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Dear Diplomacy Hobby Member!

Enclosed you will find the second issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD NEWS, a new DW publication that is intended to aid hobby publishers and others in keeping informed about goings on in the hobby. I hope you'll read the cover mailing carefully and decide to join us as part of this project. Let me know what you think.


I've also enclosed the ballots and instructions for the 1987 Miller, Walker, and Koning Awards. I hope you'll reprint those in your own publications so that the entire hobby will have an opportunity to vote for their choices.

I've also enclosed a copy of the latest IDS Diplomacy Publications and, as you'll see, we've made a lot of progress in the past year. I particularly draw your attention to the 3 new DW Anthology volumes which will soon be published. Let me take this opportunity to invite those of you who are not DW family members to join us and, if you will, let your readers know what's going on at DW. Too often people assume that just because DW is well known, everyone knows about DW. It isn't necessarily so.

Finally, I've enclosed a copy of the 1987 PEERICON VIIA and VIIB flyer which I hope you'll republish in your own magazine, or at least let your readers know of this event. Last year's PEERICON was the bloodiest Diplomacy event I've ever been to and I suspect this year's event will be even better. So, if you're going to be in San Diego on 20-21 June or 1-2 August plan to drop in for a visit. Who knows, you just might be one of this year's survivors.

And finally, just so I don't waste this bit of space, let me take this opportunity to invite those of you who have not yet written for DIPLOMACY WORLD to submit an article for the magazine. We are always looking for new contributors who have something to say about the game or hobby. If you've got an idea for an article for DW send it along. I'll be glad to look it over.

Regards, .


LARRY PERRY
Publisher & Editor
DIPLOMACY WORLD

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SAMPLE OF DIPLOMACY WORLD: A copy of the current issue of DW is available for US\$4.00, plus an additional US\$4.00 for air mail overseas. Issues normally appear in January, April, July, and October. Each issue averages about 80 pages.

DIPLOMACY WORLD: Subscriptions are US\$12.00 per year (4 issues) in the USA, US\$14.00 in Canada, & US\$16.00 overseas (plus US\$16.00 for air mail). Subscriptions begin with the next published issue, unless otherwise requested.

BACK ISSUES OF DIPLOMACY WORLD: Issue numbers 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, and 45 are available for US\$4.00 each. Provide alternative choices since some issues are available in limited quantities.

REPRINT SERIES (1987 edition): Each year we offer a complete reprinting of all the back issues of DIPLOMACY WORLD. The current edition includes reprints of issues 1 through 43, containing some 500 articles by over 200 different authors and nearly 2,000 pages of material. US\$90.00 in North America, add US\$20.00 for surface mail or US\$45.00 for air mail overseas.

DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY SERIES: Vol. I offers the best articles from the first 39 issues of DW as selected by its past publishers and editors. Includes all types of articles, three complete variant games. Vol. II includes more than 50 different contributions from Mark Berch, DW's long-time S&T editor. Vol. III includes more than 40 different Diplomacy variants published in the first 39 issues of DW. Rules, maps, and variant hobby discussion are included. Vol. IV includes the moves, maps, and commentary from the completed DW Demo Games, right back to DW #1 and through 1983X. Each volume is printed on quality, legal-sized paper with comb bindings and a heavy duty cover. Individual volumes are US\$12.00. Volumes II, III, and IV are available as a set for US\$30.00 if ordered before 1 June 1987.

INDEX AND MENU DIPLOMACY WORLD: A computer listing of the major contents of the first 39 issues of DW by author, subject, and issue. US\$2.00.

PONTEVEDRIA: A listing of the latest publications with regular Diplomacy game openings for postal play. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Scott Hanson, 3508 4th Ave., So. Minneapolis, MN 55408.

THE BLACK AND BLUE BOOK: A directory of Diplomacy hobbyists all over North America. The 1986-1987 edition lists some 1,400 players, publications, services, organizations, projects, conventions, etc. and more in North America. Over 120 pages of useful info in a compact, easy to use format. US\$6.00 (Prior editions are available, inquire).

Payment must be in US\$ or include bank and currency charges. Allow time for checks to clear. Bulk orders are sent by printed or book rate. DW subs are sent first class mail in North America. Add 20% to the total of all orders for overseas surface delivery, or 50% for airmail postage charges. Make checks payable to IDS or DIPLOMACY WORLD. Allow 60 days for domestic and 90 days for overseas delivery. All orders to: IDS, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92101, U.S.A.

features about variant games of Diplomacy and the variant hobby. This special issue will appear to coincide with the third volume of the DW Anthology series; which will feature variant games from the first 39 issues of DW. Contributions on variants, and other subject matter pertaining to Diplomacy is welcome and should be submitted by 1 July.

DW FLYER AND SAMPLER READY

We are already getting responses from the new Avalon Hill game box flyer promoting the postal hobby and DW. We've prepared a sampler packet to send to those who inquire about the game, hobby, or DW. The cost is \$4.00 and it includes a variety of hobby related materials from many different sources.

DW PUBLICATIONS PRICE LIST

A sample of DW is still US\$4 (US\$8 for overseas air mail). A four issue sub is \$12 in the US, US\$14 in Canada, and US\$16 overseas by surface mail (US\$32 for airmail). Many back issues are available, inquire. A complete reprinting of issues 1-43, nearly 2,000 pages of material, is available for US\$90, plus US\$20 for surface mail overseas, or US\$45 for airmail overseas.

Copies of the DW Anthology series are available: Vol. I, the Best from DW's first 39 issues, is US\$10; Vol. II, the writings of Mark Berch is US\$12; Vol. III, the variants game volume is US\$12; and Vol. IV, the Demo Games volume is \$12; the last three volumes are available by subscription for US\$30.00, mailed as published. Each volume includes all the items on that subject from the first 39 issues of DW, complete with binding and heavy stock cover, and printed on book paper.

The 1986-1987 edition of the BLACK AND BLUE BOOK is available for US\$6.00 and it includes 124 pages of Diplomacy information with lists of players, publications, services events, etc., all designed for constant reference use. This is the hobby's directory and is a must have for any serious hobby activist.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE RUNESTONE POLL...

Nominated for the Walker Award for outstanding literary achievement in the last year are: J.R. Baker (for his Dippy Doodles cartoons), Don Del Grande (for his sub-zine Meeting of the Minds and development of the International Tournament Rating System), Morgan Gurley (for his 'DIPCON XIX: My First Tournament Games'), Melinda Ann Holley (for her "England"), Dean Judson (for his "Scientific Diplomacy"), Dick Martin (for his editorial role in HOUSE OF LORDS), and Rod Walker (for his "The Nastiest Rating System in the World.>").

Nominated for the Koning Award for best play of Diplomacy in any venue last year are: Edi Birsan, Kathy Byrne, Morgan Gurley, Dave Lincoln, Malcolm Smith, Randolph Smyth, and Don Swartz; all fine players.

Write in votes for the Miller and Walker Award are allowed, but not for the Koning Award. A complete ballot and rules are available from: Awards, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. And yes, I'm still looking for a volunteer to take over running these awards. Anyone interested?

THE RUNESTONE BALLOT IS OUT

If you haven't gotten a 1987 Runestone Poll ballot yet contact Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., #3, Dalton, MA 01226 NOW! If you have one of the first copies of the ballot be sure to add the following zines: THE BOOB REPORT, NOT NEW YORK, PBM, PERELANDRA, YES VIRGINIA...SANTA CLAUS; and sub-zines: ATROCITY EXHIBITION, EREHOWN, STAB-BACK, UTILIZE THE CANE, and CONGRESSIONAL PAGE.

This poll allows members of the hobby to evaluate the performance of North America's publications, sub-zines, and gamesmasters.

DIPLOMACY ALLIANCE AGAINST CANCER

In conjunction with the 1987 RP Linda Courtemanche is campaigning to raise money for the fight against cancer. Basically it involves hobby members making a pledge (1¢, 5¢, 10¢, etc.) for each ballot cast in the RP. The money raised goes to the American Cancer Society. For info: Linda Courtemanche, 1021 Penn Circle, #E402, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

some 150 pages of original articles from the first 39 issues of DW on every conceivable subject, Mark's revisions and comments, and as a bonus the complete Shap Rose stories, including one never before published episode. There's more, but it's a fascinating insight into one of the hobby's most prolific writers.

Vol. III consists over 50 variant games and articles on variants and the variant hobby, drawn from the first 39 issues of DW. Included are all the maps, rules, and commentary; along with many insightful articles and discussions of variant design theory and the history of the hobby. This volume will approach the 200 page mark and will be a collector's item for sure.

Vol. IV will include all the moves, commentary, and post game analysis of all the completed DW Demo Games going back to the first issue of DW. It's a fascinating text on the play of the game and you'll watch and some of the best players and gamemasters in the hobby's history win, lose, and draw. Everything is included and this volume will also run close to 200 pages.

Each volume is US\$12 prior to publication. The set is available for US\$30.00 until 1 June 1987. Prices will rise after publication. Each volume is printed on quality papers, with a heavy cover, and bound, similar to volume I if you saw that.

TRADES FOR DWN WELCOME

To encourage people to read and use DWN we are offering an all-for-all trade agreement with other hobby publications. The agreement includes the right to reprint DWN.

DW INTERNATIONAL DEMO GAME
GOING STRONG...

The first DW International Demo Game is underway with players from France, Australia, Mexico and the USA. Moves and commentary are being handled by David McCrumb and Hugh Christie. Reports will appear in DW.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE: Jim Burgess,
100 Holden St., Providence, RI
02908-573.

BLUNT INSTRUMENTS: Bruce Geryk,
5748 S. Blackstone Ave., #206,
Chicago, IL 60637.

COMRADES IN ARMS: Tom Swider,
699 Haddon Ave., #2, Collingswood,
NJ 08108.

THE KING'S COURT: Jason Russ,
Stonehouse Rd., Somers, NY 10589.

OHIO ACRES: Robert Greir, 35171
Cromley Rd., Salem, OH 44460.

PENGUIN DIP: Stephen Dorneman,
95 Federal St., #2, Lynn, MA 01905-
2230.

THE PRINCE: Jim Meinel: Box 240003,
Anchorage, AK 99524.

RANDOM THOUGHT: Jeff Zarse, 1
N. Stonegate, Lake Forest, IL
60045.

THE VOLCANO CITY NEWS: Rory Noble,
436 S. 10th St., St. Helens, OR
97051

Send a few stamps and a large SASE for a sample of any of these you'd like to see.

GAME STARTS UP, UP, AND AWAY!!

According to the latest issue of EVERYTHING the official journal of the Boardman Number Custodian, who keeps track of such things, the number of new game starts in North America this year is moving much faster than last year. Over eighty new games have already started this year, a figure not reached until the fall last year.

COME FLY WITH ME

Ken Peel, whose address is given elsewhere, is working on a program to put Diplomacy hobby flyers into local game retail outlets and other sources of potential PBM or FIF players. If there is some place you think would be a good spot to distribute flyers contact Ken and he'll work with you to make one up using his computer and laser printing techniques. Avalon Hill also has copies of its flyer on Diplomacy which it will provide at no charge for you to distribute. Contact Tom Shaw, Avalon Hill, 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21214

Jack Masters, John Stewart, Phil Redmond, Jim Grosch, Doug Baker, Ron J. Brown, Don Swartz, and Mark Berch.

QST! QST!

Anyone who has an amateur radio license should contact us, c/o Mike Maston, N60PH, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102, U.S.A.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Don't forget to return your DWN sub, or let us know if you want to trade your publication for DWN; and be sure to get any news items you want in the next issue by June 1st.

And don't forget to vote in the Runestone Poll and send in your pledge with your ballot.

for the ZINE REGISTER from Simon Millerness following publication of the next issue. So, if you have a sample you want reviewed, etc. send it along to Ken (His address is in here somewhere).

GAME OPENINGS

DW #46 listed over 35 Diplomacy and related publications with various kinds of game openings, so if you can't find a game to play in it's got to be your fault. I'm not going to reprint that list here but suggest you check out DW, the PONTEVEDRIA, KNOWN GAME OPENINGS, or ZINE REGISTER for the latest information. Most of the publications mentioned in this mailing have openings so check them out as well.

SOMETHING TO BOAST ABOUT

Special congratulations to Herb Barents whose publication BOAST recently published its 250th consecutive issue.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS TO RANDOLPH SMYTH

For recently becoming one of the few people in the hobby to win postal games playing all seven of the Great Powers. Randolph has now won no less than 9 postal Diplomacy games. No wonder he's up for the Koning Award.

ANOTHER CENSUS ATTEMPT

Conrad von Metzke, 4374 Donald Ave., San Diego, CA 92117-3813 is conducting a hobby census. He's asking publishers to send him a copy of their mailing list and he can provide a printout of his list using various sorts for a nominal fee. So, if you're a pubber, or have an extensive local Dippy group, send him a list of your contacts.

Do it now, please, he says.

1986 HALL OF FAME

Derek Caws, our UK correspondent, publishes a zine of his own called WAR AND PEACE. In issue 46 he includes a listing of the top ten publications in the three major international polls for 1986. It's kind of interesting to look over. Here's a summary:

From North America (Runstone Poll):

1. COSTAGUANA (18.75), 2. EUROPA EXPRESS (18.09), 3. IT'S A TRAP (17.87), 4. PRAXIS (17.39), 5. EXCELSIOR (16.75), 6. DIPLOMACY WORLD (16.16), 7. DIPLOMACY DIGEST (16.13), 8. ZINE REGISTER (16.05), 9. NO FIXED ADDRESS (16.01), and 10. MAGUS (15.89).

2. From the United Kingdom (British Zine Poll):

1. HOME OF THE BRAVE (17.12), 2. DOLCHSTOSS (16.96), 3. THING ON THE MAT (16.46), 4. TAKE THAT YOU FIEND (15.76), 5. DENVER GLOAT (14.95), 6. ZEEBY (14.91), 7. MAD POLICY (14.52), 8. VIENNA (14.48), 9. PRISONERS OF WAR (14.32), 10. DIB DIB DIB (14.12).

From Europe (The European Zine Poll):

1. SAURIS ALLSTAR (18.35), 2. MACH DIE SPUHL (16.29), 3. VORTIGERN (13.96), 4. SIRLIJKEET (13.62), 5. OATH ON THE COLOURS (13.56), 6. OXYMORON (13.40), 7. FANSTAAFL! (12.61), 8. Plie en Deux (12.22), 9. DOMINO PRINCIPLE (11.61), 10. GRINSENDE BEOBACHTER (11.39).

Derek says Americans were more generous than the Brits in their voting, who in turn were more generous than the Europeans. Humm...

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?

Just who the best Diplomacy players in the hobby are? Or were?

According to Randolph Smyth, who keeps up the Calhauer Point Count Rating List the top 14 players of all time were (from top to bottom): Ron Kelly, Doug Beyerlein, Andy Phillips, Edi Birsan, Eric Verheiden, Lee Kendter, Sr., Randolph Smyth, Kathy Byrne, Brenton Ver Ploeg, Blair Ousack, Dan Stafford, Don Ditter, Dave Carter, and Walt Buchanan.

And the latest DragonsTooth Rating System list, as prepared by Stephen Wilcox, gives us the following top 14 current players: Dave Lincoln, Dan Stafford, Randolph Smyth, David McCrumb, Andy Lischett, Tom Ripper,

HELP!!!

We are compiling a master list of retail toy and game outlets that carry Diplomacy (or should!). You can help by sending us the yellow page listings from your local telephone book that list toy stores, and game (retail) stores.

PDORA, A SUCCESS

The 1987 PDORA to benefit hobby services and custodians has been a big success thanks to the participation of so many hobby members. Approximately \$400 was raised and will be distributed among various hobby custodians and service providers to help support their worthwhile work.

FOR NOVICES

If you are a newcomer to Diplomacy are the hobby there are a number of publications designed to help you learn as much as possible as quickly as possible about the game and hobby. Check them out.

General background information: Check out MASTERS OF DECEIT (3rd edition): Woody Arnawoodian, 602 Henlock Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446 (\$1.00 pp.); SUPERNOVA: Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., #3, Dalton, MA 01226 (\$1.00 pp.); or THE SAMPLER, from DW, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 (\$4.00 pp.).

For game openings and making contacts: See FONTEVEDRIA, Scott Hanson, 3504 Fourth Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408 (free for a SASE); KNOWN GAME OPENINGS, Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway, 5-V, New York, NY 10034; The ZINE REGISTER, Simon Billerness, 630 Victory Blvd., #6F, Staten Island, NY 10301 (\$1.50 for the latest copy); and ask for a sampling from the ZINE BANK (Enclose a \$1 or so for postage); THE BLACK AND BLUE BOOK 1986 ed., from IDS, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 (\$6.00 pp.).

To see what it's like from the gamemasters or publisher's side read: ONCE UPON A DEADLINE, available from Bruce Linsey, address above, for \$3.00

PUBLISHERS NOTE

Ken Peel will be taking over responsibility

The first DW/AH Essay Competition is under way to encourage people to write for DW. It is open to any hobby member. Entries must be related to the game or hobby of Diplomacy in the area of strategy, tactics, or diplomacy of the game; hobby history or development; fiction; and other (e.g. such as artwork). Entries must be 5,000 words or less. Entries are due by 1 November, 1987. The competition will be jury judged and prizes include a \$200 pool of merchandise certificates donated by A-H. Winning entries will be published in DW and may be purchased for publication in The GENERAL. For complete details write: DW/AH Essay Contest, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102, U.S.A.

1988 BLACK AND BLUE BOOK PROJECT

We're still gathering names, addresses, and phone numbers (with area codes) of Diplomacy hobby members for publication in the next edition of the BBB. We are particularly looking for foreign contacts to help us gather information on overseas hobby members.

HOBBY EVENTS COORDINATOR

David Hood, 604 Tinkerbell Ln., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 (704-545-4880) has volunteered to serve as a hobby events coordinator for DW. If you are planning a Diplomacy related activity (a con, a tournament, a publication, a service, etc.) you should contact David. His job will be to advise you, suggest further sources of information, and let you know what other events may be planned for a similar date or purpose. Hopefully this will eliminate having more than one major Diplomacy event during the same time frame or a duplication of efforts.

THREE NEW ANTHOLOGY VOLUMES

The next three volumes of the DW Anthology Series will appear over the next several months. Vol. II, consists of the collected writings of Mark Borch, DW's long serving S&T editor, and it includes

IDHOE WORK UNDERWAY

A distinguished group of hobby members is working in two separate committees to determine who will be inducted into the International Diplomacy Hall of Fame this year. One committee makes and screens nominations from the hobby at large and another committee makes the actual decision on who will receive the hobby's highest honor.

CON LIST UPDATE

Here's a list of some upcoming Diplomacy events:

DIXIECON - May 23-24 in Chapel Hill, NC. Contact: David Hood, 604 Tinkerbell Ln., Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919-967-7608).

DIPCON XX/MADCON - June 6-7 in Madison, WI. Contact: Mark Frush, 4320 Wallace St., St. Louis, MO 63116

MARYCON - June 5-7 in Fredericksburg, VA; Contact: Ken Peel, 8708 First Ave., #T-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-495-2799).

ORIGINS/CONGRESS OF BALTIMORE - July 2-5 in Baltimore, MD.; Contact Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway, 5-V, New York, NY 10034.

PEERICON VIIA - June 20-21 in San Diego, CA.

PEERICON VIIB - August 1-2 in San Diego, CA. Contact: Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 (619-295-6248).

MANORCON - July 24-26 in Birmingham, England. Contact: Richard Walkerdine, 13 Offley Rd., Hitchin, Herts, SG7 2AZ, England, UK.

ZINE DEVELOPMENTS...

The big news is that Gary Coughlan has folded his highly successful EUROPA EXPRESS, one of the best American publications of the recent past. A consistent top finisher in the RP, EE was known for its lively letter column with an international flavor and its well run games. Another major loss, on the other side of the Atlantic is David Watts ROSTERNE GAMES REVIEW, England's oldest on-going publication. On the plus side is the revival of Jim Meinel's PRINCE, the only Dippy publication from Alaska.

Even more remarkable is the sudden surge of new zines, read on...

DIPLOMACY WORLD NEWS

Welcome to DIPLOMACY WORLD NEWS (DWN), a brief newsletter for the hobby's publishers and service providers, newcomers to the hobby, and new members of the DW family; which is brought to you by the Diplomacy World News Service, publishers of DIPLOMACY WORLD and other fine Diplomacy publications. It's purpose is to provide you with the latest up-to-date information on DW and various affiliated projects, news about the hobby at large, and items of particular interest to Diplomacy hobby members.

DWN is available by subscription for US\$2.00 for four issues (US\$4.00 for airmail overseas delivery), or by all-for-all trade with other Diplomacy publications. Hobby publishers are encouraged to reprint DWN in toto in their own publications, to use it as a clipping service, or as a background source. The nominal fee for that is \$1.00 per year for publication with a circulation of less than 25, \$2.00 for those with 25-50 circulation, and \$3.00 for those with a circulation of more than 50. The charge for including a single 8 1/2 by 11 inch flyer in the mailing will be \$10.00 per side. A sample copy is available for 2, 22¢ stamps.

News items for inclusion in DWN must be submitted by 1 June for the summer issue, by 1 September for the fall issue, by 1 December for the winter issue, and by 1 March, 1988 for the next spring issue. Submissions should be no more than 200 words and should answer the question Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How as appropriate. Press release format or highlighted items from other publications is acceptable.

DWN depends on your support and participation to fulfill its purposes.

DIPLOMACY WORLD NEWS

DIPLOMACY WORLD #46 SPRINGS FORTH

DW #46, our spring issue, is out and the 84+ page issue features a wide variety of Dippy related news and features. P. J. Gaughan replies to Simon Eillenness's proposal for a DIPCOON in the UK next year. There's a lot of news about the international hobby and the new DW International Demo Game. There's two years of moves and commentary for the two Demo Games. A lengthy review of the computer version of Diplomacy, and features on the Mid Game, the summer's cons, and an indepth look at several rating systems are included. T. Hurst wraps up his series on different types of Dippy players, and J.C. Hodgins looks at the use of raider fleets. There's more, of course, but you get the idea. It's an issue you'll want to read.

DIPLOMACY WORLD #47 ON THE WAY

DW #47, to appear in July, will feature a variant theme issue with lots of special

NON-DIPLOMACY WORLD NEWS

BALLOTS FLOW THICK AND FAST

'Tis the season...for the peoples voice to be heard and ballots for a variety of honor awards and polls are in the mail. While it may be bewildering to novices, and even some hobby members, these awards are important and the polls tell those who do how they are doing. We encourage your participation (by distributing ballots to your readers if you are pubber, by voting if you are not). Here's an update on what's happening.

MILLER, WALKER, KONING AWARD NOMINEES

Nominated for the hobby's Miller Award for service to the hobby last year are; Simon Eillenness (for the Zine Register and Zine Bank), Jim Burgess (for work with the US Orphans Service), Gary Coughlan (for work with the international hobby and EE), Bruce Linsey (for work with the 1986 Runestone Poll and publication of ONCE UPON A DEADLINE), and Ken Peel (for work on the 1986 DIPCOON, MASTERS OF DECEIT, and his flyer development program).

DIPLOMACY WORLD NEWS

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Spring 1987

Welcome to the second issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD NEWS (DWN), a new publication and service from DIPLOMACY WORLD. This issue is brought to you with our compliments and the hope that you'll use it in your own Diplomacy publication and that you'll encourage people to join our new service as a subscriber.

The Idea: During the winter of 1987 I sent the first experimental issue of DWN to some 50 hobby publishers and asked for their comments and suggestions. The response was far better than I had anticipated, especially from the hobby's smaller publishers, and for that reason I decided to go ahead with this project for a trial period of one year. At the end of that time we'll see.

My original idea was simple: to make available to the entire Diplomacy hobby a single, complete, integrated source of information about news in the hobby; in effect to establish an AP, a UPI, or a Reuters for the Diplomacy playing world. Backed by the resources of DW, the IDS, and major hobby publications and services, the DWN would seek to provide an impartial source of news to the entire hobby by means of a network connecting the hobby's services, projects, publications and players. I wanted to create a publication that was small, simple, fast, accurate, cheap, and convenient. DWN is the result.

The Plan: For now I plan to publish DWN on a quarterly basis (alternating with DW) and it will include news on every aspect of the hobby (FTF, PEM, Con/Tournament, PEM, Computer, etc.) from every available source on matters of interest to hobby members. The publication will be distributed to anyone who wants it for a small charge. Publishers will find it suitable to include as part of their own publication, to lift from it selected items which may be of interest to their readers, to paraphrase in their own publications, or simply as a source of background information on what's going on in the hobby. Individuals who want to keep informed on what's going on in the hobby, but who don't want to subscribe to a lot of publications or spend a lot of money doing so, will find it a good source of unbiased information. Hobby newcomers will find it a quick and easy way to learn what's going on and who they should contact for more detailed information.

What's In, What's Out: The restrictions on what will be included in DWN are simple: it must be news related to the game or hobby of Diplomacy and it must be brief. There will be no features, no editorials, no games, etc. in DWN, just the classic who, what, where, when, how and an occasional why. Items included must be short, a few hundred words at most. Anything more can be included with the mailings but it will be in flyer form and there will be a charge for it.

How Much?: Speaking of charges, DWN is not a charity project and so the people who use it will have to underwrite its costs, just as subscribers to a news service do. The basic charge for a subscription will be 50¢ per ounce (\$1.00 per ounce overseas) and since I'm figuring around one ounce per quarterly issue that means a trial sub will be \$2.00 per year. In addition, I am asking any publisher who plans to use DWN materials in their publication to pay a small fee to help cover our expenses. The rates are simple: \$1 per year if your circulation is less than 25, \$2 per year if it is between 25 and 50, and \$3.00 per year if it is more than 50. For that fee you can recopy as much, or as little, of DWN in your own publication as you like. The charge for including a single 8½ by 11 inch flyer in the mailing will be \$10.00 per side.

Input: There are two ways to get your news announcement in D&N. First, you can sit down and write a press release for us to use (Just include the basic information of who, what, where, when, how, and perhaps why? and when you want the announcement run.) or you can send us a copy of your magazine, publication, or announcement and we'll pull the information we need from that. Again, the key is to be brief and to be on time for the deadlines for any given issue. If there is something in a magazine or publication you want us to use be sure to highlight it so we'll spot it. Ballots, poll forms, etc. will be included but only as flyers and charges must be paid for them.

Output: What you'll be getting from D&N will be similar to the enclosed sample issue. As you can see it is designed to be easily read and either copied in toto in your publication (as a sub-zine if you wish) or so you can clip out individual items to include. Issues will be normally be sent within a week of the deadline and they will be mailed first class or airmail overseas. It won't be anything fancy, just the straight facts. Please don't judge this issue as a sample of what we plan to include regularly since this time we've got more DW and less hobby news than will normally be the case. And, obviously, we hope you will reprint D&N in your own publication, especially if you are a small publisher because it is often your players who lack access to hobby information.

A Place In The Sun: D&N is not intended to replace DIPLOMACY WORLD, but to supplement it. The same applies to other hobby news carrying publications. Your response to our first mailing tells us that many of you believe there is a need for this kind of service. Now your support, by subscribing and by using it, will show us if that is indeed the case. If you have suggestions or comments please feel free to send them along. This next year is a trial period and we expect to make our share of mistakes. Still, with your support I think we can provide a valuable resource tool to the hobby.

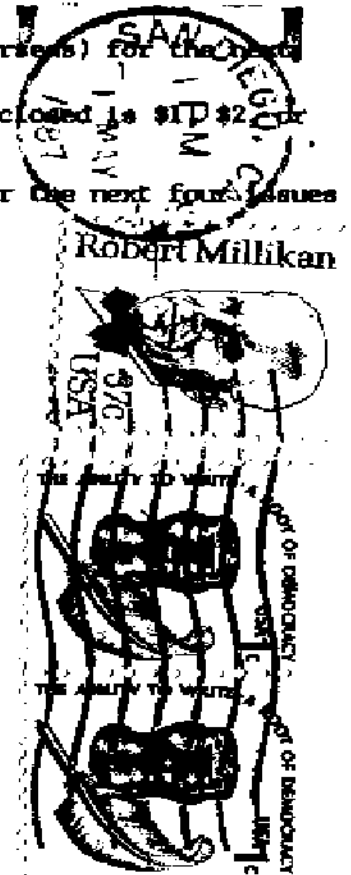
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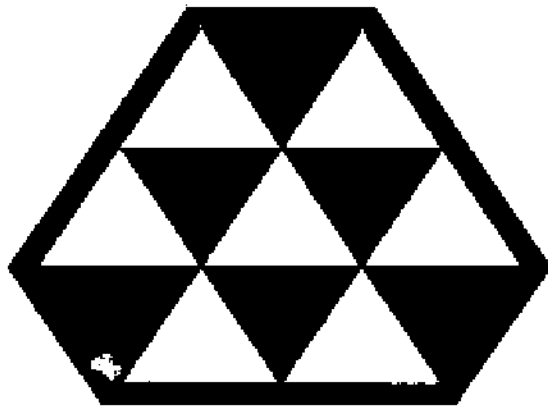
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20 April 1987

Dear Hobby Member:

Once again it is my privilege to bring to you the names of the 1987 nominees for three of the hobby's most prestigious awards: The Don Miller Memorial Award (for outstanding service to the hobby during 1986); the Rod Walker Award (for outstanding literary achievement in the hobby during 1986); and the John Koning Memorial Award (for outstanding play of the Diplomacy of any kind during 1986). I hope you will, if you are a hobby publisher, reprint the ballot, instructions, and (if you are so inclined), my comments here in your own publication. Please remember that the deadline for receipt of all ballots 6 July 1987. And, of course, I hope you'll return your own ballot. In recent years two of the awards have been decided by one vote, so your vote can make a difference.

Because of the early date of this year's DIPCON it will not be possible to announce the names of the recipients of these awards at that event. However, Fred Davis, Jr., will be attending DIPCON and the various perpetual plaques will be on display there. The names of the recipients will be announced in the summer (July) issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD and in other hobby publications. If you'd like a copy of the results send a SASE with your ballot. Recipients of the individual awards will receive custody of the perpetual plaques for the coming year and a personalized plaque to keep. Donations to cover the costs of the plaques, engraving, postage, etc. should be sent to Fred Davis, Jr. in 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Remember, these are hobby supported awards. Checks, made payable to Fred, may also be sent to me with your ballot. Even 5 or 10 stamps would help a lot.

Over the past few years these awards have recognized the achievements of some of our hobby's brightest stars. And over the same period of time these awards have drawn more and more participants from the hobby. I hope that tradition continues this year.

And now for the Awards:

The Don Miller Memorial Award is named for the late Don Miller, founder of the Miller Numbers, active hobby publisher during the 1960s, and a fine gentleman. It is awarded for outstanding service to the hobby during the previous year. The 1987 nominees are:

SIMON BILLENNESS; for his work with the Zine Register and the Zine Bank.

JIM BURGESS: for his work with the U.S. Orphans Service.

GARY COUGHLAN: For his work in promoting the international hobby in Europa

Express.

BRUCE LINSEY: For his publication Once Upon a Deadline and work on the 1986 Runestone Poll.

KEN FEEL: For his work on the 1986 DIPCOON Administration Committee, Masters of Deceit, and his development of a flyers program for the hobby.

WRITE IN: Print name clearly.

Vote for one name only. Write in votes are allowed. ID portion of the ballot must be completed.

The John Koning Memorial Award is named for the late John Koning, founder of DIPCOON, active hobby publisher during the 1960s, and an outstanding player. It is awarded for outstanding play of Diplomacy in any form during the previous year. The nominees for 1987 are:

EDI BIRSAN: Ranked fourth among all time players and top active player in the Calhauer Point list.

KATHY BYRNE: Perhaps the best player of Italy in the history of the game, and among the top of every rating system and poll.

MORGAN GURLEY: A newcomer to the hobby who played his first tournament at last year's DIPCOON and started with an elimination and ended with a win, and took two best country performance titles.

DAVE LINCOLN: Now at the top of the Dragonstooth Rating System, having won his first 3 PBM games, and he's played very well in tournaments.

MALC SMITH: He won the DIPCOON championship last year.

RANDOLPH SMYTH: Fifth in the DTRS with more wins than most PBM players have played games. He's one of the few to win playing every power on the board.

DON SWARTZ: He's third in the DTRS with five wins.

Five of the nominees are well known in the postal hobby. Two of them made their mark during 1986 primarily at convention/tournaments. Each, however, is worthy of this honor.

The Rod Walker Award is named for Rod Walker (who is still very much alive) and was donated to the hobby by Avalon Hill in recognition of Rod's many literary contributions to the hobby. For 1987 the nominees are:

J.R. BAKER: For his Dippy Doodles cartoons in Diplomacy World and elsewhere.

DON DEL GRANDE: For his sub-zine Meeting of the Minds and development of the International Tournament Rating System, in Life of Monty. (A series)

MORGAN GURLEY: For his "DIPCOON XIX: My First Tournament Games," in Diplomacy World (#43, Summer 1986).

MELINDA ANN HOLLEY: For her "England" in Diplomacy World (#44, Fall 1986).

DEAN JUDSON: For his "Scientific Diplomacy" in The GENERAL (Vol. 23, No. 2).

DICK MARTIN: For his editorial role in House of Lords. (A series)

ROD WALKER: For his "The Nastiest Rating System in the World," in Politesse (47, March 1987) and elsewhere.

Please excuse me if I make some comments on this year's RWA nominations, because I know others will. I was amazed that we did not receive any nominations for this Award from the hobby at large this year. But, after spending most of a morning going over various hobby publications from last year, I understand why that was the case. Or at least I think I do. To be very blunt about it, 1986 was not a particularly good year for the hobby literarily. Oh, there was a lot of good writing in the hobby's zines but little of it was devoted to the game or hobby. Most of it was devoted to non-Diplomacy material; and that doesn't qualify for this Award. There was a lot of good press, but most of it had very limited special appeal to a small audience. All in all there was precious little that the members of this committee saw qualified for this Award.

The fact that so much of what there is comes from Diplomacy World is reflected in the list of nominees. That may raise the question of bias, but the fact is that DW publishes more material qualified for this Award than any other publication in the hobby and more than most other publications combined. After all, that is our unique task. That is why DW is the hobby's flagship publication. And so you will see some unusual names and achievements among this year's RWA nominees: a cartoonist, a couple of rating systems, and an editor who actually knows how to edit! And yet, somehow, I think these were among the best literary achievements in the hobby last year. And certainly the works of Gurley, Holley, and Judson are all qualified.

However, the members of the RWA Committee only see about 35 of the hobby's publications on a regular basis and that doesn't include, I am sure, all of the possible sources for materials qualified for this Award. So, I'm going to do something a bit different this year. I'm encouraging people to write in their own choice for the best Diplomacy related article/writing/literary creation of 1986. Simply put it in the space provided on the ballot and enclose a copy of the item with your ballot. And, if anyone is motivated enough to launch a write in campaign for someone else's work, so much the better. But please, no self-grandizement. Even if none of the write ins made it to the top, perhaps we can discuss them in the July issue of DW and make us all more aware of what's being published in the hobby.

So, before you rush to criticize our nominees for this year, pause, and think about whether you have an equally well qualified candidate.

Please, don't forget that deadline, 6 July 1987. Ballots should go to: AWARDS, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102.

Sincerely,



Lucky Peery
Administrative Secretary

P.S. Needless to say, I'm still looking for a volunteer to take over the responsibility for handling the administration of these awards. Anyone want to volunteer? And, although I shouldn't have to repeat it, I'm still not a candidate for anything.

NAME: _____

HOBBY ROLE: _____

1987 AWARDS BALLOT

Instructions: Vote for one choice only. Write in ballots are allowed for the Miller & Walker Awards. The ID portion of the ballot must be completed, but it will be removed prior to the counting of the ballots. PRINT your name clearly. Allow 5 days for the return of the ballot in the USA, ten days in Canada. Mail all ballots to AWARDS, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102, USA. Receipt deadline is 6 July 1987. Enclose a SASE for the official results.

1987 DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

For Service to the Hobby:

- _____ SIMON BILLENNESS: for work with the Zine Register and Zine Bank.
_____ JIM BURGESS: for work with the U.S. Orphans Service.
_____ GARY COUGHLAN: for work in promoting the international hobby in Europa Express.
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_____ KEN PEEL: For work on the 1986 DIPCON Administration Committee, Masters of Deceit, and his development of a flyers program for the hobby.
_____ WRITE IN _____

1987 ROD WALKER AWARD

For Literary Excellence:

- _____ J.R. BAKER: for his Dippy Doodles cartoons in DW and elsewhere.
_____ DON DEL GRANDE: For his sub-zine Meeting of the Minds and development of the International Tournament Rating System, in Life of Monty (A Series).
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_____ WRITE IN _____ (Include copy).

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For Outstanding Play of Diplomacy:

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