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GAME OPENINGS APPEAR IN THE "DIPLOMACY SCENE", beginning below.....  
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### + THE DIPLOMACY SCENE +

1. HOOSIER ARCHIVES DOES IT AGAIN....AND AGAIN! HA # 81, available from Walt Buchanan, R3 Lebanon Ind. 46052 for 15/\$2, contains some interesting lists and data. A complete list of Diplomacy publications now in print appear in order of appearance on the Diplomacy scene. (LD is # 10, by the way). Also included is the result of both the Beyerlein Poll #4, and the Archives Poll # 3. ((LD will carry a ballot for EIP in its next issue)). Not resting on this achievement, HA is sponsoring the "AVERAGE ACES GAME". A game in which the total number of wins for all 7 players is 35. ((Your poor editor only has 2 wins now and a third coming within 1 month--that's why Walt had to call it "average", sob.)) The game will be reviewed by Rick Brooks and will carry press from some excellent press writers including; Brenton VerPloeg, Edi Birsan, Gene Prosnitz, John McCallum, Hal Naus, Rod Walker, Carol Buchanan (it is her husband's 'zine, youknow), Doug Beyerlein and yours truly. Why not come on an watch?
2. THE IDA NOW HAS 105 members! FANFARE! A complete list is available from Membership Secretary Steve Bell, 5605 Virgilwood Dr., Greensboro, N.C. 27409 for the membership fee of \$1. (This will go up to \$2 next year to meet the increased costs of publication and activities) ....but join now, in time to get in and vote, and run, for all offices in the organization.
3. ISN'T AN ARMADILLO AN ANIMAL? Not to Diplomacy players! It's Steve Cooper's (3073 S. Buchanan St. B-z, Arlington Va. 22206) Diplomacy zine. Very excellent publication! Game openings, Game fee unknown. "Coop" wants everyone to register to vote in 1972. I couldn't agree more. I don't know if he's a McGovern supporter or not. I certainly hope he is! I don't think Coop Will cop out like loyal Democrat Larry Peery has done and vote for tricky Dick.
4. Want to know how you rate? If you have finished a game of Diplomacy, you'll find your name in the Pfennig/Halbpennig ODD rating list, published by John Mc Callum, PO Bx 52, Ralston, Alberta, Canada. Another excellent zine, worth your investment!

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5. Edi Birsan has asked for players to RATE what position they feel is best, 2nd best, etc in a Diplomacy game. I, unfortunately, do not have room this issue to reproduce the form, but if you answer the questions, which appear below, send them to me with your orders, or directly to Edi Birsan 48-20, 39th St., Long Island City, N.Y. 11104.

I. Rank the most desirable results in a Diplomacy game from 1-13.

1 (most desirable), 13 least desirable. The 13 results are;

Win, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 2 way draw, 3 way draw, 4 way draw, 5 way draw, 6 way draw, & 7 way draw.

II. For each of the 6 statements below write "strongly agree", "Somewhat Agree", "Disagree Somewhat", or "Strongly Disagree"

1. If I can not win a game then the best thing to do is to try to stop the front runner by stalemating the game.

2. I will not turn on an ally even if it looks as if he is going to win and I am going to finish second.

3. I will not stab an ally even if it looks as if he is going to win and I am going to finish third.

4. Once a player has attacked me in a game I will not ally with him in that game, even if it means letting another player win.

5. Most players will try to finish as strongly as possible in a game, even giving up the chance for a stalemated game if it means they can finish second.

6. The distance between finishing second and finishing third is the same as finishing fourth and finishing fifth.

To correlate the data please supply these facts:

1. AGE, 2. Years in Postal Diplomacy, 3. Years PLAYING Postal Diplomacy, and 4. # of games completed postally.

Comments to Edi are welcomed!!

6. SO THE ROHAN SYSTEM ISN'T ALL THAT BAD AFTER ALL!. In our last issue we asked if players could find their way around in my notation and whether my system was better than others in use. 10 people PREFERRED revised Rohan to other systems. Only 3 found it worse, claiming they had to learn a new system. Further comment is expected/welcome, of course!

7. DEADLINES to become uniform! Currently your poor editor is just up against it! LD 34 was late because of DIPLOCAN V, this issue is late because I couldn't use the press last weekend (it's not my press, you see). The only way I can keep on an even keel is to keep the deadlines the same for all games, regardless of season. However, I am going to begin requesting conditional builds with fall seasons and conditional springs with winter builds. Note that this is NOT a requirement! If I get conditional builds and/or conditional springs from all players I will publish 2 seasons at once, but only then!

8. I'M GOING TO MAKE A PROMISE I HOPE I CAN KEEP! Next issue will include a revised mailing list and revised houserules, I hope. That will cost me 16¢, ugh!, so I may blanch at the last moment. After all with a circ. of just under 150 that an additional \$12!

9. THE PLATYPUS PIE, DUNG IN YOUR EYE, OR ELOCUTIONISTS NIGHTMARE! To my amazement "GLOMPH" arrived at my apartment last night! Closer inspection found it to be the reprint of a buyer's guide for oranges (organes to some) in the United States. This yellow+red expose was tainted with Diplomacy games, pre-bankruptcy statements, forms, and 9 pages (numbered 8) on 8 sides of 4 pieces of paper with one page zero--unless you were lucky enough to get 2 page 6-7-8's on which list issue's error involving page 2 + 5 and lack of 6 was explained! For further information, to page 10....

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1971 AT LEPANTO Fall 1905

GERMANY INCREASES LEAD -- BUT AUSTRIA GROWING!

Austria, Bell--owns; home, gre, ser, ~~WY~~, SEV, CON, RUM 8 = 6 + 2  
a gal-UKR, A RUM (S) a ukr-SEV, F AEG (S) a bul-CON, a bud-SER,  
England, Pandin owns; ~~STP~~, ~~EDIN~~, LIV 1 = 2 -1  
F NAT-mao, A LIVER H

France, Horton owns; home, port, spa, lon, ~~LY~~ 6 = 7 - 1  
f lyon-TYR, F MAO U, A GAS-mar, A MAR-pied, f york-LON, f liv/R/  
iri, F IRI-mao, F tun(S)f lyon-TYR/D..../  
Germany, Carpenter owns; home, swe, hol, den, bel, nwy, war, SPT, EDI, MOS

12 = 9 + 3 a kiel-HOL, F NWY(S) a fin-STP, F NTH (S) A EDIN H,  
A SIL(S) A WAR, A WAR (S) a lio-MOS, A RUHR H,

Italy, Early owns; home, tun, ~~STY~~ 4 = 5 -1  
F ION (S) f tyr-TUN, F BMD-smy, a tus-ROM, A PIED H

Russia C.D. owns ~~WY~~, ~~STP~~ 0 = 0 even a mos /D+A/  
Turkey, Wrobel owns; ank, ~~STP~~, ~~STY~~, BUL, SMY 3 = 3 even  
f con-aeg /D..../, f bla-BUL E, A SMY-con

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1971 BX

double X, the spring of 1905.....

FANTASTIC GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS! ONLY ITALY SEEMS TO  
HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE GAME PLAN!

England, Davies (5)  
f edin-NWG, f den-SWE, f hol-HELGO, f mao-WES, f wal-LON

France, Stroz (5 -1)  
A MAR-pied, A SPA-mar, F BREH, f ech-MAO, a bel-RUHR

Germany, Leeder (3)  
a mun-KIEL, f kiel-DEN, f lon-NTH

Italy, Scroggie (2)  
F TYR- rom, A VEN- pied

Russia, Swels (7)  
a mos-STP, f sev ~~W~~/D+A/, a gal-UKR, f bar-NWY, a sil\_WAR, a boh-  
SIL, a vie-BOH

Turkey, Norman (10-1)  
f con-AEG, a ank-CON, f smy-BMD, F BLA + A RUM (S) a arm-SEV,  
a bud-GAL, A TRI-ven, F ROM H, f nap-ION,

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1971 CE

Turkey with rice, the winter of 1904.....

ENGLAND + TURKEY EMERGE AS MAJOR POWERS. A USTRIA ON THE  
HORNS OF A DILEMA. ALL OTHER POWERS ON THE SKIDS.

Austria, Cox  
A TRI, A VIE/7/A TYR, A BOH, F ADR, A VEN, A WAR

England, McGee  
F LON, A EDIN/8/A SWE, F NWY, F MAO, F NTH, A HOL, F BER

France, Blandin  
even/5/ F LYON, F PIC, A BURG, A GAS, F WES

Germany, Hagelshaw  
even/3/ A RUHR, A BEL, A MUN

Italy, Civil Disorder-out of game remove a pied/0/

Russia, Hail  
a ~~STY~~, /1/ A FIN

Turkey, Rice  
A CON/10/F ION, F AEG, A GRE, F TYR, F TUN, A MOS, A LIO, F BLA,  
A UKR.

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1971 DO

Empires to DUST, the spring of 1904

EMPIRES TO DUST--you ain't kiddin'! Poorly written orders and no orders at all make this season super dull!

Austria, Civil Disorder A TRI, A VIE

England, McKevitt-resigns-substitute; Thomas Teller, 317 E 12 th st.

New Albany, Ind. 47150 F LON, F LIV, F NTH, F NWY,ABEL,FDEN,A SWE

France, Horton (6)

f bre-ECH, f port-MAO, f mar-LYON, F TUN-tyr, A BOH U

A BURG (Ø) A BURG-mun (SIC) neither order can be followed, A Burg holds.

Germany, Early (two sets of orders, and neither have a date! If I picked the wrong set it's too bad! Please DATE your ord4rst!

A BER (Ø) Ita a mun (otm)

Italy, Hail (4)

f nap-ION, A VENH, A mun-TYO, F TUS-tyr

Russia, Brooks (5) nmr 1st miss.

A BUD, A WAR, F BAL, A PRU, a ser/D+A/

Turkey, Leeder (7)

a con-BUL, a ank-ARM, f smy-AEG, a sev-MOS, F RUN H, AGRE(S)abul\_SER

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1971 DV

Disaster & Violence, the fall of 1903.

AUSTRIA COMMITS SUICIDE. POPE & CZAR DISAPPEAR. FRANCE & ENGLAND BUNGLER ATTACK

Austria, McGee (1) owns ~~ser~~ 0 = 1 - 1 a ser-ALB

England, Drake owns; home, nwy, den swe 6 = 6 even f nth/D.../

F nth-helgo, A DEN H, F BAL-ber, f nwy-SKAG, F LON H, f nwg-NWY

France, Nozik owns; home, spa, port, bel, MUN 7 = 6 + 1

A BEL (S) ENG F nth-hol nso, A BURG (S) a ruhr- MUN, f mar-LYON,

A PAR H, f SPA SC H.

Germany, D. Johnson owns; hol, ~~nth~~, kiel, ber 3 = 4 - 1

F HELGO (S) f hol-NTH, a mun-ber/D.../, A KIEL-den

Italy, Hagelshaw home, tri, tun, vie 6 = 5 + 1 (1 annihilated)

A ANB, A TRI, F NAP, A VIE, A VEN, f ion /D+A/

Russia, St.Johns /dropped/ Leo Early please take ofer Russia

owns; home, bud, rum 6 = 6 even

A UKR, A GAL, A STP, A BUD, A RUM, F BLA

Turkey, Ostapovich (5) owns; home, bul, gre, SER 6 = 5 + 1

F BRE (S) AUST a ser-ALB, a bul-SER, F AEG (S) f emd-ION, a smy-

ANK,

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1972 N

NECROMANCER, the winter of 1902.....

Austria, Fish

A VIE/6/A SER, A RUM, A GRE, A BUD, F AEG

England, Pitsch

even/5/ F EDIN, F LON, A BEL, F NTH, F NWY

France, Harrah

even/4/ A PAR, A BURG, F MAO, A PIC

Germany, Converse

A MUN/6/ F HOL, A RUHR, A KIEL, A DEN, F SWE

Italy, Lipson

even/4/ A APU, A NAP, F ION, F EMD

Russia, Shamray a sev/retreats/ukr

even/5/A MOS, A BUL, F CON, F BOTH, A UKR

Turkey, E. JohnsonAANK/3/F BLA, A SEV DEADLINE sp.'03 = 9/27/72

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1972 AE

RHETORICAL RHUBARB, the Fall of 1902.....

ALL CENTERS NOW OWNED. FRANCE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ADJUDICATION AND FAILS TO MOVE. REST OF BOARD STABLE, ALTHOUGH GERMANY UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE!

- Austria, Osmanson (5) owns; home, gre, bul, MUN, SER 7 = 5 + 2  
A BOH (S) a tyo-MUN, F GRE (S) A BUL H, A SER (S) A BUL H
- England, C. Nyderek (4) owns; home nwy 4 = 4 even  
F NWY (S) F EDIN-nth, f lon-ECH, a york-LON
- France, Cusack (5) owns; bel, port, ~~par~~, par, bre, SPA 5 = 5 even  
F BRE, A PIC, F NTH, A BEL, A SPA
- Germany, Knudsen (5) owns; den, hol, ~~mun~~, ber, kiel, SWE 5 = 5 even  
F HELGO (S) FRE F NTH, F DEN (S) f bal-SWE, a mun-ber/D.../, A HOL H
- Italy, Hendry (4) owns; home, tun, MAR 5 = 4 + 1  
f tyr- LYON, f ion-TYR, a tun-NAF, a pied-MAR
- Russia, D. Johnson (5) owns; home rum 5 = 5 even  
F SEV(S) + F BLA (C) a rum-ARM, f swe- den/D.../, A SIL-ber,
- Turkey, Hoffman, 3--% Peter Taylor, 1772 Oakdale, West St. Paul Mn55118  
owns; home  
A CON S() f AEG-bul. A ANK- arm

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1972 BB

NEOPHYTE FRIGHT, the Winter of 1901.....

FAILURE TO BUILD IN 1901 SEEN BY THREE POWERS! WILL THAT SEAL THEIR FATE IN 1902??

- Austria, Huff, nbr  
1 short/3/ F ALB, A BUD, A SER
- England, Hoffman  
A EDIN, F LON /5/ F NTH, A HOL, F NWY
- France, Hendry  
F BRE, A MAR, A PAR/6/ A BEL, A SPA, F PORT
- Germany, Kirchner (late)  
1 short/3/ F SWE, A HOH, A TYO
- Italy, Siliby  
F NAP/4/ A VEN, A TUS, F TUN
- Russia, Carawan nbr  
1 short/4/ A WAR, A UKR, F RUM, F STPS
- Turkey, Whatley, % Doreen Kowallzewski, 1649 W. Touhy, Chicago, IL.60626  
F SMY/4/ F BLA, A CON, A BUL

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1972 BS

the BullShit Game, the Fall of 1901....

SULTAN MISSING--LAST GOES ON Apace. RUSSIANS IN SILESIA. FRANCE GETS ONLY ONE BUILD

- Austria, Greer (owns home, @RE, SER 5 = 3 + 2  
a vie-GAL, A SER(S) f alb-GRE
- England, Keller owns home NWY 4 = 3 + 1  
f nwg- NWY, A YORK U, F NTH-bel, a liv-lon (no such unit)
- Germany, Osmanson owns home, HOL, DEN 5 = 3 + 2  
F HOL (S) ENG F NTH-bel, a kiel-DEN, a ruhr-MUN
- France, Phillips owns; home, PORT 4 = 3 + 1  
a spa-PORT, F ECH S() A PIC-bel
- Italy, Chin owns; home, TUN 4 = 3 + 1  
A VEN H, F ION (C)a apu-TUN
- Russia, McConville owns; home, RUM, SWE  
f both-SWE, a war-SIL, A UKR(S) f Fla-RUM

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1972 BS continued

Turkey, E. Johnson NMR owns home BUL 4 = 3 + 1

A BUL, A SMY, F CON

unowned SPA, BEL

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1972 CE

title: THE CZAR'S DEMISE ?, the spring of 1901.....

BRILLIANT AUSTRO-TURKISH OPENING! RUSSIAN SOUTH MAY COLLAPSE!  
WHICH WAY WILL ITALY GO? WESTERN POWERS PLAY SEMI-STANDARD  
OPENINGS.

Austria, St. Johns

f tri-ALB, A BUS(S) a vie-GAL!

England Shamray

f edin-NWG, f lon-NTH, a liv-EDIN

France, Pitsch

a par-BURG, a par-SPA, f bre- MAO

Germany, Serena

f kiel-DEN, a mun-RUHR, a ber-MUN

Italy, Gershenson

a ven-TYO, a rom-APU (?!), f nap-ION

Russia, Swies

f sev-RUM, f stp-BOTH, A WAR-gal, a mos-UKR

Turkey, Fujihara

a con-BUL, f ank-BLA, a smy-ARM

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NEOPHYTE 11 OPEN

paid; Jeffery Carroll, Phea C. Stone, Bruce Thatcher,

game fee; \$4 minus \$1 for IDA.

Please submit a country preference list with your game fee, or if you  
have not as yet done so, NEOPHYTE 12 will open when NEO 11 closes

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NEOPHYTE GRAND TOURNAMENT

12 lucky people now signed up!!

Jim Hagelshaw, Jim O'Rourke, Steve Brooks, Leo Early, William Osmanson  
John Powell, David Johnson, Gary Gehrke, Mark Thomas, Harvey Lindauer,  
Kalr Pettis, and Frank Aker. Only TWO more needed!!!

For those of you who haven't done so, or would like to update your  
current list, please submit TWO country preference lists!

Game fee is \$7 for four simultaneous games of Diplomacy!!

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ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II

1972.5 h

Four players submit no placements. All players must respond by return  
mail (before the deadline) as to whether they are or are not playing.  
Otherwise I am going to award this game to Greg Harrison.

spring 1938 (4th year)

Britain Hagelshaw? under in Ger, 3 CZE, 3 BAL, 12 BRIT + 14 in BRIT  
Rance, Gnaidek? 5 ALA, 1 CZE, 5 BRIT, 2 FRA, + 10 FRA

USA, Lewis? 2 CZE, 2 Bal, 6 USA + 8 USA

Russia, Pyle, 2 BAL, 3 ALA, CONT POL, RUM & RHI + 12 RUSSIA, (7 pts)

Germany, Harrison 3 BAL, CONT AUST, POL, ROM, RHI, + 19 Ger, 5 BAL  
(15 pts.)

the deadline for the fall of 1938 attacks, and statements of intention  
is SEPTEMBER 27, 1972

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PBM SCRABBLE Tom Cleaver 110 points! Steve Cooper 110 points, John

Hendry 92 points the next 7 letters are; N P C I E U A

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## LD 8

the fall of 1910.....

TURKEY LATE! AUSTRIA AND ITALY CRUMBLE! WALL COLLAPSES!  
ROAD TO VICTORY OPENS WIDE FOR GERMANY!

England, Gygax (11) owns; home, nwy, bel, bre, tun, mar, spa, port,  
rome, NAP 12 = 11 + 1

A ROM (S) f tyr-NAP, F MAO H, f wes-TYR, A MAR H, F TUN- ion,  
F ION-emd, F LYON H, f apu-ADR, f naf- WES, F ECH H.

Germany, Pulsipher (13) 329 Twin Towers, Albion Mich. 49224

owns; home, hol, den, swe, stp, war, mos, sev, vie, ven, par,  
TRI, BUD, RUM 16 = 13 + 3

a mun-TYO, a par-BURG, A VEN (S) a tyo-TRI, A VIE (S) a gal-BUD,  
A BOH (S) a sil-GAL, A SEV (S) a ukr- RUM, A MOS (S) A SEV,  
f swe-SKAG, f kiel-HOL

Italy, Borecki (1) owns; ~~nap~~ 0 = 0 even f nap /D +A/, NMR

Russia, Schleicher (2) owns ~~bud~~, ~~tri~~ 0 = 0 even

a tri (s) a bud, a bud (s) a tri both /D +A/

Turkey, Katzive (6) moves late! owns; home, gre, ~~tyo~~, ser, bul 6=6 even  
F BLA, A ARM, F ALB, A SER, A GRE, F EMD, a rum /D+A/

The deadline for the Winter of 1910 is SEPTEMBER 27, 1972.

Note players may submit a Spring 1911 dependant on builds if they wish,  
if I get Spring moves for all of the three remaining players I'll  
publish Winter 1910 and Spring 1911 together.

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## LD 9

The winter of 1907.....

Austria, Cusack reinstated to satisfaction of GM  
even/4/ F ABB, A SER, A TRI, A BUD

Germany, Norman

A KIEL/6/ F EDIN, F LON, A DEN, F BAL, A BER

Italy, Gygax remove a apu out of game

France Lowry

F BRE, 1 short/10/F WES, F NAF, A MUN, A RUHR, A ROM, A NAP, A TYO  
A HOL, F YORK

Russia, Schleicher

F SEV/9/ A WAR, A GAL, A VIE, F RUM, F GRE, F NWY, F SKAG, A SWE

Turkey, Blandin

~~f~~ ~~tyo~~/4/ F BAA, F TUN, F ION, A CON

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## LD 12

the winter of 1908.....

FRENCH LEAD MAY GAIN A WIN IF MAFFEO MISSES AGAIN!

Italy, Maffeo

even/8/ F WES, A PIED, F NAF, A BUD, A GAL, A TYO, A BOH, F LYON

France, Baker

A PAR, F BRE/10, 2 short/ F SPASC, F PORT, A MAR, A BURG, A GAS,  
F MAO, A KIEL, A HOL

Russia, Grossbaum Hinman Bx 1907, Dartmouth, Hanover N.H. 03755

after September 15. (I'm adjusting deadline because Aaron can't  
be reached till Sept 15.

even/7/ A WAR, A SIL, A PRUM A UKR, A MOS, F DEN, A BER

Turkey, Knudsen

F SMY/7/ A ANK, A SEV, F BULS, A ARM, F BLA, F CON

the DEADLINE for the Spring of 1909 is November 3, 1972

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IF YOU PLAN AN ADDRESS CHANGE, BE SURE TO NOTIFY ME AT ONCE!

I WILL CHANGE YOU 10¢ for any magazine I have to mail to you  
because you have not posted a COA in time to be used.

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1971 EK

the fall of 1903.....

Austria, Katzive (4, 1 short) LATE owns; home, gre, ser 5 = 4 + 1  
A TRI, A BUD, F ION, A SER

England, Brackman owns; home, ~~WY~~, SPT 4 = 4 even

F ECH (S) f lon-NTH, f nwy(~~S~~) F lon-NTH /D to STP NC/, A LIV H

Fracne, Converse (6) owns home, bel, spa, port 6 = 6 even

A PIC (S) A BEL H, a spa-MAR, f iri-MAO, a mar-PIED, F BRE (S)  
f iri-MAO

Germany, Blandin (6, 1 short) owns home, den, hol, swe, NWY, WAR

8 = 6 + 2 F SKAG (S)a swe- NWY, f den-SWE, A HOL H, a boh-GAL,  
A WAR-mos

Italy, Hendry take over with Winter 1903, please.

F TUN, F EMD, A NAP, A VEN owns home, tun 4 = 4 even

Russia, Hail owns mos, ~~stx~~, ~~set~~ 1 = 3 - 2

a rum retreats to gal. A GAL-war, A UKR-mos, F both-FIN

Turkey, Cleaver owns; home, bul, rum SEV 6 = 5 + 1

A RUM (S) A sev-UKR, F BLA (S) A RUM, a arm-SEV, f smy-AEG

the DEADLINE FOR THE WINTER OF 1903 is SEPTEMBER 27, 1972

NOTE: If all players submit a Spring 1904 dependant upon Winter 03  
builds I'll publish Winter 1903 and Spring 1904.

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+ THE PUBLISHER'S GAME BEGINS! 1972 CT, with analysis +

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The players, their zines, dates of publication, and country assignments

Mr. John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr. Carlisle Penn. 17013  
began publishing his highly acclaimed zine IMPASSABLE Mar 11, '72  
John shall play ENGLAND

Mr. Charles Welsh, Bx 3197 Brown U. Providence, R.I. 02912  
began publishing in Mar 1968. His current XANADU began on  
September 17, 1971. Charles shall play GERMANY

Mr. Buddy Tretick, 11710 Coldstream Dr. Potomac, Md. 20854  
began publishing in Feb 1968. Current continuous publication  
began in November of 1971. Buddy shall play AUSTRIA

Mr. Steve Cooper, 3073 S. Buchanan St., B-2, Arlington, Va 22206  
began publishing in September of 1971 his excellent 'zine  
ARMADILLO. Steve shall play FRANCE

Mr. Herb Barents, 157 State St., Zeeland, Mich. 49464  
began publishing his MOW 'zine BOAST in October of 1971.  
Herb shall play ITALY

Mr. Tom Leahey, Box 1387, Brown U., Providence, R.I. 02912  
began co-editorship of XANADU on September 17, 1972.  
Tom shall play TURKEY

Mr. Chris Schleicher, 5122 W. Carmen, Chicago, Ill. 60630  
began publishing ATLANTIS, which he picked up from Rod Walker,  
in December of 1969. Chris shall play Russia.

Here we have a group that ranges from expert (with 3 wins) through  
novice--yet all 7 have an excellent grasp of the game and watching  
the drama unfold should be fun for everyone! In my own humble way  
I shall try to add to this game by printing a running analysis.  
Players and observers alike shall be welcome to comment.

the DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING OF 1901 is OCTOBER 11, 1972  
GOOD LUCK!



## MUSINGS

by  
Larry Blandin

A continuing--albeit sporadic, as promised --column of comments and insights .

### DIPLO-CON V

Diplo-Con V was an overwhelming success by any measurable criteria that we know of. Early this Spring, Archivist Buchanan queried, "Do you guys really think you can get enough people for the 49 man tournament?" Well, a little over 100 Diplomacy enthusiasts were there along with Allan Calhamer and GRI'S John Moot.

John Beshara, Rod Walker, Fred Winter, Chris Schleicher, Larry Perry, et al in the same building! Hundreds and hundreds of wargamers, (possibly thousands) curiosity seekers, the press and media wandering from room after room of gaming, thousands of dollars of priceless ancient museum pieces, seemingly endless meetings of the IDA countered by a John Beshara hosted cocktail party (frankly your author much preferred the latter ((hic!!)) ) and delightful little vignettes like walking down to the trade exhibition center about 11:30 p.m. on a report from hotel security that some suspicious characters were loitering in the Exhibition Hall. Indeed, there was a motley crew lurking there. "Hi, I'm John Smythe!" "Rod Walker here!" "I'm John Boyer", "Major Lipson here," and best of all, Queen Suzanne was accompanying Walt B., whom I can tell anywhere because of the hay in his hair. Doug Boyerlein polling people on their opinions about polls, Rod Walker typing for me in the museum room at 3 a.m. Saturday morning, an irate Edi Birsan Sunday morning because he hadn't won the trial round of his contest on Saturday for Diplomacy's Grand Cup (dubbed the Chamber Pot" by Chris Schleicher), Avalon Hill's exhibition representative and editor of the General arriving very late Friday night making the first of a string of simple requests, "Where do you get a beer in this town!" (Obviously a foreigner to these hyar parts.) Len Lakofka pacing up and down on Sunday. (Blandin, next year I'll control the budget!" --Cut to a picture of your humble reporter quietly chuckling to himself.) And so it went.

As a special aside, before this report goes any farther, it must be acknowledged that the show was a smashing success singularly because so many Diplomacy fans gave unsparingly of their time and resources. Many thanks to all of the publishers who gave up editorial space to run our fliers and other plugs. But there was one local fan who gave consistent and unique help at critical moments.

CHRIS SCHLEICHER was seldom seen in the planning, but at desperate moments Chris always came forward to provide critical assistance. When logistics were required, Chris was providing the car and delivering supplies. When a major mass media promotion was on, Chris helped in every way possible, never asking why, but spotting a deficiency and leaping in. He GMed the 49 man tournament on Saturday and started the winners' playoff on Saturday until too ill to continue. And countless other things that would take too much space to enumerate. Not just myself, or Len, but for the entire hobby we want to thank you for giving so much so that the rest of the hobby could have so much enjoyment. Again, thank you!!

Diplo-Con VI will again be held in Chicago (the last time for a while and the last time it will be in a spot that is centrally located in the nation) sometime in the last week of June, 1973. It shall be bigger and better than this year. With some wilder plans and another chance for Edi Birsan to take a crack at the Cup. Boy do we have plans for next year!!! (Now about next year's budget Len... .)

In the space remaining, I want you to consider writing the newspaper publisher in your area inquiring about carrying as a syndicated feature "The Game Room" now carried each week in the Chicago Tribune (The World's Greatest Newspaper it says). Write to your local weekend editor and publisher with the request. It'll help.

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from the zine that really SHOULD be called SMUT, write Brenton Ver Ploeg, 520 Parker Ave., #202, San Francisco Cal. 94118, send him \$2 (you get a baker's dozen) and tell him LD is better and more wholesome!

10. PANDIMONIMUM PUBLICATIONS is only sleeping! Rod Walker is taking his first vacation in 6 years. The presses will begin to roll in a few days says Rod. But where's my game Rod??

11. "MUSINGS"

This irregular column hereby moves to space available status. I have other items I want to include in this issue but could not because of Blandin's column. Once the analysis of LD 16 begins (with LD 36) MUSINGS will become expendable.

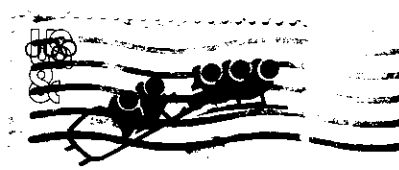
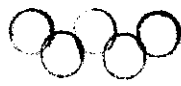
12. PBM SCRABBLE GOES ON. Page 6 has a hasty summation of the results of the first 7 letters given to the players. They were; E G O S T Y Z\_\_ all three players made the 7 letter word ZYGOTES! Our next 7 letters are; N P C I E U A. What can be done with that??

13. Be herely notified that any moves sent to other than 4970 N. Narine Dr. apt 525 Chicago Ill 60640 are not my responsibility! Players continae to send moves to my old Richmond Address! These moves WILL be accepted BUT I can not guarantee that I will be home to visit my parents before a deadline! If I pick them up after the daedline you lose! ALSO DO NOT SEND SPECIAL DELIVERY TO RICHMOND STREET. My mother is quite sick and can't be bothered with going up and down the stairs for such letters. If SD mail is sent to Richmond Street you'll get it back unopened!

14. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED to vote, do so NOW! This election year is too important to be pushed aside. Some have critized Sen. McGovern for being too "radical". Such a lable is not in accord with the majority of the Senator's plans and proposals. The alternative is a sluggish high unemployment economy, umbrellas for special interests, a muddled indoChina policy, a Vice President who could become the leader of this country and is in his own right the "winning compromise" and a tactless ass! His wins in his home state come form opposition dividing the vote and he carrying the remainder!! Richard Nixon has lied on many issues and waved the American flag in our faces ad nausea! The man is a quack, and not a statesman. Let's throw the beggar out!

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