

Politesse

The Second Most Favorite "Real" NonBallotBoxStuffed FreshZine
Among the 38 Voters in Hanson's Poll
April, 1984

Greetings

Welcome to the national MaryCon edition of Politesse, official publication of the Washington Area Retinue of (Tacitly) Highly Organized Gamesters (WARTHOG). This year's MaryCon will be sponsored by the Mary Washington Game Society (Greg Byrd, President). Under the Toadfatherhood of Puppetmaster Richard Warner, Ph. D., MWGS held a highly successful miniMaryCon in January, 1984, and has been quite active in multiplayer generative nonwargaming throughout the past year. The Society has conducted 3 continuing Dip games since mMC (2 standard and 1 WWIIb). Players meet for an hour every day or so and play a couple turns. This allows for a somewhat leisurely pace and provides an opportunity to complete a game within a reasonable time frame. One game went to a 2-way, 17-17 draw (John Loeb and Greg Byrd) and another was a textbook, 18-center win by- who else?- Dick Warner. "I have essentially stabbed everybody in this game," boasted Warner, "One professor is worth 4 student wimps...it's the fifth one that worries me." We trust that the good doctor is due for a comeuppance.

A new MaryFeature this year will be the VariMaryCon, a single-round Dip variant tourney to be held June 1. Tom Swider will GM his Final Conflict and Fred Davis will offer one or more of Abstraction, Atlantica, 1885, Small World II-R and East Indies. Register for VMC along with MC (info and form elsewhere this issue). Tom runs several postal sections of FC and will probably reply to questions about the game if you ask real nice at 1183 Robinson Hill Road, Endwell NY 13760. Fred publishes a DipVariant only zine, Bushwacker, out of 1427 Clairidge Road, Baltimore, MD 21207. Politesse will send you copies of the Davis variants for a SASE, better make it 37¢ if you want them all. Since we cannot control the number of variant players, we cannot guarantee a particular game opening for any individual, but we will try to keep everybody happy. If you have a preference, write to Politesse- priority will go to those received the earliest.

And don't forget that your poliEditor, in his capacity as Director of the Bureau of Retirements of the People's Diplomacy Organization, is considering the retirements of Bruce Linsey and Robert Sacks from the Hobby. You still have 30 days to send your comments- pro or con- to Ed Wrobel, Director, BoR, PDO, PO Box 3463, Arlington, VA 22203. Make some input on this vital decision!

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- with...Serious Machismo by Konrad
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- Knives by Dick Warner and Inspiration
- by Rod Walker...oops, and Machisma
- by Frauke Petersen

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HadaGame

Myers Game 3/84B was held March 4 at the recreational facility of Jim Alves, Alexandria, Virginia. The result was a A/F/G/I/R draw.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Aus (Byrnes, D.)	5	6	5	5	6	5	8	7	8	8
Eng (Rogers, R.)	4	4	3	3	2	0				
Fra (Vessey, S.)	5	5	6	6	7	8	9	9	10	10
Ger (Wrobel, E.)	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	6
Ita (Taylor, J.)	4	5	6	6	6	7	5	6	5	4
Rus (Alves, J.)	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	4	5
Tur (Bragdon, B.)	4	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1

England (Rogers)

My first mistake was when I stabbed a seemingly weak and soon to be out Russia. I thought, why shouldn't England pick up the pieces? My fatal mistake was on the following turn when I decided that Russia should be kept as a buffer to the then Franco-Germanic alliance. I gave St. Pete back to Russia.

The high point of the game was when the fleeing English in desperation demolished the dikes in Holland, flooding the country causing the German army in Holland to become Army North Sea.

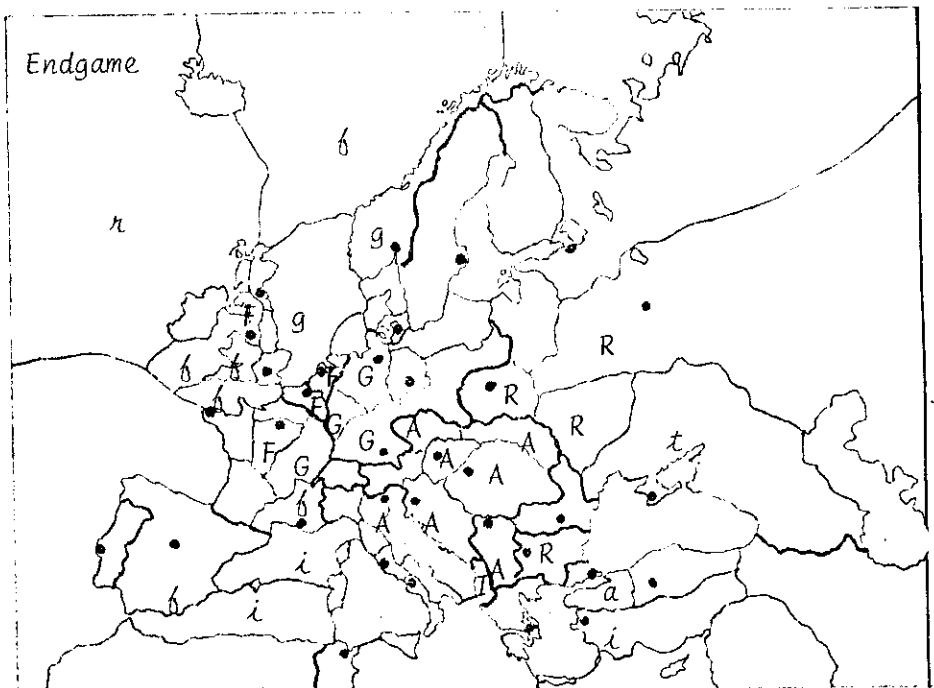
Turkey (Bragdon)

The WARTHOG FTF game on March 7 (sic) was great fun. Although, as Turkey, I was rapidly cut down to two centers, the tactical situation provided chances for survival. I managed to survive through 1908 through the usual mix of guesswork, calculation of likely enemy moves and tips from enemy players. But hostilities continue after the game. A couple of opponents want to know how many written enemy orders I spied on covertly. Answer: none.

A friendly tip: Diplomacy is only a game. You can't win 'em all. A touch of old-fashioned sportsmanship might work wonders in attracting more players to your group and your 'zine...

Germany (Wrobel)

This game was lacking in blood, though I shouldn't complain as it might well have been mine. Don't ever trust Vessey any longer than you must. Be sure to attack Rogers as soon as possible. Expect Taylor to say the opposite of what he thinks. Watch for Byrnes to do the obvious. Ally with Alves and don't hurt Bragdon's feelings.



PEA APPEAL

Sex Appeal is the nonSubzine reporting the World Diplomacy poliDemonstration Game. Guest postal editor: Ken Peel. Guest gamesmaster: Mark Stegeman.

SPRING, 2001

WAR ERUPTS IN MIDEAST!! SOVIETS MOVING FAST! HEAVY TRAFFIC IN NORTH ATLANTIC!
BOLIVIAN ARMY ATTEMPTS STRANGE MANEUVERS!

USA (Halverstadt): A Chi-BRC, A Hou-MEX, F Haw-WPAC, F San-NPAC, F Nyo-NATL
SAM (Wrobel): A BOL H¹ F Col-CARI, F Ven-CATL, F Rio-SATL, F Lim-SEPA
WER (Tallman): A Ams-HAM, A Rom-VNC, F Lon-IRIS, F Par-IBER, F Mar-WMED
ARB (Hillis): A Jer-IST, A BAG-Arm, A Lib-SUD, F Egy-REDS, F Alg-MOR, F Ara-IRA
BAF (Small): A Lus-CON, A Nai-SOM, F Nig-GOL, F Con-ANGB, F Joh-MOZA
RUS (Eklund): A Mos-KIE, A Kie-BAL, A GEO-ARM, A Oms-KAZ, A Sib-OMS, F Len-BALT,
F Vla-OKHO
CHN (Brown): A Man-MON, A Bei-XIA, A Bur-BAN, F Sha-ECHI, F Ind-SCHI
AUS (Wilson): F Mel-AUST, F Syd-BRI, F Bri-CELE, F Nze-CORA

GM note: 1. "A Bolivia H and supports itself to H." Good try, Ed, but I expect to see orders like this when it really matters. (Senor Wrobel is well-known for playing "chicken" with GMs.) (Just wait 'til you see what I have in store for you next time! -polied.)

For the benefit of the Hobby policemen who would report Mr. Stegeman for dereliction of duty: the game is run on flyers and some "business" is not reproduced here.

PRESS

Rockies to the World: The President reaffirmed today his vow that the United States would not be the first nation to build nuclear weapons. The announcement came after presidential aide Raoul Duke pointed out that nuclear weapons are not a part of this game.

GM to World: All who have asked, please note.

Amazon: The Coalition of Oppressed Southern Hemispheric Have-Nots petitions the GM to reverse centuries of discrimination by declaring South to be "up" on alternate turns. Such an action will be beneficial to the entire world, as Tierra del Fuego will point grandly heavenward six months of each year, and our friends, the Aussies can be "Up Over" half the time.

GM: I'd like to see a Freudian analysis of that request.

Oops News Service: Reports that Russian naval craft had sunk "dozens" of Japanese sampans "like ducks in a shooting gallery" in the Sea of Okhotsk were belatedly confirmed by Propaganda Minister Plenipotentiary Eklundinov. "They might have gone fishing somewhere near Sakhalin Island," he explained. "If not this week, maybe next." Members of the Japanese government were unavailable for comment, all apparently home sharpening seppuku knives.

Yellow Emperor: Confucious says, "The sage is not troubled by wordly things. He does not look for gain or try to avoid loss. Be like the sage. Do not look for wordly gains. He assures, "If you do not move, then it is easy to remain unnoticed."

GM: If you do not move, you lose \$4.

The Finance and Society page...

****Bourse****

Readers show loyalty in early trading...Dollar soars...Francs, riyals take beating...

Player	Current Holdings									
	\$ USA	Cruz SAM	Francs WER	Riyals ARB	Rands BAF	Rubles RUS	Yuan CHN	\$Aus AUS	SDR	Value
Ed Hall	1500	1500	500	500	1500	1500	500	500	0	8685
Sean Vessey	1300	1300	500	500	1100	1100	1100	1100	0	8465
KGB	1100	1800	1100	800	800	800	800	800	0	8422
Eric Mathers	1500	1500	500	500	1100	1100	900	900	0	8689
FKC	3000	500	1000	1000	500	500	500	500	500	9020
Frost	1000	1500	1000	1500	500	500	1500	500	0	8145
Industrial Laundry	1500	1500	500	500	1500	500	500	1500	0	8735
Louis Newman	1600	1600	500	500	1200	700	500	1400	0	8813
Roman C. Haig	1800	1700	500	500	500	500	2000	500	0	9027
New Price	1.53	1.39	0.71	0.73	0.97	0.82	0.93	0.87	1.00	

PRESS

KGB: I'm putting MY money on Fast Eddie. His units are twice as powerful as any others since they can both hold and support at any time. Also, it's his zine. It pains me to sell off currency of the glorious Soviet Union but comrade...business is business.

PoliEditor: We regret that individuals such as Mr. Kevin Stone would attempt to hide behind a transparent pseudonym and sully the pages of this non-Subzine with personal vendetta and simplistic jingoistic irony. "Evil empire" indeed. Ever hear of Wounded Knee? My Lai? The Missouri Compromise?

Next postmark deadline is April 14, so get your transactions down to the p.o. and be sure to follow applicable postal regulations by placing the following in the proper place on the outside of the envelope: Mark Stegeman, 15 Dartmouth Street, #2, Somerville, MA 02145. New Boursers are welcome- you start with 1000 of each currency. See previous issues of Politesse or write to Mark for additional info on WD and Bourse etiquette.

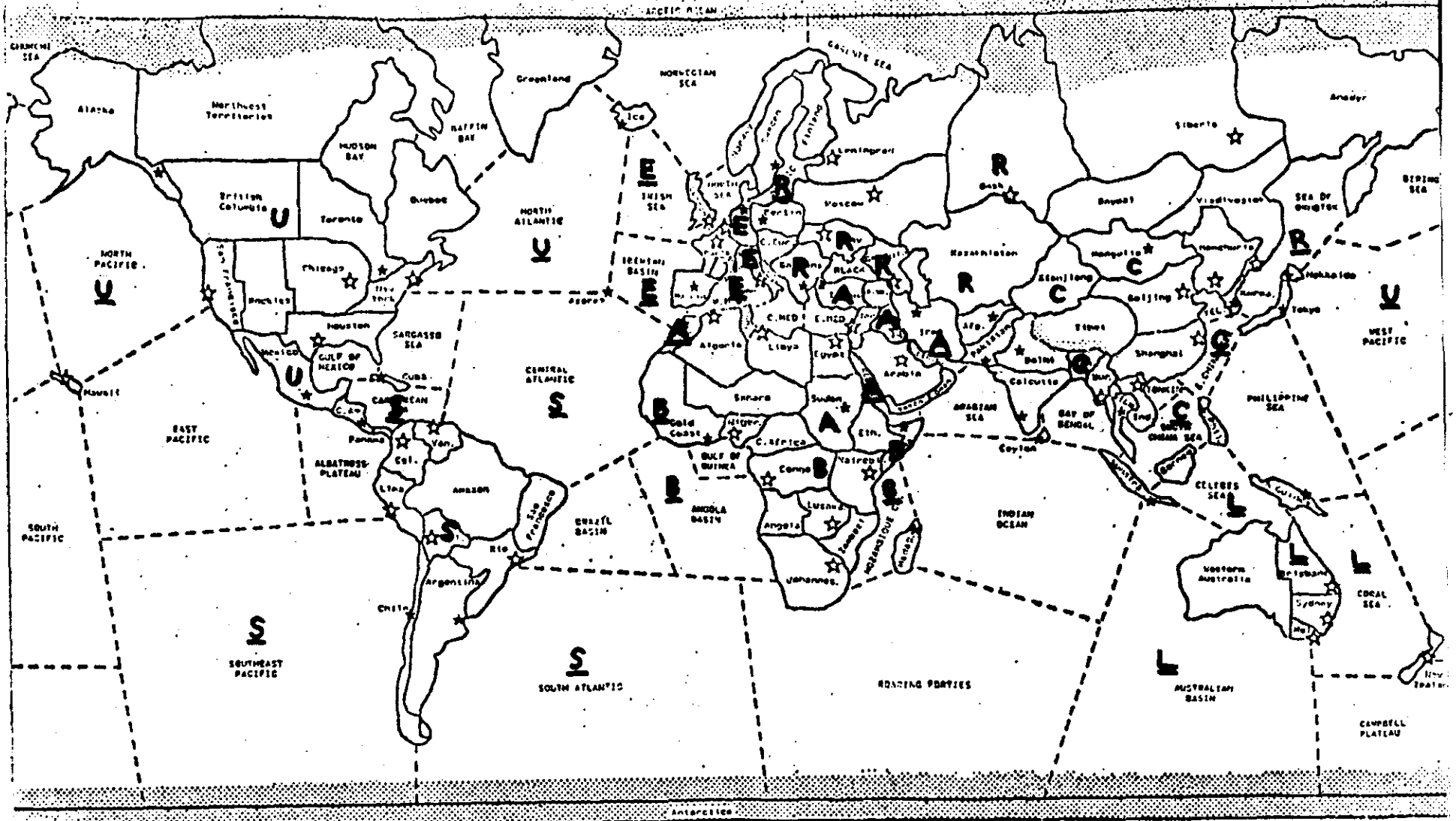
WORLD LEADER GOSSIP by Liez Smith (i.e. anonymous)

• Sheik Abdul al Ahmed, favorite nephew of the Sultan, has apparently gone absolutely ga-ga over Coquette, the darling French movie starlet, and the two are rumored to be tete-a-tete at this time on Abdul's yacht somewhere in the Mediterranean.

• Meanwhile, was that young Sam Wrobei in Studio 54, breakdancing with Julie the US President's youngest daughter?

• And the beloved Chinese gymnast, Tong Soon Hee, has sent a letter back home, evidently very pleased with her tour of Russia. The letter contains a very sweet poem about the serenity of the Siberian tundra. Expect to see Tong Soon doing her stuff in the Kremlin soon.

ta-ta...LS



World Diplomacy II
 copyright 1983
 Mark Stegeman

Fleets are underlined.
 Note that this game uses the updated World Dip map. Arabia borders Iran and Baghdad does not border the Persian Gulf.

Presidential Politics (The Game)

from Jake Halverstadt

Can any little boy really grow up to be president? Politesse will soon give you the opportunity to find out if you have what it takes to win a four-year mortgage on 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in a game of Jake Halverstadt's Presidential Politics.

The game, which can accomodate up to 16 players, takes its participants through a series of 21 primary and caucus elections, and a half-dozen regional elections. Winners are determined through a unique "voting" system based on the actual attitudes of voters in each of the states.

Based on the campaign of 1980 (future versions of the game are being planned to cover 1984 and elections from the past), players must take stands on 21 real-life issues like the MX missile, the military draft, fair housing and nuclear waste policy. The player will find that taking a particular stand on any issue may help him win votes in one state, while it costs him votes in another state. Sometimes the player will find it prudent to "stonewall" an issue, buying time in hopes that a rival will stumble with an unpopular pronouncement.

Also important to the play of the game is campaign funding. A player will have to pay for advertising in Des Moines or Detroit, make campaign visits to Albany or Akron or Austin, pay his campaign staffs in Miami and Milwaukee. Each player begins the game with the same amount of "cash," but how and where he spends it is up to him. A strong showing in the primary elections will bring more money his way, in the form of campaign contributions.

Each game "week" gives the player the opportunity to head out on the campaign trail for some handshaking and baby-kissing (or is it baby-shaking and handkissing?). The player has the chance to visit any of over 100 cities in search of votes and free publicity.

Playing another important role in the game is the fight for media shares. A candidate can sink big bucks into a flashy media presentation, virtually buying himself bushels of votes. But, will it be enough to win? Will a rival submit a bigger media bid, buying up all the available media? And, what of the budget-minded candidate who coasts along thanks to the "equal time" provision of federal law?

When the last ballot is counted in the "Super Tuesday" primaries of the Week 17 turn, the Republicans and Democrats will probably have chosen their presidential and vice-presidential nominees for the final round of the battle for the White House. If not, the leading candidates meet in those famous smoke-filled rooms for the negotiating that might make any dark horse the next occupant of the Oval Office.

(Presidential Politics has received the Politesse-keeping seal of approval. The game is available from Jake for \$5. Write him at 1106 Castlerock Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521. He has already received a number of inquiries about the game he will guest-GM for Politesse but there may be a slot open if you hurry and offer a lot of money. We expect the PoliGame to start in an issue or two. Watch for it- Jake writes excellent commentary! -ed.)

The following compendium of opportunities to play Diplomacy in person was sent by Eric Kane by mail. We have omitted his listing of MaryCon, which you may read of elsewhere this issue, and the Wrobelian Fools' Games, report of which you may read next issue, should you choose to request same.

EAST COAST:

Costume Diplomacy: October 27 at noon. Celebrate Halloween. Players must be costumed. Contact Ed Wrobel (address above). Ed publishes POLITESSE, which gives information about many FTF events around the East Coast but mostly in the Maryland-Virginia area.

ByrneCon: These get-togethers are held 2-5 times a year, at the home of John Caruso and Kathy Byrne, 160-02 43rd avenue, 2nd floor, Flushing NY, 11358. There will almost definitely be 1 over the Thanksgiving Vacation and 1 at New Years, but there may be others during the course of the year. Contact them for details.

BruceCon: This is held over Christmas vacation, hosted by Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot Drive, Apt 3, Dalton, MA, 01226. Contact him if you are interested in attending next year.

GenConEast: I have absolutely no information about GenCon East this year, but I'm pretty sure that it will be held sometime in June or July. John Caruso (address above) may have more information or you can ask me in a few months, as I will probably be attending. John Boardman runs the Diplomacy tournament every year. His address is 234 East 19th street, Brooklyn, NY, 11026.

KaneCon: Hosted by Eric Kane, 109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck, NY, 11024. This will be held sometime either in late June or early August, and will feature Dip, Civilization, Rail Baron, Illuminati, Dip Variants, and the soon-to-become annual Dip-trip to Jones Beach.

MIDWEST:

Madcon: Contact Mark Frueh for details, 1013 Milton St., Apt #304 Madison WI, 53715. I believe the next one is being held Memorial weekend.

RusnakCon: The Byrnecon of the midwest. Held several times a year at the home of Russ Rusnak, 8002 S. Nagle, Burbank, IL, 60459

Pudgecon: Another annual event threatening to become THE major Dip get-together of them all. Labor Day weekend is the next scheduled date. Contact Bob-Bob Olsen, 6818 Winterberry Circle, Wichita, KS, 67226

DipCon/Origins '84: June 21-24. The biggie. Held in Dallas this year. Members of this year's committee are Al Pearson, Ed Wrobel and Patrick Conlon. Al is the chairman and his address is: Box 898, Charles Town, WV, 25414.

WEST COAST:

Peericon: Held by Larry Peery (who else?). The next one I believe is scheduled for some time in late July. Larry's address is: P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA, 92102. Larry will also almost definitely have information for you about other Southern California get-togethers such as Mastadoncon and St. Valentine's Day Massacre Con.

DafCon: The New Years' ByrneCon alternative. Hosted by Steve Langley and Daf Langly every New Years' Eve. 4112 Boone Lane, Sacramento, CA, 95821.

SlugCon: I don't know anything about it, except that it is held by Terry Tallman in Seattle. His address is: 820 W. Armour St., Seattle, WA, 98119.

LepreCon: March 16-18, 1984. Contact Joan Extrom or Ken Corbin: Rt 1, Box 26W, Philomath OR, 97370. (503) 929-3223.

"Con of the Barbarians" October 13-14. Write to Ed Menders, 817 W. Micheltorena #C, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101.

HavaGame

Richard Rogers, 4613 Horizon Cir #104, Baltimore, MD 21208, (301)655-7246 will host a Dip game on Saturday, April 14, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Make your reservations early, bring food and drink, arrive timely and stick it out to the end (even if you feel that an A/R/G alliance has the game wrapped up in 1902). Our healthy and active DC area members are encouraged to support this first Baltimore event since the formation of WARTHOG. You can make a non-toll reservation by calling Doug Byrnes at 487-4747 before 2:30 p.m. M-F. Ken Peel, 8708 First Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 495-2799 (Apt. T-2) is looking for players for a 2-session fth game of World Diplomacy. No dates set.

WARNING: The letters on the next page contain bizarre and dangerous interpretations of reality. Take them with a grain of salt.

LETTERS TO DICK WARNER (A special pre-MaryCon feature)

Dear Dick,

With MaryCon only a couple months away I thought I should write you to check out the 1984 regulations.

During the past year I have attended several cons. I have observed and in some cases been personally attacked by various brutal objects in Dip games. Over Thanksgiving weekend a pot of peas was dumped on someone. That same weekend I was brutally attacked with a beer can (filled with beer no less!). On another occasion a Dip player attacked me with his fingers! This is on top of all the verbal abuse that is dished out. As if it wasn't bad enough that Hobbyists have attacked each other-- one obnoxious member of our hobby actually punched and dented my rice pilaf pot.

So, Dick, I need to know if bodyguards and other forms of defense will be made available to innocent people like myself. I implore you to demand that people leave their peas, fists, fingers and beer cans home. Also please ban all obnoxious people from this con. by the way, do you accept bribes? If not, your con will be a total waste and I just may boycott.

Another point I must bring to your attention. During the past year Ed Wrobel has had a hand in hosting various cons in Virginia. The man has purposefully kept the PA, NJ and NY crowd away. To even the score, please place Mr. Wrobel on a board with me, Ms. Byrne, Mr. Swider, Mr. Fassio, Thomas Mainardi and one of the Martins (preferably Julie, so I can flirt with her).

-Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian,
Corresponding Secretary,
PA Gaming Board

Dear Mr. Warner,

If anyone needs protection, I do! I am a known associate of Woody's- this is something I have never been able to live down. I mean it is really not my fault that everytime he stops by my house on the way. He has to be the only person I know who drives 3 hours to go to a bakery in NY!

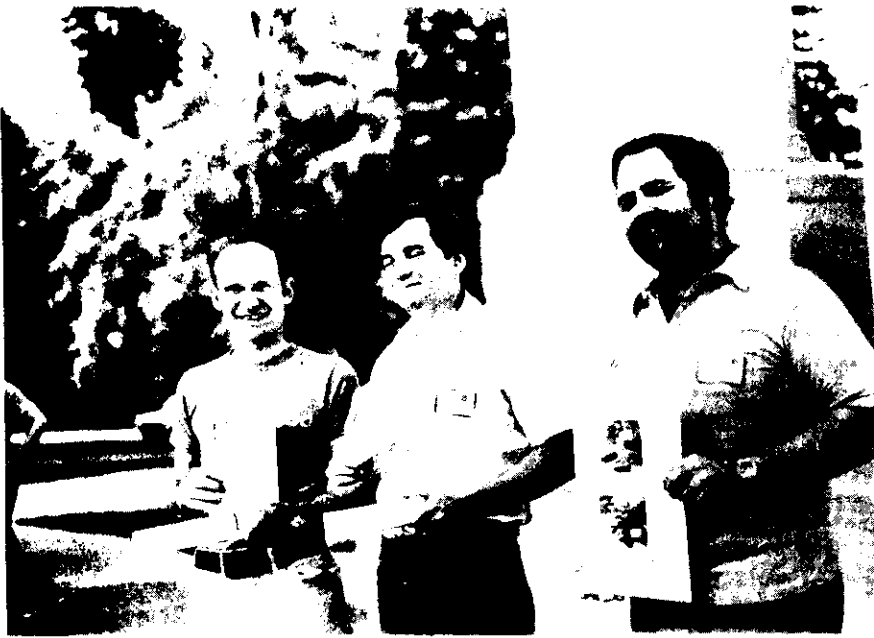
Not only do I have to contend with Woody, but there is also the case of Mr. Wrobel, the mild mannered Mr. Hyde of this hobby. Do you know he has tried to discredit my very serious Hobby advice column! And all because I told his poor suffering daughter to run away from home. Poor Edwina was a victim of child abuse! Yes, I know this is hard to believe, but Mr. Wrobel is a very sick man, and I really think that you should provide protection for us "normal" people!

And on top of all of this, what happens if Ken Peel shows up. This man (and I use that term loosely) is known for his expertise in knitting circles. He is also known for his stabbing of his allies with those very needles if they even look at him strangely. And believe me, a lot of people look at him strangely.

Now, I really don't want it to seem that I'm down on MaryCon. Really, I'm not, but I must be assured that the violent nature of the people attending will be restrained. I would suggest that in view of the hostile and sick acts like those of Woody, Ed Wrobel and Ken Peel, that you announce in your flier that all "normal" people will be protected from these Hobby sickos!

-Kathleen Byrne,
Boardwoman Number Custodian
Head of the Women's Bureau
Publisher of Kathy's Korner
Editor of Everything and a
firm believer in bodyguards!

Scenes from last year's MaryCon



Kador Daly Thompson

Mary Con-83

Below, Woody gesticulates
Julie Martin stands agape



Above, StrongSenn, the
only bi-headed quadruped
at the Con



Right, MaryConers
nervously paw the
starting gate



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IMPORTANT: IF YOU WISH TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS I.E. STAY AN EXTRA
DAY, EXTRA MEALS PLEASE NOTIFY US AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO ACCOMODATE YOUR REQUEST.

*WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ROOM YOU WITH THE PERSON(S) OF YOUR CHOICE
ALL ROOMS ARE DOUBLE OCCUPANCY AND ARE CONNECTED TO ANOTHER ROOM
FOR A TOTAL OF (4) PERSONS. THE COLLEGE WILL SUPPLY SHEETS, PILLOWS,
CASES. YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN BLANKET.

MARYCON-83 REVIEWED!

The only problem with MaryCon83 is that I can't decide what I liked best about it....the most enjoyable face-to-face games I've ever played...MaryCon is destined for greatness.

-John Daly, Dogs of War

The setting was ideal, the trophies the most imaginative I've ever seen... There was plenty of time to play, a room for each board and a sensible scoring system...I hate to disappoint my regular readers, but I can't think of a single negative thing to say about it.

-Mark Berch, Diplomacy Digest

A most enjoyable event. Hope to see more of you there next year.

-Fred Davis, Bushwacker

I'm going to MaryCon.

-Kathy Byrne, Detroit, July, 1983

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