

DIPPEY

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continuing subscription to this rag, either weekly or tri-weekly at the rate of
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DWAYNE SHREVE reports that using LTRs (whatever they are) he has determined that the
top five area face-to-face DIPLOMACY players are Jack Frost, Bob Osuch, Shreve,
Eric Ozog, and Konrad Baumeister. Shreve says he's one of four persons who are try-
ing to organize a local DIPLOMACY newsletter. If you're interested, contact Dwayne
at 5850 West Race Ave, Chicago 60644.

ERIC OZOG report ~~x~~ there will be a face-to-face game at his house, ~~1527~~ 1526 N Lawler
today, May 4th at 11 am. For more information, contact Eric at 237-4650.

X BOB SERGEANT has resumed publication of his excellent SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.
For information, contact Bob at 3242 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224. It
looks like a really good publication, and I know Bob will be a conscientious GM.

DIPPEY Game #14, the Banks, 1978HU, Winter, 1909:

Austria-Hungary (Bob Sergeant): Builds F TRI. Also has A TYRO, F ION, A PRU,
A MUN, A BOH, A MAR, A ROME, A APU, A SFR, A CON, F W MED, F LYON

England (Jack Frost): no change. Has F POR

Germany (Richard Coldberg): removes a mun...Builds A KIEL. Also has F MID,
F NMG, F SKA, F NTH, A DEN, A RUR, A RUHR, F DAL

Italy (John C Robinson): a mar retreats to GAS...removes a nap. Also has F SPA SC

Russia (Ronald Kelly): no change. Has A SIL, F NWY, F BOT, A WAR, F TYRR, A SWE,
A FIN, A LVN

Standby: Cheek

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Press: none

DIPPEY Game #15, the Mikulaš, 1979F, Winter, 1907:

England (Michael McGreevy): no change. Has F BAR, A STP, F BAL, F NTH, A KIEL,
A RUHR, A DUR, A PIC, F ENG CH, F TYRR, F SPA SC, F LYON

France (Robert Cheek): Builds A PAR. Also has A BREST, F MARSEILLES

Italy (Ronald Kelly): no change. Has F TUNIS

Russia (Douglas Casper): Builds A SEV, ~~XXX~~ A WARSAW. Also has A BERLIN, A SIL,
A PRU, A MUN, A MOS, A LVN

Turkey-Freedomia (Mark E May): no change. Has A PIE, A VEN, ~~KXX~~ F NAPLES, F APU,
F ION, F E MED, F AFG, A SMY, A TYRO, F GRE

Standby: Oaklyn

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Press:

TURKEY TO ITALIAN GOV'T IN TUNIS—Die gloriously at the merciful hands of the
Turks. Please support my fléet into the Tyrrhenian Sea. If you do, I shall make
your death a quick one!!

TURKEY TO WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN WEATHER—Dear Lord, so powerful are thou and
supreme over all earthly beings...would ya' mind throwing a few hurricanes around
to break up the English fleet?

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LIPPY Game #17, the Havlicek

- 1) Meryl Mellema
- 2) Brian Gunderman
- 3) Al Ronderos--Al, please send me a country ~~xxx~~ preference list!
- 4) Paul D Wakefield
- 5) Dwayne Shreve
- 6) ???
- 7) ???

TWO OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE! Game fee is \$5 plus a continuing subscription to this rag at 5 issues per dollar.

To Mark May--Yes, Mark, I have chosen all of the names.

To Al Ronderos--Really, I'm a Chicago Bulls fan.

To Paul D Wakefield--No, the TBA operates with PTG cards, a game similar to APBA Basketball (I understand APBA's Basketball game is terrible). Player cards are chosen each year and recopied with a new name slapped ~~xxx~~ on. Thus Artis Gilmore, for instance, becomes Attila Hunter and plays against the previous Artis Gilmore card who may be, uh, Lloyd Porthole. Would you like to get a copy of the new TBA yearbook when it comes out?

JUDGING from the extreme lack of response, we estimate that NOBODY out there really is interested in an A-H STOCK MARKET GAME session in these pages. Is that right?

Sbohem,

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BENES KICKED OUT OF 'FRISCO

AND GORSKI KICKED OUT OF GREEKTOWN

By Wolf "Tiny" Birdsdown, STAR
Victuals Ed

CHICAGO, Apr 27--The makers of Roditys Greek wine announced here today that they seriously are considering putting a picture of Ron Gorski on the labels of their bottles. This follows a remarkable demonstration here last night during which the Cherubic One polished off close to an entire case of the nectar of the gods by himself.

"He looked just like Dionysus," said Petros Opa, owner of Diana's Restaurant and Grocery. "All that's needed is an olive branch wrapped about his head."

Indeed, the Gork's laughter echoed thru the rafters of the restaurant, and one could tell from the broad grin on his round face that the Gork was having the best of times.

Finally, the evening ended when Gork's friends kept him from going into the kitchen to congratulate the chef on his saganaki. "He didn't remember that part the next morning," said wife Gail, "nor the incident with the belly dancers either."

If you didn't read it here, it didn't happen...

QUOTABLE QUOTES: "(Ronald) Reagan, in a slight departure from character, was remarkably realistic in his arguments..."--Chicago Tribune Columnist Michael Kilian...

"...it (the fruit cake) is an appropriate gift in our area"--South San Francisco resident Tom Eng, in a thank you note for a gift he received...

CALDENAR: May 4-10 is Pio in the Sky Week, highlighted by Dale McCarron's birthday (5th), Do not speak ill of garlic day (5th), Prizefighter gets TV show--Kukla, Fran & Ali day (6th)...

FIVEYEARS AGO IN THE STAR
SAN FRANCISCO, May 1, 1975--Attorney General Edward Levi today ordered a stopped up search for the apparent rightwing ~~XX~~ Japanese terrorists believed responsible for the menacing note recently received at the offices of the STAR in Hinsdale, Illinois...

(The note apparently was sent in reaction to a report carried in the STAR that during World War II, the Imperial Japanese armed forces had launched a series of bomb-carrying balloons toward the US. Most of the balloons never made it, but some did, and six people died when one bomb exploded in a remote area on the west coast)...

CBS President Arthur Taylor revealed that his firm was contemplating further diversification. CBS was preparing to enter the latex novelties field with a division named "Creative Playthings..."

By Wah Ching, Travel Guide & Part Time Enforcer

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8--Jim Benes was kicked out of San Francisco for being too normal today, reports the San Francisco Examiner. Leading the mob that harassed Benes to the plane was Tom Eng, erstwhile friend (?) of Benes.

During the entire previous week Eng showed Benes around the Bay Area. Wherever he went, Eng would notice the locals whispering about Benes regarding his completely NORMAL manner and style of dress. An example of this was when Benes and his lovely wife Andi were taken out to a Dim Sum luncheon by Eng and his wife Charlone. When Eng asked how long the wait for a table was, the waiter spotted Benes and asked if he was in Eng's party. When Eng replied that indeed Benes was, the waiter shrugged his shoulder and said "45 minutes."

In another scene Benes kept on insisting that he could not eat with chopsticks until there was no other alternative. Finally he picked them up and pushed food into his mouth. The ultimate insult was Benes' need to (See "BENES," Page 2)

MY COLUMN

By Jim Benes

Let me recommend a book to you: CHINA CLIPPER by Ronald W Jackson (Everest House publishers \$11.95). This is a book that includes the excitement of technological breakthrough, the mystery of the Orient, and the drama of international intrigue. Yet, strangely enough, CHINA CLIPPER is not a work of fiction.

It is the story of America's first trans-Pacific air route, Pan American Airways' clipper route from San Francisco to China. This route was opened in the mid 1930s and at that time it was a breakthrough that captured the imagination of the American public. Pan Am ordered the biggest and best seaplanes ever conceived; it was a bit of a surprise that the Martin Aircraft Company could even live up to the specifications of the contract. Yet, these big planes took six days to complete no trans-Pacific journey. Pan Am built hotels on a number of small islands so that the planes needed only to fly in daylight with the exception of the overnight San Francisco to Hawaii haul.

And this is where international intrigue enters the story. The US Navy became heavily involved because it needed construction of what could be used as military bases on these islands. The Navy feared a war with Japan, but itself was limited by a treaty signed shortly after World War One. So the Navy got involved and Pan Am got mail contracts the world over, and all the help it needed in the Pacific.

So by 1938 the three Pan Am clipper ships were plying the Pacific. That is, three were flying until July when the Hawaii Clipper disappeared between Guam and Manila. It never was found.

Author Jackson theorizes that the plane did not crash, that in fact it was the world's first air hijacking. Why? Two reasons: one of the passengers was carrying 3 million dollars to Chiang Kai Shok (See "CLIPPER," next column)

BENES (continued from page one) hold onto the cable car with BOTH hands. As Benes was thrown onto the plane, he was heard shouting something about "Abruzzi making a hit on the entire Bay Area."

It is reported that he will first have to contend with "Bruce the Sissy," the fairy godfather. Good luck, Luka!

CLIPPER (continued from column one) and his Nationalist forces, and two, because the Japanese needed a seaplane prototype for their own military.

It's a fascinating theory in a story well told. We rate CHINA CLIPPER *****.

Speaking of aviation, the STAR several weeks back printed a story about a government scientist who believes that dirigibles are about to make a comeback. As we go to press, there's a story out that the Navy is about to authorize the construction of lighter-than-aircraft three times the size of the Goodyear Blimp for shore patrol duty. Certainly not yet something on the order of the Graf Zoppolin, but certainly a step in that direction.

ITALIAN FEAST is May 31st at the Benes Estate. So far, 20 people are signed up to eat and to cook and to drink and to carry on. Any one else interested? Contact the STAR.

WHY IS THIS PIE IN THE ~~XX~~ SKY WEEK?

While UFOs are generally thought of as a relatively recent phenomenon, as early as 1833 pies were observed floating leisurely through the skies over Ashtabula, Ohio. The occurrence has repeated annually; generally, the pies appear ~~xxxx~~ to be banana cream, although in 1903 and again in 1937, watchers claimed they were apple with a hot rum sauce. During "Pie in the Sky Week," groups of determined pie watchers may be seen on rooftops and mountain peaks throughout Ashtabula.

--1980 Wretched Mess Calendar

BASKETBALL

DESERT RIDERS ARE THE CHAMPS!

By A Penn Nam

RENO, NEV, May 1--The Nevada Desert Riders tonight captured the championship of the Transcontinental Basketball Association by finishing off the defending titlists, Bolingbrook, 93-82. The victory, before a delirious sellout mob at Snake Eyes Palace, was Nevada's second in a row, giving them the series three games to one.

Tonight's victory was the climax of an erratic, eight year odyssey, which was born in North Platte, Nebraska, in the late fall of 1972. Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Anaconda, Montana, came and went before owner Alan Peters, lured to Nevada by "the desert climate," settled in Reno, renaming the team Desert Riders.

During the season, the Riders claimed the Frontier Conference title with a 15-3 log, eliminated the Naperville Suns in the mini-series, and surprised observers by winning three at Roswell in ousting the three-time champion Coyotes before facing the Jays for the crown.

Nevada won Game One 117-107, finishing with a flurry, but the Jays evened the series at Bolingbrook with a 119-105 blowout, swelling a six point lead to 17 late in the game. Game Three will be discussed as long as basketball survives. The Desert Riders, at Snake Eyes Palace, led by 11, 85-74 late in the third period, but the Jays, relentless, and playing championship ball, closed to one point four times inside the final three minutes, but fell short as Joe Pop threw one in from the circle to sew it up, 113-111. Game Four, a defensive struggle, found Nevada getting the best of it.

Before the game, Fireball Murphy Desert Rider coach, told his men to cover "Moose Cholak" like a blanket. Chris McPhearson and rookie Lopez Vega-Carpio did, limiting the cold-shooting Cholak to eight points, all in the fourth period, Nevada, which (See "TBA," next column)

ATTENTION, BASKETBALL PLAYERS!:
 Lon "Smith" Bones is trying to organize a Saturday morning pickup game at Hinsdale South HS at 9am. All interested parties should contact Smith!

TBA (from first column) led at 72-51 late in the third quarter, never allowed the lead to go below 10, and the countdown at Snake Eyes Palace was deafening. At the buzzer, the PA system blared out the farefare to Wagner's "Overture to Rhapsody."

Accepting the championship trophy from Commissioner John McArdle was Mike Gannito, veteran of two futile Florida title quests. His voice quivering, Gannito praised the "Desert Rider fans, management and my teammates for this crowning moment in my life."

Owner Alan Peters, happy but subdued said "We'll try to be champions, gentlemen and courteous to all comers. The Jays were worthy opponents and conducted themselves accordingly."

TBA DRAFT: CORRECTION: Salem drafted Seattle and Boston. Next: Lincoln Park

(PTG)

BASEBALL

UNIVERSAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Standing of the Clubs at press time	team	w	l	pct	gb
	Devil's Slide	3	0	1.000	--
	New York	4	2	.666	1/2
	Chicago	4	5	.444	2
	Aurora	4	5	.444	2
	Hollywood	1	2	.333	2
	Springfield	2	4	.333	2 1/2
	Galesburg	0	0	----	1 1/2

(APBA)

WINTER LEAGUE, Jan 29, 1980

team	w	l	pct	gb
Brooklyn	36	24	.600	--
Atlanta	35	25	.583	1
New York	30	32	.484	7
Minnesota	28	30	.483	7
Cincinnati	27	35	.435	10
Boston	25	35	.417	11

(APBA)