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EXPIRATIONS: With this issue the subscriptions of Michael Rocamora and Gerald White expire.

REQUEST FOR AID: Can anyone tell me the current whereabouts of Game 1973BN, transferred from Mark Weidmark to a new home recently?

KNOWN ORPHANS: The following is a complete list of all games known to be current orphans. Any Gamesmaster interested in the possibility of reviving one or more of them should get in touch with Greg Warden, 4305 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, PA. 19104.

1971CI. 1971CZ. 1972BM. 1972CV. 1972FA. 1973AM. 1973BK.

In addition, it would appear that all games managed by Richard Holcombe in PACIFIC DIPLODEUR are orphans. I am looking into the situation and will advise.

ABANDONMENTS: The following games have been declared abandoned, not possible of revival:

(1971DK). 1972FW. (1972GC.) 1973S. 1973CQ.

CORRECTION: The supply/player chart for game 1970X reported in Everything #14 was slightly incorrect. The listing for the Italian player is properly for the Russian player, and the actual Italian player's name was omitted entirely. He was Chuck Soukup (out F05). Thanks to Doug Beyerlein for bringing this to my attention.

FUTURE FEATURES: A reliability rating for gamesmasters (based on a proposal by Fred C. Davis); Some intriguing data developed by Burt Labelle and Mick Bullock on changing patterns in winning countries; Plans for an American Variant Bank (of maps and rules available to the public); and perhaps contributions from the readership?

*But Had Better Sense Than To Ask

POSTAL DIPLOMACY'S GERIATRICS WARD

It somehow managed to occur to me, for the same sort of reasons that all such screwball things occur to me, that you might care to know a little about the striking exceptions among current games - the ones that have been going on seemingly forever. At this writing there are ten games currently running which began in 1969 or earlier - at least four real years, a long time by any standards. Just for fun, here's a little summary on each of the ten.

1962A. That's right, folks; 1962. This is the first known postal game ever begun. It was started as a carbon-copy affair by Conrad von Metzke in the late summer of '62, ran for one game year and was abandoned for lack of interest. In the fall of 1972, more for reasons of novelty than anything else, the game was revived - with six out of seven players changed - and has proceeded on a round-robin gamesrastership basis since then. It is currently groaning along through game year 1906, and as a sideshow event is the scene of one of the bitterest and most vicious personality clashes ever to appear in the hobby, one which may yet rip the hobby to shreds. The game itself appears to be an eventual Russian win (played by John Boyer).

1967AV. Begun in the long-defunct INTERNATIONAL ENQUIRER, the game was picked up and continued after a long hiatus by Harold Naus in ADAG. It is now into 1911 with the country strengths: E, 10; F, 11; I, 5; T, 8. As the present writer is playing England (and is the only original player left), I had better not make a prediction.

1968BK. Begun in VERBAL CHAOS, orphaned and moved to KU, re-orphaned and recently moved to ADAG. Now into 1913, with the countries left at: E, 8; F, 10; R, 4; T, 11. Again, I am a player - England - but this time I'm a replacement. I have already lost once, as Austria! Other players are Mike Lariton (F), Jerry White (R), and Len Lakofka (T).

1968CC. The last of John Koning's many orphans, now being run in DURE by Edi Birsan after a spell under Bob Johnson. Now into 1917. After a long spell of little activity, a recent German surge may have broken the stasis. Countries left are FGIRT, respective strengths 3-12-4-10-5.

1969V. Again from INTERNATIONAL ENQUIRER to ADAG. Now in 1908, with five countries left. A probable Turkish victory for guess who?

19690. An ADAG original, this has plodded at last to 1916, and after one of the hardest-fought mid-board campaigns known to me, the line has finally and decisively been broken in favour of England and France, with the former the almost certain winner.

1969AX. In Jeff Key's (THE) VOICE, this one has moved quite slowly and is only now into 1908. The game is still an open contest, with only Germany and Austria out of the fray and England as good as.

1969CF. We witness with England's second-ever game (in COURIER) an apparent attempt to break the all-time record for total game years played. Now into 1925 and no end in sight. As of Fall 1923 the situation was: France (Ray Evans), 11; Germany (Bob Stuart), 10; Italy (Malcolm Watson), 13. Just for comparisons, the same countries have been the only three left since 1914 and in that year the strengths were 12-9-13. The question now before the public is this: Will the players try to break the record (they do not happen to know what the record is!), or will they call their draw and wrap it up before the mark falls. If anybody cares, the record now stands at 1928.

1969CN. PACIFIC DIPLODEUR. An apparent orphan, languishing in mid-1915 until somebody picks the game up.

1969CR. This game will end next week as a three-way draw among E-F-T (Jim Abeler, Sam Jones, Jim Barber). It started in RAMSEY DIPLOMAT, passed to TANGELO briefly and is now in STAB.

One common feature in most of these games is that several of the top-notch old-time players are or have been involved in them. Rod Walker was in four, Conrad von Metzke in six (one twice) and is GM of a seventh, Edi Birsan, Charles Reinsel, Stan Wrobel, Bob Johnson, Malcolm Watson, John McCallum, Randy Bytwerk, Andrew Phillips, Bob Ward...etcetera. And the projected results are intriguing too: Five single victories almost assured, two others probable; two draws likely; one unknown. With the trend for draws and concessions these days, that's a huge percentage otherwise.

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Changes to List of Publishers

Delete: Dix (defunct).

Add:

Martin Davis, 16 Cross St., Oakfield, Ryde, Isle of Wight, England
PO33 1EH (Ummagumma).

John Hulland, RR #4, Guelph, Ontario Canada N1H 6J1 (Adanaek, Mush,
Johnus).

Chris Schleicher, 814 East Old Willow Rd., #214, Wheeling, IL. 60090
(Atlantis).

Richard Scott, 'Desscot,' Kingwood Common, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.,
England (Fifth Columnist).

Anyone taking bets on how long Atlantis lasts this time?

Ah yes - Adanaek (Hulland) is variants only.

And the title of Michael Conzreve's magazine announced last issue is Tackticks.

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1973GR. The Fouch. Fulbright. A- Gary Peterson. E- David Lagerson.
F- Robert Vivian. G- David Claman. I- Kevin Gallagher. R- Wayne
Gildroy. T- Zane Parks.

1973GS. Fifth Columnist. Scott. A- Keith Morris. E- Stephen Wyatt.
F- Norman Nathan. G- J.J. Grose. I- Norman Lambert. R- Robin Brown.
T- T.F. Baelz.

1973GT. El Conquistador. Anderson. A- Fred Hicks. E- Walter Huff.
F- Andre Boulanger. G- Fred Chartrand. I- Brian Blume. R- Robert
Moore. T- Paul Oldaker.

1973GU. Fifth Columnist. Scott. A- Ralph Stephen. E- Tony Hickie.
F- Andy Davidson. G- D.M. Allen. I- A.J. Sierla. R- Chris White.
T- Mary Turner.

1973GV. Tales from the Black Forest. Corker. A- Peter Charlton.
E- John Lettice. F- Andy Davidson. G- Brian Yare. I- Allan Ovens.
R- Les Pimley. T- Pat Pimley.

1973GW. Grafeti. Yare. No game list at present; will be filled in.

1973GX. Sinai. Dority. A- Howard Stump. E- R.J. Tatay. F- Douglas
Hollingsworth. G- David Burkett. I- Scott Robinson. R- Robert Blau.
T- Curt Denhart.

1973GY. ADAG. Naus. A- David Davies. E- Philbert Fry. F- Kevin
Gallagher. G- Ed Kollmer. I- Bradley Payne. R- Steve Altman. T-
John Potera.

1973GZ. Runestone. Leeder. A- Doug Ronson. E- Mark Woldmark. F-
Randolph Smyth. G- Paul Monahan. I- Alex Gallin. R- Rick Kitching.
T- Doug Hayward.

If you are under the misapprehension that this constitutes fewer
games than usual for a month, remember that last issue was a week late.
Projected final total for 1973 holding firm at 250.

Games Recently Completed

1971W. Magazine: Diplophobia. Gamesmaster: Donald L. Miller.
Players: A- Lincoln Clark (res F01), Jeff Power (won F13). E- Tim
Fuchs (dro F01), Andrew Phillips. F- W.Gerald White (dro F02), Fausto
Calabria. G- Buddy Tretick (out F05). I- David Border (dro S08),
Rodney Walker (res S09), Mark Tonnesen. R- Alden Miller. T- David
Dix (out F07).

Chart overleaf.

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	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
A	3	4	5	6	6	8	9	10	10	11	12	15*	17	19
E	3	3	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
F	3	5**	4	3	4	5	4	5	5	7	7	5	3	1
G	3	5	5	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I	3	4	5	6	7*	6	8	6	6*	4	3	2	2	4
R	4	7	7	7	7	8	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	9
T	3	4	4*	5	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 1971AQ. Magazine: Midwestern Courier. Gamesmaster: Ray Powers.
 Players: A- Chuck Moore (out F02). E- Stephen Marsland (won F10).
 F- Ken Church (out F06). G- Mike Dugan (out F07). I- Bruce Kindig.
 R- Harry Chesley (out F08). T- Glen Johnson (dro F08), W. Gerald White.

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A	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E	3	4	5	6	8	9	12	14	15	17	18
F	3	5	5	4	3	2	-	-	-	-	-
G	3	5	5	6	4	4	2	-	-	-	-
I	3	5	6	6	7	8	9	9	11*	11	13
R	4	6	6	6	5	3	-	-	-	-	-
T	3	4	6	6	7	8	11	11	8	6	3

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 1971BI. Magazine: Diplonhobia. Gamesmaster: Donald L. Miller.
 Players: A- Michael Quist (dro F04), c.d. (out F04). E- R. Wayne
 Hoheisel (dro S02), Rodney Walker (out F04). F- Mark Tonnesen.
 G- Bernie Ackerman (won F11). I- Douglas Beyerlein. R- Phil Sageser
 (dro F07), David Dix (dro F09), Harold Naus (out F10). T- John Boyer.

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A	3	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E	3	4*	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	9	5	7
G	3	6	6	7	9	8	9	10	11	13	19**	19
I	3	4*	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	6	5	2
R	4	6	7	8	6	7	5	3	2	1	-	-
T	3	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	6

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 1971CR. Magazine: Xenogogic. Gamesmaster: Lawrence Peery. Players:
 A- Charles Hidalgo (dro F01), Edi Birsan (res? ?), c.d. (out F07).
 E- Dennis Brackman. F- Robert Lamb. G- Kathryn Fassenheim (out F04).
 I- David Scott (out F05). R- Mark Verheiden (out F07). T- Ray Bergeron
 (dro F01), Andrew Phillips (won F08).
 Chart overleaf.

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1971DX. Magazine: Boast. Gamesmaster: Herb Barents. Players:
 A- Robert Beasecker. E- Charles Welsh (dro F02), Tim Tilson (out F05).
 F- Dieter Loerick (res F10), c.d. G- Steven Langs (won F11). I-
 Barry Eynon. R- Bruce Silzer (dro S04), Blair Johnson (out F08). T-
 J.R. Lainer (dro S04), Dean Schwass (dro S10), Douglas Dick (out F10).

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A	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	4	5
E	3	4	4	3	1	-						
F	3	5	6	7	9	10	10	11	12	12	12	11
G	3	5	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	17*	18****
I	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	-
R	4	6	7	6	5	4	2	1	-			
T	3	4	5*	5*	5	6	7	7	6	5	-	

And after the Italian player listing, add (out F11), sorry.

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1971DY. Magazine: Saguenay. Gamesmaster: C.F. von Letzke. Players:
 A- Robert Hiltz (dro F06), Harry Mews. E- W.H. Lafosse (dro F05), Ed
 Rack. F- Brian Hoole (dro F04), c.d. (out F05). G- Chris Driscoll
 (dro F04), Roger Nelson (res F06), Rudy Niens. I- Mark Weidmark (drew
 F08). R- Jacques Lapointe (drew F03). T- Paul Stone (dro S05), Reg
 Forester (out F05).

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	3	5	5	5	6	8**	6	3	1
E	3	4	5	5	6	6	6	7	6
F	3	4	4	3	1	-			
G	3	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	2
I	3	4	4	5	7	7	8	10	12
R	4	5	5	7	6	7	8	9	13*
T	3	5	5*	3	2	-			

draw by player vote.

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1971EF. Magazines: Smut (to F03), Carbon 13/Tazenda (to S08), carbon
 copy. Gamesmasters: Peter Weber (to F03), Fred Winter (to S08), C.F.
 von Letzke. Players: A- Herb Galenzoski (drew S09). E- Nicholas
 Purcola (res F02), Bruce Kindig (drew S09). F- Ed Rack (out F07).
 G- Jack Boyd (dro F02), James Fish (drew S09). I- Ray Bowers (res S06),
 c.d. (out F07). R- Jack Shannon (res F07), c.d. T- Lenard Lakofka
 (out F03).

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A	3	6	7	8	8	10	11*	12	14	
E	3	5	6	5	6	7	7	9	10	
F	3	6	6	5	5	2	2*	-		
G	3	4	4	5	6	5	5	7	7	
I	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	-		
R	4	5	5	7	6	8*	7*	6	3	
T	3	4	2	-						

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1972B. Magazine: Saguenay. Gamesmaster: C.F. von Letzke. Players:
 A- Peter Walker. E- David Kirk (drew S08). F- Craig Besinque (drew
 S08). G- Roy Norton. I- David Potter. R- Allan Stewart (out F03).
 T- Mark Weidmark (drew S08).

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	(08)
A	3	3	4	5	4	3	2	1	-
E	3	5	5	6	6	8	8	8	
F	3	4	5	6	6	7	6	8	
G	3	5	7	7	7	4	5	4	Voted E-F-T draw.
I	3	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	
R	4	5	3	-					
T	3	5	6	7	10	11	12	12	

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1972K. Magazine: Ethil the Frog. Gamesmaster: John Piggott. Players:
 A- Peter Robertson (drew F15). E- Phil Jones (out F04). F- David
 Christiansen (dro F09). Jeff Oliver (out F12). G- Andy Davidson
 (out F15). I- Ian Maule (out F06). R- Graham Jeffery (drew F15).
 T- Kevin Feintuck (out F03).

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	3	5	6	9*	10	10	10	9	8	9	9	10	11	13	15	17
E	3	3	3	2	-											
F	3	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	5	3	4	5*	-			
G	3	5	6	7	11*	12*	11	12	13	13	10	8	8*	6	3	-
I	3	4	4	2	1	-										
R	4	6	8	9	7	6	7	6	8	9	11	13	15**	15	16	17*
T	3	4	2	-												

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1972AL. Magazines: Erehwon (to F01), ADAG. Gamesmasters: Rodney
 Walker (to F01), Harold Naus. Players: A- Tony Pandin (dro S05), c.d.
 (out F05). E- Payton Turpin (dro F02). C.F. von Letzke. F- Steven Brooks.
 G- Steve Cooper (out F04). I- Lenard Lakofka (res S02), Bradley Wayne.
 R- Elliot Lipson (won F05). T- Don Horton.

	00	01	02	03	04	05
A	3	5	6	4	1	-
E	3	5	4	5	6	5
F	3	5	5	4	5	6
G	3	5	5	2	-	
I	3	4	4	4	3	2
R	4	5	7	11	15	19
T	3	4	3	4	4	2

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1972BV. Magazine: Ethil the Frog. Gamesmaster: John Piggott.
 Players: A- Andy Davidson. E- Ian Lawson (out F11). F- Fred Hemmings
 (res S03), Harry Bell (out F09). G- Phil Jones (won F12). R- Phil
 Shaw (dro F06), Richard Walkerdine (out F06). I- Andrew Waldie (out
 F05). T- Jeff Oliver.

Note that I've reversed the Italian and Russian players in order.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
A	3	5	6	7	8	10*	10	10	9	12*	12*	11	11
E	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	-	-
F	3	4	5	5	5	6	3	2	2	-	-	-	-
G	3	5	5	6	6	5	7	7	8	10	12	16*	18*
I	3	4	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R	4	4	5	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12*	10	8	7	5

1972CB. Magazines; Alpha (to F03), Dunc. Gamesmasters: David Hunt
 (to F03), Edi Birsan. Players: A- Thomas D. Keller. E- Gary Gehrke
 (drew S06). F- Paul Schwartz (drew S06). G- Bob Stoughton (res F03),
 Scott Bennett. I- Kevin Cauley (dro S05), c.d. (out F05). R- Sam
 Schaler (out F05). T- Tim Kelley (res F03), David Claman.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	(06)
A	3	3	4	5	5	4	-
E	3	4	5	6	7	10	-
F	3	5	5	6	8	10	-
G	3	5	6	6	5	2	-
I	3	4	4	2	1	-	-
R	4	7	5	3	1	-	-
T	3	4	5	6	7	8	-

Players voted E-F draw.

1972CL. Magazine: Ethil the Frog. Gamesmaster: John Piggott. Players:
 A- Howell Davies (out F07). E- Tom Durrheim (dro F06), Kevin Feintuck
 (out F10). F- Robert Alexander. G- John Lorrison. I- Jeff Oliver (won
 F10). R- Steve Williams (dro F07), Jeremy Wismore. T- Bruce Davidson
 (dro S05), Gregory Ward (out F05).

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
A	3	4*	4	3	3	3*	1	-	-	-	-
E	3	4	5	5*	5	4	4	2	1	1	-
F	3	4	5	5	6	7	7	9	7	7	5
G	3	5	6	7	6	6	6 ^m	6	8	8	8
I	3	4	4	5	6	8	11	13	17*	17	20***
R	4	5	5	5	6	6	5	4	1	1	1
T	3	4	5	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

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1972GJ. Magazine: Il Corriere Diplomatico. Gamesmaster: Enrico Manfredi. Players: A- Fausto Citeresi (drew F05). B- Marino Marini (drew F05). F- Federico Giampaola (drew F01), e.d. (out F03). G- Franco Giannini (drew F05). I- G. Carlo Dreini (drew S04), e.d. (to F04), A. DePaulis (drew F05). H- Claudio Nardi (out F05). T- Rodolfo Bacci (drew F05).

	00	01	02	03	04	05
A	3	4	4	5	5	4
B	3	5	6	8	10	11
F	3	4*	2	-		
G	3	5	7	9	9	11
I	3	3	3	2	1	1
H	4	6	5	4	1	-
T	3	4	5	6	8	7

draw by player vote.

Thus do we catch up the backlog. I'd appreciate anyone in a position to do so, checking 1971CR (p.6-7) for mistakes; I've had to do a good deal of backtracking and probability-guessing for this mess. Andy?

There has been a good deal of discussion in the press of late over the merits and demerits of voted results to games, which trend is rapidly coming into its own in the hobby. I don't plan to make value assessments in this magazine - I've done elsewhere - but from a purely positional coign of vantage, some of the completed games in this issue show very unsatisfactory results. In the sense, that is, that the game was in no way moving toward a distinct result. It should be kept in mind that voted results are often heavily dependent on diplomatic and/or personal relationships among players, which features cannot be assessed merely by looking at where the units stand.

1972GJ on this page is in no way a tactically finished game. 1972B (p.8) likewise; in this second case I have considerably more perspective, since I refereed the thing, and I can observe that on the basis of positions and alliances, a different result was to be expected; the players, however, chose to end it rather than deal with possible internal coordination difficulties.

Don't interpret these paragraphs in the light of implying anything specific about the value of voted results. It will be interesting, however- when we have a few more results in the books - to try to understand and interpret the reasons for this trend. Anybody wishing to contribute to a symposium is quite welcome.

With this issue, Everything is one year old. Now ghastly.

And circulation stands at an horrendous 60. Hasta la proxima....