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Bourse on Game 1969BH:

	<u>Open (18/10)</u>		<u>Mark Steadies</u>		<u>Units Bought</u>	<u>Units Sold</u>
	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Asked</u>	<u>Close (25/10)</u>	<u>Bid</u>		
Pounds	1.78	1.79	1.77	1.78	-	50
Larks	1.05	1.06	1.21	1.22	343	-
Lire	.09	.10	.09	.10	-	-
Roubles	.97	.98	.88	.89	-	177
Piastres	1.39	1.40	1.35	1.36	-	100

The Experiment. One of the players having declared that he has no interest in continuing the Experiment further, it is hereby cancelled. I hope to do a short write-up of this venture in an early issue.

New Blood

The following have indicated an interest in postal Diplomacy:

Chris K. Driscoll, 118 Martin Grove Road, Islington, Ontario

Douglas F. Skeaff, 25 Leith Hill Road, Apt. 104, Willowdale, Ontario

Mark Weidmark, 528 Park Crescent, Pickering, Ontario

Arteries, Old and New. The new Ontario players, listed above, should note the reply to a letter from John Leeder, given elsewhere in this issue. They should also write to a number of the following gamesmasters, all of whom are believed to have now, or shortly, vacancies of one sort or another. However, some of these vacancies are for replacement player positions only, and some are for variant games only. When writing ask about type of opening, fee, and playing procedures.

John Boardman, 234 East 19th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11226. Don Turnbull, 6 St. George's Avenue, Timperley, Cheshire, England. Hal Naus, 1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista, California, 92011. Don Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Maryland, 20906. Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, California, 92116. Doug Schaefer, 84 Farm View Drive, Guilford, Conn., 06437 (Continued on page 4)

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Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, New York, 11104:

13/10/71

((With reference to Leeder's letters in Pfennig-Halbpennig #1)) enclosed is a series of moves lasting three and a half years which see Russia and France sweep the board with all other units holding in place and needing a support to eliminate.

((+(I will not print your actual moves, Edi, let others see what they can do. However, I can affirm that your moves give the result that you state. -jamcc+))

John Leeder, Box 1606, Huntsville, Ontario, Canada:

12/10/71

Thanks for printing the letters on Solodip. Now I sit back and wait to be inundated by a tidal wave of mail. Incidentally, after my last letter, I blew my theory by playing a four year game with two 'neighbouring' countries, Germany and Austria. Back to the drawing board. I haven't run any combinations in the last while.

I see you haven't completely given up all thoughts of gamesmastering. Here's something in which I would be interested in participating if you had any thought of running it: How about an all-Canadian game? Your "New Blood" column has carried enough ((Canadian)) names over the last while - you probably could make up at least a novice game from that list.

((+(For Solodip the best results so far reported now stand as -

Austria	Germany	4 years	Leeder
France	Italy	4	Leeder
France	Russia	3½	Birsan
France	Turkey	4½	Leeder
Italy	Germany	4	Leeder
Italy	Turkey	6	Leeder
Germany	Turkey	4½	Leeder

If anyone has results for other pairs, or better results for these pairs, I'd be glad to publish them. As to abandoning your theory, it is a matter of definition. Our board is not simply connected, due to the 'hole' of Switzerland. The majority of games are played, in the opening years, as if that hole were extended by a cut running from, say, Basle to Dresden. If we regard that cut as being there then Germany and Austria are not neighbouring countries in the ordinary sense.

For an all-Canadian game. It has been suggested from time to time. When Derek Nelson and Bob Lake began Jutland Jollies they proposed having such a game. It was pointed out to them that while this guaranteed a Canadian winner, barring ties, it likewise guaranteed 6 Canadian losers and that if 7 Canadians were available they might do better spread out a little thinner. They abandoned

the idea. Canadians had had a high ratio of success at that time. The first game completed, 1963A, was won by Derek Nelson, a Canadian. So was the second, 1964A. The latter was almost an all-Canadian game in its final stages; It was won by James Mackenzie, the only other survivor was the aforementioned Derek Nelson, and the last player to be eliminated was Bill Christian. It was carried in Graustark and the press releases and headlines had remarks about Canadian influence in European cabinets. The only fully all-Canadian game so far was one of the games in Nemedian Chronicles. That journal was published in Saskatoon and carried, among others, a semi-local game, all the players being in northern Saskatchewan. Conrad von Metzke (Box 8342, San Diego, California, 92102) is now trying to organize a Canadian game. (In case you are wondering how someone who lives virtually on the Mexican border is getting into the Maple Leaf act, it should perhaps be explained that Conrad's grandfather was a Nova Scotian.) His game is by invitation only. However, if things turn out as they usually do in such cases, it is likely that some of the invitees will have to decline, so that I think it would do no serious harm if any Canadian seriously interested dropped Conrad a note indicating his interest. Conrad is, by the way, looking for a suitable name for the bulletin to carry the game. I have suggested several possibilities to him but, on later thought, I am wondering if '1812' wouldn't be appropriate. Conrad is a great music lover and the title will, no doubt, recall Tchaikovsky to him. To us, north of the border, it will recall the battles of Chateauguay, Queenston Heights, and the rest, where the great invasion attempt was foiled. -jamcc+))

Derek Nelson, Parliamentary Press Gallery, Ottawa (but use 18 Granard Ave., Scarborough, Ontario, when writing):

21/10/71

Like the letterhead? Wish I'd had it for running the diplomacy game ((in Jutland Jollies)). As you might guess I am now working in the press gallery in Ottawa. Tell you, man, these politicians are a drag. The keynote to describe most debate here is "boring". "Repetitious" and "partisan" are two other words that come to mind.

In general I'd say the Tories are the most interesting party when it comes to members, the Liberals the most "establishment", the NDP the most irrational, and the Creditistes the most emotional. Tories have a lot of individuals. Alberta is incredible in producing both Jack Horner and Eldon Williams. Neither guy needs a mike to speak to the house.

((+(Sorry, Derek, couldn't resist the temptation to put this in after the reply to Leeder's letter, above. Besides, if you end up in Conrad's game, along with 6 novices, you will now have annoyed enough of them by defaming their respective favorite brands of politician to make alliances somewhat difficult for you to get. This will even things out a bit for the novices up against an old pro like yourself. ...Best of luck in the Ottawa job, Derek. I suppose that Grau, a political journal, will, from time to time, carry your comments on the Ottawa scene. I'll be interested in seeing them. jamcc+))

Jeff Power, 121 Gauss Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540:

The BROB Rating List should be out January 1. I have almost all the information necessary and need only assemble it over Christmas vacation. It will be published by me in a magazine which will carry only the BROB list for the time being. It will be a complete listing, including inactive players, this first time. The next list will then be cut down to a more manageable size. It will be sent out upon request for the cost of postage. There will be no subscriptions or trades, although it will be sent out free of charge to a couple of dozen people who have been helpful to me or who should have a copy.

((+(This is very welcome news, Jeff. Thank you very much for the work you have put into this. -jamcc)+))

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New Game. I am opening a new game. The magazine announcing it, and giving details of playing procedures, rule interpretation, and so on, will be out in about a week. Entry in the first instance will be given to those who have the highest scores of correct identification of the mast-head quotes which have appeared in Laurania and SerenDip over the last two years or so. No fee, of course, for those who earn their entry. As there will likely not be a full seven quote contest entries, cash entries will also be accepted. Fee \$2.00. Priority for cash entries in order of receipt, but all cash entries will rank after quotes-contest entries. And it is only fair to point out that the game will differ, in one slight respect, from the standard game, the victory criterion being slightly higher, and may be omitted from some Rating Lists as a result.

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