

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 exchange 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 per year for publications with a circulation of less than 25, \$2 for those with 25-50 circulation, and \$3 for those with a circulation over 50. The charge for including a single 8½ by 11 inch flyer in the mailing will be \$10.00 per side. A sample copy of DWN is available for 2, 22¢ stamps.

News items for inclusion in DWN must be submitted by 1 November for the next issue. Submissions should be no more than 200 words and should answer the questions Who, What, When, Where, Why and How as appropriate. Press release format or highlighted items from other publications are acceptable.

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

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DW's summer issue, #47, is out and the 80 page issue features a wide variety of variant game and hobby related items including several variant games, including a multi-game package from the Dutch hobby, a Bourse type variant by T. Kane, a 2 player variant by an Israeli hobby member, a report on variants in past issues of DW, and other items.

Also included in the issue are the entire results of this year's Runestone Poll, reports on this year's DIPCON and DIXIECON, an interview with Malc Smith, and the new North American Diplomacy champ, David Hood, several articles by novice hobby members, the results of our two Demo Games, and more.

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DIPLOMACY WORLD #48 HEADING DOWN THE PIKE

DW #48, our fall issue, will feature a wide pot pourri of Diplomacy materials, and a discussion of the End Game in Diplomacy. There will be more con reports, some very interesting reviews of both games and books, and more. Don't miss it.

RUNESTONE POLL RESULTS

The 1987 Runestone Poll results are now out. Bruce Linsey did a fine job and persuaded well over 400 people to participate in this year's Poll. 67 zines made the main list and the top ten were: (1) COSTAGUANA, (2) BLUNT INSTRUMENTS, (3) PRAXIS, (4) EUROPA EXPRESS, (5) DIPLOMACY WORLD, (6) HOUSE OF LORDS, (7) REDWOOD CURTAIN, (8) THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT, (9) MAGUS, and (10) OVER THERE.

HIGH INERTIA was the top sub-zine. Best GMs included: Andy Lischett, Lee Kendter, Sr., Dick Martin, Gary Coughlan, and Jeff Richmond.

Details are available from Bruce in THE CREAM SHALL RISE: \$1 for voters, \$2 for non-voters, and free to publishers who distributed the ballot. It's fascinating reading. Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., #3, Dalton, MA 01226.

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CANCER FIGHT ALSO BIG WINNER

Linda Courtemanche's campaign to get RP voters to pledge funds for cancer research also paid off, to the tune of \$1,400. Well done.

## DWN GETS GOOD RECEPTION

Our second DWN got a very good response from the hobby's publishers last May. Between one-third and one-half of all the hobby's publishers signed up for the new publication; which indicates they want to see it. Now we'll have to wait and see if it starts appearing in any of the hobby's zines.

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## THREE NEW DWA VOLUMES AVAILABLE

Three more volumes of the DW Anthology series are now available: II offers the collected writings of Mark Berch that have appeared in DW; III offers a collection of variant materials, including 50+ complete games with maps and 50 or so articles dealing with various aspects of the variant hobby and design—all from DW #1-39; and IV offers the complete reprinting with moves, commentary, maps, and end game statements of all the DW Demo Games through 1983X. Each volume is in the same format as the first one and each is priced at US\$12.00. All are available for immediate delivery.

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## DW SAMPLER AND PROMOTION PROGRAM UNDERWAY

To promote DW's 50th birthday we've launched a hobby-wide advertising campaign consisting of ads to appear in hobby publications and a direct mailing to many hobby members. The object is to increase DW's circulation and promote our 50th anniversary issue. Details will be found elsewhere in this mailing. We ask your support.

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## THE DAY FINALLY ARRIVES

After alot of thought and planning we have finally decided what the price increases will be for DW effective with the next issue. A basic four issue sub (or six issues if we go to a bimonthly schedule) will rise to US\$15.00 in North America, and US\$20.00 Overseas (for surface mail). This is our first increase in two years and, with luck, will be the last one for a similar period.

## PDORA RESULTS

Thanx to the efforts of John Caruso and Simon Billeness hobby custodians and service providers will divide up over \$400 raised in the Peoples' Diplomacy Organization Relief Auction. That sum was raised through the sale of various donations by hobby members. Thanx to all who took part.

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## 1987 AWARDS

The recipients of the 1987 Awards have been announced. The Don Miller Memorial Award for service to the hobby went to Bruce Linsey for his work on the Runestone Poll and the publisher's handbook. The Rod Walker Award for literary achievement went to J. R. Baker for his Dippy Doodles cartoons as seen in DW and elsewhere. The John Koning Memorial Award for outstanding play of Diplomacy went to Randolph Smyth, one of the top players of all time.

Congratulations to all the recipients.

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## DIPCON 1987 RESULTS

DIPCON 87 was held in Madison, WI this summer. Hobby members from throughout the midwest and a contingent from Canada helped make it a successful and fun event for all.

Among those who did well: (1) David Hood, (2) Greg Ellis, (3) Mark Frueh, & (4) Scott Drane. Best Countries were: (A) Scott Hanson, (E) Pierre Touchette, (F) Scott Drane, with a 12 center win, (G), Dan Stafford, (I) Marc Peters, (R) Fred Townsend, and (T) David Hood, with an 18 center win.

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## DIPCON 1988 GOES TO THE ALAMO!

Next year's DIPCON will be held over the 4th of July weekend in San Antonio Texas. For information contact: Greg Ellis. It should be a good one.

## FOUR OR SIX: THAT'S THE QUESTION

I'm currently seeking input on the question of whether DW should revert back to its original six issues per year schedule. There are pros and cons on both sides and I'm looking for arguments on both sides of the question. No decision will be made until next spring.

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## DW-AH ESSAY CONTEST

Please advise your readers that the DW-AH Essay Contest is open to all hobby members, not just DW subbers.

AH has offered \$200 in merchandise certificates for this competition so there will be some nice prizes. Complete details are in DW. I've moved the deadline back to 1 February, 1988, so it will coincide with our 50th issue deadline.

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## SPEAKING OF NUMBER FIFTY!

DW #50 will appear next spring and I'd like to make it something very special but I need your input to do that in the form of literary and artistic contributions, help in promoting the magazine, etc. The more people who contribute the better issue it will be. So be sure to get something for that issue to me by 1 February. I'm especially looking for historical articles, humor, and ideas about the future of the hobby and ways we can expand and improve it.

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## THE NEXT BLACK AND BLUE BOOK

It is beginning to look like the next BBB will be done on an IBM PC clone which means all the data that was in the Commodore will have to be reentered. Still it should be worth it. Don't forget we need your latest mailing list with area codes and telephone numbers if you have them as soon as possible. Don't forget that each & every pubber who helps with the DW 50th promotion will get a copy of the new BBB gratis.

## FIRST DIXIECON A SUCCESS

The first DIXIECON, hosted by a group of North Carolina Diplomacy players at the University in Chapel Hill last May was a big success. Players from the Carolinas and Virginia turned out and battled it out. Top finishers were: (1) Morgan Gurley, (2) Rob McCarter, (3) David Hood, (4) Jim Ulaky, (5) Jeff Taylor, (6) John Daly, (7) T. Daniel Sellers, with a win as Germany, (8) Bill Hunter, (9) Chris Kremer, and (10) David McCrumb. Best countries were: (A) Rob McCarter, (E) Gilbert Waldron, (F) John Daly, (G) Dan Sellers, (I) Chris Kremer, (R) Morgan Gurley, and (T) Morgan Gurley.

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## MARYCON TO RETURN IN 1988

Dick Warner, of MARYCON fame, told those at this year's ORIGINS in Baltimore, that MARYCON will return next year in its traditional June time slot. That should make for some heavy competition between the folks in Carolina and Virginia!

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## ORIGINS BIG AS ALWAYS

ORIGINS 87 was held over the 4th of July weekend and its Diplomacy tournament drew 135 registrants, but only 12 boards actually filled. Jim Yerkey took first place with an Italian win, Bill Thompson took 2nd, and Bob Addison took third. Robert Sacks and John Boardman ran the Tournament. Fred Davis ran a mini-tournament of SKINNYDIP with 16 players and two boards. Maurice Page and Bill Stapel tied for first in that event.

ORIGINS next year goes to Milwaukee, WI and will be hosted by GENCON.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE

GATEWAY (4-7 September) In Los Angeles and sponsored by STRATEGICON.

BRUXCON/TOMATOCON (18-20 September) in Newfane, VT. Hosted by Bruce Linsey and Paul Gardner.

CAMCON III (19 September) Hosted by Jon Fleischman in Los Angeles (213-478-6113).

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#### NEW DW OFFICE

We recently took over the other half of our double garage and now have the entire space for our DW, Archives, Diplomacy, Games, Library, etc. We've probably got the only garage in town equipped with color TV, a computer, a refer, and 30,000 Diplomacy magazines. When we get it organize we'll make it available to those who want to do work in The Archives.

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#### DW DEMO GAMES

We are looking for gamemasters, commentator and players for future DW Demo Games. One of our current games is over and the other may be over before too long. So, if you are interested, let me know.

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#### DON'T FORGET THE UPC CODES!

I am collecting UPC labels off of Ft. Howard paper products (e.g. the following brands: Mardi Gras, Soft 'n Gentle, or Sweetheart products) because I need them to order International Windsocks. It takes three labels and \$4.95 to get one sock and they have them for something like 15 different Diplomacy board Powers and spaces. So, when you pick out your brand of toilet paper, think of me and send me those UPC labels.

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#### AND WHILE I'M AT IT DON'T FORGET THOSE YELLOW PAGES

I still need many, many yellow pages (or copies thereof) from your local phone book. I'm looking for the listings under TOYS, RETAIL and GAMES STORES. I need them to compile a list of stores that carry Diplomacy and such.

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#### GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

I'm very sadden to report the death of Ivo Bouwman, one of the founders of the Dutch Diplomacy hobby. Ivo was only 25 when he was killed in a mountain accident in Switzerland.

#### MENSA NEEDS GM

The MENSA Diplomacy Special Interest Group needs GMs for its PBM Diplomacy games. You don't have to be a MENSA member to help them out but if you are looking for players or interested in starting a PBM game or two you should contact Fred Davis, 32110K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, MD, 21043.

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#### VARIANT CUSTODIANS NEED HELP

Alas, the Miller Number Custodian's records are incomplete. Fred Hyatt and others are trying to finish out the records for variant postal Diplomacy games that have been completed but not reported. If you can help write Fred Hyatt, 60 Grandvie Pl., Upper Montclair, NJ 07043.

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#### CUSTODIAN CHANGES (AGAIN)

The International Subscription Exchange has been taken over by Simon Billenness, 630 Victory Blvd., #6F, Staten Island, NY 10301. Anyone interested in ordering any UK publications should get in touch with him.

The ZINE REGISTER and Zine Bank have been taken over by Ken Peel, 8708 First Ave., #T-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Send Ken \$1 and he'll send you an assortment of various Diplomacy publications for you to check out.

The Boardman Number Custodian has moved: Steve Heinowski, 51500 Portman Rd., R.D. 2, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

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#### LET THE BRITS KNOW THE YANKS ARE COMING

It seems inevitable that there will be somekind of WORLDCON next summer in the UK, subject to all the details being worked out. At least three people from southern California are seriously interested in going and if you are thinking about going please let me know. If we can get 10 to go over we may be able to get a discount on the airfare. But start planning now.