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WELCOME TO DIPCON V

This is XENOGOGIC, the largest circulating Diplomacy magazine in the world.

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21 July, 1972: Arriving at O'Hare Field aboard the DIPLOCON SPECIAL train (which was airferried from Cairo, Ill. to avoid the battle now going on in southern Illinois between northern and southern Democrats over the status of the Democratic Party in Illinois) WILLIAM LAWRENCE, head of TFT Publications, arrived to be greeted by the Mayor, Richard Daley, and members of the local Teamsters International. Waving banners saying: PEERY, CHISHOLM, WALLACE, AGNEW CAN'T SOLVE PROBLEMS, ONLY CREATE THEM! Thousand greeted the new arrivals. Responding to the welcome Lawrence invited all to attend the 1978 COT Convention to be held in St. Peerigrad in four years. After his arrival Lawrence left for the St. Peerigrad Hilton near the Chicago Square area where he was expected to make his headquarters during the Dipcon activities.

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF XENOLOGIC!

This special issue which is being distributed at DIPLOCON V represents the fifth anniversary of TFT Publication's primary magazine, XENOLOGIC. In this special issue you will find:

- A CANDID LOOK AT THE DIPLOMACY WORLD AFTER FIVE YEARS
- THE WINNERS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL JOHNNY AWARDS
- THE CHALLENGE FROM LARRY PEERY TO JOHN BOARDMAN, JOHN BESHARA, ROLD WALKER, CONRAD VON METZKE, AND ALL OTHERS!

A SPECIAL CHALLENGE TO BENEFIT A VERY SPECIAL GROUP

Some of you may not be aware of the fact that one of our Diplomacy players in San Diego, Payton Turpin and, for that matter his younger brother, Scott, has some very distinguished parents, Dr. and Dr. James Turpin, founder of Project Concern. It is a credit to Payton that he has never sought to capitalize on this fact in his Diplomacy activities and his fine publication, Thermopolae. However, there is no reason why I cannot seek to capitalize on all of you on behalf of Project Concern. Inside you will find more information about this very worthwhile project and details on my challenge to every gamesmaster and publisher in postal Diplomacy.

WALK FOR HUMANITY, WHY NOT?

THE WINNERS OF THE JOHNNY AWARDS FOR 1971

Outstanding performance by a novice player in a single regular Diplomacy game: Walter Buchanan, 1970 BN, Graustark.

Outstanding performance by an experienced player in a single regular Diplomacy game: Edi Birsan, 1971 BC, Hoosier Archives.

Outstanding Performance by a novice player in a single variant game. No award given.

Outstanding performance by an experienced player in a single variant game. Scott Huddleston, Hypereconomic Diplomacy, Russia.

Outstanding regular Diplomacy game. Hoosier Archives, 1971 BC.
The Grudge Game: Len Lakofka, Gene Prosnitz, Edi Birsan, Jeff Key, Rod Walker, John Smythe, Doug Beyerlein, and Walt Buchanan, GM.

Outstanding variant Diplomacy game: Hypereconomic Diplomacy, Don Miller and Pete Ansoff.

Outstanding performance by a gamesmaster in a single regular Diplomacy game: Walt Buchanan, 1971 BC, Hoosier Archives.

Outstanding performance by a gamesmaster in a single variant Diplomacy game: Peter Ansoff, Hypereconomic Diplomacy.

Outstanding performance by an editor in a single regular Diplomacy game: Walt Buchanan, 1971 BC, Hoosier Archives.

Outstanding performance by an editor in a single variant Diplomacy game: Peter Ansoff, Hypereconomic Diplomacy The Siberian.

Outstanding writing of a single press release in a single variant Diplomacy game: Rod Walker, Tales of Barad Durcheater, Erewhon.

Outstanding writing of a single press release game in regular Diplomacy: Lenard Lakofka, 1970 BL, KADATH and Larry Peery, Press Release on Beethoven's 200th, Xerogogic.

Outstanding writing of a series of press releases in a single regular Diplomacy game: Rod Walker, 1971 BC, Hoosier Archives.

Outstanding writing of a series of press releases in a single variant Diplomacy game: Rod Walker, Hypereconomic Diplomacy, American Empire.

Outstanding new regular Diplomacy magazine: Impassable, John Boyer.

Outstanding regular Diplomacy magazine: Hoosier Archives, Walt Buchanan.

Outstanding variant Diplomacy magazine: Bushwacker, Fred Davis Jr.

- Outstanding new variant Diplomacy magazine: **Bushman**, Fred Davis Jr., **Blood and Iron**, Lew Kulisser.
- Outstanding article on regular Diplomacy: **Labate**, **Smoking** by Ed Biggs.
- Outstanding article on variant Diplomacy: **Back Brooks**, **Variants**.
- Outstanding original contribution to regular Diplomacy: **Wait**, **Buchanan**.
- Outstanding original contribution to variant Diplomacy: **Larry Peery**, **Institute for Diplomatic Studies**.
- Outstanding backstab in a single regular Diplomacy game: **Randy Bowers** and **Robert Ward**, 1972 BH, **EMERSON P&G**.
- Allan Calhmer award for meritorious achievement: **John McCallum**, **The ODD Rating System**.
- John McCallum award for meritorious service: **Larry Peery**, **International Diplomacy Association**.
- Outstanding Cover of a Diplomacy magazine: **Erehwon 59**, **Will the Real John Bushara Please Stand Up?**, **Geo. Samuel Harter**, artist, and **Rod Walker**, publisher.

A FEW COMMENTS ON THE AWARDS

First, I want to thank the more than twenty-five publishers who took the time to vote in this balloting. More than one-half of all postal Diplomacy publishers voted in this first of what I hope will become an annual event.

Second, only one person commented on the fact that most of the nominations tended to be repetitive and that not enough people were nominated. My response to this is simple: If you didn't bother to nominate anyone, don't complain. Only a dozen publishers made nominations and most of them did tend to be repetitive. The many awards won by such people as Wait Buchanan and Rod Walker illustrates a simple fact; these are the people who tend to do more and tend to do better what they do. Also, their games are seen by more publishers than some of the smaller ones which tends to make small circulation magazines handicapped.

Third, regarding my own awards. I withdrew myself from categories in which I was a sole contestant for an award but when the votes were tabulated I did win a couple and, because of a fuss raised by at least one other winner, who threatened to boycott the whole thing if I withdrew, I decided to take it gracefully. The awards I received for my activities in IDA and IDS I regard as merely token representative awards for all those who participated in those projects.

Fourth, I hope next year's awards will be more representative and that more people can be brought into the process. I intend, in a few months, to propose to the International Diplomacy

Association that it assume responsibility for the awards next year. This would eliminate any question of one person having too much influence in the process. I think the wide interest shown this year is indicative that this is the time for such an award and that it can become a tradition in postal Diplomacy.

Fifth, I have on hand a considerable supply of the award forms if any of the winners wish to obtain blanks for framing purposes, etc.

Sixth, there is one special award, not listed above, which will be presented at the Awards Banquet. It salutes an outstanding person in postal Diplomacy.

Seventh, again, my thanks to all who helped make this such an outstanding success.

I hope next year's winners are as superb as this year's.

A CANDID LOOK AT POSTAL DIPLOMACY AFTER FIVE YEARS

I have now been publishing XENOGOGIC for five years and have been active in postal Diplomacy for almost six years. With the occurrence of DIPCON V, which I regard as one of the great events of postal Diplomacy history, and the rapid development of the International Diplomacy Association into a major factor in postal Diplomacy affairs, I believe we are about to enter into a new phase of postal wargaming development which will far surpass anything we have seen before.

Looking back over the past five years there are many happy memories and, unfortunately, a few sad ones. I can say, in general, that the past five years have been richly rewarding to me in that postal Diplomacy has been the medium for bringing me new friends and associates from all over the world. From Washington to Maine, from California to Florida, from Canada, to New Guinea and Austria I have found friends I would never have known otherwise.

In general, looking back I am extremely proud of our successes in making XENOGOGIC and the other TTT Publications what they are today. All has not been as smooth flowing as I would have liked it to be, especially in the past few months, but most of you have been very tolerate of my tardiness knowing that the demands involved in IDA and IDS have been far greater than I ever anticipated.

I cannot pass without mentioning what I consider to be the greatest tragedy in postal Diplomacy today; that is, obviously, the sad state of affairs in New York. I have listen for more than six months to the vicious smear campaign being waged in New York by John Boardman in Graustark and by John Beshara against me.

I am sure that had they known the results of their actions and words they would not have started this nonsense because it has accomplished the very opposite of what they intended. Instead of causing me embarrassment and humiliation they have raised me up in the sight of many, equally as undeserved as their abuses. Instead of uniting the Diplomacy community against me and the San Diego Diplomacy community they have isolated themselves from the rest of the nation. As a direct result of their actions The Diplomacy Association has become an albatross to be hung around their necks.

Still, as always, the bad has its equally good affect and from the misery of the New York debacle came the International Diplomacy Association of which I am most proud to have been a part. I think the future of IDA is a great one and that from it great things will come.

I cannot but pause to make a comment of something that has happened in the past year of which I am very happy. Ever since I began to play Diplomacy, years ago, I have been very conscious of the fact that I was the youngest of the major publishers, especially compared to Rod Walker, Hal Naus, John McCallum, John Boardman, etc. I often wondered where the next generation of publishers was going to come from and when it was going to appear. My doubts have been passed over now and I see a new generation coming to the fore of postal Diplomacy.

John Boyer has launched Impassable which will be, given a little luck and much work, a major zine within a few months. Steve Cooper has been plugging away with Armadillo for some months and although it isn't seen very widely it is an outstanding effort. Perhaps, most promising to me, is the fact that soon Steve Bell will start publishing his own magazines. I suspect that his career will be a amazing one. Feron and Leonard have been doing the greatest of things in Europe and now we have Diplomacy in Australia.

I don't know what the next five years will be like but if they are anything like the past five it is going to be one hell of an experience and I'm looking forward to it all.

Finally, as always, one must pause a pay a few thanks to some people who deserve very special credit. I've thanked them many times for many things and still, I find the debt is still there: to Rod Walker, to Walt and Carol Buchanan, and to all those who have stood by me in the past five years though good times came with the bad times I can only say, thanks.

JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION

Send \$1.00 to Walt Buchanan, R.R.3, Lebanon, Indiana, 46052.
 Put your name and address on a separate sheet.

A SPECIALLY DIRECTED CHALLENGE

This challenge goes to every Diplomacy publisher and game master everywhere: the United States, Canada, Belgium, Australia, South Africa, Britain, everywhere!

It is specifically directed to: Rod Walker, Conrad von Metzke, John Boardman, John Beshara, and Eric Just.

IT CONCERNS A WALK, OR

GET THE LEAD OUT OF YOUR ASS AND START HELPING!

Many of you may be familiar with the Project Concern program and it's Walks for Mankind which have been held all over the country on behalf of this organization.

I am publicly challenging the above named individuals and all postal Diplomacy publishers and game masters to just such a walk for the benefit of Project Concern.

What I am proposing is quite simple. I will walk 25 miles on December 3, 1972, for the benefit of the Project. I will ask each player and subscriber to all of my magazines to back up this effort on my part with a contribution to the Project. They will sponsor me, to the tune of 10¢ for each mile I walk, or \$2.50 per person, assuming I complete the walk. I am challenging other publishers and game masters to do the same. They can walk at any time, in any place, of their choosing, and may be sponsored by any individuals who will sponsor them for any amount they can raise. All proceeds will go to the Project. With a little luck, some sweat, and alot of publicity we can raise a fair amount of money for this very worthwhile effort.

My challenge is especially directed to the fat, over-weight, and lazy among us and that means you Rod Walker, you Eric Just, and you John Boardman. I realize some of you couldn't walk across the street right now if you life depended on it and that is why I've given you until December to get in shape. If you can't walk for yourself, however, you can find a substitute, if anyone dares, to walk for you. But O watch out! If you do and you chicken out I warn you, the Peeripen will strike hard!

This is a good way for all of us to get in better shape and raise some money for Project Concern. I can't think of a better way to do it.

By now, if you haven't heard of Project Concern before, you are probably wondering just what it is. I'll try to tell you a little about it but if you want more information you can write them yourselves and they'll be glad to send it. In fact, for every game master and publisher who wants to take part in this DIPLOMACY WALKATHON FOR PROJECT CONCERN I suggest you do write

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and get more information. Write: Project Concern, 3802 Houston St., San Diego, Ca. 92110 (714-299-1353).

Just for some background. Project Concern is a Medical Services organization that serves the poorer peoples of Appalachia, the Navajo Nation, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Mexico, Rio Grande River Valley Migrant Workers, and, soon, Ethiopia.

Some of the people who support the organization as sponsors are: Henry Cabot Lodge, Mark Hatfield, Charles Schultz, Walter Schirra, Jr., and many other distinguished Americans and foreigners.

Project Concern is in the serious business of saving lives: precious, human lives of mountain people in Appalachia, migrant farm workers, refugees in Hong Kong, war victims in Vietnam. In these areas, where too many people suffer needlessly from hunger, disease, and hopelessness, Project Concern's dedicated medical, dental, and educational staff is busy fighting these afflictions, training local residents in basic self-sufficiency, and teaching the techniques of preventive medicine. Dr. James Turpin began Project Concern in 1961 and wanted an organization that was free of international conflict, which would be independent, free of political and religious ties. Today, with medical staff from dozens of nations and financial support from five continents, Project Concern has become an effective way for those committed to human love to express their love in a practical way.

With each new person who supports Project Concern, our ability to touch more lives grows. That's why Project Concern needs you. Without your help, someone, somewhere, will find no relief for his pain, and no hope for his future.

Due to low overhead, donated commodities, and efficient operational procedures, the "buying power" of a dollar contributed to Project Concern is much greater than its U.S. worth; Here is what a Walk Dollar will do: \$1 provides seven days of treatment for removal of parasitic worms from a kid's guts; \$20 provides three months of medicine and food for a child with malnutrition, \$50 provides salary and support for a PC-trained Village Medical Assistant and basic medical care for his Vietnam village for one month.

This is merely the beginning. From now until December you will be hearing alot about Project Concern. Get involved, not for your sake, or my sake, for All Mankind's Sake!

I PLEDGE THE SUM OF _____ PER MILE TOWARDS THE COST OF THE DIPLOMACY WALKATHON FOR PROJECT CONCERN.

CREDIT GOES TO _____

Return to Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, Ca. 92102.

DIPLOMACY CONVENTION V EVENTS

FRIDAY

- Reception for Institute for Diplomatic Studies members
6:00 and guests:
8:00 International Diplomacy Association Council meeting.

SATURDAY

- 9:30 49 Player Diplomacy Tournament
10:00 Origins of World War II Tournament
3:00 Lawrence Peery presentation of Gaming and Simulations
5:30 Diplomacy Tech In
7:30 The Diplomacy Association Meeting
8:30 International Diplomacy Association Meeting

SUNDAY

- 9:30 49 Player Diplomacy Tournament
9:00 Origins of World War II Tournament
12:00 Members of the Council of IDA should plan to have lunch
together for a working meeting.
6:00 Presentation Banquet

The planners of the International Game Show and the Diplomacy Convention V have arranged an active schedule of events for all of you who are attending. Be sure to attend as many different events as you can while you are here.

Be sure to attending the meetings of organizations of which you are a member.

VISIT THE IDS EXHIBITION IN THE SHOW