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the Diplomacy (Allan Calhamer's game) supplement of the Sunday Western Star-Post-Free Press, Vol 8, No 6, May XXXXXXII. 1980

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IMAYNE SHREVE reports that using IMRs (whatever they are) he has determined that the top five area face-to-face DIPLIMACY players are Jack Frost, Bob Osuch, Shreve, Eric Tzog, and Konrad Daumeister. Shreve says he's one of four persons who are trying to organize a local DIPLIMACY newsletter. If you're interested, contact Dwayne at 5850 West Race Ave, Chicago 606hh.

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

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

DIPPY 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 D.H., A MAR, A REME, A ARU, 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 NOG, F SKA, F NTH, A DEN, A BUR, 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

DIPPY Game #15, the Mikulas, 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, XXXX A WARSAW: Also has A BERLIN, A SIL,

A PRU, A MUN, A M'S, A LVN

Turkey-Freedonia (Mark E May): no change. Has A PIE, A VEN, EXX F NAPLES, F APU,

F ION, F E MED, F AFG, A SMY, A TYRO, F GRE

Standby: Oaklyn

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

TURKEY TO WESTERN TENTERRANEAN 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?

DIPPY Game #16, the Three Mile Island, 1979AS, Fall, 1906:

You guys caused me some problems this time, just a little bit knotty, these problems, you presented. I've had to spend a good deal of time analyzing the reservoice, and I'll give you an explanation of my decisions to forestall any screaming;

'Austria-Hungary (Ron Gorski): a vie-GAL; a gal-WAR; A SIL sup a gal-war

C NTR LS: bud, vie, gre, war-- (add one)

England (Mark E May): f eng ch-MID; F NWY-stp; f nth-HOL; F SWE H;

fiel sup French a bur-mun DISLOGED, must retreat to den or oth

NTR IS: edi, lon, hol, den, nwy, swe--6 (if a kiel retreats to den add one, if it

CONTROLS: bre, mar, par, bel, lvp, spa-6 (no change)

Italy (Ewayne Shreve): f spa sc-mid/DISLO GFD, must retreat to lyo or oth (See VII.1. paragraph 4 saying when a fleet is in a coastal province, the warships are assumed to be at any point along the coast of that province. This, coupled with the reference cited above indicates that France and Italy battled for control of Spain and the Mid Atlantic. Italy was not so well supported, and lost. Hence the dislodged piece here, the move by France into Spain, and the English move into the Mid Atlantic vaccuum); F POR sup f spa sc-mid; a mun-KIEE; A TYRO-mun; f ion-TYRR; a ven-PIE

CONTROLS: nap, rome, ven, tun, tri, mun, por, kiel--8 (if f spa goes otb, add 2,

if it stays on, add one)

Russia (Jack Frost): a sil disbanded... A BER sup Italian a mun-kiel; a mos-STP; A LVN sup a mos-stp; a stp-FIN; a war disbands/N T ALL WED/h /DISL GED, must retreat to pru or otb (there is nothing that we can find in our rulebook that would allow a unit to disband voluntarily. In fact, it seems to us that such a tactic could be used to consolidate one's position when it is our interpretation that the creator of the game would not allow such a thing to happen since the game itself is designed upon conditions preveiling prior to World War I, i.e. the movement of materiel to raise an army to replace one disbanded halfway across the continent is inconsistent with conditions at the time. Granted, that perhaps this is arguable. Nonetheless, unless the perpetrator of such a voluntary disbanding can cite a rule to provide for it, it is not allowed)

C'NTROLS: stp, ber-2 (loses a total of 3)

Turkey (Darryl Mellema): a gal retreated to boh... a sev-MOS: A UKR sup a sev-mos: a rum-SEV; A BOH sup Italian a tyro-mun; F N AFR' sup Italian f spa sc-n atl/IMPOSSIBLE; f tyrr-W MED; f con-AEC

CONTROLS: ank, con, smy, bul, ser, rum, sev, mos-8 (add one)

Standby: Oaklyn

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ROYAL PROCLAMATION BY THE KIND OF ENGLAND—All centers ENTIRELY north of the 50°30° parallel are to be considered an future lands to be ruled over strictly by the Greater British Commonwealth and this august crown. Any people, nation, or unjust sovereign who are presuppose otherwise and resolve to ignore such royal authority, shall incur immediate and indefinite retribution of similar manner.

PARIS (VIA ROME) (ITALIAN PRESS)—Announcing the "You be the Diplomat Contest!"—Just imagine that you are in charge of foreign policy in a country, for example, France. Now in this hypothetical situation, you have only one ally, England, who has managed to annoy, insult, offend or infuriate the following countries: Italy, Turkey, Austria and Russia. Imagine further that Germany is out of the picture. What do you do? Send your ideas in 25 words or less to: French President, 10392 Modera Senda, Santa Ana Ca 92705. The winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the remaining France: 30 of his choice.

ST WIT-I can throw with the best.

LIPPY Game #17, the Havlicek

- 1) ....ryl Mellema
- 2) Brian Gunderman
- 3) Al Ronderos-Al, please send me a country when 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-Heally, I'm a Chicago bulls fan.
- To Paul ) Wakefield-No, the TBA operates with PTG cards, a game similar to APBA Pasketball (I understand APBA's Basketball game is terrible). Player cards are chosen each year and recopied with a new name slapped with on. Thus Artis Gilmore, for instance, becomes Attilla 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?

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Oscar Twiddie, Gamesmaster

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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 romarkable demonstration here last night during which the off close to an entire case of the nectar of the gods by himself.

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

Indeed, the Gork's laughter echosed thru the rafters of the rostaurant, and one could tell from the bread grin on his round faco: that the Gork was having the bost of times.

to congratulate the " He didn't romembor that part the next morning," said wife Gail, "nor the indancors ofther."

If you didn't road it here. it didn't happen.. QUOTABLE QUOTES: "(Ronald) Roagan, in a slight doparture from character, was remarkably roalistic in his arguments ... " -- Chicago Tribuno Columnist Michael Kilian...

...it (the fruit cake)

is an appropriate gift in

our aroa" -- South San Francisco resident Tem 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 Cherubic One polished (5th), Do not speak ill of garlic day (5th), Prizefightor gets TV show--Kukla, Fran & Ali day (6th)... FIVEYEARS AGO IN THE STAR

> SAN FRANCISCO, May 1, 1975 -- Attornoy General Edward Lovi today ordered a stopped up search for the apparent rightwing XXX Japanose terrorists believed rosponsible for the monacing note recently received at the offices of the STAR in Hinsdalo, Illinois...

(The note apparently was sent in reaction to a report carried in the STAR that during World War II, the Imporial Japanese armed forces had launched a sories of bomb-carrying Finally, the even- balloons toward the US. ing ended when Gork's Most of the balloons never frionds kept him from mado it, but some did, and going into the kitchonsix people died when one bomb exploded in a romote chof on his saganaki. area on the west coast)...

CBS President Arthur Taylor revealed that his firm was contemplating further diversification. cident with the belly CBS was proparing to enter the latex nevelties field, with a division morrod "Creative Playthings..."

By Wah Ching, Travol Guide & Part Timo Enforcer

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

During the entire previous week Eng showed Benes around the Bay Area. Whereover he wont, Eng would notice the locals whispering about Benes regarding his completely NORMAL manner and stylo of dress. An example of this was when Benes and his lovely wife Andi wore 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 Bones and asked if he was in Engis party. When Eng replied that indeed Bones was. the waitor 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 ho picked them up and pushed food into his mouth. The ultimate insult was Bonos 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 fication.

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 Amorican public. Pan Am ordered the biggest and best seaplanes ever coneived; it was a bit of a surprise hat the Martin Aircraft Company sould even live up to the specifiations of the contract. Yet, these ig planes took six days to complete no trans-Pacific journey. Pan Am uilt hotels on a number of small slands so that the planes needed aly to fly in daylight with the rception of the evernight San Fransco to Hawaii haul.

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

So by 1938 the three Pan Am clippor ships were plying the Pacific. That is, three were flying until July when the Hawaii Clippor 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 massengers was carrying 3 million dellars to Chiang Kai Shek (See "GLIPPER," 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 Abrazzi 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 National ist forces, and two, because the Japanese needed a scaplane prototype for their own military.

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

Speaking of aviation, the STAR severalweeks 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-air craft three times the size of the Goodyear Blimp for shore patrol duty. Certainly not yet something on the order of the Graf Zoppelin, but certainly a stop 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 occurence has repeated annually; generally, the pics appear kxxx 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 Calender

## DESERT RIDERS ARE THE CHAMPS!

By A Penn N ame
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 meb 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, lued to Nevada by "the desert clime," 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 Maperville Suns in the miniseries, and surprised observers by winning three at Reswell 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 kate in . the game. Game Three will be discussed as long as basketball survives. The Desert Riders, at Snake Eyos 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 sow it up, 113-111. Game Four, a defensive struggle, found Nevada getting the best of it.

Before the game, Fireball Murphy WINTER LEAC Desert Rider coach, told his men to toam cover "Moose Cholak" like a blanket, Brooklyn Chris McPhearson and rookie Lope Atlanta Voga-Carpio did, limiting the cold- New York shocting Cholak to eight points, all Minnesota in the fourth period, Nevada, which (See "TEA," next column)

ATTENTION, BASKETBALL PLAYERS:
Len "Smith" Bones is trying to organize a Saturday morning pickup
game at Hinsdale South HS at 9am.
All interested parties should contack 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 Falace was dealening.

At the Dusser, the PA system blared out the farstere to Wagner's "Overture to Riemai,"

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

M Owner Alea Potors, happy but subdued said "Worll try to be champions, gentlemen and courteous to all comors. The Jays were worthy opponents and conducted themselves accordingly."

TBA DRAFT: CORRECTION: Salem drafted Seautle and Boston, Next: Lincoln Park

(PTG)

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