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Break out the champagne - this issue #124 of Lemon Curry, edited and published by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, USA, phone +1 (415) 461-2692, but only 6 PM to 11 PM Pacific time, and no collect calls, announces that this is

PAGE 2001

For those of you who are saying, "Well, why didn't you do this with Page 2000?": Page 2000 was the mailing label page of issue 123, and I wasn't about to add four pages (or an envelope) to the 'zine, which would have put it above the one-ounce (about 28.35g) 29-cent limit.

Anyway, to celebrate, I'm taking a page (!) from *The Voice Of Doom* and its "2000 Pages of Juicy Quotes" contest (the readers had to identify the authors of 100 quotes from letters in VOD; one quote was by editor Bruce Linsey, and another never appeared). However, nobody writes letters to this 'zine, so I have to change the idea a little...

2000 pages of miscellaneous stuff

QUIZ

Each of the 12 events dealing with this 'zine took place between 1980 and 1992. Each event appeared in the 'zine in a different year. Which year is the one in which none of these events appeared?

1. John Boardman writes his "Eric Blake" letter, in response to a letter from Rod Walker in *Europa Express*.

2. The first Diplomacy game starts, albeit after Third Reich and Kingmaker games begin.
3. The 'zine changes its name from *Life Of Monty* to *A Sharp Mind And A Straight Knife*, as the amount of Python-related material is not what it used to be; it took place before the original planned date after Graham Chapman died.
4. *Dip Warz*, originally intended as a one-issue story, begins. (The title comes from "Star Warz!", a game run by Tom Swider in *The Shogun's Sword*.)
5. Color photos appear for the first time in this 'zine, although an earlier issue of KK did include Kathy and John's wedding photo in color (at least my copy did).
6. The first PBM game of Trivial Pursuit begins.
7. Don Greenwood's quote, "I hate *Diplomacy*", appears.
8. The front page includes news of my win in *The GENERAL's* Diplomacy contest (well, I was 1 out of 15).
9. The first cover of *The Daily Stun* reveals that John Lennon is still alive and masquerading as Paul McCartney (who really did die in the 1960s like the rumors said).
10. The first issue produced on a computer.
11. The only issue numbered with a non-integer.
12. The first mention of International Diplomacy Tournament Ratings (IDTR), originally called ITR.

The answer (as well as the years in which the twelve events did take place) appears after the Runestone Poll results

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by "It All Started With *Luftwaffe*", the official words of the LEMON CURRY TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

*Dear Bloodsucker, are you really as illogical as everyone says?
....Newcomer*

Dear Newcomer, I am the most logical person, I know. I will prove that to all of you with my baseball scoring system.

For those of you who don't recognize this, it first appeared in issue 23 of *Whitestonia*, from 42-34 Saull Street in Flushing, NY, back on August 11, 1980, when first class postage was 15 cents. Yes, it's the first question ever to appear in Kathy's Korner, written by Dave Grabar. As for how Kathy's scoring system works, here are some examples: BU - Blind Umpire; X - Erased Baserunner; LC - Lucky Catch; GFO - Ground Force Out; HH - Hard Hit; CMU - Catcher Messed Up; FLO - Fool Lined Out; 9M - Right Fielder Missed. (Five years later, I taught Kathy the secret of baseball; COUNT THE PITCHES. A couple of years later, Malc Smith - a Brit who was living in Belgium at the time - figured that since the beer vendors were chanting "Ice Cold Beer Here!", that's what he had to do to get some, and I swear I heard the crowd behind home plate at Shea yelling it at a game the next season. Only Kathy.... (*Whitestonia* references verified by the Berkeley Archives - i.e. a few boxes of 'zines in a corner of my bedroom closet.)

And now for the moment you've all been waiting for - the

DIPCON XXXV TRIP REPORT

This year's DIPCON was in Lenexa, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, and a \$14 shuttle bus ride from Kansas City Airport (there was a free shuttle supplied by the committee, but it was only scheduled for the Friday the con started and the Monday after it ended, and I flew in on Thursday - by way of Phoenix, as all other flights from San Francisco either left too early in the morning, arrived at night, or made you fly past Kansas City and then come back).

Before getting to the Dip, I'll slip in a plug for the NCAA VISITORS CENTER in Overland Park, at the bottom of the NCAA Headquarters building. After paying my \$2 fee (there was a free pass in the registration pack, but they weren't given out until that night - and I wasn't going back as it was a \$10 cab ride each way), I went in to see...a lot of photographs of NCAA championships in all of the NCAA-sponsored sports. All of the sports were divided into two main rooms, with a smaller room for special displays (currently the Division 1 Men's and Women's basketball tournaments) and a small theater showing a video every 30 minutes (currently "100 Years Of Basketball", although it skips pretty much everything from 1940 to 1992). The two main rooms have special "mini-rooms" in the middle, where the walls are covered with life-size photographs that make it appear as if you were on the field just before the opening kickoff of the 1991 Rose Bowl or at center court just before the start of the 1991 basketball championship game. (The basketball area includes a wooden floor for added effect.)

One word of warning: if you get to the "interactive video display" (where you can select a sport from the screen and a brief history is displayed), be warned that the videos only cover up to 1989 or so.

Anyway, back to Lenexa to meet the hobby bigwigs. "There's Allan Calhamer (inventor of *Diplomacy*)...has Melinda shown up yet?...here comes Rex Martin (formerly editor of *The GENERAL*)...any sign of Melinda?...David Hood...Edi Birsan...Cal White...is that "Pat" from *Saturday Night Live*? Oh, *that's* Melinda Holley." (Well, now you have some idea what she looks like.)

Onto the first round - only 28 people are here (well, 29, but Pete Gaughan decides to bow out of the first round). I reach into the box, and pull out - Italy. At least we're using the "new" wooden blocks, supplied by Rex Martin, which will be included in the "deluxe Dip set". Anyway, it's EF against RT from the start, so there's a plot to get Austria to attack Russia - then it becomes EF against AT, which is how it ended (a 4-way draw). As the players were told that "a win and an elimination beats any two draws" and "your best two games count" (translation: "Everybody

with a win beats everybody without a win"), this did not look good for the four survivors, especially as somebody (either Steve Cooley or Marc Peters) got a win on another board.

Day two - the start was moved from the evening to the morning, as the Royals game was moved from noon to 7 PM (it was going to be a TV game, but CBS changed its mind). Now I'm Germany, which is also NOT one of my favorite countries. As I usually do, I bang my head against an EF alliance (with help from Italy) while the East played its own 2-on-1. This one ended in a 3-way draw, but I can't remember who was in it. (I can't seem to remember who were in my first two games, except that Allan Calhamer and Rex Martin were there somewhere.)

Just as the baseball types leave, the forewarned heavy thunderstorms begin. Needless to say, the game and the fireworks are cancelled. Meanwhile, the Dip diehards meet in a seminar on publishing which was meant for new publishers, but just about everybody there was already publishing. For that matter, there were very few novices at the con at all. (I recognize all but five of the names on the players' list.)

Sunday morning at 8 AM - up for the Dipcon Society meeting. First order of business: wake Gary Behnen and Steve Cooley up. Second order of business: selecting the 1993 site. There were three bids: first was Pacificon in San Mateo over Labor Day. I made the presentation and passed out the fliers. Second was Larry Peery for the Peery Hotel (yes, it exists) in Salt Lake City (!). Third was Steve Cooley's bid for one of the Strategicon conventions over Memorial Day. The first vote didn't produce a majority, so the least popular bid (the Peery bid, with one vote) was thrown out. Despite one of the Pacificon votes mysteriously disappearing, it was 7 for San Mateo, 6 for LA - my first "win" comes just when it counts. However, Pete's nomination of Gary Behnen to join us on the committee fell on deaf ears, as the society voted for Marc Peters, the perennial committee member.

A couple of things came up for discussion: first, my proposed charter amendment to suspend site rotation and make all regions eligible when DIPCON hosts WORLD DIP CON. The consensus was that "the only people who would come anyway don't really care in which part of the continent it's being held". (I cast

the only vote in favor.) The other discussion centered around how many rounds should be played in a tournament (3 or 4), and whether or not a top board should be played. (Steve Cooley recommended "Con the Barbarian" rules; if a draw is proposed, the players involved redraw their countries, and only if the players accept the draw again does it pass - but would a 5-center Italy who suddenly became an 11-center France still go for it?).

David Hood of *Diplomacy World* has been put in charge of getting information together for the new Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy and for the "expanded" rulebook ("expanded" in the way the *Advanced Civilization* rulebook consists of a few pages of rules and the rest dealing with strategy).

Round three - although I can't win the tournament, I can still do well with a win, and I draw France. Unfortunately, Dan Sellers as Germany talks some complete novice as England into being his toady, and there's an English Army in Brest in 1901 while Germany occupies Belgium, Holland, and Denmark. (Me to the England player: "Of course he wants three - didn't you notice he moved to Ruhr and Kiel instead of Burgundy?" England to me: "He what?") Strangely enough, AI become dominant, and it would have been an AI draw had England announced "I didn't come here to lose" and vetoed every draw that didn't include him. As it turns out, Allan Calhamer got a win as Austria - no mean feat, and it guaranteed him a top three finish as he, Cooley, and Peters got the only draws.

The awards were handed out that night. First surprise - despite 17 people correctly guessing that Perelandra would finish at the top of the Runestone Poll, I won the contest (and the magnetic Dip set). Next came the hobby awards: the Don Miller Memorial Award for hobby service went to John Boardman for 600 issues of *Graustark* (or was it to make up for Operation Desert Storm?), the John Koenig award for Dip playing went to Gary Behnen, the Melinda Holley award for quantity participation went to Kathy Caruso, and the Rod Walker award for literary achievement went to Garrett Schenck for the *Zine Register*. (I think it's the first time the Walker award went to someone for writing something other than an article.)

I copped my second award of the night - a set of the Diplomacy World Anthology from Larry Peery for finishing in last place. (Eight players had no points, but my early eliminations gave me the "advantage".) At least I won't be defending that title, as I'm running the next DIPCON.

Rex Martin talked about the new "deluxe Diplomacy set" to be released next February. The game will be packaged in a larger box (*New World* or new *D-Day* size), as the retailers don't particularly like the "bookcase" size, and will include new wooden pieces (that look like the "traditional" ones, but this time you can tell France from Italy; however, in direct light, the glare makes it hard to tell France from England). Also, there will be plastic stickers that can (but don't have to) be put on the units; flags for the armies and pennants for the fleets. The rules will be expanded - not with more rules, but with a "mini Gamer's Guide". (A new "complete" Gamer's Guide will either be included or sold separately.)

FINAL RESULTS (#D means #-way draw; "other" means elimination or survival without a draw) - IDTR points in parentheses before the name

1. (50) Marc Peters, 73 (win & 5D), Best France (win)
2. (34) Allan Calhamer, 61 (win & other), Best Austria (win)
3. (22) Steve Cooley, 61 (win & other), Best Turkey (win)
4. (12) Bob Acheson, 45 (2D & 4D)
5. (5) Eric Newhouse, 42 (2D & 5D)
6. (1) Pete Gaughan, 40 (3D & 3D), Best Germany (3D)
7. Tom Johnston, 35 (3D & 4D)
8. Mark Frueh, 35 (3D & 4D), Best Russia (3D)
9. Cal White, 35 (3D & 4D), Best Italy (3D)
10. Edi Birsan, 30 (4D & 4D)
11. Jeff McKee, 30 (4D & 4D)
12. James Wall, 30 (4D & 4D)
13. Mark Elliot, 27 (4D & 5D)
14. Lance Anderson, 23 (4D & 7D)
15. David Hood, 23 (4D & 7D)
16. Vince Lutterbie, 20 (3D & other), Best England (3D)
17. Melinda Holley, 15 (4D & other)

18. Dan Sellers, 15 (4D & other)
19. Randy Davis, 12 (5D & other)
20. Eric Brosius, 8 (7D & other)
21. Buz Eddy, 8 (7D & other)
22. Ken Nied, 8 (7D & other)
23. Jason Bergmann, 0
24. Bob Hartwig, 0
25. Bob Herbst, 0
26. John Jordan, 0
27. Rex Martin, 0
28. Larry Peery, 0
29. W. Andrew York, 0
30. Don Del Grande, 0

SCORING SYSTEM: There were no points for supply centers. A win was worth 61, a 2-way draw (2D) 30, 3D worth 20, 4D worth 15, 5D worth 12, 6D worth 10, and 7D worth 8. A player's top two rounds counted; ties were broken as follows - (a) "head-to-head" (draws came before survivals, which came before eliminations; in case of eliminations, whoever lasted longest finished higher); (b) opponents' final results (sum of the scores of the 12 players in that player's two scored games); (c) most Best Country awards; (d) coin toss - "youngest player calls it".

For those of you who might just care about IDTR, the reason Marc got 50 points instead of 100 is that the winner receives "100 points minus 5 for each person below 40 that competes in the tournament and is eligible to win" (there were actually 31 players, but one only played one round and thus did not receive a tournament score)

DIPCON XXVI - September 4-6, 1993

Dunfey Motel - San Mateo, California

DIPCON Committee:

**Pete Gaughan (Chairman), Don Del Grande,
Marc "The Champ" Peters**

And now for another LOM/ASM&ASK/LC tradition...

NOT QUITE THE 1992

RUNESTONE POLL RESULTS

As the faithful readers know, I'm one of these people that believes the "Preference Rating" doesn't belong in the Runestone Poll (it wasn't in the poll when John Leeder started it), so I list the 'zines in "mean score" order, with the "official" rank and score listed to the left; the preference rating is on the far right (MRank = "mean rank", the rank of that 'zine according to its mean score only)

Official Rank	Official Score	NAME	Mean Rank	Mean Score	Pref. Score
3	8.977	Northern Flame	1	8.940	9.052
2	9.078	Maniac's Paradise	2	8.875	9.483
1	9.081	Perelandra	3	8.794	9.655
4	8.716	Kathy's Korner	4	8.548	9.052
7	8.126	ark	5	8.396	7.586
6	8.161	Upstart	6	8.232	8.017
5	8.236	Pilot Light	7	8.216	8.276
15	7.455	DOGS of War	8	8.208	5.948
13	7.504	Penguin Dip	9	8.066	6.379
8	8.109	Ramblings by Moonlight	10	7.896	8.534
9	7.705	Cheesecake	11	7.850	7.414
11	7.543	The Abyssinian Prince	12	7.779	7.069
21	6.977	The Encounter	13	7.750	5.431
10	7.562	Hoodwink	14	7.722	7.241
17	7.370	Diplomacy World	15	7.564	6.983
14	7.500	Orphan Son	16	7.500	7.500
20	7.028	The Zine Register	17	7.481	6.121
16	7.403	Lemon Curry	18	7.441	7.328
18	7.208	"Well, Martha, it sorta..."	19	7.363	6.897
26	6.438	The Tactful Assassin	20	7.330	4.655
12	7.528	Carolina Cmnd & Cmnty	21	7.326	7.931
33	6.085	fast trax	22	7.317	3.621
28	6.388	Crimson Sky	23	7.298	4.569
30	6.297	The Curator	24	7.205	4.483
22	6.806	Rebel	25	7.192	6.034
29	6.382	Rambling Way	26	7.115	4.914
25	6.496	Concordia	27	7.071	5.345
24	6.510	Excelsior	28	7.006	5.517
31	6.190	Angst United	29	7.000	4.569
23	6.636	Your Zine Of Zines	30	6.979	5.948
19	7.064	The Home Office	31	6.975	7.241

27	6.394	Frueh's Folly	32	6.875	5.431
38	5.557	The Canadian Diplomat	33	6.741	3.190
32	6.141	Graustark	34	6.625	5.172
34	5.911	The Appalachian Genrl.	35	6.625	4.483
35	5.897	Comrades in Arms	36	6.604	4.483
39	5.538	Diplomag	37	6.583	3.448
41	5.403	benzene	38	6.510	3.190
36	5.598	Buckeye Rail Gazette	39	6.500	3.793
37	5.564	Get Them Dots Now!	40	6.493	3.707
46	5.094	Perestroika	41	6.391	2.500
40	5.486	Absolutel	42	6.375	3.707
43	5.216	Eyewitness News	43	6.272	3.103
42	5.285	Costaguana	44	6.161	3.534
44	5.191	Vertigo	45	6.106	3.362
48	5.041	Loco Motives	46	6.054	3.017
47	5.063	Dipadeedoodah!	47	6.000	3.190
53	4.582	Down at the Mouth	48	5.796	2.155
45	5.177	Heroes of Olympus	49	5.740	4.052
49	4.855	Canyon	50	5.688	3.190
52	4.592	So I Lied	51	5.682	2.414
51	4.691	World Diplomacy	52	5.528	3.017
50	4.730	Acropolis	53	5.500	3.190
56	3.984	The Assassin's Blade	54	5.330	1.293
55	4.117	Boast	55	5.227	1.897
54	4.139	Pontevedria	56	5.217	1.983
57	3.740	Alpha & Omega	57	4.792	1.638
58	3.626	Diplomacy Digest	58	4.706	1.466
59	3.027	Diplomacy Downs	59	4.238	0.603

TOP 10 GMs (Official Score)

9.236	Bruce Lisney
9.033	Andy Lischett
8.474	Lee Kendter, Sr.
8.431	Eric Brosius
8.377	Kathy Caruso
8.115	Fred Hyatt
8.081	Chris Hassler
8.077	Douglas Kent
7.877	Jim Burgess
7.874	Scott Cameron

TOP 10 SUBZINES (Official Score)

8.857	The Hounds of Hell
8.322	DIODES
7.701	You're The One
7.438	Notes from the Bunker
7.302	Close Your Eyes....
6.786	Poll Talk
6.191	The Unbashed Bo(t)
6.010	Standard Deviation
5.893	It's Me Again
5.825	The Unzine Voice

WHAT'S THIS: I might believe that *Lemon Curry* (7.403) finished higher than *Rebel* (6.806), what with the two special issues and the color photos, but how did I (7.031) finish higher

in the GM poll than Melinda (6.938)? My guess: let me put it this way - I'd like to thank the 1830 players for NOT voting....

THE ANSWER TO THE QUIZ IS . . . 1985

The 12 events took place in 1982 (issue #19), 1989 (#97), 1981 (#6), 1983 (#27), 1992 (#120), 1984 (#46), 1990 (#102), 1988 (#83), 1991 (#117), 1986 (#67), 1980 (#1 1/2), and 1987 (#71).

Excuse me - there's somebody at the door....Yes? Well, yes, I did mention Bruce Linsey's name in the Runestone Poll results - what's that? I'm being BANNED from taking over from Kathy Caruso as the new Hobby Gossipy Silliness Custodian for referring to one of the two "(Censoreds)" by name? I'm calling my lawyers - wait a minute, you look familiar - you ARE my lawyers, Dewey Cheatham and Howe (you Europeans might be familiar with their overseas partners, Sue Grabbit and Runne).



DIPLOMACY - Appleyard, Hughes, Kent, McHugh, B. Nielsen, Wilson signed up; need one more

TRIVIAL PURSUIT - Always open; write for more details on how PBM

Trivial Pursuit works

The game of the month is **GANGSTERS** - Avalon Hill's answer to Family Business and Rubout. There will be some rules modifications for simultaneous play (for example, moving Public pieces and Cops). Ownership of the game is not required, but you do need to know how to play the FTF version.

STANDBYS - one needed in 1830; one (maybe two) needed in Kingmaker. Standbys get 50 cents sub credit for each of their first two turns and an additional \$1 credit for finishing the position. Sub credit can be transferred to any 'zine (subject to the discretion of the other publisher).

TRIVIAL PURSUIT "CARRIE" - Everybody is knocking on the door but nobody has gotten in yet

ISSUE 123 ANSWERS

DAVE ANDERSON

What country exports the most coffee? *Brazil*

How do 86% of Americans like their potatoes done? **Mashed*

The two most common colors on a "Daredevil" fishing lure? *Red and White*

How many opening moves in checkers? **Seven*

The home of *Kronenbourg* beer? **France*

The show that *Chicken Soup* followed in 1989-90? **Roseanne*

THOMASINE BOWEN

The artist whose curios and furnishings took Sotheby's 10 days to auction off? *Andy Warhol*

What poet wrote "The U.S. themselves are essentially the greatest poem"? **Walt Whitman*

SCOTT CAMERON

The title of Barry Goldwater's 1988 autobiography? **Goldwater*

What President's last words were, "I have a terrific headache"? *Franklin Roosevelt*

The drugs that were "about as common as Anacin in the Oklahoma locker room"? *Steroids*

STEPHEN DORNEMAN

The *Tonight* host who was a high-school dropout? *Jack Parr*

The playwright who reportedly didn't like TV's *The Odd Couple*? *Neil Simon*

PETE GAUGHAN

The 1989 sitcom where talent agent Harry Floss says, "Calls! Get me calls!"? **The Famous Teddy Z*

The third NBA player to reach 30,000 points? **Julius Erving*

The death that caused hilarious laughter on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*? **Chuckles the Clown* (not "Bozo")

How many World Diving titles Greg Louganis won in the 1980s? **Five*

The length of Baseball's All-Star Break? *Three Days*

1992 People's Diplomacy Organization Relief Auction

RULES

- 1 - The deadline for bids is October 2, 1992. Send all bids to: Douglas Kent at 54 West Cherry Street, #211 Rahway, NJ 07065.
- 2 - Anyone may participate in the bidding. All you have to do is submit a bid on an item (send no money now please). If you are the highest bidder the item will be yours, and you'll be notified when to send the money and how much. You may submit conditional bids on total amount to be spent, or if you win or lose another item. You can't submit conditionals that say to outbid the next highest bidder by an amount of money. This is only a one round auction, so plan wisely. Also, all bids will be secret.
- 3 - In case of tied bids, postmark will decide. If postmarks are the same, the auctioneer will flip a coin or roll a die to determine the winner. I'm told tied bids are extremely rare.
- 4 - All items are postage paid or will have the postage figured into the minimum price.
- 5 - All donations collected will go to hobby services as decided upon by the PDORA Financial Committee. I will receive no money for the costs I incur. No one on the committee is eligible to receive any of the money either.
- 6 - Allow 4-6 weeks after the auction deadline for the item to get to you. The faster everybody gets their payments in to me, the faster I can have the items sent out to the successful bidders.
- 7 - Input is welcome and encouraged.
- 8 - Additional catalogues can be had for a SASE from me.
- 9 - Good luck and have fun.
- 10 - PDORA Financial Committee: Robert Acheson, Steve Arnawoodian, Don Del Grande, Steve Heinowski, Michael Lowrey.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>
A-001	A 9-issue sub to Melinda Holley's <u>Rebel</u> . \$3 minimum. 2 LOTS.
A-002	A 12-issue sub to <u>Son of Flip</u> , the ideal newsletter for fans of professional wrestling. Oh, and aside from wrestling news, trivia, and inside information, <u>SoF</u> also runs a Machiavelli game as well. A \$12.00 value. No minimum.
A-003	An 8-issue sub to <u>Carolina, Command, and Commentary</u> . \$8 value, \$5 minimum.
A-004	A 4-issue subscription to <u>Diplomacy World</u> , Dipdom's "flagship" zine. \$10 value. 5 LOTS.
A-005	A 5-year subscription to <u>War Fair</u> - the up & coming zine big on maps. Normally \$3 for 10 issues/year. No game fees, always openings in "The Bourse" variant, and new openings coming in 1993. \$5 minimum.

- B-001 A manuscript of Fred Davis' "A Diplomacy Chronology, 1958-1983." This was printed in Diplomacy World #35 in 1983. A background look at the origins and middle years of the game and Dipdom. \$2 minimum.
- B-002 NADF (North American Diplomacy Federation) Charter as verified by Rod Walker and a handful of his friends in 1979. This was Rod's attempt to organize and control Dipdom. No minimum.
- B-003 The Covenant as drawn and originally signed in 1979 governing the transfer and operation of the MNC. A collector's item! No minimum.
- B-004 A set of a PreCon Booklet and a Results Booklet from the 1990 World DipCon/DipCon event. 5 LOTS.
- C-001 An internal 2400 baud modem. IBM compatible. \$20 minimum.
- C-002 An internal 2400 baud modem. IBM compatible, and MNP 2-7 compatible. \$25 minimum.
- C-003 A set of five computer programs on 3 1/2" disks for the Apple IIGS. These are programs purchased for a computer that had 5 1/4" drives, and never returned. Three have been opened, but none have ever been used in any way. "Paperboy", "Marble Madness", "BlackJack Academy", "Writer's Choice Elite", and "Cartooners". "Paperboy" requires 256K, "Cartooners" requires 1M, and the other 3 require 512K. Original cost over \$150. \$25 minimum.
- C-004 PCTools Ver. 7.1 by Central Point Software. For DOS and Windows. The new version, requires DOS 3.3 or above and 640K. Supports up to DOS 5.0. For Windows applications requires Windows 3.0 or above and 2 Megs of RAM. Hard disk is required. 3 1/2" disks. I got this as a "premium" when I bought a card from Intel. Unopened. Suggested retail of \$179. \$90 minimum.
- G-001 A copy of Dreadnought by SPI. Unpunched. Contains counters for every capital ship built from 1906-1944. For the real battleship fan. \$10 minimum.
- G-002 A Dutch version of Diplomacy. Excellent condition, flat box, printed by Jumbo in 1981. Collectors item. \$15 minimum.
- G-003 A copy of Diplomacy. 1961 Games Research version as marketed in Britain. Flat box, some wear, plastic pieces and a God-awful map in primary colors. \$15 minimum.
- G-004 A copy of Diplomacy. The "classic" 1971 Games Research version. Good condition, flat box, wooden pieces. Another collector's item. \$15 minimum.
- G-005 Used but complete copy of Magic Realm. \$5 minimum.
- G-006 Avalon Hill's Tobruk. Unpunched. \$5 minimum.

- G-007 Avalon Hill's Panzerblitz in good condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-008 A copy of Car wars. Unpunched. \$5 minimum.
 - G-009 A used copy of Diplomacy in good condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-010 Unpunched copy of Air Superiority. \$5 minimum.
 - G-011 Alpha Omega, unpunched. \$5 minimum.
 - G-012 1963 version of Stalingrad in decent condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-013 1961 version of Tactics II. Fair condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-014 1965 version of Battle of the Bulge. Fair condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-015 1964 version of Africa Korps in good condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-016 1965 version of Blitzkrieg in good condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-017 Another copy of Dreadnought. Good condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-018 Cage Match Wrestling Trivia Game from On The Mat Company. \$2 minimum.
 - G-019 Murder to Go game by Ideal. This is one of those "murder party" mystery games. Excellent condition. \$4 minimum.
 - G-020 Melody Dicer game by Mozart. Wolfgang himself created this game, where you roll dice and create music. Good condition, \$2 minimum.
 - G-021 Strat-O-Matic Baseball with 1986 teams. Very good condition. \$5 minimum.
 - G-022 Crosscheck game by TSR. A crossword board game. \$3 minimum.
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- M-001 Copy of the book "Methods of a Wall Street Master", direct from the author's personal supply. \$24.95 cover price, \$7 minimum.
 - M-002 Personal horoscope as done by the marvelous Melinda Holley. She'll need your date, time, and place of birth. \$3 minimum. 3 LOTS.
 - M-003 Magnetic Dip board as produced by Eric Brosius. This is one of those great magnetic sets that Eric makes, and everybody wants. Tired of having your cats knock all your plastic or wooden pieces around? Get this! \$5 minimum.
 - M-004 Audio cassette of "The Simpsons Sing the Blues" by the Simpsons. \$1.50 minimum.
 - M-005 Audio cassette of "Life's Rich Pageant" by REM. \$1.50 minimum.
 - M-006 Audio cassette of "Alpha Centauri" by Tangerine Dream. \$1.50 minimum.
 - M-007 Audio cassette of "Danse Macabre et al" by Saint-Saens. \$1.50 minimum.
 - M-008 Audio cassette of "The River" by Bruce Springsteen. \$1.50 minimum.
 - M-009 10 Trees! Maple, Oak, Dogwood, and Pine seedlings. Mailed to your house at best time for planting within next 12 months. This could be your "green" good deed for the year! \$10 minimum.

- O-001 Gamestart in Rebel. \$2 minimum. 2 LOTS.
- O-002 Diplomacy game opening to be run in Down at the Mouth by the lovely and talented Vince Lutterbie. Includes the cost of the zine for the length of the game. No minimum. 7 LOTS.
- O-003 Game opening in Canadian Diplomat, plus 10 issues of the zine. No minimum. 2 LOTS.
- O-004 Gamestart in the new "readable" Ter-ran. 2 LOTS.
- O-005 Gamestart in Ramblings By Moonlight. Must sub to play. \$3 minimum.
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- P-001 Autographed pictures of Melinda Holley. I'm assuming these are suitable for children, but I really have no idea. Let your imaginations run wild. Always popular in the auctions. \$3 minimum. 3 LOTS.
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- Z-001 Gamesman #9. Yet another copy of the last issue by the late Don Miller. 64-page mimeo issue contains articles on Diplomacy, chess, and other games, plus a 10-page article on the accomplishments of the world's navies in the 2 World Wars. \$3 minimum.
- Z-002 Any two issues of Diplomacy World from #60 to #63 - your choice. \$2 minimum. 10 LOTS.
- Z-003 Diplomacy World #60 - 63 (4 issues total). \$3 minimum. 10 LOTS.
- Z-004 Prince #100, a spiral-bound "special" issue that includes comments from past and present subscribers, plus photos. \$2 minimum. 5 LOTS.
- Z-005 Kathy's Korner #136, 143, 145, 154, 158-160. \$2 minimum.
- Z-006 Kathy's Korner #161, 163, 165, 171, 177, 178. \$2 minimum.
- Z-007 Diplomacy World #62, 63, and 65. \$2 minimum.
- Z-008 Zine Register #15 and the 1989 North American Variant Bank catalog. \$2 minimum.
- Z-009 Your Zine of Zines #1-8. \$2 minimum. 5 LOTS.

That's it for this year. Regardless of the number of folds we've seen recently, and the small number of new zines, we've got a good bunch of items for auction. Get those bids in, and take care!

MELINDA ANN HOLLEY

The *The Andy Griffith Show* co-star who became a major movie director? *Ron Howard*

The two people who decide on movies with thumbs up and thumbs down? *Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert*

The US city with 570 miles of shoreline? **New York, NY*

DAVID HOOD

What is Yogi Bear smarter than? *The Average Bear*

What sense did Jim Dickson lack when he began his around-the-world sail in 1987? **Sight*

The cereal Mickey Mantle, Johnny Unitas, Willie Mays, and Wilt Chamberlain wanted in TV ads? **Maypo*

BRAD WILSON

The sitcom with William Frawley as father-in-law Bub? *My Three Sons*

Is the stamen or the pistil the "male" part of the flower? *Stamen*

W. ANDREW YORK

The WKRP employee who won the Silver Sow? *Les Nessman*

The South American country where Marachuco cowboys ride through Arequipa province? *Peru*

The *People* parody devoted to dogs? **Pupple*

THE QUESTIONS...will be sent to the players separately and will be printed in the next issue (there isn't enough space here)

THE CURRENT STANDINGS

ANDERSON: OR, YE, BL, GR, BR wedges, 11 misses

BOWEN: PK, YE, BL, GR wedges, 3 misses

CAMERON: YE, OR, GR wedges, 4 misses

DORNEMAN: YE, BL, BR, GR, PK wedges, 5 misses

GAUGHAN: PK, YE, BR, GR, OR wedges, 14 misses

HOLLEY: OR, BR, PK wedges, 15 misses

HOOD: BL, YE, BR wedges, 15 misses

WILSON: YE, BL, OR wedges, 4 misses

YORK: No wedges, 4 misses

In addition, DOUGLAS KENT begins this turn

DEADLINE for answers is AUGUST 15

1830 "42nd STREET" - What do you MEAN, ANOTHER break in the schedule?

OOPS: Three corrections need to be made - first, Scott Cameron's cash total is 37, not 335 (which is his score at the start of the turn); second, B&O built in I17, not J17; third, building in I17 cost B&O 80, so its treasury is 560

OPERATING ROUND 5.2

MINOR COMPANIES: SV - JC 5 (110), C&SL - SC 10 (47),

D&H - DH 15 (69), M&H - PRR 20 (182),

C&A - SC 25 (72), B&O closed as a train was bought

(I might have missed that had it not happened to me in the 1830 game at DIPCON)

C&O lays tile 7 in E3(SE)

Run "2" F2-E3-F4, "2" F2-F4, "3" F2-G3-F4, "3" F4-G5-F6 (270)

Pay dividends: MF 135 (341), DM 81 (213), DB 27 (158),

JC 27 (137)

C&O stock rises to F80

PRR lays tile 57 in H10(W)

Run "2" H10-H12, "2" H12-H14-H16, "3" H16-G17 (110)

Pay dividends: DM 55 (268), treasury 44 (226)

PRR stock rises to G70

NYNH lays tile 8 in F18(W)

Run "2" G19(n)-F20, "2" F20-E19

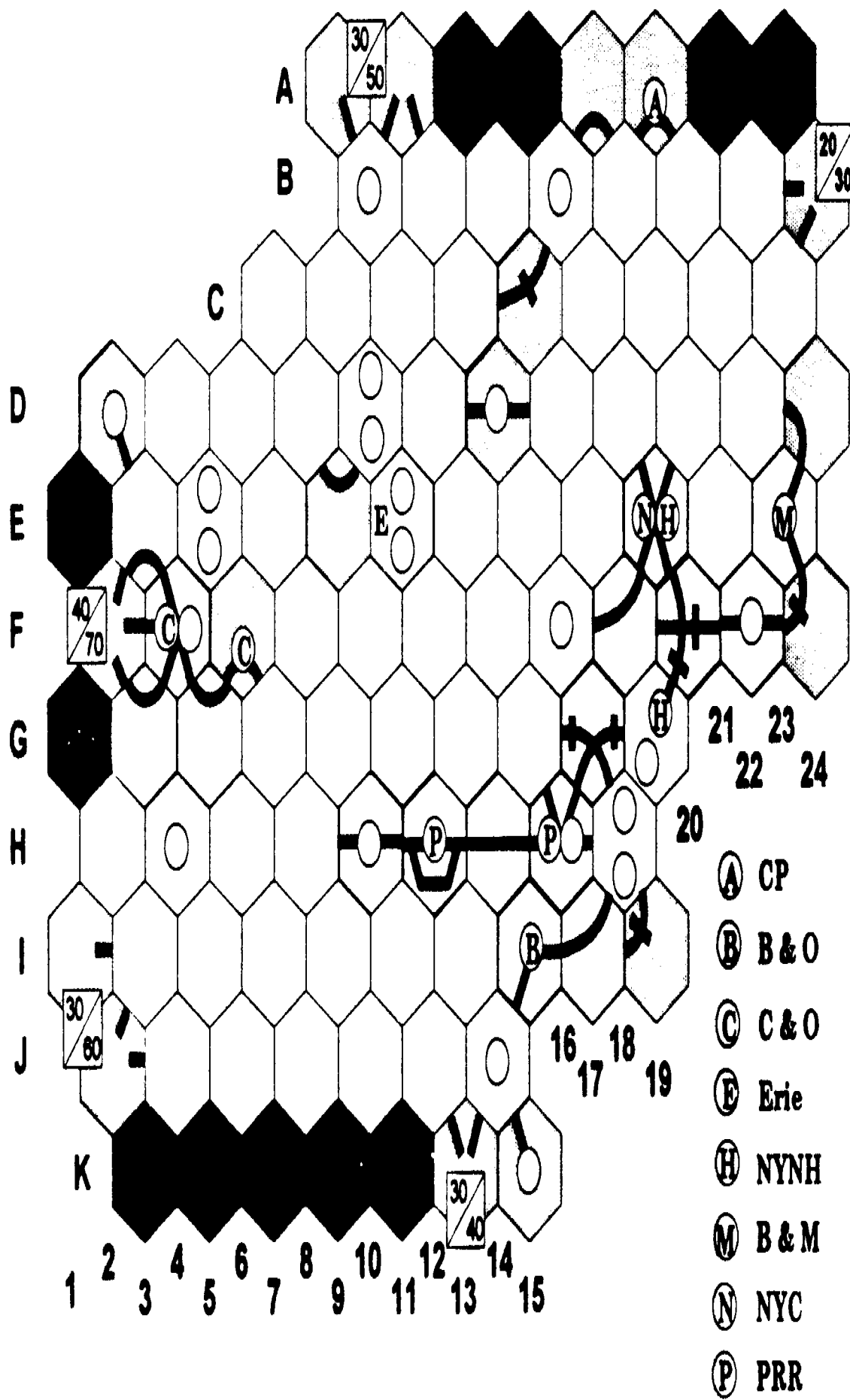
Pay dividends: JC 45 (182), DH 18 (87), DB 9 (167), DM 9 (277),
treasury 9 (588)

NYNH stock rises to G69

Buy "4" train for 300 (288 left in treasury)

HOLD IT! The "2" trains disappear at this point, and under my HRs, the game stops here. B&O and B&M still need to run in OR 5.2. (I could have continued, as B&O and B&M had no "2" trains anyway - but I remember what happened last time I said "who's going to mind if I continue the turn?")

While I've got some space...whatever happened to the games in *fast* *trax*?



1830 STANDBY NEEDED

John Cain has resigned from his PBM games due to increased studies in college. Somebody is needed to take over his position. If you need my House Rules, let me know.

PLAYER STANDINGS in the middle of OR 5.2

Scott Cameron: \$72, 40% B&O, 10% B&M, C&SL, C&A

Derwood Bowen: \$167, 50% B&M, 10% C&O, 10% NYNH

Dick Martin: \$277, 50% PRR, 30% C&O, 10% NYNH

Mark Frueh: \$341, 50% C&O

John Cain (resigned): \$182, 50% NYNH, 10% C&O, SV

David Hood: \$87, 30% NYC, 20% NYNH, 10% B&M, D&H

Pool: 20% B&O, 10% NYNH, 40% PRR

CORPORATION STANDINGS

B&M: Par 67, Stock K30, Treasury \$410, 1 token, "3" train

B&O: Par 82, Stock E67, Treasury \$560, 2 tokens, "3" train

C&O: Stock F80, Treasury \$120, 3 tokens, 2 "3" trains

NYC: Par 76, Stock D76

NYNH: Stock G69, Treasury \$288, no tokens, "4" train

PRR: Par 67, Stock G70, Treasury \$226, 2 tokens, "3" train,

M&H minor company



DIPLOMACY "DAMN YANKEES", FALL 1908 - Anybody out there want to play Turkey?

AUSTRIA (Munnzenmaier): NMR - has F ADR, A TRI, A CON, A MAR, F ION, F WES, A VIE, A PIE, F TYH, F AEG, and A RUM

ENGLAND (CD) has F NAO

FRANCE (Schenck): F MAO S F SPA(sc), F SPA S ITALIAN A Gas-Mar (nso)

GERMANY (Maynard): NMR - has A TYO, A MUN

ITALY (Gonsalves): A Gas-BUR, F END S FRENCH F MAO-IRI (nso)

RUSSIA (Geusz): A UKR H, A War-GAL, A LON H,
A Pru-BER, A Hol-BEL, F Hel-KIE, F BLA-Con,
A Arm-SMY, F NWG-Nao, F NTH S A Hol-Bel,
A YOR S A Edi-Lvp, F Bar-NWY, A Edi-LVP,
A RUH-Mun

TURKEY (CD) has no units

1908 SUPPLY CENTERS (Keep/GAIN/lose)

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Bul, Con, Rom, Nap, Ven, Mar,
Tun, RUM - 12, build 1

ENGLAND: lvp - 0, out

FRANCE: Por, Spa - 2, even

GERMANY: Mun, bel - 1, remove 1

ITALY: Par, Bre - 2, even

RUSSIA: Mos, War, Stp, Sev, Swe, Nwy, Smy, Ber, Den, Ank,
Lon, Kie, Hol, Edi, rum, LVP, BEL - 16, build 2

TURKEY: Gre - 1, build 1 (Ankara is open - never mind that it's
controlled by Russia; Turkey could build there)

PROPOSALS: A concession to Turkey and an A/T draw have
been proposed; please vote on both proposals with your next
orders. Under my house rules, not voting counts as YES on the
concession (as Turkey has the most SCs) and NO on the draw (as
it doesn't include all survivors).

**DEADLINE for WINTER 1908 builds/removals and SPRING
1909 orders is AUGUST 19**

PRESS

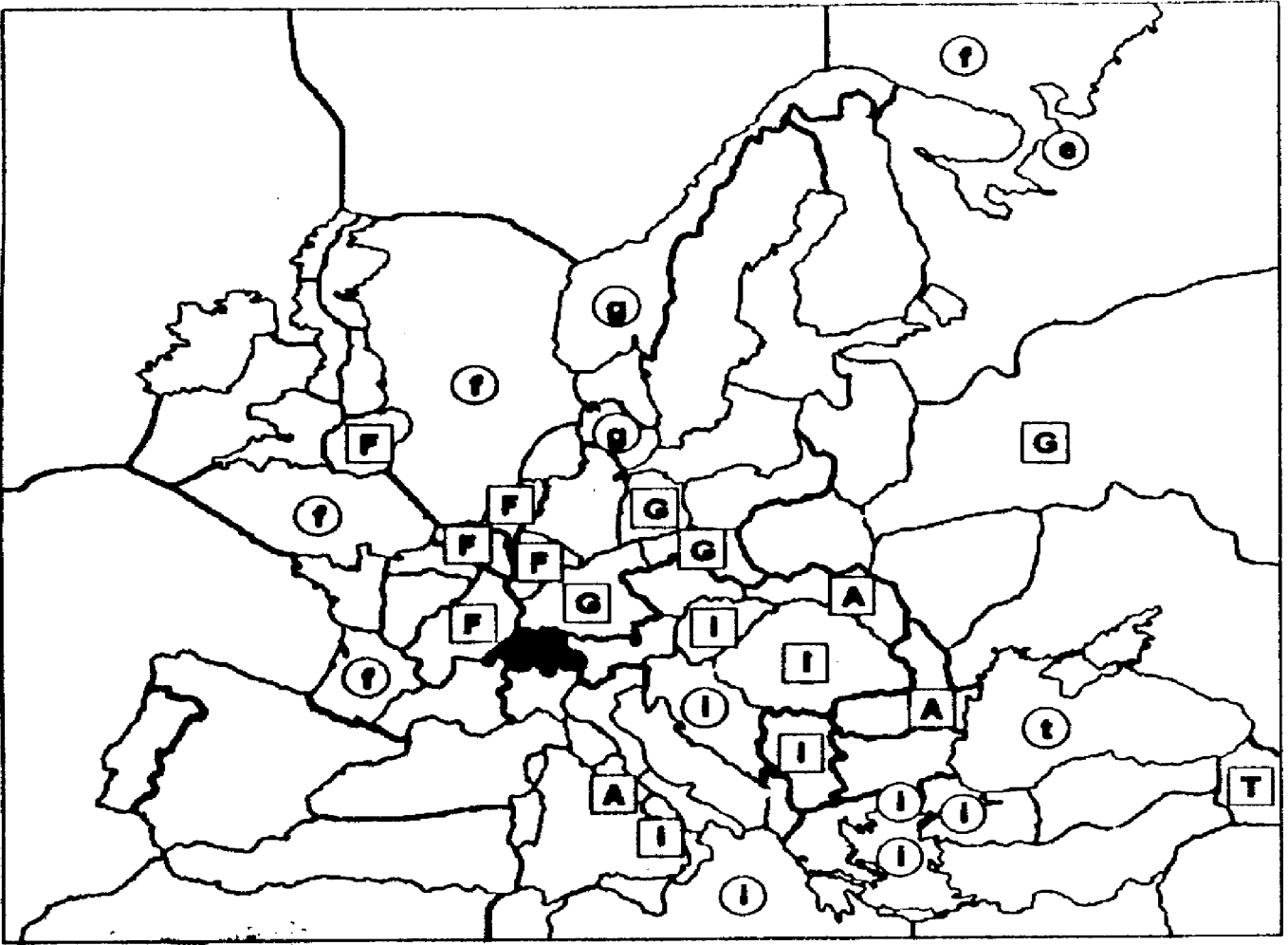
FRANCE-AUSTRIA: You said you were serious about Geusz.
Let's see if you were. If you menace me I'll keep on supporting
Italy to attack Mar. You could use more armies, less fleets. Can
we work something out?

DIPLMACY

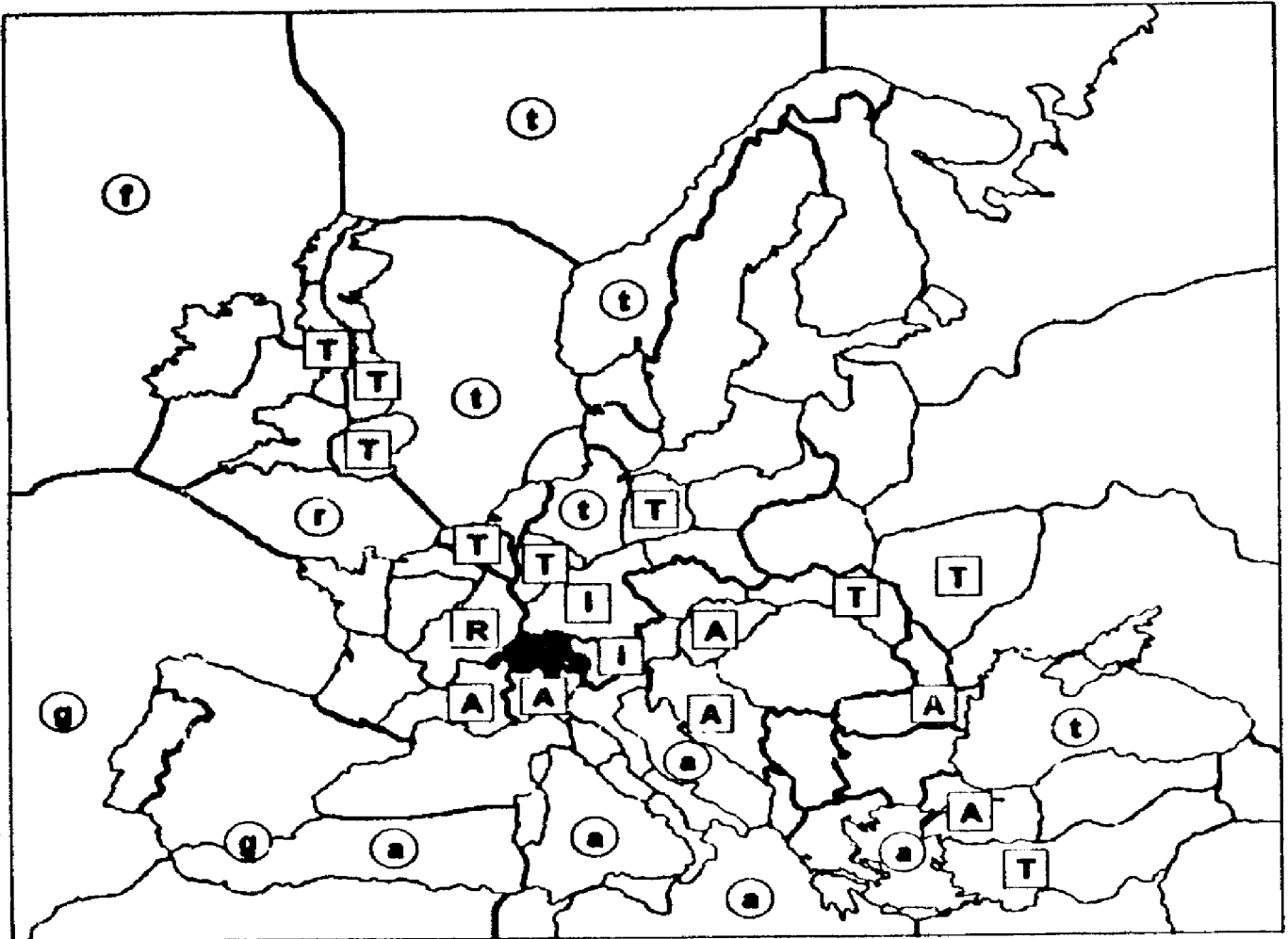
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*A really good diplomat does not go in for victories, even when he
wins them - Walter Lippmann*

ANNIE



DAMN YANKEES



DIPLOMACY "ANNIE", WINTER 1906/SPRING 1907 -
Pardon me for being one of those GMs that believes that a
deadline is not just "a recommendation"

Both the concession and the draw proposals failed

WINTER 1906: France NMRed and plays one short; Germany has
no open home SCs and also plays one short; Italy builds A NAP

SPRING 1907

AUSTRIA (Hughes): A Vie-GAL, A ROM H, A RUM-Sev

ENGLAND (CD) has F STP(nc)

FRANCE (R. Nielsen): NMR (orders arrived late) - has F BAR,
A HOL, A RUH, A BEL, F ENG, F NTH, A LON, F GAS,
A BUR, and a retreat from Ber to Pru or OTB

GERMANY (Wilson): F NWY-Nth, F Swe-DEN, A MOS-Sev,
A Kie-BER, A War-SIL, A MUN S A Kie-Ber

ITALY (Marsland): A NAP-Rom, F CON S F Gre-Bul(sc),
A Tyo-VIE, A BUD S A Tyo-Vie, F Adr-ION, F TRI H,
A SER S A Bud, F Gre-BUL(sc), F AEG S F Con

TURKEY (B. Nielsen): A Bul-ARM, F BLA C A Bul-Arm

DEADLINE for SUMMER 1907 retreat and FALL 1907 orders
is AUGUST 19

PRESS

ITALY-GM: Did I ever send money?

GM-ITALY: No (send \$3) - and by the way, when there are two
or more proposals made, you vote on all of them (separately)
instead of choosing one

AUSTRIA-FRANCE: I'll vote for concession but will talk if game
continues.

OSTERREICH (AUSTRIA)-DIE WELT: How can a draw ignore
Deutschland? Because he's *not* a friend or brother? This whole
game resembles Rhode Island politics and even *if* my cousin is
elected governor, that's *bad!*

AUSTRIA-ITALY: No surprise, my suspicions were accurate.
Well, my "raid" on Rome will rain on *your* parade! And you can
have Tri - who wants Sarajevo now, anyway?

DIPLOMACY "LES MISERABLES", FALL 1913 - You take Venice - no, you take it - looks like he took it

FRANCE (Goode): F MAO H, F CLY-Edi, F LON H,
A Tus-PIE, A Pie-MAR, F Wes-TUN, F Tun-ION
F TYH S F Tun-Ion

GERMANY (Mercer): A RUH H, A Rum-BUL, A Tri-ALB,
A SER S A Tri-Alb, F HOL S F Den-Nth, F Nth-ENG,
A Gal-RUM, F NW.G H, A Vie-TRI, F YOR-EDI,
A BUD S A Vie-Tri, A ARM-Smy, A SEV H,
A TYO S FRENCH A Tus-Ven (nso), F Den-NTH

ITALY (Anderson): A Apu-VEN, A ROM S A Apu-Ven,
F NAP S FRENCH F Tun-Ion

TURKEY (Dorneman): F SMY H, A CON S A ANK,
F ADR S GERMAN A Tyo-Ven (nso), A ANK S F Smy,
F Ion S F Alb (d-retreat to Apu,Aeg,Eas,OTB),
F Alb S F Ion (ann), F GRE S F Ion

1913 SUPPLY CENTERS (Keep/lose/GAIN)

FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Tun, Lon, Lvp - 8

GERMANY: Kie, Ber, Mun, Bel, Hol, Den, Swe, Stp, Nwy,
Edi, War, Mos, Rum, Bud, Vie, Sev, BUL, SER,
TRI - 19

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven - 3

TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy, Gre, bul, ser, tri - 4

The game ends in a win for Charles Mercer as Germany

FINAL GAME STATISTICS - 1989 E

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
A	5	6	5	4	2	0							
E	4*	3	3*	2	3	3	3*	2	1	0			
F	5	5	6	7	6	5	5	6	7	7	8	8	8
G	6#	6	6	6	7	9	10	11	10	12	13	16*	19
I	3	4	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	3
R	6	6	6	8	8	7	6	5	5	3	1	0	
T	4	4	5	5	6	7	8	7	9	10	9	7	4

* indicates 1 short # indicates 3 short

Result: German Win in 1913

Game: 1989 E

'Zine: Life Of Monty (renamed A Sharp Mind And A Straight Knife and then Lemon Curry)

GM: Don Del Grande

A: Melinda Ann Holley (out F06)

E: Michael Hopcroft (drop W03), Steve Hughes (out F10)

F: Brian Bajuk (drop F02), Jim Goode (surv F13)

G: Edward Allen (drop S05), Charles Mercer (WIN F13)

**I: Thomasine Bowen (res W01), Brad Wilson (drop F02),
Dave Anderson (surv F13)**

R: Tom Slaughter (drop S10), Cathy Ozog (out F12)

T: Stephen Dorneman (surv F13)

This is the first Dip game in this 'zine to end in a win (although it's only the fourth game to finish). The three standby players who just finished their position (Goode, Mercer, and Anderson) get \$1 added to their sub credits. Also note there's still one opening remaining in my next Dip game, and there may be standby positions coming up in the two orphan games I picked up.

**ENDGAME STATEMENTS will be published if received by
AUGUST 20**



**KINGMAKER "ME AND MY GAL", TURN 25 - Bishops hide
in one corner, plague victims in the other**

WHITE DUCHESS II (***Standby Requested*****)**

CLIFFORD* remains at York(g)

NEVILLE* remains at Canterbury

PLANTAGENET YORK* remains at Thetford

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (York)

FITZALAN* and HOLLAND remain at Dublin

HERBERT remains at Douglas(g)

KING'S COURT (Anderson)

BEAUFORT remains at Corfe

ROOS, BOURCHIER, and PLANTAGENET LANCASTER

(Black Heath)-Rochester-Leeds-Canterbury(g)

STAFFORD* (Norwich)-Canterbury(g) by road

Le **SWAN** stuck in Berwick (controlled by WD2)

Le **LUCAS** and Le **NICHOLAS** remain at Rye

Le **MICHAEL** (Penzance)-sl3-sl4-sl6-sl7-Weymouth

ROYAL TOADIES (McHugh?)

PERCY* and **HOWARD** remain at Bristol(g)

HASTINGS* remains at Lynn

Le **CHRISTOPHER** remains at Milford Haven

Le **ROSE** stuck in Plymouth (uncontrolled)

CROWN CARD: As mentioned last time, the only crown card is Mowbray; as McHugh and Ozog NMRed (York sent in orders saying "everybody hold"), MOWBRAY goes to York

***TURN 26 EVENTS: VACILLATING ALLEGIANCE** (Plantagenet York must hold next turn); non-event to York; **PAPAL DIET** (Neville (with Edward March), Clifford (with George), Stafford, Percy, and Hastings to French Continent); **PLAGUE DUBLIN** (Fitzalan dies without heir - Fitzalan to discards, Lieutenant of Ireland to Chancery; Holland survives)

STANDBYS NEEDED

One player is definitely needed to take over the White Duchess II alliance; another may be needed to take over the Royal Toadies (if Jack keeps forgetting that he's in this game) - copies of the PBM Map are available on request

DEADLINE for TURN 26 is AUGUST 19

TOP KNIFE #53

This is *Top Knife*, the subzine of International Diplomacy Tournament Ratings (IDTR), but you probably know that by now.

The **VICTORIAN DIPLOMACY CHAMPIONSHIP** was held over Easter weekend, with 44 players showing up (sorry, more details about the tournament aren't available)

1. (100) Michael Chau, Best Germany
2. (78) Frank Meerbach, Best France
3. (59) George Smirnow
4. (43) Jim Venn, Best England
5. (24) Ken Sproat
6. (18) Rohan Flavelle
7. (10) Andrew Geraghty
8. (4) Bill Brown

Other Best Countries: Austria - George Majer (32nd); Italy - Anthony Swinnerton (15th); Russia - Rob Wessels (18th); Turkey - Alan Thomson (12th)

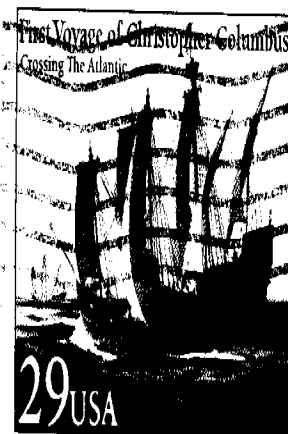
The **NEW SOUTH WALES DIPLOMACY CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held last month in Sydney, with 35 players competing over three rounds

1. (75) Neil Ashworth, Best Italy, Best France
2. (55) Bill Brown
3. (33) Anthony Swinnerton, Best Russia, Best Single Game
4. (24) Craig Sedgwick
5. (13) Frank Meerbach, Player's Choice
6. (6) Michael Chau

Other Best Countries: Turkey - Rowan Munroe (10th); Austria - Luke Clutterbuck (12th); Germany - Scott Chatterton (18th); England - Mark Pollinger (7th)

With these two events, Michael Chau sneaks ahead of World Diplomacy Champion Sitve Gould (106 points to 100) at the top of the IDTR table; DIPCON winner Marc Peters is 11th with 50 points (as only 30 people were at DIPCON).

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