

# LEMON

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I've been informed that something called "Donism" is running rampant in the Australian hobby, with Latex Fists and Grease Trains and "Don Scrabble" running about. Rest assured that inside this 125th issue of *Lemon Curry*, from Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone +1 (415) 461-2692, but only between 6 PM and 11 PM Pacific time (GMT minus 7 until the end of October), the only "Don" you'll come across is my usual drivel. Isn't that bad enough?

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For those of you who didn't hear, these companies (and probably others) ran commercials promoting the Olympics (ER, UH, "The Games At Barcelona") in direct competition with the "official" companies of the Olympics, including Reebok and Visa.

I hope nobody who read the Pacificon bid proposal is making plans to see the San Francisco Giants at next year's DIPCON. After about a decade of NIMBY ("not in my back yard", usually applying to prisons or dump sites but now applying to stadiums) between a large chunk of the San Francisco Bay Area and a much longer dislike of Candlestick Park (redesign the

stadium to fit the 49ers - put in artificial turf - raise the fences to reduce the number of ground-rule doubles - reinstall the grass - and STILL no solution to the wind problem), Bob Lurie decided to follow through on his threats and sell to someone who wants to move the team out of the area.

Of course, all of this is assuming that eight of the 14 American League teams agree that there's no problem with both of the Florida teams being in the National League while the nearest AL team is in Baltimore - and let's not forget the obvious call to move the Giants to the NL East while, say, Cincinnati stays in the West.

Still, St. Petersburg has something SF does not: a stadium where players want to play and fans want to watch....

We now interrupt this 'zine to show another USA Olympic Gold Medal awards ceremony. Does NBC know that other countries won gold medals and have their own national anthems? (Well, during prime time, they showed a Beylorussian ceremony, a Spanish ceremony, and a Chinese ceremony - and note that the USA and China are probably the only two countries with "long" national anthems to have the entire anthem played at medal ceremonies.) Meanwhile, some events may be removed beginning in 2000 because they don't get enough of a TV draw, and TV supplies most of the money to the organizers. Need more evidence that Atlanta beat Athens for 1996 because USA can guarantee more TV money if they can show events live?

## DIPLOMACY

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate*

- John F. Kennedy

OOPS - no room for Les Miserables endgame statements or Kingmaker...

# TOP KNIFE #54

This is the 54th Top Knife, the subzine of International Diplomacy Tournament Ratings (IDTR), and just for you IDTR diehards that didn't turn away...

**DIXIECON VI** (that's what the results leaflet says, but wasn't the 1990 event **DIXIECON V**?) was held, as usual, over Memorial Day Weekend (last Monday in May) at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. (Note next year's Dixiecon will be the following weekend.) In addition to the Diplomacy tournament, with 43 participants (although only 37 played in enough games to be scored, so the winner gets 85 IDTR points - still, that was more than **DIPCON**), David Hood managed to throw in tournaments in Titan, 1830, and United, as well as a miniatures event and a game of Advanced Civilization.

## **DIP RESULTS (IDTR points in parentheses)**

1. (85) Mark Franceschini, Best Russia (2-way draw)
2. (63) Tom Kobrin, Player's Choice, Best France (win)
3. (45) Phil Sasse
4. (30) Mark Stegeman, Best England (win)
5. (17) Bob Odear
6. (8) Phil Reynolds, Best Austria (3-way draw)
7. (3) Jason Nichols
8. Stven Carlberg, tied Best Turkey (2-way draw)  
(yes, "Stven", not "Steven")
9. Todd Craig
10. Bruce Roberts, Best Italy (win)

**Other Best Countries:** G - Ken Peel (30th); tied T - Kevin Kozlowski (12th)

**Titan Winner:** Morgan Gurley

**1830 Winner:** Bruce Reiff

**United Final: Dan Sellers defeated David Hood 7-6**

**MANORCON** was held July 17-20 in Birmingham, England; once again, it is the largest tournament of the English-speaking countries, with 117 people taking part in this two-round event. (The first round also constitutes the Team Diplomacy Tournament, one of the largest in the world.)

Note that I only have the top 14 finishers, so not all of the IDTR points can be given out at the moment.

1. (100) Phil Day, tied Best Russia
2. (91) Shaun Derrick, Best Germany
3. (83) Vick Hall, tied Best Russia
4. (75) Toby Harris, Best Italy
5. (64) Steve Jones, Best Austria
- tie (54) Matt McVeigh
7. (54) Paul Leyland
8. (48) Jon Pollock, Best Turkey
9. (42) Paul Bennett, Best England
10. (35) Robin Levy
- tie (35) Richard Young, Best France
12. (27) Pete Mason
13. (23) Mick Mills
14. (19) Frank Slight

The next seven places are worth 15, 12, 9, 7, 5, 3, and 1 IDTR points.

Speaking of Manorcon, **WORLD DIP CON IV** will be in Birmingham, England, in 1994 (July 21-25). Did somebody check to see if this conflicts with the World Cup Soccer Finals?

Another great mystery has been solved - mainly, why Xavier Blanchot didn't answer any of my letters for the past few months. Apparently, he has been serving in the army for the past year and just got out. (Being a soldier didn't hurt Steve

Gould any...) Here is a list of the IDTR-sanctioned European tournaments for 1992:

**7th NORTH/PAS DE CALAIS TOURNAMENT** (*which replaces the Ile de France tournament on the 1992 sanctioned tournament list*) - held June 6-8

**7th FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP** - held July 10-13 in Montpellier

**1st EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT** - September 4-6 in Paris (part of a larger convention that begins August 31), sponsored by Federation Française des Jeux de Diplomatie et de Strategie (FFJDS - French Diplomatic and Strategic Games Federation) - for more information contact Xavier Blanchot, 99 Bd. Raspail, 75006 Paris, FRANCE

**2nd COUPE DE FRANCE DE DIPLOMACY** - September 26-27 in Lille

Speaking of French tournaments, here are some results from 1991 tournaments, to give you a sample of how things are done in France:

**First COUPE DE FRANCE** (June 28-30, 1991): 89 players over three days, although no day had more than eight boards.  
Winner: Samy Malki

**NORDCON** (September 28-29, 1991): 51 players

Winner: Denis Serrano

**Sixth FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP** (held at Strategikon): 77 players

Winner: Tony Ribeiro da Silva - of Portugal! On top of that, a Greek player finished seventh, a Brit 10th, a Libyan (I think that's what it says) 74th, and an American 41st (but just who is Möi Fink?).

**TRIVIAL PURSUIT "CARRIE" - While three people have six wedges, the leaders still have a few to go**

As I didn't publish the questions last time, here they are (numbered by the initials of the person asked the question and an ID number), with the answers appearing below them:

(DA1) What river runs between Fargo, ND, and Moorhead, MN?

(DA2) What machines can come down with viruses?

(DA3) Who is Barney Fife's cousin?

(TB1) What general direction does the journey in *Around The World In 80 Days* go?

(SC1) How many brewing factories does Coors run?

(SC2) What vodka brags that it is "what friends are worth"?

(SC3) On *Newhart*, who is the inn's dim-witted caretaker?

(SD1) What four-word phrase is best remembered from the 1980 Reagan-Carter debate?

(SD2) Who was older, Lucille Ball or Desi Arnaz?

(SD3) What is the alligator pear better known as?

(SD4) What ailment's name comes from the Greek for "without appetite"?

(SD5) What watch was "still ticking" after falling thousands of feet from a plane, according to a TV ad?

(SD6) How many of every four American women wore the wrong size bra in 1987?

(PG1) What TV fishing host has been called "the Jack Nicklaus of fishing"?

(PG2) What two states touch New Mexico and Utah at Four Corners National Monument?

(MH1) What island's capital is Godthab?

(DH1) Who said, "After 24 years of stifles, the dingbat turns on me"?

(DH2) Whai Israeli city is nicknamed Miami Beach East?

(DH3) What tennis player yelled "Go eat some more sauerkraut" in a Davis Cup match against West Germany?

(DH4) What two European countries are joined by the Gran San Bernardo Pass?

(DH5) What Iron Curtain country spend \$250,000 studying bobsled technology in 1988?

(BW1) How many palm trees are on a bottle of Kahlua?

(BW2) What could you build from a do-it-yourself kit that cost \$40,000 and cruised at 200 MPH, as advertised in *Commercial News USA*?

(AY1) What continent's second-highest peak is Mont Blanc?

(AY2) What spy returned to bookstores after a 16-year hiatus in John Gardner's *License Renewed*?

**ANSWERS (Asterisks indicate incorrect guesses)**

DA: (1)\*Red River (2) Computers (3) Andy Taylor

TB: (1)\*West

SC: (1) One (2) Smirnoff (3) George Utley

SD: (1)\*"There You Go Again" (2)\*Lucy (3)\*Avocado  
(4) Anorexia (5) Timex (6) Three

PG: (1)\*Bill Dance (2) Arizona and Colorado

MH: (1)\*Greenland

DH: (1) Archie Bunker (2) Tel Aviv (3) John McEnroe  
(4)\*Italy and Switzerland (5) East Germany

BW: (1)\*One (2)\*An airplane

AY: (1) Europe (2) James Bond

Dave Anderson, Stephen Dorneman, and Pete Gaughan each have all six wedges - remember, however, that the number of misses determines how well the players do, and not who finishes in the fewest number of issues

## **THE NEW QUESTIONS**

### **DAVE ANDERSON (all wedges/12 misses)**

1. (5-PK1s-YE80) Whose soldiers were the first to win the Nobel Peace Prize?
2. (3-BL2s-ORG2) How far apart are the pins in bowling?
3. (3-BR3s-ORG2) In chess, does the white queen start on the king's left side or right side?
4. (4-YE1s-ORG2) What kind of collector would be interested in a 1943 Tombac?
5. (1-C-BR80) What comic book hero changed outfits to a jet-black body suit with an arachnid on the chest?

### **THOMASINE BOWEN (PK,YE,BL,GR/4 misses)**

1. (4-GR3-BL80) In what city did Rudolph Hess die?
2. (1,1-GR3-BL80) What Mideast leader was born Shimon Persky in Wisniew, Poland?
3. (5-BR1-YETV) What *Dallas* character's brief fling with Wanda Frick failed to amuse her husband Luther?
4. (4,6-GR6-YETV) Who was born on Southfork Ranch in 1939?
5. (3,2-BR-G2) Whose painting *A Woman In White* features his wife, Olga Koklova?

### **SCOTT CAMERON (PK,GR,YE,OR/4 misses)**

1. (4-PK2s-GR80) Who failed to win a fourth gold medal at the 1988 Summer Olympics when she ran out of "Flo Go"?
2. (4-BR2s-BLTV) Who does Ed Norton on *The Honeymooners* say he's going to write to when his watch stops?
3. (5-BL1-YEG2) What Norwegian-registered vessel, once named *France*, claims to be the world's largest cruise ship?
4. (6-BL-TV) Who was shown from the waist up on 9/9/56?

### **STEPHEN DORNEMAN (All/8 misses)**

1. (1-OR5s-GRG2) How many propellers were on the Wright Brothers' first plane?
2. (1-OR4s-BRG2) Who wrote *The Collector*?



3. (6-BR2s-BLTV) What TV rancher also operated an eatery in Mineral City?
4. (5-BL3s-YE80) What was the deadliest war of the 1980s?
5. (1-BL4s-GRG2) What explosive is a mixture of charcoal, sulfur, and saltpeter?
6. (6-OR2s-YE80) Who did Polish officials finally admit was a "partner" in its economy in 198?
7. (2-C-OR80) What computer-minded TV star introduced Vidal Sassoon as "V.D. Sassoon"?

**PETE GAUGHAN (All/15 misses)**

1. (4-BL2s-ORG2) How many scoops of ice cream are in a "typical" banana split?
2. (4-BR2s-BLG2) What African country is Buganda a province of?
3. (OR1s-BLG2) What color are 70% of American houses?
4. (5-YE4s-BLG2) What Caribbean tax haven boasts the world's highest per capita number of Telexes?
5. (1-YE5s-BRG2) Which of Shakespeare's kings cries, "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!"?
6. (6-OR1s-BLG2) What letter is on Rwanda's flag?
7. (1-C-ORG2) How many Community Chest cards are in a Monopoly set?

**MELINDA ANN HOLLEY (OR,BR,PK/16 misses)**

1. (1-B L5-PK80) Who ripped Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston for selling out in *This Note's For You*?
2. (4-BL3-YEG2) Who was Hulaga Khan's famous grandfather?
3. (6,1-OR1-GRTV) What actor, skeptical about a new role, remarked, "It sounded like Mickey Mouse time, with the ears"?
4. (3-OR4-BLG2) What tiny European country flies the same flag as Indonesia?
5. (1,6-YE4-ORTV) What hearings saw Howard Baker ask, "What did the President know, and when did he know it"?
6. (6,2-YE-G2) Does the Pillsbury Doughboy have a navel?

**DAVID HOOD (BL,YE,BR/16 misses)**

1. (5,6-PK2s-GR80) What college coach died 17 days after retiring?
2. (4-PK-TV) What sitcom theme includes: "New York is where I'd rather stay; I get allergic smelling hay"?

**DOUGLAS KENT (starting again)**

1. (6-BL-80) What percentage of Paul Newman's food empire's profits goes to charity?
2. (3-BR4-GRG2) What does a collier mine?
3. (4-BR-TV) Who sponsored *College Bowl* until 1970?

**BRAD WILSON (YE,OR,BL/4 misses)**

1. (1-GR1-ORG2) What was Mary Decker the first to do in less than 4 1/2 minutes?
2. (6,6-GR1-ORG2) When Don Rickles said, "Bubba was on a wild *Wild Kingdom* once, and they shot him", what football player did he refer to?
3. (3,2-GR-80) When did table tennis become an Olympic sport for the first time?

**W. ANDREW YORK (OR/4 misses)**

1. (5,5-BL2s-YEG2) What are the biggest-selling items in jewellery stores?
2. (4-BR6-PKTV) What TV show has "the only house dumpier than the Simpsons", according to Bart Simpson?
3. (6-BR-G2) What was JFK's favorite fictional character?

**DEADLINE for answers is SEPTEMBER 18**



**HERESY!** Someone has taken the Diplomacy map and bent the borders to make it fit on a hex map! What's next - area movement Advanced Squad Leader?

**DIPLOMACY "ANNIE", SUMMER/FALL 1907 - It's Musical Centers Time!**

**SUMMER 1907: France retreats A Ber to PRU**

**FALL 1907**

**AUSTRIA (Hughes):** A Gal-WAR, A Rom-VEN,  
A Rum H(d/ret to Gal, Ukr, OTB)

**ENGLAND (CD)** was kicked out of Stp(nc)

**FRANCE (R. Nielsen):** F BAR S A Bel-Nwy, A HOL H,  
A RUH S A Bur-Mun, A Bel-NWY, F ENG S F Nth,  
F NTH C A Bel-Nwy, A Lon-YOR, F Gas-MAO,  
A Bur-MUN, A PRU-Sil

**GERMANY (Wilson):** F Nwy-STP(nc), F DEN S A Mun-Kie,  
A MOS S F Nwy-Stp(nc), A BER S A Mun-Kie,  
A SIL-Mun, A Mun-KIE

**ITALY (Marstrand):** A Nap-ROM, F CON S F Bul(sc),  
A VIE S A Bud, A BUD S A Ser-Rum, F Ion-TYH,  
F Tri-ADR, A Ser-RUM, F BUL(sc) H, F Aeg-ION

**TURKEY (B. Nielsen):** A Arm-SEV, F BLA S A Arm-Sev

**1907 SUPPLY CENTER COUNT (Keep/GAIN/lose)**

**AUSTRIA:** vie, rum, rom, WAR, VEN - 2, remove 1 or even

**ENGLAND:** stp - 0, out

**FRANCE:** Par, Bre, Mar, Lvp, Edi, Lon, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol,  
ber, NWY, MUN - 12, build 2

**GERMANY:** Kie, Den, Mos, Swe, war, sev, nwy, mun, STP,  
BER - 6, even

**ITALY:** Nap, Tun, Smy, Con, Ser, Tri, Bud, Gre, ven, ROM,  
VIE, RUM, BUL - 12, build 3

**TURKEY:** Ank, bul, SEV - 2, even

**SEPARATION OF SEASONS - Deadline for AUTUMN (retreat) and WINTER (builds/removals) 1907 is SEPTEMBER 23**

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS for STEVE MARSLAND:  
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**PRESS**

**PARIS:** French troops in the capital Berlin were repulsed as the Ministry of Defense was late in supplying the troops with defensive orders. A spokesman explained that distances are great between the government and the troops but measures were being taken to avoid such possibilities in the future. One possibility included setting up a carrier pigeon relay station in Norway.

**FRANCE-AUSTRIA:** Thanks for the offer to communicate. If I were closer to the scene we could really talk turkey!

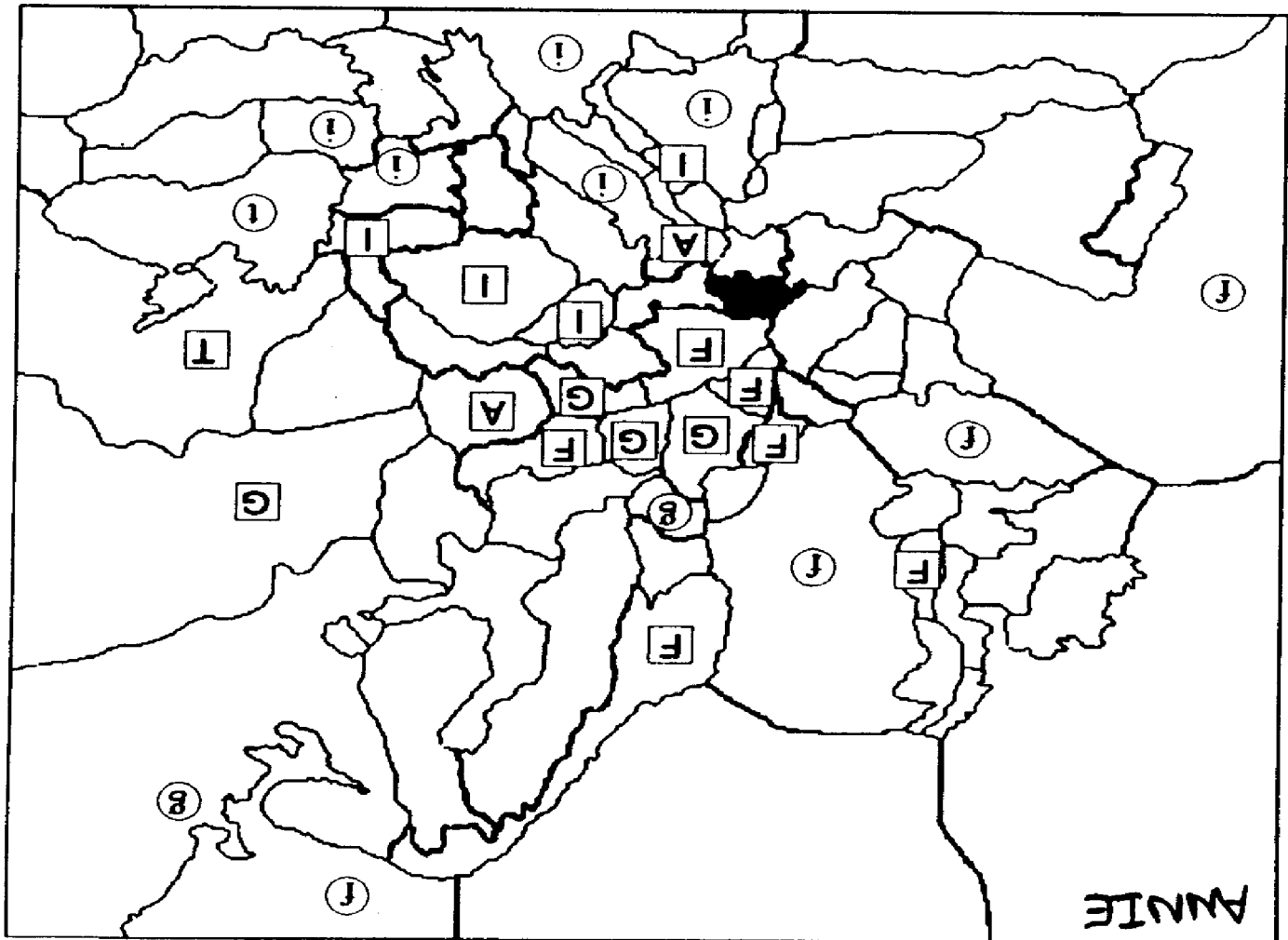
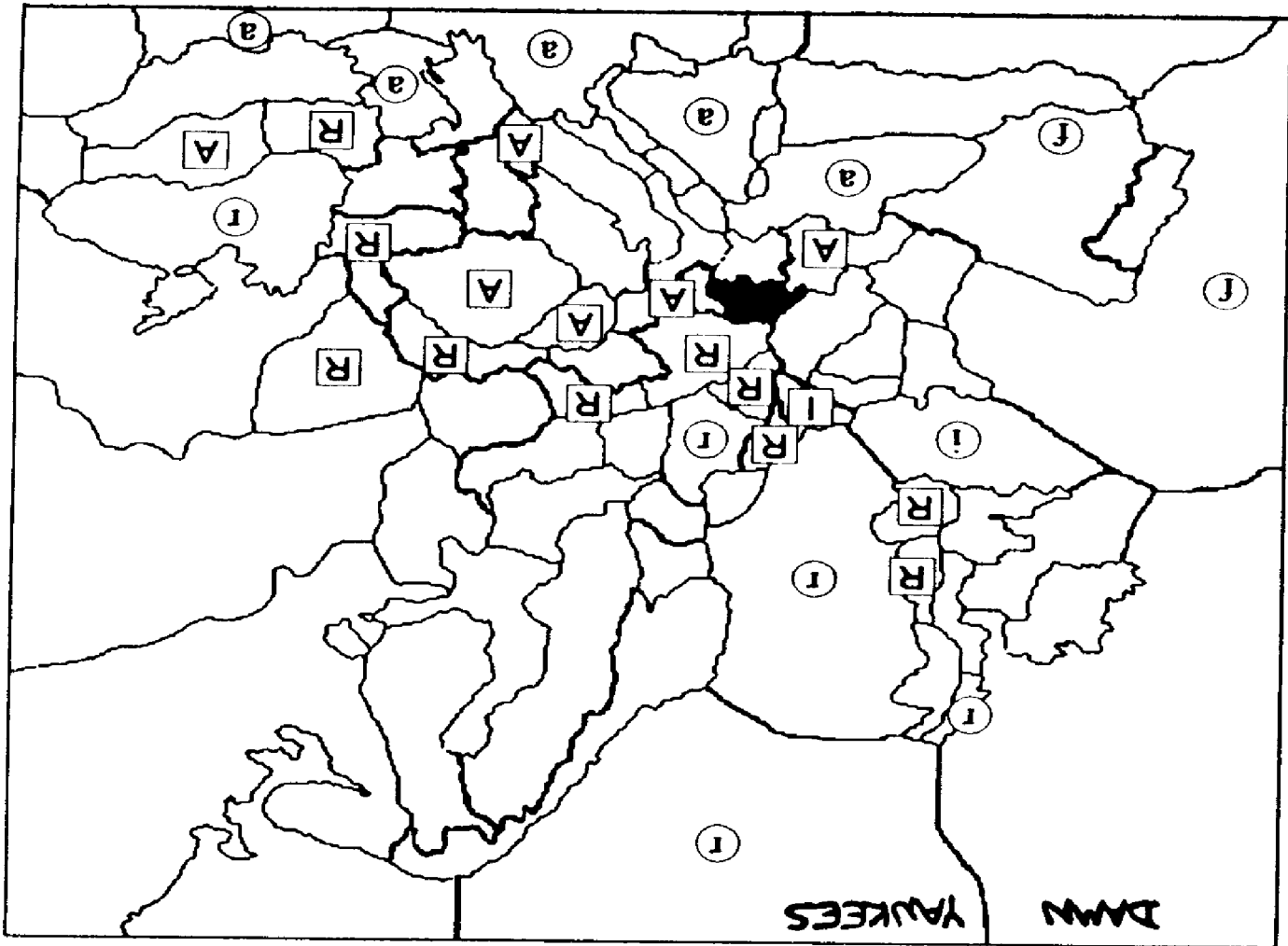
**GERMANY-ITALY:** France beckons!



**DIPLOMACY "DAMN YANKEES", WINTER 1908/  
SPRING 1909 -Hey, who changed the rules?**

**OOPS** - I see that a country CAN'T build in a center it doesn't control. I never had to look it up before, and the one time it happened in a game I was in, I think we let the player build.

Also, in last issue's concession vote, NVR should be "no" as the concession was to Turkey, which (needless to say) was not the strongest power at the time.



**WINTER 1908:** Austria builds A BUD; Germany NMRs (A Tyo removed by the CD rules); Russia builds A WAR and A SEV

### **SPRING 1909**

**AUSTRIA (Munnzenmaier):** F Adr-ION, A Tri-ALB,  
A Con-ANK, A MAR H, F Ion-EAS, F Wes-LYO,  
A VIE S A Pie-Tyo, A Pie-TYO, F TYH H, F AEG-Con,  
A Rum H(d/retreat to Ukr, Ser, Bul, OTB),  
A BUD S A Rum

**FRANCE (Schenck):** NMR - has F MAO and F SPA(sc)

**GERMANY (Maynard):** NMR - A Mun retreats to Boh, Tyo,  
OTB

**ITALY (Gonsalves):** A Bur-BEL, F ENG S A Bur-Bel

**RUSSIA (Geusz):** A UKR S A Sev-Rum, A Sev-RUM,  
A GAL S A Sev-Rum, A LON H, A Ber-MUN, F KIE H,  
A Bel-Bur(d/retreat to Pic, OTB), F BLA S A Smy-Con,  
A Smy-CON, F Nwg-CLY, F NTH C A Yor-Hol,  
A Yor-HOL, F Nwy-NWG, A Lvp-YOR, A War-SIL,  
A RUH S A Ber-Mun

**DEADLINE for SUMMER and FALL 1909 is  
SEPTEMBER 23**

### **PRESS**

**GM-AUSTRIA:** You don't need to put the country name when supporting/convoying units of your own country.

**MOSCOW:** Persistent rumors in the Russian capital indicate that the Czar soon will have no further territorial demands to make in Europe.

**1830 "42nd STREET", OPERATING ROUND 5.2B & STOCK ROUND 6 - Plenty of takers for the John Cain spot**  
Michael Gonsalves (530 Treasure Lake, DuBois, PA 15801) will take over for John Cain (thanks also to Jim Goode for asking to take over the position)

**OPERATING ROUND 5.2 continued**

**B&O** buys C&A from Scott Cameron for \$259

Lay tile 59 in H18(NW)

*Note: the ordered tile facing was illegal and was changed to a legal facing under the House Rules*

Place token in H18(s) for \$40

Run "3" I15-I17-H18(s) for \$70

Pay dividends: SC 28 (359), treasury 14 (315)

*B&O stock rises to E71*

**B&M** lays tile 53 in E23(W)

Run "3" E23-F24-F22 for \$80

Pay dividends: DB 40 (207), SC 8 (367), DH 8 (95)

*B&M stock rises to K40*

**STOCK ROUND 6**

**Dick Martin** (277) sells 30% C&O for 240 and 0% 1 NYNH for 69, and buys Erie presidency (par 90) for 180

*C&O stays at F80; NYNH drops to H68*

**Mark Frueh** (341) buys 10% NYNH from pool for 68

**Mike Gonsalves** (182) buys 10% B&O from pool for 71

**David Hood** (95) sells 20% NYNH for 136 and 10% B&M for 40, and buys 10% NYC for 76

*NYC stays at H68; B&M stays at K40*

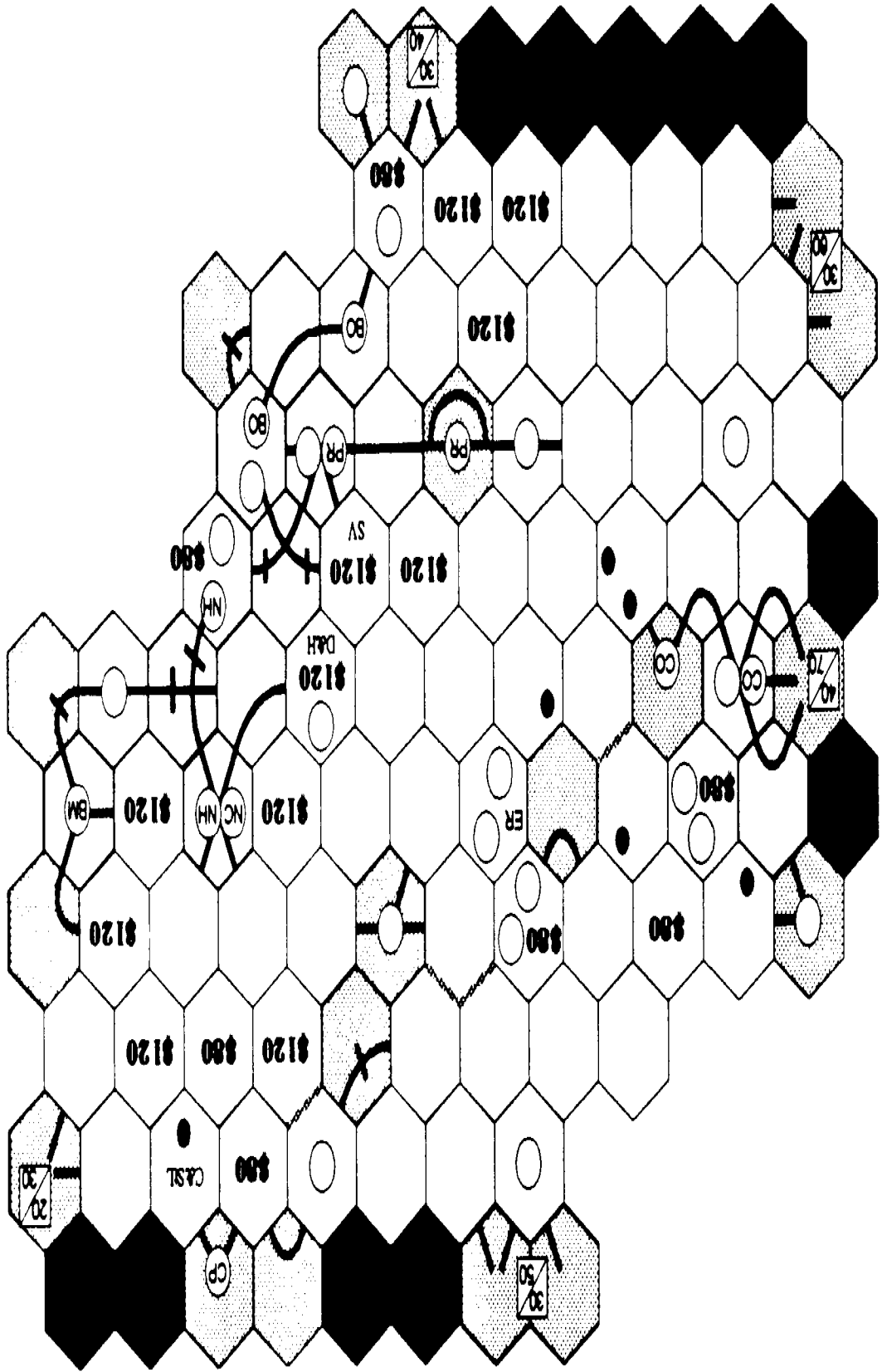
**Scott Cameron** (367) buys CP presidency (par 67) for 134

**Derwood Bowen** (207) buys 10% B&O from pool for 71

**DM** (406) buys 10% Erie for 90

**MF** (273) buys 10% B&O for 82

# 42nd STREET





MG (111) buys 10% PRR for 67  
DH (195) buys 10% NYC for 76  
SC (300) buys 10% B&O for 82  
DB (136) buys 10% PRR from pool for 70  
DM (316) buys 10% Erie for 90  
MF (191) and MG (44) pass  
DH (119) buys 10% Erie for 90  
SC (218) buys 10% CP for 69  
DB (66) passes  
DM (226) buys 10% Erie for 90  
*Erie floats with 900 in treasury*  
MF (191) buys 10% Erie and sells it back  
*Erie drops to C82*  
MG (44), DH (29) pass  
SC (149) buys 10% CP for 69  
DB (66) passes  
DM (136) buys 10% B&M from pool for 40  
MF (191), MG (49), DH (29) pass  
SC (80) buys 10% CP for 69  
DB (66), DM (96) pass  
MF (191) buys 10% PRR from pool for 70  
All pass - *Mark Frueh has priority deal for SR 7*

### **OPERATING ROUND 7.1 PRIVATE COMPANIES**

SV - MG 5 (49); C&SL - SC 10 (21); D&H - DH 15 (44);  
M&H - PRR 20 (246); C&A - B&O 25 (340)

### **PLAYER STANDINGS (Presidents are underlined)**

Cameron: \$21, 50% B&O, 50% CP, 10% B&M  
Bowen: \$66, 50% B&M, 20% NYNH, 10% B&O, 10% C&O  
Martin: \$96, 50% Erie, 50% PRR, 10% B&M  
Frueh: \$121, 50% C&O, 10% B&O, 10% NYNH, 10% PRR  
Gonsalves: \$49, 50% NYNH, 10% B&O, 10% C&O, 10% PRR

Hood: \$44, 50% NYC, 10% Erie

Pool: 30% C&O, 10% Erie, 20% NYNH, 30% PRR

Unsold: 30% B&M, 20% B&O, 50% CP, 30% Erie,  
50% NYC

### **CORPORATION STANDINGS**

B&M: Par 67, Stock K40, Treasury 410, 1 Token, "3" train

B&O: Par 82, Stock E71, Treasury 340, 1 Token, "3" train,  
C&A private company

CP: Par 67, Stock F67

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

Erie: Par 90, Stock C82, Treasury 900, 3 Tokens, no trains

NYC: Par 76, Stock D76

NYNH: Stock G69, Treasury 288, "4" train

PRR: Par 67, Stock G70, Treasury 246, 2 tokens, "3" train,  
M&H private company

**The next turn is ONE OPERATING ROUND - DEADLINE  
for Operating Round 6.1 is SEPTEMBER 21**

## **GAME OPENINGS**

**DIPLOMACY** - STILL need one  
player!

**TRIVIAL PURSUIT** - just  
because some players have all six  
wedges doesn't mean the game's

over; it's whoever does it with the fewest misses who wins

**KINGMAKER** - two standbys needed (you get sub credit);  
write for a copy of the PBM map

**GANGSTERS** - 1 signed up; still working on the PBM rules

# DIP WARZ

"Hey, where were we last issue?"

"Well, EMPEROR Princess Luscious," responds Oboe-1 Caruso, "we spent the entire time cleaning up the mess caused by that direct hit with those Extrafoul Megahealth

Dietshakes, and your own brand, no less!"

"John Pole-O, what did you do with the remains?"

"I threw it into a few bags and tossed it into the airlock, and they should be headed into the fiery heat of the unforgiving sun of the Kansacity system."

Just then, a sudden jolt caused Baldo Calberchian's hat to shift just enough to bounce the light of the sun off of a portion of his head and onto the bags of slightly-used Dietshake, and as everybody knows, that stuff changes when exposed to concentrated direct sunlight - just enough to alter its course and send it crashing onto the Poolcon planet (into the water, no less).

"RED ALERT!" ILOM blurts out at a rather loud volume.

"Tracking missiles launched from the Poolcon Planet locked on and approaching - contact in 63.2875 seconds from...NOW!"

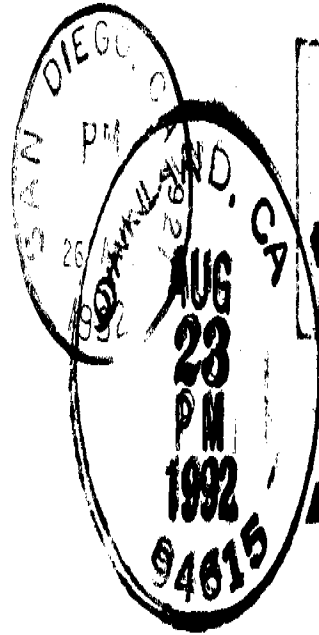
"ILOM, determine cause of sudden missile launching."

"What do you expect for violating a planet's health code by dumping bags full of what can only be described as 'toxic waste on a good day' right into their most-profitable ocean? Meanwhile, I suggest standard anti-missile tactics."

Rod Seaparter takes charge from here: "You haerd ILOM - sunglasses ON - Calberchian's hat OFF - now, the light should deflect those missiles harmlessly out of the w-"

Unfortunately, the Poolcon Planet's missile designers saw that one coming, and covered the missiles with reflective material. The light bounced off the missiles and hit the *Linoleum Falcon* with full force - what do you MEAN, I'm out of space?

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