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We have another new addition to the BNC staff. Doug Ronson is the associate custodian for Canada, and will run the Boardman Numbers for Canada starting in January. Doug is a member of the Paroxysm Party after running his own zine, Berserker, for some time. I had the opportunity to talk with him at the DipCon and he was quite agreeable to joining the BNC staff. Doug will be given a block of Numbers for 1976 to assign to games ran in Canadian zines. Thus all Canadian publishers should trade with him if you do not do so at present. Also I wish to continue to receive all Canadian zines in exchange for Everything. Anyone who has any questions on all of this should direct them to me, Doug Beyerlein.

For one reason or another I did not receive any game reports from Richard Walkerdine for this issue. I suspect (and hope) that this was because of some postal foul-up and everything will be back to normal next issue. This issue is rather short on finished game reports because of this plus a number of games missing information and an apparent general publishing slowdown after the DipCon. Undoubtedly this will mean twice as much work for me next issue.

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But back to Richard. To try to find out just what the problem was I tried to call Walkerdine. Having never tried a long distance call to Europe I wasn't quite sure what I was getting myself in for. First I checked Mad Policy (Richard's zine) for his phone number and found no mention of it in several back issues. Strike one. Then I tried the operator for information on placing a call to England, direct dial if possible. Three operators later I was told that they could not find the whereabouts of Addlestone, Surrey, and that I would need the name of a larger nearby town. Strike two. So, where might Addlestone be? An atlas was the only answer and I raced off to the office on my bicycle to consult one. Fortunately, although none would give any real clue to the location of Addlestone, one did have a detailed map of Metropolitan London. And there down to the southwest was Addlestone, near Weybridge and Chertsey of course. Back to the phone. Now with the knowledge that Addlestone was near Weybridge I knew that I would have no more problems. After a new set of three operators I was told that I could not direct dial England from my phone exchange. Well, damn the added expense and lets try operator-assisted station to station. And to the London operator we went. Addlestone's location now proved to be no problem (and they didn't even ask me about Weybridge or Chertsey, sigh). But then strike three: There are no Walkerdines listed in the Addlestone phone directory. Sorry. And today only Richard Walkerdine knows whether or not he has not a phone or an unlisted number. Richard?

<sup>\*</sup> But Had Better Sense Than to Ask

Below is the current status of the publishers I know of in the hobby, as updated from #22.

Current traders: John Boardman, Rod Walker, Len Lakofka, Chris Schleicher, Andy Phillips, Greg Warden, Walt Buchanan, Michel Feron, Herb Barents, Burt Labelle, John Boyer, Paul Wood, Fred Davis, Richard Walkerdine, Jim Benes, John Leeder, Michael Bartnikowski, Mick Bullock, Don Horton, Howard Johnson, Steve Nozik, Robert Lipton, Randolph Bart, Dan Gallagher, John Mirassou (no longer publishing), Michael Rocamora, Al & Tom Burkacki, Roland Prevot, Robert Correll, Tony Kniaz, Frank McIlvaine, Douglas Reif, Joel Klein, Ray Heuer, Rick Loomis, Jeremy Paulson, Scott Rosenberg, Steve Solomon, Dave Kadlecek, David Truman, Bruce Schlickbernd, Michael Homeier, Peter Berggren, Robert Sacks, Tony Watson, Ed Kollmer, Richard Kovalcik, Dave Head, Randolph Smyth, Michael Friedman, Laurence Gillespie, Dave Staples, Walter Luc Haas, Ake Jonsson, Dennis Brackman, Russell Fox, Steve Cook, Bob Hartwig, Roger Oliver, Ben Grossman, David Holmes, John Baker, Robert Goldman, Brad Hessel, Fred Brenner, Charles Spiegel, Gordon Anderson, William Clumm, Adam Gruen, Carl Adamec, John Gross, and Michael Muchnik. Anderson has returned from a year's absence from publishing and Clumm, Gruen, Adamec, Gross, and Muchnik are all new to our ranks. Welcome aboard, gentlemen. I have received at least one issue from each of the current traders since July.

Questionable traders (no issue since July): Hal Naus, Edi Birsan, John Hulland, Richard Scott, Peter Shamray, Randy Christopher, Dan Gorham, Jim Bumpas, Richard Sharp, Don Efron, Warren Wyman, George Phillies, and Pete Birks. I know that some of you people send me stuff in bunches, but please try to do it at least once every two months. And if nothing comes from you by the end of November then I am forced to assume that you are no longer publishing and your trade will be cancelled.

Refuse to trade: Charles Reinsel and John Coleman.
Apparently no longer publishing: Don Miller, Bernie Ackerman, and Duncan Morris.

On to other matters.

ONE MORE TIME: I have been BN Custodian for almost a year now and for almost a year I have been publicly stating that Conrad von Metzke, the previous custodian, did not pass on any money to me when I took on the job. Thus, those of you who sent Conrad money for one thing or another related to the Numbers and EVERYTHING should not continue to ask me if I will honor Conrad's debts. I would be most happy to do so if he would have given me the necessary money. But he didn't, and so I can't. I hate to sound so unpleasant about all of this, but I am getting rather tired of getting photocopies of checks sent to Conrad and being asked that I honor them because I took over from him. If you want your money back or whatever write Conrad, not me. Thank you.

On more pleasant subjects I will quickly mention below what Marie and I have been up to since the last issue and our plans through the end of the year. We flew back to Chicago for the DipCon in mid-August and had a good time. (A detailed write-up can be found in Dave Kadlecek's Speculum.) Then on Labor Day we flew up to Seattle to do some hiking on Mt. Rainier. The weather was poor and we abandoned the hike after it snowed an inch of new white stuff all over us and the surrounding terrain. We returned two days later to finally see Rainier through the broken clouds. It was Marie's third trip to Seattle and the first time she had ever seen the 14,410 foot tall volcano. Since then we have journeyed up to Yosemite once for a two and a half day hike in the Sierras, prior to spending the first weekend in October typing this thing up. For the future I have to return to the books for a thorough review of the basics of civil engineering before I spend eight hours and sixty dollars taking the California professional engineers' exam on November 8. So don't expect much from me until after that date. Then for the Thanksgiving weekend we will journey down to

San Diego to visit my grandparents and perhaps some Diplomacy friends (Rod and Hal, take note). In addition to all of this I have written a computer program (in Fortran) to update the ODD Listing and am now in the process of setting up the input data. With 205 games finished in issues #19-22 it is quite a chore, but it has now passed the stage where it can be done by hand. I am aiming to have it all updated in time for the December issue of Diplomacy World, but we shall see. I hope to publish the top 60 listing in future issues of EVERYTHING once I get it all going again. And, assuming that I have any energy left, eventually I plan to establish a card catalog so as to be able to track down every game assigned a Boardman Number. I suspect that with zines folding a number of games have just disappeared and it would be nice to at least know what happened to them and remove them from my current games files.

Another project of mine, but one deserving its own paragraph, is the eighth Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP #8). An announcement about the current poll is in the September issue of Diplomacy World, along with a ballot sheet. However, let me briefly mention it here. I have ran this poll since 1971 and have used it as a vehicle to determine who the Diplomacy community thinks the best players are. It is only as good as the support that it receives. If you are interested in helping provide this support I would be most grateful. Please reprint the ballot sheet in your zine and briefly mention what the poll is all about to your readers. Each publisher who cooperates in this manner will be sent a copy of the results as soon as they are tabulated on the evening of December 15 along with my thanks. And who knows, maybe your readers think that you are an excellent player. A sample ballot is attached on the last page of this issue of EVERYTHING. Please use it.

Probably the one thing that has received the most comment since I have been BNC was the recent finish of 1969CF in Don Turnbull's Courier. The game was won by Ray Evans as France in 1929. Thus, the question was asked, "Is this the longest postal game on record?" Yes, it was. The old record was held by 1967U in Graustark that lasted until 1928. There are a number of other games that finished in the mid 1920s. However, this interest in 1969CF has presented me with an idea. There is no one in the hobby who currently notes and collects records of this sort. But records of this sort are interesting and some type of organized knowledge on the subject could be encouraged. Therefore, I will try to encourage the idea and provide the necessary materials. I will supply a copy of the Terminus Listing and the game reports from issues one through 18 of EVERYTHING (plus issues #19-22, if needed) to anyone who is interested all types of records compilable from finished game reports. Also, space will be given in future issues of EVERYTHING to report on various records and note when records are broken. Anyone whom might be interested in this position on the BNC staff should contact me, Doug Beyerlein, as soon as possible.

Speaking of back issues of EVERYTHING in the above paragraph, I should mention that there appears to be a demand for copies of the first 18 issues of EVERYTHING (i.e., Conrad's issues). In particular, people are interested in the game reports in those issues. Because of this demand I am making the following offer: I will photocopy the pages in #1-18 that include game reports. I have counted these up and they total 80 pages of photocopy material. Therefore, I will photocopy the material and offer it to you for \$5.00 postage paid (third class mail) or \$6.00 for first class mail. Please send money or check (check preferred) to me, Doug Beyerlein. Anyone in Europe can use the ISE and contact David Johnson in the U.K. and, of course, still write me for the order. Terminus Project listings go for \$5.00 each (although I am currently out) and contain pre-EVERYTHING game reports. The Terminus Project was started by Tony Pandin and completed by Walt Buchanan. I do the photocopying because of fairly inexpensive access (five cents per page) at work.

I am rather more verbose than usual this issue, but I plan to only bore you on a couple more subjects before I call it an issue and go home to bed.

Elsewhere in this issue is the corrected player listing for 1974GG. corrected because Mark Zimmermann informed me that he was not the original player in Spring 1901 for Austria. I then wrote to David Holmes, the gm, and he clarified the situation. Basically, although the situation is very complicated, the problem is/was that there was no player assigned to Austria prior to the Spring 1901 deadline. Or actually the player assigned did not end up playing and thus the game started with effectively one country in civil disorder. Unfortunately, this seems to be happening more frequently now that player interest in new game openings is not meeting the supply. Another game example is 1975GA. There no one started playing France until Spring 1902. A rather poor way to start a game and in fact a very unfair way. With one country in civil disorder at the start an unnatural vacuum immediately occurs on the board upsetting play. I believe that in most cases this occurs for the following reason. A gamesmaster has trouble filling a game. Because of this, interest in a game opening advertised some months back is construed by the gm to mean that the player is still interested and has signed up for the game. In fact, the player in question might have only been inquiring about the availability of game openings, or perhaps because of the large time lapse has lost interest in the particular game opening. In any case, the gm finally gets seven players and announces that the game has started. When the player does not respond with Spring 1901 orders the country is allowed to sit and die. Or a player is found to try to do something with an opening in Fall 1901 to stave off doom. Some gms try assigning stand-bys to certain players or countries in Spring 1901 to guarantee that someone will send in orders, but this is hardly the solution. The solution is that every gm when starting a new game get an updated indication from all seven players that they are still interested in playing. This should be done prior to the announcement of the game's start. If one or more of the players do not respond within reasonable time then the gm should hold up the game until the seventh interested person is found. That would eliminate 99 percent of these problems and allow for a much smoother and balanced game for everyone involved. I do not want to try policing new games to see that they are handled correctly at the start. I will, however, assign irregular status to games that I find grossly neglecting the idea that Diplomacy is a seven player game. For that reason 1974GG and 1975GA were given irregular status. Comments?

The last thing on my list of topics for this issue is the subject of local games. First a definition. A local game is a game in which all seven players live in the same metropolitan area, whether the game is played by mail, by phone, or in person with time for secret negotiations. Local games are not rated by the ratingskeepers who are members of the Postal Diplomacy Ratings Commission. A few people don't understand why local games are not rated and aren't sure to whom to complain -- which means that they will probably complain to me.

It is my belief that local games should not be rated because they are aimed at a select group of participants. For example, a non-Dewey High player could not play in the local Exponent games because of the fact that they are run on two-day deadlines and thus all communication must be done in person or by phone. If these games were ratable then because of their speed and small audience an Exponent player could compile victory after victory and any interested outside player could not enter the competition to challenge this supposedly great player. The problem is further complicated for ratingskeepers and the BNC because it is difficult to tell when a

local game is being run Exponent style or in the way that Graustark runs all-NYC games (i.e., on the same schedule as its other postal games). The easiest thing to judge by at the start of a game is the location of the players. If they all live in the same metropolitan area then one somewhat has to assume the worst about the game and not rate it. This is unfortunately somewhat unfair to most postal games conducted by and for a group of players in the same metropolitan area, but it is the easiest way for the ratingskeeper to make the decision whether or not to rate the game in question.

Others have other arguments as to why local games should not be rated. I do not particularly desire to state their arguments and therefore won't. However, let me say that this topic is up for debate in the PDRC and if you are interested in expressing a view one way or the other then please do so. The current chairperson of the PDRC is Len Lakofka (644 W. Briar Place, Chicago, IL 60657). Write him with your ideas, comments, and suggestions on this subject. When Rod Walker was chairperson he publicly asked for input on this idea of deciding what a local game is and whether or not it should be rated. Unfortunately, I don't believe that he decided any comments outside of those from other PDRC members. So, if you don't speak up now you can hardly blame someone's decision on this subject in the future.

Well, I have exhausted my list of topics for this issue and myself as well. This issue is running slightly late (today is October 7), but I had hoped that Walkerdine's stuff would arrive any day. But it hasn't. The next issue will be out around the first of December and hopefully full of game reports once again. (I have not done so much editorializing since I shut down California Reports about a year ago.) Well, enough. See you in about two month. Over to you now, Weswig.

-- Doug Beyerlein

- 1975GQ. Fol Si Fie. Smyth. A- Jim Lawson. E- David Anschuetz. F- Richard Kovalcik. G- Doug Ronson. I- John Hulland. R- Brian Gray. T- Robert Correll.
- 1975GR. Liaison Dangereuses. Swies. A- David Clapper. E- Jerome LeWohenette. F- Ron Stephens. G- Craig Meyer. I- Donny Matons. R- Gary Tillotson. T- Wayne Gilmer.
- 1975GS. Centurion. Fox. A- Bert Van Den Boogard. E- Terry Lucero. F- Tom Cooper. G- Donald T. Parker. I- Ted McDonald. R- Gary Behnen. T- Karl Scheutz.
- 1975GT. Centurion. Fox. A- William J. McDonough, Jr. E- John M. Weswig. F- William J. Adam. G- Jim Diehl. I- Chris Bradshaw. R- Ted McDonald. T- John Yontz.
- 1975GU. Claw & Fang. Cathcart. A- Gary L. Burce. E- Edward Karlinski. F- Gary Behnen. G- Steve Peluso. I- Tommy Neal. R- Henry M. Bear. T- David Carroll.
- 1975GV. Diman. Hessel. A- Larry Fong. E- Rich Preisler. F- Gary Cohen. G- Larry Bresslour. I- Doug Hollingsworth. R- Glen Taylor. T- Robert Sergeant.
- 1975GW. Graustark. Boardman. A- Dick Trtek. E- Charles Spiegel. F- Steven R. Bowman. G- Robert Sergeant. I- Douglas Dalman. R- Andrew Ilves. T- Paul Girsdansky.
- 1975GX. Liberterrean. Bumpas. A- Steve Goodman. E- Wayne Santos. F- Fred Bolin. G- David Tutacko. I- Mike Edmonds. R- Richard P. Johnson. T- Gary Kilbride.
- 1975GY. Liberterrean. Baker. A- Doug Hollingsworth. E- Margaret Gemignani. F- David Tutacko. G- David Wildman. I- Richard P. Johnson. R- William Clumm. T- Gary Behnen.
- 1975GZ. Western Star Dippy. Benes. A- Robert Sergeant. E- Jad Dittmar. F- Ron Keeping. G- Steve McLendon. I- Brian Gunderman. R- Chic Hilliker. T- Phil Senn.
- 1975HA. Arrakis. Head. A- Laurence Gillespie. E- Larry Norton. F- Wayne Callahan. G- David Grabar. I- Rod Zaccalini. R- Charles Spiegel. T- Ron Shea.
- 1975HB. Quendi Khazad Dum. Clumm. A- Laurence R. Norton. E- Dennis P. Nagle. F- Beowulf Roudebush. G- Karl E. Schuetz. I- Warren Wyman. R- Phil Gould. T- Paul Smith.
- 1975HC. Boast. Barents. A- Ray Lemke. E- "Timed of Angle". F- John R. Cleaveland. G- Kerry Gavigan. I- Terry Lachcik. R- Mike Lariton. T- Alvin Dziurzynski.
- 1975HD. Bumm. Feron. A- Peter Schreiber. E- Gerd Steding. F- Harti Ammann. G- Hartmut Halfmeier. I- Antonin Solc. R- Stefan Dour. T- Sonke Petersen.
- 1975HE. Bumm. Haas. A- Ron Kelly. E- Dave Kadlecek. F- Heike von Staden. G- Ferdinand Heger. I- Steve MacGregor. R- Alan Moseley. T- Will Haven.
- 1975HF. Claw & Fang. Behnen. A- Jim Diehl. E- Margaret Gemignani. F- Don Dewsnap. G- Michael J. Hanagan. I- Bill Klitzke. R- Rod Zaccalini. T- J.A. D'LeWhonette.
- 1975HG. Claw & Fang. Hightower. A- Stephen Locke. E- David Reynolds. F- Michael O'Kane. G- David Carawan. I- Sidney J. Jolly. R- John L. Dutcher. T- Don Dewsnap.
- 1975HH. Buffalo Diplomacy. Loomis. A- Bob Murphy. E- Tom Victory. F- Randy Henn. G- Jim Matthews. I- Grady Garrett. R- Douglas Steely. T- David Kane.

- 1975HI. Gassed. Truman. A- Wayne W. Norton. E- Bruce E. Harron. F- Bob Patten. G- Gerald Rogowski. I- Bruce Wayman. R- David Holmes. T- Tom Ripper.
- (1975HJ). IGHiP. G. Vansteel. A- Dennis Doughstee. E- Eric Vansteel. F- Terry Moore. G- Ray Ulman. I- Dennis LaLone. R- Bill Somers. T- Jerry Nowak.
- 1975HK. Centurion. Fox. A- Ted McDonald. E- Jim Diehl. F- Norman Weinstock. G- Karl E. Scheutz. I- Ron Stephens. R- Larry Norton. T- Randolph Bart.
- 1975HL. Dynasty. Gruen. A- Jan Pedersen. E- David Fujihara. F- Richard Klein. G- Jim Diehl. I- Peter Berggren. R- John Brennick. T- Wayne Gildroy.
- 1975HM. Dynasty. Gruen. A- Paul Rosenzweig. E- Ralph L. Morton. F- Thomas Gould. G- Mike Hinmon. I- Mark Whetstone. R- Bob Davies. T- Don Ditter.
- 1975HN. Diman. Hessel. A- Andy Pillsbury. E- Jim Nash. F- Bill Klitzke. G- Eric Goldberg. I- Drew McGee. R- Joe Blaylock. T- Don Rittel.
- 1975HO. Runestone. Leeder. A- Larry Moran. E- Ake E.B. Jonsson. F- Rick Solomon. G- Joseph Vanden Borre. I- David L. Davies. R- Richard J. Walkerdine. T- Roland Prevot.
- 1975HP. The Exponent. Brenner. A- Charles Morphy. E- David Weitz. F- Kip Yontz. G- Paul Evans. I- Russell Fox. R- Donald Cowan. T- Steven C. Doehrer.
- 1975HQ. The Exponent. De Lorenz. A- Steven A. Nix. E- Thomas Marzagalli. F- Tom Ripper. G- Lee Kendter Jr. I- Jad Dittmar. R- Scott Marley. T- Alan Rowland.
- An addition to the 1974 assigned Boardman Numbers:
- 1974IO. Nozine. Jackson. A- Gary Carter. E- Jim Hagen. F- Mark Swartwont. G- David Kaar. I- Jim Ferrans. R- Dennis Reside. T- Van Furrh.
- A change in the starting assignments for 1974GG (reported in #22):
- (1974GG). The Loner. Holmes. A- civil disorder. E- F. Roy Thomas. F- Wayne Callahan. G- David Graber. I- Lee Kendter. R- John Weswig. T- Wayne Gildroy. Previously Mark Zimmermann was listed as the original player for Austria. (See more on this game and the problem of starting assignments elsewhere in this issue.)

## RECENTLY FINISHED GAMES:

1971EJ. The Diplomat. Just (to S06), Walker. A- Conrad von Metzke (resF03), Paul Bond (droS08), c.d. E- John Koning (died F05), Hal Naus. F- Buddy Tretick (resF04), Sid Cochran (droS08), c.d. G- Jack Fleming (droS06), Stan Wrobel (outF06). I- Jim Bradley (droS06), Tony Watson. R- Jeff Key (win F08). T- Mark Weidmark (outF05).

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1972DP. Stoned (to F01), Flimflafnic (to F02), Stab (to F06), Hedian Record (to S09), Paroxysm. Stone (to F01), Weidmark (to F02), von Metzke (to F06), Drews. A- John Hendry. E- David DeLuca (resF07), Doug Ronson (draw F13). F- Michael Theilgaard (droF01), William Schill II (droF03), Joel Klein (resF07), Rick Solomon (outF09). G- John Leeder (draw F13). I- Buddy Tretick (resF02), Ron Kelly. R- Robert Arnett (droF06), Gary Blemings (droF07), Peter Walker (outF09). T- Peter Bennett (droF06), Terry Knowles (outF09).

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1973CN. Yggdrasill Chronicles. Van De Graaf. A- Clayton McCuistion (win F10). E- Steve Stanton (droF05), Dave Clamen (outF07). F- David Skaja (droF03), David Ayres. G- Bradley Smith (outF07). I- Thomas McCloud (resF01), Steven Langs (droS06), Ron Kelly. R- Len Scensny. T- Jeffrey Van Steele (droS04), Rudy Tatay (outF04).

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1973DZ. Boast. Barents. A- Ron Case (outF03). E- Laurie Van De Graaf. F- Ray Matheson (droS05), Douglas Dick (outF11). G- James R. Cleaveland. I- Wayne Lanham (droF07), Tom Berendt (outF11). R- Bill Klitzke. T- John Weswig (win F12).

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1973EI. The Pouch (to S11), Cair Paravel. Neiger. A- Ronald Kelly (draw F11). E- Leo Plotkin (outF06). F- Don Pitsch (draw F11). G- Mike Ritter (droF10), Wayne Gildroy (draw F11). I- Jamie Adams (droF06), Gary Peterson (outF09). R- C.A. 'Red' Beam (droF01), Miles Smith (resS02), Duncan Smith (outF06). T- John Stevens (draw F11).

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1974L. Claw & Fang. Horton. A- Gary Leppert (draw S11). E- Bruce Wayman (droF04), John Weswig (draw S11). F- Russ Nekorchuk (draw S11). G- Nelson Flynn (resF05), Anthony Wishart (outF06). I- David L. Davies (outF05). R- Monte Zelazny (outF08). T- Jeff Barber (draw S11).

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1974CT. Pen & Sword. Lind. A- John Baker (draw S09). E- Ronald Kelly (draw S09). F- J.H. Fleming (draw S09). G- Eric Davison (droF04), c.d. (outF05). I- Dan Gorham (droS04), Gordon McCabe (outF07). R- Roger Hinson (droF03), Walter Blank (outF05). T- J.S. McLendon (draw S09).

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The following finished games are irregular or local.

(1974AU). Peoples' City. Correll. A- John Gross (win F10). E- Jim Ronson (resF03), Doug Ronson. F- Dave Best (resF03), Andres Lang (resF05), Michael Rosen. G- Peter Bennett (droF07), c.d. (outF08). I- Terry Knowles (outF05). R- Mark Weidmark (outF08). T- Dave Pengelly (resS04), Gary Blemings (resS06), Bill Denning.

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(1974FF). The Podunk News. Hartwig. A- Bob Martin (outFO2). E- Phil Richards (draw SO7). F- Bob Hartwig (outFO4) (see note). G- Guy Erwin (draw SO7). I- Peter DeBenedittis (draw SO7). R- Kurt Mackas (outFO3) (see note). T- Doran Greening (draw SO7).

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(1974GR). Graustark. Boardman. A- Matthew Diller. E- Scott Rosenberg. F- William Howe (outFO4). G- Brian Burley. I- Edwyn L. Jacobs (win FO7). R- Eugene Prosnitz (outFO5). T- Peter Squires (outFO5).

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(1975L). Runestone. Leeder. A- Blair Cusack (resS04), Terry Tout (outF07). E- Norm Zinkhan (resF02), Jim Lawson (draw S10). F- Mitchell McCormick (draw S10). G- Russell Johnston (outF04). I- Gordon Johansen (draw S10). R- Dave Draper (resF03), Ken Wiechula (draw S10). T- Dale DuGray (outF04).

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(1975EA). The Exponent. Seligman. A- Jody Seide (outFO3). E- Charles Brandwein (draw S10). F- Richard Kovalcik (draw S10). G- Bruce Rosenblum (outFO3). I- Ira Leviton. R- Fred Brenner. T- Scott Smith.

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## Correction from #22:

1973EV Weidmark was the gm to F01.

Finished Games in this issue:

1971EJ 1972DP 1973CN,DZ,EI 1974L,CT

The following games are finished, but as of this time I have incomplete records on each:

1969A 1973B,AB,AP,BP,CM,CU,FV

Finished Local or Irregular Games in this issue:

1974AU,FF,GR 1975L,EA

Local or irregular games for which I need more information:

1973BR, EM

## Special notation:

\* - one unit short of the center total after the winter adjustments # - one unit extra over center total after winter adjustments (this actually should never occur and is a gm error) (1975XX) - the parentheses around a Number designates that the game is either irregular or local THE BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL NO. 8

by Doug Beyerlein

I conceived the idea of a player poll a number of years ago as a means by which the postal Diplomacy public could express their views of who the best currently active players are in the hobby. Once a year I run this poll and at this time I am distributing ballots for the eighth poll through DIPLOMACY WORLD and other interested zines. It is my hope that all will participate.

In the past I have asked each participant to rate their choice of the first through 14th best player. This should not be a popularity contest, but a strict evaluation of players of which you have knowledge from either playing against, watching, or reputation. If it is still difficult to choose 14 top players, select them in terms of the 14 players you would least like to play against if you wanted an easy win.

Send your ballot with all 14 positions listed to Doug and Marie Beyerlein, 240 Hawthorne, Palo Alto, CA 94301. All ballots received by December 15, 1975 will be tabulated and the results reported in all interested zines.

## BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL BALLOT #8

The Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP) is a poll of the Postal Diplomacy community to determine the best currently-active players in Postal Diplomacy. Any Postal Diplomacy player, gamesmaster, editor, or publisher may cast his/her ballot for the top 14 (from #1 to #14) currently-active Postal Diplomacy players.

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Points are given as follows: 1st place - 20 points, 2nd - 17 pts., 3rd-15, 4th-13, 5th-11, 6th-9, 7th-8, 8th-7, etc. The points are then summed by Doug Beyerlein for each player and the top 14 players listed by point totals. Results will be published in all interested zines.

Overseas people may use an air letter form in place of returning this ballot.

The BPP is not affiliated with any Diplomacy organization.

Comments:
Signature:
Please complete this ballot,
sign it, and mail it directly to:

DOUG AND MARIE BEYERLEIN, 240 Hawthorne, Palo Alto, CA 94301 U.S.A.

Incomplete ballots or ballots without signatures will not be counted.

DEADLINE: 15 December 1975

Thank you.