

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES #63

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There are games open in LD for novice players only. Game fees are;
\$6 for North America. Since Air Mail is being done away with we will not count it.
This is the LAST \$6 game. The next game will be @\$7 for North America.
\$11 for non-North American Air Mail--this does not include a sub (North American games do include a sub). Subs are 10 for \$2 until December 28, 1975. Subs will only be accepted for 10 issues at this time.

1974 HW, the Spring of 1905 Germany misses!

Austria, Verheiden/2/

A VIE(S) TUR a ser-TRI, A BUD(S) A VIE

England, Vagts/8/

A MOS(S) GER A WAR-ukr/nso/, A LVN & A STP(S) AMOS, a edin-NWY, f both-BAL, A MHUR H
F NTH(C) a edi-NWY, F ECH H

France, Horton/7/

F rom/s/f lyon-TYRR/D+A/, f bre-MAO, a nar-PIED, A TOS-ven, F TUN-ion, a gas-MAR

Germany, Tilsen/6/NMR NSO

A MUN, A WAR, A BOH, A GAL A TYO, F PRU

Italy, Birsan/3/

A NAP(S) f tyrr-ROM, A VEN-tus

Turkey, Pitsch, 988 Wheeling Rd., Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056

A UKR(S) GER A WAR-nos/nso/, F AEG + F ION (C) a bul-APU, A RUM + A SEV (S) A UKR,
a ser-TRI, a bul-APU

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It is difficult to make a thoughtful analysis with a missed move. Germany can not afford to give England ANY excuse to attack her but it is still not in England's interest to do so. Were England to attack Germany now then a draw would be almost sure. The Italian boot is firming up. Ven and Rom are both secure for the moment and Ion is solid. We have Nap(s) Rom, Apu and Tri(s) Ven, Aeg (s) Ion and the position locks! However Vie is in danger and an active defense is needed there. As Tyo goes so will go the position. The cast needs to win Gal back. Much more on the game in the next LD.

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News and pluggs and junk.....

Speculum (#24&25) Dave Kadlecak, Box 802, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara Ca. 95053 #24--zine reviews, news, "Murphy's Law", DipCon VIII (Beyerlein), Address list, letters 8 pages, #25--Openings, Zine reviews, news, games(bourse), Houserules, letters. Physical Quality 6-8 range, Detail 9, Article Quality 5-8, Overall $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ (see page 3 for an explanation of this notation).

PAROXYSM (#17) Doug Ronson, Harry Drews, Robert Correll (864 Ingersoll Ct., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5J, 2S1--Editorial (inflation & postage costs), Openings (\$5 refundable deposit, plus 15¢/turn, plus sub (8 for \$2)--for novices, I recommend these games, they are reliable and the \$5 fee is to insure that players will continue), news, reviews, NY Conspiracy(?), DipCon report, quotes from "the Toronto Welfare Department from applications for aid and assistance; "I am writing to the Welfare Dept. to say that my baby was born two years old. When do I get my money?", "I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children. I have seven, but one died and was baptized on one sheet of paper.", "I am glad to report that my husband who was reported missing is dead.", "This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?", "I am very annoyed to find that you have found my son illiterate, as this is a lie. I was married to his father a week before he was born.", "My husband got his project cut off two weeks ago and I haven't had any relief since.", "Unless I get my husband's money pretty soon, I will be forced to lead an immortal life." etc.; letters, games press.

Physical Quality 7-9, Detail 9, Article Quality 7-10, Overall $7\frac{1}{2}$ -9

The Pocket Armenian (#21), Scott Rosenberg, 182-31 Radnor Rd., Jamaica NY 11432 Sperlock Holmes, conclusion (a series by Mark Zimmermann--well done!), news, IDA election recommendations (He's for me as VP--a great guy!), Psychotics in D&D (Diller) but the players are already psychotic!, "A Besh is a Besh is a...", games and press.

Physical Quality 7-9, Detail 9, Article Quality 7-10, Overall 8- $9\frac{1}{2}$

INFAMOUS (#15) Steve Solomon, 17240 Lake View Dr., Morgan Hill, Calif. 95037 Trekkies, the Gigaton Bomb Variant (history), Address list, the Mickey Mouse, King of Bolivia Variant (Solomon), What to do with your Diplomacy pieces; An analysis (Christopher) humor?, Play by phone, games, press.

Physical Quality 5-8, Detail 8, Article Quality 6- $8\frac{1}{2}$, Overall 6- $8\frac{1}{2}$

JANUS, John Cross, 32 Gordon Rd., Willowdale, Ont. Canada M29-1E1 ct. al. "Double talk", "We did it", the 75-76 Postal Diplomacy Tournament, pluggs, games.

Physical Quality 8- $9\frac{1}{2}$, Detail $7\frac{1}{2}$ -9, Article Quality 4-8, Overall 5- $7\frac{1}{2}$

the MIXURAKU GAZETTE, (#40), Robert Bryan Lipton, Box 1962, Lafayette College, Easton Pa 18042 Statement, rumors, Spacefillers, The Tunisian Opening (a funny understatement or is it a satire, or is he for real?) Courses on filling space, Letters (some tongue in cheek--we wonder which cheek), Cleric rules (for D&D), back copies, SCFI reviews, games, press (89/93--closer than you got).

Physical Quality 8-9, Detail 9, Article Quality 9-10, Overall $7\frac{1}{2}$ -9

The 75-76 Diplomacy Tournament

"This will be the basic format of the tourney: There will be three rounds, the first two being for elimination. The top 7x players in the first round will play on x boards in the second round--x to be determined by the number of entrants (but not more than 7). The top 7 players in the second round will play in the third round. From this game will be chosen the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th best players.

Games started from now till December 31 will be eligible for inclusion in the tourney.

There will be a \$1 entry fee for players. Note that this is merely an entry fee, in addition to the regular game fees. The players will send this to their GM who will forward it to the record keeper. This will be used EXCLUSIVELY for trophies and for a small prize fund. The prize fund will be divided as follows; 1st 40%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20% and 4th 10%."

If the players in 1975CF, CG or GR wish to be in this tourney please vote--DO NOT send any money NOW! If the majority wish to be in I'll contact Cross.

DIPLOMACY MAGAZINE SURVEY
(results)

RNG.=Range, TL.=Total points, V= votes and SC=score rounded to one decimal place.

Title	Physical Quality			Detail			Gamesmastering			Article Quality			Overall		
	RNG.	TL./V.=SC.	V.	RNG.	TL./V.=SC.	V.	RNG.	TL./V.=SC.	V.	RNG.	TL./V.=SC.	V.	RNG.	TL./V.=SC.	V.
ADAG	3-6	20/4	5	5-7	23/4	5.8	4-10	20/3	x	-----		5-8	24/4	6	
ANNIBUS	6-8	47/7	6.7	5-8	46/7	6.6	3-8	32/6	5.3	3-5	26/5	5.2	5-8	46/7	6.6
ARRAKAS	4-8	37/6	6.2	3-7	30/6	5	3-8	32/6	5.3	3-6	16/4	4	3/7	28/6	4.7
ATLANTIS	6-10	62/8	7.8	5-9	61/8	7.6	6-9	20/4	7.5	4-8	27/5	5.4	3-8	51/8	6.4
BUSHWACKER	8-10	37/4	9.2	7-10	36/4	9	10	10/1	x	6-7	25/4	6.2	7-8	30/4	7.5
CARN DUM	3-8	30/5	6	4-8	27/5	5.4	4-7	17/3	x	3-7	26/5	5.2	4-8	31/5	6.2
CLAW&FANG	7-9	61/8	7.6	7-9	66/8	8.2	4-9	35/5	7	6-10	58/8	7.2	6-9	61/8	7.6
DIPLOMACY R.	7-8	30/4	7.5	7-8	23/3	x	n.a.			7-8	23/3	x	7-8	30/4	7.5
DIPLOMACY W.	8-10	179/19	9.4	6-10	165/19	8.7	9-10	56/6	9.3	6-10	167/19	8.8	7-10	154/19	8.1
E1 CONQ.	7-8	30/4	7.5	4-6	20/4	5	3-5	15/4	3.7	1-5	13/4	3.2	2-5	14/4	3.4
EREHWON	4-8	61/9	6.8	3-9	67/9	7.4	5-8	27/4	6.8	5-10	63/8	8	5-8	65/9	7.2
EVERYTHING	8-10	35/4	8.8	8-9	35/4	8.8	n.a.		n.a.	---			7-9	32/4	8
Eponent	4-10	33/5	6.6	6-7	34/5	6.8	4-9	19/3	x	2-8	30/5	6	5-8	31/5	6.2
GRAUSTARK	5-9	54.8	6.8	6-9	63/8	7.9	4-10	41/5	8.2	1-9	42.7	6	6-10	59/8	7.4
IMPASSABLE	7-10	130/15	8.7	7-9	108/14	7.7	4-10	63/8	7.9	3-9	112/15	7.5	5-9	112/14	8.0
JANUS	6-10	46/6	7.7	6-10	45/6	7.5	7-10	17/2	x	7-10	32/4	8	6-10	45/6	7.5
LIAISONS D.	4-9	85/13	6.5	6-8	88/12	7.3	4-10	67/8	8.4	6-10	95/13	7.3	6-9	92/12	7.7
LIBERTARIAN	3-8	23/4	5.8	5-7	24/4	6	5-8	20/3	x	3-7	21/4	5.2	4-7	23/4	5.8
MASTER MACH.	3-8	34/5	6.8	4-9	36/5	7.2	3-10	13/2	x	4-10	38/5	7.6	3-9	35/5	7.0
MIXUMAXU G.	5-7	34/6	5.7	5-8	41/7	5.8	6-8	37/5	7.4	6-9	46/6	7.7	6-9	43/6	7.2
PAROXYSM	5-9	75/11	6.8	5-9	76/10	7.6	6-9	62/7	8.8	6-10	84/11	7.6	6-10	80/10	8.0
PELLUCIDAR	6-9	63/8	7.9	5-10	55/8	6.9	5-8	42/6	7.0	4-7	33/6	5.6	5-10	55/8	6.9
POLCTESME	8-10	35/4	8.8	7-10	35/4	8.8	8-10	26/3	x	6-9	31/4	7.8	8-9	26/3	x
POCKET ARM.	5-10	78/10	7.8	5-10	74/10	7.4	4-9	32/5	6.4	5-9	59/10	5.9	6-9	71/10	7.1
RUNESTONE	7-10	78/10	7.8	7-10	86/10	8.6	6-10	68/8	8.5	4-10	70/10	7.0	6-10	78/10	7.8
SPECULUM	4-8	47.8	5.9	1-9	44/7	6.3	6-10	23/3	x	4-10	54/8	6.8	4-9	49/7	7.0
TURNABOUT	7-10	121/13	9.3	3-8	81/12	6.8	3-8	29/5	5.8	1-10	73/13	5.6	5-9	84/12	7.0

Ballots received 29; FALLOVIA (5), LIAISONS D. (15), PAROXYSM (5), and TURNABOUT (5). BLOOD & IRON and IMPASSABLE also included ballots but none were received. I will attempt better coordination with the next survey. Above are listed all that received 4 votes or more. Mentioned were the following magazines;

BLACK HOLE; BOOK OF STAB; BRAINWAVE; BOAST; CARN PARVEL; CENTURION; CIMMERIA; COMMAND POST; BALTIC GAFFEL; DIPPY, EN PASSANT; FLYING BUFFALO, FOL SI FIE; GINNUNGAGAP; DUNE, INFAMOUS; LORD OR HOSTS; MUTANT, MAD POLICY; NORGROD, NORNS, 1901 & ALL THAT; ETARTH; PEN & SWORD; PREDAWN LEFTTEST; SHAAFT, QUO VADIS; RETRIEF, POLAR KNIGHT, JAPHDREW; OBSESSION, WIMPP, URF DURFAL, ZEPPELIN; and the VIKING NEWS LETTER (* after title = 3 votes, + = 2 votes)

Just a few notes; Voters, in many cases, tended to vote for Photo offset as best, mimeo next and ditto poorest, as opposed to rating each zine produced in each way against best/worst for its form of reproduction. Detail varied over a greater range than I thought it would. Either there are typos, errors in the use of the language or there are not. Gamesmastership was often not rated, and that is good, it shows that voters followed the instructions and did not guess about the abilities of gamesmasters they did not know. It should be noted that while Walt Buchanan has been rated the best gamesmaster, and he may be, he is running a game with 7 players who rarely miswrite orders, miss a move etc. I would add more weight to that vote if he were gamesmastering a few games simultaneously.

I would like to run the next survey in February and I'd like to see 10 or more magazines carry the ballot. What we gamesmasters are doing(right and wrong) is of major interest to all. If you will reprint the ballot PLEASE let me know, NOW!

THE STRATEGY OF THE INDIRECT APPROACH

by Rex Stephens

The theory of the indirect approach was first formulated in 1929 by B.H. Liddell Hart in his book Decisive Wars of History. While it takes in General Gamon's researches of Napoleon's campaigns in "manoeuvres sur le derrières," B.H. Liddell Hart's work has greater application and circulation. It was further expanded and polished by him when he served as military editor of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. It finds its present form in the updated work Strategy (1969) in which B.H. Liddell Hart examines a succession of great captains and major conflicts in history which bear out his theory.

This article is designed to merely outline the major tenets of the theory of the indirect approach and provide examples for clarification. It is not an attempt to synthesize B.H. Liddell Hart's research or add anything to his work. This is because the author is primarily a pragmatic theorist rather than a philosopher (i.e. Clausewitz's reliance on Kant's precepts in philosophy as a framework for developing military theory). Thus, I believe B.H. Liddell Hart's work to be a practical cohesive whole which reflects a sound basis for developing tactics, strategy and grand strategy.

In brief, Hart maintains that the direct approach most favored by the conventional military mind provokes a stubborn resistance. This in turn only serves to intensify the difficulty of gaining one's objective. History is filled with examples of failures to achieve decisive ends by resorting to a direct frontal assault. Some of the more notable examples include;

1. Allies and Germans on the Western Front in WWI
2. Allies in the Italian Campaign (Anzio) in WWII
3. Japanese at Port Arthur during the Russo-Japanese War
4. Napoleon's later campaigns especially Waterloo
5. Lee at Gettysburg in the American Civil War

At best, the direct assault obtains a strategic advantage and at worst, the attacking force can lose control of the entire campaign or war. In Hart's view, the direct approach never yields conclusive results! Quite the contrary, the direct approach jeopardizes in advance the success of an attack and needlessly exposes attackers to unnecessary risks in the pursuit of objectives that could nearly always be obtained more expeditiously and at less cost through an indirect approach.

The indirect approach consists of avoiding a frontal attack and seeking to turn it by a flank movement so that a more penetrable side is exposed. To move along the line of natural expectation increases the opponent's balance and thus, his power to resist. In Hart's words, "In most campaigns dislocation of the enemy's psychological and physical balance has been the vital prelude to a successful attempt at his overthrow." The strategy of the indirect approach embodies not only conventional military strategy but use of other factors to "dislocate" the enemy in battle such as morale, politics, public opinion, economics, subterfuge, propaganda, fifth column, will to win, miscellaneous psychological devices, etc. Thus, there is a whole range of activity away from the battle field that provides an arena for dislocating and disorienting the opponent so that one's own forces have an indirect advantage prior to strategic considerations on the battlefield.

Some major examples of successful use of the indirect approach in actual battle include;

1. Alexander's campaigns into Persia
2. Wellington's Peninsular Campaign
3. The Meuse-Argonne invasion by the Allies in WWI
4. Hannibal's Italian invasion during the Second Punic War

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5. Scipio Africanus' campaigns against Carthage in the Third Punic War
 6. Cromwell at Preston Moor and Dunbar (English Civil War)
 7. Caesar against Pompeii culminating in Pharsalus
 8. Marlborough's Bavarian campaign during the War of Spanish Succession
 9. Sherman's march on Atlanta and Savannah in the American Civil War
 10. Ludendorff's 1917 withdrawal to the Hindenberg line preparatory to the 1918 offensive in WWI
 11. Frederick the Great's campaigns during the War of Austrian Succession up to the peace of Breslau
 12. Napoleon's Italian campaign prior to Marengo
 13. Grant's capture of Vicksburg in the American Civil War
 14. Wolfe's defeat of Montcalm and conquest of Quebec
 15. The initial German campaigns in Europe culminating in Dunkirk in WWII
 16. German invasion of Greece and the Balkans in WWII
 17. The Japanese campaigns in the Pacific in 1942
 18. The Allies fight for the Rhine and invasion of Germany in World War II
 19. The Israeli-Egyptian campaigns fought over the past thirty years
 20. Edi Birsan's win 1971 EG ((LWL))
 21. Brenton Ver Floeg's win in 1972GR ((LWL))

the essence of strategy, tactics and grand strategy can be epitomized in Hart's eight axioms of the indirect approach;

1. Adjust your end to your means
2. Keep your object always in mind
3. Choose the line (or course) of least expectation
4. Exploit the line of least resistance
5. Take a line of operation which offers alternative objectives
6. Ensure that both plan and dispositions are flexible--adaptable to circumstances
7. Do not throw your weight into a stroke while your opponent is on guard
8. Do not renew an attack along the same line (or in the same form) after it has once failed

Two main problems are encountered in successful use of the indirect approach. The first is dislocation which precedes the actual blow. The second is exploitation which follows the actual blow. Application of the eight axioms of the indirect approach in both military and psychological (especially morale) arenas can almost always solve these two problems and insure decisive victory for the one using them!

It should be clear and obvious that the diplomacy and tactics of Diplomacy can also ^{use} this 'indirect' approach. It is folly to announce your intentions and to assault an unassailable position (unless it is part of a hammer and anvil attack). Thus the skillful stab is the ultimate in the 'indirect approach' as applied to the WWI scenario Diplomacy. (An excellent parallel article which goes into the tactics of the indirect approach can be found in the 1975 Diplomacy Handbook from the IDA@ \$3.)

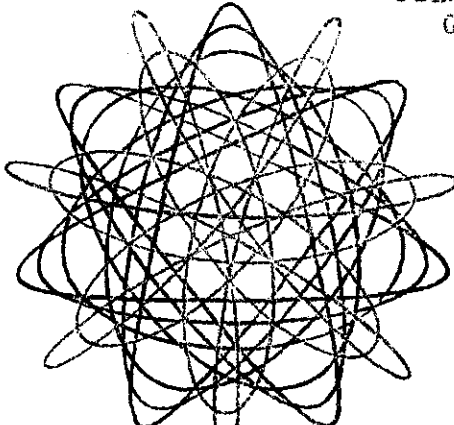
Much thanks to Ren for this thought provoking article. See who you can indirect-to-death in your next game!

Enclosed with this issue you will find two surveys; The Beyerlein Player Poll and the Variant Survey. Please fill them out and mail them to the respective tellers. Polls and surveys can help the hobby tremendously. While I do not run variants in LD many people do enjoy them and I encourage all other publishers to pick up on the survey. (I am also interested in having other publishers reprint my next Magazine survey!)

On the BPP if you are unsure of who the best players are list those persons from whom it would be hardest to gain an 'easy' win! Remember to fill in all 14 spots and don't forget to sign your ballot!

1973PM the Spring of 1910 no on a 3 way draw

France, Nick//4/ ENR A SPA, F FOM, A PIED, A TUS
 Germany, Stephen/19-1 short/ F TRI(S) Rus F nao-MAO,
 A GAS(S) A MAR H, A TOM(S) a tyo-VEN, a mun-TYO,
 a ber-MUN, F BRE-mao, a par-BURG, f mao-WES, a ven-APU,
 f ech-WAL, A DEN H
 Russia, Kelly /15, 1 short/ A TRI(S)Ger A tyo-VEN,
 A VIE(S)gor a mun-TYO, A ALB(S) A TRI, A GALS()A VIE
 A SWE(S)a stp-NWY, a mos-STP, f nao-MAO, f bla-CON,
 a ukr-WAR, A GRE H, f con-AEG, A SMY H, a arm-SEV
 f ion-TYRR



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1974PM the Spring of 1906 A owns;vie,bud,tri,ser,bul,rum

Austria, Lagerson, David, 19017 Vanowen Reseda Calif. 91335/8, 1 short/nos,sev,war
 A WAR(S)A RUM-gal, A BUD(S)A VIE-tri, A SER(S)a tri-ALB, A BUL-gre, a lvn-MOS
 England, ~~William~~ ~~Ameling~~, 1414 E 59th St. Re 742, Chicago, Ill 60657
 /2/A STP, A YORK owns; lon, stp

Germany, McLendon, Steve, Box 57066 Webster Tex. 77598 owns;hol,par,mar,kiel,ber,den,bel
 swe,nwy,edi//A HOK()SA SIL-gal, F BAL(S)a ber-PRU, a kiel-BER,F rwg-BAR,
 F edin-NTH, a gal-UKR, F NWY H, A MUN-sil

Italy, ~~see below~~ see below/ owns;mar,tun,ven,ror,nap,port,spa,gre,bre,lvp
 Joe Dorchack, 8801 Willow Rd., Hickory Hills, Ill. 60457

A TYO(S)A VEN-tri, F AEG(S) F GRE H, f nap-ION, f ion-ADER, A TUS-ven, A MAR H,
 f lvp-WAL, F MAO H

Turkey, Weeks, Richard, 3223 34th Ave. S, Minneapolis, Minn. 55406 owns;ank,con,sky
 a a arm-SEV, F BLA-rum, F CON-bul ec

"This will be my last set of orders. If I have not appointed a sub by next season please appoint a sub for me." signed R. Keeping. I can not wait until the next season to see if you do or do not appoint someone. If you do the other players will have no one to negotiate with; if you do not then the country will be in CD on turn. Either alternative is unacceptable, therefore, I have place a sub into the position NOW.

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Austria, Allen, Pat, 1112 S Oak Fk Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60304/7/
 A CONS() & F AEG(C) a gre-SMY, a vie-BON, a boh-MUN, A RUM H, a bud-VIE

England, Trese, Steve 1313 Ave D North, Saskatoon Sask, Canada, S7L-1P2/7/
 f lon-WAL, F KIBIH, a ruhr-BURG, a bel-PIC, f nth-ECH, F HEIGO-nth, amun//a ruhr-BUR/d...

France, ~~does not take position~~ //4/ Daniel Mathias, Glenmont Apts., 7007 D Lachlan
 Circle, Baltimore, Md. 21239 F WES, A GAS, F MAO, f lyon/D+A/

Italy, Foster, Colin, 17 W 302 Deerpath Rd., Bensenville, Ill. 60106
 F TYRR(S) f tus-LYON, A TYO(S) aus a boh-MUN, a ven-PIED.

a mar-SPA, F NAF-wes

Russia, Weeks, Richard, 3223 34th Ave S, Minneapolis, Ma. 55406
 A SILS() Aus a boh-MUN, F DEN(S) f skag-NTH, a war-PRU,

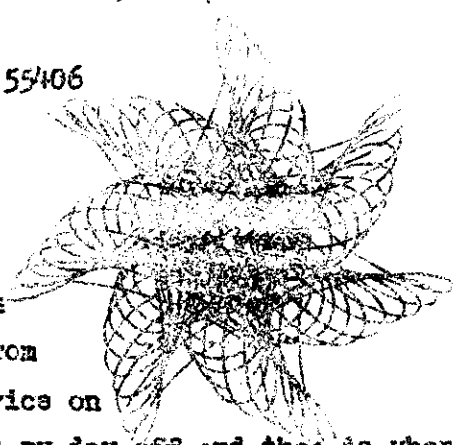
amos-SEV, a stp-NWY, f ank-MLA, A BER-kiel, a sov-ARM

Turkey, CD/1/ a smy/D+A/

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on TUESDAY November 4, 1975

Note; In all games. The deadline day is hereby changed from Wednesday to Tuesday. This is due to the horrid mail service on my block. I do not get mail till after 4PM. Since Wed is my day off and that is when I do LD, I'd like the ENTIRE the day to work on the nine instead of having to wait till evening.



Editorial;

I had planned to limit this issue of LD to 6 pages plus the two ballots and get off easy. However two items have arrived to today which require additional comment. The first is this excerpt from a letter by Alan Rowland, "I must complain about your irrational behaviour. You endorsed yourself and all your friends for IDA posts but you did not have enough courage to back someone for the IDA Central Region Secretary post. While your choice is probably a wise one it smacks of inconsistency. As for Gordon Anderson, why not limit yourself to a big anti-Anderson issue of LD that comes out quarterly? You have a fine 'zine, one of the best in the hobby and there is no reason to degrade it with remarks on somebody who should be ignored by the hobby."

Well this letter does leave food for thought and it does require public answer.

1. I recommended voting for John Leeder, Stephen Tihor, Scott Rosenberg, Joel Klein, & Ray Heuer. You call them "my friends". I have met John, Stephen, Scott and Ray only once in my life, if I recall correctly. If I have met Joel at a DipCon and don't recall it. My friends in the hobby, whom I've known and liked for years, are different people altogether. Not that I do not like the gentlemen about, I do not them as well PERSONALLY. I DO know their work and have seen their efforts and those are IMPRESSIVE.

John Leeder has always been a level headed fair individual, above political struggles. This is a perfect choice for Ombudsman. Steve Brooks, his opponent, is a very political figure who has been/is controversial at times. I favor Leeder.

I have said about ten words to Stephen Tihor, if that, at the '75 DipCon. But he has SHOWN what he can do. I will always endorse competence.

Scott Rosenberg and I have exchanged a few letters on social, game and political issues. I am VERY impressed with his stands in the politics of the hobby (when he takes them), I think his job as editor has been as good as Boyer's, and he dwarfs Mr. Anderson in reliable service. My vote is for Rosenberg!

Ray Heuer and Joel Klein are not all that well known to me but Ron Kelly is. Ron is, in my opinion, over extended. To make his an officer of IDA on top of his 50+ postal games is a poor decision. I vote for those persons who have the best chance to stay with the job.

I have not endorsed an Atlantic or Pacific Secretary because I am not in those regions. I have not endorsed a Central Regional Secretary because I know NOTHING good or bad about either man. Am I to throw darts at a board for a choice??

I contend my behavior, at least in THIS case, is not irrational!

2. In 'firing' me as GM of 1973HW Mr. Anderson made some comments that I do not agree with. I trust I have the right to defend myself and present my side of the story. I have no intention of producing any anti-Anderson magazine. That would be a waste of time and money!

The POCKET ARMENIAN (#22) arrived as I sit here typing and a few items bear comment.

1. I agree with Scott's comments on Lewis Pulsipher's "NORTH-AMERICAN GAMESMASTER/PUBLISHER GROUP". Such a group, if designed to help the hobby in a democratic way would be fine. Cooperation on surveys, ballots, opinions, syndication of news, reviews, etc. would help the hobby very much. Mr. Pulsipher's set up of the NAG/PG however is a poor one. Since Lew can't publish himself it's a pity we still have to read all of his long-winded tripe in IMPASSABLE, PAROXYSM, SPECULUM & POCKET ARMENIAN. What a WASTE OF GOOD MAGAZINE SPACE!

2. Thanks for the kind words of endorsement for VP. I agree with Scott on his comments about the Gemignani Awards vs. the Beyerlein Player Poll and the Calhauer Awards. more complete comment will appear after the election.

3. In TPA I find that Gordon Anderson is going to run for IDA Editor. Needless to say I am surprised. Gordon has missed 10 months of ElCon, comes out with two quick issues containing articles that have already appeared in prior issues of ElCon and is again silent! It is 2 months after DipCon (R applied for by Viking Sys.) and no issue of ElCon has come out. I fail to understand why the man is running for office.

1975 CF, the Fall of 1903

Austria, John Kador, 1316 Wydelwood Dr., C-1, Durham N.C. 27704/owns; bal, vic, tri, run.
ser 5-5 even

1975CP continued from page 7

- a bud-TRI, A RUM H, A UKR-nos, f tri-ADR, A TRI-tyo
- England, Fred Brenner, 2821 W 12th St, Brooklyn N.Y. 11224 owns; lvp, edl, nwy, ~~fff~~, DENH=VE
F NWY(f) F PIN-stpnc/illegal order/, a yonk-LVP, f nth-DEM
- France, Alan Rowland, 52 Bightly Ave., Westwood N.J. 07075 owns; bre, par, mar, spa, post,
lon, TUN 7=6+1 A WAL(S) a lon-YORK, A PIED(S) GER a mun-TYO, f ech-LON, f tyrr-TUN
f mac-IRI
- Germany, David Weitz, 533 N. Drew St., Appleton, Wisc. 54911 owns; mun, ber, kiel, war, ~~fff~~,
bel, hol, SWE 7 = 7 even A WAR(S) Rus A NOS, a sil-GAL, a mun-TYO, a pru-SIL, a den-
SWE, A BEL H, f helgo-NTH
- Italy, ~~fff/4/~~ NMR, dropped--this is the second time Karl has disappeared. He will
never again be allowed to play in LD and I advise other publishers to be wary, he
misses a lot of moves. Bill Thompson, 2251 A Pentland Dr., Baltimore, Md. 21234
owns; ven, rom, nap, ~~fff~~ 3=2+1
F NAP, A VEN, a tyo/D+A/, f gre/D+A/
- Russia, Craig Meyers, 2400 N. Layton, Milwaukee Wisc. 53221 own;

Turkey, Son Henson, 2014 N. Devon, Chicago, Ill. 60631 owns; con, ant, org, bul, sev, GRE
6=5+1, A SEV(S) AUS A UKR-nos, A BUL(S)E acc-GRB, F BLA(S) A SEV, f con-ARG,
f aeg-GRE
the DEADLINE for the Winter of 1903 is by 4PM on Tuesday November 4, 1975

1975CG the Winter of 1902

- Austria, Bowman f gre r oth, a bud r vie
EVEN/3/A SER, A TRI, A VIE
- England, Sergeant
A LON/5/F BAR, A NWY, F NTH, F DEN
- France, Rittle
EVEN/6/A PIC, A BEL, F WES, A WURG, F NAP, A PIED
- Germany, Stephens f den r helgo
-1/3/a ~~fff~~, A RUHR, A HOL, F HELGO
- Italy, Leahy a tri/r/tyo
A VEN, F NAP/6/F ROM, F GRE, A MUN, A TYO
- Russia, Spiegel
A NOS, A WAR/6/A RUM, A BUD, A SFP, F SWE

Turkey, Nix
A ANK/5/ F BLA, A SEV, ABUL, F AEG
the DEADLINE for the Spring of 1903 is by 4PM on Tuesday November 4, 1975

1975GR winter 1901 GM Rich Swico There has been some comment that I have been making some mistakes on your names. Gee whiz I is sorry!

- Austria, Andre Jerome Chapter
A BUD/4/A TYO, F TRI, A SER
- England, Ron d'Le Wohenetter
F LON/4/F NWC, F NTH, A NWY
- France, Craig Stephens
MAR, F BRE/5/F BEL, A GAS, A SPA
- Germany, Donny Meyers
A MUN, F KIEL/5/A RUHR, A HOL, F DEN
- Italy, Cary Matous 3314 Ave P., Gato Texas 77550
F NAP/4/ F TUN, A VEN, A ANU
- Russia, Wayne Tallotson
F SEV, A WAR/6/F BOTH, A SWD, F RUM, A UKR
- Turkey, David Gilmer
A SEM/4/A GRE, F CON, A ANK
the deadline for the Spring of 1902 is by 4PM (to Rich Swico) on Monday
November 3, 1975

1975 Diplomacy Variant Survey

Please answer all questions as accurately as you can and as of 1 August 1975. The Deadline for surveys to be received by Dave Kadlecak, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, Cal. 95132, USA, is Saturday 25 October, 1975. Please write your name and address on the back in the space provided. In order to avoid duplicates, surveys without names will not be compiled. Publishers are encouraged to reprint this survey.

The following questions refer to a proposed "Variants Handbook":

What percentage of reprints would be acceptable? _____. Mimeo printing would be cheaper than offset printing. Would mimeo be acceptable: for articles? ____, for variant rules? ____, for variant maps? ____. Indicate the percentage of each category that you would like to be included in the Handbook: new variant rules and maps ____, reprinted variant rules and maps ____, "how to win" articles on selected variants ____, "how to design variants" articles ____, text about various aspects of variants (miscellaneous) ____, survey results about variants ____, descriptions of and sources for well-known variants _____.

How much would you be willing to pay for a 50 page handbook that was: mimeographed _____, offset printed _____, mimeograph with maps offset _____.

Rate from 1 (terrible) to 9 (excellent) ((0 no opinion)) the following proposals for chapters; a set of variant rules/maps on some given subject or of some given type (e.g., Middle Earth variants of global variants) ____, a bibliography of articles on variants ____, a list of all variants published with short descriptions (or of Miller Number designators) ____, moves and analysis of a complete game of some popular variant (e.g., the Youngstown Variant) _____.

Assign values to these three types of variants for a total of 7 points; standard board-new rules ____, new board-standard rules ____, new board-new rules _____.

Assign values (1-9 1 low, 5 average, 9 high) to indicate your preferences for the following types of variant scenarios; Tolkien ____, Fantasy-Sword & Sorcery ____, Science Fiction-Space ____, Ancient (to 476 AD) ____, Medieval (477-1414) ____, Early Modern (1415-1788) ____, Napoleonic (1789-1871) ____, Imperialism-Colonialism (1872-1934) ____, WWII (1935-1945) ____, post-WWII ____, post 1975 (hypothetical) ____, Hypothetical (Indianomacy, Michigan Dip) ____, Abstract (Logical, Anarchy, Black Holo) _____.

Assign values from 1-9 indicating the importance of the following factors in determining whether a variant is "good" or not: complexity ____, play balance ____, drawishness ____, subject matter (scenario) ____, flavor (how well it portrays its scenario) _____.

Name your three favorite variants (in any order) _____.

Rate the following design features on a scale of 1-9 (1 not liked, 9 well liked): multiple units (e.g., double armies) ____, multiple supply centers ____, loaning centers ____, different victory conditions for different powers ____, special supply centers ____, special units ____, neutral units (i.e., not controlled by a player) ____, varying provinces (that change their properties during the game (e.g., become impassable) _____.

Who is the current Miller Number Custodian? _____.

Do you know what these are? NAVB _____, DVC? _____, GHVS _____, VELA _____, EVB _____.

MON VP _____ Have you ever designed a variant? _____ had one published? _____ Had one played postally? _____.

Is press more important to you in variants than in standard Diplomacy? _____ Should 2 player variants get Miller Numbers? _____ non-Dippyvariant multi-player games played postally in dippy gamezines? _____ About how many different variant maps/rules do you own? _____ How many have you played? _____.

The following questions will be asked about several games;

Experience; Which response best describes your experience with this game? (A= I have played it postally, B= I have played it face-to-face, C= I have a copy of the map/rules, D= I have seen it being played, E= I have followed a game closely with the map/rules, F= I have no experience with this variant, G= I have played it both postally and PTF, H= have played it PTF and have the map/rules, I=I have a GMcd a game, J= I have played it, but only solitary)

Complexity; Rate the game on a scale of 1-9 with 1 very simple and 9 very complex, 0 no opinion/no experience.

Balance; Rate the game on a scale of 1-9 for play balance with 1 very unbalanced (i.e., almost a game win for one player) and 9 very balanced (i.e., all countries have equal chances).

Drawishness; Rate the game on a scale of 1-9 for drawishness. 1 is very unlikely to end in a draw and 9 is very likely to end in a large draw.

Flavor; rate the game on a scale of 1-9 as to how effectively it portrays its scenario with 1 very ineffectively and 9 very effectively.

Overall; Rate the game on a scale of 1-9 for overall quality with 1 very poor and 9 excellent.

Length; Approximately how many game years does an average game of this game last? (count game year as period between adjustments.)

Game	EXPERIENCE	COMPLEXITY	BALANCE	DRAWISHNESS	FLAVOR	OVERALL	LENGTH
Standard Diplomacy							
Youngstown Variant							
Black Hole							
Anarchy IV							
Middle Earth IV							
Lord of the Rings I							
1721 II							
Downfall of the Lord of the Rings and the Return of the King							
Michigan Diplomacy							
Scotice Scripti III							
Jihad II							

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The Beyerlein Player Poll -- Ballot, Autumn 1975

The Beyerlein Player Poll (1975) is a poll of the Postal Diplomacy community to determine the best player, gamesmaster, and GM. Any Postal Diplomacy player, gamesmaster, or GM may vote for the top 14 (from #1 to #14) CURRENTLY.

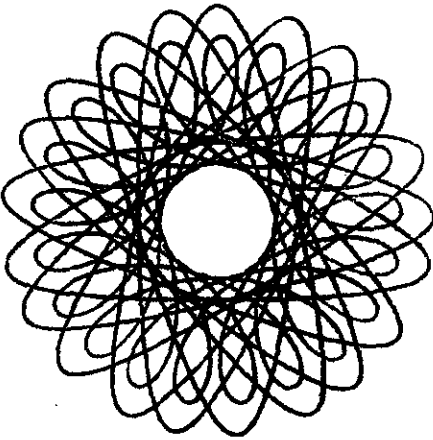
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1st place _____	20 points	Comments:
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8th place _____	7 points	
9th place _____	6 points	
10th place _____	5 points	
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14th place _____	1 point	

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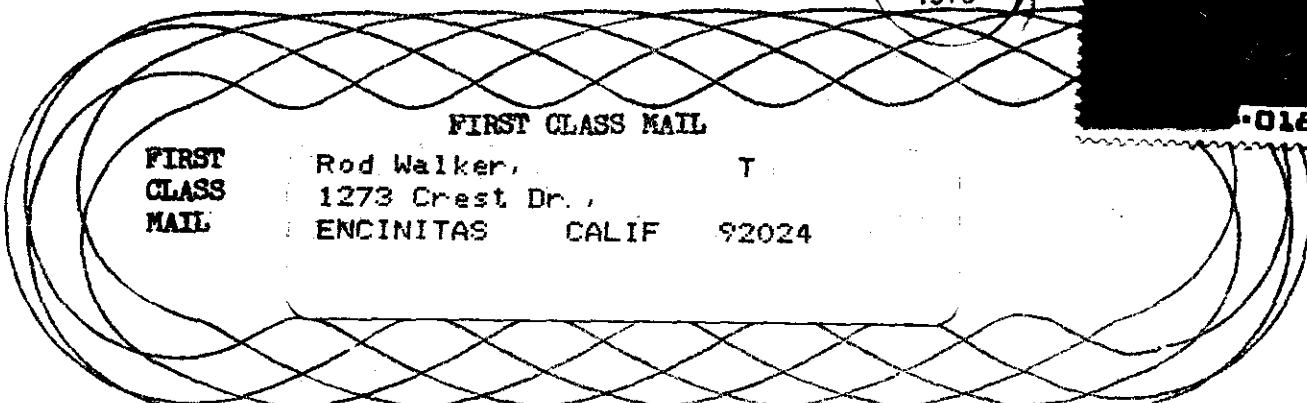
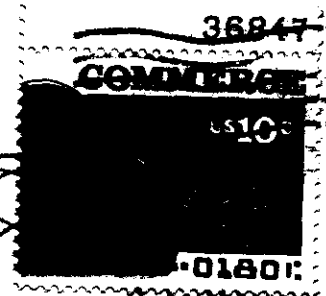
Incomplete ballots, or ballots without signature will not be counted!
Deadline 15 November, 1975--mail today, so you won't forget!

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