



Lord of Hosts

Is devoted to diplomatic wargaming. In these pages will be found Miller, Phillies, and Origins numbers and designators, game announcements and results, occasional articles and editorials, and (given a game fee of \$3.00 per player, in addition to maintaining a trade or subscription) games of variant Diplomacy or diplomatic wargaming. The price for subscriptions and back issues will be cost plus postage, with allowance for losses and rounded up to the nickel so that I can produce additional copies.

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Deadline for the receipt of material for the next issue of Lord of Hosts is May 21. Serious articles on Kingmaker are invited; for the following issue articles on Origins and its variants are invited, and for succeeding issues the topics for invited articles will be economic games including Starlord and bourses, and then political games such as Parlement.

Scott Rosenberg has indicated that he lacks time to be back-up to the Secretary of DVC - David Schwartz is the new back-up. Anyone wishing to be elected Secretary of DVC should of course apply directly to Ray Heuer.

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LORD OF HOSTS

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..... KNOWN GAME OPENINGS

D Agosta/16 S Wilber St/Belleville NJ 07109 COMMAND:\$2½: YV; ?: Intimate
B Brown/141 Victoria Rd/Fulwood Preston Lancs UK TINAMOU: Mercator
R Clumm/RR #1/Amesville Oh 45711 QUENDI KHAZAD DUM:GD \$1+/\$2: 1721,
Atlantica II, Downfall ..., Earthsea, Jihad, Scotice Scripti III, US,
Westphalia VI; \$3: Diadochi IV
G Costikyan/1675 York Ave/NY NY 10028 URF DURFAL:\$1+8/\$2: Dudland,
Excommunication!, Near Upper Chaos, Stab-Happy
F Doyle/639 Bainbridge St/Philadelphia Pa 19147 BROTHERHOOD OF THIEVS:
\$3/yr: 1600, Colonia III, War of the Roses
L Dunning/46 Holmesdale Rd/W Midland 6056 Perth W AUSTRALIA TAU CETI:
A\$2½+GD A\$2½: Downfall ...
L Gillespie/23 Robert Allen Dr/Halifax NS CANADA B3M 3G9 ZEPPELIN:\$6½ or
\$2+10/\$2: Holocaust, War in the Air
A Gruen/470 North St/Harrison NY 10528 MORAVIAN DYNASTY:\$5: Galactic Conquest
P Harper/43 Cecil Crescent/Hatfield Herts UK AUT VINCRE AUT MORI:
Abstraction, Shares
Å Jonsson/Gruvvägen 26/S-981 00 Kiruna SWEDEN POLAR KNIGHT:postage (use ISE):
Persian
D Kadlecek/Box 802/Univ of Santa Clara/Santa Clara Ca 95053 SPECULUM:8/\$2 or
17/\$4+GD \$1+/-0-: Scacchomacy; \$1: Chinese; \$1½: Sword & Sorcery
J Lovibond/1 Oak Lea Ave/Fulshaw Park/Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 1QL UK
LEMMING EXPRESS: Abstraction, Terrorism
R Raynor/32 Wentworth Ave/West Finchley London UK GUMMIBALLS: Black Wizard,
Campaign, Nightmare, Sampson-Planstead
R Prévot/14 ave Théophile Gautier/P-75016 Paris FRANCE VORTIGERN:GD 20fr+
10/10fr: (French speaking/en français) Global
P Swanson/6 Welford Place/Wimbledon UK SW19 5AJ or (during term) Jesus College/
Cambridge CB5 8BL UK RATS LIVE ON NO EVIL STAR: 1885, Cline 9-man,
Flintlock II, Genta Danorum, Multiplicity
C von Metzke/5005 Diane Ave, 14/San Diego Ca 92117 COSTAGUANA:\$1+GD \$5: 1885
A Webber/20 Graydon Hall Dr 204/Don Mills ONTARIO CANADA H3A 2Z9
THE VULGAR BLOATMAN: Anonymous
P Willey/7 Shirley Ave/Hove Sussex UK ECLIPSOR: 1938, Apposition, Ecliptic,
Speculate
E Willis/30 Blagdon Rd/Lewisham London SE13 7HH UK LEVIATHON: Geophysical,
Mercator

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF VARIANTS

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I am saddened to note that I have had to suspend James Hymas as Associate MNC for Special Projects. Hymas is being continued as Chief Variant Ratingmaster to the MNC, pending determination of the matter by the Deputy MNC for North America. A Deputy MNC advises the MNC and staff of information that they should know, and recommends changes in staff in his area. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Gregory Costikyan as 2nd Vice MNC and Deputy for North America. We are considering Hartley Patterson for acting Deputy MNC for Europe - he could recommend appointments for Deputy for Europe, Associate for Europe, and Associate for Orphans in Europe.

The post of Associate MNC for Special Projects has been reassigned. Duties include Executive Officer and acting Chairman of the Recategorization Project, Registrar of the Orphan Games Project, Registrar and acting Coordinator of the Variant Playtesting Service, and Editor of the Variant Handbook. The appointee is Robert Sacks - if you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.

The Orphan Games Project (North America) has been unified, and now handles regular, variant, and pseudo-Diplomacy and Origins games. Ray Heuer is Director and Associate MNC, and handles the determination of orphan status and the actual placement of orphans. Robert Sacks is Registrar and Associate MNC, and registers volunteers to take over as publisher, gm, or player for orphan games - specify number and type of games, please. In addition, the Variant Playtesting Service will be conducting feedback and playtests of variants so as to certify variants playable so that an insurance fund can be started.

Ray Heuer is interested in stepping aside as TDA Variants Officer. Persons interested in the post (which carries a seat on DVC, and responsibility for any questions posed to TDA on variants and the development of variant projects in TDA, not to mention a place on the target list of the hobby Establishment) should contact him.

I am trying to determine if a Federated Variant Bank (that will avoid the mistakes of the World Variant Bank) can get started. So far Robert Sacks as MNC, Ray Heuer as DVC Secretary, and Conrad von Metzke as DW Variants Editor have expressed interest - write me for details.

This year's Variant Award Panel is now being elected. I will probably be its Secretary - if not, I will forward any nominations - categories are publication, gamemaster, design, article, and general contribution, and possibly a special award.

As can be seen, Lord of Hosts now carries Miller Numbers, Heuer's Origins Numbers, and Phillies Numbers for pseudo-Diplomacy games. Games with von Metzke Numbers, Costikyan or Grossman Numbers, or Schwartz Numbers (you really don't want to know about those "efforts") should be reported to myself, Heuer, or Phillies as appropriate for the assignment of a legitimate number, and publication here.

Back issues of Lord of Hosts through 5&6 are available at 20¢/number plus postage. From #7 on, it is 25¢/number plus postage.

MIT-SGS WinterCon V took place, without adequate publicity - I showed up and served as Diplomacy Tournament scorekeeper. Best single performance was by a Mr Dougenk with a 13 center Russia and 4 survivors. The winner was Phil McGee with a 9 center Germany and a 9 center Turkey, followed by Drew McGee with a 10 center France and a 6 center Austria, and Richard Kovalcik with a 7 center Turkey and a 7 center Russia. Games lasted 5 or 6 game years.

PrinceCon II (specializing in D&D) will take place March 18-20, Whig Hall, Princeton University. Free housing on campus may still be available. Total cost for the convention is \$2. Contact Dave Parker, 122 Cuyler Hall, Princeton University, Princeton NJ 08540.

GAME RESULTS

1974ANcv. (YV IV) Zine: Brainwave (to Fall 1904), Janus. GM: Don Efron (to Fall 1904), John Gross.

A-Michael Maple (res W'01), Walter Blank (out F'06); C-Len Howard; E-William Clumm (dro S'08); F-Ron Efron (res S'05), Bill Denning; G-Lee Kendter; In-Phil Castora (res W'01), Bob Delyzer (res W'02), Chip Wingate (dro F'05, out F'06); I-Thomas Kistler (dro F'05), Fred Meredith (drew F'08); J-J.O. Pickard (dro S'05), Gary Behnen (rem W'07), Andy Webber; R-Doug McMullin (res F'05), Roman Martiuk; T-Chip Charnley (drew F'08).

	s	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	(anonymously submitted results)	
A	4	4	4	3	1	1	-	-		A	6	6	7	1975BMgz. (2001) Zine: <u>The Diplomat</u> .
C	3	6	6	6	4	5	6	7		B	5	5	5	GM: Rod Walker.
E	4	7	7	6	8	10	10	10*		C	5	5	4	Australia-Robyn Edwards (res F'02),
F	4	8	9	10	10	11	12	12		E	6	5	2	David Scott; Brazil-Mike McAfee (dro
G	4	6	5	5	6	6	7	6		I	5	6	7	W'02), Jim Ronson; China-Norman
In	3	5	4	4	2	1	-	-		N	5	6	8	Weinstock; Europe-Jeff Key (res F'03);
I	4	7	9	11	12	11	12	12* drew		R	6	7	9	India-Victor Ricci; Nigeria-Robert
J	3	6	6	6	6*	5	4	4		S	6	6	5	Sergeant (res but played through);
R	6	9	10	10	9	7	5	3		U	4	5	5	Russia-Tony Watson (res F'01), Elmer
T	4	7	8	10	13	14	16	18* drew		-	5	2	1	Hinton; South Africa-Len Lakofka (res

Game abandoned by GM due to turnover. --neutral/UN forces not played=CD.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		1974Rds. (Michigan) Zine: <u>Ragweed</u> (to '06),
B	5	6	7	8	8	8	9	10	10		<u>Deck of Many Things</u> . GM: Al & Tom Burkacki.
M	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		Benzonia-Wood (dro F'04), Kniaz; Marquette-
O	5	5	4	2	1	1	-	-	-		D Grabar (out '04); Otsego-M Magnotte (out '07);
S	3	4	4	6	4	2	1	1	-		Saginaw-T Berendt (out '09); Taquamenon-
T	4	6	8	9	11	11	10	9	9		H Barents; Wayne-G DeCesare (dro S'02),
W	4	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-		R Beasecker (out '07); Zeeland-R Beasecker (res
Z	5	6	7	7	8	10	13	13	14 wins		before start of game), M Schaut (won/concession)

UPDATED VARIODDMOD LISTING by James Hymas, Chief Variant Ratingmaster

Andy Phillips	1110	Matt Diller	610	Ray Heuer	370
Bruce Coy	1010	Richard Greenwell (c)	610	David Lagerson	370
Paul Monahan (c)	990	Mike Fistel	600	Robert Nielson	370
Walter Blank	970	Rick Solomon	590	Herb Barents	360
John Boyer	960	Adam Gilinsky	580	Chic Hilliker	360
Russ Vane	940	Dave Sleight	580	James Massar	360
Rod Walker	940	Jack Bradley (uk)	560	Robert Spencer	360
Peter Walker (c)	850	James Bruun (uk)	550	Randolph Smyth (c)	340
Robert Sacks	840	Bob Eckburt	540	David Hov	330
David Grabar	830	Michael Friedman	540	Andy Fishman	320
Dave Vaughn (uk)	820	Robert Johnson	530	John Ostapkovitch	320
Mark Robinson	790	Doug Ronson (c)	530	Carl Fishman	280
Nicholas Ulanov	780	Steven Brooks	490	William Clumm	270
Harry Drews (c)	770	Tim Tilson	490	Russell Tulp	270
Charles Reinsel	760	Bryan Ronald (c)	480	Douglas Dick	260
Richard Keller	750	Joel Klein	480	Duncan Smith	260
Kevin St. André	740	Bruce Wachtler	480	John Biehl (c)	240
Peter Berggren	740	Fred Hyatt	470	Dave Pengelly (a)	240
C. A. "Red" Beam	680	Ron Kelly	470	Victor Ricci	200
Margaret Gemignani	670	Geoff Corker (uk)	450	Paul Stone (c)	140
Greg DeCesare	660	Jan Straus	430	Mark Gallow	130
Tom Berendt	650	David Head (c)	420	James Gruetzner	100
Tom Keller	630	Peter Bennett (c)	410	Stephen Tihor	80
Bruce Chamberlain	620	Robert Goldman	390		
Mark Burden	610	Mike Bartnikowski	380		

1976Nf (Anonymity), David Head, Arrakis.

1976Ohj (Balkan Wars-R), David Schwartz, Caerleon. Bul-John Page, Gre-August Wolf, Rum-Paul Girsdansky, Ser-Scott Lipton, Tur-Ed Harmon.

hj. Balkan Wars-R (David Schwartz, Asmodeus! #4 & Caerleon #3)

1976Pfh (Colonia II), Benjamin Grossman, Zirkast, The Predawn Leftist. A-Peter Dale, E-Eugene Prosnitz, F-Victor Ricci, Neth-John Strain, OE-Glen Taylor, Por-Fred Hyatt, R-Jack Kerins, Spa-Robert Stimmel.

ORIGINS NUMBERS ASSIGNED AND DESIGNATORS by Raymond Heuer, ONC

- h historical scenario
- a Anti-Bolshevik Crusade scenario
- b Aggressive British/US scenario
- c Aggressive French scenario
- d Aggressive French/British scenario
- m Mixed version/Blind game in rulebook
- x Roll-your-own variant
- p Polish variant/fractional attacks

76.1h (historical), Command, D Agosta. original player list currently unavailable.

76.2h (historical), Origins West, L Fong. US-J Wallace, BRI-R Shea, F-R Mayhew, R-B Wen, G-K Hoffman.

PSEUDO-DIPLOMACY REPORT: PHILLIES NUMBERS AND DESIGNATORS

by George Phillies, PNC

- p64.A Madrid (R B White)
- p65.A Madrid II (MIT SGS)
- p67.A Diplomacy Hill (MIT SGS)
- p72.A Emperor of China (Dynamic Games)
- p72.B Starlord (Bedrosian/Flying Buffalo)
- p73.A Empire I (Third Millenium)
- p73.B World War II (SPI)
- p74.A Imperialism (Flying Buffalo)
- p75.A Ancient Conquest (Excalibre)
- p75.B Stellar Conquest (Metagaming Concepts)
- p76.A Battle for Andromeda (Taurus - a series of games to appear)
- p76.B Russian Civil War (SPI)
- p76.C Third Reich (Avalon Hill)
- p76.D Diplomatic Chess (Der Fliegende Holländer 1.6, 20 Oct 1976, pp 35-7)
- p76.E Der Fuhrer (Ed Constant/The Little Soldier)

p76.C1 (Third Reich), Der Fliegende Holländer. E-G Clarry, F-T Barnes, G-P S Dale, I-P Clarry, USSR-J Farrington.

There are also games run by Flying Buffalo, Inc., using their computer moderation system. One notes:

Nuclear Destruction: 464 games started to date, 517 active players.

Battle Plan: 475 games started to date, 457 active players.

Moon Base: 48 games, 40 players.

Board of Directors: 47 games, 56 players.

Raumkrieg: 17 games, 41 players.

Time Trap: 12 games, 18 players.

Star Web: 30+ games, 200+ players.

For a total of more than 1000 games (of which more than 2/3 are completed games at this time.)

Flying Buffalo, Inc., which also has about 15 regular Diplomacy games being moderated, maintains the complete game records and rating systems for the Flying Buffalo games.

Madame Guillotine (Chris Ruffle, Fantasy Games Unlimited). In spite of the misspellings of Carnot as Carrot and Saint-Just as St. Juste, and the inclusion of an unknown Vincent as a major French revolutionary leader, this is a fine game (not a diplomacy variant) quite playable by mail. It is a game for up to six players in competition for a fixed number of victory points, each with his own victory level and death level for resentment points you can't avoid - in addition you can be killed off, but the player who kills you off gains a lot of resentment that way. The game has an Origins playing system with some features resembling The Brotherhood, and there is an option for dummy counters. The rules are unclear on a number of points, such as whether the attacked party in combat receives resentment points, whether the National Guard can be controlled when there is no Assembly controller, and whether a captured personality can bring additional forces into the Assembly or Tribunal to attempt to rescue himself.

p76.D Diplomatic Chess (Donald Wileman due to Pat & Ron Efron, Der Fliegende Holländer Vol 1 #6). A variant on chess - each side consists of Master, King, Queen, Engineer (for the rooks), 2 Bishops, & 2 Knights, each with varying prerogatives on which move is to be made. The game is altered to simultaneous movement with "In the event of a conflict the attempted move of the weaker piece fails" which doesn't particularly mean anything - the game obviously needs a lot of work.

Scheisskopf Diplomacy II (Donald Wileman due to James Fenamore Whyte, Der Fliegende Holländer Vol 1 #6). Yet another unplayable hoax.

Dudland (Greg Costikyan with Scott Rosenberg, Urf Durfal #11). A rather atrocious variant, based on a rather atrocious press release series. The lists of double coasted provinces and four province points in the rules do not match the map, there is some confusion in the rules as to the rights of the "Custodian of the Dudness" with respect to duded supply centers, and it is not made clear whether sea spaces or provinces on the other continent can be duded, or whether armies can be duded out to sea or fleets onto land. There are rules for government-in-exile and anti-dud units. One player (Teedeey) may build one double army during the game, another (Californiay) can send annual letters of attack which force a unit to hold. Needs work to make it worth playing. For those unfamiliar with the atrocious NY'ism "dud", any unit in a duded province except those of the Custodian and anti-dud (or "dud-out") units is transported to a province of the Custodian's choice, though a "dud-out" unit unduds a duded province. Definitely needs work.

dk. Slobbovia/Oct 1976 (proposed) revision (Ray Heuer for APA-Slobbovia). These are the rules of the game per se, or "Strumph". The rules of the APA, the "Slobstitution", which govern the rotating GM'ship, &c, are not included, but then the game does not require a rotating GM'ship. The rules of the press and protocols of the game, or "Strakh tradition", are not written down ever, which may prove annoying to new players since these govern the definition, power, and responsibilities of the Czar and the Holy Sativan Church, not to mention what is permitted to do in press and what military orders will bring everyone to war with you. Of course these do not necessarily carry over to other games. The rules do provide for a ruler/sub-ruler set up for units and provinces, purge rules, railroads, straits, mountains, deserts and sustain orders, and seizure of provinces instead of occupation, and to guarantee that no one wins, if a player doesn't leave $\frac{1}{2}$ his provinces and units to sub-rulers (who can then secede) the gamemaster will have them revolt, one at a time. Players can enter the game at any time. The map and rules are both subject to amendment by vote of the players. In North America, Ray Heuer is serving as Arkhivist of APA-Slobbovia; in Britain, Hartley Patterson was running a similar game under the name "Carthage".

Updated Player List

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 NORTH-Richard Ware/TEP, 253 Commonwealth Ave/Boston Ma 02116
 RANGER-David Woodbury/HMS-14 MAG-14 T/E /MCAS Cherry Pt NC 28533
 ROHAN-David Schwartz/569 S Springfield Ave/Springfield NJ 07081
 SARUMAN-Burt Labelle/Forest Park 23/Biddeford Me 04005
 SAURON-Steve Simmons/9626 Hayes/Overland Park Ks 66212

LORD OF HOSTS #12.1

Jan 1419 SR

GONDOR (McGee) R DA MTir, F Tolf.
 HARAD-RHÛN (Costikyan) B A Hara. (Order to build A WRhû is not valid.)
 NORTH (Ware) NRR. A Dale/Annh/.
 SARUMAN (Labelle) B A Isen.
 SAURON (Simmons) B A Bara, A MMor, A Nurn, A Udûn.

KARLMARXRHÛN: Death to the revisionist, imperialist Greater Rohan Co-Prosperit Sphere. Its imperialist claims to a truly Human Rohanian state (as opposed to domination by inhuman elves, hobbits and other vermin) have been disproved by its actions, and shown to be a sham.

We recognize and praise the valiant Democratic Socialist Republic of Rohan! We glory that the revolution has at last reached our comrades on the plains of Rohan, late though the hour may be. The last bastions of imperialist feudalism fall before the ever-marching soldiers of International Communism. The People's Free Army of Harad-Rhûn, in cooperation with Chairman Sauron's Orcish Revolutionary Coalition (ORC), and now with the valiant aid of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Rohan march relentlessly onward, pressing the oppressors of the west and the south and the north against the wall of their own stupidity and greed.

Arise, oppressed peoples of the north! For too long have inhuman elvish conquerors, gypsy wanderers who pretend to a great past, and verminous little people with hairy feet oppressed you. Liberation is nigh! Rejoice in your imminent freedom! Throw off the shackles of your bondage! Peasants of the world unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains.

And oppressed Dunlendings, heed not the insidious word of the revisionist Saruman. Flock to the armies of true Marxist-Sauronism. Your poverty-stricken nation will be brought to greatness under the beneficent modernising hand of Chairman Sauron. The Greater Rohan Co-Prosperity Sphere is a paper tiger!

LORD OF HOSTS #12.2 Steward of Gondor seizes Lordship of Ring! Feb 1419 SR

ELVEN LORDS (Moore) NMR. A Mori h/uo/, F WesS h/uo/.
 GONDOR (McGee) F BayB h, A Lame puts on Ring, A Lebe-Belf, A Loss-Lebe.
 HARAD-RHÛN (Costikyan) A Hara-SGon, DA Iron-NWas, A NRhû S SAU Dale/otm/,
 DA Pela S SAU Ithi-Loss, A Umba S Hara-SGon, DA Wild-Mirk.
 NORTH (Ware) A Carr-MGun, A Lori S Vale, A NMir-Carr, A NWas S Carr-MGun/disl/
 A Vale h.
 RANGER (Neiger) NMR. RA SDow h/uo/.
 ROHAN (Schwartz) A Edor h.
 SARUMAN (Labelle) NMR. DA East h/uo//Annh/, A Dunl h/uo/, A GapR h/uo/,
 A Isen h/uo/, A WEmn h/uo/.
 SAURON (Simmons) TA Anor-East, DA EEmn S Anor-East, A Bara-Gorg, A Dago-Brow,
 A Dale-Ereb, A DGul-Vale, A Ithi-Loss, A MMor S Bara-Gorg, A Nith-MTir,
 A Nurn-Mord, A Udûn-Dago, A Wold-WEmn.

GONDOR: "Now the tools of the enemy are mine and he and his minions will feel the agony of utter defeat," so sayeth the Lord of the Ring. The Last Tallyho!
 ANORLIEN: Great pleasure is mine to observe the freedom that will soon be enjoyed by all men of Middle Earth. The proletarian revolution in Rohan is a sign of the times. Gladdened am I to see that the peoples of the West can throw off their imperialistic chains to join in the glorious people's revolu-

tion. However, I am greatly saddened by the unnecessary agony suffered by the Men of Rohan before they realized the freedom that could be theirs. Those people of the West still enmeshed by the toils of imperialism, cast out your self serving leaders, join the people's republic as the Men of Rohan have done. The sooner your revolution takes place the sooner you will be free of the yoke of serfdom. The armies of freedom are trying with all their strength to liberate all of Middle Earth, no sacrifice too great for the free people of the East in order to free their enslaved brethren in the West, and liberation we will accomplish. However, this is a long and painful task. People of the West, free yourselves now! Cast down the imperialists and the corrupted revisionist Saruman. My free people will aid you in every possible manner.

(signed) Sauron, Chairman

LORD OF HOSTS #12.3

Mar 1419 SR

ELVEN LORDS (Polsky) A Mori-Fiel, F WesS-BayB.

GONDOR (McGee) F BayB h, A Belf S Lebe, A Lame h, A Lebe h.

HARAD-RHÛN (Costikyan) DA Mirk-Carr, A NRhû-Dale, DA NWas-NMir, DA Pela h, A SGon-Hara, A Umba h.

NORTH (Ware) NMR. A NWas/Annh/. A Carr h/uo//Annh/, A Lori h/uo/, A Mgun h/uo/, A Vale h/uo/.

RANGER (Woodbury) RA SDow-Ered.

ROHAN (Schwartz) A Edor h.

SARUMAN (Labelle) NMR. A Dunl h/uo/, A GapR h/uo/, A Isen h/uo/, A WEmn h/uo/.

SAURON (Simmons) DA East S ROH Edor-WEmn/nso/, A Brow-WRhû, A Dago-SRhû,

A DGul-SMir, A EEmn S ROH Edor-WEmn/nso/, A Ereb h/uo/, A Gorg-Udûn,

A Loss-Ithi, A MMor h, A Mord-Nurn, A MTir h, A Wold S ROH Edor-WEmn/nso/.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR SUPPLY

Elv: 2/2. Grey, (Lori,) Rive. No Change.

Gon: 3/4. Anfa, DAMr, Lebe, ~~MTir~~. Remove 1.

H-R: 8*/7*. Hara, NRhû, ~~SRhû~~, Umba, ~~WRhû~~, Pela, Iron, Carr, Dale, NMir. Build 1

Nor: 2/5. ~~Ereb~~, ~~NMir~~, ~~Carr~~, Lori, Vale. Remove 1 (2 Annihilated).

Ran: 1. H. No Change.

Roh: 1/1. Edor. No Change.

Sar: 6*/7*. Dunl, Isen+Isen, GapR, Helm, WEmn, ~~East~~. No Change (1 Annihilated).

Sau: 16*/12. H, Wold, Anor, ~~Dale~~, EEmn, Ithi, Nith, East, Ereb, MTir, SRhû, WRhû. Build 3 (No Room for 1).

Prince Imrahil, Steward of Gondor calls for all the good men, elves, hobbits, and dwarves to join with Gondor to rid the land of the enemy. I will continue to fight the servants and allies of Mordor.

LORD OF HOSTS #12.4

Apr 1419 SR

GONDOR (McGee) R F BayB.

HARAD-RHÛN (Costikyan) B A NRhû.

NORTH (Ware) R A Vale.

SAURON (Simmons) B A DGul, A SNur. 1 build declined.

MAY 1419 MOVES DUE: 7 PM, WED, 23 MARCH 1977.

JUNE 1419 MOVES DUE: 7 PM, WED, 20 APRIL 1977.

JULY 1419 ADJUSTMENTS DUE: 7 PM, WED, 18 MAY 1977.

Reports from the East show the true temper of the Worm of Mordor. A knife in back of a former ally, open treachery. Will Harad-Rhûn continue to serve Sauron? Narsil shall determine the fate of the world. (signed) Kevin, Steward of Gondor, Lord of the Ring

ATTENTION POSSIBLE STANDBY PLAYERS: Positions in need of standbys are principally Saruman, and then North.

GEMIGNANI AWARDS BALLOT III

Check off or write in up to 7 candidates for the first award and up to 2 for each of the others. Mail in a signed envelope indicating your present or most recent relation to the hobby to Robert Sacks, GEMIGNANI AWARDS Teller, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034. Ballots will be opened and counted 21 May 1977.

1. SEVEN MOST INFAMOUS PERSONS IN THE HOBBY

- Gordon Anderson
- Gary Behan
- John Beshara
- Douglas Beyerlein
- Edi Birsan
- John Boardman
- Walter Buchanan
- Gregory Costikyan
- Fred Davis
- Don Dewsnap
- Daniel Gorham
- Walter Luc Haas
- Will Haven
- Raymond Heuer
- Elmer Hinton
- James Hymas
- Ulaan Jjang
- Ronald Kelly
- Richard Kovalcik
- Lenard Lakofka
- Robert Lipton
- Jeremy Maiden
- Larry Peery
- Lewis Pulsipher
- Charles Reinsel
- Michael Rocamora
- Scott Rosenberg
- Conrad von Metzke
- Rodney Walker
- Greg Warden

2. PUBLICATION MOST IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT

- Anubis
- Arrakis
- BOAST
- Caerleon
- Diplomacy World
- EXponent
- Fair Blankhmar
- FallOvia
- Liaisons Dangereuses
- Zeppelin

3. GM OR PUBLISHER MOST IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT

- Fred Brenner
- John Coleman
- Gregory Costikyan
- David Gladstein
- Robert Lipton
- Greg Warden

4. MOST IRREGULAR GM OR PUBLISHER

- Gordon Anderson
- Bill Banden
- Gregory Costikyan
- Paul Girsdansk
- Raymond Heuer
- Lenard Lakofka

5. WORST REGULAR GAME

- 1970BJ/Impassable
- 1973HI/M*U*S*H
- 1974HN/Impassable
- 1975AB/Predawn Leftist
- 1975ES/Paroxysm

6. WORST VARIANT GAME

- 1971Dbu/Impassable
- 1973CNbu/Predawn Leftist
- 1975Jfc/Carn Dum
- 1975Sgs/Urf Durfal
- 1975BLfh/EXponent

7. WORST VARIANT DESIGN

- Balkan Wars
- Colonia
- Geo-Shift
- Scheiskopf

8. HOBBY GROUP MOST IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT

- CDO
- DNYMPA
- DVC
- IDA
- IDA/NA
- NGC
- PDRC
- TDA
- WVA
- WVB

9. LEAST RELIABLE ALLY

- Gary Behan
- Alan Calhamer
- Blair Cusack
- Adam Gilinsky
- Ben Grossman
- David Head
- Ed Jacobs
- Ron Kelly
- Lenard Lakofka
- Michael Rocamora
- Steve Tihor

10. OUTSTANDING PUPPET

- Eric Blake
- Fred Davis
- Raymond Heuer
- Elmer Hinton
- Ulaan Jjang
- Richard Kovalcik
- Don Pitsch
- Conrad von Metzke

11. LEAST MERITORIOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOBBY

- AVALON-HILL/
Purchasing Diplomacy
- Douglas Beyerlein/
Boardman Number fee
- John Boardman/
Postal Diplomacy
- Gary Gygax/D&D
- Lakofka etal/IDA-NA coup
- von Metzke etal/MNC coup

12. AWARD FOR DELAY

- Gordon Anderson
- Walter Luc Haas
- Scott Rosenberg
- Nicholas Ulanov

13. AWARD FOR CONFUSION

- Raymond Heuer
- Lenard Lakofka
- Lewis Pulsipher
- Scott Rosenberg
- Conrad von Metzke
- Rod Walker
- The NY Conglomerate

14. AWARD FOR FINANCIAL UNRELIABILITY

- Gordon Anderson
- Daniel Gorham
- Jeff Key
- Lenard Lakofka
- Larry Peery
- Charles Reinsel

15. AWARD FOR PROCEDURES

- John Boardman
- Walter Luc Haas
- Raymond Heuer
- Lenard Lakofka
- Scott Rosenberg
- Conrad von Metzke

16. SPECIAL AWARD

- John Boardman/Jokes
- 1976 Calhamer Awards/for being rigged
- Walter Luc Haas/Practice & Furtherance of Monopoly
- Ulaan Jjang/Taking over the Hobby
- Evan Jones/Appearance
- Richard Kovalcik/Most Perfect Cipher

POLL QUESTIONS (indicate a single preference to each question, please.)

A. What name would you prefer for the Gemignani Awards?

- Gemignani Awards (no change)
- _____
- any other name

B. Do you think that unilateral plebiscites are a proper way of changing hobby officers or groups without their consent?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

C. Do you think that new "Lakofka" Constitution will solve the IDA's problems?

- Yes
- No - things are just as bad
- No - things are now worse
- Undecided
- No - nothing would solve them

D. Do you think that Douglas Beyerlein should continue as Boardman Number Custodian?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

E. Do you think that Walter Buchanan should continue as Editor of Diplomacy World and Avalon-Hill's representative for the hobby?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

F. Do you think that there is a need for an independent judicial body in the hobby?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

G. Do you think that the "World Variant Bank" (Haas and Kadlecek) is doing a good job?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided