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MINISTERS

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and Jane
going through
latest MM.



STUFF

MURD'RING MINISTERS is a gamezine dedicated to the play of postal DIPLOMACY and other postal multi-player wargames. The cost of a 12 issue subscription is \$5.50. Gamefees vary so check out the GAME OPENINGS section if you are interested in joining a new game. MM operates on three week deadlines and is published monthly, with an occasional "mid-monthly" all-reading issue (and not to mention the possibility of a fake). Ye olde Main Minister is Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, CA 93304. Phone is (805) 834-8409.

Featured on this issue's cover is Dan "Big-Timer" Kuszynski with his current roommate, Jane "Joy of Jane" Proskin. As the caption states, Dan and Jane are shown at Dan's browsing through their latest issue of MM. As you can see, Dan is all-business here as he is using his famous "Kuszynski-style" brand of diplomacy on Jane. And to think he went to all this trouble just to get her to order A Con-Bul in '01!

But seriously folks . . . Please note that this is the REAL MM #27. If you received a (hilarious) 10 pg. MM #27 featuring "The Joy of Jane". More on this at the end of the STUFF. Lots of good stuff this time around and plenty of announcements of one sort or another so here goes . . .

First of all a couple of fake 'zines have landed. The first one, PE~~ARL~~, is an obvious fake zine published by Pearly David Perlmutter and mailed from Dodge City, KS. It is pretty obvious (to me anyway) that this little gem was done by none other than Black Jack Masters who has published almost as many fakes as he has BLACK FROGS. It's funny and if you get a chance to, take a look at it. I imagine Bob Olsen mailed them for Jack. Right, Bob?

Now for the big news. The 'Donovan' who did such a good job faking VOICE OF DOOM with his "Mellow Yellow" issue has struck again! This time his target was Dick Martin and RETALIATION. The "Banzai For Bonzo" fake issue arrived 12/5 and I was really taken in by it at first. I'm a player in Dick's R5 and R7 games. When I saw the moves for R5 and R7 I thought, "I didn't order that, did I?" Then when I noticed that I had stabbed an ally when I knew I had not sent those orders, I was pissed! All kinds of terrible "deception of the GM" penalties spun through my mind as I wondered how my enemy had managed it! About this time it dawned on me that perhaps this was a fake RETALIATION and immediately my suspicions were confirmed. Arriving the same day was a letter from "Donovan" telling me I could reveal in MM his true identity. Remember a while back when I told you I knew who faked the "Mellow Yellow" VOD? I did but I didn't tell because he had requested me not to. Suspicion fell upon Dick Martin, Dave Perlmutter, and others while Jack Masters actually claimed he did it in BLACK FROG. But who is this "Donovan"? None other than that 'ole Memphis Flash -- Gary Coughlan!

Gary will be starting his own DIPzine in January and was getting lots of practice in the use of his machine and all the other good stuff that goes into publishing. Since Brux beat me to the punch in revealing "Donovan's" true identity by about a week in VOD #29, Gary has given me permission to tell you his zine will be called EUROPA EXPRESS. If you have not seen a copy of "Mellow Yellow" or "Banzai For Bonzo" try to get ahold of one. They are excellent and entertaining fakes. Gary, we'll all be looking forward to seeing EE come out in January! Well done.

Do you receive the above mentioned BLACK FROG? Jack Masters, 25711 No. Vista Fwys Dr., Valencia, CA 91355, publishes about as often as Al Rodriguez ((Con'd pg. 8))

THE GAMES!!!

1979CW FINAL STATS AND ENDGAME STATEMENTS

1979CW MURD'RING MINISTERS (Ron Brown) Austria: David Mueth (resigned S'02) Gary Carson (out W'05). England: Bill Hawkins (dropped S'06) John Caruso (out W'07). France: Stephen Lee (WIN S'08). Germany: David Barker (dropped W'07) Ron Kelly*. Italy: James R. Williams. Russia: Art Haehnel. Turkey: Ben Schilling.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
A	5	5	5	3	0	X	X
E	4	5	4	4	4	1	0
F	5	5	6	6	7	10	12
G	4	5	5	5	4	4	3
I	4	4	4	5	6	6	7
R	6	5	5	5	5	5	6
T	4	4	5	6	8	8	5

GM Comment-

1979CW was the sixth game of regular DIPLOMACY in MM. Stephen Lee did an excellent job with France especially getting off to a good start by playing England and Germany off each other.

Germany's choice of opening with his Fleet to Holland demonstrated the problem of this choice if you are faced with a hostile England; that is, the failure to take Denmark as England ordered F Nth-Den in F'01. After France also moved to Burgundy in the fall of '01, Germany was in trouble early. France got the better of it against Germany and then in the Spring of 1904 he stabbed England, who was strung out in the north against Russia. Meanwhile Turkey's excellent growth was stopped by Italio-Russian co-operation. When Germany "suicided" against Italy, while Italy was bogged down with the Turks, everyone realized that France had the game locked up and the concession finally passed. Congratulations to Stephen!

*Ron Kelly was given the German position but never had the opportunity to submit orders.

Ben Schilling - Turkey:

This wasn't really a very good game for a couple of reasons. The first was the Dave Barker (Germany) and Jim Williams (Italy) were engaged in some sort of crossgame battle. That meant that they were too busy fighting each other to notice France behind them until it was too late to do anything about it. Italy seemed to have attacked me merely because I dared to suggest that we (he, Germany, and I) attempt to stop the Frenchman. The second was that Stephen Lee (France) refused to answer letters. Therefore, I have to say that this wasn't a DIPLOMACY game, but a very strange variant. Thanks anyway for doing the best you could given these conditions.

Jim Williams - Italy:

I seem to be doing a lot of this end game stuff lately. One of these days maybe I'll be writing one as something other than an also-ran.

I would like to congratulate Stephen on his win. The concession came a little early, but Stephen was pretty much in control of the game.

I could be more gracious in defeat, but I know that the evil Mr. Lee was planning on adding the domain of Pope George Ringo to his spreading empire. (Shame on you, Stephen!)

My biggest mistake in this game was underestimating the vengeance in David Barker. When his army slipped into Venice all of my hopes of withstanding a French challenge slipped away too.

Thus did endeth my very first game of postal DIPLOMACY and my third seven player game of my career. My only regret is that for the rest of my life I'll have to listen to Ben Schilling saying "I told you so!" ((Con'd next pg.))

1979CW (Con'd)

Stephen Lee - France:

The four other remaining players ended the game entangled with incestuous relationships among each other's home supply centers. This meant there was little chance of them rallying together in opposition to my win. In fact, I encountered very little resistance throughout the game.

On three important occasions I moved on to advantageous positions by passing up the short term rewards of more obvious supply gains. Although BEL remained neutral until 1903, I crippled Germany by taking the Ruhr in the spring of 1902. The second big move came in the fall of '04 when I ordered F Lon-Nth in an apparent gesture of extraordinary good intention toward my ally England. Actually this only set up a more complete stab in '06 while also giving me Hol and Kie. Finally, my retreat from Kie into the Baltic clearly defined my interests in Scandinavia and the game.

Both England and Italy were terrific allies, but by midgame I only needed one friend and England had already expressed only marginal interest in the game. I would have shared the win with Italy had Germany not made his wild run through Venice and Rome at the end. Russia played a respectable game but was hurt by attacks from England and Turkey and his fruitless alliance with Germany. I hope my winning justifies my dubious relationship with Turkey. If he was frustrated by my having only written once, I succeeded. It was calculated.

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1980IX FALL 1901 ALLIANCES FIRM UP AROUND EUROPE! FRENCH PRESIDENT HALTS FRENCH MILITARY EXERCISES!

- Austria (Hanson): A VIE-Bud; F Alb-GRE; A SER-s-F Alb-Gre.
- England (Schiwautz): A Yor-BEL; F NTH-c-A Yor-Bel; F Nwg-NWY.
- France (Vaughan)*: NMR; F PIC; A BUR; A SPA all H.
- Germany (Kunstenoar): F HOL-s-English A Yor-Bel; A Ruh-MUN; A Kie-DEN.
- Italy (Pearson): A Ven-TYA; A Apu-TUN; F ION-c-A Apu-Tun.
- Russia (Cunningham)*: A Ukr-RUN; F SEV-s-A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-SWE; A GAL-Bud.
- Turkey (Gray): A BUL-Gre; F Con-AEG; A Ank-CON.

*Would Steve Heinowski, 1630 W 28, Lorain, OH 44052, please submit standby orders for France?

Winter 1901 due 1/23/81.

1901 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Home, SER, GRE.....	(5)	+2
England- Home, BEL, NWY.....	(5)	+2
France- Home, SPA.....	(4)	+1
Germany- Home, HOL, DEN.....	(5)	+2
Italy- Home, TUN.....	(4)	+1
Russia- Home, RUN, SWE.....	(6)	+2
Turkey- Home, BUL.....	(4)	+1

*George Cunningham has a COA: 52 Drew St., Burlington, VT 05401.

1980IX Press-

ITALY-RUSSIA: Watch your northern flank. Limeys just love flank steak.

ITALY-TURKEY: By the way, if you go to the Aegean, your northern flank looks a little bare also.

VIENNA: Russia wants me to puppet, Italy is breathing down my neck, Turkey is knocking at the door . . . what did I do to deserve this country, huh Ron?

BAKERSFIELD-VIENNA: Just lucky, I guess. You should have used "The Trieste Gambit"!

ITALY-WORLD: You know, now that I look at it, almost everyone has a flank open, except me . . . what! Piedmont empty . . . Oh my God . . . me caught with a door open too.

1979G WINTER 1909 DRAW FAILS!

England- Builds F LON, F EDI Italy- NRR! GM removes F Bul(sc), A Gas, A Bur, F Lyo

Germany- A Ber-r-KIE Russia- Builds F SEV, A WAR

1979G SPRING 1910 POPE SURRENDERS? ARE THE KING & TSAR ABOUT TO HAVE A KAISER SANDWICH?

England (Grabar): F Nwy-STP(nc); F Edi-NWG; F Lon-NTH; F Bel-HOL; F Mid-ENG; F Nat-MID; F SPA(sc)-H.

Germany (Bumpas): F StP(sc)-H/d/-r-Fin,OTB; F BOT-s-F StP(sc); A Mun-BER; A KIE & F BAL-s-A Mun-Ber; A Ruh-MUN; A Bre-GAS; A Par-BRE.

Italy (Haehael)*: NRR! Has A MAR; A TUS; F ROM; F TYS; F TUN all H; A Pie-H/a/.

Russia (Kuszynski): F Sev-BLA; F Con-SMY; A Gre-BUL; A Bud-TRI; A Tya-PIE; A VEN-s-A Tya-Pie; A Sil-BOH; A War-SIL; A Ber-H/d/-r-Fru,OTB; A LVN & A MOS-s-English F Nwy-StP(nc).

Fall 1910 due 1/23/81.

*Would Jim Gray, 130 W. Maynard Ave, Apt. 3-H, Columbus, OH 43202 please submit standby orders for Italy?

1979G Press-

MOSCOW: The Kaiser offers an alliance for St. Petersburg? Strong Arm Diplomacy has caused the Kaiser's dilemma and his continued use of it, when it has been out of his arsenal since '04, continues to keep him under boot!

ENG-ITALY: I will not move on you. Stiff upper lip!

MALTA: I told you so, but perhaps it's not too late.

SEVASTOPOL: The first fleet in years has been constructed and launched from this seaport and christened Italienskva in memory of our dependable and most trustworthy and departed ally. Naming the vessel proved difficult and was resolved by vote. Italienskva 16, Turkishiski 14, Austrianskavaya 13.

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1979HN WINTER 1907 (Note- last Fall Ger. A Mun-s-A Ber-Sil was not reported-GM)

France- no adj. Italy- F Smy-r-AEG; Builds A VEN, A ROM

Germany- Builds A KIE, A BER Turkey- Removes A Smy

1979HN SPRING 1908 FRENCH BRIGADE ROUTS GERMANS IN VIENNA WITH ITALIAN AID!

France (Hartman): F Nat-NWG; F LON-Nth; F ENG-s-F Lon-Nth; F Mid-BRE; A BEL-H; F LYO-Mar; F SPA(sc)-s-F Lyo-Mar; A Boh-VIE.

Germany (Masters): F NTH-H; F HOL-s-F Nth; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A YOR-H; A Ber-PRU; A Kie-BER; A Sil-GAL; A Vie-s-A Sil-Gal/a/; A Arm-SMY; A ANK-s-A Arm-Smy; A Sev-ARM; A Ukr-SEV; A MUN-Tya; A GAS-Mar; A BUR-s-A Gas-Mar.

Italy (Shelton): A Ven-TYA; A TRI-s-A Ven-Tya; A BUD-s-French A Boh-Vie; A RUM-H; A BUL-s-A Rum; F CON-Ank; F AEG-s-F Con/OTN/; A Rom-VEN; F TYS-Lyo; F Tun-ION; F Wes-MID.

Turkey (Howard): F SYR-s-German A Arm-Smy.

Fall 1908 due 1/23/81.

1979HN Press-

RUMANIA: The Field Commander in Rum regrets the release of obviously false information concerning the French Prime Minister. The document was planted in the German Consulate by the Germans just before it was sacked by Italian forces.

GERMANY-FRANCE: Do you suppose we really are half brothers? Well blood, even if it is half blood, is thicker than Italian wine (or Wisconsin cheese for that matter) so what do you say we sack Italy?

ROME: The Italian Government expresses regrets to the French people concerning the earlier comments directed at the statesman lending that noble country.

BUDAPEST: Negotiations between Italy and Germany have collapsed.

MAR-MUN: Well, you see Jack, you were about to win the game.

ROME: Police were unable to prevent sacking of the German Embassy by angry mobs. The event was sparked by the discovery that a German Military attache had held captive 12 young Italian women in the basement of the palace-like structure.

1980KZ (formerly MM-10) SPRING 1901 TURKS TO SYRIA? IS LAURENCE OF ARABIA THREATENING?
NEW ENGLISH PRIME MINISTER ELECTED!

- Austria (Collins): A VIE-Gal; A Bud-SER; F Tri-ALB.
- England (Davis)*: F Lon-NTH; F Edi-NWG; A Lpl-YOR.
- France (Sperdakos): F Bre-MID; A Par-GAS; A Mar-PIE.
- Germany (Stephens): F Kie-DEN; A Ber-KIE; A MUN-H.
- Italy (Hugh): A VEN-H; A Rom-APU; F Nap-ION.
- Russia (Kraft): F StP(sc)-BOT; A Mos-STP; A WAR-Gal; F SEV-Bla.
- Turkey (Masters): A Con-BUL; F ANK-Bla; A Smy-SYR.

*Robert W. Davis, 7928 Kaiser Dr., Canton Township, MI 48187 has taken over Eng. Fall 1901 due 1/23/81.

1980KZ Press-

LONDON: In a close vote, Prime Minister Jack Smith was turned out and Bob Davis was elected as England's Prime Minister. All diplomatic correspondence should be mailed to the above address.

MUNICH-EUROPE: Reports of Bubonic Plague in Germany have been confirmed. The disease is rampant in all cities. The German government has requested anyone planning on visiting in Germany make a change in their plans. The Plague is estimated to last 10-15 years.

ROME: All those wishing to stab the Pope please use a large gun as the Pope has a "feint" heart and doesn't like prolonged agonies. Beware of spot.

RUSSIA-TO ALL CONCERNED: Anyone want an ally, friend, companion, loyal servant? Is anyone out there? I'd be more than happy to help anyone who writes. Those who upset me will be upset too when they find out that they will not only be losing a friend, they will also be gaining an enemy . . . for life!

AUSTRIA-WORLD: All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.

RUSSIA-TURKEY: I nominate John for the MM of the M for one reason, he was the only one who even bothered to write to me! This shows class and is also the mark of a great player. Anyone want to call? (408) 779-8278 between 4:30-10:00, just as long as you don't call collect, I don't have that big an allowance, you know! There's one last thing I'd like to do, make fools of everyone who will try to decode my cipher.

BABAA aaaaa baaab abbaa baaba báabá aabbb aaaaa baaba aabaa aaaaa baaab babba.

French

1979HO SUMMER 1906 Russ A Arm-r-SYR; ~~NY~~ F Nth-r-DEN.

1979HO & FALL 1906 TURKEY COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED!

- Austria (Tucker): NMR! Has A NAP; A APU; F ALB; A GRE; A SER; A BUD; A VIE; A-GAL all H.
- England (Mercer): A Lpl-Wal/d/-r-Cly,Edi,Yor,GTB; F NTH-Hol; F HEL-s-F Nth-Hol.
- France (Williams): F Ion-EAS; F TYS-Ion; F LYO-Tys; A MUN-s-Russian A Sil-Ber; A KIE-s-F Den; F DEN-s-A Kie; A HOL-s-A Kie; A BEL-s-A Hol; F Eng-LON; F Wal-LPL; F IRI-s-F Wal-Lpl.
- Germany (Haffey): NMR! F Ber-H/d/.
- Russia (Coughlan): A Sev-ARM; A SYR-s-A Sev-Arm; F BLA-s-A Sev-Arm; A RUM-s-Austrian A Gre-Bul/NSO/; A Sil-BER; A NWY-H; F SKA-s-French F Den.
- Turkey (Kuszyński): A Arm-SMY; F ANK-Bla; A Con-BUL; F AEG-Ion.

Winter 1906 & Spring 1907 due 1/23/81.

No standby will be called for Austria as I spoke with Tucker the day after the deadline and know she still wants the position.

1906 Supply Center Chart on next page.

1979HO (Con'd)

1906 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Home, Ser, Ven, Rom, Nap, Gre.....	(8)	0
England- Vpx , Edi, Der	(1)	-2
France- Home, Spa, Por, Bel, Mun, Tun, Hol, Kie, Lon, DEN, LPL..	(13)	+2
Germany- Vpx	(0)	OUT
Russia- Home, Rum, Swe, Nwy, BER.....	(8)	+1
Turkey- Home, Bul.....	(4)	0

1979HO Press-

DENMARK-EDINBURGH: A weary French crew aboard the displaced Nth Sea fleet would like to thank the English government for getting them out of the choppy waters, and portside in Tivoli. A little R&R is just what the doctor ordered.

RUSSIA-GERMANY: And another one bites the dust! Italy perished in Winter 1905 and you perish in Winter 1906. Whose turn shall it be in Winter 1907?

ENGLAND-WORLD: "Wanted" - one big brother willing to help out one little brother in one hell of a bad situation.

RUSSIA-TURKEY: Sultan Dan, did you receive my present yet?

WALES-LIVERPOOL: We will be happy to reciprocate England's kindness by spelling the garrison in Liverpool with fresh young French ~~seamen~~ seamen (Pardonnez moi!)

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: Who are you calling a "horde"?! Why, I never.

LIVERPOOL JOURNAL: The King today ordered all loyal Englanders to take up arms in defense of the French infection which is spreading across our fair land. Should the French invasion continue orders were given to kill all the first born in hopes our Saviour is on His way to aid us.

RUSSIA-FRANCE: I have just the spot picked out for you in the Tiergarten. It is the Waschbar section. So fitting.

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: Just thought I'd say hello . . . Hi.

RUSSIA-AUSTRIA: Go to Warsaw, and you'll saw a war, Muh, see a war. Count on it.

FRANCE-RUSSIA: Thanks for pointing out Tivoli for me. My men appreciate the distractions from the drudgery of everyday war. I trust you will enjoy the Tiergarten as well.

TSAR-SULTAN DAN: Y'all stay away from Jane, y'heah!! No poachin' on mah Proskin!! Y'all dun alretty got a whole harem!

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NEW GAME START: MM-11

WINTER 1900 EUROPE POISED ON THE BRINK OF WAR!

- Austria: David Shaw, 712 Lakeside Dr., Baldwin, NY 11510.
- England: Steve Arnawoodian, 602 Hemlock Cr., Lansdale, PA 19446.
- France: Jennifer King, 950 La Canada Verdugo, Pasadena, CA 91103.
- Germany: Al Villanueva, 2725 Jefferson St., Eugene, OR 97405.
- Italy: Bruce Filbeck, 4240 Kilgore Rd., Croswell, MI 48422.
- Russia: Bill Clements, 354 Wicklow Cr., Jackson, MS 39208.
- Turkey: Martin Ethington, 624 North Linn #3, Iowa City, IA 52240.

Spring 1901 orders are due 1/23/81.

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"For greatest scandal waits on greatest state."

MORE STUFF (Con'd from pg. 2)

gets loaded. That's right, almost every day! BF places emphasis on light humor, well-run games, and the fiercest publishing schedule ever! Rates are \$12.00/24 issues or one year, whichever happens last. This sub. rate makes BF one of the more expensive zines around, but mainly because you get so many, so often. Plus Jack is trying hard to make BF something different -- quite different -- from your average DIPzine. Write for a sample (or even better, send two 15¢ stamps for two samples so you can get an idea of the diversity of BF issues). Some of his current subbers are getting something different than they expected, it seems, so make sure BF is for you. If you appreciate nude, color photos of Kathy Byrne, Dave 'Naked' Perlmutter, etc. besides well-run DIP games BF may be just what you want! Keep up the fine work, Black Jack!

Dave Perlmutter has been mentioned many times above. I'm sorry to say that Dave has indicated that he must drop from the DIP hobby. If this is true, I'm sorry. Maybe some day we can welcome him back.

ORCCON is back! This year ORCCON will be held at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel (next to Disneyland) Jan. 16, 17, & 18. I think I will be able to attend and it would be nice to see a few of you there. There will be numerous tournaments including, of course, a DIPLOMACY Tourney. Write to ORCCON, c/o Mark A. Snowden, 1864 Nutwood Pl., Anaheim, CA 92804 for more information. Registration for all three days is \$8.50 for pre-registration, \$10.00 at the door.

There will be a DIPLOMACY Tournament Feb. 14 and 15 in Sacramento, CA; sponsored by and to be held at Royal Game Store. Prizes range from \$5 to \$100. Three rounds of play; each round not to exceed six hours. Registration by mail (to be received no later than Monday, Feb. 9) is \$4.00; at the door it is \$6.00. For more info, contact Clark Reynolds at 6731 37th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95824 (Home: (916) 383-6030; Office: (916) 322-9888).

Clive Tonge, Nick Russon, Vic Dupont et al of INFIDEL are celebrating INFIDEL's first anniversary with a special 1st Anniversary Issue (#12), a 43 pg. digest sized affair simply running over with articles, stories, humor, games, quizzes, zine reviews, etc. It's very nice and if you don't get INFIDEL, it's definitely worth sending for a sample so you can check it out. Send inquiries to Clive Tonge, 2402 Edenhurst Dr., Mississauga, ONT, CANADA L5A 2K9.

BORN TO DIP is not what some of my cowboy friends say when I ask them why they insert that worm dirt Skoal stuff in their mouth. (Just a pinch between your cheek and gum . . . etc.) Rather BORN TO DIP is a brand new DIPzine (another one!) by Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Dr., Paoli, PA 19301. Subscription rate is \$5.00/10 issues, published monthly. There are game openings in regular DIPLOMACY, no game fees though which makes it a bargain. Send 15¢ for a sample.

From Larry Peery comes word of the return of XENOGOGIC, resuming publication as a regular postal DIPLOMACY zine on April 1, 1981. XENO will be a regular zine with monthly deadlines, carrying no more than two games at a time, with preference given to novice players. The gamefee is \$15.00. A reservation fee of \$5.00 is requested to hold a position until the game lists are filled. Subscriptions will be \$1.00/issue. Write to Larry Peery, PO Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 for more information.

Mike Scott, 1726 Cypress Circle, LaVerne, CA 91750 publishes monthly MIKE'S MAG. Mike is beginning a "Maxi-Multiplayer KINGMAKER Game Variant". Mike wants 30-40 players to play his variant in which all players control only

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one noble, and they all start the game basically equal in strength and power; which they gain only through their own means and with the help they can convince others to lend. There is no subscription fee to MIKE'S MAG for players and only a \$3.00 gamefee. Mike hopes to start in Jan. with a minimum of 20 players, more added as they come in. Rules will be sent with starting positions after the gamefee is paid. This one looks too good for you KM fans to pass up!

If you haven't sent for "SUPERNOVA, the Novice Packet" the sequel to "SUPERMAN the Movie," you should, you know. Send 75¢ to Bruce Linsey, Bldg 11, Apt. 21, Leisureville, Watervliet, NY 12189, and he will gladly send you one. SUPERNOVA has all kinds of information to help you get started in the world of postal DIPLOMACY as smoothly as possible. Very well done it is, and simply said, you should have a copy.

Well, the idea of 12 pg. MM's with an occasional "special" issue has been warmly received, so far. This issue marks the beginning of this policy and I hope it is one that will satisfy all concerned.

Before I forget, I'd like to congratulate Bruce Linsey (see above) on his engagement to Linda Simpson. And another one bites the dust! Congrats, Bruce!

Do you like covers on MM like this one or would you prefer another page of writing? If you care one way or the other you should let me know.

And lastly, but not leastly (beastly, perhaps) is the arrival of a Fake MURD'RING MINISTERS. I don't know how many of you received the fake #27. I did and I got a kick out of it. "Joy of Jane" a subzine by Jane Proskin and RRR letters from Richard Sharp, Craig Morton & Black Jack Masters were all quite humorous. But my copy had a note from "Donovan" as explained before this is actually Gary Coughlan. But Gary didn't do it! (not even he could produce 2 good fake zines within one week of each other!)

No, there were several clues within that definitely gave it away, not the least of which was the Bakersfield postmark. Remember TWILIGHT ZINE being late this last time? The reason why is because Al was busy making his MM fake. Right, Al? You might as well as admit it. Those of you who recieved the fake MM please notice on the first page where the author uses the expression, "No Way Jose!" and then goes on with a footnote regarding Gary Coughlan. Well, this is the true significance behind including it in the fake: I recently purchased a small gold charm for Char's birthday (Oct. 20) to wear on a chain she already had. Al, being a good friend, drops by now and then. He is the only one who could have known and seen this charm. Oh yeah, it reads, "No Way Jose". This is the reason why he stuck that whole dumb bit in the fake. That is, to give a clue indicating the true perpetrator: Al Rodriguez. More on this in the future.

Mike Conner, publisher of LONE STAR ~~with~~ DIPLOMAT, is announcing the opening of nominations for official Diplomacy Hobby Mascot for 1981. Only publishers are eligible to nominate a mascot, and must be received by Feb. 1, '81. Nominations may include a short nominating speech and a 3x5 illustration of the candidate. A list of the nominees and their elections materials will be sent to publishers after the deadline and a general election will be held in March. Send your nomination (if you are a publisher reading this) to R. Michael Conner, 3214 Beverly Rd., Austin, TX 78703.

BIG-TIMER MAGAZINE

by
Dan Kuszynski

VACATION DIPLOMACY FALL 1901 ENGLAND INVADED! AUSTRIA INVADED! GERMANY INVADED!
PINTO BEANS IN BERLIN! JEN'S SLIPPER IN LIVERPOOL!

England (Brown): F Nth-c-A Yor-Bel, F Nth-EDI (VD'd); A YOR-Bel; F Nwg-NWY;
A GRE-H.
France (Williams): A SPA-H; F Mid-POR; A Pic-BEL; A Gal-BOH.
Germany (Arnett): A Kie-HOL; F DEN-s-Russ F Bot-Swe; A MUN jumps Kie-Ber;
F AEG-s-Eng A Gre.
Italy (Masters): F Nat-Mid, F NAT-LPL(VD'd); F Ion-Tun, F Ion-NAP(VD'd);
A Ven-TRI; A Rom-TUS.
Austria (Rodriguez): A VIE-Gal; Pinto Bean F Bal-BER(3 supports); A SER-H;
F Alb-ION.
Russia (Grabar): A WAR-Gal; A Ukr-RUM; F SEV-s-A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-SWE; F Wes-
TUN.
Turkey (Bumpas): A BUL-s-French A Gal-Rum/NSO/; A ARM-Sev; F SMY-Aeg; Billy
Carter Beer Can A SWITZ-Mun.

Winter 1901 AND Spring 1902 due 1/23/81.

VACATION DIPLOMACY 1901 Supply Center Chart

England- 1/2 Lon, Edi, NWY, GRE.....	(4)+1
France- Home, POR, SPA, BEL.....	(6)+3
Germany- 1/2 Kie, Mun, DEN, HOL.....	(4)+1
Italy- Home, TRI, LPL.....	(5)+2
Austria- 1/2 Vie, Bud, BER, SER.....	(4)+1
Russia- Home, RUM, SWE, TUN.....	(7)+3
Turkey- Home, BUL.....	(4)+1

Keep in mind that
all countries have
one more unit than
actual SC owned.

VD Press-

GM-France: Jane Proskin sat on the French DIPLOMACY pieces as requested
and one army is enclosed for your use.

Italy-GM: We've had another of those parties at Jennifer King's and I slipped
away with a pair of her shoes. I plan to use it as both the extra Italian
unit and as a victory goblet. (Are you putting salad in the other one?-GM)

Ankara: All I want to do is go back home! I didn't want to go to summer
camp anyway!

Moscow: Already I have a headache. Russia stinks! The Machine has ground
to a halt as it has used all of its attack cards. (Hard times, Grabar).

Munich-England: See who your friends are in the south?

Germany-Austria: Hopefully you didn't try to steal Kiel or Berlin. Germany
only wants peaceful relations. (Guess again!)

Germany-Turkey: Munich is mine! My fleet Aeg could be useful.

Cards played in 1901:

Italy refused his card. Others were "Order one Austrian unit", "Move all units
two spaces", "Three supports for one unit", "Order any three units", "Make one
province impassible", "Jumps over one unit and remove it". Finland is impassible
for the remainder of the game.

Late Breaking Press Items-

BLACK JACK-ENGLAND: I didn't play my card. You owe me one. (He owes you
more than one!-GM).

Washington DC: The world was shocked today when it was announced that the
entire nation of Finland was destroyed by a huge explosion which formed a monstrous
mushroom-like cloud. Scientists are studying its effects but early predictions
are that the entire area will be uninhabitable for at least 25 years!

MM STANDBY LIST

The following people are listed as current standbys for regular DIPLOMACY: Keith Mercer, Dave Grabar, John Caruso, Jack Masters, Ron Kelly, Denise Tucker, Jim Williams, Paul Goodrich, Don Swartz, Steve Heinowski, W.A. Hugh, and Jim Gray. Let me know if you would like to join this distinguished group!

Marion Bates is the only standby for MACHIAVELLI. Anyone else?

Scott Hanson is the only standby for VACATION DIPLOMACY. Anyone else?

A Standby player is someone who submits orders when a player NMR's. If the player who NMR'd does so again, the standby inherits the spot. So if you are looking for more DIP action but the money's low, you might consider joining this list. Thanks to all of the above. Please remind me if I mistakenly left you off and you want to be on the standby list.

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GAME OPENINGS

DIPLOMACY - The regular game of DIP - MM-12 should start next issue. Those who are signed up and PAID are: Stephen Lee, Jim Gray, W.A. Hugh, and Tom Mainardi. Those who ~~are~~ have indicated a desire to play in the next game but have not paid entirely are Jerry Jones (gamefee and NMR deposit), Robert Fabry (NMR deposit), and ~~H~~ whoops! That's it. One spot remaining if Bob and Jerry decide to go through with it; otherwise three spots open. This will probably be the last game to open until a current game ends. \$3.00 gamefee plus a \$3.00 NMR deposit are required.

MACHIAVELLI - Jim Broshot will GGM this game. Marc Arrigo is paid and ready to go. Others who have indicated an interest but haven't yet paid their gamefee are Kirby Garrett, Mike Scott, and Dan Palter. Let's get those gamefees in gentlemen and we can get this one started. A \$5.00 gamefee is required. I will play in this one if I can get my hands on a MACH game. Anyone else?

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WRAP-UP

Well, this issue is about ready to go. As usual, I welcome any feedback anyone has to offer.

For all of you TWILIGHT ZINE players, the deadline for your games is the same as for MM games this time: 1/23/81 so get your orders in to Al in time so TZ can take its rightful place back in these pages.

Nominations are beginning to trickle in for the NIXON Award for 1980. Remember, it's not too late to get your nomination in. Who wins the NIXON? This award will go to the best DIPLOMACY Liar of the year. Send in your nominations and a paragraph explaining your choice. The winning entry will be published in MM and the winner will receive an original Jerry H. Jones' "Certificate of Diplomatic Survival", suitable for framing. Hurry and get those nominations in. This award will be given in Feb. '81 for the 1980 Big Liar.

Well, you should be seeing the first 'special' all-reading MM coming your way soon. I won't promise it will be out before the next regular MM, but you very well could get it before then. Take care and I hope the New Year brings you all many victorious campaigns! Happy New Year!

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"True hope is swift, and flies with swallows' wings;
Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings."

RICHARD III, V, ii, 23

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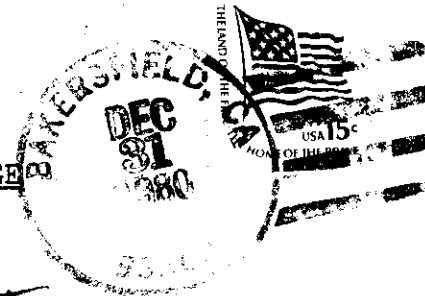
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