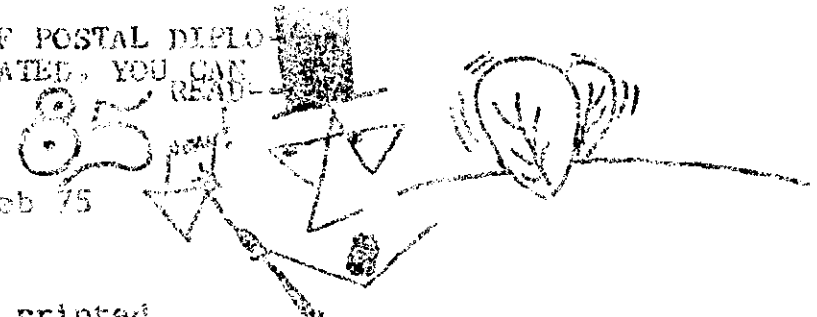


"WELL," SAID THE GOOD FAIRY OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY, "NOW THAT YOU ARE LIBERATED, YOU CAN READ."

EREWON

20 Feb 75



"Yes, Peggy, I printed your orders exactly as you sent them. Yes, Peggy, my cryptanalyst could decipher your handwriting. No, Peggy, the North Sea does not border on Warsaw. No, dear, this is not a "Black Hole" game. ...Pomerania?? Peggy, you're using your Imperialism VII board instead of your Diplomacy board again. Yes, sweetheart, I can take orders by phone. ...Um, can you do better than, "Defend against all attacks and punish all stabbers"? That's better...um, Peggy, you can't build a fleet in Paris....."



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NADPS2

Lew Pulsipher's North American Diplomacy Players' Survey #2 is now out, and a copy is attached. I am not attaching copies going to other publishers since I assume they already got one from Lew, but my players and subscribers will get one. Please fill it out and mail it to Lew, OK?

Now, the last time this came out, the Chief Poed of the "Diplomacy Association", John Boardman, also issued instructions to TDA members on how to fill it out. I thought about making some suggestions on this one, but why follow that sort of sick example? The day I have to crawl down to the level of postal Diplomacy's own John Birch Society, I will quit the hobby.

So go ahead, please, and fill out the poll, and give your answers to the questions involved.

Speaking of the so-called "Diplomacy Association", we have some interesting tidbits. Raymond Heuer reveals that John Beshara refers to the IDA as "schismatics". That's funny, especially coming from the head of an organization about 1/10 the size of IDA and which has nothing in common with IDA. It is also interesting in that "schismatic" is a term normally used by absolute religious monarchs to refer to their opponents. Gives one an insight on the mentality (if that is the term) of "TDA", does it not?

There has been a lot of debate on the true purpose of the DA, with its super-secret membership list and authoritarian power structure. The last time the Beyerlein Player Poll came out, we got a good clue. IDA members were sent a ballot prepared for their use. This same ballot was being handed out at DipCon VII last August. Now, these special IDA Beyerlein Poll ballots were interesting in one respect--each of them already had John Beshara's name written in the #1 slot.

Now do you get the point of TDA?

THE AVERAGED CALHAVER POINT COUNT

The ACPC Rating List has not appeared in print since Brennon Vex filed stopped publishing. Of course, I have insisted that the so-called "Rating Survey" of the "Diplomacy Association" has appropriated Grant's system

design without even the elementary courtesy of giving him credit for it. In fact, "TDA" has concocted a brazen lie about this, and the latest version is that Brent got the idea from an article in WAZIR #4 by one of the DA's toadies, Richard Miller. The only problem is that the suggestions for this system by Brent (and Allan Calhaver, too, by the way) appeared in the Diplomacy press in the Fall of 1971 (see, e.g., HOOSIER ARCHIVES 44 and 45), while WAZIR #4 was not published until the Summer of 1972. Would "TDA" like to explain how Brent could get an idea from an article nine months before it was written?

Well, be that as it may, the DA likes to pretend that the "Rating Survey" is some big original deal. Let's go along with that, sort of. After all, the real purpose of the thing is to have a rating system in print which includes all of John Beshara's victories and "victories", so that he can pretend to be a better Diplomacy player than he really is. (Not that John is a bad player; he is good...but it seems to me that there are better ways to "prove" it, if that's your ego-trip, than taking 15-unit replacement positions to inevitable "victory".)

Anyway, since the DA claims it isn't running the ACPCRL, and refuses to give Brent Ver Ploeg credit for originating the rating design they are now using, I will take over as ratingsmaster of the Averaged Calhaver Point Count Rating List. In this system, 1 point is awarded for a win, a fraction of a point, 1/n, for a n-way draw, and 0 for everything else. The total points held by each player is divided by the total number of games he's played in, and this percentage score is multiplied by 1000 to give us a round figure.

All regular 7-player postal games will be used, the rating base computed as of EVERYTHING 19. "Local" games are of course excluded. A game is counted for a player if he is the original player or if he is a replacement and the number of seasons he played is more than 50% of the total number of seasons the game lasted, regardless of the result. Otherwise the game is not counted unless the player was dropped. Only active players are counted, and only those who have completed 3 games or more. A full listing and a list of the games used as the rating base will be printed in DIPLOMACY WORLD--hopefully the next issue. For comparison purposes, "TDA"'s "Rating Survey 3" appears below, along with the ACPCRL. Columns are: Name, SC (score), Points, and # (# of games rated). (* indicates a UK player.)

"RATING SURVEY" 3				A.C.P.C.R.L.			
Name	SC	Points	#	Name	SC	Points	#
Mike Rocamora	813	6.500	8	Walt Buchanan	917	5.500	6
John Beshara	683	8.200	12	Don Pitsch	813	3.250	4
Tom Eller	628	7.533	12	Mike Rocamora	813	6.500	8
Doug Beyerlein	561	10.650	19	Gareth Lodge*	750	2.250	3
Randy Bytwerk	542	6.500	12	Don Miller	750	3.000	4
Andy Phillips	523	11.517	22	Brent VerPloeg	654	8.500	13
Monte Zelazny	500	4.000	8	John Boyer	583	2.333	4
Lew Pulsipher	494	7.900	16	Lee Childs	556	3.333	6
Pete Rosamilia	488	3.900	8	Tom Eller	544	6.533	12
Jeff Power	354	4.250	12	James Fish	527	1.580	3
Len Lakofka	321	5.783	18	Doug Beyerlein	467	11.200	24
John Smythe	321	8.333	26	Randy Bytwerk	458	5.500	12
Gene Prosnitz	293	6.450	22	John Beshara	433	4.200	9
Rod Walker	281	3.367	12	Lew Pulsipher	413	6.200	15
Don Berman	279	2.233	8	Bruce Kindig	381	2.667	7
Mike Goldstein	278	4.167	15	Tim Tilson	358	3.580	10
Edi Birsan	275	14.567	53	Jeff Power	354	4.250	12
Hal Naus	255	7.917	31	Allan Calhaver	333	1.000	3
Jeff Key	244	2.200	9	Kay Evans*	333	1.000	3
Dan Barrows	243	1.700	7	Mike Honig	333	1.000	3

Well, no," said the Good Fairy of Postal Diplomacy, "whips don't turn me on. Ditto water sports. But for a kinky trip, why not try

THE GAME

1973IK

Spring 1906: AUSTRIAN ARMY BITES THE BULLET. IT GOES OFF...

AUSTRIA (Scott): A Vie-Bon S by A Sil, A Cal S A Sil, A Tri-Alb, A Tri-Mun, A Bul-Rum, F Ion H. A Sil /G/.

ENGLAND (Kelly): A StP-Mos S by A Lvn, F Bar S FRENCH A Nvy-StP, F Bal S A Lvn, F Nth-Eng, F Wes S FRENCH F Tun-Tyn, A Mun S GERMAN A Pru-Sil, F Eng-Mid /nsu/.

FRANCE (Brooks): A Par-Euc, F Mid-Iri, F Tus-Rom, F NAF-Tun, F Tun-Tyn S by F Lyo, A Nvy-StP, A Mar-Pie.

GERMANY (McKeon): A Kie S ENGLISH A Mun, A Pru-Sil S by A War & A Ber.

ITALY (Blank): F Tyn-Rom S by F Nap, A Pie H.

RUSSIA (Vages): A Mos H S by A Sev & A Ukr, F Con-Aeg.

1973IK -- ANALYSIS

Eric Verheiden

Things still seem to be moving in this game--generally eastward as it now happens. The question is whether this push can be continued to its ultimate end (of the east, that is), or whether it will be stopped at some point, as seemed so likely just a short while ago. As may be gathered, the answer to this question is far less certain than it once appeared to be. In the interim, eastern play has become increasingly sloppy and in fact some evidence of dissent in the ranks (e.g., AUS: A Vie-Tri) is to be found. On the other hand, western play has become increasingly precise; note how well the west took advantage of the hole in the Italian lines obligingly left open at Tuscany. Note also how some of the west's overabundant fleets are being converted into much more useful armies.

What then is in store for Spring 1906? The probable fall of the Tyrrhenian to begin with. The west now had enough units to force the issue immediately; i.e., FRANCE: F Tus-Tyn S by F Lyo & F Tun; ENGLAND: F Wes S FRENCH F Tus-Tyn. This cannot be halted. However, given the lack of available reinforcements, particularly fleets, it may not be to the advantage of the west to be quite so direct. Instead, a stab at Rome (F Tus-Rom) combined with a double-supported attack on Tyn could result in the important annihilation of Italy's F Tyn with improper defensive play on the part of the Italians. At worst (given the usual FRENCH A Mar-Pie), things might be held up for a season, at which time the unequal guessing game would continue.

In the north, things are not quite so rosy. The Russians have re-taken Moscow and the Austrians are back in Silesia again. The upshot is that Warsaw is vulnerable, though so may be Moscow if the attack is pressed. The important thing to remember in any event is that in all likelihood, the outcome of the battle in Russia will not affect the outcome of the game, so long as certain precautions are taken by both sides; i.e., the west keeps Germany strong enough to withstand all possible attacks and the east does the same with Austria. The Italian front is quite a different story, however, and it is here that the outcome of the game may well be decided.

[Thank you, Eric. Remember, Eric would appreciate your comments on his analysis of the game. You can write to him at Marks House, Cal.Tech., Pasadena CA 91126. Please do!]

1973IK -- PRESS

TUNIS (17 February 1906)(ANT, American New International): Rumors abound in this eastern capital that Pope Joan II is aboard (or is it so broad?) the French flagship "Revenge". Well placed sources claim that France and possibly Austria have decided to recognize the eternal claim of Pope Joan to the Throne of St. Peter.

PARIS (18 February 1906): The Regent of France, Baron Steven of Tarl Grand Duke of Bosh, stated that France has not granted recognition to Pope Joan. However, he admitted it is a possibility that she may be with the French forces in the south. The Baron claims she is only acting as a tour guide for young King Adam.

ROME (19 February 1906)(Alcala Press): Rumors that Her Holiness Pope Joan II slipped into the Eternal City last night disguised as an itinerant lint-harvester were confirmed today via a top-secret interview in the Catacombs. Our reporter asked Her, "You had a plush job with King Adam; what made you come back here?"

"Well," Her Holiness replied, "Our country needs Us. Besides, we got fired." Our man in Rome expressed surprise. "Yes, fired. I was doing the bir with his toes. You know...this little trollop went to market, this little whore stayed home, this little tart had a trick...."

the "Diplomacy Association" presents
THE BOARDMAN NUMBERS MISCONCEIVED

[In several postal Diplomacy 'zines, an anonymous article has appeared, purporting to be about the Boardman Numbers. It is sponsored by TDA, and like all things associated with that shady operation, it is very largely inaccurate and false. Because the "Diplomacy Association" hates truth, I am herewith reprinting the relevant portions of that article, together with the actual facts. It is amazing that two former Boardman Number Custodians active in the hobby, myself and Conrad von Metzke, were never consulted by the DA about this turkey--nor were we permitted to see an advance copy so that we could correct the many, many errors the article contains. Of course, that may be because the "errors" were in fact not accidental at all.

[TDA is also spreading the rumor that this is the first article about the Boardman Numbers ever to appear. Garbage. My more complete and accurate article, "A Short History of the Boardman Numbers", appeared years ago in HOOSIERARCHIVES.

[My own comments on and corrections to the DA's misbegotten text are interspersed with it, and are set off by brackets.]

"In GRAUSTARK #11, dated October 23, 1963, Prof. John Boardman issued the first postal Diplomacy game numbers, 1963A and 1963B. He designed the system according to the method used by astronomers to designate comets. The year indicates the year in which the number is issued and the letter indicates the order within the year." [Wrong. The year is the year the game first began. Numbers for one year are traditionally issued until late January or February of the next, and occasionally even later.] "The alphabetical sequence runs from A thru [sic] Z for the first 26 games during the year, then AA thru [sic] AZ for the second 26 and BA thru [sic] BZ for the third, et cetera [sic; not underlined], until the year is completed and the alphabetical sequence begins anew for the next year.

"As he received requests from Gamesmasters with a roster of the players, Prof. Boardman issued a Boardman Number and periodically reported in GRAUSTARK the status of current games and the final supply center charts of completed games with registered Numbers." [Wrong. Boardman assigned Numbers to all postal Diplomacy games which he knew about. A request was not then, nor is it now, necessary. It is the Boardman Number Custodian's (BNC's) job to assign Numbers for the convenience of those who wish to use

them. He is not running a "special request" service. I realize that if IDA were running the Numbers, only their friends and readers would be assigned Numbers, but that is not how they work now.] "In 1967, John arranged to pass on to Charles Wells the task of assigning the Numbers. Thus, Charles Wells became the Boardman Number Custodian, carrying on [and expanding] the tradition established by John Boardman. Then in 1968 custody of the Numbers was transferred to John Koning."

"In 1970," [Wrong. October 1969.] "Rod Walker pronounced himself the new Boardman Number Custodian, assuming the title from John Koning, who was ill and unable to continue." [Wrong. The Numbers were transferred to me by Koning in accordance with an agreement we made that summer. John was not ill at the time. He was teaching and going to school and felt the work was too much to keep up.] "When Rod withdrew from the hobby late in 1972, he turned the Numbers over to Conrad von Metzke. Rod claims there was a stipulation to which Conrad agreed at the time Conrad became Custodian, that should Conrad resign Rod could resume custody of the Numbers, if Rod wished to do so, in preference to custody going to anyone else." [Partly wrong. The agreement also included a stipulation that the Numbers were not to be placed under the control of any organization...and at the time I stipulated SICL, IFW, IDA, and IDA as examples of what I meant. I wanted the Numbers protected from the kind of distortion and manipulation that the "Diplomacy Association" is wont to perform on everything it touches.] "Some months ago, Conrad appointed Ray Heuer as the first official Assistant Custodian under an agreement whereby Ray would become Custodian should Conrad resign, or under certain circumstances, should Conrad fail to fulfill his duties as Custodian." [Wrong. As Raymond himself has pointed out, the first official Assistant Custodian was Fred Winter.] "It is not known if this written agreement between Conrad and Ray contravened the reported verbal agreement between Conrad and Rod." [Any fool can see it did not. During this period I wrote Raymond twice to offer my help if he needed it, and I also used my right of first refusal to protect Ray's rights when Edi Birsan wanted to take over the Boardman Numbers by fiat.] "But recently, Conrad relinquished the title in favor of Doug Beyerlein." [Note how the reason this was done is carefully glossed over.]

[Here follows a list of all Numbers assigned, a dreary statistic.]

"Since 1963A is the first Number assigned by John Boardman, the circumstances surrounding the issuance of 1962A are peculiar. When Conrad became Custodian, he assigned the Number 1962A, stating he completed two sets of moves in a "postal" game in 1962, but the game was subsequently discontinued. In 1973, Conrad revived the game with himself and six replacement players and assigned the Number 1962A because it allegedly began at that time. Apparently, Conrad justified this action because Rod Walker established the practice of retroactively assigning Boardman Numbers to old games, even though the Gamesmasters never requested a Number, or made the request months or years after the game began. Thus, Rod chose to deviate from the practice of assigning Numbers chronologically according to the sequence requests were received, and also chose to issue retroactive Numbers even without a request from the Gamesmasters." [Bull. There is no such thing as a "retroactive" Number because they are assigned according to the year the game began, as I have already mentioned. Further, the BNC has never waited for a request to assign a Number...and that especially goes for John Boardman, who was virtually never requested to assign them. If there were such things as "retroactive Numbers" then Boardman himself assigned 1963C that way, and John Koning assigned 1967BD. Please note that this is all a clumsy attempt to place the "blame" for a nonexistent "wrong" on me, part of IDA's vendetta against anyone who dares expose their peccadilloes in print. The rest of the article is a dull listing of games IDA plays or doesn't, and I won't bore you with it.]

[Humm. Gil Nelson notes in THE POUCH that John Beshara says my

corrections to the astounding errors in his organization's article are "inaccurate, wrong, or impertinent". I am sorry he regards it impertinent of me to insist on the truth, but I am no IDA toad.

[But "inaccurate or wrong"? Well, that's easy to see. I hereby issue this public challenge: Prove it, John. Send me the particulars...quote me specific published sources...and I'll print it, John. I dare you to do it. I know you can't and your silence will prove me right.

[Go ahead, John, prove that the Boardman Number contains the year of assignment, not the year of game beginning. You can't. Prove that a GM request is necessary to get a Number. You can't. Prove that I took over the Numbers in 1970, not 1969. You can't. Prove there was no agreement between John Koning and myself. You can't. Prove my agreement with Conrad had only one clause, not two. You can't. Prove that Raymond Heuer was Assistant Custodian before Fred Winter was. You can't. Prove there is such a thing as a "retroactive" Boardman Number. Go ahead, sweetheart, I'm waiting. But I won't hold my breath...]

Humm...at this point, what to do? I have correspondence on Palestine and birth control, plus a long letter by Allan Calhauer (read: article), plus a bunch of other things planned. Well, we can't work it all in but let's do what we can, OK?

THE POPULATION PROBLEM REVISITED

In BUSHWACKER IV.3, Fred Davis reprints my comments which were occasioned by my reprinting of his. He then continues:

"To which I'd like to add that I'd personally like to see the population of the United States lowered to about 50 million. We should be stronger than we are now with 212 million. Old Joe Stalin's comments on "How many divisions has the Pope?" is no longer valid. There is no longer safety in numbers.

"It is also most unfortunate that when any child with a severe birth defect is saved by the miracles of modern medicine, he or she is not sterilized at the same time. No infant with severe nonsurvival defects, such as a blue baby or having juvenile diabetes, should be saved without being prevented from passing on these characteristics into the genetic pool. Otherwise, in a few generations everyone will be born with these defects.

"The tragic fact is that when you start talking about sterilization, many people, including some who are allegedly educated, cannot discern the difference between ending reproduction and ending all the fun. I'm sure that any man who has had a vasectomy will tell you that it hasn't affected his fun one bit. However, the masses still equate "snip, snip" with "chop chop". For further information, write to Assn. for Voluntary Sterilization 708 Third Ave., New York NY 10017."

Hear, hear. Of course, we can now detect some serious defects in urgery, and those problems are simply nipped in the bud. Sterilization applies to both sexes. Tying off the Fallopian tubes is one way...but as a lady I know who had a hysterectomy remarked, "Well, I've lost the nursery but I still have the playpen!"

I've had a vasectomy (really!...I thought it was necessary at the time), and have noticed no difference. Straight men I know suggest it has increased their enjoyment because they are no longer worried about getting some chick pregnant. ...And Red Foxx has a delightful monologue about the childless family...how you can see them being miserable at Ciro's, on the beach, sailing the Caribbean, buying their third car....

In the meantime, Nicky Ulanov and I have been having a spirited correspondence on all this. It's too extensive to reprint here. Nicky of course has two points I've made regarding mass sterilization and the need

for human eugenics. Nicky argues that people still have the right to reproduce so have children to look after them when they're old (and to carry on the family, I presume, although he didn't mention it). I argue that the nuclear family is becoming anachronistic, and that the very young and the very old are more properly cared for by public institutions than the uncertain and inefficient family. Of course, our society isn't quite ready for that. Many, like Nicky, are emotionally involved in the concept. He suggests there are ways of making the institution better, more responsive to modern needs. I don't disagree with that, but I wonder if it is worthwhile extending the use of an institution whose day is almost done?

Nicky also expresses fear of eugenics. Who, he asks, would make the decisions? What about the danger of error, catastrophe, or something like the "evil genius"? Problems of this sort can be solved, although I must note that our knowledge of genetics is not yet complete...we may have to wait for this. However, I doubt that any eugenic program would produce so outstanding a failure as Adolf Hitler, who was put out by chance breeding. On the other hand, I side with Nicky's fears to the extent that obviously there will have to be precise controls on our eugenic programs, and we will have to start small at first.

MORE ON PALESTINE

George Phillies writes: "I would suggest you make a distinction between the people who are Jews (as a religion) and those who are of the same race as the Hebrews who conquered Canaan. There are a few of the latter left--people whose ancestors returned to Palestine within a few generations of the revolt against the Romans--but you might not recognize them--they are very dark-skinned, much more so than their co-religionists of this country. The Canaanites, of course, were subjects of Egypt..., but I am not convinced that this gives the Egyptians a claim.

"I must confess that I agree with much of what you said, especially about the way that the Arabs have treated the Palestinians, but this 100 generations ago business I do not approve of. After all, a mere 15 generations ago this area was not part of the USA, but I do not feel inclined to hand it back to the previous occupants, some of whom are still around."

Thanks, George. Except for recent converts, I think it fair to assume that Jews are also the direct descendents of the exiled tribes of Judah and Benjamin. That is the basis of their claim to Palestine. Furthermore, part of the test for "Jewishness" was then, and is now, the nature of their religious observance. Thus any person who accounts himself a Jew has a share in the inheritance of Palestine.

The Indian "claim" to any portion of the United States is not of the same order. They are not dispersed from, nor deprived of, their homeland. They still live in it. They merely own less of it than previously. Analogously, not even the most rabid Zionist lays claim to the entirety of the Empire of Solomon.

Unlike the Jews, the Indians had neither laws nor concepts of "land ownership", and we cannot speak of them as "owners" of North America in the same way as the Jews owned Israel.

Under Anglo-Saxon and international law, the Indian claim is null and void. They surrendered all the lands lost to them by treaty. Regardless of how such agreements were obtained, they are legally binding. The Jews, on the other hand, signed no such agreement(s), and the title to Palestine remains with them until such time as they surrender it legally or the Arab plans for genocide of that people succeed.

It is a great pity, as I said before, that the Palestinians have been used by the other Arabs as mere tools for their ambitions. If there ever is a case for direct UN intervention, that is it.

MULTIPLE WORLDS AND THE APPEARANCE OF AN IDEOLOGY IN THE GAME OF DIPLOMACY

Allan B. Calhauer

[Ed. note: Mr. Calhauer has submitted this article to several postal Diplomacy journals. I am grateful to him for a copy to publish. This is Part I, and other parts will appear in #86 and possible one other issue.]

1. Measure, Counter-Measure, and Counter-Counter-Measure

Years ago, when I played face-to-face Diplomacy frequently with the same small group, two of the players began the practice of allying with each other in every game. With the other players allying here and there according to no set pattern, these two players obviously had an advantage since, in the event that a war developed at uneven odds, they were far more likely to be on the long than the short side of the odds.

Of course, the pattern in their play was noticed after a few games. It was then quickly mentioned to all the other players at the start of a game. The remaining five players then swarmed the offending two and knocked them out, after which their play returned to a more nearly typical pattern.

On another occasion, a friend of mine and I made a personal alliance to extend over all our games. We then considered all the possible combinations of countries we could draw (for countries were always assigned by chance, as per the rulebook, in those groups). There are 21 such combinations. We decided that 9 of the 21 combinations lent themselves to the particular chicane we had in mind. For each of those nine combinations, we devised first moves which would get the two countries off to a good start as allies. Using these moves, we not only always had a good alliance, but were relieved of the necessity of negotiating it. We usually went out to "percher, for appearances" sake, only briefly at the end of the first negotiating period, and sometimes came back in looking angry.

I do not know whether the crowd sensed the pattern or not, but they were pretty good players, and about the third time we used this "super-alliance", as we called it, we began to run into tough resistance on every front. Finally the other partner decided that I must have a "super-alliance" going with someone else on the board, conflicting with his; which notion was wrong, but in any case he spilled the beans and the "super-alliance" came to an end.

In a sense, one might regard alignment and realignment based upon positional considerations as the measure, the permanent alliance as the counter-measure, and the swarming of the permanent allies as the counter-counter-measure. It is then apparent that the succession of measure and counter-measure need not stop at any given point; but there is hardly any need to develop and prepare highly sophisticated counters, where there is little likelihood that one will be faced with the corresponding measures.

The evolution described above occurred in face-to-face groups, where the same or nearly the same seven players played in one game after another. Such an evolution is not so likely to occur in postal Diplomacy, where there are many more players in the pool, and a player does not play with the same opponents so often.

[We will continue with this interesting and important article in the next issue.]

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A Mainer farmer was told when his daughter got married, he would have to give the bride away. He verified this necessity with the minister a couple of times before the ceremony and was told that yes, he'd have to do it. So, on the appointed day, when all were assembled, and bride and groom stood before the altar, he earned to face all who were there and said in a loud, stentorian tones, "Well, ...she ain't no virgin!"

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