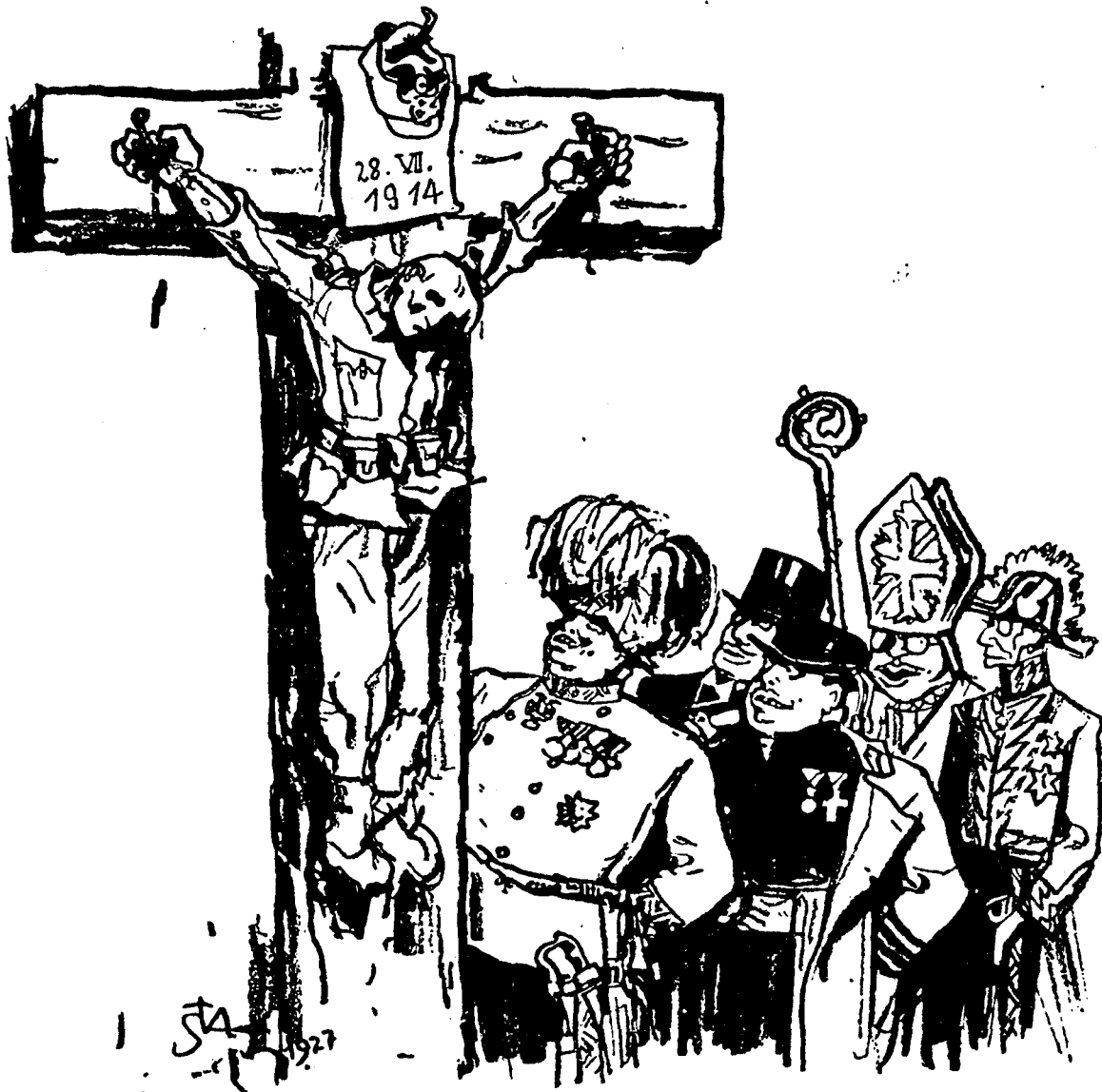


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# OUR PLAYERS

The players in our games are our favorite diplomatists. In place of the usual "Man of the Month" feature, we present our players this month. The following autobiographical sketches are printed as they were sent in to us and have not been edited.

Jim Diehl - Being well beyond the age of consent, I cannot failry grouse and lament the workover my lower quarters have been subjected to in this psychotic pastime, however, as I was already a confirmed pessimistic misanthrope, it is difficult to describe the delight, gratification, and satisfaction to discover, after encountering the numerous outish boors that infest and and squirm about in the "diprags", that my appraisal of human frailty was correct!

Ian Jeffrey - Ian Jeffrey is an Englishman, a graduate electrical engineer working as a French interpreter with NATO in Germany. Interests are gliding, parachuting, skiing, music, kayaking, and gaming.

Harley Jordan - Born in Altheimer, Arkansas. Raised in Chester, South Carolina. Graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Presently an electrical engineer with Burroughs Corp. Played Diplomacy since 1962, by mail since 1971. Winner of 1971 CB (Atlantis)

Lee Kendter - 35 years old - married 2 children. Oldest son also a Dippy nut. Started playing wargames about 15 years ago. Our Civil War is my favorite period. Have been playing postal Diplomacy for 2 years.

When not playing games, I manage a store that sells musical instruments. Former professional musician & teacher.

Dennis Klein - Born and raised in Park Forest (suburb about 25 min. S-SW of Chicato Loop). Will enter sophomore year at Knox College - Galesburg, IL. Been playing postal Diplomacy since late 1973.

I enjoy listening to humorous records - Dr. Demento - Tom Lehrer - Spike Jones. I insist that I am 5'6" tall but nobody believes me. At least, I'm still growing.

Jim LaWhon - Jim, 21 years old, is presently in the US Navy and stationed aboard a Rescue-Salvage in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. His interests fall mainly in wargaming and theology.

Jim is new to postal Diplomacy. He is presently in 2 games (which in one Jim Diehl is trouncing him - sigh) and also in a variant called Slobbovia (how about a plug, Drew?) Jim has played FTF Diplomacy for several years.

John Machir - Born 8/10/49 in Washington, D.C. Occupation: Insurance broker associated with Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co., specialist in estate planning. Married - no children. Graduated from Georgetown University in 1971 (B.S.). Other hobbies: football, tennis, military history.

Prior Dip experience - 6 mos. of face to face with local addicts. This is my first postal game. Prior wargaming - AH Gettysberg STT Waterloo and Normandy Favorite generals - Francis Marion, Jeb Stuart, George Patton, Joachim Murat, Arthur Wellesley.

Bill McDonough - Married, father of five (2 in college). Other hobbies: chess, fishing, ham radio, and, as my wife says, everything. Occupation - abrasive specialist. Involved in Diplomacy for two years; finished 3 games, 5th place, tied for 1st, 4th place.

Bob Normand - Bob is a banker - Divisional Credit Officer in the Bank of Montreal's "Quebec Division" to be exact. He enjoys sailing in the summer (too short) and skiing in the winter (you guessed it; too long). In his spare time, he's writing his theses to complete an M.B.A. at Concordia University (Con U to its devotees)/

This is Bob's second postal game, and in the first (1975 AT - "The Old Fogies Game" in Runestone), he's taking a beating as Austria, but hopes to improve with experience - ha.

Bruce Martin - I'm a graduate of Oakland U. with a B.A. in Psychology, currently employed as a die maker. I'm 27, an Army veteran, interested in history, classical music, fantasy & sci-fi, linguistics, etc., etc. PBM experience includes 5 Diplomacy and variant games, 3 other multiplayer games, and a few standby positions. No wins yet, but I'm working on it.

Nina Pawlak - You may ask, "What's a nice girl like you doing in a game like this?" First of all, I enjoy meeting new people. I have been playing postal since '72. This is the first variant I have played.

Currently, I am the Art Director of Diplomacy World. In my personal life, I am a wife, mother and designer of Bicentennial tee shirts.

Don Rittel - Don has just recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin and, between reading all the Dippy 'zines he can get his hands on, he's attempting to earn an honest buck. This is Don's 6th game, all of which are in progress presently. No victories in sight.

Gerald Rogowski - I am a junior high school instructor and have been for 13 years. Following graduation from Notre Dame, my military service was endured; thanks to the G.I. Bill.

graduate work was made possible at Eastern Michigan and the University of Michigan--which, after all, is more fun than working for a living.

Other than Diplomacy and general boardgaming, I enjoy reading, golf, sailing, and ethnic eating. To date, I have only been in three games of PBM Diplomacy which have finished and a tie for second is my best showing to date.

Robert Sacks - Robert is a programmer for Syska and Hennessy Information Systems, who enjoys sleeping and eating in his spare time. When he gets a chance, he likes to read, mostly good F & SF or history, watch good programming on TV or good movies, and listen to good classical or Broadway music. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and, nominally, MIT where he dropped out of the Ph.D. program. His politics are obscure--he accepts designations as an imperialist anarcho-capitalist libertarian militarist.

He is actively involved, for a novice, in the Diplomacy hobby, serving as Miller Number Custodian, Secretary of the Diplomacy Variant Commission, GM in Pellucidor, Lord of Hosts, and FallOvia, Gemignoni Awards Teller, member of the IDA Judicial Committee, and as Diplomacy manager for MIT-SGS' Winter Cons I, II, & III, and NY MWGA's upcoming fall metrocon. He also plays an occasional game, usually variant, and managed to throw away a win in his first regular settling for a 3-way draw.

Karl Schultz - I am 33 years old, married with one child. I am presently going to Rutgers University at night and will graduate in June, 1976 with a B.S. degree in Management and I work for Sperry Univac as a diagnostic programmer.

I spent 3 years in the Army, one year of it in Viet Nam, and became interested in wargaming when I left the service in 1967. Since then I have been playing Avalon Hill and SPI board games, mostly solitaire, until 1974 when I began playing these games by mail. At the

same time, I found out about Diplomacy and entered my first game in ADAG. Since entering my first game, I have expanded my participation until I now am playing in about 20 games. I have yet to end a game which I have started, but one or two games which I entered on a standby basis have terminated. Not counting those 2 standby games, I have no wins and no losses.

Other than wargaming, my interests also include science fiction, ancient and military history, and model making in both wood and plastic.

I am looking forward to graduating from college in June so I can spend more time with my family and on my hobbies.

Bob Sergeant - I am 34. I am the parts buyer for the RCA wholesale distributor in Indiana. Outside of Diplomacy, I play bridge and am a long-term collector of SF magazines. I am also the rightful claimant to the throne of Albania. I graduated from Wabash College in 1963 with a German major. (Yes, I'm one of the "old people" playing Dip.)

I have been playing postally since May, 1975. I am currently in 8 games of regular and 3 variants, including those in Rebus.

Rick Solomon - I'm an account manager with the Bank of Montreal. I have a B.Sc. and MBA from McGill University. At the risk of alienating Chris, my politics are rather right wing, but otherwise I'm OK. I'm a former motorcycle racer and my present interests, apart from Dippy, are hockey, squash and bridge.

I've been involved in several postal games over the past two years as a player and standby and I've even won a game after taking over a 15 unit position as a standby.

David Staples - Born September 1, 1955, Afton Wyoming. Have lived in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Idaho, and North Dakota.

Education - 14 years. College dropout with 3.7 GPA. Taken college level courses mostly in economics, journalism, history, religion, business and political science.

Employment - Have held various and sundry jobs, both blue and white collar. Currently employed by the Cass County Historical Society as editor, compiler of large bi-centennial volume on the county. Also do research and other work at their facility--one of the finest museums and restored pioneer villages in the Mid-West.

Politics - consider myself a "progressive conservative." Distinguished from regular conservatives (Ford types) inasmuch as we are opposed to a powerful centralized government no matter who is controlling it. PC's could care less about which party is in power--only whether they are preserving individual rights or squelching them by subsidising, propping up or otherwise catering to every special interest group that only wants more money and/or more power over their fellow men. I've been involved in all 3 parties--only one of which I consider puts long-term values and principles ahead of the temporary reward of winning...The American Party.

Hobbies - politics, reading, writing, history, pistol shooting, citizen's band radio, conflict simulations, raising a little hell and, of course, Diplomacy and variants.

Phil McGee - Phil is the director of a sheltered workshop, a small business that employs the patients of the Massachusetts state hospital for the criminally insane, with the primary objective of the enterprise being the rehabilitation of the patients. He enjoys motorcycling and skiing and therefore rides Yamahas both summer and winter. His politics run toward anarchism as an ideal and cynicism as a practical approach to the real world of today. He is a Graduate of Northeastern University. He has never played postal dip before.

# AUNT VITKUNNA

Dear Aunt Vitkunna,

A certain Diplomacy publisher (who shall remain nameless, but whose initials are D.M.) collected a bunch of biographical data from us players, and promised to publish it. For a while he put off publication, saying he hadn't heard from enough people, but he hasn't mentioned it lately.

I'm beginning to suspect that this individual is actually a CIA agent seeking to enlarge his files. It's really got me worried. Do you think I should have told him about my prostitution ring, my Mafia ties, my smuggling operations, what I did with Jimmy Hoffa's body, my friendship with Lee Harvey Oswald, and my membership in the PLO? Do you think that I should take out a contract on McGee?

Anonymous in Albuquerque

Dear Anonymous,

The phoney journalist ploy is an old CIA trick. I think that you are very wise to be concerned about this McGee fellow being a CIA spy. Needless to say, it is very important that the Diplomacy community prevent infiltration by spooks. You have to throw this McGee guy, if that is indeed his name, off your trail.

The first thing you should try to do is snow him. These CIA guys are pretty clever, but no match for Diplomacy players. Write to McGee and "confess" that it was

all a put-on. Say that you want to come clean and will now submit a "real" profile. Then give him some bullstory that will not stir up any controversy. These CIA types just might buy it if they have no corroboration of your life story.

If snowing McGee doesn't work, you will have to have him "compromised" out of the spy biz. Contact your local office of the FBI and let them know that you think that McGee is a foreign agent. CIA guys have brains, FBI types do not. The FBI will use any excuse to tap a phone and intercept a persons mail. Since they're willing to believe that the Socialist Workers Party is a threat to national security, surely they'll be willing to jump on McGee.

His Diplomacy mail and phone calls, with all the talk about moving Russian fleets and armies should make their ears burn. There's an outside chance that the FBI just might figure out what Diplomacy is, but when McGee calls in to his CIA base they'll be sure that they have a hot red one.

When the FBI makes a move for McGee, since he's a CIA boy, he'll escape. But He'll have to dash back home and burn his files before they fall into inept hands and are lost by the FBI. Your file will go up in smoke.

Good luck!

Aunt Vitkunna

## GTD

1976 Dhd

Winter 1901

AUSTRIAN KAISER ABDICATES, PICKS PRINCE CHARLES DOEHRER AS SUCCESSOR. DOEHRER ALSO WINS FAVOR OF FRENCH EMPEROR.

Russia Nina Pawlak, Tsarina  
Build A War, Vincent Tsao commander  
Build A Mos, Ian Jeffrey commander  
Build F Stp (SC), Phil McGee commander



England  
 Don Rittel

F Ska-Den  
F Nth (S) F Ska-Den  
F Lon-Eng  
A Yor-H

Germany  
 Jim Diehl

A Ruh (S) A Bel  
A Hol (S) A Bel  
A Bel-H  
F Den-Swe  
F Bal (S) F Den-Swe

/ underlined orders failed/

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

England/ Home, Nwy, DEN (5-Build 1)  
 France/ Home, Spa, Pdr (5-even)  
 Germany/ Ber, MAA, Kie, Den, Bel, HO, SWE (5-even)  
 Italy/ Home, Tun, MUN (5-Build 1)  
 Austria/ Home, Ser, Rum, GRE (6-build 1)  
 Russia/ Home, Swe, ANK (5-even)  
 Turkey/ Con, ANK, Smy, Bul (3-build 1)

crossed centers are lost, capitalized  
 centers are gained

PRESS

Munchen/ Famed gastronome, the Duke of Plaza Toro accidentally discovered a most terrible new weapon of war. The new poison gas was first produced in lethal quantity following the Duke's supper at which he consumed a sauerkraut souffle, an anchovie and cauliflower appetizer, a tuna pizza, topping off the meal with quantities of a special drink composed of two parts beer and one part chiente. It is expected that the Vatican will outlaw the gas as inhuman and place a ban on its use in war. The question still to be answered is whether or not the Italian government will give up so terrible a weapon and one which they monopolize?

QUERY

One player has asked if we could speed up the game by having the Winter builds and Spring moves sent in at the same time. If ALL players agree, the game will proceed on that basis.

SRG

Boardman Number Requested Spring 1901

Turkey  
 Dave Staples  
F Ank-Bla  
A Con-Bul  
A Smy-Arm

Austria  
 Curtis Gibson  
F Tri-Alb  
A Bud-Rum  
A Vie-Gal

Germany  
 Jim Harper  
A Mun-Ruh  
A Ber-Kie  
F Kie-Hol

England  
 Bruce Martin  
F Lon-Nth  
F Edi-Nwg  
A Lpl-Yor

Russia  
 Charles Dupuis  
A War-Gal  
F Stp-Bot  
A Mos-Sev  
F Sev-Rum

France  
 Jhn Machir  
F Bre-Eng  
A Par-Bur  
A Mar (S) A Par-Bur

(OVER)



Italy  
Jim Diehl

N.M.R.!! Under rules #6 of  
the house rules, the follow-  
ing moves are in play-

F Nap-Ion  
A Rom-Apu  
A Ven-H

## NOTA BENE

1. The deadline for all games is -

SEPTEMBER 8, 1976

2. ALL PLAYERS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE ADDRESS OF YOUR GAMEMASTER HAS CHANGED!! My new address and telephone number are -

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3. A point about phone in orders. Whoever it was who left his phone in orders with a nine year old girl, Arne Eastman's daughter, Becky, has got to be a little soft in the head. Becky didn't understand a word of it, wasn't given a chance to write them down, and thus could not communicate them to me.
4. The next Diplomacy convention. Moves are afoot to place the next Dipcon in STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK, the home of Rebus. Origins III will be run by S.P.I.Inc., and our contacts there have learned that S.P.I. is interested in renting space next July at Wagner College, about three miles from these offices.

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