

DIPPY

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ALAS AND ALACK, because of rising costs and the bath we took financially in 1980, we are forced to raise our prices. Effective immediately, game fees will be .66 and the subscription rate will be four issues per dollar. Please accept our apologies for this, but inflation is a fact of life for publishers too.

ATTENTION CHICAGO AREA DIPLOMACY PLAYERS: Eric Orog announces that there will be a face-to-face game at 11 a.m. Sunday, February 15th at the home of Andy Lischett, 3025 N Davlin Ct, Chicago, 60618. For further information, call Andy at 282-4752.

TWO INTERESTING NEW PUBLICATIONS to ~~xxx~~ cross our desk since the last time are these: the LONG STAR DIPLOMAT, published by Mike Comer, 3211 Beverly Road, Austin, Texas 78703. This is one of the best-looking publications we've seen in quite awhile. Also, looking promising is THE WHITE DUKE, published by Steve Shaddix, 5486 Butano Way, Rocklin, California 95677. Since we have no evidence to go on, we cannot recommend or not recommend the reliability of either of these gamesmasters. We can only say that they appear to be worthy of a try. We can recommend, however, and especially to our new DIPPY players, that you avoid Bernie Oaklyn's FRONT DU LIBERATION DU DIPLOMACY. Past DIPPY subscribers have complained about a ~~xxx~~ lack of reliability there.

DIPPY Game #15, the Mikula, 1979F, Winter, 1911, and Spring, 1912:

England (Bernie Oaklyn): Builds A LON

Russia (Doug Casper): NBR(3) OUT! Ron Kelly was kind enough to submit standby moves, but since Ron already has played in this game as Italy, we think it best that he not play in this game again. CIVIL DISORDER: remove a vie, ~~xxxxx~~ a mun, a ber, a boh

Turkey-Freedonia (Ken Iverson): f lvo retreats to TUS. Builds F SMY, A CON, A ANK. Since everyone involved has sent in orders, we go to Spring, 1912:

England (Oaklyn): A LON H; f lvo-iri/NO SUCH UNIT!; f eng ch-MID; F BOT sup a stp-lvn; F BAL sup a stp-lvn; a stp-LVN; a kiel-DEN; A HOL sup a ruhr-kiel; a ruhr-KIEL; A BUR sup a bel-ruhr; a bel-RUHR; A MAR-pie; F LYO-tyrr; F SPA SC sup f tun-w med; F N AFR sup f tun-w med; f tun-W MED; ~~xxxxxx~~ f my-STP NC

Russia (CIVIL DISORDER): A MOS H; A WAR H; A PRU H; a lvn h/DISLODGED, DESTROYED

Turkey-Freedonia (Iverson): f w med-n afr/DISLODGED, DESTROYED; F PIE-lyo; F TUS-tyrr; f tyrr-TUN; F ION sup f tyrr-tun; A TYRO sup Russian a mun; a vie-BOH; a bud-GAL; a rum-UKR; A SFV sup a rum-ukr; a con-BUL; a ark-CON; f my-AEG

Standby: none

DEADLINE for Fall, 1912 orders is mail delivery of February 18, 1981

Press: none

DIPPY Game #16, the Three Mile Island, 1979AS, Winter, 1910:

Austria-Hungary (Ron Gorski): no change. Has A BER, A PRU, A SIL

England (Bernie Oaklyn): removes f eng ch. Has F BAL, A KIEL, F MID, F WTH, F EDI

France (John Stewart): no change. Has F-MAR, A GAS, A BUR, F SPA NC, F N ATL, A A RUHR,

Italy (Dwayne Shreve): no change. Has F MWG, F LYO, F ROME, F NAP, A PIE, A MUN, A TYRO

Russia (Jack Frost): no change. Has F SKAG, A SWE, A NWY

Turkey (Darryl Mellema): Builds A CON. Also has F N AFR, F W MED, F TYRR, F ION, A BOH, A WAR, a GAL, A LVN, A GRE

Standby: Needed. Subj get a .1 discount on a future DIPPY game fee.

Press: //DEADLINE for Spring, 1911 orders is mail delivery of February 18, 1981

HINSDALE—Some of you have your Spring, orders on file already. Some don't.

m o r e

DOWN AT THE BARBOON WITH SHREVE: I was sittin' there at the Dog Drop, I'm sippin' some Mad Dog with my old friend Jim Beans from Hinsdale. He was tip in a few an he was tellin me about this time he was in Wisconsin just before Muckle season.

"Y'see, Shreevy, I wasn't payin no attention when this big ol' muskie grabs my rod out my hands in his teeth and proceeds to beat me over the head with it. I'm worried, but I manage to get my mitts back onto the rod and it's only to save my life and warn for public safety that I snag him and pull him into my boat. If that there game warden had showed up a few minutes before he did, he would have thanked me instead of throwin me in the pokey."

"Game wardens just dont believe nothin," I says. "There was this time I was out dder huntin. There I was in the bushes tryin to relieve myself when I looks up an there is these fawns all feamin at the mouth and lookin real mean. I see only a deer can. Before I knows it they is attackin me a b... in me around. I's all I get do to get my pants up an get back to my gun, where I blasts both of them in self defense. Right then, I got real worried about them smellin up the woods, so I put them in my car an just as Im about to slam the trunk, this game warden comes by an hauls me off to jail."

Right then, the bartender, ol' Jack Frost, sees over.

"You guys think you had it rough explainin to a game warden. You shoulda been with me last time I went trout fishing. I had my waders on and was standing in the water, giving it my best. I had maybe two trout, when I see the water all churning around me and a couple of my fingers get bit. Right then I know I am being attacked by a herd of rabid trout. They are going crazy to get at me and I decide I better take for shore. I scramble up on the beach, thinking I am safe, when I see they are all jumping onto the shore to get at me. Before I know it, there are maybe 20 trout flip-flopping after me. I got scared and climbed into the nearest tree to hide. They flop over to the tree but then die from being out of water. I am darn near about to climb down and report this to science when this Game Warden comes by, claims I have too many trout in my possession, orders me to stop hiding in the tree and drags me off to jail."

Me, I'm no dummy and I holds my own with any man when a story is to be beat. But right then I knowed this wasn't no fish story you could beat on no spur of the moment, so I done the only thing I could do. I changed the subject.

DIPPY Game #17, the Havl Oak, 1980CS; Fall, 1904r

Austria-Hungary (Bernie Oaklyn): NMR(1); a ser is removed... A BUD-H; A GAL H; A VIE H

CONTROLS: vie, bud, tri --3. No change.

England (Darryl Mellen): F-ENG-GAB-re; KOKKIN A WAL H; A STP NC-moss; F BAR-stp nc

CONTROLS: ion, lvn, red, stp -exchange.

France (Paul Goodrich): A PAR sup a pic-bur; a pic-BUR; A GAS sup a pic-bur; F MID bre; F MAR H

CONTROLS: par, mar, spa, por, bre --5. No change.

Germany (Jack Frost): a bel-BIG; a bur sup a bel-pic/DISLODGED, must retreat to bel, rnr, or otb; A MUN sup a bur; A PRU-lvn; a swe-NWI; F NTH sup a swe-nwy; f den-SKA

CONTROLS: ber, kiel, nun, den, bel, hol, swe, nwy --8. Add 2 if a bur is removed; add 1 if it stays on board.

Italy (Dwayne Shreve): a ven-tyro/NO SUCH UNIT; KOKKIN A PIE-mar; F APU sup f ion; F ION H; A TYRO, unordered, H

CONTROLS: nap, rome, ven, tup --4. No change.

Russia (Al Rondoros): a gal retreats to War... f nwy-stp nc/DISLODGED, must retreat to mtg or otb; A LVN sup f nwy-stp nc; A BOH-mun; A RUM-bud; A WAR-mos

CONTROLS: mos, sev, war, rum --4. No change if f nwy goes otb; -1 if it stays on.

Turkey (Ken Iverson): A SER sup Russian a rum-bud; A BUL sup a ser; f aeg-GRE; F E MED sup f alb-ion; F ALL-ion

CONTROLS: ank, smy, con, bul, gre, ser --6. Add one.

Standby: Ron Kelly

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PARIS-ROME—Do you really want to be surrounded by Germany?

DIPPY Game #10, the Sidewinder, now also known as LOPE 1901H, Spring, 1901:

Austria-Hungary (John Stewart): f tri-ALB; a bud-SEE; a vie-TRI

England (Jim Fell): NMR(L) F EDI H; A LVP H; F LON H

France (Bernie Oaklyn): A MAR sup a par-bur; f bre-PIC; a par-BUR

Germany (Paul Goodrich): f kiel-DEN; a ber-KIEL; A MUN-bur

Italy (Luis Porteny): A VEN H; a rome-APU; f nap-ION

Russia (Tony Auxier): f stp so-BOT; a war-UKR; a mos-LVN; f sev-RUM

Turkey (Mark Keenan): a con-BUL; a smy-ANK; f ank-CON

Standby: Jack Frost

DEADLINE for Fall, 1901 orders is mail delivery of February 18, 1901

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HINSDALE—For those of you new to postal Diplomacy, here's what that all means: Underlined moves are not successful. CAPITALS INDICATE the final resting place of the unit. We never have printed any house rules. These are some of the guidelines we use: show an order for each unit; I'll ask for a replacement if you miss three consecutive moves; Tony, you can use the basic 3 letter abbreviations, but note the different designations for NTH north sea NWG norwegian sea and so forth. And, Luis, thanks for returning the stamp.

TURKISH PRESS—The Empire of Turkey hereby declare war Mexico and all of its possessions. (sic)

HINSDALE—Oops, I almost forgot. Please be advised that I have the distinct unpleasure of having to rise at 1:15 a.m. to go to work. Ergo this thing is produced on the afternoon of the deadline day. If you want me to call you collect in the event that you miss an order, please provide me with a phone number where I can reach you between noon and 5 central time. Thank you.

Sbohem,

Oscar Twiddle

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# MOTION PIX IN WORKS?

BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR  
BREATH

By Ozgood Z8Beard,  
STAR Culture Guy  
RIVERSIDE—MGM, 20th  
Century Fox, and Warner  
Brothers are competing  
for rights to film a  
new motion picture based  
on the life of Jim Gil-  
lespie's Cat, E.C. (Ev-  
erycat). The movie is to  
be called "Jaws."

It is the story of  
former Bulgarian defector  
—turned itinerant wine  
salesman Rich King who  
fears that he is being  
stalked by a Great Grey  
(cat) as he makes his  
rounds by night, visit-  
ing posh suburban wine  
tasting ~~parties~~ parties.

The script calls for  
a great deal of blood  
and gore ~~in~~ as many  
of King's customers ans-  
wer a knock at their  
doors after he has left.  
Thinking it is the wine  
salesman returning they  
open the door to be con-  
fronted by the Great Grey  
which, in the manner of  
Saturday Night Live's  
Landshark, devours them  
amid horrendous screams  
and blood-curdling cries.

The picture is to  
have a fantastic chase  
scene near its end, as  
hunter Jim Gillespie,  
mounted atop an elephant,  
pursues the Great Grey  
with an elephant gun thru  
Chicago's Loop. Spooked  
by the Grey, the elephant  
rears, destroying some  
historic elevated rapid  
transit structure and  
the first floor of Mar-  
shall Field's. The grey  
scales Sears Tower in  
the manner of King Kong,  
and the movie ends, well,  
we won't tell you how...

Yet Another Year of this Silliness  
QUOTABLE: Alan Peters saw this  
quote from Paul Westphal in a  
Boston newspaper: "Wally Walker  
is the second most important guy  
on the team (Seattle of the NBA).  
He's Jack Sikma's ride to the  
game..."

February 1-7 is National Guilt  
Feelings Week, highlighted by  
Bust Loose (Broken Bra Strap) Day,  
(6th)...

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE STAR

Newsradio Police reporter Joe  
Cummings, hearing a police radio  
call of a man yelling for help,  
sped to the 35 hundred block of  
North Halsted in Chicago and  
quickly became embroiled with the  
offender. Joe drove up to a man  
who was standing in the middle  
of the street and waving his arms  
frantically.

"Are you da guy dat's yellin'  
for help?" queried Joe in his  
best Chicago accent. The man's  
only response was to grab Joe by  
his parka collar and begin throt-  
tling him yelling "Kill! Kill!"

Luckily, Joe escaped alive...

Rich King's name hit print for  
only the second time in his life-  
time. Gary Deeb in the Chicago  
Tribune reported that King had  
been named weekend sportscaster  
at WBBM. The first time had been  
when the New World Catholic news-  
paper reported that King was the  
lead-off man for the Pilsen  
Wildcats in the CYO championship  
game. The STAR contacted King  
about the Deeb report. King's  
reaction: "it feels great to get  
a new job...but I still believe  
that being 2-for-4 in the soft-  
ball game was the greatest. I  
can remember my first hit...a  
blistering....."

And Five Years Ago the STAR  
reported in its Five Years Ago  
column that Madge Greenfart  
broke into print here for the  
the first time, her gossip column  
beginning: "What bouncing boy  
(Column)

made a killing at what  
famous southwest subur-  
ban Casino over the week-  
end and lived to talk  
about it? You guessed it.  
Big Tiny Little! He  
walked out toting shekls  
while messieurs Benes  
and Benes staggered out  
rolling in rum. Louis  
Tortorelli drove our  
Philly home, in the  
trunk..."

Now where has all that  
great prose gone?

FARBER INTERVIEWS FOR  
REAL JOB

By C D Workman, STAR  
Labor Ed

ROSEMONT, Jan 26-

—Jerry Farber today  
had an interview for a  
real job with a real  
insurance company.

Farbs, you may recall,  
now peddles OldForester  
(er, isn't that some  
sort of booze?) Insurance  
or something like that  
for which he's paid  
the crumbs off his boss'  
dining table. It's a  
tough way to make a  
living.

Now, however, we're  
told that Jerry was in-  
terviewed by a little  
known company that sells  
insurance exclusively  
to clergymen. Of course,  
this is difficult to  
believe, that any company  
could stay in business  
in such a fashion. None-  
theless, it appears that  
if Farbs gets the job  
with the company, he'll  
be paid a real salary,  
and not just commissions  
on his sales. When ques-  
tioned by the STAR prior  
to his interview, Jerry  
was about as exuberant  
as he ever gets. Best of  
luck, Jerry! Give us  
some good news!

### BENES IN CLOSE BRUSH WITH DEATH

By Rex Karz

INDIAN HEAD PARK, Jan 28—STAR publisher and TBA statistician Jim Benes almost met his death here this morning. The portly Slav was peacefully driving home on the Stevenson Expressway, muttering to himself in Czech, when a small Ford in front of Benes cut in front of the semi-trailer truck that was ahead and to Benes' right. The semi went into a skid, with the cab turning into Benes' lane, and the trailer beginning to tilt dangerously toward a fall onto Benes' car.

The quick-thinking news editor nearly shit in his pants. He slammed on the break, twirled his wheel to the left, and swerved into the left-most lane of the three lane highway. Luckily, there was nobody there. Luckily for the driver behind Benes, the semi's driver pulled his truck out of the skid without it tipping over.

All involved, it is believed, had a few choice phrases for the driver of the little Ford who continued on, seemingly unaware of the near disaster he or she had nearly caused, up the ramp to the Tri-State Tollway.

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### GORSKI KIN INVOLVED IN POLISH CRISIS

By Emil Dupa

WARSAW, Jan 29—As the crisis here between Polish laborers and the government continues to heat up, with Soviet tanks and troops preparing for an invasion ala Czechoslovakia in 1968 or Hungary in 1956, a kinsman of the STAR's own Ron Gorski has become embroiled in the controversy. He is Janusz (in English we believe this would be pronounced Yonush) Gorski, Poland's minister of education.

As United Press International reported today: "In the mounting turmoil, students at Lodz University occupying a hall ~~defiantly~~ defiantly awaited the arrival today of education minister Janusz Gorski for talks on demands for an end to compulsory classes on Marxism."

When the current Polish government falls, which is likely with or without a Soviet military action, Janusz Gorski will be looking for a job. Sources close to the STAR have quoted Ron Gorski as saying "If Uncle needs a job, we can put him up as talent director for the Naperville Suns."

We shall see.

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PERHAPS SOME OF YOU saw or heard the news conference broadcast earlier this week of the former American hostages in Iran. If you did, perhaps you're wondering who that woman was, who, at the end of the session, demanded to ask a question about CIA involvement in Iran and the torture of Iranians by American-backed operatives. She according to the Associated Press, was 29 year old Virginia Wohl, who is described as a "supporter of the Revolutionary Communist Party and an unpublished free-lance writer." An unpublished, free-lance writer? Just like our own Phil Kosin, right?

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MORE TBA DICTIONARY (continued from last week)

BENESISM—noun—a disease of middle aged men which turns vital organs into phlegm.

SKAJOLOGY—noun—the study of prolonged periods of time in the cellar.

ARDLISTIC—adj—the quality of being unable to find solutions to simplistic problems.

BEAVER—synonym—Jerry Mathers or Joe Antosiak.

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ATTENTION GAMEPLAYERS! Joe Antosiak is planning on gamesmastering a run-thru of TOP SECRET, a role-playing espionage game. This is to take place on Sunday, Feb 7, at the home of Jim Benes. If you'd like to participate, please contact Joe for details.

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### TRUE FACTS

Maybe there is something to that theory: seems the Fundamentalist assemblies of God people believe a triple six pledges allegiance to the devil! Tonya Turnbull's life changed for the better after she got rid of license plates with a 666 on them. While she had the plates, her husband got a brain tumor, and on 3 of her cars displaying those plates, the brakes failed!

BASKETBALL

THE TBA TODAY

Standings of the Clubs

team	w	l	team	w	l
<b>FRONTIER</b>					
Nevada	9	3	Bolingbrook	7	4
Jackson Hole	17	4	Augusta	8	6
Lincoln Park	5	6	Alliance	3	9
Adak	3	8	Salem	2	10
<b>VALLEY</b>					
Hattiesburg	11	0	Whitehorse	8	5
Lahaina	5	4	Peoria	5	4
Macomb	3	3	Roswell	4	6
Hinsdale	1	8	Naperville	4	9

RESULTS:

Hattiesburg 127 Roswell 115  
 Naperville 118 Roswell 115  
 Roswell 122 Naperville 85  
 Understood, but unreported: Roswell over Naperville by 30; Alliance over Bolingbrook by 2  
**THIS WEEK:** High Scorer: Sparky Pluggs, Ros, got 32 in each of the games v Nap; Best Boarder: Jim Rosinski, Hat and Quincy Wells, Ros (in 2nd Nap game), 10; Most Assists: Murray Gremlich, Nap, 11 in 2nd Roswell game; 3-Pointers: Bernie Freebase, Hat, 2

**SCHEDULE (AND DUE DATE) OVERDUE:** Lah @ Mac; Mac at Hat; All @ Mac; Ros @ Peo; Lah @ Peo; Pac @ Hins; Hins @ Mac; Adak @ LP; Mac @ Whse; Peo @ Hins; LP @ Adak; Hat @ Nev; LP @ Nap; Peo @ Ros; Mac @ Salem; Bgk @ Salem; Mac @ Lah; Ros @ Peo; Hins at Hat; Adak @ Nev; Lah at Hat; Salem @ Peo; Ros @ Whse; Nev @ Adak

Due Feb 4: Hattiesburg at Bolingbrook; Alliance at Lahaina; Hinsdale at Lincoln Park; ~~RM~~ Adak at Salem

TEA ROUNDUP:

TBA Commissioner John McArdle reminds all franchise owners that according to TBA rules, copies of all teams are to have been filed with the Commissioner's office by now. Few owners have complied. Please send a copy of your team to the Commissioner now!

McArdle ~~and~~ also has come up with yet another chart for making player cards for the upcoming player draft. This system includes elements of both the old card set system and the previous chart systems. The chart allows each drafter to select various qualities that he wants to enhance in his draft player. Thus if you're looking for a center with good defense, for instance, you can expend a certain amount of points you will be awarded depending upon your position in the draft to enhance your draftee's defensive capabilities.

McArdle also announces the following players cut into the "dregs" pool: Windstorm Gale (G LB r 6 ls); Rufus Tewksburg (G/F 2B r 3 5 ls); Clayton Moore (F/C 3B r 15 4 ls) and Pismo Clam (information unavailable at press time). According to TBA rule 33 the dregs pool now is closed, except for these players, or in the event that an active TBA player is injured.

(PTG)

TRUE FACTS

A poor loser: was 24 year old James Peres, of Reno, Nevada. He was so depressed Peres killed himself after losing the "Ultimate Urban Cowboy" contest. Now, would John Wayne have done what?

BASEBALL

THE WINTER LEAGUE

Standings of the Clubs

team	w	l	pot	gb
27 Yankees	18	8	.692	-
48 Indians	18	11	.620	1 1/2
34 Cardinals	16	13	.552	3 1/2
67 White Sox	16	14	.533	4
69 Cubs	13	14	.481	5 1/2
79 Royals	13	16	.448	6 1/2
79 Expos	11	19	.367	9
57 Braves	7	17	.292	10

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

Indians benefit from the big inning to take first 3 games from the Royals. Robinson pinch hits a grand slam in game 2.

Joe Horlen hurls 13 2/3 no-hit innings, only to lose in 15 to the Cards 2-1. The no-hitter was stopped by Paul Dean's (1) single in the 14th.

Fergie Jenkins and Steve Rogers hooked up in an all-time classic. Final score Cubs 0 after 20 innings. Billy Williams' singled home the winning run and Jenkins had 26 strikeouts.

(APBA)