

Welcome to Just Among Friends #5. This entire issue is being typed on a different typewriter, and hopefully there are several other changes which should be noticeable to my most observant readers, no ditto. As I type this I should be photocopying this issue for distribution as a test. If things go well, and I can keep the cost down, I may just try this method as a "wave of the future." Right now the problem seems to be cost. Even if ditto is hard to read, it is cheap; and JAF is nothing if it isn't a cheap zine. At \$4/year, it is hard to beat the cost. (see page 2) (it's been beaten).

But what else is in the issue? Well, just guessing, I'd say we have the new game start for those of you have been waiting around for it. And the other games seem to be keeping their heads above water. And believe it or not, someone won the new contest; this issue will contain the correct answer as well as the others that were received this month. Dr. Cagey answers some more readers questions this month, and he seems slightly miffed that he didn't get a Nobel prize mention for last months effort. And last but not least, I have some material on a "Diplomacy Players Association" on which I would like some honest constructive comment.

Of Drive1 and Dementia

I have been overwhelmed with the responce to my ignoring the issue of whether the nationality of a foriegn unit must be listed when it is supported by a second country. This month I have decide to ignore a topic near and dear to the hearts of all zine publishers, the relative costs of producing a Dip zine and whether publishers all lose money or just break even. I'm sure all my readers will appreciate my handling of another delicate hobby topic.

Now to the "Attack of the Month." I'm really mad this month. As some of you know I have a very nice job which puts me in Las Vegas once or twice a year at company expense. Well, this year I get ready to head out west (without my wife again), and I get a card from Jane Proskin who was staying with Jerry Jones at the time. Well, she really wasn't staying with Jerry; she was staying at the Sunset West Adult Motel (with closed-circuit televison) under the name of Mrs. Jones. It seems she had heard from Ron Brown about my upcoming trip, and although the movies were great, Jerry had turned out to be a disappointment. Now those among you out there who know me well know I will go out of my way to get acquainted with fellow hobby members. Especially would I go out of my way to meet with Jane.

I sent Jane my flight schedule and hotel information, and I told her I would meet her flight at the airport. I can't express the joy in my heart when I saw Jane deplane her flight from LAX. I recognized her from the mole about six inched down her thigh; remember the one in the picture in MM? We had a wonderful time chatting in the car on the way to the hotel. ~~She~~ had a great group of anecdotes about you dip players out on the west coast. I couldn't believe what she said about Ron Brown and the molasses and chicken feathers, but Jane had some pictures which were hard to dispute. And Jerry, why two goats and a chicken? Well, Jane and I enjoyed each others company that week. We took in several shows, gambled a lot, and spent a lot of time in bed (sleeping mostly). It certainly was a week to remember.

When I was about ready to leave town, I called Tony Watson up because Jane said she liked college students. Tony was through with classes for a while so he invited Jane to spend a few days at his apartment. Jane and I said a tearful farewell at the airport; us diplomacy players do seem to get emotional, don't we?

Well, I get home and what do I fine? Jane hasn't put me on her mailing list for Peek. After all we had meant to each other. I was crushed; I swear if I ever run into her again I'll give her a piece of my mine. And I'm cutting her subscription off too.

Some people seem to have no regard for the feelings of others; I mean I didn't even ask how her husband died, although after a week with her I have a pretty good idea.

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*Game Openings-
JAF #5- Wilson, J. Overby, 5 positions left.

*The Standby List--
The list slowly grows. Right now it has on it: Palter, Mercer, Johnson, Caruso, Boggess, Wilson, Haffey, Williams, and Dunn. Now I have used most of these guys twice to fill in spots when I needed, and a few have picked up some nice positions for their efforts. Others got terrible positions, and some didn't get anything but my thanks. I sure could use just a few more people so that I wasn't forced to use the same guy twice in one game.

*If you need to call the publisher, the number is (304) 725-5537. Calling collect is not a wise move. Please try to call between 7 and 9:30 pm on weeknights, and before 9pm on weekends.

*Printed articles. I would like to print articles submitted by my subscribers and others. Shucks, some of you have even threaten to write an article for submission. Even Norm Swartz. Please send in your article soon so I can delay printing anything Norm sends in. It is in all our best interest.

*Sample issues can be had for a postage stamp of the first class variety. I am looking to expand my readers and get more active players in my games. I have lost a few players through NMRs and the like, so I am eager to have new blood to put into the games that are going now, and to add players to the upcoming games.

CONTEST

* I will be willing to print my mailing list in a upcoming JAF if there is any interest in such an effort. For those of you wishing to fake JAF, please contact me directly, and I will send you a copy of the mailing labels ready for use. (Yes Gary).

*In response to Kathy Byrne's nicknaming me Liar Pearson in Retaliation, I have adopted my own new nickname in The Shogun's Sword, Honest Al. So, for the next CONTEST, please send in your suggestions (everyone but Kathy) for a nickname I can use in other zines. A 2 issue extension or game start will be awarded to the winning entry selected by me.

CONTEST RESULTS

The second JAF contest is over, much quicker than I expected. The contest was to explain the reason for the names and sequence of the new game titles (1. Velvet Claws, 2. Sulky Girl, 3. Curious Bride, 4. Howling Dog, and 5. Lucky Legs).

The guesses were:
Tom Swider : The games are arranged in chronological Boardman numbers, while the games are named after one player's personality or something about that player's nickname/reputation. (Kathy--Howling Dog???)
Kathy Byrne - The games are named after your girlfriends' nicknames. The first game, Velvet Claws, was named after that cuties in first grade. Your second girlfriend obviously pouted a lot; the third heard wedding bells; the fourth was homely, and then good ole Nancy--Lucky Legs.

But the winner is Jerri Overby who said the names were, in order, the first five Perry Mason novels, by Earl Stanley Gardner.

Thanks for the guess. How about a few more of you trying next time, ok?

The Game Start:

1980LQ Lucky Legs

- Austria- Mark Stull, 8437 Discovery Blvd., Walkersville, Md. 21793
- England- Marion Bates, Box 381, Kalkaska, MI 49646
- France- Rod Chaney, 40 Long Pond Road South, Ledyard, CT 06339
- Germany- Tim Haffey, 810 53rd Ave, Oakland, CA 94601
- Italy- Pamela Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park, MI 48030
- Russia- Casimir Ziezio, RD 2, Box 173, Hannibal, NY 13074
- Turkey- Daniel Ondek, 3245 Beechwood Blvd, Apt. E 28, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217

The deadline for the Spring 1901 moves in 1980LQ is February 26.

1978KE

Summer 1906 Germany- NRR- F Den r otb; Italy- A Tri r Alb

Fall 1906

- Austria(Swartz)- F Tri-H (a), A Vie S F Tri, A Gre-H, A Ser S A Gre, A Bud-Rum
- England(Haffey)- F Nth S Ger A Ruh-Bel (nso) (d, r Nwg,Ska, Hel, Eng, otb)
- France(Mercer)- F Spa(sc)-WMed, F Por-H, A Mar-Pie, A Bel-Ruh, A Bur S A Bel-Ruh, F Eng-Bel, F Edi-Nth, F Lon S F Edi-Nth
- Germany(Sutton?)- NMR: A Ruh-H (a), A Boh-H, F Hol-H, A Mun-H
- Italy(Caruso)- A Alb-Tri, F Ion-Gre, F Smy-Con (d, r Aeg, EMed, otb), A Ven S A Alb-Tri, A Tyro-Vie
- Russia(Bogges)- F Bal S A Pru-Ber, A Cen-Kie, F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Pru-Ber, A War-Sil, A Bul-Rum, F Con S A Ank-Smy, A Ank-Smy
- Turkey(CD)- No Units.

Supply Center Chart- 1906

- Austria- Bud, Vie, Ser, Gre, ~~Bal~~ (4) even
- England- ~~Por~~ (0) out
- France- Bre, Mar, Par, Edi, Lon, Lvp, Bel, Spa, Por (9) Build 1
- Germany- ~~Ber~~, ~~Kie~~, Mun, Den,Hol (3) even
- Italy- Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri, Tun, ~~Smy~~ (5) even
- Russia- Mos, Sev, StP, War, Nwy, Swe, Rum, Ank, Bul, Ber, Kie, Smy, Con (13) Build 5 (room for 4)
- Turkey- ~~CD~~ (0) out

Will Rich Dunn, 19420 Normandy Park Dr, Seattle, Wash, 98166 please submit standby orders for Germany. Winter 1906/Spring 1907 orders are due Feb. 26. Thanks to Gene Bogges for ruling England, if only for a short time.

PRESS:

PARIS to VIENNA- Hang on, the calvary is just over the hill.
 PARIS to ENGLAND- So long, Fair King. Your short term in exile will be remembered always by our French people. Too Bad your ship had to sink.
 ITALY yo WORLD- Gene and I go back a long way. It will be fun getting even with you guys for the double-dealing, double-crossing stab.

1979S Autumn 1905
 France- A Bel r Pic; Turkey- A Ser r Gre

Winter 1905
 France- removes A Pie; Germany Builds F Kie, A Mun

Spring 1906
 Austria(Palter)- A Tri-S A Ser (a), A Bud S A Ser, A Ser S A Bud (a)
 France(Haffey)- F NAO-MAO, F Eng Lon, A Pic-Par, A Spa-Gas, F Mar-H, A Tyro-Mun
 Germany(Bogges)- A Bur-Pic, A Mun-Bur, F Bel-Eng, A Sil-Mun, A Hol-Bel, F Ska-Nwy,
A Swe S F Ska-Nwy, F Kie-Hel
 Italy(Swartz)- A Tus-Pie, A Ven S A Tus-Pie, F Lyo S A Tus-Pie, F Tyrr-Nap
 Russia(Hart)- F Sev-Rum, F Edi-Nth, F Nwg S F Edi-Nth, A Nwy-Swe (d, r Fin, StP, otb)
A Mos-War, A Gal S A Mos-War, A Vie-Bud
 Turkey(Dunn)- A Bul-Ser, A Gre S A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul, F Ion-H, F Adr-Tri, F Alb S F Adr-Tri

Retreats and Fall 1906 orders are due Feb. 26.

PRESS:

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC- Italy, Turkey, and Austria arise!! Strike out against the French and Russian oppressors! You have nothing to lose but your puppet strings, and you may win a game. As long as France and Russia remain allied and are strong, you continue to exist only at their whim. If you join with me now, we can achieve a 4- (or 3?) way draw; if you abandon me to my fate, I will be destroyed, and then France and Russia will converge on you. Think about it, do you really want peace now at the expense of annihilation later?

1980 HW- Velvet Claws- Germany Grows Fangs, Scratches Itch.

Summer 1902
 France- F Eng r Iri

Fall 1902
 Austria(Mercer)- A Tri-Ven, A Vie-Gal, A Bud S A Vie-Gal, A Ser-Tri, F Gre S Turk F Aeg-Ion (NSO)
 England(Dunn)- A Nwy-StP, F Nth-Nwy, F Lon-Eng, F Eng-MAO
 France(Wilson)- F Iri-Lvp, A Gas-Mar, F Bre-Eng, A Por S Ita F Lyo-Boston (NSO)
 Germany(Thompson)- A Sil-War, F Bal-Swe, F Den S F Bal-Swe, A Kie-Hol, A Bel S A Kie-Hol,
A Bur-Par
 Italy(Swider)- A Pie-Mar, F Lyo-Spa(sc), F Tyrr-WMed, A Tun-NAF
 Russia(Coppedge?)- NMR. F Swe-H (d, r Bot,otb), A Ukr-H (d, r Mos, otb), A Gal (d,r Boh,otb).
 Turkey(Williams)- A Sev-Ukr, A Rum S A Sev-Ukr, A Arm-Sev, F Aeg-Bul(sc), F Bla S F Aeg-Bul(sc)

Supply Center Chart-1902

Austria- Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Ven (6)	Build 1
England- Edi, Lon, Lyp , Nwy, St.P (4)	even
France- Bre, Mar, Par , Spa , Por, Lvp (4)	even
Germany-Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Den, Hol, Par, War, Swe (9)	Build 3
Italy- Nap, Rom, Ven , Tun, Spa (4)	even
Russia- Mos, Sev , StP , Nth , Swe (1)	remove 2
Turkey- Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Sev (6)	Build 1

Mike Coppedge has resigned as Russia. I will put Russia in CD next turn after retreating A Ukr-Mos and removing all other units. If someone wants the Russian position they can have it. Winter 1902/Spring 1903 orders are due on Feb 26. Press on next page.

PRESS: (1980HW)

ENGLAND to GERMANY-Nothing has Changed!

ENGLAND to TURKEY-The attack moves on!

ENGLAND to FRANCE-Die, Dog! Die!

BUDAPEST to CON- The government of Austria is most interested in your "Ottoman," but since our royal treasurer has fled the country with our funds, all \$6.98, we are unable to come up with the necessary capital. How about an even exchange for our latest invention, "The Gypsoid." It's very mobile and picks up all sorts of things--jewelry, wallets, watches, etc.

BUD to PAR-What's Turkey done to you? All Italy is doing is having a pizza party and they don't have a place to hold it. Guess where they've decided to go?

BORDEAUX- President Z.Z. Zipper's government fell here as opposition deputies of the PEPS (Pope Eats Bull S---) Party won a vote of no-confidence in the chamber, and PEPS party Leader Gustave Gustave Gustave took the Presidency. G.G.G. promised "a war against England and Italy until they or we die." He also promised to dismiss Minister of War I.M. Aclod, Army Chief of Staff S.T. Upid, Army Chief of Operations Brainless X. Navel, and Navy Admiral Drunken Dipsomaniac who "devised the strategy that got us in this great position."

PAR to VIE and Tur- Help! Help! If you don't want an ESM member to rule the Med, attack Italy! We gallant French are fighting alone against the incompetent English King and arrogant Italian Pope. We beg of you to aid us in our struggle to save Western Culture. President G.G.G.

PAR to Ber- J'espere, J'espere que tu ne m'as pas attaque'. Si tu m'as attaque', je suis mort. Eh bien.

PAR to LON- Go to Hell!!!

LIVERPOOL-Today the triumphant French First Fleet sailed into this city to liberate its laborers enslaved in King Bear's sweatshops. The French sailors and Admiral Poncet are rabidly cheered in a victory parade.

PAR to WORLD- Help! Kill Italy!

ITA to Eng- Bad move; don't cry to me if France takes Liverpool from you.

VACATION CITY- Even men of the cloth need a vacation. With that thought in mind, Pope Pontious Pious headed to the lovely lands of Marseilles to rest in his country case near the mountains. Per chance, he spotted a lovely maiden named Kathy who at that time was climbing mountains in her shorts. "Wow!" the Pope said, "She's got a great Pyrenees!"

THRILLSVILLE to BRAD- You can't get away from my puns!

ITA to GER- Go for it!

ROM to PAR- Isn't it a little too late for that? Attack Turkey? Why? It's easier than a Lepanto!

TOM to TOM- Keep up the good work!

CON to World- The Sultan is highly insulted that no one has ordered his Ottoman and he has taken it off the market. He will keep his invention to himself and deny its pleasures to the entire world. When turned on its side, it rolls and permits the Sultan to enjoy some very exotic and kinky pleasures with various members of the Harem.

The Sultan's Palace today issued two interesting news releases. The first is that an American woman has petitioned for membership in the Sultan's Harem. Her petition has been granted. Her name is being withheld to protect her children from idle gossip, but her initials are K.B. Anyone care to hazard a guess as to her identity? It is rumored that she is at the age when she is just entering her prime.

The second release is that the Sultan has just come up with a new vacation resort idea. It is called a condominium and the first one is being built in Sevastopol. Anyone interested in taking a holiday on the romantic north coast of the Black Sea kindly contact the Sultan's sales agent in Valley Stream, NY for a brochure and prospectus for the purchase of a vacation unit at "Crimean Coast Condos."

If you cannot afford to buy, the Sultan's American legal representative has worked out a time-sharing agreement. Write for details.

1980HZ-Sulky Girl- Russia Still Sulks, Turkey Gobbles More Land

Summer 1902

Russia- F Rum r Sev, A Vie r Boh

Fall 1902

Austria(Johnson)- A TriS A Vie, A Vie S Turk A Rum-Gal (nso), A Bud S A Vie, F Alb S A Tri
 England(Boggess)- A Yor-Lon, F Nth-Nwy
 France(Schwartz)- F Eng S F Lon, F Lon-H, F Spa(sc)-Por, A Gas-Bur, A Pic-Bel, A Bel-Ruh
 Germany(Brown)- F Den-Bal, F Swe S F Den-Bal, A Kie-Mun, A Ber S A Kie-Mun, A Hol-Kie
 Italy(Dumas)- A Tyro-Tri, A Ven S A Tyro-Tri, F Ion-Alb, F Nap-Ion
 Russia(Greenwood)-A Gal-Bud, F Bal-Ber; A Sil S F Bal-Ber, A Boh-Mun, F Sev-H (unordered)
 Turkey(Swartz)- F Bla-Sev, A Mos S F Bla-Sev, F Aeg-Gre, A Bul-Ser, A Rum-H

Supply Center Chart- 1902

Austria- Bud, Tyr , Sev , Bre , Vie (2)	Remove 1
England- Edi-Lvp, Nwy (3)	Build 1
France- Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Lon, Spa, Por (7)	Build 1
Germany- Ber, Kie, Mun, Swe, Hol (5)	even
Italy- Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri (5)	Build 1
Russia- Mos , Sev , St.P., War, Rum, (2)	Remove 3
Turkey- Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Sev, Ser, Gre, Rum, Mos (9)	Build 4 (room for 3)
Neutral-Den	

Russia F Sev r Arm, otb; F Bal r Pru, Lvn, Bot, otb.
 Winter 1902/Spring 1903 orders are due Feb. 26.

PRESS:

BUDAPEST to WARSAW- You seem to have a great propensity for creating enemies.
 BERLIN- The English are swimming right off shore, the French are moving our way, two Russian armies are poised to attack Mun, the Russian Baltic Fleet is still harassing sea traffic, and now Italians are massed in Tyrolia? What did I ever say to deserve all this???

ROME- After receiving confirmation of the atrocities in Tyrolia, the Vactican ordered its peacekeeping forces to follow the Gory trail, apprehend and punish those responsible. Let this be a warning to all that Rome wants only Peace in this strife-torn world and will do anything to achieve it.

1980IN-Curious Bride- Wedding Cake For ALL, NO NMR's

Winter 1901

Austria- Builds A Vie, A Bud; England- Builds A Edi, F Lon; France- Builds A Mar, A Par; Germany-Builds A Refugee Camp (imp); Italy Builds F Nap, Russia-Builds F Sev, A War, A Mos; Turkey- Builds F SMY.

Change of Address: Andrea Niedelman, 6310 Green Valley Circle, Apt #103, Culver City, Ca 90230

Deadline for Spring 1902 orders is Feb. 26.

PRESS:

PARIS to MUNICH- Dear Kaiser Feber, Rumors of your abdication are spreading throughout Europe, Don't hesitate. The forces of the Triple Entendre will happily administer your territories. Surely you could find job satisfaction in Paraguay.

More Press (1980IN)-

TUNIS- The Proud, victorious Prince Carlo DiGrandi ransacked Malta in a vain search for the secret of "The Renowned Elixer."

GERMANY to MY RUSSIAN FRIEND- Bgi,zogho, codakgiu cgh.... But then, my Russian is a bit rusty, and it may not be the compliment I intend. See you in the trenches.

BERLIN- Russian soldiers paused in their kidnapping of German scientists to remark on the total lack of resistance shown by the German Army. "I guess they were downwind of us as we approached," remarked one veteran Cossak.

SEVASTOPOL- With Turkish warships stumbling around the Black Sea (while the Russian fleet was busy capturing a supply center), shipyards here are busy night and day building a new fleet. Russian authorities have been heard chuckling over the latest Czarist bon mot, "The answer to the obstruction in the Black Sea is a fleet enemy!"

MOSCOW to ROME and VIENNA- Is the Keystone Kops act over, or are you both going to try to shoulder your way into Tyrolia again?

MOSCOW to GERMANY- You're a wonderful host!

1980KI-Howling Dog- Russia Howls May Be Numbered; Turkey Finds Bone to North

Fall 1901

Austria(Overby)- F Tri-H, A Gal-Vie, A Ser-Rum

England(Mathias)- A Edi-Nwy, F Fwg C A Edi-Nwy, F Nth-Hol

France(Greenwood)- A Mar-Spa, A Bur-Bel, F Eng S A Bur-Bel

Germany(Hart)- A Ruh-Mun, A Kie-Hol, F Den-Swe

Italy(Jones)- F Ion-Tun, A Tyro-Mun, A Rom-Ven

Russia(Bates)- F Bot-Swe, A StP-Nor (illegal abbr. per houserules), A Lvn-Mos, F Rum-Sev (a)

Turkey(Byrne)- A Bul S Aus, A Ser-Rum, A Arm-Sev, F Bla S A Arm-Sev

Supply Center Chart- 1901

Austria- <u>Bud</u> , <u>Tri</u> , <u>Vie</u> , <u>Rum</u> (4)	Build 1
England- <u>Edi</u> , <u>Lon</u> , <u>Lvp</u> , <u>Nwy</u> (4)	Build 1
France- <u>Bre</u> , <u>Mar</u> , <u>Par</u> , <u>Bel</u> , <u>Spa</u> (5)	Build 2
Germany- <u>Ber</u> , <u>Kie</u> , <u>Mun</u> , <u>Den</u> (4)	Build 1
Italy- <u>Nap</u> , <u>Rom</u> , <u>Ven</u> , <u>Tun</u> (4)	Build 1
Russia- <u>Mos</u> , <u>Sey</u> , <u>StP</u> , <u>War</u> (3)	Even
Turkey- <u>Ank</u> , <u>Con</u> , <u>Smy</u> , <u>Bul</u> , <u>Sev</u> (5)	Build 2
Neutral- <u>Swe</u> , <u>Por</u> , <u>Gre</u> , <u>Ser</u> (4)	

Winter 1901 orders Due Feb.26.

PRESS:

ST. PETERSBURG- The first official act of the new Tsar, Nikita Glorioski LXIX was to proclaim every other thursday Thanksgiving. Peasants are urged to kill a turkey for the occasion.

TURKEY to RUSSIA- What ever possessed you to trust me? I'm really Geri's sister and Blood is thicker than friendship!

TURKEY to AUSTRIA- Why does Russia think you're stupid? I don't, especially if you are in Rumania!

TURKEY to EVERYONE-Silence is sure death in this game!

ON JOHN LENNON AND THE 60's by Brad Wilson

The adulation given to this man in his hour of death is absolutely astonishing to me. I am in the "generation" that, to listen to the media, worshiped Lennon. Well, I didn't. When he was a Beatle, yes, he was an outstanding entertainer and superb singer. On his own, his efforts were considerably weaker. Since 1973 until very recently, he contributed very little new to the music world, and his recent LP was nothing of the spark that he had in 66-68. In short, as a musical force, Lennon was burned out about ten years ago. Without Paul, George, and Ringo, he was an ordinary rock singer, nothing more.

But of course it is more than his music that is being mourned; it is the "culture" (that is stretching the meaning of that word greatly) he represented. The media loved the 60's--their enemies such as the conservatives, the military, traditional religion, the CIA and the FBI were on the run while their favorites such as civil rightists, socialists, and liberal academics were on the offensive. After Kent State and the failure of the great pacifist-liberal-socialist-leftist effort behind George McGovern--who ran on a platform that might have been written at Cal-Berkeley, Columbia, or San Francisco City College in 1968 and represented all the radical 60's people-- in 1972, the 60's ended. Since then the enemies of the leftist national media have been gaining ground which culminated in this election. Lennon's death was a nostalgia trip to "Good Times" for the media. Back to happy days again for the Times (NY), Post (DC), and Newsweek. They saw in Lennon's death a chance to re-emphasize the "value" (another word whose meaning I am stretching) of the 60's and also to resurrect one of their favorite curses, gun control. (See Brutus Bulliten for guns discussion).

John Lennon was a skilled song-writer and great entertainer. Let's leave it at that and not turn him into Jesus Christ as our media friends have. And consider this--when Dr. Jonas Salk, or short story writer Eudora Welty, or economist Milton Friedman, or Princeton physicist Val Fitch, or Barry Goldwater, all of whom have made greater contributions to culture and society than Lennon did, how will they be eulogized in the New York Times and Time magazine? Front page? Cover Story? I rather think not.

(Editors note: All the previous stuff in para's is Brad's. I agree with most of what Brad says, but not with what he seems to feel about Kent State, but I guess Brad was about 8 then while I was a college newspaper editor at the time and later I did graduate work 15 miles from Kent State with some of the protesters and national guardmen. But who can figure me out-- I worked for Goldwater in 64, Nixon in 68, McGovern in 72, Carter in 76, and Ed Clark last year. Well, semi-responsible replies from persons with opposing viewpoints might well get printed.)

A PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Dear Al,

Glad to see you're accepting paid public advertisements. Hey--answer me this--What common thing do JAF and Whitestonia have in common? Answer--Neither was ever plugged by Mark Berch. Let me take this time on behalf of myself to mention Mark Berch's name as many times as possible. Maybe I too can gain a plug from Mark Berch. A couple of issues ago, I plugged Mark Berch's Lexicon and Diplomacy Digest, his zine. The point is, Mark Berch doesn't always give reciprocating plugs. In fact, Mark Berch basically plugs zines of pubbers who are either close friends with him, or those which have services which Mark Berch deems necessary to the hobby. It is true he's also plugged new zines, but only after Mark Berch's name has been mentioned.

Anyway, I have no bad feelings for Mark Berch. Mark Berch can plug anyone he wants, it's his option. I only feel that Mark Berch placing a quota on the number of times you mention "Mark Berch" in your zine is a bit far out.

This has been a paid advertisement by:

Mark Berch
John Caruso

PS. I almost forgot my own name.

DIPLOMACY DOCTOR by Dr. Ben Cagey.MD.

Dear Dr. Cagey,

I am Italy in a game and Liar Pearson, as we affectionately call him, is Austria. My obsession to attack him is getting out of hand--I had no armies in reach--so I invaded Austria with fleets. Is there any hope for me or will my obsession to kill Pearson kill me?

Pope Kathy

Dear Pope Chunky,

Attacking Liar Pearson in a Diplomacy game is not normally a sign of any illness, although in your case, a naval attack by Italy on Austria is a little irregular. Due to this irregularity, I suggest that you slowly chew three cases of Exlax (chocolate flavored). After this mild purging of your system, which has been indirectly suggested by many members of the diplomacy hobby, you should feel that the weight of the world is off your shoulders. There is no need to worry about the long term effects of stabbing Liar Pearson, he usually gets what he deserves.

Dear Dr. Cagey,

Gee, Last month seemed like a pick on "Mark Berch" issue, as did the one before. It seems refreshing to see someone else besides Kathy Byrne, John Caruso, Bruce Linsey, Gary Coughlan, Dick Martin, or Tom Swider teased for a change. So why not follow up on it? I have two questions for you.

Who is Mark Berch and what function does he have in this hobby and on earth? I mean does he do something more than take up space and send around form letter warnings about Bernie Oaklyn? Is that his position--official warner?

Prince Pure

Dear Prince Purr,

Sorry about answering you letter a month late, but I needed last month's article printed to have it out in time for consideration by the Nobel Committee. As to Mark Berch what Pearson prints in the rest of this rag is up to him, but for me, my motto (as told to me by my dear grandmother) is "Don't mock the afflicted."

Who is Mark Berch and what does he do? Mark Berch is a pseudonym for Ted Kennedy; does anyone remember getting anything from "Mark Berch" in Alexandria before Ted Kennedy went to Congress and moved to the Virginia suburbs? I thought not. Back a few years ago people complained that Teddy was weak in the Diplomatic arena, so he joined the hobby under the name "Mark Berch" to help improve his chances of getting elected President. Unfortunately Ted never got close enough to the nomination to spring his trump card, so his secret has remained safe until now.

As to what "Mark Berch" does, not a whole lot. As a Senator, Ted is awful busy. He can't do any original writing, so he steals articles from outdated zines to use in his own Diplomacy Digest. Since he hasn't the time to print it himself, he has four Ceta employees at Capitol Hill do it, explaining the poor printing. For your information, "Bernie Oaklyn" whom "Mark" works so hard warning people about is really the pseudonym for Scoop Jackson, a past rival for the presidential nomination. As to the person attending hobby events and claiming to be "Mark Berch", he is just an unemployed Shakespearean actor hired by Ted to help cover his secret.

FROM DR. CAGEY TO MY READERS:

Thank you for the great response to my column in this rag. I appreciate all the nice comments and good wishes. Please, if any of you need any help, or any questions answered please drop me a line care of JAF.

NOTICE: Any Diplomacy players who have "visited" with Jane Proskin, contact me or your local health department immediately. They will know what to do.

JAF

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Well, Here's the DPA stuff.
 I'm sending out 75 copies; it should
 produce some feedback.

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The TETRACUSPID is a purest zine, runs only straight Diplomacy. Put out by Richard Kovalcik, Jr., 9 Ladd Place, Watertown, Ma. 02172, this zine has been around for a while, and after a short fade, seems to be coming on strong. He runs 3 week deadline dip games and has several openings at a \$2 game fee and a \$3 NMR deposit. Sub rates are 1¢ and postage. Has articles, letters, and good printing.

Somebody named Bob Arnett publishes a zine named Volkerwanderung from his home at 1500 Waterway Circle, Chesapeake, Va. 23320. It is stuffed with hobby news, articles, quizzes, and games; there are currently no openings in regular dip, but he has been known to run Deadman Dip. Send him a stamp for a sample; you won't regret it. Sub rates are about 10 issues for \$6; I payit, so should you.

No doubt in my mine that one of the strongest publishers in the hobby is Don Del Grande; Don is the driving force behind Life of Monty (142 Eliseo Dr., Greenbrae, Ca. 94904). Don is always talking about 16 ton weights and dropping them on people; gee, he must be strong. He is getting a Dip game started as well as Kingmaker, Third Reich, Crescendo of Doom, and Empires of the Middle Ages. If you like Monty Python, you can understand (if not sympathize with) Don. Subs are 55¢ and issue which includes game fee.

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