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Games are still available for \$4.00 plus preference list and a short bio. Subs are 8/\$1.00. Trades are welcomed.

I have about three spaces left in the last regular Diplomacy game which will be started for a while. I also have three spaces left in a MEJV game. As these games do not start to often, you had best take advantage of this offer.

Several people have written and asked if I would like them to write any articles, HELL yes. I welcome any contributions in the form of articles, and cover illustrations. My time is rather limited for the next several weeks learning my new job, and I would be more than happy to have someone else write something.

The JDA is alive and working. This years council is starting to go to town and get things done. Why not jump aboard and help the entire Diplomacy community. Send \$2 to Walt Buchanan, POF3, Lebanon, Ind, 46052.

I left the names of Rich Loomis and James Massar off the standby list last time. I thought that I had enough names to last me for a while, but after this issue I might need some more. If you want a chance to pick up a position in a game free, write me and tell me.

I have decided that two week deadlines for games are not enough time unless all the people involved happen to live fairly close together. There is not enough time to keep Diplomacy working right. For that reason I shall not keep you informed of any game openings which have two week deadlines.

Got several games from SPJ about two days ago but have not had time to even look at them yet, will do so for the next issue. If anyone would like to write a game review, go ahead.

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Deadline for all games is March 16, 1973, 12:00 noon EST

THE HOMEFRONT

You might have noticed that the front page of the last issue was a bit strange. The left side of it was lighter than the right side. What happened was that there is a dial on the stencil machine for contrast. The Gestetner people said it was supposed to be set on 10, and we never bothered to put it on any other setting. The secretary always turns it to 0 when she is finished with the machine. Well, I started to do the first page and forgot to reset it, when about half the page was done I noticed that it was on 0, but I could also tell that the stencil was cutting so I just turned the setting up for the right half. You can see the result, that the left side did not come through as dark. So we now set the contrast for about 3, and I think it comes out looking a little better.

I also like this new paper, it doesn't let the ink soak out as much as the pink paper did. It's also nicer to be able to send 6 sheets instead of 5.

For the first time this issue is all being done at once, on Sunday. Normally I have a lot of it done ahead of time, having to just do the games the weekend of the deadline. But this time it's all 12 pages at once. I had a nice head cold two weeks ago, which didn't particularly make me feel like working on anything. Then last week I finally got to take my federal securities test, which meant that I crammed for it the three days before. But never fear I managed to get everything done on time.

But this takes us to a subject which people seem to be discussing nowadays. The fact that some people don't publish on a strict deadline. I'm sure that you've heard it before, but I'll tell you again we're (we being publishers) aren't in this for the money, it's just a hobby. For that reason there are going to be times when someone has something more important come up and there is going to be a delay. Just be a little patient. I know that if you are only in one or two games, then a delay can be a bit upsetting, but remember that there are times when you don't want to do something or can't. This doesn't mean that I plan on putting this out on a random schedule. As much as possible I'll put this out every three weeks. But if it comes between taking a vacation and putting this out, well I'll let you guess which has priority. If a couple of weeks go by and you haven't seen this lovely thing in your mailbox, drop me a note. If the delay is at my end, I'm not going to get upset, this will protect you in case your copy gets lost in the mail somewhere. But most importantly remember what Lew Pulsipher says, "wargaming is just a god-dam hobby."

§ Rick Stuart would be interested in hearing from anyone who would be interested in beginning a multi-player game of Leipzig, to be run along similar lines as a gamemastered Origins or Diplomacy. If you're interested write Rick at 1292 Heitman Lane, Batavia, Ohio, 45103.

Good guy (or girl depending what rumor you hear) of the month goes to JH Fleming for THE ORPHAN. His zine has picked up two orphan games without any cost to the players. Besides doing that he is trying to start an all girl game, so if you know of any female type person who wants to try her hand at Diplomacy tell her to write to JH Fleming, 45 Pinehurst Ave, NY, NY, 10033

Have a little extra space here and I'm trying to think what to put in it. The Justice Dept reported that this year a new record high was set of grass seized. The Justice Dept and the Treasury put their heads together and came up with 541,800 lbs of grass. This is equal to over 270,000,000 joints. If you figure that for every pound captured at least 10 aren't, that's a lot of people smoking that dangerous drug. I'm surprised that the country hasn't already fallen apart from moral decay with all that dope being smoked.

THE GAMES

The deadline for all games is 12:00 noon EST, Mar 16, 1973

1972 AO Winter 02

First off, Doug Dick is now playing Germany, Buddy not sending anything in since last spring. I will try and remember to send you a address list Doug, in case I forget write me a nasty letter. Also, sometime in the near future, i.e., when I get some money, all of you who sent in money when this game was restarted will get it back. I have been touched by people's generosity.

Germany retreated F Den-Bal, and disbanded A Mur. At least I hope this is right, I forgot to make myself a copy of what I sent everyone and used, if this is not right will someone please tell me. Doug, I used the orders dated 2/12 because I wanted the retreats before I wanted the Winter removals.

Winter 02:

Germany: R A Pru

England: B A Lon

France: B F Bre, B F Mar

Austria: B A Vie

Russia: B F STP(nc)

Italy: -----

Turkey: -----

Tom Eller's Address has changed to 85 1/2 High St, Charleston, Mass, 02129.

Has:

F Bal

A Lon, A Den, A Kie, F Nwy, F Nth, F Ska

F Bre, F Mar, A Gas, A Bur, A Por, A Ruh, F Hol

A Vie, A Bud, A Gre, A Ser, A Rum, F Aeg

F STP(nc), A Ukr, A Mur, F Bot, F Sev

A Syr, A Apr, F Eas, F Jon,

A Bul, A Con, A Smy, F Bla

deadline for Spring 03 is Mar 16, 1973

1972ER Winter 01

Builds:

England: F Lon

Austria: A Bud

France: A PAR, F Bre

Italy: F Nap

Russia: A Mos

Turkey: F Con, F Smy

Has:

F Nth, F Nrg, A Nwy, F Lon

A Gre, F Tri, A Vie, A Bud

A Par, F Bre, F Spa(sc), A Mur, A Mar

F Nap, F Tur, A Tyr, A Ven

A Mos, F Swe, A Ukr, F Sev, A War

F CON, F Smy, F Rum, A Bul, A Arm

Deadline for Spring 02 is Mar 16, 1973

Whoops forgot Germany, sorry Mike

Germany: A Ber

A Ber, A Kie, F Hol, A Bel

Propaganda

MOSKVA(Feb 7)-AN ULTIMATUM!!

If all of you don't stop attacking Russia, we'll start fighting back!!!!

ANKARA: To ally or not to ally, that is the question. Whether it be wiser to continue the siege of Sevastopol, or turn west, and unleash the awesome juggernaut of Turkish strenght towards the crumbling Austrian empire, remains to be seen. Decisions, decisions! What sort of hobby is this that forces a person to exhaust himself with trivial and non-meaningful decisions?

1972ES Winter 01

Builds:

Austria: No builds received

England: B F Lon

France: ~~XXXXXX~~

Has:

F Gre, A Ser, A Boh

F Lon, A Yor, F Nwy, F Nth

R ~~MAX~~, F Mao, A Bel, A Mar

Since Mar is already occupied by an army, France is unable to build a fleet there. Which leaves France short one unit.

Germany: B F Kie, A Bee

Italy: No builds received

Russia: B F SLP(nc), A War, A Mas

Turkey: B F Smy

F Kie, A Bee, F Dan, A Mun, A Hol

F Tun, A Tyr, A Ven

A War, A Mas, F SLP(nc), F Swe, A Rum

A Bul, F Bla

F Smy, F Aeg, A Bul, A Con

Deadline for Spring 02 is Mar 16, 1973

Will Dennis Shrader, 2725 E 25th Apt 2, Minneapolis, Minn, 55406 please submit moves for Austria as a standby, and M Measel, 6921 Wallsey Dr, San Diego, Ca, 92119 please submit moves for Italy? Players may make moves conditional upon who submits orders.

Propaganda

MOSCOW: In his annual State of the Empire address, Czar Greg spoke to a captive audience of 100 million Russians today (Using the 4th army to hold the people that way). In his 26 hour address, the Czar made the following statements. 1st. Due to the success of the Russian forces, two new armies and a new fleet will be raised, so that Mother Russia may be protected from her enemies.

2nd. That the war with Austria is really a defensive war. The Czar pointed out that all he really wants is to regain his estate at Corfir, which was attacked by the Austrians during the invasion of Greece. The Czar pointed out that had Austria not threatened an attack on Russia in co-operation with the Turks, Russia would have not attacked Budapest. As a result of the support shown the Russian forces, Sweden, Rumania, Galicia, and Budapest have been annexed into the Russian Empire.

3rd. The Czar, a backer of ecology, is opposed to the death of the Loch Ness monster. However, teams of marine specialists are to be sent to Paris, Berlin, London, and Scotland to gather data. If the monster is indeed a threat to navigation, it should be destroyed. In such a case however, the Czar requests the remains be sent to St Petersburg for mounting in his Museum of Extinct Life, where it will occupy a special case next to the one for the King of Austria.

1972EJ Spring 02

Austria(Glidden): A gal-UKR, A vic-GAL, A BUD H, A SER S F GRE-bul, F gre-BUL/n

England(Kutta): NMR, F Lon H, A NWJ H, F ENG H, F MWG H /r/ in disbanding

France(Kelly): NMR, F BRE H, A PAR H, F BEL H, A MAR H, A SPA H

Germany(Walker): A mun-SJL, A hic-MUN, A hol-BEL, A PLH S A hol-BEL, F den-SWE

Italy(Schleinkofer): F JON C A apr-TUN, A apr-TUN, A VEN H

Russia(Carlson): F swe-MWJ, F SLP(nc) S F swe-MWJ, A FJN S F swe-MWJ, A mas-WAR, A RUM H, F SEV S A RUM H

Turkey(Dick): F aeg-GRE, F smy-AEG, A BUL S F aeg-GRE, A CON S A BUL

The Austrian F Gre has to retreat to Alb or be removed. You may make your moves conditional upon which occurs. Tom Keller, 317 E 12th St, New Albany, Ind, 47150, is asked to submit moves for England, and Art Haehnel, 1708 W Ainslie, Chicago, Ill, 60640 is asked to submit for France. The other players may make moves conditional upon who is playing the position.

Propaganda

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan, 01: A rare press conference was held today by Emperor Abdul Hamid JJ. The emperor told newsmen that he wished to clarify certain misstatements made by the French government concerning negotiations in Switzerland.

The emperor told newsmen, "It was my duty to monitor the talks between France and Russia. When the breakdown occurred, the French say it was the Czar's fault, but that's not the way I saw it. The breakdown was actually the fault of PM Kelly. Kelly was in such a stupor most of the time, serious negotiations could never really get started. In fact, all it boiled down to was PM Kelly

rolling his two huge bloodshot eyes at Czar Carlson. The Czar looked so bored at all this so I suggested to him that we go down the hall and watch ten of my best dancing girls. The Czar agreed and that was it."

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 02: A statement of foreign policy was made today by Emperor Abdul Hamid II. "Since Austria has continued her silence to my messages I'm alerting the armed forces of the Ottoman Empire to take defensive actions. I also hope that Italy performs his part of the bargain."

Deadline for Fall 02 is Mar 16, 1973

1972EV Winter 01

Builds:

Austria(Cooper): A Bud, A Tri
 England(Lowrance): F LON, F LVP
 France(Lanham): A PAR, F MAR
 Germany(Keller): F KJE, A MUN
 Italy(Prasse): F NAP
 Russia(Nichol): F SEP(nc), A MOS
 Turkey(Davies): F SPY

Has:

A BID, A TRJ, A SER, F GRE, A VJE
 F LON, F LVP, A MWJ, F NTH, F BRE
 A PAR, F MAR, F BEL, A SPA, A POP
 F KJE, A MUN, F DEN, A RUH, A HOL
 F NAP, F TUN, A VEN, A APL
 F SEP(nc), A MOS, F SWE, A UKR, A GAL, F RUM
 F SPY, F Aeg, A BUL, A CON

Deadline for Spring 02 is Mar 16, 1973

Propaganda

MUNICH: The Crown Prince Matahad of Bavaria today sailed, via balloon from Munich as commander of the newly created Bavarian Amphibious Army. King Waheed I wished his son well of this his first airborne adventure.

FREIBURG: After attending the Buddhist lunar new year festival at Uberlinger, the King returned here for the annual Beer and Banana Fest.

Monsieur Morlaix of Brest won the Bronze Banana for consuming six steins of beer while holding a banana between his teeth. Honorable mention went to the Swiss Chancellor for downing four beers and then dropping his banana. He was disqualified for cleaning his banana of sandust before finishing his last beer.

KJEL: Princess Yoni was aboard the Battle Cruiser Auger when it sailed for manuevers in coastal waters, in anticipation of the proposed spring war games with the Danish marines. Rumors at High Sea Fleet headquarters say that Princess Yoni will assume command after these exercises. Princess Yoni is the leading naval advocate in Germany. On her visit last year to the Naval Academy in the US, she was an overwhelming success. Her surprise short arm inspection on the guard was the high light of the tour.

MOSCOW: Czar Nick's teddy bear was recovered and Galacia secured, the foreign minister announced today. He also stated that Turkey and Russia had reached agreement on the Black Sea fishing rights, and that harmonious relations were in effect with Germany. It was also noted that the ideal warm water port for Russia would be London.

VENICE: OOPS!!!- Italian commanders wish to apologise for the late gross misunderstanding with the Austrian government. Italian cavalry horses panicked, and had to be pursued over the border. Thanks are to the prompt actions of the Austrian army in Vienna, in returning these horses to Italian command. They were last seen heading into Piedmont. (Fishin)

LONDON: It has become apparent that this turmoil in the west must be brought to a resolution. There are simply not enough supply centers west of Vienna to keep everyone happy. Therefore, the British and Germany governments are most pleased, and relieved, to announce the institution of a plebiscite to be held simultaneously in London, Berlin, and Paris. The people of England, Germany, and France will be asked to create two nations where there previously were three. Ballots will be cast in secret and the counting will be done by selected members of the Bundestag with an audit by Lloyd's of London.

1972FH Fall 01

Austria(Huang): NMR, A TRJ H, A SER H, F ALB H
 England(Ray): A yor-BEL, F NTH C A yor-BEL, F nwg-NWY
 France(Riepl): A BUR S ENG A yor-BEL, A lux-Spa, F mac-POR
 Germany(Barents): A RUH S A kie-HOL, A kie-HOL, F DEN-swe
 Italy(DePrisco): A VEN H, A apu-TUN, F JON C A apu-TUN
 Russia(Bennett): A MOS S A SEV, A SEV H, F BOT-swe, F RUM S ALLS A ser-bul/nso/a/
 Turkey(Wood): A bul-RUM, F BLA S A bul-RUM, A ARM-sev

Supply Centers

Austria: TRJ, VJE, BUD, SER Builds 1
 England: LVP, LON, EDJ, BEL, NWY Builds 2
 France: MAR, BRE, PAR, SPA, POP Builds 2
 Germany: KJE, MUN, BER, DEN, HOL Builds 2
 Italy: VEN, NAP, ROM, TUN Builds 1
 Russia: SEP, MOS, WAR, SEV Builds 1
 Turkey: ANK, CON, SMY, RUM Builds 1

Please read below the press

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Mike Lind, 1411 Ashley St, Richmond, Va, 23231, is asked to submit orders for Austria. Players may make their orders conditional upon whose orders are used.

Propaganda

PETROGRAD: Today at 11 AM local time Czar Valdamir JJ stepped down as Supreme Ruler of Mother Russia. After abdicating the throne and renouncing all claims to Royal lands and breaking the vow of chastity, Valdamir JJ became Petro DiMunzio private citizen. The warring factions fighting to reform the government have guaranteed Petro and his entourage safe passage to the American consul in Stockholm. There he is expected to sail to the United States and plans to settle in Kentucky and raise Cain.

LONDON: English fleets engaged the Norweigen pirates and defeated them decisively. The remnants of the raiders were chased into port.

MUNICH(HJC): Beer gardens #2 opened and #3 will open later this week in Kiel. Rumors abound that one will open in Holland-Zeeland area as well as some in Denmark-Sweden area.

ZURICH(HJGH): News arrived today in this, the village of Herr Jher of Hill, that he, the JHER of Hill, had been asked to join the ruling class of the province of MEGANER. Herr Jher knew not what to say. It was the first time that anyone had ever considered him for any such job. As he read on, he found out that he would be used to counter the weight of the Woodies and Bare Ents, that also help govern MEGANER.

BLOOMINGGUILTCH: When he learned that he would be expected to counter the weight of the Woodies and the Bare Ents, Herr Jher of Hill said, "Where am I going to gain another 300 pounds."

Jerry Bennett is resigning as Russia, and has asked to name his replacement which is fine. Starting with Winter 01, Bill Barker, Box 107B, RR 2, New Albany, Ind, 47150 will play Russia. Thank you Jerry for arranging an orderly transfer.

1973U

This game is the next to last regular Diplomacy game to start for a long while. The players received their country assignments already. Spring 01 moves are due Mar 16, 1973. Below is the way the countries were assigned.

Gallagher	RAEFTJC, 225 Elaine Dr, Petersburg, Va, 23803
Nagle	CFETJAR, 2319 W Michigan Ave #205, Milwaukee, Wis, 53233
Schill	RFCETJA, 14101 121st Ave NE, Kirkland, Wa, 98033
Ryder	EFTJGRA, PO Box 20068, UTDB, Box 431, Houston, Tex, 77025
Scroggie	JEATRFC, Fishtrap Lake, Sprague, Wa, 99032
Lindauer	ATAFCEJ, 120-18 Aldrich St, NY, NY, 10475
Haehnel	EJFRCAT, 1708 W Ainslie, Chicago, Ill, 60640

1973Et

This is the METV game which was filled last issue. The small province at the bottom of the map is Harfalas. When everyone is sending in their orders, I would prefer it if you wouldn't abbreviate the names of the provinces to much, so that I will not have any problems with them. Also, I have been asked if you can build fleets on the first turn with an army which is in a coastal province, yes.

First moves are due Mar 16, 1973

EREBOR: Durin's mighty voice was heard echoing in the halls today. It seems that he is quite confounded concerning this "diplomacy". "Where in the hell do I move???" I could attack Angmar and get my ---frozen off, or I could attack Mordor but even a retarded troll wouldn't go there. Or I could go after Gondor but as we all know Minas Tirith is already in the soup, and besides too many cooks spoil the broth. On the other hand getting down to the mitty-gritty, how does one write press for this? You can't use the old: It was announced today blah blah blah, because who are you announcing it to? If anyone wants a press war I am all for it. I could write something if I had something to start with. Anyway Mordor agreed to keep it's stench out of Rhun until Quelre so we can clear-out before the stench gets up here.

MJRWOOD:-(south) Let it be known that the elves rule in Rhovanion that fool Durin speaks only at our pleasure. Don't worry we will be kind, so that he won't talk much. Write on! To those of you who know the elvish, our words: * Ando as Former Silma*

BARAD-DUR/ ASH NAZG, FREE PRESS AND FEAR MINISTRY- Today, amid cheering throngs of orcs and men, Amon Amarth burst into flame once more, covering the entire land of Gorgoth with cloud inside three hours. The Dark Lord is once more in complete control of the land of Mordor, and shall soon extend his control through all the lands of Middle Earth.

People of the fallern west, give up, be afraid, for against the power now arisen in the East, there is no defense, no method of war. The hour of the doom of the enemies of the Dark Lord is come at last! Your armies will crumble, and your soldiers will be food for the vultures. To try to stand against the irresistible is folly. The rewards for resistance will be death and torment, but if you join with the powers of the East, your reward will be the plunder of Middle Earth!

WAR OF THE NOSES PT 1: In the Kingdom of Arnor not so long ago, there lived a King who was most unhappy. Those damn noses, he could be heard to say, Christ, they must be a foot long. It was true, to be born Anarnorian was to be cursed with a huge schnoz. For thousands of years the people of that country were laughed at and persicuted by the rest of the world. Because of this they had long ago withdrawn from the rest of Middle Earth, and raised a huge army to make sure they stayed that way.

The King thought maybe it was time for a change. He called for the royal scientist. Why are we stuck with these huge beaks he asked.

There are two types of genes, said the scientist, dominant and recessive. He went on to a detailed explanation of Mendel's Law. As the scientist finished the King glared at him.

Do you expect me to believe that some guy named Gene is responsible for these big noses?

The scientist sighed. I'm afraid the King does not quite grasp the situation.

Pt II The King acts coming:

DIARY OF THE KING OF ANGMAR: It was sometime after I had supped at nontime when Gandalf came to speak with me. He spoke of my former home in the West, across the great blue waters. I told him I would soon go there and leave this place, for at least until next harvest. For I do not like the ill winds which blow almost daily from the south. He then struck upon a plan whereby the 3 powerful nations of the north would unite to vanquish the evil in the south. I immediately agreed and the plans have been made.

Finally(I say finally because this is the last page being typed) a couple of odd things and a puzzle.

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Scotland Yard was called in on a case in London, that was a bit out of the ordinary. It seems that seven geese were stolen from a store just before Christmas, cooked goose being an English Christmas dinner. However these geese were not ordinary geese. They had been treated with a hormone to try and breed them to be nice and plumb. This hormone had the side effect of causing a loose of all sezual desires. Scotland Yard was not whether people could be effected by the hormone by eating the geese or not. Or if the hormone effect was only temporary. But someone was liable to have a drab New Years.

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ZOUNDS

"Zounds"

Sure enough, there were houndreds of screaming, yelling zounds, running and galloping as fast as they possibly could. The field was covered with them and there was no escape for the two comrades.

"Odds bods, Harry, I think we are in for it now!"

"Odds bods is right, Alfie." All around them thousands of screeshing violent odds bods faced the zounds head on. It was a terrible battle and Alfie and Harry had to cover their ears because of the terrible din. Finally, there was not one zound or odd bod left alive on the field of battle. Then Harry began to open his lips.

"Phew"

"No don't!" cried Alfie. But it was too late. Millions of Phews were already steam rolling over the field and Harry and Alfie were hopelessly trapped.

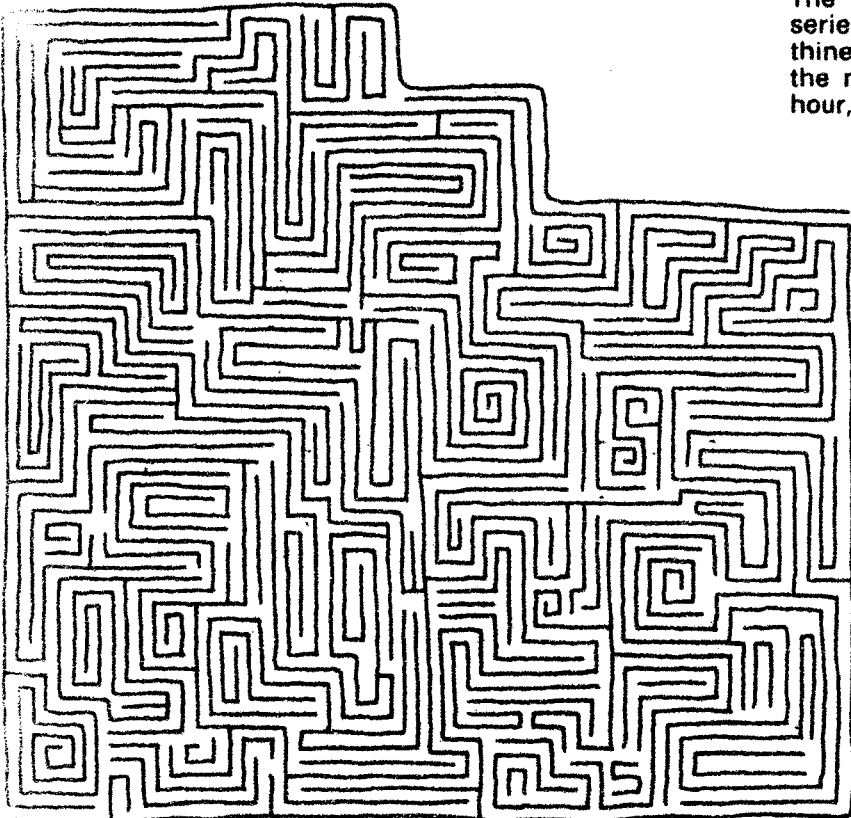
----Dave Lang

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THE LABYRINTHINE MAZE

The fourth in GAMES & PUZZLES' series of tricky mazes is the Labyrinthine Maze. If you can travel through the maze in under a quarter of an hour, you can congratulate yourself.

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MISCELLANEOUS MUTTERINGS

The Beyerlein Player Poll #5 is now history, but before I give you the results I would like to say something about participation. The copy of TS which had the poll in it went out to over 100 people, of those 100 people one person returned the poll. After I went to the trouble of putting it in, one person returns it. When I read that it really made me feel good, that my readers took such an active interest in things. But enough griping:

THE RESULTS OF BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL NUMBER FIVE

Top Board	S	N	Second Board	S	N
1. Edi Birsan (10)	461	31	8. John Smythe	199	20
2. Brenton Van Ploeg (8)	379	26	9. Conrad von Metzke (1)	168	21
3. Doug Beyerlein	339	30	10. Les Pulsipher	119	17
4. Len Lakofka (1)	256	26	11. Mike Rocamora (2)	118	12
5. Walt Buchanan (1)	222	23	12. Rick Brooks (1)	115	14
5. Andy Phillips (3)	222	27	13. Gene Prasnitz	88	15
7. Tom Eller (2)	216	17	14. Hal Maus	82	12

Somehow at the bottom of the third board a name turned up which seemed familiar, and it was, it was mine. If I had known that someone else was going to vote for me, then I would have voted for myself, but I didn't want to be the only one.

Probably the best thing which I have read about ratings was in the latest APENA which I shall quote here, I am sure that Edi wouldn't mind. "It is well known that I mutually hold most rating lists in some contempt and know my score on every one. That is, while I logically see little use for rating systems when no one has established any consensus on what achievement is (use in terms of achievement measurement not game related use) I derive some ego support by doing well on this one or that one. I suspect that this is a popular position and I hope that the number of rating lists increases, each with a different measurement scale and emphasis. Thus, more people can be on top and everyone can have the ego support. In short, everyone should be number one in some one's rating system."

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The International Game Show, June 22, 23, & 24 in Chicago, it should be a goodie. There'll be the 49 player Diplomacy tournament, Chess exhibitions, and about any other type of wargaming you could want. For more details write JGS, 205 W Wacker, Chicago, Ill, 60606.

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AQUARIUS is an extraordinary journal of postal Diplomacy, Bourse, and Council of Nations which will be put out by John Boyer. It will feature just one Diplomacy game, but the players will be some of the best press writers around. Subscribers will also have some form of involvement through press and the Bourse and Council of Nations game. For more info write John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr, Carlisle, Pa, 17013. Sub rate will be 12/\$2, which isn't bad for the best press around.

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If you want to keep up with the statistical end of Diplomacy, and keep an eye on how the hobby is growing, you might try EVERYTHING, by Conrad von Metzke, PO Box 8342, San Diego, Ca, 92102. It comes out monthly except for Jan for \$3/year.

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ARMADILLO, that beast of the east is still alive and kicking. Coop has finally got things going again after mashing his knee up. Personally, I rank ARMADILLO as the funniest and most enjoyable Diplomacy zine around. \$1 will buy 6 issues from House of Coop, 3501 Saylor Pl, Alexandria, Va, 22304.

What's the other zine tied with APPO, why that joke from Poland Oh, JASTRZAB. With such features as the LORD game, the Pole game, its one of the gamiest zines around. It should get even better as I'm starting to write some press for it, featuring Charlie O'Shea the mad Irish revolutionary. So write Stan Wrobel, 7 Poland Village Blvd, Poland, Oh, 44514, and if you include \$1.50 you'll get the next ten issues. By the way Stan, did you hear what happened to the Polish Racing Drivers Association's entry in the Cannonball Baker Sea to Shining Sea Memorial Trophy Dash Race. After leading all the way from New York their car broke down 70 miles from the finish line in Redondo, Ca. Typical.

I got a copy of the new XENOGOGIC a couple of days ago. The main emphasis is on simulation gaming. Some of the articles were a little poor, but the ones on the Rand corporation were good. I think that as it develops and gets itself moving on the track it wants to go it should be a very interesting zine. For more info write Larry Peery, Box 8476, San Diego, Ca, 92102. Also, there is a contest on for the best simulation game concerning certain topics, for this info also write Larry.

One of the weirdest zines to come around is LUXOR. If you like you Diplomacy a bit on the gay side, then LUXOR is for you. I haven't seen anything like it since I was in San Francisco and walked into the wrong nightclub downtown. Boy was that an eye-opener. LUXOR will have just one game, which will be free. Write LUXOR, PO Box 1506, La Mesa, Ca, 92041, but I would be careful when I went out to the mailbox for the next several days after, you don't really know what might come out.

There are a number of people who have game openings and I shall try and dig them up out of my files. The first is Jim Benes, 16 W 450 Honeysuckle #112, Hinsdale, Ill, 60521. Game fee is \$2 plus a sub fee to WS-PTP, which can vary depending upon how you want it.

Fred Winter is going to start three games in the middle of April, if you want in then you should get a dollar registration fee in now, and it will cost you \$4 more when the game starts. Fred is also trying to start up an 11 man variant but I can't remember how much on that one. Write Fred Winter, Box 604, Madison, Wis, 53701.

If you want to play Origins PBM, write to Herb Barents, 157 State St, Zeeland, Mi, 49464. He carries them in STENCH which also features a METV game with some good press (I should know I write it). Herb also has about half a dozen other zines featuring all kinds of games and things. So write him and bother him.

Greg Warden, 911 S Farragut St, Phil, Pa, 19143 is offering a free game, in his zine EN PASSANT. Drop him a line.

Jim Murphy, 7121 Tyrone Ave, Van Nuys, Ca, 91405 is starting a new game zine DRAMPOF. It costs \$1 plus a sub of 8/81.

Richard Hull is trying to get started a game of 1776, a new variant by Dick Vadder. Even if you are not interested in a game you should definitely be subing to TANGALO EXPRESS because of the variants it carries. Every issue has a variant in it. Write Richard Hull, 4720 Cloyne, Apt 2, Oxnard, Ca, 93030. I hope that Richard missed the damage caused by that last earthquake.

WHO'S WHO OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY QUESTIONNAIRE

The following is a questionnaire I received from Larry Peery. He is attempting to form a Who's Who of postal Diplomacy. I am sure that there are those of you who think that this is another of Larry's crazy ideas which will never come to past. Maybe, we'll have to see. If you are not one of those people then you are asked to fill out the form and return it to Larry by March 31, you can even fill out the form if you are one of those people. Send it to Who's Who, JDS, Box 8416 San Diego, Ca, 92102. Larry asks that even if you are new to the hobby, you return the form, as it will help provide information. I leave it up to you to decide if the idea is worthwhile, as far as myself, I shall return the form filled out and see what happens. I hope that you do the same.

A. Vital Statistics

1. Name
2. Permanent Address
3. Mailing Address
4. Vital Statistics
5. Occupation
6. Education
7. Marital Status

B. Playing Career

8. Date began playing postal Diplomacy
9. Number of postal Diplomacy games started/completed
10. Boardman number and positions played in completed games
11. Boardman number and positions played in games won
12. Personal country preference list
13. Magazines played in
14. Articles written

C. Publishing Career

15. Date began publishing regular postal Diplomacy magazine(s)
16. Magazine(s) published
17. Type of magazine
18. Frequency of publication
19. Number of pages in average issue
20. Circulation: low/high/average
21. Method of printing
22. Boardman number(s) of game(s) started/completed
23. Features

D. Gamesmastering Career

24. Date began gamesmastering regular postal Diplomacy game(s)
25. Gamesmaster of Boardman games
26. Magazines games carried in
27. Personal or magazine house rules published in

E. Organization Career

28. Clubs, Organizations
29. Official Positions held (dates)
30. Honors

If you need to, use an extra sheet of paper for some of the categories.

FOR SOME PROBABLY STRANGE REASON YOU MIGHT CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING PAGE BECAUSE IT APPLIES TO YOU

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Picked up a couple of books the other day that were absolute dogs. There being a large number of science fiction freaks out there I am sure that most of you know of the series concerning Gor, the counter earth. The latest book in the series is out. It's called Captive of Gor. Seeing it in the local bookstore, I immediately grabbed it and took it home, looking forward to a nice quiet evening of reading. I haven't been so disappointed in a long time. The story concerns the fate of a New York City girl who is taken to Gor. Such a dull and boring book, I haven't read in a long while.

Another one of the same vain is entitled J.R.R. Tolkien. It is part of a series of books about writers of the 70's. If you are interested in trying to find out all the secret meanings of the Tolkien trilogy, then by all means go ahead and buy the book. I thought it was a waste of time and money.

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A couple of good books are two new ones by James White, Lifeboat and The Watch Below. Both were very excellent books, dealing with subjects which aren't generally covered by normal science fiction.

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While I'm on the subject of books, I'll mention one more. As you all know I am a terribly committed Tolkien fanatic. Well, I broke down and a copy of Bored of the Rings, to see what kind of sacrilege that had been written. I have never laughed so hard in my life as when I read that book. It concerns Boggies like Dildo and Frito Bugger and their adventures. Along the way they meet such people and creatures as Spam Gangree, Goodgulf the wizard, Tim Benzedrine, Arrowroot, Sorhed, a cast of various and sorted narcs and ballhogs, plus that old sneaker himself, Goddam. So if you want to read something that makes the best Diplomacy press written look bad, try it.

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Well, I guess that's about all there is this time. Till next time, have a good day and get a lot of whatever it is that you like to get.

Yours,

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