

# MURD'RING MINISTERS

Issue #30

## DipCon '82



Steve Arnawoodian



Kathy Byrne and John Caruso



Tom Swider, Lee Kendler, Sr., and Allen Wells



Don Ditter chatting with Eric Ozog



Standing: Glenn Overby, Fred Davis, and ??? Seated: Rod Walker, Robert Sacks, and Mark Berch



publishers' seminar—John Daly, Gary Coughlan, Al Pearson, and Roy Hendricks



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Well, it's time once again for the nominations for the NIXON AWARD. Yep, time to select the NIXON AWARD winner for 1982. The NIXON is an award given annually by the publisher of MM to the biggest (and best) liar in the Hobby. The award is open to nominations from anyone currently active in the DIPLOMACY Hobby. All you have to do is write me and tell me who you feel is the biggest liar around and explain your reasons in a paragraph or so. The winner of the First Annual NIXON AWARD was 'Liar' Al Pearson in 1980. Kathy Byrne claimed last year's (1981) Award. Who will the winner of the 1982 NIXON be?! It's up to you. Publishers, please note that this is open to all, not just MM subscribers, so please plug in your zines. The winner will be announced in the February issue of MM.

How do you like the pictures on the cover this issue? They arrived courtesy of Canada's Ron Brown, publisher of SNAFU!. Yep, that's what those guys really look like. Quite a merciless and bloodthirsty crew if you ask me. By the way, the gentleman in the bottom right hand corner whose caption didn't quite survive the xerox treatment is none other than that rare species of DipPubber Bruxus Linseyus (Bruce Linsey). Thanks, Ron, for the use of your pix!

DIPLOMACY WORLD #32, the Fall '82 issue is out after a delay. Rod Walker has produced another fine issue of DW. Included within are several items of interest, including the long-awaited Leeder Poll results. First, the results and then a few comments.

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| 1. "DIPI MASTER"             | 16. <u>COAT OF ARMS</u>                |
| 2. "DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY"     | 17. <u>WHITESTONIA</u>                 |
| 3. <u>EUROPA EXPRESS</u>     | 18. <u>"MAJUS"</u>                     |
| 4. "WOODPECKER"              | 19. <u>DIPLOMACY WORLD</u>             |
| 5. <u>PARANOIC'S MONTHLY</u> | 20. <u>THE SCHEMER</u>                 |
| 6. <u>JUST AMONG FRIENDS</u> | 21. <u>IRKSOME</u>                     |
| 7. <u>APPALLING GREED</u>    | 22. <u>ST. GEORGE &amp; THE DRAGON</u> |
| 8. <u>BRUTUS BULLETIN</u>    | 23. <u>MURD'RING MINISTERS</u>         |
| 9. <u>LONE STAR DIPLOMAT</u> | 23 <del>rd</del> . <u>SNAFU!</u>       |
| 10. <u>SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS</u> | 25. <u>DOGS OF WAR</u>                 |
| 11. <u>TER-RAN</u>           | 26. <u>CHEESECAKE</u>                  |
| 12. "MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT"   | 27. <u>RUNESTONE</u>                   |
| 13. "KATHY'S KORNER"         | 28. <u>DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT</u>      |
| 14. <u>VOICE OF DOOM</u>     | 29. <u>EMHAIN MACHA</u>                |
| 15. "BERSAGLIERI"            | 30. <u>DIPLOMACY DIGEST</u>            |
|                              | 31. <u>FOL SI FIE</u>                  |

The titles in quote marks are subzines and/or fake issues. The unlerlined titles are of legitimate, regular, full-sized zines. It would appear that when Rod acquired the rights of publication for the poll that a group banded together in a successful effort to turn the Poll into a joke. I think that it is very unfortunate for those truly deserving the recognition of a high placing in the Poll to see "DIPI MASTER" take first place. I also agree with those who have gone on record stating they would prefer seeing subzines rated apart from "full-fledged" zines. Only 23 of the above top 31 finishers are actually full-fledged zines. Naturally I am disappointed in slipping from 4th last year to 23rd this year. We'll have to see what happens in the next one I guess before I make any firm decision about MM's long-range future. My own top ten would have probably included (not in any particular order): EUROPA EXPRESS, JUST AMONG FRIENDS, WHITESTONIA, LONE STAR DIPLOMAT, VOICE OF DOOM,

MORE STUFF

COAT OF ARMS, DIPLOMACY WORLD, IRKSOME, SNAFU, and DIPLOMACY DIGEST. PARANOICS MONTHLY, SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS, and WINSOME-LOSESOME all have especially high merit too. Well, congratulations to all those top finishers for their good showing and let's hope that next year's poll is a bit more accurate in giving the deserving zines their due. Congratulations to the publisher(s) of "DIP MASTER" for producing the number one DipZine in North America.

The second half of the Leader Poll is the GAMESMASTERS POLL, which rates the Hobby's GMs. The top ten GMs in the poll were:

- 1) Doug Beyerlein
- 2) John Daly
- 3) Steve Helnowski
- 4) Andy Lischett
- 5) Bob Osuch
- 6) Bob Sergeant
- 7) Lee Kendter, Sr.
- 8) Ron Brown (Canada)
- Ron Brown (USA)
- 10) Gary Coughlan

It is interesting to note that Ron Brown tied Ron Brown for 8th place in the poll! Try and figure that one out! Congratulations to Doug for being the top-rated GM in North America, and also to John Daly for his consistency as an excellent GM (he was #1 in last year's poll). Nearly all of the above GMs are very good -- if you get a chance to play under any, you won't regret it.

Also, in this issue of DW, Rod has a "LIFETIME RATING SYSTEM" which bases its data on EVERYTHINGS #45-52. Using his system, the top twenty players are:

- 1) Kathy Byrne (14.00)
- 2) Eldon Nichol (13.80)
- 3) Rick Kassel (12.43)
- 4) Gary Howe (12.17)
- 5) Randolph Smyth (11.70)
- 6) Don Ditter (11.27)
- 7) Jack Masters (11.17)
- 8) Bill Becker (10.63)
- 9) Bob Sergeant (10.58)
- 10) Ron Brown (USA) (10.56)
- 11) Mark Berch (10.33)
- 12) Eric Kirchner (10.22)
- 13) Allen Wells (10.20)
- H.D. Basset
- 15) Paul Rauterberg (10.00)
- 16) Bill Schiwautz (9.86)
- 17) Doug Hollingsworth (9.75)
- 18) Bill Hart (9.50)
- 19) Lee Kendter, Sr. (9.14)
- 20) Dick Martin (9.00)

Scott Hanson, publisher of IRKSOME, 939-18th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 has volunteered to run the poll formerly sponsored by JIHAD, "The Freshman 'Zine Poll". If you would like to help and participate in this poll, send Scott a rating of each zine you have seen two issues of at least which started in 1982. Rank each zine on a scale of 1-10 with 10 the best and 1 the worst. The deadline for this is Feb. 14th, 1983.

Dan Stafford has sent me his latest update for his INFLUENTIAL PLAYER RANKINGS (IPR) which is a Calhamer-type rating that is kept current by only rating the past 4-5 years of games, by Boardman Number. This update includes only K BNed games 1977-1982. They are taken from EVERYTHINGS #42-54 -- which includes all the 1977-on games finished. A Win = 1.0; 2-way = .5; 3-way = .3; 4-way = .2; 5-way = .1; 6-way = .0 (tie-breaker); 7-way = ZIP.

Name	IPR	# wins & draws	# wins
1. Lee Kendter Sr.	9.1	16	7
2. Kathy Byrne	6.8	9	5
3. Jack Masters	6.3	9	5
4. Don Ditter	5.7	10	4
5. John Caruso	5.0	10	2
6. Eric Verheiden	4.7	13	2
7. Ron Kelly	4.4	9	3
8. Arturo Ghajardo	4.4	8	2
9. Bob Sergeant	4.4	7	4
10. Bill Hart	4.3	5	4

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11. Rick Kassel	4.1	6	3
12. Eric Kirchner	4.0	8	2
13. Bob O'Cash	3.9	6	3
14. Dick Martin	3.9	6	3
15. Bill Becker	3.8	6	2
16. Steve McLendon	3.7	7	3
17. Ron Brown (USA)	3.7	6	3
18. John Kador	3.5	6	2
19. Walter Blank	3.5	5	3
20. H.D. Basset	3.5	4	3

Other MM readers who made the top 40 list were:

John Michalski (#21; 3.4; 8; 1); Jan Stafford (#24; 3.3; 5; 2); Mark Berch (#32; 2.9; 5; 2); Al Pearson (#33; 2.8; 4; 2); and Bill Schwautz (#37; 2.3; 6; 1).

EVERYTHING #54 was issued fairly recently (thus, the updated IPR from Dan). EVERYTHING, for those of you fairly new to the postal hobby and don't know, stands for EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT DIPLOMACY BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK or some such crazy thing and contains all the statistics of postal DIPLOMACY. Included are all the new game starts and all the recent game finishes with the final supply center charts, etc. Don Ditter, the Boardman Number Custodian (BNC) has a new address: 63 South Main St., Florida, NY 10921. Don has a new publisher for E - Bill Quinn, 1225 Ridgecrest, Orlando, FL 32806. Write to Don at the above address if you are interested in subbing to E. Bill has included a "Diplostats" feature and will appear in each issue from now on. It consists of a Calhauer point summary of how each nation did in that issue's game reports. For instance, did you know that of the 51 games reported, that England won seven times? Congratulations on wins go to MM readers Mark Berch, who won 1980AY (the DW Demo game), and Don Ditter, who won both 1980V and 1980CJ!

A couple of fakes arrived here last week within a few days of each other and both bearing the same Philadelphia postmark. The first one is a fake EUROPA EXPRESS on buff-colored paper just like Gary uses. This "EE Vol. 20" contains such witticisms as a paragraph deriding Mark Berch: "It seems that Mark Berch is up to some underhanded dealings. In a recent issue of DIPLOMACY DIGEST, Berch claimed that you would receive nude photos of either Kathy Byrne or Mona Berch for \$1. If you sent Mark \$5, photos of Woody and Toots Michalski coming out of the closet would also be included. It seems that Dave Grabar sent Berch \$5. What did he receive? Articles on how to play Austria and knit at the same time. Please help Grabar and write Berch a protest." Also included is a subzine entitled "Flagship" published by Mark Berch. Also there is a fake "Mos Eisley Spaceport" which parodies Michalski's famous roving subzine. And last, but not least is Gary's "A Farewell to DIP" where Gary announces his drop from the hobby to pursue a closer relationship with the Lord . . . and Fluff.

Interesting . . . I'm sure a copy will be sent your way if you request one from Steve Arnawoodian, 602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446. The only question is whether Steve did all the work himself or whether Kathy, John, and the rest helped out. The second fake is yet another Y'ALL (#4). It certainly seems as though it's time to make fun of Gary and I'm sure that Woody is behind this one as well. It's six pages long of "Gary's" account of FudgeCon plus a few letters and stuff. Again, if you didn't get one, write to Woody at the above address!

Thanks to all those who have inquired about my football team's season. Remember last time I told you we were having a rough time and about to play the Number 2 team in the state -- West High. Well, our kids played a great game and made it close. We lost 15-6 but we were very pleased with how they played. We gave 'em a bit of a scare. We finished the season at 2-7-1, a very dismal year for us. The season ended on a bright spot, however, when we whipped the third place team in our league, Foothill by the surprising score of 47-18. We surprised a lot of people that night. I was sure surprised. Hopefully that big win will provide some momentum going into next year . . . Next up is the ol' RRR!

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READERS' RHETORICAL REPLIES

(( from Gary Coughlan ))

Dear Ron,

Well, I was really hoping that MM #48-49 (July 16, 1982) was Bob Olsen's last public embarrassment at his own hands but I see that indeed, after 3 months yet, he finally comes back with what he no doubt calls "clever repartee". It only takes a Southerner one issue to deal with crap like Olsens's; but why does it take him 3 months to come up with a reply to me? Eh, Bobby? ( I underlined that Ron, so "Bad Bob" can't ignore it like he has ignored other points I have brought up).

But even I was somewhat amazed at his latest slurs in MM #52, especially after I spent my time and money and journeyed to his home in a noble gesture to end this miserable feud and save what is left of his shattered reputation. My treatment at his hands was almost unspeakable. More on that later.

First of all, Ron, you must realize what it means to a Southerner, any Southerner to travel to Kansas, that place of the Old South's defeat. (KANSAS SHOULD HAVE BEEN A SLAVE STATE!!! WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE LECOMPTON CONSTITUTION OF 1857 I ASK YOU?!!) But I shelled out money I didn't have for an airline ticket (what would I do without VISA?) and flew to Wichita AFTER giving Olsen elaborate instructions of when and how I would arrive.

Once there, I walked out smiling, to start things off right, proudly displaying my Elvis Presley postcard for Olsen to not only easily recognize me but to give him something to write about to you, Ron.

Well, sir, NO ONE was there to greet me and I waited until everyone else had left. (I almost immediately hid my Elvis Presley postcard). I went to the baggage claim and wondered if I was in the right place but, no, it's true; Wichita's airport only has 2 baggage claim areas. There I stood, alone and friendless with no one to meet me for over 30 minutes! All these farmers in overalls and not one of them was Olsen as it turned out. Finally he and Arnawoodian showed up with grins on their faces. Hump I thought.

The weekend was no better either. I was thankful that I brought my own pillow and blanket because all Bob Olsen offered me (and all his other guests) was the floor. As if that wasn't bad enough, the rug on the floor shedded this orange lint which got all over your clothes. The bathtub didn't have a shower curtain. Olsen was right about one thing -- Kansas is the "Land of Ahs" (Do you get that stupid Kansas joke, Ron; it's a takeoff on "The Wizard of OZ") because everytime he didn't have something that is standard in most homes, we all went "AH!?!"). Like no food in the refrigerator (I mean we're talking Bob Olsen, right??!! It was all I could do to console myself with the imported beer) -- AH! No furniture downstairs? AH! Not even any Elvis Presley albums! AH!

I even gave him a squirt gun and an Elvis Presley snuff box, Ron! I went out of my way to be nice to him (And Wichita is really out of the way!) and it was all for nothing. He even helped the Byrne-Hanson gang dunk my head!

And yes, I pulled Olga's (his cat) tail. But, Ron, it was only to save the little parakeet in the cage from having a heartattack. This alley cat took fiendish delight in jumping up at the cage. Ask Olsen about Buddy, his parakeet that died (and was unceremoniously placed in the kitchen garbage can!). Now I know why -- heart attack. The other parakeet doesn't even have a name either indicating that Bob doesn't expect it to last much longer or that he is incapable of coming up with a 3rd name for his pets.

I even asked Eric Ozog, THE HOBBY OMBUDSMAN, to mediate between us, yes that is how low I sank that weekend to end this feud. I enclose the photographic evidence as proof. Notice how the fiend Olsen is twisting the hand of mine that I extended in friendship. (I realize that you may not be able to print it since it is in living color, Ron, but it would certainly show your readers the kind of man that Olsen is.)

Well, I guess that's it for this time. I got to go load my squirt guns. You just never know when a hobby member might drop in at the old ~~trailer~~ trailer.

Sincerely,  
Gary

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RRR (Con'd)

(( Thanks for giving us the true story about "Bad Bob", Gary! I always suspected he was at heart a cruel man. I wonder what new cruel sports he'll dream up for Olga to enjoy -- adding a bowl of goldfish perhaps that Olga can terrorize? I can't print the picture this time but perhaps another time the world will be able to see "Bad Bob" at his fiendish best, twisting poor Gary's hand off! Well, Bad Bob, what do you have to say for yourself? - RB ))

(( from John Caruso ))

Ron,

You didn't offend me. I was making a sarcastic acknowledgement -- you know -- ha ha. I can't believe this hobby. If things keep up like this, I'll start my own hobby. Tho I may now know what caused your reply to me. One word -- Brux. What's he up to now? His middle name should be "Busy Body" or "Trouble Maker", not Brux. Your explanation for the article is fine by me -- not that you needed one. I can't understand what possesses Brux to do this stuff? It must be our (Dipdom) cross to bear. I've never seen anyone get his rocks off so much over controversy as he does, except maybe when he and Woody go to Suite 100.

Oh, you have to tell me -- was it your 1st, 2nd, or 3rd million dollar yield from that article? (Of all the people to pick on - good guy, conservative, quiet Ron Brown). If I take  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit, can I make  $\frac{1}{2}$  of what you get?

John

(( Thanks for writing. You have read by now, in all liklihood, my letter to Bruce on the matter in VD #68. First off, I want to state that I harbor no grudges against Bruce; and I think he feels the same. We're friends. He's right in saying credit should have been given to the original source. I didn't think I copied anything, but I did paraphrase a good deal. I wouldn't have sent that article anyway for use in SuperNova but for the fact that someone had let Bruce down with a promised article and he was desperate for an article on Austria and I guess that was the only one available. Do you really think I'm conservative and quiet? (I know I'm a good guy!) Thanks for the support, though, John; it is appreciated! - RB ))

(( from Woody Arnawoodian ))

Dear Ron,

Lately I haven't been sleeping too well and I believe if I clear my conscience it will help.

I began playing DIP postally roughly two years ago. My first article was an expose on Kathy Byrne and how she was a bag lady. Did you know I stole that article? I copied from page 171 of my old high school Algebra II textbook. I should have stopped there but I didn't. I went on to page 180 and stole a couple of roast articles, one on John Caruso and one on Drip Martin.

Completing all the interesting material there I went on to bigger and better things. It was at this time that I began COAT OF ARMS and DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

As usual I was at a loss of words. So I went to "A History of Armenia". It was here that I saw leper colony and standby list used as one and the same. Also I saw 10 or 12 people listed here as dip standbys and stole that too. Then I committed a dreadful sin, I stole my fee for subs from you (yes, Ron, I used your sub rates).

Next, I took out an almanac. It was here that I copied word for word my PudgeCon report. Also the 25 games I'm in, my press releases are taken from the same almanac. Oh, Ron, I'm so afraid the almighty jackass Bruce Linsey may find out, then he'll make a houserule or something to destroy me.

One more thing, I always thought there was something strange about Bruce Linsey's

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THE GAMES!!

1981D WINTER 1909 DRAWS FAIL! WAR CONTINUES!

England- Build A EDI, F LON Germany- A War-r-PRU; Build F KIE, F BER  
France- Build A PAR Turkey- F Gre-r-OTB, F Ion-r-OTB, A Sev-r-OTB/NRR!/  
1981D SPRING 1910 TURKISH EMPIRE FADES FAST! KRAUTS RECLAIM WARSAW! FROGS HANG ON!

England (Arnawoodian): A War-Ukr/d/-r-Lvn, Sil, OTB; A MOS-s-A War-Ukr; A Hol-Kie/d/-  
r-Ruh, OTB; F Nth-DEN; F SWE-s-F Nth-Den; F Lon-NTH; A Edi-YOR;  
A WAL-Bre; F ENG-c-A Wal-Bre; F MID-s-A Wal-Bre; F SPA(sc)-  
s-F Mar; F MAR-H; F Tys-ROM; F TUN-s-F Ion; F ION-s-Turkish  
F Aeg-Gre/NSU/.

France (Gray): A PAR-s-A Bre; A BRE-s-A Par.  
Germany (Langley): A Ukr-WAR; A PRU-s-A Ukr-War; A SEV-Mos; A Bud-GAL; A Gre-BUL;  
\* SER-s-A Gre-Bul; A Ven-PIE; A GAS-Mar; A BUR-s-A Gas-Mar;  
A Bel-HOL; F KIE-s-A Bel-Hol; F Ber-BAL; A Den-Swe/a/.  
Turkey (Ethington): NMR! F BLA, A CON-H; F Bul(sc)-H/d/-r-Aeg, OTB.

FALL 1910 due 12/28/82.

\*Would John MacFarlane, 630 Totavi, Los Alamos, NM 87544 please standby for Turkey?  
1981D Press-

SWITZERLAND: At long last our analyst has found some answers. England is indeed  
headed by a human being, not a saint. It must come as a relief to the German that he  
no longer has to trust him.

WOODY-GM: "England Bares His Blade?" Are you trying to say England stabbed Germany?  
How wrong you are, Fish! We Limeys simply want what is rightfully ours. That happens  
to be the lowlands and Warsaw! Just watch your step in the future, Brownie.

GM-WOODY: Well, eexxxxxcuusssssseee me! But if what you say is true, how come  
the Limeys were booted out of Warsaw and the Lowlands this spring?

GERMANY-TURKEY: You told me so! You told me so!

81D-GM: Hey, the #1 position in the game section goes to us! We demand it.

GM-81D: OK, OK you got it . . . this time!

1980KZ SUMMER 1910 English A StP-r-FIN

1980KZ FALL 1910 TURKS CONTROL EUROPE AS GAME ENDS!!!

England (Kelly): A FIN-StP; F NWY-s-A Fin-StP; F BAL-Lvn; A HOL-s-A Kie; A KIE-s-  
A Hol; F Nth-HEL; F PIC-s-F Bre; F BRE, F ENG, & F IRI-s-F Nat-Mid;  
F NAT-MID.

Germany (Pearson): A PAR-H.

Italy (Hugh): NMR! A BER, A BUR, A GAS, F SPA(sc), A ROM- H.

Turkey (Masters): A LVN-s-A StP; A MOS-s-A StP; A STP-H; A PRU & A SIL-s-Italian A Ber;  
A BOH-s-A Mun; A MUN-H; A Pie-MAR; F LYO-s-A Pie-Mar; A Ven-PIE;  
F Mid-Bre/d/; F NAF, F TUN, F APU, F AEG, F POR-H.

1980KZ 1910 Supply Center Chart

England- Home, Nwy, Hol, Den, <del>StP</del> , Kie, Swe, Bel, Bre.....	(10)-1
Germany- Par.....	(1) 0
Italy- Rom, Ven, <del>Mar</del> , Ber, Spa.....	(4)-1
Turkey- Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, Mos, Gre, Ser, Bud, Tri, Vie, War, Tun, Nap, Mun, Por, STP, MAR. (19) WINS!	

Endgame Statements due 12/28/82. Thanks to Ron Kelly and Al Pearson for taking over  
standby positions and playing them to the end. And of course, congratulations to  
Black Jack on yet another win.

"Have more than thou showest,  
Speak less than thou knowest,  
Lend less than thou owest."

1981AP WINTER 1909 CONCESSIONS FAIL TO PASS!

England- Builds A EDI, F LON Russia- A StP-r-OTB  
Italy- A Gal-r-VIE; Builds A ROM Turkey- A Ser-r-BUL; Disbands F Eas  
(plays one short)

1981AP SPRING 1910 ITALY BRINGS FIVE FLEETS TO BEAR ON IONIAN SEA!

England (Gray): F STP(nc)-s-F Nwy; F NWY-s-F StP(nc); A SWE-s-F Den; F DEN-s-A Swe;  
A KIE-Ber; F HOL-Kie; F BEL-Hol; F Lon-NTH; F ENG-s-F Lon-Nth;  
A EDI-H.

Italy (Williams): A Ser-Rum/d/-r-Tri, OTB; A BUD-s-A Ser-Rum; A Boh-GAL; A VIE-s-A Boh-Gal;  
A Mur-TYA; A Ruh-MUN; F Ven-ADR; F APU-s-F Ven-Adr; A ROM-VEN;  
A Nap-ROM; F Tys-NAP; F Wes-TYS; F TUN-Ion.

Russia (McCloud): A War-SIL; A BER-s-A War-Sil; F BAL-s-A Ber.

Turkey (Haffey): A Rum-SER; A ALB-s-A Rum-Ser; A BUL-s-A Rum-Ser; F GRE & F AEG-s-F Ion;  
F ION-H; A Gal-RUM.

FALL 1910 due 12/28/82. There is a proposal for a E/I draw, please vote with your next orders remembering that 'NVR' = 'Yes' vote.

1981AP Press-

RUMANIA-ROME: Rather England should win than you. And, I will do all I can to see to it.

1982CO SUMMER 1902 Turkish A Bul-r-CON; French A Bur-r-PAR.

1982CO FALL 1902 GERMAN ARMY SLIPS INTO GASCONY! IS FRANCE IN TROUBLE?!

Austria (McCloud): A Gal-BUD; A Vie-TRI; A SER-s-A Bul; F GRE-Aeg; A BUL-H.  
England (Olsen): F IRI-Mid; F ENG-s-F Iri-Mid; A Bel-PIC; F Nwy-STP(nc); F Nth-NWY.

France (Hugh): A Pic-BUR; A PAR & A MAR-s-A Pic-Bur; F BRE-s-F Mid; F MID-H.

Germany (Swartz): A DEN-H; F Kie-DAL; A RUH-Bur; A MUN-s-A Ruh-Bur; A Bur-GAS.

Italy (Palter): A Tun-NAF; F Nap-TYS; A Ven-PIE; F ION-s-Austrian F Gre/OTM/.

Russia (J.Beck): F Rum-BLA; A Ukr-RUM; A Mos-SEV; F SWE-H.

Turkey (Gorham): F AEG-Gre; A CON-Bul; F Smy-EAS; A Arm-SMY.

WINTER 1902 AND SPRING 1903 due 12/28/82. There is a proposal for a E/G/R/I/A draw - please vote with your next orders; 'NVR' = 'Yes' vote.

1982CO 1902 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Home, Ser, Gre, BUL.....	(6) +1
England- Home, Bel, Nwy, STP.....	(6) +1
France- Home, Spa, Por.....	(5) 0
Germany- Home, Den, Hol.....	(5) 0
Italy- Home, Tun.....	(4) 0
Russia- <del>StP</del> , Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Swe.....	(5) +1 (was two short)
Turkey- Home, <del>Bel</del> .....	(3) -1

1982CO Press-

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: Larry, if you don't mind, please hold off part of your southern campaign and send a couple guys to my rescue. I'm the only true friend you have in the Dippy world and you're watching me get flushed down the toy-toy. Help me?

BERLIN-THE WORLD: Ahah! So it is true! I've heard about those evil French elves. The stories told us by those poor innocent Liechtenstein lasses make us shudder at the evil depths to which the French have sunk. The perversions the elves have visited upon our neighbors go beyond human belief. Apparently they have taken some of the poor innocent lasses back to France for further "delights". Our valiant troops will take appropriate steps to cleanse the earth of these filthy French perverts and return the lasses to their homes.

LONDON-PARIS: What's all this stuff about elves? You aren't actually Ozog in disguise are you? Doy, talk about psyching me up for the attack! Have at you, Blackheart! Take that! and that!

FRANCE-GM: Is there a Russia in this game?? What's his name?

GM-France: John Beck.



1982CO Press (Con'd)

GERMANY-ITALY: Thanks my good friend. I didn't believe those French stories for a minute!

FRANCE-ENGLAND & GERMANY: OK, boys, the joke's on me -- Ha, Ha! -- I loved it. Now get y'all buns outa my homestead!!

KANSAS YANKEE-KENTUCKY KERNEL: You've got an ally for life -- what a wonderful thing to call someone: Kansas Yankee. Long live the F-G alliance and down with the South! (Including Southern California).

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1982HZ FALL 1901 FROGS TAKE NORTH SEA AS FOUR NATIONS BECOME EMBROILED IN THE BALKANS!

Austria (Rodriguez): F TRI-Ven; A Vie-CAL; A SER-s-Italian A Nap-Gre.

England (Cannon): F Nwg-NWY; A YOR-Lon; F Nth-Lon/d/-r-Nwg, Ska, Edi, Hel, OTB.

France (Stafford): F Eng-NTH; A Spa-POR; A Gas-SPA.

Germany (Ozo): A Ruh-BEL; F HOL-s-French F Eng-Nth; A Kie-DEN.

Italy (Torkelson): A VEN-Tri; A Nap-GRE; F ION-c-A Nap-Gre.

Russia (Lahue): A War-UKR; A Ukr-RUM; F SEV-s-A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-SWE.

Turkey (Jones): A BUL-Rum; A CON-Bul; K F Ank-BLA.

WINTER 1901 AND SPRING 1902 orders due 12/28/82. (Note: If all players send S'02 orders the seasons will be combined. If only W'01 orders are turned in by all then S'02 will be separated)

1982HZ 1901 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Home, SER.....	(4)+1
England- Home, NWY.....	(4)+1
France- Home, SPA, POR.....	(5)+2
Germany- Home, BEL, HOL, DEN.....	(6)+3
Italy- Home, GRE.....	(4)+1
Russia- Home, SWE, RUM.....	(6)+2
Turkey- Home, BUL.....	(4)+1

((GM Note: A correction notice was sent to all players re: Italy's S'01 orders. Instead of how they were listed last time they should have read: A VEN-Tri, A Rom-NAP.))

1982HZ Press-

MOSCOW-ANKARA: We can smell the "Unwashed Nine" from here. How about giving them a bath? They could cause an international incident!

ENGLISH COAST: A couple of French garbage soows have been spotted in the Channel. The King hopes they have the good sense to dump their garbage well away from English shores.

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SPRING 1901 orders and press are due 12/28/82. Good luck to all!

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

1981AY WINTER 1906 German A Sev-r-MOS (omitted last time - RD)

1981AY SPRING 1907 DOES ENGLAND HAVE ANY FRIENDS? DOES ANYONE?

Austria (Lucas): A GAL-War; A RUM-s-Turksih A Sev-Ukr; A Tri-ALB; A Vie-TRI; A VEN-Pie;  
F Rom-TYS; F ION-H.

England (Gray): F Nwg-NWY; F STP(nc)-s-F Nwg-Nwy; F Nth-s-F Nwg-Nwy/d/-r-Nwg,Den,  
Hel,Lon,Yor,Edi.OTB; F ENG-s-F Nth.

France (Winger): A Dre-PIC; A GAS-Bur; A PAR-s-A Gas-Bur; A MAR-s-A Gas-Bur; F Spa(nc)-  
MID.

Germany (Albrecht): A Ukr-WAR; A MOS-s-A Ukr-War; A Ber-SIL; F Nwy-NTH; F SKA-s-F Nwy-Nth;  
F HOL-s-F Nwy-Nth; A BEL-s-A Bur; A EUR-s-A Pie-Mar; A PIE-Mar;  
A Ruh-MUN.

Russia (N. Beck): F ARM-s-Turkish A Bul-Sev.

Turkey (McCloud): A Bul-SEV; F BLA-c-A Bul-Sev; A Sev-UKR; A ANK-H; A SMY-H; F Mid-  
TRI.

FALL 1907 due 12/28/82.

1981AY Press-

TRIESTE-KIEL: See Sally. See Sally sail.

TRIESTE-LONDON: Sail Sally sail.

PARIS: 'What irony,' said the French Ambassador, 'just when we begin to trust the  
German, everybody else turns against him and he turns on us.'

ICELAND (FP): German forces have made rapid gains all along the Scandinavian front.  
English fleets have been pushed north to the frozen Arctic. It will be a hard winter  
for the people of the British Isles.

LONDON-BERLIN: Thanks for the stab! It'll give me good practice in being a pain  
in the ass!

AUSTRIA-FRANCE: I guessed I didn't hammer loud enough. How can you help yourself  
unless you submit moves? Is it Rocky Mountain Koolaid that's doing you in or Grand  
Junction Gold?

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: I've heard that the Portuguese give twice the head but are harder  
to nail, is that why?

#### GAME OPENINGS

REGULAR DIPLOMACY - MM-18 will be the next game of regular DIP here within the pages  
of MM. The gamefee is \$6.00. You must also submit a NMR deposit  
of \$3.00 and maintain a subscription to MM. Preference lists are  
accepted. This will be a gray press game as are all MM games.  
House rules are available on request.

MACHIAVELLI - Still hoping to fill a game of Mach here. I've got one paid,  
one promised, and one interested. Need 5 or 6 (preferably 6)  
to play. A \$6.00 gamefee plus \$3.00 NMR deposit is required.  
A subscription to MM is also necessary. Anyone else want in?

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##### LIST

The following have signed up as standbys for regular DIPLOMACY:

Larry McCloud, Dan Gorham, Jim Gray, Al Pearson, Jim Bumpas, Jack Masters, John  
MacFarlane, John Beck, Al Rodriguez, and Bill Hugh, plus Ron Kelly, George Cun-  
ningham, Steve Arnawoodian, Mike Coburn, Jerry Lucas, Scott Hanson! Thanks!

RRR (Con'd from pg. 6)

house rules, (I always knew there were many strange things about Linsey himself). One day I was looking for some information for one of my nephews in a 1920 edition "The Book of Knowledge". When I came across volume 12 it struck me. Brux's house rules are very similar to an article here. So many of the words are the same, such as: a, an, and, I, you, in, of, the, etc. I could go on and on. Ron, I just want you and your readers to know Bruce is a very sick person. It is a known fact that NYers are strange, (Barno, Swider, Garuso, Byrne, Dippy Don, Mills). But Linsey is sick. The less one has to do with him, the better. By the way, before Mark Berch got hooked up with Linsey he had a full head of hair.

Sincerely,

Woody

FS-

We are giving Brux to the western clique and bringing you to the eastern clique.

FFS-

Keep up the great work with MM! I enjoy it.

(( Uhhhh, gee, Woody, thanks for writing. I'm glad you enjoy MM! As for the rest of your letter, Brux, would you care to respond? - RB ))

(( from Dan Stafford ))

Ron,

I'm not quite sure how to respond to your editorial concerning "some thoughtless members of the hobby" except to say that I'm glad you didn't mention me by name.

I possess a somewhat "unusual" outlook on life. I believe that homosexuality is natural for many people. Therefore, from my point of view, to say someone is "gay" is just about like saying someone is "liberal", or "pro-Boardman", or whatever, i.e. a label which indicates something about a person, but not much.

I probably should have anticipated Gary's reaction. Certainly, in the future, I will refrain from speculation along that line. I guess the world is just not quite ready to deal with homosexuality as openly and matter-of-factly as it should. (Too many "rednecks" like Don Swartz still around). But by comparing it to the Bates thing, you have done exactly as Coughlan has; overreacted!

Dan Stafford

(( Thanks for writing, Dan and stating your point of view. I'd like to take the opportunity, though to point out how I differ with it. I personally do not think that homosexuality is a "normal" state. Let me go on to state for the record that a person's sexual preference is up to them. I don't care whether someone prefers screwing women, men, sheep, or whatever as long as they do not force their preference on me or others. But that doesn't keep me from having my own opinion on the "natural order of things". You are to be admired that you are so open-minded that the label "gay" means no more to you than those others, like "liberal". But my objection was that something was said publicly in print that caused someone pain. It was in this sense that I compared it to the Bates thing. As a hobby meant to be fun and enjoyable for all its participants, I don't think damaging personal remarks belong. This is exactly what your innocently-intended but damaging personal remarks did to Gary Coughlan. I agree with you that he probably did overreact to what was said, but that doesn't change how I feel about their appropriateness. I hope I have worded what I wanted to convey properly. Thanks for responding to my "editorial remarks". And thanks for the IPR update you sent. It's on pg. 3-4. I like your rating system. - RB ))

(( from Gary Coughlan ))

Dear Ron,

((excerpt from a letter dated 11/20)) A popular guessing game here is what an NFL team in Memphis would be called: How does the Memphis Pharoahs grab you? The Memphis Moonshiners? The Memphis Cotton Bolls? The Memphis Bollweevils? The Memphis Con-

((con'd next pg.))

RRR (Con'd)

federates? I would like the Memphis Rebels best but that is the name of a local school here, the Ole Miss Rebels. It is generally assumed that the cheerleaders for a Memphis NFL team would be called "The Memphis Belles" after one of the aircraft (B-29?) from WW II, and for being Southern Belles.

Sincerely,  
Gary

(( So, there's really a chance of Memphis gaining an NFL franchise, huh? Naturally I'd have to go along with the Memphis Rebels since the school I coach football at is the South High Rebels. The fight song is Ole Miss' too by the way. My second choice would be the Bollweevils. Anyone with balls enough to name a team a dumb name like that has my respect! I'd even have to become a fan of the Bollweevils! I didn't know Memphis was bigger than St. Louis and New Orleans either. Thanks for writing! - RD ))

WRAP-UP

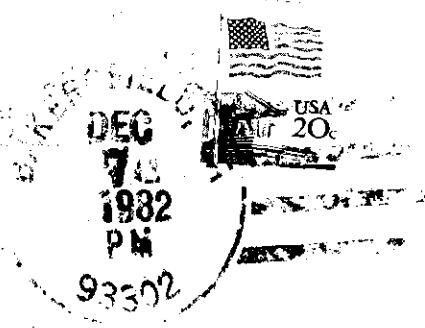
That takes care of this issue! Please note the early deadline of 12/20 for all games herein. I moved it up a bit so I could get the next issue out before school started back up again when things promise to be pretty hectic. One thing I must make quick comment on is draw proposals: recently Bruce Linsey caught a lot of flack for 'allowing' a game to end in a concession to a one center power. A concession was called for and no one bothered to veto it, so it passed as Bruce also uses the 'NVR' = 'Yes' vote (as do most publishers). I'm surprised that anyone can gripe at Bruce about this. If the same thing had happened here, the game would have ended at that point with a 1 center victor and sent to the BNC. It is not the GM's obligation to go around vetoing draws and/or concessions he feels aren't "right" (whatever that means). The game belongs to the players and if they vote for a 1 center concession, so be it! Players in MM are strongly urged to check each issue's adjudications and see if any draws/concessions are proposed, and vote with their next set of orders! In these pages, the result of the players' vote will NOT be rescinded. Well, enough on that. Hope you all have a very nice Christmas Holiday this year. See you around New Year's! Bye!

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