

GRAUSTARK

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NEW POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME BEHIND

Postal Diplomacy Game 1965 has been filled, and its progress will be reported in GRAUSTARK. The players are:

GREENLAND: Dan Brennan, Apt. 42, 104 E. Magnolia, Los Angeles, Calif.
FRANCE: Ken Davidson, "A" Street, S. W. St., Helsinki, Finland
GERMANY: Frank Glass, 3600 E. 1st Street, Alexandria, Va. 22302
ITALY: John M. Martin Jr., 6124 Forrest Ave., Apt. 201, Evanston, Ill.
NETHERLANDS: Borno Klink, 230 d. Hooft Dijk, Beverly Hills, Calif.
RUSSIA: John Koning, 516 E. 11th Street, Kungälv, Ohio 44129
UNITED STATES: John Koning, 516 E. 11th Street, Kungälv, Ohio 44129

The players have 2 weeks to get their alignments in order. The deadline for "typing back" moves is 10:00 P.M. SATURDAY 11:00 P.M. 1965.

A three-man (well, actually, a two and two woman) team from the Youngstown University Diplomacy Club has issued a challenge to a game of New Diplomacy according to the rules published in GRAUSTARK #4. Any three Diplomacy players who want to take up the YUC's challenge should send their name to John Koning, 516 11th Street, Kungälv, N. Y. 12118.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUGH

ERIC BLAKE, P. O. Box 24, Jamaica, N. Y. 11431: Presumably you are not aware of the fact that Earl Robinson, whom you praised in "Communist" #50 for waiting on anti-NGS carriers for children, is a Communist. In 1957, at a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Un-American Activities in New York, Robinson refused to tell the Committee whether he was or was not a Communist. Since a non-Communist would have no hesitation about answering this question, his affiliations can be determined with certainty.

Communists are now trying to acquire Vietnam by sending our will to fight at home. Robinson and his cohorts are part of this effort. By approving his refusal to submit affidavits, you are just helping the effort along.

(I believe that wars should be fought on Diplomatic boards and not in Vietnam.)

JOHN KONING, address above: It's hard to break the tradition, but Haveli ((the postal Diplomacy bulletin in which Koning speaks game 1965)) doesn't refer to any tradition of literary language, nation, etc. It is actually a geological term referring, among other things, to a large mountain mass. I thought a long mountain range would approximate the diplomatic tradition.

JOHN M. MARTIN, III, address above: What would you think of having a Diplomacy Convention or something approximating it sometime in October or November? All these people who are postal Diplomacy fans could get together and have an opportunity to meet face-to-face for the first time. Both New York and California would be out because of the distances involved. It would be desirable to aggregate in a midwestern city. St. Louis or Chicago would be ideal if they only had a Diplomacy club. So the city would have to have an active Diplomacy club, and that leaves only Youngstown or the Toronto area. Let me know what you think of the idea. (Since most Diplomacy fans seem also to be anti-NGS, I'd prefer to hold a Diplomacy con-

- This is
- O A
- F Great
- E Incredible
- D This
- A Ignorant
- F To
- I Inflame
- O Spite
- E Wretched
- F BOB

vention in conjunction with the annual World Science-Fiction Convention. As soon as the site of the 1966 S-F WorldGen is decided upon, I will write the convention management and see whether a session on Diplomacy can't be arranged.)

WALTER S. REIBEL, address above.

Postal Diplomacy Game Ratings

Notes:

1. Ratings are based on finished games reported to John Boardman.
2. Each game played receives one point for each player starting. The winners in a two-man game each receive two points.
3. No postal game to have less than five players starting.
4. Each player resigning loses one point.
5. Each player who loses one point.
6. Each player still alive at finish, besides winner, received one point.
7. Total of points in the standing of each player.

Games finished in this rating were 1963A, 1963B, and 1964B:

7 MacKenzie, James	1 Davoy, John	0 Kushner, Stuart	-1 McJannet, John
5 Nelson, Derek	1 Lake, Robert	0 Lerner, Fred	-1 McDonald, Dave
4 Brytha, John	1 Thomas, James	-1 Gastner, Bill	-4 Kening, John
1 Brennan, Dan	0 Collins, James	-1 Christian, Bill	-2 Schultz, Dick

((It seems like a good idea, though perhaps other players might want to suggest changes in the rating system. Rule 4 seems unfair to me, since many players resign for reasons beyond their own control. A man who honestly resigns counts for more than someone like Hardy or Brown who just stops sending in moves without excuse or explanation. Without Rule 4, Collins gains one point and Kening loses two.))

HELEN NELSON, 99 Main St., Newmarket, Ontario: The term Dip slogan "Scarborough Series" ((in 1965)) isn't likely to be appreciated. Lake is a disillusioned liberal and John is a mild-type Socialist (NIPer to you). ((Last week Lake said that Davoy belongs to the Social Credit Party, which is right-wing. Speak for yourself, John.))

James Sanders, presently playing Franco in 1963A, wishes to resign from the game. The first person to send in 25 GM and a set of "Spring 1966" moves for Franco in that game will take over direction of Franco's play. The deadline for "Spring 1966" moves in that game is Saturday 31 July 1966.

John Brennan, Gamemaster of 1963B (1963C) reports that John McJannet plays Italy in that game. In GRAUSTARK the "Machilam or Rainaci" was listed as Italy.

George von Metzke, publisher of GRAUSTARK, writes that the name of his Diplomacy Bulletin comes from Joseph Conrad's novel Montano.

Donald King reports GRAYBARK to say that the subscription rate to his new postal Diplomacy Bulletin GRAUSTARK is 10 issues for \$1.00. The entry fee for a game in GRAUSTARK is \$1.00. The Gamemaster's address is overleaf.

Charles Ellis (Dept. of Mathematics, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 44106) announces that in September he will begin a new postal Diplomacy bulletin and game. "Price is two dollars a game; subscription is one dollar for twenty issues, mailed out in batches every five or three issues."

Have you played an interesting Diplomacy game across the board recently? Send the moves to GRAYBARK and they will be published.

The rules of postal Diplomacy have been published in GRAUSTARK #35, and will be sent as part of a subscription upon request. Other Gamemasters who wish to use these rules should inform players in their bulletins, and also mention any changes or variations which they employ.

GRAUSTARK #35 and GRAUSTARK are each available at 10 issues for \$1.00 from John Boardman, 282 10th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218.