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Another packed issue of RAMBLING WAY is in your hands, I hope all of you enjoy it. In fact, there was so many submissions for Poll Question that a page worth of commentary on past questions is being delayed until next issue. However, please keep those submissions coming!!

The start of yet, another, regular Diplomacy game is inside. The playing field has some new names to RW games, I hope all of you enjoy the experience and will take an active part in this 'zine and in the Dip hobby as a whole.

The rules for a variant called Nuclear Destruction are printed inside. This variant was designed by one of RW's new subbers (though he's not new to the hobby). A game has been opened, and three signed up already. There will be no NMR fees.

Enclosed with this issue is a ballot for the hobby awards (to be handed out at DipCon). The deadline is near, so mail in your votes TODAY. Also, if you wish to make a donation to cover the cost of the award plaques, enclose a small check or a handful of stamps.

A number of RW folks have been nominated for awards, and I want to congratulate them on that achievement!! Vince Lutterbie, Cal White and Eric Ozog are nominees for the Don Miller Award; Gary Behnen and Eric Young for the John Koning Award; Phil Reynolds and John Schultz for the Melinda Ann Holley Award; Garret Schenck and Eric Voogd for the Rod Walker Award.

Also, this issue has the first portion of a nine-part series by Michael McCabe. It will be printed in his top-notch monthly subzine, MODERN DIPLOMACY and is insightful into the Japanese culture. I hope you all find it as interesting as I did.

I'm going to be updating the subber list and probably reprinting it next time around. I've had requests for EMail addresses for the players, and for some of the readers. So, if you want anything besides your name and mailing address listed, let me know phone numbers, fax numbers and EMail addresses.

Well, I've been thinking of hosting a gaming con down here in San Antonio. It can't be a HouseCon as I live in an efficiency apartment and there just ain't room. If there is enough interest, I will start arranging lodging and other necessities. I'm looking at the Friday-Sunday after Thanksgiving.

DO NOT make any reservations at this point, I'm just putting out a feeler and seeing if there is enough interest to pursue it. If you'd consider coming, let me know whether you'd definitely or possibly attend. Also, let me know of any particular gaming events (besides Dip, that is) or other activities you'd like to see.

Just a reminder, if you have a question about a game, make sure you fully explain the question and any reasons why you feel an error was made. Also, if it is something that needs a response before the next issue of RW, please enclose a SASE.

Special offer, for those who are going to be at DipCon. Let me know by June 25th, and I'll personally hand deliver your issue to you in Kansas City.

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Plenty of Dip and Gunboat games, reputation for regularity.
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Armstrong, B.C.; CANADA V0E 1B0) Reg, Gunboat, Asian Dip openings.
WAR FAIR by Stephen Glasgow (32009 Pendley; Willowick, OH 44095) is
running Small World II-R and Middle Earth II.
WELL MARTHA, IT KINDA' SORTA' LOOKS LIKE A DIP RAG...DON'T IT? by John
Schultz (POB 41-19390 ICH 308; Michigan City, IN 46360)
WORLD DIPLOMACY by Larry Peery (PO Box 620399; San Diego, CA 92162).
YOUR 'ZINE OF 'ZINES by Jack McHugh (280 Sanford Rd.; Upper Darby, PA
19082) and Doug Kent -- the Siskel & Ebert of 'zine reviews.
ZERO SUM by Richard Weiss (2 Bayside Vilage Place, #409; SF, CA 94107)
'ZINE REGISTER by Garret Schenck (40 Third Pl., Basement Apt.;
Brooklyn, NY 11231) reviews just about every 'zine in the hobby.

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SUBSCRIPTION LISTS: A complete, up-to-date, player list is available
at any time for a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
HOUSE RULES: The second edition is available upon request. All
games except RW #1 are, or will be, run using version 2.1.

"Thistle and Shamrock"

MENSA #35 -- BN: 1991A



Summer 1907

France: A pie-MAR
Austria: A ser-ALB

Fall 1907

Turkey (Grose): F AEG-ion, F GRE s f aeg-ion, F adr-TRI, A BUL s a ser
A SER s f adr-tri, F ANK holds
Russia (Kohnke): A NWY holds, A stp-MOS, F KIE holds, A SIL holds,
A BOH s austrian a tri-vie, A GAL s a ukr-rum,
A ukr-RUM, F sev-BLA, F ARM s f sev-bla
Italy (Kinsel): a ven s austrian a tri (r-otb), a pie-mar (r-otb)
France (Hight): A YOR holds, F HOL holds, F eng-MAO, A RUH holds,
A mun-TYL, A gas-SPA, A bur-MUN, A mar-PIE,
F LYD s a mar-pie, F TYN-ion, F WME-tyn,
A ROM s austrian a tyl-ven, F TUN s f tyn-ion
Austria (Lewis): A tyl-VEN, A ALB-tri, A tri-VIE, A BUD s a tri-vie

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (7): Con/Ank/Smy/Bul/Gre/Tri/Ser = +1
Russia (10): Mos/StP/Sev/Nwy/War/Swe/Den/Kie/Ber/Rum = +1
Italy (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1907
England (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1904
France (14): Par/Bre/Mar/For/Spa/Lpl/Lon/Edi/Bel
Hol/Nap/Tun/Mun/Rom = +1
Germany (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1906
Austria (3): Vie/Bud/Ven = -1

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PROPOSALS

F Win -- 2 Yes, 2 No
F/R Draw -- 3 Yes, 1 No
F/R/T Draw -- 2 Yes, 2 No
F/R/T/A Draw -- 1 Yes, 3 No

Reproposed -- F Win
(NVRs--Yes; NMRs--Yes)

DUE DATE for

Winter 1907/Spring 1908 and Proposal

June 25, 1992 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

- Q1) It was brought to my attention that one person had requested a split season last time. Per my letter of April 3rd, that was all that would be needed to actually split the seasons. However, when I wrote the letter, I had forgotten that this game is being played under the First Edition House Rules. Those rules state that there will only be split seasons if TWO persons request it. There is no provision for the GM to split seasons. A full explanation has been mailed to the individual involved. My apologies for any problems this has caused.
- Q2) The listing of Turkish F bla-CON should have read F bla-ANK last time. All players were notified.
- Q3) A question was asked regarding powers who are eliminated and whether their votes would count towards draws/wins after a Fall season. Proposals are counted last in the Fall season. First in all other seasons.

PRESS

Turkey, having renewed its alliance with Russia, and no longer completely trusting France, has ordered a sea patrol of the Ionian. We won't be surprised to find French forces trying to enter (contrary to an agreement).

Dateline StP: As the Sultan has not seen fit to understand reason, reason will have to be explained to him more explicitly.

(Italy): A&I to the end!!

Dateline Paris: French Secret Service agents have captured Turkish documents revealing the intransigence of the Sultan with respect to diplomatic affairs and a plan to enlist foreign powers in a crusade against the French nation. Outraged at this evidence of malevolence, President Le Pin has cancelled all commercial and military agreements with Turkey. "We have faithfully upheld our agreement with respect to the Ionian Sea, and now to hear that Turkey refuses to acknowledge France as a great power AND plans to attack her with the aid of Russia is beyond belief." Le Pin's address was delivered in Moscow, where an announcement of a grand alliance between the two great powers is soon expected.

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"WHAD' YA KNOW"

RW #2 -- MN: 1991Wrb32



Fall 1904

Turkey (): F con-AEG, A SEV s f rum, F RUM s a sev, F aeg-GRE,
 A gre-ALB, A SER s austrian f alb-tri
 Russia (): F BOT-bal, A lvn-WAR, A UKR-sev
 Italy (): F ion-TUN, F tyn s f ion-tun (r-tus/rom/nap/ion/otb),
 A TYR-vie, a tri s a tyr-vie (ann), A VEN s a tri
 England (): a den holds (ann), F BAL s a den, F eng-NTH, F iri-MAQ,
 F NWG s f eng-nth
 France (): F wme-TYN, F LYD s f wme-tyrn, A spa-MAR, A gas-BRE,
 A BEL s a bur, A BUR s a bel
 Germany (): A kie-DEN, A mun-KIE, A sil-BER, A HOL holds, F NWY-nth
 F SWE s a kie-den
 Austria (): F alb-TRI, A VIE s f alb-tri, A BUD s f alb-tri
 If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country's name.

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey (8):	Con/Ank/Smy/Gre/Bul/Rum/Ser/Sev	= +2
Russia (3):	Mos/Stp/War	= EVEN
Italy (4):	Rom/Nap/Ven/Tun	= EVEN (+1 if r-otb)
England(3):	Lon/Edi/Lpl	= -1
France (6):	Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/For/Bel	= EVEN
Germany(7):	Kie/Ber/Mun/Hol/Nwy/Swe/Den	= +1
Austria(3):	Vie/Bud/Tri	= EVEN

DUE DATE for

Autumn/Winter 1904 and Spring 1905

June 25, 1992 at 12:00 noon

Press

Tur-Aus: I will assist in your valiant struggle for survival. My forces have moved to assist and will not take your home country centers, but help you to preserve them.

Tur-Eng: Please open communications re the remaining Russian provinces. Turkey plans to build armies and move north to MOSCOW. Your agreement as to an adequate line of demarkation is sought.

Tur-Fra: The Sultan watches with interest your builds and moves this next year especially. Any communication or signal of your intent is most welcome.

Tur-Ger: See my message to ENG.

Tur-Ita: A brief respite, then we shall position our forces to prepare for a most interesting and profitable venture.

Tur-Rus: The Sultan welcomes the new TSAR, but regrets that matters of diplomacy have deteriorated to such an extent. If you have some point of interest you wish to negotiate, we welcome your input.

From the TURKISH State Department: The general mobilization of forces

is proceeding well...new armies are being trained and are expected to leave for the front along the northern borders early next year.

Rus-Tur: The Tsar has fled. The revolution is over. It is time for your armies to go back to Turkey. We thank you for your help in ousting the Tsar, please don't wear out your welcome.

Rus-Eng: This is another fine mess you've gotten us into Ollie.

Rus-Ger: I don't want to be a pain in your side and I won't be if you'll return Sweden. I need the build to throw out the Turk and to stabilize the ruble. I know that you'll be reasonable and understand the reasoning behind my simple request.

Rus-Aus: I think we have a common enemy. I'm more than willing to help you if you'll help me.

Rus-Ita: Best regards to the Pope.

Rus-Fra: Hi

Palazzo Viento, Rome: "Tell me, what news from the East?"

"Milord, the Turks are promising to assist Austria! It makes no sense to attack us, especially with so little resistance to their north."

"Ah, Montessori, perhaps the crafty Sultan is merely putting the Austrians off-balance. I prefer to believe he will remain loyal to us. Truly he cannot expect the Austrians to trust him as we do. Send word to Luigi to proceed against Vienna. Promise the Sultan we will support him to Budapest after we take Vienna. We both gain if he keeps attacking Budapest."

"Monsignor, the foolish French have attacked Tunis!"

"Be at peace my son, we shall fend them off until the English reach the Mid-Atlantic. Warn the Germans to prepare for a French attack when they realize the futility of their Mediterranean efforts. Offer to support a German counter-attack if France sneaks into Munich. So let it be done, amen."

Eng-Ger: The mighty British fleets challenge the German tugboats to a polo match in the North Sea.

Ger-Fra: I was counting on your aggression against England - we could have made short work of him.

Ger-Rus: Take Warsaw please!

Ger-Eng: You are a fine adversary, I am enjoying are (sic) duel.

Ger-Aus: Brother...No plea for help? Well, keep out the barbarians as long as you can.

From the Swiss Capital, Berne: In recent news, trading in the Austrian Shilling continued to decline, reaching new lows, but then steadied upon news of a new French initiative which may distract Italian forces and help preserve the empire. Trading in the Russian Ruble has been discontinued until further notice. It is now expected that the ruble will be worthless soon. The Turkish Lira continued to inch higher from its previous low, but there is still much uncertainty regarding continued rumors of palace vacillating. The British Pound remained steady against the German Mark and climbed against the Franc as hostilities appear to have broken out between France and Italy. The Franc steadied just below its recent high, while the Italian Lira slipped slightly, then also steadied.

Scandinavia-Czar: Dear Czar, our lands have been overrun by the dastardly Germans. We now ask to become part of the great Russian empire. The Kaiser's troops have landed their fleets on our soil and are now ravaging our port cities. Can the Czar come to our rescue?

"My Word!"
Orphan from THE MESSENGER

BN: 1987IR

Autumn 1910

England: F tus-LYO

Winter 1910

England: Remove A Lvn
France: Build F Mar
Austria: Build A Vie

Spring 1911

Italy (Gaughan): A APU s f nap, F NAP s a apu
England (Anderson): F bal-SWE, F nwy-SKA, A STP holds, F TUN-ion,
F mac-POR, F LYO-mar, F TYN s ital a apu-rom (nso)
France (Reynolds): F MAR-lyo, A SPA s a gas-mar, A GAS-mar, A BRE-gas
A BUR s a ruh, A RUH s a hol-kie, A HOL-kie
Germany (Koehler): A KIE s french a ruh-bel (imp), F DEN s a kie
Austria (Courtemanche): A UKR s a mos, A MOS s a gal-war, A war-PRU,
A SIL s a war-pru, A BER s a war-pru,
A MUN s a ber, A vie-BOH, A PIE s a tus,
A TUS s a pie, A tri-VEN, F ADR s a tri-ven,
F ION holds, F EME s f ion, F AEG s f ion,
A TYL s a mun, A gal-WAR

CENTERS

Turkey (0): ELIMINATED, Fall 1905
Russia (0): ELIMINATED, Fall 1906
Italy (2): Rom/Nap
England (7): Edi/Lpl/Lon/Nwy/StP/Swe/Tun
France (7): Par/Mar/Por/Spa/Bel/Hol/Bre
Germany (2): Kie/Den
Austria (16): Bud/Tri/Vie/Ank/Bul/Con/Gre/Mos/Rum/Ser/
Sev/Smy/Ven/War/Ber/Mun

DUE DATE for

1911 [] Fall 1911 and Proposal

June 25, 1992 at 12:00 noon

PROPOSALS

A/F/E/I/G - 3 Yes, 2 No

New Proposal
A/F/E/I/G draw
(NVR=yes; NMR=yes)



NOTES

- Ø1) I forgot to underline two Austria failed movements. It was noted by all parties involved.
- Ø2) I also forgot to note that Austria had one build.
- Ø3) The proposal should have read A/F/E/I/G -- Russia had been eliminated from the game. Again, this was noted by all players.
- Ø4) Phil Reynolds has a new address. It is listed below.

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PRESS

Fra-Ita: I don't think that was such a good move, Pete.
Fra-Eng/Ger/Ita: Hey, guys, can we FINALLY get on track and make sure Austria can't win?
Fra-Ger: This is to make sure Kie stays out of Austrian hands. If you won't protect Kie, then I will.
Fra-Eng: We need that extra fleet in the south vs. Austria. It's no good up north. Once again, I have to take matters into my own hands.

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HOBBY NEWS

- Ø1) The deadline nears for submissions to the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY ZINES. Jim Meinel (2801 Pelican Dr.; Anchorage, AK 99515). Narratives are solicited. The final product will be available in mid-July. Order your copy now, only \$12 on for those who purchase a copy ahead of time.
- Ø2) I recently received a copy of a new 'zine (ZERO SUM) published by Richard Weiss (address in trade listing). It has plenty of openings, including a number of variants.
- Ø3) A number of polls have recently been announced, including the Marco Poll (Pete Gaughan) and the Second Annual Hobby Favorites Awards (Phil Reynolds). I'll provide copies of the results upon request (include a SASE). My hat's off to those pubbers who will expend the time and effort to run Polls like these; and to the people who vote in them.
- Ø4) For those in the Mensa DipSig, there WILL be an election for the committeeman position. The post office unduly delayed Eric Young's letter reconfirming his desire to run for the position. Fred Davis will have details in the July DIPLOMAG, along with campaign statements from Eric and the incumbent Kate Robinson.

"Mountain Stage"

RW #3 -- MN: 1992Erb32
(No Press-Gunboat Game)

Winter 1901

Turkey (): Builds F Smy; Has A GRE, A CON, F AEG, F SMY
Russia (): Builds A Mos, F StP (nc); Has F SWE, A UKR, A MOS, F RUM,
A GAL, F STP(nc)
Italy (): Builds A Ven, F Rom; Has A TUN, F ION, F ROM, A VEN,
A TRI
England(): Builds F Lon; Has F NWG, F LON, A NWY, F NTH
France (): Builds F Bre, F Mar; Has F SPA(sc), A BUR, F BRE, A POR,
F MAR
Germany(): Builds F Ber, A Mun; Has F DEN, F BER, A RUH, A MUN,
A HOL
Austria(): Has F ALB, A SER, A BUD
If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country's name.

CENTERS

Turkey (4): Con/Ank/Smy/Gre
Russia (6): War/Stp/Mos/Sev/Swe/Rum
Italy (5): Rom/Nap/Ven/Tri/Tun
England(4): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Nwy
France (5): Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por
Germany(5): Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol
Austria(3): Vie/Bud/Ser
Neutral : Bel/Bul



DUE DATE for

Spring 1902

June 25, 1992 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

- 01) Spring 1902 orders on hand for Germany, Austria, and France. Revised orders may be submitted by those countries.
- 02) Thanks to the standby player who submitted unneeded orders, the original player has returned with apologies to the rest of the playing field.

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CIVILIZATION-BY-MAIL

Contact Jared Scarborough (RR1, Box 160; Payson, IL 62360-9743). A playtested adaptation that includes using Iron and Bronze cards as military armaments, cities growing into metropolises, a stock-market (replacing the trading portion) and many other exciting features. Send a SASE for additional information and current costs.

This is the 6th issue of this subzine. Except where otherwise indicated, the views and opinions expressed are solely mine and are not necessarily those of the Department of State or any other U.S.G. agency.

Arnold C. Brackman, a UP correspondent who covered the Tokyo War Crimes trials, wrote a book about The Other Nuremberg: The Untold Story of the Tokyo War Crimes Trials (William Morrow & Co., 105 Madison Ave., NYC 10016; c. 1987). These trials, conducted by the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, lasted 2 1/2 years (May 3, 1946 - November 12, 1948); the Nuremberg trials lasted only ten months. This is one of only three books about this trial, and is the ONLY comprehensive one.

I picked it up last year at a Stars and Stripes bookstore on one of the U.S. military bases here. Although dull in spots and amazingly containing no maps, the book really opened my eyes to what happened in the Pacific between September 18, 1931 (The Mukden Incident) and the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 (December 8 in Japan). I have always had an interest in World War II in Europe. My father was a prisoner of war; he was captured in Italy and taken through Germany to a POW camp in Poland. I still play Avalon Hill wargames such as Battle of the Bulge, Stalingrad, D-Day, Bismark, and Afrika Korps. I never had much interest in the Pacific War, though. I don't play Guadalcanal (though I did play Midway), and really didn't know all that much about what happened. My eyes were opened by that book, and I recommend it to any reader who has any interest at all in the Asian part of World War II.

In explaining why he wrote the book, Brackman wrote (p. 21/2) "The Allied prosecution eventually proved the chain of causation between the accused at Tokyo and the mass inhumanities that Japanese inflicted on POWs, on civilians, and on Asian forced laborers. These terrible events were not isolated incidents...but were part of the Japanese militarists' overall strategy of rule by terror." (p.29) "It is my hope that the chronological reconstruction of the Tokyo trial in this book will help to clear up some of the misinformation and ignorance [on the causes and effects of World War II in the Pacific]...The Japanese people are not being tried or retried in these pages any more than they were at the Tokyo trial....It is understandable that a great nation does not want to call to mind constantly the dark side of its history....But as Whitney R. Harris, a member of the Allied prosecution at Nuremberg, expressed it, 'This is as it should be, provided that in shunning the evil of yesterday, we do not forget the wrongs to which it led - and having forgotten them believe them never to have happened.'"

The Mukden Incident (also called the Manchurian Incident) was the beginning of Japanese conquests in Asia. It was the first important move the Army made on its own, without Government sanction. The following description comes from Brackman; Dr. Akira Mizuno (Professor of Asian History, Aichi Gakuin University, Japan) in the 9/18/91 Asahi Evening News; and from Eugene Moose of Reuters in the 9/27/91 Asahi Evening News. That night, a Japanese division of the Kwantung Army, stationed there to protect a leased corridor in northeast China, attacked the Chinese garrison of Mukden (modern day Shenyang). Japanese agents had detonated one or more bombs that blew up part of the Japanese-operated South Manchurian Railway but made it look like the work of Chinese saboteurs so the Army could launch an orchestrated surprise attack and invade the rest of resource-rich Manchuria.
(To Be Continued.)

"RiverWalk: Live from the Landing"

RW #4 -- BN: 1992L

Winter 1901

Turkey (Gonsalves): Builds A Smy; Has F BLA, A BUL, A SMY, A CON
Russia (Brooks): Builds F Sev, F StP(nc), A Mos; Has A UKR, F SEV,
F RUM, A Nwy, F SWE, A MOS, F STP(nc)
Italy (Koehler): Builds F Nap; Has F ION, F NAP, A TUN, A PIE
England(Stone): Builds F Lon; Has F BEL, F NTH, F LON, A YOR
France (Wallace): Builds A Par, A Mar; Has F POR, A BRE, A SPA,
A PAR, A MAR
Germany(Voogd): Builds A Mun, A Kie; Has F DEN, A MUN, A KIE, A HOL,
A RUH
Austria(Eastep): Builds A Vie, A Bud; Has F GRE, A SER, A VIE, A BUD,
A TRI

CENTERS

Turkey (4): Con/Ank/Smy/Bul
Russia (7): War/Stp/Mos/Sev/Nwy/Swe/Rum
Italy (4): Rom/Nap/Ven/Tun
England(4): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Bel
France (5): Bre/Mar/Par/Spa/Por
Germany(5): Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol
Austria(5): Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser/Gre

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DUE DATE for

Spring 1901

June 25, 1992 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

- 01) The Boardman Number has been assigned. It is listed above.
- 02) Orders for Spring 1902 are on hand for Turkey, Italy and England. Those players may submit revised orders if they wish.
- 03) I've heard from more than one player about the excellent communications between the players in the game. All are appreciative of your efforts, and I'm sure it makes the game much more fun!!

Press

Czar-Kaiser: "I would be willing to substitute a little beer for vodka but just to be sure its your fine strong German beer - none of that English ale please."
Rus-Fra: "It seems your declaration of war on England may have been a little premature. Now if the Kaiser declares war on England too..."
Rus-Tur: "Sorry I didn't come to the dance in the Black Sea. I had nothing to wear after our first date there in the Spring."
Fra-Ita: I see that your troops got our brochure about R&R on the French Riviera. We welcome our friendly Italian neighbors.
Fra-Ger: "Until you make peace with who you are, you'll never be content with what you have." - Doris Mortman
Fra-Eng: OK, maybe I was a bit hasty be declaring war on England, but you did scare the heck out of me when you sailed into the Channel.
Fra-Aus: How can I possibly help you squash Italy between us, if I'm tied up with Eng & Ger?
Fra-Rus: Wow!
Fra-Tur: Hi!
Ger-Rus: Hope you didn't build War (a little double entendre there for you).
Ger-All: Thanks for the hilarious press last time!

CON LISTING

June 19-21- MichCon, Detroit, MI. Contact Herb Barents
(17187 Wildemere; Detroit, MI 48221 (313-861-6565))

July 3-5 - DIPCON XXV, Kansas City, MO. Contact Vince Lutterbie
I'll be here (1021 Stonehaven; Marshall, MO 65340) or Gary Behnen
(13101 S. Trenton; Olathe, KS 66062).

July 3-5 - AtlantiCon, Baltimore, MD. Contact AtlantiCon/ADF
(PO Box 92; Beltsville, MD 20704).

July 6-12 - PoolCon, Marshall, MO. Contact Vince Lutterbie (above).
I'll be here

July 24-26- PeeriCon, San Diego, CA. Contact Larry Peery
(PO Box 620399; San Diego, CA 92162).

July 24-26- DallasCon, Fort Worth, TX. Contact DallasCon (PO Box
867623; Plano, TX 75086). No Dip planned, **I'll be here**

July 30/ August 2 - CanCon V, Scarborough, Ontario. Contact Cal White (1
Turnberry Ave.; Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6N 1P6).

Aug 20-23 - GenCon/Origins, Lake Geneva, WI. Contact Mark Olson
(c/o TSR, Inc.; PO Box 756; Lake Geneva, WI 53147).

Sept 5-7 - PacifiCon, San Mateo, CA. Contact Don Del Grande
(142 Eliseo Dr.; Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339).

Sept 5-7 - AlamoRG, San Antonio, TX. Mensan Regional Gathering.
Contact me. Dip (and other) games can be organized.

Dec 13 - BeethovenCon, San Diego, CA. Contact Larry Peery (above)
An anything but Dip con

"My Music!"
Orphan from BEEN THERE, DONE THAT
(formerly Duke Snyder)

BN: 1989KH

Autumn 1904

Italy: F con-BLA

KSTX

Winter 1904

Turkey (Gonsalves): Has F ANK, F CON
Russia (Kent): Has A BER, A MOS, F BOT
Italy (Schultz): Has A VEN, A TUN, F SMY, F BLA, F ION
England (Zarr): Has A LPL, A STP, F NTH, F BEL, F HOL, F SKA, F NWY
France (Wallace): Has F ENG, F IRI, A BUR, A PIC, A MAR
Germany (Lutterbie): Removes A Fin; Has A RUH, F KIE, F DEN
Austria (Grose): Builds A Bud, A Tri; Has F AEG, A PRU, A WAR, A UKR,
A SEV, A VIE, A BUD, A TRI, A BUL

CENTERS

Turkey (2): Con/Ank
Russia (3): Ber/Mos/Mun
Italy (5): Ven/Rom/Nap/Smy/Tun
England (7): Edi/Lpl/Lon/Bel/Nwy/Hol/Stp
France (5): Par/Mar/Bre/For/Spa
Germany (3): Kie/Den/Swe
Austria (9): Bud/Tri/Vie/Ser/Gre/Bul/Rom/War/Sev

DUE DATE for

Spring 1905

June 25, 1992 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

- 01) Nothing was heard from Sulzby, Reynolds, Morris or Johnson. Thus, Jim Grose takes over Austria and Russ Wallace has the helm in France. Would Michael Gonsalves take over Turkey?
- 02) Spring 1905 orders are on hand for Italy, Austria and England. Those players may submit revised orders if they wish.

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Wallace, Russell; PO Box 256; West Lynn, MA 01905
Zarr, Harold; 215 Glen Drive; Iowa Falls, IA 50126-1957

Press

Fra-Eng: This could be your lucky day.

Fra-Ger: If you didn't wander so far from home, maybe you would still have a home.

Fra-Ita: Better than being Turkey in this game.

Fra-Tur: What did you do to deserve that position?

Fra-Rus: See note to German.

Fra-Aus: I guess you're hoping the real Austrian leader won't show up.

Russ-Mike: Thanks for the position.

the new Italy-World: My diplomatic doors are never ever closed to anyone. Just thought I'd mention that fact.

Ita-Tur: Nobody did you any favors here did they? I hate to tell you this but I ain't either.

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NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION
by Mark Nelson

Introduction: NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION is a diplomacy variant designed to break the ice at housecons. It runs with 7 players and the diplomacy involved in the game means that you soon get to know the other people at the con. Moreover, it's an extremely quick game which makes it a good game to run at the beginning and the end of a con. With a little adaptation it can be run with any other number of players.

1. The 1971 rules of diplomacy apply except where amended below.
2. There are no Armies or Fleets in this game, only Nuclear missiles.
3. The map is the same as in regular diplomacy with two modifications:
 - (a) Warsaw is a neutral sc known as Poland.
 - (b) Turkey has an extra non-supply centre province called Crete.
4. At the beginning of the game each player has one nuke in each of their sc's (so everybody has 3 nukes).
5. The first turn is January (current year). Orders are of the form Nuke (aaa)-bbb where bbb is any province on the board outside of your own country. A Nuke always hits its target. If that target is a sea province then there's no effect but if it is a land province then that province is destroyed and plays no part in the rest of the game. If the nuked province contained any unfired nukes then those nukes are also destroyed.
6. The second turn is February (year) and is a build season. For each un-nuked hsc count 1 pt and for each non-nuked non sc province count 1/2 a point. It costs 1 pt to build a nuke which may be built in any non-nuked province in your country, furthermore you can build more than one nuke in the same province (there is unlimited stacking). Spare pts or 1/2 a pts may be traded to another player.
7. The game continues with firing turns in March/May/July etc and builds in February/April/June etc. A game should last up to September.
8. The victory criterion is to be the only player surviving or to have a majority of builds pts. (eg Russia and England are the only two players left. Russia owns StP and Mos which is 2 pts and England owns Cly and Yor which is 1 pt. Russia owns 2/3 of the remaining pts and is the winner).

"All Things Considered"

RW #5 -- BN: tba

Winter 1900

Turkey (Castillo): has F ANK, A CON, A SMY
Russia (Hyatt): has F STP (sc), F SEV, A MOS, A WAR
Italy (Young): has F NAP, A ROM, A VEN
England (Goodwin): has F LON, F EDI, A LPL
France (Nesbitt): has F BRE, A PAR, A MAR
Germany (Chrones): has F KIE, A BER, A MUN
Austria (Rosenthal): has F TRI, A VIE, A BUD

CENTERS

Turkey (3): Con/Ank/Smy
Russia (4): War/Stp/Mos/Sev
Italy (3): Rom/Nap/Ven
England (3): Lon/Edi/Lpl
France (3): Bre/Mar/Par
Germany (3): Kie/Ber/Mun
Austria (3): Vie/Tri/Bud
Neutral : Bel/Bul/Den/Gre/Hol/Nwy/Pol/Rum/Ser/Spa/Swe/Tun

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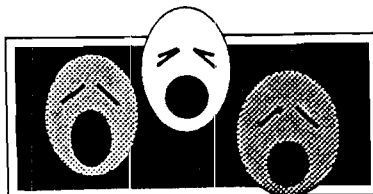
DUE DATE for

Spring 1901

June 25, 1992 at 12:00 noon

PRESS

- 01) Welcome to all the players in this, the fifth game started in RAMBLING WAY. I hope you all enjoy the experience!!
- 02) A Boardman Number has been requested for this game. It will be announced upon its arrival.
- 03) As in all games in RAMBLING WAY, this one is named after a Public Radio program.



POLL QUESTION

Note: Due to a suggestion, I'll be adding my personal view to the individual responses within brackets []. Anything within those are my views only, not the individual author.

Question for June (suggested by Stephen Glasgow): Would you vote for a highly successful businessman, such as Lee Iacocca or Ross Perot, for President? Why? [A very appropriate question at this time in the race for President].

Chuck Green: It makes no difference to me whether a candidate is a businessman or not. Rather, what is important is his (or her) competence, experience and policy stance. If candidates are capable enough in these areas, they get my vote - "businessmen", "politicians", or whatever.

Phil Reynolds: No, I would not vote for Ross Perot (unless David Duke was the only competition). People don't like Bush's record or Clinton's image, so they see Perot as a protest vote. But, what would he really do as President? He talks that political outsider talk that makes people support him - one of Jerry Brown's tactics - but we don't know where Perot stands on a lot of issues including civil rights, etc. I'm afraid a president like Perot could lead to a totalitarian form of govt. "I'm gonna clean up this mess - just give me the absolute power to do it! Congress be damned!" No thanks. Get over Clinton's image problems, folks. We desperately need a change from Bush. It's true, but we need someone more sympathetic to real people's woes. Society is more complex than a business.

Jim Lewis: NO! This constitutional limited Republic doesn't need a highly successful businessman to make more efficiency [?], more effective and more successful the confiscation & denial of the sovereignty of the individual over his/her self. We need an anti-statist to restore the Federal government to a "Federal Government"; someone to push Tax Freedom Day back toward March; someone to respect the Constitution and its amendments; someone who respects the sovereignty of the states and local units of government; someone who doesn't view freedoms as "loopholes" and the people's wallets as HIS revenue source. We need a patriot not a Perot.

John Breakwell: The position of President (or Prime Minister) requires a lot of skills, a number of which are shared with successful businessmen. Both need to make important decisions affecting a large number of people, be able to deal with other important groups, give direction and manage efficiently. On the other hand, a company is not set up to benefit employees, it is for shareholders. Therefore being head of a country where the populace are important holds different responsibilities. Not that it works out that way, of course. Politics and business are so mixed up together that all leaders are businessmen to some extent. Margaret Thatcher, for example, is married to a millionaire businessman who played a great part in getting her to the top in the 70s. So in conclusion it would put me off a little as I would be suspicious of his motives but many other factors would be important.

Joe Brooks: Where in the U.S. Constitution does it say that President must have a law degree. I always thought that leaders should possess above all common sense rather than a list of college degrees. If a successful businessman has proven himself to be shrewd in economics does this qualify him to lead our country? Most successful businessmen got to the heads of their companies by making smart economic decisions. If the US citizens feel that the debt that we have incurred is the primary problem with our country then maybe a businessman would be the best choice for President.

On the other hand, if the answer to paying off the national debt is to cut most, or all, social programs such as this businessman/president sees fit just to get his company (our country) out of the RED, then he is not the man for the job.

My answer then is I would vote for a highly successful businessman for President if I felt his solutions to the problems of our country weren't based on dollars & cents but rather on what is best for the country as a whole.

John Schultz: No way. Very wealthy 'businessmen' or anyone else that wealthy suffer invariably from the disease of tunnel vision. Their only true concern is maintaining the wealth they've acquired. I'd vote for Bush first. Gag!! Did I really say that?

It's really sorta irrelevent who is elected anyway. Neither the right nor the left or anyone in the middle have answers to any questions. The middle class is an endangered species. The pwerfully rich won't be content until we return to the good ole days...when they chained women and children to their work locations by their ankles in locked shops for slave wages. I've encouraged my children to go to college and major in either law enforcement or penial correction. Those two fields are going to be the only secure haven for the middle class for the future generations (unless a job at McDonalds becomes middle class) that will provide survival income. It's gonna happen but a vote for someone like Perot will just speed the process and I'd like my kids to havae time to gear up.

Czar Andrew: Well, I'm open to alternate candidates (I voted for Anderson in the first election I was eligible to vote in). I don't care to listen to negative campaigning and try to find out the facts on the candidates -- then vote for the best package (I'm NOT a one issue voter). I don't know that much about Perot, the media (until recently) hasn't taken him seriously, so not much about his positions or views has been printed. However, TEXAS MONTHLY and US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT have put recent issues on Perot -- and I like most of what I see. However, I'm still watching for information on ALL candidates.

Regarding last month's question about maps in 'zines.

Chuck Green: ...I agree with you on the map issue.

Bruce McIntyre: I agree with David Hood that they look good, but I've not put maps into game reports for a few seasons [in Excelsior] and nobody's complained. I worked hard behind the scenes (not taking time away from XL or the game adjudications) to get some decent looking maps, but as you'll see they didn't reproduce at all well [that's an understatement. The maps looked good on your original; but, the photocopy is just plain horrible. I hope you're able to work it out!]

John Breakwell: Are maps important? Yes, because not only can I follow my own game but I can see how others have progressing. Often I have glanced through dip games, read some interesting press, and tried to put it into the perspective of the unit positions. In a zine like "Ramblings by Moonlight (Ozog & Ozog)", there is a lot of press and nice clear maps with each season which makes it a good zine to read even if you aren't playing. I used to draw coloured units on photocopied maps when there were none supplied in a zine but now I have a computer program which allows me to position flags on a coloured dip screen. I can save the positions of each season and recall them at will without thumbing through old issues of the zine.

Joe Brooks: I vote for no maps in RW, Unless this 'zine was in "full living color". I don't think maps really would help me in making my next move. I make my own maps with each country shaded a different color. The main advantage to this is I can immediately tell who is threatening either one of my centers or one of my pieces or who I am threatening. By shading in Norway, I can at once see which areas I can move to next or which areas I can support. This takes a little time but for the time spent looking over it I feel it's worth it. No maps in 'zines that I have seen really accomplish this at a moments notice. Actually, I think the maps I make work better than the gameboard in PBM. At least for me!!

Mark Nelson: I don't view these as essential in a dip zine, but they are a great extra to have. This is more because it encourages non-playing readers to follow games rather than because of any aid they might give to the players. After all, you wouldn't want to encourage players to do all their diplomacy and analysis of the game from the printed map would you?

If a potential player does not have time to set up his own map to follow his game and is relying on a map provided by a GM then we must ask if is this a player with the commitment to play to the finish and to conduct diplomacy? I think not.

If anything there are better grounds for printing maps for dip variants than for the regular game.

I am currently at a stage in my dip-playing career where I am very careful how many games I play and where I play them. After some years of playing tens of games I'm looking forward to a time when I am just playing in one or two. For me the most important factors are: frequency and reliability of the zine, the quality of the zine, the quality of the other players in the game and the GMing philosophy/HRs. Maps do not come into it.

As a GM I have, in the past, gone through phases of including maps with the adjudications. At the time I was running a stack of variants and I feel that a variant with a map is more likely to attract SBs/potential players than one without. However running a large number of games I soon got tired of spending a considerable amount of time filling maps in.

If in the future I ever re-open my waiting lists I probably will include a map, as I don't ever intend to run more than three-five games at a time. At this level of Gming load the maps don't present too much of a hassle.

Question for July's Issue: Regarding Gaming Conventions, have you been? If so, what did you like; if not, why not?

INTERNAZIONALE

Italian Politics: the Bad and the Ugly

by Charles Green

This month, instead of giving a straight discussion of Italian politics (an almost impossible thing to do anyway) I am presenting a short quiz, answers given below, which will be further expounded upon next month, when I am back in Connecticut and cannot be hauled in by the Carabinieri, the Mafia, or both.

1. What system of government does Italy have?
 - A. Democratic Republic
 - B. Partyocracy (rule by political parties)
 - C. The Mafia, N'drangheta, and the Caamora
 - D. There is no government
 - E. All of the above

2. What party has been the dominant one on a national level during the postwar years?
 - A. Christian Democrats (Democrazia Cristiana)
 - B. Communists (Partito Comunista Italiano)
 - C. The Mafia
 - D. Socialists (Partito Socialista Italiano)
 - E. Lista Marco Pannella (Anti-drug control party)

3. What is Bologna's nickname and why?
 - A. "Red City" - the government has always been PCI
 - B. "Bologna the fat" - it is one of the richest cities
 - C. "City of the damned tourists" (self-explanatory)
 - D. "Lake City" - it's so close to the major lakes
 - E. "City of the 3 T's" - towers, tortellini, and tits
(this is not a joke)

4. Who is currently the most important political figure in Italy?
 - A. The acting president, Giovanni Spadolini
 - B. The ex-President, Francesco Cossiga
 - C. John Gotti
 - D. Giovanni Agnelli, President of FIAT
 - E. Bettino Craxi, Secretary of the PSI

5. Identify the neo-Fascist party:
 - A. Movimento Socialista Italiano (MSI)
 - B. Lega Lombarda (Lombard League)
 - C. Partito Repubblicano Italiano (PRI)
 - D. Lega Casalinghe-Pensionanti (Housewives & pensioners league)
 - E. La Rete (an anti-Mafia party)

Answers: 1. E (no government has yet been formed); 2. A & C (they are hard to tell apart); 3. A, B, & E; 4. D (for all intents and purposes); 5. A (translation: Italian Socialist Movement) and possibly B (Alessandra Mussolini won election to the Senate as an MSI deputy from Bologna)

The Green Goblin Speaks #2

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by John Breakwell

Greetings and welcome to a Goblin in America. Some second hand feedback has been encouraging but please feel free to write direct!

Thought this time I'd cover some news in the UK that is a ripple of the splash over in California recently. It seems that a few British police forces were going to test out the American style baton as a replacement for the traditional truncheon. The miniaturised baseball bat has been in service for quite a while now and they were looking for a modern replacement. On the other side of the world the verdict was announced on the Rodney King court case and riots broke out in Los Angeles. On that weekend, over here a gang of Asian youths beat up a man wearing an LAPD tee-shirt, giving cracked ribs and bruising. I think he got off light. Showing a little more tact, the Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, cancelled the baton evaluation with no plans to try again. Any possible connection with the "arrest" of Mr King would have not gone down well at all with the ethnic minorities who tend to receive a large proportion of police attention.

The United Kingdom has similar problems to those in the States over poverty and racial conflict but on a smaller scale. This may be due to the move away from strong-arm tactics that the LAPD are being encouraged to use. About 10 years ago the police experimented with Immediate Response Units which were van loads of "enthusiastic" officers whose job was to quickly get to troublespots and clamp down. There was even a man clubbed to death by police during a march which created the same sort of furor as with King's beating. The effect of this was to stir up the ethnic and political groups even further than the recession and government of the time were managing to. True, as with the LAPD's style now, results were improved but the cost was the destruction of police relations with the inner city communities. The trend today seems to be towards co-operation and away from the "us-and-them" mentality of the previous Prime Minister's government.

Margaret Thatcher initially came to power on a "Law and Order" ticket and very quickly put her changes into motion. This didn't involve investment in the police force by increased man power but a change in the law so the police had more power. This was most evident through the crushing of the unions, especially during the miner's strike which produced horrific pictures of mounted police baton-charging strikers who included women. The "short sharp shock" of the 80s did have the effect of taking out the political enemies of the government but did nothing for crime figures. I would hope that the softer face of Majorism will inspire a compassionate government (and therefore a similarly inclined police force) which will succeed where the strong arm tactics of Margaret Thatcher did not. This is going to be especially difficult with the right's constant demands for stricter law enforcement (in addition to the usual "repatriation" of ethnic groups, abortion bans, women in the home, etc.).

So it's "Let's be careful out there" rather than "Let's do it to them before they do it to us"!

See you next time. .

Other Things to Do While at DipCon or In and Around Kansas City

TITAN Tournament — schedule tba

Snowball Fighting Tournament — gamestarts all weekend

Open Gaming — all weekend

Kansas City Royals will be in town Friday evening (with fireworks) and Saturday noon. Make your own ticket arrangements by calling 800-422-1969.

Fireworks! The City of Lenexa has a large display planned for Saturday night.

Shopping: There is a large mall within easy walking distance of the hotel, but Melody Lutterbie will also head several shopping expeditions.

Dining: There are a dozen widely diverse restaurants within two blocks.

½-Day Trips: art museums; Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun amusement parks; a brand new NCAA National Visitor's Center (a free pass will be in your registration packet)—this will be a major national attraction; Harry S. Truman home and library; Liberty War Memorial; Fort Leavenworth and Museum; Jesse James home and museum; Crown Center and the Plaza; Missouri Town (authentic town and customs); Woodlands Greyhound Racetrack (largest greyhound payoff in history was here); Joseph Smith Mormon museum; St. Joseph Pony Express exhibit, and more.

One- or Two-Day Trips for those extending their visit before or after the con: Dwight D. Eisenhower home and museum; Bass Pro Shop (best you'll ever see if you're an outdoorsman); Fulton's Westminster College (site of Churchill's Iron Curtain speech, and site of a Gorbachev visit in May); Hannibal, MO (boyhood home of Mark Twain—frog-jumping, river raft races); Herman, MO (our wine country); Lexington, MO (site of a Civil War battle).

As you can tell, there is plenty to do and see, and your hosts will do all they can to assist. (There is even a Dipcon Breakfast Special at HoJo's for \$1.99 every day of the Con!)

The Dipcon XXV Committee members are:

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If you go anywhere for Diplomacy this year, make it to

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DIPLOMACY

Three rounds, best two rounds will be scored. The scoring system is weighted toward *winning*, though there is no penalty for draws.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, July 3

5:30 to 7:00 P.M.: Registration

7:15: Orientation

7:30 P.M.: Diplomacy Round One

SATURDAY, July 4

10:00 A.M.: "Playing the Game"—seminar by Gary Behnen (panel discussion also)

2:00 P.M.: "How to Publish"—seminar by Cal White (will also include discussion)

6:00 P.M.: Diplomacy Round Two

SUNDAY, July 5

8:00 A.M.: Dipcon Society Meeting

10:30 A.M.: Diplomacy Round Three

evening: Dinner and Awards Ceremony, including the Miller, Holley, Koning, & Walker Awards and Tournament Prizes; and we hope to announce the Runestone Poll winner!



DipCon XXV: The Registration Form!

Please fill this out and mail to Gary Behnen (address below). If you prefer to call, *have this form completely filled out and handy when you phone!* The number is 913-829-1474. (If you get an answering machine, leave your number and mention a good time to return your call *collect*.)

Name: _____

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Telephone Number: _____

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Number in party: _____ x \$8.95 = _____

Convention Registration

Names of attendees: _____

of attendees _____ x \$25 if received by June 1 = _____
\$30 June 1 to July 2
\$35 at the door!

TOTAL _____ \$ _____

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DipCon XXV So — just *who* will be there?

Rex Martin — Managing Editor of *The General*. Mr. Martin will be the keynote speaker for Sunday's Award Banquet.

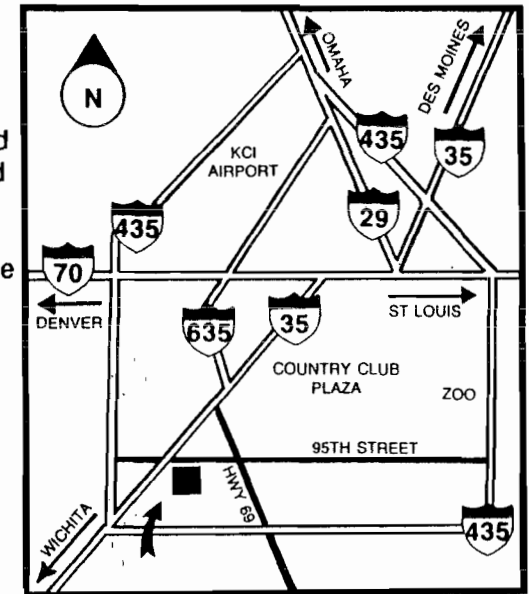
Allan Calhamer — creator of the game we all love. He and Mrs. Calhamer plan to attend.

Other notable early commitments include David Hood (publisher of *Diplomacy World* and past Dipcon winner), Melinda Ann Holley (publisher of *Rebel and Everything*), Dan Sellars (past Dipcon winner), Jason Bergmann (past Dipcon/World Dipcon winner), Eric and Claire Brosius (ark), Don Del Grande (*Lemon Curry*), Pete Gaughan (*Perelandra*), Andrew York (*Rambling Way*), Cal White (*Northern Flame*, two-time Runestone winner), Marc Peters (*So I Lied*, past Koning Award winner), Mark Frueh ("Joe Bridge" and publisher of *Frueh's Folly*), Randy Davis, Melanie Winters, Tom Johnston, Mark Luedi, John and Ann Michalski, Jeff McKee (another "Joe Bridge" and publisher of *The Metadiplomat*), Phil Reynolds (*Dipadeedoodah*), Pat and Jenni Smith, Larry Peery (*World Diplomacy*) and many more!

All attendees will receive a T-shirt and registration packet.

Transportation will be arranged through the host hotel, Howard Johnson's, and in some instances by private vehicles. HoJo's will have a shuttle to the airport every 45 minutes at \$3 per trip. We are 40 minutes from the airport so this is a cheap ride! There will also be some transportation to nearby events, such as Royals' baseball.

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VINCE LUTTERBIE: Orphan Games past Coordinator and BNC assistance

ERIC OZOG: Orphan Games Coordinator

CAL WHITE: CDO Coordinator, Publishing NORTHERN FLAME

1992 JOHN KONING AWARD

For outstanding play of Diplomacy:

GARY BEHNEN: DIPCON '91 Winner, PBM wins as all 7 powers

MELINDA HOLLEY: All around play

BRUCE REIFF: DIP Champ @ AVALONCON

MARK STEGEMAN: 1st 2 time DIXIECON Winner

ERIC YOUNG: Superb stand-by play in DIPADEEDOODAH'S "European Legacy"

1992 MELINDA ANN HOLLEY AWARD

For quality participation in the hobby:

JASON BERGMANN: Multitude of games both FTF & PBM

KATHY CARUSO: Consistent & excellent stand-by play

MELODY LUTTERBIE: Excellent press writing

PHIL REYNOLDS: Multitude of games played

JOHN SCHULTZ: Multitude of games played

1992 ROD WALKER AWARD

For literary excellence:

ALAN LEVIN: "THE EMPIRE ON THE NEVA" CAVEAT EMPTOR # 15

BUZ EDDY: "THE DIPLOMACY BOARD AS AN IMPERFECT MIRROR" PENGUIN DIP # 48

GARRET SCHENCK: ZINE REGISTER # 19

CONRAD VON METZKE/JIM BURGESS: "REMOVING THE OFFENSIVE SIDE" DIPLOMACY WORLD # 62

ERIC VOOGD: "REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR IN THE HOBBY" PENGUIN DIP # 49

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This will be my third, and last, year as Hobby Awards Custodian. I've liked the job, but it's time to pass it on. David McCrumb will be taking on after DIPCON. I wish him all the best; I've already received several compliments on this selection. The committee this year also helped me enormously. I sincerely thank this excellent representation of our hobby---Robert Acheson, Gary Behnen, Fred Davis, David McCrumb, Cathy Ozog, Garret Schenck, Brad Wilson, and W. Andrew York. Names of all contributors, voters, and donators will be read aloud at DIPCON, July 3-6 in Kansas City. Amounts and voter selection are kept strictly confidential, as are the total tallies of the winners. Hobby Awards has been a tradition for many years---please support them....then come to DIPCON and see the plaques and most of all HAVE FUN!!!!

RON CAMERON, HOBBY AWARDS COORDINATOR



GAME OPENINGS

Gurboat (w/Press): five openings, \$5.00 NMR fee required. If you are signed up, there will be a red check ==>

Regular: Six openings, \$5.00 NMR fee. Signed up: Clingman

Regular, International: Four openings, \$5.00 NMR fee with two month deadlines and no split seasons.
Signed up: Breakwell; Grose; Duarte

Nuclear Destruction: five openings, NO NMR fee. Signed up: Nelson.
Grose, Breakwell

Standbys: V. Lutterbie, DePalma, Reynolds, Schultz, Koehler, Wallace, Lewis, McHugh, Grose, Young, Gonsalves

Please notify the editor if you want on or off the list.

Other game openings upon request of the readership. Contact the editor if you have a favorite game or variant.

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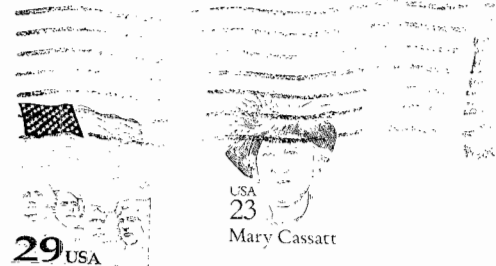
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