



THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT

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The Canadian Diplomat is a zine devoted to the playing of postal Diplomacy and other similar variants. It is also an outlet for this individual's opinions on life and the Canadian way.

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SUBSCRIPTION FEES Two issues for one Canadian dollar, five issues for two Yankee dollars, trades are welcomed.

GAME FEES None, for the remainder of this year.

GAME OPENINGS Regular Diplomacy ... continual openings
Game No. # 1 1985 E Spring 1902 results this issue.
Game No. # 2 1985 J Spring 1902 results this issue.
Game No. # 3 1985 ? Spring 1901 results this issue.
Game No. # 4 Signed up, Watson, Krammer, Johnson, Clarry

Gunboat Diplomacy ... continual openings
Game No. # 1 1985 Drb32 W01 and S02 results this issue.
Game No. # 2 1985 Jrb32 Spring 1901 results this issue.
Game No. # 3 1985 ? Winter 1900 starts this issue.
Game No. # 4 Seven openings.

Anarchy Diplomacy ... seven player variant
Game No. # 1 1985 ? Autumn 1900 starts this issue.
Game No. # 2 Signed up, Stewart, Wilson

Anarchy Diplomacy ... seventeen player variant
Signed up, Wall

Anarchy Diplomacy ... thirty-four player variant
Signed up, Wall, Carter

STANDBY'S

Wall, Holley, Rauterberg, Davies, Carter, Hickey, Stark, Kramer, Wilson, and Lowes.

STANDBY'S ECNUS

When you are called on to standby, and if you wind up taking over the position in question. Then all your issues from that point on, up until the time that you either win, draw, or are eliminated are freebies.

HOUSE RULES

For new subscribers there's a set attached, I was not overwhelmed with much feedback on whether to allow Gray or Black press. I'll try this one more time. I WANT ALL MY SUBBERS WHO INTEND ON PLAYING, TO VOTE ON WHETHER THEY WANT GRAY OR BLACK PRESS. I'll go with the majority. My definition of black press is, allowing the use of any dateline on the board. An example of this would be, the English player writing press starting with either, GERMANY, PARIS, ROME, RUSSIA, ...

My definition of gray press, allowing the use of any neutral dateline, i.e. Yorkshire, North Sea, Belgium, Switzerland, ... But not the use of your opponents country name or supply centers.

The Echo Bay Blues

Well this issue will be one week late when it's mailed out tomorrow. This will cut about half a week off my next deadline, but it's still five and half weeks away. This issue was supposed to be ready on the 27th but, due to a heavy workload this last rotation at the minesite, I spent most of nights back at work. So I brought it all out to Edmonton with me, and have spent the last days working on this. I have had some pretty liquid lunches in those three days and several trips to our Edmonton office, so it hasn't been all work and no play.

I was talking to Melinda Holley yesterday, (of West Virginia and I understand that their having somewhat of a heat wave (same) in the southern states. Well right now it's pretty hot in Edmonton, but on my return to the minesite, July 15th, it snowed!! It was a case of instant depression, you know if they didn't pay me reasonably well, feed me for free when on site, and make my bed, I don't think that I'd stay there.

ADVERTISEMENT

If you include a little Dungeons and Dragons in your hobby scene and if your interested in playing a similar style of game postally. Drop, Steve Courtenche; 300 Main Street Apt. 1, Woburn, Ma; 01801. From what I understand from Steve is that players who use their common sense (I have a quote somewhere about common sense), don't have to worry about tables or charts. The costs ? Thought that you'd never ask.

\$ 10.00 for five turns, and that would be American dollars. Steve, I presume that FRP means fantasy role playing ??

SALES QUIZ ... QUESTION NO. # 1

You are having lunch with a prospective customer talking about what could be your biggest sale of the year. During the conversation a blonde walks into the restaurant and she is so stunning, you draw your companion's attention to her and give a vivid description of what you would do if you had her alone in your motel. She walks over to the table and introduces herself as your client's daughter. Your next move is to:
A. You tell me, all correct answers will receive a free issue, plus the best of the rest.

" One must pay dearly for immortality; one has to die several times while still alive. "

-- Friedrich Nietzsche

I understand that his buddies used to call him, Fred. It also explains where old Ponce de Leon went wrong. I believe that he only died once, could be wrong though.

" It has been a combined 25-man effort. We just totally stink
-- John Candelaria, Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher

NEW ITALIAN PLAYER HAS UNCERTAIN FUTURE AS FRANCE & TURKEY POISED TO MEET IN ITALY. I.G.A. SANDWICH IMMINENT, ENGLAND INTRUDES INTO THE CHANNEL, AS CARTER RACES TOO BECOME THE FIRST PLAYER ELIMINATED !

AUSTRIA	Carter	A Tyr-Boh, <u>A Vie s ITA A Ven-Tri NSO</u>
ENGLAND	Smyth	F Nth-Eng, F Edi-Nth, F Nwy s F Edi-Nth, <u>A Hol-Bel, A Lon H</u>
FRANCE	Stark	F Bre-Pic, A Par-Bur, <u>A Bel s A Par-Bur, F Por-Spa s.c.</u> A Spa-Mar, F Mar-GoL
GERMANY	Wiedemeyer	<u>F kie-Hol</u> , F Den-Swe, A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Mun
ITALY	Lowes	F Tun-TyS, A Ven-Tyr, A Apu-Ven
RUSSIA	Watson	A StP-Fin, A Mos-War, A War-Gal, <u>A Bud-Vie, F Rum H, F Ed-L</u>
TURKEY	Touchette	A Ser-Tri, F Bul sc-Gre, F Con-Aeg, F Smy-EMed, A Anh-Con

PRESS

FRA-ENG: Well, I stayed clear of the Channel this turn- what about you ??

GM-AUS: I used them because they were the only ones that I had.

GM-PLAYERS: Rob Lowes is the new Italian player, thanks Rob.

DEADLINE

Fall 1902 is due, Tuesday September 10th. Also, note that I had the Austrian army Tyrolia listed as being in Trieste last move (winter 01).

" There is no such thing as common sense; because if it were common, then everybody would have it. "

- Brewer pitcher Moose Haas

GER/ITA IN TROUBLE AS ENG/FRA REACH ACCORD. MORE, GERMAN PROBLEMS AS RUSSIA MOVES INTO SILESIA. BEER STRIKE OVER, BACK TO BUD !

AUSTRIA	Hickey	<u>A Bud-Tri, A Vie s A Bud-Tri, A Ser s A Bud-Tri, F Gre-Ion</u>
ENGLAND	Polley	A Lon-Bel, F Nth c A Lon-Bel, F Eng s A Lon-Bel, A Nor-Swe
FRANCE	Jewett	F Bre-Mac, A Pic-Bre, F Por-Spa sc, A Mun-Ruh, A Mar-Bur
GERMANY	Stewart	A Ber-Mun, A Kie s A Ber-Mun, <u>A Tri s AUS A Vie-Tyr NSC,</u> F Den-Ska, <u>A Hol-Bel</u>
ITALY	Greaves	F Tun-Ion, F Kap s F Tun-Ion, A Ven s GER A Tri, <u>A Tyr-Vie</u>
RUSSIA	Wiedemeyer	F GoB-Bal, A Gal-Sil, A Ukr-Mos, <u>F Rum - hides in a cellar</u> (F Rum is annihilated)
TURKEY	Lowes	<u>A Ser-Hun, A Tur-Rus, F Ita s A Bul-Rum, A Anh-Aus,</u>

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PRESS

Eng: Eng & Belgian Englands Aufmar sgebiet werden ?

GM-B: Say it pretty good to me.

ENG-GERM: Your alliance with Italy is so open that a direct assault against Germ centers is now required. I wish to assure you that only your overt aid to Italy saved France from an E/G alliance. Thank you for showing your stripes early in the game.

ITA-GER: AS you will !

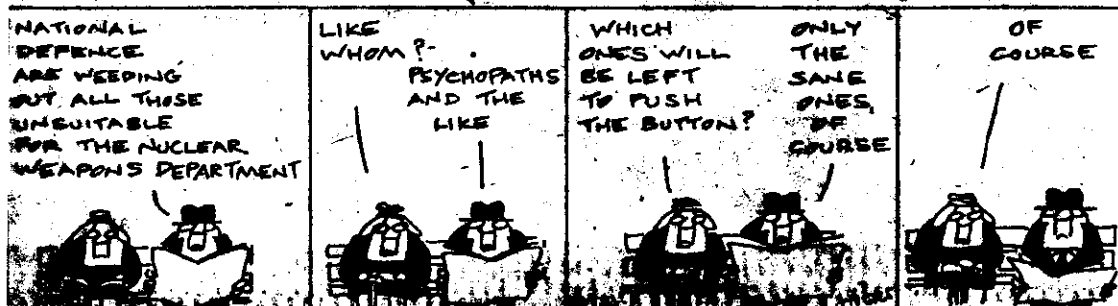
Gal-Ita: Help me !!!

Sil-Ita: I promise you that Barry Hickey is in this game.

GM: I'm sure that Barry will be thrilled to hear that.

THE OUTCASTS

by Ben Wicks



" Now I know how Walter Mondale felt. "

Angels' Bobby Grich, after learning he lost in the all-star balloting to Detroit's Lou Whitaker by a mere 1.17 million to 416,000 votes.

FRENCH SLIP INTO THE BACK DOOR, BUT TWO HOME CENTERS TO FALL ?
 RUSSIA GOES WRONG WAY AS AUSTRIA/TURKEY COMBINE FORCES.

AUSTRIA Build A Bud, A Vie; A Bud s A Vie-Gal, A Vie-Gal, A Tri H, F Gre H,
 A Ser s TUR A Bul-Rum
 ENGLAND Build F Edi; F Edi-Nwg, F Nth s A Nwy, A Nwy s GER F Den-Swe. NBC
 F Wal-Eng
 FRANCE F Mao-Iri, A Tyr-Mun, A Bur s A Tyr-Mun, /d/retreat Fic, Par, Gas, CTB
 GERMANY Build A Kie, A Mun; A Mun-Bur, A Ruh s A Mun-Bur, A Kie-Mun, A Hol-
 Bel, F Den checks out Copenhagen night-life
 ITALY Build F Nap; F Nap-Tyr, F Tun-WMed, A Pie-Mar, A Rom-Ven
 RUSSIA Build F Sev, A War; A StP-Nwy, F Swe-Bal, A Ukr-Gal, A War-Sil,
 F Rum-Bla, F Sev s F Rum-Bla
 TURKEY Build F Smy; F Smy-Aeg, A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul, F Bla s A Bul-Rum, /d/
 retreat Arm, Ank, Con, or CTB
 PRESS

ENG-GER: Support for F Den as requested on the phone.

ENG-RUS: Less belligerence wins less offense.

AUS-TUR: Okay ?

AUS-ITA: Okay ?

GM-AUS: Enough !

Wilhelmstrasse, (Deutsche Presse) Frenchmen in our backyard ? How annoying.
 Bremenhaven, (Tageblatt) Due to the chaos in the French Republic the Kaiser
 has magnanimously agreed to take Belgium under a protectorate.
 All foreign powers are cordially invited to seek expansion elsewhere.

ENG-GER: After you get Sweden, do I get Belgium?

GM-ENG: I think that your question has been magnanimously answered.

AUS-FRA: May I suggest you encroach no further on Austrian territory.

Rom-ENG: You hit him on his Brest and I'll hit him on his (H)Arse.

ROM-Aus: A quiet helping hand, first to Russia, then to Turkey and you should
 come out enriched. Germany may take on the job. I'll get
 back to you. I will help you rid yourselves of the French invader.
 I will support your move into Tyrolia.

AUS-ITA: Yall if you need help. I want your friendship, shall we kick France
 out of our way ?

MOS: Russia is at war with Germany and Turkey, Allied with Austria and England
 England's offer of Norway is accepted, in return Russia offers England
 Sweden.

ROM-Kaiser: Gagged in escargot ? What a ghastly finish ! But in this case it
 seems fair. How about tied in a swamp, covered with honey and left
 for a spring evening ? That would be even worse.

ENG-TUR: See you in Vienna.

Jutland Harbour, (Weltshrift) The Kaiser has ended his tour of Denmark at
 this picturesque harbour. After a brief ceremony commemorating
 the unfortunate death by drowning of the Danish intelligentsia
 His majesty regretted the hostility between his two dear
 friends the King and the Tsar, and promised to maintain strict
 neutrality in the Scandanavian conflict.

MOS-FRA: Will the military please dispose of the incompetent civil leadership.
 Their poor showing has forced us to invade our competent German
 neighbour in order to right the regions balance of power.

POPE-ENG: Why the rein ? That should have been rain as in mainly on the plain
 Bonapae is only fun if it involves swamps and biting insects.

MOS-SER: Any bribes Germany may wish to offer Russia to call off the dogs of
 war will be accepted, say Denmark.

DEADLINE

FALL 1902 is due, Tuesday September 10th. (includes summer retreats)

" It will not change the situation in Nicaragua, It will not
 change the terrorists in Lebanon. Apartheid still reigns in South Africa
 Western civilization will not crumble. "

- ABC's Howard Cosell, on Spend a Buck's absence from the Pressness

AUSTRIA	<u>A Vie-Gal</u> , A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb	TURKEY ATTACKS RUSSIA AS FRANCE
ENGLAND	F Eci-Kth, <u>F Lon-Eng</u> , A Liv-Yor	MOCKS AHEAD TO A FORTHCOMING
FRANCE	<u>F Bre-Eng</u> , A Par-Pic, A Mar-Bur	STRIKING BLOW.
GERMANY	F Kie-Hol, A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Kie	
ITALY	A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Ion	
RUSSIA	<u>A War-Gal</u> , F Sev-Rum, A Mos-Ukr, F StP sc-GoB	
TURKEY	A Smy-Arm, A Con-Bul, F Ank-Bla	

PRESS

- MOS-VIE: Just a precaution, I hope we brounced.
- AUS-WORLD: All I want is peace in our time!
- BER-PAR: Over many years, I have found that it is best to open non-sportsmanlike and wait until the morons and incompetents shake themselves out. Hence if you have opened to Burgandy, I will support you into Belgium, which is better positioned for you than Munich is.
- BER-LON: Gunboat diplomacy allows me to join another game without the time spent writing, which is helpful, as I am spending a lot of time in rehearsal. If you have moved to English Channel, I will join you in an attack on France.
- Islamabad: The Mulla of Smyrna has gone into Armenia to quiet some religious distention. Some of the Armenians still want to follow the superstition called "christianity", soon there will be no christians in Armenia, only Muslims and corpses.
- TUR-RUS: The Grand Mulla of Constantinople has gone with the fleet to ensure the peace and tranquility of the Black Sea is not interrupted.
- BER-ROM: Although the prospect of a new locale still excites me, the risk of moving depresses my sensitive spirits. If you have moved to Tyrolia, please stay out of Munich.
- TUR-GH: Do we just send press, or can you communicate with the other players thru your good offices?
- GM-TUR: All your communication will have to be conducted through the press. I'm holding your three notes of intentions, do you want them printed next issue?
- BER-VIE: I don't see any reason why governmental services should be allowed to function at deplorably low levels of efficiency here, when the same would not be tolerated in central Canada. We should right back, deilitarizing Tyrolia and Bohemia.
- BER-ANK: The layman does not realize the degree to which he owes his comfort to the achievements of science.
- BER-MOS: I have not time for popular entertainments, such as the vulgar idiom. I have made friendly moves, so please show your gratitude by leaving Livonia/Silesia/Prussia as a DMZ, avoiding builds in Warsaw and St. Petersburg s.c.
- GM-BER: Did you write all this as a form of revenge, because of my lack of co-operation in the other game?

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SPORSEBAT

Letters: Brad Wilson; Leafs? In the playoffs? HAHHAH !!
 ((In lieu of the above I will now repredict that the Maple Leafs will finish second in their division.)) Sather and Edmonton are arrogant, obnoxious, and unsportsmanlike. Of course, I'm a Flyer fan, so I'm biased. ((I do agree with you on your comments about the Leafs' public attitude. But, their stall the clocks, and until someone dethrones them we're stuck with them. I find that they appear to be quite similar to the last Flyer team to win the cup.))
 Question - Did the GM not list the players addresses because its gunboat? Answer - No, because he forgot to!
 ((I think that I should have typed that in the gunboat press))
 I believe that most of the sporting interest in North America right now is centered around the prospect of the players baseball.

strike. I think that the majority of professional athletes are allowed to do
begin with, but I don't hold you with the inequalities of life.

I'm also beginning to suspect that it's a conspiracy by the American
government to put a stop to what could be an all Canadian world series.
It's looking pretty good for the Jays right now, seven games up on Billy-ball.
The Expos are in pretty tough though, as their hitting has been terrible.
To date Wallach and Dawson have not filled up the power vacuum left by the exit
of Gary Carter. They have each hit ten home runs, far below their potential.
Actually their most dangerous hitter to date has been Hubie Brooks, who was
picked up in the Carter deal. Their saving grace this year has been the outstand-
ing pitching that they've been getting. Overall I think that it's the best in the
national league.

I picked the Mets, and they're close enough too
the Cardinals to keep it interesting. Strawberry seems to be finally breaking
out of his four month slump, Carter finally hit another home run, and Dylstra
has been a more than adequate replacement for the injured Mookie Wilson.

The Carter deal was supposedly the deal of the offseason, but
the best two one sided trades off the winter break were made by the Cardinals.
With the acquisition of Clark from the Giants being the steal of the year.
Picking up Tudor from the Pirates is making Whitey Herzog look like an early
contender for manager of the year. As they proved in 1982, you don't have too
hit home runs to win a world series. Line drives and quick aggressive base run-
ing can do it. Their starters and relievers are among the best in the national
league next to the Expos and the Dodgers. As for the Cubs, well you have
to feel a little sorry for old Harry Carey, I don't think that his boys are
going to make it into contention.

I was completely wrong in the Midwest, where I had thought that
it was going to be a two team race between the Padres and the Braves, dismissing
Guerrero, Valenzuela, and the Dodgers. Well the Padres are hanging in, sorely
missing the leadoff abilities of Wiggins. Even so they're still close too the
Dodgers and I think that they will put it together and take the west.

As for the Dodgers, their pitching is solid, Brock has rebounded
from his dismal year last season, and Guerrero is having a MVP kind of year.

In issue three I mentioned that the Braves didn't have any good
starters outside of Forca, and that has proven to be correct. Substitute Linton
for Forca, and you have the story of the Braves this year. Good hitting now that
Homer has started hitting, but not so good pitching.

Rock is having a good year. This really became an
Rock's style of playing is being rubbed off to the rest of the team. Also
because Parker has started too earn his million dollar salary.

Next issue I'll review my American league picks, which currently
find Kansas City in second place and baseballs best the Toronto Blue Jays in
first.

The Canadian football league has started up and already
the early favorites based on their performance to date have too be the Montreal
Concorde in the east and the B. C. Lions in the west. Year after year the Lions
have always started strong and then choked in the big games. From what I've seen
this year, they should be in the cup final. They are one of the few teams that
has a balanced attack with Keyvan Jenkins the best running back in the league so
far. A solid front line to protect Dewalt, and a better backup in Cowan.
They've got excellent receivers and a tough defense, although I'm not too sure
about their secondary. Last years champions, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers have
started slow, but should be in the western final.

In the east, the patience that head coach Joe Galat had with
the Concorde has finally paid some dividends. Last year was Turner Gill's
(ex-Nebraska, if I'm correct) first year in the CFL, and he's adapted to the
scrambling style of play here. Currently he's the second leading rusher in the
league. While I believe that the Concorde will finish first in the east, my
Toronto Argos will take them in the eastern final. It looks like that Mark Casper
will fit the bill as the injured Condredge Holloway's backup. You Yanks should
watch the CFL games if ESPN picks them up this year. I believe that they're more
exciting than the American game.

Recommended reading: Balls by Graig Nettles, tells it like it
was and is. " I like my racehorses better because they can't talk
to sportswriters. " - Yankee owner George Steinbrenner

AGGRESSIVE RUSSIAN START MAKES FOR POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH
TURKEY & ENGLAND. GERMAN-FRENCH BOUNCE IN BURGUNDY PREVENTS A COLLAPSE
OF UNION THIS FALL !!!

AUSTRIA	Ms. Holley	A Vie-Tri,	A Pul-Sar,	F Uni-All
ENGLAND	Mr. Caruso	F Bri-Mwg,	A Lin-Yor,	F Lo -Wth
FRANCE	Mr. Martine	F Bre-Mac,	A Par-Gas,	A <u>Law-Eur</u>
GERMANY	Mr. Swigger	F Sic-Don,	A Ber-Kie,	A <u>Lun-Bur</u>
ITALY	Mr. Wall	A Ven-Tyr,	F Nap-Ion,	A Rom-Apu
RUSSIA	Mr. Dominskyj	A War-Ukr,	A Mos-StP,	F Sev-Bla, F StP sc-GoB
TURKEY	Mr. Wilson	F Ank-Con,	A Con-Bul,	A Smy-Holds

PRESS

S.S. KATERINA (Black Sea) Naval communique: His Majesty the Tsar wishes his fez-topped neighbours. We have no intention of war in your backyard. We merely felt showing the colours in the Black Sea was a defensive necessity. Await a personal communication.

GERMANY to WORLD: Send all offers, lies, threats, and rumours to, ...
35 Sharrowbay Court, Scarborough, Ontario, M1W 3T1

AUS-GM: And to think...I asked for this !

GM-AUS: Yes, a perfect blend 3 Yanks, 3 Canuks, and a Rebel. All thats missing is Woody.

GM-PLAYERS: For those who are unaware of it, Melinda publishes the recommended zine REBEL. Her address is listed below, drop her a line and ask for a sample. I'm not going to give her an official plug until I can talk a friend into drawing a suitable picture for the plug.

ENG-FRA: Is it coincidence that your name sounds French, you're playing France, and you do it French style ?

CARUSO-WALL: Fancy meeting you again you lying backstabber.

GM-CDN. PLAYERS: Thats the typical American diplomacy method of saying, Hi, how are you ?

ENG-AUS: Be careful of the wailing Wall. He'll cry on your shoulder, then stick blade up your privates, for one dot or less.

ENG-GM: How can he stab for less than one dot ? He's a Madlad. They stab to ruin other players games.

GM-ENG: Sounds like my kind of player.

JOHN-BOB: Three Canadians in one game ? Thats like having three females from W. Va. in one bed.

BOB-JOHN: I wish, when I'm up in the Arctic circle I wish even more. Can you recommend anyone in particular?

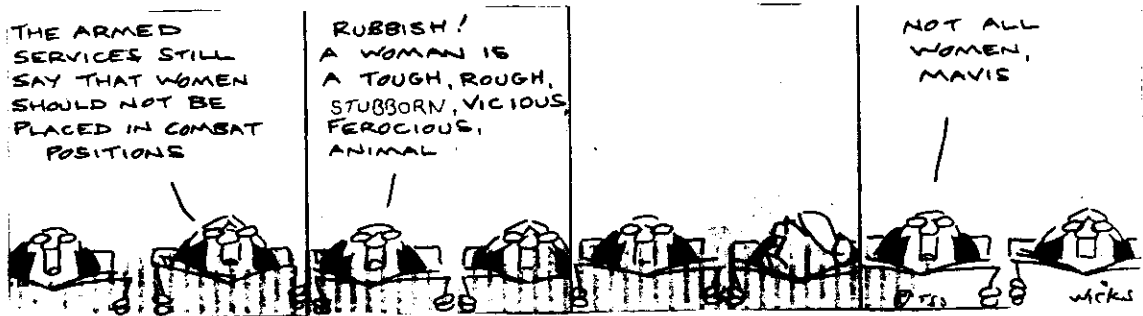
JOHN-MELINDA: Hi Cutie ! I promise I won't attack you. Love John xxxx oooo

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ADDRESSES

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- Stephen Swigger 35 Sharrowbay Court, Scarborough, Ontario, M1W 3T1
- James Wall 1905 University Ave. Apt. 5, Madison, Wisconsin, 53705
- Mike Dominskyj 26 Front Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 4K1
- Brad Wilson 302 Friendship, Leola, PA, 19301 *** SEE LCOA BELOW ***
Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, 60045
** the Leola, Pa. address is effective August 27th.



CANADIAN CONTENT

- not too much humour in this months section, parliament has been adjourned for the summer, therefore no reports of MP's poor conduct, dumb statements, or best of all, patronage appointments.
- the passage of the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker Polar Sea through the Northwest Passage has our ministry of something all up in a tiff. Basically because the Cdn. government considers the Passage to be Cdn. territorial waters and the U.S. does not. If I'm correct this also applies to a sizable chunk of the Arctic Islands. The only way that Canada can start to back up her claims to this immense area is by establishing a presence there.
- it appears that our "good" friends the Americans aren't totally estatic with us lately, we subsidize our British Columbia forest industry, which gives us cheaper lumber to sell on the U.S. market. I don't think that the Atlantic fishing dispute has been settled. Probably the worse in old bombing Ronnie's eyes is that the Canadian government is starting to waffle over contributing to the " star wars " plan.
- locally, in Alberta, the conservatives are gearing up for a leadership convention, to find out who will replace the outgoing Premier, Peter Lougheed. This last eight years of Tory power here has seen the opposition members of parliament dwindle to four members. When you only have four out of approx. seventy MP's, it makes for some pretty ineffective opposition. Thats what we get for having so many uneducated rednecks out west.
- " If you want to be seen - stand up. Heard - speak up. Appreciated - shut up.

Robert F. Meyers

Now, who is this Mr. Meyers ? Apparently he's the famous cat killer of Lamont, Alberta, a little farming community northeast of Edmonton. After this man retired from the U.S. army, (yes, he is an American) he moved too this small community, and for excitement shoots cats that wander through his property. He estimates that he's killed about 300 cats, justifies it by a town bylaw, which stated all animals in Lamont must be kept on a leash or in a cage. Some quotes attributed to Mr. Meyers; On cats: " When the cats shit on my lettuce and kill the robins on my property they have to be exterminated. " On Cdns: " You Canadians are so stupid it's pitiful,... you've got every resource here to be a powerful nation except you ain't got anybody here with guts. " On Cat-Lovers: " I've got the ... chilled in these Canadians around Lamont; ... I told them, Keep your damn cats off of our property. They said, Ha! Ha! What are you going to do ? You can't catch the cats. That was the biggest mistake these stupid Canucks ever made. " The moral of this story is, if you own a cat, don't retire too Lamont, Alberta !



BITS AND PIECES

- In Topeka, Kansas, it's illegal to chase, worry, MOLEST, maim, bruise, wound, injure, kill or destroy any squirrel. Down there I guess cats get the electric chair when they break the law. I wonder what the ruling is on hamsters??
- Apparently the latest Yuppie gimmick is having those pink flamingoes decorating their lawns. To think that these people call themselves professionals, you would expect to see those disgusting things on the lawns of, Liberece. or Boy George.
- Speaking of Boy George, in the aftermath of Martina Navratilova's expressed wish to breed with Wayne Gretzky, one of the local columnists speculated on some possible combinations and their offspring. Brian Mulroney and Dolly Parton, at the time the kid reached 16 years of age, boy or girl you'd never see it's face Arnold Schwarzenegger and Boy George, with genetics being as they are, you would't get a thing. Except a totally-frustrated Arnold and a totally delighted Boy George.

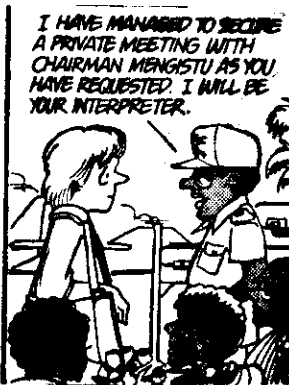
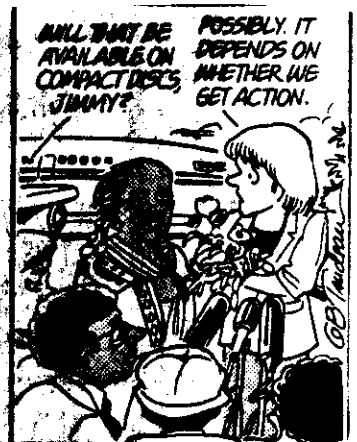
" The avoidance of taxes is the only intellectual pursuit that still carries any reward. "

MORE BITS AND PIECES: PLUS DOONESBURY ...

Doonesbury

By GARRY TRUDEAU

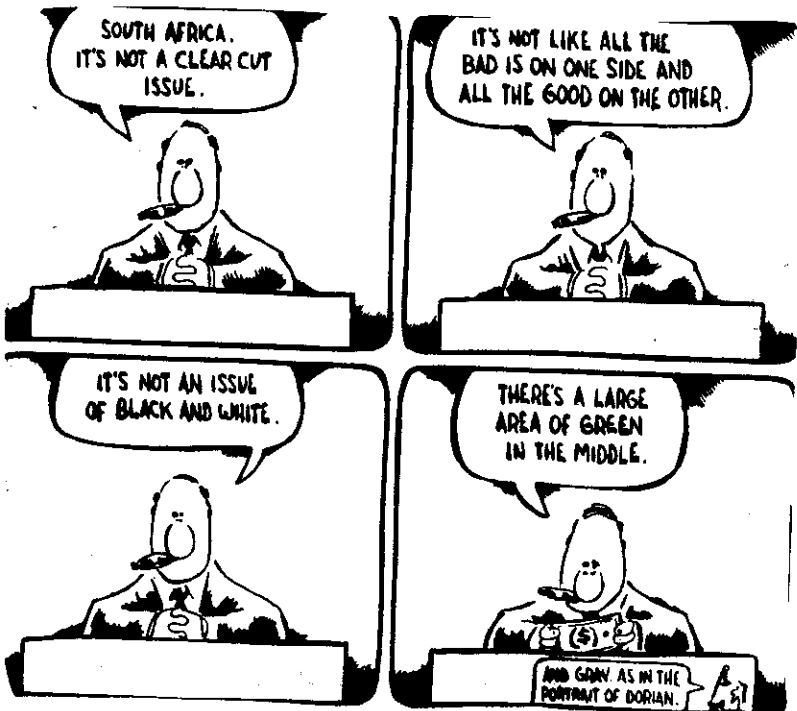
WELL ONE OF TWO AIN'T BAD SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR MY ANTI-AMERICAN COMMENTS



Did you notice the little dig against the Russians? Much too often we're all critical of the U.S. of A. while overlooking the fact that the Russians (govnt.) are behind most of the world's problem areas, including most of the terrorist organizations in the world. I wonder what they would do if their planes started getting hi-jacked??

ANTI-AMERICAN CARTOONS

((I wonder if they've finished building those cruise missiles ?))



" The hell with criticism, Praise is good enough for me. " -- Tallulah Bankhead (((I wonder who he is/was ?))

GUNBOAT GAME NUMBER THREE STARTS

Spring 1901 is due, Tuesday September the 10th.

your country is



Oliphant: Universal Press Syndicate

ANARCHY GAMESTART ... I believe that this is the first Canadian Anarchy gamestart, ever. Lee Kendler, two killer numbers please.

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Deadline: Winter 1900 and Spring 1901 are due, Tuesday September 10th
You can make your Spring 01 moves conditional on the 1900 builds.
If you see a _ (line) in front of your home center, that gives you the option of building either a fleet or an army in Winter 1900.
The supply centers listed behind your names are your home centers. These are the only centers that you may build in, so if you lose them, your in a fair bit of trouble. The rest of the regular diplomacy rules apply here, so there shouldn't be any problems.

(I hope)

I played this game once before in Bob Hartwig's since folded zine, The Podunk News, way back in 1976, where if I'm correct it ended in a four-way draw.

" There seems to be very little ground for general contentment. I fear the contented man. I fear him, because there is no progress unless there is discontent. "

-- John F. Marquand

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR A DIPLOMACY ARTICLE: PROBABLY THE FIRST AND LAST ARTICLE ON DIPLOMACY THAT YOU'LL EVER SEE IN THIS LIFE.

LETTER WRITING: SOME BASIC DO NOTS

I decided to write this article after I received the following letter:

1999 ZZ MEXICO-CUBA

Dear Bob,

Those who don't forget at the past are condemned to relive it in the future. Even your prehistoric - you quit writing then attack. At least have the decency to lie to me - this is Diplomacy you know. I believe you to be a cross-gamer and I have no stomach for that because it ruins the hobby. You've been in diplomacy a long time, perhaps too long? XXXXX is gone - what is your excuse now?

The only reason you stay with one ally throughout the game is that you're too damn lazy to write to the other players. If that isn't so, then prove it. I want Mexico City back, make me an offer.

ZZZZZZZ

Now, I will have to admit that I'm not one of Diplomacy's premier letter writers. But, after my initial amusement at this letter, I decided to write an article about it. Maybe some of our newer subscribers might benefit from it.

SOME BASIC RULES TO FOLLOW

- No. 1. Do not insult your opponents, even though you may remain enemies for the duration of that particular game. At some point in the future you may meet up with the particular player again. Yesterdays enemy could become tomorrows ally!
- No. 2. In my opinion a good letter writer will not make demands. It's much easier to accept another players suggestions if thats what they're written as. An ally or puppet that you make demands of is a resentful ally and likely to strike at some point.
- No. 3. If you want a favour, i.e. support, from an ally, then you should have something to offer in return. Your prospective ally (ies) don't want generalities offered in return, be specific.
- No. 4. If possible, offer your potential ally options. Sometimes your plan of action isn't in the best interests of your potential ally, and through communication he/she may have a better plan.
- No. 5. Don't give up on an opponent because you've become to a standstill. Even though it may not always work, persistence may pay off later in the game. Peter Fuchs is a good example of this, even though I've opposed him in several games he's always writing, making suggestions, listing options. (I hope that you've no objections to me using your name here, Peter)
- No. 6. Unless your planning to make a stab, keep your agreements if possible. Some players keep (most) all correspondence received during the course of a game, and if you make promises that you can't, don't keep, they could come back to haunt you.
- No. 7. Finally, take the postal services into consideration. If the player that your writing too is located across the continent, then an early letter after you receive your results is in order. You can always follow it up with a more concise one later.

Now if only I can start to practise what I've preached

" The great masses of people will more easily fall victim to a great lie than to a small one. "

-- Adolph Hitler

" Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are, and what they ought to be. "

-- William Hazlitt

I wonder if the concept of the " thinner " applies to some of these sayings, or whether they think of them while eating their way through a liquid lunch?

LATE, GREAT, QUIZ NUMBER 3

- # 1. Who did Wallis Warfield Simpson marry ?
- # 2. Who shot Alexander Hamilton ? (I guess that he didn't like him)
- # 3. Who was/is associated with the following sports nicknames ?
 - a) Georgia Peach
 - b) the Big Train
 - c) the Spaceman
 - d) the Mad Hungarian
 - e) the Cobra
- # 4. Who is the Silver Surfers girlfriend ?
- # 5. Name the two opposing countries who fought on the Plains of Abraham ?
Name the two opposing generals ?
- # 6. Which singer/band was responsible for the following hits ?
 - a) "One Tin Soldier"
 - b) "Mr. Bojangles"
 - c) "London Calling"
 - d) "Nights In White Satin"
 - e) "Magic Carpet Ride"
- # 7. Who was the last American ambassador too Canada.?
- # 8. Who wrote the following books/novels ?
 - a) " On the Beach "
 - b) " Moby Dick "
 - c) " The Caine Mutiny "
 - d) " The Simarillion "
 - e) " In Cold Blood "
- # 9. On TV's Green Acres, what was the only thing that Lisa Douglas could cook.
- # 10. On what children's TV series would you find the puppets Rusty and Jerome ?

Five free issues to the winner of this quiz - if your a Gr. who trades with me, you can always donate the issues to a friend. Mike Gabriel appealed my answer for question no. 9, last issue. He told me that the composer who recently celebrated his 300th birthday was, Handel and not J.S. Bach. That sent me down to the local library for a check, and it turns out that they both were born in the same year. Therefore Mike's final score was 7-4/5, still not quite high enough to catch Joe Stark.

I also rec'd a late set of answers from Marc Peters, who would have scored 9-4/5, which would have been close, but no cigar. Marc did comment about the Canuk content in the sports questions, where he only answered one of the five. I imagine that this month's is a little more to his taste.

Anyways, thats it for this issue.

Enjoy



THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT HOUSE RULES

- No. 1. I'm always right, until proven wrong.
- No. 2. Follow the rulebook, if a dispute occurs, I'll abide by the decision of an ombudsman.
The Canadian ombudsman is Randolph Smyth
- No. 3. Any error by the GM must be pointed out by the next deadline or it stands.
- No. 4. Winter/Spring and Fall divisions are used. Winter/ Spring will be separated upon at least two requests.
* The last line (rule) has changed since issue three.
- No. 5. Moves may be made conditional upon builds, retreats, and removals.
- No. 6. An NMR in spring 1901 will result in all the NMR'ing players units holding. Neutral 1901 moves will not be allowed.
- No. 7. Sign your orders. I suggest that you also date them. If I receive two sets of orders without dates, then I will use the latest set.
- No. 8. If you attempt to deceive the GM, then you will be removed from the game. This is subject to an ombudsmans appeal and decision, of course.
- No. 9. If you find it necessary to phone your orders in, then be prepared to give me your home phone number so I can confirm your identity.
- No. 10. I reserve the right to delete any press or letters if I find them to be in poor taste.
- No. 11. If you NMR twice in succession then you will be replaced in the game. A standby will be appointed after the first NMR. With the original players moves being used if both players send them the following season.
- No. 12. It's midnight and I'm going to bed !!

John A. Colman