot of pride. I don't run from nothing"--Robert Lee Willie, 26, before his execution in the Louisiana electric chair...

KALDENAR: January 6 is the birthday of both Ron & Gail Gorski (now that's togetherness!); January 13 is oldtime radio day at the Chicago Historical Society...

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE STAR:
--Tom Eng and Jim Benes held what is rapidly becoming a New Year's tradition, an inter-year telephone call, Benes talking from the American Real Time Zone in the heartland of the nation to Eng who is stuck in the Pacific Pseudo Time Zone. (This year, Benes didn't call Eng until late New Year's Day. Instead of talking to a real live person, all he heard on the other end of the line was some machine going on for what seemed like hours talking about all the various and sundry races Eng supports. There oughta be a law that people with long messages on their answering machines pay for long distance calls, don't you think?) In 1979-80, Eng predicted that Doug Durham would be cited by a judge for using predictable language, and that Alan Peters would move into his own apartment, predictions that rank Eng right up there with Irene Hughes, don't you know...

--Holiday highlights included Jim Benes Sr opening a Christmas package and discovering a flannel shirt just like the one he was then wearing. Said son Len, "Well at least the new one is clean." (See FIVE YEARS AGO, page 2)

NEW YEARS

by Herb Cohn

This was more like April Fool's Day. Just as Chicagoans were celebrating the arrival of 1985, so was Mother Nature giving the city its first major winter storm of the season. And thus the ambience of evergreens and bright lights was replaced by car window wash. Yeah!

Phil Rogers reported he got about 2 inches up in Skokie, that the weight of the snow (this was a heavy, wet storm) knocked down a tree in his front yard. Rogers and his better half, Karen Hand, spent the Eve with a WBBM-FM crew at Faces on the northside doing some kind of radio thing. Have you heard about it Faces? Technician Al Rosen described it as really interesting, "there are two kinds of people there," said he, "either screaming homosexuals... or people who can make you sleep with the fishes."

Anyway, after the hoopla at Faces Ms Hand nearly gave Jim Benes a heart attack in the WBBM AM newsroom. Benes had just gotten off the phone at 2:50 am New Year's morn with a caller who was obviously drunk and complaining about the treatment he was receiving at the Glencoe PD (isn't that near where Dave Skaja is a cop?) when Ms Hand snuck into the newsroom and let go with a blare from her New Year's horn. You (See NEW YEARS, p 2)

LETTERS

Miss Agnes McHolstein
69 Cash Ave
Beaver Valley, Colo
Dec 14, 1984

Dearest John,

I went to the door today and the postman delivered a partridge in a pear tree. What a thoroughly delightful gift. I couldn't have been more surprised.

With deepest love & affection,
Agnes

Miss Agnes McHolstein
69 Cash Ave
Beaver Valley, Colo
Dec 15, 1984

Dearest John,

Today the postman brought your very sweet gift. Just imagine—two turtle doves! I'm delighted at your very thoughtful gift. They are just adorable.

All my love,
Agnes

Miss Agnes McHolstein
69 Cash Ave
Beaver Valley, Colo
December 16, 1984

Dear John,

Oh! Aren't you the extravagant one! Now I really must protest. I don't deserve such generosity—three French hens. They are just darling but I must insist—you've been too kind.

Love,
Agnes

Miss Agnes McHolstein
69 Cash Ave
Beaver Valley, Colo
Dec 17, 1984

Dear John:

Today the postman delivered 4 calling birds. Now, really, they're beautiful but don't you think enough is enough? You're being too romantic.

Affectionately,
Agnes

Miss Agnes McHolstein
69 Cash Avenue
Beaver Valley, Colo
Dec 18, 1984

Dearest John,

What a surprise! Today the postman delivered 5 golden rings, one for every (See LETTERS, page 3)

FIVE YEARS AGO (continued from page one)

Ron Gorski embarrassingly calling for a plunger from inside the WC at his Uncle Chet's Christmas party...

Andi Wiley proudly beating her new Backgammon Challenger game and then watching as it destroyed the Gork who complained that the computer cheated him...

—Insprotz, Nevada had the best record in the TBA, 10-0...

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almost had to scrape Benes off the ceiling after that...

Hand, Rogers, Benes and his lovely and long suffering wife Andi were just four of the 35 people who attended the annual bash at the Benes/Wiley estate; this year's was held on Dec 29th...did you know that the B/W's have champagne bottles presented to them years ago (probably 1978) still in their basement wine cellar?

Anyway this year's was a rather subdued affair compared to some of the other's held at the old farm house. Some of the best party people weren't there, like Ron Gorski, who was dragged off to another family get together ("we're seeing the same people for the sixth week in a row, and after not seeing them all year, what more can you say by the sixth time?" quoth he of candor) and Mary Novak, mistress par excellence of Trivial Pursuit. Unfortunately her mother has been ailing and Mary had to stand by the bedside. Hope all is better, Mary. Just to show you how subdued it was, the bash broke up at 1:15 am, which is about two hours earlier than usual...

Do you have any New Year's traditions you observe? In the Wiley family it's always been red beans-and-rice on New Year's Day, a little soul in the new year. And it's not bad stuff, actually...

CHRISTMAS (continued from page one)

holiday. He, by the way, still is in the market for a new job. Recently Andi Wiley suggested that he consider putting his stentorian tones to work as a broadcast announcer. He's pondering that alternative along with a move downtown to lower Wacker Drive...where he'll fit in nicely...be close to work...and be able to find social life ~~xxx~~ among the parked cars...

Also looking for a job...but more importantly back in the USA to stay...is Ranjit Chatterjee, erstwhile linguist and former Czech teacher of Janet Sted.

BASKETBALL: THE TBA TODAY
 Standing of the Clubs

SKYLINE	ROUNDTABLE	FRONTIER
Hins 6-4	Bgk 9-3	Cvl 8-1
Nap 7-6	All 9-3	JH 6-5
Whse 5-7	Mhk 6-6	Nev 5-6
DP 5-11	Tsn 0-11	Aug 4-6

CUTS 'N CLAIMS: NEVADA claims Gzurko

Kwiatowski

TBA ROUNDUP

OSUCH WINS WEEENIE AWARD AT HOLIDAY TOURNEY

by Joe de la Strappe

NAPERVILLE--Bob "Mr Courtesy" Osuch was a no-show at the annual Naperville Holiday TBA-a-thon held in his honor. The spunky Arizonan told host Ron Gorski he'd "be there by 8 in the morning to play our first game." Chuckling 4 1/2 hours later, Bob discovered how to use a telephone and let his host and fellow TBA members know he was obviously late. The host thought to himself, "Gee, if only I didn't wake up at 7 in the morning to clean-up the house and get ready for our first game against the Parrots. Golly, that Bob's a riot." Laughingly Ron didn't complain and nary another word was mentioned about the lovable Bobster.

Those who did show included Dave Skaja and chauffeur Virg Wilson, and the Bobbsy twins...Rich Mylak and his best friend, Jack Frost.

In games played, Jackson Hole scored an all-time high against the hapless Eagle Dancers, with six Dudes in double figures.

Hattiestburg and JH	35	36	33	33	- 137
Alliance split a Tsn	18	31	22	24	- 95

home-and-home series, with the Heretics winning it in overtime, 126-120. The Screaming Eagles came back to win game #2 by 3: All 28 22 31 29 10 - 120

A series of injuries and a fist-fight marred the second meeting between the Dudes and the Suns this year, with Naperville coming out on top by 9. When the dust cleared the Sols had overcome a 10 point halftime Jackson Hole lead despite being outboarded by 22: Nap 19 25 33 33 - 110

The Heretics, meantime, found easy pickin's as Tucson JH 26 23 19 23 - 101

invaded the Heretic-Dome. While Tim Buck lead everybody with 28 points, it was the twin towers of Gil Roller and Ivan Moroz that not had 43 tallies between them, and that sounded the death-knell for the winless Eagle Dancers, who are getting tired of dancing to everyone else's tune!

Naperville was next for the high-steppers, and they rolled over again, this time by 24 points. Brookston Fowler lead everybody with a career high 31 tallies: Tsn 19 25 29 21 - 94

The Eagle Dancers played very tough at Alliance, one of the snakepits of the league. The Eagle Dancers had one bad quarter, and the opportunistic Screaming Eagles took advantage to ice the contest after 3 quarters. Hat 39 40 31 31 - 142

(MORE TBA NEXT WEEK)

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finger. You're just impossible, but I love it. Frankly, all those birds squawking were beginning to get on my nerves.

All my love,
 Agnes

Miss Agnes McHolstein
 69 Cash Valley
 Beaver Valley, Colo
 Dec 19, 1984

Dear John:

When I opened the door there were actually 6 geese a-laying on my front steps. So you're back to the birds again, huh? Those geese are huge. Where will I ever keep them? The neighbors are complaining and I can't sleep through the racket.

Please stop.

Cordially,
 Agnes

(TO BE CONTINUED, NEXT WEEK)

RUNNING: ENG FINISHES SECOND IN NEW YEAR'S RACE

NOVATO, CALIF, Jan 1--Tom Eng finished second early this morning amid a group of several hundred runners who actually ran a foot race at the stroke of midnight and the arrival of the new year. The race is called something like "The Hangover Special," and one speculates that one must be heavily involved in drink in order to enter such an enterprise at such a time. Think of it: instead of New Year's champagne, it's New Year's sweat!

All 28 22 31 29 10 - 120
 Hat 38 24 23 25 16 - 126

Hat 24 31 31 18 - 104
 All 32 39 13 23 - 107

Nap 19 25 33 33 - 110
 JH 26 23 19 23 - 101

Tsn 19 25 29 21 - 94
 Hat 39 40 31 31 - 142

Nap 47 30 28 27 - 132
 Tsn 35 25 31 17 - 108

Tsn 36 23 12 27 - 98
 All 36 27 21 34 - 118