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I would like to thank Bob Arnett for the design above. You're an artist, Bob. We'll all drink to that, now, won't we? Please notice that there are now openings in another Mastermind game. This is due to player interest and more requests. Two people are already signed up, so hurry if you want to get in this game.

Zine Plug: LDNS (Lies, Deceit, and Nefarious Schemes) is published by Jerry Jones, 1854 Wagner St, Pasadena, CA 91107. Glad we are to see Jerry start it back up! Good luck to Jerry and his wife Pat, who helps him publish it. There are no game openings except by invitation - this is to keep out assholes like Bruce Linsey who cause trouble in the hobby.

We'd like some more of you people out there to drop in on us. If you're going to be in New York City at any time just drop in, but please call in advance to make sure we will be home. We're a friendly family here.

FOR ANYONE WHO MISSED IT LAST TIME those houserules were a joke last issue. We here in Whitestonia prefer to run games without any rules, aside from the rulebook. Those were a joke. We think it was funny, do you?

HOBBY NEWS: Please vote in the John Leeder poll of zines and GMs this year. This is a yearly poll to see who is who in the Diplomacy hobby. Everyone who has received a Dip zine in the last year is eligible to vote, as is anyone who has played in a game in that time. Vote for each zine you receive on a scale of 0 to 10, with ten being the highest possible vote. Then do the same for each GM you play under. Vote for the GMs by name. For example, you might want to say Whitestonia 10, John Caruso 10, Terran 10, Bernie Oaklyn 0, etc. Oops, almost forgot, the deadline for your vote is the end of June and you mail your ballots to John Leeder, 121 19th Ave. NE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2E 1N9. This information comes from the latest Volkerwanderung.

Has anyone seen the fake issue of "Barker" which supposedly is put out by Dave Barker? We've heard about it through a couple of other zines but haven't seen it. It's supposed to be very good. Does anyone know how to get a copy?

Still another person has inquired about the fake Las Vegas tournament. It is my duty to inform you that this is a dangerous hoax and that Jack Masters ought to know better than to try and defraud the hobby in this way. If anybody asks you for any money for this we strongly urge you not to send it. I personally feel that the perpetrator is sick, because he went to a lot of time and effort just to play a joke on everyone. REPEAT: don't send any money to Jack Masters or anyone else for this fake tournament.

THE BLACK HOLE AFFAIR. This is Dave Barker's side to the story. Last issue you heard Matt McGibbon's version. This is the viewpoint of David Barker, not the publisher.

Last October Bruce Linsey sent me a copy of his first issue of The Voice of Doom. I was quite impressed with what I saw and I wrote Bruce to tell him so. And I sent him my subscription check and game fee and entered a game. Before the game began, Linsey called all of us to see whether we wanted to play in a southern California game. We all agreed. Linsey apparently didn't have my phone number, though, so he called Matt McGibbon to get it from him. Unfortunately, Matt had it, since we go to school together, and gave it to him. Later I scolded Matt for this, since I don't like people giving out my phone number without permission. Anyway, Matt was over at my house one night a while after the game started and at that time I got a call from Jack Masters, the English player. Jack and I discussed several tactical options for the first few years, and Jack also mentioned that Linsey had told him that McGibbon had given Linsey my phone number. This puzzled me, because I figured Linsey was a fair GM and would not do something like this. Jack pressed me as to why Matt had my number, and I was forced to tell him the truth, that we both go to Fullerton State and live in the same dorm. I hoped that Jack's knowing that information would not bias the game. Too bad for us and for Linsey, it did.

Shortly after the phone call, Matt and I heard from the other players that they knew we had a strong alliance because we go to school together. There was little we could do about it, because Jack Masters has been in the hobby for years and was able to convince everyone else that we were allied. This, clearly, prejudiced the game in favor of all the other countries and against us, and Linsey was at fault for giving his crony Jack Masters that knowledge.

There is no excuse for Linsey having done this, and when Matt inquired about it, Linsey and Masters had a quick phone conversation during which it was agreed that neither would remember saying anything of the sort. After persuading Masters that this was the best way to go, Linsey then talked to me and Matt with his bullshit story about never having said anysuch thing. I don't think it was really ethical of Masters to agree to cover this error of Linsey's up, but Linsey is the real culprit here. He is so sly and clever that I think he convinced Masters that his (Masters) reputation would suffer as well if word got out. That's why Masters went along with the lie. Masters does anything that Linsey says to this day. He writes articles for The Voice of Doom because Linsey has convinced him that it would give him the best publicity to do so. Linsey talked Masters into going along with the story that Linsey lived in California for seven years, a story Linsey made up to give credibility to his friendship with Jack.

Linsey later told me point blank to resign from the game or get kicked out, which he had just done to Matt. Under this threat, I stepped down. I feel it is totally unethical for a GM to do what Linsey did. He gave me an ultimatum to get out, and if anybody wants to see a xerox copy of it, I'll be glad to send it. (Editor's note: We'll run it in the next issue if you send it here.)

Here are my notes on the above. These are the facts as they appear in VOD. In #6, Matt McGibbon gets kicked out for supposedly lying to the GM. In #8, England and Barker resign their positions. Barker did so under duress. #11, it is announced that John Kelley (another of Linsey's henchmen) takes over Turkey, from Barker. Is this coincidence? Is the Pope Jewish? Jack Masters resigned in #8 because Linsey told him it would be best. Kathy Byrne was ejected from her VOD game (for all practical purposes) because she disagreed with Linsey. Linsey has since told Dave White to get lost because he disagrees too. Linsey does not tolerate anybody disagreeing with him.

Now some more facts from #15. Two more players in another game listed as thrown out. Three more have resigned, one from the Black Hole game. Why? Is this Linsey's doing, or is it coincidence? Linsey has mentioned that new games will be restricted to current VOD players. We think that Linsey might be pulling a Bernie Oaklyn and signing up aliases for his games. All players are urged to beware before signing up for a game in Voice of Doom. Those are the facts. You may draw your own conclusions based on them.

Next month we will print the Kathy Byrne side of the story. This was printed just to show Dave Barker's story. Dave is offering BruX Sucks tee shirts for sale. Write him if you are interested.

DIPLOMACY

1980AG OLD TIMERS GAME FALL 1901

RUSSIA (Kevern)	F Bot-Swe, A Gal-Vie, A Ukr-Gal, F Sev-Rum	Build 1
TURKEY (St Germain)	A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul, F Ank-Bla	Build 2
FRANCE (Hryczyk)	A Bur-Mun, A Mar-Spa, F MAO-Por	Build 1
ENGLAND (White)	A Edi-Nwy, F Nwg C A Edi-Nwy, F Nth-Hel	Build 1
ITALY (Grabar)	A Pie-Mar, A Rom-Ven, F Ion-Eas	Build 1
AUSTRIA (Heinowski)	A Ser S Turkish A Bul-Rum, A Tyo-Ven, F Tri-Alb	Build 0
GERMANY (Sokol)	F Den-Swe, A Kie-Hol, A Ruh-Mun	Build 2

PRESS:

AUSTRIA TO WORLD See I told you so!
 TO ITALY: Sorry about that sucker.
 TO TURKEY: OK, but I want Sev.
 TO GM: Yabba dabba doo bah! Here we go boom boom boom!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

GM TO YOU GUYS: I threw out some of the more boring press this time. Let's have some good stuff for next time, OK? Due date for this game is JUNE 13.

NEW GAME Boardman number for this one is 1980BS

There was a GM error last issue with the game announcement. Please note that John Kevern is the Italian player and Jim DiPetta should be the Turk. Sorry about that, I misplaced the names for a moment when I typed up the announcement and that's what happened. So you all have another month to negotiate now. Good luck to all. Names and addresses last issue.

MASTERMIND The game is underway at last. Players are Chuck Hollenbeck, John Kevern, George Leritte, Dave White, Cathie Hryczyk, and Dave Grabar. Your due date is extended to June 13.

WSIM 1 on 1 AREA match

BRITISH HARDISTY

1101 T21-3 FS

1102 R22-3 FS

1201 P23-3 FS

1202 N24-3 FS

FRENCH HEINOWSKI

2101 FS CC27-6

2102 EE32-6 drifting

2201 FS EE25-6

2202 FS BB35-6

2301 FS FF19-6

The other WSIM 2 on 2 game will have to be delayed for four weeks due to Steve Heinowski not sending in any orders. Now, Steve, let's get with it!

DUE DATE: June 10, 1980.

Let's get that new Diplomacy game going, send in your \$2.00 game fee if you want to play.

Here are Whitestonia's houserules: _____ That's all! One of our readers sent in the following limerick which shows what can happen with no houserules:

Watch out when you play in Whitestonia
 For the GM might think that he owns ya
 If the order you give
 Is army Wales to Liv
 It just may wind up in Livonia!

I think that's a clever limerick even if its author Bruce Linsey has a ridiculously long set of houserules.

ORIGINS will be in Chester PA the weekend of June 27-29. Hope to see you all there. Kathy and I will be playing in the tournaments, but it depends exactly what they offer, as to what we play in. How many of you will be going? Kathy needs a roommate, by the way, if anybody out there is going and needs one.

Holocaust is on the next page.

I will be staying at my uncles place

India and Brazil jointly invade Russia, Germany abandons all ships and places forces on land. Egypt drills for more oil. The moves were sent separately to all concerned.

Press:

Timbuktu to Brazil: Come and get it sweetheart! If you can, that is!

Japan to Kathy: Shall we? No, I think we'd better not. Big Brother is watching us.

France: Here come the bombs, here come the bombs..... BANG!

GM to France: Not in Flushing, if you please.

USA to YOU KNOW WHO: Up that offer to \$100,000 and you're on. But you better keep up your end of the bargain as well.

Canada to USA: Slowly, the old grey soldier crawled out of the foxhole. Beaten and shaken, he could do little but weep at the untimely deaths of all his comrades. Silently, he bowed his head and cried. Gunfire could still be heard in the distance, but for once the officer didn't hear it. His mind was wondering - vacant. What would he do now. His life was unreal, useless, lost amidst the terror of the ongoing blitz. Well, Steve, does this story sound at all familiar to you? NO? It will soon, then. I was the first to warn you! (GM- WHAT? You mean the Ruskies are coming? Well, Lord help us ALL!)

Japan is once more reminded that he must pay maintenance for the last turn. Can he do it? You have _____

Somebody keeps putting out phony issues of Volkerwanderung. I am concerned because this person, who also is responsible for the Las Vegas hoax, is doing this to try and slanderize a respected hobby member and deface a good zine. All hobby members are urged to be on guard for a fraud like this. We are dealing with another Oakly/Tretick type person.

We have heard rumors that The Flying Dutchman is folding. this would be too bad if it is because I enjoy reading this zine. Does anybody know anything about this? Jack, you aren't going to fold, are you?

Kathy was trying to make enchilada pie a couple of nights ago when the phone rang and startled her. She jumped up and burned her hand on the stove, and it's now in a bandage. So if some of you aren't getting your usual letters from Kathy recently that's why. It will come off in a couple more days, though, according to the doctor.

I repeat my warning of page 2 that The Voice of Doom is a poor choice to sub to or play in. Bruce Linsey's games are full of adjudication errors and are never printed on time. Kathy played one turn in her game, but had to pay for nine issues to do it. This is a good zine to avoid, and the content is poor as well. And a GM should never kick a player out of a game, which is exactly what Bruce does.

This issue is another one that will be going to a lot of hobby members as a sample, because we are hoping for more inquiries and subscriptions. Hope you people like it enough to subscribe.

Whitestonia pays for articles submitted, and we are looking for material. Also, there is compensation for anyone who gives us the name of a player, if that player joins one of our games as a result. We want to give some free issues to whoever it was that gave us Jim DiPetta's name, but I've forgotten who sent it to me. Can you help me, out there?

ENVOY is another good zine whose address was mentioned recently. I highly recommend this zine because it has good articles on zines folding. If you are interested write to Roy Hendricks for a sample,

Well, I know my typing is the pits, see, but pretty soon I'm going to hire a secretary to do all this for me. Either that or Kathy will take over for a while. These issues just seem to get harder and harder to type up, especially with all the good stuff we have here to print. I think this issue is one of my best so far.

Coming up next issue will be an article by Kathy on the summertime. It's going to be exciting so don't miss it! And if Steve Heinowski would send that piece he promised we'll have even more to print. But we'd like to hear from some more of you out there in the audience. What do you like or dislike about Whitestonia? Do you think its great, terrible, or what-have-you?

By the way, the due dates for all the games appear with the games this time. It's easier this way.

AND THE ANSWER TO THE FOXY PUBLISHER IS... You guessed it! Bruce Linsey! Who else loves controversy so much? Several of you sent in the correct answer to this question. Well make it harder next time.

PLAYER PROFILE PHIL FRY (alias Fish Fry): I just got into the postal Diplomacy hobby recently and decided to try out Whitestonia for my second game. England is my favorite country in face to face play, so I thought I'd give it a shot postally. John, good guy like he is, assigned me that country. (GM- blush. Comments like that are always welcome here) Let me digress just a minute, however. I was born in Idaho, and lived in Twin Falls until I went to college. I was introduced to wargaming generally in junior high and Diplomacy in high school when some friends and I started playing it on a regular basis. When I went to college at Kansas State, I had problems finding anyone to play war games, much less Dip. Anyway, to make a long story short, I eventually decided to try play by mail war games. Now I'm married, settled in Utah, and I enjoy PBM Dip immensely. So much that I think I might even join another game soon.

Thank you Phil, for a quick but interesting profile. Next month we'll look at another of the new players in the Diplomacy game.

Since this is a Mothers Day issue, here's an article from the Mother of this zine, Kathy Byrne.

WHY I LIKE WAR GAMES

What, a woman with an interest in war games? What is the world coming to? Who would believe it? Well, I have news for all you male chauvinists, especially you, Dave White! (Just kiddin')! Women are the future when it comes to wargaming! Who says that a woman has to do the laundry and cook the meals? That's not the boring existence I wish to lead!

You see, see you, us women are by nature more guileful than men. And tactical ability, while necessary to wargames, is not the only thing one should possess. You gotta have -- DECEIT AND GUILF, a woman's natural endowments! So watch out menfolk, cause here we come! Diplomacy, of course, is ideal for a woman, because this game takes a lot of cunning to do well at. I found this out in my first face-to-face game recently, when I got wiped out early. But in postal games I seem able to fool people based on the fact that they know I am a woman. Nobody believes I'll lie to them! And this helps me A LOT! When I tell the truth, I am automatically believed! And when I lie, I am believed then too! It's... the WOMAN SYNDROME!!!! The BYRNE SYNDROME!!!!

But to talk aboutwar games in general for a minute, trickery is useful there too! And in that department you men can't hold a candle to us! So I think THAT THE FUTURE IS NOW FOR FEMALE WARGAMERS. Males beware! By year 1990, half of all wargamers will be women. By 2000, only a few token men will be in the hobby. Soon after that, all men will be eradicated!

While I'm on the subject of war, I think I should mention my views on the draft. I don't think that women should be drafted. Let men do the dirty work!

Thank you Kathy for the above article. Here's a special bonus. The first person to send Kathy a card or letter saying how much you liked that article will receive 5 issues of Whitestonia added to their sub. I will go by postmark to make it fair.

In case you didn't notice it on page 1, we now have openings in another Mastermind game. Send in your game fee now if you want to play. This will be an exciting game, we think. Come on, you folks aren't chicken, are you? Or are you?

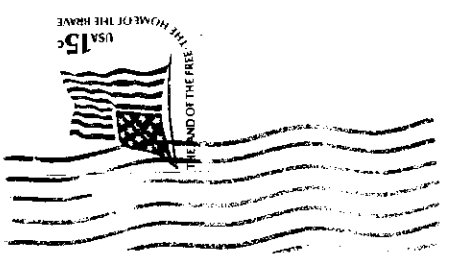
Also, remember we are trying to fill another Dip game, but we're in no rush. 2 folks already signed up to play, though!

Everybody that likes a good zine should subscribe to Retaliation, pubbed by Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way North, Rockville, MD 20854. Dick is a good publisher and a good GM. Besides, he recently kicked Curtis Gibson out of a game, which is why we like him also. People like Curtis Gibson have no place playing in reputable zines like Retaliation.

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