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FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

And to think it all started with *Luftwaffe*, which led to *Kingmaker* and *Diplomacy* (and who knows how many other games), which led me to my first PBM game, a multi-player version of the remade *Bismarck* (long since out of print) in *Envoy* (I still think Roy Henricks would have been the last person to pull a dirty fold, but he's had about \$30 of mine for the last ten years or so), which led me to my first PBM Dip game in *Retaliation* (Dick Martin is probably the only person to see all 153 issues), which led to issue 1 of *Life of Monty* in June of 1980, followed by issue 1 1/2, followed by another issue 1 in September of that year - and after two permanent (and a couple of temporary) name changes later (the second title being *A Sharp Mind And A Straight Knife* - and **don't be surprised if I change the name again**), you're holding this issue 153 of *Lemon Curry*, by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (+1) 415 925-8921 (but only 6:30 PM - 11 PM Pacific time (GMT-7 in summer)), E-Mail del_gran@ix.netcom.com.

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by THE BLACK MAGIC'S CUP and THE ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB 2000 CHALLENGE

Well, while the American boats were squabbling about qualifying, "The Black" was out there winning races, and the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron takes the 100 Guineas America's Australia II's Stars and Stripes' Black Magic's Cup. (Originally, it was called the 100 Guineas Cup, awarded to the winner of a boat race around the Isle of Wight - the schooner *America*. The New York Yacht Club made it a challenge cup and called it the America's Cup after the victorious yacht. Technically, that's still its name, but I maintain the "tradition" of renaming it after the boat that the current holders used to win it.) When I was in New Zealand in 1992 and saw the frenzy over that year's America's Cup races, after hearing that the San Diego Yacht Club had let the defense turn into

a “rich man's club” like New York and Perth before them (one of the main reasons I did not want the New York Yacht Club to win the cup back), I figured that this was the one country who could make it a “people's cup”.

Unfortunately, we'll have to wait until early 2000 for the next races. (Actually, qualifying begins in late 1999.) Usually, there's a three year gap between series, but somebody felt that holding it in 1998-99 would clash with the Whitbread Round-the-World race that year, as well as trying to hold the event close to the 2000 Olympics, which will be in October 2000 in Sydney, Australia.

Now that the Cup is held by a club outside of the USA, any and all USA yacht clubs which want to challenge can do so, including the St. Francis Yacht Club of San Francisco. Prospective captains need to be aware of *the curse*: the only person to represent SFYC in an America's Cup so far died within four years...

I outlived another one: the impossible has happened - Melinda Ann Holley is folding *Rebel* because of publishing burnout! *Rebel* was famous for three things - games, more games, and yet still even more games. The Holley Award was originally intended for “quantity participation in the hobby”.

Speaking of the Holley Award, the **1995 Hobby Awards** Ballot is included at the back of this issue. The four awards are: the Don Miller Memorial Award for hobby service, the Rod Walker Award for literary excellence (the nominations are for individual articles), the John Koning Memorial Award for playing Diplomacy (not limited to PBM), and the Melinda Ann Holley Award for “hobby participation”. Send your votes in to David McCrumb, 3636 Oldtown Road, Shawsville, VA 24162, or E-mail your vote in to dimmcrumb@bev.net. The deadline is July 24.

Note that this is the last year for the Holley Award (originally intended, if I remember correctly, as an award for female hobby participation, then “quantity participation”, then “quality participation”); it will be replaced with a new award, details of which are to be announced along with this year's award winners at DIPCON, which is at AVALONCON this year.

Well, it wouldn't be much of an anniversary issue without digging into the hobby history, so I pulled out an old Runestone Poll ballot to see what OTHER 'zines are still being published. (Unfortunately, the oldest one I could find was from 1986.) There's *Alpha & Omega*, *The Appalachian General*, *Boast*, *Cathy's Ramblings* (now *Ramblings by Moonlight*), *Cheesecake*, *Costaguana* (on and off), *Diplomacy World*, *Diplomag*, *Dippy*, *Everything*, *The Gamer's Zine*, *Graustark* (of course), *Perelandra*, *The Prince*, *Protozoan*, *Rebel* (just folded), and *Ter-Ran*. (This only includes Diplomacy 'zines from 1986; *Empire*, for example, has been around since before 1986, but non-Diplomacy 'zines were not allowed on the Runestone Poll ballot back then.)

GAME OPENINGS

RAILWAY RIVALS - Bowen, Goode, Stimmel signed up; need 1-2 more. Map to be decided once the players are signed up (it will not be either of the maps that comes with the game)

E-MAIL GAME? I'm giving consideration to running a game of **Kingmaker by E-Mail** using “normal FTF” rules - that is, one player moves at a time.

KREMLIN GAMESTART

Here we go again - at one time, there were five players ready to play, then (I thought) it was down to two, but now four players have expressed interest, and I don't see a fifth player any time soon, so we'll start this game with four.

The following Advanced Rules will be used: A (IPs may be allocated to Aparatschik), B (declaring support for another player - any such declarations must be made in advance by conditional and/or standing orders), C (strengths and weaknesses), and F (increasing IPs during the game). Rules D (Intrigue cards), E (bribes), and G (initial allocation of "10+" IPs) are not used.

The players:

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INITIAL POLITBURO AND CANDIDATES

Party Chief: Aparatschik (A)

KGB Head: Manjak (P)

Foreign Minister: Palavrian (G)

Defense Minister: Patina (S) *Weak*

Ideology Chief: Gofebrook (C)

Industry Minister: Karrienko (N)

Economy Minister: Shootemdedsky (H)

Sport Minister: Nikotin (R) *Weak*

Candidates: Krakemheds (E), Boremtodev (K), Doberman (L), Eatstumuch (M), Nogoodnik (V)

Hopefully, all four of you are still interested in playing - **please send in your initial IP allotments (either send in a sheet from the game with your 10 initial allotments, or just write which character gets 10, which one gets 9, and so on down to 1 on a sheet of paper (or E-mail it in)) by JULY 17**



KREMLIN ~ PBM HOUSE RULES

1. The Advanced Rules as supplied with the game, except for Advanced Rules D, E, and G (Intrigue Cards, Bribery, and initial allocation of "10+"), plus any "official" errata from Avalon Hill, will be used except as modified in these rules.
2. The first set of "orders" mailed in by each player will be the distribution of his 55 IPs. They must be distributed 10, 9, 8, and so on down to 1. IPs *can* be distributed to Nestor Aparatschik. Note these IPs are not *declared*, merely allocated. (See *Prepare to Play* in the rules.)

3. Each game turn is divided into two PBM turns. The first PBM turn of a game turn consists of the Cure, Purge, Investigation, and Health phases; the second PBM turn consists of the Replacement, Rehabilitation, and Parade phases.
4. When the PBM rules call for an action by a Character, the player controlling the character at that time submits the order. If a player controls more than one Character who has to submit an order at the same time, the player can write different orders for each such Character (in some cases - Funeral Phase "second nomination lists", for example - the orders must be different).
5. The following events occur in the first PBM turn of a game turn:

CURE - Each player may move any Politburo members into and/or out of the Sanatorium.

PURGE - The KGB, Ideology, Party, and Industry Chiefs may write purge attempt orders. Only one of these Characters will actually be allowed to attempt a purge, but since which one is not known in advance, all of these Characters' controllers should write orders "just in case".

INVESTIGATION - The Defense, Foreign, KGB, Party, and Industry Chiefs may conduct a trial and/or condemn a Candidate to Siberia. In addition, each Politburo member must order Guilty or Innocent votes for each other Politburo member in case a member is sent to trial. Any votes not specified are assumed to be "Guilty".

HEALTH - The GM makes the health rolls for all Characters. This is the last thing done in the first PBM turn of a game turn.

6. The following events occur in the second PBM turn of a game turn:

FUNERAL - If the Party Chief post is vacant, each Politburo member must:

- (a) Nominate an eligible (see *Sequence of Play* part 5) Politburo member to become Party Chief;
- (b) Cast a yes or no vote for each Politburo member in case that character is nominated (in either the first or second nomination) - any votes not specified are assumed to be "Yes";
- (c) List the Politburo members, other than "himself" and the character nominated in (a), in order of preference to become Party Chief, in case a second nominee is needed.

EXAMPLE: *The Foreign Minister nominates the current Defense Minister to become Party Chief, votes "Yes" for Defense Minister and "No" for the others, and lists the others in the order, Economy, Sport, KGB, Ideology, and Industry. Assuming the Sport, Ideology, and Industry Chiefs vote "No" on the Defense Minister's nomination, the second nominee would be the Sport Chief (the highest character on the list that voted "No"). The Defense Minister votes "No" for the Sports Chief; if two others also vote "No", the Foreign Minister, having made the nominations, becomes Party Chief.*

REPLACEMENT - The Party Chief (or, if the post was vacant at the start of the PBM turn, all Politburo members, in case they become Party Chief) shifts Politburo members within the same level. The KGB, Foreign, and Defense Chiefs (or any characters that can be in those positions after Progress By Age) order promotions for Candidates to Second Level and People to

DIPLOMACY "TOMMY", AUTUMN/WINTER 1906

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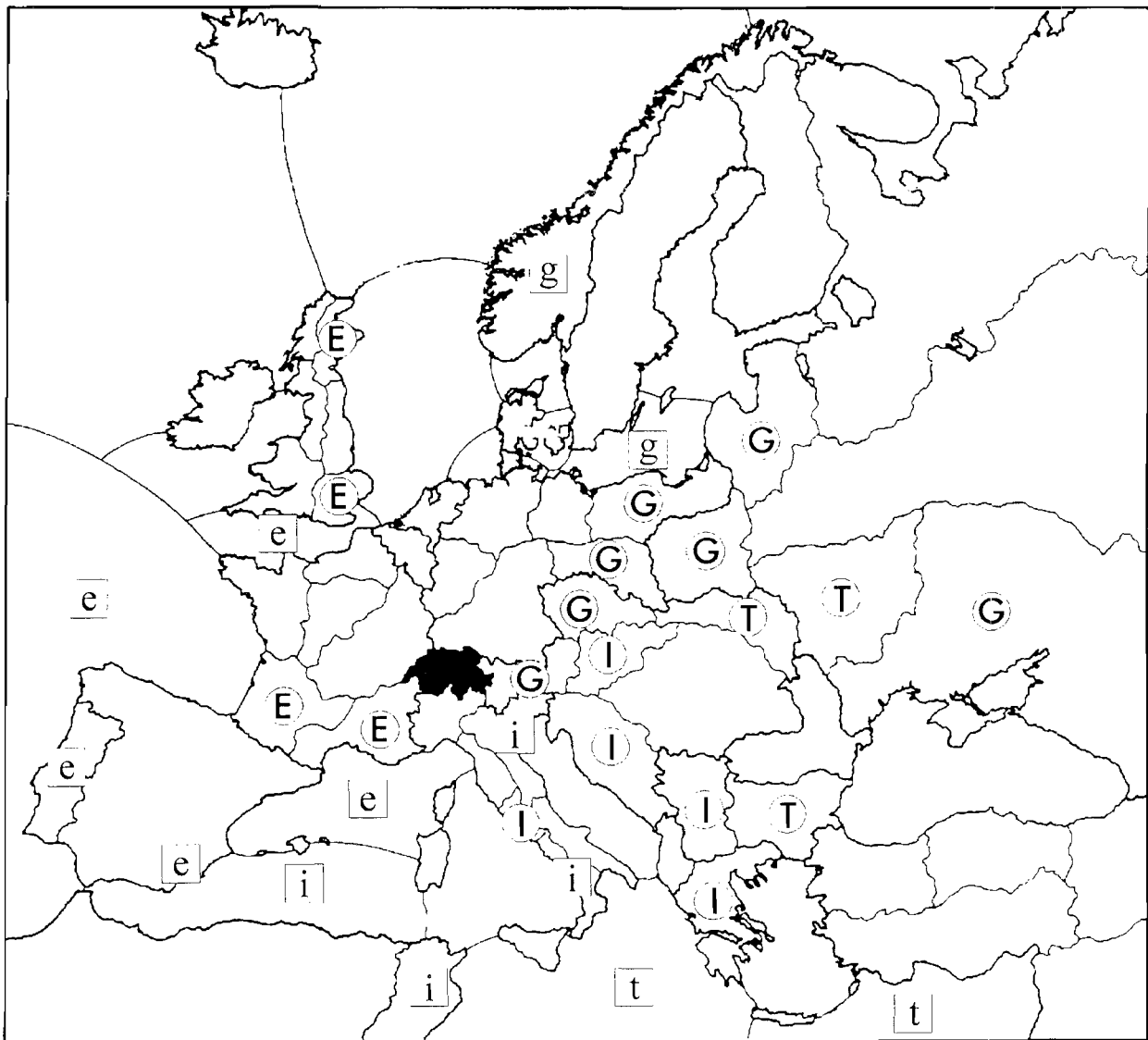
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SEPARATION OF SEASONS - Deadline for SPRING 1907 is JULY 20



Party Chief (and ages 1 SP).

HOW TO WIN: (This happened in the first PBM Kremlin game in this 'zine - now it's "official")

If nobody controls the Party Chief at the end of Turn 11 (because nobody allocated IP on him), the game ends with no winner.



HISTORY OF THE WORLD "ONCE ON THIS ISLAND"...It wouldn't be a "representative" issue without at least one game delayed, right?

Neither Jim Bailey nor Dave Anderson sent in orders, and since missing orders this late in the game would have a disastrous effect, I am delaying the turn by one issue. Should their orders arrive quickly, I will adjudicate Epoch VI and send it out separately, especially since the next deadline (and it's just a Declare Events turn) will be delayed anyway because I'll be at ORIGINS.

While we're waiting, here are a few corrections:

Bowen has Danubia IV (it's listed as "Dalmatia" twice; he has a IV in each one)

Goode has IV,C,F in Arabian Peninsula (not IV,M,F); his VPs are correct

Anderson has I,C,F in S Iberia

UNIT PLACEMENT AT END OF EPOCH V (numbers indicate VP/SP; C means City, F means Fort, M means Monument, CAP means Capital)

ANDERSON (103/37): CHN-Szechuan II; Yellow River III,FORT,M; IND-Hindu Kush 2xI; SEU-S Iberia I,C,F; NEU-Baltic Seaboard V; Highlands V; Ireland V; Scandinavia V; SEA-E Indies III; Irrawaddy II; NAM-Deep South V; FLEET-Atlantic; North Sea; South China Sea (2); Western Mediterranean

BAILEY (133/55): ME-E Anatolia III; Lower Tigris III,C; W Anatolia III; NAF-Shatts Plateau V,M; IND-E Deccan 2xIV,C; SEU-C Massif V; Crete III,C; Morea III; Pindus III,C; Pyrenees 2xV; NEU-N Gaul V; NAM-C America I,CAP; Great Plains I; W Indies I; SAM-Guiana Highlands I; FLEET-Eastern Mediterranean

BOWEN (81/50): CHN-Chekiang V; Great Plain of China V,C,M; Si-Kyang V; Tarim Basin V,M; Wei River V,C,M; IND-Ganges Delta V,M; Ganges Valley V; Upper Indus V; SEU-Balkans IV; Dalmatia IV; N Appenines IV; S Appenines IV,C,M; NEU-Albion II,F,M; C Europe 2xIII; Danubia IV; SEA-Malayan Peninsula V,M; Mekong V,C,M; EURA-Caucus II; Dnieper II; E Steppe III,F; Mongolia V; N European Plain III; Turanian Plain III,F; FLEET-Sea of Japan

GOODE (105/49): ME-Arabian Peninsula IV,F,C; Levant IV; Middle Tigris IV; Palestine IV; Upper Tigris IV,C,M; Zagros IV,C,M; NAF-Libya IV; Nile Delta IV,F,M; Nubia IV; Upper Nile IV; IND-Ceylon V; E Ghats V,CAP,M; W Deccan V; W Ghats V; SEA-Sumatra V; SSA-C Africa I; Madagascar I; NPN-Hokaido III,CAP; FLEET-Red Sea, Bay of Bengal

NEUTRALS: ME-Persian Plateau III,M; Persian Salt Desert III; CHN-Yangtze Kian IV,M; NEU-Lower Rhine II; IND-Lower Indus III,M; EURA-Manchurian Plain 3xII; W Steppe IV; NPN-Honshu 2xIII;Korean Peninsula III

NEW DEADLINE for EPOCH VI-B is JULY 16 - if Bailey and Anderson can get orders in by, say, JUNE 25, I'll send the turn results out separately

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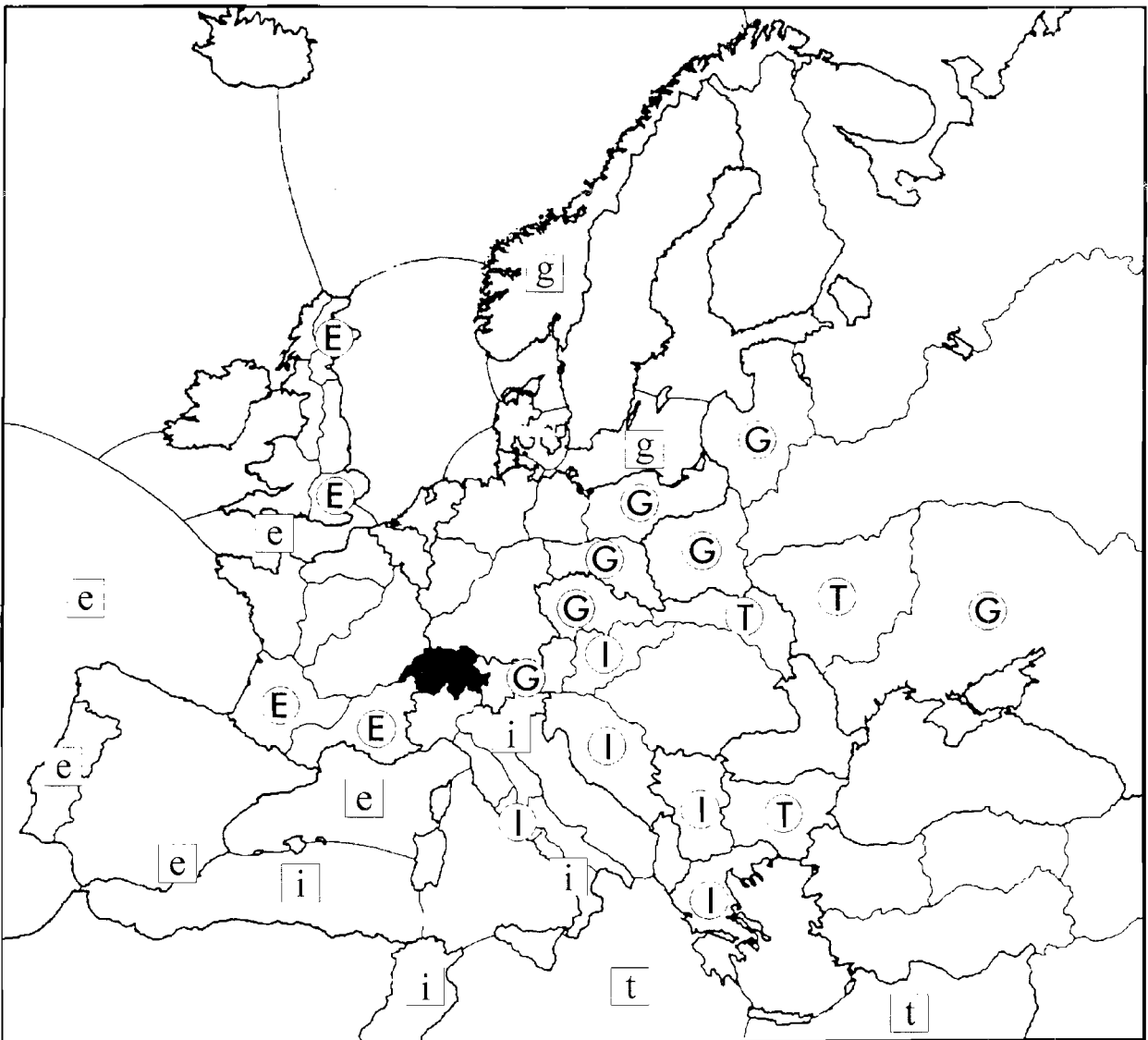
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15 YEARS OF THIS THING TRIVIA QUIZ

and none of these questions has anything to do with the number 15

That's a reference to the quiz in the 15th Anniversary issue of *Graustark*, in which all of the questions had to do with the number 15. All (well, nearly all) of the questions have answers that can be found in at least one issue...

1. What was so strange about the way the first 62 issues were dated?
2. What did Walt Blank do in 1980 that got him mentioned in a 1982 issue?
3. Back in 1982, I took a copy of the Diplomacy Census and an atlas and calculated the "Diplomatic Population Center of North America"; in what state was it?
4. This 'zine created the first Hobby Holiday - "Berchmas" - which is August 15, Mark Berch's first son's birthday. (He has two now.) How old will Joshua be on the next Berchmas?
5. Speaking of birthdays, both Kathy and John Caruso were born in the same month of the same year. At the end of this coming November, how old will they both be?
6. This was a mainstay in the old North American Diplomacy Board examinations: if you stand with as much of the right side of your body (from the shoulder down) as you can against a wall and lift your left leg, what happens?
7. Who established the Don Miller Memorial Award, anyway?
8. What was the cover price of the fifth anniversary issue, 10 years ago, and how big was it in terms of full-size pages?
9. There IS a question nine, but it has nothing to do with the 'zine: in the episode of *The Simpsons* where Marge ends up painting a nude portrait of Mr. Burns, one person is heard to say, "He's bad, but he'll die, so I like it". That turned out to be the first appearance of one of the regular characters - which one?
10. In response to Bruce Linsey running the Runestone Poll, John Boardman created the 1986 Rhinestone Poll. One of the categories was "Most Preposterous Christian in Wargaming". Who is the only nominee who still publishes a 'zine?
11. John and Kathy Caruso once put a color wedding photo in an issue of their 'zine. What two persons appeared in color photos in this 'zine?
12. I was planning on changing the name of the 'zine from Life of Monty on the 10th Anniversary Issue. What event prompted me to do it six months earlier?

Answers on the back page - unless you sent that Hobby Awards Ballot in!

1995 Diplomacy Hobby Awards Ballot

Deadline 24 July 1995

Vote for no more than one in each category.

Name: _____ Hobby Participation: _____ Date: _____

Don Miller Memorial Award for Hobby Service.

- Pete Gaughan** for publishing *Zine Register* and *Perelandra* in addition to being actively involved as a game player and writer, served as 1993 DipCon organizer
- Andrew York** for publishing *Rambling Way* and *Pontevedria* in addition to his wide involvement as a player and writer, for serving as BNC
- Jim Burgess** for publishing *The Abyssinian Prince*, his handling of the ISE, and work to bridge the gap between the PBEM and PBM Dip communities
- David Kovar** for his work on setting up *The Judge*, an automatic Dip adjudication program which has served to dramatically increase the number of PBEM Dip players
- Fred Hyatt** for publishing *The Home Office* and his extensive involvement as a player

Rod Walker Award for Literary Excellence.

Send a SASE to Dave McCrumb by 20 June 1995 for a copy of the articles.

- Ken Walker** Historical Spotlight - Espionage in *Absolute* #31-33
- Vince Galarneau** Vincent on Strategy in *Diplodocus* #22
- Dan Hanson** JFK & "BS" in *Orphan Son* #27
- Bobby Laboon** The War of the Chicken Bones in *Cogniscenti* #10
- Dan Hanson** Third Down in *Orphan Son* #31

John Koning Memorial Award for Excellence in the Play of Diplomacy.

- Fred Hyatt** for excellence in postal play
- Stan Johnson** for outstanding play of Diplomacy
- Bruce Reiff** for winning the 1994 DipCon/DixieCon Diplomacy tournament
- Jack Garrett** for excellence in postal play
- Fred Weidemeyer** for excellence in postal play

Melinda Holley Award for Hobby Participation.

Note: This will be the last time the Melinda Holley Award will be presented. It will be replaced with a different award beginning next year. This new award will be announced at the 1995 DipCon.

- Doug Kent** for publishing *Maniacs Paradise* and *Foolhardy*, for running PDORA
- Pete Gaughan** for publishing *Perelandra* and *Zine Register*
- Paul Kenny** Orphaned Games director and publisher of *Absolute*
- Fred Hyatt** for publishing *The Home Office*, his promotion of variants, and for being a great person
- Andrew York** for publishing *Rambling Way* and serving as BNC

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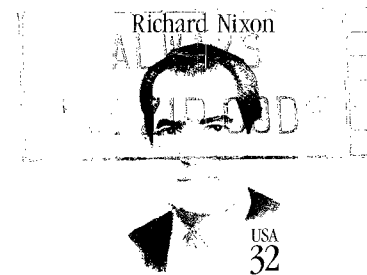
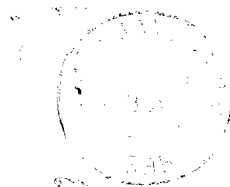
I would like to thank Robert Acheson, Gary Behnen, Fred Davis, Melinda Holley, David Wang, Richard Weiss, Brad Wilson, and Andrew York for their help during the past year. In addition to their guidance on various topics, they were the people who took the 60 preliminary nominations and pared each category down to five finalists.

ANSWERS - if you haven't seen the questions yet, you can either turn to Page 8 NOW or do this Jeopardy!-style:

1. They were dated one month after the actual date they were mailed
2. He's the 1980 DIPCON winner
3. Missouri (Vandalia, Missouri, to be exact)
4. 12 - so how come he isn't in the hobby yet?
5. 46
6. Try it and see...
7. Larry Peery, back in 1983
8. 50 cents; 8 pages
9. Miss Hoover (Lisa's teacher).
10. Pete Gaughan (Pete, what did you ever do to JB - besides admit you're a Christian?)
11. Steve Gould and Jill Mentiplay (both taken at WORLD DIP CON III in 1992)
12. The death of Graham Chapman (one of the original members of Monty Python)

Hey, wait a minute - this is a TEN-PAGE 'zine! I haven't had one of these since - well, last July. It doesn't hurt that three pages are taken up by the Kremlin HRs and the Hobby Awards ballot either.

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