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Selection of New BNC

It is my very pleasant duty to announce that the new Boardman Number Custodian will be Cal White of Toronto, Ontario. Five people applied for the job and after review of their qualifications and ideas the staff and I decided that Cal is the best applicant for the job. And effective 1 November 1977 he will become the 7th BNC. Cal's address is 1 Turnberry Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6N 1P6, Canada. Add him to your mailing list as the new trade for Everything and remove my name by the end of this month.

The transfer of the BNC has already begun. After talking with Cal at the DipCon and seeing the quality of his work in his zine, Electra Glide Blue, I decided to speed up the transfer scheduled to be completed by 1 January 1978. Thus, you should continue to send me (Doug Beyerlein) your zine if you think it will reach me by the end of October. I will continue to assign Boardman Numbers and record finished games through 31 October. Anything that arrives after that date should be sent to Cal instead of me. At the end of October I will send all of my BNC records to Cal. Also, John Weswig will close the BNC books and turn over the total amount in the treasury to Cal. I am pleased to note that the Boardman Numbers are very healthy financially.

As for my plans: I will be contacting a few publishers about subscribing to their zines and will continue to play in a couple of games. I will continue to publish EFGIART, a small warehouse zine for orphan games, but I am not interested in trading with anyone other than the BNC and Buchanan for the archives. Mainly I plan on taking a rest from three years of constant work in something that is suppose to be a leisure hobby. Also, I am already getting more into bicycling and have taken over my club's time trials plus recently having been appointed to the Menlo Park Transportation Commission as a bicycle advocate. Maybe someday I will venture back into the deep waters of the Diplomacy hobby, but I hope it won't be soon.

Now having said all of the above, I want to save the best for last. I sincerely want to thank all of the members of the staff for the fine work they have done in supporting my running of the Boardman Numbers. Particular thanks goes to John Weswig for publishing and mailing too many issues of Everything for very little glory. Also, I want to single out Richard Walkerdine, former U.K. custodian, for handling the Boardman Numbers on that side of the puddle from the spring of 1974 through the summer of this year, prior to turning them over to Mick Bullock. Thank you both. And finally let me say thanks to each and every publisher, editor, and gamesmaster out there who has cooperated with me during my tenure as BNC these past three years. Without you running games and supporting the Boardman Numbers the hobby would not today have the continuity and rich record of its past achievements that makes it unique among the wargaming world. Thank you all.

-- Doug Beyerlein, 5 October 1977

*But Had Better Sense Than to Ask

Recently assigned Boardman Numbers and finished game reports will be separately published instead of being included in this issue of Everything. This information will be edited by Doug Beyerlein and mailed at a later date to all recipients of this issue.

Everything #33 was unfortunately delayed by about a month by Clifford Mann's illness. If you have not received that issue by now please drop a card to Doug Beyerlein and a copy of #33 will be sent to you by return mail.

I have heard from various sources that William Clumm will resume publication of his zine, Quendi Khazad Dum, this month. However, I have not seen or heard anything from Clumm as yet.

Below is a letter from Michel Liesnard discussing irregularities in postal Diplomacy games in Belgium. Rating people take note.

Michel Liesnard (14 September 1977): "With regard to the degree of irregularity of some Belgian "regular" games, I think the actual situation was even worse than what you could have imagined. Indeed, in most games played in Michel Feron's Moeshoeshoe, there was at least one "puppet-player", and you'll perhaps be interested in the following list:

- Michael Grayn - Michel Englebert's legal pseudonym
- Josiane Ankri - Michel Englebert's wife
- Raphael Ankri - Michel Englebert's & Josiane Ankri's baby
- Claude Dumont - husband of Yvette Warnon, Michel Englebert's first wife
- Patrick Englebert - Michel Englebert's & Yvette Warnon's son
- Goupi Liesnard - my cat
- Florian de Faveri - my step-father

"I also remember that most of Michel Feron's GMing errors were purposely intended to allow him to publish special correction issues in order to reach a higher edition number (the FHPubl numbers) and to match all other Belgian faneditors.

"To go on with slander and libel, Michel also spread the rumour that he had never distributed some special issues of Moeshoeshoe (numbered x-bis) to be sure that he was the only person in the world who owned the complete collection of his zine, but I doubt this information is true. What Michel probably did is lose in his files several variant rules he did not like to see published.

"Finally in 1972EW (the one which has never been terminated but where one power owned 17 centres when Moeshoeshoe folded), Michel Feron was making himself all the moves since all his players had dropped out for long...

"I just realized I have forgotten one name in the list above: Jean Rinchon - my brother-in-law.

"To be complete, I should add that almost everybody did know who was whose puppet, which is probably the reason why so many "non-puppetted" players did drop out."

Interesting, and it explains all of the records held by "Michael Grayn". This makes Eric Blake look like a minor leaguer.

Below is the current status of publishers I know of in the hobby, as updated from Everything #33.

Current traders: John Boardman, Hal Naus, Len Lakofka (last issue), Chris Schleicher, Walt Buchanan, Herb Barents, John Boyer (last issue), John VanDeGraaf, Fred Davis, Richard Walkerdine, Jim Benes, John Leeder, Mick Bullock, Don Horton, Jim Bumpas, Richard Sharp, Roland Prevot, Doug Ronson, Tony Kniaz, Douglas Reif, Rick Loomis, Dave Kadlecck, David Truman, Michael Homeier, Tony Watson, Ed Kollmer, Richard Kovalcik, Dave Head, Randolph Smyth, Laurence Gillespie, Walter Luc Haas, Ake Jonsson, Russell Fox, Bob Hartwig, Roger Oliver, David Holmes, Brad Hessel, Michael Muchnik, Gil Neiger, Robert Goldman, Dennis Agosta, Robert Sergeant, Alan Rowland, Larry Fong, Clifford Mann, David Schwartz, Conrad von Metzke, Greg Costikyan, Don Greenwood, Bob Beardsley, Donald Wileman, Steve McLendon, Steve Heinowski, Dick Trtek, John Piggott, Fred Winter, Michel Liesnard, George Parkanyi, David Bunke, Cal White, Ross Calender, Andy Cook, Paul Harper, Jerry Jones, Rob Markham, Jerry Jonckheere, Hartmut Halfmeier, and Tom Gould. New publishers since last issue are Harper (UK), Jones, Markham, Jonckheere, Halfmeier (W. Germany), and Gould. Welcome gentlemen.

Questionable traders (no issue since July): Andy Phillips, Raymond Heuer, Robert Sacks, Ben Grossman, Peter Shamray, Larry Dunning, Ferkin Doyle, Elmer Hinton, Will McCullam, and John Mirassou. Warning: Cal White may cut your trade if he doesn't see something.

Apparently no longer publishing: George Phillis, Peter Dale, Ray Evans, Thomas McNally, and Daniel Palter.

Refuse to trade: the usual (Reinsel, Lipton, and Demanelis).