

KADATH

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This is KADATH, a journal of postal Diplomacy. It carries only one game, 1970BL, the Demonstration Game. Subscriptions are 10/\$1. The purpose of this 'zine is to provide, for interested readers, a game which is well played by experienced players and analyzed by people well qualified to do so. Copies of the 'zine are of course sent free to players and analysts. This is Pandemonium Publication #226, edited and published by Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego CA 92116; phone (714) 282-1921; member, NFFFGB Diplomacy Division and IFW Diplomacy Society.

COMPULSORY PREFACE

Originally, it had been intended to publish this game within the NUMENOR format. However, that huge 'zine has gone quarterly, and there may be further changes. Rather than restrict this game to the compendius format (and higher subscription rate) of NUMENOR, I have decided to move it to a separate 'zine. This has also made necessary a downward adjustment of the game fee (see below). I hope that you all enjoy this experience. I will, by the way, accept press releases, but only on a space-available basis. First priority will be given to the analyses of the game and also to any other material on strategy, tactics, and styles of play which may be from time to time submitted by players, analysts, or others.

1970BL

Winter 1900: Country assignments, made on the basis of preference lists, are as follows:

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ENGLAND: Sid Cochran, Jr., P.O. Box 607, Tylor TX 75701

FRANCE: Larry Peery, 750 "I" (Eyo) St., Coronado CA 92118

→ GERMANY: Derek Nelson, c/o General Delivery, Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada

ITALY: Len Lakofka, 1806 N. Richmond, Chicago IL 60647

RUSSIA: Charles Welsh, Box 3197, Brown Univ., Providence RI 02912

TURKEY: Hal Naus, 1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista CA 92011

SPRING 1901 MOVES are due on Wednesday, 6 January 1971. Moves will be sent out by carbon copy and printed in 'zine form when the analyses arrive.

Country Assignment was made on the basis of preference lists, as indicated by this chart. Unique first choices were then assigned (A, R, T). Capital letters in the chart indicate assignments made. Tied first choices (E, F) were assigned by flipping a coin. The remaining players (Lakofka, Nelson) were then given their highest choices of the remaining countries (I, G); Len thus received his fourth choice and Derek his third. In addition, there were therefore 5 first choices assigned, which is pretty good. I hope you are all more or less happy with the results.

vonMetzke	A t i r f g o
Cochran	E r t f i a g
Lakofka	f a r i o t g
Welsh	R i c t f g a
Nelson	o f G r t * *
Peery	F r o t a g i
Naus	T o f i g a r

Game Fee. The fee is \$4. I had hoped to offer an NFFFGB/IFW discount, but this game is going to be inordinantly expensive, so no can do. Those of you who owe a fee: vonMetzke, Lakofka, Peery, Naus. This is a reduction from the original \$6/\$5 fee, and I owe three of you a refund. Welsh and Cochran will find \$1 enclosed with this (I hope). Derek, I owe you \$2. I have \$2.10 Canadian which I can send you, or you can apply the money on another game, a subscription to something, or any other purpose. I think Can\$2.10 is roughly equivalent to US\$2.00, isn't it? Anyway, let me know. For the rest, the fee is due with S01 moves, please.

Who Are You? You all know each other, but for those others who don't know your qualifications to play in a game like this, let us recapitulate, in alphabetical order:

SID COCHRAN has been editor/GM of CROQUIN, part of the LONELY MOUNTAIN complex, since 1969. His first game was 1967X, a still-active XENOLOGIC game from which he subsequently resigned. Since then, Sid has played in a number of games. He was party to a 5-way draw in 1968BC (DEPLODEUR), survived to the end of 3 games, resigned or was eliminated from 6 games, and was removed from 2. He is still active in 3 games. Sid is known as a crafty player.

LEN LAKOFKA is President of the International Federation of Wargamers and editor/GM of LIAISONS DANGEREUSES/since early 1969. Len's first game was 1969AA, a still-active game in HALF 'N' HALF (part of LONELY MOUNTAIN). Only one game that he has joined has ended, 1969AE, in which he placed second. He is active in 10 other games. Len is a consistent, relentless player.

HAL NAUS is editor/GM of A DROIT A GAUCHE (or just ADAG), which first saw print on 16 July 1966, only days after my own BREMWON. He also edits several other games which carry many of the two dozen orphan games Hal has charitably continued after the defaulting of less dedicated Gamesmasters. Hal's first game was 19660 (which was also my first game), but he resigned in 1901 to take over as Gamesmaster. Over the years, Hal has won two games, drawn or taken second in 8, survived in 5, and been eliminated in 10 (and played as a replacement for fewer than 3 game-years in 10 others). He is active in 29 other games. Hal is one of the most persistent players alive and has seldom, if ever, missed a move.

DEREK NELSON, former editor/GM of JUTLAND JOLLIES, is almost a postal Diplomacy legend. He played in the first postal game, 1963A, which he won. In all, Derek has won four games, drawn or taken second in three, survived three, resigned or been eliminated in five, and been removed from one. He is active in only one other game. Derek is known as one of the best strategists and tacticians in postal play.

LARRY PERRY is editor/GM of XENOLOGIC, which first appeared in March 1967. Those who do not know Larry think he is a bit strange, but those of us who have had personal contact with him know he is positively weird. Larry's first postal game was the same 19660 which Hal and I joined; he, Charles Turner, and I had a 3-way draw in that one. Larry has won two games, drawn or taken second in three, survived in five, been eliminated from two, and been removed from two. He is active in six other games. Larry is a feared and respected player in postal circles.

CONRAD VON MEYZKE is editor/GM of COSTAGUANA, which first saw print on 1 April 1965. Those who do not know Conrad think he's weirder than Larry. Those who do know him think he's weirder than anybody. Conrad's first game was 1965B, a WILD 'N' WOOLY game which he won. Conrad, by the way, was the second Diplomacy player in San Diego, back in '61 (I was the oldest) and still has his original board (so do I, much to his fury). Over the years, Conrad has won one game, drawn or taken second in 9, survived in 8, been eliminated in 17, been removed from 17, and played as a replacement for 2 game-years or less in 11. He is still active in 18 others. His playing style has been described as "peculiar" by those who don't understand.

CHARLES WELSH is formerly a GM of the now-defunct KANADU, the editor of which left everybody in the lurch. His first game was my 1967AA, which he survived. Charles has drawn one game, survived one, been eliminated from one, been removed from one, and played less than 3 game-years as a replacement in one. He is still active in 6 others. He is a dedicated and tenacious player.

LAST ISSUE: Vignettes of our analysts: John Smythe, the winningest postal player; Allan Galhamer (we hope), inventor of Diplomacy; possibly others.